2016 - Establishing The New Norm

Well, it’s February and as I write this article the snow is flying again. Obviously that little furry critter from Pennsylvania must have his seasons mixed up! Early spring, indeed! But hopefully, spring cannot be too far away so we can put away our snow shovels and tune up the old lawn mower.

For those of you who attended the Valentine’s Day Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 13, thanks for helping bring back a program that was dropped a few years ago due to poor attendance. Those present had a great time and although we had some concerns with some cold food, those issues have since been resolved. To Noble George Stowe and his Lady Peggy, thanks for putting together a great program for the Nobles and the ladies. There were a lot of great comments. There were 125 present and several couples were still there just before closing the event. Look for this event to be back next year.

There are a few events happening at your Shrine Center this month: please read the various articles elsewhere in the Lamp. Of course our big event is the annual Shrine Circus. Let’s get on board with this major fundraiser for Aladdin—sell tickets and more tickets. Thanks go to those Nobles who have sold ads and banners and to those who became a Circus Daddy. Be sure to attend as many shows as possible and assist wherever needed. Your fez will get you into the fairgrounds and save your parking fee.

Nobles, last month we both emailed and mailed hard copies of the Lamp to be sure the system was working. This month, those with email addresses will receive their Lamp only via email/website. The rest of the Nobility will receive theirs through the U. S. Postal system. As a reminder, if you have a current email address on file with the Shrine office, you will receive an email blast giving you the link to the Aladdin website where you will find the Lamp as well back issues. If you need to make a reservation for some event, you will need to print that portion of the page or simply email or call Amber at the Shrine office or use our new online reservation service.

For the last seven to eight months, we have been explaining that all events involving food service at Aladdin need to have prior reservations in order to give us some idea of the amount of food to buy and serve. It does not make good economic sense to buy extra food only to throw it away if we prepare more food than needed nor does it please Nobles to arrive and be told they will have to go someplace else to eat because we only order to give us some idea of the amount of food to buy and serve. It does not make good economic sense to buy extra food only to throw it away. At Aladdin—sell tickets and more tickets. Thanks go to those Nobles who have sold ads and banners and to those who became a Circus Daddy. Be sure to attend as many shows as possible and assist wherever needed. Your fez will get you into the fairgrounds and save your parking fee.

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April 30 will be a major event day for Aladdin. We will be hosting the Ohio Shrine Association in the morning, the Imperial Potentate will be dedicating our new facility in the afternoon and the Potentate’s Ball will be in the evening. Please mark your calendars now. Details will be in the April Lamp.

Reservations Required for Stated Meeting

Reservations are required for stated meetings so that we can give a count to our kitchen crew. The price is now $5.00. Email your reservation to Amber at acrosby@aladdinshrine.org. You will receive a reply as confirmation that you have made a reservation. If you have not received a reply within a couple days of sending your email, give Amber a call.

Online Reservations Coming Soon!

Watch the website (aladdinshrine.org) and/or Facebook (www.facebook.com/aladdinshrine) for details about online reservations.

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Tabloid Times by Bob Stevenson, Tabloid Chair

USA Today has come out with a new survey—apparently three out of every four people make up 75% of the population. ~ David Letterman

Wow! Who would have ever guessed that? Aren’t numbers wonderful? You can come up with all kinds of things to prove or disprove by numbers. Numbers also give us a look at human nature, mostly funny, if you look real carefully. Years ago I heard someone say that if you tell a person there are a million gazillion stars in the universe, they will believe you. Tell them the paint is wet, they will touch it.

What does this have to do with Tabloid? Beats me! It’s just winter, it’s cold and this seems to me at least, fun. What Tabloid does need is for those who have not done it yet, to please answer the questions below. They are important and are not statistics. Just plain old numbers that will help us better order Tabloids to avoid extra expense and waste.

Thanks to the few groups who already replied. If you have not, please do so now.

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**This is important! Please help us with this.**

We need to know how many Tabloids you will need for 2016.

