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Regulations or to report Illness or  
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Terry Hamilton P.P.

It is here! My last article for the newsletter. It has been a long, tedious but rewarding journey.

I was thinking about this during the last business meeting, I have been on the Divan 16 years, I had a one-year break in 2012 but have been in line for as long as most people go to school K-12th grade including four years of college.

I have made so many friends that will be in my heart and thoughts the rest of my life but by the same token I have lost almost as many to the black camel. If you are a Shriner, your heart is with the children of which our philanthropy is dedicated towards but you can't help but to love as a family all of the great men, ladies and children that you cry with, parade with and have fun with over the years.

I have tried over the years to see that the nobility was represented well, I feel that I did an Okay job, but could have done much better. There were hiccups along the way, one of the biggest being Covid but we got through it. I would have liked to have more activities for the nobility, but at this point I think that it was still slow recovering from that, and people were just a little shy to be in large groups.

I have full faith and trust in the upcoming Divan members, I think that it is a good thing that my reign as a Divan member is over so that the next generations of men can bring some new enthusiasm to the floor. I am sure that some of the older more traditional Shriners will not adhere to what the future may bring, but we always balk at change, and change is good if we want to move ahead.

So, I say to my fellow Divan members and other Nobles, think outside of the box, think big, don't be afraid to change things around or shake things up, go for it!

I want to take a paragraph to thank all of the people that helped me and supported me throughout those years. I couldn't have spent all of those years there without you. I have gone through a lot over the years, but my friends have been there for support and advise through all of it. I also need to thank my loving wife Angie and daughter Mary for the support and help that they have given throughout these years. My daughter Mary was born and raised in the shrine, and became a patient of Shriners Children's Erie when she was just 3 years old until this year when she was released as a patient. She knows first hand the love and attention that children receive as a patient and she could not have been treated better anywhere else than by the Shrine men and ladies that she came in contact with at our hospital and Temple.

I have enjoyed attending 17 Imperial sessions and earning my Emeritus status for both the Colorado Corporation (the hospitals) and the Iowa Corporation (the fraternity). I recommend that everyone attend at least one session in your lifetime. I have been honored to have been selected and elected to be a Hospital Representative for Al Koran at the Shriners Children's Ohio facility as a member of the Board of Governors. I believe that it is the most important and rewarding position that can be held as a Shriner.

In closing, if you are an active Shriner, you will get so much more back than what you put into it. Support your temple and Divan, support the clubs and units and join as many of them as you can. Support the hospitals and donate your time as a driver or anything else that you can do to help them.

Good luck in the future and God Bless America, and God Bless the Shrine!

Ours in Faith

Terry A. Hamilton PP



## Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **DECEMBER 18, 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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## Calendar of Events

DECEMBER						
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JANUARY						
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28	29	30	31			

### DECEMBER

December 7-15	Happy Hanukkah
December 9	Children's Christmas Party - see flyer
December 11	BOD/Divan Hunters Meeting following Divan
December 16	Youngstown Shrine Club Christmas Party
December 17	Mariner Change of Watch
December 18	Al Koran Monthly Business Meeting
December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS

### JANUARY

January 1	Happy New Year!!
January 8	Board of Directors / Divan / Hunters Meeting
January 13	Installation of Al Koran Officers
January 15	Al Koran Monthly Business Meeting

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

## 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*

## From the Recorder

Well, well, what can I say, another year in the books, 2023 is coming to an end, welcome 2024.

I must say that 2023 was a better year than the last few, and let us hope that 2024 will be even better. Things are slowly returning to normal, people are getting out and group activities are becoming normal again.

To all the newly elected officers of the clubs and units, we are here to assist you with your activities, at least the advertisement and promotion of them. We can also be counted on for information should you need any during your planning process. I try and keep the web site up to date, and most certainly the calendar. The calendar can be a great reference. When planning your event, you may want to know if you are up against something that may keep people away. There are many traditional events, such as the Youngstown Shrine Club clam bake, the Mid Ohio Shrine Club Golf outing, the Hunter's Turkey shoot, and other events such as an Imperial Session which could interfere with your event. That's why it is important to get me your dates so you can secure your spot on the calendar, and you can also use it as a reference for when to plan your event.

