



Al Koran Shriners News



Al Koran well represented at East West Shrine Game

Twelve Nobles and three of their Ladies represented Al Koran at the 95th Annual East/West Shrine Football Game in St. Petersburg, Florida. A good time was had by all... and OUR KIDS were the real winners.



Snowbird Kirk "Boho" Hopkins joined us for dinner the night before the game. Others Snowbirds at the game included Il. Sir Phil Welce and Gary Brookins.



Tail-gate party bunch was thrilled with a visit from "Alec"



Il. Sir Roger Neff with Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder and Imperial High Priest & Prophet Kenny Craven. The three had spent the previous 4 days leading up to the game in Hospital Board meetings.



Al Koran East/West Shrine game guys

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From the Potentate



Ronn Murphy

Greetings Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

I look forward to continue talking to all the ladies and Nobles at each club and unit meeting that I attend per month-share your ideas with me. The great efforts of each clubs' officers to plan and move forward with fun events and increasing membership is appreciated by the Divan and myself. Please sign up (make sure the email is correct) with Bob Carlson HP&P, and be a driver to the hospitals-it is a wonderful experience.

The Divan is working hard to make the course through the changing times smooth this year; we have divided up the office tasks and leveling out the bumps. Thank you to the current officers for taking up the additional responsibilities to make the office run.

Please extend a handshake to a fellow brother and ask him to join the Shrine at a Blue Lodge meeting; be the next Top line signer!

Keep reading the Newsletter each month to stay up with all the current events-thank you Roger Neff, P.P. for all the time and effort in making the newsletter.

Please pay your Dues for 2020 by going online to Al Koran website "alkoranshriners.com" or mail a check to the office.

I shall come up and always say, Hello to you.

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Ronn Murphy, Potentate, 2020



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Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly Business Meeting will be at Brecksville's Theodore Beck Lodge Room - 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville (SW corner of Rts 82 & 21) on **Monday, March 16, 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

- March 9 - BOD/Divan Meeting
- March 15 - Hillbilly Chili Cookoff
- March 16 - Scheduled Business Meeting
- April 26 - Nautica Queen Brunch

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SHC-Erie Medical Center

Erie Strategic Plan 2020 Key Messages:

Roger Neff, P.P., Vice Chairman, SHC-Erie Board of Governors

- We are excited to announce our 2020 Strategic Plan. The plan includes additional care options for kids.
- The plan is focused on not only 2020 but the long term sustainability of Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie, PA, to continue serving children and families from Northwestern PA and the surrounding region.
- We will be adding a full-time Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation physician (PM&R) to our staff to expand our pediatric physiatry program. This is an excellent non-surgical care option for our kids and complements our orthopaedic providers.
- Our speech therapy department will increase to two full-time speech language pathologists. This will significantly broaden our speech therapy offerings and continue the growth of our entire pediatric rehabilitation program, including occupational, physical and speech therapies.
- We are developing a program to make accessing our pediatric rehabilitation and orthotic and prosthetic services easier than ever for children in need of our care.
- Long term plans include the potential for new Shriners Hospitals for Children outpatient pediatric rehabilitation centers in surrounding communities, to make accessing our care more convenient for families.
- We will shift all surgical cases to affiliates and other Shriners Hospitals for Children locations by the end of 2020. Following our very successful Business Plan established 10 years ago, where we share facilities and Doctors with "Partner" affiliates for "In-Patient" surgeries, we will implement a similar plan for our "Ambulatory" surgical cases.
- Our mission and commitment to our community has not changed. We have been caring for kids, regardless of their families' ability to pay, in this region for nearly 100 years, and are positioning ourselves for the next 100 years.

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*

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Al Koran Temple

Al Koran

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\$50.00

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



With the arrival of March, the days are getting longer; the song birds are returning to Cleveland; and the daffodils and crocus are emerging from the ground. It is also time for the Al Koran Annual Onion Sale. So, get out there and start taking orders from your family, friends, neighbors

or any other people you may happen to see. Commodore Ronn is looking to have another banner year for the onion sales. His goal is for the Mariners to once again be Al Koran's #1 onion selling group for 2020.

We wish to congratulate our Rear Commodore Rob Frankel on finishing his successful year as Monarch of Al Sirat Grotto in Cleveland. Rob joins the list of Mariners who have been Monarch of one of the largest Grottos in the United States.

The mystery question for March is as follows: What famous 33° Mason starred in Hollywood movies, but also had a popular television series?

As of this writing, Ground Hog Day, Sunshine Chairman Emil Arvidson has informed me that Jim Dettmer and Jack Hattendorf are in sick bay along with several Mariners and ladies who are down with winter

colds and the flu. Hang in there, Spring is right around the corner.

