

## **The Shriners Circus is Coming...Our 50th Anniversary!**

Yes, it is that time of the year when you see the taming of the tigers and hear the roar of the crowds with laughter. The ***Ainad Shriners Circus*** returns to Southern Illinois for it's 50th consecutive year. The circus will begin Saturday, June 3rd and end Sunday, June 11th. The Circus performances vary with each location. The annual circus parade will be on Friday, June 2nd in downtown Belleville. The parade starts at 7:30 PM.

Carden International Circus will bring tigers, elephants, ponies, dogs, clowns and contemporary acts to the three-ring stage. There will be heart pounding aerial and high wire acts with acrobats. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and can be purchased at participating Southern Illinois Hucks locations, MotoMart Convenience Stores and Schnucks Supermarkets. Also, general admission tickets may be purchased at the circus ticket window. The circus tickets may be used at any of the six circus locations: Belleville, Waterloo, Fairfield, Olney, Salem and DuQuoin. Additional details are on the circus web site [SolLshrinercircus.com](http://SolLshrinercircus.com).

Ainad Shriners is a Masonic fraternal organization of 3,900 members across Southern Illinois who received their charter in 1913. These men in the "funny red hats" have a great time working together while enjoying fellowship. The members are involved in the community and have a common goal of helping others, especially children for more than 100 years. For more information on becoming a Shriner go to [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com) or call the Ainad Shrine business office at (618) 874-1870; toll free 888-567-1870. Proceeds of the circus benefit Ainad Shriners operations.