



Al Koran Shriners News



Welcome to our Newest Nobles



Potentate Terry Hamilton welcomes New Nobles... Richard C. Wagner, Timothy J. McManamon, Scott A. Anderson, Wayne W. Sholes, Christopher W. Modica, Arthur T. Mead and Derek J. Rangel, to Al Koran following their "Cold Sands" ceremony, And invites them to the All Ohio Ceremony to be held in Columbus 3/18 at Aladdin Shrine Temple.



Top Line signers and Past Masters are recognized by Illustrious Terry Hamilton.

All Ohio Ceremonial

Eleven (11) Al Koran Candidates and eight (8) Al Koran Nobles traveled to Aladdin Shrine Temple on Saturday, 3/18. Group of Nobles included Top Line signers from Mansfield/Mid Ohio Shrine Club, Youngstown Shrine Club, members of the Divan, a Trustee and a Past Potentate. All were treated to a top-notch, first class Ceremonial put on by Aladdin's fine team. Al Koran had the second largest group of candidates and observers, with only Aladdin having more.

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Death of a Noble please call the
Business Office as listed above.



Terry Hamilton P.P.

Greetings Nobles, ladies and friends,

Well by the time you receive this magazine we will have had the Statewide Ceremonial at Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City, Our famous Hillbilly Chili Cookoff as well as the springtime GLSA session in Indiana.

As you can see it has been a busy month and I truly want to thank all of you that have supported the clubs and units.

We will be having a "Night at the Races" coming very quickly on May 12th, I ask that you really try to attend that and tell your friends and relatives to

come on out for a great night of fun, food and horse racing to help support both the transportation fund as well as Al Koran.

We have many more functions coming this year but Please, Please support Al Koran by purchasing and selling our Sportsman's Raffle this year.

Remember even if you do not believe in owning or winning a gun, you can always accept a gift card for merchandise instead of a gun. I will say that a member of the Mansfield Shrine Club won a gun in last years drawing and did not wish to receive a gun or merchandise, so he chose to donate the gift card to the local boy scout unit so that they could put it to good use for equipment. A tip of the Fez to Noble Bill Reed for putting his good fortune ... to a good cause and still promoting our Shrine.

Speaking of raffles, we need to also support the other clubs and units that are also holding gun raffles, hog raffles, as well a Lake Erie Walleye fishing trip. I am sure that you will hear more about those as the year progresses.

We have been gaining some new Nobles this year, congratulations to our new members and each of us should strive this year to bring in one new member. Our membership chairman and co-chairman Dan Andrews and James Barone attended a membership class in February and are very eager to do some programs to obtain some new members, so please support them in all that they will be doing.

Lastly, it is coming close to open house season for our hospitals and clinics, we truly need to participate not only to show that this is the philanthropy that we exist for to our new members and attempt to get them involved but also to show support to those facilities as well as our children who need us.

I am proud to be your 2023 Potentate and hope that you will be happy with my last year on the Divan.

P.S. The Potentates Ball will be October 14th at the Double Tree Hotel in Independence, more to come in later issues.

Terry A. Hamilton PP, Potentate



SAVE THE DATE

Potentate's Amish Country Day Trip

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **April 17, 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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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

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

APRIL

- April 1: LOSNA Kheedawee Ct#6
OPEN Installation of Officers (see article)
- April 9 : Have a blessed Easter
- April 10: BOD/Divan Meeting
Hunter's Unit meeting to follow
- April 14/15: Ohio Shrine Meeting - Syrian Shrine, Cincinnati
- April 17: Monthly Business Meeting
- April 23: Nautica Queen Brunch (see notice)

MAY

- May 8: BOD/DIVAN Meeting
Hunter's Unit meeting to follow
- May 12: Night at the Races (see ad)
- May 15: Monthly Business Meeting
ONIONS will be here....

From the Recorder

This is the time to get your event calendar into me so I can place your events on the website, and the website calendar. If you have a flyer for the event please send that also. I send out emails to all the nobility, with the upcoming events as a reminder. 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. The web site is a work in progress, but we are working on it, and trying to keep it fresh and useful.

Parade season is starting soon, if you are driving an Al Koran vehicle, or a unit vehicle in a parade, I need a driver's certification form filled out by you, otherwise you will not be covered by our insurance carrier.

I have recently returned from the Shriner Recorder's Association seminar. There were plenty of Imperial officers there, and one of the most emphasized topics was the need of an increase in per capita. So, once again I would like to remind you that the last increase in per capita was absorbed by Al Koran, but we are in no position to absorb another increase. They are looking to increase per capita by \$20, and I believe it will pass this year. While I said that last year, and it failed, Imperial has done their homework, and have really tightened their financial belt. They have cut costs to the bone, and will start cutting services if this attempt fails.

I should have an onion report for you in our next newsletter. I know a \$5 increase was a lot, but it is a fund raiser, and (no offense) but it is not worth the time and effort if we only make one or two thousand dollars. I realize you may be on a fixed income and that one or two thousand sound like a lot, but it costs us over \$1000 each month to send out the newsletter.

