



# Al Koran Shriners News



## *Practicing Social Distancing...*



Seven members of the "Friday Breakfast Bunch" who were missing their weekly assortment of lies and BS met in the parking lots of Stratos and Canary Restaurants in North Olmsted. Ordering "take out" and eating in their cars ... or on the hood of their vehicles they were able to safely socialize for a short period. Two weeks in a row ... practicing social distancing gave way to heavier concerns for well being among the Brothers. Two great meeting with Tom Chalfant, John Rumsbarger, Duane Limpert, Mike English, Tom Joseph, Eric Butler and Roger Neff were had..

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## From the Potentate



Ronn Murphy

Greetings Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Please STAY-HOME, practice social distancing and wash your Hands all the time per the Ohio Governor and the Health Department; for scheduling and the safety of all nobles there is no meetings/driving on behalf of Al Koran the clubs and units until, JUNE 1, 2020 and the HOT SAND CEREMONIAL PROGRAM shall be rescheduled once we receive a safe opening date, looking at maybe November 28 as of right now.

The April BOD meeting is really going into warp drive of where the current times are, using the internet services in today's world. The Divan is using the Zoom app for the first time to connect with each other in these unique time of 2020, to share and pass on information and keep the communications open and planning for the year. The days of the office is coming to pass and we must stay on the current technologies, welcome to OUTER-SPACE. It is similar to TeleHealth being used by the Hospitals now and Tele-conferencing for years in business.

The divan is calling the clubs and units and

Each president and the officers of each club and unit must stay in contact with the members through news letters, phone calls, emails, texts and other social media technologies. Looking for volunteers to assist in making more calls, the phone list shall come for Bob Berteau and the WebFez. I shall remind all nobles to look into the social media sites below and add photos and videos that shall enhance Al Koran; Instagram (@alkoranshriners); Facebook (alkoran.shriners); Twitter (@AlKoranShriners).

Review the awesome Event list of 2020 which shall apply starting after June 20, Al Koran group meetings and events shall continue when it is safe and the government allows us to reopen, remember the whole world is dealing with this problem.

A warm thank you goes out to Lakewood Shrine Club for holding the first Facebook live event featuring "Mary Beth Ions" playing the violin on April 8 and the Transportation unit holding a Zoom meeting on April 1.

If you need assistance, please reach out to me or the divan or a pass potentate.

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

FUN, FUN, FUN and LAUGHTER

Ronn Murphy, Potentate, 2020

## NOTICE...

Nobles, with the uncertainty of imposed meeting restrictions.... and common sense, Please contact the leadership of any Club or Units or event sponsoring group before presuming an event or meeting is still scheduled. Be Safe and Stay Healthy... we will get through this.



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## ***March 2020 Membership***

March 1	970 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	0 Regular	0 Associate
Restorations	1	0
Demits	4	0
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Total Membership as of March 31, 2020 .... 970 Nobles



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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*

## **2020 AL KORAN LOH ARLINGTON BUS TRIP**

**29 OCTOBER-01 NOVEMBER**

**NOW COMBINING**

### **INTERNATIONAL LEGION OF HONOR CONVENTION AND WREATH LAYING**

COST OF THE BUS TICKET ROUND TRIP INCLUDING WREATH LAYING, TOUR OF THE WAR MEMORIALS AND GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK is **\$175 PER PERSON**. Since the IALOH business meeting is Thursday morning 29 October candidates and delegates need to arrive Wednesday night October 28. Some of us will fly in and ride the bus back. Where this is necessary the round-trip fare of \$175 per person will still be charged as the seats need to be reserved. Bus tickets must be paid by June 30 to reserve seats.

Hotel reservations using the IALOH reservation code should be made by individuals. Hotel rate for three nights including 13.5% tax should be total of \$441.

If attendees chose to register for the IALOH convention the fee is \$100 per person and covers hospitality room from 8:00 am to 10 PM., Thursday night theme beach party, lunch Saturday following the Wreath laying and Dinner at the change of Command formal installation Saturday night. All other meals are the responsibility of attendees.

