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## From the Potentate



Mark Bollinger

Wow! Wow! Wow!

We just returned from the Imperial Session in Nashville, TN. I know that a lot of people may not like all the stuff that goes on at these things, but the insight into the workings of our philanthropy, and most importantly, the awesome kids and their stories are incredibly inspiring. I want to share with you one thing that each of our two new national ambassadors had to say:

The first was Cristian who has been a patient since 2013, having been treated for Spina Bifida and other issues. He was spotted at a picnic by a Shriner who

was brave enough to go up to the family; comment about how it was apparent that he wasn't walking normally; and told them that we (Shriners) could help with that. Cristian said that his life has been changed forever thanks to one brave Shriner who was willing to talk to him and his family and tell them our story; and now he is forever indebted to that Shriner.

The second was Madelyn who has been a Shriner patient since 2000 being treated for the Congenital absence of her upper left limb (she was born without a left arm). Besides her incredible attitude and outlook on life, she said that she is GRATEFUL that she was born without her left arm! Do you want to know why? She said that if she were born with both arms, she never would have been BLESSED by meeting all of the incredible Shriners and staff at the hospitals!

These were simply two incredible stories that I can assure you left hardly a dry eye in the auditorium!

This, my fellow Nobles and friends is why we do what we do, and why we MUST increase our membership to perpetuate our awesome philanthropy. Masonry and Shrinedom is growing at a rapid rate in Central and South America. These people are anxious to get a hold of what we have and unfortunately, take for granted. We have so much in this country that we feel as if we don't need this fraternity, but talking to and seeing the people from these other countries is simply exciting! I wish that we could be as excited as they are. I pray that we will get back that excitement and, most importantly, share that excitement with others. It can happen. Our fraternity doesn't have to die. One of the fastest growing Shrine Centers in the United States is in, of all places, Washington DC! If this fraternity can grow there, then there is no reason why it can't grow virtually anywhere. It simply takes some effort. If you all had the opportunity to meet the children whose lives we change daily, then you would feel the same way I do. Oh wait - you all have the same opportunity that I do to meet these children and see for yourselves how we truly are changing lives. I pray that you take the opportunity.

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## Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly Business Meeting at Quarry Lodge - 366 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio 44017 (just south of Bagley Road), is on Monday, September 16, 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

August 3: Massillon Ox Roast  
August 5: Lakewood SC Steak Roast  
August 10: Al Koran Family Picnic  
August 11: Youngstown SC Bike Run  
August 16: Mansfield SC Bratwurst Parade  
September 2: Mansfield SC Labor Day Parade  
September 7: Youngstown SC Clam Bake  
September 9: BOD/Divan Meeting  
September 9: Hunters Unit Meeting  
September 14: 22nd District "One Day " Class

## From the Potentate (Continued)

Finally, a few more housekeeping issues about Al Koran - We will be meeting at Berea Masonic Center for our Business Meeting on September 16 with dinner at 6pm and the meeting at 7pm. Won't you come out to see this facility? It is plenty large enough to accommodate a big crowd. Remember our Family Picnic on August 10 complete with face painting for the children, so bring a bunch of them! Lastly, we need to have all paid reservations for the Potentate's Bus Trip from October 11-13 by AUGUST 23! This is a firm deadline as the payment MUST be made to the tour company by August 31. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all somewhere soon!

Shriners - having fun and changing lives!

Mark J. Bollinger, Potentate

## Nobles and Ladies

Remember that we have a special program for the ladies at our monthly business meetings. The next one will be on Monday, September 16 at Berea Masonic Center. Dinner is at 6pm and the ladies' program will begin at 7pm.

Hope to see you there!

Mark J. Bollinger

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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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.

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*Thank You Roger Neff P.P.,  
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## The Imperial Session



L to R - Il. Sir Roger Neff, Vice Chairman of Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie , with Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and SHC-Erie Emeritis Board member Steve Ongley watching the Imperial Parade together.

Seated L to R - Rita Welce, Debbie Bollinger, Mary Hamilton  
Standing L to R - Angie Hamilton, Peg Berteau

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## **Mariners Log** by Bob Stanley, M.S.A.

Congratulations goes out to our Past Potentate Roger Neff, who has recently been elected and installed as First Vice President of the Ohio Shrine Association at it's annual meeting, held in in Akron, Ohio this year.

