



AL KORAN SHRINE

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2025 Al Koran Shrine

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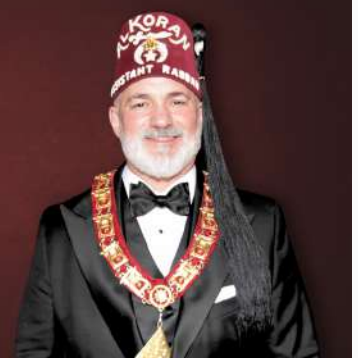
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2025 Al Koran Shrine

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



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2025 Board of Trustees



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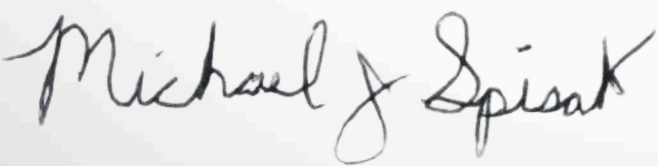
A Message from our 2025 Potentate

Greetings Nobles!

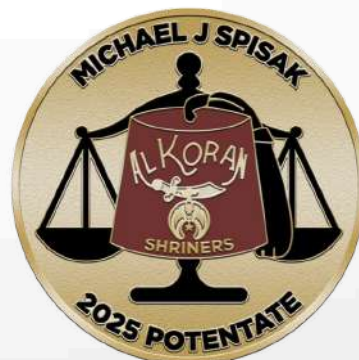
WE FLATTENED THE CURVE! For the first time in over 28 years Al Koran Shrine has created more new Nobles than we lost to the Black Camel! We have created 24 new Nobles this year! In fact, dating all the way back to 1997, there have only been two years when Al Koran brought in more new members: 26 Nobles in 1999 and 25 Nobles in 2002 and those years saw more expirations than new members.

Now that we're outpacing the Black Camel, if we can start limiting the suspensions, resignations, and expulsions, we can actually show net growth! That goal is within striking distance and we have a very motivated Divan who will come out and speak to your Lodges, we will perform Cold Sands at your unit or club meeting. We will do anything necessary to keep bringing in new Nobles. In fact, there is still one month to go in this Shrine year. Let's try to get three new Nobles in at the December meeting and set the record for most new Nobles dating back to at least 1997!

The clubs and units have a lot of great activities planned between now and the end of the year. Many are planning installations and Christmas parties. There is still much fun to be had with Al Koran in the next month. Watch the newsletter for details and come socialize with us! Have a safe a joyous holiday season!



III. Michael J. Spisak, Sr.
2025 Potentate



Words from our Recorder

So goes another year.

This past year has been a blur. I am still catching up on the sportsman's raffle, dues, and preparations for the Christmas party.

I have two additional articles in this newsletter. One regarding dues, something I deal with throughout the year and the other on the sportsman's raffle, so no need to do double duty here.

Nobles and Ladies, there is a lot going on within the fraternity as well as with our Philanthropy. As a reminder, the Imperial Chief Rabban resigned his position just prior to the elections last July. The Imperial treasurer stepped forward and was elected to fill the vacant position. Imperial Sir Brad T. Koehn and his Lady Cherly have been extremely busy with the new responsibilities of his office. As for our Philanthropy, we have had another good year. We have not had to draw on the principal of the endowment for the fourth straight year. We continue to serve kids around the country and around the world.

Our local hospitals Shriners Childrens Erie and Shriners Childrens Ohio have both had good years, seeing more children than ever before.

So please use our website and other resources to keep up to date. Reach out to a club or unit and see if any of their activities might be of interest to you. Get involved, you only get out what you put in. Drivers are always needed, we have frequent trips to Erie and even a few to Ohio. Over the past year, we have also had trips to Philadelphia and Chicago.

If I can be of any assistance whether with dues, participation, or any other need assistance please reach out to me.

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

Sportsman Raffle

First of all, we would like to thank our many prolific salespeople for their efforts. Without them we would have been in a world of hurt this year. Illustrious Sir Terry Hamilton, who is usually the largest seller of tickets, but also Glenn and Ethan Dillworth, Scott Grim, Jim Pace, Vic Allen, Chris Wischerman, Dave Hunter, Mike Davison, Jason Kita, Tony Sessin, Bill Hubbard and several others.

