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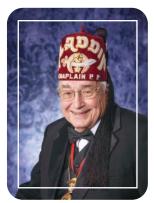
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2nd Ceremonial Master: Richard A. Aldridge Chaplain: D. Dee Mowry, P.P.

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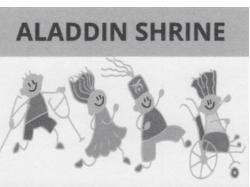
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### **Caring Nobles Changing Lives**

I am so very honored to be your 114th Potentate of Aladdin Shrine. My Lady, Kim, and I have worked hard planning a fun year for all. Many thanks also to the countless Nobles and ladies we have met over the past 14 years on staff and in the Divan line who have helped with this job. These friendships are priceless.

If you look at my pin this year, it shows a Shriner dancing with three of our Shrine Hospital kids. I want my pin not to reflect on me, but on our care for the many children in our hospitals. That is the purpose of Shriners and who we are. We will continue to support Lexington and Erie and are very excited about our move from Cincinnati to the new Dayton Children's Hospital in early 2021. We are fortunate to have the best hospital representatives in the Shrine organization who keep us informed of all hospital



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by Arthur L. Wilson, Potentate

news. If you have never visited one of our hospitals, I encourage you to do so. You will be forever changed. COVID has really changed and challenged our lives whether we wanted it to or not. We have lost some Nobles, ladies and family members. We must continue to follow the guidelines of wearing masks, taking temperatures, and social distancing until this virus is controlled and normal life returns. My top priority as Potentate is the safety of our members. As a result of the virus, many of us are learning new technology such

as electronic Zoom meetings. This new technology is here to stay. Due to the many cancellations COVID has caused, income for Aladdin Shrine has been negatively impacted. Therefore, we will be looking at different types of fundraising to help make up these major losses. We must also increase our membership. There are different methods to accomplish this and I welcome them all. Note: a ceremonial is scheduled for September 11. There is plenty of time to invite candidates.

Throughout Aladdin-Land, I have met the most dedicated and inspiring Shriners ever. Lady Kim and I look forward to working and having FUN with each of you.

### **Moving Forward in 21**

by Joey Brooks, Membership Chairman

I am honored to continue to serve as the Membership Chairman for Illustrious Sir Art Wilson and the membership of Aladdin Shriners in 2021. Unfortunately, we are still firmly in the grasps of COVID-19 as we now move into February. I am sure we are all ready to see this pandemic come to an end.

I want to share some year end numbers with you. At the beginning of 2020, we had 3,706 regular members and 30 associate members, for a total of 3,736 members in Aladdin. For the year ending 12/31/2020, Aladdin had 15 new creations, 2 new affiliations, 26 restorations, and 2 new associates. Aladdin also had 23 demits, 222 suspensions, 139 were taken by the Black Camel, 1 resignation, and 4 associate drops. Our membership as of 12/31/2020 stands at 3,392 members, for a total net loss of 344 Nobles in 2020. In the first eighteen days of 2021, we have restored five Nobles who were previously suspended and we hope to improve on this number.

Moving forward in 2021, we are researching the requirements to allow for virtual Cold Sands ceremonials to be performed via Zoom. I will provide more information on this at a later date. Once it is permissible and safe to return to in-person gatherings, we will perform Cold Sands ceremonials at Stated Meetings and Visitations. The Aladdin Ceremonial is scheduled for September 11, 2021. Of course, we all remain hopeful that we will soon be able to gather to share in the fellowship we all as Shriners enjoy. Until then, God Bless and please stay safe!

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#### **MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

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Membership / Regular Memb Associate Men Total Members	<b>-2020</b> 3,706 30 3,736							
	Current	Yr To Date						
Creations	0	14						
Affiliations	0	3						
Restored	1	26						
Associates	0	2						
Total Ad	FD 46							
	Current	Yr To Date						
Demits	2	23						
Suspensions	221	222						
Deaths	14	139						
Assoc. Droppe	ed 4	4						
Reversals	0	1						
Resignations	1	1						
Total Deletions YTD 392								
Total Membership As Of 12/31/2020: 3,392								

# In Memoriam

Bruce B. Bishop Thomas F. Davis, Jr. George A. Ells Frederick W. Englefield, III Jeffrey M. Jenkins Bob S. Jones Donald W. Jones James D. Jones John H. Lehman Mat Mauger Jack McIntyre James L. Oughterson Thomas H. Riemenschneider Donald O. Tootle Michael V. White



