

# Al Koran Shriners News



## **Meeting Time...**



Illustrious Sir Mike Davison presents Chief Rabban Bob Carlson his "Past Masters" pin.



Nobles Bill Bragg and Bruce Joseph are presented their "Road Runner" pins for driving our kids to their Medical appointments.



Jack Conner P.P. presents a Memorial Contribution to the Children's Transportation Fund.

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#### From the Potentate



Il Sir Michael Davison

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Hello, Covid is not leaving us willingly. I'm glad to say as of this writing my son Rob and myself have gotten our 1st shot. I hope everyone else is doing the same. If you have gotten your shots, Great. If not please consider. I need each of you to be around.

Membership is very important. Our ceremonial is June 5th. We need more candidates. Last night (April Business Meeting) we read and approved

four more candidates. We are doing this ceremonial along with Tadmor at their Shrine Center. This is a Sweetheart Ceremonial. Meaning the candidates bring their wives or girlfriends. We need representatives of each Club and Unit to have a table about themselves for candidates to learn about what they do. We will end the day with a dinner & show. Frank and Dean will put on the show for us. The candidates and their ladies are no charge. The cost for this show will \$25.00 or less. It is going to be very affordable. Please get us more candidates.

It was Great to see a lot of Nobles at last night's meeting. It shows we are ready to get back to work. We can make AL Koran the best Shrine anyone has known... again. But I need your help. Each of you are still important to us. Please remember the children we help. We need drivers. If you get the trip list please help. If you don't get the list please call me.

Nobles and Ladies, Please stay safe. I need each of you.

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 **May 17, 2021** to be held at Berea Masonic Center (Quarry Lodge), 366 Eastland Road, Berea. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with reservations to Recorder Tom Klecan. There will be a Ladies program planned and they are welcome.

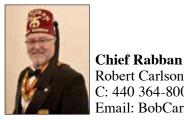
Michael Davison, Illustrious Potentate Thomas Klecan, Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

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#### Calendar of Events

May							
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May 1 - Eagle Shrine Club - Derby Day Party

May 10 - BOD Meeting - Brecksville Hunter's Meeting (following BOD)

May 17 - Monthly Business Meeting

May 24 - Legion of Honor - Monthly Meeeting

May 25 - Mariners Meeting

May 26 - Hillbillies meeting - St. Mathews Church Hall

May 31 - Lorain Fire Brigade - Avon Lake Memorail Day Parade

### = Mariners Log

#### BOB STANLEY, MSA

I start this Mariners log on a very sad note. On Friday, April 2, Sherman Allen PP and Mariner crossed the bar and took his final voyage to meet the Grand Architect of the Universe. Sherman was Al Koran's Illustrious Potentate in 2004. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeanne and family.

The International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (IASYC) mid-winter meeting was recently held in Washington D.C. It was at this meeting that Commodore Ronn Murphy PP was elected International Vice Commodore and will be installed in this position at Imperial Shrine Session this coming July in Houston, Texas.

The answer to April's mystery question is as follows: Brother Ray Dorset is the founder of the rock group Mungo Jerry. Their song "In the Summertime" was a number one song in 19 countries during the Summer of 1970. Brother Dorset lives in Bournemouth, England and belongs to Chelsea Lodge #3098. He can be seen performing "In the Summertime" in the 5-part documentary "Inside the Freemasons" produced by BBC in 2017.

This scribe has been informed that at this writing (Easter Sunday) sick bay is being occupied by two Mariners. Lou Key, who is a Past President of the I.O.B.G., and John Baker who is a Past Commodore. We hope and pray that they will be back to their healthy selves in the coming months.

The Mariners will once again participate in the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Memorial Day service at the USS Cod on Monday, May 31. This annual Memorial Day Service not only honors the USS Cod but also veterans both past and present.

The May Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on May 17. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the May's Al Koran Magazine on page 2. When was the last time you attended an Al Koran meeting? Now that Daylight Savings Time and Spring weather is here, this would be a good month to attend our Business Meeting. Remember, Al Koran Shrine is your Shrine.

The Mariners May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25. The port of call will be the Edgewater Yacht Club. Come early and enjoy comradery, chow, and grog. Our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Nobles, now is a great time to invite our non-Shrine Masonic Brothers to join Al Koran Shrine. Our dual ceremonial with Tadmore Shrine will be on Saturday, June 5. There is probably a Masonic Brother you know that would like to become a Shriner. Now is the time to sign him up.

Anyone who knows of someone in our Mariner family is ill, having some medical problems, or has past away, please notify our new Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker at 216-382-8935.

For information concerning membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, contact Commodore Ron Murphy PP 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 safe and healthy and don't forget to check on our elderly brothers.

God's Speed

### From the IASYC - MAY

Ahoy, Nobles and Ladies:

I just returned from the Mid-Winter's "International Association of Shrine Yacht Club" zoom meeting in Washington DC which was hold to conduct business and review issues for the coming year; I also was voted and approved to the rank of International Vice Commodore that will be in Houston, TX at Imperial International July's meeting. We approved the forming of (2) two new Mariner's Clubs in Mexico on the far West coast and an International "IASYC" Jewel that each member may acquire in the coming months.

