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Mansfield SC Memorial Day Parade adventures....













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From the Potentate



Il Sir Michael Davison

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Hello, summer is upon us! But..... a lot of our events have been cancelled because of the times (covid). Yet some events are going to happen. Please come out and support these events. They need YOU.

We had a nice presentation on the new Shriners Children Ohio Hospital in Dayton. Thank You to ILL. Terry Hamilton and Bob Carlson for bringing this to us. We also had a nice donation from the International Order of the Blue Gavel. The Blue Gavel is about recognizing Past Commodores of the International Yachting Community. Thank You to ILL. Ronn

Murphy for bringing them to us.

Thank You also goes out to Thom Sabados and Roger Calkins for a nice donation to our hospitals and our Transportation Fund from the Transportation Unit. Please plan on supporting these events.

Al Korans golf outing July 17th at Pleasant Hills in Chardon. Call your 4 somes into the office.

Ohio Shrine July 23, 24 at Aladdin Shrine in Columbus Ohio

Al Korans Fiesta (Picnic) August 1st. This is a great time to gather and see friends we haven't seen in over a year. Put this on your must do list. Located at Travelers Woods, 11922 Brosius Rd, in Garrettsville Ohio. Call the office to let them know you are coming.

Twins Day Parade August 7th. Twinsburg Ohio

Mid Ohio Hospital Golf outing August 20th. in Mansfield. Flyer in this magazine. Make plans for Al Korans Potentates Ball on Oct 9th.

I'm sure there are more events happening so please let me know.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT!

At the June Regular Business Meeting the Membership present voted on two different resolutions that would allow Al Koran and Tadmor to form a committee to pursue discussions on a possible merger/consolidation/acquisition. Neither of the resolutions met the required 2/3 vote to move forward.

Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **September 20, 2021** to be held at **Berea Masonic Center** (Quarry Lodge), 366 Eastland Road, Berea. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with RESERVATIONS called in to Recorder Tom Klecan.

Michael Davison, Illustrious Potentate Thomas Klecan, Recorder

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- Calendar of Events

Jul 04 - Happy Birthday ... U.S.A. Imperial Session in Houston, TX 7/4 - 7/8 2 3 Jul 07 - Lorain Fire Brigade - Wellington Home Days parade 8 9 10 Jul 09 - Lorain Fire Brigade - Sheffield Lake Community Days parade 14 13 15 16 17 Jul 21 - Lakewood Shrine Club - CYC **21** 22 19 20 Jul 23 - Ohio Shrine Association - Aladdin Shrine Center, Grove City **25 26 27 28 29** 30 Jul 28 - Hillbilly Clan - St Mathews Church Aug 1 - Al Koran Picnic/Fiesta - Garrettsville, OH **August** Aug 7 - Twin Days Parade - Twinsburg, OH S M Aug 9 - Lakewood SC Steak Roast 1 2 5 7 4 Aug 15 - Lorain Fire Brigade - N. Ridgeville Corn Fest parade 10 11 12 13 Aug 20 - Mid Ohio Hospital Golf Outing 18 19 21

= Mariners Log

BOB STANLEY, MSA

On May 21, the Grand Architecture of the Universe called on Mariner and Past Commodore Louis Key to cross over the bar and sail his final voyage to the Port of Heaven. Louis was a Korean War Veteran, Past Worshipful Master, Educational Officer for Ohio's 25th Masonic District, and a Dad advisor for Demolay International. He was Past Commodore of Chagrin River Yacht Club and in 1998-1999 International President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel (I.O.B.G.), a worldwide organization of Past Commodores. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his first mate, Geri, and his two sons Mike and Jeff. He truly was a captain among sailors. Louis we will miss you.

Congratulations to the Shriners in Ashland and Richland, for the formation of Al Korans newest club. The Mid-Ohio Shrine Club. The Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club wishes you good luck and good fortune to the Mid-Ohio Shrine Club.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has reported at this writing (June 6), that sick bay is empty and all is well. Don't forget to use your Sea & Ski or Coppertone, and stay healthy and enjoy this rest of the summer.

Come September, the Mariners will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (I.O.B.G.) in District #7 for their annual wine tour. On September 18, we will meet at the Holiday Inn in Madison, Ohio. We will then board the wine bus at 1200 hours with four stops at local wineries, enjoying an afternoon of food, entertainment, friendship, and of course, award winning wines. Our return to Holiday Inn will be around 1800 hours.

Now that summer has arrived, it is time for us to go boating on Lake Erie. This will be a welcome change from the pandemic of last summer. It will be great to be on our lake enjoying a day of sunshine, fresh air, and no face masks. For information pertaining to membership or activities of the Mariners, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

Have a safe 4th of July and Happy Birthday America!

- May 2021 Membership

May 1st	911 Regular	7 Associates	
Creations	1	0	
Restorations	2	0	
Demits	1	0	
Deaths	16*	0	
Suspensions	0	0	
Resignations	0	0	

May 31 897 Regular 7 Associates

Total Membership as of May 31, 2021 904 Nobles

*Deaths listed include many found recently by a Recorder search from the past.