We have been trying to make a success of this event for almost 10 years. Other Shrine Centers make well over \$50,000.00 on their events. Some make close to \$100,000.00. We have made \$30,000.00 total for all of our events. As we are projecting an almost \$50,000.00 deficit in our 2026 budget, that \$50,000.00 would put us in the black.

The whole intent of the Raffle was to find a fundraising source and take the burden of any additional dues increases off the Nobility. For those of you who bought tickets thank you. However, from my point of view, it would be a lot easier for me to just raise your dues by \$100.00. We really need you to sell tickets. Great if you become one of our prolific guys but even 10 to 20 tickets from another 50 to 70 members would make a significant difference. It would actually sell us out of the 3000 tickets we print.

There has been a lot of discussion about just cancelling the raffle and just raising everyone's dues. Discussion only to date. We have also discussed sending out 3 to 5 tickets to each member and assessing them the cost of the tickets. They could then sell them or keep them, and we would have our needed revenue. However, we are well aware that we have a significant number of members who can ill afford these measures, and we are starting to decrease our membership decline and nearing potential growth in membership. Something we wish to continue, not reverse.

We also understand that some of you have an aversion to the idea of raffling off firearms. We would actually prefer to make this a true sportsman's raffle, including fishing, camping, clothing, and other recreational items available from our affiliate. One of our past winners gave his prize to the local Boy Scouts and they purchased camping equipment with it. But we need to succeed with what we have before we can incorporate these other items.

The reason for this article is our disappointing results this year. Despite our efforts, we sold 500 fewer tickets than last year, resulting in a \$10,000 decrease in revenue. We had hoped last years success would help make this event a recurring with a profitable tradition.

We need additional buy in from the Nobility. We need more Nobles selling tickets. We only print 3000. Pretty good odds for events such as this. We need YOUR help to make this successful. If you are interested or can help out please reach out to the Recorder.

We will have another raffle in 2026, and we hope to increase our profits, so we can take the next step. Which would be to hold the drawing live, with ticket holders in attendance. This opens the door to additional income in the form of food, refreshments, and other selling opportunities, and to increase fun and fellowship.

ATTENTION

Are you one of my 24 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.

Electronic dues notice for 2026 went out in August, followed by paper copies, on October 16th. Avoid paying \$314.00 by paying your 2025 as soon as possible, then take care of your 2026 dues. New dues cards are being issued by Imperial this year.

If you are one of my 24 delinquent members I have sent emails, letters, and made phone calls. I will make one last attempt and call you this month. But if not paid up you will be suspended at years end.

Your Recorder.

Membership Update:

October 2025

October 1st	729 Members	4 Associates
Creations	4	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	0	0
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	1	0
Deaths	1	0
October 31st	732 Members	4 Associates

Total Membership: 736 Nobles



Nobles Lost to the Black Camel September 2025

Noble Michael G. Petryshyn
Noble Edward F. Stevenson

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



Al Koran Shrine

Membership Report & Announcements

Donations In Memory Of:

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

Lucas Precision LLC

Norma L. Forbes

James & Lois Parkinson

In Memory of Raymond Wilson

In Memory of Raymond Wilson

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Submissions for the Newsletter

Hello brethren!

As the Clubs & Units are doing more, we would love to feature you in the **Shrine Newsletter!**

This includes:

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

Any Submissions for the newsletter are due by the **22nd of each month**. This gives us plenty of time for the newsletter to be edited and sent to each of our members.

Term Planning: As we are all getting started on planning the 2026 year, don't forget that when you have it finished to send it to me so that we are always promoting your events in the Newsletter Calendar!



