



**AL KORAN**  
Shriners

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***WE SHINE,  
WHEN WE  
SHRINE***



2026 POTENTATE  
**BRANDON GOULD**



FIRST LADY  
**KAREN GOULD**



**MARCH 2026**

**April 2026**

- 2nd** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting
- 5th** - Mansfield Shrine Club Meeting
- 9th** - Hunters Meeting
- 11th** - Lakewood Shrine Club Meeting
- 15th** - Youngstown Shrine Club Parade in Canfield
- 16th** - Al Koran Shrine Business Meeting
- 17th** - Crazy Kops St Patty's Parade in CLE
- 18th** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting
- 19th** - Youngstown Shrine Club Meeting
- 23rd** - Crazy Kops Meeting at Teamz
- 25th** - Hillbillies Meeting

- 2nd** - Mansfield Shrine Club Meeting
- 6th** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting
- 8th** - Lakewood Shrine Club Meeting
- 13th** - Hunters Meeting
- 15th** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting
- 16th** - Youngstown Shrine Club Meeting
- 20th** - Al Koran Business Meeting
- 21st** - Mariners Meeting
- 22nd** - Hillbillies Meeting
- 27th** - Crazy Kops Meeting at Teamz
- 27th** - Legion of Honor Meeting

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

**Brandon Gould**

*2026 Potentate*



### Greetings Al Koran Family.

I hope you all enjoyed the month off! The First Lady and I, along with the Divan, traveled to the Mid-Ohio Valentine's Dinner last month. It was, as always, a great time with an outstanding turnout.

This month we will be holding our regular meeting, and since it falls the day before St. Patrick's Day, feel free to be festive and wear your green at the meeting!

At our last meeting in January, we initiated three new Nobles. What a fantastic way to start the year! Let's keep that momentum going strong.

I currently have 48 out of 50 Top Line Signer coins remaining — and I would love to see every one of them spoken for. Let's get rid of them and continue building our fraternity.

**Remember: We Shine, When We Shrine.**

# POTENTATE CHALLENGE

**LIMITED EDITION:**

## 2026 CHALLENGE COIN



**THE CHALLENGE:** BE THE TOP  
SIGNER ON A NEW PETITION  
IN 2026

# 48 REMAINING

YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR  
COIN AFTER THE CANDIDATE  
RECEIVES HIS COLD SANDS



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# RECORDER'S MESSAGE

Oh, my goodness, what a Winter. I know it kept me home and indoors more than usual.

Well, it is March and spring is on its way(I hope). As I do every March it is time to start complaining about those of you who have not as yet paid your 2026 dues. If you skip down a paragraph or two.

As of writing this article, I have over 100 Nobble who have yet to pay their 2026 dues. If you are one of those you are no longer in good standing and therefore should not be attending any meetings or other social functions including those of your Club or Unit.

I, as well as Divan, understand that the price of everyday items has increased dramatically. If you are experiencing financial restraints, for any reason, or have medical issues which do not allow you to fully participate in our events you can remain a member. We have programs for those of you who wish to remain a Shriner but may be having to make some difficult choice. Please contact me by phone at the office (440-546-9866) or by email at [clevelandshriners@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandshriners@gmail.com) and let me see if we cannot come to a mutually beneficial outcome. **Senior members:** the Shrine does not automatically remit your dues even after attaining a 50-year membership. But as I mentioned above, we have programs to assist if you need it.

With our reduced requirements for business meetings, we will be meeting in March, April, and June. There will be no meeting in May, but the Potentate has another event scheduled for that date, so stay tuned. We will again be ordering onion, with a delivery date expected in early May. Last year's were really good, and we had an Onion Night before our May meeting. I would like to see the same for the June Meeting this year. Fresh Vidalia Onions on hotdogs and hamburgers, with onion soup and onion rings, and an onion relish that was out of this world.

As a heads up, parade season is around the corner, and I have been contacted by several Noble willing to participate this year, let me know if you would also like to participate, or if you club or unit may need some assistance in this regard.