The March Business meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, March 16. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the March's Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The March Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at the Sweet Peppers Grill (formerly known as The Lake Effect Inn) located in Willoughby, Ohio. We usually meet at 1800 hours for chow and grog with our meeting being rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Mark your calendar for the Mariner's Brunch Cruise of 2020 on Sunday, April 26. The Mariners, along with Al Koran Shrine and the LOSNA, 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.

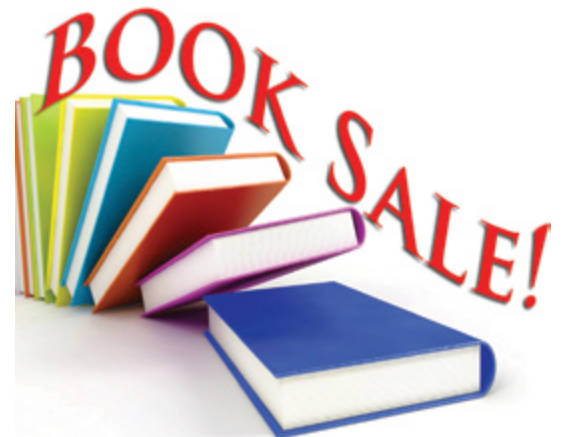
To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our ladies wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day. God's Speed

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In Memorium

Clifford Bade

January 2020 Membership

January 1	967 Regular	5 Associates
Creations	0	0
Restorations	3	0
Demits	0	0
Deaths	1	0
Suspensions	0	0

January 31 969 5

Total Membership as of January 31, 2020 972

Hunters

This article is being written before the February 17th Al Koran business meeting where, a vote was taken to remain in Brecksville or move to Berea. Our last meeting which was February, was still held in Brecksville. If there is a change calls or emails will be made. Moving eventually... there are many boxes and Hunter items at Brecksville that will need to be moved.

The old standby refreshments after meetings will be back. Moose burger and limburger nights will be announced in the future. Planed activities will be discussed at our next meeting. Don't forget, meetings start at 7:00 on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next meeting will be March 9th, so why not invite a brother or a friend. You don't need to be a sportsman to join.

We may be doing some range shooting, fishing, and even some hunting. Try one of these... you just might like it. Or... just join the Unit that is the "go to" guys of Al Koran.



Hunter's Chief Roger Neff, P.P. welcomes new Unit member Mark Bollinger, P.P.

From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

As of this writing we are enjoying some warmer temperatures, still cold but warmer than a few weeks ago, could the Groundhog predictions be right this year??? Peg and I are preparing for our annual trip to The Shrine Recorders Seminar, this year in Austin, Texas. We will be leaving on February 29 and return on March 4, hope the weather there is warm and we will certainly send some warm temps back to you. I would like to thank the Divan and members of Al Koran for allowing me to participate in this annual meeting, we Recorders always learn something new to benefit our Nobles.

Al Koran has been planning activities for you to enjoy during 2020, the annual Hillbilly chili cook-off is on March 15, see the flyer in this magazine for all details. We will again have our ceremonial, this year's date is June 20 and a location will be announced soon. Please come out and support the degree cast

and those new members, if you are interested in participating in the case please give Ill. Noble Al Paynter a call, he can always use extra help. Petitions are always welcomed during the year. Speaking of petitions your Divan and BOD have voted to make the fees for the 2020 year \$50 and will cover 2021 dues, please speak to those who would make a good Shriner and invite him to an event or your club or unit meeting and then get his petition, merit jewel points awarded for signers. Our Potentate will present pins to all first line signers this year.

Nobles dues are still coming in but slowly, if you have not paid your 2020 dues please DO IT NOW, Tampa has sent out reminder notices via e-mail and snail mail, if you are unable to pay your dues please give me a call in the office and we can make some arrangement so we don't lose you as a member. You may have sent in dues during my absence and I will post them on my return. We did suspend 38 from membership

on December 31 and if you were suspended restoration is simple but you need to call the office for information, if you know of someone who was suspended please speak to them about restoration.

Nobles, we did create 42 during 2019 and my thanks to the membership committee and all those Nobles who brought in a petition or two. Al Koran has been awarded the Bronze award for 2019 meaning our total loss was lower than 5%. We have 8 new petitions to create so far, please come out and support these new members and invite them into your club or unit.

In closing I would ask all to come out to a monthly meeting during 2020, MAKE THE EFFORT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION FOR THE FUTURE OF AL KORAN SHRINE.

