



Al Koran Shriners News



***Some 250 years of combined service and
dedication to Shrine Masonry...***



Jim Lloyd



Glenn Jenkins



Tom Chalfant



Gary Brookins

These four Nobles will be honored at the 2020 Ceremonial where 27 new candidates will have a chance to cross the sands, reach the oasis, and join the finest philanthropic brotherhood on this earth.

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Death of a Noble please call the
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From the Potentate



Ronn Murphy

Greetings Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

The Divan and I certainly hope that you are well and healthy. Together we are Al Koran Shrine and only through your support are we able to continue with the programs and furthering the mission of assisting children in need. In spite of the many challenges our country and world are facing, Al Koran is grateful that we have faithful nobles.

The driving has started back up to the hospitals! Robert Carlson, HP&P is sending out emails looking for drivers, please signup. Follow the health protocols that Robert can email to you before you take the trip.

Port of Call:

Saturday, November 7 at Berea Lodge

Class is named after 60 plus year Nobles:

**James Lloyd, Glenn Jenkins,
Tom Chalfant, Gary Brookins**

Hot Sands Ceremonial Degree

Only Nobles that Al Paynter, P.P. Director calls to partake
on the Ceremonial Team

Candidates with Sponsors; Divan Membership Chairman and Trustees

All must wear a mask. Degree starts at 10 AM - NOON

November 16 Business Meeting and Chief Rabban
Summary including handouts of Budget
and events for 2021

December 21 Elections and last meeting of the year
make sure your dues are paid!

The officer's of each club and unit please consider staying in your elected position for next year 2021, because of the current lockdowns and government restrictions, this is a unique year for all of us (Covid-19). If you feel you can't provide this request, please call me.

Together we are the Al Koran Shrine and only through your support are we able to further the cause of having fun and helping children.
If you need assistance, please reach out to me or the divan or a pass potentate or an ambassador.

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

FUN, FUN, FUN and LAUGHTER

Ronn Murphy, Potentate, 2020

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, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm. NO DINNER WILL BE SERVED.

Ronn Murphy, Illustrious Potentate
Robert Berteau, Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

Calendar of Events

- November 7 - Ceremonial - only invitees due to Covid and numbers restrictions.
November 9 - BOD/Divan Meeting
November 16 - Monthly Business Meeting and Chief Rabban Presentation for 2021

In Memorium

Kenneth R. Matheny
Dean F Ferris

September 2020 Membership

September 1st	954 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	0	0
Restorations	0	0
Demits	0	0
Deaths	2	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
September 30	952 Regular	6 Associates
Total Membership as of September 30, 2020 958 Nobles		



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Ports of Call:

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Wednesday--Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands--8AM—4PM Depart
Thursday-----Cozumel, Mexico-----10:30 AM-6:30 PM Depart
Friday-----Fun Day at Sea
Saturday---Miami-----Arrive 8 AM

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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*

Mariners Log

BOB STANLEY, MSA

Congratulations goes out to our Past Potentate Wayne Angstrom whom has been elected First Lieutenant Commander of the Great Lakes Shrine Association Legion of Honor. Good Luck Wayne in your new position.

For all those who couldn't make the September meeting at the Pine Lake Trout Club, we are hoping that Vice Commodore Jack Hattendorf can once again set up a fishing dinner meeting in 2021.

The mystery question of the month is as follows: What and where is the oldest Masonic Lodge in the world, which is verifiable by its lodges minutes.

The next Mariner meeting will be heard on Tuesday, November 24, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. We usually meet around 1800 hours for chow and grog, with the meeting gaveled to order at 1900 hours. For information concerning the Mariners and activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785

The Al Koran Mariners family would like to wish all in the Oasis of Al Koran Shrine a Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3. Yes, your vote does count.

God's Speed

Lakewood Shrine Club

Unfortunately, the Lakewood Shrine Club, like most Shrine Clubs... remains "Dark" for November due to the Covid virus conditions. Meeting night is the second Wednesday of each month. Hopefully, December will bring us relief and a safe congregating atmosphere that we all crave. Guest are always welcome and as an added incentive, non-members get their first dinner for free and if you like.... the first years dues are free as well. Dinners normally consist of two main course selections (usually a meat and seafood choice) ... a vegetarian selection is available. Reservations ... when we meet again... are by calling George Everden at (440) 779-8825... call the week before. We meet at the Cleveland Yacht Club located in Rocky River.



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From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

We are well into the fall season and hope everyone had a chance to view some really great colors during the peak times of change. We are now rapidly approaching winter and that will bring the thought of SNOW, I know that may be dirty word to some but there are many beautiful scenes that also come with the winter months. For those Nobles who travel south for the winter months please make sure you let the Recorder know your temporary address so we can make sure you get your monthly magazine and other important mailings, just phone the office.

Tampa has completed sending all dues notices out for 2021 dues, Al Koran dues remain at **\$137.00 (temple portion \$102, hospital portion \$5 and per capita portion \$30)**, please remit your dues as soon as you are able, if you have not received a dues notice please call the office I can print one and send it to you, again these are coming in bulk form so pay attention to the envelope. If you have paid your dues and received a duplicate invoice please do not pay again. I have been working hard to clear my desk but with over 900 members I tend to be a little slow in posting, please be patient with me. The 2021 dues card stickers will be mailed weekly and you should place them on your plastic card when you receive them. If you need assistance in paying dues please give me a call at the office and we will address each situation. Remember you can still purchase LIFE memberships in our temple for 20 times current dues of \$102 if you are under 65 years or 10 times \$102 if over 65 years, you can also purchase your \$5 hospital fee for a lump sum payment of \$150, you can purchase your per capita fee of \$30 for a lump sum payment of \$900. The by-laws let you purchase one or two or all three or any combination, may be worth thinking about for some, you will not be required to pay that portion of dues again. Please give me a call in office if you are interested in any of these options.