# Chaplain's Chat

2020 is now 'in the books' and it may be classified as unique, uncommon, matchless, unusual, unwonted and some other assorted expletives to describe this past year. We need to offer a BIG tip of the fez to III. Sir Zale and all the officers of Aladdin for their leadership during this most trying time period; GREAT JOB. Your Chaplain joined Aladdin in '58 (that's **19**58!!!!!) and in all that time, there has been nothing like this past year! Aladdin is still strong and looking forward to 2021. A new year, new core of officers and a 'clean slate' to greet 2021.

A tip of the fez should also be extended to Paul Harrison, immediate Past Aladdin Chaplain. I found his columns to be most interesting and inspirational (hope I can do the same). Thanks, Paul, and a big 'tip of the fez' to Ill. Sir Art and his Lady Kim for assuming the leadership roles for 2021. Let us hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will subside and things will become closer to what used to be 'normal.' (As an aside, First Lady Kim and former First Lady, Kathy Mowry are sisters.)

The Prophet Isaiah reminds us in Chapter 43, 'when you walk through fire you will

by Chris Baer

not be burned, and the flames shall not consume you'. We have 'walked through the flames' in 2020 and we are still here. Isaiah also says the Lord said in vs 19 'Behold I am doing a new thing;'... We are looking forward to a 'new thing' in 2021.

At the installation of officers on January 9, this benediction was offered at the closing of the ceremonies. Due to COVID concerns, this was a 'closed installation' and many were not able to attend in person, so the prayer is being printed in this edition. It is one of 100 Short Prayers by Mary Hilburn (somewhat modified).

'Great, Grand and Supreme Architect of the Universe, with humble hearts we approach Your throne to offer a pledge of faithfulness. We pledge to perform all the duties of the office into which we have been installed. We promise faithful attendance during the year. We pledge to You our honest efforts to do our work so as to honor You in every action we take. Accept our thanks for the opportunity we find here to serve each other. In your name we pledge to fulfill our obligations and in your name we pray and all God's people say, Amen and so mote it be.

### **Provost Unit**



The January monthly Provost unit meeting was cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. All Provost Nobles hunger for another fine meal from Roy Heflin catering and the opportunity to gather for fellowship at a stated Provost monthly meeting.

Regarding the 2021 roster, please be reminded to update your information. The new 2021 Provost Directory is expected to be available this month and will include scheduled Provost events. The Aladdin Shrine Circus for 2021 is cancelled.

Congratulations to Provost Noble Art Wilson for his successful installation as the Aladdin Shrine Potentate for 2021. Potentate Art Wilson and his wife, Kim, have served the Aladdin Shrine honorably in the past and the Provost Unit is proud to have one of its Nobles as Potentate. Congratulations is also extended to Provost Noble Rich Aldridge for being appointed to the Divan. Provost Noble Rich Aldridge has long served as a leader of the

Memorial Tournament detail conducted by the Provost Unit and has earned distinction within the Aladdin Shrine. The Provost Unit continues to provide the Aladdin Shrine with outstanding leadership.

Best wishes to all members of the Provost Unit for continued success in the New Year and throughout 2021. The next Provost monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 9, 2021. Please keep your fellow Provost Nobles, fellow Shriners and their ladies in your thoughts and prayers to stay healthy and safe.

February birthdays are Rich Aldridge, Edwin Harter, George Henderson, Robert Radcliff, James Rosser, Marvin Stein, Gene Steineman, and Stephen White.

### Past Masters by Tim Ward

I am glad to say goodbye to 2020 and I am hopeful that 2021 will be better, but it is not starting out too hot. The members of the Past Masters Unit would like to congratulate Potentate Art Wilson and the Divan. We look

forward to an exciting 2021. Congratulations go to our own Roscoe Smith for being elected as the Chief Rabban. It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Ruth Ann Bull, wife of Emeritus Director Richard J. Bull, passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are also saddened with the passing of Dorothy F. "Dottie" Parsons, who died on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dottie was the wife of Noble Robert W. Parsons.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to both Dick and Bob and their families during this time of sorrow.

