Welcome 100+ New Nobles  

by Robert Warner, Membership Chairman

More nobles were created this year than any year since 2013! It was a job well done but more work is needed.

A “tip of the fez” and a “hearty welcome” goes to each of the 100 plus new Aladdin Nobles created this year. A “thank you” goes to each noble who recruited them. Over 50 candidates became nobles at the recent Ceremonial on November 4. Please welcome them. These fantastic membership numbers are the direct result of Aladdin Shrine Nobles actively recruiting new members. Without doubt, these new nobles will bring more fun and fellowship to our Shrine. Recruitment, however, is an ongoing process. Like all worthwhile things in life, recruitment is not easy but it is well worth it when we have good results.

Retention of the new nobles and our existing nobles is the responsibility of all nobles. One proven key to a healthy membership is getting new nobles involved in a club or unit. It is our responsibility as an active noble to ask a new noble to be a member of a club or unit. I challenge each noble who sponsored a new member to ask that new noble to join one.

As the year is coming to a close, we need to seek out and encourage fellow nobles who are subject to suspension to pay their dues. The month of December is the last chance to avoid suspension of a noble who may have an outstanding dues balance for 2017. There are still approximately 200 nobles who are subject to suspension at the end of December.

Remember that it is always the right time to recruit new members. Continue to visit your lodge, always be ready to discuss the benefits of becoming a Shriner and then be ready to ask that Brother Mason to become an Aladdin Shriner. Let all Masons know that you are proud to be a Shrine-Mason. Become a part of the "I Am Committed to Membership, Are You?" program. Check out the website at https://webfez.shrinenet.org/referral. Our membership is growing because our nobles are truly committed. As I have stated before, “I am committed, are you?”

As 2017 is quickly fading away and we look forward to 2018. What better way to ring in the new year than to enjoy “Fun & Fellowship” with your fellow nobles and their ladies at Aladdin’s premier New Year’s Eve party! It will be a spectacular night of “Fun & Fellowship” with great food, host bar, music and dancing, a balloon drop and a champagne toast at midnight to welcome in the new year. Attire for this event is formal or dark suit. (Ad on page 12)

The doors will open for the party at 7:00 p.m. with hors d’oeuvres being served, then followed by the serving of a plated gourmet dinner at 7:45 p.m. Musical entertainment for the night will be provided by the Big Daddy Blue Band which is new to Aladdin this year. They play a wide variety of music that will far exceed your expectations. Children’s activities will be offered during the party at the Shrine Temple.

The cost of the evening is $75.00 per person for nobles and their ladies. Reservations must be made by December 22, 2017 to ensure your attendance at this event. There will be no refunds after December 15, 2017. There is a limited amount of seating available in the ballroom so we encourage you to make your reservations early as it will fill up quickly. Reservations may be made online at localevelevents.com (keyword – Aladdin) or by calling 614-475-2609 or 800-475-3850.

For those who wish to stay close to Aladdin and not drive home, we have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express near the temple. It is located at 3951 Jackpot Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123. Call 614-801-9000 for reservations and mention that you are with Aladdin Shriners for a discounted room rate of $99.00 plus tax. Transportation will be provided by Aladdin between the temple and hotel.
Ceremonial Brings 54 New Nobles

by Jon M. Kinney, Potentate

We started the month of November with our second, full-form Ceremonial of the year on Saturday, November 4. We had the pleasure of creating 52 new nobles this day in addition to the two new nobles created at the dress rehearsal on Friday night. The cast members did an outstanding job with their parts and with the support of the Audio, Band, Chanters, Legion of Honor, Past Masters and Pipes & Drums Units. Thanks go to Ceremonial Director Aaron Langhirt and Ritualistic Director Bill Selsam, PP for their efforts to ensure the success of the Ceremonial. Thanks go to the Brutal Brothers for another fine job presenting the second session that I am sure was enjoyed by all. I would also like to thank the Medical, Reception, Registrar and Provost Units for fulfilling their supporting roles with their usual efficiency. Of course thanks go to the Hospitality Unit for the afterglow.

We were pleased for the first time in many years to have as our guests for the day a number of the candidates’ ladies to witness our Ceremonial and feezing of their new nobles. The Divan ladies put on an information program about the Shrine for the candidates ladies. After the ladies joined us for lunch, they enjoyed a trip to a local winery and closed the meeting of their temple in full-form.

