



# 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*



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*Ceremonial Director*



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*1st Ceremonial Master*



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

## 2025 Board of Trustees



**Ronn Murphy PP**



**Dan Andrews**



**Mike Miranda**



**Jim Cain**



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# A Message from our 2025 Potentate

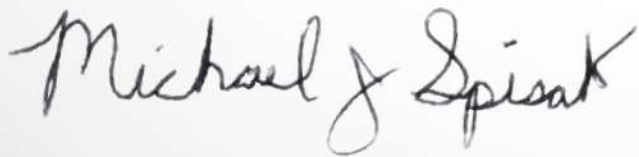
## Greetings fellow Nobles,

When I joined Shrine in December of 1991 it was standard practice at the time for the candidates to be bused out to our Erie Hospital to see the wonderful things we do as Shriners prior to returning to Cleveland for the ceremonial. I happened to sit down on the bus next to a noble named John Kohler. I would come to find out that our Shrine class that day was named after John. He was a partner at the law firm of Paytner & Kohler and was Al Koran's legal advisor. I was a first year law student and a soon-to-be candidate in his class.

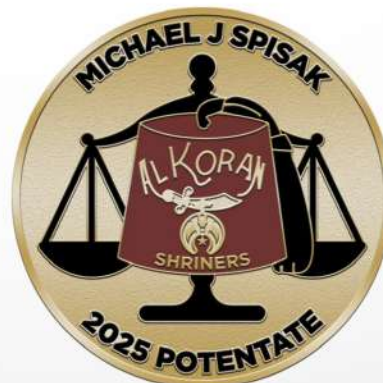
That was the beginning of a 30+ year friendship that led to John giving me my first job out of law school. John was my mentor, my brother, and my friend. Sadly, the black camel came for John this month. Masonry, Shrinedom, and humanity have all suffered a loss. Heaven has gained a friend. I'm thankful for the time I got to know John, and I'm thankful that he lived to see me installed as Potentate.

Now, on to the fun stuff. On February 15, Lady Deborah and I were privileged to attend the **Mid-Ohio Shrine Club** Valentine's dinner. The music was great, the food was delicious, and President Mike Miranda did a wonderful job organizing the event. Due to a blizzard on February 16th, the **BS gathering** had to be postponed. Watch for future gatherings to be announced.

The **Hillbillies** will have their installation on February 26th. March is just around the corner and I am sure we are all anxious for this harsh winter to be over. Kicking off Spring the **Krazy Kops** will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day parade. If you've never marched with the Kops, it is a great time. We always welcome newcomers, just ask one of us for the details. **On a similar note, there will be no business meeting on March 17th as a lot of our members have St. Patrick's Day plans.** Watch the newsletter for upcoming events, the clubs and units have a lot going on as the weather gets warmer and we want you to participate and enjoy all the fun our great fraternity has to offer!



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





# Words from our Recorder

**What a winter!** I don't know about you but I am certainly ready for some warm weather and sunshine.

Now down to the nitty gritty. Yes it is about dues. As of this correspondence you should have paid your 2025 Al Koran dues. At the end of February I sent out reminders to those of you on my naughty list. Dues are an all year process for me, and while I do take a month or two off, it seems like I am always pestering someone for their dues, this tends to make me cranky. We make the process as easy as we can and you can even pay thorough our website. So, don't make me come out there and get your checkbook or credit card, and write the check or make the payment for you, because I will add a consultants' fee you will really be upset about.

While we added 25 members in 2024, we lost 76. Of those 76 we had to suspend 37, and we lost 30 to the Black Camel. With a net loss of 51. We went from 788 to 737 members. Al Koran is the 4th oldest shrine center in the Shrine, and at one time had over 15,000 members. Shriners like to have fun and fellowship, with a purpose, Shriners Hospitals for Children. So Membership should be a priority for every member. See if you can find one good man out there that would make a good Shriner, it has been said before, but, if we all brought in one new member we would double our membership in a year. A nice problem to have.

