

Aladdin's Lamp



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From the Pote's Desk

I would like to start by thanking those who made Installation possible. First, I would like to thank Aladdin's First Lady and my wife, Kim, Mike Johnson our Master of Ceremonies, and Illustrious Sir Garol Rogers, PP, for his fezzing skills. Thanks also to Mr. Larry Peters and his wife, Karen, from Peters Photography in London, Ohio for our great Divan photos this year. Larry is also a new brother and a member of the band. The Audio Unit processed everything needed to transmit and share all events virtually. Thanks also, goes to my Chief of Staff, Bob Warner, and his lady, Tamara, our two photographers, Mike Beal and Rod Basye, and Aladdin's office staff, Kim Luckeydoo, Joey Brooks and Chad Dennewitz. It was the smallest (48 people) installation in Aladdin's history, but it got the job done. Kim and I will have wonderful memories forever.

At the writing of this article, we should be well on our way to moving our Cincinnati Shriners Hospital to Dayton. Our new facility is a modern, up to date hospital with the newest operating rooms and equipment. It will serve our Shrine Kids well into the future. The Divan had a Zoom meeting with Cincinnati/Dayton hospital representatives Kari Tucker and Bethany Deines. They shared with us an excellent Power Point presentation showing our new Shrine floor in the Dayton Children's Hospital. Due to COVID, the Divan will not be able to take a tour of the new facility until late summer. I will take photos and report back after our tour. Watch for a story and photos in your Lamp.

More people are being vaccinated daily for COVID. We hope and pray we will start to see light at the end of the COVID tunnel very soon. I hope that our Coronavirus risk levels will change soon, and we can start holding some events again at the Shrine. We may still have to wear masks and social distance for some time, but we can do it to bring back good times. Shrine event cancellations are hard to do, but they are done to keep you, our Nobles, safe.

Remember, during this time of confusing health orders and closings, let's NOT forget our brothers. Call your Shrine friends to see if they are OK or if they need anything. If not, I bet they would still love to hear from you.

Nobles, PLEASE take care of yourselves, wear your masks, social distance and try to get scheduled for your COVID vaccines. Together we can fight and beat this thing. Lady Kim and I look forward to seeing and spending time with each one of you.



Illustrious Sir Arthur L. Wilson

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Chaplain's Chat

February is sometimes referred to as the 'month of love' because St. Valentine's Day is observed on February 14.

This column is looking at the 'facts' surrounding this saint... or saints. It appears in the literature that there was more than one Valentine and some rather drastic inconsistencies of who was, actually, the 'real' Valentine. One Valentine account says that he was a Roman Priest during the reign of Claudius II. This Valentine was imprisoned for the 'crime' of helping Christians. For some reason, Claudius liked Valentine until he tried to convert him whereupon Valentine was clubbed, stoned and finally beheaded. This was somewhere between the years 269-273.

Another Valentine was described as the Bishop of Terni who again was imprisoned for the same crime as the other Valentine. The Judge, Asterius, under whose jurisdiction this Valentine was held, had a blind daughter. Asterius challenged this Valentine to cure her which he did. Claudius also liked this Valentine but he made the same mistake of the former Valentine and was clubbed, stoned and finally beheaded on February 14.

Neither of these stories seems very romantic but another story about another Valentine (whoever he was) was that this Valentine would marry couples of whom the male was in the Roman Military. Marriage was not an option for the soldiers because the Emperor thought that they would think more about their wives and would not concentrate on fighting the enemy.

Love consumes more than one entire page of the Concordance of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. What an important word not only in the context of the Bible but in our lives as well. We are admonished many times to..., 'love the Lord your God..., you shall love your neighbor..., the Lord set his love upon you' plus the above mentioned entire page of 'love' words in the concordance. If this love prevailed in the world, what a different place would be this place where we live!

2021 Potentate's Golf Trip - We're Back!

by Mike Johnson

It's time to try this again. Illustrious Sir Art Wilson would like to invite you to join him for a few days of golf and fellowship in Crossville, Tennessee. We will leave on Sunday, September 26, play 3 days of golf, and return on Thursday, September 30. Rolling terrain and tree lined fairways will make this a trip to remember. Accommodations will be in four-person condos fully equipped with a queen size bed for each golfer, two full baths, living and dining rooms, and full kitchen.

