

Al Koran Shriners News



Brookpark Homecoming Parade... Shriners were there...



The Al Koran

published monthly by
Al Koran Shriners
P.O. Box 81184
Cleveland, Ohio 44181
Phone (440) 546-9866

T (USPS 543-180)
Al Koran Shriners News

Periodicals Postage Paid at
Cleveland, Ohio and
additional mailing offices

(440) 546-9866
(800) 234-1876

FAX: (440) 546-1793

Visit us on the web:

www.alkoranshriners.com

ELECTED DIVAN

Potentate Terry Hamilton, P.P.
Chief Rabban Bru Lewis
Assistant Rabban Michael Spisak
High Priest & Profit Brandon Gould
Oriental Guide James Barone
Treasurer Jay Flack
Recorder Thomas Klecan, P.P.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

William Bragg, President
Charles Erickson
John "Jack" Watsonj
Mark Bollinger, P.P.
Robert Frankel

AL KORAN EDITOR & PUBLISHER

Roger Neff P.P.

SUBMISSIONS

All articles, advertising and suggestions should be sent to the address listed below and marked ATTN: Al Koran Magazine or email to: jalkoranmagazine@gmail.com

MEMBER INFORMATION

For information on Dues, Assessments, Regulations or to report Illness or Death of a Noble please call the Business Office as listed above.



Terry Hamilton P.P.

Dear Nobles and ladies,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and that you are keeping safe and cool.

Your elected representatives to the Imperial session in Charlotte N.C. all attended to place their votes for our legislation.

Speaking of that, our legislation was passed for the change of our address of our offices to the new address and most importantly, the Per Capita was raised \$20.00 for each year. Your Divan will be holding a board of directors

meeting in August to discuss our change of dues for next year. We will discuss it at the next business meeting in September

along with other items from the call.

The session was a bit different this year on a few points, such as the opening of the pageant was interrupted with a protest of Shriner's Circuses by PETA members causing the Imperial Potentate and the First Lady being escorted off the stage for their safety, the yearly parade being held at a drag strip instead of public streets and a riot and shooting in the downtown area during the fireworks in which our Chief Rabban was about as close to it as you would want to be. But all in all, it was a good time this year and I am excited for next year in Reno.

We should also be proud of our Assistant Rabban Michael Spisak who was appointed by the new Imperial Potentate to an Imperial committee position for next year. That is certainly an honor.

Changing the subject, we need to be active in selling our raffle tickets. Our Sportsman's Raffle started out strong and then has died out. The problem that I personally have with that is that everyone I ask how they are doing on sales, the answer I get back is that "I have sold two or five tickets", or worst yet, I never got any tickets and don't want to, I don't have time". Guys, its your shrine and your fund raiser for our shrine, every member should have tickets with him at all times to sell. Tickets have been on sale since March 1st, we are five months into sales and are not even close to what we sold in three months last year. We only have about two and a half months left to sell them by the time you read this, please get some tickets and sell them.

Let's have a good rest of the summer and early fall and support your shrine and shrine clubs.

Yours in faith,

Terry A. Hamilton, Potentate



Serious about selling Gun Raffle tickets ...



Illustrious Sir Terry spending time in front of Fin, Feather, Fur shop in Ashland... we all should do as much for the fraternity.



Official Call of the Potentate

As the months of July and August are usually "Dark" with NO regular business meeting scheduled, the next scheduled monthly meeting is Monday, September 18th. All members are subject for a "Call" by the Potentate for a meeting during this "Dark" period. Notification would advise.

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

Es Selamu Aleikum

Divan Directory



Illustrious Potentate
Terry Hamilton P.P.
C: 419 651-9720
Email:
hambone1@zoominternet.net



Chief Rabban
Bru Lewis
C: 330 242-6861
Email: brudee613@wmconnect.com



Assistant Rabban
Michael Spisak
C: 216 225-0703
Email: mjspisak@gmail.com



High Priest & Prophet
Brandon Gould
C: 440 225-8205
Email: bmgould@live.com



Oriental Guide
James Barone
C: 216 276-0086
Email: jbar27@gmail.com



Treasurer
Jay Flack
C: 440 665-1747
Email: alkorantreasurer@gmail.com



Recorder
Thomas Klecan P.P.
C: 440 520-8101
Email: klecantom@hotmail.com

Lakewood Shrine Club

SAVE THE DATE

**August 2nd...
Annual Steak Roast**



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

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST

- August 2: Lakewood Shrine Club Steak Roast
- August 12: Kheedawee Court Teddy Bear Tea Luncheon
- August 14: Mid Ohio Shriner's Golf Outing - See ad
- August 19: Hillbilly Pork Chop Dinner - See ad
- August 20: Al Koran Family Picnic - See ad
- August 27: Sunday Brunch Cruise - Mariners - See ad

