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Christmas



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The Potentate's Message

by Donald G. Goodman

Thanks! You motivated us to "Fly High with Kids" and "Make A Difference." Merry Christmas!

November and December go by much too quickly. I know I'm not the first Potentate to say or think this, but I truly can't believe that this is my last article as Potentate of Aladdin Shrine Center. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

During November, we participated in the Washington Courthouse holiday parade. We visited The Medical Unit, Steubenville Shrine Club, the Provost Unit and Marion Shrine Club. Each of these visits was unique in its own way. They were all filled with warmth, good fellowship and good food. Thank you all for your donations and for your hospitality. We enjoy visiting and getting to know each of you.

The clubs and units we have visited or will visit in December are the Brutal Brothers, Licking County and the Band. We will also be busy enjoying many of the clubs' and units' Christmas parties and festivities around the holidays.

Reminiscing back on the year, some things stand out in my mind as very positive. We started the year with a new format for the seminar and installation; shortening the program and having dinner served after the installation for those of you who had other events planned for the evening. We opened the Oasis room for the Nobility, their Ladies and friends to enjoy sporting events (including the East-West Shrine game in January) NASCAR races, the Kentucky Derby, and last, but not least, Ohio State football games. And we added a patio for warmer days. We continued the newly formed tradition of having the Valentine's Dinner and movie which made a great place to take your lady for a date. The circus was shortened from ten to four days and made a profit that hasn't been seen in a few years. Tabloid once again set a new record. We held two ceremonials that increased our membership. We had a great time at the Imperial in Tampa. We couldn't have asked for nicer weather or hotel accommodations. We had beautiful weather on our riverboat trip and were very relaxed when we came back home. The Ladies trip went well and the weather cooperated.

I would be remiss if I did not say a special thanks to my unit, the Provost Unit. With their help we were able to complete the patio and have a banner year. They were supportive, not only monetarily, but physically. Many of my staff, photographers and special appointments were from The Provost. Every time I asked, they delivered. Thanks, guys!

Thanks also to those that have or will be contributing to the patio project such as the Reception Unit and other individuals. We plan to have a plaque affixed to the patio area saying thanks to all of those who have contributed to this project from which we all will benefit!

Kris and I have had a wonderful year and sincerely appreciate all of you who participated in the events we planned. Thanks, too, for all the nice notes you sent to us with words of thanks and encouragement and for the generous donations that we received. It really kept us motivated and ready to "Fly High with Kids" and "Make a Difference." Merry Christmas to you!

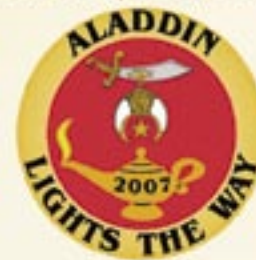


Annual Meeting & INSTALLATION

January 13, 2007

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Annual Meeting - 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
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MEMBERSHIP *ON THE MOVE*

by Calvin Smith | Membership Marketing Director

Masonry Only Moves Through You



Our Grand Master has announced that he will conduct a One-Day Masonic Class in each of Ohio's Masonic Districts on March 31, 2007. Once again, our Grand Lodge has risen to the occasion and stands forth for us all as we move Masonry forward.

This is another opportunity for Shrine Masons to step up and help our Lodges and Aladdin grow. It is the nature of our current culture that gives us this significant challenge. You and only you can move us into the next decade through your willingness to reach out and secure new members.

Aladdin's procedures are straightforward:

The fee will be \$217 with a fez and \$157 if the candidate already has a fez and:

1. Every member of Aladdin will do his very best to recruit one candidate for a regional ceremonial in his geographic area.
2. Any candidate may attend any regional ceremonial regardless of his residence in Aladdinland.
3. All fees must be paid with a submitted petition.
4. All petitions need to be submitted to Aladdin five days prior to the appropriate regional ceremonial.
5. Regional ceremonials are open to any Master Mason who wishes to petition.
6. All candidates must be at the regional ceremonial at the indicated time.

I have returned to the fall 2004 Beacon to set the stage for this effort. The rationale for a One-Day Class is clearly stated. It is perfect for:

- Our sons, grandsons and nephews who never decided to join though strongly encouraged to do so by a family member;
- Individuals who because of work or other commitments never had the time to join;
- Men who feared the requirements of memorization which have been waived for this class;
- Those men who never moved, for a variety of reasons, beyond Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Degrees;
- Out-of-state relatives who would like to join the "family" Lodge in Ohio. (A waiver of jurisdiction is required for these men through our Grand Secretary's office – start early.)

"On the conduct of each of us, rests the fate of us all."

That same Beacon gave us 10 solid reasons why good men would want to be Masons. I offer them to you again.

- Masonry is a place where you can confidently trust every person and entrust your family with them.
- Masonry is a place where, within moral and civil guidelines, free thought, free speaking and the spiritual growth of man can grow into its fullest potential.
- Masonry is a place which provides the opportunity to meet, know, and call brother outstanding individuals from all walks of life who you would not otherwise have met.
- Masonry is a place to be part of an organization that has for its principle tenets – brotherly love, relief and truth.
- Masonry is a place that provides self-development opportunities, leadership training and experience, and the chance to improve public speaking skills.
- Masonry is a place you can go to give support as well as seek it.
- Masonry is a place where moral virtues are taught, and through these teachings a regular reinforcement of the moral virtues is experienced.
- Masonry is a place to spend time with a group of brothers who, by acting as good men, make you want to become a better man. Not better than others but better than you otherwise have been.
- Masonry is a place to become better prepared to serve your church and community.
- Masonry is a place to meet with established members of the community and to become part of that community.

There it is. Your best efforts are needed. There is no excuse.

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You need to ask your Lodge Secretary for petitions for Masonry. If you need more information, contact your lodge officers, call Aladdin at 1-800-475-3850, or consult freemason.com or aladdinshrine.org websites.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all Masons everywhere.

Masonic District One-Day Class Locations

One-Day Class

| Masonic District | Class Location | Address | Included Aladdin Counties |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 | Southern State Community College Edward K. Daniels Auditorium | 100 Hobart Drive Hillsboro | Highland, Pike, Ross |
| 8 | Greene County Fairground Expo Center | 120 Fairground Rd. Xenia | Clinton, Fayette, Pickaway |
| 9 | Springfield Masonic Temple | 125 W. High Street Springfield | Madison |
| 10 | Lima Masonic Center | 2165 North Cole St. Lima | Hardin |
| 12 | University of Rio Grand | 218 North College Ave. Rio Grand | Gallia, Jackson, Meigs |
| 13 | New Lexington Lodge | 265 Old Somerset Rd. New Lexington | Fairfield, Hocking, Perry, Vinton |
| 14 | Aladdin Shrine Center | 3850 Stelzer Rd. Columbus | Delaware, Franklin |
| 15 | Bellefontaine Masonic Center | 600 North Maon St. Bellefontaine | Marion, Morrow, Union |
| 16 | Sandusky Masonic Temple | 304 Wayne St. Sandusky | Wyandot, Crawford |
| 17 | Athens Masonic Temple | 12 West Carpenter St. Athens | Athens, Morgan, Washington |
| 18 | LaFayette Lodge #79 | 3867 North Point Dr. Zanesville | Monroe, Muskingum, Noble |
| 19 | Heath Masonic Complex | 875 Irving Wicks Dr. - West Heath | Coshocton, Knox, Licking |
| 23 | Union Local High School | 66779 Belmont-Morristown Rd. Belmont | Belmont, Guernsey, Harrison |
| 24 | Steubenville Masonic Complex | 227 North Fourth St. Steubenville | Jefferson |

Locations

Steubenville

by Anthony Violi

Prior to the opening of meeting on November 2, the Nobility had an opportunity to listen to a presentation about the Big Brothers, Big Sisters organization of Jefferson County. Shari Williamson, director of the local organization, described its benefits to troubled children and encouraged the Nobility to consider becoming involved with youngsters who need to spend time with an adult who will guide and bond with them. For more information, contact the organization.

