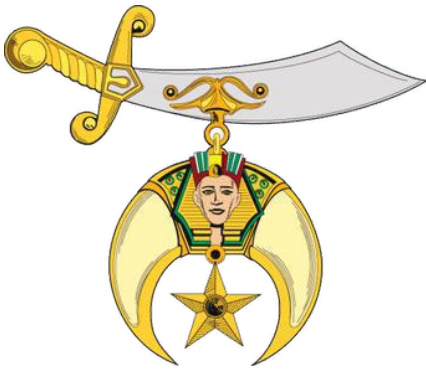


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## Looking at 2020 in the rearview mirror.

Well, we made it through the year (2020) and what a year it is to remember. It started like any other year with New Year's resolutions and an awesome installation. The Leap Day party was one for the books, as they say, and the pictures were great. However, as we all recall March 10, a date that will "live on in history," started the COVID-19 Pandemic for us in Ohio. This has changed the world and our lives causing the cancellation of our wonderful Aladdin Shrine Circus. From that point on, the year of 2020 is a story of one cancellation after another, including the Imperial Session, which was to be held in Kansas City, MO. None of us could have even conceived that our circus, the Imperial Session and all of our parades would be cancelled, but it happened. The remainder of the year followed suit with -- a lesson about who is in control and life is about change. As a college professor, I taught change and continuous improvement; little did I know that one day I would be leading an amazing group of Nobles in a year full of change. Yes, I regret not being able to enjoy the year, which my Lady and I had spent so much time and effort planning. However, it was not to be, and we both accepted the challenge and set to work to guide Aladdin through this pandemic year.

Nobles, let me tell you that this was still an amazing year. You raised more money for Tabloid than I thought could be raised in this year, which did not allow us to work as we have done in the past to collect donations. You did not let challenges stop you, and as reported in the *Lamp*, we collected more than \$37,000 for each of the three Shriners Hospitals we serve. Well done, and a tip of the Fez to you.

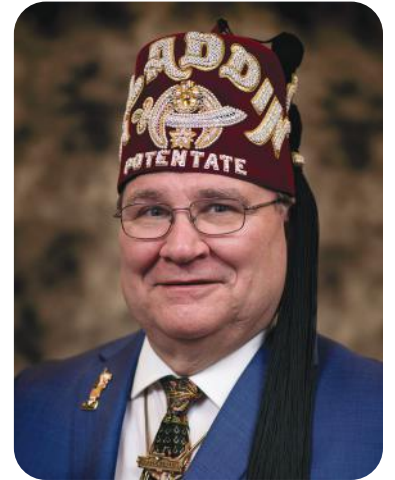
Here we are looking back on 2020 and yet looking forward to 2021. I would like to thank all Aladdin's nobles for being willing to work with me this year. A special thanks to my staff, some of whom never got to attend any events during the year, but were ready and willing to help Susan and me. Thanks to the Divan, always there to help me lead and carry out the work of Aladdin. Nobles, you are blessed to have this fine group of men leading your Temple.

One of my fondest memories of 2020 is getting to know my Tabloid poster child, Nezza. You met her at installation and I am pleased to inform you that she returned to her home in Uganda in November. Seeing the incredible work that our hospital staff and doctors were able to do for her is nothing short of awesome--from the little girl who barely had an opening for a mouth to having

a smile that could light up a room. Her favorite thing to do now is sing and she has an awesome voice. It seems that she is having some difficulty with her Ugandan classmates being able to understand her speech due to her acquired American accent. The plan is for her to return to the United States in June for a follow up with her doctors, and it is my hope that she will be able to attend an event with all of you at Aladdin.

Finally, the COVID vaccine is here, and so we all hope the end to the pandemic is near. Congratulations to all of our MSA award recipients and to the newly appointed Aladdin Ambassadors. I hope to see you at future Aladdin events. Please, continue to look after each other and stay safe.

Fraternally Yours,  
Zale A. Maxwell, Potentate



*Illustrious Sir Zale A. Maxwell*

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## The Chaplain's Corner

Here it is! We are back in January, already. Another cycle has been completed as another begins. As with new beginnings, we have an opportunity to reflect on the past.

During this reflection, we may consider what we have accomplished and how far we have come. We can acknowledge our resolve and perseverance. This should remind us that if we could make it through this year, there is no reason to think that we could not take on the next with even more vigor and determination.

This acknowledgement gives us the opportunity, at this special time, to renew our hope. In Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." So, while we hope in our way, we need to put our trust in the Lord."