Sunshine Chairman Emil Arvidson has informed me at this writing (July 4) that sick bay is empty and all is well.

Al Koran Shriners honored our own Mariner Elmer Rogers by naming the June 8 Ceremonial after Elmer. Over the years, Elmer has been involved in many Al Koran activities with his first mate Judy by his side. Elmer also served as IASYC Ambassador at Large during my term as International Commodore in 1998-1999.

The Mariners would like to welcome the 24 neophytes who became

members of Al Koran Shrine on June 8. The good news of Al Koran Shrine has reached East and brought three Masonic Brothers from the Pittsburgh area into our Al Koran family.

The Mariners affair of the summer will be our BBQ/Potluck Caribbean Beach Picnic. The date for this rendezvous will be Sunday, August 25. The Port of Call is the Chagrin Lagoon Yacht Club, from 1600 hours to 2000 hours. Come one, come all to enjoy a good old-fashioned picnic.

It's not to early to think about getting out your fishing gear because we are returning to the Pine Lake Trout Club. Past Commodore Jack Hattendorf has made special arrangements for the Mariners to have the meeting on Thursday, September 19, at the Pine Lake Trout Club. Come early, fish and dine with your Mariner brothers and ladies.

On Saturday, September 21, the Mariners have been invited to join Districts 7 and 9 of the International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG) for an afternoon of visiting four wineries in the Madison, Ohio, area. We will board the wine bus at 1200 hours and return to the Holiday Inn Express in Madison, Ohio, by 1800 hours.

August has arrived in the Oasis of Al Koran, and it is time to enjoy a day of boating. So, look for us on Lake Erie. For information pertaining to membership or activities of the Mariners, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and be safe!

God's Speed

## *Don't let your old shoes pile up...*



**Kheedawee Court Shoe Drive to support the Shriners Children's Hospital Local Court Fund begins in September.**

**The Court will be collecting gently worn, new and used shoes of all kinds so start cleaning out those closets**

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## 2019 Membership

Membership June 1 with associate members 1,008

Expired Noble William S. Burns, Jr. June 5, 2019

Members created at Ceremonial June 8, 2018; 20

Nobles Paul K. Athy; Luis J. Carmona; Patrick J. Dilworth, III; Richard T. Elliot; Charley J. Evans; Shannon E. Fair; Dominic V. Gildone; Michael J. Hambrecht; Greer C. Lukens; Charles A. Perts; Thomas H. Rasmussen; Laurence O. Rosenthal; Thomas G. Scharf; Charles D. Smith; Cory L. Spayed; William A. Stevey; James W. Tomlinson; Evan T. Trexler; Larry M. Wolf; Eric J. Wroblewski

MEMBERSHIP July 1, 2019 with associate members....1,027

**WELCOME TO ALL THESE NEW NOBLES, PLEASE GET ACTIVE AND ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

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Michael Davison.....	1/20	Kirk & Marcia Hopkins .....	6/20	Norita Hinerman .....	2/22

## From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles;

The summer months are flying by and I hope your summer has been enjoyable, time to be with family and friends enjoying summer activities. We celebrated Independence Day on July 4 and I hope all had a great day of picnics, fireworks and remembering what and how our country was formed and the many sacrifices those Patriots endured during the formation of our great nation.

The Imperial Session was completed early July and much legislation was discussed and changes to by laws made. There were many housekeeping items which just cleaned up language so we can better understand our rules. The one month nomination before elections and no floor nominations was defeated. The change to allow a one-time assessment for a specific fund was also defeated. The Arkansas issue from several years ago was discussed and a committee will be formed to work thru the process of repairing our relationship with that Grand Lodge. On the Hospital side the biggest issue was allowing the individual boards to make decisions regarding their hospital. There is still talk of closing or combining many hospitals and those boards need to make those decisions. I will try in next several articles to inform all of us about all legislation, I will also review and the next several meetings so

come out and take part in some informal discussion. Thanks to all our delegates who attended, they worked hard and were challenged with some pretty intense discussions and decisions.

Some important events here at Al Koran are on the horizon and need all to participate. Our family picnic on August 10 at Travelers Woods campground, all are invited, food will be provided, please see flyer in this issue. Our golf with Scottish Rite was once again successful but we could use more participation from both bodies. Please consider participating in the 2020 outing as this serves as a fundraiser for our Transportation Fund. The Mansfield golf for our Transportation fund was cancelled earlier this year but will be September 20, there is time to get a foursome, please speak to Mike Miranda and see flyer in this issue.

