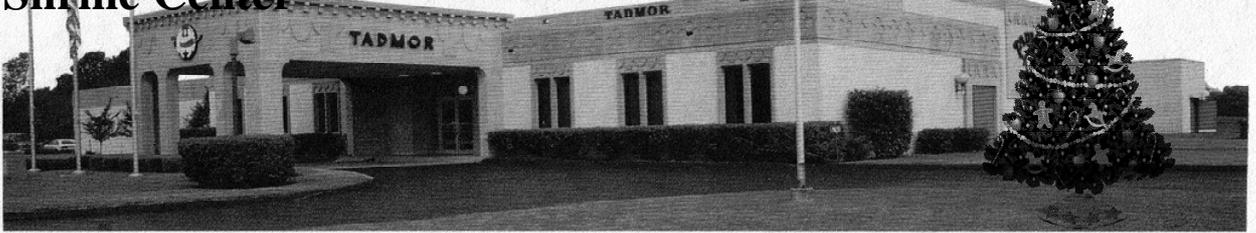


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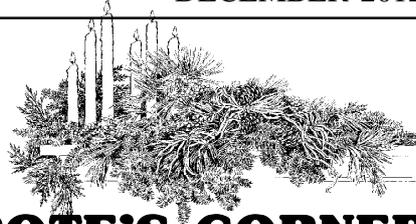
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## **POTE'S CORNER**



Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Families of Tadmor,

Today is Thanksgiving Day, a day for family and friends. A time for us all to give thanks for our freedoms bestowed upon us from our forefathers with the hope of working together, so that all will be good. This day for Lady Barb and myself started out with an early morning phone call from an almost 4 year old by the name of Addison, excitedly saying "Grandma, Grandpa the Thanksgiving Day parade is on TV and Santa Claus is coming".

Christmas will soon be here with all the sales, full parking lots and ads galore to come see what we have on sale. Families of Tadmor, always remember the spirit of brotherly love the whole year long, the joy of Christmas always.

Christmas also reminds me that my year as Potentate and Barb's year as First Lady are coming to an end.

My Masonic travels have taken me to places and given me experiences that I will always remember, but my favorite is Tadmor Shriners. To see the smiles of children that the Shriners have helped, or see the children run up to throw money into a big flag at a parade, or to see our granddaughter Kiersten climb up on the couch to give me a big hug, are memories that I cherish. "Shriners are made for Kids"!

Thank you to all the clubs and units for your help and support. A special thank you to Mike Conny and Mac Trailer. A sincere thanks to David Gomes for his hard work getting the new TVs up in the Lounge - come check it out!

Don't forget the Kid's Christmas Party on Dec. 15th from 10 am to 1 pm. Please call the office to make your reservations.

May the Spirit of Christmas bless and keep safe the men and women guarding our freedom, and remember those who are sick or distressed.

Ill. Sir Greg and Lady Barb

### **DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES**

Dues notices for 2013 went out the first week of October  
Are you paid up for 2012?  
Call Karen at Tadmor  
330-644-8494  
if you have any questions.

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**SHRINEWS**  
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**DUE**  
**DECEMBER 6**



**DONATIONS**

**ERIE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**

THE FOLLOWING ARE DONATIONS SENT IN WITH DUES

Michael Gloss  
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**DAD Fund**  
**Thank you to those who donated!**  
Eugene Zimmerman  
Jerry Putnam  
James Zemancik

In our thoughts...



Heavenly Father, we take great comfort in knowing that our brother Nobles are experiencing a joy that passes human understanding. That he, through the grace of your Son, is living in the warmth of Heaven's fond embrace. Amen.



Bob E. Anstadt  
Herbert L. Johnson  
Emerson "Tobe" Luttrell



**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION**

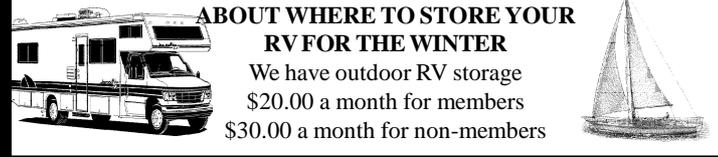
Election of Officers of Tadmor Shrine Center of the Shriners International will be held at the stated meeting on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 7:00 EST at Tadmor Shrine 3000 Krebs Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319. Section 325.10 Election Regulations: (a) The printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for the office in the Temple is prohibited. (b) For any violation of (a) the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble and he may declare the election of the Officers void and order a new election. (c) at least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section. Officers and Representatives to be elected are: Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder and Representatives to the Imperial Council. Also, one (1) Trustee for a five (5) year term.