While we as Shriners support one of the world's greatest philanthropies, Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Shrine was originally formed for Fun & Fellowship. So, get involved this year in the Fun and Fellowship, you won't be sorry you did.

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

**Tom Klecan P.P.**

*Recorder*





Great men  
wear a fez.



### Membership Update: January 2026

### Nobles Lost to the Black Camel January 2026

	Members	Associates
<b>January 1st</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>4</b>
Creations	3	0
Restorations	1	0
Affiliations	1	0
Demits	3	0
Deaths	1	0
Suspensions	0	0
Resignations	0	0
<b>January 31st</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>4</b>

There were no Nobles who were reported passed in January 2026

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

### Donations In Memory Of:



**Donation From:**      **In Memory of:**  
None for this Report

Total Membership:  
**740 Nobles**



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**TEMPLE UPDATES**

# AL KORAN CAMP SHIRTS 2026

- Small.....\$51.35**
- Medium.....\$51.35**
- Large.....\$51.35**
- X Large.....\$51.35**
- 2X Large.....\$53.20**
- 3X Large.....\$56.90**
- 4X Large.....\$58.75**



**Embroidered Name and Title add \$4.00 per shirt**  
Print as it will appear embroidered

Name

Title

Name

Email

Phone

All orders will be prepaid by cash, check, or credit card (a 4% processing fee will be added if paid by credit card)

**Send order to: leepilous@gmail.com**

**Questions call Lee @ 216-406-0232**

**Find the Order Form for the Al Koran Camp Shirt 2026 at:**

<https://alkoranshriners.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-Shirt-order-form-1.pdf>



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Hospital Transportation Drivers Needed

Yes, Al Koran is still transporting our special children to our hospitals.

We primarily transport to Shriners Children's Erie and Shriners Children's Ohio. Occasionally we will have transport to our Chicago or Philadelphia Hospitals. Shriners Children's Erie no longer does inhouse surgeries, and if orthopedic surgery is necessary, it is usually done in one of those two locations.

We are doing **2 to 3 transports a month** out of the Cleveland area and about the same in the Mansfield area.

Please **contact Noble Michael Brookins** if you can assist.

216-978-8673 or Mbrook@me.com

## MEMBERSHIP

### Important Notice: Dues Payments

If you wish to participate in any of our meetings or social events your dues for 2026 must be paid. There are currently over 100 of you who have not paid for 2026.

If you are having health issues and/or financial restraints, please call and we will see what we can do for you. We have programs in place to take care of many common contingencies. **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.

If you have paid your dues; but have not received your new dues card please let me know.

Electronic dues notice for 2026 went out in August, followed by paper copies, on October 16th. Those not paid as of January 1, 2026, are not in good standing.

You can check your status on Webfez or call the office. Should you wish to drop your membership, please call us and let us see if we can change your mind.

-Your Recorder.



<https://alkoranshriners.com/>



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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# **Sweet Vidalia Onion Fundraiser**

## **\$15 / 10 LB BAG**

Order through your Local Club or Unit by:

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**





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# THE FEZ & THE FINE PRINT

## **Greetings fellow Nobles:**

Spring is right around the corner which means parade and fund-raising seasons will be upon us.

## **The Serious Part:**

Did you know that pursuant to the Shriners Community Volunteering Guidelines, Shrine Temples, their clubs and units are allowed to raise money and donate money to charities other than the Shriners Hospitals? Under the De Minimis Safe Harbor provision, a Temple, Unit, or Club may raise and donate money to community-based activities up to \$1,000 per year (Cumulative including a Temple, its Clubs, and Units).

Examples of qualified de minimis contributions include:

- Temple sponsoring a children's sports team (e.g. little league) for \$500.00.
- Temple making a \$500.00 donation to enhance a local playground.
- A club or unit donating to a Masonic foundation for \$200.00.
- A club or unit buying \$300.00 in flowers and planting them in a community park.