Noble Brady Woodworth

Newsletter Editor

alkoranne newsletter@gmail.com



Al Koran Shrine

October + November Calendar

December 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			

December Events

10th - Lakewood Shrine Club Dinner

13th - Al Koran Shrine Christmas Party

14th - Mariners COW & Holiday Party

15th - Al Koran Annual Meeting & Elections @ Berea

16th - Massillon Shrine Club Installation & Christmas

18th - Youngstown Dinner Meeting & Installation

20th - Mid-Ohio Shrine Christmas Party + Installation

29th - Crazy Kops Meeting @ Teamz

Official Call of the Potentate

Our Stated Meeting & Elections will be on **December 15th** at the **Berea Masonic Center** at **7:00 pm** - 366 Eastland Road Berea, OH 44017

January 2026

January 2026

10th - Al Koran Installation of Officers

12th - Hunters Installation of Officers

19th - Al Koran Stated Meeting

24th - Crazy Kops Holiday Part at J Bella

27th - East/West Shrine Bowl Watch Party @ Teamz

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



Al Koran Shrine

Announcements

From the Recorder - Tom Klecan PP

To our newer members as well as our more seasoned younger members.

You have all been told at one point or another that you only get out of Masonry (Shrine) what you put into it. That is so true!

So, if you can, find a club or a unit that interests you. Get involved.

We do understand that many of you work and have families, and that free time is at a premium. We can surely understand that many, if not all, the existing clubs and units may not be very interesting to our younger members. So, what is it we can assist you with that would appeal to you.

Would you like to start a new club or unit. A brewing club, a cosplay unit, a water buffalo unit? Water Buffalo units are gaining popularity within the Shrine. They are family-oriented, with the entire family encouraged to participate. So you do not have to leave your wife at home with the kids, you can bring them along. Many of these new units are meeting at regional and annual events, so you can branch out and meet younger Shriners like yourselves from all over the country, and in fact the world.

We are looking for some young members to get involved with something interesting to them. We can guide you in the set up and structuring of the unit or club, and then get out of your way, and you can have fun, fun being Shriners.

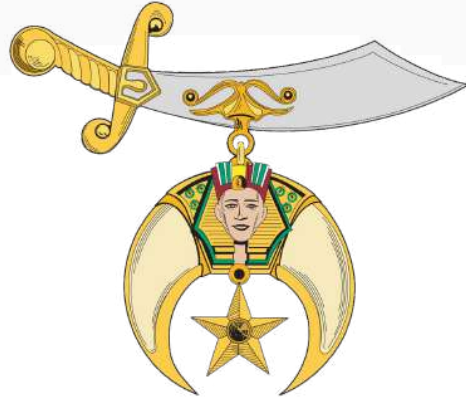
What other means of communication would you like to see us utilize in order to better communicate with you.

Please reach out to us at clevelandshriners@gmail.com and let us know how we can be of more assistance to you.



Al Koran Shrine

November Stated Meeting



Congratulations to our New Nobles!
Welcome to Al Koran Shrine!





Al Koran Shrine

November Stated Meeting



**Thank you to our
Top-Line Signer!**



**Mid-Ohio Shrine
Club Hospital
Donation**



Al Koran Shrine

50 Year Pin Presentation



Oriental Guide Jason Kita presenting Noble David Van Scoter his 50-year pin at WRMC

Congratulations Noble David!



Al Koran Shrine

2025 Al Koran Polos

Al Koran Polo Shirts with Embroidered logo

Men's Polo K750

Qty.

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



Ladies Polo LK750

Qty.

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



Embroidered Name and Title add \$3 per polo

Name on Polo _____

Title on Polo _____

Name of person ordering polo's _____

Al Koran Shrine

Clubs & Units

Officers, Dues, Meetings,
Articles, Pictures





Al Koran Shrine

Units



BS Unit - (Bourbon & Stogies)

Officers:

El Presidente: Brandon Gould
bmgould@live.com

Humidor: Mike Spisak
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

Secretary: Mike Spisak
Treasurer: Dan Andrews

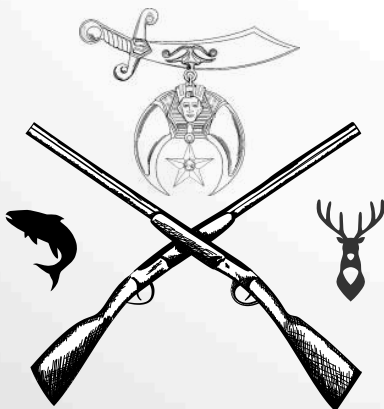
Meetings & Events:

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 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

Secretary: Randy Radcliffe
Treasurer: Mike Moorman

Meetings & Events:

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

Dues:

\$20 / year

Stag - Casual

Korvettes

Officers:

Secretary: Mike Davison PP
mikedavison123@aol.com

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

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

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
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 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

Massillon Shrine Club

The Massillon Shrine Club will be installing their 2026 Officers on Tuesday December 16th at the Massillon Masonic Temple, home of Clinton Lodge #47.

