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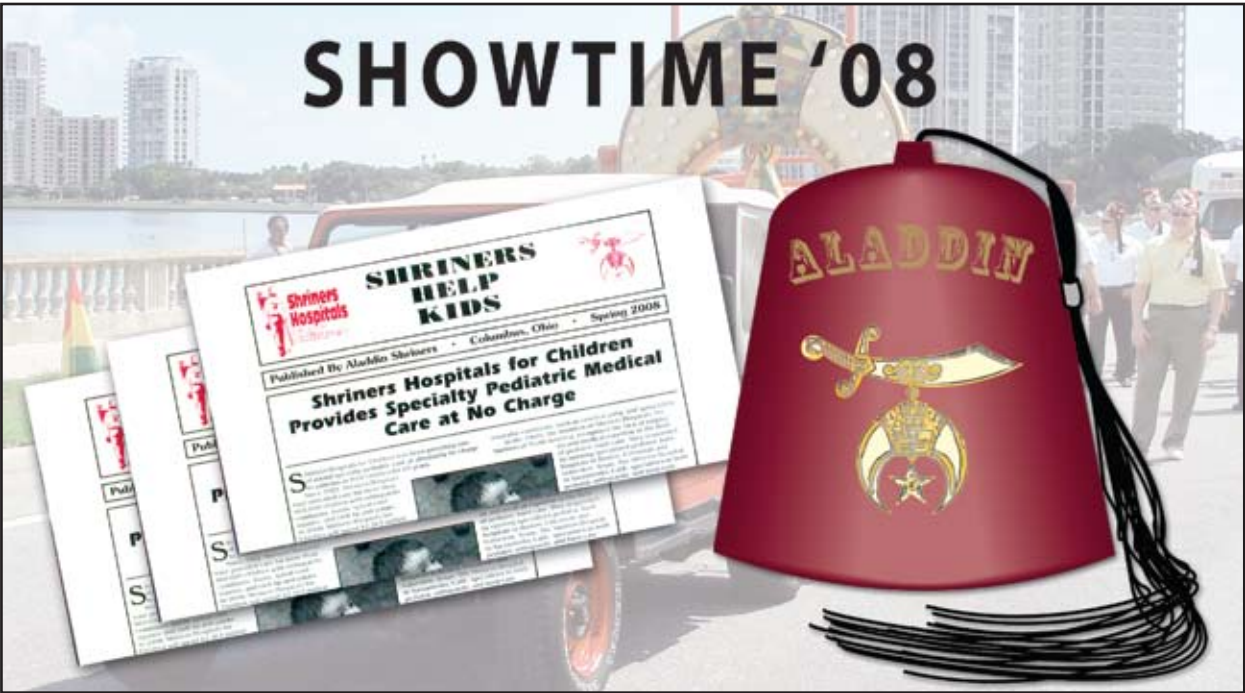
Membership Totals

Membership 01/01/08		7554
Associate Membership 01/01/08		54
	Total	7608
	April	Yr to Date
Creations	26	26
Affiliations	3	5
Restored	12	38
Associate Members	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	41	69
TOTAL YEARLY ADD		7677
Demits	0	1
Suspensions	0	38
Deaths	19	85
Associates Dropped	0	3
Reversals	0	5
TOTAL	19	122
Membership as of 04/30/2008		7555
Net loss/gain YTD		-53
Net loss/gain Month		-22



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And A-waaay We Go! ~Jackie Gleason



by Bob Stevenson

If you are old enough to remember the Jackie Gleason TV show, you'll recall he came on at the start of the show, gave a short welcome and then did his old vaudeville shuffle-off move and uttered those memorable words, "and a-waaay we go." and the show began. Well, try to imagine me, only with the moves of Jackie, striking the "shuffle-off pose" and saying to all Nobles "Away We GO!" It is time for the show to begin.

As you read this, we are only a couple weeks away from Tabloid Day. Once again, we, as Shriners, get to strut our stuff. Not in a parade passing the people, but in our communities – meeting, greeting, telling our story, hearing their stories, and collecting those precious gifts of nickels, dimes, dollars, tens or twenties. This is the most important parade of the year because it's one on one, Shriner and local citizen, working together for the common good of the Kids and our Hospitals. What a great show this is!

Next month we will begin getting the dollars into Aladdin and we will get an idea of how well we did this year. Many things are against us this year, most of all the economy, cost of gas and food among other things. But we will have great success and we will be proud of what we accomplish. We know every little bit helps and every dollar

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Hospital Receives \$10,000 Gift

Upon her death local business woman, Marian L. Sinsel, left \$10,000 for the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital for children suffering from burns. Ron Cottrill (right), president of the Hocking Hills Shrine Club, presented the \$10,000 check to Daniel E. Stainbrook II, Potentate of the Aladdin Shriners, during their annual dinner Wednesday evening.

"To be very honest, this presentation was not only shocking to say the least, but totally unexpected." said Potentate Stainbrook,II.

Photo by Gretchen Roberts/ The Logan Daily News





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Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held on the third Monday of each month except June, July and August at 6:30 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio

February 18 - March 17

April 21 - May 19

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Rolling with The Pote

by Daniel E. Stainbrook II

Here we are well into the 2nd quarter of 2008 with the year going by faster than anticipated. However, this is what all the Past Potentates have indicated to Ann and me. That you no sooner sit down and it's all over for the year.

If you read my column in last month's *Lamp*, I made reference to the golf trip which was back at Santee this year. As stated, I was there and my scores were very close to my bowling scores. Everyone had a great time on the Santee Golf Trip and once again voted to go back again next year.

Yes, Big Red III ran down and back without a problem even though our 2nd Ceremonial Master was on it. In case you did not know, the transmission went out again on March 15, exactly one year to the day. Guess who was on it both times. Thank goodness, it was under warranty and costs were minimal.

I would be remiss by not mentioning my Lady Ann's Ladies Night Out. I'd like to thank her and her committee for a very successful Ladies Night on April 2. Jon Petz was a great entertainer and kept everyone laughing and wondering how he performed his magic. The meal was delicious and everyone had a wonderful time. She and I are still hearing comments about what a perfectly magical evening it was.

We have had three Cold Sands with two to go. The first two brought into our membership 26 new Nobles for Aladdin Shrine. REMEMBER: Membership is a must for us to survive because, without members our hospitals will slowly disappear. New members make us a strong Shrine.

Don't forget about Tabloid, June 6 - 7. As many of you know, we are not going to go to downtown Columbus for our kick-off. This year, it will be held in Marysville on June 6 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Noble Bob Stevenson and Noble Bill Bumgarner have worked very hard to make this a success for the children.

If, you haven't signed up for the Imperial in St. Louis, June 29 - July 3, please do! Since you will already be in St. Louis, consider signing up for the post Imperial trip to Branson, July 3 - July 5.

NEWS FLASH!! At the Potentate's Visitation to Hocking Hills Shrine Club on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, we had a very exciting and fun filled evening. The fun was the Brown Bag Auction by Auctioneer Ottie Opperman. He not only did a great job of auctioneering but added humor with it. My lady and I each received a wonderful custom paper cutting gift from the President Ron Cottrill and his Lady Brenda which their daughter (Alicia) designed and handmade. However, not to over shadow the evening, President Ron Cottrill presented me with a check for \$10,000 to the Cincinnati Burns Hospital from the estate of Marian L. Sinsel. To be very honest, this presentation was not only shocking, to say the least, but totally unexpected. I had no idea this was going to be presented and someone said Ron couldn't keep a secret. So, if you see Ron or any of the Hocking Hills members please say thank you for their generosity.

Please read your *Lamp*. It has all the information about what is happening in Aladdin Land.

Let's keep rolling!

IMPERIAL TRIP REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING

June 2 will be the last day to register for the Imperial Trip to St. Louis, Missouri on June 29 - July 3. Details and the registration form is on page 16 of this *Lamp*.

Please complete the form and submit before June 2.

Let's Do it Right!

The following is for the information of new Nobles (and for long timers) so they understand what to do and when.