We are encouraging you to carpool in your own vehicle, however there will be a limited number of seats available in the Aladdin vehicles that will be used to transport supplies. The cost will be \$485/person for the U-drive option and \$540/person if riding in an Aladdin van. Big Red will not make this trip. The package will include lodging, golf, last night banquet, and hospitality. A couple of evening meals will also be included. Breakfast will be on your own. We want this trip to be safe and for you to be comfortable in these unusual times. All COVID-related protocols in place at the time of the trip will be observed. Both the accommodations and the golf course are practicing stay safe policies and we will do our best to comply.

The maximum number for this trip is 40. We have to turn in our numbers by mid-July, so it is important to get your reservation and deposit in early. Please call the office (614-475-2609 or 800-475-3850) or myself (740-341-3714) if you have any questions. There is an ad and registration form in this issue of the Lamp.

Remember, golf is reason for the trip, but some much needed fellowship is the purpose.



Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, P.P.

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Membership As Of 1-1-202

Regular Members	3,364
Associate Members	28
Total Membership	3,392

	Current	Yr To Date
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Restored	8	8
Associates	0	0
Total Additions YTD	8	

	Current	Yr To Date
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Deaths	6	6
Assoc. Dropped	1	1
Reversals	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Total Deletions YTD	7	

Total Membership As Of 1/31/2021: 3,393

In Memoriam

Forrest D. Baillie

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James C. Tharp



Springtime is Membership Time

by Joey Brooks, Membership Chairman

As we begin to emerge from the grasp of winter's chill, it is time to begin preparation for the reopening of life. For springtime in 2021 brings with it great optimism of not only emerging from the grip of winter's chill, but also freedom from the isolation of COVID-19. Since many of us have not had the opportunity to act like Shriners in nearly a year, I just wanted to pass along a few reminders.

We are in a new year now. That means those membership forms in your notebook or desk file are no longer current. New forms are available by going to the Aladdin Shrine website at www.aladdinshrine.org. Once there, you can access the new membership forms by navigating to the MORE tab, and selecting FORMS AND POLICIES. You can also find forms for ASHAC, Clubs and Units, and other miscellaneous items here.

This is also a great time to check and update your information in WebFez. WebFez is the system administrated by Shriners International to maintain Nobility membership and temple information. All Nobles, past and present, are listed in WebFez. Each Noble can review his own membership records and make changes to ensure information is always correct and up-to-date. WebFez may be accessed though your computer's browser by going to www.webfez.shrinenet.org. If it is your first time using WebFez, there is a step-by-step registration guide at the top of the page to help you through the registration process. After completing the registration process, you are now ready to review, and if necessary, correct your information.

Speaking of information, did you know that out of over 3,300 Nobles in Aladdin, 1,400 nobles do not belong to a club or unit? Becoming a member of a club or unit is a great way to enhance your fun and fellowship experience as part of the Aladdin family. If you have a particular interest, chances are, we have a club or unit that will fit your interest.

Want to get more information about the units and clubs of Aladdin or just about membership in general? Contact me by email at jbrooks@aladdinshrine.org or by calling 614-782-2490.

God Bless and Stay Safe!

(Last) News from Cincinnati

by D. Dee Mowry, PP & Richard Clark

The January meeting of the Board of Governors for the Cincinnati Hospital was again a virtual meeting. Please notice that the heading of this article says the 'Last' news... this is because the move to Dayton began on January 29 and the major portion of the move was finished on February 1.

In spite of all the 'moving' activity, donations to the hospital are doing amazingly well. 99.6% of the goal set by Tampa which was \$3,125,000.00, has been collected. This represents a 9.8% increase over 2019 and was from 6,335 donors. 2019 had 5,237 donors. The total 'In The Door' amount for 2020 was \$9,464,040.33, this includes estate gifts etc.

In preparation for the move to Dayton, 13 doctors were credentialed and the credentialed doctors from UC Medical and Cincinnati Children's ended their relationship with Shriners on 12/31/20.

A major advertising program is running in the Dayton market and surrounding areas announcing the new hospital. Shriner's Hospital for Children-Ohio, the official name, will be accepting new patients on February 22. Current patients are being cared for by the staff. Employees have been receiving their COVID 19 and flu shots with good compliance.

