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Still Rolling with The Pote!

by Daniel E. Stainbrook II



This past month was a very busy one in which we had the trip, circus, and SDA all crammed into it. The circus was here and now gone. If you didn't get there during its stay, you missed one the best in many, many years. It was one that kept all the kids, even adult kids like me, entertained throughout each performance. I tried to keep up with tradition, mainly with Ill Sir Owen Johnson, M.D., P.P., by standing in the center of the motorcycle sphere on their last act. What a great experience it was to have a motorcycle zooming around you in such a confined area and no place to run. P.S. - Owen, my lady didn't know anything about either, thanks to C.H.



Enough of old news. If, you were planning on the going to Santee for the Golf Trip, it's too late. The bus is full. Try again next year; it is a good time for all.

There are numerous upcoming events of which most are taking place right here at the Aladdin Shrine Center. I still like saying Aladdin Temple, but in today's world, you must be P.C. First is the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, May 16 and, as last year, it is casual but with a western flair. There will be a great place for you to have someone take a picture (no professional setup). Please read the ad in the *Lamp*. I believe the cost is very reasonable for what is planned. Oh, the food is family style, just like in the old west days only with up-to-date tablewear. *Continued on page 2*

All ASHAC Contributions Go to Hospitals

Someone said that the services provided by the Shriners Hospitals for Children aren't just free, they are priceless. The generosity of tens of thousands of Nobles and friends of our fraternity has endowed and sustained our mission since 1922, resulting in Shriners Hospitals for Children being acclaimed "the world's greatest philanthropy."

Aladdin Shiners have done more than their fair share in fundraising for our hospitals. In addition to our annual tabloid sales, we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to underwrite medical care for children within the Shriners Hospital system and, locally, Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC). Unique in Shrinedom, ASHAC operates a local pediatric orthopedic clinic, provides grants to child healthcare programs in our region and annually contributes to the Shriners Hospitals operating fund. ASHAC depends on unsolicited monetary gifts to sustain our program.

The prevailing economic climate has brought about a significant decrease in donations to charities of all kinds; Shriners Hospitals and ASHAC are no exception. The financial stability of our organizations is further compromised by significant losses in our investments and endowment funds.

First and foremost, Shrine temples in North America are obligated to actively support our own philanthropy - Shriners Hospitals. More than ever, Shriners Hospitals need our help. And, we are eager to respond. This year, ASHAC will send 100 percent of its charitable dollars to our own hospitals. This donation will help insure uninterrupted care to the thousands of children who seek our specialized medical services.

Therefore, there will be no money available for distribution through our clubs and units to local child healthcare programs this year. We hope that ASHAC will be able to resume financial support of local child healthcare programs whenever the current economic environment improves and funding to our national program and ASHAC strengthens. ~ ASHAC Board of Directors

Membership 01/01/09	7010
Associate Membership 01/01/09	50
Total	7060

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	1	1
Restored	6	28
Associate Members	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	7	29
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS		7089
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	1	1
Deaths	23	53
Associates Dropped	0	1
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	24	55

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MEMBERSHIP ON THE MOVE

by Calvin Smith / Membership Marketing Director

Geez, Louise! It's April already. Easter has passed. The Audio Unit's Easter Egg Hunt at Aladdin was a success. God bless these Nobles for their excellent work.

Yard work – it's everywhere. March Madness is gone and spring Insanity has arrived. Baseball is on us from little league to the pros. So much comes with this season's new life: flowers, the grass, budding trees, new lambs, and calves.

Ancient tribes celebrated spring as it signaled a reawakening of life they could not explain except through faith. Our spirits are no less. They soar even though we are aware through science regarding why it gets warmer and the days get longer.

Spring is a chance for our fraternity to grow as well. Once more, I cite the Grand Lodge's One-Day Class on Saturday, June 13. We may be an older tree in the orchard and our sap may not rise as quickly as it once did, but, we still have worth. The longer days afford us opportunities to allow more men to bath themselves in the light of Masonry. You have until the end of April to get a petition for this class to your lodge secretary. GO FOR IT TODAY; NOT TOMORROW; TODAY.

Our opportunity extends beyond the One-Day Class. Aladdin will conduct a Ceremonial on Friday, June 26. See ad on page 3. It will be a good evening only if you help. Get a petition into the hands of a worthy man now.

A change in thought is required. In the past, we have had Brothers whose lives have been devastated by floods, hurricanes, tornados and drought. Some even lost their lives. Now, an even more invasive circumstance is upon us. Many of our fellow Masons are victims of the current economic recession. To them, it is a very real depression.

We need to be ready to help if we are able. Be aware of this when you speak to any man, he may be harboring feelings of failure. Be positive, regardless of your knowledge of his circumstances. You will help in a small way, but you will help. If he unloads; listen; give him hope.

Still Rolling with The Pote!

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I hope all Nobles are ready to get out there to make Tabloid Day a big success in this tough economy on May 9. As I stated, you do not have to do Tabloid on May 9. You may do it on any day after the kick-off. Within the Temple's immediate area, it was moved because of the Memorial Tournament. If the first weekend of June works for you, have a go at it and thank you.

Don't forget the Stag Picnic date has been changed from June 27 to June 20 due to technical problems. It is still a Saturday.

Now, for the one all Nobles should participate in, is the Aladdin Spring Ceremonial, Friday, June 26. It is an evening full-blown, First Section with a free dinner for the candidates and top-line signer. All other Nobles, it will cost you \$10.00 for dinner which starts at 6:30 p.m. Ceremonial starts at 7:15 p.m. Get your petitions in by the deadline of June 22. This ceremonial should be a carryover from the Grand Master's One-Day Class on June 13. Get a new Mason and bring him into the Shrine. Please read Ill. Sir Calvin's article for an in-depth description of the evening.

The Fall Ceremonial has changed from October 17 to October 24. I made it without hesitation even though it treads on sacred ground of an OSU home game, football Saturday. But, so be it. My reason is simple. We (Aladdin) had the chance to rent the temple for approximately \$18k or lose it. So, I made the change which is my policy. Any questions?

All you Nobles, remember the Grand Master will be at Aladdin for Masonic Night on April 27. Chief Rabban Bill Estell has worked hard to make this night memorable and show the Grand Master what good degree work our Past Master's Unit does, not only within Aladdin, but as it travels round to various districts in our jurisdiction.

It is still not too late to sign up for the 2009 Imperial in San Antonio. Just see Kim at the temple to get you registered for a good time as we have not been there since 1993.