Each year we try to guess what to order and each year we end up with way too many that go to the dump. We pay for those papers and every dollar we spend on them is a dollar not available to send to the hospitals. Let’s see if we can cut down the waste this year.

I need your number ASAP….PLEASE! E-mail me at rfsworth@ameritech.net

Tell me your group, name and email or phone of a contact and how many papers you need. We will get the papers ordered so they are available in mid-April.

Let me know if you need days other than June 3 & 4, 2016.

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Remember our “$ a Day” Pins are available from Amber or Kim in the office. You can write a check or use your credit card. We appreciate your consideration of this program.

As always, we thank you for all you do for Tabloid and our hospitals and our Kids!

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**First Lady Elaine’s Quilt Show**

First Lady Elaine is planning a Quilt Show to be held Saturday, April 9, 2016 in the Ballroom at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City. The show will start at 10:30 a.m. This show is to share various quilts, their designs and the stories behind the quilt.

If you have a quilt you would like to share and talk about, please bring it to the show. There will be a noon lunch provided at a cost of $10.00. The menu will consist of build-your-own potato and build-your-own salad. Any special dietary needs? Please make them known when you call Amber at the Shrine office to make a reservation build-your-own potato and build-your-own salad. Any special dietary needs? Please make them known when you call Amber at the Shrine office to make a reservation for lunch so we can plan for food. Bring your friends and neighbors. Who knows, this may be the start of a new hobby for you?

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Call 614-475-2609, ext. 113 (800) 475-3850, ext. 113 acrosby@aladdinshrine.org

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**Masonic Night with The Shrine**

**Monday, April 25**

6:45 p.m.

Host: Linden Lodge #637

(Home Lodge of Potentate Ron Leonard)

Aladdin’s Past Masters Unit will confer the Master Mason Degree

The Grand Master will be in attendance.

Current Blue Lodge Dues Cards Must Be Presented / Aprons Will Be Provided

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Cincinnati Hospital by Bob Lazenby & D. Dee Mowry, PP.

The first meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Governors for 2016 was held on January 27. Your Cincinnati Hospital is making great strides in moving toward greater collaboration with our neighbors—Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and the University of Cincinnati Hospital. Our new Research Director, Dr. John van Aalst, holds appointments with all three entities. By speciality area, Dr. van Aalst is a plastic surgeon (and a VERY busy one.)

The annual symposium, sponsored by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, has historically focused on craniofacial anomalies. This year the symposium will include a skin component which relates directly to the work by Cincinnati Shriner’s Hospital Research Department. The symposium, scheduled for April 26 - 27, draws doctors, researchers and interested persons from a wide audience and will be a “feather in the cap” for the Cincinnati Shriner’s Hospital. The researchers from your hospital have been awarded $300,000,000.00 (+/-) in grants for the coming year. This supports their research efforts. Some local money has been earmarked for smaller grants by local researchers. The amount is not to exceed $10,000.00 per researcher.

Monies received by your Cincinnati Hospital at the January 17 meeting was $250,034.00, with $144,554.35 of this total coming from Aladdin. The money was the result of your efforts by way of Tabloid sales and a contribution from the Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC.) These writers send our MOST sincere thanks and congratulations to all the Shriners who made this possible.

Total donations this year are up 1%. Your hospital has a new Development Director, Don Garbani, who began this job on Monday January 25.

Noble Jerry Hardisty, Past Board Chair and currently Chair of the Cincinnati Shriner’s Hospital Research Committee, spoke to the Shrine Ladies at the Leadership Seminar on January 9. Aladdin First Lady, Elaine, has designated the research department at Cincinnati her project for the coming year.

Patients for 2015 came from 25 states and from 5 different countries. Chief of Staff, Dr. Petra Warner, shared some of her work including one little five year old girl from China who had been severely burned. Her parents in China did not have the money to have her treated properly and resulted in her being badly disfigured. Her arms had grown attached to her trunk. Dr. Warner has almost completely released her arms and she is now in physical therapy to regain the use of her arms. She is also being treated for her scarification. Her visa had to be renewed because of government red tape.

