

other tools including the I AM Committed Now RU initiative. You can also pay your dues online. To sign up on [www.shrinersvillage.com](http://www.shrinersvillage.com). Look forward to seeing you soon! Warm Regards in the Sunshine of Ahmed Shrine,

*Travis Freeman*

**Ahmedian Editor's Column**  
By Bill LeVeque



I shouldn't have to be looking at snow on the ground this time of year. While rummaging around for all of my Clown regalia to decide if I would attend the Circus as "Cash-U" the Clown, it is a sad commentary to admit that I am contemplating how many pairs of Long Johns I have to put on to avoid hypothermia while out making the Children smile. Maybe this year I should hand out hand warmers instead of pictures, lol. Nobles, I am always looking for interesting articles about you. We all have a story to tell, and this is a fantastic way to share our experiences. Please don't be shy about sharing yours. On May 24th the Honor Flight will fly to Washington, D.C., a unique experience for U.P. Veterans who have served our country to visit our Nations Capitol for a day and

see the memorials and visit with leaders, will be in the air once again. They Fly out of Escanaba. Do you know a Veteran who has been chosen to make the journey ?

Warmest Regards, *Bill LeVeque*

**Treasurer**  
By Ron Hill, P.P.



I want to express my sincere thank you to our Hospital Representative, Business Managers, assistant Hospital Chairman, all of our local Hospital Chairman and all of the Nobles and their ladies who have helped with our patients and potential patients, and programs over the last 16 years that I have served as Hospital Chairman for Ahmed Shrine.

Over these years we have experienced many changes covering patient care, methods of delivering that care, concerns about closing the Twin Cities Unit, and ways to get patients admitted. Patient care has improved tremendously over these years and the length of stay in the hospitals has been greatly reduced. We have seen innovations that are very beneficial in the treatment of burns and other crippling disease. The Hospitals have streamlined