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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!

It has been a busy first month or so on the job! On Dec. 15, 2024 I installed the new **Mariners** officers at their annual change-of-watch party at the Cleveland Yacht Club. Commodore Frank McEvoy assumed the helm and the future looks bright for this club. On Dec. 18, 2024 I had the privilege of installing the officers of **Massillon Shrine Club**. The food and fellowship were great. President Paul Samsa has a fun year planned and the club continued its generosity by donating to the hospitals. On Jan. 4, 2025 we had our **Al Koran** officers' installation. The change in venue to Diamond Event Center was well received. The food was good, and parking was much more accessible than in years past. It was a fantastic night, and a big "thank you" goes out to the installing team and everyone who helped make the event happen. On Jan. 8, 2025 lady Deborah and I attended **Lakewood Shrine Club**. The event was back at Cleveland Yacht Club. The music was great, and the pot roast was even better. President Brandon Gould, Chief Rabban, has some great entertainment and a few different venues lined up for the coming year. On Jan. 11, 2025 I had the privilege of installing the officers of **Mid-Ohio Shrine Club** in Mansfield. It was a fantastic night of fellowship. President Mike Miranda has an ambitious year planned and the enthusiasm in this club is noticeable. On Jan. 13, 2025 I installed the officers of the Hunters. Chief Dan Andrews has some great ideas about getting back to the **Hunters** "roots" and going on fishing trips as well as shooting range outings. Watch for more information in future newsletters. On Jan. 18, 2025 lady Deborah and I attended the **Krazy Kops** (Belated) Christmas party. Tasty food and good fellowship were aplenty, and the "white elephant" gift exchange/steal was as entertaining as always. Director Mike Fekete has a fun line up of parades and other social events in the works. Finally, on Jan. 27, 2025 I installed the **Legion of Honor** officers at their business meeting. These dedicated U.S. military veterans do so much for our Shrine and our community, we cannot thank them enough for their past and current service.

By my count, I made it to 7 of the 12 active clubs and units in the last 6 weeks. I will visit the **Hillbillies** in February, and I plan to attend the **BS Unit** at our gathering at Havana's Choice Cigars in Brunswick on Feb. 16th – Why not stop by and have a cigar with the Potentate? I am planning on visiting **Youngstown Shrine Club, Mansfield Shrine Club, and Lorain Shrine & Fire Brigade** in March. If I haven't made it to your club or unit yet, just wait – I am on my way!



Michael J. Spisak, Sr.
2025 Potentate



Words from our Recorder

Wow 2025 has reminded us of what winters used to be like before all this global warming. Yes, we did cancel the January meeting because the temperature was supposed to be around zero, back when we were younger we would just have laughed and had the meeting anyway.

To the 150 members who have not paid their dues please get those in soon. Remember you are technically not allowed to attend any function unless your dues are paid in full. Senior members please remember that unlike our Blue Lodges the Shrine does not grant remittances for our 50 plus year members. We do take each case on an individual basis and do offer reduced payments for our members. Give me a call and I'll see what we can do for you. We want to keep you as a Shriner in good standing, but we do need to hear from you.

While we here in the great white north are still moving a bit slowly at the beginning of the year, there are lots of wonderful events planned for the warmer month. You should be able to view them and get information on them from our website alkoranshriners.com.

I am going to keep this one short as I have a couple of other items for the newsletter.

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



Nobles Lost to the Black Camel

November 2024

Noble William A. Adams

Noble Roy A. Dray

Noble Howard "Joe" Dugan

Nobles Lost to the Black Camel

December 2024

Noble Benjamin J. Wetter

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

Membership Update:

As of December 2024

December 1st	768 Members	5 Associates
Creations	5	0
Restorations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	1	0
Suspensions	37	0
Resignations	2	0
Deaths	1	0
December 31st	732 Members	5 Associates

Total Membership: 737 Nobles



Al Koran Shrine

February & March Calendar

February 2025

February Events:

3rd - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting
5th - Lorain County Shrine + Fire Brigade Meeting
10th - BOD Meeting + Hunter's Meeting
12th - Lakewood Shrine Club Dinner
15th - Mid-Ohio Shrine Valentine's Dinner
16th - BS Unit Gathering
17th - Stated Meeting
18th - Shriner's Erie Annual Telethon
19th - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting
24th - Krazy Kops Meeting + LOH Meeting
26th - Hillbillies Meeting

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Official Call of the Potentate

The next Stated Meeting will be on **February 17th, 2025** at the **Berea Masonic Center**.
366 Eastland Road Berea, OH 44017

March 2025

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March Events:

2nd - Hunter's Dinner with Irish-American East Side
3rd - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting
5th - Lorain County Shrine + Fire Brigade Meeting
8th - YSC Picnic Table Renovations
10th - BOD Meeting + Hunter's Meeting
12th - Lakewood Shrine Club Meeting
16th - YSC St Patrick's Day Parade in Boardman
17th - Stated Meeting of Al Koran
18th - Mariner's Meeting
19th - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting
20th - Youngstown Shrine Club Meeting
24th - Krazy Kops Meeting + LOH Meeting
26th - Hillbillies Meeting



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Announcements

HOW TO DOWNLOAD AND USE "My FezCard Viewer"

Download My FezCard Viewer-iPhone

1. Open the App Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

Using My FezCard Viewer

Open My FezCard Viewer. Enter your Shrine ID and Last Name. Type your Temple Name and click on it to highlight it as below. Click the "REGISTER" button at the bottom. You will only need to register the first time you open the app.



At the bottom of the screen, you will have two options: Shrine Card and QR Code. The screenshot below shows the Shrine Card option.



You can click "QR Code" at the bottom or swipe the screen to the left to view the QR Code for easy scanning at Temple events and functions.



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Announcements

From the Recorder - Tom Klecan PP

OUR PHILANTHROPY.

I have just returned from Tampa where I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Leadership seminar for all of our hospitals. I was able to attend as the secretary of the executive Board for our Erie facility. Also in attendance were most of the CEO's, CFO's, Directors, Managers, Medical Directors, and other vital staff members of our hospitals or Management team from Tampa.

Good news! This is the fourth year in a row that our philanthropy did not have to utilize any of the principle of our endowment to fund our hospitals, and our 2024 budget was \$1.1 billion. Utilizing third party payments, donations, and some income from the endowment we actually made money to put back into the endowment.

We saw over **300,000 children** from **108 different counties** at **130 contact points** around the world. The updated vision for the 2035 Vision is to triple that number by 2035.

We are improving our Research capabilities and also tripling the monies spent on research from \$30 million to \$90 million. Our research efforts are what made Shriners Hospital for Children what we are today; providers of world class care.

The most amazing care anywhere!



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Announcements

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to thank Nobles **Dan Andrews** and **Jim Barone**, as well as Nobles **Brandon Gould** and **Mike Krake Jr.**, and the rest of the **Divan** for their involvement with membership last year. Al Koran is current on all petitions received either electronically or on paper.

In 2024 we initiated **15 new Nobles**, but we lost **25 to the Black Camel** and **suspended 37** for nonpayment of dues. This doesn't include the few who resigned or demitted.

Membership is the responsibility of every member. Membership will make or break us. With fewer members most of our per member costs increase, while they decrease with more members.

So please be on the lookout for new members.

Submissions for the Newsletter

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.

The newsletter is sent to you by email, or can be found on the Al Koran website - <https://alkoranshriners.com/news-media/newsletters/>



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December Meeting Photos



Photo of the Five New Nobles who were initiated at the December Stated Meeting! Pictured with Ill. Bru Lewis



Donations from the Mid-Ohio Shrine Club presented to Ill. Bru Lewis



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December Meeting Photos



Donations from the Massillon Shine Club and one other presented to Ill. Bru Lewis.



Our 2025 Elected Divan and Board of Trustees taking their obligation before being installed in their Officer Positions on January 4th.