We will be returning to Labor in September, we can still accept petitions and our fees are reduced until December 31 to \$50, please seek out those Master Masons who do not belong and speak about our Shrine and its' many activities and our Hospital program. Petitions are available in the office please give me a call and I can get some to you.

Finally DUES, your 2020 statements will be again mailed from Tampa thru

a new mailing service and should start mid-August, please watch your e-mail for this important item, a follow up hard mailing will occur in mid October. We have 60 who are in arrears for 2019 and reminder e-mails were sent out by me July 5, please pay those by August 10 to avoid having your bill reflect 2 years of dues or \$274. Many Nobles records are incomplete so I would like to update all records, please verify all info on your statement and make any corrections, if your info is incomplete please send my your name, address, phone both home and cell, e-mail, Blue Lodge name and number, club and unit affiliation, wife or ladies name and your occupation, if you are a snowbird please provide dates of being away and address. This is important to our temple in our communication with you; please help by providing all information. This information can be inserted on the back of dues statement.

In closing Nobles, your Divan has planned many activities for the remainder 2019 and working on planning 2020, I encourage you to be part of these activities, many are listed in this issue and future issues as well. Please MAKE THE EFFORT to support your Shrine Center and activities, BE PROUD you are a MASON and MEMBER OF AL KORAN!!!

Robert D. Berteau, Recorder

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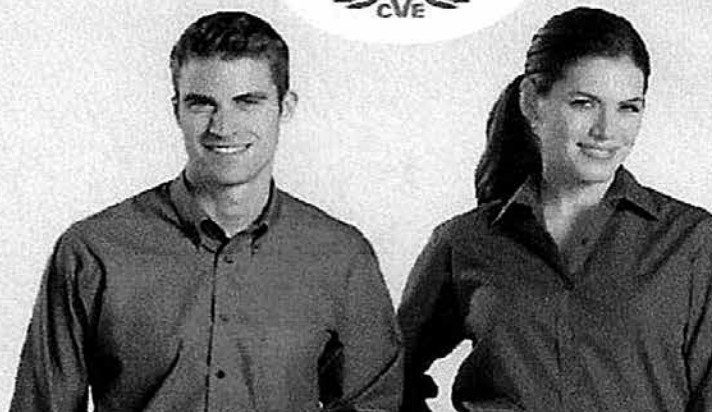
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**Wednesday, August 21, 7:30 PM** Judson Manor  
1890 E. 107th Street – Cleveland

**Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 PM** Independence Villages  
505 Chillecothe Road – Aurora

**Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 PM** The Waterford  
261 Richmond Road – Richmond Heights

**Sunday, September 8, 2:00 PM** Lakewood Public Library  
15425 Detroit Avenue – Lakewood



**Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM** Light of Hearts Villa  
283 Union St., near Northfield Rd. – Bedford

**Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 PM** Schnurmann House  
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**Saturday, September 21, 10:00 AM** Learning Center Walk  
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**Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 PM** Western Reserve Masonic Community  
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**Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 PM** Ohio Veterans Home  
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*Madelyn Cristian*

<b>PATIENT SINCE:</b> 2000	<b>PATIENT SINCE:</b> 2013
<b>LOCATION:</b> Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis	<b>LOCATION:</b> Shriners for Children Medical Center – Pasadena
<b>TREATED FOR:</b> Congenital absence of upper left limb	<b>TREATED FOR:</b> Spina Bifida, neurogenic bowel and bladder, bilateral foot deformities
<b>HOBBIES:</b> Swimming, reading, knitting, spending time with family, university campus involvement, advocacy for differences (especially limb differences)	<b>HOBBIES:</b> Fishing, hunting, outdoor activities, music, playing board and video games