Greg Sivert

Potentate

**NOBLES: this announcement is your Official Notice as required above.**  
Gary DeMoss, PP, Recorder

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We have outdoor RV storage  
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Spaghetti Dinner  
 At Tadmor Shrine Center

**Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**

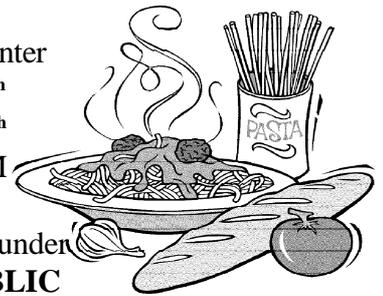
**Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**

12:00PM-4:00PM

\$7.00 Adult

\$4.00 Children 12 and under

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**ERIE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN REPORT**

At the November Erie Board Meeting there were 267 new patient applications received. This is a record for the year.

It was brought to the board's attention that they should inform their Shrine Center's members that it is important that any donation made to a Shriners Hospital be sent directly to the hospital and not Tampa, FL. Any donation sent to Tampa in the name of a hospital is not recorded to that hospital. This allows the hospital to be measured by the percentage of their expenses that are offset by donations received.

Through October, 121 inpatient surgical cases were completed at SHC- Philadelphia, Children's Hospital Pittsburgh and UPMC Hamot.

As you may have heard from previous communications from Shriners Hospital for Children and Shriners International, it is no longer necessary for families to complete an "application" in order to be considered for treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children facilities. A new process has been put in place that eliminates the need to fill out the complex two-page form that previously needed to be sent to the hospital and processed before a patient can be considered for treatment. In Erie Hospital's case, just call Bridget Hines, Admissions/Applications at 814-875-8866

Yours in the faith.

Richard Mcmasters, Tom Kish, Ron Pitcher

The next Erie Board meeting is December 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

**ALLIANCE SHRINE CLUB**

Along with falling temperatures and falling leaves, November brought the election of ASC Officers. Our meeting was held at the Transportation Garage. We started with President Glenn calling on Noble Harold Bates to give the benediction followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. We then dined on ribs supplied by Hillcrest Mkt. After dinner President, Glenn introduced our Divan representative Dillon Hickman who brought greetings from Tadmor and introduced the Nobility and past Potentates who were present. He then introduced our Potentate, III. Sir Greg Sivert who brought greetings from Tadmor and informed us of upcoming activities at the Shrine Center.

I then gave annual reports. It was decided that after having a good year, we were in the position to give Tadmor a donation. It was voted to give a donation for new TV's for the lounge.

We then held our election of officers. After a lot of discussion and deliberation, we elected for 2013: President Doug Neeb, First Vice President, Matt Hahlen, Second Vice President, Dr. Jim Lucido, Sergeant at Arms, Scott Riordan, and yours truly Secretary/ Treasurer.

The meeting was closed, and fellowship followed. The next meeting of the Alliance Shrine Club will be the Christmas Party and Installation of officers at the Alliance Elks Club on December 20. More on this in ASC Newsletter. Seasons Greetings to all from the Nobles of the Alliance Shrine Club

Submitted by: Dale Dillon Secretary ASC



**CHRISTMAS**

**KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 AT TADMOR**

Saturday, December 15  
 10am-1pm  
 Call with reservations by 12/12/12  
 330-644-8494



**A NOTE FROM THE  
HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET  
TOM SZOLLOSI**

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I just want to thank everyone for making 2012 a good year for Tadmor, and wish you a Happy Holiday Season.

Note: This article came from Nile Shriners newsletter.

**NOBLE, CAN YOU  
SPARE A DIME?**

by Richard Syson, Recorder

Most of you will not remember, but may have read about it. This is a parody to the phrase "Brother Can You Spare A Dime" created in the days of the great depression. Now, if this heading has stirred your curiosity, that is indeed the intent to do so. Please read on:

Our Shrine Temple is facing some of the same problems that face many organizations. We have increasing costs coupled with declining membership. Without our numerous volunteers, who do the actual work of repairing, rebuilding, general up keep, our problems would be much greater. It is impossible to name names, and I know I would certainly miss a couple, but I am proud of these Nobles who give so much to our Shrine. Even with our volunteer labor, we must buy materials for the various projects. Some say, "Just increase the dues" but I don't see that as the solution to those pressing issues. Increased costs are everywhere; garbage, water, electricity, heat, air conditioning, etc. Many ask, "What are they, doing with the money"? Yet, if a worthy cause is mentioned, we are at the ready to open our wallets and support the endeavor. So here are my thoughts on what we as Shriners are constituted for and how we could solve some of our financial problems.