While the vast majority of our fund-raising efforts are meant to support the hospitals, it is also permissible to make small donations to other worthy organizations.

## **The Not-So-Serious Part:**

Did you know that in California bumblebees are legally considered fish? In 2022 a California Appeals Court determined that bumblebees and other terrestrial invertebrates can be classified as "fish" under the California Endangered Species Act. Only in California. Stay tuned for more useless knowledge...

## **The Fez and the Fine Print**

*Practical Law, Shrine Governance,  
and the Occasional Legal Curiosity.*

**Michael Spisak P.P.**

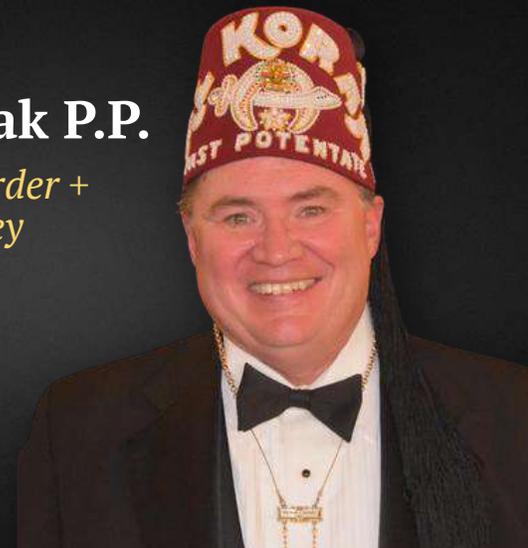
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**Mike Spisak P.P.**

*Assistant Recorder +  
Temple Attorney*





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# 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 23rd, 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 Tuesday 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 family and friends will be joining us for dinner. I will be sending out an email to the group confirming this information following our February 23rd 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.

We had a great time brewing beer a couple of weeks ago and will be bottling said beer on March 12th at 5:30 at the Brew Kettle in Strongsville. If you would like attend, please contact Brandon Gould at bmgould@live.com or me at the email below.

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 or by phone at 440-225-9178.

Let make this a wonderful season.

Fraternally,  
Mike Fekete, Director



## Krazy Kops

### Top Shelf Basket of Cheer Fundraiser

Purchase Raffle Tickets for the  
Chance to win:

**\$300** -or- **The 6 Bottles of Liquor below!**

Contact Any Kops Member to  
Purchase tickets!





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## Mid-Ohio Shrine Club

The Mid-Ohio Shrine Club held their very popular annual Valentine's Day Celebration on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the DLX's historic Kobacker Room in Mansfield. Masonic Brother, Shrine Nobles, guests, and their Ladies had a ton of fun at the photo booth, were entertained by the Jimmy Vincent band, and enjoyed an outstanding buffet provided by the DLX Catering and events. Speakers were Mike Miranda President of the club, our 2023 Past Potentate and Board of Governors Dayton Shriner Children's Illustrious Sir Terry Hamilton and Chief Rabban James Barone Board of Governors Erie.

Bru Lewis, P.P.









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## Lorain Shrine & Fire Brigade

### Brigadiers:

The fire bells are ringing and the sirens are blaring. It is time to muster again and develop a plan for the 2026 parade season

### I am calling for a meeting to be held at:

West Shore lodge #804.  
127 Lear Road, Avon Lake  
April 8th at 7:00PM

No need to bring your ladders and respirators. Just bring an open mind and a slew of good ideas for 2026.

Our first traditional parade is the Memorial Day Parade in Avon Lake. May 24th, 2026. Details forthcoming. I look forward to seeing all.

Scott Croxford, Supreme Commander.



## Youngstown Shrine Club

### It's that time of Year again!

Join us on the Third Thursdays of the month at the Youngstown Shrine Building for our Monthly Dinner Meetings!