To our members having difficulties with paying their dues, please contact me, my number and email are listed below. I am sure we can find a solution and keep you a member. I am the one who reports on the welfare of our members, those I know well and see often are reported on regularly, however, I could use your help reporting on the members I do not see very often. Send your information to one of the contact numbers listed below, email is preferred.

Two last items. We will be selling onions again and we will be continuing with the sportsman's raffle. While I know many of you enjoy the onions, as well as the raffle, the idea is to get people who are not Shriners to buy these items so as not to rely only on our members for funding. Additionally, any idea for a fundraising project would be greatly appreciated.

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**  
January 2025

There were no Nobles reported  
to have passed in January 2025

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

## Membership Update:

As of January 31st

January 1st	732 Members	5 Associates
Creations	0	0
Restorations	2	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	1	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Deaths	0	0
January 31st	734 Members	5 Associates

**Total Membership: 739 Nobles**





# Al Koran Shrine

## February & March Calendar

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### March Events:

**2nd** - Hillbillies Dinner with Irish-American East Side  
**3rd** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting  
**6th** - Mansfield Shrine Club Meeting  
**8th** - YSC Picnic Table Renovations  
**10th** - BOD Meeting + Hunter's Meeting  
**16th** - YSC St Patrick's Day Parade in Boardman  
**17th** - Krazy Kops St Patrick's Day Parade - Cleveland  
**19th** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting  
**20th** - Youngstown Shrine Cub Meeting  
**23rd** - BS Unit Gathering  
**24th** - Krazy Kops Meeting + LOH Meeting  
**25th** - Mariner's Meeting @ Edgewater Yacht Club  
**26th** - Hillbillies Meeting  
**29th** - LOSNA Installation

### Official Call of the Potentate

THERE WILL BE NO STATED MEETING IN THE MONTH OF MARCH  
**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### April Events:

**2nd** - Lorain County Shrine + Fire Brigade Meeting  
**3rd** - Mansfield Shrine Club Meeting  
**7th** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting  
**9th** - Lakewood Shrine Club Dinner  
**14th** - BOD Meeting + Hunter's Meeting  
**16th** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting  
**17th** - Youngstown SC Meeting  
**21st** - Al Koran Stated Meeting  
**23rd** - Hillbillies Dinner  
**27th** - Mariner's Brunch Cruise on Lady Caroline  
**28th** - Krazy Kops Meeting + LOH Meeting





# AI Koran Shrine

## Announcements

### Donations In Memory Of:

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

Anna M. Feeney  
Troy Firemen's Association

In Memory of Donald George  
In Memory of Donald George



## 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.



### Download My FezCard Viewer-Android

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## 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 AI Koran website - <https://alkoranshriners.com/news-media/newsletters/>





# Al Koran Shrine

## Announcements

### From the Recorder - Tom Klecan PP

I would like to thank all of the 608 of you who have paid your 2025 dues.  
**Thank you very much.**

There are several ways to check if you have paid. If your digital dues card is gold in color, you haven't paid your 2025 dues.

There have been and still are some issues with the digital dues card on the I-phone. I can get mine to work, but I have to move the phone around like a compass. You can also log on to WebFez and it will tell you if you are current. You need your member number and shrine ID which can be found on the dues notice mailed to you. Imperial no longer send out stickers for the new year, they rely on the plastic (which they scan) and on the digital cards.



### **Are you one of my 131 delinquent members?**

If you are having health issues and/or financial restraints, please call and we will see what we can do for you. Senior members can have their dues remitted or reduced by request and approval of the Board of Directors. Please, call the office. 440-546-9866, and ask for the Recorder. If I am unavailable leave a message and I will get right back with you. **As a note, you must be current on your dues to request a demit.**

## **ATTENTION**

**There is no  
Business Meeting  
on March 17th due  
to St. Patrick's Day**





# Al Koran Shrine

Announcements



**AL KORAN  
SHRINERS**  
SERVING NORTHEAST OHIO

## FUNDRAISER

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### Big Sweet Vidalia Onions