Visitations: The Divan visited with the Medical Unit and Northeast Shrine Club in November. They were wonderful visits. On November 19 the Divan and several Past Potentates visited Alla Baba Temple No. 53 in Columbus for their business meeting. It was a good afternoon of fellowship and it was most impressive to observe their officers open and close the meeting of their temple in full-form.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Our spaghetti dinner fundraiser on November 10 was well attended and lots of spaghetti and meatballs were served. A “tip of the fez” goes to Art Wilson who headed up the dinner and to the nobles and ladies who volunteered to help in the kitchen, serving and cleaning up afterward. That was followed on November 25 by our annual Beat Michigan Tailgate Party in the Oasis including another chili cook-off contest. The chili entries were awesome and it was a great time of fun and fellowship as we watched the game and rooted for our Buckeyes. Many thanks go to Aaron Dominey for heading up the tailgate party.

Gallipolis Veterans Day Parade: We traveled to Gallipolis on November 11 and joined the Gallipolis Shrine Club in the Veterans Day Parade. It was great to attend a new parade that honored our veterans and thanks go to the club for the excellent afterglow. We finished the parade season for Aladdin on November 25 at the Washington Courthouse Christmas Parade. After a few years hiatus, it was good to be able to return to that parade and help usher Santa Clause into town. Thanks go to the Washington Shrine Club for the great afterglow at the finish of the parade.

Fall Fashion Frenzy: Aladdin’s first annual ladies fashion show, entitled Fall Fashion Frenzy, was November 11. Ladies attending were treated to a fabulous lunch followed by the style show featuring fashions from a number of local vendors. Shrine ladies and children served as models for the event and were absolutely lovely. Of course the ladies had an opportunity after the show to purchase what they were shown as the vendors had tables set up around the building to peddle their wares. All the proceeds from the fashion show will go to support First Lady Cindy’s Cleft Lip & Palate Nutrition Research Project at Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Cincinnati. Thanks go to Past Potentates Dee Mowry and Steve Hathaway for helping the ladies and standing in for me until I was able to get there from the parade in Gallipolis.

New Event for Aladdin: The first couple weeks of December will be a busy time starting with a new fundraising event for Aladdin on November 30 – December 2. We kicked off the first annual holiday festival where numerous holiday items and decorations were offered for sale with a breakfast featuring Belgian waffles served Saturday morning.

December Stated Meeting: The Divan also has visitations scheduled to the Aladdin Band, Brutal Brothers, Legion of Honor and Chanters Units as well as the Licking County and Tarhe Shrine Clubs. Sprinkle in invitations to several Christmas parties, board meetings and the Stated Meeting and our days are pretty much filled until just before Christmas day.

Speaking of the December Stated Meeting on December 18, don’t forget this meeting is our annual election of officers to serve Aladdin in 2018 and the Chief Rabbah will present his 2018 budget for the final reading and approval. I strongly encourage all of the nobility to attend and vote for their future leadership.

New Year’s Eve Party: The last big event of the year is Aladdin’s annual New Year’s Eve Party on December 31. We will welcome in the new year with a spectacular night of fun and fellowship including great food, host bar, live band, dancing, balloon drop and champagne toast at midnight. Seating is limited so I encourage you to make your reservations by December 22. (See ad on page 12)

2017 Dues Yet to Be Paid: Nobles, there are still over 200 members who have not paid their Aladdin Shrine dues for 2017. If you are one of these members, please pay your 2017 dues ASAP! To avoid being suspended, pay at least your 2017 dues before December 31, 2017. You can then pay 2018 dues after January 1 and avoid all penalties. If you know of someone who has not paid his 2017 dues, please encourage him to send that check and get current.

On November 18 Lady Cindy and I were honored to attend a luncheon celebration the 100th anniversary of Thea Court No. 5 Ladies Oriental Shrine. Congratulations goes to High Priestess Melanie Roberts and the ladies of Thea Court on achieving this milestone.

Cindy and I would like to wish all of the nobility and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah as well as best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year!

I am proud to be an Aladdin Shriner!
Tabloid Times  by Bob Stevenson, Tabloid Chair

“God bless us, everyone” – Tiny Tim

Look as I might for a different Christmas quote to start this article, it seems this one just does it all. It was a simple utterance given on Christmas day by a boy with a serious health problem who came from a family of extremely limited means. We know from the story that if he does not get help, he will die. But through it all, he is a happy, positive boy seeing the good in the world. We know the rest of the story. I have a copy of the 1952 movie, in black and white, which I think is the best of many remakes over the years. I dig it out and watch it yearly, usually alone; everyone else seems to always have something important to do. The first time I saw it, it was a new release at a theater in my hometown. I know the movie story very well.