The policy for naming rights has been established. This is for clubs, units, temples and individuals who may wish to donate to the new hospital and be recognized as such. Anyone or any group interested may contact either of the Aladdin representatives whose names are at the top of this article. We may be contacted through Aladdin Shrine.

Lexington Hopital News *by Brian Tabit*

As Aladdin Shrine's newest Lexington full board member, I am going to write articles for the Lamp. I was honored to be chosen by Past Potentate Jon Kinney to fill a vacancy as an Associate Board Member, and after serving three years as an associate, I was elected in July of 2020 to serve as a full board member starting January 2021. It has been an eye opening experience to see how our hospitals are operated and what it takes for day to day operations and to serve our fraternity representing Aladdin Shriners. I serve on the following committees: Donor Development, Marketing and Communications, and Plant Facilities.

Nobles, from each of the over 15,000 current active patients in our Lexington system, thank you for all you do in your fundraising for our hospitals. In fiscal year 2020, Aladdin was able to raise \$163,650.00 in a pandemic year. We were ranked 3rd out of the 14 Temples represented on the Lexington Board. Lexington was able to raise \$2.7 million last year to fund our facility. For 2020, we had a goal to raise 3.5 million which was revised to \$2.5 million due to the pandemic. For 2021, we have a goal of \$3 million and hopefully we can meet this goal. It takes all of us doing our part to make this happen. Hopefully we will be able to hit the streets collecting for tabloid and doing other things we do annually to raise money for our kids. We have a great philanthropy department headed up by Dale Wallenius and assisted by McRae Stephenson and Jackie Dawson. If you would like a speaker to come to your club or unit, feel free to reach out to me or fellow board member Dan Carpico. Our contact info can be found in the 2021 Aladdin Calendar/Directory.

We had a great year in 2020 considering the pandemic. We saw 4,725 patients in 2020 vs. 5,814 in 2019. March, April, May, and August were the months with the biggest decline in patient numbers. We saw 15 new patients and had 130 active patients from Aladdin's jurisdiction in 2020. Franklin County ranked 3rd overall in web research for the Lexington facility in January, 2021. Watch for a new national orthopedic marketing campaign to appear from May to September featuring the care we give at our orthopedic medical facilities.

Nobles, at the urging of our Chief of Staff, Dr. Henry Iwinski, when you can get vaccinated, please do. We have 137 employees in Lexington and over 104 have been vaccinated. The balance are waiting to get vaccinated, or have had COVID and need to wait 90 days to be able to get vaccinated. In a few cases, the staff member is pregnant and can't get vaccinated at this time. We all need to do this to make it safer to gather again in the future.

Big things are happening in the future for the whole Shrine Hospital system. Look for more in future editions of Aladdin's Lamp.

Shrine and hospital information
at your fingertips:
www.shrinersvillage.com

Brutal Brothers *by Chief Kenji Prince*

How many of us have taken a seat at a table full of slow cooked, real barbecue? I would suspect all of us. A big plate of brisket or pulled pork with all the sides and fixin's fit for a king. While sitting there, hands covered in meat juices, and maybe barbecue sauce (for the less refined), do we consider how long it took to prepare? A good sized brisket traditionally smoked slow and low can take upwards of sixteen hours or more before its removed from the heat. Not to mention the wrapping/unwrapping and resting before it is partitioned into pencil thin slices. Add hours of preparation, fire building and cooker set up. Add to that, the time it took to collect all the ingredients and tools to make it possible. And still, the years of raising the animal that sacrificed its life for our nourishment. We sit down and gorge ourselves silly. We laugh and enjoy the meal and fellowship of good company. Then it's over, way too soon.

A Shriner is like that plate of barbecue. All nobles started in the quarries of the Blue Lodges, possibly other appendant bodies, before entering into our ranks. We bring a variety of people together from multiple units and clubs from all over to create one great experience. Maybe years passed before we sat down and took a ride into the Shrine Center. At Aladdin we first met the Brutal Brothers as they prepared us for the day of ceremony and excitement. After our historic ritual and introductions are made, we broke bread and hopefully met some new friends who would be destined to be life-long extensions of our ongoing fellowship. We join together on our metaphorical plate of barbecue, promoting the fraternalism and mission of the Shrine, and support our beloved hospitals for children. As we grow together, we grow old together, and eventually say good bye before our next journey not on this earth.

