



# AL KORAN SHRINE

## NEWSLETTER



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# 2025 Al Koran Shrine

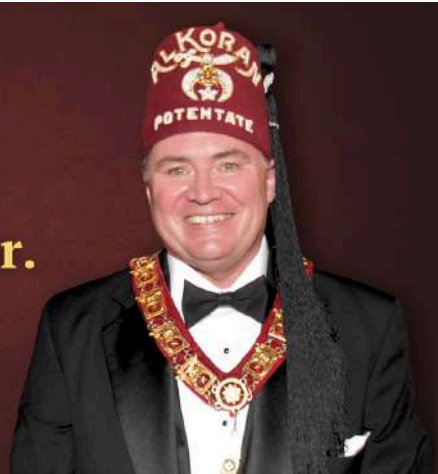
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# 2025 Al Koran Shrine

Appointed Officers & Board of Trustees

## 2025 Appointed Officers



**Frank McEvoy**  
*Captain of the Guard*



**Bill Kemp**  
*Outer Guard*



**Ronn Murphy PP**  
*Chaplain*



**Dave Stelmach**  
*Marshal*



**Al Paynter PP**  
*Ceremonial Director*



**Chris Modica**  
*1st Ceremonial Master*



**Rob Frankel**  
*2nd Ceremonial Master*

## 2025 Board of Trustees



**Ronn Murphy PP**



**Dan Andrews**



**Mike Miranda**



**Jim Cain**



**James Cain**



# A Message from our 2025 Potentate

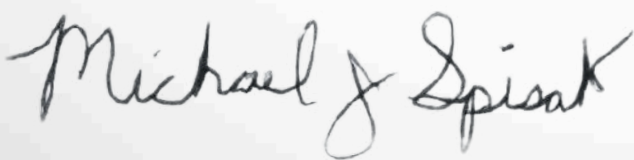
## Greetings Nobles!

My travels this past month included **Lakewood Shrine Club** on April 10th at J Bella's in Strongsville. As usual, fun was had by all. Then over the weekend of April 11-12 I travelled to Columbus for the **Ohio Shrine Association** meeting and Statewide Ceremonial. It was at the Ceremonial that I had the privilege and honor to Fez my son, Michael J. Spisak, Jr., as the newest Noble of Al Koran Shrine. Aladdin Shrine put on an excellent Ceremonial, and they were gracious hosts all weekend. For Nobles who have not seen the full Ceremonial, I highly recommend that you attend next year.

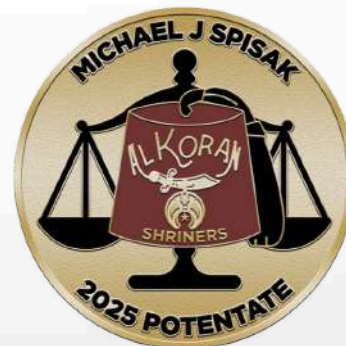
On April 17th , Chief Rabban Brandon Gould and I travelled to **Youngstown Shrine Club**, where we performed a "cold sands" and created John Seeger a Noble of Al Koran Shrine. There was a good turnout for this dinner meeting. As always, the food and the fellowship did not disappoint. For those Nobles who have not had a chance to see the beautiful facility we have in Youngstown, circle Sept. 6, 2025 on your calendar and attend their clam bake. It is one of the best events of the year!

On April 19th the Divan and I attended the **El Hasa Shrine (PHA)** Potentate's breakfast at their Temple on Union Ave. in Cleveland. There were PHA Shrine Nobles and ladies from all over the Country that attended the weekend long festivities. It was a lively time, the food was great, and they were very welcoming. We presented their Potentate, Dwight Gales, with a check from Al Koran Shrine to assist with his designated charity.

In the coming weeks I plan to continue to visit the clubs and units and to march with the Hunters at the Chardon parade on April 27th. **Please keep in mind that the Potentate's Ball is fast approaching on May 31st. Reservations and payment are due by May 12th.** Please attend, if possible, we would really like to sell the place out. If 50 people can have fun, 100 people can have twice as much fun! I'll see you on my travels!



**Michael J. Spisak, Sr.**  
*2025 Potentate*



# Words from our Recorder

Now that winter is over, at least I hope it is over, let's do what Shriners are supposed to do.

## Have some Fun and Fellowship!

You can start by attending the May business meeting. The meeting will be open to all. I have checked with our caterer, and the May dinner will be hot dogs and hamburgers featuring our Vidalia onions. Chopped onion, grilled Onions, onion rings, onion soup and anything else we can think up. Check the website for more updates.

The website is a work in progress but things are really picking up. We hope to keep it as the main source of upcoming events as well as any other information you may need. We plan to do a total face lift to the website, giving it a new look and better perspective.

