



Al Koran Shriners News



Check Presentation



Tom Klecan, Secretary of the Board of Governors at Shriners Children's Erie, presented a check for \$1,500 on behalf of the Al Koran Shrine Trum Drum Massillon Social Unit to Charlie Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

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Bru Lewis, Potentate

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

Well, March came in like a lamb, and by the time of this writing, we have not yet seen how it's going to go out. Very mild weather for the most part so far in 2024 makes me want summer bad. I understand this is the year the 13-year and 17-year locusts are due at the same time, so early summer may be ah, interesting.

On March 9th, two Representatives from each Club and Unit, several Past Potentates, and most of your Divan gathered at the TeamZ Restaurant in Middleburg Heights for our first annual "Potentate's Luncheon." A fine lunch and fellowship was had by all courtesy of AL Koran. We spent a few hours discussing the current and future status of our Shrine. We could have talked much longer but had to call it before the venue booted us. It was a huge success and several attendees commented we should continue to gather for an Al Koran Representative "Session" at the very least annually.

On Saturday, March 16th, the 105th Installation of Officers of LOSNA Kheedawee Court #6 was held at the Massillon Masonic Temple. Gloria Jeanne Kemp, the wife of our Outer Guard, Noble Bill Kemp, was installed as High Priestess. First Lady Melissa and I attended, as did several Divan and Past Potentates members. We enjoyed an outstanding Ceremony, lunch, and fellowship following the ceremony. Congratulations to High Priestess Jeanne and all her Court.

April 8th is "Eclipse Day," and the Ohio Governor has issued a state of emergency due to the influx of people from all over the country and the world seeking the best observation points. Be safe and limit travel; it will be pretty crazy.

The Aladdin Shrine Statewide Ceremonial is on Saturday, April 13th. Nobles still seeking their Hot Sands Ceremony or those who wish to observe should register on the Aladdin website immediately and notify Recorder IS Tom Klecan.

In closing, to those who celebrate Easter, have a wonderful, blessed Holiday. He is risen.

Brunell "Bru" Lewis, Potentate
Something to Wrap Your Love Around



Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **APRIL 15, 2024** 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.

Bru Lewis, Illustrious Potentate
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Es Selamu Aleikum

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Calendar of Events

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

APRIL

TBD Board of Directors
April 15 Business Meeting with Ladies Program

MAY

May 13 Board of Directors Meeting
May 20 Business Meeting

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

Lakewood Shrine Club

The Lakewood Shrine Club has had two well-attended meetings this year. The Valentine's Day meeting had almost 50 people. It was great to see so many new members and first-time guests! On April 10th, we will have Dr. Jon Bradrick, DDS, a retired surgeon and key restoration team member of the USS Cod, as a speaker.

For dinner we will have:

- Soup or salad
- Pork loin or the vegetarian option, mushroom ravioli
- Dessert - chef's choice

Please see the contact information in the newsletter to make your reservations as soon as possible.

From the Recorder

Onion orders are due this month. Remember that this money is used for operational expenses, which in turn allows us NOT to raise dues.

Did you know that in 2009, we made over \$35,000.00, and in 2014, we made \$14,000.00? Last year, we were happy to make \$1400.00. My point is that Al Koran used to have a lot of fundraisers. We used to make a lot of money, which was then used to operate our building and provide funding for the hospitals and transportation fund.

Speaking of dues, I asked you guys to make me a liar when I said I would still complain about dues come June. You guys are not doing your part. If you are having health and/or financial issues, we can help. Please let us know.

Spring is here, and parade season is fast approaching with the improving weather.

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

VAN FOR SALE - 2006 Ford Econoline Van

Our old van is for sale.

We will be accepting offers until May 15, 2024

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P.O. Box 81184, Cleveland, Ohio 44181

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Bids need to include the bid amount, the bidder's name, and contact information.

Bids must be in number format, and the board of Directors retains the right to refuse any bids they feel are inappropriate or of insufficient value.

FEBRUARY 2024 MEMBERSHIP

FEBRUARY 1st	780 Regular	5 Associates
Creations	5	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	1	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Deaths	3	0
FEBRUARY 29	782 Regular	5 Associates

Total Membership as of FEBRUARY 29, 2024

787 Nobles



IN MEMORY

*Nobles lost to the
Black Camel*

February 2024

Noble Jim Burnham

Noble Joel Newman

Noble Elmer E. Vargo

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

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

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 2024 summer voyages. Isn't Spring beautiful?

Yes, Virigina, Vidalia Onions will be available to sell. As our late great P/C Bill Collins would say, 'We are not going to gouge you for a ten-pound bag of those tasty little devils.' A ten-pound bag of onions remains \$15.00, the same price as in 2023. This is a major fund raiser for Al Koran, which helps our Shrine from having to raise our dues.

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

The state wide Shrine Ceremonial of the six Shrine Centers will be held in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday April 13. Now is the time to sign up your Masonic Brothers who are not Shriners, so they can join with us in the world's greatest philanthropy.

