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Robert Carlson

What a day to be back in the saddle! I'd like to thank the illustrious Sir Hamilton for keeping the lights on. My disease, Expressive aphasia. This is also called Broca's or nonfluent aphasia. People with this pattern of aphasia may understand what other people say better than they can speak. People with this pattern of aphasia struggle to get words out, speak in very short sentences and omit words. For me, I have the words to

get out but don't seem to find them easily. I keep trying and the words come out eventually. Speech therapy will continue. Many thanks to all of you who reached out with well wishes, cards and phone calls. All were very much appreciated.

Parade season is here! Geauga County Maple festival rewarded us with beautiful weather and a great turnout. As usual, the Korvettes were well-received. We need to have others partake, hunters, Legion of honor, etc. the crazy cops in and the Mansfield parades have already begun their May and June's calendars.

Bob Carlson

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Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **June 20, 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
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Calendar of Events

JUNE

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Jun 13 – BOD/Divan Meeting
Jun 20 – Monthly Business Meeting

JULY

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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*

Mariners Log

BOB STANLEY, MSA

With the boating season upon us, we must remind boaters that the life jacket (P.F.D.) are useless unless they are worn. When venturing out to enjoy a day on Lake Erie or any other body of water, for your safety and your family's safety, always wear your P.F.D.

Our Sunshine Chairman, P/C John Baker has informed me that as of this writing (May 1), sick bay is empty and all are healthy and ready to enjoy the summer boating season.

The mystery question for the month of June is as follows: Which President of the United States received the Congressional Medal of Honor and was a Mason?

At the recent meeting of the Ohio Shrine Association in Columbus, Ohio, Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. has been elected and installed as 4th Vice President of the Ohio Shrine Association. Congratulations Ronn.

As in the past years, there will be several Mainers and ladies who will be cruising to Huron, Ohio. This will be for the Annual Greater Cleveland Boating Association Summer Rendezvous. The dates are June 17, 18, and 19 while the port of call is the Huron Boat Basin.

The June Al Koran Shrine business meeting will be held on Monday, June 20. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the June Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The Mariners June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and the meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Al Koran is bringing back the Sportsman's Raffle this year. 50 firearms are to be raffled off on Monday, October 31. Tickets are \$25.00 each and maybe purchased on line or from members of Al Koran Shrine. Let's make this the best Sportsman's Raffle Al Koran Shrine ever had.

With all our summer activities coming up, it is always good to remember if you and your lady are looking to have fun in our Shrine, come join the Mariners. For information concerning membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

The Mariners would like to wish all nobles of Al Koran Shrine a Happy Father's Day. Don't forget to fly your flag on Flag Day. God's Speed!



Al Koran was represented at the 101st meeting of The Ohio Shrine Association by Oriental Guide Brandon Gould, Mike Davison PP, Roger Neff PP and last years OSA President, and Ron Murphy PP who was moved up in the Association Line. Imperial Sir Larry Lieb, First Ceremonial Master represented Shriners International and did the honors of installing the new Officers."

In Memorium

Edward E. Heller
Albert L. Strodtbeck



Hunter's Unit

Well Summer has finally arrived. At least according to the calendar. At our last meeting it was decided to have activities like we did be for the Covid. We haven't had a Family Picnic in a long time, so we are planning to have one in August, but place and time will be announced later. We just had our meeting yesterday (May).

Plans are also in the making for a day at the Gun Range and there to plans are for coming. As far as meetings are concerned, we will be dark for July and August, but we plan to get together during these months with activities.

Come June 11th Al Koran Shrine and The Legion of Honor have been planning our own memorial day. This is not just Al Koran to celebrate, but Shriners in general. Al Koran's Monument dedication will be unveiled on this historic day. There is a bus that will leave the Brook Park station at 9:30AM so if you are taking the bus you must be there by 9:00AM. The dedicated memorial is honoring All Veterans and all ranks of service.

Congratulations to all those that had a hand in making this a reality, and to Wayne Angstrom and his dream. Also a special thank you to Wayne's Wife, Sandy, and the Angstrom family.

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

At the last meeting which was in April, we had a very good turn out with plenty of vittles. Just to make every one aware, we are still meeting in July and August and still on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Now, this meeting in June we are having another Initiation and the date is the 22nd which is the fourth Wednesday. It looks like there might be about 6 Flatlanders that wish to join in the fun.