Newsletter news, I cannot stress how much you are missing if you have not accessed our electronic version of the newsletter. The paper copies I send out are a small fraction of what is included in the electronic version. It is really not that hard to access, and you will not come down with a computer virus from reading our newsletter on line. Ask a son or daughter or better yet a grandchild and they can help.

## How about a Steak night for the Business meeting in June?

You can reach me by e-mail at [klecantom@hotmail.com](mailto:klecantom@hotmail.com), [clevelandshriners@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandshriners@gmail.com), or call the office 440-546-9866 and select #1 Recorder.

## Tom Klecan PP

Recorder, Al Koran Shriners



## Nobles Lost to the Black Camel

March 2025

Noble Roger O. Kvet  
Noble Ray H. McCune

*Reports are posed as received  
Not necessarily in chronological order.*

## Membership Update:

As of March 31st

February	727 Members	5 Associates
Creations	0	0
Restorations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Deaths	2	0
February 28th	725 Members	5 Associates

**Total Membership: 730 Nobles**



# Al Koran Shrine

## April & May Calendar

# May 2025



### May Events:

**3rd** - Massillon Shrine Club Golf Extravaganza  
**5th** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting  
**12th** - BOD Meeting + Hunter's Meeting  
**14th** - Lakewood Shrine Club Meeting  
**15th** - Youngstown Shrine Club Meeting  
**17th** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Mansfield Chili Cook Off  
**17th** - Hunter's Kids Fishing Day at WRMC  
**18th** - BS Unit Gathering  
**19th** - Al Koran Stated Meeting  
**21st** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting  
**25th** - Krazy Kops Parade at Chagrin Falls  
**26th** - Lorain Shrine/Fire Brigade Parade Avon Lake  
**26th** - LOH Meeting  
**28th** - Hillbillies Meeting  
**31st** - Potentate's Ball

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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### Official Call of the Potentate

Our Stated Meeting will be on **May 16th** at the **Berea Masonic Center** at **7:00 pm**  
366 Eastland Road Berea, OH 44017

# June 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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### June Events

**1st** - Erie Hospital Shriner Day  
**2nd** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting  
**9th** - BOD Meeting + Hunter's Meeting  
**12th** - Krazy Kops Parade in Middleburg Heights  
**16th** - Al Koran Stated Meeting  
**18th** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting  
**19th** - Youngstown Shrine Club Meeting  
**21st** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Annual Shriners Luau  
**23rd** - Youngstown Shrine Collins/Smith Golf Outing  
**23rd** - Krazy Kops Meeting at Teamz  
**24th** - Mariner's Meeting, Chagrin Lagoons  
**25th** - Hillbillies Meeting



# Al Koran Shrine

## Announcements

### Donations In Memory Of:

Thank you to those individuals who have made donations on behalf of their loves ones.

Jack & Johanne Nesser  
Kimberly Graham  
Hollis Irvan  
Amy Diane Lawrence  
Stu Shoaff  
Stu Shoaff  
Gary Brookins

In Memory of Louise Bendler  
In Memory of Mary Lawrence  
In Memory of Mary Lawrence  
In Memory of Mary Lawrence  
In Memory of John Kohler  
In Memory of Bill Yankovich  
In Memory of John Kohler



### *Submissions for the Newsletter*

#### Hello brethren!

As the Clubs & Units are shaking off the cold weather and are starting to have more social events, we would love to feature you in the **Shrine Newsletter!**

#### This includes:

- Articles on your Club's/Unit's Upcoming Meetings or Events
- Articles on your Club's/Unit's Past Events
- Pictures with descriptions of your Events

In this new digital format, we can add as many pictures, articles, or flyers that we want! So please feel free to send us anything that you want the Al Koran Shrine Newsletter to feature!

Any Submissions for the newsletter are due by the **20th of each month**. This gives us plenty of time for the newsletter to be edited and sent to each of our members.



**Brady Woodworth**

Newsletter Editor

alkorannnewsletter@gmail.com





# Al Koran Shrine

## Announcements

### From the Recorder - Tom Klecan PP

#### Using *My FezCard Viewer* on iPhones (iOS 18.1.1)

In August 2024, an update was pushed to iPhone users to install the new iOS 18.0, which updated the operating system and apps installed on the iPhone. Many Nobles experienced issues where the *My FezCard Viewer* app would not load properly; the phone often displayed a “blank” or “white” screen instead of the usual digital membership card. With the release of iOS 18.0.1, the issue was resolved – with a specific caveat. Now, Nobles will need to rotate their phones to “landscape orientation” for the digital membership card to load. ***And, with the release of iOS 18.1.1, an additional point was made, that the users should rotate their phones such that the line on the screen is at the TOP of the screen.*** Doing so will force-load the digital card.