Hotel reservations should be made no later than September 1. Bus fare is due no later than June 30.

So, the total cost of the trip including bus, IALOH registration fees and hotel is expected to be \$991 per couple if you register for the IALOH convention. If you do not register for the convention cost per couple is \$791 with no hospitality room and all meals your responsibility.

Questions and interest commitments may be directed to  
Wayne Angstrom: 305-609-3376  
[wangstrom@angstromgraphics.com](mailto:wangstrom@angstromgraphics.com).

With a commitment to attend no later than June 30, bus payment of \$175 per person is due. Checks payable to Al Koran Legion of Honor, forward to LOH Adjutant Jack Conner: 33664 Reserve Way Avon, Ohio 44011.



**Arlington Registration**  
**Arlington Wreath Laying**  
**Oct 28 – Nov 1, 2020.**  
**DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel**  
**300 Army Navy Dr.**  
**Crystal City, Arlington, VA 22202**



Attendees must submit a registration form to the Arlington Registration Chairman along with a registration fee of **\$100.00 per person**. (The registration fee includes the hospitality room, remembrance luncheon and banquet). **The cutoff date for reservations is October 6, 2020.**

You must make hotel reservations yourself. To make a room reservation use the web link below or call the hotel reservation number 1-800-222-8733 and ask for group code "IAL".

<https://book.passkey.com/gt/217928268?gtid=85af690dc14c7cb61cea7a70c431bb52>

**The cutoff date for making hotel reservations is October 6, 2020.**

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND MONIES TO:**

David Smith, PC HP: 386-752-0475  
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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Cost:**

Do you need Transportation to the Wreath Laying?

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Bus: Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to IALOH. All funds must be in US currency**

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## Mariners Log

BOB STANLEY, MSA

As I begin this Mariners Log, with all that's happening around the world, I feel that I am Fletcher Christian and I am marooned on Pitcairn Island, with nowhere to sail because of the sinking of the HMS Bounty. The only way to get this Mariners Log out is to place it in a bottle and throw it into the sea.

This article is based on what should transpire with the Mariners if the pandemic from China dissipates and all Federal, State, Local and Grand Lodge Restrictions are lifted. Then, we can return to a normal life style.

The mystery question for May is as follows: What famous Mason wrote a novel that incorporated Freemasons in it and was made into a movie 90 years later? The movie also received four Oscar nominations. The author was a recipient of a Noble Prize.

Hopefully, the May stated meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on May 18. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the May Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The Mariners will once again participate in the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Memorial Day service at the USS COD on Monday, May 25. This annual Memorial Day service not only honors the USS COD but also veterans both past and present.

We are hoping that Al Koran can conduct our Spring Ceremonial on June 20. This will be held at the Berea Masonic Temple. There is probably a Masonic Brother you know that would like to become a member of our Shrine family. Now is the time to sign him up.

With the cancellation of the Annual Onion Sales this year, the Mariners would like to thank our Onion Queen Barb Kuchta from Orwell, Ohio. Over the years, Barb has sold over a thousand bags of onions for Al Koran Shrine. Thank you Barb and God Bless You.

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

The Mariners would like to wish our ladies and the ladies of Al Koran Shrine a Happy Mother's Day. Stay healthy and don't forget to check on our elderly brothers. God's Speed

## Lakewood Shrine Club

Greetings Nobles and Ladies! While the Lakewood Shrine Club continues to observe social distancing, we would like to extend an invitation to check out our Facebook page at "Lakewood (Ohio) Shrine Club (LSC)." Until we are all able to resume normal activities, we are hosting a Facebook Live concert on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Everyone is invited to join us on May 13th and enjoy a little family entertainment. In April we hosted violinist Mary Beth Ions and she was a big hit. This month's details and directions on how to view it will be published on our FB page, so give it a "like" and tune in! And invite your friends and families to show them how much fun we Shriners can have even as we are physically distant from one another.

When we resume our normal activities, we will continue our monthly dinner-and-a-show at the Cleveland Yachting Club. 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 the 1st Wednesday of the month 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**.