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER

- September 2: Baldwin Wallace/
Al Koran Lee Tressell Shriners Football Game
- September 9: Youngstown SC Clam Bake "Like no other"
- September 11: BOD/Divan Meeting
Hunter's MOOSEBURGER Picnic meeting
- September 18: Al Koran Monthly Business Meeting
- September 27: Massillon SC Annual Clam Bake - (See ad)

From the Recorder

Well, they finally passed the per capita increase, so in one way or another we will have an increase to the dues. The Imperial Divan had sponsored an increase in per capita of \$30.00, which, requiring a two thirds majority was defeated by 5 votes, out of over 600 votes cast. After a vote to reconsider the proposal was taken up again the next day. This time an amendment from the floor, proposed to decrease the \$30.00 increase to a \$20.00 increase. The amendment passed, and a vote was taken on the amended proposal and passed, by an overwhelming majority, well in excess of 70%, needing only 67% to pass.

So where does this leave us.

Al Koran does not have the financial resources to absorb this increase like we did the last one, from \$15.00 to \$30.00 in 2016. Yes that's the last time the per capita was raised. Al Koran dues were \$117.00, per capita \$15.00, and the Hospital contribution was \$5.00 for a total of \$137.00. According to the records, Al Koran's (Temple) dues were \$87 prior to 2006, and were raised to \$107.00 in 2006, and raised again to \$117.00 in 2007, all that time the per capita and Hospital donation remained the same. Then in 2016, after the sale of the building in Broadview Heights, the Divan was considering a dues reduction, however, the Imperial per capita was raised by \$15.00 to \$30.00, and we absorbed that and kept the total amount of dues the same as they were, so Temple dues were actually reduced to \$102.00.

Did you follow that, I tried to be as plain as I could. There is no way to sugar coat this, Al Koran will need to raise dues. Our By-laws state that the dues are \$102, and that the per capita and Hospital donation are added to them. So, we do not have to take a vote to increase our dues to cover the increase in the per capita, it will automatically happen in 2024, your dues will increase by at least \$20.00.

Now remember, Imperial tried to increase the per capita by \$30.00, to \$60.00, so another increase is probably not far off. Also, Al Koran has not had a positive financial position in several decades, and has been surviving on donations, bequeaths, and interest earned to keep the budget balanced. Some years we eke out a small profit, others we are in the hole, and we have slowly lost ground over the last 25 years.

So, while the Divan may take up the question to raise the dues even more than the \$20.00, which will, automatically appear on your next dues statement, there is not sufficient time to make it effective for 2024.

So what's the good news, Shriners International has experienced positive membership growth for the last six months. That has not happened in over 25 years. An increase in membership is the way to forestall dues increases, so let's try and do the same for Al Koran, maintaining or increasing our membership means that more monies are collected and increases less likely.

The Al Koran Baldwin Wallace Lee Tressel Shrine Classic will be held on September 2, 2023, with a 12:00 Pm Kick off. You will shortly be receiving your tickets, please support this event.

Please enjoy your summer, many of the club and units have exciting events planned, please check out our web site, alkoranshriners.com most of these events are listed on the calendar there.

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

JUNE 2023 MEMBERSHIP

JUNE 1st	819 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	1	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Deaths	0	0
JUNE 30	821 Regular	6 Associates
Total Membership as of JUNE. 30, 2023		
827 Nobles		

DONATIONS

**IN MEMORY OF
JOE DICKEY III**

Gary Brookins

**IN MEMORY OF
WAYNE SHOLES**

May Sholes and Family

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

The Mariners would like to thank Ill. Sir Terry Hamilton P.P., Secretary Tom Klecan P.P., Chief Rabban Bru Lewis, and Assistant Rabban Mike Spisak who represented Al Koran Shrine at the meetings during the Imperial Session. This year it was held in Charlotte, N.C. It is at these Imperial Sessions that the future of Shriners International are determined.

At this year's Imperial Session, Ronn Murphy P.P. joined the ranks of Past International Commodores. During his year at the helm, Ronn was instrumental in instituting several new programs within the International Association Shrine Yacht Clubs. These programs will insure the growth and long-term future of the I.A.S.Y.C. Job well done Ron!

A hardy congratulations goes out to P/C Mark Cain who has been appointed Port Captain-Eastern Lake Erie in the (I.A.S.Y.C) International Association Shrine Yacht Clubs at this years Imperial Session.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me at this writing (July 8) that sick bay is empty and all is well.

The Mariners August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22 at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and the meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Football season is right the corner and that means Al Koran Shrine will be heading to Berea, Ohio. On Saturday, September 2 we will participate in the 35th Annual Lee Tressel Shrine Classic. This will be at Tressel Field, George Finnie Stadium on the campus of Baldwin-Wallace University. Baldwin-Wallace will be hosting Mount St. Joseph that afternoon. Come out and cheer on the Yellowjacket on to victory.