There is a time for seriousness and a time for fun. Whether smoking a brisket, obtaining a Masonic education, or cultivating friends and fellowship, the serious, strong work and time it takes to build the rewards we celebrate will be that much more worth it when we give it the care and attention it deserves. It will all be over too soon, enjoy your barbecue and your membership in the Shrine.

Hardin SC *by Morris Johnson*

The Hardin County Shrine Club held their February 17, 2021, meeting at the former Table One in downtown Kenton. We had 10 members present. Noble president Steve Leopold presided.

Future meetings will be at the former Table One until further notice. It was announced the Aladdin ceremonial will be held September 11th. We are planning to have our Vidalia onion sales again this year. There will be more information to follow. It was also decided to combine Ladies night and the Potentate's visit on July 21st, location to be determined.

Noble Bud James announced we sold over 8,687 pounds of aluminum cans for \$2,730 in 2020. This money goes into the annual Tabloid contribution for the hospitals.

The next meeting will be March 17th.

Erie Hospital News *by Bob Stevenson & Tom McNeil*

As I write this, Central Ohio is expecting a rather large snowfall in the next couple days. In Erie, the hopes are high that with this storm, they will reclaim the top position in the annual Golden Snow Globe snowfall competition for the most snowfall in a season. Right now Erie is 3rd at 52.9 inches with Worcester, MA holding the top spot at 62.9 inches. See, there is something to watch after the Super Bowl!

We finished 2020 with encounters and referrals down from the prior year, no surprise there, around 25%. Given the year, we are pleased we accomplished what we did. Our staffing is back to a normal level, but all COVID protocols are still in place and will be for some time to come. This includes masks being mandatory, no contact with anyone who had a positive COVID test, limited access to building with only one parent/guardian to accompany the child, among others. We are pleased our staff has been able to get the vaccine and the level of protection that offers, but caution is still the watchword.

If you had any contact with our building from October to mid-January you know the main elevator was out of operation. It took some time and a fair amount of retro-fitting to get it operational again. When equipment gets over a quarter century old, like it was, there are no spare parts lying around. Each year we face that with more and more of our mechanicals.

With our ambulatory surgery center now at UPMC Pittsburgh Children's we are looking at how to reconfigure our space and consider options available to us for portions of this space. Covid and Shrine travel restrictions have slowed this process but as we get into spring we hope to be able to develop options, we will keep you advised as we move forward.

Your Board of Governors expects to continue meeting via online video connections at least until spring. Tampa has been quite clear in this area. Given the age of our BOG members, the risk of in person meeting is just too great to chance trying a meeting. Except for the missed fellowship from gathering together, the video format really works quite well and our attendance has been excellent, so maybe it's not all bad. I do believe when we gather again a very large party will be in order.

A few significant numbers from 2020. Erie was \$1,441,000 under budget in local operating expenses and \$1,813,000 under budget overall after allocated expenses. Our donations for December \$541,017 vs. \$517,794 in 2019. For the full year we received \$2,233,776 vs. \$2,786,696 in 2019. We are very appreciative to all who made this happen. A SPECIAL BIG THANK YOU to Aladdin Shriners for our Tabloid check of \$37,578.58 (and the same to Lexington and Cincinnati/Dayton), what an incredible effort everyone made! We also say the same SPECIAL BIG THANK YOU to our ASHAC for its check for \$100,000.00. In a total upside down year Aladdin stands tall!

We are expecting a continued return to normal patient levels and the expansion of our Therapy/Rehab services with the addition of our PM&R Doctor to our staff. Pediatric medicine, like everything else, is changing at a rapid pace. We are well positioned to take advantage of these changes and look forward to a primary SHC Hospitals goals of treating more kids in more places in more ways. Stay safe out there.

Provost Unit *by Chris Baer*



The February Provost stated meeting was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID restrictions. The St. Patrick's Day Party that was to be hosted by the Pipes and Drums, and the Marietta Shrimp Feed in March have also been cancelled. The Aladdin Shrine Circus traditionally scheduled at the end of March has been cancelled. An Adult Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3 at Aladdin. The next Aladdin Shrine stated meeting is March 15 at 6:30 PM, subject to a virtual zoom meeting.