The April Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, April 15. 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 30 at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

The Ohio Shrine Association will hold their annual meeting on April 26 and 27. This year it will be held in Perrysburg, Ohio. During their meeting, Al Korans Past Potentate Ronn Murphy will be installed as 2nd Vice President.

Mark your calendar for the Mariners 2024 Brunch Cruise on Sunday, April 28. The Mariners along with Al Koran Shrine, and the L.O.S.N.A. will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (I.O.B.G.) for a welcome Spring Brunch Cruise on the Lady Caraline. We will be boarding at 1200 hours with the cruise along Cleveland's shoreline, commencing from 1300 hours to 1530 hours. For information concerning the cruise, membership, or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. AT 216-702-6785.

Remember, your place as a Shriner has made you a Guardian Angel of those children who need our help. God's Speed.



Lunch date with Potentate



SAVE THE DATE

The Ohio Shrine Association cordially invites you to mark your calendars for the highly anticipated annual meeting scheduled to take place on **April 26th and 27th**. We are pleased to announce that this event will be held in Perrysburg, Ohio. Kindly ensure that this important gathering is duly noted on your calendar. Thank you for your attention to this matter. -- Ronn Murphy, VP, PP

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Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor Unit meets the 4th Monday of every month, except for the months of November and December due to the holidays. Our meetings are held at 6 PM at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 9549 Highland Drive, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

Our membership is composed of military veterans and associate members. The associate members are not veterans but volunteer to help our unit to achieve our goals. At the present time, several of our associate members are very active. If you are a veteran or you would like to help out as an associate, please contact Jack Conner, Adjutant, P.P., at 440-590-5260.

At our meeting in February, we accepted Noble Robert Frankel as Associate Member. We welcome Robert to our Unit. At 6:00 P.M., prior to the start of our monthly meeting, we enjoyed a light dinner. After conducting our business meeting, we were treated to an interesting presentation of antique pistols by Noble Lou Fow. Ills Al Paynter also presented an antique military rifle. Our Divan Rep, HPP Jim Barone gave us an update on all Al Koran activity and made a nice presentation. Meeting was closed at 7:40 P.M.

Hunter's Unit

Last year, The Hunters were asked to join Jeff Miller and his father, Tom, who were putting on a Kids Fishing Derby at The Western Reserve Masonic Center in Medina. Jeff owns The Court House Pizza Shop on the square in downtown Medina. We have been asked again to join them and if we could take the Trolley Trailer to Medina. Last year the Kids Fishing Derby was held in early April. The temperature may have hit 40 degrees, with drizzle to rain in the morning and most of the afternoon. Yet the young ones stayed by the lake and continued pulling in bass and trout. Our trailer came in handy because the parents found a dry place and still could keep an eye on the fishermen. Well, this year the day of fishing is Saturday, May 4th at the front lake, at the Masonic Center. The time is not yet known, but there will be coffee and donuts, for sure.

Korvette Unit News

NOBLES THE KORVETTE UNIT NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!!!!!!!

Nobles as you probably know the Korvette's are one of the primer parade units and has been parading for Al Koran for over 50 years and the parade watchers are "always" looking for the "little orange cars" in the parades. Nobles due to circumstances beyond anyone's control the Korvette unit has lost a number of drivers and our golf cart (tow truck) driver. These are permanent loses. Right now we only have 4 active drivers, which is "not" enough to put on a good show at a Shrine parade. So having said that, we need some new drivers NOW before the parade season starts. Even if you do not want to be a full time driver or do not have the time to be in all of the parades we need some Nobles to help out NOW!!! . We can teach you the basic parade maneuvers in about an hour. Not only would you be helping the Korvette unit, but Al Koran Shrine and our special Kids also. If we do not get at least 4 new drivers and a golf cart driver we will have to suspend our parade activities. So if you can help, even in a small way, please call me Al Paynter PP , Director of the Korvette's **216 346-3162.**



Onions
Onions
Onions



Yes, Al Koran will once more be selling onions, and yes the price remains \$15 for a 10-pound bag. And your assistance is needed. Last year we were forced to increase the cost of the onions to \$15 a bag to cover the costs of shipping and materials.

This is a fundraiser. I recently bought two popcorn bags from the Boy Scouts and paid \$35 for those two bags, which were not that large. Now that's a fundraiser.

Last year we sold about 300 bags and made about \$1500, not bad, but you can see that our supplies and shipping costs were not cheap. Also, \$2 goes to the club or unit selling the onions. I am aware many of you do not want to deal with the challenges of storing and delivering the onions, but fundraisers such as this are what keep us from having to raise dues.

So please get your club or unit organized to sell, or consider a donation to the general fund, with a little assistance we can raise a respectable amount of money for one day's work, and keep Al Koran in business, and your dues from going up.

SCIMITARS Swing Band

Greetings Nobles!