This is also our Christmas Celebration, and we expect all our special guests (the children we sponsor and families) will be in attendance.

We have a covered-dish dinner (the club provides the ham). We also collect an unwrapped child's gift for Shriners Children Erie.

This meeting is not on our regularly scheduled night, as stated above, it will be on Tuesday December 16th. This meeting is also open to the Ladies. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations by calling or texting Bill Kemp at (330) 806-9613.

As an added note one of our children, Luca is an ambassador for Shriners Children Erie, and his mother will be making a short presentation on their journey with Shriners, at the At Koran and Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland Christmas Party on December 13th. Hope to see you there.

Yours in the Faith
Bill Kemp Secretary





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Lorain County Shrine & Fire Brigade

2026 Parade Season Update



Season's Greetings to All Nobles

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all members of the Lorain County Shrine & Fire Brigade. As we welcome the new year, both Mother Nature and the parading Fire Brigade unit receive a wake-up call, signaling the beginning of another exciting season.

Looking Ahead to 2026 Parades

We are excited to announce that a full schedule of parades is being planned for 2026. Our season will commence with the Avon Lake Memorial Day Parade. Details about this event and others will be shared as they become available.

Improvements to Big Red

During the off-season, significant improvements have been made to Big Red. The seating area is now protected by new canvas, which will help keep the benches cleaner and dryer. This update also eliminates the frustration of having to constantly resecure the old, dry, and brittle canvas from the 1980s.

Membership & Participation

Several Nobles have expressed interest in helping to grow our ranks. If you would like to join us or offer support, please feel free to reach out. You can contact me at 440-822-4107 or via email at scott_croxford@yahoo.com

Invitation to Ride on Big Red

Remember, everyone is welcome to ride on Big Red! Family and friends of all ages are encouraged to join us and experience the excitement of parading high atop our 1953 La France fire truck.



Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mid-Ohio Shrine Club



Mid-Ohio Shrine Club

Christmas Party & Installation of Officers

Open to Shriners, Masons, their Ladies, and Prospects accompanied by their Masonic Sponsor!

MWB Bill Carter (an Al Koran Shriner) and Lady Zoe will be in attendance and we will be presenting a special recognition award to him for an outstanding year as Grand Master. Seating is limited, so get your RSVP's in ASAP. Jacket and tie. Cash or check only please.

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Check out the flyer on the next page!



Al Koran



MID-OHIO SHRINE CLUB'S

Christmas Gala 2025

and Installation of Officers

Saturday December 20th



DLX

Catering and Event Center

On the Square

Mansfield, Ohio



Doors Open 6:00pm for Appetizers

Buffet Dinner / Live Entertainment / Cash Bar

\$30.00 per person Donation

(Cash or Check)

Reservations please by December 12th

Contact: Mike @ 419-295-2586





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mariners

Mariners Log
By Bob Stanley

As all good things must come to an end, I am retiring as Scribe of this Mariners Log. Since May 2002, I have been writing the messages of the Al Koran Mariners Yacht Club for 23 years. That accounts for 281 monthly additions of the Al Koran Shrine Magazine. It has been an honor and pleasure for my Mariners Log to have been read by every Al Koran Shriner for all those years.

And Now The Final Edition

With the arrival of December, we are upon what most people consider “the most wonderful time of the year.” This is when we see the Red Kettles at store fronts, Mr. Jingeling, Santa and his workshop, Christmas parades, the movie “The Christmas Story”, memories of Christmas past, Hanukkah with its Festival of Lights, and the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It is time to reflect and give thanks.