The Shrine Temple is the place from which all blessings flow and we must keep a financially sound Temple. We exist to support Shriners Hospitals for Children. Without the Temples, we would lose the money raised by our Clubs and Units. It has been said that charity begins at home, and personally, I feel that this is a worthy charity and we need to open our wallets wide. We have 1,931 members in the Nile and if each of us gave a dime a day, we would raise about \$70,000 a year. I realize we would not get a 100% participation, but we can always hope. The acronym for Dime A Day is "DAD" Fund, which we, symbolically are for the children in our hospitals. DAD Fund donations are only dispersed with the consent of the Nobility.

Something has to be done to increase our income. If this sounds like a good idea to you, send in your check to the DAD Fund (Dime-a-Day-Fund)-today. Don't wait until tomorrow, do it now. If any of you ladies are reading this, get out the old sugar bowl, put a dime a day in it and give it to your Noble each year. A dime a day is quite painless, but it would contribute to the financial stability of your Temple So in closing, I will say "Noble, Can You Spare A Dime"?

**TRI-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION UNIT  
DECEMBER 2012  
Richard McMasters, Scribe**

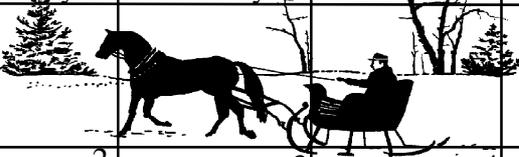
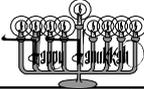
Greetings once again from the Nobles and Ladies of Tri-County. During the month of November we had four scheduled trips to Erie Hospital and one to Cincinnati Burns Hospital and one to Philadelphia Shrine Hospital. We had two patients and their parents who went to the Montreal, Canada Shrine Hospital. Our appreciation to everyone who assisted with our endeavors.

It is becoming more expensive to operate our Unit and we are in need of funds. We urge those individuals who make donations to organizations for Federal Income Tax purposes might consider donating to Tri-County which has an IRS 501-C-3 / Tax Exempt Status. Your gift is Tax Deductible and our treasurer Noble Paul Hadley will be pleased to provide you with a receipt for your donation. Thank You.

As a reminder, we ask ALL drivers to heed the rules of the road. Make sure everyone has their seat belts secured. Obey the speed limits--switch drivers if tired--not only for our patients--but for the good of our Public Image as Shriners.

Tri-County will NOT meet this December but will meet January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Tuesday morning, 9:00 am, Waterloo Restaurant, 423 E. Waterloo Road, Akron. Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

From the folks of Tri-County we wish everyone a Merry, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family and may the year 2013 be a pleasant one for all of us.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dalton Prd 2:00PM Step Off
2	3	4	5	6 Kadesh Shrine's Articles Due	7 Fish Fry 5PM-7:30PM North Stark	8 Hanukkah 
9 Divan Christmas Party 6PM	10 Director Staff Board Meeting 7PM Clowns	11 Temple Guard Flag Unit Mtg.	12 Resv. for Std. Mtg. Erie Board	13	14 Tadmor Stated Mtg Election of Officers Ladies Welcome	15 Childrens Christmas Party 10AM-1PM
16	17 L.O.H. C/M Trans. (L)	18 Can/Mass SC	19 Cinn. Board	20 Alliance SC	21 No Fish Fry	22 First Day of Winter
23 30	24 OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON 31	25  Merry Christmas	26 NSBSC North Stark Trans. (B)	27	28 No Fish Fry	29



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Spaghetti Dinner  
At Tadmor Shrine Center  
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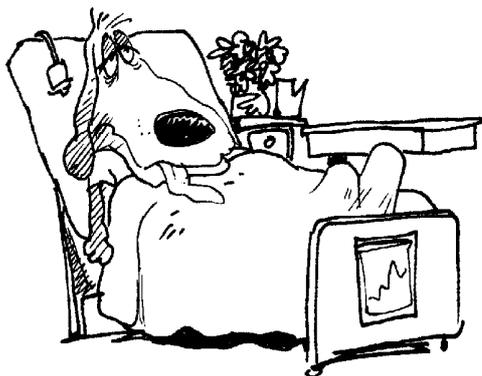