Remember, we have libations available at our dinners prior to our meeting, you need not purchase a dinner to enjoy a refreshment.

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

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A gold card (digital only, your plastic card will remain gold) means your dues have not been posted, a black card means you are a member in good standing. Go Digital. It's easy and quite handy.

FEBRUARY 2023 MEMBERSHIP

February 1st	821 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	7	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	0	1
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Deaths	7	0
February 28	822 Regular	7 Associates

**Total Membership as of Feb. 28, 2023
829 Nobles**

IN MEMORY



*Nobles lost
to the Black Camel*



George F. Diez
Henry B. Fischer
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Samuel J. Krupla
Charles C. Morris
Edwin C. Peters
Robert C. Smykal

*Note: Reports are posted as received,
not necessarily in chronological order.*

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

I have received word from Columbus that Governor Mike DeWine has signed a Bill that creates an Ohio Shriner's License Plate. This Bill falls under Section 4503.704 and takes effect on April 6, 2023. Applications for an Ohio Shriner's License Plate will be available through the Ohio BMV. More on this great news will be in the May Al Koran Magazine.

Well, April is here. The hours of daylight are longer. Our Lake is ice free. The flowers are beginning to bloom. The song birds have flown back to the lakeside. Our winter bird Mariners are arriving back from Florida to their homes on the south shore of Lake Erie. Our boats are being prepared for their 2023 summer voyages. Isn't Spring beautiful!

Our Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has reported that sick bay is empty. That's great news with the arrival of the warm temperatures that we have been waiting for.

The April Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, April 17. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the April Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The April Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog 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 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 the cruise, membership or activities of the Al Koran Marines Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

The Mariners and our ladies wish the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies a Blessed Easter and Passover. Remember, your place as a Shriner has made you a Guardian Angel of those children who need our help.

God Speed!

Legion of Honor

At our regular monthly meeting 2/27 /23, our new Commander, Noble George Anders, conducted a well-prepared agenda. We usually have Pizza & soda before each meeting. Ills. Mike Davison makes sure we have enough pizza to serve everyone in attendance. Sometimes, he prepares Sloppy Joe's, Chili, or sandwiches, when he has time.

International Asso. Legion of Honor publishes a quarterly newsletter. If any member would like to have a copy, contact Ills. Jack Conner Adjutant and he will forward it to you.

Our Commander is working with a new vendor for our Unit, who can provide shirts, jackets, and caps.

Our Unit will again support the Twinsburg V.A. outreach program at Twinsburg High School, Sept. 9, 2023 at 9:00 am. A motion was passed to donate \$200 to support this event.

Our Color Guard Unit will be available to participate in Memorial Lodge services, if the member is a veteran.

BRUNCH CRUISE on THE NAUTICA QUEEN

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

1:00 to 3:30 PM

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Krazy Kops

St. Patrick's Day kicked off the parade season and the Krazy Kops represented Al Koran well. Despite the drizzle early in the day, we kept our spirits up and had a great parade followed by some warm food. Next on the parade schedule is Westlake on May 27 & Chagrin Falls on May 28 - Come join the fun!

Mike Spisak, PD, Sect/Treas



Hunter's Unit

The 20th of March was the first day of Spring. That doesn't mean we didn't have any snow, of course we did. But March is in the pass, and April is here. We were asked to help with Kids fishing at the Western Reserve Home lake. Kids Fishing in Ohio was started by a father and son, who are Masons. The event is for underprivileged and/or handicapped children and the Hunters were asked to give them a hand. So, on the 22nd of April, if you are not doing anything in the morning from 8AM to 2PM come out and join us. Also, in April is the Chardon Parade. We are not sure with weather we will be in this one. But there are more to come.

There are a few things that have to be done to the Trolley Trailer to get it ready for the season and we will keep you informed on parades just as soon as we get the parade calendar. One I know of is the Twinsburg Parade on the 5th of August. But I know there are a number of them before that. The Hunters are having a Steak Cookout on the 29th of July. Right now we are looking at two areas to hold this event but, the cost is \$20.00 per person. That will include salad, 12oz strip steak, baked potato and corn on the cob. We will have tickets ready for our next meeting.

We would like to thank both Don Drenski and Wayne Sholes for joining the Hunters. We are still meeting after the Divan Meeting about 7:00PM on the second Monday of the month, at the Al Koran Office on Engle Rd.

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Yes we held the Chili Cookoff on March 19th some of the results and photos are on the back cover. We are planning an initiation in the near future so if you are interested in joining with your wife or friend or alone, join us as a guest. You do not have to be a member to sit in at any meeting. Couples are welcome.

For those that have not heard yet, a fine Noble and friend to everyone passed last month. Roger Calkins was in attendance at every meeting and function, not only at Hillbillies but Shrine meetings and activities. He will be greatly missed.

We are still meeting at St Mathews Episcopal Church at 9549 Highland Dr., in Brecksville. Our next meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of the month which will be April 26, which will be a potluck. Happy Easter and God Bless.



