



Al Koran Shriners News



Potentate's Ball...Honoring Illustrious Sir Terry Hamilton, Lady Angie and Mary



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Terry Hamilton P.P.

November, a month to give thanks for what we are blessed with, I am personally thankful for my family, faith, friends and employment. I am certainly thankful and blessed for being a Shrine-Mason.

At the time of this printing, we just finished having our Potentates ball. The ball was very successful in my eyes, and I am very thankful for the people that made it all come together and be so successful. Thank you to Tom Joseph and Dave Stelmach for manning the registration table, for Bill Kemp for being the

Photographer, Illustrious Sir Ronn Murphey for the prayer, for Illustrious Sir Al Painter for always being a great Master of Ceremonies, I thank Monica Robbins and the Whiskey Kings for their fine performance, and of course, Illustrious Sir Michael Davison for putting the whole thing together. It literally took months of preparation and planning of which he kept me abreast the entire time. I believe that every Shrine club and unit was represented, thank you!

I wish to thank Bill Bragg for assisting in setting up, working at and cleaning the hospitality room which I think was one of the best we have had in a few years. We had many people who stayed and enjoyed a good time until I had to chase them out at 1:00am due to the noise, proving that people were having a good time.

For the people that were there, they were impressed at a wonderful treat in having the El Hasa Shrine Temple of Cleveland provide the posting of the colors by their award-winning color guard. I was personally surprised with the regimental posting, then they came over to my table and honored myself by presenting swords and giving a bow and salute to me, that will never be forgotten, I was truly humbled.

Lastly on that subject, I stood on stage giving thanks to everyone and couldn't help but to think back over the last 16 years that I have been in the Divan line, of just how blessed I have been by having so many friends and supporters, and as I looked around the crowd, I was saddened to think of how many of those great friends I had made but were not there due to visits from the Black Camel or other health issues and it made me thankful to have been a part of their lives and to have met and known so many good friends.

Remember that we still have a lot coming up this year, business meetings, ladies programs, Hunters spaghetti dinner and Turkey Shoot, Chief Rabban Seminar, Childrens Christmas Party and election night. Please don't forget to support your clubs and units activities and don't forget support to your Shriners Hospitals and transportation fund.

Yours in faith, friendship and thanks!

Terry A. Hamilton P.P.



Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **NOVEMBER 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...by the previous Thursday.

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

Es Selamu Aleikum

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Notice to our Ladies

Lady Angie is having a Thanksgiving decorating party.

Come for fellowship and fun.



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

NOVEMBER

- November 4 - Youngstown SC Wine Tasting
- November 11- Chief Rabban Seminar - 2:00
- November 11- Hunters Spaghetti Dinner/Turkey Shoot
- November 13 - BOD/ Divan
Hunters Meeting following Divan
- November 20 - Al Koran Monthly Business Meeting

DECEMBER

- December 7-15 Happy Hanukkah
- December 9 - Children's Christmas Party - see flyer
- December 11 - BOD/Divan
Hunters Meeting following Divan
- December 18- Al Koran Monthly Business Meeting
- December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

SAVE THE DATE

Gather the kids...

Al Koran Children's Christmas Party
along with Scottish Rite is **December 9th 2023.**



From the Recorder

As we wind down the year 2023 it is a good time to start planning for 2024. Remember, clubs and units are required to hold their elections and report the results before the end of November. Installation must occur before **January 31, 2024**. Al Koran will hold its election at the December Business meeting, with the installation of officers scheduled for **January 13th**.

Dues are trickling in, and surprisingly the correct amount is being received. Thanks to all who paid their dues. By the time you are reading this you should have received your hard copy dues notice for 2024.

Unfortunately with the increase in per capita, Al Koran will no longer be able to carry delinquent members into a second year. So for any of you who need to pay for 2023, you have until **December 29th** to get that payment into us, or face suspension for nonpayment of dues.

Remember, our website alkoranshriners.com has copies of the newsletter as well as a Calendar which is kept up to date, as well as information on clubs and units. Check out the website.

