

Al Koran Shriners News







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Robert Carlson

Happy Summer!

Summertime is here and that has me thinking parade season. Come see the Korvettes and Krazy Kops at our next parade. Even if you don't per take in the parade, come on out and see your shrine center participate.

Awards night: we had 25,50 and even a couple 65 year recipients. Unfortunately

only a handful of the 25 year recipients were able to attend.

Sportsman's raffle. The Sportsmans raffle is currently underway. This is our one chance to make ends meet and we can always use more people to get involved. If anyone has any contacts or knows of any hunters, it might be a good idea to get them involved. See any divan member for details

Bob Carlson



Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **September 19, 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

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For a detailed

Calendar of Events,
see Al Koran Website

SEP 12 – BOD/Divan Meeting SEP 19 – Business Meeting

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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

From the Recorder

You want the Good News first or the Bad News first? Good News is that the per capita increase failed. The bad news is that it may spell the end of the Fraternity. Well, probably not, but Imperial sessions will be scaled back, if not held at all, see the other blurb in the magazine on this subject. Imperial will bring it back again next year.

Your Hospitals are doing quite well, well enough not to need the Fraterinty. Imperial session was pretty short and sweet. While attendance was down it was only down a little bit. You may remember that I told you that this year's (2022) Budget to run the Hospitals was \$1.1 Billion. Donations for the hospitals were well over half of that and in fact almost 60%. Third party pay and income from the endowment accounted for another 35%, so deficient spending was significantly reduced.

Many of our facilities have moved to a clinic model or an ambulatory surgical center, and no longer have beds for patients. However, overall, Shriners Childrens, our new title, is seeing more children for less money, and affecting the lives of many more children in a positive way. We are still the leaders in orthopedic, spinal, and burn care.

Now to items closer to Al Koran.

Letters were sent out to all our delinquent members in May. Many of you have responded and thank you for that. But I still have over 40 delinquencies. If you no longer wish to remain a member you can demit or resign, for our members experiencing health or financial issues, please contact me, we may be able to help with your dues. 2023 dues notices begin in September. Actually, if you look at WebFez you will notice that you have already been assessed for your 2023 dues.

The Al Koran Sportsman's Raffle is in full swing. Nobles, support of this endeavor is imperative. Please get the word out. If you prefer not to participate please recommend the event to others. Al Koran needs a financially beneficial event. Honestly, the alternative is to raise dues, and that may happen anyway, just to cover the potential per capita increase. A successful raffle is the best way to keep dues from increasing even more that the \$20 for the per capita.

We are back to enjoying fellowship prior to our Business Meetings, E-mail notices go out before each meeting specifying the dinner selection. We also have an assortment of adult libations available, so please come to our meetings for fellowship with the Nobility. You will receive information on our hospitals as well as our fraternity.

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

\$13.5 Million, when membership

Per capita increase from Imperial?

Well you can breathe a sigh of relief, or can you? The proposed per capita increase sought by Imperial failed, narrowly. So, al Koran dues for 2023 will remain the same. However, after the failed vote the members also voted to retain the \$20 per diem, and the travel expenses of their spouse.

While I won't get into the politics of such things it appears we are voting ourselves benefits we cannot pay for. Imperial Session is the most expensive item in the Iowa Corporation (Fraternal) budget. Delegates, and their spouses, receive reimbursement for their travel expenses, within the guidelines of the bylaws. (Lowest coach fare from the airport closest to the Temple.) The Delegate also gets a \$20 per diem for food. From the presentation of the budget, Imperial is doing all they can to cut and contain costs. I personally do not understand the Us v. Them attitude many of the delegates choose to adopt when at Session. I believe we need to pass the increase next year, because if not, Imperial cannot afford to hold an Imperial Session. Do the math when we had 900,000 members and per capita wa \$15 dollars Imperial income was

August 2022 Membership

August 1st	859 Regular	6 Associates			
Creations	5	0			
Restorations	2	0			
Demits	0	0			
Suspensions	9	0			
Expired	8	0			
Resignations	4	0			
July 30	845 Regular	6 Associates			
Total Membership as of Aug. 31, 2022 865 Nobles					

Mariners Log

Bob Stanley M.S.A.

Do you know that the state of Ohio has its own Naval Militia? The Ohio Naval Militia dates back to 1896. It is an organized, unarmed, all volunteer unit that serves under the direction of the Governor and Adjutant General's Department of the State of Ohio. It is governed by the Ohio Revised Code Sections 5920.1 and 5921.0. They assist in natural disasters or other emergencies. Their active mission is to patrol the government impact area off Camp Perry. This is a live-fire area in Lake Erie that requires pleasure boaters and fisherman from entering, by patrolling the impact area. The Ohio Naval Militia provides support for the Ohio Natural Guard and other military units firing these live-fire exercises.