\$15 / 10 lb. Bag

Order through your local Club or  
Unit by **April 15th**





# Al Koran Shrine

## Announcements



**Shriners Hospitals  
for Children®**

John Bull, Jr., PP, Chairman, BOG  
Shriners Children's Ohio  
One Children's Plaza – 2 West  
Dayton, OH 45404  
Phone: 937-760-8853  
Email: [John.Bull@shrinenet.org](mailto:John.Bull@shrinenet.org)

January 18, 2025

Recorder  
Al Koran Shriners  
PO Box 81184  
Cleveland, OH 44181

Dear Ill Sir:

Shriners Children's Ohio is seeking Associate Members to join their Board of Governors.

If you have a Noble that is interested in contributing their specific skill per the current Hospital and Rules and Regulations, Article 5, 105.1 Membership, (5), Article 5 stating:

***(5) Nomination.** In January of each year, the Chairman of the Board of Governors shall contact, in writing, the Potentate of each Shrine Temple that sponsors the Hospital (with copies to the Recorder of each such Shrine Temple and all members of the Board of Governors), soliciting nominations for all anticipated vacancies which occur on the Board of Governors at the end of that calendar year. The Recorder of each such Shrine Temple shall promptly distribute/publicize this information to Temple Membership in the Temple newsletter and any other applicable application requesting nominations for anticipated vacancies on the Hospital Board of Governors. The letter will specify the requirements and professional skills or experience necessary or desired for selection as a Board of Governors member, and will enclose a copy of the Job Description for Board of Governors Members approved by the Board of Trustees. All nominations accompanied by the required application form are to be submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors **not later than May 1** of that year. The Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors shall evaluate all nominees and determine those who meet the qualifications of the membership skills list, above, and select from those qualified the individuals whose skills and experience will satisfy the current and/or anticipated requirements of the Board of Governors. The Nobles selected by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors shall be asked to participate in in-person interviews, at the Hospital, to be conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors shall then make its recommendations for nominations to the Board of Governors. Upon approval of those recommendations by the Board of Governors, the nominations shall be forwarded not later than September 1 to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, with a copy to the Executive Vice President, for approval by the Board of Trustees.*

Further, the Shrine Temple making a recommendation shall be considered affiliated to Shriners Children's Ohio prior to September 1, for approval by the Joint Boards.





# Al Koran Shrine

## Announcements

### §105.1 Membership. (a) Regular Members.

*(1) **Qualification.** A member of a Board of Governors must be a Noble in good standing in the Shrine. Each nominee for membership shall indicate in writing on forms approved by the Board of Trustees, that he possesses a high level of business or professional experience and a reputation for community leadership, which together will likely bring to the Board of Governors active, intelligent and insightful service of high quality. Together, the nominees shall offer to the Board of Governors diverse talents, abilities and points of view derived from varied business and professional lives, and, among them, may be included one or more attorneys, accountants, bankers, insurance agents and commercial builders or contractors. Regardless of the location of any Hospital relative to any Shrine Temple, no Shrine Temple shall be entitled to a specific number of Board memberships. The Nominating Committee of each Board of Governors shall select from all nominated Nobles, those individuals whose skills and experience will provide the most effective management of the Hospitals. **Efforts shall be made to select a Board of Governors with members from all or most of the Temples affiliated with the Hospital;** however, the priority shall be to select individuals who possess the skills and expertise needed to satisfy the defined criteria with regard for the need to have members of the Board of Governors available between meetings to perform tasks or duties at or near the Hospital.*

Shrine Temples may only have one (1) noble designated as an Associate.

We ask that your recorder disseminate this information to the membership of your Temple via Newsletter, etc. Any interested parties should ask their Divan to submit a letter stating their interest to serve along with their qualifications. These letters should be forwarded to:

**Troy Hawkins, Chairman  
2005 Nominating Committee  
Email: [Troy.Hawkins@yahoo.com](mailto:Troy.Hawkins@yahoo.com)**

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Yours in the faith,

John Bull, Jr. PP  
Chairman  
Board of Governors





# Al Koran Shrine

## February Stated Meeting Photos



**Nobles Tyler Tevis and David Ruhl** receiving their **RoadRunner Pin** from Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Mike Spisak

**Noble George Anders** receiving his **Top-Line Signer Pin** from Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Mike Spisak







# Al Koran Shrine

## February Stated Meeting Photos



Newly created Nobles, **David Cantrell, Curtis Hendzell, David Ruhl** graciously acquiesce to a photo with Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Mike Spisak.