If you ask anyone who has contact with Shrine kids at our hospitals, they will confirm that, like Tiny Tim, these kids are happy, positive and hopeful. They look for the best in the world, regardless of what their world might really be. And when they are in our hospitals, they are in very happy places, around people (our wonderful staffs) who love them, help them and do everything in their power to make their future the best it can possibly be.

In the story it is Scrooge, of course, who comes to Tiny Tim’s rescue. But in that story Charles Dickens was telling the world at that time it had a responsibility to help those in need, to be charitable, to make lives better, not worse. In large measure many changes took place in the years to come, in no small measure because of Dickens and his stories. Someplace, 90 plus years ago, maybe Dickens extended his reach, touching a bunch of Shriners and planting the seeds of helping crippled kids like Tiny Tim. Recall that our early hospitals treated kids with polio. Coincidence? Maybe—maybe not. But today we do help many kids, from many places and situations. And we do a lot of different things, and we all, you and me and all those wonderful people who drop money in our buckets and take our Tabloids help make that happen. Every event nobles hold to raise funds for Tabloid, they are taking part in the helping of our kids as surely as if you were there with them.

For 2017 Tabloid the year was good and Lexington, Cincinnati and Erie appreciated the donations we gave. The new year is nearly here. The “5 a Day” pins are on order; we can take your contribution now (think tax time and deductions before 12/31). It’s time for clubs and units to think of new, different ways to raise funds. It is important to tell our story—it’s a good one!

I want to say thanks to Lady Cindy for inviting me to talk to the ladies of our newest nobles at the November Ceremonial. I told them, and I tell each of you, Tabloid isn’t just for the Nobles. We need the help and partnership of our ladies. Let’s make that happen more in 2018.

So, as we move to Christmas, New Year’s Eve and beyond, I give thanks for each and every one of you, members of our Shrine family. I give thanks for your Tabloid efforts for I see first hand in my role as a member of the Board of Governors of SHC-Erie the benefits we make possible. I see, as do our Roadrunners, the joy of our kids as we help them and the relief of their parents when they learn the very best care available is there for their children.

From my Lady Marj and me, we wish you a blessed Christmas, a new year of happiness and an understanding of just how great the work you do as a Shriner truly is. And we join Tiny Tim saying “God bless us, everyone”!

Chaplain’s Chat  by D. Dee Mowry, PP

This will be my final column as your Aladdin Chaplain. I offer my most sincere thanks to Ill. Sir Jon for the appointment. It has been my sincere pleasure to serve the Ill. Sir and Aladdin in this capacity.

At a recent Potentate’s visitation at a VERY (downtown Columbus) elegant venue, your chaplain was called upon to offer the usual invocation followed by the pledge to the flag. A problem surfaced when we realized that the flag was missing and a quick check showed that no flag was quickly available. It is very difficult to pledge to the flag with no flag! So rather than the ordinary pledge, your chaplain offered a few impromptu and extemporaneous thoughts something along these lines (as I remember.) We are all Masons and patriots; we stand for the National Anthem; we place our hand in the appropriate place or offer the hand salute during the pledge; we offer brotherly love to our fellow men; we believe in a “Higher Power” that is something greater than ourselves; we give praise and gratitude to the Supreme Architect for giving us the greatest country on the face of the earth.

As we are entering the season of gift giving, think of all the gifts the Supreme Architect has given us, beginning with “The Reason for the Season” and our great country. Yet there are those who try to destroy this country! We, the silent majority, need to be heard. “Political correctness” needs to be put in its rightful place—the compost pile with the rest of the detritus, also biologically known as El Toro poo-poo.

The Lord takes care of his people. In Exodus Chapter 3: verses 7 and 8, the Lord notes that He has heard of the hardships of His people because of their taskmasters and in verse eight He says that He will deliver His people to a good and broad land, the land of “milk and honey.” Does this sound familiar? Are we not in a good and broad land flowing with milk and honey? Consider all our blessings—home, family, food, our Masonic Family(s). etc. And now, at the risk of being politically incorrect and I hope I am, Lady Kathy and I wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Cleft Lip & Palate  by Bob Stevenson, Tabloid Chair

For 2017, as my lady’s project, I have chosen to raise funds to donate to researchers at our Cincinnati Hospital to support their research efforts concerning cleft lip and palate nutrition (CLP). It is critical to minimize the wide spread occurrence of under-nutrition in CLP babies and to advance the science and practice of nourishment techniques.

Cleft lip and palate is among the most common of congenital anomalies. One out of every 500 – 700 babies will be born with cleft lip and/or palate. An important aspect in the care of a newborn with CLP is nourishment.

The objectives of this research study is to:

• Better understand the maternal, environmental and infant factors that influence breast milk feeding in babies with CLP.
• Identify infant factors that promote or hinder breast milk intake.
• The development of new model/methods of care to better support the mother – baby dyad.

