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From the Potentate



Ronn Murphy

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Season. I would like to congratulate the officers in the Divan for the 2020 year and I look forward to working with each of you. We must work as a team to increase our membership. We can start by attending our Blue Lodge and inviting a Brother to join and participate in our clubs and units. Replace yourself with a new member.

Remember that drivers are always needed. Thank you to the current drivers making trips to our hospitals. Add yourself to the email list to assist in this gratifying experience!

In the upcoming months I will be sharing articles to enhance your knowledge on Cincinnati and Erie Hospitals. I look forward to sharing some details with you.

Please pay your dues for 2020 by going online to our Al Koran website "alkoranshriners.com" or by mailing a check to our office.

I am looking ahead to some Shriner fun with you in 2020!

Ronn Murphy 2020, Potentate

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Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly Business Meeting at Toscana Hall, 4872 East 71st Street, Cuyahoga Hts. is on **Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm.** Dinner at 6:00 pm. Dinner reservations required. Call the Recorder Bob Berteau at: (216) 337-9849.

Ronn Murphy, Illustrious Potentate Robert Berteau, Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

Calendar of Events

February 10 - BOD/Divan Meeting

February 17 - Scheduled Business Meeting - and vote on moving the Charter

March 15 - Hillbilly Chili Cookoff

SHC - Cincinnati

It is official! We have a signed agreement to establish a hospital within a hospital at Dayton children's Hospital, Dayton Ohio. This is an exciting time and helps us continue to care for burn, plastic and reconstructive surgery patients. The most important thing is that we are still in the same geography and will continue to change and save children's lives, in the end that is our mission. Healthcare has undergone tremendous change since SHC-Cincinnati was established. A shift towards outpatient care, telemedicine, and a steady decline in the severity and number of pediatric burns in the USA, especially those requiring a long hospital stay make this change necessary. Located one hour north of our existing location, Dayton Children's Hospital will provide an outstanding array of services to include all services presently provided at SHC-Cincinnati. Dedicated NICU and surgery suites are being constructed along with inpatient facilities that are state of the art. With the true spirit of cooperation, the Dayton Children's Hospital will also provide in-house services such as laboratory, pharmacy, imaging, and other services required to deliver our brand of exceptional care. We expect the transition to occur in late 2020. In the interim, our facility in Cincinnati will remain open during construction, we will continue to provide exceptional care at the Cincinnati location, and we continue to accept new patients during this time. Thank you for your continued support of this, the greatest philanthropy in the world, Shriners Hospitals for Children

Bob Carlson, High Priest & Prophet Member, Board of Governors, SHC-Cincinnati

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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

PATIENT EXPERIENCE: OCUPATIONAL THERAPY

One of the key parts of the occupational therapists' work at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie is helping to make feeding and eating positive experiences for our kids and their families. One of the first feeding clinic patients that Stephanie Mbouck, occupational therapist, worked with at SHC - Erie is Anthony. Anthony came to us as an 8 year old patient whose mealtime consisted of drinking PediaSure, eating yogurt and occasionally other pureed type foods such as mashed potatoes. The smells, tastes and textures of food made him gag easily and refuse to participate in mealtime. He had decreased ability to chew and maneuver foods in his mouth because it had been years before he actually had these experiences.

Over the past two years, Anthony has worked on his tolerance for eating different textures of food and moving food around his mouth to chew and swallow efficiently. It has been a long process and typically, due to his age and learned behaviors, it would be difficult to make



a lot of change with eating habits and food preferences. Anthony, however, has made tremendous gains in eating and has been a huge success. Anthony enjoys eating very difficult textures of food such as sandwiches and cheeseburgers now. He is starting to expand his flavors. He has started eating tomato soup with his grilled cheese. He is now able to join in with the family during mealtimes.

Anthony will be discharged in the next few weeks due to his amazing gains. His family works with him daily to continue to make the changes at home and expand nutritious foods. He has a great sense of humor and enjoyed answering questions from the Shrine Vine:

What is your favorite superhero? Baaaaaaaatman.

What is your favorite animal? A cat.

What's your favorite food? A Frosty.

If you could go anywhere, where would you go? Probably Pittsburgh.