January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pork & Kraut 1-3PM	2	3 Kadesh	4 Fish Fry 5PM-7:30PM Director Staff	5 Al Koran Installation
6	7 Shrine's Articles Due	8 Temple Guard Flag Unit Mtg.	9	10	11 Fish Fry 5PM-7:30PM Temple Guard	12 Tadmor Installation 6PM/7PM
13 Divan Org. Mtg. 3PM Lounge Spag Dinner Noon-4PM	14 Director Staff Clowns	15	16 Erie Board	17 Alliance SC	18 Fish Fry 5PM-7:30PM L O H	19 Clubs & Units Mtg. 9AM Lounge
20	21 L.O.H. Resv. for Std. Mtg.	22 Can/Mass SC Board Meeting 7PM	23 NSBSC Cinn. Board	24 Stated Meeting 6PM Dinner 7PM Meeting	25 Fish Fry 5PM-7:30PM North Stark	26
27	28 C/M Trans. (L)	29 Tri County Trans. (B)	30 North Stark Trans. (B)	31		

Guess who's not feeling well?  
Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert W Alexander  
Robert Anstadt  
Alex Arshinkoff  
George Ayers  
Dean Border  
Thomas Bowers  
Bob Fronk  
Gayle Fronk  
Lee Grable  
Fred Hocking  
Jim Hogsed  
Don Hurless  
Helen McNeil



John McCalman  
Harold "Amish" Miller  
Thurman Miller  
Raymond Miskell  
Glenn Motts  
Bessie Pitcher  
Robert Rainey  
Jack Richardson  
Glen Snyder  
Loren Taylor  
Paul Triplet  
Bob Wallace  
Clayton Wright

If you know of anyone who is under the weather please feel free to let us know by contacting Karen at 330-644-8494 or [tadmor1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tadmor1@sbcglobal.net)

**CANTON MASSILLON  
TRANSPORTATION UNIT  
JANUARY 2013**

C.M.T. will meet for Brunch, Monday, January 28, 2013 10:00AM at the Perkins Restaurant, 4896 Everhard Road, NW, Canton. Everyone is welcome. See you there.

**TRI-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION UNIT  
JANAURY 2013**

Tri-County will have their monthly breakfast meeting, Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:00AM at the Waterloo Restaurant, 423 Waterloo Road, Akron. Everyone is welcome. See you there.

**Our Men and Women in Uniform**

Always in our hearts and prayers

Brian Carr  
James Helmick  
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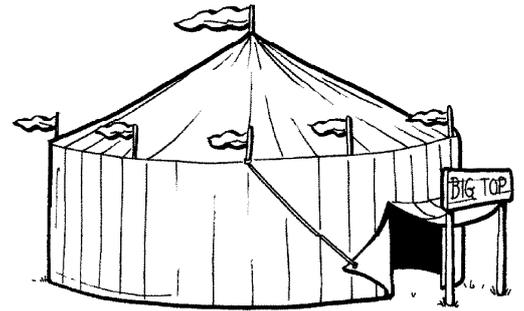
### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE ALLIANCE SHRINE CLUB**

Pictured to the left is Ill. Sir Greg Sivert and Dale Dillon. Dale presented Ill. Sir Greg with a check for \$1500.00, a donation to have new big screen tv's added to Tadmor's lounge. The big screens are in and there was a good turn out for the Ohio/Mich game on Saturday Nov. 24. We will keep you informed of upcoming events.

### **ATTENTION NOBLES START EARLY!!! AD DEADLINE 2/22/13**

There is a circus ad application in this month's Shrinews on page 8.

Please try to sell at least one ad for the circus coloring book/program. One ad per Noble equals TEN times last year's ads.



At the November Board Meeting,, Noble Ron Pitcher presented a check to Noble Jeffrey B. Stephenson, Board chairman of Erie Hospital. Alliance Shrine Club sponsored a tractor pull last October which they divided the profits between Erie Hospital and Cincinnati Burns Hospital.



### **CANTON-MASSILLON SHRINE CLUB**

By Donald L. Corbett, Secretary

On my way home last evening from the Canton-Massillon Shrine Club "evening with our ladies", I was still humming many of the great tunes Gene Weygandt played on the grand piano. Tunes and Christmas melodies he played without missing a beat. This genius never had a piano lesson and confessed he cannot read music and has memorized hundreds of songs. Requests from members and friends in attendance at the Fairways of Arrowhead Golf and Country Club ballroom were played from his vast bank of songs he has mastered over several years. Eugene has played in the best arenas in the country and is well known and loved in many local area lounges.

