



# Al Koran Shriners News



## *Al Koran Leadership for 2022*



*Following the Election of Officers for 2022 the "Obligation" was given by Illustrious Sir Al Paynter*



*Potentate Elect Robert Carlson takes the Obligation of his Office*

## The Al Koran

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### ELECTED DIVAN

Potentate ..... Robert Carlson  
Chief Rabban ..... Terry Hamilton, P.P.  
Assistant Rabban ..... Bru Lewis  
High Priest & Profit ..... Michael Spisak  
Oriental Guide ..... Brandon Gould  
Treasurer ..... Jay Flack  
Recorder ..... Thomas Klecan



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## From the Potentate



Robert Carlson

I appreciate everyone's support in my election to potentate. I'm looking forward to getting out and seeing every club, unit, and getting plans in place for each to work on fundraising and fun activities for the coming year.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our installation which is January 15, 2022, at the Berea Masonic Center (where

we hold our monthly meetings). Cocktails at five, dinner at six, and installation of Divan officers after dinner and installation of and any clubs and units that would like to participate. Contact the office for more information. This should be a nice evening, and again thank you for your trust and confidence.

YIF,

Bob Carlson



## Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **January 17, 2022** 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.

Robert Carlson, Illustrious Potentate  
Thomas Klecan P.P., Recorder

*Es Selamu Aleikum*

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## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

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January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2022!

January 10 - Hunter's Meeting - Officer's Installation  
(Al Koran offices)

January 15 - Al Koran Officer's Installation - Berea Masonic Center  
More information to come

January 17 - Monthly Business Meeting

### FEBRUARY

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February 14 -Valentine's Day - BOD/Divan Meeting  
Hunter's Unit Meeting to follow

February 21 - President's Day - Monthly Business Meeting

## Mariners Log

BOB STANLEY, MSA

The Mariners would like to thank our Change of Watch. They included Jack Connor P.P., Bob Berteau 33°, Mark Bollinger P.P. 33°, and Scott Bratton 33°.

In January, with the darkness of winter upon us, the brightest week is always of the Cleveland Boat Show. If you need to find a Mariner, this is the first place to look for him while boat show is open.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker, has informed me at this writing (December 5) that sick back is empty. Keep taking your vitamins and avoid all falls during the old man winter months of snow. To the lucky Florida snowbirds, don't forget your sunscreen.

We have learned that Wayne Angstrom P.P. was visited by the Black Camel on November 22. Wayne was our Potentate in 2015 and was currently Commander of the Great Lakes Legion of Honor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his Sandra and children.

Don't forget to mark your calendars down for Saturday, January 15, 2022, which will be the installation of our Al Koran Shrine Officers for 2022.

The January business meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, January 17. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the January Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

For information regarding meetings, memberships, or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

God Speed!

## November 2021 Membership

<b>November 1st</b>	<b>887 Regular</b>	<b>6 Associates</b>
Creations	3	0
Restorations	0	0
Demits	3	0
Deaths	4	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0

**November 30            883 Regular    6 Associates**

**Total Membership as of Nov. 30, 2021 .... 889 Nobles**

## In Memorium

**Wayne R. Angstrom**

**Bart M. Baker**

**Basil L. Plemons**

**Lewis H. Stigall**





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# HILLBILLY Chili Cookoff

**Sunday  
March 13, 2022  
2:00 pm**

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**Any proceeds will benefit our  
Hospital Transportation fund**



**Doors open at 1:30pm  
Judging of Chili starts at 2:00pm**

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## **Hunters Unit**

Hunters met in November and elected new Officers for 2022. Al Paynter P.P. was elected Cheif of the Hunters, Brandon Gould was elected Secretary and Russ Arndt will continue as Treasurer. A Thanks to Roger Neff, P.P. for his guidance as Chief and Tom Munro as Assistant Chief, for the past two years. Also a thanks to Mike Davison P.P., for his actions as Secretary the past several years.

The Hunters will hold a short meeting January 10 at 6:30, followed by the Installation of of the new Officers. The meeting will be at Al Koran offices, 6801 Engle Road , Suite B , Middleburgh Hts.

Might be some left over Christmas cookies available....

The Hunters are also wrapping up the final raffle ticket sales for the Springfield "Hellcat" 9mm pistol. Only 250 tickets to be sold at \$10 each. Supporting the Hunters and their contribution to others through out the year. Tickets available from Hunters... just ask.

**(Brother from Zenobia Shriners has former Al Koran member family property ... we all need to consider)**

**Burial Plots For Sale. Twinsburg, Oh.  
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## ***From the Recorder***

I would like to thank the Nobility for their confidence in me, and re-electing me Recorder for Al Koran Shriners of Cleveland, Ohio. This has been a labor of love for me, but it is a little like owning a home, there is always something that needs taking care of.

As you may already know, Al Koran has not had a business manager in over a year, so all the work previously done by that person is now handled by the Recorder and the Treasurer, and we are both part time volunteers. As Recorder I have sent out over 135 Thank You letters, processed over 980 dues, processed hundreds of donations to the hospitals, paid the bills each month, and assisted with all of the 2021 functions of Al Koran. Our Treasurer, Jay Flack, has kept Al Koran in the black these last few years; he's done an outstanding job. Our "building fund", the proceeds from the sale of the property on Edgerton Road has increased by over 100%.