Come September, the Mariners will joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (IOBG) in District #7, for their annual wine tour on Saturday, September 16. We will meet at the Holiday Inn in Madison, Ohio. There we will board the wine buses at 1115 hours with stops at four wineries, enjoying an afternoon of food, entertainment, friendship, and of course award-winning wines. We will return to the Holiday Inn around 1800 hours.

August has arrived in the Oasis of Al Koran and its time to enjoy a day of boating. So, look for us on Lake Erie. For information pertaining to membership or activities of the Mariners, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe and healthy!

God's Speed

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

It is July and Summer is here and the longest day has pass us; get outside and enjoy the sun and the creeks in the wood. Pickup those crawfish for the next awesome dinner experience.

We are having a raffle for a pair of Diamond Pierce ear rings that are valued at \$1,000.00 dollars. Tickets sales started in April and will go until all 250 tickets are gone; each ticket is \$10.00 dollars each.

We also have planned a Pork Chop Feast at the Berea Temple on August 19th and we now have tickets available for \$15.00 dollars each. The Feast includes the following: pork chop, baked potatoes, corn, apple sauce, dessert, and beverages. A 50/50 raffle will take place during the feast.

I'm giving thanks to Noble Frank and Lady Tsarina McEvoy for taking on the responsibility of the Keeper of the Quill (secretary) and so far job well done, thank you.

The meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month including July and August, please bring a potluck vittle to share and eaten time is at 6 PM come join us at St. Mathews Episcopal Church, at 9594 Highland Dr. Brecksville, Ohio. Life time membership is \$30.00 dollars come see me. This is a noble and lady club.

See the ticket in this newsletter.

Ronn, PP, Raban of the Clan email: murphyrm2361@gmail.com

The JOHNS CARABELLI EST. 1879
CEMETERY MEMORIALS LTD.

Experience the Artistic Difference!

CELEBRATING
140 YEARS

**Cemetery Memorials
Cremation Products • Stone Engraving
Garden Art • Signage
Public Monuments**

Contact **Noble Eric Butler** for information
216-215-4911

4202 Mayfield Road, South Euclid Ohio 44121
Eastside Office: **216-382-8150**

Web: www.jcmemorials.com Fax: **216-381-7635**



Proud Designers and Creators of the
Al Koran Shriners Memorial Monument for
Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.
Thank you for your service.

14110 Brookpark Road, Brook Park Ohio 44135
Westside Office: **216-267-8585**

LITE Tactical Solutions, LLC
Lightweight
Individual
Tactical
Equipment



*Protecting First Responders . . .
to safely return HOME*



For a complete evaluation of your ballistic armor needs—we can help—give us a call !

- **Armor Express Soft Body Armor** — Concealable & External Soft Body Armor
- **ShotStop Ballistics** — Lightweight Rifle Plates w/ 15 Year Warranty
- **Dayton Armor** — Thinnest / Lightest Weight Rifle Plates w/ 15 Year Warranty
- **Aden Combat Systems** — Hand Held Rifle Shields / Rolling Rifle Shields & Helmets



LITE Tactical Solutions, LLC
1491 Polaris Parkway, Ste: 404
Columbus, Ohio 43240
www.litetacticalsolutions.com

Lee Pilous, PM (216) 406-0232
Tom Stock (614) 284-0401
Fred Goltart, PM (317) 407-2371

LeePilous@gmail.com
TomS@LiteTacticalSolutions.com
FredG@LiteTacticalSolutions.com



Al-Koran Shriners

2023 Shrine Picnic



11am–3PM • Lunch Served at 11:30am

11922 Brosius Rd. • Garrettsville, OH 44231

Hunter's Unit

Hunters will remain “Dark” in August ... except for parades. “Double Take” Twinsburg Parade is AM ... August 6th. Line up is at 8:00 on the square. Check with HUNTERS of Trolley Car availability. We are looking for a TOW vehicle for this parade. Contact the Office of Roger Neff if you can help us with the Trolley Car. Hunters will have their MOOSEBURGER picnic September 11 in the Brookpark Pavillion off Engle Road. Contact a Hunter for more info - more than Hunters Units guys are welcome. Come try a “mooseburger”...



Michelle Waldron Health Insurance Broker

HEALTHCARE FOR SENIORS, LLC

216.469.4482

Michelle Waldron, *Independent Licensed Agent*

Medicare / Life / Supplemental



mwaldronmedicare@gmail.com • www.medicarewithmichelle.com



Kheedawee Court #6

Teddy Bear Tea Luncheon

for ladies and gentlemen



Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Woodside Event Center

5023 Mille Road ♦ Broadview Heights, OH

(off of I-77 South & E. Wallings Rd.)

