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Noble please call the Business Office as
listed above.

From the Potentate

Thomas Klecan



My fellow Nobles,

Well what a start, you would think I would be better at this, I guess I just need to shake off the rust. I apologize for the lack of communication last month. There was an awful lot going on, with much of it out of my control, as I was awaiting some information from others, that was not readily forthcoming.

Much of my focus for this year will be in bringing the Divan up to speed for their year as Potentate. I believe that Illustrious Sir Neff had done a wonderful job in men-

toring our younger Divan members as to the workings of and operational parts of Al Koran. There was a significant amount of work to do there, and the Divan did its job well under his leadership.

Al Koran faces some significant challenges in the near future. While our financial picture has improved, and we have had some success in bringing in new members, participation has been dwindling. I realize that some of that has to do with communications, and I will be making sure that communications improve.

However, Al Koran is also in a very dynamic state of transition. It appears to me that many of the Nobles who I and other Potentate's could readily turn to, those Nobles who have been an essential part of our events and meetings, are looking to retire, or at the least do a bit less, and they deserve that. They have put in their time, and should be able to sit back and allow other to continue the great work that they have been a vital part of. I have said many times in the past few years, that we have the wagons (meaning events and ideas), just not the horses to pull them. Al Koran is not in this alone, many Shine Centers face this same problem. We need to get some of our less senior Nobles involved.

I am committed to making sure that I do the utmost that I can to make improvements in all the areas of Al Koran that I can. Many of the older traditions, that have set aside because of financial or time constraints, I hope to bring back. With the assistance and participation of the Divan, and you Nobles we make sure that this great Shrine Center, the fourth oldest in Shrine Center in the world, continues to grow and prosper.

Finally, you should be receiving your Sportsman's Raffle tickets shortly. This will be Al Koran's primary fund raiser for 2018. The Divan and I need your assistance to make this a success. So please help out.

Yours in Faith,

Tom Klecan

Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly Business Meeting at Al Koran Shrine Center is on **Monday, February 19th, 2018 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

Thomas Klecan
Illustrious Potentate

Es Selamu Aleikum

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. *Thank You, Roger Neff P.P., Editor & Publisher*

Calendar of Events

February 6th - Divan & Board of Directors Meeting

February 19th Regular Monthly Meeting at Al Koran

March 4th - Hillbilly Chili Cook-off

Divan Directory

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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

December 2017 Membership

December 1st	1,075 Regular	5 Associates
Creations	14	0
Affiliations	1	0
Restorations	1	0
Demits	0	0
Deaths	6	0
Suspensions	33	0

December 31st 1,052 Regular 5 Associates
Total Membership as of December 31st, 2017 1,057 Nobles


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. 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.

Thom Sabados, President

John Tascar, Treasurer



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
December 2017
Victor Y. Matthews
William L. McLaughlin
Robert A. Metzger
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Presenting checks to SHC-Erie Board Chairman Jim McKinney is Ill. Sir Roger Neff and representatives for the Youngstown Shrine Club is President Burnham, Vice Pres. Anstrom and Treasurer Merritt, Howard is also a Board member.



Ill. Sir Tom Klecan receiving his confirmation certificate as a full Member of the Board of Governors - SHC-Erie.

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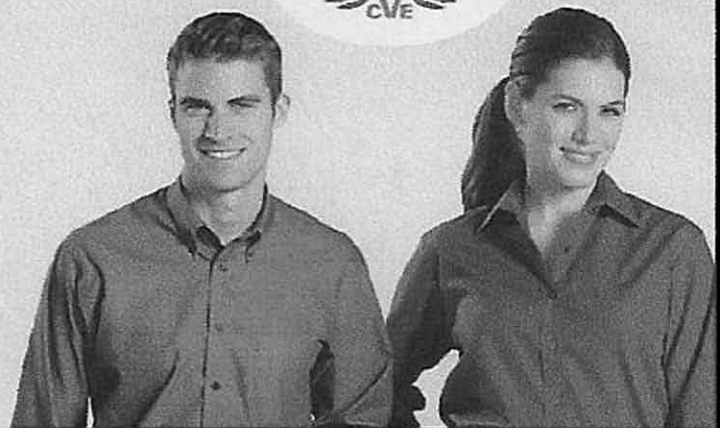
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Tadmor Shriner's Assistant Rabban and Oriental Guide with their wives introduced at the Installation



Installation of new Chief of the Hunters - Il. Sir Terry Hamilton and Secretary Mike Davison

Drivers' Corner

The following volunteers have driven children to and from the Shriners Hospitals during the month of December.

Brian Bloom	Rich Gramo
Dan Smith	Jack Watson
Roger Amos	Fred Freer
Jerry Gundrum	Tom Munro
Dale & Gala Goddard	Evie Probert
Jeff Smith	Scott Croxford
Larry Smith	Dan Edgar



Lakewood Shrine Club

DO YOUR LADY RIGHT, NOBLE. Join us this VALENTINES DAY, Wednesday, February 14, 2018, for a wonderful dinner and great entertainment at the Cleveland Yachting Club. Join in the fellowship and fun! Become a Club member and there will be no Club dues for the first year, and, even better, your first dinner will be on the Club. Oasis starts at 5:30 PM. Dinner is at 6:15 PM and offers two main course selections, as well as a vegetarian selection, all superbly prepared by the Cleveland Yachting Club. There is always after-dinner entertainment. 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 except for July and August.