DURING PRAYER - The fez is removed and held in the right hand over the heart. The right hand forming a crescent while holding the fez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The military salute is executed when reciting the pledge of allegiance and during the playing and singing of the national anthem. "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the country for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

SALUTE TO THE FLAG - Every Noble wearing his fez will execute a right hand salute when the colors are within six paces of him; he will not remove his fez. After the colors have passed, he drops his right hand. In case the same colors pass the same point again, as frequently happens in a Ceremonial procession or in display drills, the colors need not be saluted a second time. The same applies to street parades. If the flag is covered, come to attention and face the flag. Do not salute.

WEARING THE FEZ - The fez is to be worn with the emblem directly centered on the head. It is to be worn in the proper shape without creasing or alteration. One fez pin is allowed to hold the tassel in place. There should only be one line of title used and centered in the front. The only person allowed to wear a year on the fez strip is a Grand Master.

SALUTATIONS - An Imperial officer, as well as a Past Imperial Potentate, is always addressed as "Imperial Sir." A Potentate or Past Potentate is always addressed as "Illustrious Sir."

PROTOCOL - Whenever the Temple Potentate is introduced, the Nobles present stand. All Nobles should respect the office of the Potentate of the Temple. When the Potentate and others are introduced, he should be the last one introduced. No one should be introduced or speak after he has finished his remarks. The meeting should then be adjourned or closed. Then, entertainment, refreshments, etc. are in order. The above protocol pertains to Shrine Temple Meetings or other organizations' meetings when an Imperial Officer is not present.



MEMBERSHIP ON THE MOVE

by Calvin Smith / Membership Marketing Director

Masonry Only Moves Through You



It's Spring again. While you are doing that yard work think of someone you can ask to join Aladdin. Go through that list of Masons you know and select one or two to ask. We do need to maintain our vitality. New members give this opportunity. Do not fail to try.

When you receive this Lamp, there will be two Regional Ceremonials remaining on our schedule. The details are listed below. Give them your best effort.

We have had 26 new Nobles join Aladdin since the April Lamp was published. Their names and communities are listed here. When you meet one give a firm handshake and a friendly welcome. They are the valued future of this fraternity.

2008 Ceremonials

SITE	DATE	COUNTIES	TIME SCHEDULE
Gallipolis	Saturday May 24	Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton	Registration: 2:15 – 2:45 PM Ceremonial: 3:00 PM Hospitality: 4:00 PM
Marietta	Saturday June 14	Athens, Morgan, Monroe Noble, Washington	Registration: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Ceremonial: 4:45 PM Hospitality: 5:15 PM

A FEW FRATERNAL REMINDERS

- I. The fee for these ceremonials is \$220, if a fez is needed and \$157, a fez is not needed.
- II. It is very important that you only use the 2008 petition.
- III. You must also indicate on the back of the petition which ceremonial your candidate will attend.
- IV. Any candidate may attend any of the listed ceremonials.

GO GET A NEW CANDIDATE! – JUST ASK A MASON NOW!

2008 DUES

Check your wallet. Is there a 2008 Aladdin dues card there? If not, you may still owe these dues. Call the membership office to determine if you have paid or not.

Welcome, New Members!

Aladdin Class of April 11, 2008

New Noble

Richard Aldridge
Khaled Bahgat
Terrance Hill
Glenn Keeton
Robert Meuser
Codee Morris
Gustave Peterson
Brock Pore
Wayne Shriver
John Thew
Charles Veach
Rob Wilson
Chad Wykes

Community

Logan, Ohio
Columbus, Ohio
Newark, Ohio
Orient, Ohio
Obetz, Ohio
Dunkirk, Ohio
Ashville, Ohio
Dunkirk, Ohio
Zanesville, Ohio
Mansfield, Ohio
Centerburg, Ohio
Dola, Ohio
Dunkirk, Ohio

Sponsor

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Darren Harder
Harry L. Wilson
Robert P. Coffman
Robert P. Coffman
Paul E. Cramer
Charles J. Carter
Paul E. Cramer
Charles J. Carter
Scott Dye
James Tulloss
Tim Joliff
Tim Joliff

New Noble

Tom Barnitz
Philip Combs
Mark Cooper
Darrell Detty
Doug Gabriel
Steven Marion
Neal McCleary
David Mitten
Michael Porter
Howard Schuenaman
Neil Smith
James Stevens
Harry Wolfe

Community

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Chillicothe, Ohio
Chillicothe, Ohio
Chillicothe, Ohio
Chillicothe, Ohio
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Westerville, Ohio
Chillicothe, Ohio
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Ronald Miner
Ray Schienkle
Jerry Horn
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William A. Bell
Jim McCoskey
Llewellyn Jones
Jim McCoskey
Warren Waugh

Ross County Class of April 19, 2008

Aladdin Shrine's

Fish & Chicken Fry

Multi-Purpose Room
June 13
Serving Food from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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OOPS! Please Help

Due to an oversight in our office, we did not put a label for you to complete in the Circus Daddy mailing which results in our not knowing to whom we should send Circus Daddy pins. If you have not yet received a pin and you would like one, please fill out the form below and send it to Aladdin Shrine Circus, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219. You can also e-mail Kim at kluckeydoo@aladdinshrine.org to request your pin.

Sorry for the inconvenience, Circus Director John F. Morris.

Please send a Circus Daddy pin to:

Name: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Aladdin's *Tabloid Times* by Bob Stevenson

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does an important job; our friends and neighbors know that as well and they will respond for the Kids.

But enough words, for now it's time for the show to begin. You all know your parts, have your lines memorized, and know your marks (a performer's location on the stage). It's time to cue the music and let it roll.

In show business Jackie Gleason was known as "the Great One," a title he earned over his great career. I think of every one of you as "The Great One." You all have earned the title, as well, over great careers as Shriners. So, with all credit to Jackie Gleason, A-WAAY WE GO!

IMPORTANT TABLOID DATES

May 19 - 5-8 PM - May Stated Meeting

Tabloids will be in Wolfe Building for pick up.

Tabloid Chairman eats free when picked up.

May 31 - 10-1 PM - Final Pick up at Wolfe Building

June 6 - 5-8 PM - Tabloid Kickoff Union County

Court House Square, Marysville

June 7 - Tabloid Saturday - Hit The Streets

OTHER IMPORTANT TABLOID DATES

May 17 - Cincinnati Hospital Open House

May 18 - Lexington Hospital Open House

Steubenville

by Anthony Violi

Greetings from Steubenville. It is a beautiful spring day with nature beginning to appear in all its glory. The April 3 meeting was called to order by President Noble Dan Moffatt at 7:30 p.m. in our own clubhouse. Prayer was offered by his father, Noble Robert Moffatt.

Again, our club members and families were plagued with illnesses. Reported ill were Lady Ellen, wife of Dave Hunt; Lady Eleanor, wife of Harry Reynolds; Lady Loretta, wife of Bill Bell; and Lady Peg, wife of Dwight Bauman (they are still in Florida). Noble Bill Alexander was in the hospital for tests and is now at home. B. J. Johnson had surgery and is also at home. Harry Williams has been admitted to a Pittsburgh hospital. May God watch over them and grant them a speedy recovery.

The Black Camel visited our club taking Noble Joe Varga, Charles Kinsey, and the brother of Noble B.J. Johnson to their eternal resting place. May God grant them peace. Condolences were extended to the families.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were presented by Secretary Noble Leonard Morris and were approved. The treasurer's report was given by Noble Robert Moffatt and was approved.

We were honored to have Noble Wm. R. Amspauagh, Jr., 2nd Ceremonial Master, and his Lady Kathy at the meeting. He informed us of the activities at Aladdin and urged members to attend and share in the fellowship. It was good to see snowbird, Noble Jack Wilson, at the meeting.

Motor Patrol Chairman Noble Wes Darling informed the Nobility that two parades are scheduled on July 4. The Patrol will attempt to participate in both. A parade is also scheduled for July 7. He urged more members to volunteer so that we can make a good showing. The parades are a good way to expose our philanthropy to the public.