Please read your *Lamp*. It is packed full of information and you just might miss something you wanted to attend. Remember to participate! It's your Shrine. Let's Roll Again!



Aladdin's *Tabloid Times*

by **Bob Stevenson**

"What more can I say about why we do this?" ~ Bob Stevenson



Madeline Oury, a patient at our Lexington Shriners Hospital for Children, talks with Ill. Potentate Sir Daniel Stainbrook II. Madeline is the daughter of Worthington Shrine Club Noble Glenn Oury. (See page 14 article.)

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Noble Questionnaire

Officers of your Aladdin Shrine Center are interested in updating your needs, desires, opinions, concerns, and seek your comments. Please complete this questionnaire so we can best serve you. It is our desire to build quality and value in your Shrine membership and hope you will cherish it forever. Thank you for responding.

~Yours in The Faith, Illustrate Potentate Dan Stainbrook

Profession: _____

Are you interested in joining either a club or unit? Club: _____ Unit: _____

If a unit, what kind?

Music Marching Hospitality Audio Medical Clowns Outdoor Past Masters Senior

Do you feel wanted or welcome when attending the Shrine Center? _____

Are you interested in any type of leadership role? Yes ___ No ___

Do or have you attended a Stated Meeting? _____

What would encourage you to attend more? _____

Does the Lamp inform you adequately regarding activities and what is your opinion of the Lamp?

Have you ever visited a Shrine Hospital? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like to visit a Shrine Hospital? Yes ___ No ___

What Can the Shrine Center do to improve your participation and how can we attract younger members?

Noble: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail to:

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Pipes & Drums

by Mike Wilson

The circus has come and gone, but what a great time! If you missed it, you missed a chance to see the excitement in the children's faces and amazement to the acts, routines, and thrills the performers provided.

We send out a great round of applause to our own Noble Zale in keeping things under control for the band. It's safe to say we exceeded our expectations and had a lot of fun, although Zale may still be recovering!

This year we had 100% turnout from members. Thanks go to all the Nobles, ladies, and family members who joined to make this a great success. Without their help and dedication, it wouldn't have been possible.

Now, it's back to practice and preparation for the parades and other activities that will be coming along sooner than you think. As always, for some of our members who haven't been available, come on out to practice and get ready for the activities ahead. Think how many smiles we can bring and of the ways we touch other people's lives in a positive way. They remember and happiness makes the days go better.

May your drones keep sounding and the breezes keep ya cool.

Senior Shriners

by Dick Snow

The Senior Shriners met in the Oasis Room for their monthly luncheon. A small crowd was in attendance but that did not deter the enthusiasm of those present. President Noble Dick Lodgson opened the meeting and Noble Don Pendell gave the blessing which was followed by the pledgeto our flag.

Distinguished Masons recognized were Harry Reissig, Past Potentate and a 33 ° Mason, and Noble Dick Snow, KYCH. Lunch was served. President Lodgson gave a few remarks passed out menus for the remainder of the year and will be printed for the upcoming luncheon meetings.

Noble Dick Snow announced that the minutes of the February luncheon were printed in the Lamp. The speaker did not show so the luncheon meeting was closed.

The Senior Shriners will meet next month on Wednesday, April 22 with a luncheon of beef stew and mashed potatoes and, of course, a dessert. This meeting will be the annual visit of the Potentate and his Divan. Please mark your calendars for this important date.

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

The Flying Nobles will continue to meet at the Medflight hanger at OSU Airport. Last month, we were unsure if we could continue to meet there but Commander Beymer got the problem solved for us. It is an ideal place for our club to meet and we are treated well. You can fly or drive to the meetings.

The 2009 Aladdin Shrine Circus is history and I hope Aladdin did well. We had a lot of dedicated men working to make it a success. Circus Director John Morris is doing a great job.

David Ray has the plans made for Oshkosh on July 29 - August 2. It will be a five-day trip with three days at the convention. Accommodations are made for four nights at the University of Wisconsin and the rooms will be air conditioned. We have always taken a fan to try to get a good night's sleep in prior years. If you are interested in going, call Dave at 614-205-3808.

May 9 is our meeting day and it is Tabloid Day. We will be working the Tabloids that day so don't go to Medflight. Our June 13 meeting will be a flyout to Carroll County.

Tom Ruggles is still working at getting some health problems taken care of and then he can schedule his surgery for the bone marrow transplant. Our very best wishes for Tom. He has been through a lot and he is ready for anything.

The value of planes is dropping like everything else as you probably know. A friend of mine has been trying to sell his Cessna Cardinal, and he said the book value dropped \$20,000 over the last several months.

Gallipolis Shrine

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

THE ONIONS ARE COMING; THE ONIONS ARE COMING! Noble David McQuaid just told me that he has been able to secure additional bags of onions. Those previously ordered have been sold. So, get your orders to Noble Dave ASAP. Don't be left out this time.

The results are in from our 2009 Pool Tournament. There were many lively games because there was a large turnout of Nobles competing for the crown this year. Congratulations go to Noble Scott Reuter, Champion. Second place went to Noble Mike Blaine and third place to Noble Jack Richards.

Dr. Dan Whitely, our Gallia County coroner, stopped by and had supper with us on March 5. Dr. Whitely, who spent a year as a surgeon in one of our Shriners burns hospitals, just wanted to thank all Shriners for the fantastic services we provide to burned and crippled children. Words of encouragement like these make us all proud to be a part of Shrinedom. Thank you, Dr. Whitely.

Hillbilly Clan # 7 had a nice St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance on March 14. Raban of the Clan, Noble Rodney Fulks and his Lady Peggy, did a great job decorating. Green was everywhere and the Nobles, Ladies, and guests enjoyed a delicious steak dinner followed by a rousing evening of karaoke.

By the time you read this, we will have had a trip to the dog track and the poker tournament will have been completed. We will have had a Tabloid kick-off dinner. See, I told you that you need to keep up with the schedule of events.

Our President, Noble Steve Saunders, is presenting a lively schedule of events for 2009. You can get a copy of planned events from Noble Steve. Atta-Boy Noble President. Keep up the good work.

We look forward to a Ladies Night Dinner and Dance on May 16. The Centerville Parade will be May 23; we always have a good turnout for this one. Following is the Gallipolis Parade on May 25. All Nobles are invited to our parades; you can ride on the fire truck, the bus, the little cars, or some other form of locomotion.