Following the presentation, the meeting was called to order by President Noble Dave Hunt. He led us in the pledge to the flag of our great country. Prayer was offered by chaplain, Noble Harry Reynolds. It was reported that Treasurer Noble Jerry Williams was in a Pittsburgh Hospital for a heart by-pass. He is now at home and doing well. The writer of this article will be admitted to Mt. Carmel East, Columbus, on November 17 for serious surgery concerning his digestive system.

The Black Camel visited our club taking Noble Glen Davis to his eternal resting place. Condolences were extended to the family.

Upcoming Parades: Motor Patrol President Noble Jim Halstead announced that the Patrol will participate in six parades in the area. Parades scheduled are Toronto, November 4; Newell Christmas Parade, November 25, Wintersville Christmas Parade, November 26; Mingo Junction Parade, November 27; Brilliant Christmas Parade, December 2; and Steubenville Christmas Parade, December 9. The parades expose the Shrine and its philanthropy to thousands of people. A "tip of the Fez" goes to the members of the Patrol and to their President Noble Jim Halstead.

Transportation Chairman Noble B. J. Johnson reported that he made a trip to Erie in October, transporting the youth who had his legs cut off in a train accident. He had his artificial legs and wheel chair adjusted. As stated in the last *Lamp*, he has now reached the age of 18 and is no longer eligible for our services.

Building Upkeep: Building Chairman Noble Russ Barker urged Nobles to help keep our building and grounds in top condition. Clean-up crews assemble on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. We want to thank Nobles Leonard Morris and his Lady Clara and Dave Hunt and his Lady Ellen for preparing the upstairs ballroom for the Potentate's visit.

Potentate's Visit: We were honored to have Potentate III. Donald G. Goodman, his Lady Kris, and members of the Divan with their ladies visit our club on Saturday November 4. Presentations were made to Lady Kris for her project by Lady Ellen, wife of President Dave Hunt. Informative and interesting remarks were made by the Potentate. Noble Russ Barker was asked to approach the podium and was presented the Meritorious Service Award by the Potentate. This is a high honor for Shrine members. Chief Rabban David D. Mowry also gave an informative and humorous presentation. The dinner was catered by Lady Clara Morris, proprietor of The Rose dining facility. The food was delicious and plentiful. An enjoyable evening was had by all. I had the honor and pleasure to be sitting at the table of High Priest and Prophet, Noble Gary Schuen and his Lady Patty.

Christmas Party: It was announced that the Christmas Party will be held on December 10, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Aladdin Land for Shriners and their children. Noble Jerry Williams was thanked for chairing the event.

Noble Gorney Appointed Ambassador: Our Shrine was pleased to hear that past president, Noble Ken Gorney, was appointed an Ambassador. He is deserving of the appointment. Noble Ken was president twice and very active in our club. He has three sons who are also active Shriners. Of note is that son, Noble Fred Gorney, has been elected first vice president and that son, Ken Gorney Jr., has been elected second vice president. This may be a first in Aladdin Land for potential presidents.

A discussion ensued pertaining to dinners held at Aladdin Land on the third Wednesday of each month for Shriners and the public. It was decided to continue offering the dinners through the winter months. We urge all Nobles and their friends to participate in the event - sharing good food and good fellowship. Donations are accepted for the dinners.

Welcomed and applauded was newly raised Noble Shawn Smith who is becoming active by joining the Motor Patrol. Snowbirds Nobles Whity Bauman, Bill Bell, Jack Wilson, Don King, and their ladies have departed for Florida.

2007 Officers: Nominations for officers for 2007 were opened. Nobles nominated were: president, Bob Moffet; first vice president, Fred Gorney; second vice president, Ken Gorney Jr.; secretary, Leonard Morris; and treasurer, Jerry Williams. All were elected by acclamation. Installation will be at the January meeting. Distinguished Masons, Ill. Nobles Henri Albert 33, Roger Watts 33, Harry Reyholds 33, and Anthony Violi, Meritorious Service, were recognized. Eight past presidents were in attendance. Local lodge reports were given. Twenty-five- and fifty-year members were introduced.

A closing prayer was given by Ill. Noble Harry Reynolds. Delicious refreshments, prepared by Second Vice President Fred Gorney, were available. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

SPECIAL thanks

by Dan Stainbrook, Assistant Rabban

I realize this is a little late in coming but late is better than not at all. At least that is what I been told. Besides I was waiting till I could drive again.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me get through the past several months while in the hospital and recuperating at home.

All the cards and flowers were overwhelming because in times like that you find out you have more good friends than you could ever imagine.

I am not going to name all the wonderful individuals for fear I might miss someone. I would like to say a special thanks to the Washington Court House Shrine Club, Pike County Shrine Club and Aladdin Car Club. Without their help the Chicken-n-Corn Roast and Car Cruise-In would not have been as successful. All the clubs worked very hard on this event and it showed in the end.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done and all your help given to Ann and me.

God Bless.

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Reflections from
Ross County Shrine
by Don Jones

Time has a way of moving quickly and catching us unaware of the passing years. It seems that just yesterday I was young, just married, and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet it seems like eons ago and I wonder where all the years have gone. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But here it is, the winter of my life, and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did my babies go? Where did my youth go?

I remember seeing older people through the years and thinking that those old people were years away from me. My winter was so far off that I could not imagine what it would be like. But here I am entering into this new season of my life totally unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength. My Father taught me to work with my hands and I hate losing the ability to do the things that have always been so satisfying and rewarding. And although my winter has come (and who knows how long it will last), there are many contributions I can make. I can work in my church, my Lodge and my Shrine. I can teach and set an example for my grandchildren. I can be a good friend and a good neighbor.

When it's over will I have regrets? Yes, I can recall things that I wish I had not done, and there are many more things I could have done. But indeed, there are many things I am happy to have done and I hope to add to that list. It's all in a lifetime. So if you are not in your winter yet, let me remind you, it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life you should do quickly. Do what you can do today. You can never be sure whether this is your winter or not.

Northeast Shrine Enjoys Chanters



We were entertained by the Aladdin Chanters, the 2006 Imperial Champions at our regular November meeting.

Charlie Linek reported that we are doing very well in our cheese fundraiser, and we need more of the members to help with our cause. You can request an order form or place orders directly by calling Charlie at 614-882-6935. Orders can be picked up at a Stated Meeting, at the Aladdin Shrine Center, or at his home. Don't forget our cheese and nuts make a great Holiday gift item.

The slate of officers and board of directors for 2007 was presented and accepted. The 2007 officers are president, Ed Lacy; 1st vice president, Jack Davis; 2nd

vice president, Ralph Hughes; 3rd vice president, Aaron Dominey; secretary/treasurer/ Jim Finley; and chaplain, Dick Westinghouse.

The 2007 board of directors are Frank Habaker, Terry McLaughlin, Ken Beckholt, Charlie Linek, and Clyde Yarnell

The annual dues for 2007 are due and can be paid at an upcoming meeting or by mailing a check to Jim Finley, 411 Woodbrie, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, December 15. Our entertainment will be provided by the Columbus Alternative High School chorus. Hope to see all members at this last meeting of 2006.

Northeast Shrine Club's
Annual Holiday Fundraiser

Cheese & Nut Sale

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| 1lb. Butter Toffee Almonds - \$6 | 1lb. Horseradish Cheese - \$4 |
| 1.5lb. Troyers Trail Bologna Ring - \$6 | 1lb. Ohio Provolone - \$4 |
| 1lb. Ohio Lacey Baby Swiss - \$4 | 2lb. Ohio Baby Swiss - \$8 |
| 1lb. X-Sharp New York White Cheddar - \$6 | 1lb. Ohio Smoked Swiss - \$4 |
| 1lb. Jalapeno Pepper Cheese (yellow) - \$4 | 1lb. Ohio Pepper Jack (white) - \$4 |

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Kambri Shrine

by Dick Brixner

On November 9, the Kambri Shrine Club held its annual election of officers. Thanks to Noble Lew Smith, we were able to meet at King Pin Lanes and had our meeting in "the back room." Twenty Shriners attended.