I could not help but feel remorse for those that were unable to attend this gala Thanksgiving Dinner that the Canton-Massillon Shrine Club hosts every November. We urge all to mark their calendar next year. Our meal was catered by the "Country Club" under the watchful eye of Rob Purcell, General Manager. President Ron Howard opened the meeting after the prayer followed by the Pledge to our Flag and Country. After a fine holiday meal, a short business meeting was held, and introduction to our Illustrious Potentate Greg Sivert, four Divan members, guest, friends and the amazing Lady Marilyn McMahan and son Terry. Our Divan Representative, Dave Gomes, brought us up to date on Tadmor's schedule of events for the year, urging all to attend as many events as they can. He shared his thoughts that we all must support activities and the new improvements being made to the Lounge. (two new tv's)

Meeting was adjourned and all went home with a full belly, happy heart and big smile on their faces.



3000 Krebs Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319  
 Circus Office Phone : 330-644-8530  
 Toll-Free: 800-864-0360  
 Circus Dates: March 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, 2013

Year 2013

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**Deadline Date**  
**2/22/2013**

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We herewith subscribe for a \_\_\_\_\_ page advertisement to appear in the TADMOR SHRINE CIRCUS COLORING BOOK AND PROGRAM for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in the following manner...

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SIGNED.....SIGNED.....

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1/2 Page 7 1/2" x 5".....\$140.00	1/10 Page 3 3/4" x 2".....\$35.00
1/3 Page 7" x 3".....\$95.00	COLORING PAGE.....\$75.00

Proceeds From This Circus Benefit Tadmor Shrine Center. They Do Not Directly Benefit The Shriners' Hospitals For Children.

I've written to you about the values that I have tried to govern my life by, the Boy Scout Oath, Law and Motto, the Army's Creed of the Non-Commissioned Officer and the Shriners Creed. I wrote that at every important event of my life that whenever I have stood on these tenets, I have experienced their value in the positive outcomes of events; as I have experienced the negative outcomes when I have strayed from them. I have also written that I believe participation of the Nobility has reached a critical point in the history of Tadmor Temple and that the future of our Temple is going to require serious leadership and the participation of the Nobility. I challenged the Nobility to "step-up" and get involved and elect the best people you can for our leadership team because we can no longer afford to make mistakes and live through them in the hope that things will get better next year. I have also written that if we are going to be Shriners and live by our creed, there is a need for the forgiving spirit of our creed - that no one is perfect, people make mistakes and that if we are to truly be brothers, we must have forgiveness in us; that this is not a business where only results count, that it is a fraternity of men who have chosen to be brothers. My brothers, I have strayed from these values recently.

I was approached by some of you to run for Potentate in the upcoming election and I responded that I would serve if elected. At the time, I was caught up in the emotion of the moment. There have been a number of things occur over the last three or four months that have convinced some that a significant change is needed, that there are members of the elected Divan that should not be part of the leadership of our Temple. There are those that believe they have contributed more and deserve better leadership. They are passionate in their beliefs. I permitted myself to be caught up in this passion for a time. This was wrong of me and I can no longer run for that office. It goes against the values I have previously spoken of. I will no longer participate in the perpetuation of the ill feelings some have for brother Nobles. We are a Fraternity of men that all took oaths to support one another.

In my experience members of the elected Divan have contributed a significant part of their lives to our Temple. They have chosen to be there when others have not. They have provided, in some cases, the financial equity and the sweat equity of events for a number of years at our Temple. They have taken on the responsibility of trying to come up with realistic solutions to the growing issues our Temple faces at the most critical time in the history of this Shrine. They have done so in spite of the decline in membership which has lead to a decline in financial resources. It has never been more difficult to be a member of the elected Divan. I will not make it more difficult for my brothers that have made the decision to be on the elected Divan.

I realize that some of you will believe that I have let you down. For this, I take full responsibility for my actions. It was my mistake as a Mason and a Shriner. I publicly say to all that I am sorry and ask your forgiveness.

It is my most sincere wish that we can all put the events that have lead us to our present state of affairs behind us and move forward as brothers, Masons and Shriners.