If you are an iPhone user, are using the latest iOS version and are still experiencing issues, please follow the instructions below.

- 1) **If you encounter a white, or “blank” screen, rotate the phone to position the line at the top of the screen.**

If this does not display the digital card”

- 1) Uninstall *My FezCard Viewer* from your phone, and reinstall it through the Apple Store (to ensure that you have the latest/most up-to-date version available).
- 2) Register, using your Shrine ID (not your Member Number), your Last Name and your Temple of **primary** membership (not Associate).
- 3) Click “Register.”
- 4) Rotate your phone, per above.



Should you continue to experience problems with *My FezCard Viewer*, please submit a support ticket for assistance, by visiting the “Support” tab in WebFez (Create New Incident), emailing [webfezfeedback@shrinenet.org](mailto:webfezfeedback@shrinenet.org) or calling our IS Support Help Desk at (844) 674-6266.

For Questions about using *My FezCard Viewer* or how to download your Membership card, please contact **Tom Klecan, Recorder.**





# Al Koran Shrine

## Announcements

### From the Recorder - Tom Klecan PP

## A few things you may or may not have known about your Shrine Hospitals.

### *Here are some of the interesting facts about our hospital system.*

1. Shriner's first hospital(s) was (were) originally opened up to treat polio, and Shriners actually developed two polio vaccines.
2. Did you know that Shriners treats 15% of all pediatric spinal cord injuries in the United States?
3. Did you know that almost every burn surgeon now practicing in the US was trained at Shriners? In fact, most of the burn surgeons now practicing anywhere in the world were trained at Shriners.
4. Do you know why our advertisements indicate that we treat any child regardless of the family's ability to pay because if we said 'we would not take you to collection' it would be illegal to do so?
5. Did you know that when you call a Shrine Hospital for care, if we cannot provide the services you are looking for, we will direct you to a facility that will.
6. Do you know why has Shriners been transitioning from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers and clinics? It is because inpatient pediatrics, actually most inpatient stuff, is all decreasing, what is increasing is outpatient care. This coupled with a decline in the pediatric population in the United States, is why. Where is the pediatric population growing, well generally everywhere else in the world.
7. Did you know that SHC looked into expanding our treatment focuses? They looked into other new fields of care such as autism and behavior health. But the research conducted indicated that taking on any of these would put us completely out of business within 10 years.

### ***What could the proposed Medicare Medicaid mean for Shriners?***

It could decrease the amount of Pro Bono work being done by our partner facilities.

### **Our Vision for the future is:**

Providing the best care  
In the right places

For more kids  
For more value.



**Shriners**  
Children's™



# Al Koran Shrine

OSA & Statewide Ceremonial



**Al Koran Shrine was represented well at the Ohio Shrine Association Meeting!**

Pictured are those who were there for the Statewide Ceremonial on Saturday, April 12th.





# Al Koran Shrine

OSA & Statewide Ceremonial



Congratulation to Ronn Murphy, PP who was installed at  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** of the **Ohio Shrine Association!**

## ***A Proud Moment -***

At the Statewide Ceremonial, Illustrious Sir Michael Spisak Sr. had the honor of welcoming his son, Michael Spisak Jr. into Al Koran Shrine and place a fez on his son's head.

**Welcome to Al Koran Michael!**







# Al Koran Shrine

## 2025 Al Koran Polos

### Al Koran Polo Shirts with Embroidered logo

#### Men's Polo K750

Qty.

___	Small.....	\$26
___	Medium.....	\$26
___	Large.....	\$26
___	X Large.....	\$26
___	2X Large.....	\$28
___	3X Large.....	\$32
___	4X Large.....	\$34



#### Ladies Polo LK750

Qty.

___	Small.....	\$26
___	Medium.....	\$26
___	Large.....	\$26
___	X Large.....	\$26
___	2X Large.....	\$28
___	3X Large.....	\$32
___	4X Large.....	\$34



**Embroidered Name and Title add \$3 per polo**

Name on Polo \_\_\_\_\_

Title on Polo \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person ordering polo's \_\_\_\_\_



Al Koran Shrine

# Clubs & Units

Officers, Dues, Meetings,  
Articles, Pictures







# Al Koran Shrine

## Units



### BS Unit - (Bourbon & Stogies)

**Officers:**

El Presidente: Brandon Gould  
[bmgould@live.com](mailto:bmgould@live.com)

Humidor: Mike Spisak  
[mjispisak@gmail.com](mailto:mjispisak@gmail.com)

**Meetings & Events:**

Meet Sunday Afternoons at 1:00 pm at Havana's Choice or homes of various members for Spirits & Cigars