On Saturday, November 8 at the Greater Cleveland Boating Association (G.C.B.A.) Commanders Ball, P/C Ronn Murphy P.P. was installed as Vice Commander for the year 2026.

Al Koran Shrine Annual Children’s Party will be held on Saturday, December 13. Santa Claus will be arriving at the Diamond Event Center in Brunswick, Ohio to meet and greet all the children. As in past years, the Mariners have once again donated \$250.00 for this Children’s Holiday Event.

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 2026 Al Koran Bridge Officers will be installed on Sunday, December 14.

Commodore: Frank McEvoy

Vice Commodore: P/C Bob Kolar

Rear Commodore: Robert Frankel

Treasurer: James Dettmer

Secretary: P/C Ronn Murphy P.P.

Directors: P/C Mark Cain, P/C Bob Stanley, P/C Ronn Murphy P.P.





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mariners

The December Business Meeting of Al Koran Shrine will be held on Monday, December 15. This is our annual meeting. The location will be in the Official Call of the Potentate in the December Al Koran Magazine.

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

The Mariners would like to thank our Illustrious Potentate, Mike Spisak, Sr. and First Lady Deborah for their friendship and guidance of Al Koran Shrine during 2025.

For any information concerning Mariner's meetings, membership, or activities, contact Commodore Frank McEvoy at 216-377-1192.

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

God's Speed

**Thank you for all of
your years of service
and great articles Bob!**

-Al Koran Newsletter





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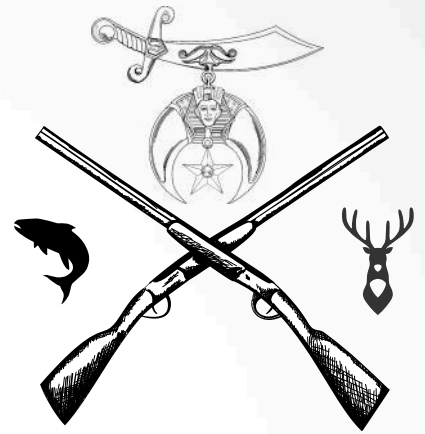
Hunters

We are going to have our Installation of Officers in January and having it at the Office, the same as last year, after the Board Meeting.

The Officers will be a carryover from 2025, Dan Andrews Chief, Al Paynter as Assistant Chief and Secretary, and Russ Arndt as Treasurer.

We discussed having a Christmas Party this year But, since we have so many things going on we decided to have a Christmas in July activity. Date to be announced.

Don't forget the kids party on December 13. We will need help again.



Legion of Honor

The Legion will be dark for Nov. and Dec, due to holidays. At our Oct. meeting we had our election of Officers for 2026.

IS Al Paynter was elected Commander, Frank McEvoy Adjutant, and Louis Fow Treasurer.

We wish everyone A Healthy and Happy Holiday.





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

BS Unit

Next Gathering

Sunday, January 25th, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.

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

Bourbon & Steak Day

Come enjoy a Steak, Bourbon, and Brotherhood!

Cost is \$10 / person

RSVP with Brandon Gould or Mike Spisak



LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA



*Kheedawee
Court #6*

CLEVELAND, OH



Kheedawee Court #6

L.O.S.N.A



We are passionate about helping Al Koran Shriners help kids.

The Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) founded in 1903 promotes fun, fraternal fellowship, and philanthropic endeavors supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children by proudly donating over \$500,000 yearly.

Check out their website: www.ladiesshrine.org for more info.

Kheedawee Court invites all ladies over 18 years old to join us in our mission to support Shriners Children's hospitals and clinics. If you would like more information please contact:

Susan Shultz, High Priestess 216.548.8625

Carol Schulz, Associate Princess 216.389.3759



Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Ohio Shrine Association



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

April 17th & 18th, 2026
Antioch Shrine Temple in Dayton, OH

Ceremonial, "Hot Sands" will be performed!

All members in good standing are invited along
with Candidates!

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



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Updates

Meet Luca - Shriners Children's Patient from Massillon

Coming to our Christmas Party on December 13th!