Fraternally,
Robert D. Berteau
Recorder

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Driver's Corner

This month we would like to use this space to thank Michael Davison for all his work as our Transportation Coordinator. In retirement, Michael shows no signs of slowing down as he was recently elected Chief Rabban of Al Koran. I bet he still takes a trip or two!

GENTLEMEN! START YOUR ENGINES!!

Soon those historic words will be said at races around the world. The pursuit of victory, the checkered flag, and the trophy ceremonies are exciting! Before any big race, a lot of behind the scenes work has to take place. So when a Shrine kid walks out of our hospitals or goes back to school after being treated at one of YOUR hospitals, they need help getting to the finish line. That is where our drivers come into play. Without you, our kids may not make it to their appointments, make the progress they need in their healing, or literally take their next step. If you haven't driven in a while, its time to get back in the driver seat. If you have not driven, take a test drive. And remember, one doesn't need to be a Shriner to be a driver, they just need one Al Koran Shriner in the vehicle. So sign up for a driving assignment. Ask a lodge brother to go with you on a short ride to Erie. Or ask your wife or family member to go with you on a trip so they can see the wonderful work done by our hospitals.

We will be having a Drivers Meeting and information session on March 21, 2020 at a location to be determined. Send an email to RSVP or to sign up as a driver to AlKoranTransportation@Gmail.com or call 440-364-7432 for more information.



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Adjutant Jack Conner PP has worked with Lee Pilous to offer LOH hats, jackets and polo shirts for our members to purchase. Jack has samples with prices and order forms for purchase by LOH members.

Illustrious Sir Bill Dixon of Tadmor led a discussion in our January meeting on the IALOH Arlington trip. Tadmor will not continue organizing this annual trip and asked if Al Koran LOH was interested in organizing and running the event. Motion was made, seconded and a unanimous vote to investigate the possibility of our unit taking over the event. We are developing cost and interest to have further discussion. The event in 2020 is Thursday November 5 to November 8. It would be helpful if nobles can call or email me if interested in attending. 305-609-3376 or wangstrom@angstromgraphics.com

IALOH convention in Amarillo Texas, 4/29/2020-5/3/2020. Sandy and Wayne are attending. Wayne is a candidate for a Lt Commander position.

GLSA LOH convention in Indianapolis In. 8/13/2020-8/15/2020. We have four who have expressed interest in attending and we will be securing an 8 person van for transportation. Please let me know if you would like to attend with us. Wayne is in line to become the First Lt Commander if elected. GLSA LOH Convention will be in Cleveland in August of 2022.

We ask: each of us ask just one to become a Shrine Mason.

Your Support is also asked for:

Hillbilly Clan Chili Cook Off, March 15.

Al Koran Ceremonial Saturday June 20. Need candidates and your attendance.

Need representatives from all clubs and units to speak to our candidates day of the ceremonial.

All veterans are welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Wayne R Angstrom PP

Al Koran LOH Commander

GLSA LOH 2nd Lt Commander



Al Koran Promotional Book

Promotional Book ad sales have begun and as of 2/13/2020 are \$950. All income is net to Al Koran. Please continue to sell ads until we go to press in late July. Books will be distributed in September. If you have a specific request for distributions of a book or books please give me the information? If you wish to assign Merit Points to someone different than indicated here please let me know. If I can help you please call: 305-609-3376. Please send your ad copy to me, wangstrom@angstromgraphics.com or Wayne Angstrom, The Angstrom Group 4437 East 49th Street, Cleveland Ohio 44125. Please send order forms and checks to our Recorder Bob Berteau at AL Koran Shriners 8920 Brecksville Road, Brecksville Ohio 44141. Ad pricing remains at full page \$250, half page \$125, Business Card \$50 (clubs or units selling a page of business card ads at \$50 per card retain \$150 for their effort. They send \$250 to Al Koran.) Inside front or back cover price is \$350 and outside back cover is \$450.