**Dues:**

\$25 / year

**Stag - Casual**



### Krazy Kops

**Officers:**

Director: Mike Fekete  
[mwfekete@gmail.com](mailto:mwfekete@gmail.com)

Secretary: Mike Spisak  
Treasurer: Dan Andrews

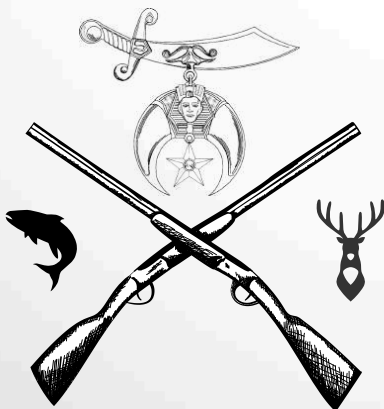
**Meetings & Events:**

Parade Unit with 10 parades a year, monthly meetings the Fourth Mondays at Teamz at 6:00 pm

**Dues:**

\$50 / year  
Associate Dues: \$25  
(Masons that aren't Shriners, relatives)

**Stag - Casual**



### Hunters

**Officers:**

Chief: Dan Andrews  
[dandrews216@gmail.com](mailto:dandrews216@gmail.com)

**Meetings & Events:**

Various Events throughout the year, Meetings on the 2nd Mondays of the month at the Al Koran Office at 7:00 pm

**Dues:**

\$15 / year

**Stag - Casual**





# Al Koran Shrine

## Units



### Legion of Honor

**Officers:**

Commander: Frank McEvoy  
[frankmcevoy1964@gmail.com](mailto:frankmcevoy1964@gmail.com)

Adjutant: Jack Conner PP  
Quartermaster: Lee Pilous  
Chaplain: Lou Frow

**Meetings & Events:**

Parades and various events during the year, with Meetings on the Fourth Mondays at St Matthews Church

**Dues:**

\$10 / year (Veterans)  
Associate Dues: \$10 / year  
(Non-Veterans)

**Stag - Casual**

**Dark in:** Sept. & Dec.

<http://www.ialoh.org/home.html>



### Lorain Shrine & Fire Brigade

**Officers:**

Director: Scott Croxford  
[scott\\_croxford@hotmail.com](mailto:scott_croxford@hotmail.com)

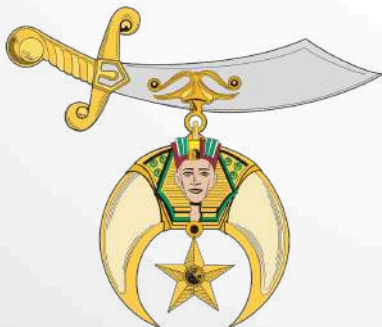
Secretary: Randy Radcliffe  
Treasurer: Mike Moorman

**Meetings & Events:**

Parades and various events during the year, with Meetings on the First Wednesdays at the Avon Lake Temple at 7:00 pm

**Dues:**

\$20 / year

**Stag - Casual**

### Korvettes

**Officers:**

Secretary: Mike Davison PP  
[mikedavison123@aol.com](mailto:mikedavison123@aol.com)

**Meetings & Events:**

Contact us for  
more information

**Want to join the Korvettes?**  
**Contact us to get started!**



# Al Koran Shrine Clubs



## Hillbilly Crooked River Clan #16

### Officers:

Raban of the Clan & Keeper of the Stil: Ronn Murphy PP  
[murphyrm2361@gmail.com](mailto:murphyrm2361@gmail.com)

Keeper of the Cob: Al Paynter PP  
Keeper of the Quill: Frank McEvoy

### Meetings & Events:

Various Dinners during the year, with Meetings on the Fourth Wednesdays at St Matthews Church at 6:00 pm for a Potluck Dinner

### Dues:

\$30 for Life Membership

**Dark in:** Nov. & Dec.

**Ladies Welcome - Casual**

<https://internationalshrinehillbillies.com/>



## Youngstown Shrine Club

### Officers:

President: Joe Humenick  
1st VP: Ryan Cresanto  
2nd VP: Barry Weigle

Secretary: Jim Hazlett  
Treasurer: Al York PP

### Meetings & Events:

Various events during the year, with Meetings on the Third Thursdays at the Youngstown Shrine Club

### Dues:

\$35 / year

**Dark in:** Jan. & Feb.

**Stag - Coat & Tie (winter)  
Casual (Summer)**

## Mariners

### Officers:

Commodore: Frank McEvoy  
Vice Commodore: Robert Kolar PC  
Rear Commodore: Robert Frankel  
Treasurer: James Dettmer  
Secretary: Bob Stanley PC, PIC

### Directors:

Ronn Murphy PP, PC, PIC  
Bob Stanley PC, PIC  
Mark Cain PC



### Meetings & Events:

Various events during the year, with Meetings on the Third Tuesdays at various Cleveland Yacht Clubs at 6:00 pm.