# Al Koran Shrine

## February Stated Meeting Photos



This year's Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Mike Spisak, imparting words of wisdom to this month's newly created Nobles. **Noble David Cantrell**, (left) clearly overcome with emotion.



**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

**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



# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Mariners

Mariners Log

By Bob Stanley M.S.A.



With the arrival of March, the days are getting longer, the song birds are returning to Cleveland, and the daffodils and crocuses are emerging from the ground. It's also time for Shriners to start recruiting our Masonic Brothers, who are not a member of Al Koran Shrine. The Ceremonial crossing of the Hot Sands this year will be a statewide Ceremonial of all six Shrine Temples. It will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in the Oasis of Columbus. The date is Saturday, April 12. Let us, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine do our part to help guide a large caravan of neophytes across the Hot Sands to the oasis of our Shrine Center.

Congratulations goes out to our own Mariner Rob Frankel who has been appointed to the position of Second Ceremonial Master of the Al Koran Shrine Divan for 2025.

At this writing (February 4), Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has informed me that several members and their ladies have come down with Winter colds. Hang in there, Spring is supposed to start on March 20.

The Mariners March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and our meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours. Mark your calendar for the Mariners 2025 Brunch Cruise on Sunday, April 27. The Mariners along with Al Koran Shrine and the L.O.S.N.A. will be joining the International Order of the Blue Gavel (I.O.B.G.) for a Welcome Spring Brunch Cruise on the Lady Caraline. We will be boarding at 1230 hours with the cruise along Cleveland's shoreline commencing from 1300 hours to 1530 hours.

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

To all the Al Koran Shriners and their ladies, the Mariners and our ladies wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

God's Speed





# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Krazy Kops

Greetings Kops-

Well parade season is just around the corner. Let's continue the momentum from last season and make this coming season even better. At our meeting on February 24th we will be discussing parade dates and setting up our schedule for the year.



Our kickoff parade will be on **St Patrick's day** which is on a Monday this year. As always we will meet at Teamz at 10AM to enjoy some early fellowship and then head downtown at 11:30. Our downtown location will be Royal Acme Co. 3110 Payne Ave. Cleveland OH. Following the parade, we have the back room at Teamz reserved where several wives will be joining us for dinner. I will be sending out an email to the group confirming this information following our February 24th meeting.

If you are planning on attending on St Patrick's Day please either send a \$25 check or pay on the Al Koran website and please RSVP to Mike Fekete so we know you will be attending. 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.

Let make this a wonderful season.

Fraternally,  
Mike Fekete, Director

### Hillbillies

Al Koran Hillbilly Club scheduled its first meeting of the year in January, after a two, months of vacation because of the Holidays, only to get snowed out.



So our first meeting of the year was in February. Our first activity for this year is the Corned Beef and Cabage Dinner, held on **March 2nd at the Irish American Club East**. Last year we had 28 in attendance and had a great time. We will gather at 3:00 PM for dinner but, the doors open for food starting at 12:30 and is served till 5:00. At this time there will be Irish Dancers, pipers and other entertainment. After that, Music will follow till 9:30 PM. So you go for the vittles or stay for the day. Seating is reserved for the day. But if you would like to join us you must make reservation to **Russ Arndt at 216-95-5629** now.

Our nest meeting is on **March 26th** and we are still meeting at St. Mathews Episcopal Church, at 9547 Highland Dr. in Brecksville. There is a potluck before starting at 6:00 and meeting about 7:00. If you are not a member, initiation fee is \$35.00 and NO dues from there on. Come join in, if not for the vittles come for social time.