Please join me in helping the doctors and nutrition specialists gain knowledge in helping a mother of a CLP baby give her child a healthy start in life. After all, isn’t that all mothers want for their children—to be healthy and happy? Your donation to my project will go a long way in the research of CLP nutrition.

How to Donate to First Lady Cindy’s Project:

• Donations made to Cindy’s project by Shriners, donors, clubs and units (at visitations) will be donated to the Cincinnati Hospital in support of the research project stated.

Contact Executive Director Chad Dennewitz at 614-475-2009 or 800-475-3850, ext. 110, cdennewitz@aladdinshrine.org.

To fill these positions, a nomination and vote is required by the entire body at the Stated Meeting on December 18, 2017.

ASHAC Board Positions

• Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC) has three positions open for members to serve on the ASHAC Board.
• These are three (3) year terms and requires attendance at all board meetings held monthly on the second Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
• Board meetings deal with all the issues relating to our operations with our hospital system and distribution of funds in Aladdin’s jurisdiction to those that apply for assistance.

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December 2017
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Meet Elina

Elina Villemure, 13, a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Erie has had the experience of a lifetime representing the medical center at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, an official PGA tour event held in Las Vegas.

Elina was chosen as one of 22 patient ambassadors throughout the country to represent the hospital network at the tournament where she served as a standard bearer throughout the event. She carried the scores of professional golfers as they competed.

Elina has been a patient of the Erie Shriners Medical Center since she was adopted from Bulgaria and brought home to America fall of 2010. Elina was born without a right leg, and her left leg was amputated when she was just four years old due to missing several bones in her ankle and foot. Since she was five years old she has received surgeries and treatment from Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Erie.

Elina is a delightful, friendly and active girl who enjoys spending time with her brothers, Connor (10) and Owen (5). She is one of the top students in her class and always earns straight As. In her spare time, Elina enjoys riding and showing horses, and showing rabbits and chickens in 4-H. She also enjoys playing the piano and singing. Whatever she tries, she does so to the best of her ability and lives by the motto “never give up on anything.” Elina was thrilled to represent Shriners Hospitals for Children—Erie in Las Vegas, at the SHC Open, along with her mother, Yvonne.

Photography Available

The Aladdin Shrine Photography Club will be taking the 2018 Divan photographs in the Aladdin Room on the afternoon of Sunday, December 10 and will be setting up for these photographs in the morning on Saturday, December 9.

If anyone is in need of a head shot, family portrait or similar photograph, the club can probably do that for you in the afternoon on either day. The club asks for donation of $10 per shot.

If you are interested, please contact Mark Layman (mark.r.layman@gmail.com or 614-866-4385) to discuss your photograph needs and possible times.
Election Regulations

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(B) At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Donald G. Goodman, Recorder

In Memoriam

Roy W. Blackburn
Harry E. Miller
Raymond A. Pendell
Ralph R. Perdue
Kelly Raines
Kenneth E. Rossmann
Phillip N. Schertzer
Billy F. Starkey
James T. Valentine
H. Fred White
Chester A. Wiley

Aladdin's Membership Statistics

Membership As Of 1-1-2017  4,565
Associate Members 1-1-2017  47
Total Membership 1-1-2017  4,612

Current Yr to Date

Total Additions YTD  95

Current Yr to Date

Demits 1 YTD  5
Suspension 0 1
Deaths 11 13
Resigned 1 10
Assoc. Dropped 0 2
Reversals 18 20

Total Deletions YTD  235
Membership As Of 10-31-2017  4,472
Net Loss/Gain YTD  -140

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Stated Meeting and Annual Election of Officers

December 18, 2017

1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, OH 43123

Dinner - 5:30 PM  Meeting - 6:30 PM

● All Aladdin Nobles Encouraged to Attend!
● Must have current dues card to be eligible to vote!

Leadership Seminar & INSTALLATION

Saturday, January 13, 2018

1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, OH 43123

Aladdin Shrine Headquarters

1:00 PM - Registration
1:30 PM - Leadership Seminar
2:30 PM - Ladies Breakout Session
4:15 PM - Aladdan Annual Meeting
4:45 PM - Social Time in The Oasis
5:30 PM - Installation of 2018 Officers
6:30 PM - Dinner (Ticket Required)

Attention:

Nobles and 2018 Unit/Club Officers

Reservations Are Required for Dinner

Don’t delay on making your reservations. Seating is limited.

1. Sign up online: www.localevelevents.com (Access Code: aladdin)
2. Call office: You can make reservation through office by calling 614-475-2609 or 800-475-3850 for assistance in reserving.