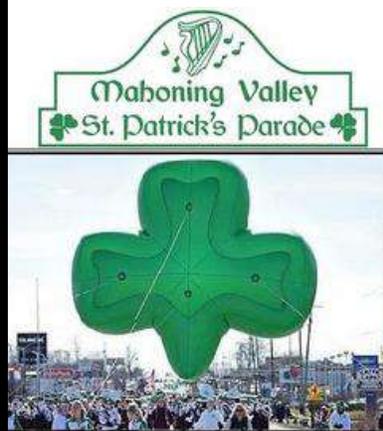
### Address:

1735 W South Range Rd  
North Lima, OH 44452

### Upcoming Event:

The Youngstown Shrine Club will be marching in the Mahoning Valley St. Patricks Day Parade on Sunday, March 1th, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Come out and join us for this amazing parade!



**Mahoning Valley**  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
**PARADE**

**Sunday, March 15**  
**2026** 

**1:00 pm**  
Market Street - Boardman, Ohio

welcome

PARADE INFORMATION



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# OTHER SHRINE GROUPS



LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA



## Ohio Shrine Association

## Kheedawee Court #6

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

We are passionate about helping Al Koran Shriners help kids.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Antioch Shrine Temple in Dayton, OH

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.

There will be a full Ceremonial with  
"Hot Sands" performed!

Check out their website:  
**[www.ladiesshrine.org](http://www.ladiesshrine.org)** for more info.

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!***

**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



## **Alison Cernich, Ph.D., named director of Shriners Children's Research Institute**

Shriners Children's is proud to announce that Alison Cernich, Ph.D., has accepted the position of director of our Research Institute. In this role, Dr. Cernich will oversee the recruitment of researchers as well as the design and construction of the institute's 150,000 square feet of laboratory space at the Science Square location in Atlanta, Georgia.

An experienced research leader and neuropsychologist, Dr. Cernich most recently served as acting director and deputy director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. In that role, she helped oversee a broad research portfolio spanning child health, development, women's health, disabilities, and rehabilitation medicine, and contributed to strategic initiatives across NIH.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Cernich to Shriners Children's at this pivotal moment in our journey," said Chairman of the Board of Trustees Leslie D. Stewart, M.D. "As we advance Vision 2035, her leadership will help shape the future of our research enterprise, accelerating discoveries that improve care for children and families across our system."

Dr. Cernich holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University, where her training focused on traumatic injury and disability-related research. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Loyola University New Orleans and is board certified in clinical neuropsychology. Her academic background spans clinical science and translational research, providing a strong foundation for research leadership.

Dr. Cernich has held senior leadership roles across major federal health and research organizations, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Defense. Across these settings, her work has focused on advancing research and innovation for children and individuals with disabilities — particularly in rehabilitation, medical devices and data-driven approaches — by bringing together clinicians, researchers, and partners to address complex, interdisciplinary challenges.

"This is an amazing opportunity to shape a research institute from the ground up," said Dr. Cernich. "Bringing Shriners Children's research and innovation together allows us to move discoveries from the lab into practice faster, so families see the impact through stronger outcomes and new possibilities in care." Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Cernich enjoys hiking and spending time outdoors.

"We very much look forward to Dr. Cernich leading the transformational change in research at Shriners Children's," said Marc Lalande, Ph.D., vice president, research programs. "Please join me in welcoming Dr. Cernich to Shriners Children's."



# Shriners Children’s Erie Voted Best Physical Therapy in Best of Erie 2025

Shriners Children’s Erie has been named Best Physical Therapy for 2025 by the Erie Reader, for the second year in a row. This honor is a testament to the outstanding care, dedication and compassion the therapy team provides to children and families every day.

Shriners Children’s Erie is incredibly proud of this recognition and even more proud of the people behind it. Congratulations to the amazing therapy team.

# A Special Connection at Shriners Children’s Erie

A truly heartwarming moment recently unfolded at Shriners Children’s Erie when Raihanna, an exchange student from Cameroon currently studying in the United States, visited Shriners Children’s Erie. During her time there, Raihanna had the opportunity to meet Jordy, a beloved therapy dog from Therapy Dogs United and the connection was instant. What made this meeting especially meaningful was the discovery that Raihanna and Jordy share the same limb difference, creating a powerful bond and a moment neither will soon forget.