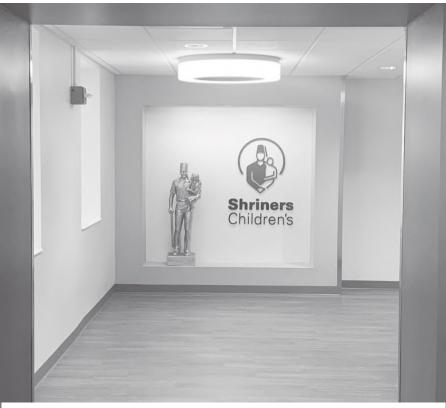
We are looking to purchase a Zoom account so that we can begin to hold our monthly meetings again. If we are able to meet in person, we would still use the Zoom account for those members who would prefer to continue to participate virtually. Additional information will follow in our newsletter.



Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP



Chief of Staff Bob Warner presented Illustrious Sir Zale Maxwell a proclamation from the Ohio Senate.



Front entrance of the new Shriners Children's in Dayton, Ohio.

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# **Clown Unit** by Mike "P.N.C. BucketHead" Clark

It is with great sadness I report the finest man you could ever meet has now ridden the black camel into the sunset of the desert. A man who was a true Mason and was filled with faith, hope, and charity. A man who sought to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow men; it would be none other than the great Don "Toots" Tootle.

Don joined the Clown Unit around 1984. A White-Face Clown he was ever to be-one of the best there ever was! He was a master at creating and performing skits. Toots' makeup was always impeccable and his outfits were always top-notch, too. Toots always had some kind of magic trick or balloons in his large pockets to entertain the masses. Don was a very exceptional speaker as well. He could talk very easily to children where he had their attention the whole time. Toots was a very compassionate, caring clown, and dearly loved the children as much as they loved him. Toots was a mentor to many. He knew how to teach and how to direct a clown in the right way.

Around 2003, Don became the director of the Clown Unit. He held that position for about 10 years. Don was an icon in the Shrine Clown community. He was very much respected as a person, competitor and judge in ISCA, GLSCUA, and in the Shrine Fraternity as well.

One of the most famous lines from Don, and especially for us as members of the Aladdin Clown Unit was... "B.I.S." (Butt In Seat!) What this meant was when it was time to go, you better have your Butt In the Seat of the bus or you got left behind for it was "A Mile A Minute... Minute A Mile!" And you had to get used to eating at a fine establishment of a restaurant... The Golden Arches! CLOWNS BEING CLOWNS...

A rumor has it that Tex (Everett Rainer) bought HoboFreddy (Freddy Gischler) breakfast the other day. Well, all those who have been around Tex long enough knows that he is nothing but a Scrooge disciple when it comes to money, and especially buying a meal for a bum! I had to track down HoboFreddy and ask him if this was true. HoboFreddy responded sadly... "Technically this was true. Tex invited me to sit down at his table and then he ordered a cup of coffee and a bowl of oatmeal. When Tex's order arrived at his table, he took the cup of coffee off the saucer, then spooned out about half of a teaspoon size of his oatmeal unto the saucer. Then slid the saucer along with a spoon across the table to me. With a straight face, Tex then said, 'There, HoboFreddy, I bought you breakfast!' "

M.A.S.H. Report...

BucketHead continues to recuperate from the knee injury suffered back in October. Another thing: Pozi lost his brain again... if anybody finds it, please contact the proper authorities!

May you keep the front line warriors of military, police & fire, EMS and medical care givers in your daily prayers. Please also pray for this country of ours!

Next month... report on a Clown escapee! Yes, one did believe it or not! Be In Peace, Be Safe and May God Bless You!

# Stay in touch!

Did you go somewhere warm for the winter? Be sure to contact the membership office with your temporary address so your mailings aren't interrupted.

Are you on our email list? During this time when events and other information is rapidly changing, be sure you're on our email list to receive communications as quickly as possible.

Contact Membership Director Joey Brooks to update your information.

Email jbrooks@aladdinshrine.org or call 614-782-2490

### **Meet the Aldridges**

Nobles, our newest addition to the Aladdin Divan line is my appointee, Rich Aldridge, and his lady Susan. Rich and Susan are members of the Hocking Hills Shrine Club in Logan, Ohio. Rich is Past President of Hocking Hills Shrine Club, three times, and Past Master of Mingo Lodge #171. Susan is a member of Thebes Temple. They have two children, Ashley, 16, and Zach, 14. I have known them both for many years. They love our Shrine children and Aladdin and will work very hard for our Nobles. Please thank them and our other Divan members as you meet them at our many visitations and events this coming year.



