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Happy Fourth of July

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Chaplain: Rev. Don Pendell

Note from the Pote

by David Dee Mowry

Thanks to All Who Made Regional Ceremonials Possible!

Before moving any further in this column, I want to give a "BIG thank you" to the cast and crew who have made our regional ceremonials possible. The number of new Shriners created by this program stands at 139. This represents a great effort by the local Shrine clubs, the top-line signers, the participants from Aladdin, and especially, the above and beyond efforts of Ill. Sirs Calvin Smith, Tom Colburn, Don Goodman, Gary Parks, Membership Coordinator Jim Badgley, Ceremonial Director Denny Feyh, the Aladdin Brutal Brothers, bus drivers, and certainly our Divan who all worked together to make these ceremonials happen. The Divan members really had to 'hang loose' because parts had to be shifted and sometimes reassigned at the last minute.

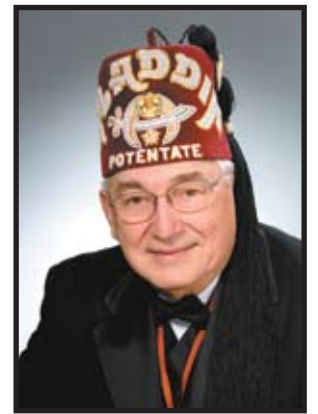
It has been my pleasure and honor to present the Aladdin Meritorious Service Awards to deserving Nobles at the various visitations. Those presented the awards at recent visitations were John Hockingberry of the Hocking Hills Shrine Club (where your Potentate is a member), Russell "Russ" Ward of the Registrars Unit, Clarence "Pete" Ransburgh of the Southeast Shrine Club, and Paul Smith, Pike County Shrine Club. Paul was also made an Ambassador of Aladdin for his outstanding work and for the many miles he has logged as a driver to the various Shrine hospitals. Assistant Rabban Gary Schuen, on behalf of the Potentate who was attending another function, presented the Aladdin Meritorious Service Award to Arnold 'Arnie' Fuller of the Chanters and Robert Nevel of the Linden Shrine Club. If you see any of these Nobles, be certain to give them a pat on the back for all the effort they put forth on behalf of Aladdin.

The Potentate and First Lady Kathy offer our congratulations to Susan Dennis of the Ohio Eastern Star. They had their meeting at Aladdin on April 28. Due to a Shrine club's visitation that same evening, we were well represented at the OES function by Chief Rabban Dan Stainbrook and Lady Ann. A "tip of the fez" goes to W. M. William Pool and to the officers of Bremen Lodge #608 for acting as hosts to the Annual Masonic Night at Aladdin. Our own Past Masters Unit, under the direction of Dick Bull, did their usual excellent job of presenting the MM degree on one candidate. Grand Master Mike Himes was in attendance as well as other Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters.

This past month was also the time of one of our famous Fish Fry Dinners presented by the fish chef of the Divan, Gary Schuen and crew.

First Lady Kathy and I represented Aladdin at the Zenobia Potentate's Ball honoring our good friends Ill. Sir Mike Schnapp and Lady Susan. We also represented Aladdin, along with Mike and Rebecca Tyne, at the annual AASR Valley of Columbus Officer's Reception held at the Columbus Athletic Club. Our own Ron Leonard stepped aside as chair of the board for the Valley.

Certainly, one of the highlights of the Shrine year is the Potentate's Ball. This year the festivity was under the direction of HP&P Bill Estell and his committee. They did an excellent job in every aspect. Everything was very well done from the decorations to the meal, to the band, the old-time movies, etc. It was a great evening. The next morning, early Sunday, found a number of Nobles, primarily from the Registrar's Unit and the Divan, on their way to Lexington for the Shrine Hospital Day. Richard drove Big Red which performed admirably. You will remember the last time the Potentate was on Big Red, the thermothrockle shorted out the pizzle spring (see a prior column). No such problems this trip. This was a really good way to visit one of the Shrine Hospitals and to see where our Shrine dollars go. Thanks go to all who made this trip possible.



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____ Monday, December 3 Tour to Bath - \$99.00

Aladdin's *Tabloid Times*

by Bob Stevenson

"It's a wonderful day in the neighborhood!" ~Mr. Rogers

As this issue of *The Lamp* arrives at your home, the 2007 edition of *Tabloid* is, as they say in television, a wrap. The Nobles have been out; the *Tabloids* given and (I hope) the funds on the way to Aladdin for the tabulation of who did what and how much of it. Every year the big question is "Who Won?" Well, at the risk of letting out a secret I can reveal "THE KIDS WON!" And another group won – those Nobles who worked for a year, for a couple months, for a few hours. They also won. Another winner is the unit and club that gets their Nobles out and busy with this great effort. I hope a good portion of the 139 new Nobles we brought into the Shrine this past April were on the street, proudly wearing their fez, and getting the full benefit of being a Shriner.

During my first *Tabloid* as a rookie Noble, I worked at Straders Garden Center on Riverside Drive. It must have been 90 plus degrees, no shade, and little breeze. After an hour or so, I truly wondered what I had gotten myself into. I also wondered if my fez would ever dry out. Then a lady came by, gave me a rather large donation and thanked me, not the Shrine, but me, for the wonderful things we did for a young relative of hers many years before. In that minute I knew three things. First, what I had gotten myself into was well worth the effort, for what we do does make a difference in peoples lives. Second, I learned that little ole me, rookie though I was, represented the Shriners Hospitals and all they do for the people we help and those who know what we do. It's a great responsibility but one that rests very lightly on the shoulders. Last, I figured out that a wet FEZ was no big deal in the over scope of what we do. Yes, it would dry. I truly hope our new Nobles had a chance to have that same kind of experience and know in that instant, exactly why you're glad to be a Shriner.

As for the BIG question of who did what and how much, see next month's *Lamp* and attend the Stag Picnic on July 21.

Now that *Tabloid* 2007 is over, what do you do with the leftovers? No matter how closely you try to guess, you should have papers left. So here are a few suggestions.

- Don't just pitch them, save them for awhile and...
- Give them out at parades. The July Fourth Celebration is coming very soon, for example.
- Leave them at local doctor offices, dentist offices, clinics, etc. It is great advertising for Aladdin Shrine and perhaps a help to someone who might need us.
- Leave them at local barber shops and salons where the ladies go. It will be newer than most of the magazines.
- Leave some at your Lodge.
- How about the waiting room at local auto repair shops, dry cleaners, the local bank?

These are just a few uses for this great little paper of ours. Put a sticker with a local Nobles name and phone number on each, in case a person has questions or is interested in the Shrine and Masons.

We have a great story. You, the Nobles of Aladdin, are among the authors of that story. We must keep working to get it out there.

I want to thank everyone for the support *Tabloid* gets in Aladdin. We do a super job and we need to accept the "that a boy" we get – like the one I got from that lady in 2000. We also need to think of new and different ways to get our story out, make it known, and be ready to help when called upon.

And the next time you come to Aladdin and pull in the front circle past the "Editorial Without Words" statue, smile and know that you are the "model" for that work, not work of art, but of work in progress!

On behalf of all the kids we work for, I say God bless and thanks!

Reception Unit

by Mike Johnson

We had very nice breakfast meeting with the ladies in May. This meeting is always a nice change of pace and the turnout was good. Tom Keller gave a very short and inspirational update on the paver project. The order rate is fair, but we have a way to go.

Thanks go to the Reception Unit's members and families who helped with Muirfield. Clyde Yarnell does a yeoman's effort in organizing the manpower for this event. Thank you, Clyde.

