

Al Koran Shriners News



Al Koran's Elected and Appointed Officers with the Installation Team of Past Potentates - II. Sirs Al Paynter, Jack Conner and Roger Neff



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From the Potentate



Il Sir Michael Davison

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. We had our Installation of Officers Sat Jan 9th. We made history by not having a public installation. No one remembers the last non public installation. I would like to congratulate all the Officers for the 2021 year. I know each of you are ready to get to work and I know each of you will do great. It promises to be a challenge.

I would like to welcome 2 new members to the Divan. One is familiar, **Illustrious Tom Klecan** as our Recorder. I know Illustrious Tom will do a good job. Give him time to get acclimated. Call and I'm sure he will help you. The second one is our new Oriental Guide **Bru Lewis**. Worshipful Bru is in his 4th year as Master of his Lodge in Mansfield. He has some serious commitment. I'm sure Bru will bring a lot to Al Koran over the next few years. Welcome aboard Bru.

Membership has to remain on our list of important things to remember. We must continue to boost our membership going into the future. Please attend your Lodge and talk about the Shrine. Remember if you get someone new into the Lodge you have a great chance of getting them into the Shrine.

Al Koran needs everyone's support and participation to get us back to having fun and fellowship. Plan on attending your club and units activities as soon as they resume.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Potentate.

Remember, The smile of a Child makes it all worthwhile!!!

C. Michael Davison, Potentate 2021



Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly Business meeting is **February 22, 2021** to be held at Berea Masonic Center (Quarry Lodge). 366 Eastland Road, Berea at **7:00 PM**. You will be notified by email should the Covid Virus change our plans. No dinner will be served.

Michael Davison, Illustrious Potentate
Thomas Klecan, Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

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Calendar of Events

February 15 - BOD/Divan Meeting - Simons, Brecksville

February 22 - Monthly Business Meeting

"Happy Birthday Masonic Brother George Washington"

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

The Mariners extend out best wishes and support to our new 2021 Potentate, Ill. Sir Mike Davison. We all hope that 2021 will bring us back to the normal life we knew before the pandemic arrived, so we can once again enjoy our Shrine activities.

Over the years, I have been asked who are the Al Koran Mariners. Well, we are members of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs, the International Order of Blue Gavel, and the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. We welcome motor boaters, sail boats, and jet skiers. We also welcome "used to be" boaters, "want to be" boaters, and land yachters. Our regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at various yacht clubs along Lake Erie. All events and rendezvous are open to all Mariners and their ladies. Most importantly, we whole heartedly support our Shrine Hospitals. Come join us in '21 and sail the waters of Lake Erie with us. You will be glad you did.

Congratulations goes out to Noble Bob Berteau who will receive the York Rite prestigious Cross of Honor award this month. Congratulations Bob.

Sunshine Chairman Emil Arvidson has informed me as of this writing (January 8th) that Commodore Ronn Murphy PP was in sick bay.

Now that ice fishing season is here, the Ohio DNR has five remedies if you venture onto a frozen Lake Erie to fish. There is no such thing as:

- 100% safe ice.
- Two inches of ice, please stay off.
- Four inches of ice, okay to walk or ice fish.
- Six inches of ice, for snowmobiles and atv's.
- Eight to twelve inches of ice, for cars and small trucks.

If you are going ice fishing, dress accordingly and please be careful.

With all of the pressure to change the name of our Cleveland Indians and if the owners are forced to find a new name, why not name our baseball team, the Cleveland Rock Sox. Since we are home of the Rock and Roll Museum and that "Rock and Roll" was coined in Cleveland by Alan Freed in 1951, it would be a perfect name. Since Boston has the Red Sox, Chicago has the White Sox, why not the Cleveland Rock Sox. There wouldn't be any group in America that could protest or complain the name of Rock Sox.

The Mariners are planning on joining the Hillbillies on Saturday, March 6, at the Berea Masonic Hall. This is the afternoon of the Hillbillies famous chili cook-off. By the time March arrives, we all will welcome some hot, spicy, tasty, delicious, chili to ward off the last days of winter.

The February Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 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 our activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy PP at 216-702-6785

To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our ladies wish everone in Al Koran Shrine a Happy Valentine's Day.

God's Speed

Lakewood Shrine Club

Unfortunately, but for everyone's well-being the Lakewood Shrine Club, like most Clubs and Units remains "Dark" due to the Covid virus. When we get going again we will meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Cleveland Yacht Club for great friendship, food and entertainment. At Past Potentate Ronn Murphy's suggestion several months ago, and without serious objection, the 2020 Leadership Team of the Club will remain in place for 2021. We look forward to a "Safer" day and the opportunity to again be together.

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From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles,

Well, 2020 was most certainly an interesting year. While the majority of our events were cancelled, and our fellowship slim, our hospitals continue to improve and get better. Even Al Koran improved financially. I would like to thank Noble Bob Berteau for his work as recorder. He did a good job, but I would like to expand some of the responsibilities of the Recorder office in order to make the operations of Al Koran more efficient.

The new year (2021) appears to be ripe with opportunity. We initiated 23 new members last year, and although membership is still declining, the drop is much more manageable. While we still struggle to find a permanent home, there appears to be some prospects on the horizon. Our hospitals are receiving patients once more and are in need of your support. They have weathered the Covid-19 pandemic well and are returning to near normal.

First thanks to all of you who have paid your dues, and a gentle reminder to those who have not. If you are struggling to pay your dues, please call me at (440) 520-8101, or call the office and ask for the recorder. There are a few programs that we have initiated in order to help you. If you are on a fixed income, or in distress because of the current health situation, we may be able to help. You can also reach me via e-mail at klecantom@hotmail.com, I check my email daily.