Rich and Susan Aldridge

# **Union County SC**

#### by David Brinson

While the New Year has come and gone and there have been significant changes in our world over the past several months, we still find ourselves deeply entrenched in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions in our day-to-day lives. In Union County, we have done our best to keep our Shrine business as normal as possible and we continue to fundraise through our Cans For Kids program. We recently installed our officers for 2021, and I know they are chomping at the bit to get back to a normal and full schedule of events. While we have had very limited ability to meet as a group, we are still in communication on the necessary issues to help our kids.

The holidays were particularly difficult this year since we were unable to meet and celebrate as a group. However, several of our Nobles made sure that we remembered our widows by visiting with them and dropping off some much appreciated Christmas goodies.

The holidays are a time of year to remember someone special who we may have lost, but just as importantly remind ourselves how precious and fragile life is. Make the extra effort each and every day to let the people we care about know how important they are to us. Never, ever take today for granted.

In closing, I want to leave us all with one thought in light of recent events. When each of us is born we are an empty canvas. Hate and love are both learned. Hate is fear and a closed mind. Love is a willingness to listen and an open mind. As Shriners, I believe it is in our souls to practice love. It's a choice we all make.

From the Union County Shrine Club, we share with you our overwhelming desire to get back to a normal life ASAP.

### **Aladdin Bands**



by Mark Luckeydoo

Happy 2021 to all Nobles. It has been a while since I have written an article. Unfortunately, there has not been much to say as we are still amid COVID restrictions. As of writing this article, we still do not have a plan in place for returning to rehearsals. With the vaccines being administered across the country, it gives hope that we may return to some normalcy later this year.

As the year closed and we watched the installation of III. Sir Art Wilson, I want to say thank you to Zale Maxwell, PP, for the dedication to the temple and to the performing groups of

Aladdin. I wish last year could have been a better one, but in 2021 hopefully we come back stronger than ever. And to Art, congratulations!

#### by Art Wilson, Potentate

# Installation of 2021 Officers



Swearing in the Divan of Aladdin Shriners (Left to Right) Dee Mowry, PP, Rich Aldridge, Kris Hainsey, Don Goodman, PP, Bill Kutschbach, Greg Osborne, Aaron Langhirt, Mark Froehlich, Roscoe Smith, Art Wilson



2020 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Zale Maxwell, received his Past Potentate fez from Garol Rogers, PP



Past Potentate Zale Maxwell gives remarks on his year.



Past Potentate Zale Maxwell and his lady, Susan.



Illustrious Sir Art Wilson received his Potentate's jewel from Garol Rogers, PP.



Illustrious Sir Art Wilson received his Potentate's fez from his lady, Kim. Also pictured is Garol Rogers, PP.



Illustrious Sir Arthur Wilson and First Lady Kim

# January 9, 2021



Potentate Art Wilson received his gavel from Garol Rogers, PP.



Newly appointed Divan member, 2nd Ceremonial Master Richard A. Aldridge and his lady, Susan.



Bill Smith presented a bat to Potentate Art Wilson.



2021 Divan: (Back Row) 2nd Ceremonial Master Rich Aldridge, 1st Ceremonial Master Kris Hainsey, Recorder Don Goodman, PP, Treasurer Bill Kutschbach, High Priest & Prophet Aaron Langhirt (Front Row) Chaplain Dee Mowry, PP, Oriental Guide Greg Osborne, Potentate Art Wilson, Assistant Rabban Mark Froehlich, and Chief Rabban Roscoe Smith



2021 Divan Ladies: (Back Row) Kris Goodman, Vicky Kutschbach, Jennifer Osborne, Mandy Langhirt, Patti Froehlich (Front Row) Jan Hainsey, Susan Aldridge, First Lady Kim Wilson, Judy Smith, Kathy Mowry



Members of the Provost Unit who were in attendance: Don Goodman, PP, Potentate Art Wilson, Rod Basye, Bill Smith, Bob Warner, Joey Brooks, Mark Froehlich, Roscoe Smith, and Rich Aldridge.