We had a good turnout for the Worthington Parade. The folks on the sidewalks were really into it. The Chanters actually sounded like they were on key and their song selection got the crowd into it. It was good to see Jane Frankenberg, Harry and Ann Hall, and Lowell and Ruth Robinson in the crowd. I thought Bill Lutz was running for office in Worthington. He knew half the crowd, but then he has been cutting hair in town forever. Even with young pups like Speed Dillon, Aaron Dominey, and myself, I bet the average age of our marchers was at least 75. We had three guys 80 or better marching. Thanks guys for continuing effort.

Don't forget to mark June 16 on your calendar. It is *Tabloid*, the one day that lasts all year. Support of the hospitals is why we all are here. Get out and be a part of the effort at your local Shrine Club.

Bill Bickel is going to have cataract surgery. Bill Compton is having trouble with his hip. Bob Carroll was hospitalized at Riverside and should be in a rehab facility by the time of this article. John Manker continues to have his own health issues. Joe Rupert is also struggling with his health.

On another sad note, I have to report that the Reception Unit is losing one of it's stalwarts. Jim Finley is retiring and he and Bobbie are moving back to Missouri. For the whole group, thanks for all you have done and God's speed.

Aaron Dominey will be the new *Lamp* reporter for the Reception Unit. Please contact him with any news for or about the unit.

Kentucky Colonels

by Frank Lewis

Today is Saturday, May 12 – a beautiful day. Things are looking up for our Kentucky Colonels Club. We had 21 at our April meeting – that's a record for the past few years. Our new officers are encouraged by this support. We are truly improving.

The new members are showing interest and the older ones are returning. Come out and meet the new members and renew old friendships.

President Colonel Don proclaimed the September meeting "White Suit Meeting" for those of you who have whites and those of you who can still get in them. Don't forget!

For those of you who cannot wear whites, our Secretary Colonel Joe has ordered some Colonel ties you might want to purchase at the September meeting. They look very nice with whites and non-whites.

The members at the April meeting voted to award life memberships to charter members who do not already have them. They are Colonel Russell Douglas and Colonel Henry Morris. These two fine men have contributed many hours to our club over the years. These awards are well deserved.

Our Secretary Colonel Joe reports all but a few have paid their dues. We will be calling those few to remind them. If you are like me, you need reminding.

Our sick list this month includes the following: Colonel Jim Kelly is suffering from cancer. Hospice is now assisting. Jim's spirits are high and he could use some cards.

Colonel Bob Hanshell is suffering from congestive heart failure and would welcome your prayers and support.

Our president's Lady Joan is seriously ill and on oxygen. She is trying to build up strength to withstand a heart valve operation. Those of you who know Joan, know that she is a tough fighter having survived cancer for years and survived many other serious illnesses.

Colonel Keller's Lady Cathy is suffering from a very painful back problem.

Say a prayer for these people. Let me know of any sickness.

God Bless You All!

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Aladdin's Car Club We're Ready for Summer

by James Allen

This was our last scheduled meeting before we go dark for the summer. The meeting was conducted by President Ron Brubaker. We had 14 members, plus Bill Estel, our Divan representative, and Rick Heinlein with all of his hair. We also welcomed Diana Stauch, "Didi" Loeth, and Teri Heinlein to the meeting. Rick has a very thick mane to be trimmed at the Corn Roast and Car Show in August. Fred Coventry still needs some \$100 contributions to cover the cost of trophies. The show is really shaping up as a real great event.

We have made a commitment to the Tabloid people to have some cars at the State House on Tabloid Day June 15. If you can bring a car contact Jim Allen (451-6902). Speaking of cars, we had two vehicles in the Worthington Memorial Day Parade last year. Let's see if we can have several more this year.

We discussed some upcoming events that present an opportunity to publicize our Corn Roast and Car Show. The Lancaster Car Show is the first Saturday of June. The featured cars this year are Oldsmobiles. This is an opportunity to pass out our flyers and display our cars, even though they may not be Oldsmobiles. There is a car show on Polaris Parkway at Quaker State & Lube, 8500 Lyra Drive, on June 23. This is a benefit for the Central Ohio Parkinsons Disease Society. This is another opportunity to get our flyers into the hands of people who like Car Shows. The Aladdin Ambassadors Club is sponsoring their annual golf outing on August 7 at St. Albans Golf Course in Alexandria. For you golfers in our club, hit the ball hard and far and pass out some flyers for the Corn Roast and Car Show. Contact Duane Hays at 614-766-7074 or 440-2215 (cell) for more information.

Chaplin George Buttrick gave a short presentation on the art of appraising antique and restored vehicles. When doing an appraisal, George divides them into five categories. Number five has to be placed in a bushel basket and then the remains hauled home on a trailer in barely recognizable condition. Number four will start and can be driven at considerable risk with much work to be done before it is considered safe. Number three is an acceptable "daily driver" that still needs work to be considered restored. Number 2, which most "restored" vehicles fall into, is a car or truck in very good condition – both mechanically and body wise. A fair amount of money and time have been spent on this vehicle, but there are still issues with the restoration. Number one, of which there are not many, is truly a museum piece. It is trailered to a show, unloaded, shown, loaded up, and trailered home. It is seldom, if ever, driven. The time and money spent on a number one is immeasurable. They are done for the challenge or for a place to bury money. George gave us a form he uses when doing an appraisal. This is truly an art. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. It is your car and you love it.

Unfortunately, no camera was present at our meeting so I pulled a picture from the files of the Buckeye Vintage Haulers chapter of the American Truck Historical Society. The picture came from their show in Outville on May 5 where I did the photographing. I am still working on them to bring some of their big trucks to the Corn Roast and Car Show in August. The featured truck belongs to Don Stewart of Pataskala, Ohio. It is a 1977 Autocar AT 64 Limited Edition with a 425 H.P. Caterpillar engine, a 13-speed transmission with a 3.73:1 rear axle drive. It took ten years to restore this truck, but it still works on sunshiny days.

Talk up the Corn Roast and Car Show to your friends and neighbors. If you can get some more \$100 contributions for Fred that would help also. This show promises to be bigger and better this year. We will be in touch with you over the summer.



Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

The Flying Nobles meeting for May was held at the Delaware Airport where we enjoyed a pancake breakfast before our meeting. Most of the Flying Nobles arrived about 9:00 a.m. and there were a good many planes and people already there.

Some nice planes were there. A Russian Yak made a fly over before he landed and made a smoke trail down the runway. I parked next to a nice Extra. A Gyroplane flew in from Newark. It looked like it would be fun flying it but it was very small for two people, though two men were on board. A corporate Piaggio flew in while we were there. A very unique plane with engines on the rear and very noisy outside. The pilots said it was quiet inside.

The Flying Nobles had six planes fly in and had 11 members in attendance: 2 Bonanzas, 2 172s, a Cherokee 180, and a 152. We had our meeting in a very nice room in the office building. Thanks go to Bob Beymer for making the arrangements for us.

Chief Rabban Dan Stainbrook and his Lady Ann were there and Dan attended our meeting. Carol Rogers and Joe Salyer flew in and it was good seeing them.

We need help on June 16 for Tabloids at the K-Mart on Olentangy and Bethel. It's only for a two-hour shift so if you can help call Marty Mills.

We will meet at Medflight at OSU on July 14. During September, we will have our bus trip to the Air Force museum at Dayton and the "Gathering of the Mustangs" and WW II pilots at Rickenbacker.

We still don't have a date for our Potentate's visit to our club. We don't know how we got left out, but we did and David Ray is trying to get our date set.