Remember, the Shrine was founded for fun and fellowship, and because of the fun and fellowship, it grew quite rapidly. Yes we have a great philanthropy in our Hospital system but we really owe most of our success to the fun and fellowship. So for 2024 our goal should be to revitalize ourselves with loads of fun and fellowship.

May you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Remember, our website [alkoranshriners.com](http://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.

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Tom Klecan PP

Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

### OCTOBER 2023 MEMBERSHIP

<b>OCTOBER 1st</b>	<b>815 Regular</b>	<b>6 Associates</b>
<b>Creations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Restorations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Affiliations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Demits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Suspensions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resignations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**OCTOBER 31**                      **807 Regular**    **6 Associates**

**Total Membership as of OCTOBER 31, 2023 ....**

**813 Nobles**

### DONATIONS

#### In Memory of William R. Boyd, Jr.

Richard & Linda Flenner, Jr.  
Mark & Karen Palmer  
Ken & Beth Weidig  
Mary Ann Kudyba  
Weslaco Sportsman's Club  
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Elizabeth & Robert Hart

#### In Memory of Jeanne Allen

Stu Shoaff

### IN MEMORY

#### *Nobles lost to the Black Camel*

Noble William R. Boyd, Jr.  
Noble Thomas H. Boyer  
Noble Richard W. Mehnert  
Noble Larry E. Snyder  
Noble C. P. Villard  
Noble B. Wharton

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

**DON'T FORGET THAT THE DECEMBER MEETING IS THE ELECTION MEETING.**

**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.

Al Koran Shrine Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9. Santa Claus will be arriving at the Diamond Event Center in Brunswick, Ohio to meet and greet all the children.

The Mariners would like to thank our fellow Mariner Ill. Sir Terry Hamilton P.P., First Lady Angie, and Miss Mary for their friendship, leadership, and guidance of Al Koran Shrine during 2023.

Congratulations to P/C Mark Cain who has been elected Southeastern Vice President of the International Order Blue Gavel (I.O.B.G.). The Southeastern I.O.B.G. are consists of District #8 in Florida and District #18 in South Carolina. Good luck Mark!

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me at this writing (November 1), that sick bay is empty. Remember to get your flu shot and try to stay healthy this winter.

As in past years, our Magical Holiday Party is truly enjoyed by all who attend. This year will be no exception. It will be held at Cleveland Yacht Club in beautiful Rocky River, Ohio coinciding with the Mariners Change of Watch. It is always great to see our friends once again before the hectic Christmas season begins.

The following 2024 Al Koran Mariners Bridge Officers will be installed on Sunday, December 17.

Commodore	P/C Ronn Murphy P.P.
Vice Commodore	P/C Bob Kolar
Rear Commodore	Robert Frankel
Fleet Captain	Frank McEvoy
Treasurer	James Dettmer
Secretary	P/C Bob Stanley
Directors	P/C Mark Cain & P/C Bob Stanley

The December Business Meeting of Al Kora Shrine will be held on Monday, December 18. This is our annual meeting. The location will be in the Official Call of the Potentate in the December Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

For any information concerning Mariner meeting dates, membership, or activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. AT 216-702-6785. Come aboard in '24.

We close this message from the Mariners by wishing all Al Koran Shriners and their families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Joyous and Healthy New Year. Remember to fly your flag on Pearl Harbor Day. Let us never forget that 'Day of Infamy'.



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## Legion of Honor

At our LOH October meeting, we elected Gordon Hastler P.P., Commander for the year 2024. Our previous Commander, Nobel George Anders is off to Arizona for 2024. All the other officers were reelected to their previous positions.

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.

The Legion of Honor wishes you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

## Hunter's Unit

Last month we held an election of Officers, and we have a full slate, with Chief Robert Frankel, Assistant Chief Dan Andrews, Secretary Al Paynter, and Russ Arndt as Treasure. They are planning to be Installed on January 13th 2024 in conjunction with the Al Koran Installation. The installation will be held at The Toscana Party Center, At 4972 East 71st. Street, in Cuyahoga Heights. The doors will open 6:00PM with appetizers, and dinner to follow at 7:00PM. There to, will be an open bar. Donation for this event is only \$45.00 and reservation will be required by contacting our Recorder Tom Klecan at 440-520-8101. If the Hunters would like to reserve a table contact Russ Arndt at 216-905-5629 and he will take care of placing the order. Reservation must be made by January 1st. So, make your calls now and don't wait.

