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From the Potentate



The Time has come ... I write my last message as your Potentate. At Elections later this month we will select the leaders for at least the next twelve months. I want to thank the Nobles that have supported me on my trip through Al Koran. From Chief of the Hunters - to Potentates Aide - Trustee - through the Divan and then Potentate. It was an extreme honor to serve you in 2016 and both a surprise and honor to serve you again in 2017.

My terms as Potentate have not been without some problems. Every Potentate faces something along the way. But, I never felt alone in my decision making. A vast majority of the Nobles I have talked with have been supportive and complimentary of the leadership I have provided ... Thank You for that.

We have had a pretty good year with Membership, we are financially sound, our hospital transportation fund and vans are in good shape (NEED DRIVERS), we have made strides in alternative funding projects, and we continue to work on locating a new and happier place to live and work in.

Participation by Nobles and service to the Clubs and Units is down. Nobles, get involved with "something" ... you became a Noble... use it. Growth comes from the Clubs and Units. Make them fun, interesting, and open to all.

I am in my eighth year on the Board of Governors for our Shriners Hospital in Erie. I currently serve on the Executive Committee as the Board Treasurer. I have just been appointed for another three year term as a Board Member. I am not leaving Al Koran anytime soon. There might even be a few jobs left undone that the new Divan would like me to address.

In closing, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas - Happy Hanuka and a festive 2018 filled with good health and prosperity. Thank you again for your support and God Bless.

Yours in Faith,

Roger

Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly Business Meeting at Al Koran Shrine Center is on **Monday December 18th, 2017 at 7:00 PM**. Dinner at 6:00 PM - reservations a MUST and are due by noon on Friday before the meeting.

Robert Berteau
Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

Roger Neff
Illustrious Potentate

For those of you that submit materials for the monthly newsletter - the Al Koran News: It is important that I receive your letters, ads and photos in a timely manner, so that I can assemble the newsletter with enough time for artwork, layout, printing & mailing. I have a deadline of the "2nd Wednesday" each month to allow this schedule. As you can see on our monthly calendar, the middle of each month is a busy time for your Divan - with our meetings. If the newsletter can get into production earlier than that, it would greatly reduce the workload for other important Al Koran business matters later in the month. *Thank You, Roger Neff, Editor & Publisher*

Calendar of Events

December 9th - Children's Christmas Party - doors open and fun begins for kids of all ages at 10:00 AM... lunch is served - Santa visits - and wind down is at 2:00. There is no cost or charge. Reservations are requested and children coming information is necessary for Santa to properly fill his sleigh.

December 18th - Regular Meeting of Al Koran
ELECTION of Officers for 2018



Shriner of the month Al Paynter

Whether he is in his tux directing the Ceremonial, in his Korvette riding with pretty girls, being "Pink Hat Al" supporting the Hillbillies, behind the bar serving beverages, running the sweeper after most have gone... he is Norman A. (Al) Paynter... and we couldn't get along without him. Illustrious Sir Al was Potentate in 2005, exactly 50 years after his Father led Al Koran. He grew up in Al Koran and he has never left us...

Thank You Al...



Paper Deadline!

All submissions must be in to Al Koran by the 7th day of the month preceding publication. Email files & photos to: rneff@rencomm-ad.com

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Al Koran Shriners Dec. Business Meeting Dinner on December 18th

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October 2017 Membership

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| October 1st | 1,072 Regular | 4 Associates |
| Creations | 0 | 0 |
| Affiliation | 0 | 0 |
| Restorations | 0 | 0 |
| Demits | 3 | 0 |
| Deaths | 1 | 0 |
| Suspensions | 0 | 0 |

October 31st 1,068 Regular 4 Associates
Total Membership as of October 31st , 2017 1,072 Nobles



When the Great Architect
calls, then
Our friends obey,
and fold their tents and steal
away.
To the land where the crystal waters flow,
Where the beautiful Palms of the Great
Architect grow.



In Memoriam
October 2017

William E. Bowser

Transportation Unit

We would appreciate continued donations of aluminum cans and copper. We remain grateful for Nobles and others who bring cans and copper to the Shrine Center. We are especially grateful for the continued support of Paul at Bakers Union #19, Iron Woods Golf Course and Ron at Mr. Divot's on York Road for their collection of cans and copper. We would like to thank Sheldon at American Metal Recycling. All these efforts help the Children's Transportation Fund and or mission to get our kids to our hospitals for the care they need.