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## Hunters

Covid 19 is still with us. We will not be having a meeting this month. Its just not safe for anyone over the age of 65 or even younger if health issue complicate their lives to be meeting together. Even if “stay at home” orders are lifted there is not going to be a vaccine for up to year or better. Some of us will not be able to participate in events or gather in groups until there is a vaccine. So far all parades and activities have been canceled until further notice. Regardless, just maybe we can work in an activity in the summer months. Also, it’s premature but, since it was voted to move our business meetings and etc. to the Berea Temple, we should start thinking about all the of the things we have in storage. It has been said that there is light at the end of the tunnel and we should look for more light. Hope everyone is weathering the storm and staying healthy.

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## Crooked River Hillbilly Clan #16

As of right now, the writing of this article, the coronavirus is still with us. Although predictions are quarantines may be lightly lifted by mid April. Only time will tell. If they are, please call one of the officers to find out if we should have, or will have a Hillbilly Meeting for the month of May. If we do, we will start getting together about 5:30, eat at 6:00 and meeting at 7:00. We would have our meeting at the church on the 4th Wednesday. If there is no meeting we would look to June. Right now, not sure about the summer months of July and August. But in the meantime stay healthy and follow the instructions of the president.

Came across a book that my wife had, and highlighted this poem. Which I feel it fits the times. Most of you know it.

*God hath not promised, Skies always blue  
Flower-strewn pathways, All our lives through:  
God hath not promised, Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, Peace without pain.  
But God hath promised, Strength for the day,*

*Rest for the labor, Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, Undying love.*

*(Annie Johnson Flint)*

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## From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

As of this writing we are 4 weeks into our STAY AT HOME ORDER and most Masonic activities have been postponed or cancelled, if you are registered with your Lodge Secretary you are most likely getting updates from our Grand Master concerning this crisis. Holy Week, Pass Over, Easter and the victory of the of our religious victories have just past. Let’s apply our faith to our present events and rejoice in our victory when this is over and we can move forward with our normal activities.

I hope all the snowbirds have returned safely and we are glad to have you back, please call the office when you get a minute and let us know you are back so your magazine and other information can get to you.

Many exciting activities for you Nobles are still being planned and hopefully will happen, but they will not be successful without your attendance and support, please make plans to attend a meeting or activity this year We have reduced petition fees to \$50 so get those men who are not Nobles and speak to them about Shrine and the many things we do to help our Shrine kids

Nobles, parade season is upon us and we ask that you participate; you can walk or ride but please come out and wear your fez, dates and times appear in other areas of the magazine. Please watch e-mails for any updates to activities of Al Koran!!

Dues are coming in slowly and if your dues card does not have 2020 stickers please pay your dues NOW, if you have paid and do not have stickers please call me at the office so I can send another to you. Thanks you for your attention to this important matter.

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





## Annual AASR Valley of Cleveland & Al Koran Shriners Golf Outing & Steak Dinner

Pleasant Hills Golf Course  
13461 Aquila Road, Chardon, OH 44024  
Saturday July 18th, 2020  
Registration: 7:30-8:00 am  
Tee Time: 8:30 am Shot Gun - Scramble

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Name(s)

### Team entry

Contact info – Phone & Email if possible

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# News from Cincinnati

## **BRAYDEN'S STORY:** *How Shriners Hospitals help a young man fight back after near-death experience*

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The difference in care was instantly apparent. "Here we use a team approach to treat our patients," said Cindy DeSerna, manager of care management for Cincinnati Shriners Hospital. "Brayden needed so much. Because he was legally an adult, no one at the previous hospital made him do the hard work when he became frustrated. We knew he would need all the help our team could give him." With precise nutrition, skilled skin grafting and proper dressing changes, Brayden began to heal. He was soon able to work with the hospital's occupational/physical therapists to regain his independence.

Within seven weeks, he was well enough for a quick visit home before heading to the Houston Shriners orthopaedic hospital to further improve his mobility.

Brayden continues treatment at both hospitals, and though his challenges are far from over, the life changing care of Shriners Hospitals for Children is giving him the tools and treatment to work toward a positive future.

### **Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals**

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

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