Nobles, a great concern is those still owing 2020 AND NOW 2021 dues (70), those who have not paid 2020 dues your notice should reflect your dues total as \$274, please include them with your 2021 remittance, we really do not want to suspend anyone for non- payment but our by-laws do not permit us to carry you for two years, so please check your dues cards, remember if you are not current with your Shrine dues you cannot be a member or participate of any club or unit within our Shrine. PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD NOW!! DUES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31!!!!

Nobles, our Ceremonial is November 7 and will be held at the Berea Masonic Temple 366 Eastland Road beginning at 10 AM. Due to the virus continuing we are limited to only 70 attendees, at this time we have 30 candidates and we are expecting the first line signers which make our total at 60, the cast and Divan are more than 10 so we are over our limit, we would like to have a full room but the health of our Nobles is important so we ask if you are not in the above category please stay home. I will have a list of new Nobles in the January newsletter and you can welcome them to Al Koran at a later date.

We are again presenting Past Master pins to all installed Worshipful Masters who are members of Al Koran; if you are expecting to serve during the 2021 year please contact me and we will arrange to present your pin at your Lodge Installation.

MAKE THE EFFORT TO ATTEND YOUR AL KORAN SHRINE AND THE ACTIVITIES.

Robert D. Berteau, Recorder

2021 Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 9, 2021

The Divan, Trustees, and Officers for several Clubs and Units will be installed.

**At the Holiday Inn 306
7701 Reynolds Rd. (Rt. 2 & Rt. 306)
Mentor, Ohio 44060**

Social Time 5:00 • Dinner 6:00
Installation 7:30

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Krazy Kops



The Krazy Kops have various social events and we march in several parades throughout the year. We meet the 4th Monday of the month for dinner at 6:00 P.M. at Teamz Restaurant - 6611 Eastland Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH. For information about our activities contact: PD Tom Klecan (440) 520-8101 or PD Mike Spisak (216) 225-0703.



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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Gordon Hastler11/20	Nancy Stradtman3/21	Jack & Marge Conner10/21
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Ralph & Cynthia Lindeman1/21	Ken & Beth Weidig6/21	L. Richard Butler10/24
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Dan Edgar2/21	Norm Melchreit8/21		
John & Joanne Larson2/21	John Mulbach8/21		

Lorain Fire Brigade



The Lorain Fire Brigade meets on Fridays at 11:00 AM for lunch and fellowship at Sorrento's Ristorante, 5223 Detroit Road in Sheffield Lake ... join them

Shriner's Hospitals

News from the Cincinnati Hospital By Terry Hamilton PP, Assistant Rabban , Member Board of Governors

We have been holding our Committee meetings and Board of Governors meetings virtually on line with all of the board members from around the country as well as our Imperial representative in attendance and have taken care of the business at hand each and every month.

Our Cincinnati hospital is still open contrary to a lot of rumors and misguided information. The hospital will be in full service until we do close the Cincinnati location.

Speaking of which, Randy White our Cincinnati Hospital administrator has said that the construction at the Dayton Children's Hospital location is right on schedule. Our tentative dates for closing the Cincinnati Hospital is February 5th, 2021 with the Dayton facility opening on February 22nd, 2021. The decision was made that the new name for our hospital once we have moved to Dayton will be, Shriners Children's - Ohio. This name will give us a larger footprint than before and will hopefully be recognized better to attract more patients and donations. The Dayton area has already come forward showing support and donations and are extremely excited with us moving to their area.



On the subject of donations, as would be expected with the Covid-19 issue, donations have been down this year, as of the end of September, we have reached roughly 55% of our target goal on donations however, with the year coming to a close, we should begin to receive nice donations from some of our supportive temples, groups and individuals. Also, on that subject, Imperial has informed the board that the hospital can no longer assist in providing money for the support of the parent, patient needs. This is the fund that includes items for the families as they stay at the hospital, as well as some patient needs such as wigs for burn patients and other items that are used on a daily basis. These things must now be totally funded from donations and that fund is now depleted. Please help with your kind donations.

We are all hoping that this Covid-19 situation passes with the 2020 year, and that 2021 turns into a stellar year for our patients, Shriners, physicians, nurses, staff and our hospital move. Please help to support your hospital and once it is safe, come see your new hospital and attend a board meeting. Even better, volunteer to drive a patient to the facility, "You will feel good, for the good that you make a child feel".

News from Shriners Hospital for Children – Erie By Roger Neff PP, Vice Chairman of Board of Governors



After a couple of tough months with the Covid -19 our Medical Center in Erie is ramping back up toward normal. Drivers from the different Shrine Centers in our "footprint" are making more trips with patients every day. Strict safety protocols are in place and when followed we all hope to be safe.

Erie Medical Center's Administration and the Governing Board prepared a strategic plan, early this year, for the future of the operation for the foreseeable future. This is the second significant set of changes since I have been on the Board ... the past 12 years. In this change the ambulatory surgical center within the hospital was to close. The partnership with UPMC – Pittsburgh Children's Hospital - has been so successful that this partnership has

been extended. This change will be better for our Patients and there is no change in doctors. The same Doctors that have worked with our Patients in overnight surgeries AND one -day surgeries will now do the same work at a Pittsburgh Children's ambulatory center or at the main hospital in Pittsburgh itself. There will not be any more surgeries at the Medical Center itself. This plan was approved by Shriners International Joint Board and has already been implemented.

I , and the Board of Governors believe that this has been done in the best interest for our patients and their families. We are excited about the process of moving forward... but we are not done. I will share some of the other changes in future newsletters.