First Vice President Noble Jim Halstead informed us that a new motor is being installed on the upstairs air conditioner. Now that the weather is improving, outside work has begun. Discussed was the installation of a new roof on the outside band shelter. Noble Dan Davis is planning to have a garage sale and is urging members to bring material to the club.

Local lodge reports were given. A closing prayer was offered by Noble Robert Moffatt. Delicious refreshments were available. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA

Sheriff Recognizes Union County by Bernie Vance

The Union County Shrine Club held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 2, at Benny's Pizza, 968 Columbus Avenue, (Industrial Parkway) Marysville. This was "Ladies Night" and we had 25 Nobles and 20 Ladies present. Union County Sheriff Rocky W. Nelson and Deputy Kim Zacharias attended as special guests and speakers.

The Sheriff said that you can only send so many thank you cards and then you have to come in person and say thanks to those groups that help you the most. The Sheriff and Deputy Kim gave a presentation on Project Lifesaver which the Shrine Club contributes to each year. This program started in 1999 as an initiative of the Virginia Search and Rescue Company of the Chesapeake, Virginia, Sheriff's Office. This project is having tremendous results in locating patients with Alzheimer's Disease or those impaired by conditions such as Down syndrome and autism who wander off and become confused and lost. The participants are fitted with a bracelet, which in actuality is a battery-operated radio wrist transmitter emitting an automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. The batteries are changed every month to ensure a strong signal.

There are currently 10 people participating in Project Lifesaver in Union County. The youngest is five and the oldest is 84 years old. We now have cooperation with Marion County who provides a helicopter for air coverage which tremendously increases the distance in which the signal can be detected. Maximum effective range for a mobile unit is about a fourth of a mile; a hand-held unit is one mile but from the helicopter, it is about eight miles.

We are the only agency in the United States that operates with an advisory board that meets regularly and looks for various ways to improve the program. There are deputies trained on a monthly basis to improve and shorten recovery time when one of these patients becomes lost. Last month recovery time was 12 to 18 minutes.

Continuous funding is needed and this project is funded by contributions. Many sheriffs' departments charge the families a monthly fee. We are one of a few that provide the service free.

Project Lifesaver is now nationwide and also in several foreign countries. It is a great opportunity for Shriners to give back a little to their own communities.

Ross County

by John W. Malone

First, I want to apologize to all the Ross County Shrine Club Nobles who were looking for our article and couldn't find it in the last *Lamp*. As I have explained to many of you, I submitted the article three times, but evidently the electronic computer gremlins ate it or something. I will combine parts of last month's article with this month's.

Our club sponsored and escorted nine bus loads of kids to the circus. Past President Mike Bell and his Lady Shawna worked hard and increased the number of kids going to the circus from 125 last year to over 380 this year. The kids had a ball! Thanks to all the Shriner escorts.

The Dinner/Comedy Show we had on April 5 was an outstanding success. Past President Mike Haller kept the audience in stitches. We donated the club facilities for the Scioto #6 Masonic Lodge Chicken Noodle Dinner fundraiser which was an outstanding success. A "special thanks" goes to Noble Brad Burns for organizing and for all the brothers for their labor who made this such a success. All the proceeds will go to the Special Olympics.

On a sad note, we had a moment of silence for Nobles Billy Lucas and James Tootle who had a visitation from the Black Camel.

On April 19 we had a very successful Cold Sands Ceremonial. We welcomed the 12 new Noble members.

At our April meeting, we had 72 members present on a beautiful 75 degree evening. About time we had weather like this! Too bad it probably won't last. We voted to buy a new Kybota Zero Turn 72" cut mower to really cut down the time it takes to care for the grounds.

We have the sign-up sheets for Tabloid on June 6-7. Shifts are only two hours and we need all of you to sign up and help. Feel free to bring your chairs if you need them.

We welcomed six of our new members who were present at the meeting tonight. We hope they had a great time tonight and will be regulars at the dinners. Past President Mike Bell presented Noble Gary Scott the Noble of The Year Plaque for 2007. Congratulations Gary, you have earned it!

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Brutal Brothers by Tom Ruggles



I would like to thank Ron Martino and George Bell for contributing information for this month's column while I and 14 others from the Brutal Brothers Unit were attending the Shrine Director's Association Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Those attending the SDA included Bob Adams, George Bell, Bob Collier, Brian "Mongo" Curnutte, Denny Feyh, Shawn Funk, Duane Hays, Charlie Jones, Clay Jones, Todd Jones, Juergen Klimke, Tom Ruggles, Gary Schuen, Brian Tabit, and Don Williams. I think everyone there will agree that it was a fun and very educational experience. The convention program included several good educational seminars, and our SDA 2009 Committee made another fine presentation to the Time and Place Committee. We are now locked in to host the SDA

convention for 2009 at Aladdin. And thanks go to the nearly non-stop work by our favorite bartenders, Mongo Curnutte and Todd and Clay Jones, our hospitality room was a big hit at the convention.

While we were gone, the first of our five springtime Ceremonials was completed at Aladdin and I understand that we gained fifteen new members. The second Ceremonial was held at Chillicothe on April 19, and the third was held in Cambridge on April 29. And as the old saying goes, "So far, so good." All has gone well and we are picking up new members all along the way. We still have two more "remotes" to go: Gallipolis on May 24 and Marietta on June 14. To make these remote Ceremonials fun and successful, we need the help of every Brutal Brother who can possibly come out and help.

It goes without saying that we need candidates. Please think about any of your Masonic friends whom you can invite to join the Shrine. One terrific way to generate interest in potential candidates is to invite them to lunch with George Bell and the Lunch Bunch any Wednesday at Aladdin from 11:30 am to whenever you want or need to leave. These lunch gatherings are a lot of fun and they provide a great way to introduce friends to Aladdin. As the old saying goes, "Try it, you'll like it."

At our last meeting, we were honored to have our Potentate Dan Stainbrook with us. Among the information shared with us at that meeting: our big fall ceremonial will be November 8 and the 2008 Imperial trip will be to St. Louis, Missouri, June 29 - July 3. Anyone wishing to go on this trip will find the reservation form on page 16 in the *Lamp*.

Other business announcements from our last meeting included: circus sales of P-nuts and souvenirs were both successful and profitable. Thanks go to all workers who helped to make it so.

The Memorial Tournament will be May 26 - June 1 and workers are needed. Please sign up to help. We want to thank all workers who helped clean up our BB workroom upstairs.

The Screening Committee reported that Ron Chester, Obetz, was interviewed, recommended, and voted in as newest apprentice. Our congratulations go out to Ron. Welcome aboard!

From one of the last of the snowbirds to return to Ohio this year, we understand that Bob and Jackie Himler spent the month of April at "The Villages" in Florida and Ron Martino and Lady Bev will be returning to Ohio shortly.

Our last two reminders for this month: Tabloid Saturday will be June 7 and all helpers will be appreciated. Our next Brutal Brothers meeting will be at Aladdin, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Bucyrus News by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with a prayer led by Noble Jerry Staiger and the pledge of allegiance was lead by President Noble Stan Eusey. Noble Dave Crum's Palmer House catered the meal of ham, cheese potatoes, green beans, banana salad, and pie.

Noble Paul Leonhardt's trailer park in Florida gave \$200.00 for the Tabloid. Noble Tim Miller passed around a help sign-up sheet for the June 6-7 Tabloid days and reminded the Shriners he could use lots of help. Noble Tim has sent out 200 letters to area businesses for the Tabloid.

The sunshine report stated that Noble Jim Barciz had an operation. Noble Carl Cline is at Fairway Manor.

Noble President Stan Eusey showed a video of the Shrine Erie Hospital. It showed the great medical things the Shriner is all about. Noble Stan Eusey has the transportation ready for Shriners and their Ladies for the May 17 Bucyrus Club trip to Cincinnati Shrine Hospital. Noble Robert Wise reported the Ohio's 200th birthday of Masons celebration will be in Columbus June 21.