### Dues:

\$35 / year

**Ladies welcome - Casual**

<https://www.iasyc.club/>



# Al Koran Shrine Clubs

## Mansfield Shrine Club



### Officers:

President: Bruce Joseph  
[jofotohio@aol.com](mailto:jofotohio@aol.com)

Secretary: Jerry Gundrum

### Meetings & Events:

Various events during the year, with Meetings on the First Thursdays at the Baku Grotto. **Ladies Welcome - Casual**

### Dues:

\$10 / year

**Dark in:** February

## Lakewood Shrine Club



### Officers:

President: Brandon Gould  
[bmgould@live.com](mailto:bmgould@live.com)  
1st VP: Jim Cain

2nd VP: Parker Reynolds Jr

Secretary: Bob Berteau

Treasurer: William Schulz

### Meetings & Events:

Monthly Dinner Meetings 2nd Wednesdays at various restaurants

**Ladies Welcome - Coat & Tie**

### Dues:

\$50 / year

## Massillon Shrine Club



### Officers:

President: Paul Samsa  
[prez@massillonshriners.org](mailto:prez@massillonshriners.org)

1st VP: Joe Weisgarber

2nd VP: Don Harwig

Treasurer: Jim Henderson

Secretary: Bill Kemp

### Meetings & Events:

Various events during the year, with Meetings on the Third Wednesdays at the Massillon Masonic Center at 6:00 pm.

**Ladies welcome - Casual**

### Dues:

FREE

**Dark in:** July & August.

## Mid-Ohio Shrine Club



President: Mike Miranda  
Vice President: Mike Seveigny  
2nd VP: Jason Rupp  
Secretary: Jerry Snay  
Treasurer: Bill Bragg  
Chaplain: Scott Zartman

Shrine Ambassador: Terry Hamilton PP

Trustee: Brandon Minor

Trustee: Richard Snay

Trustee: Joe Wuitowicz

Masonic Ambassador: Jason Brake

OES Ambassador: Kashawn Hawkins

### Meetings & Events:

Various events during the year, with Meetings on the First Mondays at Old Bag of Nails Restaurant at 6:00 pm.

**Stag - Casual**

### Dues:

\$25 / year





# AI Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Lorain County Shrine & Fire Brigade

**The Lorain County Shrine & Fire Brigade are on the march again in 2025**



#### The Fire Brigade Parades in 2025

For those Nobles who love to parade, PLEASE COME JOIN US. All are welcome at the following parades:

#### Avon Lake Memorial Day Parade

- Staging: Avon Lake High School at 9:30
- Step off: Parade starts at 10:00

#### Wellington 4th of July Parade

- Staging: Wellington
- Time and place: To be announced



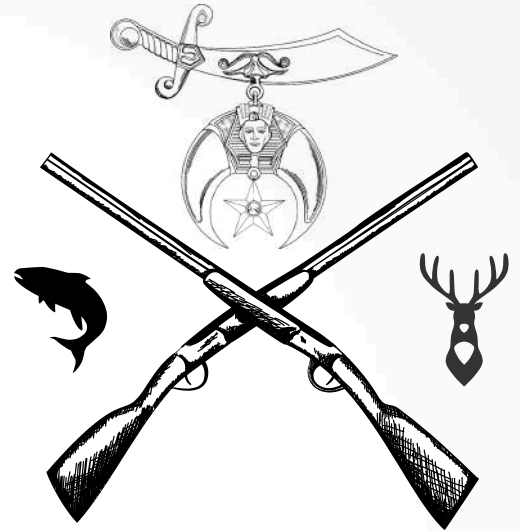


# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Hunters

May is the start of a busy Month. First of all, we had our first parade in Chardon on April 27th. **May 15, 16, and 17 is the Benefit Salmon Derby.** We have one Shriner that has not attended this event in the past so we are paying his fishing boat fee of \$300 for him. This event is being held on Lake Michigan and lodging is in Michigan City Indiana. We have about 9 going. **Kids Fishing at the Western Reserve Masonic Community Center** in Medina starts at 8:00 AM and the date has been changed to the 17th and rods will be furnished by the organizer Jiff Miller. So if you are not doing anything that Saturday and you have a younger child or Grandchild, male or female, don't matter, come out and give them an experience they may never have. Now don't forget the Potentate Ball on the 31st of May. Get your reservations in NOW.