The Al Koran Shrine SCIMITARS Swing Band looks forward to another productive year. As we have done for many years, in 2023, the SCIMITARS played concerts almost every week from Father's Day in June until Armistice Day in November. The presentations are primarily to senior and retirement centers. Donations received are used to support the Shrine Hospitals for Children. Checks for \$1000 were sent to Shriner's Hospitals for Children in Erie, Shriners Children Ohio in Dayton, and the Children's Dyslexia Center in Cleveland.

The SCIMITARS Swing Band will begin rehearsals again in May and play for enthusiastic audiences throughout the summer. They will continue to support Al Koran and the Shrine Hospitals for children.

Best wishes to all for a great year!

Yours in the Faith,

Paul Lawrence, Director of Bands.



KHEEDAWEE COURT #6

BIRTHDAY PARTY TO CELEBRATE “105” YEARS FOR KHEEDAWEE COURT#6

We cordially invite you & you family to join with Kheedawee Court#6 and Al Koran Shrine in celebrating the birthday of LOSNA Kheedawee Court#6 being held at

Summit Masonic Lodge from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

There will be ice cream and cake and some games such as Pin the tassel on the Fez!

Come and join with us for the fun and fellowship. There will be a small charge of \$5.00 each family to cover the cost!!



Noble Bill Kemp, New High Priestess Lady Jeanne Kemp, Past High Priestess Lady Susan Shultz, and Past Grand High Priestess Lady Diana Schmidt



High Priestess Lady Jeanne Kemp being fezzed by Past High Priestess Lady Susan Shultz

Massillon Shrine Club GOLF Extravaganza

Saturday May 4, 2024
Lyons Den Golf Club

6347 Manchester Ave NW, Canal Fulton, OH 44614 (Rt. 93, 100 yards south of the Rt. 21 overpass)

4 Person Scramble

Shotgun Start at 8:00 am
\$75.00 Per Person

Includes: 18 holes of golf, 1/2 cart,
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Please make your reservations before April 29th
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****Please Make Golf Checks Payable to: Massillon Shrine Club****

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Total Sponsor Fees Remitted:			

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Remit to: Paul Samsa 610 9th St SW, Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Questions?

Paul Samsa (330) 878-7183 Samsaps@Bright.Net or Paul Westland (330) 806-7088 PWNavarre@AOL
Golf Outing Proceeds Fund Club Operations - All Sponsor Fees go to Al Koran Hospital Transportation Fund

Krazy Kops

Greetings fellow Kops!

-Mike Spisak, PD - Sect/Treasurer

Parade season is upon us once more! We hope to have a little better participation amongst our members as we were stretched a little thin last summer. If you are available to parade, even if only to ride in the Paddy Wagon, please come out and enjoy some fun and fellowship with us.

Our Director this year, Mike Fekete, has some fun events planned and we may even have our regular meetings at different spots around town like Top Golf and The Brew Kettle (for beer brewing again). Stay tuned and don't miss out on the fun we have planned this year!

Other tentative parade dates are:

Sun. May 26th – Chagrin Falls

Thu. June 20th – Middleburg Heights

Sat. July 27th – Highland Heights

Sat. Aug. 3rd – North Ridgeville

Sun. Aug. 25th – North Olmsted

Mon. Oct. 14th – Columbus Day



Jim Barone and Mike Spisak at GLSA

Our Erie and Dayton Hospitals Are accepting applications For new Board members for 2025.

Any Noble interested in seeking a position on the Board of Governors for either our Erie Clinic or our Dayton Burn Hospital must complete the appropriate information and submit it to the proper facility by May 1, 2024.

Applications and qualifications for membership are available by request from the Recorder.

Applications must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the Board of Directors of Al Koran (the Divan).

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Entertainment 7:00 pm

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MASSILLON SHRINE CLUB GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA

It's time to shine up your golf clubs and put your four-person team together. The Massillon Shrine Golf Extravaganza is right around the corner. This year's outing will be on Saturday May 4, 2024, with at the beautiful Lyons Den Golf Course. We'll kick off this prime event with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. This year's cost is the same as 2023 at \$75.00 per golfer (\$300.00 per team). Included in your entry fee is 18 Holes of Golf, ½ a Cart, Prizes, Lunch, Dinner after golf, and Beverages.

Not a golfer, that's okay. You can be a sponsor for \$25.00 or more and have a sign on the first Tee. All sponsor fees are tax deductible and will be presented to the Al Koran Transportation Fund. So, for \$25.00 or **more** you can help our children get to their treatments. So, it's a win, win.

If you need more information or have any questions contact Paul Samsa Phone: (330) 878-7183 or email: samsaps@bright.net or Paul Westland Phone: (330) 806-7088 or Email: pwnavarre@aol.com. **You can even contact them to save your teams Tee Time**

We hope to see you on this Sunny and Warm Saturday in May. Remember it never rains on the Golf Course!

Ohio Shrine Statewide Ceremonial in 2024

Al Koran will be participating in the second state-wide ceremony on **April 13, 2023!** If you have never experienced a "hot" sands this is your opportunity to do so.

Once again, it will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Al Koran is gathering a list, and several Divan members will be attending. Please get in touch with the office for further details.

If you plan to attend, please let us know.