The 2016 committee assignments show that Bob Lazenby will chair the (Professional) Credentials Committee and D. Dee Mowry will serve as Vice Chair of the Research Committee.

The board was given a list of approved items for donation(s) which included items such as the remodeling and relocation of the security desk (which has already been funded by a Shrine group for $16,000.00) to a Precision Flow Unit for $3,245.00. Project costs range from $30,502.00 to $3,245.00.

The board meeting on February 23 was for board orientation of new members and on February 24 was the board meeting for the full board.

You Shop! Amazon Gives! by Matt Knight

When you make purchases through Amazon’s website, did you know that they will make donations to special charities that they recognize?

As we look at our Christmas holidays in the rear view mirror, I have one piece of information that some of us wished we knew about a few months ago before making all of those Christmas purchases.

Amazon has a program named “Amazon Smiles.” It costs you nothing and ½ of a percent of your purchases go to a charity of your choosing.

• Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

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The Shriner’s Hospitals for Children and our own ASHAC (Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children) are just a couple of the charities they recognize for contributions.

Go to the amazon.com website and type in “Amazon Smiles” into the search tab, set up an account and select the charity of your choosing. This is a great way to support our kids without costing you a dime.

If you choose to select Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children as your preferred charity, you must either select “ASHAC” or type in “ASHAC” when signing up.

Fez Fact
The official headgear worn by members of the Shriners fraternity. It derives its name from the city where it was first manufactured – Fez, Morocco.

Chaplain’s Chat

The term “chaplain” is usually defined as a person assigned to tend to the spiritual needs of a person or a group of persons. Webster defines “chaplain” as a “clergyman in charge of a chapel, a clergyman officially attached to the army or navy, a person chosen to conduct religious exercises.”

In the case of the Shrine, the third definition fits best although, as in past history, the chaplain has been assigned to invocations, and sometimes, a benediction. This is keeping with Masonic traditions.

Prayer should be an important part of any Shrine Mason’s life. Prayer has been defined in many ways, e.g., “Prayer is the key to Heaven, but faith unlocks the door.” "Prayer is our telephone to God.” “Prayer changes things.” These quotes come from a small booklet by May Stafford Hiburn and published by Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Inc.

Recently your chaplain was asked to conduct a Shrine Memorial Service for Noble Ed Shearow, who was the current President of the Zavi Shrine Club in Zanesville. Noble Ed was visited by the Black Camel on January 29, 2016. Prayer is, and should be, prominent in a service like this. Prayers such as these are sometimes referred to as intercessory prayers. An intercessory prayer is a prayer of interceding or an entreaty in favor of another. During our officers’ seminar and installation ceremony this past January, your chaplain was approached by two Nobles who asked the chaplain for intercessory prayer. One Noble was about to receive the results of his recent bone scan and the other Noble asked for prayers for his church which had just lost their pastoral leadership. I was glad to attend to their requests.

Dr. Jose Norberto, Chief of Cardiac Surgery at Fairfield Medical Center, related at a recent meeting of the Lancaster Kiwanis Club, the importance of prayer in the life of a busy cardiac surgeon. He starts every day with prayers not only for himself but for those under his care. In the book of short prayers by May Hiburn, mentioned above, she offers this prayer:

“We give thanks today, Our Father, that we may come to you in faith, believing that our petition will be heard and answered. We praise you for your compassion and your love, for you and for your willingness to hear our prayers. Renew our strength as we labor together. Let us realize more fully that in unity there is power. Cover us with your protection and give us peace. This we ask in your name, amen.”

Let us all give thanks for the ineffable gift of the ability to approach the Supreme Architect of the Universe in prayer.

Please note that my correct email is dmowry@frontier.com as it is listed incorrectly in a few places in the directory.

Erie ASC-OSCC

February in Pennsylvania is interesting. First it’s the ground hog. Will he (or she) get it right this time? Who knows, but the batting average is not very good. Let’s just hope that an early spring thing is right.

