

Al Koran Shriners News



Your 2019 Elected Divan

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From the Potentate

Mark Bollinger



Greetings Al Koran and friends!

I want to first of all thank everyone for your support and belief in me as your Potentate and our other Divan officers. We are looking forward to 2019 and reinvigorating Al Koran. I know that we have an uphill battle, but with a little bit of support from our membership, we can certainly do some positive things.

Our first event will be a Sweetheart Dinner. (Details in the magazine) I am only calling it that because

it is the day after Valentine's Day and it is a great way for our members to show that special person how much we think about them. Even if there is no special someone in your life, please come out anyway. It will just be a really nice evening with our Shrine family. Reservations need to be to Mike Davison before January 30.

We are going to try something different this year. In the past we have tried to have a large fundraising event for Al Koran. If we have any large events, I want them to benefit our hospitals and the kids we help. I don't want us to be focused on Al Koran, so here are the plans for raising some money for Al Koran. First, we will once again sell Vidalia onions. Second, we will produce a promotional book like we used to. With these two activities, we can be selling to others and their patronage will benefit us. We need everyone to sell ads for the book and onions to family and friends. The last fundraiser for Al Koran is a plea to our members to support our organization. We have kept the dues the same for many years. Our dues are lower than many other Shrine centers. I am simply asking that our members make an additional donation to Al Koran. I am having pins made and ties made. For donations up to \$75, the donor will receive a pin. For donations above \$75, the donor will receive both a pin and a specially designed tie with my pin design on it. Other Shrine centers have done this and were successful in having a great fundraiser. You will be receiving a letter shortly to kick off this campaign. As I said, the rest of our activities will go to benefit our hospitals and kids. The reason that we need to even have fundraisers is to assure our future as a Shrine despite dwindling membership. We have rent now that we haven't had before along with other expenses. If all of our members who are able to donate something will donate something, then we should be in really good shape. Thank you in advance for supporting your Shrine!

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Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly Business Meeting at Brecksville's **Theodore Breck Lodge Room - 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville** (SW corner of Rts. 82 & 21) Parking in rear. is on **Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM**. Dinner at 6:00 PM - reservations a MUST and are due by noon on Friday before the meeting.

Mark Bollinger, Illustrious Potentate
Robert Berteau, Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

Calendar of Events

Jan. 5: Installation of Al Koran & Club Officers
Jan. 6: Tadmor Shriner's Installation of Officers

FEB. 15: Sweetheart Dinner

Mar. 10: Chili Cookoff

Happy New Year!

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Paper Deadline!

For those of you that submit materials for the Al Koran News: I need your letters, ads and photos in a timely manner, so that I can assemble the newsletter with enough time for artwork, layout, printing & mailing. **Deadline is 2nd Wednesday each month.**

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

(Continued)

I want to see more ladies coming to our monthly meetings, so we will have some type of program at the meetings for the ladies. Please encourage them to come. Also, I encourage those of our members who don't belong to a Club or Unit to check them out. This really is the best Masonic organization because our goal is to have fun and help kids! This is done at the Club and Unit level. There are regional clubs, parade units, and specialized units for various ways of life - great opportunities to get to know your fellow Shriners and engage your family.

Well, I guess that's enough for now. I truly hope that you will become engaged or re-engaged with Al Koran, and I certainly hope to see you soon!



THE LEGION OF HONOR UNIT IS SELLING THEIR ORIGINAL PARADE RIFLES.

Please contact Illustrious Sir Al Paynter or a unit member if you are interested in purchasing one of the Krag US Springfield Armory 1986 Rifles.

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November 2019 Membership

November 1st	1,032 Regular	4 Associates
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Restorations	0	0
Demits	1	0
Deaths	3	0
Suspensions	1	0

November 30th 1,028 Regular 4 Associates
Total Membership as of November 30th 2018 1,032 Nobles

AL KORAN LEGION OF HONOR APPLICATION

CHARTER GRANTED 07-13-1938

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DATE _____

To the officers and members of the Legion of Honor, located at Al Koran Shriners, Broadview Heights, OH,
I respectfully pray that I may be made a member of the Legion of Honor and, if worthy and my request is granted, I promise to conform to the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Unit. I am a member in good standing of Shriners International.