Follow us on social media Shriners Children’s Erie  
1645 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505

Raihanna is an exceptional student who plans to attend a university in the U.S. to study agriculture, with the goal of bringing that knowledge back to Cameroon to make a positive impact in her home country. During her visit, she proudly posed with the Cameroon flag alongside members of her care team, including Alex Betancourt, MS, MBA, CPO, Zach Gotham, PA-C, and prosthetic and orthotic resident Audrey Yu. Moments like these remind us that the care provided at Shriners Children’s Erie extends far beyond medicine, it’s about connection, encouragement and shared humanity.





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January 16, 2026

Recorder  
Al Koran Shriners  
PO Box 81184  
Cleveland, OH 44181

Dear 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.



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



Shriners Children's Dayton



## §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**  
**2026 Nominating Committee**

**Email: [troy.hawkins@yahoo.com](mailto:troy.hawkins@yahoo.com) & [tyra.valenzuela@shrinenet.org](mailto:tyra.valenzuela@shrinenet.org)**

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

Yours in the faith,

Jack E. Patterson  
Chairman  
Board of Governors





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Shriners Children's Ohio  
Membership Skills List Required by the  
Board of Governors  
2026

At Shriners Children's Ohio, our hospital-within-a-hospital model requires a Board of Governors with diverse expertise to drive strategic growth and operational excellence. Key priorities include increasing patient volume, elevating staff quality, and advancing our world-class services. Skills required include strategic planning, philanthropy, team development, community engagement, and expertise in healthcare trends and communications. Additionally, fostering staff growth and retention, as well as expanding residency and fellowship programs, are essential to sustaining clinical excellence. Skills supporting these initiatives include workforce development, talent acquisition, leadership coaching, academic program oversight, and succession planning. Specialized knowledge in legal, finance, and construction remains critical to long-term success.





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# SIEF NOBLE ACADEMY



SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS



6th Annual  
**MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING**  
*Virtual Event Series*



SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS

2026  
**MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
*Building the Future Together – One Stone at a Time*

**November 6-8**  
Washington, D.C. · Capital Hilton

### Registration is now open!

The Noble Academy Membership and Marketing Virtual Event Series presented by Shriners International Education Foundation is back for its 6th year, bringing fresh content, new speakers and practical insights to support Shriners and the greater Masonic community. Designed to strengthen membership growth and marketing efforts, this year's sessions offer real-world ideas you can put into action right away.

Join us across four dates and attend live for an interactive experience that allows you to connect with fellow learners and submit questions for our speakers. You can also watch on demand at your convenience. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, share and grow together.

Attendees will be sent a link to view each event in advance of the event.

<del>Thursday, February 19, 2026</del>	<del>1 - 3 p.m.</del>
Thursday, May 21, 2026	1 - 3 p.m.
Thursday, August 20, 2026	1 - 3 p.m.
Thursday, January 21, 2027	1 - 3 p.m.

### Save the Date! New Location!

Mark your calendars for the 2026 Noble Academy Membership Conference, presented by Shriners International Education Foundation, taking place in historic Washington, D.C., November 6-8. Look forward to new speakers, engaging topics and an exciting new location.

The conference will offer practical learning opportunities, fresh ideas and meaningful connections to support membership growth and engagement across our fraternity. All members are welcome to attend, especially those serving in leadership roles such as membership and marketing chairmen, club and unit leaders, Divan members and other members of the nobility growing and strengthening our fraternity. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Conference Venue: Capital Hilton

Our venue is a historic hotel in the heart of the nation's capital, less than two miles from the National Mall, Georgetown and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. The hotel features onsite dining and a fitness center. A discounted rate will be available for conference attendees

**Visit the Conference Website**

<https://nobleacademyeducation.org/>



## Annual 24-hour Ride Delivers for Shriners Children's February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Patient Bella meets with the Alee Shriners Iron Knights.