February is also the month when weather can turn on a dime, or probably a quarter now with inflation. So I want to take a minute to say thanks and ask you to also say thanks to our Roadrunners. Not just to Aladdin’s but say thanks to Nobles from all the Temples who make sure our kids get to the help they need and back home again, safe and sound. I don’t know about you, but I’m not real fond of driving in lake effect snow, whiteouts, black ice and the like. Mary’s family are all in northern Wisconsin so I know something about driving in really lousy conditions. Because of that, when I see the Roadrunners at Erie, waiting for their kids, I make a point to say “thanks!” When you look for people who make a difference, look no further.

At the end of this article are addresses for Facebook and YouTube. Take some time one of these cold winter nights and watch some of the videos from SHC-Erie. You can also see them on the Aladdin Facebook page. Let me recommend one in particular. If you remember our article at Christmas, we used a thank-you letter from Emily Mellich to Shriners who have helped her. Well, she is on Facebook. Take a couple minutes and watch it. It’s less than five minutes long. She is speaking to you!

February is a quiet month unless you head to warm weather. It’s a great time for quiet reflection on what we do as Shriners; how the Shrine Hospitals make your life better by making a lot of kids’ lives better, and who you who know who might find these same rewards of value. That is a great way to bring new Nobles to Aladdin and Shrine. Take some time and give it some thought.

We can now be found at www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/locations/erie. Follow us on YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie) and Facebook (Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie Facility.) And, as always, if you meet an Aladdin Roadrunner, please say THANKS!
This 1947 Willys Jeep was damaged in the Wolfe Building fire in 2014. It needs to be completely restored - new wiring, electrical, etc.

If you are interested in purchasing the Willys Jeep, send your bid in a sealed envelope to the Aladdin Shrine business office.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2016

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Friday, March 18
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Each Golfer Must Complete Form and Return with 50% Deposit
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March 2016
Aladdin Car Club

by Gary Parks, PP

For The Young at Heart

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Worthington

by Ed Badger

The Worthington Shrine Club did not meet in January, so our first meeting of the year was on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at the beautiful Brookside Country Club.

Following our usual opening, recognition of past officers, and our invocation and grace by Chaplain Rev. Don Pendell, we enjoyed a dinner of either chicken saltimbocca or flank steak. Following dinner, we heard speaker Karen Norris, a naturalist with the ODNR Division of Wildlife, and Brad Kiger, the ODNR wildlife officer for Franklin county. They told us how the Division of Wildlife is funded and about the many educational and recreation programs offered through the division.

A brief business meeting followed where President Jeff Bohenko identified our leaders and committee chairs for 2016. Jeff will be leading our Tabloid effort this year, Dick Ollila will be in charge of our Muirfield volunteers, and Frank Henderson will be our circus chair.

We decided to continue to collect for Tabloid from one intersection in either Worthington or Linworth, and decided to ask more merchants if we can collect in front of their stores that day. All members were requested to invite the businesses they frequent to participate. We’re planning to tend our usual gate at Muirfield, and to advertise our club at the Aladdin Shrine Circus.

Please help us with our new year-round fundraiser! The first and fourth Fridays of each month have been designated “Worthington Shrine Club Days” at the four Bob Evans Restaurants in northwest Columbus. All you need to do is make a purchase at any of these locations at any time during the day and mention the Worthington Shrine Club. A percentage of your total will be donated to our club and earmarked for Tabloid. The donation includes any purchase: gift cards, food ordered for dine-in or takeout. The participating locations are Graceland, Lewis Center, Campus View, and Sawmill just south of I-270.

Our next meeting on Thursday, March 3 will feature Bill Staley who will tell us about bus excursions to Branson, MO. Please join us—cash bar opens at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Menu choices are beef pot roast or Chicken Kiev. Please make your reservations by Tuesday, March 1, 2016 with our Treasurer Wayne Miller, 5980 Litchfield Rd., Columbus, OH 43235 or phone 614-846-2921. The cost for our meal is $20 per person. You can send a check or pay at the door.

Reception

by Don Owens

Let’s see, this is the March Lamp. I’m still not used to the new publication schedule which entails writing a month into the future. I could be dead by the time this is published.