On a sad note, the Black Camel has stolen through our oasis once again. We lost Noble Ron Noe on January 16 and Noble Jim Gordon died during March. They will be sadly missed by family and friends.

The Gallipolis Shrine Club is taking a trip to Las Vegas; leaving Columbus Airport on Tuesday, July 21 and returning on Friday, July 24. We will have four days and three nights at the Imperial Palace. Las Vegas is always an exciting destination. So if you want to go, contact this writer at 740-245-5371 ASAP. Reservations are now subject to availability.

Remember, Nobles and Ladies, always show goodwill to those you meet. If it is not reciprocated, nothing is lost. If it is, celebrate. See you on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for supper.

Bucyrus Shrine

by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with a prayer led by Noble Don Hieber. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by President Noble Tim Miller. Noble Dave Crum's Palmer House catered the meal. The meal was pork, baked potatoes, Lima beans, banana salad and pie.

The Black Camel took Bucyrus Shrine Club's dear friend and Noble, Carl E. Cline, on March 21.

Noble Pete Roll reported the Sunshine Noble Bob Laipply is home from the nursing home. Noble Jerry Staiger is recuperating from an auto accident which occurred on the trip home from the Aladdin Shrine Circus.

Calling all Bucyrus Shrine Club members: May 8-9 are Tabloid days. Please sign up to help with the Tabloid. Bucyrus Shrine Club's next meeting will be April 27.

Ross County

by Harold Miller

We had another great meeting and meal this month; thanks go to Nobles Brad Burns, Bob Branick, and the crew for a fine feast.

Cards for "under the weather" brethren were sent to Nobles John Counts and Carl Payne. Our sympathy goes to Marc Ater for the passing of his father.

Noble Mike Bell spoke on the Shrine circus trip; we had 400 kids from six different schools. Thanks go to all Nobles who helped.

Tabloid Days Are May 8 - 9. If you can help, please call Bobby Anderson. May 2 is the Mothers Day Dinner; call Jay Morgan for reservations. Our next meeting is April 23.

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Chaplain's Message

by Chaplain William R. Stump

Here am I. Send me. Isaiah 6:8

"OUCH!" That little needle taking a sample of my blood can hurt. Even a flu shot can cause pain.

Imagine great big spikes (nails) pounded through your hands and feet. Then add your weight on those nails. Do you think that would smart a little? I can't imagine the intense pain. Remember His back was ripped to shreds during the beatings before He was placed on the rough cross. What agony! Why? Why did He do it?

LOVE is the answer. In addition to the familiar John 3:16 (look it up in your Bible), Jesus later says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." (John 15:12-14 NIV.)

The Prophet Isaiah, about 700 years earlier, wrote, "But he (Jesus) was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5 NIV.)

A robber deserves punishment by civil authorities. If we sin against God, does that mean we deserve punishment from Him? Yes. However, the blood of the Messiah paid the debt for our transgressions and iniquities. He received our penalty. His nail prints prove it.

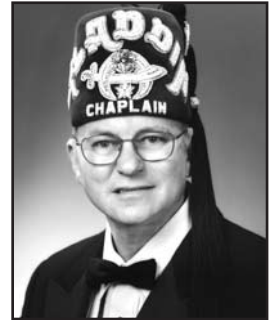
"But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (John 5:8 NIV.) We are sinners now.

"Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life." (Romans 5:9-10 NIV.)

Justified is an interesting word. I think of it as "just as if I'd" never sinned. His blood on the cross paid the penalty. To be reconciled, your list of debts must match your assets. No debt! And some thought Easter was about cute bunnies and colored eggs.

Who was murdered on that cross almost 2,000 years ago? Jesus said, "I and the

Father are one." (John 10:30 NIV.) This is verified ten chapters later. After He was crucified, Jesus was raised from the dead (the Resurrection). Jesus was seen by many people.



He appeared to His disciples while Thomas was absent. "A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' (John 20:26-28 NIV.)

Without the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, there would be no Easter celebration, no hope, no forgiveness of sins, no salvation, and no demonstration of God's LOVE. This is the message of Easter.

Provost

by John Rohal



Normally, this article would begin with a report of the comings and goings of those of us who traveled with the Potentate on the recent Aladdin Shrine trip to Punta Cana. However, upon arrival, the attending Provost members (in the absence of the reporter) took a vote and immediately suspended the reporter from his duties for a seven-day period. I am only able to report on Provost members and their ladies who attended: Bob Albright and Mary Jo Smith, Clyde and Elaine Cook, Bill and Martha Dountz, Steve and Betsy Hathaway, Jon and Cindy Kinney, John and Mary Rohal, Dan and Ann Stainbrook, Gene and Betty Steineman, Mike and Beth VanHuss, Art and Barbara Wilson and our Divan Rep. Garol and Dixie Rogers.

I report, for the benefit of Dwight Radcliff, both Bill and Martha Dountz had one real tough time getting through the TSA security at Cincinnati's airport. As we were leaving the resort, we could not help notice Clyde Cook prancing around wearing beaded necklaces (he took Elaine's also).

Ron Leonard became quite ill on the day of our departure and was taken off

the aircraft and transported to a Cincinnati hospital. We all wish he and Elaine the very best and pray for a speedy recovery. Thanks go to Bill Amspaugh who had the knowledge and assisted Ron during the flight from Punta Cana to Cincinnati.

The March meeting had excellent attendance and a great meal. Russ Duffy attended and looked good. Danny Augg attended and has had his share of health problems. Also attending were Bob Albright who had eye surgery and Kelly Raines who recently had cancer surgery on his nose.

Membership was approved for Randal Smith, a lieutenant in the Columbus Division of Police. Director Jon Kinney discussed the numerous parades for this year and stressed the importance of our participation.

Bob Cannon spoke on the Imperial Council Session in San Antonio. Reservations are not as high as anticipated. He urged those who want to attend to get their reservations in quickly.

P.P. Don Goodman, Aladdin's recorder, reported the Imperial is considering expanding membership to countries outside North America, Canada, and Mexico.

Our sick and injured includes Jake Borror

who had an aortic aneurysm, Wendel W. Webb who had double by-pass surgery, and David Sturtz who had surgery to place a rod in his back. Bill George has moved to assisted living and Gene Custer and Fred Crow are not doing too well.

The unit approved contributing \$1,000.00 to Tabloid Day, and \$1,200.00 to support the Daughters of the Nile.

Potentate Dan Stainbrook discussed the Potentate's Ball and Imperial Council Session.