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

SEPTEMBER 2023 MEMBERSHIP

SEPTEMBER 1st	817 Regular	6 Associates
Creations	0	0
Restorations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	2	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Deaths	0	0

SEPTEMBER 30 815 Regular 6 Associates

Total Membership as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

821 Nobles

IN MEMORY

NONE FOR SEPTEMBER

DONATIONS

NONE FOR SEPTEMBER

Have you received your Electronic Dues notice for 2024? Did you notice the increase?

Nobles, at the 2023 Imperial Session, held in Charlotte, North Carolina, this past month, the elected delegates of the Iowa Corporation (Fraternal), voted to raise the per capita \$20.00, from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per year.

Hard copies will be mailed via the US Postal service in early October.

You will see this increase in your 2024 Dues Statement, an increase from \$137.00 to \$157.00

Please see the recorder's message for more details.

Should you need assistance with your dues please contact the office **440-546-9866**.

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

On Sunday, October 8, Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. was installed as President-Elect for the District #7 I.O.B.G. This is a worldwide organization of Past Commodores. Also being installed were P/C Bob Kolar as Vice President of Cleveland East Yacht Clubs, and P/C Bob Stanley as Vice President of Pennsylvania Yacht Clubs.

At this writing (October 9), Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me that sick bay is empty and our crew is healthy. Now is the time to get your flu shot.

The Al Koran Hunters are once again hosting their yearly Turkey-Shot and Spaghetti Dinner. The date is November 11 and the venue is the Berea Masonic Hall in Berea, Ohio.

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

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

The Mariners will be heading out to Westlake, Ohio for the weekend of December 1-December 3. This is the annual Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch of the Inter Lake Yachting Association. The I.L.Y.A. consist of yacht clubs from Ontario and the United States that surrounds Lake Erie. The I.L.Y.A. holds its annual regatta at Put-In-Bay, Ohio during July.

The Al Koran Mariners family would like to wish all in the Oasis of Al Koran Shrine a Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 7. Yes, your vote does count.

God's Speed



Tom Klecan PP/Recorder presents checks to Shriners Children's Erie from Lakewood SC and Joe Wuitowicz Fez Can donation project.



Howard Merritt, Erie Board of Governors Treasurer, presents check to Board Chairman Charlie Murphy for his match of donations for the Charity Cup Hockey Tournament.



Mike Davison PP presents a check for the guitar sold at the concert where we raised money selling CDs of the performers. The Kid Rock guitar gave us over \$1800.

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Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Our last meeting for the 2023 year was last month and we held election of officers and they are, Raban of the Clan Russ Arndt, Keeper of the Cob Al Paynter, Keeper of the Quill Frank McEvoy, and Keeper of the Still Ill Ronn Murphy. These Nobles were elected into office at the October meet and will be installed at the meeting in January of 2024. As most everyone knows, we will be dark for the next two months yet, there are a number of Al Koran activities going on and the Business Meetings will continue through the rest of the year. Let's get behind Ill Terry Hamilton and get at least 50 members showing for the rest of the year. Terry has been a faithful member and filled in the Divan line for a number of years, so we can have a full line of Officers. He has done more for our Shrine than anyone.

Right now a plan to have a tour of Severance Hall is in the works. It will be on a Sunday probably in February. Other activities will be for coming, but will be finalized later.

The Hunters are having their Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot on November 11th, this is an annual event. So let's behind this club. Tickets are only \$15.00 and also includes a salad, ice cream and an open bar.

Hunter's Unit

This month has become quite busy for the Hunters. On the 4th of this month, we will be putting up the shelving that has been sitting in the storage area at the office. Emails have been sent to the members regarding the set up but, if you have not received any, here are some details. We will gather at 9 AM. Of course, we will have donuts and coffee to start. Help will be needed. Once the frame work is constructed, 4x8 sheets of some type of wood will be laid as shelving. So, know all the boxes etc. that we removed from were we installed the shelving, must be returned to the new.

On November 11th our Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot will take place at the Berea Masonic Center on Eastland Rd, in Berea. Tickets are available now, or make a reservation. There is a flyer in this magazine. For the dinner, at only \$15.00, you get salad, spaghetti with meat sauce or meatless, bread and butter, and ice cream cup, with an open bar. Where can you get a dinner like that with a drink for \$15 bucks. Plus, if you would shoot with one of our new BB guns you could take home a turkey or ham for the holiday. Make sure you check out the flyer and call.