The Kids Christmas Party will be held on December 9th and as usual the Hunters will be suppling the food for the event. We will need help with serving the buns with hot dogs. Doors open at 10AM and serving about 11:30AM. Should be done before Santa arrives which will be about 12:30.

For those that remember last April and the time the kids went fishing at the Western Reserve Masonic Center, May 4th is the date next year. Jeff Miller has reserved the grounds and is planning the event again. We will have more details as time gets closer, on how we will be involved. But the derby is scheduled

**ON BEHALF OF THE HUNTERS, WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



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Greetings BSrs!

If you missed our gathering on Nov. 5, you missed a great time. We had roughly 20 BSrs and friends and watched the Browns stomp the Cardinals. We also admitted two new associate members, James Lee and Dwight Gales, from El Hasa Shrine!

Our next gathering will be Jan. 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Havana's choice in Brunswick. In all likelihood, it will be inside - but who knows, if we are having a warm spell, it might be nice enough in the heated pavilion. Either way - We hope to see you there.

— Mike Spisak, The Humidor

## Krazy Kops

Greetings fellow Kops!

-Mike Spisak, PD, Sect/Treasurer

Well, one more parade season is in the books and the Paddy Wagon is tucked in for her long winter's nap. Which means .... It's Kops Christmas party season!

We will be having our annual Kops Christmas party with the wives at J Bella's in Strongsville at 6:00 PM on Saturday January 20th. Dinner will be heavy appetizers and a cash bar. More details to follow. We will have our annual white elephant gift exchange/steal, and we promise to keep the stealing to a minimum so it doesn't take all night.

We hope to see you and your better halves on Jan. 20th!

## Al Koran Boosters

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John E. Haught.....	7/1/24	Ray & Kay Wilson .....	11/1/25		





# 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,  
or anyone else you think may enjoy our party!

For reservations, call or text Kay Stelmach at (440) 655-0525 or email  
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# 2024



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## Saturday January 13th, 2024



**Toscana Party Center**  
**4972 East 71st Street**  
**Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio**



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 / Butter / Assorted Pastries.

Coffee, Tea, Milk, and an *OPEN BAR*

**\$45.00 / per person Donation**

*Reservations must be made by January 1st*

Contact: Tom Klecan, Recorder 440-520-8101



## Shole Donation

May Shole, the wife of Noble Wayne Shole, that we lost suddenly last spring, contacted Roger Neff about donating a boat Wayne had to the Shriners. Her wishes were that the boat be sold and proceeds be donated to our Children's Hospitals.

The Boat was a 40 year old, 25' Catalina sail boat, that had not been in the water for 11 years, in storage in Vermillion. Neff agreed to what developed as a challenge. Making several trips to the boat to clean it up and get it ready to sell. This included the removal of 7 wasp nest and their occupants. Bob Stanley of the Mariners and Mike Brookins helped in determining a sale price.

Neff advertised the boat on Marketplace, spent several more trips to show the boat to prospective buyers and finally asked for final bids. The new owner came from Detroit. He was not the absolute top offer, but he was buying the boat for an organization that served Veterans and First Responders. SailorsGI, a 501C3, like our Hoapitals, teaches these Heros to maintain sail boats and learn to sail. It was felt the \$200 price difference was well worth it.

Neff helped the new owner prep the boat for the trailer ride back to Detroit. Delivered the check to May Shole, who in turn wrote a Check to Shriners Children's Erie and a check to Shriners Children's Ohio. Thanking Roger for his efforts she added an additional \$500 to each check. Thank you May for your Donation in Memory of Wayne.



*Rob & Frank presenting 3 checks on behalf of the Mariners; one to the Christmas Party, one to Shriners Children's Erie and one to Shriners Children Ohio.*



*Dave Stelmach with Jay and Rob presenting a check for the \$100M Club. Jay and Rob have made multiple donations to the same fund in the past.*



*Bill Kemp presenting a check on behalf of the Massillon Shrine Club for the Children's Christmas Party.*



***We thank all workers including the Masonic Youth for all their help with serving and clean up.***

