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## *Children's Christmas Party*



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Well, here we are again, maybe this time I might get it right, I hope so.

As some of you remember, I started my journey through the Divan in 2007 as Oriental Guide, went through the chairs to Potentate in 2011, took a year off in 2012 then came back as Oriental Guide in 2013 and have gone through the positions, stopping and holding some spots for a couple of years before moving on. I have been on the Divan 16 out of the past 17 years.

As you know, we have had a few Potentates come through a second time, a couple very recently, but to the best of my research, I think I am the first to go completely through the line twice. During those years I have seen a lot of good things and a few bad with the worst part being the loss of so many brothers and ladies due to the black camel. I can never forget when I first got in line, Illustrious Sir Jack Conner telling me that we are all a family, and if you treat everyone as that, they will come to like you and respect you for it. I truly have many family members here at the shrine and love you all.

We have a young and energetic Divan and appointed Divan this year, I am very excited to see how we will grow and expand our activities. The last three years has been very tough on everyone with Covid, and it has really slowed us down to where so many activities that we have been accustomed to doing have disappeared. We will be bringing some of that back this year such as A night at the races, Onion Sales and hopefully a bus trip into Amish County in Holmes County along with many other of our traditional activities.

We will also have our Sportsman's Raffle again this year after having a successful beginning on bringing it back this past year and ending up in the black. The raffle is only able to be a success because of you, the Nobility. One of our incentives for selling tickets this year will be on the back of the ticket stub, you the seller will put your name and phone number, and with every winning ticket drawn, the seller of that ticket will receive a \$50.00 gift card from Fin-Feather-Fur. Just think, if you were to sell 10 winning tickets. Also, the person that sells the most tickets will have their hospital per diem dues paid for life. If those are already paid, you can have the cash value in a gift card. And if you don't want a gun that you have won, then you can get a gift card for the value of that item to use at the Fin.

As always, I will ask that you support all of our activities as well as the clubs and units and know that not only do we want to have fun but we especially want to help our children, it's what we are all about.

I have so much more to say, but we will leave that for future letters. Have a great year!

Terry Hamilton P.P.

***Shriners care for kids is out of this world!***

## Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **January 16, 2023** 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.

Terry A. Hamilton, P.P., Illustrious Potentate  
Thomas Klecan P.P., Recorder

***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

### JANUARY

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

### FEBRUARY

February 11: Mid Ohio Shrine Club Valentines Dinner (See Notice)  
February 13: BOD/Divan Meeting  
Hunter's Meeting  
February 14: Happy Valentine's Day  
February 20: Monthly Business Meeting

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



## From the Recorder

First of all may you all be healthy, happy, and prosperous in 2023 and enjoy a wonderful New Year!

There is a lot on the radar for the new year, I hope you have all had a chance to see the new Potentates plans for 2023, Illustrious Sir Hamilton has a nice year planned and has brought back some oldies but goodies for 2023.

It is time again for the Clubs and Units to get their 2023 calendars in order. I will add your events to the calendar on our website. Last year's calendar worked out pretty well, a number of Nobles found the information they needed there, to attend Shriner events.

Speaking of the website, please visit it and see if there are any suggestions you have for it. It takes all of us to maintain and support it, and the more people using it the more informative it will be for all of us.

January and February are fairly slow months, as many of our Nobles have flown south or don't venture out in bad weather. But beginning in March things should start happening, I know the Hillbilly's are planning their Chili cook-off to get us going. Parades are also back, the Crazy Kops did more parades in 2022 then they had in a good number of years.

Finally, Membership is every Nobles responsibility. Please don't sit back and think someone else will do it, I'm sure all of us have a son, grandson, nephew, or friend that would make a great Noble. Please don't let a great fraternity and the world greatest philanthropy go the way of the dinosaurs.

More to come as we get further into the year.

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

Tom Klecan PP

Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

## • 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](http://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.