Have a safe summer. These gas prices are cutting into our flying and driving but let's hope the prices go back down. Once they get it high, they will probably stay there. Stay well and I hope to see you next month.

Ross County News

by Don Jones

The observance of Memorial Day last month triggered memories of long ago. I was a child during World War II. Several of the young men of my mother's large family served in the military during the war, and fortunately all of them returned home alive. So Memorial Day (referred to as Decoration Day in those times) was a time when Mother, armed with her grass shears, cut flowers from her yard, mason jars and water bucket visited the cemeteries to "decorate" the family grave sites. I was allowed to go with her but had to promise to behave and not walk over the graves. I was learning to respect my elders, even the dead ones. Those lessons have stayed with me. Now, when I visit the cemetery in the spring and "decorate" the graves, I find myself thinking "Mother would approve of this." Memorial Day is now much more to me. It is a time to remember the sacrifices of all the military men and women, past and present, who have served to preserve our nation and our way of life. I am heartened by the unity demonstrated by the people of our state and nation as we remember those who serve.

Tabloid Days (June 15, 16) will be a very important opportunity for all Shriners to support our hospitals. We need all the help we can get to distribute the Tabloids and collect donations from the public. Contact a club officer to fill a spot on the schedule. If you are not able to work Tabloid Days, make a personal donation. A \$10 donation from every Ross County Shriner would make 2007 a fantastic year for Ross County Tabloid Days.

Clowns Hit The Road

by Matt "Nutt" Knight



Let's start off with an announcement. We have a few new apprentices I would like to introduce. They are Scott Howard and John Knoepfler. Welcome, Gents.

We have a very busy schedule for the next few months. June includes, Tabloid Day on June 15-16. On June 19, we have our business meeting at Hoggy's in Gahanna. We will be traveling to Cincinnati to the Shrine Burn Hospital to perform for our kids there. We will have a rehearsal for the show on the June 18. There is a special event on the June 24; it is the Middendorf Golf outing. If you are interested in golfing for a great cause, just give Larry

Middendorf a call at 614-771-8876. He will try to fit you in.

July brings us the Dublin Independence Day parade on July 4. The line up is at 10:00 a.m. and the parade is at 11:00 a.m. August starts off with a bang with the Pro Football Hall of Fame parade in Canton, Ohio on August 4. On August 9, we have our Ladies Party which I will have further details as they become available. August 11 brings us two events. The first one is the Baltimore Parade and the second in the Downs Syndrome Picnic. Our last event is always one of our favorites; it is the Bucyrus Parade on the August 17.

The birthdays for June are John Knoepfler, June 5 and Ron "Hobe" Hoebensack, June 9. Happy birthday, gentlemen.

This concludes the time I have for now. I hope everyone is off to a good start to their summer. It's 90+ degrees right now and I'm going to get some iced tea and sit back and relax for a while.

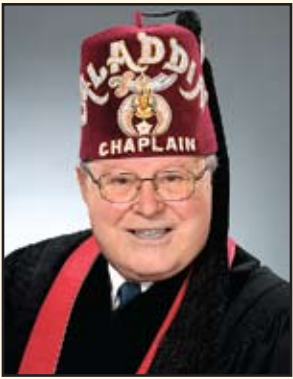
Take care for now. Talk to you next month.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN *by Don Pendell, Chaplain*

I gave the following prayer when Potentate Mowry contributed \$1,000 to the Lima Company's Mid-Ohio Marine Foundation to help erect a monument at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. The ceremony took place before the Worthington Memorial Day Parade. ~Chaplain Don Pendell

Oh, Eternal God, Father of our spirits; Creator and Great Architect of the universe, in whom our Fathers trusted, we give Thee thanks for all thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our beloved United States of America.

Especially, we honor those 22 members of Lima Company who sacrificed their lives that we might live. Oh, God and we ask You to bless all other service men and women from our midst, our own sons and daughters that Your love will shine through them to bring peace and to unite all people of this nation and of this world together to live in harmony for we are all your children and that makes us brothers and sisters in all nations of the earth. So grant us peace to live in liberty and righteousness in Your Light, now and evermore. Amen.



Chaplain Don Pendell

A Very Dangerous Proposition

Whether you enjoy television's *Animal Planet*, *National Geographic*, or news magazines, there has been a lot of attention given to God's magnificent Monster the Whale, or as scripture calls it, Leviathan, all personified as Melville's *Moby Dick*. A true story on the Internet was passed on to me by my close friend, Dr. Ben Williams, retired chair of the orthodontics department of The Ohio State University.

As reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, a female humpback whale had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She had hundreds of yards of rope wrapped around her body and a line tugging in her mouth. A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farrallone Islands, outside the Golden Gate, and radioed an environmental group for help. Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so distressed that the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer.

They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her. The divers say the whale swam in joyous circles and came back to each diver and nudged them, pushing gently around and thanking them. Some said it was the most incredible experience of their lives. The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth said her eye was following him the entire time and he will never be the same.

May you, and all those you love, be blessed and fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you.

And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

I pass this on to you, my friends, in the same spirit.

HILLTOP SHRINE *by Ray Pendell*

IT'S TABLOID TIME! Once again we prepare for Tabloid Days and we are up to the task. Our Jug program, under the leadership of Noble Duane Hivnor and his helpers Nobles Jim Chilcote and Davie Ray, have over \$6,000.00 to start our day on the Hilltop, in Grove City, and Upper Arlington. If you see our Fez Jugs on display at local merchants, drop in a coin or a bill and tell them how much we appreciate their help.

As this goes to press, we plan to have our Tabloid Kickoff Steak Picnic on Wednesday, June 6. Our past presidents pay for and prepare all the food and all proceeds go to Tabloid. Pick up your papers, jugs, and be ready to hit the streets on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and June 16.

Our staging area is again at Mowery's Collision Service on Phillippi Road. Stop by and drop off your check or cash for the "ONE DAY THAT LASTS ALL YEAR."

Several of our Nobles are on the mend from recent surgeries and we keep them in our prayers. Let any officer know of a sick or distressed member who needs our support and encouragement.



Potentate Dee Mowry and Lady Kathy

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Baldwin Shrine

by Don Knouff

I am sorry to have to report that two of our fine Nobles have been claimed by the Black Camel. Noble Richard "Dick" Snyder, a long-time funeral director in the Fredericktown area. A horse-drawn hearse was used in the funeral procession. The Clydesdale horses are owned and driven by Bill Burgett of Fredericktown.

Our second loss was Noble Leo D. Butler. Leo was very active in Mt. Zion #9 F. & A.M., The Ohio Eastern Star and a very faithful drive and codriver for transporting the Knox County children to the Shriner's hospital in Erie. Both will be missed.

The Baldwin Shrine May meeting was held at President Ed and Lady Jan's home. There were 46 attending and we all had a great time. Many thanks go to Noble Ed and Lady Jan.

The following Nobles will be celebrating birthdays during June: John Baker, Del Carson, Ed Cosby, Harold Ebersole, "Dusty" Frazier, Jim Hinch, John Ownes, Harry Rine, Bryan Stafford, Jack Tannehill, Guy Van Nostran, and Joe Eyster. Best wishes to all.

President Ed Cosby would like to express his sincere thanks to the Nobles who helped with the parking at the Memorial Tournament. Also, he wants to thank the Nobles who collected for *Tabloid*, to thank the Nobles who contributed because they were unable to help, plus thanks to the merchants who contributed to our cause. It was a busy month.