The menu for the evening was bean soup (prepared by Noble President Ron LePage), corn bread, and a sheet cake from Kennedy's Bakery. Drinks were provided courtesy of Lew Smith. Noble President Ron LePage welcomed all to this event and Noble Treasurer Tom Fisher gave the blessing.

Following the meal, Noble Bill Evans, chair of the nominating committee, presented his "suggested" slate of officers for 2007. They are: Nobles Bill Davis, president; Dave Black, 1st vice president; Frank Potts, 2nd vice president; Tom Wharton, 3rd vice president; Dave Mourer, member at large; Don Huston, secretary; Tom Fisher, treasurer; Clive Price, Tabloid chair; Ermal Shimp, membership chair; and Dick Brixner, publicity. Following the nominations, a voice vote was called for with a unanimous ballot cast for all.

President-elect Noble Bill Davis spoke briefly, accepting the nomination and indicating that it takes many Shriners to make the Kambri Shrine Club successful. Bill is a past president, serving in 1976. Good luck with your year! If you have any ideas for programs or you want to be involved, see President-Elect Bill Davis.

Noble Tom Fisher, our club treasurer, gave a financial report and indicated that all bills are paid and we have some money left over.

President Ron made his closing remarks and thanked all who had help to make his year a success. He reminded the Nobles that we still have Kambri Shrine shirts (\$20.00) And hats (\$10.00) Available at the lodge. He asked for volunteer drivers for trips to the Shriner hospitals in Erie, Pennsylvania, and Cincinnati, Ohio. Two of the Shriners spoke up and volunteered to be drivers.

All Shriners are reminded of our annual Christmas party on December 14. The party will be held at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall, time to be determined. Watch your mail for the newsletter. Shirley Dolan will provide a sit-down meal. We are expecting the Noble from "up north" to make an appearance (not Michigan), dressed in red, with a white beard and sleigh bells. Put this date on your social calendar and plan to attend.

This is the last party/meeting of Noble President Ron's year. Let's have a great turnout and show Ron how much we appreciate the work he has done this year.

We closed this meeting with a prayer by Noble Tom Fisher.

PROVOST

by John Rohal

The November meeting of the Provost was our annual Ladies Night and Potentate's visitation. This was a very well attended event; each of our ladies was presented with a special gift and the unit presented the Potentate with gifts for our hospitals and for our Shriner's complex.

The entire Divan, as well as several Past Potentates, was in attendance and the dinner was very well presented. Potentate Don Goodman presented a 50-year membership award to Charles A. Dozer who was unable to attend the recent Ceremonial. Harry Lewis received his 50-year membership award at the Ceremonial. Of course, everyone was astounded. They couldn't believe Harry was old enough to be a member for that many years until Steve Hathaway clarified the matter. Steve reported that Harry was there directing traffic for Moses when he parted the sea. Also, speaking of the Ceremony, the honorees were our members Robert M. Chiamonte and Past Potentate George C. Kosbab.

Celebrating their birthdays in December are Donald A. Bissett, Robert L. Cannon, Thomas P. Charles, Edgar A. Everhart, Leo Genders, Lendel E. Hodge, Charles J. Linek, Michael W. Pearch, Jeffery L. Rannebarger, Michael L. Wears, and Ronald L. Williams. Also special congratulations to go to Robert Madill who has been appointed an Ambassador by Potentate Goodman.

The unit extends our sympathy to the families of three of our members who were taken by the Black Camel during the last week of October: Past Potentate Press B. Fairweather, Ernest R. Busby, and John G. Francies.

Our ill and recovering members include Gene Custer, who is now at home recovering from a severe reaction to medication; Jay Devoll, also now at home and recovering from serious back problems; and Tom Douglas, at home recovering from heart problems. Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

I would like to extend our best wishes for everyone to have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you at the upcoming unit and general Shrine functions, including the election and installation of all officers.

Morgan County

by Richard Troup

We enjoyed a fine meal at the Legion. A discussion was held about giving a Morgan senior a scholarship and a committee was appointed.

The Potentate's visitation will be July 13 at Ohio Power Park. Paul Lane was nominated to receive the Meritorious Service Award by our members.

Election of officers was held and the current officers were reelected - a lot different from our national elections! The Health Department will be contacted to use some of our funds to help a local girl with severe health problems.

The Christmas party will be held upstairs at the Legion on December 16. Cost is \$10 for men and the widows and wives eat free. The meal is prime rib and music will be provided. Paul Bebout is prepared to dance with all the good-looking ladies!

Bob Casto was asked to name the four seasons and he replied, "Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar."

Reception Unit

by Ken Beckholt

Thanks to all of you who turned out for the photographs at the November meeting. We had 34 people attend! It has been a long time since we had that big a turnout for the monthly meeting; it was a sea of green coats. Maybe we should take pictures more often.

November was also a special meeting because we gave green coats to our six apprentices: Speed Dillon, Ray Crane, Ralph Vaughn, Aaron Dominey, Earl Sullivan, and Bill Loomis. Congratulations go to all of them! By the time you read this article, the unit's Christmas party will have come and gone. This year we held it at our traditional location of the Medallion Country Club.

Our unit's treasurer is now collecting 2007 dues. If you haven't sent them in yet, please do so. He has the 2007 dues cards ready to send out.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Hanukkah to all the Reception Unit members and their families! I hope to see you at the New Year's Eve Party!



2006 Fundraiser

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Bucyrus News

by Gene Diller

Noble Robert Laipply Jr. opened the Bucyrus Shrine Club meeting with prayer. The pledge of allegiance, led by Noble Vice President Mike Sand, followed. Bucyrus Shrine Club had a fish-fry. Noble Dave Crum's Palmer House served fish, cheese potatoes, green beans, banana salad and pie.

The secretary's reports for meetings from September 25, 2005 - October 23, 2006, were read. Noble Pete gave the sunshine report. Noble John Miller had surgery.

Vice President Sand announced a one-day Masonic class will be held next spring. A "thank you" was received from Kris Goodman for the cooper kettle she received at Potentate's visit.

It was announced Noble Jack Frost was celebrating his 88th birthday.

The Bucyrus Shrine Club's new officers for 2007 were sworn in: president, Noble Mike Sand; vice president, Noble Stan Eusey; 1st vice president, Noble Tim Miller; treasurer, Noble Pete Roll; and secretary, Noble Gene Diller.

Meeting adjourned.



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Patrol Marches on... by G. Vaughn Doss, C.E.

The Aladdin Shrine Patrol held their annual business meeting on Monday, November 6 at O'Charley's on Cleveland Avenue. The menu consisted of a ribeye Steak or BBQ ribs. Capt. Larry asked Terry DeVassie, P.P., to give the invocation. Dinner was served. The meeting was called to order and opened with introductions of Chi Weber, P.P. & C.E. Bill Leeson, P.P., Charlie Hulls, P.P., Terry DeVassie, P.P., Michael Clevenger, P.P., along with Lt. Leo Stacy, Lt. Tom Byers, and Neal Dorsch, treasurer. Reading of the minutes was suspended and Neal Dorsch gave the treasurer's report and it was approved by the membership.

The Patrol had a great turnout for the Ritualistic Guard at the Shrine Ceremonial, October 28. It was good to see Bill Dumbauld, Mike Ziegler, and Dick Nash. The Patrol wants to give a "big thank you" to Fred Bornstein for all his dedication and help in the sales and handling of the trinket table.

There will be a report next month on the Patrol Christmas Party held at the Heritage Golf Club, December 4. At the writing of this article, it looks like we'll have a great turnout!

We are sad to report that Captain Larry Bailey has decided to step down as captain next year. The Patrol wants to thank Larry for all the time and effort he put towards the Patrol and wishes he and Ann all the best in the coming new year.

Leo Stacy, C.E., who is assistant circus director, wants to bring attention to the sale of banners and ads for the 2007 upcoming circus. Bob Simpson, who is chairman of circus banner committee, would like to encourage any Patrolman who would like to help with the banners, to please contact him.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Baldwin Shrine

by Don Knouff

Once again the Black Camel has visited Baldwin Shrine and claimed Noble Dr. William Hunter and Noble Ralph Hammond. On behalf of the Nobles of Baldwin Shrine Club, I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the families of these fine Nobles. May they rest from their labors.

