



Al Koran Shriners News



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Racing and Raising....

Good night at the virtual track as many gathered at Night-at-the-Races to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals.



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From the Potentate



Mark Bollinger

Greetings all!

Well, here we are right in the middle of the holiday season and into our last month of 2019. It's been an awesome year and Debbie and I have really enjoyed coming out to the clubs and units and getting to know so many more of you.

We had a few nice events in November – our Night at the Races, a Steak Fry and Draw Down at Massillon, and the Hunters' Turkey Shoot and Spaghetti Dinner. If you missed them, I would highly recommend you trying to attend in the future. I've got to tell you, the clubs and units have

some really great events throughout the year and all of them could have better attendance. The Shrine is all about having fun and helping the children, so why not join in on the fun? You don't know what you are missing.

Big things are coming up at our business meeting on December 16. We are electing our new officers for 2020. Come cast your ballot and let your voice be heard.

Also, coming up, we have a couple more awesome events – Al Koran's recognition dinner on Friday, December 6 at the 100th Bomb Group restaurant, and our children's holiday party on Saturday, December 14 from 11-2 at the Diamond Event Center in Brunswick. If you don't have reservations for the dinner on the 6th, well it is too late, but everyone is encouraged to attend the Holiday party on the 14th. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids, whomever. It will be lots of fun!

So, what can you do to enhance your Shrine experience? I've said over and over to find a Club or Unit and get active there. You can also volunteer to drive our kids to their appointments at Erie, Cincinnati, or even Philadelphia. We always need more drivers! Maybe you are interested in becoming a leader in Al Koran. There are plenty of opportunities to become an appointed Divan member or other appointed position. Want to have fun? Become a clown; drive a Corvette; become a Crazy Kop; become a Hillbilly or maybe the Lorain Fire Brigade or a Mariner if you like the high seas. Like a nice dinner out with your lady once a month? Go to Lakewood, or Mansfield, or Massillon or Eagle. Enjoy an evening out with the guys? Go to Youngstown or the Hunters. There are lots of opportunities to maximize your Shrine experience. All members are welcome at all events!

Hope to see you soon somewhere!

Shriners - having fun and changing lives!

Mark J. Bollinger, Potentate

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, December 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

December 6 - Potentate's Recognition Banquet
December 9 - BOD/Divan Meeting
December 14 - Children's Christmas Party
December 15 - Mariner's Change of Watch
December 16 - Scheduled Business Meeting - 2020 Elections
January 11, 2020 - Public Installation of Officers

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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, December 16 at Brecksville Lodge. 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.

Mark Your Calendar

"The Potentate's Recognition Banquet" will be held at the 100th Bomb Squadron, 20920 Brookpark Rd, Cleveland 44135 on December 6th 2019. Open bar/cocktails from 5:30-6:30pm, dinner 6:30-7:30pm, open bar/cocktails 7:30-9:30pm.

CASH bar 9:30-midnight. Shuttle to Hilton Garden Inn Airport will be provided for anyone staying at the hotel.

RSVP Tom Joseph 440-263-3981



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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*

Al Koran Shrine
Installation of Officers
January 11, 2019

Toscana Party Center
4972 E. 71st Street
Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125

Dress: Business Attire — Jacket and Tie

Doors Open 5:00 pm
Grand Entrance 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Installation 8:00 pm

Other Clubs, Units and Group being installed

Hunters, Legion of Honor, Hillbilly's and Masonic Family Guests,
Al Sirat Grotto Officers.

Ohio Grand Lodge Senior Grand Deacon William (Bill) Carter
will administer the oath and fez our 2020 Al Koran Potentate.

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Open Bar

Name: _____ How Many _____

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Please mail to :

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NOON Wednesday January 8th!

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

As in past years, our Magical Holiday Party is truly enjoyed by all who attended. This year will be no exception and once again be held at the Penthouse at Bratenahl Place, coinciding with the Mariner's Change of Watch. It is always great to see our friends again before the hectic Christmas season begins.

The following 2020 Al Koran Mariners Bridge Officers will be installed on Sunday, December 15, 2019:

Commodore	P/C/ Ronn Murphy
Vice Commodore	P/C Jack Hattendorf
Rear Commodore	Robert Frankel
Fleet Captain	P/C Bob Kolar
Treasurer	James Dettmer
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Directors	P/C Mark Cain
	P/C Louis Key
	P/C Bob Stanley

Sunshine Chairman Emil Arvidson has informed me at this writing (November 4) that sick bay is empty. Remember to get your flu shot and try to stay healthy this winter.