MOTORCYCLE CORPS by Warren Miller

First, I would like to thank Jerry Scott, circus chairman, and the Aladdin Motorcycle Corps members who ushered at the circus. Although Paul Hendreckson was lonely on Thursday and Friday, we did have a good turn out for Saturday and Sunday. Thanks, again, to all who helped.

Also, we all want to say "thank you" to the circus committee for the good food we enjoyed each day and a special "thank you" goes to Doug Marine for the great pork chops he helped fix. We all enjoyed eating them!

The corps is planning our next dinner at Mary Kelley's located at 7148 Muirfield Drive in Dublin on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to join, us please let me know by calling me at 614-889-1904 so I can make a reservation. We would love to see you there.

The corps has purchased a digital photograph album and we hope to display it in the Motorcycle Corps trophy case. The club would like to make this our history scrapbook of our past and present events. If you have some old or new photographs, let us know. We can return any photos after we get them set up.

Finally, the Motorcycle Corps meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

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Nex-Gen, with the blessing of Aladdin Temple and Potentate Dan Stainbrook, is proud to announce: WE-UNS HAVIN' A HILLBILLY DEGREE IN-ISH-I-A-SHUN at the Gallipolis Shrine Club, **May 24**. This is about as fun as it gets!

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Provost *by John Rohal*

The April Provost meeting was, by far, the best attended meeting for the unit. Extra tables had to be set and additional food had to be prepared. Potentate Dan Stainbrook, Oriental Guide Steve Hathaway, and our new Divan representative, Second Ceremonial Master Bill Amspaugh were in attendance. Our own notables in attendance who have been absent for a while, included Bill George, Dwight Radcliff, and Bob Steele.

The main topic of discussion was the upcoming Muirfield Memorial Tournament which will be held May 26 - June 1. This year's tournament will have the largest ever number of competitors and will, of course, include the world's top golfers. Remember, it takes each unit member a minimum of four days work to qualify for the appreciation dinner.

Rob Albright reminded us of the Provost fishing trip to Lake Erie on May 15 -16. Those who attend will spend one night at Bill Fieger's hacienda and be treated to one of his famous fish fries.

Director Jon Kinney thanked all who were able to work the circus and reminded us that Bob Madill still had the Jack Bope Circus Daddy pins to pass out. Jon also reminded everyone that unit dues are due but to first pay your Blue Lodge and Shrine membership dues.

Mike Gray discussed the 2008 Wal-Mart Golf Tournament which will be held on May 21 at the Little Turtle Golf Club. Remember, all proceeds go to our Shriners Hospitals.

Three applications for membership were read for the first time. Mark Ulloa was approved for membership in the unit after the second reading of his application.

Celebrating birthdays in May are James W. Bell, Jack R. Bope Jr., James F. Devoll, Robert L. Haden, Richard L. Hamilton, Stephen L. McManaway, Larry L. Rathburn, Ernest V. Rodgers, James N. Rohal, Donald G. Slemmer, Willard L. Taylor, and James W. Wray.

Bill Amspaugh reminded us of the Potentate's Ball (the Sock Hop), and of the Imperial Council Session in St. Louis, for which our paddy wagon will be used for transportation.

Steve Hathaway spoke about the Imperial Seminar which he recently attended. The themes were "getting back to basics" and to have fun in our Shrine organization.

The Potentate discussed membership and of the upcoming "Cold Sands." He reminded us that there will be a regular ceremonial at our Shrine Center in November.

Our ill members who need our prayers are Larry Jones and Ted Shaeffer. As I prepare this article, Ted is in poor condition and I hope for the best. This is not the best way to close, but I must do so on what is not a good note.

CHANTERS *by Brent Wilson*

It is with great sadness that I write this article, because my very good friend, Don Penwell (Shrine Patrol), recently departed this earth going to his glorious eternal home. Don was a great supporter of the Chanters. He started a tradition several years ago, as Master of Humboldt Lodge, of inviting all his members and their families to our annual spaghetti dinner. He was responsible for the sale of 70 dinners each year. I had the pleasure of meeting Don for lunch three to four times a week for many years. I already miss our chatter. I just expect him to walk in the restaurant, but I know he won't. Those who knew Don knew him as a quiet, giving soul. Never too busy for his fellow Masons, Shriners, and Rotarians. He will be terribly missed by us all, but most especially, by his wife Julie, his children, and grandchildren. March on, Don.

Any of you who know me or read my articles know that, at our house, it's all about the critters and we were pleasantly surprised by the early arrival of hummingbirds. They showed up almost a month early. We have a mourning dove nesting on our front porch with three eggs. Cardinals, finches, robins, bluejays, and many others are in abundance. And, of course, we have plenty of squirrels who delight in teasing our dogs.

It won't be long and the "flower lady," Nancy, will have me preparing the flower beds for her spring planting and a mighty fine job she does. She delights in planting those little beauties, but she says that's where her job ends. I maintain them with the watering, fertilizing, and weeding. One day's work for her and the rest of the growing season for me. Oh, well!

Our conductor, Rosemary Renshler, is working us pretty hard at rehearsals so we can compete at the Imperial. I don't know how she does it, but she seems to get the most out of our old broken down voices. Now, don't get me wrong - the Osmond family, we are not. But we're not bad and we're having fun. I hope we do well in St. Louis and make our Potentate Dan and his Lady Ann proud.

Here's hoping everyone has a very happy summer. Oh, I almost forgot, for all you golfers out there, Bob Larson and yours truly went to the Masters in Augusta this year. Eat your hearts out! Truly, I hope you all get to go sometime, as it is an event that is so spectacular that words can not describe it.

Justin Timberlake Teams with Shriners

Six-time Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, record producer and actor Justin Timberlake has teamed with Shriners Hospitals for Children to become the co-host of the PGA TOUR's Las Vegas golf event, known in 2007 as the Frys.com Open Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. The event - now the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open - is part of the PGA TOUR's Fall Series and will be played October 13-19 at TPC Summerlin.

"I couldn't be more excited to co-host the upcoming 2008 Las Vegas tournament and to be involved with the Shriners Hospitals for Children," Timberlake said. "We will make sure to make this event unique and memorable, and we will raise money for charity while participating in the greatest game ever played. I thank the PGA TOUR and Shriners Hospitals for Children for this amazing opportunity. Raising money to better children's lives while playing golf? I can't think of a better way to pass the time."

As part of his involvement, Timberlake will play in the celebrity pro-am and host a concert during the tournament week. Shriners Hospitals remains the beneficiary of the event, which will be televised on the Golf Channel. "We couldn't be happier that Justin Timberlake will be a part of the tournament," said Ralph W. Semb, Chairman of Shriners Hospitals for Children's Board of Trustees. "Justin's involvement will bring an unprecedented amount of attention and interest to the event, which will assist us in helping young people receive the quality medical treatment they deserve, at no charge. We look forward to the bright future of this event."

BALDWIN *by Don Knouff*

Spring has arrived. Isn't it great to get out in the fresh air and sunshine?

We have a few Nobles and their Ladies who are still battling ill health from the winter months. We wish them a speedy recovery and will soon be out and enjoying the spring weather.

Noble Larry Bertiaux, our Tabloid chairman, has been working to make this year a success. He needs your help; so, give him a call and offer your help. If, for some reason, you are unable to distribute the Tabloids, he will be glad to accept your donation. Every little bit, helps.

We have a few Nobles celebrating birthdays during the May: Robert O. Snyder, Nevin Flinn, Don Ryan, Charles Harris and Jim Wray. Best wishes go to all.

Noble Barry Reppart has a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the parking during the Memorial Tournament. Give him a call and enjoy a day or two at the tournament. You will be glad you did and will be helping your club.

Details of our May meeting will be in your monthly newsletter. Plan on being there and ladies are invited.

The Colonial High Twelve Club and their Ladies had their monthly meeting at the Ohio Eastern Star Home. We had a nice turnout and an enjoyable meal. We meet at the Home on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Visitors are always welcome.