Members of the Audio Unit who were in attendance: Chad Dennewtiz, Doug Moshier, Garol Rogers, PP, Potentate Art Wilson, Nate Britton, Joey Brooks, and Mark Walsh

### **Thebes Temple**

by Terry Smith, Recorder & Past Queen

We had a fun time during our Zoom social last month. It was good to have some new faces join the fun. No business was transacted, but several things were announced. We have received the official notice of the Supreme Queen's visit for 2021. It will be Monday, October 25th. We have also received directives from Supreme Jurisprudence for conducting the election of officers for 2021.

Speaking of elections...We would like someone to make the decision to be Badoura beginning in March. If you are thinking about doing this and have questions, ask any Past Queen or current line officer. They will be very happy to answer any questions you might have. The experience of being a line officer is not limited to long time members. Any current member is eligible to continue the great tradition of being of service as an officer in Thebes Temple. It really is a great experience and will help keep our Temple growing and vital.

We wish to extend our Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Art Wilson on becoming the 114<sup>th</sup> Potentate of Aladdin Shrine, and to his Lady Kim, who is a member of Thebes Temple. We also want to Congratulate the newest appointee to the Aladdin Divan - Noble Rich Aldridge, whose lady, Susan, is also a member of Thebes Temple. Several other ladies of Divan members are also members of Thebes Temple: Judy Smith - wife of Chief Rabban Roscoe; Patti Froehlich - wife of Asst. Rabban Mark; Mandy Langhirt, wife of High Priest and Prophet Aaron; Past Queen Vicky Kutschbach, wife of Treasurer Bill; and Kris Goodman, wife of Recorder Don. We wish the best to the entire Divan in the coming year.

We will continue to have our Drop-off/Pick-up Day on the second Wednesday of each month in place of our usually scheduled sewing sessions. February's date is Wednesday, February 13th at 1 pm. We have a few bolts of fleece for blankets that needs cut and fringed. This is really a great way to help the children at the Shriners Hospital in Lexington, KY. They really appreciate these blankets, as well as the stuffed pillows and animals. We will have some stuffing and items to stuff available for pick-up on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Our Queen, Stephanie, will plan to deliver items to Lexington later this month. We touch many lives with our work.

We are hoping that this coming year will be significantly different than 2020. As more of us are vaccinated, meeting in a group in-person will become a reality. We will keep you posted on future meetings, but for now Zoom sessions will be the plan.

From Winnie the Pooh..."Your greatness isn't what you have, but what you give!" Continue to give from your heart.

# **Empty Mug Club**

by Chris Baer

Empty Mug Club activities are still suspended due to COVID-19. We all yearn for the opportunity to assemble and enjoy fellowship at a local brewery. Thirty minutes from Columbus and ten minutes from Lancaster is Rock Mill Brewery, located at 5705 Lithopolis Road NW, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 at the headwaters of the Hocking River in Fairfield County, Ohio. Established in 2010, Rock Mill Brewery specializes in Belgian style Farmhouse ales.

Built on a 23-acre, 19th-century horse farm that once served as a stagecoach stop, tavern, and gathering place, the Tasting Room, in the tradition of hospitality, welcomes guests for an impressive selection of fresh, flavor-forward beers, wood-fired pizzas and gourmet snacks and sandwiches.

Rock Mill Brewery discovered that the pristine water source of the Hocking River echoed the makeup of Wallonia, Belgium and decided that making farmhouse ales would be their mission. This brewery is known for the water that goes into its ales; the water is filtered through Black Hand Sandstone, imparting a minerality that plays on the palate imparting a strong backbone and complexity that unfolds its beer with a breadth of expressions, from delicate floral notes to subtle spices.

Until the Governor's public health order abates, please keep fellow Shriners and their families in your thoughts and prayers as we all continue to cope with social restrictions. Stay safe and healthy.

### Hospitality Unit by O. R. Eally

January saw another Hospitality meeting cancelled due to COVID-19. With the Shrine Center remaining in a shut down status, there is no work to schedule for the month. Business will wait until February's Meeting if the Shrine Center is allowed to open.

With the release of the vaccine, it is now possible that activity will begin to start in March. The goal is to proceed with hope, move forward with faith, and continue our work toward charity.