Anyway, this is Aladdin Shrine Circus month so there will be no unit meeting—actually, the circus will be our meeting. There is still time for one more appeal to the unit members to be volunteer circus ushers. Even volunteering for a couple of performances would be helpful to Frank Swiatek who has been flogging the bushes since January in search of warm bodies to do the job. He has considered canvassing the homeless shelters, but those folks need money and we can’t afford to pay them.

Speaking of monthly meetings, Director Jack Bonn plans to try a different format consisting of informal gatherings in the new Oasis room with bar beverages and pizza or the like. Our new habitat should make for pleasant meetings.

If you’ve been reading the Lamp diligently, you’ve noticed that the Potentate is planning an activity for every month to get us together for our avowed purpose of having fun. Good idea!

Condolences go out to Bob Adams whose mother passed away in late January.

Ken Beckholt is having a birthday this month as are Bill Childs, Jim Paul, and me, Don Owens. Happy birthday wishes to all of us.

Pickaway

by Roger Fausnaugh

Our monthly meeting was held January 25 and was called to order by President Rocky Arledge at 7:00 p.m. Noble Larry Jeffers Jr. gave the opening prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We were surprised by having our Chef Noble Bob Banarick show up and serve us another fine meal before the meeting.

The minutes of December meeting were read by Noble Roger Fausnaugh and the financial report was given by Noble Rusty Green. Motions were made and seconded and all Nobles voted in favor to approve.

There were no new communications or reports of any new illnesses. We were informed about the death of Noble H. A. Leo Genders. A condolence card was passed around and sent to the family.

Pickaway Lodge #23 had their Masonic Lodge inspection Saturday, January 30 and Heber Lodge #501 had theirs that afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

During our business meeting we were visited by Nobles from the Pike County Shrine. They informed us that they would like to use our building again this year for the kids going to the Aladdin Shrine Circus on March 18. They were given the okay to use our facility and would be getting back with us on a time they would be arriving.

There were discussions on the possible date for the Potentate’s Visit, a portable cable box for the TV, and the need of a treasurer. We really need more Nobles to step up and assist in taking over committees or helping out to make our Pickaway Shrine Club be successful.

We had the pleasure of having Chief Rabban Jon M. Kinney visit us. He informed us on a few things going on at the Aladdin Temple and a few of the objectives of the bylaws of the Shrine.

There was a total of 12 Nobles at the meeting. Meeting was closed at 7:45 p.m. by President Rocky and the closing prayer given by Noble Larry. Remember, our meetings are always the fourth Monday of the month. We would love to see more Nobles attend.

In Memoriam

Charles E. Altizer
Franklin T. Burnette, Jr.
George F. Curry, Jr.
H. A. L Genders
Olaf T. Harris
Thomas E. Hendershot
Robert F. Leeper
Rhoderic G. Mills
John A. Mowder
Gilbert A. Muth
Robert G. Murphy
Larry L. Newman
Raymond L. Powell
John F. Roberts
Larry L. Newman
Raymond L. Powell
Gordon E. Shearrow
W. J. Slonaker

LADIES - SAVE THE DATE

May 21, 2016

The First Lady is planning a one-day trip to the Golden Lamb facility in Lebanon, Ohio on Saturday, May 21. Transportation by Big Red.

Details will be in the April Lamp.

OASIS ROOM - GRAND OPENING -

Tuesday, March 15 @ 5 p.m.
St. Paddy’s Day Pre-Party

Free Popcorn, other snacks available for purchase.

The Oasis Room will be open on Tuesdays starting March 15 5:00 p.m. until the building closes.

1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio 43123

March 2016
Pipes and Drums

The Aladdin Shrine Pipes and Drums are gearing up for our St. Patrick's tour and festivities. We are booked to play the Claddaugh as well as O'Neill's again this year. Some of our performances will be on March 17 and others to follow. Make sure to follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/aladdinshrinepipes and @AladdinShrinePD on Twitter for updates.