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2025 Installation Photos





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Clubs & Units

Officers, Dues, Meetings,
Articles, Pictures





Al Koran Shrine

Units



BS Unit - (Bourbon & Stogies)

Officers:

El Presidente: Brandon Gould
bmgould@live.com

Humidor: Mike Spisak
mjspisak@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

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

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

Adjutant: Jack Conner

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

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

Dark in: Sept. & Dec.



Lorain Shrine & Fire Brigade

Officers:

Director: Scott Croxford
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

Dues:

\$20 / year

Stag - Casual

Korvettes

Officers:

Secretary: Mike Davison
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
murphyrm2361@gmail.com

Keeper of the Cob: Al Paynter
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:

\$20 / year

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

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
Rear Commodore: Robert Frankel
Treasurer: James Dettmer
Secretary: Bob Stanley

Quartermaster: Lee Pilous
Chaplain: Lou Frow

Directors:

Ronn Murphy
Bob Stanley
Mark Cain

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/>





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Clubs



Mansfield Shrine Club

Officers:

President: Bruce Joseph
jofotohio@aol.com

Secretary: Jerry Gundrum

Meetings & Events:

Various events during the year, with
Meetings Quarterly at the Baku Grotto

Ladies Welcome - Casual

Dues:

\$10 / year

Dark in: February



Lakewood Shrine Club

Officers:

President: Brandon Gould
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

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

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



Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Massillon Shrine Club

On December 18th, 2024, the Massillon Shrine Club had their 2025 Officers installed.

Installing Team:

Illustrious Michael Spisak as **Installing Officer**

Illustrious C Michael Davidson as **Installing Marshal**

Chief Rabban Noble Brandon Gould as **Installing Chaplain**



This was also our Christmas Party, and we had the honor of hosting the three children we sponsor along with their families. Seeing these children and knowing all the difficulties that each one has overcome in their long journeys. It makes me damn proud to be a Shriner!

Before the Installation started our Hospital Chairman Jack Robinson made a presentation to Illustrious Spisak of **\$1500.00** for the **Al Koran Transportation Fund**.

The Installation Team did a beautiful job of installing Massillon Shrine Club 2025 Officers.

After the Installation was completed, Secretary Kemp made two presentations on behalf of the Massillon Shrine Club to Potentate Spisak. One was for **Shriners Children's Ohio** for **\$1000.00** and the second to **Shriners Children's Erie** for **\$1000.00**.

As Illustrious Spisak was making his closing remarks, he was interrupted by a special guest, **Santa Claus**. Santa then took over the show and visited with all the children and gave every one of them a gift.

Massillon Shrine Club would like to thank the Installing Team for their work and a special thanks to Santa for all the children's smiles. You made the evening special for so many kids both young and old.



2025 Massillon Shrine Club Officers:

President - Noble Paul Samsa

1st Vice President - Noble Joe Weisgarber

2nd Vice President - Noble Don Harwig

Treasurer - Noble Jim Henderson

Secretary - Noble Bill Kemp

**More Pictures
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Club/Unit Articles

Massillon Shrine Club





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Lakewood Shrine Club

On January 4th, the Lakewood Shrine Club had their Installation of Officers along with the Al Koran Installation at the Diamon Event Center.

Officers installed were:

President -	Brandon Gould
1st Vice President -	Jim Cain
2nd Vice President -	Parker Reynolds
Secretary -	Bob Berteau
Treasurer -	William Schulz



Pictures from Installation:





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Lakewood Shrine Club



LAKEWOOD SHRINE CLUB

Valentine's Dinner

FEBRUARY 12, 2025



JOIN US FOR OUR VALENTINE'S DAY
EVENT WITH A **SPECIAL GUEST SINGER!**

LOCATION: CLEVELAND YACHT CLUB
200 YACHT CLYB DRIVE
ROCKY RIVER, OH 44116

CHOICE OF ENTREE, DESSERT, AND
CASH BAR INCLUDED.