April birthday celebrants are James Bodi, James A. Brown Jr., Dale R. Cline, Robert D. Laird, Ralph B. Mason, Thomas W. Tobin, and Stewart M. Webster.

Congratulations go to new Band Director Jim Esswein (probably another tuba player) and the best to Tom Dale on his "retirement." Speaking of band members, I read that Harry Reissig might finally be admitting his age. He is getting active in the Senior Shriners.

We wish a speedy recovery to Bob Pierce after his by-pass surgery. Bob was one of our original gate cut supervisors at Muirfield.

And now as Don Goodman so aptly put it, "Let's all reinvest in the fraternity." Hope everyone has a VERY HAPPY EASTER.

JUST CLOWNING AROUND

by Jeff "Cee-Jay" Carter

Can you believe March has come and gone? The clowns started a busy season with March.

The clowns kicked off the month with the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade. A great group of clowns turned out for this event. Mike "Buckethead" Clark put together a new costume. The costume was green with shamrocks stitched down the sides. Rumor has it that some of the shamrocks got inadvertently stitched under the arm pits. You will have to ask and see if Buckethead will fess up to that.



March also brought the annual circus. As usual, all the clowns did an excellent job. The balloonist did a great job of making the kids happy. The face painters were once again a big hit. The photo booth even jumped into the modern ages. Yes, that's right! The clowns went digital. Randy "Curly" Bope and Lloyd "Skippy" Degonia showed their exceptional skills in running the photo booth. Curly kept a smile and a great sense of humor while Skippy couldn't help but do a great job with so many people telling him how to do it. This put Skippy in the first spot for a Happy Meal award. Boss Clown Toots wants everyone to know he is very happy with the way everything turned out – well, except for the mishap where Bill "Steins" Amspaugh let the camera blow up in his face. A bump of the nose goes to John "Checkers" Morris for another great job as circus director. Everyone was happy to see George "Z-Clown" Mather. Z-Clown made the long trip from Arizona to spend the circus with the crew.

The Circus Daddy pin this year featured Hobo Freddy. Wow, what a great looking pin! This is probably one of the best. It's only fitting that Freddy is on it. Congratulations, Freddy.

Don't forget we are still looking for new clowns. Let's look high and low for new blood and don't forget to look at your home Blue lodges.

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

The members of the unit enjoyed assisting the Reception Unit in ushering at the Aladdin Shrine Circus. In addition, we greeted residents from the Eastern Star Home in Mt. Vernon and the Ohio Masonic home in Springfield and made sure they were seated. We served a boxed dinner after the show.

April is a busy time as we travel to Frankfort Lodge #309, F & A.M. on Wednesday, April 15 to portray the Master Mason Degree at the request of Wor. Bro. Greg Cottrill and his officers. On Monday, April 27, we portray the Master Mason Degree for Masonic Night with The Shrine at Aladdin Shrine Center.

We have had our share of illnesses recently. Ron Leonard got ill at the end of the Shrine trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic and was in pure misery on the flight home. He ended up in the hospital in Florence, Kentucky. Bill Hartman was on the trip but he managed to get home before checking into Mt. Carmel West for internal bleeding problems. (Note: None of this had anything to do with the food or water on the trip. Jim Moser and I will testify to that.)

Gary Ballou is scheduled for head surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in early April to combat vertigo problems. Bob Diehl spent 17 days in St. Ann's Hospital with lung surgery and then was in rehab for about the same amount of time. He is home but very weak. We wish speedy healing for all of our ill.

Jim Bontrager's father is in serious condition in an Indiana hospital. Jim and Alice are spending as much time as possible with him.

Shiloh

by Tim Gillis

Hello, Nobles. I would like to start out by telling you that we now have added our brother Nobles from Vinton County (Taberah) to our Shrine club. We are very pleased to have them join us. I believe the club will continue to be named Shiloh. This is not official but I think it will soon be.

Anyway, welcome to Shiloh. We had a very nice meeting and meal last night although attendance was down. President Warren Waugh is doing a great job this year and is working on some projects for us.

Our Tabloid Day will remain the same as in the past – the first Saturday in June. Please set this date aside and give us a hand. As you all know, Aladdin has changed theirs to May but are allowing all clubs to keep their previously scheduled date.

We voted to give the Sons of American Legion some assistance with their Easter Egg Hunt this year with a donation of \$50. President Waugh also informed us that the apartment is now rented so we are back on track.

Unofficially, we may have five candidates for the June 26 Ceremonial and possibly five new members for Shiloh.

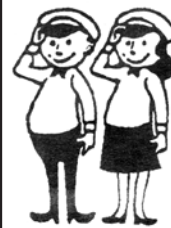
We would like to remind all members to attend our meetings on the second Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at 119 West Broadway, Wellston. Also, try to attend our breakfast the second and fourth Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

Birthdays for March are Hughie Farmer, David Sprague, and Harry Steel.

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Washington C.H. *by Mike Flynn*

While Aladdin Shrine Potentate Daniel E. Stainbrook basked in the spotlight during his annual pilgrimage to Washington Court House, two of the local club's unsung heroes went home clutching toast-of-the-town status symbols.

In his official visit to the Washington Shrine Club, Stainbrook presented two of the organization's most prestigious awards to Butch Witherspoon and P.R. Marshall at the dinner meeting held Saturday, March 14 at the Washington Country Club.

Witherspoon, the club's immediate past president, was named as the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award while Marshall received the coveted Ambassador designation. The awards are symbolic of the service provided by the duo and underscore the behind-the-scenes efforts employed by Witherspoon and Marshall in providing countless recipes for success for the club in dozens of fundraising activities in the community.

"You guys have earned it," Stainbrook told Witherspoon and Marshall as he presented the two high-profile awards.

Shrine Club President George Giammarino, who served as toastmaster for the program which attracted a crowd of nearly 60 Nobles and guests, presented the potentate and Aladdin's first lady, Ann, with traditional gifts from the club. Stainbrook received a \$650 donation for Aladdin's general operating fund and a leather bomber jacket emblazoned with his name and Shrine logo. A \$250 donation was presented to Mrs. Stainbrook for her two-year-old pet project, which provides college scholarships for former Shriner hospital burns and orthopedic patients. She also received a \$50 gift certificate.

Club First Vice President James Moser triggered some good-natured ribbing from Divan members when he presented the couple with framed photographs from a recent Aladdin-sponsored trip to the Dominican Republic.