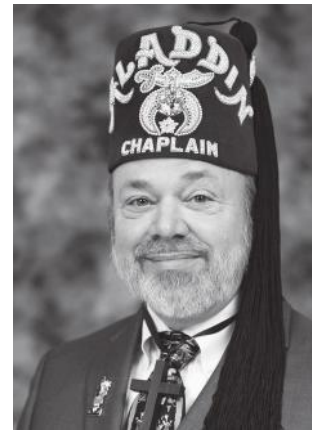
To me, that is what we as Shriners need to do for our children and our community. Not only are we to provide hope to our children in our hospitals, we inspire hope in our friends and neighbors and infuse hope into our community. We need to show through our deeds and actions that, yes, there is indeed hope for the future and a chance at new beginnings.

Everything great always had a beginning. Thus, beginnings are the most important part of the work. Until the first step is taken, the journey can never be completed. No task is finished that isn't, first, begun.

And do not be afraid to begin something new. Do not think that you are alone in your endeavors. We are reminded in Psalm 121 that we will have help. "I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

So, let us be courageous and confident in the new beginnings ahead of us. Let us be encouraged to take those first steps of a new adventure. Be surefooted and hopeful. For if we have come this far, if we have done this much, why could we not do more in the future that is ahead of us? We have lived and we have learned. We have a foundation of accomplishments from which to build ever greater things... if we only take those first steps.

In closing, I wish to impart a few personal notes. It has been my great honor to serve in this capacity. It seems as if I had just accepted my appointment, and now I pass it on to my successor, Illustrious Dee Mowry. I cannot think of a more devoted or capable person to pass this office. I am grateful for this opportunity and wish all the best to you, your families and friends and to our community.



Chaplain Paul Harrison

### REGISTERING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

All Nobles who wish to attend the Virtual Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers MUST register on Local Level Events.

1. Go to [www.locallevelvents.com](http://www.locallevelvents.com) by 10:00 am on January 9, 2021.
2. Search Events - in the box labeled "Category, Organization, Event", type in "Aladdin" and press enter.
3. Select the Annual Meeting. The access code is "aladdin".
4. Follow the prompts to make your reservation. You will need to enter your name and member number.

Each Noble must register himself. This will allow the office to send information for the live stream and voting. On the day of the meeting you will receive and email with the agenda as well as the link to watch the meeting. It is best if you can watch the meeting on a computer, iPad, etc., and have your phone available for voting.



## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

### Membership As Of 1-1-2020

Regular Members	3,706
Associate Members	30
Total Membership	3,736

	Current	Yr To Date
Creations	2	14
Affiliations	0	3
Restored	2	25
Associates	0	2
Total Additions YTD		45

	Current	Yr To Date
Demits	7	21
Suspensions	0	1
Deaths	16	125
Assoc. Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	1
Resignations	0	0
Total Deletions YTD		148

Total Membership As Of 11/30/2020: 3,633

## Membership Means Caring, Too

by Joey Brooks, Membership Chairman

2020 was a tough year for many of us on many levels. As I sit here during the first week of December, writing this article, we are still firmly in the grasp of COVID-19 with new daily infections at an all-time high. Events have been canceled through the end of the year and the first icy chills of winter are beginning to descend upon us.

Membership has undoubtedly suffered during this pandemic. So much of what grows membership in an organization is the ability of that organization to function. For Shriners, this means appearances in parades, performing fundraisers and Tabloid collections, and many other activities our clubs and units perform that places us in the public eye. Many of these activities were severely curbed or canceled in 2020 due to restrictions rising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am confident as we emerge from the grasp of winter's chill, we will also begin to emerge from the grasp of COVID-19. I know I am chomping at the bit to get back to visitations, events, club and unit activities, and all the other fun and exciting things we Shriners do! I am hopeful the experts are right and we will soon be able to resume our Blue Lodge and Shrine activities.

As we endure these next few months of isolation, I encourage our nobility to keep in touch with one another and others in your community, especially those who are living alone or otherwise isolated from friends and loved ones. While it may not be safe for us to be out in the community, we can still demonstrate the brotherhood of Masonry and the Nobility of being a Shriner by how we take care of each other and others in our communities. God Bless and Stay Safe!

## Erie Hospital News

by Bob Stevenson & Tom McNeil

The Board of Governors of Shriners Hospital for Children Erie, PA met online on November 18, 2020. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> month of remote meetings and we're getting pretty good at it. We don't like it, but it's what we must do. There had been hope that we'd be able to meet in December, have our holiday luncheon and get caught up with one another. One thing you can't do is chit-chat online and we all miss that. Sadly, with the COVID-19 numbers climbing again, we have to leave our meetings online. Since that meeting, our HQ in Tampa has extended the no in-person meetings rule to the end of March 2021. It is quite possible this will be extended once again.