COST: \$32 / PERSON

COCKTAILS: 5:30 PM

DINNER: 6:00 PM

ENTERTAINMENT: 7:00 PM

REGISTER W/ KAY STELMACH

kstecmach55@gmail.com



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Club/Unit Articles

Mid-Ohio Shrine Club

On Saturday January 11, the Mid-Ohio Shrine Club held their Installation of Officers dinner at DLX Catering and Events in Mansfield. The Al Koran Installation Team was comprised of Illustrious Sir Mike Spisak, Illustrious Sir Bru Lewis, and Illustrious Sir Mike Davison.



Officers Installed were:

President: Mike Miranda

Vice President: Mike Seveigny

2nd VP: Jason Rupp

Secretary: Jerry Snay

Treasurer: Bill Bragg

Chaplain: Scott Zartman

Shrine Ambassador: Terry Hamilton

Trustee: Brandon Minor

Trustee: Richard Snay

Trustee: Joe Wuitowicz

Masonic Ambassador: Jason Brake

OES Ambassador: Kashawn Hawkins

Pictures from Installation:





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mid-Ohio Shrine Club





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Hunters

Our Installations of officers was held on January 13th at our meeting place on Engle. Road. Installed were:

Officers:

Dan Andrews as **Chief**
Ill Al Paynter as **Secretary**
Russ Arndt **Treasurer**

The Installing Officers were:

Installing Officer, Potentate Michael Spisak
Chaplain, Asst. Rabban James Barone
Marshal, Ill Michal Davison.

After the Installation a short meeting was held and refreshments followed. At this short meeting we discussed the Annual Great Lakes Shrine Assoc. Benefit Salmon Derby. In the past we have had a number of Al Koran Brothers join this event, but like a lot of events attendance has been down. We decided to see about increasing attendance. The Hunters are offering **5 Hunters** that have never attended this event, a chance to attend by offering to pay the boat fee for the 2 days connected. That would amount to **\$300.00 off the price** for the weekend that we would pay. This event is being held on **May 15, 16, and 17, 2025**. There should be a flyer with information in this newsletter. If not or even if there is, contact Mike Davison (330--608--2414) for info about this activity.

We also talked about our Trolly Trailer regarding parades and storage. Since there is not a Parade Marchal, we will form our own and there to Mike Davison will head that up for us and forward information to Al Koran. Parade time is getting close and we hope to fill the trailer for our first one which is usually Chardon that is in April or May. Date to be announced.

One other thing that is coming up soon will be the Kid Fishing Day at the Western Reserve facilities. We don't have the date right now, but we will get it in the next few days. Last year it was the first of May.

Photos from the Installation on January 13th. (More on next page)





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Club/Unit Articles

Hunters





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Krazy Kops

The holiday season was completed with the annual Krazy Kop Christmas Party and White Elephant gift exchange on Saturday January 18th. Well attended, Great Food, Great Fun. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event a success.

And now it's time to direct our attention to the upcoming season. Our 1st meeting of the year will be on **Monday February 24th** at **Teamz** located at 6611 Eastland Rd. in Middleburg heights at 6PM. We will be discussing the upcoming season including parades and events.

Mike Fekete- Director
mwfekete@gmail.com
440-225-9178

Pictures from the Krazy Kops Christmas Party:





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Club/Unit Articles

Krazy Kops





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Club/Unit Articles

Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor had their Installation of Officers on January 27th, 2025 at their Business Meeting.

Officers Installed were:

Commander:	Frank McEvoy
1st Lt. Commander:	Jack Watson
2nd Lt. Commander:	Al Paynter PP
Adjutant:	Jack Conner PP
Treasurer:	Gordon Hastler PP
Quartermaster:	Lee Pilous
Chaplain:	Lou Frow



Our Meetings are the **4th Monday of each month**. 6:00 pm at St. Matthews Church, 9549 Highland Dr. Brecksville. We are dark in November & December.

We would also like to welcome **Potentate Illustrious Sir Mike Spisak** as an **Honorary Member!**

New Unit? - Mark Bollinger PP

Nobles,

I am writing to you on two accounts. First, I have been trying to get the **Al Koran Clowns** back up and active. Hopefully, Al Koran will be participating in more parades this year. If so, I'd love to see the Clowns participating. We also attend the family picnic in the summer and the children's Christmas party in December.