The Santee Golf trip historically scheduled in April has been replaced for the second year with a September golf outing in Crossville, Tennessee. This outing is scheduled September 26-30, Sunday through Thursday. Further details and pricing are in this issue of the Lamp.

Provost participation at the Memorial Tournament is currently on the schedule for Tuesday, June 1 through Sunday, June 6, 2021. The Fore-miler Race and Tee-off Party were not held last year and are not scheduled this year. Please reserve June 1 thru June 6 on your calendar to participate as you are able with the largest fundraiser of the year for the Provost Unit.

Farm Science Review is scheduled for September 21-23. In the past, this regional event detail has included parking cars, gate admission, golf cart registration, bus parking, golf cart shuttle service and a few additional responsibilities. The Potentate's Visit with the Provost Unit and the Provost Unit Ladies Night are both scheduled October 12.

The Tabloid Dollar a Day program is available for the 2021 Tabloid. Please contact Rob Hartsell or Joey Brooks in the Aladdin office and make sure the Provost Unit receives credit for your donation. Tabloid training is May 22nd; Tabloid day is Saturday, June 12.

March birthdays are Thomas Douglas, Jon Kinney, Terry McLaughlin, Kevin Moore, Tom Steltenpohl and Alan Witherspoon.

Hospitality Unit *by R.E. Peat*

Sunrise and sunset is the normal work schedule for the majority of people. As Masons, we know this too well. With this experience of extended darkness, we need to be aware of the work to be done. Our constant effort is to bring light to others even though it seems harder now in this time of human peril is never ending. February saw another meeting postponed and no work to be scheduled.

We help others everyday and our reward is to know that we are making individual efforts to accomplish this for the betterment of all mankind. Through our work when all is put together we are and do make a difference no matter how small.

Until we meet face to face, "Party On". First Wednesday in March is the next scheduled meeting.

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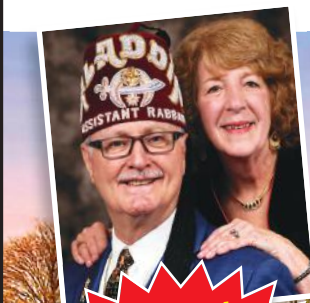
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First Lady Kim's Project

**Family Services at Shriners Children's Ohio
Located in Dayton, Ohio**



In the past, the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital for Children had family unit space within the facility to house families and their children while receiving care. Since the hospital relocated to Dayton, families will need to be housed at nearby hotels. Eventually, they will be able to utilize the Ronald McDonald House across the street from the hospital. However, a major facility upgrade is planned for the House to increase the 14 rooms to 60 rooms. Until the renovation is completed (likely in 3-5 years), Shriners will utilize area hotels for families to stay close to the hospital and their children. This is a substantial expense, with each day costing approximately \$125 per family. Additionally, the Family Services program will provide coupons for meals in the cafeteria, transportation to/from hotels, basic amenities, (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving kits, etc.) and other living essentials.

Your donation will help defray the costs of this new budget area. Check out Lady Kim's table at Aladdin visitations and events.

DONATIONS

**\$20 - 8 Shrine Notecards With Envelopes
\$20 - 5 Fredericksburg Farms Dips**

***“Wherever life plants you,
bloom with grace.”***

Union County SC *by David Brinson*

By the time you will read this article we will have been through an entire year of this COVID-19 pandemic. I, for one, have Cabin Fever and am ready for not only spring but for a significant light at the end of this tunnel!

The Union County Shrine Club, however, is not taking this Pandemic thing lying down. In January, we had our first meeting of the year in person, as 2021 Club Officers were installed by Illustrious PP Bill Estell. Several topics were discussed at our meeting but, most importantly, the tone was set for the upcoming year by incoming President Mick McCoy and those in attendance. We all want to get back to what we do best.... having fun and supporting our Shrine Hospitals and kids!

In the months of January and February we were able to get out into our communities and show them our support in the form of ASHAC Donations. The photographs with this article show our club represented by 2021 President Mick McCoy, 2020 President Mike White and Noble Steve Ingram presenting checks to two Union County School District representatives.

Recently I have struggled to make a personal choice to help someone whom I most likely will never meet. In weighing the pros and cons of my decision, I could think of many very valid reasons not to get outside of my comfort zone, but the thing that I kept coming back to was "why shouldn't I help someone in need if I have the opportunity?" after all that is what we do as Free Masons and Shriners.