In Memorium

Roger L. Amos

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From the Recorder

After last month's vote Al Koran and Tadmor are fully merged and will begin joint operations this month.

For those of you still reading this article the above statement is completely false. The passage of the resolution only allows both Shrine centers to begin to establish a dialog and begin to establish a plan of how the merger/consolidation will go. That plan, when finished, must then be approved by a super majority of the Nobility, properly notified, at a regular business meeting sometime in the future. Both Shrine Centers must approve the plan for it to be acted upon.

Nobles, this is unchartered territory. Imperial has no process for how to do this. I can also tell you that we are not the only Shrine Centers looking to do this, there are several others contemplating these actions. It has been brought to my attention that any merger/consolidation of Shrine Centers must have Imperials full blessing. They have a significant interest in this whole process. We are talking several years, before the necessary, investigations, planning, and paperwork will be approved by Tampa, and be allowed to appear on the "Call". At present we are still gathering data and planning.

This type of action will affect all the Nobility, all the Clubs and Units. Additionally, it will affect, at least, the transportation of our kids. The Hospitals themselves are in a pretty good position. They have all strived to accomplish what is necessary to keep their doors open and to see and treat our kids. I recently found out that the overall budget for our entire system was over \$1 billion. That's right billion with a "B". If that were the outright draw on our endowment we would be out of business in less than 10 years. Thankfully, the draw on the endowment is about 15-20 % of that, and dropping every year, the hospitals are becoming more self sustaining. Your donations are very important to our system.

When you get this, many of us will be at or have attended, Imperial Session. I received the "Call" last week, and Imperial is proposing a \$20 hike in per capita. This will further reduce our funds currently used for ourselves unless we also raise dues. I believe it will fail this year, but probably not next.

So if we are not moving to Akron soon, what are we doing with all that dues money? Well, frankly, this year we collected less than \$90,000.00 in dues, one of my recent articles explained that most of that is used to operate our business office. The "Building" fund is doing great, but with declining membership (we will be under 900 members well before the end of this year, probably by the end of the summer), we are going to need some of those funds to maintain the business office in the future.

There is a lot going on, the pandemic restrictions are easing, and will hopefully soon be gone completely. Many of the Clubs and Units have begun meeting again. Check the web site alkoranshriners.com for more information. I am trying to keep it updated and fresh. Think about returning to the business meetings in the fall, we hope to have all the information you need to be a participating and active Shriner. Also if you are a Club or Unit and have events please send them to me and I'll have them placed on the web site. You can always view a copy of the newsletter on the web site too.

You can reach me by e-mail at **klecantom@hotmail.com** or call the office **440-546-8966** and select #1 Recorder.

Thank you. Tom Klecan PP Recorder, Al Koran Shriners



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Event Schedule Registration 11:00 AM Tee Off 12:00 PM Happy Hour 4:30 PM Dinner 5:00 PM

All Net Proceeds To Benefit The A Koran Shriners Hospitals Patient Transportation Fund! 1098 Springmill Street, Mansfield Ohio www.Westbrookcc.org August 20st 2021

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A Special Patient Story....from a Noble

Noble William C. Clark III, from Boardman, Ohio has only become a Shriner in the past year. Last month I received a letter from William and a copy of a book he has written. He wrote to me as Chairman of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospital in Erie, PA. as well as a Past Potentate of Al Koran. His life's story, though a very young man, is none the less inspiring. I ask William if I could share some of his letter with readers of this newsletter and he agreed.

Dear Ill. Sir Roger Neff, Chairman

My name is William Clark and I like you am a Noble of the Order of the Shrine, I joined during the one day ceremony in the last half of 2020. On that most significant day I did not only become a Shriner but I fulfilled a promise I made more than two decades ago. You see, I have the muscle disability cerebral palsy. When I was born premature they told my father that it was unlikely that I would live. If I did, I would not be mobile. So I spent my earlier years in a wheel chair and after seventeen surgeries I still had very little use of my legs. My father in his normal fashion with his stonewall grit pressed on and with the help of one of my doctors found your hospital.



There after a series of tests the doctors told my father about a brand new surgery they were doing. One that if I went through with it there was a chance I could walk. The surgery was a rousing success and in no time I was running around. A feat me nor my family ever though possible...

So I write you this letter accompanied by my book to share what exactly your hospital and the Shriners International Organization means to me. Since that surgery I have tried to live my life to the fullest and to give others like me ... hope. Hope... that their disability does not define them.

In 2020 I became a first generation college graduate, began to drive and published the book I sent you today. I am a contributing author in a soon to be published college textbook. I say these things not out of hubris or false pride. I share these things with you because if it was for the work of your staff at the Hospital and the entire Shrine organization I could not have done any of it. I live a life, I fell in love and felt the ceaseless joy that with the adventure we call life ... because of the Shriners. On the special day I was given more than my legs... I was given a new life. That is why I am a Brother... that is why I am a Noble.