Second, I know that the Korvettes are having problems getting drivers, so some people may think that it's crazy to try to start a new unit. I really like the "drift trikes" because they would be easier to get in and out of. We'd have to investigate the cost...

So, anyway, if you are interested in either of these groups, please contact me at Mjbollinger62@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Mark Bollinger, PP





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Club/Unit Articles

Hillbillies

The Hillbillies held their first meeting after being dark for two months and this was their Installation of Officers.

Officers:

Raban of the Clan & Keeper of the Stil: Ronn Murphy

Keeper of the Cob: Al Paynter

Keeper of the Quill: Frank McEvoy



Of course we held our usual potluck with plenty of vittles. We are now on meeting monthly till November. Confirmation has been made to join the Irish-American East Side and the date is **March 2**. Not the date printed in last months Newsletter. Tickets or reservations are not being taken by their club, as of the printing of this Newsletter, but if you are interested and wish to attend this event, we can start taking reservations for our Club in advance. Information about price has not been received yet, but last year they only charged \$15.00. Along with food and plenty of it, there was loads of entertainment, like Bag Pipers, Irish Dancers from as young as 5 or 6 to adults and more. Anyone that would be interested, and not just Hillbillies are welcome to join us. The early the better, because last year they sold their limit which was 500. That was the middle of February. For Information, or reservations contact Russ Arndt by phone or text at

216-905-5629. More info should be had be the time this Newsletter in print. Hope everyone had a pleasant Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hillbilly Remember

If you barber, also changes your oil, You just might be a Hillbilly

If the flowers in the bridal bouquet were plastic, You just might be a Hillbilly

Korvettes

The Korvettes are reorganizing. Drivers are needed to be available for parades. If you would like to drive one of these:

Please contact either **Mike Davison, PP**
- mikedavison123@aol.com or
Al Paynter, PP mrclean274@aol.com





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mariners

Mariner's Log by Bob Stanley, MSA

The Mariners extend our best wishes and support to our new 2025 Potentate III. Sir Mike Spisak. With Mike at the helm, let's make 2025 go down as Al Koran's great year.

Several Mariners were seen at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Boat Show. When it's time for the boat show, you know Spring is two months away and our boating season is right around the corner.

Over the years, I have been asked who are the Al Koran Mariners. Well, we are members of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. We welcome both sail and motor boaters. We also welcome "used to be" boaters, "wanna-be" boaters, and land yachters. Our regular business meeting is held on the Fourth Tuesday of each month at various yacht clubs along Lake Erie. All events and rendezvous are open to all Mariners and our ladies. Most importantly, we wholeheartedly support our Shrine Hospitals. Come join and sail the waters of Lake Erie with us. You will be glad you did.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me at the writing (January 1) that sick bay is empty. With Winter upon us, stay warm, safe, and healthy.

Now that the ice fishing season is here, the Ohio DNR has five remedies if you venture onto a frozen Lake Erie to fish. There is no such thing as:

- 100% safe ice.
- Two inches of ice, please stay off.
- Four inches of ice, okay to walk or ice fish.
- Six inches of ice, for snowmobiles and atv's.
- Eight to twelve inches of ice, for cars and small trucks.

If you are going ice fishing, dress accordingly and please be careful.

A group of Mariners and their ladies will embark on the Norwegian Cruise Liner ENCORE on February 16 for a Mid-Winter I.A.S.Y.C. Caribbean Cruise. We will set sail from Miami on a week's voyage to four different islands. The I.A.S.Y.C. Mid-Winter Cruises are a great way to escape Father Winter for the warm sunshine and gentle breezes of the Caribbean.

The February business meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, February 17. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the February Al Koran Magazine. For information regarding meeting dates, membership of the Al Koran Yacht Club, please contact Commodore Frank McEvoy PM at 614-377-1192.

To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our ladies wish everyone in Al Koran Shrine a Happy Valentine's Day!

God's Speed



Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

BS Unit (Bourbon & Stogies)



Next Gathering

Sunday, February 16th, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.