My point is that we have all gone through trying times this past year and if we have not struggled at times through this pandemic there are innumerable folks who we may or may not know who have and are still struggling. I, and we at the Union County Shrine Club, urge each of us to get out of our comfort zone and do what you can to help someone who is struggling. There are many ways you can help and most do not involve financial sacrifice.

We are reminded in so many ways by so many different media outlets of the world's problems each and every day. Don't let those problems rule your world. WE ARE SHRINERS! BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Make it a great day today....help someone in need!



Kambri SC *by Dick Brixner*

Let me start this article by reminding all members of the officers of Kambri Shrine Club for 2021. Due to COVID, our activities were minimal in 2020. Since we did not hold elections in November, 2020, your board all agreed to continue into 2021. They are: President Steve Hampton, 1st Vice President Dick Bates, 2nd Vice President Dave Black, Secretary Don Huston, Treasurer Ron LePage, Trustee Russell McFarland, Membership Chair Ron LePage, Tabloid Chair Buzzy Ferguson, and PR Chair Dick Brixner.

Your Kambri Shrine Club Directors met on February 11th and, in spite of multiple conversations at the same time, we put together a "tentative" calendar for 2021. I want to emphasize the word tentative since we do not know what the future will bring as it relates to COVID. You will hopefully receive timely notice of all events.

Your club will attempt to hold our annual chicken barbecue on May 8th, location to be determined. The Aladdin Potentate, Illustrious Sir Arthur L. Wilson, has scheduled his visit to our club on May 13th. The location and time will be mailed to you. On Saturday, June 5th, we will hold our annual Tabloid Day, raising money for our Shriner's Hospitals in Erie, Lexington, and Cincinnati (Dayton). We will meet at 8:00 am at the lodge for breakfast and hit the streets in Cambridge, New Concord, Byesville, Caldwell,

and Senecaville from 9:00 am until noon. On June 26th, we will plan to hold our golf scramble at Wildfire Golf Club. In July, we are planning to hold a recognition dinner for our area first responders in the parking lot at the Masonic Lodge. On August 21st, we are planning a lady's event at the city park. In October, we will plan for our annual steak fry. Our elections will be held in November, and our Christmas party will be held in December.

Nobles, all these dates are tentative, subject to cancellation. We will send out flyers in a timely manner to indicate the time and place of each event. Your board felt it was important to prepare a calendar of events.

Please join me in congratulating Noble Tim Oliver for receiving the Meritorious Service Award from Aladdin in November, 2020.

Nobles, just a reminder to pay your dues to Kambri and to Aladdin. Notices will be sent to our Kambri members in the near future.

Keep up on the events at Aladdin by reading the Lamp. You can get updates on coming events, and on the status of our three Shriner's Hospitals.

To all, stay safe, stay healthy, and consider getting the COVID vaccine when it is available.

Empty Mug Club by Chris Baer

Empty Mug Club activities are still suspended due to COVID-19. The Governor has recently extended the hours of operation for local restaurants and bars but social distancing is still in place. If the number of new reported cases of COVID-19 on a weekly basis continue to decline, the curfew on business hours may end and social gathering may begin to reopen. We all yearn for the opportunity to re-assemble and enjoy fellowship at a local brewery.

Watershed Distillery is the maker of fine craft spirits; products include an award-winning family of gins: Four Peel Gin, Bourbon Barrel Gin and Guild Chamomile-Flavored Gin, along with Vodka, Bourbon, Apple Brandy, bottled Old Fashioned and Nocino, a black walnut liqueur.

Located at 1145 Chesapeake Ave, Ste D, Columbus, OH 43212, just west of the Olentangy River off of King Avenue, Watershed Distillery offers walking tours for small groups at \$15.00 per person, including tasting. Patrons are invited to taste some "bucket gin" that is hot off the press. Inside the rickhouse (warehouse) you will have the opportunity to meet the two distillery cats who, although very friendly, work at keeping small vermin and birds at bay!

While touring, you will learn about the charring process and the corn used to make Bourbon. A fascinating fact is that Bourbon was recognized in 1964 by the United States Congress as a "distinctive product of the United States". Bourbon sold in the United States must be produced in America from at least 51% corn and stored in a new container of charred oak.