Watch for your June monthly newsletter for details on the June meeting. I hope to see you all then. Get your reservations in early.



Chess Club Being Formed

A chess club is being formed for friendly, monthly games with fellowship. Meetings will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

Dennis Agin, organizer for the club, asks that all interested Shriners call 614-204-9234 or e-mail n8iln@insight.rr.com to indicate any interest in joining the club. Agin hopes to hold the first meeting near the end of June.

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KAMBRI HOSTS POTENTATE

by Dick Brixner



Kambri Shriners, you made a local area youth very happy with a gift of a shower chair through local donations to your club. Jacob is now able to take a shower sitting in this chair. He now laughs during the shower. This type of behavior in the shower more than shows his gratitude and that of his private nurse. We have made his life a lot easier through the club's donation. Kambri Shriners need to be proud.

On May 24, we entertained our Aladdin Potentate David Dee Mowry, his Lady Kathy, the Divan, and our local Shriners. This event

was held at our Cambridge Country Club, starting at 6 p.m. with a social and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our Kambri Shrine Club was represented with 60 Nobles and their Ladies. Noble Ron Fleming gave the blessing. The menu consisted of chicken milanese or prime rib, with vegetables, salad and desserts.

Following the meal, Noble President Bill Davis introduced his club officers and their ladies, gave a brief talk on *Tabloid* collections, and stressed the importance of this great day of collecting monies.

Noble President Bill presented our Potentate a \$1,000.00 check from Kambri Shrine. He was also presented a table center piece and a piece of Cambridge glass. Noble President Bill then introduced Potentate Mowry, who took the podium and introduced the Divan and their ladies.

Noble Mowry then took the time to present a Meritorious Service Award to one of our own, Past Kambri Shrine President Donald Hughes. Noble Don was very grateful and honored with this award.

Potentate Mowry had a few closing remarks which were followed by a closing prayer by Noble Ron Fleming. Thanks go to all who attended this event and made it a success.

Upcoming Dates Worth Noting:

Tabloid day will be Saturday, June 9. We need all Nobles to help on the street and/or counting money. This is our biggest fund raiser for the Shriners Hospitals. If you cannot be on the street, please consider sending \$20.00 - \$30.00 to our treasurer, Tom Fisher, and do your part for the hospitals. We will gather at John Lanning's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast that morning and hit the street at 9:00 a.m. We will be in Cambridge, New Concord, Byesville, and Caldwell.

Saturday, June 23, our annual golf scramble will be at Wildfire Golf Club in New Concord. Get your four-man team together and join us for fun, golf, food, and drinks. We need all Shriners to help in gathering door prizes for this event. You can take all the door prizes to Ron LePage at the Lodge. This is another fundraiser for the club.

Once again, let me remind all Kambri Shriners that this is your club. Come out to our events, enjoy the fun, fellowship, and great food. If there are other activities that you would like our club to take up, contact your Noble Kambri President Bill Davis.

Remember our Shriners Hospitals and get the check book out for Tabloid Day.

Senior Shriner News

by Chuck McLeod

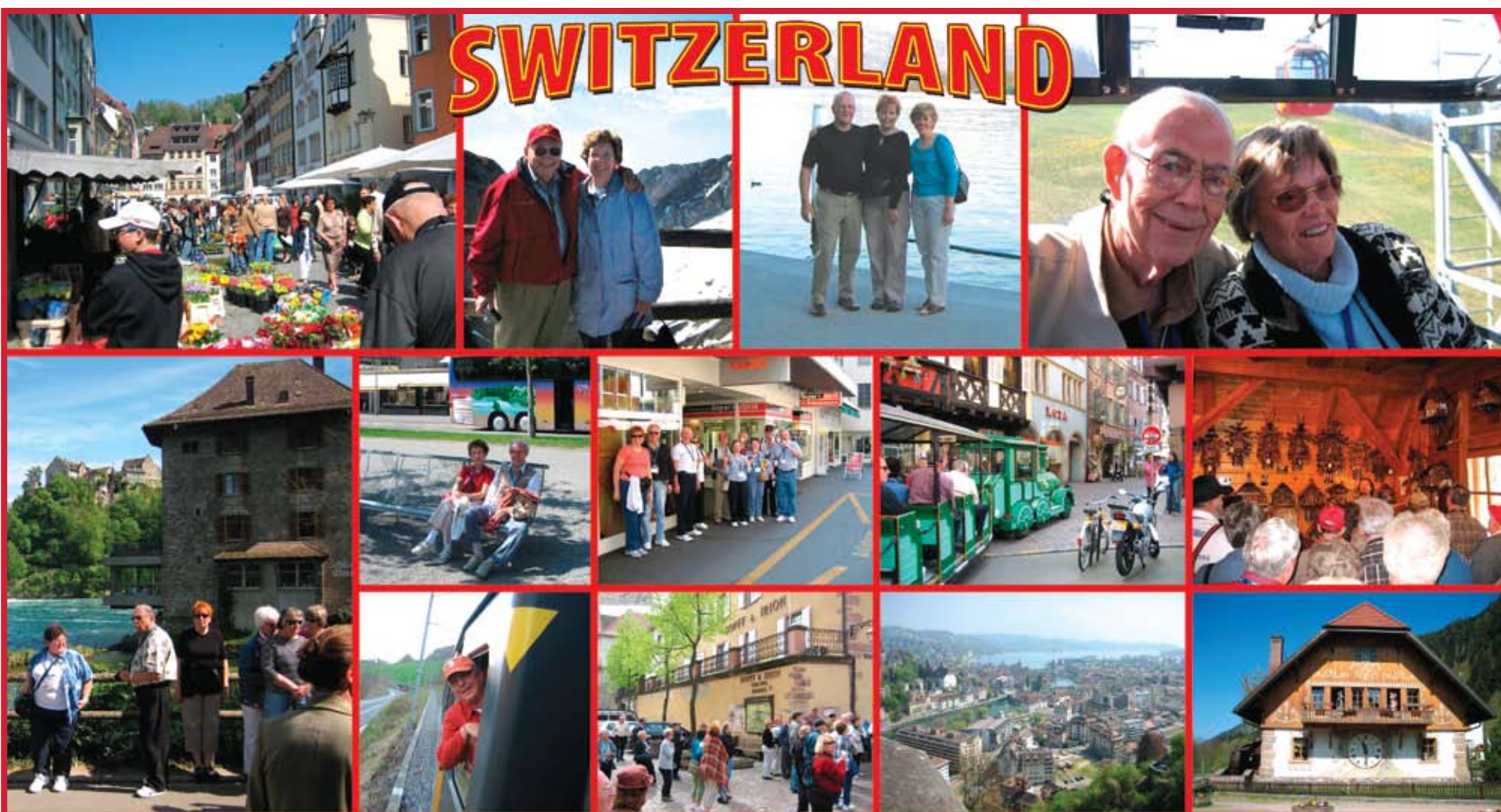
The May meeting was opened by Noble President Kittrell and followed by prayer by Noble Chaplain Dick Bull. Noble Bull also led the pledge of allegiance.

