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Potentate Terry Hamilton and his Ladies



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Terry Hamilton P.P.

be excited for the future, and speaking of members, we will be sending our Chief Membership chairman and Ambassador Dan Andrews and his assistant chairman our Oriental Guide James Barone to the 2023 membership conference in Texas in early February. This will put some pressure on them as we will be having great expectations from them when they return, but I am sure that they can handle it and will do well for our temple for many years to come.

Once we get into the spring weather, we will get underway with some activities such as the statewide Ohio Shrine Hot Sands Ceremonial at the Aladdin Temple on March 18th. This should be an impressive event for the incoming candidates and a fun time for all. The very next day our Hillbilly Clan of Al Koran will be hosting the famous Chili Cookoff on the 19th at our Berea location. (See the Ad)

Please support all of our clubs and units' activities and support them. Check out all of the ads and flyers in this magazine for other events being scheduled by them. As I have said in the past, if you are a Shriner just to come to business meetings, you will be somewhat bored, get active in a club or a unit to enhance your fun.

On the subject of business meetings, First Lady Angie and not so little lady Mary will be conducting a lady's program each and every month in the basement of the Berea Masonic Temple during our business meetings. She will be having speakers, games, prizes and other activities and the bar will be open with some wine for your pleasure during those events, so there is no reason that the men can't come to the business meeting because they don't want to leave the ladies at home alone. Bring them out with you, and if you are eating dinner prior to the meetings make sure to make a reservation for both of you.

Please continue to support the two hospitals that we make great contributions to. Our Shriners Children's Erie Clinic is in a transition period but they are still seeing children every day and need your support as well as Shriners Children's Ohio hospital in Dayton. If you or even your lady is ever available to assist in driving a child for an appointment, I suggest that you do so, you will not regret the warm feelings that you will have as well as the love that the children and families give back to you for being their personal Shriner to drive them to one of those facilities.

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Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **February 20, 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
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I would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Roger Neff as he dropped the gavel for the last time as the Chairman of the Board of Governors at our Shriners Children's Erie facility. I was able to attend his last meeting as chairman in December and was impressed with the respect that he received from everyone as well as the leadership that he exuded. Al Koran members should be very proud of the great job that he has done representing our temple over the years, as well as what he has done over the past two years that he was chairman. Roger will finish his 15 years of service on the Board in 2023. We also have Howard Merritt as the Treasurer and Illustrious Sir Tom Klecan was just elected as the Secretary, on the executive board. Al Koran is very well represented in Erie as we also have Jack Watson and Greg Anstrom on the Board of Governors in Erie. Myself and Illustrious Sir Robert Carlson are still on the Board of Governors at Dayton.

Lastly, at the January business meeting, the first official duty that I will be performing as your Potentate, is one of the greatest privileges that a Potentate has, that of being able to bestow upon a Noble the highest honor available by him, that being to present him with an Emeritus status. This is given to a Noble who is in good standing, has been a hard worker and supporter in a position for many years. This will be presented to Bill Weber. Bill has been an Ambassador for Al Koran for many years, long before I was a Shriner. Bill was always working hard at every event that he could attend and if you know Bill, you know that he is a very soft-spoken man but once you met him, he was your friend. Bill is a true example of what a Shriner should be. Unfortunately, he will not be able to attend the meeting to receive his certificate in person, as his health does not permit him to leave his home much. But I have been in contact with him and advised him of what I was doing, and he was very humble and honored to be receiving his Emeritus status. If you know Bill, give him a call and congratulate him, I am sure he would be happy to hear from his friends.

Shriners care for Kids is out of this world!

Terry Hamilton P.P.
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Calendar of Events

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

March 5 : Mariners/Hunters Cuyahoga Valley Train Breakfast
March 12: Welcome back Daylight Savings Time
March 13 : BOD/Divan Meeting
Hunter's Meeting
March 18: Ohio Shrine Statewide Ceremonial - Aladdin Temple
March 19: HillBilly Chili Cook-off
March 20 : Monthly Business Meeting

From the Recorder

Well Here We Go, 2023 is off to a great start. To all of you who have paid your dues, THANK YOU! As for the rest of you now is the time to do so. We have received about 75% of the dues so far. So you other 25% are technically not in good standing. That means you cannot be installed as an officer of a club or unit, and may not attend meetings (and other functions) of Al Koran.