In the picture:
Ronn Murphy PP, International Rear Commodore;
Gene Yee PP, International Fleet Caption;
Luis Cisneros PP, International Commodore;
Jim Ruby PP, International Vice Commodore;
Dave Lane International Secretary.



#### From the Recorder

Many of you may be wondering about our move to the Berea Temple. Yes you did vote on it prior to all the Covid-19 restrictions. As we went dark because of Covid, so did the negotiations for the space. Remember we were leasing space from them not purchasing their building. You may not recall but there was an addendum to the motion to move there, that being that the lease, offered to us by their Temple Board, must be voted on and approved by the membership of Al Koran. That never took place. Why, primarily because it violated our bylaws. The lease itself may or may not have violated the bylaws, but the time frame for approval required by their Temple Board did.

In September of 2020, the Berea Temple board offered us their lease and asked that we approve it within two weeks. Our bylaws require a thirty day notice to the membership before we can vote on that. Your Board of Directors had no choice but to reject their offer. To all of you, who are scratching their heads as to how this could happen, believe me it really is not as simple as I have written it here, so ask me or a Divan member to explain it to you. Regardless we were unable to acquire that space as a permanent residence. We were able to acquire a lease to conduct our business meetings there, as well as numerous other events. All of our regular meetings will be held at the Berea Temple, and we are still looking for a viable space as our future home.

Nobles the old days of Al Koran Shrine are well behind us, and though we are still looking for a new home, finding one may not be as in our best interests right now. So you may ask, if we don't have a home, then why are my dues so high? Currently we have 923 members, and we are steadily declining. We keep about \$100 of your dues for Shrine Center operations. Simple math suggests we have \$92,300.00 to work with. Dues collected this year have amounted to about \$82,000.00. There are several reasons for this including about 75 Nobles delinquent for this year and other aspects of membership. Basic rent is about \$20 K each year and Office costs (supplies, postage, and other miscellaneous) cost us \$45-50 K. That doesn't leave much left over, and remember that the costs are increasing while our revenues are shrinking, and although not required to do so, your Potentate, as well as the previous Potentates have striven to keep some of that money within Al Koran at the end of each year. We, like most of you, get those infrequent unexpected events which cost us money, that's where the saved money comes in. We are approaching a point where we would like to think we can resume normal operations for items such as necessary educational travel for Divan members, and other applicable fraternal events. These were all shut down prior to 2010. There has been no (Al Koran) monies spent on fraternal travel or fraternal paraphernalia since that time.

The funds from the sale of our building on Edgerton Road are doing quite well. We started with just under \$1 million in 2015, and it has grown to just under \$2 million. Although we have done well, that is nowhere near enough money to build (or even rent) a building suitable for our usual gatherings, even as diminished as they are. It has been the policy of all the recent Board of Directors not to touch that money, and just let it grow. Truthfully, that money is the future of Al Koran.

You may also have heard about a merger with Tadmor Shrine. There is a committee, composed of members of both Shrine Centers looking at that possibility. Regular reports from that committee are part of each BOD meeting as well as each business meeting and are reflected in the minutes of each. Al Koran, as well as Imperial, bylaws make sure that your voice must be heard should any move to merge/consolidate move forward. Currently there are three resolutions regarding the merger/consolidation being read at each business meeting. There will be three reading of each, with a vote called for upon the third reading of each. The soonest a vote on any of the resolutions can take place is the May business meeting.

Your Potentate, and the Board of Directors (Divan) has the best interests of Al Koran at heart. We are getting new members, but, unfortunately, not at the rate we are losing them. Masonry is cyclical, and there will be a resurgence, hopefully in the near future. It is our job as the leaders of Al Koran Shrine Center to see that there is a Shrine Center in Cleveland for them to join when that happens.

Tom Klecan PP; Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

### - March 2021 Membership

March 1st	930 Regular	7 Associates
Creations	1	0
Restorations	0	0
Demits	0	0
Deaths	7	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	1	0
March 31	923 Regular	7 Associates

Total Membership as of March 31, 2021 .... 930 Nobles

#### In Memorium

Raymond H. Enderle
William E. Fry
Charles E. Hakli
William G. Hipp
Roger P. Moreschi
Paul N. Phillips
John B. Simpson

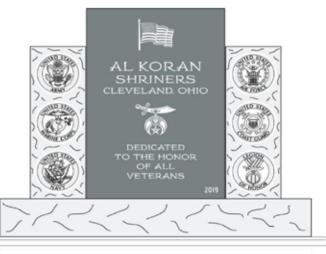


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### Legion of Honor

Let's get back to regular meetings! AL Koran LOH will meet Monday, May 24, 6:30PM in the St Matthews Church Hall, 9549 Highland Drive, Brecksville Ohio 44141. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

Al Koran's LOH Veterans Memorial Monument dedication ceremony should be scheduled for the last half of this year. We are waiting to hear when our granite will be delivered to determine an installation and dedication day. Once we have a schedule invitations will be sent.