We continue to improve on the number of encounters, but still lag last year. We had 1,727 referrals vs 2,407. For the entire Shrine system, it is 43,112 referrals vs 52,902 last year. You can see the impact COVID-19 has had. Outpatient encounters are 6,991 vs 9,413. Our system is down 71,265 encounters year-to-date vs last year. The numbers tell the story of medical providers everywhere. We hope that 2021 will see these number go up.

The officers for 2021 are Chairman Roger Neff, Al Koran; Vice Chairman Charles Murphy, Zenobia; Treasurer Howard Merritt, Jr, Al Koran; Secretary Michael Kerns, Ali Ghan.

A personal note please: I am finishing my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Chairman and 6<sup>th</sup> year as an officer. I have been honored to represent Aladdin Shriners in these capacities. It has been a very rewarding experience. I'll finish my two remaining years as a member of the BOG. I want to thank all the Nobles of Aladdin for the support you've given me, Tom and SHC-Erie, along with Lexington and Cincinnati.

Well, here's hoping for a better 2021. On behalf of the staff and families of SHC-Erie we wish you the very best for the New Year and beyond. And "Thank You!" for all you do for our kids.

## In Memoriam

Lawrence A. Bailey

Douglas A. Crabtree

F. John Demjen

Victor F. Rose

Donald J. Griffith

Donald E. Hedrick

Charles W. Kimerline, Jr.

Donald F. King

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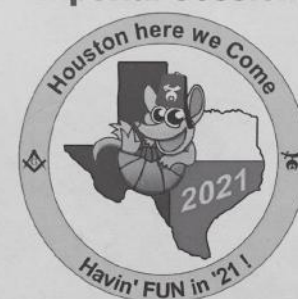


## 147th Imperial Session of Shriners International

Due to increasing cases of COVID disrupting our lives, the Chief Rabban has made the decision to ONLY take the Divan and Past Potentates obtaining their emeritus status to the Houston Imperial Session.

- Potentate-Elect, Art Wilson

### Imperial Session



July 4 - 8, 2021

## Provost Unit

by Chris Baer



The December monthly Provost unit meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19. Other cancellations include the 2021 Ohio Sled Hockey Tournament scheduled for January, 2021, the 2021 Valentines Dinner party and the 2021 Aladdin Circus. The next Provost Unit working event is the Muirfield golf tournament. Stay tuned for a possible Provost Unit meeting in January, 2021.

Sunshine Committee Chairman Bob Albright related that a few Provost Nobles and their ladies could use a prayer for healing to aid in their full recovery.

Another reminder to all Provost Nobles regarding the 2021 roster update. All Provost Nobles are encouraged to verify and update the roster information; please contact Secretary Joey Brooks or Director Warner and email any changes or updates very soon. Secretary Brooks will email an electronic copy to all. There will be about 100 printed books to start and more will be printed if needed. The new 2021 Provost Directory is expected to be available in February, 2021.

An important upcoming event is the Installation of Officers in early January, 2021. The 2021 Installation will be a virtual annual meeting and virtual installation with current plans to stream it live. Our Provost Noble Art Wilson is ready to be Potentate and will arrange great events when able to do so.

January birthdays are Dick Fogg, Don Goodman, Rob Hartsell, Ernest Howard, Danny Jones, Dale Parish, Bill Selsam and Dick Westinghouse.

## Cincinnati Hospital News

by D. Dee Mowry, PP  
& Richard Clark

The December meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Governors, originally scheduled at the hospital, did not happen due to COVID-19. Instead it was another virtual meeting which always begins with the usual round of committee meetings. These meetings begin at 9:00am and end at 12:00 noon with the full board meeting at 12:00 noon.

As expected, activities at the Cincinnati Hospital are really 'winding down' in anticipation of the soon-to-come move to the Dayton facility. The last meeting of the board at the Cincinnati facility is scheduled for the January meeting, again depending on the status of COVID. In the meantime, activity at your hospital continues, doctors are being credentialed as well as other health care professionals, Shrine research is progressing however it is being conducted at the University of Cincinnati, funds are being raised (with a substantial contribution from Aladdin) plus many other activities too numerous to mention.

We need to give special recognition to one of our 'Senior Shriners' who is a regular contributor to the Cincinnati Hospital. Noble Bob Mann, Licking County, raises peppers which he converts to 'pepper butter' and sells. A portion of the sales goes to the hospital. Noble Bob has done this for a number of years and certainly deserves a 'tip of the fez' for his untiring efforts.