Al Koran also needs Drivers to transport our Children to our hospitals. If you would consider volunteering as a Driver please contact Mike Davison at (440) 546-9866. Share the experience with your wife or a friend ... they won't be the same for the experience of being to one of our Hospitals. Drivers are not required to belong to the Transportation Unit.... but you would be welcome.

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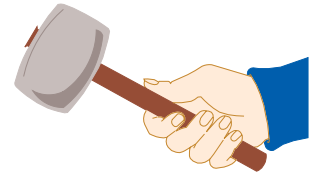


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Al Koran Shriners



2018



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 13, 2018

1000 East Edgerton Road
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Social Hour 6pm
Dinner 7 pm
Installation 8 pm

Cost: Donation to Al Koran
Transportation Fund
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reservations

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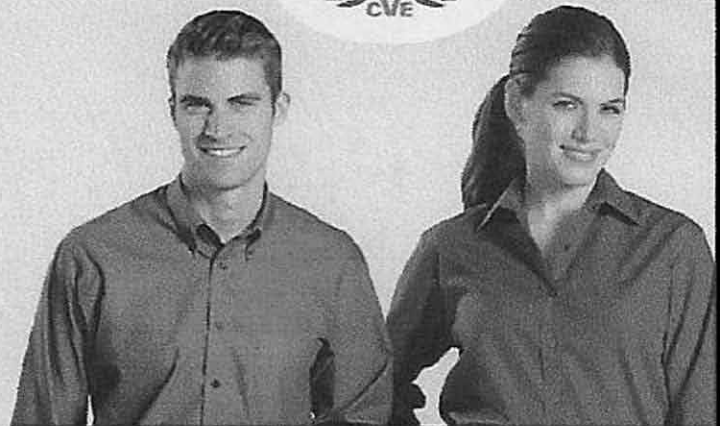
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Drivers' Corner

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|--------------|----------------|
| Jim Burham | Al York |
| Mike Burbick | Ted Underhill |
| Fred Dezee | Tom Halden |
| Bill Early | Roger Calkins |
| Jerry Carden | Debbie Saiter |
| Ted Lyda | Scott Croxford |
| Bob Seeger | Chuck Erickson |
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| Greg Anstrom | |



NOTICE: AL KORAN ROADRUNNERS NEED DRIVERS

All Masons can be Roadrunners – team up with Shriners and even involve your Lady

If you would like to help a child get to A Shrine Hospital to get needed care...

Please call Mike Davison Office: 440 546-9866 or
Cell: 330 608-2414

Lakewood Shrine Club

Lakewood Shrine Club invites all Nobles, Ladies and their Guests to join us for our December meeting at the Cleveland Yachting Club on Wednesday December 13th. This will be our Christmas get together. Oasis starts at 5:30 PM, so please join us for fellowship and fun. Dinner is at 6:15 PM and is always superbly prepared by the Cleveland Yachting Club. Call your reservations in to George and Peggy Everden at 440 799-8825. They will tell you what the menu selections are. Lakewood Shrine Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Become member and there will be no Club dues for the first year, and, even better... your first dinner will be on the Club.



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From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

As of this writing we are preparing for the Thanksgiving Holiday and the dreaded BLACK FRIDAY event. Peg and I will be spending our Thanksgiving in New York City at the Macy Parade and no, I will not be used as one of the balloons, we do hope all enjoyed their celebrations with family and friends, watching the many football games and just relaxing before the Christmas season is upon us. I hope you also remember those less fortunate, our service men and women who are always in harm's way and especially our special kids and their families please offer up a prayer for those individuals.