For our November meeting, Baldwin Shrine met with the Utica Shrine Club at the Pioneer Restaurant in Utica. A slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee for 2007. They will be installed at our December meeting. It is important that you be present. Our annual Christmas Party will be held the same evening. We will honor our deceased members' widows. Watch your monthly newsletter for the place and time of the meeting.

If you haven't purchased your supply of Wisconsin cheese spread and packaged cheese, this would be a good time to stock up. Let me know and I will see that they have it on hand.

Baldwin Nobles celebrating birthdays during December are Nobles Charles Brenneman, John Hammond, Mike Rector, William T. Smith, Don Weaver, Sam Williams, and Chuck Winter. Best wishes to all.

Hope to see you at the Christmas meeting and dinner. Get your reservations in early.

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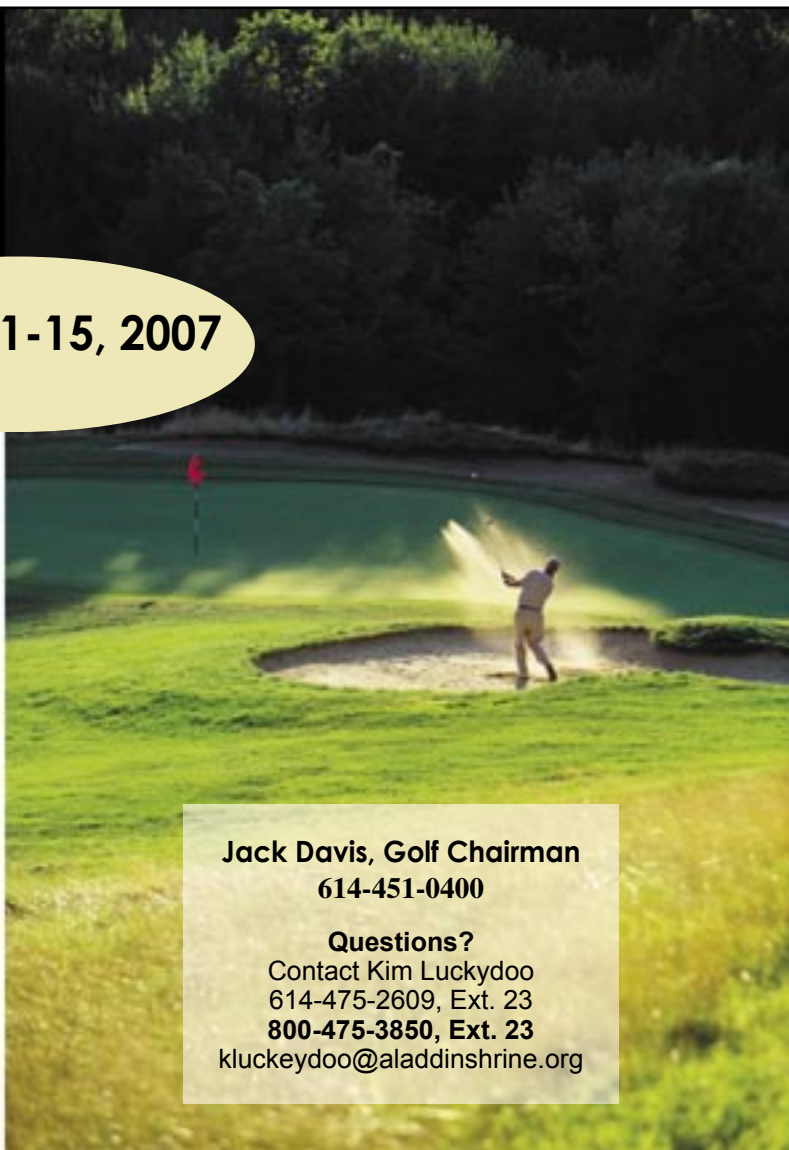
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Magnificent Moments by Richard Westinghouse

We are about to end the year, 2006. December becomes the busiest, happiest, and, for some people, the saddest month of the year. With these thoughts, I begin to ask myself why this should be true and how can this be changed.

First, we all are very busy coupled with our deep love for our families. This encourages us to shop for that very special gift for that very special person in that very special store in the busiest shopping center in our community. Why does everyone else have the same idea at what seems to be the same time? This may result to higher prices, outages, or a trip to another store or a second selection. So much for the busiest month of the year and your time wasted.

What about happiness? Have you ever anxiously waited in a crowded airport for either the arrival or departure of a so-called scheduled flight or driven around an airport for that very special pickup of that very special person who seems to be, at this time, lost. What about traffic? Don't others know how busy you are and how inconsiderate of that person to have an accident at this time on the highway you just happened to be traveling. Frustrations of all kinds sometimes dampen our holiday.

Thirdly, sadness and memories of loved ones so precious to us who will be spending Christmas with our Lord. We continue to miss them so much, and a part of our life is now void even when we know they are enjoying a new happiness with our Lord and Savior.

I do believe that God will not leave us alone with these attitudes. He has set an example for the whole world to celebrate and enjoy. What a gift of tremendous value and cost He gave to everyone for all generations: past, present and future. God gave us a gift of indescribable significances which are very personal, but which no one can own and yet can be shared with everyone. What is the worth of your salvation and how are we supposed to act? Does it not require a life changing experience? Perhaps, one of our responses could be sharing with others. I am not thinking so much about evangelism or social programs which are our responsibilities as I am as adding value to the life of others. What would a smile or kind word do to someone in depression, a special visit, or a quick prayer to someone in need? Why not ask God each remaining day of this month to reveal to you and guide you in a value changing action in your life? You are very special to God and He has given you a purpose and talent no one else has. As Martin Luther would say, "Be like little Christs." Enjoy this very special month; you may want to continue your new found talents into 2007. God's blessing on your new found birth! Happy Holidays and a Very Merry Christmas.



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Past Masters

by Dick Bull

As you read this article, our unit elections will have already taken place. Installation of officers and a new assistant director took place at our unit Christmas Dinner and Party at Villa Milano Restaurant on December 4. Past Potentate W. Gary Parks was installing officer. The new officers will be announced in the next issue of the *Lamp*.

Many thanks to Bill Hartman for his dedication and hard work as an assistant director of our unit for many years. For health reasons, he has resigned from that position but has promised to continue helping when and as needed. We wish him well and look forward to his continued efforts, if available, in the future.

Five of our members rode in the Past Masters van at the Washington CH parade on November 19. Also, Bill Estell walked with the Divan and P. P. Gary Parks was snugly warm driving his Tin Lizzy.

Lyle Goldsmith and his committee did a fine job on arranging the unit Christmas party. The food and entertainment were very enjoyable and well received.

We are not aware of any new illnesses that have not already been reported. We wish all of our sick a speedy recovery for the holidays.

Everyone have a most enjoyable Yuletide season. The year 2007 is starting to shape up as a busy year for us and we look forward to the challenges.

PP Fairweather Passes Away

Aladdin deeply regrets informing its members that Past Potentate Press Fairweather passed away on September 27, 2006.

Press served as Potentate of Aladdin in 1996 and will be missed. Known for his sincere belief in masonry, genuine laughter and love of golf, Press was indeed a true Shrine Mason.

Press was a member of Triad Lodge and the Erie Consistory in Erie, Pennsylvania. While a member of Al Koran Shriners, he served as president of their concert band.

Press was a long-time member of Aladdin's concert band and a member of many of Aladdin's clubs. He was a member of Jester Court #8 as well as the Worthington Shrine Club, Ambassadors, Gallipolis, Northeast, and Hocking Hills Shrine Clubs. He was an honorary member of the Legion of Honor, the Medical Unit and Brutal Brothers. He last served Aladdin as Secretary of the Cabiri.

