



Al Koran Shriners News



Al Koran Installation



Installation of Elected Divan



Installation Team, Ronn Murphy, P.P., Mike Davison, P.P., and Mark Bollinger, P.P.



Daughter Mary, fezzing her father, Terry Hamilton, P.P.

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From the Chief Rabban



Robert Carlson

Happy New Year, well it didn't start out that way for our Potentate. As you may or may not be aware, Illustrious Sir Bob Carlson suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. At the time of this writing, he was in acute rehab at University Hospital. He is improving daily but has a feeding tube in his stomach as well as not being able to speak. His prognosis is optimistic for a full recovery soon, so please keep him and his wife Annie in your prayers and thoughts for quick healing.

Meanwhile as per Imperial bylaws, the Chief Rabban fills in and conducts the daily business that the Potentate normally would, so here I am at your service.

The installation of officers went well at the Temple in Berea and everyone is in place ready to get the year going pending Covid issues.

At this time, we have a Hillbilly Chili Cookoff at the Temple in March and we are making plans to attempt another Sportsman Raffle which will be a little different with a drawing of 50 guns without the dinner or meeting. We will continue to try to plan more events in the future.

Please support your clubs and units and if you're not a member, please visit one and consider joining. If all you do is go to an occasional business meeting, you will be bored, also if you have the time, get involved in the transportation of our special children to one of the hospitals, I guarantee that it will change your outlook as to why you are a Shriner.

I hope also as your Chief Rabban, to get out and visit each club and unit this year at some point, as well as visiting the ones that I am the Divan representative at. Speaking of the Divan, we have a great group of dedicated Nobles, ones in which I think will be terrific leaders throughout their rein and will bring in more new members and exciting functions in the future.

In conclusion, please support every function of your Shrine this year and let's build back the fun and philanthropy that Shrinedom has to offer.

Yours in Faith and for the Children

Terry A. Hamilton PP
Chief Rabban
Al Koran Shriners

Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **February 21, 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

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28					

February 14 - Valenine's Day - BOD/Divan Meeting

Hunter's Unit Meeting to follow

February 21 - President's Day - Monthly Business Meeting

MARCH

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March 13 – Hillbilly Chili Cookoff

March 14 – BOD/Divan Meeting

March 21 – Monthly Business Meeting

Mariners Log

BOB STANLEY, MSA

Over the holidays, I read an article in the Ashtabula Star Beacon about Christmas's of long ago. This is something us baby boomers can relate to. Do you remember in the golden age of television, when after school we would tune in on WEWS Channel 5 and watch Captain Penny and when Christmas Season arrived so would Mr. Jingeling. We also could turn on KYW Channel 3 and watch Barnaby. These truly were the days of good family television.

Several Mariners were seen at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Boat Show. When it's time for the boat show, you know Spring is two months away and our boating season is right around the corner.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me as of this writing (January 5) that sick bay is empty. With winter upon us, stay warm and healthy.

On December 6, the Grand Architect of the Universe called on Past International Commodore Bill Davis to cross over the bar and sail his final voyage to the Port of Heaven. Bill was International Commodore in 2020-2021, Past Hadi Commodore, Past Rizpah Commodore, Past No-Ruz Monarch Grotto. He was extremely proud of his Honorary Membership in Al Koran Shrine. Bill was a true river boater. His knowledge of the Ohio River with its sand bars and currents would rival that of legendary Mike Fink from the early 19th century. He truly was Captain amongst boaters.

There will be no Mariners meeting in February, instead, a group of hardy Mariners will be doing some ice fishing on Lake Erie. If you plan to venture out onto a frozen lake, remember the words of the Ohio DNR. There is no such thing as: 100% safe ice

- Two inches of ice, please stay off
- Four inches of ice for walking or ice fishing
- Six inches for snowmobiles and atv's
- Eight to twelve inches for cars and small trucks

The February Business meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, February 21. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the February Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

Mark your calendar for the Mariners Annual Brunch Cruise of 2022. On Sunday, April 24, the Mariners along with Al Koran Shrine, will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (I.O.B.G.) for a Welcome Spring Brunch Cruise on the Nautica Queen. We will be boarding at 1230 hours with the cruise along Cleveland Shore Line commencing from 1300 hours to 1530 hours. This year the I.O.B.G. has reserved the entire Nautica Queen for this afternoon. Seating is limited to 270 people. For information concerning this cruise, membership of activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

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

December 2021 Membership

December 1st	880 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	2	0
Restorations	0	0
Demits	2	0
Deaths	3	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	1	0

November 30 880 Regular 6 Associates

Total Membership as of Dec. 31, 2021 886 Nobles

In Memorium

James L. Hodge Jr.

John M. Jacobs

Oliver A. Murphy



Enter Your Goodest Chili Recipe Fur
Great Prizes!!

Annual

HILLBILLY Chili Cookoff

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

**Berea Masonic Center 366
Eastland Road Berea, Ohio**

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



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

If you bring Chili or a
Homemade Dessert,
it's Free. If you just
come to sample, it's a
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Hunters Unit

At our October Meeting It was decided that our Chief Rabban of the Clan, Ronn Murphy PP, would carry over for 2022. Also at the meeting we elected as Keeper Of the Cob, Al Paynter PP, and Keeper Of the Still, Mark Bollinger PP. Since this article is being written two weeks before our Installation it is not sure who will be installed as Keeper of the Quill. But our Installation held on January 26th.