Havana's Choice Cigars & Lounge
170 Pearl Road Brunswick, OH

**You must purchase your
cigars from Havana's Choice.
Bring your favorite bourbon
or spirit and a snack to share.**



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Updates

Upcoming Shriners Children's Sporting Events



FEB. 14- MAR. 2

Speaking of professional sports stadiums in the Dallas area: The two-weekend Shriners Children's College Showdown and the College Baseball Series benefiting Shriners Children's is returning to Globe Life Field, home of the Texas Rangers. Taking the two events together, there will be three weekends of college baseball, with some mid-week games thrown in, opening the college baseball season. It all starts the weekend of Feb. 14. Come support Shriners Children's, see some of our amazing patients representing the healthcare system and catch some incredible competition on the diamond!



FEB. 13-16

Growing crowds for an increasingly popular sport: Last winter was Shriners Children's first involvement with the Clearwater Invitational women's college softball tournament, held in Clearwater, Florida. The crowd of fans at the games was impressive, reflecting the sport's growth in popularity. Tournament officials expect this coming year's games to be a good draw, and they are encouraging fans to buy tickets early. The field of 16 teams has been named, and the roster includes many programs with marquee appeal: Alabama, Auburn, Charlotte, Clemson, Florida State, Kentucky, Liberty, Missouri, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, San Diego State, Texas A&M, UCF, UCLA, Virginia and Wichita State. Plus, Shriners Children's patients will be on hand to cheer the teams on, throw out first pitches, and inspire one and all with their perseverance, resilience and inspiring stories.



MARCH 9

Shriners Children's has a need for speed: This year's inaugural Shriners Children's 500 took place at the Phoenix Raceway, where 500 kilometers equaled 312 laps on the 1.6 kilometer oval. The 2024 race was won by Christopher Bell, driving a Toyota Camry for the Joe Gibbs Racing team, though it was not easy, as there were 10 lead changes in the race. The 2025 race is scheduled for March 9 at the Phoenix Raceway, so plan now for some fast fun and fellowship supporting the world's greatest philanthropy.



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Shriner's Children's - Ohio



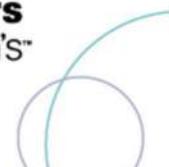
Our staff was all smiles to say goodbye and good luck to **Lucas**! The toddler was discharged after spending several months on our inpatient unit following a critical scald injury in his home country of Mexico. Lucas has faced significant challenges during his recovery journey, but thanks to our dedicated care team and collaboration with Dayton Children's, he's starting to show his personality pre-burn injury. A special thank you to our child life team who organized the gifts, cookies and decorations for Lucas' big day! Check out our social media pages to watch a video of the festivities.

★ **SAVE THE DATE!**★

Nov. 1, 2025 | Carillon Park



Ohio Board of Governors Chairman John Bull is already hard at work planning the annual celebration event for 2025. More information is coming, but be sure to save Nov. 1, 2025, on your calendar for another unforgettable evening celebrating the patients, families and staff of Shriners Children's Ohio!

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Shriners Children's Ohio earns two Press Ganey Awards

Shriners Children's Ohio has once again been honored for always putting our patients first. For the second year in a row, Press Ganey has recognized us with two awards based on our patient satisfaction scores.

The first honor is the Guardian of Excellence Award for patient experience in our clinic. This award is given to organizations that achieve 95th percentile or higher in the areas of likelihood to recommend, overall rating and teamwork. This 2024 award is based on scores received this year. Each of you are part of making the clinic visits the best experience it can be for our patients and families!

The second award is one that our ambulatory surgery team also won in 2022 and 2023: the Pinnacle of Excellence Award in patient experience. This prestigious award recognizes the highest performing organizations who have maintained consistent levels of excellence over a three-year period. Congratulations to all those who work to make our Same Day Surgery unit function like a well-oiled machine!

Every department is an integral part of this success. The teamwork and dedication here at Shriners Children's Ohio does not go unnoticed; everyone is in awe of your unwavering commitment to our mission.