After a delicious meal of baked scrod, Noble First President Don Lynne introduced the speaker, Noble and Past Potentate Doctor Owen Johnson, a graduate of The Ohio State University who interned at Riverside Hospital. He is a member of the Ohio Masonic Home board, and chairman of the Ohio Masonic Home Service I-Care program. He stated that there are three different locations under the umbrella of The Ohio Masonic Home: OMH in Springfield, the Western Reserve facility, and the Browning facility. The latter two are in the northern part of Ohio. Dr. Johnson asked, "where do you turn when you need medical attention, healthcare needs, and continuing care?" He spoke on the Masonic Senior Services and the I-Care program. Senior services links senior Ohio Masons, their wives, widows, and Eastern Star members with community based services that will allow them to remain in their homes longer. He introduced Amy Stomieroski, I-Care coordinator for central Ohio, employed by the Masonic Home. She said I-Care is the acronym for Independence through Coordination, Assistance, Referral and Education. The I-Care Program can supply Masonic brethren with medical care for those who want to be independent in their own home. The program has a database of needs, a database of statewide healthcare services. It can currently help with assessments, help with financial assistance, help with in-home services, be a liaison to family members. She stressed that the Ohio Masonic Home is not an asset surrender facility. Amy said through the I-care program, a Lodge can check on a Lodge member's widow, arrange transportation for elderly members, etc. Amy will work with any Lodge to set up an I-Care committee.

First Vice President Lynne presented Dr. Johnson with a plaque for presenting the program. Noble Secretary Chuck McLeod read the secretary's report, which was approved as read. The treasurer's report was not given as our treasurer, Noble Gary Hilbinger, was out of state. President Kittrell introduced Noble and Worshipful Brother Arnold M. Malech, the Master of New England Lodge # 4, as a first time visitor. He also introduced Noble Donald Pendell, the Chaplain of Aladdin Shrine and a member of our club. Also introduced was Noble Rod Rousculp, a long-time member of Aladdin Shrine and a guest of the president.

Noble Chaplain Bull gave the closing prayer and the meeting was closed in peace and harmony.

Our June meeting will be held on June 27, the fourth Wednesday, with Optometrist Matthew Jones as speaker. The meal will be baked Swiss steak. Plan on attending and bringing a prospective member.



MEMORIES of an Extraordinary Trip (Part II)

by Dick Luckay

Last month, in the *Lamp*, the first five days of a truly wonderful journey were recounted. But, Luzern, Interlaken, and Colmar, Switzerland and Riquewihr, France, were only part of the adventure. This month (to quote Paul Harvey) is the rest of the story.

The sixth day we visited Italy. The three-hour train ride to Como was another eye-filling, mind boggling, scenic experience. The Italian Alps were more rugged and formidable than the Swiss Alps. The train made its way between sheer rock formations that are impossible to capture on film much less to describe. We thought we had seen it all in Switzerland but found new mountain majesties in Italy. We were met at the train station by our two-bus caravan and toured the city of Como. There were breastworks, battlements, and guard posts built by the Romans in 100-200 A.D. looking solid and formidable as ever. The city was clean and well maintained – not as we expected. The buses let us off at the lake shore and some of the party took a boat ride on beautiful and peaceful Lake Como. Others toured the town and saw the immense Como Cathedral started in the 13th century but not completed until the 18th century. The larger-than-life-sized statues of the warrior kings in the church made you feel surrounded by the spirits of the early crusaders. Another eerie feeling! Some found that the Italian “house” white wine was much better – and less expensive – than its French counter-parts we tasted a few days earlier. But just about everyone agreed that if you like ice cream – come to Italy. They had flavors that Baskin-Robbins would die for. On the way back to Luzern, we stopped for a very good dinner at a picturesque restaurant that had a magnificent panoramic view from its terrace. We arrived back at the hotel after ten o'clock – weary but undaunted for tomorrow.

The seventh day was a bus trip to the tiny Principality of Liechtenstein and its Capital of Vaduz. Quaint, clean and captivating, you could have your passport stamped (for a small fee), buy some of the Principality's primary commodity (postage stamps) and view the snow-covered Austrian Alps in the distance. Then it was off to Feldkirch, Austria, a medieval town with a castle built in the early 1100s. In the town, you could feel “up close and personal” with the Austrian Alps that surrounded it. After a short stay we were on our way to Appenzell, Switzerland – a beautiful little Swiss town with its brightly painted houses and buildings with flowers everywhere. You almost expected to meet Heidi and her little goat when you rounded a corner of the town – and were disappointed when they didn't appear. On the trip back to the hotel you saw mountains, then pastoral scenes of green and gold farmland sprinkled with colorful houses and barns. Yes, indeed, we were in Heidi-land – and it was wonderful.

On day eight we headed by bus for the Black Forest of Germany. Again, the scenery was beautiful but the route we took did not live up to the expectation of being in “THE Black Forest.” But the cuckoo clock factory in Hofgutstemen, Germany, was as advertised. The huge mechanical clock with its life-sized dancing couples that waltzed around every half hour was impressive. The demonstration of how the clocks were made was factual, fascinating and funny. There was a big selection of clocks -- with prices to match. But I'm sure the shop was pleased we stopped by – one of our group bought seven clocks. After a tasty German lunch – with equally tasty German beer -- we headed for Schaffhausen, Germany, to view the Rhine Falls. It was another beautiful day and the falls put on its finest display of foaming water and sun-sparkled spray. As we headed “home” we were again treated to the bucolic beauty of the landscape.

Our last night in Luzern, everyone gravitated to their favorite restaurant. I must admit, sitting with friends aboard the boat-restaurant on Lake Luzern as the setting sun turned the snow on Mount Pilatus and the distant Alps a soft, gentle, shade of pink, I was overwhelmed by the beauty and grandeur God has created – and I was privileged to behold.

Day nine began early in the morning (4:00 A.M. isn't an early morning – it's more of a non-night) but everyone was reasonably conscious and mobile. The bus ride to the airport was somewhat subdued but our tour guide, Angelica, gave us a good briefing on what, where, and how to get through customs with minimum stress or delay (which we did). She also promised not to describe Spanish hat trimmings to future tourists (Bus1 local joke). The flight to Atlanta was smooth and uneventful (10 hours). In Atlanta we had to go through American Customs (again no problem) but then had to take off our shoes and be re-screened before we could get on our flight to Columbus.

In retrospect, it is still hard to realize all we did and saw and experienced. The thousands of pictures (now developed) seem trivial and are totally incapable of recording the magnificence of our travels. Each of us has our own special memories of a certain time, place, or event during the trip-- but everyone agrees this was a unique opportunity to be with a wonderful group of people sharing a truly remarkable journey. To Potentate Mowry and the World of Travel, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for – an extraordinary trip, indeed!

CHANTERS – PATRIOTISM IS IN THE AIR

Memorial Day has come and gone and by the time you read this, you will be preparing for your Fourth of July celebration.

Memorial Day this year is one that I will long remember. Our Chanters were honored and privileged to sing, at the Worthington parade, for Lima Company. We sang the "Navy Hymn," the "Marine Hymn," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "God Bless America." A very moving experience to be sure! Potentate Dee Mowry addressed the troops and delivered a very entertaining speech which the soldiers truly enjoyed and the Aladdin Shrine Legion of Honor presented Lima Company with a sizeable contribution for their Memorial.

At the last Ladies Night, hosted by Nancy Wilson, they decorated flower pots and planted flowers. The beautiful little flower pots were delivered by Brent and Nancy Wilson to Friendship Village for the enjoyment of the residents there.

Now that summer is here, we only have a few dates to remember:

July 28	Chanters Picnic
August 8	Chanters Golf outing
August 11	Baltimore Parade
August 17	Bucyrus Parade

It seems that we have quite a few Chanters and their Ladies in sick bay this month. Frank Ingram is closing in on his last chemotherapy treatment and says he is doing pretty well. Jack Harris, after a second go-round for a severe bacterial infection, will spend time recovering in a rehab facility. Ralph Hughes is going through a very difficult chemotherapy series of treatments and it's knocking him down pretty hard. Ralph's Lady Betty is recovering from a pretty tough bout of sciata and is in rehab. Gwen

Porshinsky is at home taking treatments and Howard says she is responding very well. I am sure I missed somebody, so please forgive me and keep all of our Chanters and their Ladies in your thoughts and prayers.

Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. Remember our brave soldiers in harms way and God Bless America!

Some years ago, as a Jaycee, I had the opportunity to read the following at a Fourth of July event and I want to share it with all of you.

I AM THE FLAG...
I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.
I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom. I am confident.
I am arrogant. I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped. I am saluted.
I am loved. I am revered.
I am respected and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war
For more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg,
Shiloh and Appomattox.
I was there at San Juan Hill,
The trenches of France,
In the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome
And the beaches of Normandy, Guam,

by Brent Wilson

Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam,
Iraq twice, Afghanistan know me,
I was there.

I led my troops,
I was dirty, battle-tested and tired,
But my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

America has been attacked by cowardly fanatics
And many lives have been lost
But those who would destroy me cannot win
For I am the symbol of freedom,
Of one nation Under God Indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.

I have been burned, torn and trampled
On the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn
And trampled on the streets of my country.
And when it's by those whom I've served in battle it hurts.
But I shall overcome for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth
And stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space
From my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness
To all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages
For my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms
Of a grieving parent
At the grave of their fallen son or daughter
I am proud.

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY. LONG MAY I WAVE.

Steubenville Reports...

by Anthony Violi

The May 4th meeting of the Steubenville Shrine Club was called to order by club President Noble Bob Moffatt at 7:30 p.m. in Aladdin Land. He led the Nobility in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our great country. Prayer was offered by Ill. Noble Henri Albert. Reported ill is Glen Sneaten, father of Noble Larry Sneaten. He is now at home improving. It was good to see Tabloid Chairman Noble Bill Alexander. He is using a cane and able to attend the meeting. He thanked all who sent cards and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Black Camel again visited our club taking Noble Bill Emery to his eternal resting place. Condolence was extended to the family.

The minutes of the April meeting, as presented by Secretary Noble Leonard Morris, as well as the financial report, as presented by Treasurer Noble Jerry Williams, were accepted. President Moffatt reported that because of the reconstruction of our clubhouse, there is much work to be done cleaning up in and around our facility. He encouraged all Shriners, who are able, to aid in this project.

Motor Patrol Chairman Noble Jim Halstead informed the nobility that the patrol had a successful parade in Amsterdam and are scheduled to perform in Richmond on Memorial Day. Parades are also scheduled in Wintersville and Steubenville. He emphasized that bikes are available and riders are needed to better expose our philanthropy.

Transportation Chairman Noble B. J. Johnson informed the Nobility that a two month old child, who was abused, was being evaluated in Erie. The child was seriously injured and may be blind and also unable to walk. Nobles, this is what we are all about. To help children. Be proud to be a Shriner.

Noble Ken Gorney, who is on the Board of Governors at the Erie Hospital, attended a meeting in Erie. He informed the Nobility that drivers are needed to transport children. If interested and able, contact Noble Ken. Noble Jim Halstead, who has been doing a lot of reconstruction work at the clubhouse, requested help. He has installed new, efficient lights and re-arranged switches. In addition, he installed three new circuit breakers in the upstairs kitchen, as well as new outlets for the speaker system. He was commended and applauded for his efforts in behalf of the club.

We were sadden to hear that Noble Ken Gorney Jr., due to personal reasons, was forced to resign as first vice president. Nominated to replace him was Noble Danny Moffatt, son of President Bob Moffatt. He was sworn in by Ill. Noble Henri Albert in an abbreviated ceremony. Golf outing chairman, Noble Al Dubois, reminded the Nobility that the golf tournament will be held on June 26. Nobles Charles Morris, Gene Groves, and Bill Alexander volunteered to assist.

Welcomed back were 'Snowbirds' Nobles Whity Bauman and his Lady Peg, Jack Wilson and his Lady Martha, Bill Bell and his Lady Loretta, and Don King and his Lady Lois.

The writer of this article was applauded for reaching his 89th birthday today, May 4, He was pleased to share it with his follow Nobles. Local Lodge reports were given. Twenty-five and fifty year members, as well as past presidents, were introduced. Distinguished Masons, Ill. Ben Moxley, 33°, KYCH, MSA VSA; Ill. Henri Albert 33°; Jerry Williams, KYCH; and Anthony Violi, MSA, were acknowledged. A closing prayer was extended by Ill. Noble Henri Albert. Delicious refreshments were available. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA

Southeast Shrine

by Cecil Moore

Thursday, May 24, was our regular scheduled Southeast Shrine Club meeting. We had 22 present. Our president, Jim Hoops, decided to check other locations for our meeting and dinner. We wanted a change of food and atmosphere; it was a very good idea and was approved by all the club Nobles.

After careful consideration and debate, it was decided to go to the Hometown Buffet on Chantry Drive, which turned out to be a great idea. Their food is of very high quality and they have a great selection. I'm sure, like myself, everyone ate all they cared to and enjoyed it very much. It was great.

President Jim decided to dispense of our regular business meeting and just make it a casual social affair so we could just circulate around among ourselves and talk with each other for an evening of fun and enjoyment.

Our next meeting place has not been decided so watch for the letter from Pete to inform us of a time and place. We are sure Jim will pick a place with good food.

We still have a number of Nobles and/or their wives who are ill and need to be called. You, who are under the weather, please don't wait for others to give me the information. Please call me yourself so I can pass it along to everyone. My number is 614-759-9357.

Southeast Tabloid sales will be June 15-16 with Pete Ransburg in charge. He needs all the help he can get to make it successful. If you can lend a hand, it would be appreciated.

Our annual fish fry and corn roast will be August 3 at the American Legion on South High Street where we have had it for the past several years. So, show up for the best fish and corn of the season. That's all for now.

PROVOST UNIT

by John Rohal

The May Provost meeting was well attended and included Divan members Dan Stainbrook, Mike VanHuss, and Steve Hathaway. Returning snowbirds included Bob Cannon, Ken Kabelka, Russ Miller, Don Slemmer, and Bob Snyder. Our sincere condolences go to Harry A. Lewis who lost his wife, Delores, on May 21. She will be sadly missed by all of us.

There were three applications for new memberships which were read for the first time. It was decided at this time that a check will be required when an application is submitted.

Director Jon Kinney announced that Catering By-Design will increase the cost of our dinners by a small amount. And, in accordance with our by-laws, payment for each month's bill must be approved by the membership. Jon also discussed the upcoming parades and stressed the importance of attendance.

June birthday celebrants include Robert J. Albright, Milton E. (Ed) Bisbocci, Thomas E. Cline, Charles E. Custer, James S. (Steve) Hathaway, Ronald W. Hobensack, George C. Kosbab, Benjamin T. Owings, Frederick O. Rake, and James W. VanGundy.

It was noticed that Don and Denny Campbell took the liberty of sitting at the Licking County Mafia table for the dinner. Talk about nerve! I was greatly impressed by my dinner companions: Dale Cline, Jack Bope, Gene Custer, Bob Madill, and Jack VanGundy. The main topic of conversation was funerals, i.e. regular burial vs. cremation. Good timing; the Ohio funeral directors convention was in town this week. Speaking of Jack Bope, he became a great grandfather in April.