Stainbrook plugged a couple of upcoming Aladdin Shrine events, including Ceremonials in June and October. His wife announced that she will be hosting a Hawaiian luau on April 22 and an October 2-4 trip to Louisville, Ky., which will include a casino visit, a dinner theatre trip, and a riverboat cruise.

Athens Shrine *by Fred Stanley*

The February meeting was attended by a large number of Nobles who enjoyed the excellent food prepared by our new chef in our newly installed kitchen.

I'd like to express my appreciation to all the Nobles who helped clean up our grounds from the big ice storm (we found out we're not as young as we once were).

One of our new Nobles, J. B. Hayes, has given us the opportunity to sell kettle corn at the Hocking College Music Festival in May with featured star Willie Nelson performing.

The Forked Run Gun Club in Meigs County will sponsor a Gun Shoot in June at the Gun Club with all proceeds going to Tabloids. All Nobles are welcome.

Our April 23 meeting will be Ladies Night. All Nobles and their Ladies are welcome to attend and enjoy the evening with us. The attire is casual and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Call your reservations to Pete Couladis at 740-592-2814.

Last, please remember, membership is of utmost importance.

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Marching WITH THE LEGION *by Robert Spencer and Dick Luckay*

CIRCUS REPORT – It was the best circus Aladdin has had in a long, long time. Anyone who missed it did miss out on a thrilling, entertaining, and memorable performance. The attendance at several performances was not overwhelming, but the show gave everyone their full money's worth. With everything under one roof, it is a better venue than the old arena. The Legion was front-and-center for all performances as the colors were presented with precision and proper military decorum. Congratulations go to the following: Legionable Guy White, Sr. (participated in all ten performances cane and all), PC Willie Fitchett paraded nine times, Gary Bogart and Commander Robert Spencer carried the colors seven times, Dick Luckay (with new knees) made it six times, Bob Krieger and Chester Van Horn made five performances, Terry Kitchen, Phil Pini and John Iben were in the spotlight three times (John sang the National Anthem as it should be sung – simply and beautifully), PC Bob Faber marched twice, and Ron Gary had his initial circus outing. Several times it required two lines for the flags to be properly displayed and it was noted when the POW/MIA appeared that several veterans in the audience were impressed – and commented favorably. Yes, it was a good show and raised the bar for next year's circus to match.

MEETING NOTES – Attendance at the March Stated Meeting continued an increased number of Legionobles answering the call. Dave Ozvat gave a fascinating account of the Ohio Naval Militia – an all-volunteer unit of which he is the commander. Ohio Naval Militia? Most Legionobles had never heard of the organization, but

KENTUCKY COLONELS *by Dick Phelps*

Aladdin's circus is over for another year and Col. Don Shoffstall and his crew helped entertain over 300 kids at the circus on Thursday morning. Thanks, Nobles, for a fine job.

Our March 24 meeting got underway with Col. Ron Fraser presiding. Minutes were read by Secretary Joe Rike and Treasurer Don Shoffstall outlined our financial condition. Past Potentate Dee Mowry gave the invocation and led the pledge in his usual virtuous manner.

Col. John Clark was introduced and welcomed as a new member, along with Col. Don Peck and Dick Rowland who were visiting

President Ron reported that Col. Nevin Flinn had passed away. He asked that we have a moment of silence in memory of Col. Nevin. Our sympathy goes out to Joanne and the family.

In response to the Potentate's request for contributions to help update our Shrine building's cooling system, the club voted to contribute \$500 to this project. We will all benefit from this both comfortably and financially.

President Ron asked Dick Phelps, a former governor and recipient of the Legion of Honor and Chevalier Degree awards of DeMolay, to outline the history of this young men's organization. One week in

Dave filled them in on the work and activities the Militia performs. It was informative and interesting. PC Bob Faber administered the Oath and Obligation to our newest member Noble Cecil Potter (USN) and he was warmly welcomed by all. Commander Spencer stated the Legion will conduct a "Moment of Silence" at the May, Shrine Stated Meeting. It will honor those military personnel who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our country. The Chanters will lend their voices to salute the military services as part of the program. All Shrine service veterans will want to be on hand for this event. The Commander reminded everyone that he expects 100% participation in the Memorial Tournament this year and that the Legion will march in the inaugural parade that will open the new Clipper Stadium on April 18.

SICK CALL – PC Clancy Lanthorn is in the hospital and PC Don Powell is still on the "not fully recovered" list. Our thoughts and prayers go to both and their families

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Wedding bell memories are appropriate for Fred and Rita Lewis (4/22), Bob and Rosie Purtee (4/23), and Glenn and Judy Ferrone (4/26). Congratulations to you all and may the coming year add to your "fond memory" bank. Add another candle to the cake for Corky Burton (4/22), John Burton and Anne Nixon (4/23), Linda Iben (4/26), PC Bob Faber (4/27) Paul Nixon (4/28), John Iben (4/29), Gary Bogart and Shri Fairchild (4/30) Gretchen Gatton (5/7) and Jeane Roush (5/10). Another year, another candle, and another reason to celebrate. Just Do It!

March is designated International DeMolay Week in honor of Jaques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar during the Crusades. The organization was founded in 1919 in Kansas City by Dad Frank S. Land, a 33° Degree Mason who later became Imperial Potentate of the Shrine. Dad Land met with nine young men, some of whom had lost fathers in the war. They formed a club and named it after Jaques DeMolay, who was burned at the stake rather than betray his brethren. DeMolay chapters are sponsored by Masonic Lodges and has grown to an International organization in the ensuing years. Linden and Groveport are the two chapters in central Ohio. Any young man, 14 years of age and good character, is eligible to join this fine organization.

Our April luncheon meeting, because of a conflict at the Center, will be moved two weeks earlier. Take note, and come Tuesday, April 14.

Happy birthday to Colonels born in April some years ago: Winston Allen, Bob Farber, Chuck Egbert, Chuck Eschbaugh, and Bill Finch.

Remember this: as you go through Life, let this always be your goal – keep your eye on the donut and not on the hole.

MASONIC NIGHT WITH THE SHRINE

Monday, April 27
6:45 p.m.

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Brutal Brothers *by Tom Ruggles*



By the time this issue of the *Lamp* gets to your mail box, the Aladdin Circus will be history, and obviously, we are confident that it went well. We want to take this opportunity to send out a big "thank you" to all who helped make our unit's part of the circus successful and profitable.