The major news at this last meeting of 2020 was progress at the 'new' hospital in Dayton. This hospital is a hospital within a hospital as the Shrine facility will be entirely in the Dayton Children's Hospital. It will be properly and prominently identified as a Shrine hospital complete with statues of the 'Editorial without words' in two locations (courtesy of Antioch Shriners in Dayton.) Selected pictures of the new facility can be found on page six.

## Scam Alert

by Chad Dennewitz, Executive Director

Nobles, we here at Aladdin have been the victims of many different email scams. These emails appear to come from someone here at the Temple, and also club and unit officers.

The email that has scammed the most people is one that looks like it is coming from someone connected with the Temple. The first email asks if you are available, and when you respond, they ask you to purchase gift cards. Aladdin will NEVER ask you by email to purchase gift cards.

There also have been emails sent from these groups, that again look like they are from Aladdin officers, and have invoices attached to them. The invoices look real and look like they are from companies with whom the club or unit has done business. The issue is that the electronic payment method routes the money to someone else.

The best thing you can do at any time is if you get an email from someone asking for gift cards, or money of any type, call the person from whom you think sent the email. Call the person using a number that you already have, not the one provided in the email.

Also, if you have any questions, you can click on the "from line" to see the email address a message came from instead of just the name that shows up. These emails look like they came from me, the Potentate or many other people, but they did not come from our email addresses. At the end of the day, if you question it, call.

If you have any further questions, feel free to call the office at (614) 475-2609 or (800) 475-3850.

## Union County SC *by David Brinson*

By the time you read this article the year 2020 will have come to a close. While we all should cherish each and every moment of time we have in this life, I don't imagine many will be saddened to move on from 2020, and by the opportunity to regain some sense of normalcy in 2021.

As for the Union County Shriners, we anxiously await those opportunities that 2021 will bring to our club. Our regularly scheduled meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> included the installation of our 2021 Club Officers. The 2021 officers are as follow:

President – Mick McCoy; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Steve Baker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Todd Seckerson; Treasurer – Dave Cook; Secretary – Dave Brinson.

We expect there will be continued challenges to begin the year with the COVID-19 Pandemic, but as Shriners we are optimistic that in 2021 we will begin to get back to the basics of our existence and our philanthropy.

What better time of year is there to be full of hope? For Christians, Christmas is a time where our faith is revitalized. As Shriners, Christmas should be a time where we celebrate all that God has blessed us with and remember that our greatest gift is our philanthropy and our ability to help the less fortunate children that God has directed to us. In addition, each New Year allows us the opportunity to have a fresh beginning, a do over if you will, to recommit ourselves to be better men, Shriners and stewards of what God has given us.

As the New Year begins, many of us will make resolutions that we will try to keep. I can think of no better resolution than to resolve to forgive those who would try to harm us; be kind to everyone with whom we come in contact; be honest with others and especially ourselves; be happy with ourselves for that is the only way to bring happiness to others; do good every day and, maybe most importantly, give the best you have every day. As men, we will never achieve perfection but by striving for it we can achieve excellence.

From the Union County Shrine Club may 2021 be your best year ever!

## Pickaway SC *by Roger Fausnaugh*

I hope everyone was able to make the best of the holidays. Now that 2020 is over and a vaccine is coming, we may be able to get back to some kind of normalcy.

We are starting the New Year with lots of anticipation that this year will be one that will give us more opportunities to join in brotherhood.

Congratulations to our new officers with Noble Jeff Reams as President, Noble Rocky Arledge as Vice President, Noble Richard Disbennett as Treasurer, and Noble Mike Laws as Secretary.

During the past month the Black Camel visited and we lost Noble John Demjen.

Remember our regular meetings are always the fourth Monday of the month.

## Empty Mug Club *by Chris Baer*

Empty Mug Club activities are still on hold due to COVID-19. However, the list of potential local breweries is extensive in Columbus, Ohio for future gatherings of our Club.

Seventh Son Brewing has been producing exceptional beers at the intersection of 4th Street & 4th Avenue in Columbus' historic Italian Village since April of 2013. This establishment is a production brewery and there is a brewing apparatus located in the back room.

Seventh Son Brewery creates many unique beers and cocktails. There is a Downstairs and an Upstairs draft list of IPAs, Lagers and Ales including a Seventh Son American Strong Ale, an Oubliette Imperial Stout and a Den Berliner Weisse from Antiques on High. A few Seltzers are also available such as Kitty Paw Hard Seltzer-Lime Guava.

Along with an extensive offering of home brewed beer, Seventh Son Brewery serves hamburgers that come with two, 100% seasoned all Ohio beef patties, vegan tacos and sides of fresh hand-cut French fries, salad, mac and cheese or a melted four-cheese sandwich on Texas toast. The kitchen also offers dinner or lunch plates of tacos, burritos and quesadillas made with chicken, lamb or goat.