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Northeast Shrine

I hope everyone enjoyed the April meeting even if it was only "business as usual." We welcomed another member to our ranks. For those of you who weren't present, let me be the first to welcome Bob Lazenby as our newest member. It's good to see that other members are using shenanigans to recruit new members to our club. We've had six new members admitted in four months. Let's keep the trend going.

Now our focus shifts to Tabloid Day. I passed out brown bags at our April meeting as a preview for next month's activity. Yes, we are conducting our first Brown Bag Auction. I am asking each member to look around your home or purchase an auction item and to place it in a brown bag with a suggested starting dollar amount on the outside of the bag. This will aid our auctioneer, Divan Representative and Assistant Rabban Bill Estell, to know where to start the bidding for each item.

Hey folks, this is a great way for us to start building our club's contribution to Tabloid Day. All the proceeds from this auction will benefit the children who desperately need the help of the doctors, nurses, and staff available only at Shriners Hospital for Children. This is the reason we became Shriners – to help these kids. The Hospitals' costs are rising (as are yours) and we need to make sure these children continue to receive the highest standard of care possible – at no cost to their families. We all have to pay \$3.00+ for a gallon of gas, not to mention the other increased expenses that reflect a slowing economy. We personally know the pinch these times are putting on us. Don't let the pinch affect the kids. We are very fortunate to have the best that life can bring, even in difficult times. These kids do not. Bring cash (and lots of it) so that we can continue to make a positive contribution to a very important cause. Nobles, this is our time to make a difference.

The answers to last month's clown trivia follows:

- Ronald McDonald was first performed by Willard Scott. Maybe they'll point this fact out when he hits the Smuckers' 100th birthday recognition segment.
- Clarabelle The Clown was performed by Bob Keeshon, who also came to know fame as Captain Kangaroo.

And you thought I forgot!



by Aaron Dominey

PIKE COUNTY

by Rodney Holdren

Here we are again, working our way through another wonderful year. Noble President Thurman Helton has many activities and fundraisers planned. It really doesn't get much better than having the opportunity to take a child to his first circus. That's just what we did. Nobles from the Pike County Shrine Club escorted almost 250 Pike County fourth graders to the Shrine circus. Most of our own children are adults, so it's as much fun for the Nobles as it is for the children. There's nothing like watching a child's face light up when they first walk in, as they watch each show, and then stopping at the city park to feed them on the way home.

Several Nobles rode the buses to Columbus and some Nobles stayed to prepare the food which they took to South Bloomfield City Park. I couldn't believe the hamburgers were still hot. The food preparers did such a great job. The teachers attending the circus had many comments of gratitude toward our cause. This is definitely one of the highlights of our year.

President Helton presented awards of appreciation last month. The impact our work effects the children we help and has inspired high school students to get involved. Piketon High School student, Demi Hannah, and Pike County JVS student, Derek Walsh, took it upon themselves to collect several thousand pop tabs from classmates. The tabs were given to the Pike County Shrine Club so they could be donated to the Cincinnati Burn Center. President Helton presented awards of appreciation to the students in front of their class. Both students were very excited and surprised. President Helton has made plans to give more awards to students who have donated to our charity. Giving these awards show the students how much we appreciate their hard work and also gets other students involved. President Helton is very creative when it comes to ensuring our visibility to the community.

A decision was made to start an annual bean dinner on Labor Day weekend which will be free to the public. We will have several events to take place throughout the day. This will be a great opportunity for us to give back to the community. We will be asking the public to bring a canned food donation for the local food bank. This is going to be a great opportunity to showcase our organization to the public.

"You will stand no taller than when you stoop down to help A child."

POTENTATE VISITS SENIOR SHRINERS! by Chuck McLeod

The meeting of the Senior Shriners on April 23 was honored by the presence of the Potentate of Aladdin Shrine, Illustrious Sir Daniel E. Stainbrook, II.

Noble President Don Lynne opened the meeting and the pledge of allegiance was given and a prayer was led by Noble Chaplain Don Pendell.

After a delicious meal, President Lynne asked the past presidents of the club to introduce themselves. He introduced Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Jack L. Allen and recognized and welcomed back Noble Chuck McLeod, secretary, who had missed several meetings for health reasons. He recognized Noble Bob Oden who turned 99 years-old and was Bob was serenaded with a "happy birthday."

President Lynne read the treasurers report since Treasurer Noble Gary Hilbinger had to leave early to be with his wife, Sandy, who is going through chemotherapy. It was approved. It was decided for us to pay the caterer. The secretary said that if you read the write-up in the *Lamp*, you had the secretary's report.

The death of one of our long time members, John W. Drake, was announced.

Next month's meeting, May 21, will feature a program by member and Past Potentate, Noble Harry Reissig. His subject will be the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children. Plan to attend this meeting to hear a good and interesting program. ASHAC is one of the charities Aladdin sponsors and which we can support monetarily.

President Don reminded everyone that the September meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, September 17. This is because the facility is rented out on our regular day. This does not happen very often, but we should be happy that the staff is working hard to keep the center rented as much as possible!

President Don presented First Lady Ann Stainbrook with a monetary gift to be used for her charity, a college scholarship fund for patients in any of the three hospitals we support, Cincinnati, Lexington, and Erie. Lady Ann thanked the club members and talked about upcoming Ladies' events. They will be going to a dinner theatre on August 22 and to Frankenmuth and the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort on October 10 -12. To get more information see ads in the *Lamp*.

President Don introduced Potentate III. Sir Dan Stainbrook and presented him with a monetary gift from the club. The Potentate thanked the club for the gift saying it would be used for activities of Aladdin. He asked Chief Rabban Noble Gary Schuen to introduce the Divan and guests: his wife, Patti; Noble Oriental Guide Steve Hathaway; First Ceremonial Master Noble Michael Tyne; and Noble George Stowe, a member of the Potentate's staff and his Lady Peggy. The Potentate reminded the Nobles of the following dates: June 7, Tabloid Day; the Imperial Session in St. Louis, June 29 - July 3, and the Branson Getaway, July 3 - 5.

President Don presented the Potentate a plaque for his presentation. The Potentate thanked him and presented Don a desk unit.

Don't forget the cost of the meal at the meetings for the rest of the year is only \$5.00 per person – thanks to our benefactor Bob Mannerstrom!

Noble Chaplain Don Pendell gave the closing prayer and all departed in peace and harmony.

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Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

NEXGEN CLUB FOR YOUNG SHRINERS

by Mike Gray

The April Flying Nobles meeting had a good number of members in attendance and we voted on a new member to be added to our roster. He is Mark Ulloa, who is a private pilot and flies out of Fairfield County. We all welcome Mark into our club. We made a date change for our May meeting. We are flying to Delaware Airport on May 17 at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and a meeting following. We flew and drove there last year. There were several planes there, but don't wait too long to get there because the food goes fast. Our June meeting will be held on June 14 at the Portsmouth Airport. We will have breakfast and have our meeting afterward. If the gas price keeps increasing, as it no doubt will, we will not be flying too much. Let's hope for good weather on both days. Last year, we were lucky to have good weather; maybe, it will happen again. David Ray will be sending an informational letter to everyone before both dates.

David Ray and I went on the Shrine golf trip to Santee, South Carolina and had a good time. We played 18 holes on three days in a row, so you need to like to play golf. Dave was also one of the bus drivers who did a great job. I don't think a car could have made the trip any faster than we did. We keep asking for help on Tabloid Day, Saturday, June 7. We have a location on Sawmill Road. We can make it if we can get two hours from you. Muirfield starts on May 26 if you are intending to work there. That is good income for our clubs and units. If you are interested in the Red Bull Race, it will be along the Detroit River in Detroit on May 31 - June 1. The pilots are some of the best I have seen. The races are on TV later but you never know when they will be shown. Best Wishes to everyone; have a good and safe summer.

We were sorry to hear that Lacy Toothman's son passed away in March. His son lived in Florida. Steve Fulton, the Flying Nobles Commander in 2001, passed away April 1. Steve was in Nashville working on being certified as an aviation mechanic. Our sympathy goes to Lacy's and Steve's family.