Sincerely,

William C. Clark III

I have written to and spoken with William. I have shared parts of the letter with people at Shriner Erie Medical center and now with you. Should you be interested in reading his "first" book I will let you "borrow" it.

Thank You William...

Yours in the Faith... Roger Neff P.P., Chairman, Board of Governors, Shriners Children - Erie

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Krazy Kops





Kops thrill Westlake memorial Day Parade goers.

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.

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 (IMPORTANT NOTE: EXCEPT FOR THIS MONTH - IT WILL BE THE 3RD WEDNESDAY). Our dinners consist of a 5:30pm 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 Ill Sir and Board of Governors Member Terry Hamilton will speak about our new Shriners Children – Ohio hospital in Dayton and Ill Sir Roger Neff, Chairman of the Board of Governors for our Erie medical facility will give a short update on Erie.

This month's dinner happens Wednesday, 21 July. 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 Kay Stelmach at (440) 655-0525 by Wednesday, 14 July and she will tell you what your meal choices are. The Cleveland Yachting Club is located at 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River, OH 44116. See you there! ALSO – Steak Roast Time...

The Legendary Lakewood Shrine Club's Annual Summer Steak Roast is back!

Who's invited: YOU and any guest(s) you care to enjoy the afternoon with.

Cost: \$25 per person includes appetizers, Open Bar, dinner w/salad, sizzling flatiron steaks, corn, side dishes galore and dessert.

Where: Bob-O-Link Golf Course, 4141 Center Rd, (Rt. 83) Avon, OH 44011

When: Monday, August 9, 2021

5 pm: Social Hour and Tomfoolery with Open Bar

6 pm: Feasting on Bob Kolar's signature Flat Iron Steaks, with all the trimmings, expertly prepared to your liking. The Club hopes that you can make it to our only summer event for fun, fellowship and food. Oh, and drinks. Can't forget them. Open Bar as usual!

Ladies, please bring an appetizer. Valet parking available. Please call Lady Kay Stelmach at (440)655-0525 by Monday, August 2nd, with your reservations.









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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

Bay Shrine Club

Bay Shrine Club is moving their Lunch meetings to the **fourth Thursday each month**. Great food and conversation. Call Chuck Erickson (440) 835-0726 to join the group and make a reservation.

Lorain Fire Brigade



WE'RE BACK TO SORRENTO'S RISTORANTE, 5223 DETROIT RD, SHEFFIELD LAKE - FRIDAYS AT 11:00 AM FOR LUNCH.

LORAIN COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE PARADE SCHEDULE IS:

Wellington Home Days Sunday July 4, line up 2PM, step off 3PM.

Sheffield Lake Community Days Friday July 9 in the evening.

North Ridgeville Corn Festival Sunday August 15, line up noon, step off 1:30PM.

Big Red, Little Red and our Hospital Van will be in each parade.

We also plan to participate in Avon Lakes BIG Truck Day in September. More information on parades and the Big Truck Day will be shared when available. Your support and participation would be appreciated as we engage in these community activities supporting our fraternity.

--Fire Brigade Chief Scott Croxford

Legion of Honor

AL KORAN LOH UNIT'S NEXT MEETING is Monday September 27 at St Matthews Church Hall at 6:30PM, 9549 Highland Drive Brecksville Ohio 44141. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. All Al Koran Veterans are welcome to attend our meetings.

GLSA LOH 46th annual meeting August 25 - August 28, Springfield Illinois where Al Koran LOH Commander Wayne Angstrom will be installed as GLSA LOH Commander. GLSA LOH is looking for a 2nd LT Commander and an Adjutant candidate. Please let me know if you may be interested in one of these positions? GLSA LOH 47th annual meeting will be held in Cleveland August in 2022, 8/24 - 8/27. It looks like our hotel selection will be The DoubleTree by Hilton in Independence. We will finalize 2022 planning over the next three months so we may present the plan and agenda in August at Springfield. This years registration information is on the ialoh.org website under associations. There you will find registration, hotel information and agenda.

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Al Koran's Hillbilly Crooked River Clan will continue meeting in July and August at St Matthews Church Hall in Brecksville on the fourth Wednesday each month at 6PM. 9549 Highland Drive, Brecksville Ohio 44141. All we need is you and your guest and a dish of food for all to share. Next meeting is Wednesday July 28 at 6PM.

Raban of the Clan Ronn Murphy

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WHAT A PARADE IT WAS.

Our fraternity is a family and the family showed up for the parade.

I am so pleased to say that this Fire Brigade parade had more participants than can ever be remembered. Big thanks to Bill Marshall, Bother Senior Deacon, and the new West Shore Lodge #804 (formerly Mid Century & Rocky River) members and families, Big Red carried some 25 Masons and family members through the streets of Avon Lake on a glorious Memorial Day.





















HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday Boy Glen with his BDay Bagel and candle.