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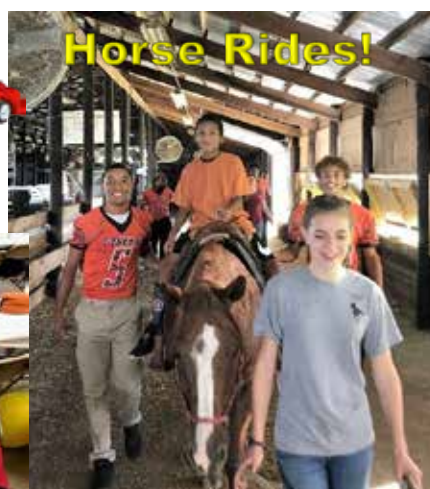
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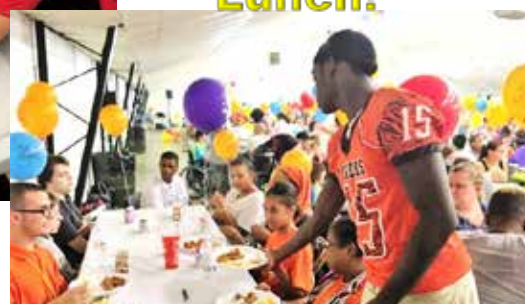
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Van Trips for Year—47

Van Miles for Month—1,648

Van Miles for Year—17,465

Date	Hospital	Van	Miles	Driver	Driver
6/16/19	Erie	Lorain	282	Scott Croxford	Mallory Lord
		Month Total	282		

6/11/19	Erie	Eastside	108	Fred Freer	Mary Freer
6/20/19	Erie	Eastside	259	Fred Freer	Mary Freer
		Month Total	367		


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Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

On Monday, August 5, 2019, the Lakewood Shrine Club hosts its annual Steak Roast with optional golfing at Bob O' Link Golf course, 4141 Center Rd, (Rt. 83) Avon, OH 44011. The cost is \$25 per person and includes appetizers, Open Bar, dinner with salad, steak, corn, side dishes galore and dessert. The social hour and tomfoolery begin at 5

with dinner at 6 featuring our delicious Flat Iron steaks grilled to your liking. Did I mention the Open Bar? And dessert?

The Club hopes that you can make it to our only summer event for fun, fellowship and food.

Ladies, please bring an appetizer. Please call PP George Everden at 440-799-8825 by Monday, July 29, with your reservations.

## Bay Shrine Club

Bay Shrine Club meets every fourth Wednesday monthly at 11:30 AM for lunch. Meetings alternate between Mahale's Restaurant & Lounge, 24945 Detroit Road and Arrabiats Restaurant, 600 Dover Center Road. Nobles, wives and guests are invited to attend. Call President Chuck Erickson to make a reservation: 440-835-0726

## Crooked River Hillbilly Clan #16

Al Koran's Hillbilly clan invites nobles, wives and guests to attend our monthly pot luck dinner and meeting. Bring yourself and a dinner item to share. We have returned to meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month with exception of November and December when we will not meet. The meetings are at St Matthews Church hall, 9549 Highland Drive, Brecksville Ohio 44141. Meetings to begin at 6PM with Invocation by Pink Hat Al and then dinner. Meetings Wednesday, June 26, July 24, August 28 at St Matthews Church, doors open at 5PM, dinner at 6PM.

We also invite you to our wine tasting lunch event open to all nobles and guests on Wednesday, October 2nd at Michael Angelo's Winery 5515 Broadview Road, Richfield Ohio 44286.

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*Al Koran Hillbilly Clan #16  
Invites you to come & enjoy a  
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approximately 2-3 miles  
On left is the Winery and Restaurant.*

*Please: RSVP to Joanne and John Larson at  
440-871-3026 or e-mail her at larszmom@yahoo.com,  
by September 20th.*



*Get your reservations in as soon as  
possible we have a limit.  
Everyone is welcome,  
bring your family and friends.*

## AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	*Meeting Location: Theodore Breck Lodge Room, 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville			1	2	3 Massillon SC - Ox Roast
4	5 Lakewood SC - Steak Roast - Bob-o-Links	6	7	8	9	10 Al Koran Family Picnic
11 Youngstown SC - Bike Run	12	13	14	15	16 Mansfield SC Bratwurst Parade	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Mansfield SC Labor Day Parade	3	4	5	6	7 Youngstown SC Clam Bake
8	9 BOD/Divan Meeting Hunters Unit Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 22nd District "One Day" Class
				*Meeting Location: Theodore Breck Lodge Room, 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville		



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**R.S.V.P:** Call your reservation to:  
**Dave Stelmach - (440) 565.2303**



## ***Mayfield Hts. Parade and afterglow***



## ***"Dine Around" Club enjoying a good meal and camaraderie***