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Legion of Honor

Our next Legion of Honor meeting will be Monday, January 28 at 7PM. Location: Brecksville Masonic Lodge, 8922 Brecksville Road, Brecksville Ohio 44141. No meeting in December. We will meet in February on Monday, February 25 at 7PM, location Brecksville Lodge.

We completed the first payment for the Al Koran Veterans Memorial Monument project of \$4,632. Once we have approved the final drawing of the monument; our members authorized making the second payment of \$4,632. We have received contributions for \$12,845 or 86% of the \$15,000 required to fund the project. We continue requesting donations from individuals, clubs and units to secure the remaining \$2,155 to complete the project. We will organize a bus to take nobles and guest including veterans widows to the cemetery in June for the installation of the monument. The Legion of Honor unit color guard has agreed to participate in the dedication along with a bugler and bag piper. We are grateful and thank all who have donated to fund the project.

Michael Davison, Al Paynter and Louis Fow have volunteered to form our color guard and need one more unit member to join them. We are recruiting for a color guard unit to march in Al Koran parades. If you may have interest in becoming a member of the color guard please respond to a member of the LOH. If you are not a veteran we will ask for LOH approval to make you an honorary member and instruct you in the required drill. We discussed Legion of Honor members participating in 2019 Al Koran Parades and helping to fill in the Hunters trailer.

Louis Fow presented the M-1 Garand purchased for our unit. Louis also donated \$340 toward the purchase. Michael Davison agreed to store the rifle. Louis Fow and Al Paynter presented a program of military rifles, hand guns and bayonets beginning with a 1777 Brown Bess Musket through a 1964 M-16. We thank both Louis and Al for the terrific presentation. Absolutely a presentation that would be of interest to other nobles and guest. Michael Davison plans to bring more rifles and muskets to show us in the January meeting. We would welcome any noble whom may want to share some of their collection with our unit or to just attend and see what others are presenting.

We voted for and approved the unit reserving tables of eight for the Al Koran Officers Installation on Saturday, January 5. We continue our effort to sell seven of our remaining Krag US Springfield model 1896 vintage rifles. A great opportunity for a collector. Please contact Al Paynter if you have interest in purchasing one. Our present slate of 2019 officers is Finance Officer, Illustrious Gordon Hastler, 1st LT. Commander, Illustrious Al Paynter, 2nd. LT. Commander, Howard Walker, Adjutant, Illustrious Jack Conner, Commander Wayne R Angstrom. These officers will be installed at the Al Koran Installation, January 5, 2019.

Noble Robert Lijewski of Tripoli Shrine Center, Milwaukee Wisconsin commander of our GLSA LOH announced Tripoli Shrine Center will host the 44th meeting of the GLSA LOH August 14-17, 2019. Our 2018-2019 IALOH Commander, Ray Combs announced the 88th convention will be in Dayton Ohio, 17-18 April 2019. Adjutant Jack Conner PP has information on the IALOH 2019 convention in Dayton or you can visit their website.

Adjutant Jack Conner PP has both long and short sleeve shirts available for sale along with patches, medals and other legion items.

Membership in Al Koran's Legion of Honor is open to all nobles who are veterans and we would welcome your attendance and participation. Please call me if you may consider joining the Legion of Honor; or if I may provide additional information: 305-609-3376. Membership application is here and once completed can be sent to our Adjutant, PP Jack Conner at 33664 Reserve Way, Avon, Ohio 44011. Please make your check payable to Al Koran Legion of Honor. If you are a veteran and would just like to receive Legion of Honor communications please send your email address to wangstrom@angstromgraphics.com.

Wayne R Angstrom PP, Al Koran LOH Commander.