What are your favorite sports teams?
Pittsburgh Penguins and Pittsburgh Steelers.

If you could be anyone in a movie, who would you be? The Grinch.

What are your hidden talents?

I'm really good at dabbing. You know what else I'm really good at? Collapsing my nostril.

Anthony really brings brightness, not just to Stephanie, but to many of the staff in our rehabilitation department. Stephanie is so proud of the progress he has made. She says "It is truly one of those bittersweet feelings, having a kid meet



all his goals and no longer need OT. I wish him the best of luck and can only hope to see him out with his family, enjoying a meal together!"

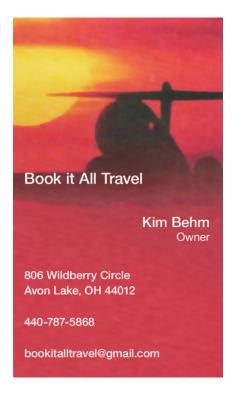


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Mariners Log by Bob Stanley, M.S.A.

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

The answer to the January mystery question is as follows: What famous Mason has the middle name Ivanhoe and was a DeMolay and a 33°Mason? It was the Holly Jolly Christmas Snowman himself, Burl Ives.

There will be no Mariners meeting in February. Instead, the Mariners will be doing some ice fishing on Lake Erie. 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, please stay off
- Four inches for ice 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, please be careful.

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

The February business meeting of the Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, February 17. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the February Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

Mark your calendar for the Mariner's Brunch Cruise of 2020. On Sunday, April 26, the Mariners, along with Al Koran Shrine, will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG) for the Welcome Spring Brunch cruise on the Nautica Queen. We will be boarding at 1230 hours with the cruise along Cleveland's shore line commencing from 1300 hours to 1530 hours. This year the IOBG has reserved the entire Nautica Queen for this afternoon. Seating is limited to 270 people. For information concerning this cruise, membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

God's Speed

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.

NOTICE OF VOTE

Voting on this resolution will take place at Stated meeting of Al Koran Shrine, February 17, 2020. Meeting to be held at Toscana Hall, 4872 East 71st Street, Cuyahoga Heights. Dinner at 6 PM meeting begins promptly at 7 PM. Call Recorder, Bob Berteau at 216-337-9849 for dinner reservations by February 13, 2020.

In Memorium

Warren O. Dobler
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Donald Jacober
Leroy H. Schumacher
William E. Vairs
Lawrence D. Zeigler

December 2019 Membership

December 1	999 Regular	4 Associates		
Creations	7	1		
Restorations	2	0		
Demits	0	0		
Deaths	7	0		
Suspensions	35	0		
December 31	967	5		
Total Membership as of December 31, 2019 972 Nobles				

Hunters

The Officers of the Hunters for 2020 are: Chief - Roger Neff, P.P.; Assistant Chief - Tom Munro; Secretary - Mike Davison; and Treasurer - Russ Arndt. Officers were installed at the Public Installation on January 11th with the Divan and several other Clubs and Units.

Our February meeting will be at the Brecksville Lodge at 7:00. As ususal this will be the second Monday of the month. Please join us ... member or not and lets see what we might get into for 2020. Rumor has it we will again have a "special" burger night, and the famous Limberger & Vidalia night. Don't miss the fun...





From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

January has made its escape and into the history books with a most successful Installation of Al Koran Officers for 2020, I offer my congratulations to those who have been elected and appointed to serve this great organization, please do not hesitate to call on me if I can assist you in any way. Winter has not been too terrible but February and March may be a different story. Nobles, Lodge inspections around our jurisdiction have stated and if you have not attended your Lodge in recent years please make a visit. Al Koran has started another interesting year with many planned activities for you and your families please watch the future issues of our magazine for details and plan to attend.