Likewise, in the recent history department, our unit's hosting of the annual Shrine Directors Association convention March 25 - 28 was completed successfully. We want to send out another big "thank you" to everyone who helped and especially to the Jones Boys, Todd and Clay, and to all of their committee chairmen who did a fine job of planning and organizing this convention for our unit and Aladdin Temple. Well done, guys!

For a quick peek into the near future, Masonic Night will be held Monday, April 27 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, and we are all encouraged to attend. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred by Aladdin's Past Masters Unit. To attend, you need only to present your current 2009 Masonic membership dues card. No fezzes but Aprons will be available at the door.

We will be participating in the Tabloid program which will be held

this year on May 8-9 and participating in the Muirfield Tournament on May 26 - June 1. All are encouraged to sign up to work both of these events. Please come out and help if you can.

We will have a Ceremonial on June 26 and can always use a few (or lots) of new members. Please think about any of your Masonic friends you could invite to join the Shrine. One terrific way to generate a candidate's interest in joining is to invite him to lunch with George Bell and the Lunch Bunch any Wednesday at Aladdin from 11:30 a.m. 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, a motion was passed to donate \$200.00 to the Audio Unit to help with the expenses of their annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids and \$100.00 to the Daughters of the Nile for sewing supplies for the items they sew for the Shrine Hospital in Lexington.

In the Sunshine department, we understand that Frank Ward has had back surgery and is recovering at home. Please keep him in your thoughts and pray for a full and rapid recovery.

For the usual requested closing, get ready to mark up your calendars: the next Brutal Brothers meeting will be held at the Aladdin Center on May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

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Masonic Night with Shrine *by Dick Bull*

Monday, April 27 is the 17th Annual Masonic Night with The Shrine which is to be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center. A lodge of Master Masons will be opened at 6:45 p.m. by Wor. Bro Stephen T. Noel and the officers of Blenden Lodge #338, F. & A.M. This is the home lodge of our Ill. Potentate Daniel E. Stainbrook, II.

Most Wor. Bro. Charles R. Murphy, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, and several other Grand Lodge officers are expected to be with us.

The Master Mason degree will be conferred upon one candidate by the members of the Past Masters Unit of Aladdin.

The Legion of Honor Unit will post the colors. The Audio Unit will operate the sound system and the Brutal Brothers Unit will control lighting. Music will be furnished by Wor. Bro Don Lutz as organist and soloist. After lodge being closed at 9:35 p.m., refreshments will be served by Bro Duane F. Hivnor and his crew. The Registrar Unit will be checking dues cards and signing in members while the Reception Unit will be greeting everyone at the door.

This should be a serious but enjoyable event and fun for everyone. All Master Masons are welcome and encouraged to attend for this evening of fraternal fellowship. The only requirement for admission is your 2009 Blue Lodge dues card. Bring a Masonic apron if you wish, but aprons will be available at the door. The Shrine looks forward to seeing YOU on April 27.

Patrol Marches On... *by Jan Doss*

Captain Arlan has started back to drilling the troops in preparation for the June 26 Ceremonial. Even if you can't drill any more, come out and cheer on the Patrol.

If you hadn't heard, Patrolman Harry Robertson has passed away. The Patrol members would like to extend their sympathy to Carolyn and family. Harry will be missed by all.

Well, another Mid-Winter SPANA meeting has come and gone. For those of you who missed it, you missed a fantastic one! It was hosted by SPANA President Ray Massey from Arabia Patrol in Houston, Texas and his lovely Lady Cathy. There were 52 in attendance at Massey's Circle M Ranch in Ledbetter, Texas. Aladdin Patrol was represented by Aladdin's 2nd Ceremonial Master David Wolfe and his Lady Glenda, Jan Doss and the lovely bartender for the weekend, Dani Doss. The weather didn't cooperate, but fun was had by all, especially on Saturday night when the Emmerson Biggins Band played. The band was having so much fun, Ray had to tell them to quit, as they had already played long after he quit paying them. The food was great and, of course, guests didn't go away dry or thirsty. The ladies luncheon was held in Brenham at Ernie's, where we learned the history of "The Yellow Rose of Texas," of how Emily Morgan distracted Santa Anna from the battle of San Jacinto with her wild ways and that's how Texas won the battle.

Start saving those pennies for next year's Mid-Winter SPANA meeting. 1st Vice President Robert Ligon from Ber-Hur Patrol in Austin, Texas has planned a four-day cruise, leaving Galveston, Texas on March 25 and sailing to Cozumel, Mexico. If you think you might be interested, call Captain Arlan.

Speaking of SPANA, Past President Ray McVay had both of his sons, Jimmy and Danny, visit this winter. Ray certainly enjoyed seeing his sons, as he doesn't travel much anymore.

The Memorial Tournament volunteer information will be coming in the very near future. Don't forget to volunteer as the tournament depends on your support!

Mark your calendars with the upcoming events:

Tabloid Day - Saturday, May 9	Patrol's Potentate's Visitation - June 15
Potentate's Ball - Saturday, May 16	Ceremonial- Friday, June 26
Memorial Tournament - June 1 - June 7	Stag Picnic - Saturday, June 27

Please don't forget, this is your article. Any information you would like to share, please notify Captain Arlan. Until next month, have a nice spring and be safe in all you do.

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Hocking Hills

by Richard A. Aldridge

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
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I put on a golf outing once a year for Childrens Miracle Network to raise money for children who are ill. When I found that the Shrine Hospitals have no billing department, I knew I wanted to be a Shriner so I could help do more for kids throughout the year. Having helped with the arrangements for the circus this year and seeing the kid's excitement, I feel great about what we are accomplishing.

This year we took about 40 special needs kids and each one of them said they had a fantastic time. We recognized all the Nobles who participated with organizing, fundraising, and taking the kids to the circus: Tom Davis, Jeff Dickerson, Ron Cottrill, Mike Downhour, John Conn, "Griz" Adams, and Rich Aldridge.

We had 37 Nobles and Ladies at our March meeting and welcomed our newest club member, Noble Jim Swain. Noble Chuck Hedges gave us a report from the circus and shared stories from years past. We started recruiting for Tabloid Days and getting plans in place for a successful year.

Pickaway Shrine *by Bill Dountz*

Greetings from Pickaway County! President Rex Emrick established a floor fund and with the help of the ladies auxiliary, a cornhole tournament was held with great success. With that and a generous donation, the goal was met. By the time you read this article, the ladies have held the second cornhole tournament hopefully, with great success and will have established a fund to pave the parking lot. April's event will be an Easter egg hunt and bake sale.