We are still meeting at St. Mathews Church Hall, located at 9549 Highland Dr. in Brecksville. This is a potluck. So, pack up your finest vittles and join us. Gathering about 5:30PM vittles at 6:00PM and Initiation about 7:00. You don't need to be a hillbilly to join in, but it helps.

Don't fer get June 11th and a bus ride to the Western Reserve National Cemetery to Seville Ohio. Dedication will begin at 11:00AM

Krazy Kops



Greetings fellow Krazy Kops.

We are saddened by the loss of one of our long-time members, Jim Lloyd. He will be remembered for his miniature harmonica playing, his contagious smile, and his numerous funny stories. Those of us who knew him well are better men for having known him. In Jim's memory, the Krazy Kops will be donating \$250 in his name to the Al Koran Transportation Fund.

By the time this article goes to print, the Chagrin Falls and Westlake parades will be in the books. The Highland Heights parade will be July 23. We are still trying to ascertain whether we will march in Middleburg Heights this year.

Finally, congratulations to the new Co-chairmen of the "social committee" – Trevor Cutts and Brady Woodworth! They are hard at work planning something fun for us – Perhaps a golf outing? Perhaps Beer Brewing? They might even try to resurrect the old "Prisoners Ball"?

Interested in knowing more? Then come to our meetings and let your voice be heard.

Mike Spisak, PD
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From the Recorder

Finally, Summer! Warm weather and sunny days.

I know I am repeating myself but this information warrants repeating.

Awards for our 25, 50, 60, and 65 year members will be presented at our June business meeting, on June 20th, at the Berea Masonic Center. The letters of invitation to the Awardees' has gone out. If you feel you have been passed over or missed out please contact me at the office and I will look into it.

It's time to get active with your club or unit. Parade season is upon us. It will be great seeing all the Nobles and their ladies again. Please see our website alkoranshriners.com for a list of upcoming events. These events should also be on the calendar on the website. If your Club or Unit's events are not there, it is because no one sent them to me to have them posted.

Noble Mike Spisak our High Priest and Prophet has generated a min-page for our existing Clubs and Units. But in order to keep it fresh we need your help, and your input. Nobles this is a great way to attract new members, but we need your assistance. Please designate a member of your club or unit to be your publicity chief, have him update your mini-page, or at least send stuff into Al Koran so we can do it for you.

We have resumed dinner prior to the business meeting, an email detailing what is for dinner goes out the week before the business meeting. Reservations are essential, and must be made, we cannot afford to order dinners on the hope that people will be there, and I only order enough to cover those who respond. Reservations should be in by the Friday preceding the business meeting.

I will not have a report on Imperial for you in the July newsletter, because of timing; however, I should have one for you in August. Remember, Imperial is seeking a \$20 increase in per capita. They have done a pretty good job of selling the need for one to the Recorders and Treasurers at their seminars this year, and their effort barely failed in 2021. Al Koran is in no position financially to absorb that per capita increase. So a dues increase is potentially on its way. Just letting you know.

Please, Please, Please support the Al Koran Sportsman's Raffle, Please sell tickets, or refer buyers to the web site to do so. Remember, winner have the choice of the prize awarded or the value of the awarded prize in other merchandise, such as fishing or camping equipment, footwear, and clothing.

You can reach me by e-mail at klecantom@hotmail.com, clevelandshriners@gmail.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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Lakewood Shrine Club

Lakewood Shrine Club invites you to join us at our next get-together on **Wednesday, June 8** at 6pm at the Cleveland Yacht Club – a beautiful venue for a great gathering of wonderful Shriners. Your first dinner is free, just make a reservation with Kay Stelmach at **440-655-0525**. Sometimes we have top notch entertainment. This is a first class group and a first class evening with our ladies, so put on your business attire and join us, and don't forget your fez!

--Mark Bollinger, President

Korvette News

NOBLES THE KORVETTE UNIT NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!!!!!!!

Nobles as you probably know the Korvette's are one of the primer parade units In Al Koran and the parade watchers are always looking for them. Nobles due to circumstances beyond anyone's control the Korvette unit has lost a number of drivers. Some are hopefully short term and at least one is probably long term. Right now we only have 4 active drivers, which is really not enough to put on a good show at a Shrine parade. So having said that, we need some new drivers NOW before the parade season starts. Even if you do not want to be a full time driver or do not have the time to be in all of the parades we could use some Nobles to be a part time drivers and help out in 2 or 3 parades. We can teach you the basic parade maneuvers in about an hour. Not only would you be helping the Korvette's, Al Koran Shrine and our special Kids. So if you can help, even in a small way, please call Director Don Davis **440-336-3540** or Ill. Mike Davison **330-608-2414** or myself Ill. Al Paynter **216-346-3162**