Yes, we are holding our Annual Hillbilly Chili Cookoff on time this year. Not seven months later like last year because of the China Covid. There was a question that arose last year and that was concerning the dessert competition. If you bring Chili or HOMEMADE DESERT the \$10 entrance fee is waved. You still have all the chili, hot dogs, and dessert you can eat. The Cookoff will again, be held at the Berea Masonic Center, at 366 Eastland Rd, in beautiful Berea Ohio. In the News Letter there are phone numbers and emails in the ad to make reservations if you are bring chili and/or just eat. Please help us as we not only have to set up the hall but tear it down and this info will give us some insight on how to arrange things.

Since we are coming back from our Fall Vacation, we are still meeting at St. Matthews Church at 9549 Highland Dr, in Brecksville. We are still having a pot luck with gathering time 5:30 and vittles at 6:00, on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you there.

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

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From the Recorder

Welcome to 2022. Let us hope we can return to a more normal existence. Covid has had a detrimental effect upon Al Koran, as we have fewer and fewer events we are losing many members and participants to other activities. Many of the clubs and units are having tough times. We need to get back to fun and fellowship, and to be able to meet and gather in comfort and safety. As we are a social organization we need to socialize.

Dues have been coming in and 75% of you have paid your 2022 dues. If you are unsure of your status you can check it out on Webfez. If you feel that there is an error, please call the office or send me and e-mail. Please provide me with a date and means of payment, such as check or credit card. I do not want the numbers on your credit card just the date you paid. If you paid by check please make sure it has cleared at your financial institution. If you use a payment service please make sure that the information provided to that service is correct. I have received quite a few payments sent to Broadview Heights and to Brecksville. The correct address for correspondence with Al Koran Shriners is P.O. Box 81184, Cleveland, Ohio 44181.

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, it is currently \$30, and now they want to raise it to \$50.) 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 subsidize this potential increase as we did last time. Remember there are less than 900 members of Al Koran, and if thing continue to go as they have we will be under 800 by the end of this year. I mentioned this last month and will continue to keep you updated.

We longer have a building of our own, but many are under the assumption that they are being charges a "Building assessment." You are not. But our costs of doing the business of Al Koran continue to increase and our income continues to decrease. If anything that "Building Assessment" (we no longer have), went to offset the last per capita increase, the one from \$15 to \$30.

To all our Total Life Members, you have all paid your life membership as well as purchased a life membership for per capita and hospital assessment. You will be receiving a letter from me soon. I just need to know if you are still with us. I have found information on many of you on the internet, but a few of you I can find no information at all on. I am trying to make sure the records of our membership are accurate.

Finally, the families of many of our deceased members have called regarding the magazine no longer being needed. I am working on it, bare with me.

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

Al Koran Boosters

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John Russert.....	2/1/22	Ken & Beth Wiedig.....	7/1/22	Ralph & Eda Thadeus.....	7/1/23
Roger & Mary Lou Neff....	3/1/22	Bob & Nancy Stanley	7/1/22	Gordon Hastler	7/1/23
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John Haught	3/1/22	Creighton & Winnie Bradler	7/1/22	Ralph & Cynthia Lindeman	11/1/23
Robert C. Powell	4/1/22	Ray & Kay Wilson.....	9/1/22	Dan Egar	11/1/23
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Charles & Barbara Bradler	7/1/22	Debbie Saiter & Fudge.....	1/1/23		
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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.

Krazy Kops



The Krazy Kops are alive and well and preparing for the new year filled with hijinks, parades, and fun with a purpose. PD Tom Klecan is now entering his 7th year as our Director. (We think he is going for that free set of steak knives.)

Last year we elevated the following members to Krazy Kops Life Member status: Don Auping, PD, Gary Brookins, PD, Glen Jenkins, Jim Lloyd, and Ron Sowers, PD. (We were going to make a bigger deal about elevating these long-time Kops last year, but COVID got in the way). Congrats guys!

Our fist parade of the year will be St. Patrick's Day. Your \$25 PSL fee paid in advance will guarantee your seat. Act now, the Paddy Wagon is always full for this one. Let's make it a great year!

-Mike Spisak, PD
Secretary/Treasurer

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.

Hunters Installation



Terry Hamilton, P.P. Installing Officer, Al Paynter Chief, Billy Bragg, Asst. Chief, Russ Arndt, Treasurer, and Brandon Gould, Secretary, Potentate Mike Davison, Mark Bollinger, P.P.

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*Thank You, Jay Flack.,
Editor & Publisher*

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Mariners Change of Watch



Al Koran Installation



Onions Onions Onions Onions

Al Koran will be selling onions this year (2022). Orders will begin in March with delivery expected in early May.

We will accept orders from Clubs and Units, not single individuals.

So, place your order through a Club or unit.

Price is the same as in previous years \$10 for a 10-pound bag.

Clubs and Units opting out of selling onions, please consider donating to Al Koran instead.