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Try to understand wanting to be healthy and being very ill; wanting to be at home but being in a nursing home; wanting to be pain-free but being on continuous medication; wanting help but being alone; needing security but having too little money; wanting to remain a Shrine Mason but having to resign. None of us are removed from this.

Aladdin does not turn away from members needing help. We try to assist when asked for help by our Shriners. Aladdin pays the Imperial fees for these men; helps with their dues and continues to send them the monthly *Lamp*.

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Greetings, all. As I mentioned last month, we will be working Tabloid this year. NexGen is eager to start earning money for the world's greatest philanthropy, so if you can help out, please let me know.

Along those same lines, NexGen is putting together a Cincinnati Hospital work trip. Brian Curnutte noticed that there were a lot of little maintenance jobs that could be done at the hospital when we were down there for the hospital tour/Reds game, so he is organizing a trip to volunteer to work. The budget for maintenance is only so big, so we plan to do what we can. It will consist of painting things, fixing minor problems, etc., so if you are interested, please contact me or Brian for more details. The date isn't set, but we can try to find a date that works for the people interested in helping.

Don't forget that none of the NexGen activities are exclusive to us - All are welcome to help!

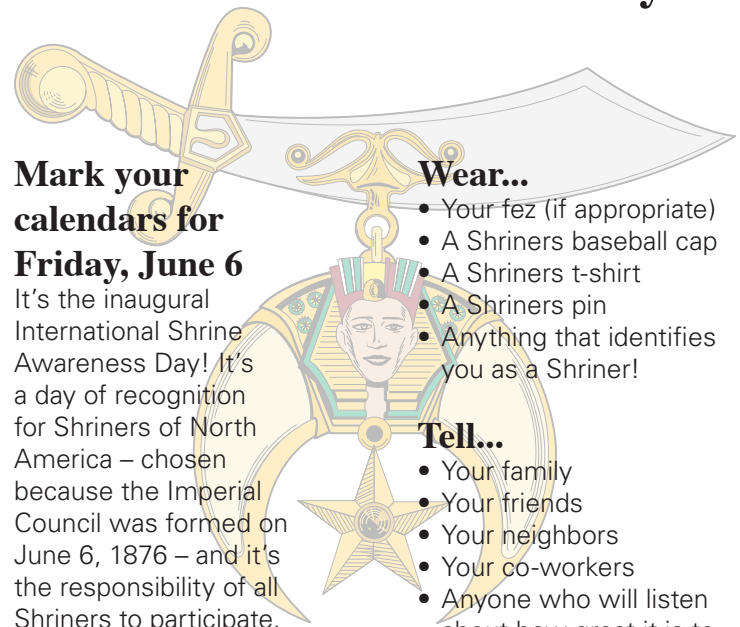
NexGen is in the beginning stages of working on a trailer for Aladdin. It would be based on the Imperial trailer - a walk-through informational piece on our hospitals. Gail Hinshaw thought this might be a good project for NexGen and we think she is right!

We are going to do a smaller version of the Imperial version with Brian's trailer for openers. We will be holding some work parties for anyone who wants to help. Our goal is to get donations from clubs and unit, both in men and materials, to accomplish this. The final trailer will be the Aladdin's trailer and will be available to any club or unit wanting to spread the word of our charity. If you have any ideas or would like to help, let any of us know.

Last, the Hillbilly Degree is coming up this month. If you are just reading this, you probably have a week to let us know you want to go. See the ad in this issue of the *Lamp*.

Until next time...

Get Ready to Celebrate International Shrine Day



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KAMBRI

by Dick Brixner

The club held its Annual Ladies Night at our local hospital, the Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center (SEORMC) on April 3. There were 55 Nobles, Ladies, and guests in attendance. The evening began with Noble President Frank Potts taking the podium and welcoming all to this annual event and thanking the hospital for being our host. Noble Ron Fleming provided the invocation.

The dining staff at the hospital provided the food, to include salads, choice of beef tenderloin, salmon, or Italian chicken wraps, vegetables, desserts, rolls, butter and drinks. The food was very good.

Following dinner, Noble President Frank made a few comments on upcoming events which will be listed at the end of this article. He announced the formation of our new motorized unit and to look for us in the local parades. In addition, we will have a float for the parades so we can showcase our Shrine club and its activities.

Noble Secretary Don Huston introduced Tracy Martin, an occupational therapist at the hospital. She highlighted the importance of exercise and physical fitness for all, especially with our youth, in order to combat obesity.

Tracy informed the Shriners of a local camp for overweight children that is held each year. This year's camp was held at Salt Fork State Park and it is funded by donations from the community and local civic organizations. She closed by thanking the Shriners for their donations which were used to buy equipment for the rehab center.

Noble Don thanked Tracy for her presentation and introduced Dr. Mike Sarap, who gave a talk on the care of wounds, from "BC" to the present. He went into great detail about the wound center at SEORMC and gave thanks to Bev Peepers and her staff for the fine job they do in treating wounds of all kinds. He closed his presentation by asking for questions from the audience.

Noble President Frank thanked everyone for their attendance, the speakers for their presentations, and the hospital for hosting this annual event. He encouraged all to continue to support our clubs activities. A special note of thanks goes to Noble Ron LePage for providing me with the notes from the above event.

All Shriners are reminded of the following, very important, dates for our Kambri Shrine Club:

- May 22 - Aladdin Shrine Potentate Daniel E. Stainbrook, II to visit, Cambridge Country Club
- June 7 - Annual Shriners Tabloid Day
- June 21 - Annual Shrine Golf Scramble at Wildfire Golf Club - New Concord
- July 12 - Annual Family Picnic at the Guernsey County Fish and Game Club.
- July 26 - Annual Fish Fry
- October 23 - Annual Steak Fry
- December 11 - Annual Christmas Party

Remember, the Kambri Shrine Club is your club and you need to get involved. Please come out and enjoy all the activities. We need your continued support to make our club the very best. We need your support both in attending these listed events and with your financial support of our 22 Shriners hospitals.

Are you aware that "our" Shriners Hospitals received "Best in America" seal from Independent Charities of America (ICA) and Local Independent Charities of America (LICA)? These seals of excellence are based on rigorous independent reviews, being able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness." As Shriners, we can be very proud of being a part of such a great philanthropic organization.

From The Shrine Band by Robb Landon

The concert at the Ohio Masonic Home was a great success. We did have a few ringers. Mark Layman's lady Brenda helped us out on her oboe, Jim Bates's Lady Nancy and Joe Colburn's Lady Cyndi filled in the clarinet section. Warren Swisher (now a resident of the Ohio Masonic Home) joined the band with his French horn for the concert. The concert band played about 45 minutes and the Dixieland band finished the hour. The Clown Unit deserves a "thank you" for loaning their bus for the trip to Springfield.

The invitations for the Ladies Party were sent out with the help of the Shrine office staff and their automation. This saved much time and effort. Many thanks! As you can see in the schedule, the Ladies Party is Tuesday May 20. Check your invitation for all the details.

Be sure to check the schedule. We have parades and Imperial session rehearsals coming up starting in May.

Band Schedule

May	20	Tuesday - Spring Ladies Party - Details Later
	26	Monday - Worthington Memorial Day Parade - Details later.
	27	Tuesday - Imperial Session Rehearsal #2
June	3	Tuesday - Shrine Band Rehearsal - 8:00 PM
	6	Friday - Tabloid Program - Marysville - Details later.
	10	Tuesday - Imperial Session Rehearsal #3; Dance Band, 6:30 PM; Concert Band, 8:00 PM; Aladdin's Bones, 9:30 PM
	17	Tuesday - Imperial Session Rehearsal #4; Dance Band - 6:30 PM; Concert Band - 8:00 PM; Aladdin's Bones - 9:30 PM
	21	Saturday - Masonic Parade - Details Later
	24	Tuesday - Imperial Session Rehearsal #5 Same time schedule As June 17
	29	Sunday - Imperial Trip - St. Louis, Missouri - Details later.

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

The unit performed the Master Mason Degree at "Masonic Night with The Shrine" on April 28. Many thanks go to Potentate Dan Stainbrook and his Divan for hosting this annual event.