I have heard some grumbling about members paying their dues complaining about an assessment for the building, a building we no longer have. Nobles that portion of your dues was gobbled up by the per capita increase we had several years ago, we did not pass that increase on to you but subsidized it with the current rate of dues we have. Interesting fact we had more members in 1896 than we do today, and the initiation fee was about the same \$125, which is about \$4,000.00 and dues were \$50 which is about \$1600 today. You are getting quite a break.

Beware Nobles; there is another per capita increase on the horizon. Last year at Imperial Session, a \$20 increase in per capita (it was \$15, raised to \$30 several years ago) was narrowly defeated by the Nobility in attendance. I don't think that will happen this year, it is most likely to pass this coming July, and Al Koran cannot fund this potential increase as we did last time. Remember there are less than one thousand members of Al Koran, and if things continue to go as they have, we will be under 900 by the end of the new year.

While our funds have increased so have our costs. We have trimmed as many non essential costs as we can. Our income from dues is less than \$90,000.00. Nobles, that money just pays our bills, in fact, as it may pay the bills there are, often unexpected costs exceed the monies we take in. The monies in our investments are an investment in the future of Al Koran.

We are not the only Shrine Center experiencing such difficulties. There are a significant number of Centers in the same or worse shape than Al Koran. Membership growth in the Shrine has been international, although there are a good number of centers here in the US doing just fine.

Which brings me to Membership, I know, you hear this all the time, but it really is important. Please ask you sons, your grandsons, your nephews to join, and if they join, get them involved, then get out of their way. Let them experience for themselves what it is like to have fun and fellowship with others their own age, so that this wonderful institution and philanthropy will endure.

Enough with the doom and gloom, we should all be thankful for what we still have, and I am. Thus, I look forward to serving Al Koran and the Nobility in 2022; I wish you all good health, peace, and prosperity in the New Year. Happy New Year!

You can reach me by e-mail at [klecantom@hotmail.com](mailto:klecantom@hotmail.com) or call the office 440-546-8966 and select #1 Recorder.

Thank you.

Tom Klecan PP, Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

## Al Koran Boosters

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## Bay Shrine Club

**Bay Shrine Club meets for a lunch meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month.**

**Call Chuck Erickson 440 835-0726 to join the group and make a reservation.**

## Lorain Fire Brigade



Lorain County Shriners meetings will be suspended during the months of January, February, & March 2022 due to weather concerns. Next meeting April 15th, 2022.

With input from Nobles and Ladies present it was decided to move our Meeting & Luncheon Club to Sugar Creek Restaurant, 5196 Detroit Rd, Sheffield. 934-5059. Gathering times will remain the same at 11:00 am. Meeting at 11:30 exact, approximately.



## **Mansfield Shrine Club**

**Mansfield Shrine Club** combined their Christmas Party with their Installation of Officers. Good Fellowship, great food and fun times were had by all ho attended. The Club is looking forward to a happy and safe 2022.



## **Thank You from Publisher/Editor...**

This is my last Newsletter for Al Koran. Having just finished my 10th year producing this newsletter every month... it was time to let someone else explore their creative juices. I hope the Nobles and Ladies have enjoyed what I have brought to them during this time period.

When I took over the production I added some color (the web version is color throughout) and tried to get a lot of photos of YOU. Most of the photography in the early years was mine. I wish to thank Roger Calkins for many contributions, the clubs and units themselves, and recently Bru Lewis and Bill Kemp for providing many photos.

Mixing in some stories about "our kids" and giving some occasional insight to the Shriner Corporate world was part of my goal.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

-- Roger Neff P.P.



## Welcome New Shriners



*Illustrious Mike Davison welcomes three new Shriners from the Mid Ohio area. Welcome Jason Rupp, Shaun Dingus, and Michael Seveigny*



*Long time director of the Korvette Unit, Don Davis, receives his certificate of Emeritus for the Unit from Illustrious Sir (and Korvette driver) Mike Davison.*



*Roger Calkins, trusted Outer Guard for Al Koran since 2006 is awarded his Emeritus Certificate upon his retirement from the position. Presenting the award is Potentate Mike Davison.*

### **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, Jay Flack.,  
Editor & Publisher*

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Wayne County Sheriff Wm. Travis Hutchinson and Carl Richart Jr. make contribution to Shriners from Staff.



Mike Mirand and Bru Lewis make contributions to our Medical facilities from the Mid Ohio/ Mansfield Shriner Golf outing.



Illustrious Sir Michael Davison accepts a check from Hunter's Chief Roger Neff P.P. for the Children's Christmas Party from the Hunter's Unit.



***Lakewood Shrine Club celebrated Christmas with their installation of new officers. They are ... Mark Bollinger P.P. as President; David Stelmach, First Vice President; Eric Butler, Second Vice President, Treasurer Bill Schultz, and Secretary Bob Berteau. Board Members added are Jim Cain and Tom Joseph. A "Special" thank you goes out to John Rumbarger for his many ...many years of service as the Club's Treasurer. Installing Officers were Illustrious Michael Davison, Roger Neff P.P. and Jack Conner P.P.***



*Lady Debbie fezes President Mark Bollinger P.P.*



*Dave, Mark and Jim*

***A Barber Shop Quartet supplied some appreciated entertainment.***



*Judy and Elmer think of their first date in 1956*



*President Mark joins the group*



*Some special attention*