The Mariners would like to thank Ill. Sir Mark Bollinger and First Lady Debbie for his leadership and guidance of Al Koran Shrine during 2019.

The December Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, December 16. The location will be in the Official Call of the Potentate in the December Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

This scribe would like to take the time to thank our Recorder Bob Berteau and his Lady Peg and Chief Rabban - Commodore Ronn Murphy, who took their time out of their busy schedules to travel to Pittsburgh to witness my conferral of the International Demolay Legion of Honor Award. Things like the above makes Al Koran Shriners the greatest.

For any information regarding Mariners meetings, membership or activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785. Come Join us in 2020 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 Health New Year. Remember to fly your flag on Pearl Harbor Day. Let us never forget that "Day of Infamy."

God's Speed



Ladies of Al Koran enjoy creating Christmas ornaments following Business Meeting dinner



Roger Neff P.P., Vice Chairman of SHC-Erie presents a check to Chairman Bob Stevenson

In Memorium

Charles J. Cornell

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Thomas E. Murphy

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September 2019 Membership

October 1, 1,014 Regular 4 Associates

Creations 0 0

Restorations 0 0

Demits 0 0

Deaths 9 0

Suspensions 1 0

October 31 1,004 Regular 4 Associates

Total Membership as of October 31, 2019 1,008 Nobles

The following Petition along with the signatures of at least 100 Nobles must be introduced to order to move forward with the consideration of relocating Al Koran's Charter.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE LOCATION

In the best interest of Al Koran Shrine, we the undersigned all Members of Al Koran Shriners in accordance with Imperial by-laws section 322.5 of the July 4, 2019 edition propose that the permanent location be changed from Brecksville Masonic Temple 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio to Berea Masonic Temple, 366 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio. We have submitted this to the Potentate, Mark J. Bollinger with our signatures attached on November 18, 2019. This resolution will be voted on within 90 days from its receipt to all Nobles of Al Koran Shrine. Information on time and place of vote will be in January Magazine.

From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles, December is here, time to begin looking toward the Christmas season and the real reason we celebrate. This message will arrive after Thanksgiving and I hope you all had plenty to eat and plenty of football on TV. Remember those less fortunate during our Holiday Season and especially our kids and their families, also remember our service people in harm's way every day, say a special prayer for them as well.

Dues statements for the 2020 have I hope been received by all and are posted to date. The by-laws section 332.2 require all members to pay annually the amount set by the Temple which at Al Koran is **\$137.00** which includes your per-capita amount to Imperial (\$30) and your hospital assessment (\$5) going to the hospital fund in Tampa. **The dues amount MUST be paid before January 1 of each year.** Your Shrine dues must be current to participate in any

Shrine activity especially clubs and units. You must also keep your membership in your Blue Lodge in order to remain a member of any Shrine Center. Nobles, we all face hardships along the road of life and if you are facing those at this time and find yourself unable to pay dues please call us here at the office and speak to me, we can remit some portion of those dues and keep you in good standing, it only takes a phone call or note to my attention. I am working on updating our web-fez data-base; you can help by completing **ALL** information on your dues statement and please include your Blue Lodge information so I can add that to your record as well. Please log into web-fez at webfez@shrinenet.org and follow instructions to register.

We have 45 Nobles who have not paid 2019 dues and owe 2020 dues and will be suspended at the end of 2019 as we are not permitted to carry any member in arrears for over two years, if you are one

of those 45 Nobles please speak to me for a solution to getting you current. If you know a Noble who may be having difficulty in paying dues or may have passed away please give me a call so we can adjust their records.

Nobles, Al Koran would like to honor those who are serving as Worshipful Master of your symbolic lodge with a special pin, if you will be installed as Worshipful Master, please give me a call so I can arrange to present it at your Installation or visit on a stated night. Your Divan has also been busy here planning activities for 2020 and ask all our members to be part of them, please come out and support your Shrine Center, **MAKE THE EFFORT** you will be glad you did. Peg and I wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous and healthy New Year 2020.

Robert D. Berteau, Recorder

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Members and Guests of Lakewood Shrine Club enjoy an “early” Thanksgiving dinner and a great evening together.