Press was a member of the 100 Million Dollar Club, a gesture that more than underscores his commitment to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Press is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons, William (Wendy), James (Angie), and Thomas. He has four grandchildren and two great-grand children.

Press rendered strong motivated service to Aladdin and will be missed by all of us.



GALLIPOLIS SHRINE

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

Shiloh News

by Tim Gillis

The hurrier I go, the behinder I get. That seems to be me in a nutshell. Of course, we think we have been extremely busy for the entire year. I can't catch up on everything in one column but I will try. We wish to thank all of those Nobles and Hillbillies who have represented us so well in the numerous parades. Keep up the good work. We were honored at the Stag Picnic by receiving a plaque in recognition of our Tabloid efforts. We also wish to congratulate our newest ambassador, Noble David McQuaid. (That is sometimes pronounced McQuidd.) Noble Dave is certainly deserving of this distinct honor.

We wish to thank our Illustrious Potentate Don Goodman and Lady Kris and the Divan for a delightful evening in October. Our president, Noble Charlie Meadows, did a fine job of presiding over the festivities. Raban Chuck Easter made a nice financial donation for the Hillbillies to Aladdin and the Nobles made a nice donation to Lady Kris's project. The Potentate presented, on behalf of the Gallipolis Shrine Club, a beautiful plaque to Noble Steve Salisbury and to me for our loyal and dedicated service over the years to our club. It is quite an honor to be recognized by one's peers.

Congratulations go to our new officers for 2007. President will be Noble Rodney Fulks; first vice president, Noble Colin Saunders; second vice president, Noble Carl DeWitt; third vice president, Noble Fred Winters; and secretary/treasurer, Noble Dan Henderson. Be sure to thank and support these officers in the coming year.

One of the reasons for last month's missed article was that I was out of the country. My Lady Carolyn, Noble Charles Jones and his Lady Mary and I traveled to merry old England. We crossed the ocean on the Queen Mary II. It was a fabulous adventure and I highly recommend it to everyone. One of the highlights was a Masonic meeting called on the ship. We met in the very exclusive Board Room with a working fireplace no less. There were 13 brothers in attendance - seven from England, four from America and two from Scotland. It was an informal meeting with discussions about the differences and similarities and then the ages of the different lodges represented. Each brother signed a log book of Masons who have sailed on the Queen Mary II. The log book was started on the ship's maiden voyage in 2004. It will be kept forever with the archives of the ships records. It was good to dwell in fellowship with our Masonic Brothers.

On November 16 we were hosts to GKN Sintar Metals Corp. representatives. We thanked them with a nice plaque and a standing ovation for their continued financial support of our Tabloid efforts. We were also privileged to be present at the presentation of the 50-year Shine plaque to our own Noble Bob Evans, 33rd degree Mason and fine country gentleman. I think we caught him a little off guard but he recovered nicely and had us all laughing with a few remembrances.

Don't forget to get those dues paid before January 1.

May each and everyone of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember, Nobles and Ladies, some people can talk a good game but it is performance that counts. See you for supper on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Brutal Brothers *by Tom Ruggles*



As the order of business for this month, we want to say first that we hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and, by now, are gearing up for very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Since this column must be submitted a couple of weeks before our unit's Christmas Party, we'll have to wait until next month for an after action report. But, based on the social committee's work and planning, I am confident that the Christmas Party will be (or was) a great success.

A lot of important business was conducted at our November meeting and high on the list was the annual election of officers. Our 2007 officers will include chief, Clay Jones; assistant chief, Shawn Funk; sergeant-at-arms, Dave Curnutte; quartermaster, Don Williams; secretary, Denny Feyh; treasurer, Jack Brand. And for a three-year term, the new member of the screening committee is Art Andre. The two "carry over" members of the screening committee are Dave Curnutte and Juergen Klimke. Our thanks go out to each of these individuals for agreeing to serve. They will need and deserve our support, so when you are asked to help, please do so willingly and enthusiastically.

Also, at the November meeting, we voted to admit two new honorary members of the Brutal Brothers Unit and the induction ceremony is to be held at the Christmas party on December 2. The two new members are Past Potentate George Kosbab and director of the audio unit, Ted Eisleben. Congratulations and welcome aboard to both.

At the last meeting, we were pleased to have with us, our Divan representative, Gary Schuen, who noted that he is looking forward to having the Shrine Directors Association Convention here in Columbus in 2009 which is his anticipated year as Potentate. And in the meantime, planning goes on for the 2007 SDA Convention in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, from April 18-22. For a fun and educational good time, be sure to plan to go with us to Mt. Pleasant. Our contingent to SDA 2007 will depart Aladdin for Mt Pleasant, at 7:00 a.m. on April 15, 2007. If you can go with us, let Director Duane Hays know so he can include your name when he makes our reservations for the convention.

In the Health and Cheer Department, we heard that Clancy James is doing well and has mostly recovered from his fractured hip and gets around with a walker. He would like to hear from you, so well wishers can give him a call. In the Sunshine department, we were glad to see Ivan Mounts, Bill Dunn, and Ron Martino back with us after each had suffered some medical problems. Welcome back, Guys!

More news from our last pre-ceremonial "briefing" meeting: next year the only full Ceremonial at Aladdin will be on October 6, 2007, but there will be several "remotes" including Marietta on April 14, Washington Court House on April 27, Newark on May 3, Cambridge on May 5, Gallipolis on May 12, and Hardin County on May 16. And there will also be an abbreviated "cold" Ceremonial at Aladdin on April 19 in conjunction with the "All in one day" program.

In the Travel and Tourism Department, Jack and Jan Brand are going to Branson, Missouri, for a week after Thanksgiving. And for the "Snow Birds" (even us "part timers"), the Florida Reunion is scheduled for February 3, 2007; so if you can make it to Florida during the first week in February, post this date to your new 2007 calendars. I hope to see a lot of Aladdin Shriners there.

Hello Nobles.

Well we had our ladies night the December 7 and had a nice turnout. I believe the ladies enjoyed the evening and we were all stuffed. Our hats go off to our president, Mike McManis, and his lady Tammy. They out did themselves.

Mike presented his dad, Gilbert (Mike) with a nice past president tee shirt for his services to Shiloh as president last year.

We had special guests from Aladdin: our representative Bill Estell and his Lady Carol. Also accompanying Bill was Carl Long and his Lady Lorena. Bill updated us on upcoming events at Aladdin.

Our birthdays for December are Jim Gettles, Tim Gillis, Virgil Hamilton, Edgar Hayburn, Gilbert McManis, Ryan Rose, Eddie Shumway, Robert Simmons, and Bruce Williams. Hmmm, looks like all the good guys were born in December. Oh, Bill Estell informed us that he also has a birthday in December, so happy birthday to you Bill.

Let's remember our next meeting will be Thursday, January 4 and also our Potentate's visit will be in February.

Our hats are off to Bob Long and Scott Thompson again as our cooks and all who helped. Bob's Lady Darlene and my Lady Sharon stepped right up and did the dishes and cleaning up. Thanks ladies.

That's about it for this month. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and have fun.

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Notes from the Shrine Band *by Dave Haney*

What is that strange whistling noise I keep hearing? I think it just might be the year 2006 passing by. What happened to all of that time I had to do all of the stuff I was supposed to do? Great year for the Aladdin Bands! Imperial was a great success and the annual Christmas party is fast approaching. A special thanks to all of you guys who work behind the scenes getting all of the music, stands, chairs, etc. ready to go. Ain't gonna happen without you! Also, accolades are due for Tom and Pat Dale. All of the info, invitations, favors, etc. wouldn't be there without their special effort.

I understand that Bob Hills has a broken arm. Tough duty for a tuba player! Give him a call when you get some time. I hope it's not his drinkin' arm! Some guys will do anything to get out of playing all of those time signature changes.