Did you know the earliest Irish mention of the bagpipe is in 1206, approximately 30 years after the Anglo-Norman invasion? The instrument began to catch on in Ireland but as to whether it was the English or French variant is anyone’s guess. It certainly was not the Scottish Great Highland pipe because that instrument had yet to work its way up from England. Both England and France used the bagpipe in processions, church services, and festivities.

The first pictorial representation of the native Irish mouth blown pipe is in 1578 and it shows a two-drone pipe much like both the English and French instruments according to Frank Timoney, bagpipe historian.

Marietta

by Larry Coler

The Marietta Shrine Club has just completed a major renovation to their facility and it continues to be a premier venue for large gatherings in Marietta and Washington County.

The first event since remodeling was the Grand Master’s Reception of the 17th Masonic District on January 30. The Shrine Club was pleased to prepare and serve a fine dinner for the 172 Masons and Ladies at their reception.

NOTICE: The annual MARIETTA SHRIMP FEED is Monday, March 28. Shriners are welcome and entertainment is anticipated by the Aladdin Dixieland Band.

Steubenville

by O. Wayne Fulmer

Our meeting of February 18 was preceded by a great meal of (made from scratch) pancakes, sausages, coffee and assorted beverages. Thanks to all who helped the chef cook and clean up. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by our President Chuck Vandine. We opened with the pledge to our flag and prayer. We had a great crowd this month.

Included were 12 members from the Aladdin Shrine, six visiting Nobles from the Osiris Shrine and three members from the Columbus Aladdin Temple: Oriental Guide Zale A. Maxwell, Treasurer Noble W. Garol Rogers, PP and 1st Ceremonial Master Arthur L. Wilson. Thank you for coming and sharing with us.

The report of the sick said that Noble Mike Dilenardis is doing much better and getting around with the help of his friend, the walker. Also, Lady Ann Stainbrook, wife of Noble Daniel E. Stainbrook, II PP is in the hospital. Lady JoAnn Williams, wife of Noble Jerry Williams, is also in the hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Our prayers are with them.

Motor Patrol is just waiting on someone to call for a parade. Winter tires and chains are ready for the bikes. (Just kidding) This hard working crew needs a break.

Shrine kids made two trips to Erie this month and we are still looking for drivers. The Erie Hospital Board of Governors reported approximately 1,000 more patients this year than last and about 100 more surgeries than last year and costs were down last year. It seems like they are doing a good job.

Tabloid reported on Tabloid Days. The first will be on June 4 at Riesbeck’s in Wintersville and then on August 6 at Walmart. Be sure to sign up. On April 9 we will have our Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser here at Aladdin Land. We are in need of help. Our Paint and Sip Fundraiser will be May 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Aladdin Land. Come out, ladies.

Be sure to mark your calendars to keep April 16 open. Potentate Ron H. Leonard and Lady Elaine Phillips will be here for our annual visit. We want to give them a big Steubenville welcome. A great day is planned; more to follow.

The next meeting will be March 17.

That’s all, folks. Be safe and God Bless.

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Our unit will be performing the Master Degree on Wednesday, March 9 at Fayette Lodge #107, F. & A. M. in Washington C. H. as the guests of Washington Shrine Club. We have been there several times before and are looking forward to another evening of fun, fellowship and ritual work.

Welcome goes to our three newest reserve members: Matt Carson, David Gubanc and Paul Phillips. We look forward to working with each other over the years.

Phyllis Diederich, widow of Carl Diederich, celebrated her 100th birthday in late January. She still lives alone in her home in Bucyrus. Dr. Keith Blair, Director of the Medical Unit, is her physician so that must be why Phyllis enjoys a long and healthy life. Happy birthday, Phyllis.

Don Lund, a former long-time secretary of our unit, celebrated his 90th birthday on March 1. He is still very active with our unit and always willing to assist when needed. Happy birthday, Don.

Congratulations go to all of the 2016 Divan, especially Potentate Ron Leonard, a Past President of our unit. We pledge our support to all.