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Steubenville *by Anthony Violi*

The March meeting was called to order by President Noble Jim Halstead. He led the Nobility in the pledge to the flag of our great country. Prayer was offered by Past President Robert Moffatt.

Reported ill were 1st V.P. Noble Joe DeArdo and the daughter of President Noble Jim Halstad is scheduled for surgery. Geraldine DiNovo, mother of Noble Danny Davis, is in an assisted living facility and improving. Noble Harry Reynolds is showing improvement and is anxious to return home. May the Lord watch over them and grant a speedy recovery.

The Black Camel visited our club taking Past President Noble George Bogard and Noble "Red" Williamson. Condolences were extended to the families.

February's meeting minutes were given by Noble Leonard Morris, and the treasurer's report was given by Noble Jerry Williams. Both were accepted. Noble B.J. Johnson said that one child was transported to Erie in February and two in March. Building Chairman Jim Halsted reminded the Nobility that work parties assemble at the clubhouse on Monday evenings to do normal maintenance. Noble Dave Hunt was applauded for donating a new public address system to the club.

Noble Bill Alexander said Tabloid Day is scheduled on May 8 - 9. He urged the members to help in this worthy cause. Remember, it is for the kids.

President Moffatt reminded the Nobility the Shrine dinners are still served on the third Wednesday each month. The dinners are available to all Shriners and the public. Nobles, plan on attending the dinners. The food is excellent and the fellowship is enjoyable.

Elected to the Board of Control were Nobles Dave Hunt, Richard Hazelip, and Dan Moffatt. Unionport Lodge was applauded for donating proceeds from their spaghetti dinners to our Masonic Lodge Learning Center. The writer of this article was recognized for receiving an award for being a Blue Lodge member for 60 years. Noble Jack Kibble was 62 on March 3 – congrats and happy birthday.

Local Lodge reports were given. Past presidents and 25- and 50-year members were introduced. Distinguished Masons Nobles Jerry Williams KYCH, MSA, Anthony Violi VSA, MSA, Al DuBois MSA, and Ill. Henri Albert 33° were recognized. A closing prayer was offered by Noble Bob Moffatt. Delicious refreshments consisting of stuffed shells and meatballs, pies and cakes, as served by 2nd V.P. Wes Darling were available. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA!



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Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse on March 18 with 48 Nobles in attendance.

With President Brutzer out of town, First Vice President Keith McKee was in charge of our meeting. Noble Bill Bradley opened our evening with a prayer. We then dined on a good meal prepared and served by Nobles Osborn, Bruce Michel, Rex Good, Doornbos, Clinger, Jolliff, Rice, Gannon, and Ridge way. Good job, Nobles! We gave a big hand to the kitchen crew. McKee led us in the pledge of allegiance.

McKee read a "thank you" letter from Dolly Parton Imagination Library for our recent donation.

Relay for life will be held on July 17 - 18 at the Hardin County Fair Grounds and they asked our Shrine club to serve breakfast from 7 - 11 a.m. on Saturday. We will discuss more at our next meeting.

McKee noted he had received a letter from Aladdin listing Nobles who have not paid Aladdin dues for this year. McKee said we should check this list to be sure it is accurate for names.

Noble Scott Sorgen has resigned his position as second vice president. Noble Carlton Musselman was elected to replace Sorgen.

Noble Don Doll gave us more information on the letter we all received from Aladdin about the HVAC system problem. He noted that any and all donations will be appreciated. He also noted that our hospitals need more patients.

Noble Rossman read the note from Bob Stevenson concerning our Tabloid Day at all district Kroger stores. We are going to work at Ace Hardware in place of Kroger. We will see what next year brings on this item. From now on all approvals must come from the district office in Westerville. Local stores can no longer handle this.

Noble Joe Cramer showed a picture of his grandson who was born unable to hear. He has a long way to go and it was suggested he call Aladdin to see if they could give him some direction to get some help for his grandson.

We wish happy birthdays to Nobles Lee Kellogg (83) and Paul Hatcher (82). We wish them the very best.

Noble Howard Watkins is still at Kenton Nursing and Rehab Center. He is still improving. He said he will soon be going to Columbus two days a week for treatment. Noble Wayne Barnes is now at Vancrest Center in Delphos as he is still in rehab. We need to keep these Nobles in our thoughts and prayers for speedy recovery.

Noble Rossman closed our evening with a prayer. We need to remember Aladdin is Rolling for Kids.

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Aladdin Parades*	Date	Line Up	Step Off
Pike County Dogwood	4/26	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Utica Ice Cream Festival	5/23	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Worthington Memorial Day	5/25	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Imperial Parade			
Baltimore Parade	8/8	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Bucyrus Parade	8/21	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Nelsonville Parade	8/22	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Circleville Pumpkin Parade	10/23	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Washington CH Christmas	11/22	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.

Optional Parades*	Date	Line Up	Step Off
Grandview Hts Parade	5/23	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Licking County Baseball	July		
Plain City Steam Threshers	July		
Coshocton Canal Days	Aug		
Marietta Labor Day Parade	9/5	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Marion Popcorn	9/10	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Grove City Parade	9/19	8:30 a.m.	
Gallipolis Veterans Day	11/11	10:00 a.m.	

***Aladdin Parades** - The Potentate and the majority of the Divan will attend. All units and clubs should attend.

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From The Shrine Band

by Robb Landon

I wrote in last month's article that March is a busy time for the band. Boy, did I understate that? I am writing this article between circus performances. The plans I had for this month's article will take much more time than I have. So, hopefully, I will be able to devote to more time to research the topic I had wanted to address this month.

We attend Shrine functions and become accustomed to associating the people we see with their positions in Shindom. Sometimes, we find they have performed other outstanding service besides their service to the Shrine. Tim Feran had a great article in the *Columbus Dispatch* earlier in the month. He wrote about a baritone player in the band. His article was not about the musical professionalism this person brings to the band. He could have, but the article was about this person's other life outside the Shrine. If you missed Tim's article, it was about a longtime horticulturist who has distinguished himself as an advocate for horticulture for the past 50 years. His work in advancing the art and science of gardening was detailed in the article. Known as the Ohio Nurseryman, he is known to us as Fred Hower, the baritone player. Great Job, Fred.

I apologize for the schedule mistakes in last month's *Lamp* article. The Blind School's band performing on Thursday night was not known to me until after the *Lamp* deadline. I will try not to lead anyone astray in the future. Disclaimer: The following schedule listed below is to the best of my knowledge correct and complete. The schedule can be changed or amended without my knowledge. Follow the schedule at your risk.