## November 2022 Membership

<b>November 1st</b>	<b>850 Regular</b>	<b>7 Associates</b>
<b>Creations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Restorations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Demits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Suspensions</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resignations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expired</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>828 Regular</b>	<b>7 Associates</b>
<b>Total Membership as of Nov. 30, 2022 ....</b>		
<b>835 Nobles</b>		

## Ohio Shrine Statewide Ceremonial in 2023

The Ohio Shrine Association, of which Al Koran is a member, is going to have a statewide ceremonial an 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.

Over the years, I have been asked who are the Al Koran Mariners. Well, we are members of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs, Greater Cleveland Boating Association and the International Order of Blue Gavel. We welcome both sail and motor boaters. We also welcome "used to be" boaters, "wannabe" boaters and land yachters. We have a regular business meeting once a month at various yacht clubs along Lake Erie. All our events and rendezvous are open to all Shriners and their ladies. Most importantly, we wholeheartedly support our Shrine Hospitals. Come join and sail the waters of Lake Erie with us. You will be glad you did.

In January, with the darkness of winter upon us, the brightest week is always the week of the Cleveland Boat Show. If you need to find a Mariner, this is the place to look for him while the boat show is open.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me at this writing (December 7) that sick bay is empty. Keep taking your vitamins and avoid all falls during the old man winter months of snow. To the lucky Florida snowbirds, don't forget your sunscreen.

Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, January 14, 2023. This will be the installation of our 2023 Potentate and fellow Mariner Terry Hamilton P.P. and all of the Al Koran Shrine Officers. This annual affair will be held at Toscana Party Center (a.k.a. Fraternal Order of Police) at 4972 E. 71st Street, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio. Come out and enjoy this gala evening and meet our 2023 Al Koran Shrine Officers.

The January business meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, January 16. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the January Al Koran magazine on page 2.

Breaking News – when was the last time that you were on a train ride? Commodore Ronn Murphy is in the process of working out arrangements for a Sunday afternoon train ride in February. Our rail excursion will be on the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad. With football season over and boating season, along with Spring a few months away, this is a great way to spend a February afternoon.

As in past years, there will be no January meeting of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club. For information regarding meetings, membership or activities of the Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

Finally, a good New Year's resolution is "stay safe, stay healthy and use good common sense. God's Speed.

## Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

**Happy New Year 2023** to all. This is the start of a new year after a two month vacation, with no meetings. In the last newsletter, it was reported that the Hillbillies held their 2023 Officer installation of Officers and that we were in need of a Keeper of the Quill (secretary). Well, we still need one. So, if you don't show up for a meeting you just may get elected. There were a couple of flat landers that are waiting to join the Hillbillies that didn't in on the last installation. So if you know of anyone that would like to become a Hillbilly, we would enjoy having you and them join us. It is one of a few groups, in Shrine, that includes the woman with a Noble to join together.

We are still meeting at St Mathews Episcopal Church, at 9549 Highland Dr, in beautiful Brecksville, Ohio. We start gathering about 5:30PM and enjoy vitals at 6 and a short meeting after. The next meeting date is January 25th, the 4th Wednesday of each month. Now this is a potluck and our Raban of the Clan gave some suggestions for a great Hillbilly potluck, Baked beans and hotdog soup, Goose liver and limburger, some good old fashion tasty Spam stew, and of course all canned meats are welcome at the Hillbilly Feast.



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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

## Mansfield Shrine Club

Saturday evening December 10th at the local Elk's Lodge Illustrious Sir Terry Hamilton and Assistant Rabban Bru Lewis Installed the 2023 Officers of the Mansfield Shrine Club. Installed as President was Bruce Joseph, as V.P. Paul Kenneth Athy, as Secretary David Hunter, and as Treasurer Randy Waddles. The Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party and dinner at the Elks following the installation. President Bruce Joseph presented the Elk's a plaque to show the club's appreciation for hosting club meetings.