Details for “Masonic Night with The Shrine” will be in the April issue of the Lamp. It will be on Monday, April 25. Linden Lodge #637, home lodge of the Potentate, will open at 6:45 p.m. Mark your calendars now. We are interested to see how spacing works out in our new Shrine Center.

Hardin

by Ken Rosman

Our regular meeting was held on February 17 at Veteran’s Memorial Park Clubhouse. Noble Larry Weaver opened the meeting with a prayer. President Garmon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A vote was taken and approved to have our onion sale this year.

Noble Bob Gilbert is in the rehab center with a rib problem. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

We received a thank-you note from Luke Jackson for his scholarship.

A motion was made and carried to make a donation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Noble Jim Holmes gave us a report on the library and noted that more than 700 children in Hardin County are helped by the library.

Our annual donations were given to the area Blue Lodges.

Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer. We had 33 Nobles attend for the evening. We had no visitors or new members.

We gave a big hand to our kitchen crew. We ate a good meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew of Nobles Musselman, Williams, Rice, Wagner, Garmon and Hinebaugh. Good job, Nobles.

We congratulate Noble Carlton Musselman and his Lady Nancy as they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Past Queen

One of my Irish folksingers is Roger Whittaker and he sings a song called “A New World In The Morning.” That’s what the coming of spring always makes me recall:

“...new world in the morning, that’s today
And I can feel a new tomorrow coming on...”

Looking for the fresh start and the renewing of the world...it’s today.

March is the month of new beginnings. Thebes Temple wraps up one year and prepares for the next. Elections will be held at our March 2 Stated Session. The officers, elected and appointed, will be installed on Wednesday evening, March 16. The Open Installation invitation is inserted in this article.

The Annual Rose Memorial Ceremony was held during the session as we remembered our members who have passed away this past year. The contributions of these members will be missed. Those who were remembered were Past Queen Nancy DeFranco; Earlene Martin, Janice Sanders, Bessie Jones and Thelma Davis.

The first Stated Session for these newly elected and appointed officers will be Wednesday, April 6. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am and session will be 1:00 p.m. Our monthly sewing session will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As I’ve said before, come for the fun and help, you don’t have to sew. There are many things that can be done to help. You will get to know some very fine ladies and have fun while helping the kids.

You are cordially invited to

Open Installation of Thebes Temple Officers

Wednesday Evening, March 16

Prelude Music begins at 7:00 p.m. - Installation begins at 7:30 p.m.

Luther B. Turner Masonic Lodge,
2933 Valleyview Drive.

A reception of light refreshments will follow the installation.
Bucyrus

by Steve Bowman

January Meeting

The Bucyrus Shrine Club met for its monthly meeting on January 25 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. There was a good turnout of 33 Nobles and visitors present.

President Noble Don Neumann presided over the meeting and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Noble Glen Achtermann gave the invocation. A delicious dinner was prepared by Katering Kountry Style, consisting of Salisbury Steak, green beans, rolls, cole slaw and two different kinds of cake. They were recognized for a fine meal with a round of applause.

A motion was made by Noble Rob Zaebst that we accept members from Marion to the Bucyrus Shrine Club. A dues increase to $10.00 a year was voted on and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Noble Doctor Keith Blair spoke on the new complex.

Upcoming Dates:
March 17-20, 2016 - Aladdin Shrine Circus
June 11, 2016 - Ceremonial

February Meeting

The Bucyrus Shrine Club met for its monthly meeting on February 22 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. There were 32 Nobles, their ladies and widows who turned out for an evening and the Valentine’s Party. Each of the attending ladies received a rose.

President Don Neumann presided over the meeting and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer was given by Noble Glenn Achtermann.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner consisting of Chicken Cordon Bleu, salad, potatoes, green beans and cheesecake as a dessert. Dinner was served by Katering Kountry Style and those attending acknowledged the work of the cooks with a rousing round of applause. A motion was made by Noble Rob Zaebst that we accept members from Marion to the Bucyrus Shrine Club.