Your Divan is preparing for the lifting of the current restrictions, and hope you are all ready for the fun and fellowship to return. May our best day of 2020 be our worst day of 2021, lets get back to the parades, the picnics, and all the other events that we all enjoy. We still have a lot to be thankful for. Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay tuned for the return of Al Koran.

Tom Klecan PP
Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

Long Overdue

It is sometimes easy to forget, under appreciate and come to expect the services rendered by others. Thus, this award is long overdue.

Ray Gillis of Ray's Auto & Truck Service, Avon Ohio has been quietly donating his labor for more than 30 years. Ray and his son Mike have maintained the Lorain County Shrine Fire Brigade's vehicles like they were their own over that 30 years. Our 1953 LaFrance fire truck has been a handful to repair since day one with parts becoming scarcer by the day. "Big Red's" last repair involved replacing the master cylinder. Dang, after searching high and low Ray found a brand-new master cylinder and installed with donated labor. It was typical of Ray's dedication to being a premier human being and elite service center.



Ray has also donated his personal "heated" garage for the storage of our Al Koran vans for many years. He has allowed us to come and go as needed and has never said a word about the winter slush/salt from the van that eats away the garage floor or the ruts we leave in his lawn when we park our cars while heading to Erie Hospital with our van.

Looking at the walls in Ray's waiting room reflect the character of the man. Awards upon awards from the City of Avon, acknowledgement of his tenure as president of the Chamber of Commerce and most especially his work with the Knights of Columbus.

With the deepest sense of gratitude, we presented Ray with a certificate of Honorary Member of the Al Koran Shrine.

A well-deserved and long overdue Thank You!

Ray's Auto & Truck Service, 38219 Colorado Ave, Avon Ohio 440-934-4318

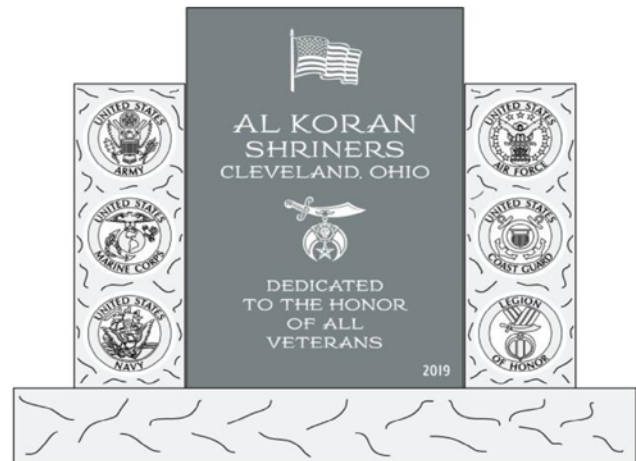


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Legion of Honor

Our next Legion of Honor meeting will be Monday, February 22 at 7PM. Location TBD; if not possible to do in person we will meet virtually on Zoom. Please take notice we will be discussing Al Koran's Veterans Memorial Monument dedication ceremony and schedule.

Dan Williams, Director of the VA Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery informed us our Al Koran Veterans Monument is approved for placement. Fabrication of the monument may take 5 months. So our dedication ceremony will be scheduled for the last half of this year.

International Commander Tracy Coughlin has cancelled the 90th International Association of legions of Honor Annual Convention Cruise. The cruise line cancelled all cruises until April 30 due to virus concerns.

GLSA Commander Ryan Mendenhall announced the 2021 GLSA 46th Annual convention is August 25th - 29th. At the Wyndham Springfield City Center, 700 East Adams Street Springfield, IL 62701. On the ialoh.org website under associations you will find GLSA and there will be Commander Ryan Mendenhall's letter, agenda, registration form and hotel reservation information.

IALOH 41st Annual Arlington Wreath Laying event and ceremony is November 4 - 6. The hotel location will be DoubleTree by Hilton Washington DC - Crystal City. Registration and hotel information can be obtained from me: wangstrom@angstromgraphics.com, 305-609-3376; or is available on the IALOH website.

Always a good time for Shriners to speak to their fellow veterans and ask they join our LOH Unit. I look forward to seeing you all and thank you for your interest in our Unit.

Please ask a Brother Mason to become a Shriner! Ask they take a look at our website's alkoranshriners.com and beashrinernow.com.

Wayne R Angstrom

Al Koran LOH Commander, GLSA 1st Lt Commander, IALOH Lt Commander, Veteran of the USMC

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Hunters Units

DUES are due... Please stay active and send your \$15 dues to Treasurer Russ Arndt, 3750 Jeanne Drive, Parma, OH 44134. At the Potentate's request and without serious objection from the Unit membership, the elected Officers for 2020 will continue their duties through 2021. Chief: Roger Neff, Assistant Chief: Tom Munro, and Treasurer: Russ Arndt. Out of respect to the position, we need to find a new Secretary ... Illustrious Sir Mike Davison has bigger fish to fry. If interested in being our Unit Secretary please let me know.

Roger Neff P.P. Chief of Hunter's Unit


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Some new faces have joined the leadership team of Al Koran.



Captain of the Guard - Michael Spisak



Chaplain - Steve Velimesis



First Ceremonial Master - David Wilkie



New Trustee Mark Bollinger P.P. joins reelected Trustee John "Jack" Watson and present Trustee and Second Ceremonial Master Chuck Erickson congratulated by Illustrious Sir Mike Davison.



Al Korans Elected Divan for 2021



Installation team with Illustrious Sir Mike Davison