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Registration form and trip details will be in the January Lamp
Ladies,
This can be a great Christmas present for your Shriner!
First Lady’s
Fall Fashion Frenzy

2018 Potentate’s Trip

Date: June 16 - 26, 2018
Cost: Starting $2,300* plus airfare per person
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The trip starts with three nights in Florence and then off to Venice and the Po River Cruise.

The historical hub of civic life is the Piazza della Signoria, home to the 14th Century Loggia della Signoria or Loggia dei Lanzi. It is adorned with famous sculptures: the Fountain of Neptune and Palazzo della Signoria, otherwise known as Palazzo Vecchio, one of the city’s symbolic monuments.

A copy of Michelangelo’s famous David (original is in the Galleria dell’Accademia) is one of several statues which stand in front of the Palazzo.

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Wednesday, October 25, 2017 Pike County Shrine Club made a beverage tab donation to Board of Governors of Shriners Hospital for Children*—Cincinnati in the amount of 2,100 pounds.

How many tabs does it take to a pound? The following information is from Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Math:

- 1 pop tab = 1 inch = 2.5 centimeters;
- 12 pop tabs = 1 foot;
- 40 pop tabs = 1 meter;
- 80 pop tabs = 1 ounce;
- approximately 1,280 pop tabs = 1 pound;
- approximately 40,000 pop tabs = 1 kilometer;
- approximately 64,000 pop tabs = 1 mile.

To put this in perspective, laying end to end it would reach from to Shriners Hospital for Children*—Cincinnati to East Fork Miami River, Batavia, Ohio or 41.5 mile.

The final analysis is **Pike County SC presented over one ton of pop tabs!**

Using the above data you may want to figure the approximate number of tabs in 2,100 pounds. (This is for you to do; I was an anatomy professor.)

If you are a dentist this may be a VERY fertile area for your practice with this much soda being consumed!

“Now who is going to challenge the Pike County SC and top the 2,100 pound figure?” asks David Dee Mowry, PP, Cincinnati Hospital Board Representative. “Now how many of these are pop tabs?”

Pike County Shrine wants thank the fraternal veterans community service and individuals who helped make this possible, especially the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 2263.
Your Kambri Shrine Club held its annual election of officers for 2018 on November 9 at the deep Cut Tavern. We had 11 Kambri Nobles (eight were on the ballot) and three visitors from Aladdin. Coming from Aladdin were Past Potentates Cal Smith and Bill Estell and Divan Representative Roscoe Smith. President Russell McFarland welcomed all and called upon Noble Tom Fisher to offer a prayer. Following our meal Noble Russell read the following slate of officers for 2018: President Tim Oliver, First Vice President Dick Bates, Second Vice President Dave Black, Director At-Large Russell McFarland, Secretary Don Huston, Treasurer Tom Fisher, Tabloid Chair Buzzy Ferguson, Membership Chair Ron LePage, and PR Chair Dick Brixner. The offer for nominations from the floor was followed by a motion and second to close the same. This motion passed. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made, seconded and passed. The new officers will be installed at our annual Christmas party.

Past Potentate Cal Smith offered a few words thanking the club for the invitation to join us for fun and fellowship. He said he and PP Bill enjoy coming to our club. Our Divan Representative Roscoe Smith highlighted a few events. He commented on this past weekend’s Ceremonial. Noble Tom Fisher took two candidates from Kambri. He invited all to the New Year’s Eve Celebration and talked about other upcoming events. Remember, all are invited; just call Aladdin to make the reservations.

Nobles, did you read the November Lamp? There are many activities in December and the coming new year. Don’t forget to read about the area Shriners Hospitals. Did you read of the new program, “I AM R U?” Did you read the resolution to amend the bylaws of Aladdin? There is a wealth of news in each of the issues of the Aladdin Lamp; be sure to read.

Nobles, don’t forget our annual Christmas party on December 14 at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall. We will have entertainment, great food, fun fellowship, refreshments, and of course, the jolly fellow in the red suit. Watch for the flyer and make your reservations.

**Reception**

Jack and Donna Bonn hosted a nice outdoor picnic at their home on October 21 with plenty of food and drink for the half dozen or so members who managed to get there. There were other competing Shriners events on that day which held the crowd to a minimum. Small as the meeting was, the members who attended and voted reached an important conclusion. The Reception Unit will continue to operate, albeit minimally, for 2018. Meetings will be held periodically when Director Jack Bonn determines them to be in our best interests. Our chief obligation to Aladdin Shrine will be retained, namely providing leadership for the Aladdin Shrine Circus ushers. We will continue to serve as greeters for selected Aladdin activities.