Seventh Son Brewery is offering a Beer Bond during our current social restrictions that acts as a gift card. A \$100.00 Beer Bond purchased now will mature on July 1, 2021 in the amount of \$200.00, to be used by July 1, 2023. This is a creative means of surviving a challenging economic period during the COVID-19 restrictions with a very rewarding payout on July 1, 2021 when the social restrictions hopefully have abated.

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 enjoy the holiday season.

## Hospitality Unit *by Whoa Ismei*

December's Children's Christmas Party saw many disappointed people due to COVID-19. Forcing once again, (is someone using shampooing instructions) to shut down the Shrine Center Building. This caused the cancelling of the Christmas Party.

Also cancelled was the December Hospitality Meeting. No work scheduled, for there isn't any. Business will wait till January to discuss??

It has been rumored that there has been an increase in poaching by the membership. So as dutiful Masons we must go along with the Government and buy those hunting licenses and wait till the Grouse are in Season. Otherwise, no Grouseing.

Question, these two quotes are references from where? "Keep your Stick on the Ice" & "Party On!" Come to the Hospitality Meeting and possibly get a reasonable answer.

Hospitality Unit is for Fun and Games, but we are keeping in mind that no one is to get hurt. To the Future "Party On".



# PICTURES FROM THE HOSPITAL IN DAYTON, OHIO



Clinic Waiting Room



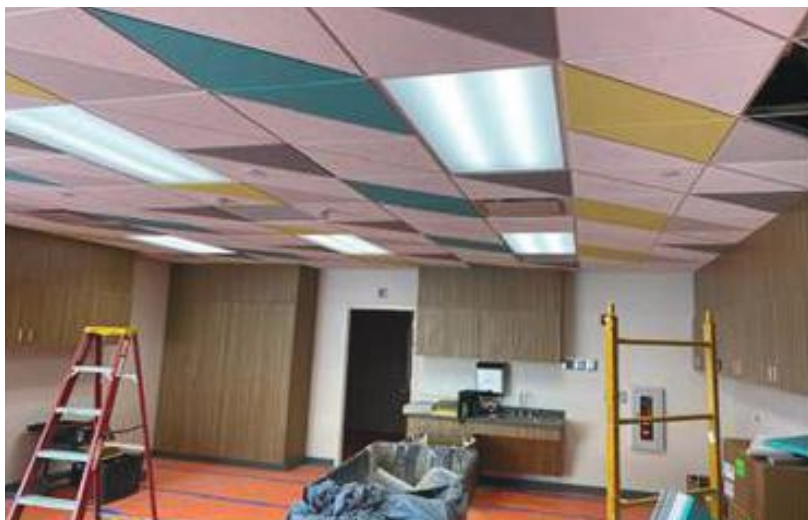
Patient Room Headboard



Inpatient Surgery Nurses Station



Outpatient Surgery Nurses Station



OT/PT Room



Pharmacy



# Check Presentations to Shriners Hospital for Children Medical Center - Lexington



Brian Tabit, one of Aladdin Shrine's Lexington Hospital Representatives, presented checks to the hospital.

Top Left: \$10,000 was presented to the hospital on behalf of First Lady Susan Maxwell. Susan collected donations throughout the year for the camps and prom held for the patients at the Lexington hospital. The check was presented to Frazann Millbern, Recreational Therapist.

Top Right: \$37,578.58 was presented to Hospital Administrator Tony Lewgood for the Lexington hospital's share of the Tabloid money collected in 2020. Monies collected from Tabloid are divided equally among the Lexington, Cincinnati, and Erie Shrine Hospitals.

Bottom Left: \$100,000 was presented to Hospital Administrator Tony Lewgood on behalf of Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children.



First Lady Susan Maxwell

## Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies & Nobles, it happened!!! \$10,000 was donated for my First Lady's Project! All of the money goes to the camps and prom for the Shriners kids at the Shriners Hospital for Children—Lexington (KY). I cannot tell you how excited, grateful, and thankful I am to all the clubs, units, and individuals who donated to my Project. When 2020 started, my goal was \$10,000 for the project.

When March came, followed by months of Shrine visitations and other events being cancelled, I thought, "Susan, you gotta revise your goal as so many Shriners have other challenges and activities, so be thankful if only a couple of thousand dollars is donated to the Project." Well, I should have known better as Shriners have the biggest hearts in the world and will do unbelievable actions for OUR KIDS!!! So, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED in this unreal year!