# Al Koran Shrine

## Club/Unit Articles

### Bourbon & Stogies (BS Unit)

# Next Gathering

***Sunday, March 23rd, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.***

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



**Come enjoy the NCAA March Madness Tournament while spending time with brethren.**

Cigars must be purchased from Havana's Cigars, bring a spirit and snack to share.

### **Upcoming Gatherings:**

*Sunday, May 18th*

*Sunday, July 20th*







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# 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







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### Hunters

Believe it or not, but Spring is just around the corner and the **Kids Day of Fishing** plans are all ready in the works. Jeff Miller and his father (Who started this event) at the Western Reserve Masonic Center in Medina, have been getting things together for a couple of months. The date for the event is **May 17th** and the hours are **8 AM till 2 PM** and fishing for kids are for all ages, and that includes male and female. Fishing poles and all accessories including bait will be available along with morning donuts and lunch for all. To confirm your reservations, register now a **330-419-4325 or [jeff@kidsfishinginohio.com](mailto:jeff@kidsfishinginohio.com)**. We will also like to get the Trolly Trail out of mothballs and show it off by the lake. This could be a great family affair as it has been in the past and the Hunters have been represented at the event since it started.

It seems like everything doubles up on event. We also have the Annual Great Lakes Shrine Assoc. **Benefit Salmon Derby** coming up the same weekend as the Kids Day of Fishing. The Derby will run the 15,16, and 17 of May in Michigan City Ind. We are still offering a first time Shriner bonus amount of \$300.00 as an incentive, promotional to increase Shriners present at the event. This money will cover the boat expense. We are offering this to the first 5 that would like to attend. If we don't get 5 Shriners we will offer it to Mason that is not a Shriner.

We are getting the Trolly Trailer ready for parades and we are looking for a place to store it for the summer months. Some place it does not have to be under cover, but just so Dan Andrews does not drive an hour to pick it up and return it to the same. Contact Dan at 330-201-3861 if you know or have a place.

### 50th

Great Lakes Shrine Association

#### Benefit Salmon Derby

*On Lake Michigan*

*Michigan City, Indiana*

May 15, 16, & 17, 2025



Four fishermen to a boat. And we have 2 boats. At this moment I have three fishermen going. I need 5 more fishermen. Its early but not too early to reserve your spot. This year the Hunters are helping any SHRINER FIRST-TIME fisherman. The cost for the boat is \$600.00 per day. This means it cost \$150.00 per day per fisherman. The Hunters will cover the cost of the boat for Shriners FIRST-TIME fisherman. This means all it cost is your room and getting there. You need no equipment. All supplied by the boat captain. Bring a small cooler with drinks and snacks. A lot of great fellowship happens at this event.

Call me with any questions and before you send this application. I must know who is going for the first 5 to be covered. So please call me as soon as possible. Guys like to carpool for this event.

Michael Davison, P.P. 330-608-2414





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## Club/Unit Articles

### Hunters

#### To Raise Funds For Shrine Hospitals For Children

100% of the net proceeds from this tournament go to Shrine Hospitals. This tournament is run by Shriners who donate their time and efforts at their own expense to see that you have a good time and that the hospitals get the full benefit of the proceeds. All Times are CDT.

##### Thursday, May 15 2025

2:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration	Baymont Inn
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Orientation Bash	Baymont Inn Derby Info and Meet Captain

##### Friday, May 16 2025

6:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Fishing	Lake Michigan
2:00 PM	Weigh In	Yacht Basin Station
Fishermen and Captains on their own.		

##### Saturday, May 17, 2025

6:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Fishing	Lake Michigan
2:00 PM	Weigh In	Yacht Basin Station
5:30	Social Hour	Blue Chip Casino
6:00	King Neptune Banquet	Presentation of Awards & Prizes

**Application deadline is April 1, 2025**

##### Application

GLSA Benefit Salmon Derby  
Mizpah Shiners Unit  
1015 Memorial Way  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1332

For further Information, call  
Sam Winebrenner Cell – 260-229-1122  
or Mizpah Shrine 260-426-4543  
Mike Davison Al Koran - 330-608-2414

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*To be arranged by fisherman (for help call Jeff Stanford (260)-417-0813).*

I am enclosing my check for \$275.00 payable to GLSA Benefit Salmon Derby.