Hunters

At the Kids Christmas Party which was held on December 8th, the Hunters had a very good showing and took control of the food. At the grill, while standing in 20 degree temperatures, were Tom Munro, our chief chef, and Ronn Murphy. Over at the serving table were all Past Potentates, Ill Richard Metzler, Ill Terry Hamilton, and laying on the hot dogs was Ill Roger Neff. But we can't over look the bar, soft drinks served only, were Howard Walker and Ill Al Paynter. All did a great job, while standing on their fee for a number of hours, This year again the Hunters are joining the Divan for the Installation of Officers. This event will be held at the Toscana Center at 4972 East 71st St. that's in Cuyahoga Heights, and the doors open at 5:00. The usual dress for installation is red coat, black pant, white shirt and red or black tie. But, this year you can come as a Hunter, Hillbilly, or mix with Krazy Kop or Clown dress. The Officers for the year of 2019 are Ronn Murphy as Chief, Roger Neff as Assistant Chief, Secretary Michael Davison, and Treasure Russ Arndt. This is the start of a new year and we need the input of ideas and activities for the future of the Hunters. The meeting time has changed to 7:00 PM and the day is second Monday and the place is Brecksville Temple in the heart of Brecksville. Now that you have all the info, see you on January 14th of 2019. If you haven't received a dues notice, you soon will. The dues are still \$15.00 and if you come to a meeting pay it then, and save postage. There is talk of updating our roster. So make sure you give our Secretary any changes that has taken place since or last which was in 2013.

At our last meeting in December, it was announced that a Sweetheart Dinner will be held in February at The 100th bomb Group Restaurant. So check the news letter for more for more details. This is an Al Koran Shrine activity. The first of more to come. Remember "Shriner having fun helping kids"

Just What is Going on at Al Koran?

By PP Tom Klecan

I understand there has been some confusion as to what is going on. Is Al Koran going to move again? Well, the simple answer is NO. A slightly more correct answer is not at this time. While we do continue to explore options, which would benefit the Nobility and Al Koran, there are no plans to move in the foreseeable future. There has been a whole lot of activity, gossip, and excitement over absolutely nothing. In November, we had a conflict with another body, who had previously booked the Lodge room where we currently hold our meetings. As a result, we changed location for that meeting, and that meeting only.

Our current location continues to serve us well. While there may be a few elements at our current location that we could improve upon, the Divan has determined that it will adhere to Article 22 of the Imperial By-Laws, which requires the Nobility to be involved in a change in locations.

While the Nobility was not involved with our most recent change in locations, the emergent nature of that change required some actions which necessitated quicker action than what was allowed by the By-Laws. Imperial was contacted, made aware of our situation and approved the actions taken by the Divan.

So, while we do continue to seek another location, which will be with the approval of the Nobility, at this point in time, we have not identified any other fitting locations worth further consideration. When we do, you will be part of the process.

Drivers' Corner

NOV

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

Van Trips for Month **5**

Van trips for Year **105**

Van miles for Month 2120

Van Miles for year **34185**

Date	Hosp	Van	Miles	Driver	Driver	
11/14/18	Erie	Lorain	415	Scott Croxford	Dan Edgar	
		Month Total	415			
	Erie	Eastside				
		Month Total				
11/6/18	Erie	HQ	235	Debbie Saiter	Roger Calkins	
11/14/18	Erie	HQ	231	Debbie Saiter	Roger Calkins	
		Month Total	466			
11/1/18	Erie	Mansfield	431	Jerry Gundrum	Bill Redman	
11/5/18	Erie	Mansfield	408	Bryon Bloom	Eddie Fisher	
		Month Total	839			
		Youngstown				
		Month Total	0			

Crooked River Hillbilly Clan #16

Dis is the month wein change officers of da Clan. Wein usually do dat at our January meetin but not dis time. Weins gettin our officers installed with da rest of da clubs and unites. Installation will be at da Toseana Center at 4972 East 71st St. So take your bath and ware your best duds or if youin belong to another group, mix or match em. As of right know, we will have a January meeetin and dat will be on da 21st. Place will be at da Episcopal Church at 9549 Highland Dr. in Brecksville. Uauual time, meet at 5:00 and eatin is at 6:00 and don't ferget dis is potluck. Bring a flat lander and maybe da might join us.



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Lakewood Shrine Club

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If the January gloom is getting to you, how about joining us for an evening of good food, a great Oasis, pleasant company and a feeling of warmth. Join us on Wednesday, January 9th at The Cleveland Yachting Club, 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River, Ohio 44116. Oasis starts at 5:30 PM and 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. Call George Everden at 440-799-8825 and he will tell you what the dinner selections are.

We would love to have you join us. This is a wonderful way to honor your significant other with a "date night". Think about it: good food, friends and entertainment all at a reasonable price. Become a Club member and there will be no Club dues for the first year and even better, your first dinner will be on us. Call our Membership Chair, George Everden at 440-799-8825 for a membership application. Our dinners are held the second Wednesday of the month, September through June.