Hey! Christmas time is here, happiness and cheer, fun for all, that children call their favorite time of year. (Those are words to a song from a *Charlie Brown Christmas* you dummy). Time to do all that shoppin' stuff that happens about this time every year. To quote Tim from *Tooltime*, "A little belt sander for the wife?" I have to go shopping for Green Eyes. It's my assigned responsibility every year. Cats live pretty well, I have discovered. They even have spas for cats so they are able to cope with the stress of living. What is that?? Green Eyes is, of course, under great stress this time of year. Life is filled with inordinate challenges for cats, not the least is the proper register to select for the daylong nap. Green Eyes will have to settle for a can of Star-Kist tuna. If I open that thing in the neighbor's garage, old Green Eyes will find it! Shoot, I might even eat the stuff myself!

Early Buckeye Christmas: Christmas came early for all of us Buckeye fans. Michigan is now on the shorter end of the stick when it comes to the Buckeyes. YES!!! 5 out of 6. Lloyd has to be wondering! Another holiday in Arizona! OSU should open a branch there and buy the bowl tickets for Glendale as part of the OSU season ticket package. Saves a lot of hassle and last minute scrambling for tickets. Hope the year has treated you all very well and that you took a break from the holiday routine to give some thanks to the Old Man upstairs for all that you really do have. It is quite a Christmas list you know.

Last Month's Answers: Speaking of breaks, here are the real answers to last months test:

1. The dimmer switch was on the left side of the floorboard next to the clutch. For those who don't know what a clutch is, there used to be three peddles on the floor of the car. The clutch was used to disengage the transmission so you could actually shift the gears of the car and control the speed of the car. My Ferrari has one of those clutch things! (0 - 120 mph in 11 seconds)
2. The bottle had holes so you could use it to sprinkle your clothes with water. You

by Dave Haney

did that before you ironed them, you dummy. I would tell you what an iron is but I don't know! My mother used to put those wet shirts in a bag in the refrigerator too!

3. The answer to number three is "c." I always had trouble with that little cardboard milk bottle cap. Trying to get that small tab up on that cap was one of life's great challenges. Usually that whole thing would push down into the milk bottle and you had to get a screw driver to get it out. Great sanitary procedure you know.

4. If you lost your skate key you were out of luck. Of course, they don't have those things today. Skating isn't the challenge it used to be. Real skating is when you were gong 95 miles per hour on your Chicago roller skates (with the genuine Timken Roller bearings) and the clamps came off the front of just one of your shoes. That was a challenge! Remember, those clamps would sometimes pull the sole off the front of your shoe. When you walked you made a "flapping" kind of noise. Noises like that are great things for drummers. Shuffle...shuffle...flap..shuffle..shuffle...flap. Great stuff.

5. The neckers knob was a tremendous invention. It left your right arm free to put around your best girl. You have to remember with all of that clutch operating stuff, it took two of you sitting close together to drive the car. You do believe that don't you? You thought all of the girls did, didn't you? A lot of very close discussions at all of those stop lights!

6. J-E-L-L-O was the Jack Benny radio program sponsor. Jack would open the show with "Jell-O, again?" I had lots of fun with that Jell-O concoction. Spent many years in my corporate career trying to nail that Jell-O stuff to a tree. Kind of like trying to count in 7/8 time.

7. OK. The Indian princess on the Howdy Doody show was named SummerFallWinterSpring. I always identified with the flub-a-dub myself. By the way Clarabelle, the Clown, from the Howdy Doody Show, went on to become Captain Kangaroo. Fascinating piece of totally unnecessary information!

If you get to the Christmas party you just might get the new schedule for the coming year and maybe you won't. How would I know?

I leave you with the following story. While I was watching all of the games on TV last weekend, my wife and I got into a conversation about the need for a living will. I said I didn't want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine, and taking fluids from a bottle. She got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of my beer.

Thought for the day: Ever wonder why the sun darkens your skin but lightens your hair? Have a great and safe holiday season. See you next year!

FLYING NOBLES

by Lee McKelvey

Commander Williams was out of town for our November meeting and Marty Mills presided over the meeting.

Marty was elected to be our commander for 2007 and will do his usual good job as our leader. He was commander in 2002.

Marty is trying to get our roster up to date and he would like to have your e-mail address if you have one. Send it to Marty at mmills1@columbus.rr.com. He has most of the addresses but maybe there are others out there he does not have on the roster.

PC George Bell reports there will be six regional Ceremonials for Aladdin to be held before June in different counties. A list of all the sites were printed in the November Lamp. If potential candidates won't come here, we will go to them. Good idea and I hope it brings in many new members.

With all the rainy weather we have been having, not much flying is going on and with winter coming, we have to contend with the ice and snow. It is always nice to have a hanger to keep the snow and ice off your place. A lot of new planes are being built for the recreational pilot. The cost is still out of sight for most because of the technology

and production costs. The price of aviation gas is making it too expensive to fly like we use to do.

The Shrine Annual Meeting and Installation is January 13, 2007. Every Noble can make two free reservations. Our new Potentate will be installed and a new Divan member will be chosen.

Our meetings are the second Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and coffee and donuts 9:30 a.m. at OSU/Medflight hanger on the north side of the airport. We have a nice meeting room and the people at Medflight are very good to us.

At the last meeting, a young girl came in the room to get coffee and she was asked if she was a pilot. She said she flew fixed wing aircraft. We just assumed she was a nurse. Medflight has two King Airs and several helicopters based at OSU. So, she must fly the King Air. She must be well qualified but she looked so young but maybe I'm just showing my age.

Merry Christmas to everyone and have a Happy New Year.



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Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on November 15 at Veterans Memorial Park Clubhouse with 50 Nobles in attendance including one new member, Noble Tom Oates. We welcome Tom and hope he will be an active member of our club.

Our meeting opened with Noble Weaver offering a prayer. We dined on a great meal prepared and served by Nobles Doornbos, Clinger, Garmon, Rice, Wagner, Matteson, Osborn, Montgomery, Michel, Fitzgerald and Gilbert. Great job Nobles.

Our business meeting opened with President Williams leading us in the pledge of allegiance. We gave a big hand to our kitchen crew.

We elected the following officers for 2007: president, Craig Leeth; 1st vice president, Jim Holmes; 2nd vice president, David Brutzer; secretary, Wesley Broseke; treasurer, Tim Jolliff. We offer our support to our officers and look forward to another great year.

Aladdin will hold a ceremonial in Hardin County on May 16. A motion was made and carried to hold this ceremony at the Kenton Armory since the clubhouse would be too small for such an affair.

President Williams reminded us that our Christmas Party (our next meeting) will be on December 20 at the Community Building at Hardin County Fairgrounds. If you have not signed up your children or grandchildren, call President Williams at (614) 306-4684 to see if you can still register the children.

President Williams also noted Kenton's Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, November 25 starting at 3:00 p.m. from Kroger parking lot. He also noted that scholarship applications are available from Noble Richard Walden (419) 754-3335. These scholarships are normally presented at our Christmas Party.

We wish a happy birthday to Noble John Jester who is 89 years old. We wish him the best.

Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer.

Seasons Greeting from Pipes & Drums by Jim Bradham

This has been a busy year for the Pipe Band. We wrapped up a season of parades with the Circleville Pumpkin Parade along with other performances throughout the year.

As we recap the events of this year, we were honored to have illustrious Don Goodman, First Lady Kris and the Divan spend the evening with the band during the visitation. Don presented Ray McFee with the Meritorious Award, long overdue. Congratulations, Ray. In Scottish Tradition the Haggis was presented by Pipe Major Ken Spaulding and Pipers Mark Melroy and John Palmer. Thanks to Harold Nutt and Jack for entertaining everyone with the history of "Amazing Grace" and the Haggis Monologue. Thanks to everyone who performed. Everyone always loves Haggis; next year I think we will order at least three. Kidding!

My appreciation is extended to those who spent the day dodging traffic and collecting for Tabloid by running between the cars before the traffic light changed. Luckily, there were no casualties. The total money collected increases each year. I'm sure the hospitals appreciate our efforts. It's always fun afterward counting the money to see what we collected and having a cold beer to cool off.

As the band prepares for next year, new officers have been added and the band has already started practicing new music to add to our performances. Thanks to all the members for their support all year - showing up in the rain for parades and devoting their time away from their families and businesses. I especially appreciate those members with health problems who make an effort to participate. We have several who are getting up in years. The first practice for next year is January 9. See you at the Christmas Party at La Scala.