With election of officers just around the corner we will be looking for an Assistant Chief and a Secretary. An Assistant Chief will be expected to take on the position of Chief in 2025. Rob Frankel will be running for Chief and Russ Arndt for Treasure this coming year. In talking to Rob he has a number of activities planed for 2024 and possibly with another group



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BS unit is doing a raffle for a bottle from the 6 millionth barrel of Buffalo Trace bourbon. Wood case, bottle, wood stave and booklet on the barrel is included. Tickets are \$10 dollars each and only 300 are available.

If anyone needs tickets they can contact Brandon Gould or Mike Spisak.

Greetings fellow BSrs. For those of you who didn't make it to Mansfield for our joint event with the Mid-Ohio shrine club, it was a first class event. There is already talk of doing it again next year.

Our next gathering will be Sunday Nov. 5 at 1:00 PM at Havana's choice cigars 170 Pearl Rd, Brunswick, OH 44212. Some of our Mid-Ohio friends have talked about travelling up North to join us. Havana's choice will have the Browns game on. They have heaters in their pavilion. If it's too cold, they have the game inside as well. Remember, we have to purchase our cigars from them. Please bring a snack to share and a bottle of your favorite spirit. Please RSVP to me by 10/31 so we can give them an idea of how many are coming.

We are down to the last few tickets available for our Buffalo Trace Bourbon bottle raffle. Assuming they are all sold, we plan to have the drawing at the gathering on Nov. 5. We hope you can join us!

Krazy Kops

Greetings Kops! The last parade of the year is done. The Paddy Wagon is tucked away for a long winter's nap, but we have plenty of fun in store for our members over the next coming months. We will have a business meeting on Monday Nov. 27 at 6:00 at Teamz.

Our annual Christmas party with the wives and white elephant gift exchange will be Saturday January 20th at J Bella's in Strongsville... 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. It will be heavy appetizers and a cash bar. Details to follow.



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Phil & Rita Welce	6/1/24	Barb Fyfe	5/1/25	Norita M Hinerman	4/1/32



Al-Koran Shrine Children's Christmas Party



Diamond Event Center
1480 Pearl Rd
Brunswick, OH 44212

Santa Arrives at 12:30PM!

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10AM - 2PM

Children of all ages welcome. Bring your kids, grandkids,
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Saturday January 13th, 2024



Toscana Party Center
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Doors Open 6:00pm for Appetizers, Buffet Dinner 7:00pm

Dinner Menu: Caesar Salad, Hand-carved Beef with Gravy,
Chicken cordon Bleu, Stuffed Shells, Au gratin Potatoes,
Glazed Baby Carrots, Rolls /Buter / Assorted Pastries.

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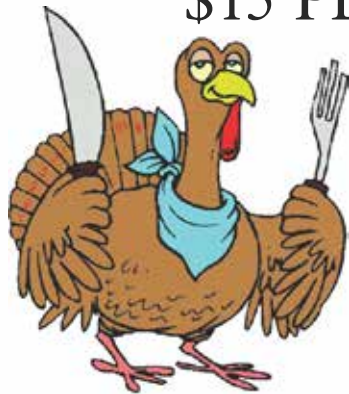
Hunters Unit Turkey Shoot & Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Doors open 5:00 PM * Dinner at 6:00 PM

At Berea Masonic Center, 366 Eastland Rd. Berea, OH

\$15 PER PERSON



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Russ Arndt: 216-905-5629,

Roger Neff: 440-478-1911 or

Brandon Gould: 440-225-8205

You may also email your ticket request to Roger at
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47th Annual Children with Special Needs Picnic.

Hosted by Mansfield Shrine Club, saw over 350 kids having a great time horseback riding, hay wagon riding, climbing on fire equipment, and visiting with Sheriff Dept and State Trooper personnel. A great lunch, provided by O'Charley's was served by our Club Members, and football players from Mansfield and Ontario High Schools. Games were provided by Directions Credit Union and Mechanics Bank. After lunch the DJ cranked it up for the Dancing to begin.