In last month's "Ladies Corner," I wrote about creating lasting memories, especially for the holidays in this challenging year. I'd like to take that further and mention that we all need to make memories every day. As I look back on 2020, I could focus on all the activities Zale, your potentate and my husband, and I had planned this year and which ones didn't happen. However, that is not how we look at life. We always focus on the positive aspects of life. And this year is no different. To start, on January 11, we had a lovely installation of officers, including music by the Aladdin Pipes & Drums Band, a beautiful ceremony and dinner, all enjoyed by our family and friends and our Aladdin Shrine family. In February we got to go on our Potentate's trip to Key West Florida, once again with family and friends and our Shrine family. And on February 29, there was a fun Leap Day Party, including food, music and frog flipping! We even were

able to squeeze in the Potentate's Ball, Denim & Boots. As the months continued, we often heard from Shriners and ladies who were checking on us to make sure that we were doing okay with all our plans that had to be cancelled. We so appreciate those concerns. We were, and are, okay with this unusual year as if we can help keep our Shriner family safe and healthy, all that we gave up is okay.

As we finished the holiday season in December, I hope that you were able to see the Shriners Hospital for Children Stories of Love Telethon on December 5 with the Grand Ole Opry. The patient ambassadors were all on as well as country singers. Hopefully, you also got to hear Kechi sing. I'm also hoping that you "weathered" 2020 and are looking eagerly to 2021. I know that I am. I hoping for beautiful snow this winter, a refreshing spring when I can plant flowers again and hear bees buzzing, a summer of sunshine and joy (on June 20, Zale and I will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary), a fall to enjoy the harvest of honey, apples, and pumpkins, and then winter once again. I look forward to 2021, too, as I know the soon-to be Aladdin Potentate Art Wilson and his Lady Kim have many fun activities planned. Please support them as you have supported us.

And finally, thank you for the amazing journey you have allowed Zale and me to travel since he was installed as Aladdin's 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master years ago. The Aladdin Shrine is a wonderful group of nobles and ladies who gather and find fun and fellowship in all that they do. Our memory basket is overflowing!

'Til I see you again, Bee joyful and share a smile.... You can be someone's sunshine!

--Susan Maxwell

Aladdin's First Lady 2020

*Bee joyful and share a smile...*

*You can be someone's sunshine!*



## DO YOU NEED TABLOID 2020 AWARDS?

If you need any awards for Tabloid 2020 Donations please contact Bob Stevenson. Awards will be delivered as quickly as possible.

Bob Stevenson  
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# Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Past Queen

Well, here it is, a new year. Some of us make New Year's Resolutions for ourselves each year, but, according to the experts, over 50% will have broken their resolutions before the end of January. As disheartening as that is, a recent survey showed that 62% of those polled said that they can't wait to tackle the new year with a fresh mindset and renewed motivation after feeling stagnant all throughout 2020. Here is one resolution that I think we all need to make... Stay in touch more often – Resolve to reach out to the important people in your life in the coming new year.

Thebes Temple currently plans to meet virtually on Zoom until we take our summer break. We are hoping to be able to begin meeting in person in September. This does not mean that we haven't been busy making and delivering items to the Shriners Hospital in Lexington. In November, our Queen Stephanie Ott, MD, drove to the Lexington Hospital to deliver over 400 items for the children – fleece blankets, masks, stuffed toys and pillows. Since we are not meeting to sew and make items for the hospital, we have established the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month as "Drop-off/Pick-up Day" for our members. Members can bring completed items to the front door of Luther B. Turner Masonic Center between 1pm and 2 pm and/or pick-up items to be finished at home. The items will be collected by our sewing chairman and we will be following distancing and mask requirements.

Our Calling Committee has been making phone calls to members during the past month just to say, "Hi, how are you doing?" The response from many of those members contacted is that they have missed being social and staying in contact. There have been many very happy conversations, which brings me back to the positive resolve for the new year... reach out to the important people in your life in the coming new year.

My quote this month comes from C. S. Lewis the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia* ... "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

## ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Due to COVID protocols in Ohio, the 2021 Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers will be attended in-person by the Divan ONLY. The meeting and installation will be live-streamed on YouTube for Aladdin Nobles to watch. Please see information on page 2 regarding registration.

Aladdin Club and Unit Officers will be sworn in virtually during the Installation of Officers. Please plan to attend online.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these difficult times.

- Potentate-Elect Art Wilson

# Clown Unit

by Michael "P.N.C. Buckethead" Clark

H o p e f u l l y this will be a better year than last year. Our circus has been canceled and both the Mid-Winter (ISCA) and Spring (GLSCUA) competitions have been canceled as well.