The reasons for the steady diminution of our activities over the last few years are as outlined in the message accompanying our annual dues notice. Our demographics are awful. Of the 33 members on our current roster, 22 are age 80 or older. Since we have become functionally inactive, to use Mike Johnson’s words, there is little to attract new members. The future of the Reception Unit hangs by a thread.

Noble Bob Tustin continues to recover from recent surgery. Ralph Vaughn was seen at the Ceremonial on November 4 looking well after the conclusion of radiation treatment.

Birthdays for this month: Bill Estell, PP, Bill Loomis and Bill Stelzer. Happy birthday, Nobles.

**Licking County**

Nobles, the 2017 year is winding down with the Potentate’s visitation on December 8. This will be our last meeting of the year. The club has had great success this past year completing Tabloid Days, the Licking County Shrine 73rd Baseball Tournament, the Hartford Fair, and our first 5K run with 64 runners. I can not believe the time went so quickly.

It was mentioned at the November meeting that the officers for the 2018 year have been nominated and will be voted on at our December meeting which will be on the December 7 at noon, the day before the visitation.

In November we decided where and how much funds were to be dispersed. President Jim Rosser was well pleased with all the help he received this year and I am sure Noble John Rickett will be ready to start the new year as well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all nobles.

**Senior Shriners**

The monthly meeting of the Senior Shriners opened in due form with the prayer and pledge. In the absence of Past Potentate William Amsbaugh, PP, Rob Base took charge.

Effective October 18 the dues and meal cost has been raised to $10.00. The secretary will start collecting dues at the December meeting. There will be a Christmas buffet at the December meeting. The treasurer announced that our finances are in good order. The stock market has been treating the club real well. The meeting was closed with Jim Stelzer, our master of wit, and a prayer by Gary Shoemaker.

**Pipes & Drums**

It has been a great fall season for the Aladdin Pipes and Drums. In October we marched in the Circleville Pumpkin Show and celebrated two performances at Kirkin Blessing of the Tartan Services in Newark and Marion.

We enjoyed November by performing at the Aladdin Shrine Ceremonial, the Linden Lodge Officers Installation and plan to have presence at the Arts & Sciences St. Andrews Day celebration.

We have been asked to perform for the Holiday Dinner and Awards Ceremony for the Capital City, Community, Linden & York Lodges, at the York Golf Club, on December 15.

We are planning to host our first traditional Robert Burns Supper at the Aladdin Shrine on January 28, 2018. According to Wikipedia, the first supper was held in memoriam at Burns Cottage by Burns’s friends, on July 21, 1801, the fifth anniversary of his death. It has been a regular occurrence ever since. Formal dinners are hosted by organizations such as Burns Clubs, Freemasons, or St. Andrews Societies. More details will be coming out soon in the Lamp!

Our unit continues to grow—we need more percussionists. If you play the drums or even if you have always wanted to learn to play the drums and can march, this may be the unit for you.

You are welcome to check us out. We typically practice the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Aladdin Shrine headquarters in Grove City. You are welcome to come visit us at our practices regardless if you are a Shriner yet. Come see what we are all about!

You can keep up with the latest on our unit and the performances on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AladdinShrinePipes and Twitter @AladdinShrinePD
Clowning Around by Mike “P.N.C. BucketHead” Clark

Aladdin Clown Unit wants to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It has been a long year but a good one. We added five new members to our unit. All five are going to be good clowns and bring their own flavor to our mixed talented unit.

Great news from the International Shrine Clown Association is that we have set an amazing new record in donations for the Red Sneaker Fund 2017. We have raised just under $1.6 million dollars this year….so far! One of our members who passed away in 2016, Mike “Teddy Bear” Ito, donated from his will $1.5 million dollars to the Red Sneaker Fund. Thanks, TEDDY BEAR!

Since I made a mistake and missed the cutoff date last month, I want to honor the military veterans of the Aladdin Clown Unit: Irv Dunune, Jack Bope, Bill Amspoaugh, PP Fred Gischler, Lloyd Degonia, Rodney Holdren, AR, Fred Timm, Dan Knopp, Kevin Moore, George Mather, CJ Carter and Eugene Terrell. Thank you for your service and welcome home! God bless you! The unit participated in a couple of parades the last two months, the Jackson Apple Festival Parade and the Circleville Pumpkin Show Parade.

Upcoming events are the Marietta Shriners Basketball Tournament, our unit’s Christmas party and the annual Kids Christmas party. We are getting ready to start rehearsals for the circus ring acts in the next year’s circus.