Greetings BSrs!

We would like to give a big "thank you" to Eric Jacobs for hosting our last gathering in his awesome man cave. Our next event will be Whiskey Circus on April 1st and another gathering on Sunday May 7th.

If you would like to order a shirt, please contact "El Presidente," Brandon Gould.

Mike Spisak, Humidor



NIGHT AT THE RACES

Sponsored by Al Koran Shriners

All Proceeds Support the Children's Hospital Transportation Fund

Friday, May 12th

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Massillon Shrine Club GOLF Extravaganza

**Saturday May 6, 2023
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Barb Fyfe	5/1/23	L Richard Butler	10/1/23	Jay & Sheila Flack	4/1/25
William Miller	5/1/23	Norm Melchreit.....	11/1/23	Virginia Briggs	4/1/25
Jim & Fran Hazlett	5/1/23	Ralph & Cynthia Lindeman	11/1/23	Rosemary Hixenbaugh	4/1/25
Ralph & Eda Thadeus.....	7/1/23	Dan Edgar	11/1/23	Charles & Evie Probert.....	6/1/25
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Elmer & Judy Rogers.....	7/1/23	John & Joanne Larson	2/1/24	Mark & Debbie Bollinger.....	4/1/25
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Ken & Beth Wiedig	7/1/23	Dale & Carolyn Haas.....	3/1/24	Fredrick & Mary Freer	1/1/26
Jim & Janice Reed	8/1/22	Ronald H. Mills	4/1/24	Gary Brookins	11/1/26
Ronn Murphy.....	9/1/23	John D. Baker.....	4/1/24	Scott & Jana Grim	3/1/27
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Illustrious Sir Terry accepts a Lakewood Shrine Club donation for the hospitals from club President Dave Stelmach



Erie Board Chairman Charlie Murphy accepts an “In Memorial” check from Board Member and Secretary Tom Klecan PP

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Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Kheedawee Court #6 is gearing up and coming out strong as we all break out of the Covid lock downs.

This year we are focused on philanthropy and fun. We made two significant donations to the Shriners Children's Hospitals so far this year. One item was an electric car that is controlled remotely for a little girl that is a quadriplegic. The Nobles were there to modify the car for her once it was delivered.



A second donation of over \$1000 was made to the Shriners Children's Hospital Ohio for supplies for the Teddy Bear Clinics. This is an event for children and parents in the community. The children bring their favorite doll or teddy bear for a check-up. Our donation helped them purchase over 800 kits.



Our Court collected over \$1000 in donations of food and bedding, towels, medicines, and toys for the Cuyahoga Dog Shelter and pet food pantry in Valley View. They socialize the dogs and prepare them to become good citizens in their forever homes. The pet food pantry helps people struggling to feed themselves with a way to keep their pets rather than turning them into the shelter.

Our annual luncheon fundraiser had a new twist this year. It was held at the end of October and costumes were encouraged. Prizes for the best costumes were awarded. The food was catered by our own Lady Lois Riggleman, Associate Princess and her husband, Noble Marty Riggleman. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the food was amazing!

The Court is also preparing to host the 2024 Great Lakes Unit Meet (GLUM) being held September 26 – 28th, 2023. Like the men, we have a Great Lakes Region including Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Canada, and Western New York. During the GLUM there will be a welcome party, a short business meeting, drill presentations from all the Courts, and a formal banquet. It is a fun weekend we are all looking forward to hosting in 2024. To help prepare for the meet we have had several fund raisers this year: two yard sales, a paint party, and Christmas Wreath sales, to name a few. The committee is working extremely hard to show Cleveland in its best light.

We now have a permanent home at Summit Masonic Lodge where there are no stairs and no elevators needed to get in the building or to the meeting rooms. We have started to have our dinner before the meetings again with each one individually wrapped. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month. If you are a long-time member, please come join us again and get out of the Covid habit of staying in the house. If you are not a member but would like to join us in our work for the hospitals, please call or text Lady Betty Pilous, PHP, Recorder at (216) 990-4961 and ask for a petition. We would love to have you join us.

Want to learn more? Please come to our open Installation of Officers, April 1, 2023, at 3:00 PM. It will be at Summit Masonic Temple, 9545 Shepard Rd., Twinsburg, Ohio 44087.

If you missed the Chili Cookoff... you missed some fine fixin's.



The Crooked River Hillbilly Clan held their annual Chili Cookoff on 3/19. Pictured, with certificates and corn-cob awards, are the various chili winners - some selected by a group of Judges, One selected as the People's Choice, Bill Kemp won "Best Desert" for his rum (Bicardi 151 proof) cake, and Tom Munro won the 50/50. Club Officers Ronn Murphy PP and Al Paynter PP sandwiched the group together.



Erie Medical Center Telethon - Board Member Jack Watson and past Chairman Roger Neff worked the phones and helped raise almost \$20k in under two hours for the kids, March 14th.