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From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

As of this writing we are anticipating the Holiday Season, family, trees, gifts, decorations and of course all sorts of parties and food!! Peg and I hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish you a joyous and prosperous New Year. Nobles, our annual elections were just completed and I wish to thank all for the continuing support, I will do my best to make my office available to all Nobles, please do not hesitate to call and ask questions or voice your concerns.

Nobles, dues continue to come in and if you have not received your dues card or 2019 sticker as of this date please be patient as it is a slow process of entering all information and printing dues cards. Dues cards and stickers are coming from Tampa as they did in 2018, if you do not have a plastic dues card and have paid your dues please call the officer, I can order you a replacement. If you have NOT paid your 2019 dues please remit them now, Tampa will be sending out another dues notice around February 15. Nobles, we still have many who are in arrears for 2018 and now owe 2019 dues (total payment \$274), these Nobles have been SUSPENDED as of December 31. If you know any Noble who has been suspended or if any you know are financially unable to pay dues please let me know so we can contact them and not lose them as members. Re-instatement is easy but we need to be contacted. It has been and enjoyable 2018, we created 25 new Nobles and have re-instated 12. We have lowered our petition fees to \$50 for 2018 and will vote on keeping that fee for 2019 again at our January meeting. Petitions are available from the office or on the web-site. Please watch the information in the monthly Magazine for dates, times and places of our events. I look forward to meeting more of you at your area Shrine club and unit meetings. Drivers are needed, if you are available and willing please see me or call the office for a 2019 driver registration form, these forms need to be completed each year for our insurance company, all hospital trips are arranged by the office and are fairly simple. As we enter a new year let's all get out and support Al Koran in our Blue Lodges and other bodies, let's make 2019 an enjoyable year for all.

Robert D. Berteau, Recorder

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Mariner's Log – Bob Stanley, M.S.A.

The Mariners would like to welcome our eleven new Nobles into Al Koran Shrine. In the Oasis of Cleveland, you will find many units and clubs who have various backgrounds and experience of which you may have an interest in. They are there for your participation. Welcome aboard!

In January, with the darkness of winter upon us, the brightest week is always the week of the Cleveland Boat Show. If you need to find a Mariner, this is the first place to look for him while the Boat Show is open.

Sunshine Chairman, Emil Arvidson, has informed me at this writing (December 5) that sick bay is empty. Keep taking your vitamins and avoid all falls during the old man winter months of snow. To our Florida snowbirds, don't forget your sun screen.

The Royal Navy has several traditional toasts. Each toast is based on a day of the week. Monday's Royal Toast is "To our ships at sea."

Don't forget to mark your calendars down for Saturday, January 5, 2018, which will be the installation of our Al Koran Shrine officers for 2019.

The January business meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, January 21. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the January Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

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

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Bay Shrine Club
Elmer & Judy Roger

In Memory of Evie Snyder
Massillon Shrine Club

In Memory Edgar
Kilpatrick

Paul & Mary Ann Sands
Charles & Bonnie Erickson
Bay Shrine Club

DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND

In Memory of John J.
Frenz, P.P.,
Lady Doris, and Daughters-
in-Law Joan & Linda
Dan Frenz

DONATIONS TO THE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Legion of Honor
Lorain County Shrine Club
Lorain County Fire Brigade
Massillon Shrine Club
Krazy Kops
Desert First Dine Around
Howard Walker

January 2019

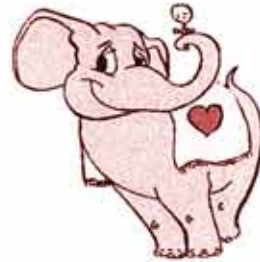
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Meeting Location: Theodore Breck Lodge Room - 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4	5 Installation of AI Koran & Club Officers
6 Installation of Tadmor Shrine Officers	7 Lorain Fire Brigade	8 Monthly NEWSLETTER Deadline	9 Mansfield/Ashland SC	10 Korvettes Mariners LOSNA - Kheedawee Court	11	12
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February 2019

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AL KORAN SHRINE SWEATHEART DINNER

**Friday, February 15
at 100th Bomb Group,
20920 Brookpark Rd.**



Social hour at 6pm.
Buffet dinner at 7pm. Only
\$50/person Cash Bar
Reservations required to Mike
Davison by January 30.



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2018 Chistmas Party