Now for June, we start off with the 1st in Erie Pa. This is their Open House and there is a tour, a Classic Car Show, Shrine Ceremonial, and entertainment. (See our Newsletter for more information) Also in June, we are planning a trip to Clyde Ohio for some fly fishing more information will be at our next meeting on May 12th that is held at the Al Koran Office on Engle Rd. at 7:00 PM after the Board Meeting. We do have a lunch after the meeting.

### Hillbillies

At our last meeting we reviewed our time at the Saint Patrick's Day Event, held at the Irish-American Club, and every one that attended expressed a desire to go next year. Now, Spring is here and Summer starts in June. where most Clubs or Units go dark **we do not.** We have our meetings July and August and also we meet on the four Wednesday. It is mentioned due to, May and July, both have five Wednesdays. We still meet at St. Mathews Episcopal Church, at 9547 Highland Dr. in Brecksville. and we still hold a pot luck dinner before meeting. Also in May, Highland Dr. will be closed at Royalton Rd., so best way to get to the meeting will be Oak Rd off Route 21 (Brecksville Rd) or Oak Rd off Broadview Rd.







# Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

## BS Unit (Bourbon & Stogies)



# Bourbon Raffle

**Ticket Price: \$10**

**Only 200 Tickets available**

### Buy Raffle Tickets for a chance to win:

- Woodford Reserve Kentucky Derby 145th
- Shriner Fez Humidor

### To Purchase tickets:

Contact Brandon Gould

- (440) 225-8205
- bmgould216@gmail.com

Or a member of the BS Unit







# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Mariners

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

The Mariners would like to welcome our new Nobles into Al Koran Shrine. In the Oasis of Cleveland, you will find many units and clubs who have various backgrounds and experiences of which you may have an interest in. They are there for your participation. Welcome aboard!



By the time you read this article, the onions should be arriving in Cleveland. If you ordered any bags of onions, do not forget to pick them up.

Sunshine Chairman P.C. John Baker has informed me as of this writing, April 4, that sick bay is empty and all is well.

The May Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, May 19. 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 a Al Koran Business Meeting? Now that Daylight Savings Time and Spring Weather is here, this would be a good month to attend our Business Meeting. Remember, Al Koran Shrine is your SHIRNE.

The Mariners will once again march in the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Memorial Day Parade at the USS COD on Monday, May 26. This annual Memorial Day service not only honors the USS COD but also all veterans both past and present.

The Mariners May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27. The Port of Call will be the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club. Come out and enjoy the comradery, chow, and grog at 1800 hours. This Spring meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

For information regarding membership or activities of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Frank McEvoy P.M. at 614-377-1192.

The Mariners would like to wish our ladies and the ladies of AL Koran Shrine a Happy Mother's Day!

God's Speed



# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Mid-Ohio Shrine Club

Nobles from Mid-Ohio Shrine Club met Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> for their monthly stated meeting. Illustrious Sirs, Terry Hamilton and Bru Lewis in attendance.







# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Mid-Ohio Shrine Club



Secretary, Noble Jerry Snay, gives his report.

Treasurer, Noble Billy Bragg, gives his report. Noble Scott Zartman (left) listens in with eager anticipation. Vice President, Noble Mike Seveigny, seems to be fighting off the effects of some mislabeled cough syrup.







# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Youngstown Shrine Club

Photos from the Youngstown Shrine Club meeting on April 17. Noble John Seeger went through the "Cold Sands" and was initiated!







# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Youngstown Shrine Club

**Welcome Noble Seeger!**







# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Lakewood Shrine Club

Photos from the Dinner on April 10<sup>th</sup> at J Bella's.



### Krazy Kops

We are always looking for new members to join our merry band, so if you are interested in coming out and parading (even if you just want to ride in the paddy wagon during the parade) send me a note or give me a call. Or better yet come on out to our Chagrin Falls Parade on May 25th! **Come on out and join the fun and fellowship!**



If you haven't been receiving emails from me or if you are interested in joining our Merry Band of Misfits, please contact me at [fekete8@icloud.com](mailto:fekete8@icloud.com) or by phone at 440-225-9178.

Fraternally,  
Mike Fekete, Director







# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Korvettes

The Korvettes are having an Organizational Meeting on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Al Koran Office on Engle Road.

#### **Want to Drive with the Korvettes?**

Contact Mike Davison for more information!

Mike Davison PP

mikedavison123@aol.com



### El Hasa Shrine (PHA)



The Al Koran Divan attended El Hasa Shrine (PHA) Potentate's Breakfast on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Potentate Michael Spisak Sr. presented a check to Illustrious Sir Dwight Gales, Potentate of El Hasa, to support his charity for the year.



# Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

## Ohio Shrine Association



Join us in 2026 for the next  
**Ohio Shrine Association Meeting!**

April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Antioch Shrine Temple in Dayton, OH

Ceremonial, "Hot Sands" will be performed!