Luca, 6, of Massillon, Ohio loves playing baseball and riding a bike. When he can't be outside, he also enjoys playing video games. If you catch a glimpse of Luca hanging around upside down in the halls at Shriners Children's Erie, don't worry. He's just showing off his special talent...headstands!

Luca was born with bilateral fibular hemimelia, missing toes and ankles that were fused together. His family began the search for a care team that would help him walk and improve his quality of life. They were contacted by a long-time family friend, who was a member of Al Koran Shriners. He shared information about Shriners Children's and connected the family with the care they were searching for.

Luca now receives care through the outpatient clinic, physical therapy and pediatric orthotic and prosthetic services (POPS). He received his first "superhero" prosthetic legs almost a year ago and he hasn't slowed down since. "We are so happy that we found Shriners," said his mom, Ashley. "They are not just doctors, they are family that wants what's best for my child."

Celebrating Savannah's Dedication to Giving Back

Since becoming a patient at Shriners Children's Erie, Savannah has grown into a passionate ambassador for scoliosis awareness and a dedicated supporter of the organization's mission.

Her fundraising efforts have been remarkable. She began with a simple lemonade stand and continued to build momentum, reaching her goal at the Crawford County Fair, donating the proceeds from her 4-H pig, selling apple cider and donuts at a local auction, and most recently collecting pop tabs during 31 Days to Amaze. Through a partnership with Kanect Recycling, her pop-tab initiative was generously matched, resulting in combined monetary donations totaling more than \$7,800.

Savannah's generosity extends far beyond financial contributions. She volunteers with local Shriners International clubs, donates Higgly Bears to provide comfort to children receiving care and proudly represents Shriners Children's Erie at club and lodge events throughout the region.

Her advocacy also reaches the legislative level. Savannah and her family have participated in multiple television interviews, received a proclamation from Governor Josh Shapiro, and are collaborating with Pennsylvania State Senator Michelle Brooks to lower the recommended age for scoliosis screenings in public schools.

Savannah's commitment, creativity and compassion demonstrate the extraordinary impact one person can make. Shriners Children's Erie is proud to celebrate her generosity, leadership and dedication to giving back.





Positive Press Ganey Comments

See what patients and families have to say about Shriners Children's Erie

2025 Press Ganey survey Grateful Parent

"I can't express enough how amazing Dr. Pahys is with his patients and their parents. We are so grateful to have had him provide such amazing care before, during, and after surgery. And the staff at the Erie clinic has always been wonderful and we do not have any complaints whatsoever with the care that we have received. We are eternally grateful for Shriners Children's Erie to have accepted us into their care and specifically for Dr. Pahys. Thank you!"



Patients and staff scare up a "ghouly" time at annual Halloween celebration

We can definitely sugar coat this: we had the BEST time at our annual Halloween party and trick-or-treat! It included the usual pumpkin decorating and costume contest. We also held reverse trick-or-treat for our inpatients and nearly a dozen patients staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We ended the day with a pizza party for staff and families in the OT/PT gym.

Check out just a few of the photos from the day. You can find more photos on our Facebook page as well as a recap reel. A special thank you to everyone who participated and special appreciation to our child life specialists Michelle and Sarah for making sure every patient had a special day!



Photo recap of Celebration Gala





Updates

New Membership Campaign Materials Now Available for Shriners

We're excited to introduce Brotherhood for a New Generation, our new fraternal campaign designed to support membership growth and engagement across Shriners International. This campaign includes a full suite of materials — some available for customization — to help you connect with prospective members and share the impact of our brotherhood in your communities. Together, this bold step forward reinforces our commitment to the future of our fraternity and ensures we continue thriving for generations to come.