Vicki and I wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and may next year be the best with good health and lots of good memories.

HILLTOP SHRINE by Ray Pendell

Reservations are coming in very well for our Christmas party and installation of officers party in December. We will be awarding three education grants to the grandchildren of Noble Joe Wharton. Joe was a long time member of our club, a past president and a great fundraiser. Funds have been on deposit and the interest earned is being awarded to deserving students with a connection to Hilltop Shrine Club. Application process for these funds is being finalized at this time. More information will be in your newsletter.

The schedules for ringing the bell for the Salvation Army have been mailed to the bell ringers. Noble David Ray has done a great job of organizing this fundraising event for our club. Plans are being formulated to cover our local Wal-Marts for Tabloid in 2007. If called, be prepared to participate so we can set another record for Tabloid next year.

Noble Phil Edwards has been hospitalized but is on the road to recovery. The Black Camel took two of our very finest recently. Past President and valued member John Francies will be missed. Noble Jack Miles, M.D. was a charter member of this club when it met as a Saturday morning breakfast get-together at the Biltmore Restaurant in the early 1940s. He practiced medicine on the Hilltop for many years and probably delivered most of the babies born before, during and after World War II. Our sympathy and support go to their families during this trying time.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Worthington Shrine

by **Bob Stevenson**

And so another year goes flying by. It's time to raise an egg nog and say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. And for those who will be heading to Glendale, Arizona for the BIG ONE, we say "gee, I wish it were me!"

Our new officers were installed at our December 7 Christmas Dinner. Officers for 2007 are Frank Henderson, president; Mike Bartley, 1st vice president; Darren Harder, 2nd vice president; Jeff Bohenko, secretary; Wayne Miller, treasurer; Fred Hower and Ken Sparks, trustees; and Don Pendell, chaplain. We wish the new leadership good luck and offer our support for a super 2007!

Our January 4, 2007 dinner for Nobles and Ladies will be at Brookside this year. Incoming Potentate Dee Mowry will be special guest giving us a run down on his year and how we can help. Details will be in the newsletter.

KENTUCKY COLONELS

by **Frank Lewis**

Hi Colonels, what happened to the beautiful fall we all expected? Winter seems to have come early. Our next meeting is on December 19, the third Tuesday instead of the fourth Tuesday. Don't forget December 19!

Our report to you this month will be mostly a sick list:

- Col. Don Elkins is recovering nicely from a shoulder operation.
- Col. Sherman Schyler is recovering slowly from a vicious dog attack.
- Col. Dave Eschbaugh is recovering slowly from a bad 4-wheeler accident.
- Col. Jim Kelly is suffering from terminal cancer. Jim has been a strong supporter of the club for many years. God be with you, Jim.
- Col. Carl Oney is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and is living in a nursing home. Carl is a past president of our club. He and his Lady Evelyn have contributed greatly to our club. We miss them and wish them well.
- Col. Red Brunette and his Lady Ellie are also under the weather. Red is having heart problems and Ellie is showing signs of Alzheimer's disease.
- Col. Bob Browning's Lady Lois is suffering from very serious heart problems.
- Col. Bill Keller's Lady Cathy is suffering from a serious and painful back problem.
- Col. Ron Montgomery's Lady Evelyn is recovering from hip replacement.
- Col. Ernest Bible's Lady Marilyn suffered a serious stroke following open-heart surgery. She needs all your prayers.

As we look back at 2006, Worthington Shrine Club has had much success. We have had good participation at our meetings; we have had our newer members step forward to help lead the club; we continue to improve our Tabloid participation; and Muirfield continues to be a success. We are looking to succeed in adding Nobles to our membership in the coming year.

This is my last report as president, but I will continue as reporter for the Worthington Shrine Club. I offer my thanks to all for a great experience and have truly enjoyed my tenure. Now I turn the "gavel" (it's in quotes because we don't have one; we find a spoon on the podium works just as well) over to Nobel Frank Henderson and an able group of officers. As for me, I'll see you at Tabloid!

I am sorry if I missed anyone. Please let me know if I did.

Colonels, after reading the above list of sickness, we should be very thankful we have our health; we may have some problems but we are still getting around. Be thankful.

Good news! We have another new member and his name is Don Basham, whom many of you know. Welcome to Don and his Lady Karen.

It is now commercial time. We have the following items available at near give-away prices:

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Dues should be paid by December 31, 2006 for the year 2007. Send dues (\$10.00) to Secretary Frank Lewis, PO Box 32022, Columbus, Ohio 43232. Better still, come to our meeting and pay your dues.

Colonels, we are still looking for officers for 2007. That's all I am going to say about that. Colonels, support your club.

Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas, the birthday of our savior Jesus Christ and celebrate accordingly.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.



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Clown's Wish

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

by Matt "Nutt" Knight

As the Holiday season approaches, we should take time to reflect on all of the blessings that our Lord has given to all of us. There are some of us who have had what we call our normal lives turned upside down. These are the times that if we call on our maker we will become stronger than we ever knew we could. I would like to encourage each of my brothers to take the time to pray for one another as we truly don't know what troubles each of us has in our lives. I would like to remind all of us that we do have a few of our brothers who are facing some serious health issues and to remember them especially.

We have had our annual Christmas party on December 7. It was a great success. I would like to thank Bill and Cathy Amspaugh for all of their hard work in preparing this event. There were a couple of other events that we participated in this month. They were both on the same day. The first was the Downs Syndrome Christmas party, and the other was the Hospitality Christmas party held at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

Then off we go into the New Year. We have a slight change in our meeting schedule. We have changed our first meeting of the year to Tuesday, January 2, and it will be held at the center. We will have our dinner meeting, as normal, on January 15. The next event we have on our slate is the ISCA convention in February 21-25. It will be held in Springfield, Illinois. There is one other item of interest that may take place around this time and that is the potential of putting on a show at Childrens Hospital. The timing of this event is not yet known but it should happen around the end of February. This leads us up to the circus; it will be held on March 22-25.

There are a few birthdays in December, The first is Irv "Fuzzy" Denune on December 7; Matt "Bug-A-Boo" Roach on December 10, Harry "Smokey" Lyons, Bill "B-B" Baker on December 18 and last, but not least, there is Bill "Steins" Amspaugh on December 30. Happy birthday gentlemen!

One point of interest I would like to mention, we have another new apprentice. His name is Jim Kiger. I have not met Jim yet but he comes highly recommended. Make sure to take time to make him feel welcome.

I would like to take this time to say farewell to one of my friends. George "Z-Klown" Mather is moving to Arizona to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren. George has been a very good friend to many of us. He has been one of the most active clowns in the unit. He has been a mentor to many of us. Without George's encouragement and teaching, many of us would not be the clowns we are today. This sort of behind the scenes leadership will be greatly missed. Good bye "Z" and come back to see us anytime.

Look for more from Aladdin in the upcoming months. I will try to keep you informed of the events that take place. I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season. God Bless,

WASHINGTON C.H. REFURBISHES 1948 FIRE ENGINE

by Mike Flynn

Charlie Stevens kept it hush-hush but he had a goal in mind when the Washington Shrine Club started planning its 2006 activity calendar.

After doing plenty of pre-mission homework, the club's ambitious first vice president recommended at an October board meeting that the organization vote to authorize refurbishing its aging fire engine during Billy Lucas' tenure as president with a new paint job.

Stevens received the board's blessings and, following the Circleville Pumpkin Show in Circleville, the 1948 model International truck was taken to a Washington Court House auto body shop for the exterior renovation. After a project that spanned more than two weeks and included the installation of a new front seat and shiny new decals, the antique vehicle, that serves as the centerpiece for club activities, was unveiled just in time for its annual appearance in the November 19 Christmas holiday parade in Washington Court House.

The board earmarked \$2,500 from its general operating fund to finance the project which will be considered as the highlight of the club's tenure under the leadership of the 83-year-old Lucas.