Our members are gearing up to assist in parking cars at the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield from May 26 - June 1. Daun Knox will be in charge as Hap Holsinger has retired. Our thanks go out to Hap for his many years of dedicated service.

Details will be coming in future unit newsletters pertaining to participation in parades. Our van will be entered in all parades where our unit has registered including the Imperial Session in St. Louis in June.

Jimmy VanBibber has been in Riverside Hospital with a serious surgery in the pancreas area. Recovery will take time and we wish him the very best. Bob Roff flew to California to be with his brother who developed a serious foot infection. Both Ginny Holsinger and Millie Caswell have been having heart problems and are being evaluated at this time. Get well soon. Ron Leonard and Chuck McLeod are both recovering from recent operations.

Hilltop Shrine by Ray Pendell

I'm baaaaaack! I had a delightful winter in Florida and am rested and refreshed and ready for the exciting happenings coming up for the rest of the year. Thanks to "The Phantom" for covering for me for the past few months.

April's meeting at Minelli's Restaurant went without incident and the Paver Program was explained by a representative from the Hospitality Unit. Better get signed up if you want a Paver with your name on it.

Muirfield and Tabloid days are on the agenda for May and plans are being finalized. Our JUG program has \$5,650.50 on hand to start our 2007 Tabloid effort. Thanks go to Chairman Noble Duane Hivnor and his helpers, Nobles David Ray and Al Williams for their work. If you see an Aladdin Shrine Jug on display at any establishment, drop in a coin or a bill and tell them how much we appreciate them.

The Black Camel took William J. (Bill) Dawson Jr. from us last month. He was a stalwart member of the central Ohio community and we will miss his timely counsel. Our sympathy and support go to his wife and family during this stressful time.

Watch for your newsletter for details on our Hilltop Shrine Club scholarship applications and other important happenings.

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Marching WITH THE LEGION

by Dick Luckay



THE CIRCUS REPORT - Well, it's over for another year. Even though the final reports are not in, it was apparent on the faces of the children and their parents leaving the Celeste Center that they had one fine time. The inside rides were just the thing to combat the cold damp weather on the outside. Attendance was good at most of the performances, but all were appreciative of the fun and excitement the circus provided. The Legion was front and center when the colors were presented prior to the national anthem. It was really special to have the Legion present the colors and then have fellow Legionnaire John Iben sing a stirring rendition of the The Star Spangled Banner at five of the performances. We were really out in force for the Saturday afternoon show when the four national flags and all of the five service flags were on proud display. First time that has happened in quite a while – and it was good to see. PC Willie Fitchett and Legionnaire

Guy White, Sr. marched or carried a flag at all ten of the regular performances, Bob Krieger marched nine times, John Iben (carried or sang) seven times along with flag bearers PC Robert Spencer and Dick Luckay, PC Bob Faber marched six times, Chester Van Horn five times, Ron Gary lined up for two performances and Angelo Marinelli and Gary Bogart each trooped the line once. It is always a good feeling to be a part of something special, and each Legionnaire who participated in this year's circus knew he was indeed part of a job well done. See you next year!

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO – Gary and Irene Schleich (6/20), Ron and Desiree Armentrout (6/21), Fred and Genieve Webb (6/24), and John and Corky Burton (6/25). May your day be as special as you are to us.

IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME – Dave Henderson and John Hart (5/15), Lone Cook and Jack Woodworth (5/19), Dick Luckay (5/20), Vi Snyder (5/27), Clyde Dames Jr. (6/6), and Bob Purtee (6/10). We don't count 'em – we just celebrate 'em – and PRESS ON!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, May 24, Grandview Heights Parade
Monday May 26, Worthington Memorial Day Parade
May 27 - June 1 – The Memorial Tournament
If you can be there to take part in the parades, contact Commander Ollila. Get your Muirfield assignments from Adjutant (PC) Faber.

POTENTATE'S VISITATION – The evening of April 11 was quite a get-together as Potentate Stainbrook and members of the Divan visited the Legion in the Aladdin Room. A total of 42 Nobles and Ladies were present and the social hour was lively with conversation and

conviviality. An excellent meal was served and all were well satisfied. Potentate Stainbrook complemented the Legion for its past and present work. PC Robert Spencer was recognized for his past efforts on behalf of the Legion and Commander Dick Ollila was congratulated for the Legion's continued success. The Potentate was pleased to accept checks for the local Shrine hospitals in our area and thanked the Legion for its generosity and support. It was a very fine evening and all in attendance could attest thereto.



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Zavi Shrine

by Ken Sayre

Zavi members will soon be getting calls from Tabloid Chairman Noble Tim Snelling seeking help for the Tabloid event in June. Please brush the felt on your fez, put on a smiley face, and say yes for volunteer time when he calls. The Shriners story needs to be told again so needy children may get help for physical problems. Tabloid does that in the information it provides and fortunately, we, as Nobles, have the opportunity to help even in a small way by distributing them to the community.


Other activities on the horizon will need manpower to succeed. Zavi will assist with a baseball tourney for boys of Babe Ruth age at the complex on Old Newark Road. Also, a car show is to be held in July as a fundraiser for Zavi's coffers. Again, your help will be needed as these events unfold. These are both attempts to get local recognition for the Shriners and to get our club motivated again.

Thank you to those of you who accompanied the Starlight children to the Aladdin Shrine Circus. It was reportedly an enjoyable time for all. Our Circus Daddy chairman, Noble Steve Jones, was pleased to have received Zavi member responses and will have a final report at the May meeting, if not before. Now, you can take a bow, Noble Steve, for another job well done.

Our recent Black Camel report included Noble Ken Ardrey, longtime member who was called by the Great Maker in April. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

Nobles who are experiencing various health issues, include: Dan Manring, Roy Worstall, and Rick Cornell. Please keep them in your prayers. To all Nobles, peace and love be with you!

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Chaplain's Message

Character Has Got to Count

by Chaplain John Ash

Are you getting a bit tired of all the political posturing and promises, few of which if any, if history has any relevance, will be kept. I know I am. As I write this month's article, our state is embroiled in a humiliating scandal coming out of one of the highest offices of our state government, the one which is supposed to see that our laws and constitution are kept and followed. It would seem some of the top leadership was zealous at overseeing some aspects of the law and constitution, but not so good personally at living up to the highest and best our law and general moral expectations call for. And, of course, this is not the only time and place we have been faced with this dilemma, and I won't recount history in this respect. You can do that on your own.

All this has led me to thinking about whether or not the people who lead us in government, industry, business, and even the Shrine ought to be held to a higher standard than those who are not directly charged with those leadership responsibilities. I have to admit, I do. I don't expect perfection, but I believe we have a right to expect moral consistency from those who lead us. As a pastor for 42 years, I was always conscious of the fact that my role also meant I had to live up to what I professed in the totality of my life and that my public persona and profession matched my real life.

I'm not interested in detailed information about a candidate's personal life. I'm not particularly interested in mistakes and dumb things in the past. Who doesn't have some or many of these? But I am interested in two things about them that seldom are addressed. 1. What is the moral compass or reference they use to guide them in their life and policies? 2. Does what I see in their life in general seem to match their answers to that question? In other words, is there some consistency between principle and action in public and private life? Now I know these are not easy to determine and often the candidates will answer according to what they think the listener wants to hear. And I realize there is honest disagreement as to right and wrong in some areas. Pro-life and pro-choice, free traders and protectionist – both think they have the higher moral ground. There is also a strong strain in our culture today that considers morality relative and a particular moral compass unnecessary, and that we make up the rules or change them as we go along.

At our Masonic Night last Monday evening, a candidate was enrolled as a Master Mason with all the attendant ritual and drama. I was struck, almost overwhelmed at some points, by the moral implications of the vows the candidate freely took about living his life to the highest and best in virtually all areas and relationships. If we expect that of ourselves, do we have the right to expect that of those who want to lead us? I leave you with that question. It's a good one to wrestle with as we, as a nation, struggle with vital issues.



