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Mid Ohio SC Valentine's Day Party



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Terry Hamilton P.P.

Spring is about here and we are going strong!
By the time of this printing, we have already had
two successful business meeting and the ladies have
enjoyed the entertainment that lady Angie and Mary
have put on for them during the business meetings.

We have the Statewide Ceremonial coming up
within a few days on Saturday March 18th at the
Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City. It begins at
10:00am for the candidates and will finish around
3:00pm. If you know of someone who has not
gone through a hot sands yet, or desires to become
a Shriner, there is still room for more. Please contact Tom Klecan our
Illustrious Recorder to set that up.

The following day is our Hillbilly Chili Cookoff at the Berea Masonic
Center, please read the ad in this newsletter for more information on that.

Our Sportsman's Raffle for 2023 is up and running, PLEASE see the
recorder or myself to receive some tickets not only to buy for yourself, but
to sell, sell, sell! We have a little less than nine months to sell tickets, there
is no reason that each and every member could not sell 25 or more tickets.
This is our big fund raiser and remember, every ticket that is sold has a place
to put the sellers name on the back. Every winning ticket that is sold by a
person has a spot to put your name on it, if the ticket that you sold is pulled
as a winner, you will receive a \$50 gift card from Fin Feather Fur Outfitters.
We also need volunteers to sell tickets at gun shows, the fin and any other
function of any type that they will allow you to set up a table and sell them.

I recently attended a Valentine's Day party put on by the Mid-Ohio Shrine
club in the DLX restaurant in Mansfield. It was very well attended with
over 90 persons. The guest speaker for that event was Bethany Deines the
Director of Philanthropy from Shriners Childrens Ohio (Dayton) who gave
a great speech about our hospital and she was accompanied by Kari Tucker
her assistant who went around the room passing out items from the hospital
and talking with everyone. Congratulations to President Mike Miranda and
the rest of the officers and members of the club who assisted putting that
together, job well done and I believe that we will be receiving some new
Masons and Shriners from that event.

I will say as always, please support your club and unit events and I charge
each and every club and unit to try to
make an event this year to support Al
Koran and its members to attract new
ones and have some fun.

In closing, new Potentate pins are out,
see myself or a Divan member to receive
one. I will see you soon at a meeting or
event and stay healthy!



Official Call of the Potentate

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN CHARTER ADDRESS.

To all Nobles:

In accordance with Shrine law and the by laws of Shriners International and Al Koran Shriners, notice is hereby given that a vote will be taken at the April Business meeting of Al Koran Shriners to change their address to 6801 Engle Road, Suite B, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130.

This is the current address of our offices. Since our move from Broadview we have been in violation of the by-laws. As most of you are aware, there have been numerous attempts to resolve this which have all been unsuccessful. This is in essence a housekeeping issue but must be done.

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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

Calendar of Events

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
March 25 : GLSA Winter Meeting - Mizpah Shriners, Ft Wayne IN.

APRIL

April 9: Have a blessed Easter
April 10: BOD/Divan Meeting
Hunter's Meeting
April 14/15: Ohio Shrine Meeting - Syrian Shrine, Cincinnati
APRIL 17: Monthly Business Meeting

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

From the Recorder

This is always my favorite time of the year, spring is coming, the weather is getting better, the days are getting longer, and it time to chase down the Nobles who have NOT PAID their dues. I know, you thought you had paid them, you've been meaning to pay them, or you are going to pay them tomorrow. Well now is the time to pay them. If you are not sure if you paid your dues, check your status on web fez. Also, if you are in need of some assistance with your dues, please contact us. If you paid them, or think you paid them give me a call at the office. 440-546-9866 or contact me at clevelandshriners@gmail.com.