Hunters

Dec 2019

This last month The Hunters held The 14th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot. We had a very good turn out which was held at the Berea Masonic Center. **A BIG THANKS** go to the kitchen crew which consisted of Chief Linda Paytner, Asst. Chief Annamay Hershey, Evie Probert and with the sweat job cooking the spaghetti was Tom Munro.

Filling plates we added Linda's Daughter and Ron Murphy. An event like this takes more than a hand full of people and so many jumped in to make thing run smooth, So **THANK YOU ALL** whether you were a member of the Hunters... or a friend of one.

The Installation of Officers will be held in January along with the Elected Divan and other Clubs and Units. Make your reservations with our Secretary Mike Davison so we might reserve a table or two. We are still having our meetings at the Brecksville Temple at 7:00, on the first Monday of the month. That means December 9th the last meeting of 2019.

The Hunters were asked to serve lunch at the Kids Christmas Party that is being held at the Diamond Party Center in Medina. If you plan to help please be there by 11:00 AM. This last year was a good year for Al Koran and the Hunters. For those that have not come to a meeting lately, take some time out of a month and come back to the Shrine. Yes it's for Al Koran but remember, it bleeds over to the kids, and they need your help.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR (PUT CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS)

Lakewood Shrine Club

Greetings Nobles and Ladies! The Lakewood Shrine Club continues its monthly "date night" dinner & entertainment schedule on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our dinners consist of a 5:30 pm Oasis and cash bar, a delightful dinner with all the trimmings expertly prepared by the staff of the Cleveland Yachting Club (along with all-season views of the marina and lake). After dessert we will enjoy a presentation by violinist Mary Beth Ions. The only things missing are: You and your lady! This month's dinner happens Wednesday, December 11th. It's a nice way to celebrate the holiday season with your special someone and we would love to have you join us to share food, fellowship and fun.

Guests are always welcome and, as an added incentive for non-members, Nobles get their first dinner for free and their 2020 dues free as well. Dinners include two main course selections (usually a meat or seafood choice) plus a vegetarian selection. For reservations, please call Noble George Everden at **(440) 799-8825** by Sunday, December 9th, and he will tell you what your meal choices are. The Cleveland Yachting Club is located at 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River, OH 44116.

Please add Lakewood (Ohio) Shrine Club to your Facebook Groups. Not only do we keep you up-to-date on the happenings at LSC but we also post Ohio Masonry news articles that you may have otherwise missed. And "like" us too, on Facebook.



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Van Trips for Year—118

Van Miles for Month—4,567

Van Miles for Year—40,645

Date	Hospital	Van	Miles	Driver	Driver
10/8/19	Erie	Lorain	393	John Larson	Joanne Larson
		Month Total	393		
10/1/19	Erie	HQ	286	Mike Davison	Roger Neff
10/7/19	Cinn	HQ	478	Mike Davison	Jerry Nichols
10/16/19	Erie	HQ	255	Roger Calkins	Jim Ward
10/29/19	Erie	HQ	267	Roger Calkins	Charles Perts
		Month Total	1286		
10/1/19	Erie	Mansfield	345	Hobart Brewer	Blake Brewer
10/5/19	Erie	Mansfield	445	Dale Goddard	Phil Devoe
10/8/19	Erie	Mansfield	409	Jerry Gundrum	Bill Redman
10/10/19	Erie	Mansfield	450	Dan Smith	Leona Smith
10/22/19	Erie	Mansfield	453	Dan Smith	Leona Smith
		Month Total	2102		
10/7/19	Erie	Youngstown	265	Jerry Lyda	Billie Lyda
10/15/19	Erie	Youngstown	274	Jerry Lyda	Billie Lyda
10/31/19	Erie	Youngstown	247	Jerry Lyda	Billie Lyda
		Month Total	786		



Youngstown Shrine Club's November meeting became a Mini Ceremonial welcoming in a group of New Shriners. Thanks to all who contributed to this event. Congratulation Gentleman!

Al Koran Boosters

"Al Koran Boosters" help to defray the cost of publishing and mailing our magazine. To be a "Booster" please send a check, payable to Al Koran, for \$10 per person listed to Al Koran Headquarters. Names are listed for one year, after which it is time to renew. Renewal dates are shown after your name.

