

# **Trolley Car Debut**

Al Koran Shriners, primarily Hunters and One Lorain County Fire Brigader participate in the Avon Lake Homecoming parade. the Hunter's new Trolley Car and "Little Red" were met by appreciative onlookers ... clapping, and Thanking Shriners for what we do. A great experience.



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# Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **November 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 Thomas Klecan P.P., Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

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# Calendar of Events

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November 12:	Hunter's Turkey Shoot and Spaghetti Dinner
November 13:	BOD/Divan Meeting NO HUNTER'S MEETING
November 20:	Monthly Business meeting
December 12:	BOD/Divan Meeting
	Hunter's Meeting
December 17:	Children's Christmas Party
December 19:	Monthly Business Meeting Election of Al Koran Divan

For a detailed **Calendar of Events**, see AI Koran Website

November 12: Chief Pabhan's Cominar



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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

It's Dues Season again, and all of you who have already paid your dues THANK YOU. I have been entering them as they come in, so if you keep getting a reminder that you haven't paid, I'll check into it. Once your dues are paid you should not receive any further communications regarding your dues. Also please remember that Imperial is no longer sending out stickers with the current year on them so you will not receive any. Your dues card can be scanned and will let the Temple know you are paid up. You can also check you status at shrinersinternational.com or Webfez. You can now carry a digital dues card on your smart phone. The app for that is My Fezcard and is available at the app store. I downloaded and had it ready to go in less than five minutes. It shows my current dues status and a QR code feature for scanning in at events and entering contests.

I have to have this in before the sportsman's raffle, so hopefully you all sent your money and tickets back in and hopefully you were all winners. Yeah I know that's not possible but what the heck. We need a successful raffle, and appreciate the help and assistance of all the Nobles who participated. We have learned a lot this year and will apply it to next year's raffle.

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 librations available, so please come to our meetings for fellowship with the Nobility. You will receive the most up to date information on our hospitals as well as our fraternity.

Aides are needed to pour the libations and see that all is in order prior to and after our business meetings. Please see the Recorder if interested.

You can reach me by e-mail at klecantom@hotmail.com, clevelandshriners@gmail.com, or call the office 440-546-9866 and select #1 Recorder.

Thank you.

Tom Klecan PP,

Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

#### September 2022 Membership

September 1st	855 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	1	1
Restorations	1	0
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	1	0
Resignations	3	0
Expired	2	0
September 30	851 Regular	7 Associates

Total Membership as of Sept. 30, 2022 .... 858 Nobles





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pay dues or donate now button in the upper right corner.

Thanks to all that have already done so.

## = Mariners Log

As of this writing (October 4), Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me that a few of our members have been in sick bay. Now is the time to get your flu shot.

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

The Mariners November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

The Al Koran Mariners family would like to wish all in the Oasis of Al Koran Shrine a Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8. Yes, your vote does count.

# WHAT HAPPENS WITH MY DUES WHEN I REACH MY 50TH YEAR MEMBERSHIP?

Unlike the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Shriner's international, and Al Koran Shrine, does not automatically remit or suspend you payment of dues when you have reached the 50 year mark. We still ask that you pay your dues. We are aware that many of our more senior members do not participate as much as they used to. Furthermore, we are also aware that your health, both physically and financially, may not be as good as it used to be.

Therefore we do have an arrangement for qualifying members to remain Shriners at a reduced or fully remitted cost. To qualify your age and years of service in Shriner's must equal 103. Well over 75 Nobles meet these criteria. Remember, your dues include a per capita of \$30 and a hospital contribution of \$5, which Al Koran pays to Imperial whether or not you pay your dues.

If meet these criteria and can afford to pay please do, if you meet these criteria and would like to reduce your dues because of health or financial issues please send in the per capita and hospital assessment (\$35). The Recorder will forgive the Al Koran portion and keep you a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. If you would like a full remittance please ask. We know that many of you are proud to be a Shriner and would like to remain so, please send us the reason for requesting a full remittance and we will consider, and most likely approve, your request.

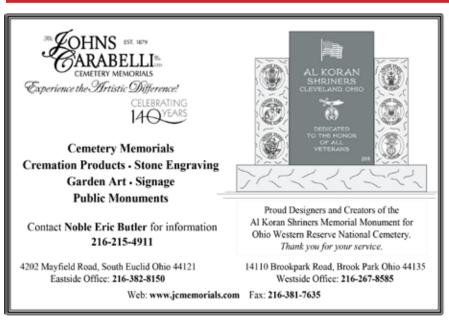


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# Legion of Honor

Our Al Koran Legion of Honor Unit, was the host of the Great Lakes Legion of Honor Convention, which was held August 24-27, 2022 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Independence. All indications are that this was a successful convention.