An additional area of the distillery located behind the restaurant is where the final stages of the distillery process is revealed and then and there you are introduced to and are able to sample Nocino, a unique and delicious green walnut drink, a specialty of Watershed Distillery.

The Potentate's Visitation with the Empty Mug Club scheduled for February 22 was cancelled due to COVID but may be rescheduled. Until the Governor's public health order retires, 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.

Thea Court by Ruth Scott, High Priestess



Ladies, it is hard to believe that this is the last article I will write for the Aladdin's Lamp. Even though it was a quiet year for Thea Court, it helped to be able to meet on Zoom and see each other. I plan to meet on March 26 at 10:30 a.m. over Zoom. It will be my last meeting as High Priestess. I want to thank everyone who supported me this year. It certainly was a different year. I am looking forward to all the fun opportunities 2021 will bring. Continue to stay healthy and we will see each other soon.

ELEVATOR SPEECH

• a clear, brief message or "commercial" about your subject •

Who are the Shriners?

Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love truth and relief.

We are committed to:

- Being the premier fraternal organization for men of good character
- Having great programs and activities for Shriners and their families and friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie
- Fostering self-improvement through leadership opportunities, education, the perpetuation of moral values and being involved in our communities
- Serving mankind through our philanthropy: Shriners Hospitals for Children

Guess Who?

Take your best guess at who is pictured below.
The answer will be posted next month!



Bringing a Touch of Fun to Serious Work

from *shrinersvillage.com*

Chairman Andrew Kuo helps board members find new solutions during the pandemic.

When Andrew Kuo became a member of Shriners International, more specifically the Salaam Shriners of northern New Jersey, he did it to have fun. He wanted to be in a clown unit and make people laugh, and wasn't thinking about the serious business that Shriners get up to. "Not many people join only to volunteer," Andrew said. "Many do it for the fun and fellowship, but very quickly learn that the serious things we do are fun. Volunteering and helping others is fun."

Shriners International is the fraternity that founded Shriners Hospitals for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922. The fraternity, which has nearly 200 chapters in several countries, and thousands of clubs around the world, continues to support this unique health care system.

Andrew is the current chairman of the Board of Governors for the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, and has learned quite a lot over the past year while leading the group through the pandemic.

Andrew's first introduction to our hospital was in 2009 when he visited for the expanded board day celebration. He was so impressed with the hospital's mission during his tour that only three years later he became an associate board member. "Shriners' mission became my personal mission," he said.

He pushes that mission forward with a friendly face and an upbeat personality, even as the pandemic set in early last year. Andrew explained that looking toward the positives is what made him and the other board members think of new ways to solve old problems. "We didn't know what to expect," he said, "but we found that having to learn new ways of doing things also made us come up with new and better solutions."

Many of those new solutions in the early days of the pandemic meant going digital. Andrew said that he learned a lot quickly, bringing his skills into the 21st century. "Personally, I learned to



e-sign documents," he said. "I can use Skype, Zoom, and Teams now. I'm almost as cool as my kids."

"We have not only survived the great challenge, but we also excelled," Andrew said. "I learned that we could do things in many ways and succeed. We had the best year of fundraising in our history."

Being a first-generation immigrant to the United States, Andrew said that he feels fortunate to have what he does today. "I get to make a living in America and do the human duty of helping others," he said. But more importantly to him, he gets to have fun doing what he does. He said that his main objective on the board is to bring joy and fun to the serious work they do.

Moving forward in 2021, Andrew is optimistic about what our team will accomplish during the second year of his term. And although he has learned how to use Zoom, he looks forward to seeing the "Shriners Philly" family in person again. "I wish I'll be able to see the hospital staff in person and thank each and every one for believing in us."