The office is busy with the year end reports due to Imperial as well as other year end, and year beginning items. One of those year beginning items is our calendar. It is underway, and hopefully by the time you read this I will have, what I have, posted on the website calendar. Remember, you can utilize this calendar, it lists the events, and in most cases the location, and times. Clubs and Units are encouraged to use the website, just send the Recorder your information and he will get it posted to the website. I can only give out the information you send me, if it is incorrect or incomplete, that's on you.

We have a month or two before things get really active, so start your planning process for the upcoming events.

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.

Tom Klecan PP

Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

DECEMBER 2022 MEMBERSHIP

December 1st	828 Regular	7 Associates
Creations	1	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	1	0
Demits	1	0
Suspensions	1	0
Resignations	0	0
Associate Drop	0	1
Expired	6	0

December 31 823 Regular 6 Associates

**Total Membership as of Dec. 31, 2022
829 Nobles**

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.

IN MEMORY



*Nobles reported lost
to the Black Camel in 2022*



Richard D. Kinney	Randall J. Emrich
Charles E. Osterland	William J. Orr Jr.
William J. Rush	James R. Haines
William C. Thompson	Duane P. Weise
George T. Garrod	Jonathan S. Burton
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John T. Trotter	Charles N. Yost
Glen A. Jenkins	George L. Everden
Frank A. Bercheck	Nick Kutrubs
Raymond A. Day	

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

The Mariners extend our best wishes and support to our new 2023 Potentate and fellow Mariner Terry Hamilton P.P. With Terry at the helm, lets make 2023 go down as Al Koran's greatest year.

Several Mariners were seen at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Boat Show. When its time for the Boat Show, you know Spring is two months away and our boating season is right around the corner.

Now that the ice fishing season is here, the Ohio DNR has five remedies if you venture onto a frozen Lake Erie to fish. There is no such thing as:

- 100% safe ice.
- Four inches of ice, okay to walk or ice fish.
- Eight to twelve inches of ice, for cars and small trucks.
- Two inches of ice, please stay off.
- Six inches of ice, for snowmobiles and atv's.

If you are going ice fishing, dress accordingly and please be careful.

Sunshine Chairman P.C. John Baker has informed me at this writing (January 8) that sick bay is empty. With winter upon us, stay warm, safe and healthy.

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

The Mariners' winter train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad has been scheduled for Sunday, March 5. For information and securing reservations, please contact Rear Commodore Robert Frankel at **216-965-4311**.

The February Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. We usually meet around 1800 hours for chow and grog, with the meeting gaveled to order at 1900 hours. For information concerning the Mariners and our activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at **216-702-6785**.

To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our ladies wish everyone in Al Koran Shrine a Happy Valentine's Day. God's Speed.

Mariner's Change-of-Watch ... 2023 Leadership Team



A new event - Mariners and Hunters Teaming up

Cuyahoga Valley TRAIN Ride

Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 9:30 am sharp

Peninsula Depot with free parking

1.5 hours with Breakfast

(Scramble eggs and sausage, toast, coffee, juice)

Cost \$60.00 non-refundable

MUST RSVP to Rob Frankel 216-965-4311 by January 22, 2023

First 10 members are definitely in and more may fit.



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Mansfield Shrine Club

2022 was a very active and productive year for the club and all its dedicated Nobles and Ladies.

A number of trips to Erie Children's Hospital were undertaken by our Nobles and Ladies, most notably Randy Waddles, Paul Athey, and Dan Smith. Thank you to you and your Ladies for your dedication and willingness to take the challenge to get the kid's the care they needed and deserved.

The club also participated in a number of parades including but not limited to the Memorial Day Parade, The Miss Ohio Parade, Shelby Bicycle Days, The Shiloh Ox Roast Festival, The Ontario 4th of July Freedom Festival, The Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival, and the Labor Day Parades. Mansfield's Touch a Truck was also big hit with the children. Being able to see, touch, and sit in our yellow trucks delighted many of the children that attended the event. A special thanks to Phil Devoe for coordinating our participation. We look forward to duplicating our efforts this coming year!

As noted in an earlier publication, the return of The Picnic for Children with Special Needs was very well received by the children and all those that attended. The smiles, laughs, and Thank You's, make the event a more than worthwhile endeavor. Plans are already in the works for the upcoming year.

