

Al Koran Shriners News



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Noble Bill Kemp presenting a check to the Potentate Bru Lewis on behalf of the Massilion Shrine Club.

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Bru Lewis, Potentate

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

I hope everyone had a great April, the month heralding the beginning of Spring. I hope those who are Christians, like our family, had a great Easter. Then there was the great Eclipse experience; my wife and I donned our glasses, spent it with her family, and had a great time.

Your Divan, four members of the Mansfield Shrine Club, and three Al Koran Candidates had the pleasure of attending a statewide Ceremonial "Hot Sands" hosted and performed by Aladdin Shrine in Grove City. It was a truly delightful experience, with a great turnout and impeccable execution by the Aladdin Divan. Aladdin generously provided lunch and

beverages for all. Al Koran extends its heartfelt gratitude to Illustrious Sir Alan Langhrit, his Divan, and their Nobles for their warm hospitality.

Also, during April, Al Koran attended the Grand Master's Reception sitting with AL Koran Shriner RWB and Deputy Grand Master Bill Carter and his wife Zoe, who (if elected) will be the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio for 2025. Then, the next morning, there was the Ohio Shrine, which is the annual meet-up of all Ohio Shrine Temples. Your entire Divan attended. Zenobia Shrine near Toledo hosted this year's meeting. Busy month!!

As we step into the second quarter of 2024, including the month of May which celebrates Mother's Day, let us pause to truly acknowledge and cherish our Ladies of Al Koran. As a Mason, I have witnessed firsthand the significant role a supportive Lady plays in our contributions to and the betterment of Al Koran. My Melissa's unwavering support is a testament to this.

This year, our list of "to-do's" included continuing to strengthen our interactions with the LOSNA. Kheedawee Court #6 held the installation of their new High Priestess, Gloria Jeanne Kemp, and their Officers. The installation was attended by my Lady Melissa and me, our Chief Rabban Mike Spisak, and our High Priest and Prophet Jim Barone and his wife, Chris. The ceremony was delightful. They also held their 105th Birthday Celebration on the 20th.

As we move toward spring and summer the Clubs and Units are gearing up for their planned activities what with better weather on the horizon. Please get out and support as many of them as you can. When you can volunteer your time to help make them successful. Remember if you are having or attending an event make an aspect of membership an important part of it. Invite non-Shriners, invite Masons, invite good men who are non-Masons and show them what fun and fellowship can be had, and tell them about what we are all about, our Shriner children.

Lastly, our Sportsman's Raffle has kicked off so grab a packet or more of tickets from I.S. Terry Hamilton or I.S. Tom Klecan and sell-sell-sell! This is Al Koran's biggest fund raiser - be a part of it! Prices are reduced this year to \$20 a ticket and six for \$100. I sold twenty just with people coming to my office where I work after they heard of it. They sell themselves!

Until next month,

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



Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **MAY 20, 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

MAY

- May 13 Board of Directors Meeting
- May 20 Business Meeting

JUNE

- June 10 Board of Directors Meeting
- June 17 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



Kheedaawee Court No. 6 of Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America 105th Birthday celebration

From the Recorder

In March, I challenged you all to make a liar out of me when it comes to dealing with dues. Well, you have not taken up that challenge because, according to my records, there are still over 85 of you who have not paid your dues. So, I guess I am still going to be complaining, through June and probably for the rest of the year.

If you need assistance with your dues, please contact the office. I'm sure there will be some way we can assist you.

I am also issuing another challenge! Please keep me off the front page of the newsletter. The reason I was on it was that our editor didn't have anything flashier to put there. I know that all of us are just beginning our busy season with events and parades. If you are not sending in any information on them, you are missing out. Additionally, you should be sending in photos of your events. This fraternity was founded on FUN and FELLOWSHIP. People want to have fun, they want to enjoy life, and what is better than serving a great cause such as our hospitals, while having fun doing it. So send in those photos of you guys enjoying yourselves, just keep me off the front page, I'm sure it is much more appealing without me. Send them to: alkorannewsletter@gmail.com

Tickets for the Sportsman's raffle have arrived. They are orange in color this year. We have also changed the price. Tickets will be \$20 a ticket or 6 for \$100. The drawing will be held on October 31st, and should you sell a winning ticket, you will again receive a \$50 gift certificate to Fin Feather Fur. While the prizes are for firearms, you do not need to take the item you won, you can apply your winnings to another item, and Fin Feather Fur, has an abundance of camping equipment, fishing equipment, and clothing. One of our members, who won a few years back, donated his winnings to a local Boy Scout troop, which used it to purchase campaign equipment for the troop.