Please plan to attend and support; GLSA LOH Commander Ryan Mendenhall 2021 GLSA 46th Annual convention August 25th - 29th. At the Wyndham Springfield City Center, 700 East Adams Street Springfield, IL 62701. More information is on the ialoh.org website under associations where you will find GLSA and there will be Commander Ryan Mendenhall's letter, agenda, registration form and hotel reservation information. At the change of command ceremony Al Koran's LOH commander Wayne will become Commander of GLSA LOH. The 2022 Annual GLSA LOH Convention will be held in Cleveland since Al Koran's LOH unit will be the host.

Lets support and attend the IALOH 41st Annual Arlington Wreath Laying event and ceremony for November 4 - 6. The actual wreath laying ceremony will be Saturday, November 6 at 11AM. The hotel location is 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.org website.

Always a good time for Shriners to speak to their fellow veterans and ask they join our LOH units.

Please ask a Brother Mason to become a Shriner! Potentate Michael Davison is organizing a Tadmor/Al Koran ceremonial Saturday, June 5 at Tadmor. Ceremonial, dinner and entertainment for you and your candidates. If I can be of service please ask.

Wayne R Angstrom

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

#### 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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#### Drivers Corner

Wish to continue our **THANKS** to Roger Calkins and Roger Neff for taking most of the trips this years. We welcome Henry Rees, Debbie Saiter and our own Potentate Mike Davison..





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### Updates on Shriners Children's - Ohio

By: Terry Hamilton, P.P. - Board of Governors, Shriner's Children - Ohio

Our move from Cincinnati is complete, we are now Shriners Children's – Ohio and located on the second floor of the Dayton Children's Hospital. We have a beautiful facility that is very convenient to get to for our volunteer drivers.

The Board of Governors for your hospital has been advised that we had 61% of our employees transfer from Cincinnati to Dayton which is great news since we were afraid that no one would want to drive the 45 to 60 minute drive up the road. This is proof of the commitment to our Shriners children and the Shriners Hospital system in that it's not just a job, it's the way that we care for our kids.

We are underway with a robust campaign on marketing in the surrounding market, as well as a nationwide promotion of our hospital covering our service area of over 80 Shrine centers and their perspective area hospitals, EMS and service clubs to sell our facility to get patient referrals.

On the subject of patient referrals, that is one of our most important things that we can ask of you, our members. We need to let people know that we are back in full service, providing all of the care that we have always been so good at. So please please, anytime that you see a child or hear of one that needs our specialized care, talk to the parents or contact someone who will and inform them of our services.

We of course are excepting donations to our general fund or if you wish, to our patient and parents needs. Since we no longer have rooms for the parents to stay in while their child is in our care, we are having to place the parents in hotel rooms in the area and those costs are generally over a hundred dollars a night.

Finally, mark your calendar for Al Koran's business meeting on June 21st, as our marketing crew from Dayton will be travelling to our meeting that night to put on a presentation for you and your wives and guest. We will be having dinner that night, open the lodge then go to a special meeting allowing the ladies and guests in to see the presentation. So please bring a friend.

# Shriner's Hospital for Children - Erie Medical Center 2021 Funding Needs

All of the Programs/Services listed below are seeking funding for 2021. These are programs that funded by outside sources and not a regular part of the Facilities operating budget. If choosing any of the listed programs/services make sure you or your group send a letter with your donation identifying tha particular program or service. Thank you for your consideration!

**Funding Needed:** Timmy's Day Out - \$8,500

Patient Catheters - \$6,000

Durable Medical Equipment/Car Seats - \$2,500 Durable Medical Equipment/ Wheel Chairs \$50,000

Patient Nutrition Supplements - \$28,000

Sports Fund (Wheel Chair Basketball, sled hockey, adaptive sailing) - \$12,000

### 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.

#### 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



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### Hillbilly News

We plan on meeting and sharing vittles at St. Mathews Church on May 26th ... See ya'll there! **Somebody remember the jug!** 

#### **Hunters Units**

Hunters met for the first time since February 2020 on April 12th. Plans were made for the Spaghetti Dinner/Turkey Shoot to be held in November at Berea Masonic Center. Tickets have been ordered for three separate - one gun raffles. A Henry Golden Boy - Masonic Edition, a 9mm Hellcat pistol, and a Henry Golden Boy - Shriner Tribute edition will be raffled off one at a time. only 250 tickets available for each gun at \$10.00 a chance. Drawings to follow as soon as tickets are sold... won't take long. Hunters Unit also made a commitment to continue our support of the Children's Christmas Party. Next meeting is May 10 at Brecksville Lodge.

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

#### Lakewood Shrine Club

"We are getting closer".... if the medical/Covid situations continues to improve we hope to have our first meeting in June. Stand by for the announcement from our Board of Directors.



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