Both groups are working hard on a virtual competition. There are a lot of details to be worked out and many test runs to be performed.

On a side note, as it stands right now, both Antioch and Syrian Temples are planning to have their circuses in 2021; one in February and other in March or April.

Mike Clark is still recovering from his knee injury.

Please keep all those Warriors on the front lines in your thoughts and prayers.

Be in Peace!



# Brutal Brothers

by Chief Kenji Prince

The Brutal Brothers are no strangers to leadership positions. We are a passionate group, bound together with brotherly love adopted from our blue lodges, and unmatched fellowship cultivated within Aladdin's doors. We love the work it takes to help with our ceremonials. We take pride in marching or driving with our nobles from other units and clubs during parades. Enthusiasm is not something that runs low with this squad.

This enthusiasm doesn't sprout out of nowhere once we put that fez on; it's been developed long before. This month we have seen numerous Brutal Brothers elected to important officer positions in their respective blue lodges: Bradley L. Moss - Worshipful Master; Timothy Curry - Worshipful Master; Jordan R. Holland - Senior Warden; Nate Britton - Senior Deacon; Blaine "Seamus" Lewis - Junior Deacon; Jeffrey Robeano - Junior Deacon. Congratulations to all these Brutal Brothers. We wish them support, make us proud! If anyone was missed, please accept my apologies.

And it continues: The Brutal Brothers have a history of leadership roles, not only in the blue lodges, but in the Shrine itself. In our company, we are blessed with the experience of past potentates, current divan members, and future leaders of all sorts. We are excited to see our past chiefs, Mark Froehlich and Aaron Langhirt elected to another year in the officer line for our Aladdin Shrine. Congratulations, gentlemen.

The need for enthusiasm and leadership is ever present, and we are a well that cannot run dry. The Brutal Brothers are here to help! You do not need to be a member of the unit, or even a Shriner, our desire for involvement and passion for Aladdin is not but a flickering flame of interest, but a lightning bolt, in a flash, connecting the sky and the ground in a beautiful arc. Happy New Year!

# Meet Brian

from: *ShrinersVillage.com*

## **Teen with burns on 85% of his body receives life-changing care at the Boston Shriners Hospital**



In the early hours of May 17, 2017, a fire broke out at a Michigan motel, the result of an explosion. Brian, his mother and brother suffered injuries and were airlifted to a local hospital. Brian's wounds were significant, with burns covering 85% of his body.

Brian's father, Robert, recalls being told his son had less than a 5% chance of survival. Robert L. Sheridan, M.D., medical director of the Boston Shriners Hospital burn service, learned about Brian and knew that the Boston hospital staff could help.

Robert explained, "Dr. Sheridan jumped into action and got us medically flown to Boston. It was all his doing – his network and the Shriners network. We were in a bad situation when the Shriners called, and that's how Brian's life was saved."

Members of the Detroit Moslem Shriners are an important part of Brian's network, providing emotional support as well as financial assistance for transportation and housing related to Brian's medical care. They fiercely advocate for Brian at every turn. Local Detroit Shriners routinely work with staff members at the Boston Shriners Hospital to help with travel arrangements to and from Boston, and check in often to offer assistance.

In the past three years, Brian has undergone over 200 procedures and surgeries at the Boston Shriners Hospital, including a tracheostomy. Scar tissue impairs his airway and this procedure made it easier for Brian to breathe. However, without further surgical intervention, there was a possibility that Brian's airway could close completely, taking away his ability to speak.

Brian and Robert returned to Boston in August for a series of procedures to open his airway and remove the tracheostomy tube. This will give Brian more freedom and eliminate the painstaking process of cleaning his tube regularly.

Doctors originally scheduled this surgery in April but had to postpone due to statewide restrictions on certain surgical procedures implemented because of COVID-19. Robert said the family was heartbroken when they got the news. "We have been trying to get this done for a very long time; it was all set, and we had a date set."

The family stays in close contact with Melissa Brown, a social worker at the Boston Shriners Hospital who has been working with them since Brian's first day as a patient. "She goes above and beyond her job for our family. She's been my rock through all of this," said Robert.

Melissa stayed in touch with the family while they waited for a new date. "Brian has made such incredible progress in just a few years. His resilience and determination are impressive, and I am honored to be a part of his care team," said Melissa.

"Brian approaches all aspects of his treatment with resolve and a positive attitude. He always asks insightful questions and knows how to advocate effectively for himself. Brian has come a long way since 2017, and, as a medical professional, it is heartening to see such progress after a significant injury," said Dr. Sheridan.

