



Al Koran Shriners News



Shriners at Baldwin Wallace Football Game

Al Koran Nobles present the colors at Finnie Stadium, Baldwin Wallace University in the pre-game ceremonies. Beginning with legendary BW coach Dr. Lee Tressel, an Al Koran Shriner, Nobles have presented the colors for the Shriner's Football game for over 45 years.



Al Koran's Michael Spisak presents the Players of the Game awards to players from each team.

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Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **December 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
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Es Selamu Aleikum

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Installation of Officers

Installation of Officers for 2023 will be held at
the Toscana Party Center
4972 East 71 Street
Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio 44125
Saturday January 14, 2023
6:00pm Social Hour
7:00pm Dinner
Installation after Dinner
Cost \$45.00

Any Clubs or Units wishing to include their installation of officers at that time please contact the headquarters. All reservations should be made by Monday January 2nd, 2023 by calling the Recorder at 440-546-9866

Menu:

Cold Appetizers:
Vegetable Tray with Dip
Seasonal Fruits
Cheese and Crackers

Buffet Dinner:

Caesar Salad
Hand-Carved Beef with Gravy
Stuffed Shells
Chicken Cordon Bleu
AuGratin Potatoes
Glazed Baby Carrots
Assorted Rolls and Butter
Pastries
Coffee, Tea and Milk
Open Bar-Beer, Wine and Mixed Drinks

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

December 12: BOD/Divan Meeting
Hunters Meeting
December 17: Children's Christmas Party
December 19: Monthly Business Meeting
Election of Al Koran Officers
December 18 - 26: Happy Hanukkah
December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS

For a detailed Calendar of Events,
see Al Koran Website

JANUARY

January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 9: BOD/Divan Meeting
January 14: Installation of Officers Dinner
January 16: Monthly Business Meeting

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, and you can check you status on WebFez.

Another THANK YOU, to the Nobility that participated in our Sportsman's Raffle, it was a success. We made some money on it, and learned a lot for future raffles. We know this is a controversial subject, but we have had more fundraising success with this event than any of our others, and the logistics for this event are not overwhelmingly strenuous or time consuming. Continued growth and success with this event has great potential for keeping our dues from increasing. However, Al Koran is open to considering any legal form of fundraising, if you have an idea or suggestion for a fundraising event; please provide it to the Divan for their consideration.

This is it for 2022, and looking back we have had a pretty good year. Our Clubs and Units have begun to meet and parade once more, we have some momentum and a great deal of potential to propel us into 2023. Our Chief Rabban Illustrious Sir Terry Hamilton was instrumental in getting us through this year, and with his leadership in 2023 Al Koran should have a great year. But he, and the rest of us on the Divan, cannot do it alone; we need the participation of you the Nobles. So please come out and help Al Koran to fulfill its mission in providing fun and fellowship, as we support the world's greatest philanthropy.

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 the most up to date information on our hospitals as well as our fraternity.

We are still in need of Aides 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.

Remember that, it is you the Nobility of Al Koran that make us successful. Please have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season, and may you also be Safe, Healthy, and Prosperous in 2023!

Thank you.

Tom Klecan PP, Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

October 2022 Membership

October 1st	851 Regular	7 Associates
Creations	1	0
Restorations	0	0
Demits	1	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Expired	1	0

October 31 850 Regular 7 Associates

**Total Membership as of Oct. 31, 2022
857 Nobles**

Noble Frederick Zeller was lost to the Black Camel.

• ATTENTION •

Imperial will no longer send out year stickers when you pay your dues!

Please remember that Imperial is no longer sending out stickers with the current year on them, so you will not receive any when you have paid your dues. Your plastic dues card can be scanned which 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. It was easy to download and was ready to go in less than five minutes. It shows your current dues status and has a QR code feature for scanning in at events and entering contests, and is always with you as long as you are carrying your phone.

Ohio Shrine Statewide Ceremonial in 2023

The Ohio Shrine Association, of which Al Koran is a member, is going to have a statewide ceremonial on March 18, 2023! This promises to be a "don't miss" event.

It is to be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus OH. So please begin looking for candidate for Al Koran to take to this event.

Further details forthcoming.

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

With the arrival of December, we are upon what most people consider “the most wonderful time of the year.” This is when we see the Red Kettles at store fronts, Mr. Jingling, Santa and his workshop, Christmas parades, the movie “The Christmas Story, memories of Christmas past, Hanukkah with its Festival of Lights and Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It is a time to reflect and give thanks.

As in past years, our Magical Holiday Party is truly enjoyed by all who attend. This year will be no exception and will be held at the Cleveland Yacht Club in beautiful Rocky River, Ohio, coinciding with the Mariners’ Change of Watch. It is always great to see our friends again before the hectic Christmas season begins.

The following 2023 Al Koran Mariners Bridge Officers will be installed on Sunday, December 18, 2022:

<i>Commodore</i>	<i>PC Ronn Murphy PP</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>PC Bob Stanley</i>
<i>Vice Commodore</i>	<i>PC Robert Kolar</i>	<i>Directors</i>	<i>PC Mark Cain</i>
<i>Rear Commodore</i>	<i>Robert Frankel</i>		<i>PC Bob Stanley</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>James Dettmer</i>		<i>Mark Overbaugh</i>

Sunshine Chairman PC John Baker has informed me at this writing (November 1) that sick bay is empty. Remember to get your flu shot and try to stay healthy this winter.

The December Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, December 19. The location will be in the Official Call of the Potentate in the December Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

For information regarding the Mariners meetings, membership or activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy PP at 216-702-6785. Come join in 2023.