We have gotten the majority of dues in, but glitches do happen, and we have had a few misplaced electronic payments. It is NOT the funds which are misplaced; they are safely deposited into our bank account. When you make a payment to us over the internet the system automatically sends an email to the Treasurer indicating that you have done so, and I am supposed to be copied on that. Occasionally, for some reason known only to those entities that inhabit cyber space, I never receive it. It doesn't happen very often just often enough to be a pain the butt. Jay gets them, and then when our numbers don't match we have to search for them. Also, did you send your payment to the correct address; we have been using the P.O. Box 81184 for over two years. If you use the materials sent in the mailing from Imperial you are OK, if you use a payment service, are they using the correct address?

The statewide ceremonial is the 18th of March; I am very interested to see how that goes. I have just received the agenda for the day and have sent it via an email to the Nobility. Al Koran will be sending out additional information on the event from our perspective soon.

This is also the time to get your calendar into me so I can place your events on the website, and the website calendar. As of the end of January I have not heard from the majority of you. We try and keep that website up to date, and we all have a part in doing so. Please go to alkoranshriners.com and see what's there. We can assist you with keeping your Club or Unit page fresh, and it may just bring you some new members.

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

ATTENTION

To those who have paid their dues- Thank you.

However we have over 100 members who have yet to pay. You can check by visiting Webfez to see if your dues are paid. If you use MyFezCardViewer if your card is gold in color you have not paid, black in color you are all paid up.

Please double check. Electronic payments can be made on our website alkoranshriners.com, use the day dues or donate now tab in the upper right corner.

You can also send in a check, made out to Al Koran Shriners, to P.O. Box 81184, Cleveland, Ohio 44181.

We have experienced a few glitches along the way, so if you are listed as not having paid your dues, and are positive you have sent payment, let me know by what means, electronic or check, and the approximate date of the transaction.

I will look into it. Contact the office 440-546-9866 or clevelandshriners@gmail.com

JANUARY 2023 MEMBERSHIP

January 1st	823 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	0	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	1	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Deaths	6	0

January 31 821 Regular 6 Associates

Total Membership as of Jan. 31, 2023
827 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 lost
to the Black Camel



Daniel Chinander

Burt T. Slowbe

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

With the arrival of March, the days are getting longer, the song birds are returning to Cleveland, and the daffodils and crocuses are emerging from the ground. It is also time for Shriners to start recruiting our Masonic Brothers, who are not a member of Al Koran Shrine. The Ceremonial crossing of the Hot Sands this year will be a statewide Ceremonial of all six Shrine Temples. It will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in the Oasis of Columbus. The date is Saturday, March 18. Let us, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, do our part to help guide a large caravan of neophytes across this Hot Sands to the oasis of our Shrine Center.

Since the Ground Hog saw his shadow on Ground Hog Day, there will be six more weeks of winter. Sunshine Chairman, P/C John Baker has informed me that several Mariners and their ladies have come down with winter colds and the flu. Hang in there – Spring is right around the corner.

The March Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, March 20. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the March Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The Mariners March meeting will be held on Tuesday March 28, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Mark your calendar for the Mariners 2023 Brunch Cruise on Sunday, April 23. The Mariners, along with Al Koran Shrine and the LOSNA, will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG) for a Welcome Spring Brunch Cruise on the Nautica Queen. We will be boarding at 1230 hours with the cruise along Cleveland's shore line, commencing from 1300 hours to 1530 hours. This year, the IOBG has reserved the entire Nautical Queen for the afternoon. Seating is limited to 270 people. For information concerning this cruise, membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please 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 you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and may the "Luck of the Irish" follow you for the rest of 2023.

God Speed!



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Krazy Kops

Greetings fellow Kops!

With the weather turning warmer and the sun coming out again, that must mean one thing – Parade season is upon us!

First up is St. Patrick's Day. Your seat on the Paddy Wagon for a fun-filled day will cost \$25. Beverages, snacks, and probably breakfast are included! More details will follow from our St. Patrick's Day chairman, Steve Behm, PD. Watch for an email with details and please RSVP to myself, Steve, or our Director, Tom Klecan, PD.