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Shriner's Children's - Erie

Dreams Come True

The philanthropy team at Shriners Children's Erie is excited to announce the launch of their end-of-year philanthropy campaign, "Dreams Come True." This initiative focuses on rallying community support to help fund critical care and services for children. The campaign aims to turn dreams into reality for children and families who rely on Shriners Children's for their exceptional care.



Save the Date! Shriners Children's Erie 2025 Telethon

Mark your calendars! The Shriners Children's Erie annual JET24/FOX66 telethon is confirmed for Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Millcreek Mall from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. More details to come!



Shriners Children's Erie Annual Telethon

**Save
the
Date!**

**Give a Little Love, Make
a Big Difference!**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025
at the Millcreek Mall
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**



**More Information about Shriner's
Children's Erie can be found on their
website at:**

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/locations/erie>



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Shriner's Children's - Erie

2025 PATIENT ACQUISITION CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW



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DIGITAL



Markets

- Erie DMA
- Secondary Markets TBD

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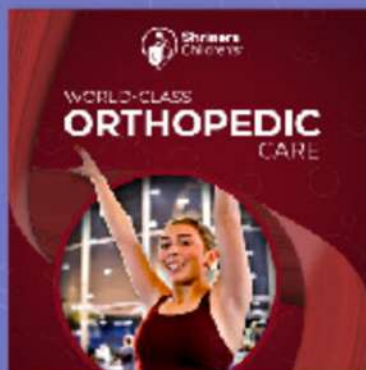
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Tracking



Request an
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Call



Donation
Click

TELEVISION

The 2025 Television Campaign will launch on January 1st, 2025 nationally during the Rose Parade on both ABC and NBC. A special feature highlighting Shriners Children's will occur towards the last 30 minutes of the parade. It will also launch in your primary DMA in January.

Flight Dates

January – December 2025

Television Stations

- WJET
- WSEE
- WICU
- WFXP
- Spectrum Cable

Added Value Examples

- Bonus Spots
- 1Q Telethon
- News/Weather/Prime Sponsorship
- Lifestyle Segments



SECONDARY MARKETS

- TBD
- Launching 2nd Quarter 2025
- OTT/CTV & Digital



RADIO

- Launches 2nd Quarter 2025
- Stations: WRTS, WTWF, WXKC, WXBB

STREAMING SERVICES

Television

- CTV
- Includes Platforms like Hulu, Disney+, Peacock and more



1,447,705 TOTAL IMPRESSIONS



Updates

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2025 MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING CONFERENCE!

WHEN: April 10-12, 2025

WHERE: Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida

WHO: Join Shriners, spouses, and members of Masonic and women's organizations

WHAT: Here's a preview of what to expect at the conference:

Keynotes, presentations from membership and marketing professionals, learning lab breakouts, small group and regional discussions, networking

Opportunities for fun and fellowship at evening reception and optional evening excursion

Tentative topics: branding, community engagement, social media, focus on family, transformational leadership, challenging the process, people-first marketing, growth mindset, accountability, trends in technology, reverse mentorship, brand ambassadors, chapter success stories

WHY: Here's what past attendees had to say!

"I really appreciate the time and effort it took to put this together and deliver it well. Sessions like this would benefit all in the fraternity, and I hope that it gets traction and a wide Masonic audience. Kudos for a job well done!"

— Noble John Gann, Zuhrah Shriners

"This was a great event to attend. I was able to easily follow along and understand the topics presented. It was very attention-grabbing, and the detail in which everything was presented was fantastic."

— First-time attendee Kathrine Noble, State Sweetheart of DeMolay Wisconsin

"These seminars should be a 'must' for anyone who wants to move membership forward in their organization."