We close this Mariners Log from the Mariners by wishing all Al Koran Shriners and their families a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Healthy New Year. Remember to fly your flags on Pearl Harbor Day. Let us never forget that “Day of Infamy.” God’s Speed.

Hunter’s Unit

This last month we held our 17th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot on November 12th. A great big THANKS goes out to everyone that participated and helped to make this event a success. A special thanks goes to the kitchen workers which started to prepare things, while the Chief Rabbans seminar was going on in the banquet hall. Linda Paynter had been working in her own kitchen for at least a week prior to the event, preparing the sauce and the meat. Those that also labored in the heat of the stove, were Evie Probert and working the stove for the spaghetti was Brothers Tom Munro and Ill Ron Murphy. We also have to mention the young men from Denbrook DeMolay that helped fill plates, served and clean up for us.

Our next event comes this month, December 17th, which is the Al Koran Kid Christmas Party. Hunters will prepare and supply the food for the events lunch. We are asking for help, both in the kitchen and serving. If you could lend a hand, call Russ Arndt at 216-905-5629.

We are still meeting at the office on Engle Road, at about 7:00 after the Divan Meeting, and on 2nd Tuesday of the month. It would be great to see some new faces.

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Greetings BSrs!



We had a great first year of existence! Havana's Choice in Brunswick has been a gracious host to us and the owners have even discussed hosting a fund raiser for the Shrine and our first-rate Shriner's Hospitals for Children next year. Our leadership team is working on the details. More to come in 2023.

In the meantime, we have set the schedule for the next few months. We will meet at Havana's choice at 1:00 PM on Sunday 1/22/23, 3/5/23, and 5/7/23. Our Facebook group is active and several impromptu get togethers have resulted from Nobles reaching out and getting together for some good BS (Bourbon and Stogies). Until next year, have a safe holiday season and stay smokey my friends!

Mike Spisak, Humidor

Krazy Kops

Greetings Kops!

We had a busy year! We marched in 9 parades this year, more than any in recent memory. We raised money for the kids and the spirits of the parade spectators. The Paddy Wagon is tucked away in hibernation until St. Patrick's Day next year. BUT – the fun is not over yet.

We will have our Krazy Kops ladies Christmas party on Jan. 7, 2023 at J Bella's in Strongsville. The Kops will pick up the appetizers and party goers will order off the menu for themselves. We will have our famous (or infamous?) white elephant gift exchange. More details about the party will be forthcoming. In the meantime, have a safe, prosperous, and happy holiday season!

Mike Spisak, PD, Sect./Treasurer

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Mansfield Shrine Club

**Mansfield SC Thank
you to O'Charley's**

On Wednesday October 19th the Mansfield Shrine Club had dinner at O'Charley's Restaurant in Mansfield Ohio and presented the General Manager Rachel Mosely Reed with a plaque for the

restaurant. Rachel and O'Charley's are an annual donator of lunch for over 300 children and their caregivers at the Annual Mansfield Shrine Club Special Needs Picnic. Delicious boneless wings, mac and cheese and brownies were greatly appreciated by all!





Al-Koran Shrine

Valley of Cleveland

Children's Christmas Party



Santa Arrives at 12:30pm!

Diamond Event Center
1480 Pearl Rd
Brunswick, OH 44212

Saturday, December 17th, 2022

10AM- 2PM

Children of all ages welcome. Bring your kids, grandkids,
or anyone else you think may enjoy our party!

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

Reservations for kids WELCOME!

Please call (440) 655-0525

**and tell us the age, and gender of the kids
so we can have appropriate gifts...**

We THANK you and your kids thank you...

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Last month was our last Hillbilly meeting for 2022 year. We are going ahead with our clothing colors and attire. A list went around at the meeting for the names and sizes of those that wish t-shirts and the color will be royal blue with white lettering. Also at the meeting, Keeper of the Still, Ill Mark Bollinger, made a motion to donate five hundred dollars to the Transportation Fund. A small discussion was had and the motion was passed. Installation of Officers. Ill Ron Murphy was installed as Raban of the Clan, Ill Al Paynter as Assistant Raban, and Ill Mark Bollinger became Keeper of the Still. We still do not have a Keeper of the Quill. Keeping records of each meeting is very necessary.

So, see you all next year and have **A VERY MERRY CRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.**

Al Koran Boosters

"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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Debbie Saiter & Fudge.....	1/1/23	Ken & Beth Wiedig	7/1/23	Dan Frenz.....	5/1/24
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John Haught.....	3/1/22	Ronn Murphy.....	9/1/23	Al Budney.....	1/1/25
Rosemary Hixenbaugh	4/1/23	Ray & Kay Wilson.....	9/1/23	Charles & Evie Probert.....	6/1/25
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Stan & Betty Updike	4/1/23	Creighton & Winnie Bradler	9/1/23	Mark & Debbie Bollinger.....	4/1/25
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Barb Fyfe	5/1/23	Robert Powell.....	9/1/23	Gary Brookins	11/1/26
William Miller.....	5/1/23	Bob & Nancy Stanley	9/1/23	Scott & Jana Grim	3/1/27
Jim & Fran, Hazlett	5/1/23	Erik Stanley	9/1/23	Roger A. Van Norstan.....	7/1/27
John D. Baker.....	2/1/23	L Richard Butler	10/1/23	Donald & Debbie Meuser.....	10/1/30
Ralph & Eda Thadeus.....	7/1/23	Ralph & Cynthia Lindeman	11/1/23	Norita M Hinerman	4/1/32

***HUNTER'S SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TURKEY SHOOT ...
GREAT TIME BY ALL!***