All members in good standing are invited along  
with Candidates!

***If elected, Illustrious Sir Ronn Murphy, PP will be installed as  
President of the OSA!***





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# Updates

## Daughters of the Nile celebrates \$3 million in Giving

For over 100 years, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation has been a vital partner in supporting Shriners Children's, contributing more than \$75 million across the healthcare system—making them the second-largest donor after the Shriners themselves. Shriners Children's Erie remains deeply grateful for their unwavering dedication and generosity.



Administrator Randy White honored Supreme Queen Jackie Holloway (pictured to the right wearing the crown) and President Joni Lerud-Heck (pictured to the right in the middle) during Shriners Children's Ohio's most recent Board of Governors meeting.



Jonathan Albert, Clinic Administrator of Shriners Children's Erie, presented a third gold plaque to Joni Lerud-Heck, President of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, and Jackie Holloway, Supreme Queen of Daughters of the Nile.



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## Shriner's Children's - Ohio

# You're Invited to *Barrel Select:* An Evening of Indulgence

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## **Milli finds hope, plan for future at Shriners Children's Ohio**



Fifteen-year-old Milli isn't shy about showing her scars from a serious burn injury.

"It's part of my story," she said. "They don't define who I am, but they do show how strong I am and what I've been through."

Milli was using a table-top fire pit in July 2024 when her clothing and hair caught fire. She was rushed to Shriners Children's Ohio with burns to her arms, face, neck and chest. Initially she was worried about how she would look as she healed, but Milli said she eventually realized she wasn't going to be scared, instead she was going to embrace her looks.

"I think my scars are cool," she said. "I can't take back what happened, but I can still live my life the way I want to."

"Living her life" includes playing basketball, hanging out with her friends, and riding roller coasters. Milli credits her positive attitude to her care team.

"They were so kind and accepting," she explained. "They told me what I needed to do to get better and encouraged me to meet my goals." Milli was so inspired by physical therapist Jenni that she's considering becoming one herself.

"Jenni knew how much to push me on hard days," Milli said. "I want to give back and use my experience to help other burn survivors get their life back."



# Patient Ambassador Morgan triumphs over adversity, Aims for Collegiate Softball Scholarship

Shriners Children's Erie patient Morgan lost her right arm and leg in an accident at 2 years old, but that hasn't stopped her from pursuing a scholarship to play softball on the collegiate level.

The 16-year-old high school sophomore, who plays softball with a prosthetic leg, is preparing for the spring sports season to start heating up.

Morgan plays first base and bats for her high school, making her an important piece of the Eisenhower Lady Knights softball team. She also plays for a competitive travel softball team, something her mom said she never thought would be possible after her injuries.



"Sometimes I have to find different ways to do things than other players, but I always do," Morgan said. "You just have to think outside the box. I work hard to keep up with everyone and think of ways to modify my game. For example, I used to bat from the left-handed side of the plate, but I always got underneath the ball and hit a lazy pop-up or struck out. Last summer I decided to try hitting as a right-hander. In my travel softball season, I only had around six strikeouts in hundreds of at-bats. It's just one way I've learned to adapt over the years."

Morgan and her parents said Shriners Children's has been there for Morgan throughout her childhood. Shriners Children's helped Morgan learn to walk, and Morgan underwent multiple surgeries with the healthcare system while growing up, ensuring she could continue to play sports and grow in a healthy manner. Morgan has also received prosthetics from Shriners Children's throughout her life, fondly remembering the designs she was able to put on her various prosthetics.

"We couldn't have asked for better care at Shriners Children's," Morgan's mom Melody said. "They got Morgan up and walking in no time. If it wasn't for Shriners Children's, I really don't know where we would have gone after the accident. Shriners Children's always helped us find those different avenues for Morgan to play sports. They steered us to adaptive skiing and always encouraged Morgan to try new things."

Morgan said playing sports as an amputee can be very hard at times. However, she hopes she's setting an example all athletes can follow, about how to embrace and push through any challenges.

"It'll be a huge accomplishment for me if I'm able to play on the collegiate level," Morgan said. "I know I've already gotten some looks from college programs, and I'm working hard toward earning a scholarship to play softball."





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*Save the Date*

# Shriners Day 2025



**Sunday, June 1, 2025**  
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# MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING Conference **RECAP**

Join us at the May Business Meeting  
for a Recap from:

## **Noble Brady Woodworth**

On all the things I learned at the  
2025 Membership and Marketing  
Conference!



### ***Great Ideas including:***

- What is our mindset when we go to Shrine?
- What can we do to better prepare our Nobles to be successful?
- Am I preventing the growth of our fraternity?

