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Bru Lewis, Potentate

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

As I write this article around mid-May the sunshine is returning, birds are singing, colorful flowers are peeping out of the ground. God has blessed us once again with a wonderful spring, and the wife and I have been so looking forward to it. Shrine outdoor events and activities are beginning. Remember to plan an aspect of new membership in everything you do as a Club or Unit. Invite as special guests Masons and non-Masons who you feel would make good Nobles and have them and their Ladies feel what it is like to be a part of our wonderful Fraternity.

Activities, Events, Parades, are all a lot of fun and the perfect opportunity to let the world know about us and advertise us to prospective members. Get your photos, descriptions of that is going on, articles, etc. into Jay Flack so they might be added to this Newsletter! We should not have to scrap to put things together for this. The email address for submitting photos, descriptions, articles etc., is alkorannewsletter@gmail.com.

Al Koran's biggest fund raiser The Sportsman's Raffle is off and running and every Brother and their Ladies should make the effort to obtain a pack (at least one pack) of tickets from our Recorder and sell them. We have lowered the price of the tickets from \$25 to \$20, with 6 tickets for \$100, and are limiting the overall number for sale this year. If one of your sales results in a winning ticket you get \$50 for use at the Fin. Summer break will soon be upon us and with that there will be no business meetings in July or August. There will also possibly be no Divan meetings unless something comes up where we must meet.

Due to some recently developing personal health issues I must temporarily limit my number of Club and Unit visits, travels, and have had to cancel my appearance at Imperial Session 4th of July week in Reno Nevada. The wife and I were really looking forward to this, but it cannot be for now. As soon as some testing is completed, a cause is known, and direction provided, I can hopefully increase my activities. I have asked our High Priest and Prophet Jim Barone to step in as candidate for election to replace me as the Al Koran Rep. to Imperial Session. If elected the plan is for Jim and his Lady Chris, your Chief Rabban Mike Spisak, his Lady Deb, and your Assistant Rabban Brandon Gould and his Lady Karen, to travel to Reno to proudly represent Al Koran at Imperial Session. God Speed and safety to them.

Lady Melissa and I wish everyone a beautiful, blessed, and safe month of June.

Hope to see you soon.

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



Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **JUNE 17, 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
Thomas Klecan P.P., Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

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Calendar of Events

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

JUNE

June 10 Board of Directors Meeting
June 17 Business Meeting

JULY

DARK

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**to become the new Editor / Publisher
of the Al Koran newsletter. If interested,
call Front Office at 440-546-9866 ext 2**



From the Recorder

COMMUNICATIONS

Berea Masonic temple – Spoke with Deputy's rep for AASR

Special Election for Rep to Imperial

Hall of Fame Luncheon

Our fraternity celebrates Shriners International Awareness Day on June 6

PHTF Report is due to Imperial on Wednesday

Andi Shipka

MEMBERSHIP

In April we had:

Two creations, no affiliation, no associations, one restoration, no demits, no suspensions, two expirations, no expulsions, and one resignation.

So we began the month of February with 777 members and 5 associates for a total of 782, and ended the month with 776 members and 5 associates for a total of 781, for a net loss of 1.

DUES

We have 76 members who have to pay 2024 dues, the loss of income is \$11,700.00. Emails went out to all that had an email address, but quite a few did not, Phone calls will be made this month.

There are quite a few new members on the list as well as our usuals and some new veteran members.

Please be advised that those who have not paid their dues are in essence not in good standing and unable to attend meetings and non public events.

APRIL 2024 MEMBERSHIP

APRIL 1st	777 Regular	5 Associates
Creations	2	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	1	0
Deaths	2	0

APRIL 31 776 Regular 5 Associates

Total Membership as of APRIL 30, 2024

781 Nobles



IN MEMORY

*Nobles lost to the
Black Camel*

APRIL 2024

Noble John P Hult

Noble John V Sesock

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

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

The Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club has become a member of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association. The I-LYA encompasses yacht clubs that are established on the shore of the Great Lakes. The 135 yacht club members are from both the United States and Canada.

With the boating season upon us, we must remind boaters that the life jackets (P.F.D.) are useless unless they are worn. When venturing out to enjoy a day on Lake Erie or any other body of water, for your safety and your family's safety, always wear your P.F.D.

Our Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker, has informed me that as of this writing (May 1), sick bay is empty and all are healthy and ready to enjoy the summer boating season.

At a recent meeting of the Ohio Shrine Association in Cincinnati, Ohio, Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. has been elected and installed as 2nd President of the Ohio Shrine Association.

The mystery question of the month is as follows. How many of you readers have ever heard of Ellenberg, Ohio? What was it located and what was it famous for? The answer will be in the July Mariners Log.