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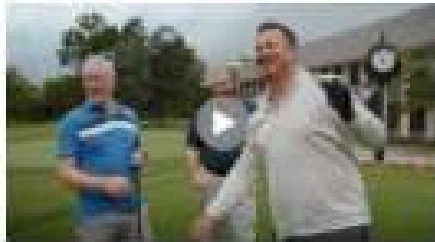
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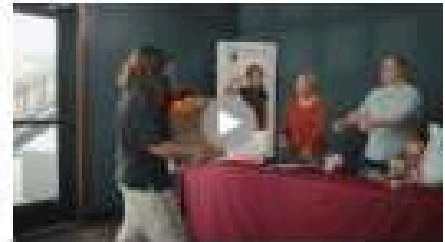
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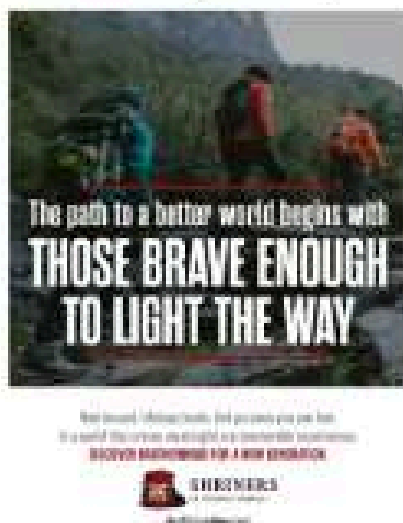


Three campaign videos are available to support your membership outreach. The videos are provided in formats optimized for temple websites and social media, making it easy to share our message across multiple channels. The videos are supplied carrying the Shriners International brand but can be customized for your temple upon request.

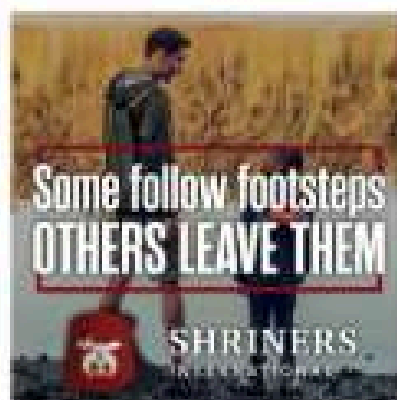
Other Campaign Materials

Along with the videos, a wide variety of additional assets is available to help you communicate our message in multiple formats and reach different audiences effectively. We've developed a comprehensive [Campaign Media Guide](#) outlining all available assets, along with best practices for utilizing them and customizing those designed for personalization.