UNIT AND CLUB DIVAN REPRESENTATIVES

Art Wilson: All units and clubs, informally

Roscoe Smith: Audio, Clowns, Pipes & Drums, Madison, Mariners, Senior Shriners

Mark Froehlich: Past Masters, Ambassadors, Hardin, Motorcycle Corp, Northeast, Pickaway, Zavi

Aaron Langhirt: Band, Legion of Honor, Provost, Car Club, Athens, Empty Mug Club, Ross, Washington

Greg Osborne: Chanters, Registrars, Aladdin Arms, Hilltop, Licking, Tarhe, Union, Worthington

Kris Hainsey: Hospitality, Knife & Fork, Baldwin, Belpre, Bucyrus, Kambri, Monroe, Pike

Rich Aldridge: Brutal Brothers, Medical, Gallipolis, Hocking Hills, Marietta, Morgan, Steubenville



ALADDIN SHRINERS STATED MEETING

**Monday, March 15, 2021
6:30 pm - Virtual & In Person**

ALL Nobles who wish to attend the meeting must register on Local Level. A limited number of tickets to attend the meeting in person will be available. An email will be sent to all who registered with information to join the meeting.


Due to COVID, a meal will not be served.

www.LocalLevelEvents.com

MARCH 2021

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	15 Stated Meeting	16	17 Senior Shriners Visitation St. Patrick's Day Party - Cancelled	18	19	20
21	22 Marietta Shrimp Feed - Cancelled	23	24 Washington SC Car Show - Cancelled	25 Athens SC Visitation - Cancelled	26	27
28	29	30	31			

*** ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID-19. ***

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Aladdin Audio Unit's
**Drive Through
Kid's Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 3rd
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Aladdin Shrine Garage
1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City

See the Easter Bunny & receive a treat bag!

- Registration on Local Level is required.
- For children ages 12 and under.
- Limited to the first 100 children registered.
- Drive through any time between 10am - 11am.



Register: www.locallevevents.com

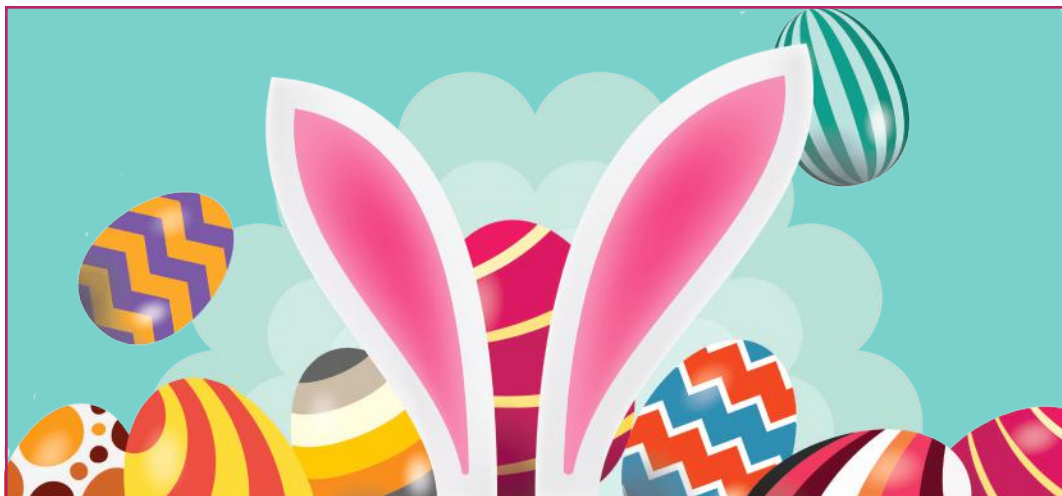
SAVE THE DATE!

Kentucky Derby Party
May 1, 2021



**Share your Shriners
Legacy Story!**

Email your Shriners Legacy story to
AladdinShrineLamp@gmail.com
or call 614-269-0240
Include a picture if possible!



It's back! One of the most talked-about events at Aladdin...

ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT

4.3.21 @ 6 pm \$30/person

Food | Adult Games | Fun | Eggs | PRIZES!!! | DJ
 Ticket includes picnic-style dinner, open bar, and an evening of fun!

Facial coverings are required to attend this event. Your temperature will be taken upon arrival. Social distancing and all COVID protocols will be followed. Only those registering together will be seated together. Everyone must register in advance. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Maximum 100 tickets sold.

Register Online: www.locallevevents.com



The Saint Patrick's Day Party has been cancelled.



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VAN PACKAGE
 \$540/PERSON

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

50% is due with reservation form.
 Balance is due by July 10.
 Registration deadline is July 10.

For reservation questions
 please contact Joe Brooks at
 (614) 782-2490

GOLF TRIP RESERVATION

Send to Aladdin Shriners, 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, OH 43123

Name: _____

Address: _____

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