Once again, this year, Al Koran Shrine will be holding a Sportsman's Raffle. The date is October 31, and tickets can be purchased from Commodore Ronn or any Divan members. A winning ticket can purchase any item at Fin, Feather, and Fox.

The June Al Koran Shrine business meeting will be held on Monday, June 17. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the June Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

As in the past years, there will be several Mariners and ladies who will be cruising to Huron, Ohio. This will be for the Annual Greater Cleveland Boating Association Rendezvous. The dates are June 21 and 22, while the port of call is the Huron Boat Basin.

The June Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

With all our summer activities coming up, it is always good to remember if you and your lady are looking to have fun in our Shrine, come join the Mariners. For information concerning membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at 216-702-6785.

The Mariners would like to wish all nobles of Al Koran Shrine a Happy Father's Day. Don't forget to fly your flag on Flag Day. God's Speed.



Greetings BSrs!

The Gathering on May 19th was a smashing success! Fun was had by all. Your officers are hard at work lining up the next BS gathering. If a member would like to volunteer to host, please contact our El Presidente, Brandon Gould, or your faithful Humidor. We will likely be aiming for July for the next get together. Watch your emails and stay smokey!

— Mike Spisak - "The Humidor"

Krazy Kops

Greetings fellow Kops!

-Mike Spisak, PD - Sect/Treasurer

By the time this issue goes to print, the Chagrin Falls parade will be in the books. I'm sure it was fun! The tentative parade schedule is as follows:

Thurs June 20 - Middleburg Heights
Thurs July 4 - Medina (NEW PARADE!)
Sat July 20 - Highland Heights
Sat Aug 3 - Independence
Sun Aug 11 - North Ridgeville

Watch for future emails about parade times, Top Golf, other hijinks to come.



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BOOSTERS	exp. date	BOOSTERS	exp. date	BOOSTERS	exp. date
Dan Frenz.....	5/1/24	Brunell “Bru” Lewis	2/1/25	Norm Melchreit.....	12/1/25
Stan & Betty Updike.....	5/1/24	Steve & Kim Behm	3/1/25	Fredrick & Mary Freer	1/1/26
William Miller	6/1/24	Jie & Danelle, Zemek.....	3/1/25	Joe Wuitowicz	1/4/26
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Joe & Becky Kevern	11/1/24	Evie Probert	6/1/25	Sandy Angstrom.....	2/1/28
Lee & Betty Pilous.....	12/1/24	Ray & Kay Wilson	11/1/25	Ralph & Eda Thadeus	7/1/28
Al Budney	1/1/25	Tom Scharf.....	11/1/25	Gordon Hastler PP	3/1/29
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Creighton & Winnie Bradler	1/1/25	Mark & Debbie Bollinger	4/1/25	Donald & Debbie Meuser	10/1/30
Chuck & Barbara Bradler	1/1/25	James & Julie Pace	10/1/25	Norita M Hinerman	4/1/32
Mike Brookins	2/1/25	Richard & Linda Saxby	11/1/25		

Hunter's Unit

Last month (May) started off with Kids Fishing Day at the Western Reserve Masonic Home. At one of their three lakes. A great big THANK YOU goes to Dan Andrews and his son for towing the Trolley Trailer to the lake at the Western Reserve Home. The trailer is stored, for now, in North Olmsted and he lives in Hunson. He not only traveled cross country on Saturday, the 5th, but on Sunday, he towed the trailer to Parma for the Polish Parade. where we had a fairly good turnout. But, if it wasn't for Dan's family and a couple of LOS ladies we, wouldn't have much. There were also Al Koran Clowns and our Hospital Van present.

Parade season is in full swing. We know we are in the Mayfield Parade and Mike Davison has been working on this diligently. Now we need riders. It used to be a must, that all Divan members be at any and all Parades. Also, any and all units and clubs had a representative present at a parade. Parades are the best public exposé we could have for our hospitals and right we do not have any in Cleveland. Kids Hospitals are what we are, and no one seems to care in Cleveland.

There is a Ladies Appreciation Dinner Night in the planning. Right now, it is planned for July 30th to be held at the Lake Erie Yacht Club. Now the planned time for social gathering will be 6:00 PM. Dinner will be a la carte. More info will follow next month. For reservations call or text Rob Frankel at (216) 965-4311, This is a combine activity with the Mariners.



Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Well, we talked about our drawing for a pair of diamond earrings for some time, and our drawing happened to take place. The winner for the pair of earrings was Frank McEvoy, our Keeper of the Quile. He did not choose the earrings; instead, his wife chose the cash. Congratulations to Frank and Tsarina. Go out to dinner or get something nice for the house.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day by going to the Irish American Club in Euclid for their Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. We had 26 people in attendance, among 500 people. It was great to see that many people having a good time. There were four sets of Irish dancers ranging from ages 4 or 5 to mid and late teens. It was like watching the River Dancers all over again. Bag Pipers made a big splash with airbags filled and tones wailing their distinctive sound. Of course, Harps beer was on tap, along with anything else that a bar would have. Their \$15.00 Corned Beef Plate held, of course, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Slices of Ham with Potatoes. Reservations were set for 2 PM, and each person was signed to a specific table. That was a huge undertaking.