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##### Read Carefully Before Signing

I have read and understand the rules and enclose this application and my entry fee. In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsors, and the tournament officials from all claims or injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Director reserves the right to reject my application and refund this submitted entry fee if it shall choose, for any reason, not to accept this application. If I am accepted as a contestant in this tournament being sponsored by the Mizpah Shiners Unit, I agree that they shall have exclusive rights to take photographs, motion pictures, voice recording, or video tapes of myself as a contestant and to use and dispose of such pictures, films, and tape in any lawful manner deemed appropriate by the Mizpah Shiners Unit without further permission from me or consideration to me. The above facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Club/Unit Articles

### Lakewood Shrine Club

#### Upcoming Dates for the Lakewood Shrine Club:

April 9th, 2025

May 14th, 2025

June 11th, 2025



#### *Photos from the Valentine's Dinner on February 12th:*







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## Club/Unit Articles

### Lakewood Shrine Club







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### Mid-Ohio Shrine Club

On Saturday evening February 15th Shriners, supporters, their friends and family, and most of our Divan gathered at the historic Kobacker Room, Dan Lew Exchange (DLX) on the Square Mansfield, for the **Annual Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Valentine's Day Dinner**. Live music by Jimi Vincent, an outstanding Asian American buffet, and inspiring talks by Club President Mike Miranda and our Assistant Rabban Jim Barone made for a wonderful evening.







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# Updates

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Does your Shriners Children's wardrobe need a refresh? Check out the **NEW** online store for apparel and accessories.

You'll find polos, t-shirt, and hats, along with accessories like socks, lanyard's, and tumblers. Location specific logos are even available on some items!





## **Shriners Children's Ohio takes burn prevention message into community**



Once again, Shriners Children's Ohio is leading National Burn Awareness Week efforts through live TV interviews, social media content, and a brand new display at a local museum.

Chief of Staff Dr. Sara Higginson, Board of Governors Chairman John Bull, and Patient Ambassadors James and Parker officially cut the ribbon at the new Fezzy photo station to kick off National Burn Awareness Week. Regional Marketing and Communications Director Mike Caldwell and coordinator Jessica Wagner then hosted a special story time to remind families of common burn hazards in the home.

The burn awareness and prevention campaign was also featured on Dayton TV stations and in various social media graphics and reels that were shared with our partners at the American Burn Association.





# Ohio patient leads National Advertising Campaign for Shriners Children's



Twelve-year-old James was more than ready for his close-up for a national commercial advertising specialized burn care at Shriners Children's. It's part of the 2025 patient acquisition effort called "Empowering the Extraordinary" that highlights the patients in each of our service lines.

James is shown playing video games, participating in therapy and having fun at the batting cage. This commercial is running in the Dayton and Cincinnati markets and we'll add more markets in the spring.

You'll also see social media ads, billboards, and limited radio commercials!





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## Shriner's Children's - Erie

Shriners Children's Erie is proud to announce that it has been voted Best Physical Therapy by the Erie Reader's Best of Erie 2024! Additionally, Shriners Children's Erie was recognized as a runner-up for Best Place to Work and Best Nonprofit. The organization extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who voted and continues to support its mission. Congratulations to the outstanding physical therapy team!