**Annual
AASR Valley of Cleveland & Al Koran Shriners
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Team entry

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AL KORAN MARINERS YACHT CLUB

BRIDGE SOUNDINGS

May 2022



From the Bridge

Ahoy, Members:

The weather is starting to cooperate and the temperature is rising. It's time to get the boats back in the water. The Nautica Queen Sunday Brunch Cruise was awesome; food was yummy, the weather was wonderful and the fellowship and friendship flowed over as the day went on. Below you will see details about another cruise this season.

The next Mariners meeting is Tuesday, May 31st at 6 pm, Edgewater Yacht Club. Ladies are invited.

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The following is a list of fun events that as a AKMYC member, you can participate and join in the fun:

Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, 9 am. Line up at Burke Lake Airport; step off to march to the Cod, a WWII submarine. A brief service will honor the US military personnel who died while in the US Armed Forces, followed by a wonderful breakfast at Intercity Yacht Club.

Huron Basin Cocktail Party: June 18, from 2 to 3:30 pm in Huron.

Bay Week at Put-In-Bay. Events ends on July 29 - 30 with cocktails, dinner and awards. Fun times on the island.

Nautica Queen is returning. A second Nautica Queen Brunch Cruise is scheduled for Sunday, August 21, 2022. If you missed the first one, here is your chance to come aboard an amazing, yummy time on the lake.

September 23, 24 is the Phenomenal Wine Tasting Tour in Madison, Ohio. Hospitality room both nights and great wines to sample.

Please pay your Dues for this season and share your ideas with me to improve the FUN.

Thinking about a Life Membership program?

AHOY! Ronn Murphy, PP, Commodore 2022
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Brother Frank Bercheck has passed away. No details are known at this time.

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Sunshine

Anyone who knows of someone in our Mariners family who is ill, having some medical problems or has passed away, please notify our Sunshine Chairman John Baker His phone number is 216-374-7365

Legion of Honor

Your Legion of Honor unit is in the final stages in the planning of our ceremony to dedicate the Veteran's Monument. The dedication ceremony will commence at 11:00 am Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, Ohio

A 56 passenger bus is available for all those who do not want to drive. The bus schedule is as follows: Leaving RTA parking lot 18010 Brookpark Road at 9:30 am to load the bus and leave at 9:30 am.

If you would like to take the bus, email Jack Conner at jacmar@jeconner.com with the number of people in your party and your phone number.

Ill. Sir Mike Davison and 1st Lt. Commander George Anders are working to secure media coverage. Ill. Mike is contacting the Widow Sons Motor Unit and Police for an escort to the Cemetery.

The Great Lakes Legion of Honor will be held in Cleveland August 24-28. We need all the help we can get from Al Koran. Registration forms are in this Magazine.



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Eva's Ride



Noble Roger Calkins had his niece contact Roger Neff PP, Chairman of Shriner's Children Erie's Board of Governor to see if Shriners could help her granddaughter Eva.

Eva, age 8, has a very rare genetic disorder. There currently is no cure for the 30 + cases in the U.S.. Though a Neuro Muscular disease similar to ones treated by Shriner's Hospitals for Children it was determined that Eva's current treatment team was where she needed to be. The disorder has taken Eva's eyesight in the past couple of years and deterioration of the muscles will follow. Make-a-Wish foundation has some specials plans for Eva later this summer.

Conversations with the family indicated that a special bicycle, one designed for sight impaired kids, could help Eva keep her core and leg muscles working for as long as possible. The Family had found a group in Baton Rouge, LA that could possibly help. Problem was ... there was a 2-2½ year waiting period.

Neff got involved, made the contacts with the foundation, had Eva's physical therapist help spec the bike and Eva's needs and then secured the funding through Al Koran Hunters.

Just two days short of three weeks time the Bike pieces were delivered to Neff's home. He assembled the bike and delivered the next day to Eva and her family in North Royalton. Joining Neff were Al Paynter PP and current Chief of the Hunter, Russ Arndt treasurer of the Hunters and Great Uncle Roger Calkins. Pink being her favorite color... so is the bike. Eva asked a lot of questions, and rode her bike a lot with different family members taking turns at guiding. A stationary stand was also purchased so Eva can continue her riding... rain, snow or shine.

The only ones happier than Eva and her family... were the Shriners present.