HARDIN COUNTY

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on April 16 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse with 85 Nobles and guest.

Noble Rossman opened the evening with a prayer. We dined on a great meal prepared and served by Nobles Doornbos, Clinger, Wagner, Rice, Garmon, Gilbert, Tim Jolliff, Fitzgerald, Matteson, and Bruce Michel. Great job, Nobles. President Jim Holmes led us in the pledge of allegiance to open a business meeting.

Noble Rossman talked briefly on Tabloid and its importance. He asked all Nobles to give two hours on Tabloid Day to help support our Shriners Hospitals. The sign up sheet is available.

We will ride our fire truck in the Kenton Memorial Day and in the Forest Tree Town Festival Parade on July 11. Other parades and activities will be added later.

President Holmes noted that he has a list of several Nobles who have not paid dues to Aladdin and asked if anyone who knows these Nobles to contact them. Aladdin would like to get them back as active members. A free will offering was taken to benefit the Farkasdi family in Ada. These are relatives of Noble Lew Downey. The entire family died in a house fire recently. More than \$500.00 was collected.

Three visitors were on hand: Dave Geiger, Gene Longbrake, and Bob Williams from Findlay.

President Holmes introduced three new members who recently went through a Cold Sands Ceremonial. They are Nobles Chad Wykes, Rob Wilson, and Codee Morris. Welcome to our club, Nobles. We hope you will become active and support our club.

Noble Jolliff mentioned a parade coming up on June 21. We will hear more about this at our next meeting.

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Aladdin's CAR CLUB *by James Allen*

Interesting Things in Small Packages

Aladdin Car Club had a successful meeting at the Oasis Room of the Aladdin Shrine Center on April 28. We had 23 people attending who partook of several selections of pizza and various libations. There was a fair amount of business to be conducted, as well as good food and good fellowship.

Chaplain George Buttrick led with a prayer and was followed by President Ron Brubaker presenting the slate of officers that is to be elected at our meeting in May. The candidates are as follows: president, Ron Brubaker; vice president, Chester Van Horn; secretary, Jim Allen; treasurer, Robert Spencer; and chaplain, Dave Spangler. George Buttrick decided it was time for him to retire after several years as chaplain. If anyone would like to run for any of these positions please contact Jack Van Gundy (740-967-1085) and he will nominate you at the May meeting. Rest assured that there will no hard feelings since the current officers have been in place for several years. This is your club.

Meeting times and places were discussed. We are wrestling with where and when to meet. The last or next to last Monday evening seems to conflict with something nearly every month. Fred Coventry had a meeting on the car show at the Shrine Center on Saturday, April 12 at 0900 and it had a very good turnout. We may try to have our meetings on Saturdays when possible.

Fred Coventry gave a progress report on the car show. We still need some more money to cover expenses. The flyers were available and everyone took several to be distributed. More are available if you need them.

"Woody" Coombs was not at the meeting since he was planting trees in Kentucky, but the plans to drive the Indianapolis Speedway are in place and we have about eight or nine people who are interested. If anyone else is interested please give "Woody" a call. We will be assembling at the Shrine Center at 0730 on May 21. We should be in Indianapolis by 1100. We will stop at the Model T Museum just west of Richmond on the way home. Sounds like a fun time.

The Clowns



by Matt "Nutt" Knight

The clowns are off and running! Let me start off by mentioning what a great success the 2008 circus was. With the change of times, the clowns have had to adapt to a new way of thinking. This is the second year we have added face painting and twisting balloons for the patrons of the circus. This has made a lot of us expand ourselves and learn some new things. But in learning these new things, it allows us to offer an expanded

palette of talents to our potential corporate clients when we provide services at their events. That's right, we provide entertainment at your corporate events. If you need or desire to have safe, clean-cut clown type entertainment, just call Don Tootle at 890-1940.

Alright, back to the circus. One of our clowns had a bad experience with the way the meals were set up. He, who will remain anonymous, did not have a dinner ticket and might have gotten a little miffed. So, another clown caught wind of this dilemma and called a brother clown and asked him to stop at a local restaurant and acquire a Happy Meal for a not so happy clown. Well, by the end of the circus, this anonymous clown had received several happy meal bags as a reminder of how much he was loved. By the way, Timmers, what did you do with all of those bags? I cannot wrap the circus talks without mentioning this year's Circus Daddy. Jack Bope was the 2008 Circus Daddy honoree. Jack has been a long-time member and a great clown and is a lot of fun to pick on. Congratulations, Jack.

With spring comes the spring GLUSCA convention. This year's convention was held in Dayton and we sent a hand full of clowns to Dayton. I don't want to fuss, but I think that our clowns are some of the best in the country. To show that I am correct, I will share how some of them performed. Tom Wade placed 3rd in white face competition. Mike

Jim Allen announced that if anyone is involved in a fund raising activity for the Shrine or the hospitals, you should check with him and he will give you the Imperial guidelines. Of course, you should always check with the Shrine office to be sure you are in compliance and not conflicting with some other Shrine effort.

We discussed participating at Muirfield and the Delaware County Fair in September. These would be methods for the club to raise funds for our treasury. This would help us to be able to contribute more to the car show and to the hospitals. If anyone would like to coordinate this effort call Jim Allen (614-736-9465).

Tom Stauch gave a report on the Worthington Parade. Those participating are Tom Stauch, Jim Allen (driving Lois' 1947 Studebaker M-16 truck), Lou Ardit (driving Jim Allen's 1953 Studebaker Starlight Coupe), Fred Coventry, and Ron Brubaker (both with Fords). This should be fun and give Aladdin a good exposure.

Speaking of exposure, we will be participating in the Aladdin Sock Hop. Bill and Linda Loomis will have their car on display inside the Shrine. If the weather cooperates (no rain), we will have some of our other cars on display in a reserved area outside the Shrine. Lets all participate in this activity.

The meeting concluded with Noble Bob Schmidt presenting his collection of Tootsie Toys. He had a lot of cars from the period before WWII. We could all relate to these since they were what many of us played with when we were growing up. He had several catalogs displaying the various models. One of his favorites was a small open car with Andy Gump sitting in it. Does anyone remember Andy Gump? He emphasized that if you are collecting small items like these, it is important to save the boxes that they came in since it will add to the value of the item considerably. This was not a priority for those of us who played with these as children

Don Easley from Marion and Bob Ross and his wife Marilyn from Utica attended their first meeting of the Aladdin Car Club. Welcome to our activities. A special "thank you" goes to Linda Loomis for handling the arrangements for our meeting in the Oasis Room. It worked very well.

Clark placed 3rd in the character competition. Greg Osborne placed 3rd in the single balloon competition. The host of this year's competition was the Antioch Shrine whose good friend is Irv "Fuzzy" Denune. The funny thing is that when Fuzzy went to pick up his name tag, it said Fussy. Now if you know Fuzzy, you know how far that slip up is from his true personality. Now, I wasn't able to attend this year's competition, so you are going to have to figure out who might have informed me of this tragic mistake.

On a lighter note it was good that George "Z Klown" Mather came home for the weekend. Many of you know that George is a long time member of Aladdin Shrine Clowns but has recently relocated to Arizona. George, we look forward to seeing you again soon; so, come back home soon.


Did you hear that Bill "BB" Baker finally made it to active status? He was on the 5-year plan. Congratulations Bill!

We have quite a few birthdays for May starting with Jack Bope on the 6th, Mike Clark on the 7th, Geno Terrell on the 16th, E. C. Babbert on the 18th, Jerry Straiger on the 29 and last, but not least, John McEwon on the 30th. Happy Birthday to all of theses fine gentlemen.

I would like to give a special "thank you" to two gentlemen who worked very hard at the circus – Steve McKitrick and Skip Degonia. These two guys spear headed the success that we had in this year's photo booth. They did a great job and set a great example for the rest of us clowns on how a good clown should be. Oh, by the way, the photographs that are included are representative of two different generations of clowns. You get to figure which is which!

Well, until next month, God bless and enjoy the great weather.





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