This convention is held each year in the city of the outgoing GLSA-LOH Commander. Ill. Wayne Angstrom was elected GLSA-LOH Commander in August of 2021. He was in the process of making plans for the 2022 Convention in Cleveland, until his untimely passing in 2021. Since the hotel contract had been signed, the GLSA-LOH Board of Directors elected to have the convention in Cleveland. Our



LOH Unit formed a committee to complete the planning and arrangements for 2022. This is the first time that Cleveland has host the convention since 1984, 38 years ago.

WE thank Lady Sandy Angstrom and her sons, Dave and Mark, for all their help and support. They sponsored the Cleveland Bus tour, provided all the printed programs, name tags and head table name plates.

Our Legion of Honor members were very supportive of this convention, especially the following: Ill. Sir Mike Davison and Noble Dale Richey who manning the Registration table and helping out in the evening in the Hospitality Room; Noble Lee Pilous, who set up and maintained the Hospitality Room each evening; our Commander Ill. Sir Al Paynter, who was in attendance every day and helped with hospitality; and 2nd Lt. Comm. George Anders and Lady Debbie who were in attendance every day and was our "point" man in seeking all the materials. George stated that the Cleveland Convention Bureau was not very helpful but he persisted.

Our color guard, including Ill. Sirs Mike Davison and Al Paynter, Nobles Lee Pilous, Jack Watson, Tom Munro and Chuck Bradler presented the colors at the opening ceremony and the installation banquet.

Our thanks to Lady Barb Fyfe PHP LOSNA, our tour guide on the bus tour of Cleveland, who also sold tickets on the gift baskets and 50/50 each evening from opening to close of our hospitality room.

We need to thank our Chief Rabban, Ill. Sir Terry Hamilton for attending the opening ceremony and introducing Al Koran members in attendance. Our Divan Rep, and Oriental Guide Brandon Gould and Lady Karen, made time to be at our Saturday lunches and Installation banquet.

The hotel was very accommodating and the food was very good, which always helps.

If you are a former member of the armed forces, you are encouraged to join the Al Koran Legion of Honor. You not only have the opportunity to socialize with fellow servicemen but also attend special events such as the annual visit to Arlington Cemetery in November to attend the laying of the wreath by the Shriners at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Please contact Commander Al Paynter for details. At (216)346-3162 or email: mrclean274@aol.com

### Hunter's Unit

After three months of consent working on the Trolly Trailer, work was completed, and entered in the Avon Lake Home Coming Parade on September 24th. We started to renovate this unit on June 24th. Construction stared with the cap above the roof to the primary sub roof, to rebuilding window frames and even remanufacturing 12 of the 15 windows. Of course, just about everything had to be painted. What really took some time was waiting to get the green Metal roof material and then getting installed. This was the Madden Run and, everything turned out fine. It is now being stored in a covered storage unit, being somewhat protected from the weather.

By now everyone should know about our 17th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot which is being held at the **Berea Masonic Center, at 366 Eastland Rd., in Berea Ohio, on November 12th**. Where can you get a full dinner including ice cream with an open bar for just \$15 bucks? We do ask that you either buy or call and reserve tickets. If you have 5 or more in the party and wish to sit together, inform the person you are getting the tickets from to reserve the number of seats you may want, and of course, the name . Doors will open at 5:00 PM and we will begin serving dinner at 6:00 PM.

Right now, we are still meeting at Al Koran's business office on the second Monday of the month, after the Divan meeting at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions or need info about the Hunters, call Chief Al Paynter at **216-346-3162.** 

## Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Last month (October) Hillbilly Clan #16 held it's election of officers, but we can't give the results of the election because we meet the 4th Wednesday. This news letter should be turned in by the second Wednesday of the month and that was October 12th. You figure it out. We held our last meeting for the 2022 year, because we go dark in November and December. Our Installation of officers will take place in January. Now as far as Officers, we should have the Raban of the Clan and the Keeper of the Still which are in the line. We will need Keeper of the Quill and Asst Raban of the Clan to fill the line. We will forward the results in the December News letter

We are going ahead with T-shirts and etc. and the color that was voted on, at the last meeting was navy-blue. We will have to check now, with Ill Mike Davison to see what would be a stock item in a medium to a dark blue, and of course price and logo.

Wein Hillbillies wish everyone, including Flatlanders a God filled Thanksgiving a very safe holiday.