The Past Shrine Imperial Session in Minneapolis Minnesota, our Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. was installed as International Commodore of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. The I.A.S.Y.C. consists of 48 Shrine Yacht Clubs around the world. Ronn joins Bob Bodenstein P.P. 33 and Bob Stanley who served the I.A.S.Y.C. as International Commodores.

The Mariners would like to thank Chief Terry Hamilton P.P. and Secretary Tom Klecan P.P. who were elected by our nobility to represent Al Koran Shrine at the meetings during the Imperial Session. This year it was held in early July in Minneapolis Minnesota. It is at these Imperial Sessions that the future of Shriners International are determined.

Sunshine Chairman P.C. John Baker has informed me at this writing (August 5) that sick bay is empty and we have a healthy crew.

We have learned that our past onion chairman Frank Bercheck has crossed over the bar and took his final voyage to the Port of Heaven. Over the years, Frank chaired our onion sales and year after year the Mariners were the top selling onion group in Al Koran Shrine. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bercheck family.

Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. and P/C Mark Cain represented the Mariners and District 7 of the I.O.B.G. at the I-LYA summer regatta at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. This year was the 129th regatta that was held on the last week of July. It brings together 139-member yacht clubs that form the Inter-Lake Yachting Association which are located in the Lake Erie watershed.

The September Al Koran Business meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022. The location and time will be in the official call of the Potentate in the September Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

Come join the Mariners as we join I.O.B.G. Districts 7 and 9 as we visit four wineries in the Madison-Geneva area. We will board the wine bus at the Holiday Inn Express in Madison on Saturday, September 24 at 12 hours, for an afternoon of friendship and fun. We will return to the Holiday Inn Express at 1800 hours. This is one excursion where you don't have to drive. Just sit back and enjoy the aroma of ripening grapes. If you've never experienced a wine day tour, this is the year to join us.

There is one more parade for the 2022 season. This is the grand daddy of all Ohio parades. It is the Annual Grape Festival Parade in Geneva, Ohio on Sunday September 25. If you like parades, grapes, crafts, wine, or wine burgers, you don't want to miss this one. It only happens once a year when Geneva is captivated with the wonderful aroma of grapes during this time of harvest season.

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at the Edgewater Yacht Club. We will meet for grog and chow at 1800 hours and our business meeting commences at 1900 hours. Our nominating committee will present their slate of Bridge of Officers for 2023. At this time, other nominations can also be presented. With Labor Day behind us, we will be dressed in our winter uniforms. For information concerning Mariners activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

Plain to enjoy the last of the lazy, hazy, crazy days of Summer.

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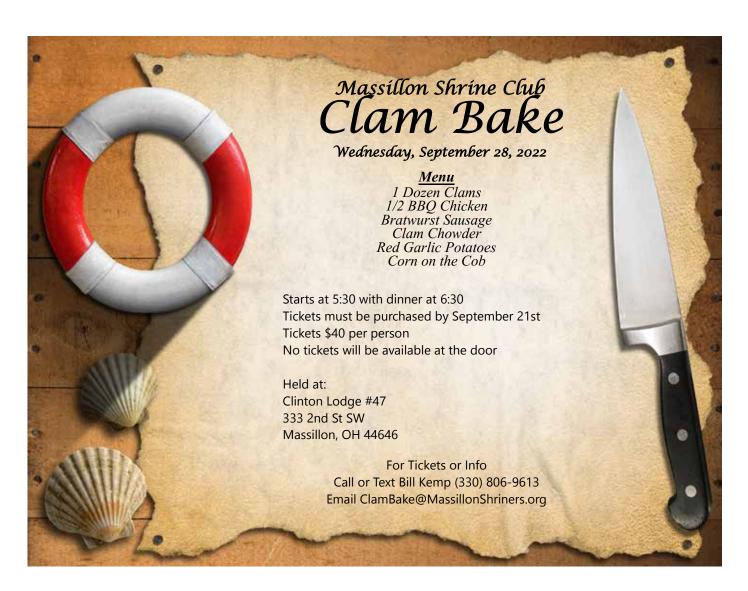


MASSILLON SHRINE CLUB UPDATE

Wow it really seems like a long, long time since I was able to report an activity going on here in Massillon. But the time has finally came. We are having a Clam Bake on Wednesday September 28th. This will be the first fundraiser in a few years.

Here is all the information you will need. On the 28th of September at the Massillon Masonic Temple (Clinton Lodge #47) 333 2nd St SW Massillon, Ohio 44646. For only \$ 40.00 you will receive one dozen clams, corn on the cob, clam chowder, ½ chicken, red skin potatoes, sausage with onions and peppers. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. This event is open to all! Please plan to attend and thank you all for your support.