Remember that these fundraisers, sportsman's raffle and onions, are keeping us from raising the dues. If you really want to guarantee keeping the dues from going up, start bringing in new members. Your efforts in recruiting new members can make a significant difference. There are men out there that would love to support Al Koran and Shriners Hospitals for Children, who will gladly join if you provide them with some fun events. I'm sure that is why you joined in the first place.

We are working on the website alkoranshriners.com. Some of it has been updated, and more is to follow; it has also been made more mobile-friendly, which should ease the use of those accessing it by phone. Visit it, let us know what you think, and especially let us know how we can help your club or unit through the website. Each club and unit should have a "page" on the website to display all the fun they are having. But be careful because having fun may attract new members.

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

MARCH 2024 MEMBERSHIP

MARCH 1st	782 Regular	5 Associates
Creations	1	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	1	0
Deaths	6	0

MARCH 31 777 Regular 5 Associates

Total Membership as of MARCH 31, 2024

782 Nobles



IN MEMORY

*Nobles lost to the
Black Camel*

March 2024

Noble Charles W. Childers
Noble Ray D. Goodman
Noble Thomas B. McKinley
Noble Arthur A. Mosley
Noble Gary L. Smith
Noble Robert M. Ward

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

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

I start this Mariners log on a somber note. On February 26, P/C Joel Newman crossed over the bar and took his final voyage to meet the Grand Architect of the Universe. Joel was the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club Commodore in 2013. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeri and her family.

Over the years, I have been asked who the Al Koran Mariners are. We are members of the International Association Shrine Yacht Clubs, the Greater Cleveland Boating Association, and the International Order of Blue Gavel. We welcome both sail and motor boaters. We also welcome “used to be” boaters, “wannabe” boaters, and land yachters. We have a regular business meeting the last Tuesday of the month, and meet at various yacht clubs along Lake Erie. All our rendezvous are open to all Shriners and ladies. Most importantly, we wholeheartedly support our Shriners Hospital. Join and sail the waters of Laker Erie with us. You will be glad you did.

Our Sunshine Chairman, P/C John Baker, has reported that the sick bay is empty, and all is well.

The May Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, May 20. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the May Al Koran Magazine on page 2. When was the last time that you attended an Al Koran Business Meeting? Now that Daylight Savings Time and Spring weather are here, this would be an excellent month to attend our Business Meeting. Remember, Al Koran Shrine is your SHRINE.

The Mariners will once again participate in the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Memorial Day Service, which will be held at the U.S.S. Cod on Monday, May 27. This annual Service honors not only the U.S.S. Cod but all veterans, past and present.

The Mariners May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28. The Port of Call will be Edgewater Yacht Club. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie, chow, and grog. Our meeting is rapped to order at 1900 hours.

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 our ladies of Al Koran Shrine a Happy Mother's Day.

God's Speed.

VAN FOR SALE **2006 Ford Econoline Van**

Our old van is for sale.

We will be accepting offers until May 15, 2024

Please send bids to: **Al Koran Shriners**

P.O. Box 81184, Cleveland, Ohio 44181

Or clevelandshiner@gmail.com

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Al Koran Boosters

“Al Koran Boosters” help to defray the cost of publishing and mailing our magazine. To be a “Booster” please send a check, payable to Al Koran, for \$10 per person listed to Al Koran Headquarters. Names are listed for one year, after which it is time to renew. Renewal dates are shown after your name.

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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.

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 premier 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 losses. 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



Onions are scheduled to arrive
on May 8th.
Will let you know when they arrive.

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.





**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
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Office: 216.432.2370 – secretary@aascleveland.org

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.

Krazy Kops

Greetings fellow Kops!

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

-Mike Spisak, PD - Sect/Treasurer



Shriners Day 2024



Sunday, June 2, 2024
11am - 2pm

- Medical center tours
- Classic car show
- Shriner ceremony
- Live entertainment

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Questions? Contact Micheal Widrig at 814-875-8780
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KARS FOR KIDS 2024



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Join us for our
Antique & Classic Car Show
As part of our
Shriners Day Celebration



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Entertainment 7:00 pm

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Ohio Shrine Statewide Ceremonial in 2024

Once again, Al Koran participated in the
second Ohio Shrine state-wide ceremony on
April 13, 2023!

It was held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in
Columbus, Ohio.

Several Divan members attended.
These are the photos from the event!