2020 INSTALLATION ... additional photos



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Roger & Jane Edgington	3/20	Roger Van Nostran	8/20	Monty Thomas	1/21
Scott & Jana Grim.....	3/20	Ralph & Eda Thadeus	8/20	Stan & Betty Updike	1/21
Janelle Fyfe	4/20	Jack & Marge Conner.....	8/20	Dan Frenz.....	5/21
Barbara Fyfe.....	4/20	Ray Wohl.....	9/20	Charles & Bonnie Erickson.....	6/21
Emil Arvidson.....	5/20	Annamay Hershey.....	9/20	Richard & Linda Saxby.....	10/21
Ed & Dorothy Dietz	5/20	Rose Hixenbaugh.....	9/20	Jim Lloyd.....	11/21
Ben Farrah.....	5/20	William R. Miller.....	10/20	Lee & Betty Pilous.....	12/21
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Al Strodrbeck & Ginger Sorg.....	6/20	John & Diane Kohler.....	10/20	Wayne & Sandy Angstrom.....	2/22
Kirk & Marcia Hopkins	6/20	Ken Boring & Shannon Heilman ..	11/20	John Haught.....	1/21
James & Lois Parkinson.....	6/20	Richard Butler	11/20	Rich Piskura	1/21
Chuck & Barbara Bradler.....	7/20	Jay & Sheila Flack.....	11/20	Debbie A. Saiter	1/21
Bill Boyd & Norma MacDonald..	7/20	Gordon Hastler	11/20	Dorothea Lockmiller.....	1/21
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Robert Powell.....	7/20	Roger & Marylou Neff	12/20	Elmer & Judy Rogers	1/21
Chuck Erickson	7/20	John & Joanne Larson.....	2/21		
Ambassadors	7/20	Ronn Murphy	1/21		

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

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, March 11th. It's a nice way to celebrate the approach of spring 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, March 8th 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



Il. Sir Ron Murphy is serenaded by soprano Julie Ann Gulenko ... always a crowd-pleaser at the Lakewood Shrine Club.

Crooked River Hillbilly Clan #16



Our Officers for the year of 2020 were made official on January 22nd. Installed as Rabban of the Clan was Ill Ronn Murphy, Keeper of the Cob Ill Al Paynter, Keeper of the Quill John Larson, and Keeper of the Still Ill Mark Bollinger. Of course before the installation and meeting, we displayed our pot luck supper with delicious fine vittles. During the meeting a discussion was had referring to our now meeting place or follow Al Koran, if they vote to move to Berea. After a short discussion it was voted to remain at the church for our pot luck and meetings.

So we will stay at least where we are for this year. The address for those that have not been there lately , or would like to join us, is 9549 Highland Dr. in Brecksville. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you come arrive between 5-5:30. We eat about 6 and meeting starts at 7:00 We hope to see some new faces in the near future. Come join us. What do you have to lose. Now, the commercial. Sunday March 15th will be our Annual Hillbilly Chili Cookoff. This event will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles at 349 Pearl Rd. in Brunswick, Ohio. There will be a cash bar. If you are bring chili to be judged, be there before 2 o'clock because judging will start at 2:00. If you bring chili, eating is free. If come to sample (there will be hot dogs also) it's only \$10. One way or the other please call 216-702-6785 or email murphyrm2361@gmail.com. See you all there.

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Mansfield SC	4	5	6	7
8	9 BOD/Divan Meeting	10	11 Lakewood SC	12	13	14
15 Hillbilly Chili Cookoff	16 Business Meeting	17	18 Massillon SC	19 Eagle SC Youngstown SC	20 Lorain SC & Brigade	21
22	23 Krazy Kops	24	25	26 Hillbilly Clan and Bay Shrine Club	27	28
29	30	31				

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Meeting Location: Toscana Hall, 4872 East 71st Street, Cuyahoga Hts.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Mansfield SC	8 Lakewood SC	9	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
12 EASTER	13 BOD/Divan Hunter's	14	15 Massillon SC	16 Eagle SC Youngstown SC	17 Lorain SC & Brigad	18



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Donations



Il. Sir Ronn Murphy accepts a check for the Special Children's Transportation Fund from Mansfield's Bru Lewis and AK new Oriental Guide Mike Miranda. An East/West Shrine Game watch party was held and proceeds donated.



Potentate Ronn Murphy accepts a cash donation to Transportation fund from Jack Conner, P.P., Jack was given the cash while at the East/West Shrine Football Game by a Lady that wanted to donate and thank Shriners in some way.



Il. Sir Roger Neff presents two checks to Potentate Ronn Murphy. Both donations were for the Special Children's Transportation Fund. One Check was in Memory of Noble Bob Mihosik from his Lady, Jackie Primrose Mihocik. and, the othe donation was from GM/Partner Mike Cuva and Sunnyside Toyota. Sunnyside has donated and worked with Al Koran for years, also helping us get of Sienna van we use for transporting our kids.



SHC-Erie, Medical Center Board Chairman Bob Stevenson accepts a number of checks from Al Koran Nobles presented by Il. Sir Tom Klecan, P.P. and Erie Board member.



Il Sir Al York, P.P. and Emeritus Member of SHC-Cincinnati Board of Governors, and Youngstown Shrine Club President Greg Anstrom present a donation to SHC-Erie Medical Center, Board Chairman Bob Stevenson.

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