"That was my goal," Stevens said. "I wanted to see us get the fire truck repainted while Billy was in office because it's the signature piece and a part of our tradition."

Stevens, a local car dealer, will succeed Lucas as president of the 307 member club on December 31. He was elected to the post at the club's November dinner meeting.

Also elected were Butch Witherspoon, first vice-president; George Giammarino, second vice-president; Jim Moser, third vice-president; David Hartley, third-year director; Tom Shields, second-year director; Kenneth (Dick) Rogers, first-year director; Robert Cannon, treasurer; and Mike Flynn, secretary. The officer's slate was recommended by a nominating committee comprised of past presidents Doug Marine, Brad Smith, and P.R. Marshall.

Lucas will serve a one-year term on the board as immediate past-president.

Marching with the Legion

by Dick Luckay

THE NEW COMMAND STRUCTURE – The ballots have been counted and verified; no protest or recount rallies have been planned; the ACLU has not intervened; and those elected have accepted – soooo, I guess that makes it official. Following the installation ceremony at the Christmas Dinner, the following Legionobles will take command of the Legion for the year 2007:

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| Commander – Robert Spencer | 1 st Lt. Commander – Dick Ollila |
| 2 nd Lt. Commander – Bob Krieger | Finance Officer – Fred Kreutz |
| Quartermaster – Willie Fitchett | Asst. Quartermaster – Guy White, Sr. |
| Chaplain – Dick Westinghouse | Color Guard Commander – Willie Fitchett |
| Officer of the Guard – John Hart | Asst. Color Guard Commander – Dick Luckay |

Sunshine Chairman – Justin Smith Lt. Commander for Education – Don McCoy

There you have it – The Legion of Honor Leadership for 2007. It's a good line-up for a big Legion year – including the Great Lakes Convention in August. PRESS ON, Legionobles, PRESS ON!

THE CEREMONIAL COLOR GUARD -- They looked sharp, marched smartly, and carried the colors proudly at the Aladdin Ceremonial last month. Under the command of Legionoble Willie Fitchett, Commander Bob Faber and Legionobles John Hart, Bob Krieger, Dick Ollila, Robert Spencer, and Guy White Sr. impressed the candidates and made the Legion proud of their efforts. Well done Legionobles. By the way – Commander Faber did not assume the role of Captain of the Guard for that particular Ceremonial. Previously, his makeup was so impressive that even members of the Legion failed to recognize him. Quite a makeup accomplishment, indeed!

THE WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE PARADE – The weather cooperated for a change and the parade was a real success for both the marchers and the many viewers. John Hart drove the Jeep with Guy White, Sr. riding shotgun while Willie Fitchett, Bob Krieger, Dick Ollila and Robert Spencer carried the colors. For the first time all the service flags, the State flag, the POW/MIA flag and the Aladdin Shrine flag were all mounted on the Jeep. They all looked mighty fine as The Legion led the Aladdin contingent down the parade route. Another "best foot forward" for the Legion!

THE CURTAIN DID NOT COME ALL THE WAY DOWN -- Although the Legion voted not to participate in the Scottish Rite Reunion's 15th and 16th degrees, it did not prevent Willie Fitchett and Robert Spencer from exhibiting their theatrical skills in the 15th and 31st degrees. Willie looked, dressed, and properly acted the part of a royal member of King Cyrus' court. Robert, with shield and sword held high, helped Constans route the attackers. The Scottish Rite welcomes their efforts and has an open invitation for any and all Legionobles who would be interested and willing to be a part of the Spring Reunion.

Meanwhile, the club is preparing to serve as host for a seven-county ceremonial for Aladdin Shrine in the spring. Seven regional ceremonials will be held in April and May following a pair of one-day Masonic classes on March 3 and March 31 in districts throughout Ohio.

The "cold sands" ceremonial at the Mahan Building on the Fayette County Fairgrounds in Washington Court House is scheduled for April 27 and is designed for Shrine candidates from Fayette, Clinton, Highland, Hocking, Pickaway, Ross, and Pike counties. The petition deadline is April 20.

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Hocking Hills Shrine

by Donald R. Farrow

Stated meeting of the Shrine Club was held November 15 at Lee's Party Haus. The Nobility and their Ladies were given a presentation by Frankie Conner of the Hocking County Meals on Wheels Program. This group provides meals to those in need in Logan and Hocking County area, about 258 per day. Several people also receive breakfast. This is a volunteer operation and anyone with time and interested in helping should contact her.

Pictured with this article are Hocking County Sheriff Lanny North and Logan Police Chief Aaron Miller, each shown with one of the Wound Kits provided to each department. Steve Mowery, chairman of the Shrine club project to purchase 40 Wound Kits for Police and Sheriffs units of Logan-Hocking County Law enforcement, advised that Mingo Lodge and the York Rite bodies have joined the Shrine Club, Venus Chapter Eastern Stars, and White Shrine in the purchase of these kits. He noted that the kits have been delivered, and will provide protection to each officer on duty.



During the meeting Fred Webb experienced a health problem; he is doing well at this time but keep him in your prayers and he should be home by press time.

Those with birthdays in December are Jack Blankenship, December 7; Bruce Johnson, December 15; Tim Dunkle, December 19, and William Estell, December 27. Wish these brethren the best on their day. Also Paul and Sue Stivison celebrate their anniversary on December 30.



Harry Foltz, Master of Pleasant Valley Lodge #531, noted that they will have their annual Christmas Party on December 23 and have invited all interested in Christmas joy to attend.

Club members were also asked to mark their calendars for Annual Christmas Dinner of the Shrine Club. We will also have the installation of officers at this gathering which will be held on December 15. This will give more time for family activities as we near December 25.

Chanters

by Brent Wilson

What a Thanksgiving weekend! After eating just a little bit on Thursday (I lie), turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn casserole, bean casserole, rolls with butter, two salads, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, warm apple crisp with ice cream, a glass of wine and, oh yeah, my all-time favorite (not really) cranberry sauce, I was ready to run around the block. However, I just sat around and watched football. Who am I kidding? I couldn't run to the mail box! Wasn't the weather spectacular? I even sat out on our back porch one afternoon and read the newspaper.

What a great season it is. With Thanksgiving, Christmas and a brand new year all within a couple of months, we certainly have reason to celebrate. I love the holidays with all the merriment, family and friends, parties, family gatherings, lots of food and refreshments and gift exchanges. We all have such a great time; it's hard to believe it isn't this way everywhere. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our own little world that we forget the reason for the season. Let us all thank God for how fortunate we are and lets say a little prayer for all of those around the world who don't have the opportunity to live like we do. Don't forget all of our brave boys and girls in the armed forces who are serving this great nation – protecting and preserving our freedom to enjoy our precious holidays. May God bless them and their families. I want to wish everyone who reads this a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Or, as my father used to say, "Have a cool yule and a frantic first."

The Chanters are really going to be busy in December. Don't forget the Chanter's election of officers on December 18. Sandwich all of our activities in with everything else and we'll be too tired to party on New Years Eve, NOT!

We had a little scare last month. Don Williams and his Lady Sally were involved in an automobile accident. Fortunately, seat belts and airbags prevented serious injuries. We are all thankful that they were not all banged up. Tom Colburn had neck surgery in November to correct some damaged disks. Tom came through the surgery without a hitch and is recuperating at home. The prognosis is that he will be up and around in no time.

I am sad to report that Richard Eugene "Dick" Reedy, 89, passed away in Newport Beach, California, where he had moved recently to be closer to his sons. Dick was a member and past master of Triangle Lodge #748 F&AM, past president of Tri-Village Shrine Club, Aladdin Senior Shriners Club, Ambassadors Shrine Club and Downtown Hi-Twelve Luncheon Club. Dick was a member of Aladdin Temple Shrine, Community Chapter #227, Columbus Council #8, Knight Templar Mt. Vernon Commandery #1, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Honorary 33rd Degree since 1978. Dick loved singing with the Aladdin Chanters and Scottish Rite Choir.

'Tis the season to be jolly. So, go forth, spread good cheer to all you see. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

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