Officers for the year 2023 were voted on and installed at our annual Christmas Party, in December.

Those officers included:

Bruce Joseph-President Paul Athey-Vice President David Hunter-Secretary Rany Waddles-Treasurer.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Hunter's Unit

It is official now, with the installation of officers held Saturday, January 13th 2023. Our Officers that were elected and now installed were William Bragg as Chief, Assistant Chief was Robert Frankel, Brandon Gould as Secretary and Treasure Russ Arndt. Appointed Reps to Erie Medical facility and Firearms is Ill Roger Neff, with Ill Terry Hamilton to Dayton's Shriners Children's Ohio, and Uniforms Ill Michael Davison.

At the last meeting there were a number of items discussed, and we realized our bylaws need additions and subtractions. One activity announced was the Salmon Fishing Derby which is held in May each year. This event is held on Lake Michigan. Lodging and charter boats come out of Michigan City Indiana. This is a 3 day event starting on May 18th thru the 20th. Check in is on Friday with gathering and hospitality room, fishing on Saturday, with rods, bait etc. supplied and a banquet on Sunday. Last year, fishing was great and the lake was like glass. There will be more information to follow. If you want to make early reservations contact **Mike Davison 330-608-2414**. There will be more events to be announced.

If you had join the Hunters and not filled out a petition, we need your information to bring our roster up to date. So please comply with this request. Supply info to any officer.

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

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.
Don't miss a wonderful evening!**



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A W A R D S



Howard Merritt presents Erie Board Chairman Roger Neff with a contribution check in Honor of Erie Administrator Mary Jane Antoon on her retirement.



Board Chairman Roger Neff presents a Thank You plaque to Mary Jane Antoon from the Board for her 20 plus years of service.



Shriners Children's Erie Vice Chairman, Charlie Murphy, presents service award to retiring Chairman Roger Neff. Roger will remain on the Board through 2023 finishing 15 years of service.



New Noble Dave Thompson joins Al Koran following his "Cold Sands."



Jim Barone receives his "Top Line Signer" pin for bringing in a new member.



Past Masters are recognized with their own specially designed Shrine pin.

Lakewood Shrine Club

Please come out and support Al Koran and Lakewood Shrine Club. We continue to hold our meetings at the Cleveland Yacht Club in Rocky River, on the second Wednesday of the month. Dinner is \$32.00/person with a cash bar. We strive to have an outstanding program and entertainment. If you are new to the club, come on out, give it a try... your first dinner is on us. We'd love to see you! Contact Kay Stelmach for needed reservations or for more information.... **440 655-0525**

DONATIONS - FROM DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING



Club President Mark Bollinger P.P. presents donations to Potentate Bob Carlson for both of Al Koran supported medical facilities.



Illustrrious Sir Bob Carlson is presented a check for the Children's Fund by Mariner's Rob Frankel.



Michael Spisak, Secretary/Treasurer of the Krazy Kops presents a check to Potentate Bob Carlson for the Children's Fund.





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John Haught	3/1/22	Creighton & Winnie Bradler	9/1/23	Art Moore	1/1/25
Rosemary Hixenbaugh	4/1/23	Chuck & Barbara Bradler	9/1/23	Steve & Kim Behm	3/1/25
Stan & Betty Updike	4/1/23	Robert Powell	9/1/23	Debbie Saiter & Fudge	3/1/25
Roger & Mary Lou Neff	5/1/23	Bob & Nancy Stanley	9/1/23	Virginia Briggs	4/1/25
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William Miller	5/1/23	L Richard Butler	10/1/23	Russ Arndt	11/1/25
Jim & Fran Hazlett	5/1/23	Norm Melchreit	11/1/23	Sandy Angstrom	2/1/28
John D. Baker	2/1/23	Ralph & Cynthia Lindeman	11/1/23	Mark & Debbie Bollinger	4/1/25
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2023 Installation



Installing Team -" Illustrious Sirs Davison, Paynter, Neff



The 45 nobles lost in 2022 recognized



Illustrious Sir Al York celebrated his Birthday with us



Lady Angie is presented her gift... Chocolate



OG Jim Barone is "new kid" on Elected Divan



Past Potentate Bob Carlson is recognized



Illustrious Sir Terry is presented his gavel



The Decree... installation is official