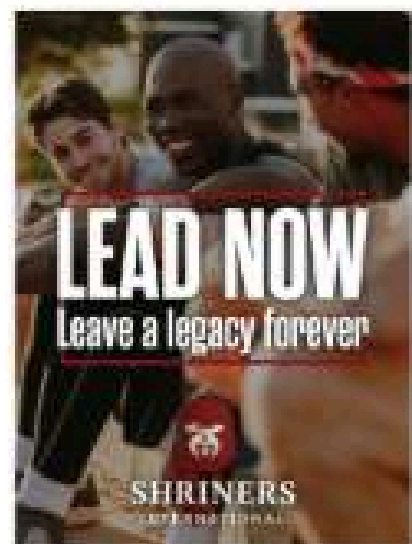
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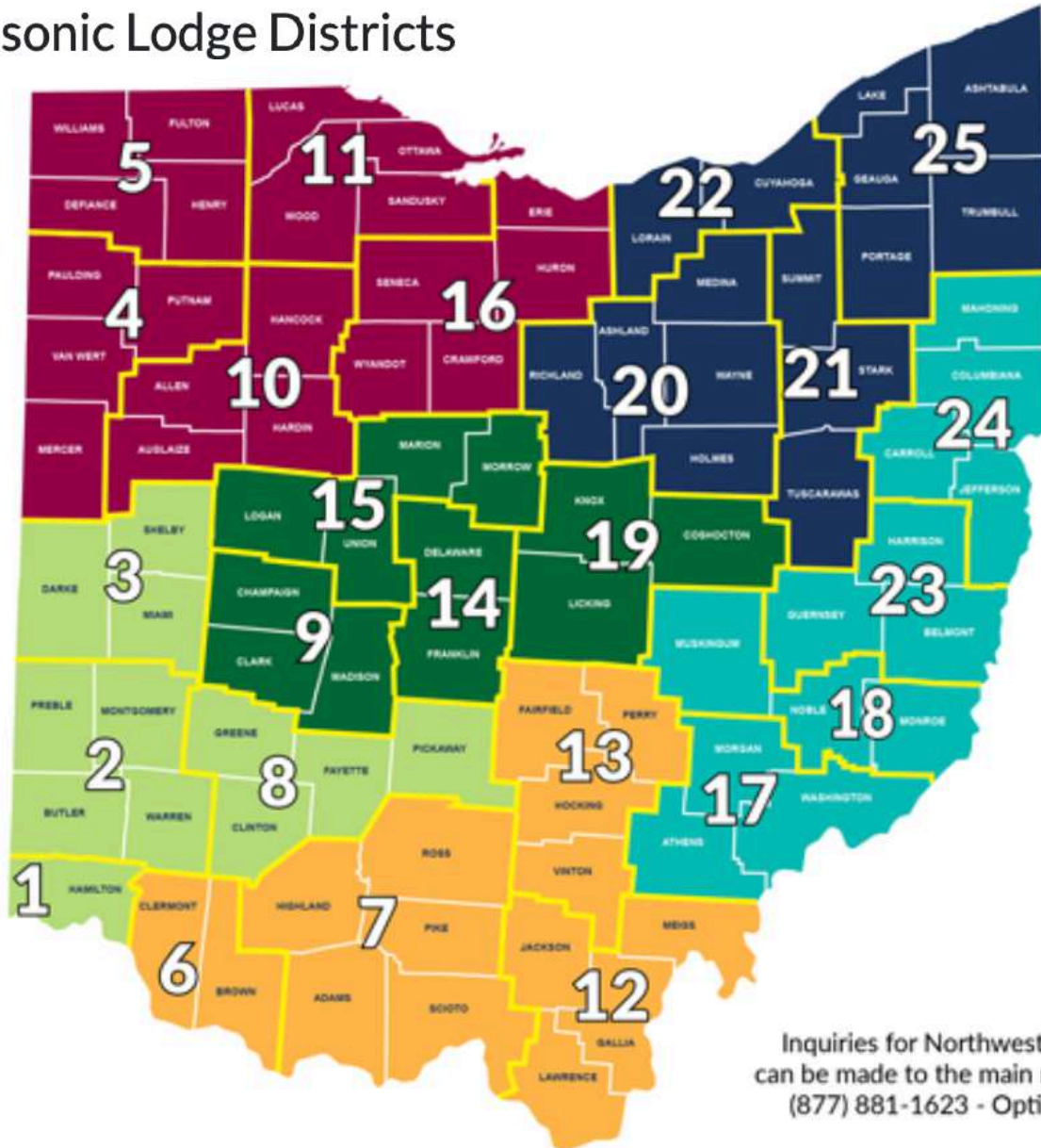
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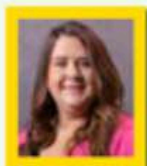


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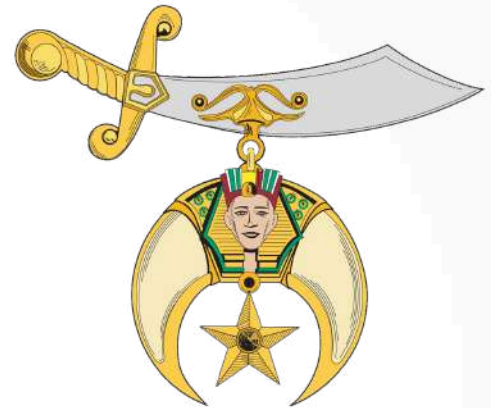
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Saturday December 13th, 2025

10 am - 2pm

Diamond Event Center

1480 Pearl Road Brunswick, OH 44212



Children of all ages are welcome!



Santa arrives at 12:30 pm!

For Reservations Call:

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2026

Al Koran Shrine **INSTALLATION**

JANUARY 10TH, 2026

EVENT DETAILS:

Diamond Event Center

1480 Pearl Road Brunswick, OH 44212

\$75 Per Person

\$140 Per Couple

6:00 pm Appetizers & Open Bar

7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

MEAL:

APPETIZERS

Meat + Cheese Tray, Vegetable Dip

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Caesar Salad, Steamship Round of Beef, Herb baked Chicken, Penne Pasta w/ Marinara, Red skin Potatoes, Green Beans w/ Bacon

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