Mike Gray reported on the Wal-Mart Golf Tournament which benefits the Shriners Burns Hospital in Cincinnati. Unfortunately, the only Shriner unit or club to contribute as a sponsor was the Provost Unit. I certainly hope our fraternity is not forgetting our philanthropy. Our unit donated \$1,000.00 to Tabloid Day and Corky Talbot was appointed as our representative.

Dale Cline reported on the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield where we already have 25 gate cuts. He also announced that members who work a gate cut for an entire day would receive two days credit towards the appreciation dinner. Ed Everhart will replace the ailing Ted Shaeffer as supervisor of the Route 745 parking lot. We are also to be involved in a parking detail on May 18 at Muirfield when Children's Hospital will have their appreciation dinner.

Bob Snyder discussed the history of the Provost Unit – when and how we started, the appointments of our three Past Potentates and our three present members of the Divan.

Howard Beane reported on the recent one-day trip to the Argosy in Indiana. Apparently everyone had a great time, but Howard neglected to mention getting lost on the return trip.

Our seriously ill members now include Louis A. Mitchell and Ted Shaeffer.

On May 16, I was fortunate to be able to attend a meeting of the NexGen, a new group of our young Shriners that is now being formed. They are all very enthusiastic and are making plans to become active. Several members are also active members of the Provost Unit, including Jerame Dixon, their leader, and Mike Gray. Wish them luck.

We congratulate Kristen M. Rohal, daughter of James and Cindy Rohal, who graduated from Kent State University College of Nursing, Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, on May 13. Oh yes, she's the granddaughter of John and Mary Rohal. Guess that's enough for now, see y'all.

PAST MASTERS

by Dick Bull

By the time you read this, the unit members will have completed another successful project of assisting the Provost Unit in parking cars at the Memorial Tournament.

To correct an error in the last *Lamp*, our unit is performing the second section and lecture of the Master Mason Degree at University Lodge #631, F. & A.M. on Tuesday, June 19. It is Past Masters Night at University and the Lodge Past Masters are participants in the First Section.

On Saturday, June 9, our unit members visited Constitution Lodge #426, F. & A.M in New Marshfield (Athens County) to portray the Master Mason Degree. A fine dinner preceded the work. George Dresher coordinated the day's affair.

Past Masters members are planning to assist in parking cars for the airshow at Rickenbacker AFB on September 27, 28, 29, 30. The Flying Nobles are overseeing this project.

Congratulations to our first vice president, John Mashburn, who was selected to serve a three-year term as a member-at-large on the Valley of Columbus AASR executive committee.

All of our hospitalized members are now at home or back to work. These include Art Lofton, Bob Sims, and Bob Roof. We wish them well on their recovery efforts. Daun Knox is doing therapy following two knee joint replacements.

About seven of our members will be attending the Imperial Session in Anaheim, California over the Fourth of July.

It is not too early to be thinking about the Ambassadors Club golf outing at St. Albans on Tuesday, August 7. Our unit is a sponsoring participant in this annual event.

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Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on May 16 at Kenton Armory. It was a special meeting as we were honored to have 16 guests from Aladdin Temple. They treated us to a Cold Sands Ceremonial for the 12 candidates who joined our Shrine family. Our total attendance for the evening was 76 with 16 from Aladdin, 12 new Nobles, and 48 of our Hardin County Shrine Club members.

The evening started at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremonial went well and the candidates were impressed with the entire program.

We welcome the following new Nobles to Aladdin Shrine: Ryan Michel, Brian Wingfield, Tom Jolliff, Michael Mermann, Paul Cramer, Venard Frater, Murrell Fryor, Keith McKee, Ross Lohrber, Joe Cramer, Mike Wood, and Chuck Fulkerson. We hope all will become active members of our club.

We were all invited to attend the Hot Sands Ceremonial at Aladdin Temple on October 6.

We dined on a good meal cooked and served by Nobles Gilbert, Wagner, Osborn, Sorgen, and Lew Hanna. Well done, Nobles.

Our June meeting will be our regular Potentate's visit on June 13 at Don Doll's pond.

We need to keep in mind that June 15 - 16 are our annual Tabloid Days and we need all the help we can get in this important fund raiser for our Shrine Hospitals.

We wish happy birthday to Nobles Lorenzo Guckes who is 86 and to Corda Spearman who is 99 and recently received his 60-year pin from the Forest Masonic Lodge #378. We wish both Nobles the very best and congratulate Noble Spearman.

We must always remember "Aladdin Lights the Way."

Marching with The Legion

by Dick Luckay

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Commander Robert Spencer's community outreach program made itself evident prior to the start of the Worthington Memorial Day Parade. It was a special program to recognize, honor, and award the men of Lima Company for their heroic actions in Iraq. Commander Spencer opened the program with a brief message of welcome to all, followed by the invocation by Aladdin Chaplain Rev. Don Pendell. The Aladdin Chanters were then introduced and sang rousing renditions of the Marine Hymn and Anchors Away. Potentate Mowry addressed the gathering with words of wisdom – some very pointed and not overly subtle – regarding politicians more interested in winning reelection than in winning wars. Major Richard Luckay, USAF (Ret.), spoke regarding patriotism as it applies to each individual American. Commander Spencer then presented a check from the Aladdin Legion of Honor to Lima Company's Gunnery Sergeant Shawn Delgado. The \$1,000.00 contribution to the Lima Company Memorial Fund will be used to insure the completion of an appropriate remembrance for the twenty-two Lima Company men who did not return from Iraq. Chaplain Pendell closed the ceremony with a benediction. Commander Spencer is to be congratulated for this most worthwhile and appropriate recognition of those who served and sacrificed. It was a proud day for Aladdin Shrine and its Legion of Honor.

PARADE REPORT – It is that time of year again and the parade schedule is in full swing. The Ice Cream Festival Parade in Utica saw Aladdin out in full force on a beautiful Saturday morning. When it was time for the Aladdin contingent to move out, the Color Guard and the Divan stepped out smartly down the parade route. Then Murphy's Law struck once again. The ignition on the Legion Jeep decided to take some time off and refused to start the vehicle. Normally, when this happens it's possible to push-start the Jeep. Not this time. It refused to start. Period. As a last resort someone found some jumper cables somewhere and with crossed fingers (and a dire threat directed at the Jeep) the ignition was tried again – and this time it decided to cooperate. Of course, the Color Guard and Divan were well down the road before they were informed the rest of Aladdin was still at the starting gate. In less than a precise military maneuver they ambled off the parade route – looking back to see if any Aladdinites were yet in sight. Our semi-frantic parade marshall then stopped the rest of the parade so the Jeep – and the rest of its entourage – could move out and hurriedly rejoin its leaders. Once reassembled, things returned to normal and the parade viewers were unaware of any difficulties. Out front carrying the colors (for a while -- way out in front) were Commander Robert Spencer and Legionobles Bob Krieger and Dick Ollila. Riding in the Jeep were Legionobles Guy White, Sr. and Dick Luckay. It was a good parade (once the Jeep decided to move-out) and the afterglow provided good food and welcome cool libations.

The Worthington Memorial Day Parade went off without a hitch. The weather was absolutely beautiful and the crowd was tremendous. Seemed everyone had American flags and waved them as Aladdin passed by. The Chanters were the hit of the Aladdin contingent by singing all of the service songs and some patriotic ones as well. It was great to hear the Chanters – but it was even better to hear the crowd join in with them when there was a temporary halt to the parade. There were an estimated 25,000-30,000 parade viewers and it was a great day to be an American. Carrying the Colors again were Commander Robert Spencer and Legionobles Dick Ollila and Bob Krieger. Driving the Jeep (this time with no ignition problems) was Legionoble John Hart with Guy White, Sr. and Dick Luckay riding shotgun. Two parades in three days – maybe it's not a record but a darn good showing for both Aladdin and the Legion.

Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

I certainly want to give a great big "thank you" to Noble Homer Hankins for collecting and cleaning all those great ramps that we served on May 3. They really hit the spot. Smelled good too! We also want to congratulate Noble George Stover for receiving a plaque from the 12th Masonic District for not missing a Blue Lodge inspection for 25 years. Now that is quite an accomplishment. We had a nice turn-out for our Cold Sands Ceremonial on May 12 which was conducted by Aladdin Temple. We wish to congratulate each new Noble and hope to be reporting on several new members next month.

Touching Tale - I wish to relate a touching tale about Noble Chuck Easter and his lovely Lady Joanne. Lady Joanne is battling cancer. Unfortunately Joanne's treatments have caused her to lose her hair. Noble Chuck decided to shave his own head completely bald. Not only did he shave his own head but also the family dog. Now that is the "Noble" thing to do. Noble Chuck and Lady Joan, our prayers are with you.

Vidalias Sold Out - The Vidalia onions arrived and were they ever good this year. I know we ran out so I hope everyone got a taste.

Special Spoon - Noble Guy Guinther is selling a very "special" bean spoon for \$5.00 each. All the proceeds are going toward our Tabloid collections. I think everyone will want one of these special spoons. For more information, see Noble Guy. We will have lots of Tabloid news next time.

Lamp Aids Visiting Noble - I do know at least one person reads our articles. Noble Ross Thomas from the Marietta Shrine Club called me and said he got my name out of the *Lamp*. He is working down our way and asked if he could come visit on Thursdays. He was heartily welcomed and has been stopping in for supper and some "noble" hospitality. Welcome Noble Ross.

Fishing Derby - Don't forget the Fishing Derby on June 16. It is not too early to start thinking about the Gallia County Junior Fair gate project. The fair dates are July 30, 31, August 1, 2, 3, and 4. We are looking for a new gate "Captain" for gate #3. I have enjoyed this position in the past and am now willing to allow another to enjoy the privilege of serving the club. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Noble Mel Craft as soon as possible.

Remember, Nobles and Ladies, you brought nothing into this world and it is certain you will carry nothing out. See you for supper, 6:30 p.m., Thursdays.

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NEXGEN

Club for Younger Shriners

This month marks the second organized meeting and our numbers are starting to grow. We started with four and we had twelve at this meeting. I hope we can continue the trend.

I would like to thank all who attended and look forward to seeing all of you next month and don't forget to bring a friend.

During our gathering, we discussed a NexGen party at Scioto Downs on June 29, which I hope to have set up by our next meeting. We also discussed having a toga party in the fall and we will be setting up a planning committee when next we meet.

Aaron Dominey gave an update on our mascot/logo for the club and I hope to present some of the choices to the club soon. After some input from our members, we will be organizing our meets differently to better discuss the topics of the day.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday June 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oasis. If you have any questions please send an e-mail at dixonj7@yahoo.com.

Travel Notice!

A former first lady of Aladdin advised me that she had received many telephone calls inquiring about the travel arrangements for the Aladdin Switzerland Travel Group. (She was not on the trip).

We provided a complete set of travel documents for all our travelers, their families, and friends. We were in contact on a continuous basis with our local tour company, World of Travel. As there were no problems encountered with the travel plans, it was unnecessary to do updated hourly reports. A complete set of travel documents was faxed to the temple office on 4/16/07 at 1:42 p.m. which included the bus assignments, an hour-by-hour schedule, names of guides etc. This information was not published in the *Lamp* because of the length of the documents and timing.

I offer my most sincere and abject apologies to the persons who were worried/concerned about our welfare. In the future, should questions of this nature arise, please call the Shrine office at 1-800-475-3850, ext. 13, as the up-to-date and definitive information will be available at this number.

Most sincerely, D. Dee Mowry, Potentate

NOTICE

Please note that Noble Frank Habeker has been named Aladdin Parade Marshal, effective at once.

We offer our sincere thanks to Steve Knight who has served ably in this capacity for the past few years.

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AUCTION PROVIDES CIRCUS ATMOSPHERE

by Mike Flynn

As fast as Auctioneer Jason Langley can talk, he couldn't talk his way out of "buying" one of the centerpiece items for sale at a recent Washington Shrine Club auction.

Langley was taking bids on a chance to serve as an honorary ringmaster as a performance of next year's Aladdin Shrine Circus when someone in the audience of more than 30 persons at the Paul H. Hughey American Legion building thought the gabby local auctioneer should get that distinction.

Completely unaware of the prank being pulled just a few rows from the podium, Langley kept taking bids while a cellular phone call was placed to his wife, Pam, who produced a winning bid of \$65.00 and provided some comedy-filled moments to launch the club's annual *Tabloid* fund raising campaign.

While the donation furnished by Aladdin Shrine Circus chairman and local club member, John Morris, made it possible for Langley to display his skills as a ringmaster next March, the highlight of the May 23 dinner meeting's agenda was the sale of a framed, first-edition *Tabloid* autographed by Potentate David Dee Mowry.

The *Tabloid* fetched a winning bid of \$1,500.00 from Stevens Auto Sales and Carroll Halliday, Inc. Club President Charles Stevens, proprietor at Stevens Auto Sales, said the two local car dealerships purchased the auction's featured item in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Gebhart. Dr. Gebhart, a Washington Court House physician and the club's longtime medical director, is battling health issues.

The *Tabloid* sale and Langley's purchase helped the club raise some \$4,000 in just over 90 minutes for the June *Tabloid* drive, being chaired this year by second-year director Tom Shields. Also, sold at the auction were nearly a dozen wooden items handcrafted by Third Vice President Jim Moser, a family circus ticket and food package provided by Morris, autographed sports memorabilia and candy basket. In all, the auction of 20 miscellaneous items generated over \$1,000 from successful bidders.

Another \$1,000 was raised by club member Brian Tabit for the Crummy Fund. A syndicate of more than two dozen Shriners donated to this year's fund, established in 2002 and named in honor of the late John Crummy to provide seed money for the *Tabloid* auction.

Shields, who served as toastmaster for the program said his immediate goal is to top the half-million dollar mark in *Tabloid* donations since the inception of the project locally. The local Shrine club has raised a mind-numbing total of \$480,000 in contributions for the project. The project will be held June 15-16 in Washington C.H., Greenfield, and Jeffersonville.

The *Tabloid* drive's importance was underscored in keynote speeches delivered by Brandi Pearce, a former burn patient and wife of Shriner Dan Pearce; past Aladdin Potentate Gary Parks, a member of the board of directors at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati; Aladdin *Tabloid* Chairman Bob Stevenson; and Aladdin Assistant Rabban Dan Stainbrook.

Stainbrook, who also serves as the Washington C.H. Club's divan representative, announced that the Aladdin Shrine Center had recently presented donations of \$286,000 to the hospitals in Lexington, Kentucky, Erie, Pennsylvania, and Cincinnati. Shrine clubs must raise \$1.9 million a day, or \$23.00 per second, to fund the organization's 22-hospital network, he said.

In an appeal for additional volunteers to staff this year's *Tabloid* campaign, Stevens said, "We're leaving a lot of money on the table when we don't have enough people to cover all of the assignments of street corners and in parking lots."

He added, "People get to laugh at us because we'll be standing out on the streets with our fezes on. But as we all know, some of them will empty all the change in their car ashtrays to help the kids."





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