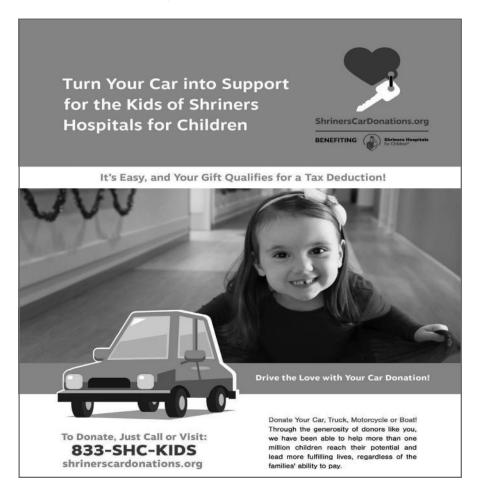
Christmas colors that are used a lot are red and green. This is in reference to a Canadian TV show's closing remarks to one of the quotes from the January newsletter. This may be discussed while at a Hospitality meeting. Excellent if you got the second quote from the January newsletter. Bill and Ted will be proud of you since as Masons and Shriners, we are always on an excellent adventure. It is always a pleasure to submit the monthly newsletter and an unusual form of entertainment during these times. With that, "Party On".

Hilltop SC by Philip Miller Hello Nobles. There is not much to write about because of COVID. We hope to get back to normal soon. Anyway, the jug program is doing real good thanks to Nobles Art Groves, David Ray and Mike Martin. Nobles, if in your travels you see a jug, drop in a buck or two. You will feel better for it. Noble Duane Hivnor is getting settled in Indanapolois, Indiana, and is doing well. Of course, he is visiting the local Waffle Houses pretty regularly! We hope to start back to our meetings soon. Until then, safe travels and stay safe.

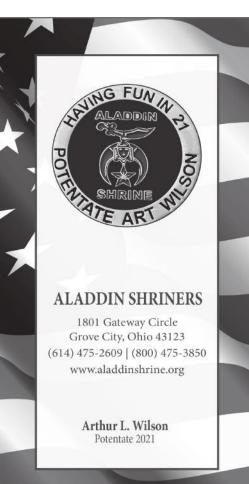
#### Thea Court by Ruth Scott, High Priestess

Thea Court will hold their February 26th meeting over Zoom. The meeting will be held at our normal court time at 10:30 a.m. Our February meeting will be for the election of officers and other business. I will send out the meeting information closer to February 26.

I look forward to seeing everyone! Stay healthy, ladies!

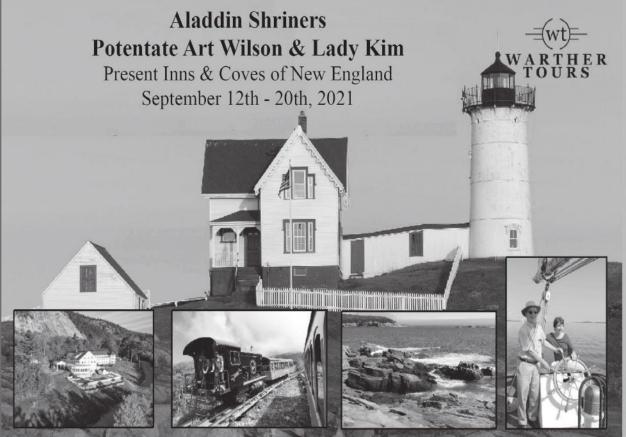


Printed 2021 calendars with unit and club directory information are available for all Nobles to pick up in the business office.





*Raymond Baldwin, President of Bucyrus Shrine Club presented a check to the Bucyrus Fire Department on behalf of ASHAC.* 



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### SOME HIGHLIGHTS

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### Tabloid

by Russell McFarland, Chairman

Hello fellows nobles, Russell McFarland your Tabloid Chairman, here. It has been a little while since I have written anything. I would like to say I was busy doing important things, but that is just my opinion. I have been caught up in this lopsided work-life balance. At what point do we value our work-life over our home-life? Yes, the money is great! But are you willing to pay the price tag the world has hung on it? There is no haggling; we are not able to negotiate the terms of price. And yes, if you agree to pay the price, at what cost to your friends and family or your favorite past times? I have come to realize there is a point in everyone's life where, if you like it or not, you have to say enough is enough and work better at that work-life balance and not just work to work.