— Al Malaikah Shriners, Divan Officer



**SAVE
THE DATE**

2025

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING Conference

April 10-12

Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, Florida

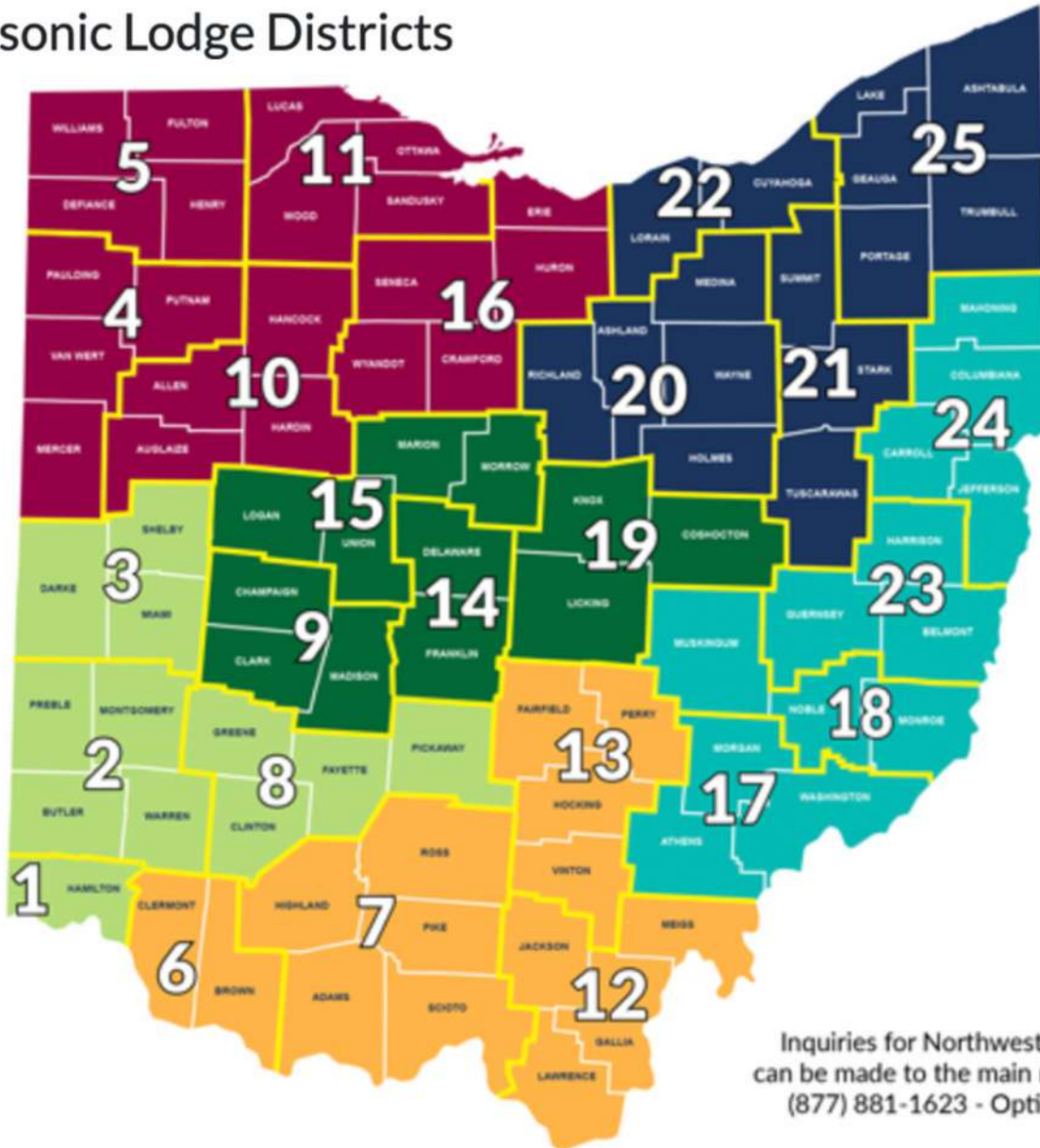
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MAY 31ST, 2025

6:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Theme: Tropical Island Paradise

Cost:

\$60 / person

Location:

The Lodge at Allardale
141 Remsen Road
Medina, OH 44256

Menu:

Beef Tips Positano
Chicken Piccata
Rigatoni Naples Marina
Green beans
Chopped Salad
Rolls
Gourmet Cookies

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