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Clown Happenings - Our year started sadly. On the January 1 we received news of the passing of a great clown and a very long standing member of Aladdin Clown Unit—Ervin E. C. “Ears” Babbert who went home and, most surely, was welcomed with open arms into Aladdin's Heavenly Clown Unit. E. C. was a member of the Aladdin Clown Unit since 1975. He will be greatly missed.

We have a new director. Matt “Nutt” Knight has stepped down. Greg “Pozi” Osborne was promoted to the director’s seat.

New Director - The circus has a new leader! Big John “Checkers” Morris and his Lady Hanna have taken off on their own new adventures. Taking his place is Jeff “Cee Jay” Carter. Cee Jay promises to keep everything in order and running shipshape. Jeff will be a great circus director.

On January 9-10 and 16-17 we had the RV and BOAT Show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Steve “Lil’Mac” McKitrick works for Greenlawn RV Sales and, for the second consecutive year, was asked to have the Aladdin Clown Unit come down and twist balloons for the crowds at the show.

The ISCA Clown Convention was held in February in Iowa and Mike “P.N.C. BucketHead” Clark represented the Aladdin Clown Unit.

March brings our first parade of the year, the St. Paddy’s Day Parade and then, of course, the Aladdin Shrine Circus from the March 17 - 20.

Clown Hatchday - January: Larry “Pockets” Middendorf (27); February: Everett “Tex” Rainer (20), Ron “Cappy” Choina (20), Lloyd “Skippy” Degonia (23); March: Tim “Timmer” Jones (10), Matt “Nutt” Knight.

Clown Sunshine Report - Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers: the Barton family, the Dunune family, the Babbert family, the Tootle family and the Knight family.

Once again the door is open to anyone who wants to join the “greatest bunch of buffoons” anywhere! Just stop by at our meeting on the first Monday of the month or contact any member of the clown unit!

Remember those on the frontlines for us: the military, police and fire warriors who bleed, sweat, and even die to protect us from harm—24/7. No questions asked!

God bless you all. Peace, love and goodwill.

This is PNC BucketHead signing off.
Tampa 2016 Imperial Session

Includes:
- 4 Nights Lodging:
  Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk
  200 N. Ashley Dr.
  Tampa FL 33602
- Welcome Party
- Parade Pre-Glow
- Hospitality Room

Costs:
- Double Occupancy: $500/person
- Single Occupancy: $860
- Children In Your Room: $30/child
- Additional Event Tickets (These tickets are ONLY needed if the Imperial Package is not purchased.)
  - Welcome Party: $30
  - Parade Pre-Glow: $50
  - Banquet: $100
  - Hospitality Room: $50

Deposit of $150/person due with reservation form. Final payment due by May 20, 2016

Mail Completed Imperial Session Form with Payment to Aladdin Shrine Center, 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio 43123

Payment Information

- Noble: ___________________________ Lady's Name: ___________________________
- Address: ___________________________ City: ________ State: ________ Zip: ________
- Membership #: _______________ Phone: ___________________________
- Email: ___________________________ Unit/Club: ___________________________
- Roommate (If another Noble) ___________________________

Payment Options

- Payment in Full OR $150 Deposit Per Person
- Balance MUST be PAID by May 20, 2016

Payment in full ( ) Deposit Only ( )
Check Enclosed ( ) Credit card ( )
Amount to Charge ___________________
Credit Card #: _______________________
CCV:_______________________________
Expiration Date:_____________________
Signature:__________________________

Hippity Hoppity, the Easter Bunny is on His Way...

to the Aladdin Shrine ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 26th 6PM

Egg Hunt at Dark

$25.00 Per Person (21 & Up Only)

Prizes
- Gift Certificates, Alcohol, Tickets to New Year's Eve, Tickets to the Potentate's Ball & More!

Food
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, and Sides

Fun & Games
- Easter Egg Hunt, Egg Roulette, Music & More!

Drinks
- Pop & Water Provided
- Cash Bar

Paid Reservation Required
Send Reservation & Payment to Aladdin Shrine Center
1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City OH 43123
Attn: Easter Bunny
(Check Payable to Aladdin Shrine Center)
Email Address Required for Confirmation.