Band Schedule

April 21 - 7:00 p.m. Dance Band Rehearsal

May 19 - 8:00 p.m. Concert Band Rehear.

April 28 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Mtg.

May 20 - 6:30 p.m. Dixieland Banquet

8:00 p.m. Concert Band Rehear.

May 23 - 9:00 a.m. Dixieland at Grandview

May 5 - 6:00 p.m. Ladies Party

Parade (If float is ready)

May 12 - 8:00 p.m. Concert Band Rehear.

Aladdin Car Club

by James Allen

The Potentate's Visitation in January was a success after the weather got out of the way. We had 15 members and eight members of the Divan for the buffet dinner. Thanks go to Bill and Linda Loomis who made the arrangements for the event.

Like all of us, age catches up with buildings and mechanical equipment. We must maintain our building and equipment to remain a viable organization. Another item Dan brought us was the Shrine Hospital in Galveston, damaged by the hurricane, has been deemed beyond reasonable repair and will not be replaced. We have been getting patients from there for the Cincinnati Hospital. They fly to Columbus and the Road Runners take them to Cincinnati, since Columbus is a cheaper destination than Cincinnati. Speaking of Road runners, Gail is always looking for drivers. If anyone thinks they might like to do this, contact Gail and she will provide details and requirements.

John Curry spoke to us at our March meeting. He had worked in the Byers organization with Fred Coventry. He will manage the Byers Ford dealership on route US 23. He spoke about the auto industry.

The election of officers will be at the May meeting. A nomination committee was convened consisting of Ron Brubaker, Bob Harter, and Lou Ardit.

Madeline's Dad Reminds Shriners of Their Stewardship

Hello, Nobles. As a fellow Noble, I want to let you all know that I am looking forward to Tabloid Day 2009 as much as ever before. It is a great opportunity to validate our purpose of being the finest of organizations devoted to a cause that is much greater than ourselves.

This year's goal is \$375,000 to be given to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, or about \$7,000 more than what we collected last year. I know it is a daunting task in this economy to strive for such a number, but the fact of the matter is the services we provide to children are not getting less expensive with the times. It costs over \$2 million dollars per day to run the hospitals in North America. Thus, we need to understand that \$375,000 is not a target we'd like to reach; it is a target we must reach to ensure that we will do our part so the hospitals continue to exist.

I am the father of a child with Cerebral Palsy who gets health care at Lexington's Shriners Hospital. I have found the hospital is not only free for children such as my daughter, but the Shriners Hospitals are the finest possible facilities of their kind. I can honestly say that the free care my family has benefitted from is better than any care we received from the world-renowned facility our insurance stopped covering.

When asked about what a Shriner does, we should all be proud to say that not only do we have fun and help kids in our hospitals, but we have a tremendous amount of fun and we make it possible for children to have the very best care possible, no matter the cost. Please let folks know how wonderful the quality of care really is.

There are about 7,000 Aladdin Shriners and we need to hit \$375,000. Tabloid Day is once a year, but the hospitals run every day. If 7,000 men raised 15 cents a day to give to the hospital, we would be there. We are stewards to the greatest burn and orthopedic hospitals in the free world. We know a lot of people want to help us. It is up to all of us to ask for the help.

I look forward to having new Shriners understand the cause and what they can look forward to contributing to. I know every one of us knows how important it is to help families like mine.

As a Noble, I wish you all well on Tabloid Day. I hope you notice the beautiful child on the cover of this year's issue. Thank goodness she doesn't look too much like me. As a father whose daughter has received such magnificent care in the Lexington Shriners Hospital, I want to say thanks to all of you for your efforts. ~Noble Glenn Oury and Madeline's Dad, Worthington Shrine Club

ALADDIN SHRINER SERVES IN REACTIVATED COMPANY

Lancaster's own Captain James D. Douglas reports on his third deployment to Iraq



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq – Captain James D. Douglas is an active member of the Columbus, Ohio Aladdin Shrine and has been serving in the United States Army for over 12 years. He is the Commander of the 570th Sapper Company under the 14th Engineer Battalion based out of Fort Lewis, Washington. The company was first constituted May 5, 1943 as the 570th Engineer Dump Truck Company and was activated July 15, 1943 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. The company was inactivated July 21, 1975 at Fort Polk, Louisiana and recently activated on May 16, 2007 under the current battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The 570th Sapper Company is currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom conducting combined route clearance operations with the Iraqi Army. The company deployed on a 15-month rotation and is scheduled to return home this summer.

Training Iraqi Soldiers as Route Clearing Teams

James said, "This is my third deployment and one of the most rewarding ones. The soldiers in the company are hard workers and eager to learn. Back in September, we were given the mission to start a partnership with the Iraqi Army by instructing several Iraqi Engineer Companies on route clearance. Today we're conducting combined route clearance missions with the Iraqi Engineer Soldiers and are having a great time learning from and developing the Iraqi Soldiers. We have had the chance to build friendships

and relationships with the Iraqi soldiers. This has been the first step in building better relations and assisting them in securing their country."

"Our relationship with the Iraqis has not been strictly business. On our days off from missions, we traditionally invite the Iraqi soldiers over for a cookout and either a game of soccer or volleyball. It is usually a close and competitive game when we play volleyball, but we never do too well on the soccer games."

He is anticipating his return back to Fort Lewis where he will reunite with his wife, Kimberly and two children, Josephine 2 ¾ and David 6 months. James stated that the last time he saw his family was on rest and relaxation (R&R) leave back in October 2008 for the birth of their son. Kimberly Douglas was confirmed in the Olympia, Washington Eastern Stars. James' wife and children currently reside in Lacey, Washington.



The Cougar and The Badger

Captain James and his company train the Iraqi soldiers on the use of The Badger, an up armored vehicle that is used for route clearance. The Badger is the Iraqi version of the American "Cougar" and is used by the route clearance teams to investigate Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's). The Badger is a new piece of equipment and unfamiliar to most of the Iraqi Soldiers.

Captain (CPT) James D. Douglas, from Lancaster, Ohio, is the grandsons of Thomas and Bonnie Douglas. His company is responsible for keeping the Iraqi roads clear of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

He graduated college in 2000 from Morehead State University, Kentucky with a BS in graphic communications and architecture design and received a Masters from the university in Rolla, Missouri in geophysics and geology.

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