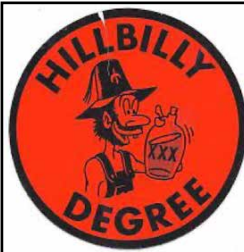
Right now, we are planning a tour at Severance (Hall) Music Center on Euclid Ave., and going for lunch after. But since articles must be in a month ahead for printing, we will let you know how that turned out in July.

This year we are having a repeat of our Grill Pork Cut Dinner. It is going to be held on August 17th at the Berea Masonic Center. Price is still \$15.00. For Chop, Corn on the cob, Baked Potato, and dessert. There will be an open bar. Tickets are out so, get yours early. Al Koran will be dark but we meet thru the summer.

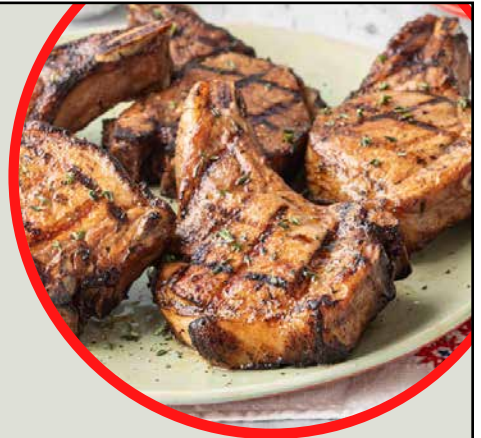
Words to remember:

If you have a mud flap on your wheelbarrow – you might be a Hillbilly!

If the wind chimes on your house are made from beer cans – you might be a Hillbilly.



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Attitude Adjustment at 5:00 pm

Vittles at 6:00 pm





**NORTHEAST OHIO
SHRINERS**

**Annual
AASR Valley of Cleveland & Al Koran Shriners
Golf Outing & Steak Dinner**

**Pleasant Hills Golf Course
13461 Aquila Road, Chardon, OH 44024
Saturday July 20, 2024
Registration: 8:00 am
Tee Time: 9:00 am Shot Gun - Scramble**

**\$100.00 per person all included.
Dinner only: \$50.00 per person.**

Entry fee includes: green fees with Cart – 4-man scramble format.
Hot Dog & 1 draft beer at the turn.

Dinner at 2:30 pm: Steak, baked potatoes, green salad, bread and butter,
water, and soda.

Alcoholic drinks available but not included.

Games: Mulligans, 3 for \$10.00 per Golfer

**For reservation contact: Franck Kakou (216-244.7262)
or email: franck@bslwine.com**



Name(s)

Team entry

Contact info – Phone & Email if possible.

Would you like to sponsor a hole? \$50.00 – Simply attach your business card or the desired information. Sponsoring no later than June 7th (sign making process).

For payment please call:

AASR Valley of Cleveland
At: Brady Woodworth
Secretary
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Make all checks payable to: **AASR valley of Cleveland - Ref: Golf Outing 2024**
Payments and reservation must be received NO LATER than July 13th, 2024.

Lorain County Fire Brigade

What a Milestone

Nobles,

Help me congratulate Noble Joe Dugan on his 95th anniversary of being placed on this earth.

Joe is 64 years a Mason, 52 years Shriner and Scottish Rite member. And decades supporting the Fire Brigade.

Maybe best known for his love affair with Big Red, our 1953 LaFrance fire truck, which he piloted parade after parade.

Joe also serves as the Ring Master of our "Luncheon Club", which meets every Friday at Sugarcreek Restaurant, Sheffield Village, 11:00 am.

Friday's Luncheon turned into a surprise Birthday Party celebrated by eleven admirers.

Keep chugging and many more Joe!

Kids Fishing Derby



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Lakewood Shrine Club

Last month, Lakewood Shrine Club hosted a speaker who was the secret service agent assigned to Mrs. Kennedy and was part of the motorcade. We learned a few details of the story that were new to some of us. Ask me about them, and I will tell you.

This month, we have another exciting event lined up. A talented flute player will be gracing us with her enchanting skills. I'm always in awe of the incredible talent in our area and can't wait to share this evening with all of you.

Please see the reservation information in the back of the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!



Lakewood Shrine Club

Join Us

2nd Wednesday of Each Month

Cocktails 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Entertainment 7:00 pm

\$32 per person

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