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John & Rose Boyd.....	12/19	Roger & Jane Edgington	3/20	Ralph & Eda Thadeus	8/20
Dotty Lockmiller.....	12/19	Scott & Jana Grim.....	3/20	Jack & Marge Conner.....	8/20
Howard Butterworth.....	12/19	Janelle Fyfe	4/20	Ray Wohl.....	9/20
Eric Butler	12/19	Barbara Fyfe.....	4/20	Annamay Hershey	9/20
Lee & Betty Pilous.....	12/19	Emil Arvidson.....	5/20	Rose Hixenbaugh.....	9/20
Ralph & Cynthia Lindeman	12/19	Ed & Dorothy Dietz	5/20	William R, Miller.....	10/20
Roger & Marylou Neff	12/19	Ben Farrah.....	5/20	J.C.William Tattersall	10/20
John & Margie Haught	12/19	Edward E. Heller	6/20	John & Diane Kohler.....	10/20
Gary Brookins.....	1/20	Al Strodrbeck & Ginger Sorg.....	6/20	Ken Boring & Shannon Heilman ..	11/20
Debbie Saiter & Fudge	1/20	Kirk & Marcia Hopkins	6/20	Richard Butler	11/20
Michael Davison.....	1/20	James & Lois Parkinson.....	6/20	Walter Ibele	12/20
Tom & Jere Boyer.....	1/20	Chuck & Barbara Bradler.....	7/20	Fred & Mary Freer	12/20
Stan & Betty Updike	1/20	Bill Boyd & Norma MacDonald..	7/20	John & Joanne Larson.....	2/21
John Deliman & Shirley Tipton...1/20		Norm & Phyllis Melchreit	7/20	Ronn Murphy	1/21
Richard Piskura.....	1/20	Paul Peddie	7/20	Monty Thomas	1/21
Art Moore	1/20	Creighton & Winnie Bradler	7/20	Dan Frenz.....	5/21
Joe & Danielle Zemek.....	1/20	Evie Probert.....	7/20	Charles & Bonnie Erickson.....	6/21
Elmer & Judy Rogers	1/20	Robert Powell	7/20	Richard & Linda Saxby.....	10/21
Wendell & Ruth Cole	2/20	Chuck Erickson	7/20	Jim Lloyd.....	11/21
Jim & Janice Reed.....	2/20	Ambassadors	7/20	Norita Hinerman	2/22
Ken & Beth Weidig	2/20	Roger Van Nostran	8/20	Wayne & Sandy Angstrom.....	2/22

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**



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**Please make reservations with Mike Davison,
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DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Mansfield SC	4	5	6 Potentate's Recognition Banquet	7
8	9 BOD/Divan Meeting	10	11 Lakewood SC Lorain Co. SC Meeting and Installation	12	13	14
15 Mariner's Change of Watch	16	17	18 Massillon SC	19 Eagle SC, Youngstown SC	20	21
22 Happy Hanukkah	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28
29	30	31	*Meeting Location: Theodore Breck Lodge Room, 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville			

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Tadmor Shriners Installation of Officers
5	6	7 Mansfield SC	8 Lakewood SC	9	10	11 Al Koran Installation of Officers
12	13 BOD/Divan	14	15	16	17 Lorain Co SC & Brigade	18



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As you know, we have entered into a memo of understanding with Dayton Children's Medical Center to pursue becoming a hospital within a hospital. Once there is a signed contract, the process of transition will begin.

In the meantime, we continue to persevere, showing up every day to deliver excellent service to our patients, families and one another.

As we embark on this transformational change, we must remember the key to our success: going through it together. We

have encountered and survived many challenges before, encouraging, supporting and sometimes carrying one another. Undoubtedly, there will be more obstacles to tackle, and in true Shrine form, we will endure and overcome.

We also recognize that although some will not accompany us, their contributions are engrained in the enduring legacy of this hospital. Like branches of a tree, we may grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.

Let us all look forward to the opportunities ahead as we **Grow Together.**



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Hunter's Spaghetti Dinner and "Turkey Shoot" saw some 130+ friendly people enjoying a great dinner and shooting fun. Special Thank you goes to Chief Chef Linda Paynter and organizer Russ Arndt and all those that volunteered their time. Thanks goes to Ted Cutts, his family and a group of Demolay that volunteered to serve and clean up after the dinner.