Reserve a table for your group!

For more information, call Diane: 440-888-8752

Donation: \$35.00

Make checks payable to: Kheedawee Court #6 LOSNA

Mail to: Diane Sabados, 3321 W. Ridgewood Dr. Parma, OH 44134-4437

Massillon Shrine Club Clam Bake

Wednesday, September 27, 2022

Menu

1 Dozen Clams
1/2 BBQ Chicken
Bratwurst Sausage
Clam Chowder
Red Garlic Potatoes
Corn on the Cob

Starts at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30

Tickets must be purchased by September 22nd

Tickets \$40 per person

No tickets will be available at the door.

Held at:

Clinton Lodge #47

333 2nd St SW

Massillon, OH 44646

For Tickets or Info

Call or Text Bill Kemp (330) 806 -9613

Email ClamBake@MassillonShriners.org



SUNDAY BRUNCH CRUISE



AKMYC

SUN. AUGUST 27, 2023

Come with the
Mariners on Lake
Erie and have an
amazing time!

- \$60 a ticket (non-refundable)
- 11:30 AM in the parking lot for tickets
- Until 3:00 PM
- Make reservations with:
murphyrm2361@gmail.com
or frankmcevoy1964@gmail.com

Lady Caroline, New Ship





AL KORAN SHRINERS
SERVING NORTHEAST OHIO

SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

Tickets **\$25**

Drawing to be held on October 31, 2023

Proceeds benefit Al Koran Shriners

Winners will be notified by phone and receive a certificate for a gun or merchandise from Fin Feather Fur Outfitters.

More Information can be found at <https://alkoranshriners.com/sportsmans-raffle> or call 440-546-9866 option 1



Scan the QR Code
with your smartphone



Drawing time & other info can be seen at
<https://alkoranshriners.com/sportsmans-raffle>

Must be 18 years of age to enter and 21 to receive a handgun. If a winner is ineligible to receive a prize under relevant federal and state laws or local laws, they must take the optional gift card. If winner is unable to pick up firearm in person, it may be shipped to nearest FFL Dealer at winner's expense. Any taxes on items won will be the sole responsibility of the winner. Fin-Feather and Fur will handle all transactions of prizes awarded. All items won must be claimed within 90 days @ Fin-Feather-Fur Outfitters or they become the property of the Al Koran Sportsman's unit.



Al Koran representatives at Shiner's Erie's Community Day event

Hamilton Investigations and Protective Service LLC

TERRY A. HAMILTON
Owner/Private Investigator

PHONE: 419-281-1968 536 BROAD ST. ASHLAND, OHIO 44805

www.HamiltonInvestigations.com

E-Mail: Hambone1@zoominternet.net

Experience - Discretion - Quality - Integrity

- Background Checks
- Criminal History
- Divorce Issues
- Electronic Sweeps
- Infidelity
- Missing Persons
- People Searches
- Pre-Employment checks
- Private Investigations
- Posing as Customers
- Process Server
- Records Search
- Surveillance
- Undercover Investigations

Member Ohio Association of Security and Investigation Services (OASIS)

Lady Angie's June Ladies meeting



Ohio State Representative Melanie Miller speaking to our Ladies.

149th Imperial Session - Charlotte, NC



Al Koran was represented at this years Imperial Session. Dinner together... Illustrious Sir Terry being awarded his Iowa Corporation Emeritus credentials... good time by all.



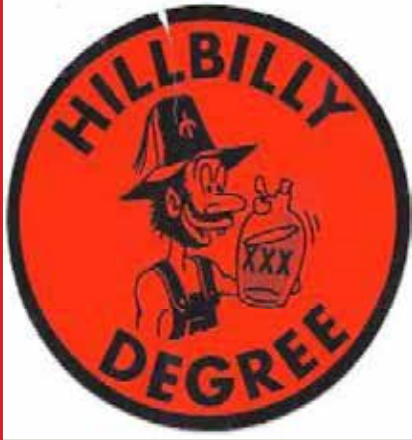
Full Divan at Erie Community days

NOTICE SAVE THE DATE:

**Potentate's Ball
Honoring
Illustrious Sir Terry Hamilton
& Lady Angie**

October 14th, 2023

**Double Tree hotel
Independence , Ohio**



AL KORAN
SHRINERS
SERVING NORTHEAST OHIO

HILLBILLY CROOKED RIVER CLAN #16

Invites you to a Pork Chop Dinner and Fixin's

Fixins : Salad, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, and of course ...desert.

\$ 15.00



AUGUST 19, 2023

at Berea Masonic Center

366 Eastland Road, Berea, OH

Attitude Adjustment at 5:00 pm

Vittles at 6:00 pm

For Tickets and or reservations

Call/text Ronn Murphy (216) 702-6785