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From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

As of this writing the weather outside is frightening with temperatures in single digits and wind chills even lower. Peg and I are preparing to get away from it all on the Grand Lodge of Ohio Cruise to Mexico and the Caribbean Islands, we will be sure to send back some warm temperatures. We hope all had a great holiday season and good times with family and friends. Our Installation of Officers is concluded and I congratulate all who were elected and appointed to serve Al Koran, I also would like to thank you Nobles for allowing me to serve as Recorder again in 2018, this is my fifth year and I have enjoyed every day especially meeting many Nobles who I did not know, Peg and I have been welcomed into many of the clubs and units when we attend and we will continue to attend as often as we can.

Nobles, there are still 200 or so who have not paid 2018 dues, if you are one of those please send payment NOW, you do not need your statement to pay your dues, they remain at \$137.00, you can send them to my attention in the office, please include your member number on check, if you wish to use credit card again call the office so we can get that info and process payment. The 2018 dues card stickers are being sent from Tampa and should be arriving to those who have paid their dues shortly, if you do not have a plastic card call me in the office and I can order a replacement, however we will need to charge for replacement cards. Al Koran does not have these cards; both these items were provided by Imperial to help all Shrine Centers save postage costs. There are 195 Shrine Centers in USA and over 300,000 members so it is a great effort to make sure the statements, cards and stickers are sent correctly and they rely on the Recorders to provide correct information. I have received several back via return mail which was sent to the address on file, if you have moved or are a snowbird, please inform me of your new address and also address of your winter months so communications are not lost, thank you in advance for complying.

As 2017 has concluded the annual reports were filed and some interesting facts about Al Koran. We started the 2017 year with 1086 regular members and 4 associate members for total of 1090 members. During 2017 we created 35, restored 13, affiliated 2 and had an associate join our ranks for total of 51, however we lost 36 to suspension (NPD or pre-req. body suspension), 5 to demit and 43 to death for total of 84, our membership as of December 31, 2017 is 1052 regular and 5 associates for total of 1057, our net loss was 33. Thanks to the hard work of our membership committee the net loss was better than previous years. Nobles please do your part to remain a member of Al Koran, if you are experiencing hardships please call the office and we will provide suggestions for dues payments, also be on the lookout for new members, petitions will be available on line. Requirements remain your potential member must be Master Mason in good standing and a resident of Ohio.

Please MAKE THE EFFORT to attend one meeting or event during 2018, you will be surprised of the changes, the officers have pledged to improve our meetings and events so come out and be part of the exciting 2018 Shrine year. Please call the office for all reservations. I look forward to working with all of you and the continuing challenges of this office.

Fraternally, Robert D. Berteau
Recorder

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Mariner's Log – Bob Stanley, M.S.A.

I start this Mariners Log on a very sad note. On Monday, November 6, 2017, the Mariners and Al Koran Shrine lost our Ill. Sir Don Walker, who crossed over the bar and took his final voyage to meet the Grand Architect of the Universe. Don was our Ill. Potentate of Al Koran Shrine in 2003. He truly was a great leader and a brother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Anna May and his family. Don, we will miss you.

Several Mariners were seen at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Boat Show. When it is time for the Boat Show, you know Spring is two months away and our boating season is right around the corner.

Sunshine Chairman Emil Arvidson has informed me that as of this writing (January 5), our Commodore Ronn Murphy is in sick bay. With Winter upon us, stay warm and healthy.

There will be no February meeting for the Mariners. We will be ice fishing. If you plan to venture out onto a frozen lake, remember the words of the Ohio DNR. There is no such thing as:

- * 100% safe ice
- * two inches of ice stay off
- * four inches of ice for walking or ice fishing
- * six inches for snowmobiles and ATV's
- * eight to twelve inches for cars and small trucks.

If you are going ice fishing, be careful.

The February Al Koran meeting at our Shrine Center will be held on Monday, February 19. There will be a dinner prior to the meeting. Please call ahead to make your dinner reservations.

The answers to January's questions are the following:

- * Who was Wolley Segap? He was a cartoon and lives in everyone's home. Wolley Segap is Yellow Pages spelled backwards.
- * Who was Nosmo King? He was an English actor H. Vernon Watson who took his stage name from a sign that we see every day - No Smoking.

For information regarding meetings, membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

The Mariners wish everyone in Al Koran Shrine a Happy Valentine's Day.

God's Speed

2018 Commodore and Officers of AK Mariners



Hunters

Regular February meeting is Tuesday February 13th. Come and welcome our new Chief... Il. Sir Terry Hamilton (That will teach him for missing a meeting). Bring your best ideas for last minute Valentine's day gifts... we Hunters can use the help.

Show Your Rainbow Glow

This was the statewide theme as Rainbow girls took on the competitive project of providing materials and support for Shriners Hospital for Children Cincinnati. The young Ladies did great ... presenting "Wish List" items, 500 lbs of pop tabs and a monetary contribution of \$5,577.83. Congratulations Ladies and THANK YOU!



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March 2018

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