All those clowns who had hatchday in October and November—have a happy hatchday!

And for our ill and ailing clowns, have a hearty get well soon. For those who are MIS—please find yourselves and check in when you can.

One final thing, our unit members have decided to relax on some our requirements in becoming a clown in our unit. The two biggest changes are we are now allowing facial hair and the apprentice will be also allowed to do more than the white face, such as Auguste or tramp/hobo/character type of faces. And we are working on an introduction kind of program to let individuals get an inside look as what it takes to become a clown and what we do.

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We wish all Nobles and their ladies a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Marching with the Legion by John Iben

December is here and we had another successful year thanks to all the outstanding support from our Legion of Honor Nobles. Our attendance at the circus increased and Legion members looked sharp presenting the colors. We marched in more parades with more marchers. Tabloid donations were up. There was better attendance at our stated meetings. We recruited more new members who have joined our ranks and filled our officer positions. My thanks goes to PC Mike Tyne, PP who helped get the ball rolling and 1st Lt. CMDR Joseph Fodor who kept it going.

The 2018 team is outstanding: CMDR Joseph Fodor, 1st Lt. Robert Spencer PC, 2nd Lt. CMDR Ronald Leonard, PP and 3rd Lt. CMDR William Baker. PC Robert Spencer will continue as treasurer and PC James Rock is adjutant. Jeffery Rader is quarter master/officer of the guard and PC David Quinn is the transportation committee chairman.

Candidates Anthony Borer and Philip Miller were approved as LOH Members. An installation ceremony was conducted for Peter Hammond and Anthony Borer. At the Ceremonial, PC Mike Tyne PP, PC James Rock, Jeffery Rader, and Joseph Fodor presented the colors. At the ladies Fall Fashion Frenzy, 1st Lt Joseph Fodor presented the colors. Dick Luckay, PC Mike Tyne, PP, William Baker and CMDR John Iben were in the Gallipolis Parade. Our last meeting is the Change of Command /Potentate Visitiation on Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Aladdin Shrine headquarters.

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Union County by Charles Gill

Hello goes to all of our brother nobles, far and near. What a great time of the year! Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve finishes out the year and brings the high hopes for a prosperous 2018. The Union County Shrine Club has finished a very productive 2017. We just held our elections and the Christmas Party is planned for December 2. We have seen excellent results through all of the focuses of our club—fundraising, membership, projects, parades, activities, meetings, road running our kids, participation and friendship. All these have the single binding goal of helping our Shriner’s kids heal and improve their quality of health and life. Absolutely everything we do as a club is for our Shriner’s Hospitals for Children®.

Here’s a thought to ponder during the Christmas season. Many years ago, back when I was in high school and when the world wasn’t so politically correct, a term I really dislike, I was at the Christmas assembly back home where I was raised in Northeast Ohio. The usual stuff—kids anxiously ready for Christmas break, walking to the auditorium through the decorated high school hallways, some Christmas carols, a few skits and the school choir sang. Then our assistant principal, who was dressed as Santa Claus, walked onto the stage at the end of the assembly to dismiss us. As he pulled down his white beard, he said something that I never forgot. He said, “Don’t ever forget the real reason for Christmas….that the good Lord sent the little Christ Child to the world to save all of our lives.” That is so true. So mote it be.

A Merry Christmas is wished to you and yours from the Union County Shrine Club. We are a working club dedicated to service, smiles, fun, all through brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Tabledios - We’ll be prepared and ready to go in 2018.

Cans for Kids - The cans continue to collect and yielding those dollars for our kids.

Union County Fair - It is on the calendar to help work the gates.

Memorial Tournament - It is on the calendar and we’ll be working the gates at Muirfield, too.

Tin Lizzy Patrol - The Veteran’s Day Parade in Hilliard was a great time even with the bitter cold. Look for our Tin Lizzys and our outstanding Santa Claus dashing through the routes at the Christmas parades in Milford Center, Richwood, and Marysville.

Please keep our ill, fallen and bereaved in your minds, hearts, and prayers. Please continue to pray for our military and our government leaders to keep our country whole, prosperous, and safe. A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal. The Union County Shrine Club appreciates your attention and your support.

Past Masters by Timothy Ward

Thank you goes to all of the nobles from the Past Masters Unit who participated in the November 4 Ceremonial.

I want to thank Dick Bull, Garry Fortner, Don Forquer, Jim Stelzer, Lori Ardi, Pete Hammond and Roscoe Smith for marching in the Circleville Pumpkin Parade. It was wonderful to have a good turnout since many of the nobles in our unit were attending Grand Lodge.