The 2018 dues statements have all been mailed by the Tampa Imperial Office, if you have not received one please call me at the office and I can send you a duplicate copy, if you have paid your 2018 dues you should have received your 2018 stickers to affix to your gold plastic card, they sent two in case one is ruined, you can discard the unused one. Some are still claiming that no plastic card was received please look at your card, **DO NOT TOSS THIS CARD AWAY** the intention is to use it for a 5 year period, if you have lost it, again call my office for a replacement. I have posted all dues to date and Tampa will download the system every couple of weeks, so if you recently paid your dues may take 4 weeks to get stickers to you, please be patient. Remember the by-laws section 332.2 require ALL to pay dues before December 31, Al Koran dues remain at \$137.00, per-capita is \$30 and hospital is \$5, the remaining \$102 is for Al Koran to maintain our budget and programs offered to all our members. If you are a member of a club or unit your dues **MUST** be current to remain a member or active in that club or unit. You also need to keep your Blue Lodge dues current which were due to your Lodge by November 1. Many Nobles records are somewhat incomplete and I have been working to complete them, you can help by dropping me a line in the snail mail as to your marital status, phone numbers and address or any changes in Masonic history and your Blue Lodge affiliation, thank you in advance for the help. We have currently 45 Nobles in arrears for 2017 and 2018 and **MUST** be suspended on December 31, the by-laws do not permit us to carry you if you are two years behind, if you are one of those Nobles please call the office for information on making you return to current status. If you are aware of a Noble who cannot pay his dues please give me that info as well and the Divan will do our best to keep him a member. Our annual meeting is December 18 and I encourage all to attend.

Our Chief Rabban presented his program for the 2018 year at our stated meeting in October and was well received by all in attendance. He has some enjoyable programs and events planned but we need **YOU** to be successful. Please watch the magazine for events, schedules and details, please be as active in Al Koran as time permits, **"MAKE THE EFFORT"** to attend one meeting during 2018 and bring one petition with you, our membership committee will appreciate your efforts. Peg and I wish all Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy 2018.

Robert D. Berteau,
Recorder

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Mariner's Log – Bob Stanley, M.S.A.

Have you ever been to a “Triple Hitter”? You have a chance to go to one on Sunday, December 10. That afternoon, the Mariners are having a Holiday Party, Change of Watch and Commodore's Ball. This Holiday Gala Event will be held at the Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club in Eastlake, Ohio. We will gather that afternoon at 1600 hours. The banquet of the evening will be Italian Cuisine.

Sunshine Chairman Emil Arvidson has informed me at this writing (November 6) that sick bay is empty. Don't forget your flu shot!

By the time the December Al Koran Shriners News goes to press, the NASCAR race season will be over. At this writing, David Ragan is sitting in 30th position in the 2017 standings. Noble David is a member of Oasis Shrine in North Carolina and is a NASCAR Ambassador to Shriners International. David is the driver of number 38 and has had the Shriners International livery on his race car for several races during 2017.

The December Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, December 18, at our Shrine Center at 1900 hours. As always, a dinner by reservation will be served at 1800 hours.

The Mariners would like to thank Ill. Sir Roger Neff and First Lady Mary Lou for his leadership and guidance of Al Koran Shrine during 2017.

For any information regarding Mariners meetings, membership or activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785. Come join us in 2018 and have fun.

We close this message from the Mariners by wishing all Al Koran Shriners and their families a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a Joyous and Healthy New Year. Remember to fly your flag on Pearl Harbor Day. Let us never forget that “Day of Infamy”.

God's Speed

Al Koran Welfare
Nobles, I know we are aware some of our
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Thanks
Tom Klecan
Chief Rabban

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. As you all probably know wein don't have a meetin dis month. Weins didn't has any meetin last month either. Wein like to congratulate and invite all da new Nobles and their ladies ta join us fur our pot luck and Installation of Officers on January 24th. Richard Metzler will be installed as Rabban of the Clan, Keeper of the Cob Jim Huff, Keeper of the quill John Larson, and Keeper of the Still Jack Conner. Last year wein stated up a few activities and wein on da up swing. Weins gotta get the outhouse cleaned up and emptied and make sure Mike don't visit it before da installation . Weins have a few Nobles dat have be waitin to join so lets do it next month. Last month weins had da Grand High Priestess of LOS Janet Lewrson visit da Clan and she came all da way from Hawaii. (she don't have a hound dog but she joined in and became a true Hillbilly) It was wonderful to see all the ladies from LOS join us and hope they will return. **God Bless America.**



Al Koran Children's Christmas Party

At the AL Koran Shrine Center

1000 East Edgerton Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio

Phone: (440) 546-9866

On Saturday, December 9, 2017

From 10:00 am until 2:00 pm

Crafts, Entertainment, Music, Dancing, and
Face Painting

Lunch provided will be Hot Dogs, Chips, and Ice Cream
Of course a visit from

Santa Clause

Gifts for children from birth and up and including all 12 year olds.