## Mid-Ohio Shriners VALENTINE DINNER

**The Mid-Ohio Shrine Club is hosting a evening of fellowship, fine dinning & Music for Masons and Shriners at DLX Restaurant February 11th 2023.**

**The evening starts with a social hour at 5PM. Dinner in the Historic Kobacker Room at 6PM with Jeffrey Boyd live following our very special guest speaker Shriners Children Ohio Director of Philanthropy Bethany Deines.**

**The Valentines Dinner is \$18 per person, reservations are required buy February 1st.  
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## Lakewood Shrine Club

### Congratulations to our new officers!

**President - Dave Stelmach** (although Kay will undoubtedly do all the work!)

**1st Vice President – Dan Andrews • 2nd Vice President – Jim Cain • Treasurer – Bill Schulz**

**Secretary – Bob Berteau • Trustee and President's Aide – Tom Joseph • Trustee – Mark Bollinger**

We will be holding our Installation at Al Koran's Installation on **Saturday, January 14, 2023**. Please come out and support Al Koran and Lakewood Shrine Club. For now, we will still hold our meetings at the Cleveland Yacht Club on the second Wednesday of the month. Dinner is \$32/person with a cash bar and we usually have outstanding entertainment and programs. If you are new, come on out and your first dinner meeting is free! We'd love to see you! Contact Kay Stelmach for reservations – **440-655-0525**

## DONATIONS TO AL KORAN

**In Memory of Richard Masters**  
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**In Memory of Jan Hoffman**  
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Mid Ohio SC presents \$17,669.55 for Children's Transportation Fund.



Mansfield SC has \$1200.00 checks for both our medical facilities, in Erie and Dayton.



Massillon SC's Bill Kemp presents checks for each Erie and Dayton from the club.



Bethany Deines for Shriners Children's Ohio presented facility maker for naming of the Pharmacy and Nurses station for Howard Walker and Al Koran Shriners.



Aladdin Shriners, Columbus, Ohio are acknowledged for raising \$540,000 for Shriners Hospitals. Hospital Chairman Jerry Gantt and Imperial Sir Bill Bailey with representatives from hospitals in Erie, Dayton and Lexington. Erie Board Chairman Roger Neff and Donor relations Director David Schumacher accept a \$180,000 donation to Shriners Children's Erie.



## Hunter's Unit

This is the start of a new year with plans being made with new officers and some fresh new members and ideas. But let's just take a moment and reflect on the last couple of years when we had no activities, no social events, and no meetings. We didn't do much, not many places to go, we were limited, and we were told to wear masks. Well, this last year changed a lot of the thinking, and we were given the choice of what we can do. Yes, it is our choice. Know, are we going to continue to not be active in social events, stay at home, and be complacent? It is time to reverse what we have been doing and get active in Lodge, Stars, the youth groups, and of course Al Koran Shrine. We have coming into office people with ideas and enthusiasm. So, let's get together and give them support and get Al Koran going again. We all need that and you are needed.

In November, The Hunters held their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot. There were quite a few in attendance, and a number of Children. The target attendees were even showing the young ones how to shoot a BB gun. And no one shot their eye out. December came and Al Koran Shrine held their annual Christmas Party and the Hunters were asked to take care of the food. As usual the members of the Hunters pitched in to help make the event a success.

At our last meeting we had election of Officers, and elected as Chief is Bill Bragg, Assist. Chief will be Bob Frankel, Russ Arndt stayed on a Treasure, and Secretary will be announced later. We are looking forward to an exciting year with our new Trolley Trailer. But there to, we will need riders to fill the trailer. If you are looking for something to do on January 9th, join us at the office on Engle Rd., the 2nd door on the right, as you pull in the drive, at 7:00PM. We would like to see more of our present members and even more so, some of the non-members.

### PHOTOS FROM TURKEY SHOOT





## PHOTOS FROM TURKEY SHOOT



## 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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Joe & Danelle Zemek .....	1/1/22	Joy Arndt .....	7/1/23	Joe and Joann Dugan .....	3/13/24
Richard Hoffman .....	1/1/23	Ken & Beth Wiedig .....	7/1/23	Dale & Carolyn Haas .....	3/1/24
Fred & Mary Freer .....	1/1/23	Jim & Janice Reed .....	8/1/22	Dan Frenz .....	5/1/24
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## *More Children's Christmas Party*