We will be opening back up in September for our stated meetings. So, keep the third Wednesday open, (September 21st) and come on down and join us. Social hour is 5:30 with dinner at 6:30, with a short meeting to follow. We meet at Clinton Lodge #47, 333 2nd Street SW Massillon, Ohio44646. Please make reservations for dinner (only \$ 10.00) by calling or messaging me at (330) 806-9613. As always the Ladies are always welcome.



SHRINERS

the guys that help the kids!

Hunters Unit Turkey Shoot & Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday November 12, 2022

Doors open 5:00 PM * Dinner at 6:00 PM

At Berea Masonic Center, 366 Eastland Rd. Berea, OH

\$15 PER PERSON



A Family Affair



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Russ Arndt: 216-905-5629, Roger Neff: 440-478-1911 or Al Paynter: 216-346-3162

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Saturday, December 17th, 2022

10am-2pm

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Al Koran BS (Bourbon-Stogies) Unit Article

Greetings Shriners!

The BS Unit had our second meeting and we enjoyed hearing a guest speaker, the inventor of the bourbonator, which fast ages spirits. We even got to make our own bourbon. Watch for announcements here and on the Al Koran website for the next meeting.



"Smoke em' if you got em!""



Michael Spisak, "Humidor"

2022 Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Golf Event

The Mid-Ohio Shriners hosted the 6th Annual Golf Open August 8th at Westbrook Country Club with 68 players participating.

We were blessed with mother nature breaking up the rain just as Jeffrey Boyd started the event with the National Anthem. The day proceeded with a great group of players that was followed by an amazing dinner provided by Westbrook.

The dinner finished a great day for the Shriners, several inquiries of what we do and who we are. The event was a record day, with over 15K raised for the Kids. After all, when Shriners Play-Kids Win!





Krazy Kops



Greetings Shriners!

The Krazy Kops have been spotted causing hijinks on the East side, the West side, and now even in Lorain County! The Post-COVID world has had our phone ringing off the hook as more and more communities want to get "back to the old days" when the Krazy Kops came to their parade.

We have happily obliged. Our last 2 parades of the season will be North Olmsted on Aug. 28 and Columbus Day in Little Italy on Oct. 10.

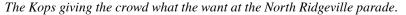
Michael Spisak, PD - Sect.-Treasurer



Prisoner James Cain engaging in a little "horse thievery" at the Independence parade.









Big Red from the Lorain County Fire Brigade with the Krazy Kops Paddy Wagon at the North Ridgeville parade. This is the first time in decades that these two Al Koran vehicles have marched in the same parade.

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Congratulation to the new members that joined the Hillbilly, Crooked River Clan #16. We had a great attendance at the last meeting on June 22nd, to welcome these, that were flatlands to the subline virtue of a hillbilly.

In the past, we, and for a number of years we had a porkchop dinner. WellIllIllIllI It's back. On August 6th at the Berea Masonic Center we will be holding this event. The last time we held the event was 2018 at our past Edgerton Rd. complex. Menu, will be salad, grilled pork chop, corn on the cob, baked potato (with trimmings), followed up with ice cream cups. All for the ridiculous price of \$15.00. Can't beat that. Won't promise, but trying to get some ho down music for line dancing, etc. Depends on music supply, space, and also short notice. We will have an open bar and tickets are available or reservations would be appreciated, since this is the first time in four years and we can't estimate the food and etc. Tickets or reservations call Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785 or email murphyrm@cox.net, or Russ Arndt 216-905-5629, email russellarndt@yahoo.com.

We would like to thank all those connected to the Legion of Honor Club for honoring all those that had served in the ranks of service and gave the ultimate sacrifice. When you look out over the grounds of this Ohio National Cemetery and see million of headstones, just think of how many other cemeteries there are, not just in the U.S.A., But thru out the world that had Americans laid to rest.

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Dear Nobles,

It is time again for the 44th annual Baldwin Wallace Lee Tressel Shrine Classic.

This year's event will be held on Saturday October 15, 2022, and features Baldwin Wallace Yellow Jackets v. the Muskingum Muskie's with a 1 pm kickoff.

As you are aware, Al Koran Shriners makes an annual contribution to the Baldwin Wallace athletic scholarship fund, which is presented at the Lee Tressel Shrine Classic.

Please assist us with our contribution by purchasing the tickets included with this letter. There are 4 of them and may be used to attend the game. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Please send your contribution to Al Koran Shriners in the envelope provided. If you are unable o use the tickets, please return them with your donation and we will see that one of our special children and their family can attend the game.

Thank you for your generous donation.

The Al Koran Divan.