Other parade dates are as follows:

May 27 – Westlake (Tentative)

May 28 – Chagrin Falls

June 15 – Middleburg Heights (Tentative)

July 22 – Highland Heights

Aug. 5 – Independence (Tentative)

Aug. 13 – North Ridgeville (Tentative)

Aug. 27 – North Olmsted (Tentative)

Oct. 9 – Columbus Day

Our Co-Social chairmen are hard at work planning other fun and frivolity for Kops, friends of Kops, potential Kops, those-who-always-wanted-to-be-Kops, and anyone else who enjoys fun and fellowship. If you would like information and how to join the fun, contact our Director Tom Klecan, PD or our Sect/Treas. Mike Spisak, PD.

Hunter's Unit

Well last month we gave you details on the Mizpah Shrine Salmon Derby held in Michigan City, Indiana. The dates are May 12, 13, and 14. Contact Mike Davison at 330-608-2414 if you are interested. Refer to February newsletter for more information. We also now, have information on the North Cost Ducks Unlimited Banquet. This event will be held at Toms Country Place in Avon. Not sure of the menu right now, but this we were told it is a great time eatery. Plenty of auctions, side boards etc. More details will be in the next newsletter. Contact Brandon Gould for more Information.

Right now The Hunters are in the process of planning a Steak Dinner that should be in July. The date is tentatively set for July 22nd. So mark your calendars and more information will follow.



Greetings BSrs!

We have a fun filled year planned for you. Our gathering schedule so far is as follows:

Sunday March 5, 2023 1:00 PM - ?? – Location TBD

Sat. April 1, 2023 – Whiskey Circus 2:00 to 6:00 PM (See our Facebook Group for details)

Sunday May 7, 2023 1:00 PM - ?? – Location TBD

If you are interested in purchasing a Unit Shirt, please contact our "El Presidente", Brandon Gould. We will be planning more gatherings as the year goes on. There will be plenty of smokes and spirits, so come join the fun!

Mike Spisak, Humidor



NIGHT AT THE RACES

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Friday, May 12th

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*President Dave and
Lady Kay Stelmach*

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Our January Hillbilly Meeting was canceled due to a bad weather forecast, but we did meet in February, with great attendance. At our first meeting in 2023, we kicked off our Annual Chili Cookoff to be held at the Berea Masonic Center, at 366 Eastland Road in beautiful Berea, Ohio. The cost for this gourmet meal is only \$12.00, that not only includes homemade chili, but roadkill hot dogs and for the sweet tooth, dessert. Now if you bring chili or dessert to be judged you get every thing free. How is that for a great deal? Now judging for chili and desserts starts at 1:30PM, but doors open at 1:00PM. By the way, eaten is at 2:00PM. See flyer in magazine. The Hunters, like last year, were asked to supply the drinks and maintain the bar, so they may need some help. This is an open bar, Most of the Hunters are Hillbillies any way. Sooooo let's start 2023 off with gotten the kin folks, neighbors, kids, wives, girlfriends, and any one that breaths to the event.

It seems that we have been assigned a new Divan Rep and that person is the new Chief Rabban, Bru Lewis. We also, know have an Ambassador that was assigned to the Hillbillies by the new Potentate. His name is Frank McEvoy. (This is one way to get new members and the \$30.00 onetime no dues fee.) Ya, we are still meeting at St, Mathews Episcopal Church at 9549 Highland Dr., in Brecksville Ohio. Our next meeting is February 22 with doors opening at 5:30, eat at 6:00, and meeting by 7:00, Did I mention it was a potluck. I just did.

ATTENTION !!!

Onions
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What happened to the Onions?

Remember the onion fiasco of 2022?

First they were late because of a cold spring, and then they couldn't get across the border.

Well actually, what did not make it across the border were the bags for the onions; held up by customs because it was suspected of containing contraband.

Well we are going to try again this year. So Clubs and Units get ready to sell onions.

Remember this is a fund raiser so the cost may surprise you, but what can I say, everything has gone up, especially transportation costs.

So for 2023 a 10 pound bag of onions is going to cost \$15.00

Your Club or Unit can keep \$2.00 per bag. (Used to be \$1.00)

They usually arrive the first week in May – orders to be received by March 31.

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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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