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# 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



# For tickets call

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

You may also email your ticket request to Roger at *rneff@rencomm-ad.com* 

Turkey shoot is in the Ballroom using BB guns Who's the best shot in YOUR family? ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT AL KORAN HUNTERS UNIT

# Lakewood Shrine Club

We are looking forward to meeting on the second Wednesday of November. As of now, we are still meeting at the Cleveland Yacht Club. However, we are looking for a new place to meet. I have looked into a few, but they were either too expensive or not much of a location - not as nice ambiance. I need input as to other possible meeting locations (beside Tom C's back yard). We're doing our best to make our meetings top notch events, but it's getting harder with the present state of the economy. Also, we'll be needing new officers in the near future, so think about that and invite new people to join us! As usual, Kay Stelmach will send out e-mail updates and be sure to make your reservations with her.





Dave Stelmach

David Welty

October meeting was officiated by VP Dave Stelmach, The group heard from Noble and attorney Dave Welty is a constitutional law scholar and

author. It was very informative and many questions were asked... and answered. Thank you Dave Welty.

--Mark J. Bollinger, President, May the Lord bless you and keep you.

# **Massillon Shrine Club**

Massillon Shrine Club's September meeting had a special guest, one of three Nobles that have been Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for 65 years. Jack Norton and his Lady Marilyn. Jack couldn't attend the Awards Meeting, so it was my honor as Ambassador to represent Illustrious Sir Bob Carlson, Potentate of Al Koran to give Jack his 65-year award.



We were finally able to do an event, we had our Clambake in September. The attendance was down, but everyone there had a great time. I think I can speak for all the people helping that it felt great to be able to get something done.

Remember the Massillon Shrine Club meets the third Wednesday of the month and all Nobles, and their Ladies are welcome to join us. Just drop an email to dinner@massillonshriners.org for your reservations so we have enough food. Dinners are still only ten dollars. Hope to see you there.

--- Yours in the Faith - Bill Kemp, Secretary

# Krazy Kops

Greetings fellow Krazy Kops:

We have just wrapped up our busiest parade season in decades! Thanks to everyone who made it to at least one parade this year, we couldn't do it without you.

Our year end holiday party with the ladies will be on Saturday Jan. 7, 2023 at J Bella's in Strongsville. We plan on doing the white elephant gift exchange again. Some basic ground rules:

- 1. Each gift should be at least a \$20 value (no gag gifts unless it is an "add-on" to an overall decent gift)
- 2. Don't take a gift if you didn't bring one. Everyone who brings a gift should be able to walk away with one.
- 3. Yes, there will be opportunities to steal gifts, but we are going to limit those because we don't want to be at the restaurant until Midnight. Stealing gifts can be fun, but we're going to keep it within reason.

Stay tuned for the time and cost of the dinner. The Kops will likely pick up appetizers and a couple drinks, after that you are on your own.

Stay safe and have a great holiday season! --- Mike Spisak, Sect/Treasurer





Congratulations to our 25 year and 50 year Shriners



A new Shriner ... Noble Mazzone is congratulated by the Potentate



Don Drenski receives his Road Runner pin for his driving of a patient to Shriners Children's Erie

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**



HP&P Mike Spisak delivers contribution from Krazy Kopps



Mike Davison P.P. delivers a check from El Hasa, Cleveland - Prince Hall Shriners



II. Sir Jack Conner contributes to the Transportation Fund



II. Sir and chief Rabban Terry Hamilton accpets a check from Al Koran Potentate for Shriners Children's Ohio



For Reservations Call Kay Stelmach at (440) 655-0525

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"Al Koran Boosters" help to defray the cost of publishing and mailing our magazine. To be a "Booster" please send a check, payable to Al Koran, for \$10 per person listed to Al Koran Headquarters. Names are listed for one year, after which it is time to renew. Renewal dates are shown after your name.

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Charles & Evie Probert	
Sandy Angstrom	2/1/28
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Richard & Linda Saxby	
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Scott & Jana Grim	3/1/27
Roger A. Van Norstan	7/1/27
Donald & Debbie Meuser	
Norita M Hinerman	4/1/32

exp. date

# TALE OF THE TROLLEY

In late May, the Hunters were finally told that the parade trailer they had loaned to a Lodge to use in the July 4th 2021 parade ... had been stolen. That is yet to be resolved. But the Hunter's needed to find something for parades. A group of Nobles who meet for breakfast every week were discussing. It had just been news the "Lolly the Trolley" was leaving Cleveland. Wouldn't that be cool to have.

That Friday afternoon, Noble Duane Limpert called Roger Neff and asked if he wanted to take a ride. The ride ended in Avon where a Trolley Car trailer sat for sale in a front yard. Roger made some calls and others got involved and the trailer was purchased. Much work had to be done to renovate. Four Hunters took on the primary task - Russ Arndt, Tom Munro, Roger Calkins and Roger Neff. Special THANKS to Tom Joseph who allowed us to store and work on the trailer at his business



New roof, rebuilt windows, fresh paint... ready to roll, now September.

Inaugural trip Avon Lake Homecoming - SUCCESS