Yes, I am going to reference another song. I have found that a song tells a story if you are willing to take the time and listen. It is by Matthew West called "Truth be Told" For those of you who may not know who Matthew West is, he a Christian singer. He was in concert at the state fair two years ago.

The story behind the song Truth be Told is: He says he grew up a good pastor's kid. I am sure you know the lifestyle. In his own words, he said he was guilty of being a professional Christian. He felt the pressure to be perfect and he comments that he was pretty good at it. He knows how to put a smile on and knows how to quote the correct parts of scripture and raise his hand during worship service so all of the onlookers could see what he wanted them to see - a good pastor's son rooted in the gospel. He looked the part but was not living the part. I wonder if you know exactly what I am talking about. The world tells us we have to be good at being a perfect pretender when in truth we are all truly broken. He later confesses that, yes, it served him well. He later realized that perfect pretender! It was not until my wife and I switched to a new church that it hit me. (Not that there was anything wrong with our previous church.) And yes, it took a while for me to give in and listen, but I am all in now.

Maybe that is one of the problems with declining memberships across the board. Are we just pretending to be good faithful members? Or have we lost sight of what our clubs are truly rooted in and the foundation of what our clubs stand for? Yes, it is a tough subject. This whole pandemic has taught me that first and foremost, we cannot do it alone! We are stronger together, we all took the same oath in search of more light, and we all took the oath first in front of our brothers and later our fellow nobles. There is no shame in saying we are broken. That is nothing more than the truth. The shame comes when you say "I am fine" when that is a lie and you know it. Be like Paul; he was never afraid to tell the truth, or let it be known. Do not be a pretender, because pretenders do not change the world. So let your truth be told and feel the weight of the world be removed from your shoulders.

Please note all dates below maybe be subject to change due to COVID-19. Tabloid Training: Saturday, May 22, 2021, 10 am @ Aladdin Tabloid Day: Saturday, June 12, 2021

# Adult Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Full details and registration information will be posted in the March Lamp. May be cancelled due to COVID.

# **Brutal Brothers**

by Chief Kenji Prince

"Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." -Anonymous Greek proverb

The Brutal Brothers love the Aladdin ceremonials. This is the day we first get to meet and welcome new Masons into our fraternity. Our unit has a wonderful time helping out, but why? It's not easy work. Why do we do it? It's not because we have a blast doing it (but we most certainly do), but to give our newest nobles an experience they can carry for the rest of their lives. We hope to plant the seeds of dedicated members, involved participants, and future leaders of Aladdin.

How much more likely are you to reach out to your Masonic friends, that have yet to join the Shrine, if you have a memorable, eye opening day(s)? When someone has fun, they want to share that fun with their friends. This is not a membership problem, but an experiential one. We, as current nobles, have already had our first taste of Shrinedom, and can never re-live that moment. We hope that moment was one of great joy and inclusion. We want you to have such a great time that you cannot wait to tell all eligible men they need to be a part of the fun. If that was not the case, in your experience, let us know how we can evolve and learn.

We love the ceremonials, and welcoming new members, not just for one day, but for the growth, development, and success of Aladdin for years to come. We want to carry on the traditions of hi-jinks and shenanigans to our grandkids' grandkids, like so many of our brothers have done in the past. Our old stunts and equipment, handed down, built by men who no longer live on this earth, are important records of our Aladdin history. In the twilight of their lives, they planted seeds that would one day become trees, for us to sit under. Join us in celebrating everything Shrinedom has to offer. Join us in striving to be the most fun, most exciting fraternity we hold in such high regard. Join us in planting these seeds so that future generations can enjoy the club like you did. Be the spark that ignites the next round of involvement! We love you, Aladdin!

### FEBRUARY STATED MEETING Monday, February 15, 2021 6:30 pm - VIRTUAL

All Nobles who wish to attend the meeting must register on Local Level. An email will be sent to all who registered with information to join the meeting.

### www.LocalLevelEvents.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10 ASHAC & Aladdin Board Meetings	11	12	13	
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day Stated Meeting	16	17 Washington SC Visitation CANCELLED	18	19	20	
21	22 Empty Mug Club Visitation CANCELLED	23	24 Unit Director's Meeting CANCELLED	25	26	27	
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Your donation will help defray the costs of this new budget area. Check out Lady Kim's table at Aladdin visitations and events.

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