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Shriner's Children's - Erie

*Save the Date*

# Shriners Day 2025



**Sunday, June 1, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Medical center tours  
Classic car show  
Shriner ceremony  
Live entertainment

Join us for our Shriners Day Open House to learn more about the excellent orthopedic care we offer to thousands of children each year, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

Questions? Contact Micheal Widrig at 814-875-8780

**1645 West 8th Street, Erie, PA**





# 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

**HOW:** Scan the QR code to register or learn more!

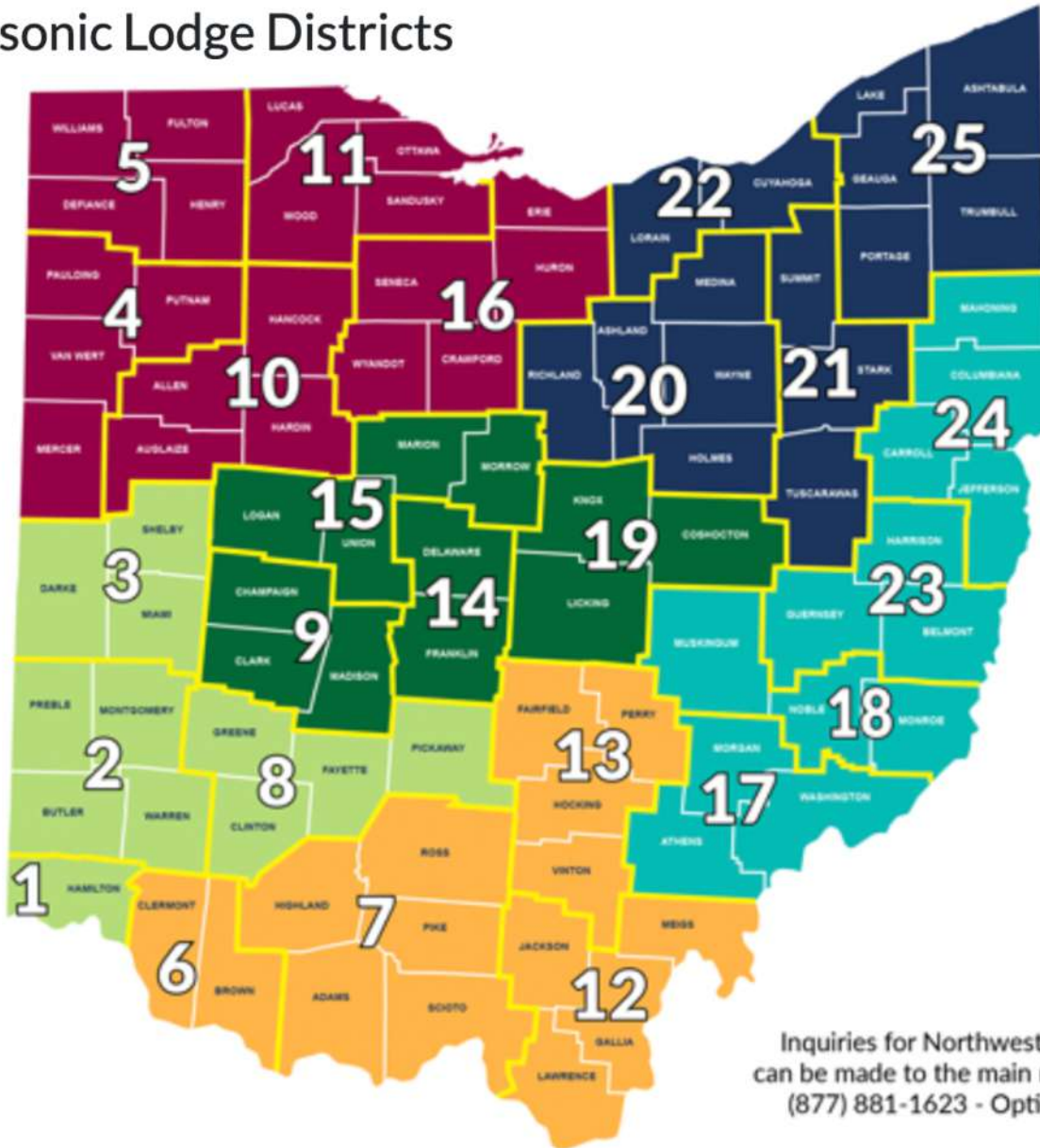






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# POTENTATE'S BALL 2025

**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

**Dress Code:**

Casual - Hawaiian or  
Tropical Shirt, Fez  
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**Open Bar**

**Guest Limit:**

100 people

**Music Provided by:**

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