### ***And Discussion about:***

- Tools that can help us spread the message of Shrine
- Expanding our reach of potential Members
- Creating goals for individuals and teams to grow our fraternity

**Disclaimer:** I am not an expert, nor do I claim to know all the answers to our problems.

But I want my experience of Shrine & Freemasonry to be full of memories, exciting adventures, amazing friendships, and last as long as yours has. **And I'm not alone.**

**Your Efforts now can make that happen for us.**

Join us at the Al Koran May Business Meeting

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025!**





# Updates














## Shriners International 151st Imperial Session

**June 29–July 3**  
at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta

Things to look forward to include a dance party, brewfest, talent show, pub crawl and parade, in addition to the fraternal business sessions and membership activities. While the event officially begins June 29, activities are set to start on June 27.

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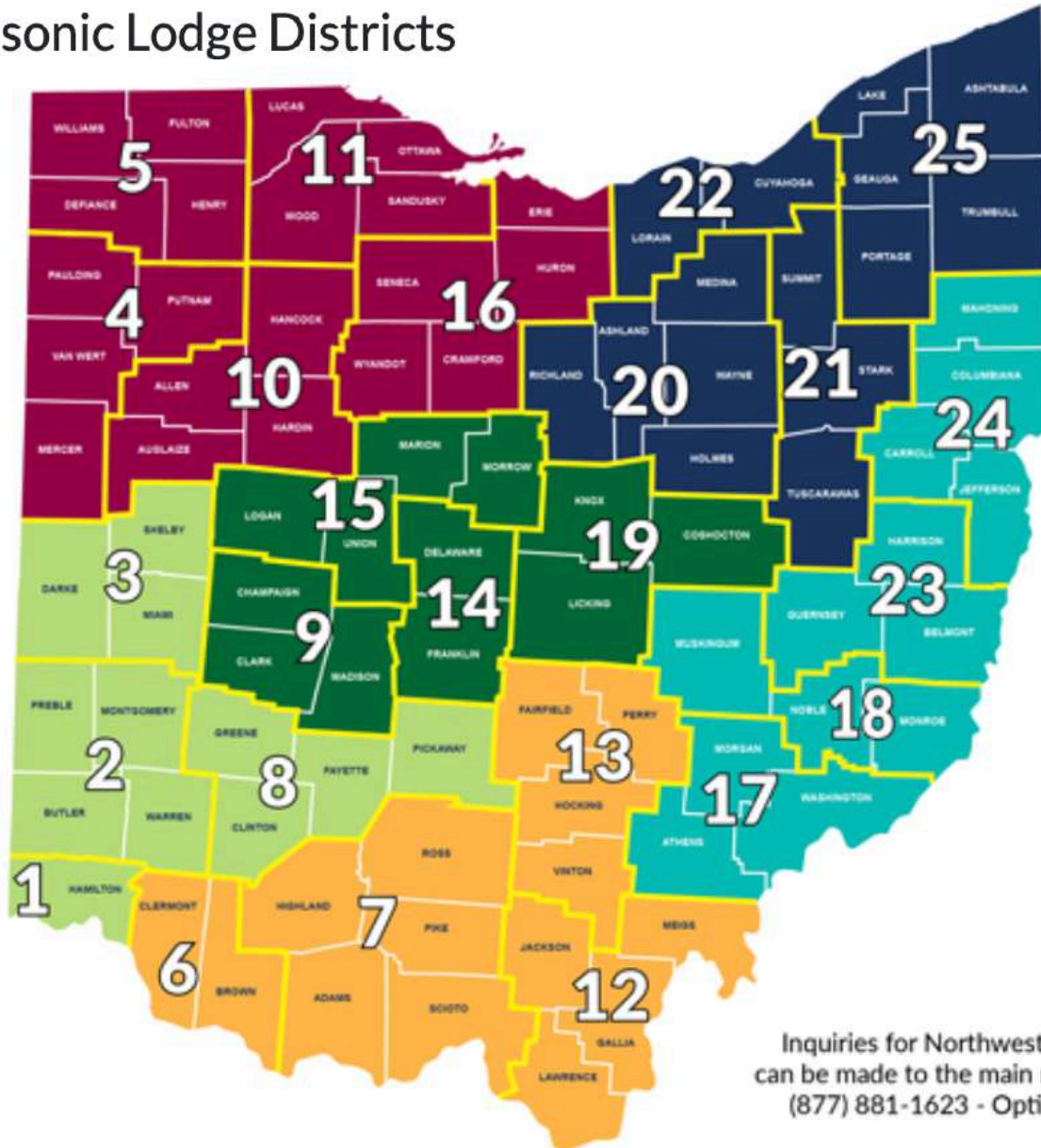


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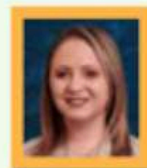
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2025

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