Our Past Masters Unit’s Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 4 at Brookside County Club. I hope to see everyone at our Christmas Party.

Our bylaws committee has completed its update to the unit’s bylaws to be in conformance with Imperial’s request to update them. The unit will be voting on them at our January meeting. In addition to the update to our bylaws, we will be adding standing resolutions to address our unit’s specific items such as earning a blue coat, meetings, dues, attendance, etc.

SICK/DISTRESSED: The Whittingtons are both home again and are so grateful to God that they have made it this far. John Sterba had heart by-pass surgery and is recovering at home.

Provost by Joey Brooks

Director Rob Hartell opened the November stated meeting in celebration of the recent Veteran’s Day Holiday by recognizing the veterans present. October and early November were busy months for the Provost Unit. The unit participated in the Pumpkin Show Parade, the Fall Ceremonial and the Gallipolis Veteran’s Day Parade. Thanks go to all members who participated. Special thanks to Mary Jo (Bob) Albright for finalizing the parade handouts which help us spread the word about how Shriner’s Hospitals and our philanthropy provides healing and happiness to many families. In other business, advertising for the 2018 Aladdin Circus must be submitted by January 31, 2018. The circus dates are March 23-25.

Sunshine reported Harold Nairn has moved to Thurber Towers and is doing well. Kevin Moore is convalescing at home following surgery for upside down stomach. Bill Dountz is awaiting surgery to have a mechanical heart valve installed.

Bob Warner has been appointed as the Provost Unit Director for 2018. Joey Brooks and Rod Basye were appointed for secretary and treasurer respectively, followed by approval of the membership. Chris Baer has been appointed as reporter.


Of special note, the next stated meeting of the Aladdin Provost Unit will be on Thursday, December 7 in the Oasis Room. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Ross County

I decided to share with you some writings from my early manhood about 60 years ago. This is not my work but something I’ve saved for all these years. I hope you enjoy it.

At Christmastime - In retrospect at Christmastime, we view the passing year. We count our many blessings, those things we hold so dear. As we write our Christmas cards, our thoughts return to those who make happy our remembering as the year draws to a close…. the merry notes they’ve added to friendship’s sweet refrain. The golden link which bears their name on friendship’s golden chain. They’ve made this year a happy one and as the year is done, and we count our many blessings and we name each precious one. So our greetings go to tell them, those folks that we hold dear, that their friendship means so very much at Christmastime and all year.

A Christmas Prayer - Let us pray that strength abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding, that the good that lies in every man’s heart may day by day be magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evil and weaknesses; that the true spirit of this Christmas season, its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith may live among us; and that the blessings of peace be ours. We pray for the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

Hardin

The Hardin County Shrine Club held its November 15 meeting with 29 nobles in attendance. Noble President Chad Hydinger led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Noble Earl Rice gave the opening prayer.

Noble Secretary Morris Johnson gave the secretary’s report. Noble Rowe Garmon gave the treasures report for Noble Treasure Kevin Ridgeway.

Election of 2018 officers held with the following being elected: President Earl “Bud” James, First Vice President Joe Cramer, Second Vice President Keith McKee, Treasurer Kevin Ridgeway and Secretary Morris Johnson.

The annual Christmas Party will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 16 at the Hardin County Fairgrounds Community Building.

The club participated in the Kenton Christmas Parade on November 21. Our walkers handed out candy.

Noble Greg Hinebaugh asked the club for a donation for the Shop with a Cop Program. The club voted to give $1,200 for the purchasing of Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in the county.

The kitchen crew was thanked for preparing the evening meal. The crew consisted of Nobles Jim Holmes, Rice, Garmon, Hinebaugh, Carl Musselman, Cody Morris and Wes Broseke.

Noble Larry Weaver closed the meeting with prayer.

Steubenville

A substantial number of pull tabs—an aluminum garbage can full in addition to three large bags—recently were donated by the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 859 to the Steubenville Shrine Club, which in turn will donate them to the Shriners Hospitals for Children—Erie. The collection of pull tabs represents about an eight year effort that involved chapter members and friends of it. According to Tulenko, his daughter Kristin who had a stomach disorder from birth until she was 6 years old, was on a liquid protein diet and saved more than half the tabs. Since then many club members and pilots of the Jefferson County area helped take up the cause.

The official presentation of pull tabs involved Dave Tulenko president of the EAA chapter, and Richard “Dick” Hazelip, a member of the Steubenville Shrine Club and the EAA chapter.

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Valentine’s Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 10th

Get your dancing shoes ready for a romantic night out with your honey!

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Playing a great mix of music for everyone!

Full details available in the January issue of Aladdin’s Lamp.

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