Nobles, the 2020 dues statements have been mailed from Tampa and if you have not received yours please give me a call in the office, I have been informed several have NOT received a dues statement if you are one please give me a call in the office and I will mail you one if needed, I will do my best to get them to you quickly. There are still 225 who have not paid 2020 dues. You do not need your statement to pay

your dues, they remain at \$137.00, vou can send them to my attention in the office, please include your member number on check. The 2020 dues card stickers are also 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. 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 250,000 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 2019 concludes the annual reports were filed and some interesting facts about Al Koran. We started the 2019 year with 1,009 regular members and 4 associate members for total of

1,013 members. During 2019 we created 34, restored 8, affiliated 1 and made 1 associate member for total of 44, however we lost 38 to suspension (NPD, requested or prereq. body suspension), 1 demitted and 42 to death for total of 81 and a NET LOSS of 37, our membership as of December 31, 2019 was 967 regular and 5 associate for total of 972. Thanks to the hard work of our membership committee. 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 must be Master Mason in good standing.

Please MAKE THE EFFORT to attend one meeting or event during 2020, 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 2020 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

Robert D. Berteau, Recorder

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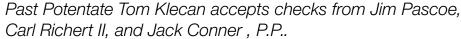
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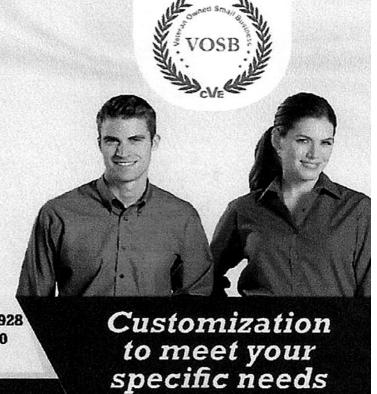


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Al Koran Scimitar Swing Band

Roger Neff, P.P. Vice Chairman of Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie Center was presented with a set of formerly used prosthesis from one of our patients... a young Lady now in college. These prosthesis will be returned to SHC-Erie to have available parts reused.







Legion of Honor

Al Koran's Legion of Honor will meet Monday, February 24, 7PM at Brecksville Masonic Lodge, 8922 Brecksville Road, Brecksville Ohio 44141. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Please plan to attend this meeting to continue planning the dedication of Al Koran's Veterans Memorial Monument on Saturday April 18, 2020. Design of the monument has been approved by the VA and final approval is now in process at the VA First District. We thank all who plan to participate in the dedication and those who have donated funds to complete the project. We look forward to the day of dedication and honoring all veterans.

Wayne R Angstrom PP Al Koran LOH Commander GLSA LOH 2nd Lt. Commander

Remi Receives a Special Gift

Remington (Remi) is a vibrant and sweet little two year old girl who was born without her left leg. Remi first came to Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) - Northeast LLC, at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie in June 2018, when she was only 13 months old. She had begun pulling herself up on one leg and her mom knew it was time that she was fitted with a prosthesis. She received her first prosthesis in August 2018 and began walking only two months later!

Remi is growing very quickly and is expected to need adjustments of

her prosthesis every few months. She is a very fast learner with a big heart and even bigger smile. She can do everything her friends can do. She doesn't let anything get in her way!

This Christmas, the POPS staff sent Remi a Barbie that has a prosthetic left leg, just like her. She was so excited to receive this special gift. The doll, part of Mattel's 2019 Barbie Fashionistas line, was released in June, along with a Barbie that comes with a wheelchair. The new Barbie dolls aim to offer kids more diverse representations of beauty.



Ladies deliver for the Kids

A group of Al Koran Ladies collected and gift wrapped toys for patients at SHC-Erie Medical Center just before Christmas. Labeled for Boys or Girls and age appropriate the gifts were delivered to Erie by Joanne and John Larson who drove a patient to the facility on December 9th ... in time for the Medical center's Patient Christmas Party.... THANK YOU LADIES...





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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



Membership

Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder's membership initiative is: If every current Shriner resolves to recruit or restore "just one" noble to his center, the ranks of our brotherhood will swell tremendously. Al Koran's next ceremonial will be Saturday June 20. Total initiation fees remain at \$50 and this covers 2020 dues. Membership Chairman Wayne Angstrom will help you and your candidates with petitions and process. 305-609-3376 email wangstrom@angstromgraphics.com

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 enjoy a short half-hour (or so) presentation by local musicians, speakers or other interesting entertainers. There is only one thing missing: You! And your lady! This month's dinner happens **Wednesday, February 12th**. It's a nice way to celebrate Valentine's Day 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 first year's 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, February 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.

Additional LSC Christmas Party











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MARCH 2020

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