Please make reservations with the Center and

Be sure to include the age and sex of the children for "Santa"



Hunters

A great big thanks to all that helped with the Spaghetti Dinner Turkey Shoot. It's not a small job and it that's a number of people the make it a success. A thank you to the Girl Scouts and parents that helped serve and also clean up tables. Thanks especially to though that worked in the kitchen, Linda Paynter Annamay Hershey, Howard Walker, and Tom Monro. There were so many that were involved, it is hard to remember and I don't want to slight any one. This was the 13th years since the Turkey Shoot was restarted, after a number of years that the idea died. So a commitment is to keep it going. The Installation of Officers for the Hunters will be held along with the Divan in January. It would be nice to see more of the Devan members at our meetings since you meet just before ours, Again, thank you for your help and support, so we came continue to help our Kids and donate to the hospitals. **On behalf of the Hunters: Marry Christmas and A Happy New Year, and may the good Lord take a liken to you. GOD BLESS AMERICA.**



Paul Kline visits Tampa Headquarters....

"In preparation for what our Shrine Club is hoping will be a tour of this marvelous facility sometime during the first quarter of 2018, I drove up to Tampa today and made a personal, "cold call" visit.

To my incredible surprise and by being in the right place at the right time, I met the pictured (Imperial Sir and Hospital Chairman, Jerry Gant, Imperial Sir Gary Bergenski, Imperial Chief Rabban, Jim Cain, and Hospital Trustee Costello). They jovially referred to themselves as my "welcoming committee".

Had some brief but very nice conversations. Through me, Imperial Sir Bergenske asked that I convey a special "hello" to Roger Neff. They thanked Al Koran for their outstanding support over the years.

It was a memorable experience." - Paul

Mansfield group with new Nobles at the Ceremonial



Kheedawee Court No. 6, LOSNA

December 2017

We extend a big “THANK YOU” to the Al Koran Hillbillys for including the Ladies of Kheedawee Court in your October meeting festivities. Lady Janet Larson, Grand High Priestess of LOSNA had a blast and was really impressed with LuAnn, but who wouldn’t be, she makes everyone laugh and join in the fun. High Priestess Lady Barb Metzler and our members had a great time as well.

Thanksgiving Day has come and gone and hope yours was filled with love and thanks. Next we will celebrate Christmas—where has the year 2017 gone?? We wish everyone reading this article a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends. Don’t forget the Kids at the Shriners Hospitals for Children who need our continued support.

Our December business meeting will be on the 7th at the Al Koran Shrine Center, dinner at 5:45 and meeting at 7:00pm. Sure hope Santa shows up! We don’t meet in January, so we’ll see you in 2018.

Hope you enjoy these wise words of wisdom by Regina Brett, a columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, from her “50 Lessons for Life’s Little Detours” outlined in her book “God Never Blinks”. “God never gives us more than we were designed to carry.”; “Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don’t worry. God never blinks.”; The passage of time heals almost everything. Give time time.”; and “Life isn’t tied with a bow, but it’s still a gift”.

So long until next time.

Barbara Metzler, High Priestess

Rosine Botten, Recorder Emeritus, PHP

Hunter's Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot

Some 140 Spaghetti meals served - lots of turkeys and hams won. Special Thanks goes to Top Chef Linda Paynter, Pasta chefs Tom Munro and Howard Walker... all under the watchful eye of Annamay Hershey. Hunters wish to thank all who worked and participated.



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Korvettes

December 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 10 | 11 Trumbull SC | 12 Divan & Board of Directors Hunters | 13 Lakewood SC Band | 14 Korvettes Mariners LOSNA – Kheedawee Court | 15 Lorain SC Southwest SC | 16 |
| 17 | 18 AI Koran Business Meeting AI Koran Trustees Meeting | 19 | 20 Fairview SC Massillon SC Band | 21 Eagle SC Youngstown SC | 22 | 23 |
| 24 31 | 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

January 2018

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NOTABLE

**OBLES
&
LADIES**

Potentate's Ball