It has been a long journey. Shriners Hospitals for Children's mission is to care for pediatric patients regardless of families' ability to pay. Most of Brian's surgical care can and has occurred at the Boston Shriners Hospital. Brian's family submitted a request to their insurance company for the care received outside of the Shriners Hospitals system,

which was denied. The family appealed, but the insurance provider maintained that coverage would only apply if procedures were performed in Michigan. Robert was not comfortable with this because almost all of Brian's care had been in Boston at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Brian and Robert wanted to work with Dr. Sheridan and the care team who knew Brian best. Robert estimates that 98% of Brian's care has been through the Boston Shriners Hospital. "Shriners has been there for us and has made things as easy as possible. There is a level of comfort for Brian and that is important," said Robert.

When insurance would not cover any of the \$150,000 Robert would need to pay for the aspects of care that could not occur at the Boston Shriners Hospital, he created a GoFundMe account. The response was overwhelming. Within days, over \$150,000 was raised and Brian's story had attracted national media attention. The family also reports that, after additional conversations with their insurance provider, some of Brian's treatment is now being covered.

Brian, 17, is a junior who loves swimming, fishing and all sports. His favorite is basketball and he loves the Boston Celtics. Robert described Brian as an all-around athlete prior to the explosion – on the track, basketball and football teams. He is an honor roll student with aspirations to work in the field of burn care, possibly as a doctor or a social worker. Brian has a message for his care team and all of his supporters. "I would like to thank the entire Shriners community, and everyone who came together to make this happen. It's truly amazing what the Shriners organization has done for my family and me over the years. I am so grateful!" he said.

Robert has established the Brian Adams Foundation, which will provide resources and connections for children with burn injuries. He has also created a Facebook page, Recovery4Brian, so people can follow Brian's story.



# Anniversary Fraternal Membership Directory

from: *ShrinersVillage.com*

***Celebrating 150 years of fun, fellowship, compassion and generosity.***

The Shriners fraternity will celebrate 150 years of brotherhood, service to others and camaraderie in 2022. To honor and recognize this tremendous milestone, the storied history of our great fraternity and the commitment and dedication of our nobles, Shriners International is creating a special 150th Anniversary Edition Fraternal Membership Directory.

This very special keepsake volume will include sections on our 150-year history and achievements, temple activities and accomplishments, and listings of individual temples and nobles. When Walter Fleming, M.D., and Billy Florence founded our fraternity in 1872, they intended to create a Masonic fraternity focused on fun and fellowship.

Today, they would be amazed and proud of what that fraternity has become – and what it means to people throughout the world. Shriners have successfully blended fun, fellowship, brotherhood, compassion and generosity into an organization that attracts men from all walks of life, and gives them the opportunity to become better, stronger individuals who truly make a difference in their communities and in the world. These are among the many things we will honor and acknowledge in this special volume and throughout our 150th anniversary year.

To create this commemorative edition we will work with PCI, an experienced and reputable publisher. In addition to honoring our history, traditions, and accomplishments, the volume will include a section where temples, clubs and units will have the opportunity to provide interesting, quality photos with appropriate captions and a section for individual pictures of nobles, with a brief narrative. There will also be a section listing nobles by location. While the name and temple of every Shriner will be listed, other specific member information, such

as individual addresses and phone numbers, will not be shown without permission. Nobles may provide verification of member data and/or may also opt out of being listed by contacting PCI. The membership directory will be available in print and electronic formats.

A percentage of the proceeds generated by this project will be provided to Shriners International, and used to enhance our programs. We are truly excited to be able to offer what will be a unique and valuable item. The first step in this project is mailing postcards to individual nobles requesting verification of member information on file with Shriners International. Please be sure to call the toll-free number on the card, which you should have received via the postal service in the second week of November.

Additional information about this commemorative membership directory will be available on both Shriners Village and the Shriners International website. We hope that you join us in celebrating all that our fraternity and individual nobles mean to us, and all that we have accomplished together over the past amazing 150 years.

Additional information about the member directory may be found on the updated [Shriners International Member Directory FAQs](#) page.

Important points to remember regarding the Membership Directory: 1. We strongly encourage Shriners to contact PCI to verify their member information. 2. The directory will list every Shriner and their temple affiliation. 3. With, and only with the permission of a Shriner, will member information, such as a personal address or phone number, be included in the directory. 4. Any Shriner may exclude himself from the directory by contacting PCI.

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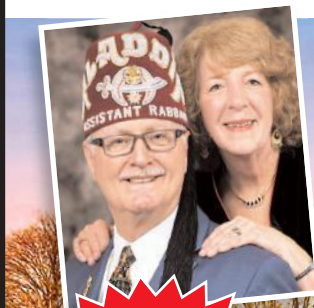
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