Yours in the Faith,

*Bill Dixon*

Bill Dixon

Assistant Rabban



## 2013 Grand Master One Day Classes

**May 11: Eight classes will be held in Akron-Canton, Cambridge, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Psrtsmouth, Steubenville and Toledo areas.** Lodges must register candidates for these classes with the Grand Secretary **no later that April 1.** No exceptions will be made.

**April 20: Three classes will be held in Northeast Ohio, Dayton and Gallipolis areas.** Lodges must register candidates for these classes with the Grand Secretary **no later than March 1.** No exceptions will be made.



Tadmor Shrine Center extends a hardy congratulations to Most Worshipful James F. Easterling on his election and installation as Grand Master of Masons for the State of Ohio. Noble James Easterling crossed the Hot Sands at Tadmor on April 28, 2007. He is an honorary member of Tadmors Legion of Honor Unit and Widow's Sons Motorcycle Association. Nobles Robert D. Parks and Garland McGary presented to Noble James Easterling with his Grand Masters Fez during the Grand Lodge of Ohio session which was held in Akron, Ohio in October. Noble Easterling is a member of National Lodge #568. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1996. Jim is married to his lovely lady Jill. May they enjoy their year as they represent the Fraternity of Ohio.

# Recorder's Page.....

Gary DeMoss P.P.



Nobles,

We are about to the end of 2012 here at Tadmor, a busy year for clubs and units, Divan officers and operations, you bet! Has it been without trials and tribulations? We have had more of them than we needed for sure.

As your Recorder, I track membership numbers and as most everyone knows, they are not impressive. Last January, I reported that we were at 1162 members, now we are going below 1000 by this year's end. How far below isn't clear at this point but soon will be reported to you.

Nobles, this isn't just a number we are talking about, this is a very critical water mark that requires all of our attention. I hate to compare Tadmor to the Titanic, but the bow is getting lower and the pumps are all on maximum. Can we save her? Well that depends who you talk to. Some will tell you that we should sell our temple as soon as possible and have all the proper rationale to support their argument. Then if you happen to meet up with Noble Tim Prentice and the crew from the Director's Staff...well to say they are passionate about saving Tadmor is an understatement. Who's right? I don't know but I can assure you of one thing, if this ship eventually does go under, I want to be in the life boat with the guys who never gave up.

Most Worshipful Grand Master James Easterling's Motto this year is "Together We Can". MW Jim encourages us to complete the statement to help accomplish our fraternal goals in this new Masonic year. How does "Together We Can Build Shrine-Masonic Membership" and "Together We Can Save Tadmor" sound?

I would like to commend those nobles and their ladies and their families in some cases who turn out for every function and fundraising activity. Our seldom-seen Nobles are still very important to us by continuing to pay their dues and buying their circus tickets. If it wasn't for all the hard work that has been done thus far, we would most certainly be in much worse shape.

Nobles, as we go into 2013, please continue supporting our fundraising efforts and your new Potentate and his Divan Officers. This is more important now than at any point in our history.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
Gary

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN



*Dear Nobles and Friends. This holiday season, may your hearts be filled with Joy and Love!*

*Please keep those that are suffering in your thoughts and prayers that they may heal. Keep our doctors, nurses and hospital staff in your prayers and most of all let us continue to work to bring smiles back on the children in our hospitals. Be with our drivers as they transport the children.*

*Paul Newburn, PP*

### *What Christmas Is All About*

Christmas will always be for us a time to reflect on Christ, the gift God gave to all the world was the gift of His life. We know Christmas is not about tinsel, nor fancy Christmas wreaths, nor is it about all the decorations that adorns our Christmas trees and it's not about holly or mistletoe hanging from our doors, nor is it about the gifts that are left by the jolly Santa Claus. Christmas is more than all of this and the only reason why we celebrate Christ's birth together and the wonder of His life.

## ***“Haunted House for Children Membership”***

***The Haunted House was a great success this year and we now must move forward and develop a membership mailing list for 2013.***

*Below is the application for membership. Complete and mail to:*

*Tadmor Haunted House  
C/O Tadmor Shriners  
3000 Krebs Drive  
Akron, Oh 44319*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ **ARE YOU A CHARTER MEMBER** (Paid dues in 2012) Yes ( ) No ( )

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You: Chris McMahan, Director  
Terry McMahan, Secretary



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**Sunday, Jan. 13**  
**Sunday, Feb. 10**  
12:00PM-4:00PM  
\$7.00 Adult  
\$4.00 Children 12 and under  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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Christmas Parade

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12:30 PM

2:00 PM