Earlier this year, 25 motorcycle riders led by the Iron Knights left Savannah, Georgia, to rumble 1,000 miles in 24 hours. The goal? To deliver a donation check of over \$30,000 to Shriners Children's in Greenville, South Carolina.

To ride that far in one day, you don't stop very much – gas when necessary, maybe two or three rest stops. "It's a very tough thing we do," said Duane Bartels, vice president of the Alee Shriners Iron Knights. "We ride 1,000 miles in 24 hours, nonstop, in part to remind ourselves a little bit about how hard it is for some of these children and what they go through."

The concept was adopted from an American Motorcycle Association 1,000-miles-in-a-day trek, promoted as an "Iron Butt" ride. However, the Iron Knights event has a higher purpose: to help Shriners Children's and the patients it serves. Bartels said the Alee Shriners Iron Knights unit-led ride is notable because it so strongly demonstrates the essence of the organization – a group of men who enjoy fun and fellowship and are defined by a dedication to philanthropy.

"Our ride reflects that duality of activities that epitomizes the Shriners," said Bartels. The route for the ride took the group down from Savannah through Mobile, Alabama, and then through Knoxville and Nashville, Tennessee, to arrive in Greenville at the same time they left the previous day – 5 p.m. Bartels and his daughter, Bella, who is a Shriners Children's patient, went on a local morning television show in Savannah a week before departure, and even more donations than they expected poured in.

One gift of \$6,000 came from an 86-year-old man who said that he wanted what little he could spare to go toward something important.

Bartels said there is a feature that was unexpected when these rides were initially conceived. Many who sign up for the ride come bearing a burden and seeking catharsis by getting outside themselves and doing things for others. Many are looking for connection as well.

## ROSS & JOYCE BLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Ross and Joyce Black Scholarship was established to provide college or trade school scholarships to graduating High School Seniors.

### Masonic Requirements:

- Students must have a father, stepfather, grandfather or step-grandfather are members of the Valley of Cleveland
- **or** a member of a Masonic Youth Group

### Application Requirements:

- Complete the Black Scholarship Form
- Submit a current high school transcript + SAT/ACT Scores
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor
- **All Materials must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**



<https://aasrcleveland.org/the-ross-joyce-black-scholarship/>

## ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP

The Abbott Scholarship is available for all current college students, undergraduate or graduate students, who meet the following criteria:

### Masonic Requirements:

- Current member of the Valley of Cleveland
- **or** a child/grandchild of a Member of the Valley of Cleveland
- **or** a member of a Masonic Youth Group

### Application Requirements:

- Complete the Abbott Scholarship Form
- Submit a current college transcript
- Minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- **All Materials must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**



[https://aasrcleveland.org/abbot\\_scholarship/](https://aasrcleveland.org/abbot_scholarship/)

## DONALD R. JAMES MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brother Donald R. James established an endowment fund to provide scholarships to qualified applicants who are pursuing a career in medicine, dentistry, or sports medicine. The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for consideration.

### Masonic Requirements:

- A Mason in good standing in the Grand Lodge of Ohio
- **or** a Member of the Order of Eastern Star in Ohio
- **or** a child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild of an Ohio Mason or Eastern Star Member
- **or** a Member of the Masonic Youth Group (DeMolay, Rainbow, Jobs, Pythagoreans, Grand Girls Assembly)

### Program Requirements:

- Be enrolled in a program leading to an MD Degree, DDS, or Vets
- **or** be enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in Sports Medicine.
- **or** be enrolled in an undergraduate program with a declared major of chemistry, biology, other life sciences, or if recognized by the educational institution, pre-med

### Application Requirements:

- Complete the James Scholarship Form
- Submit a current high school/college transcript
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale **or** passing grade in doctoral program
- **All Materials must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**
- **in 2025, we gave \$618,000 for this scholarship!!!**



### Email all Scholarship Materials to:

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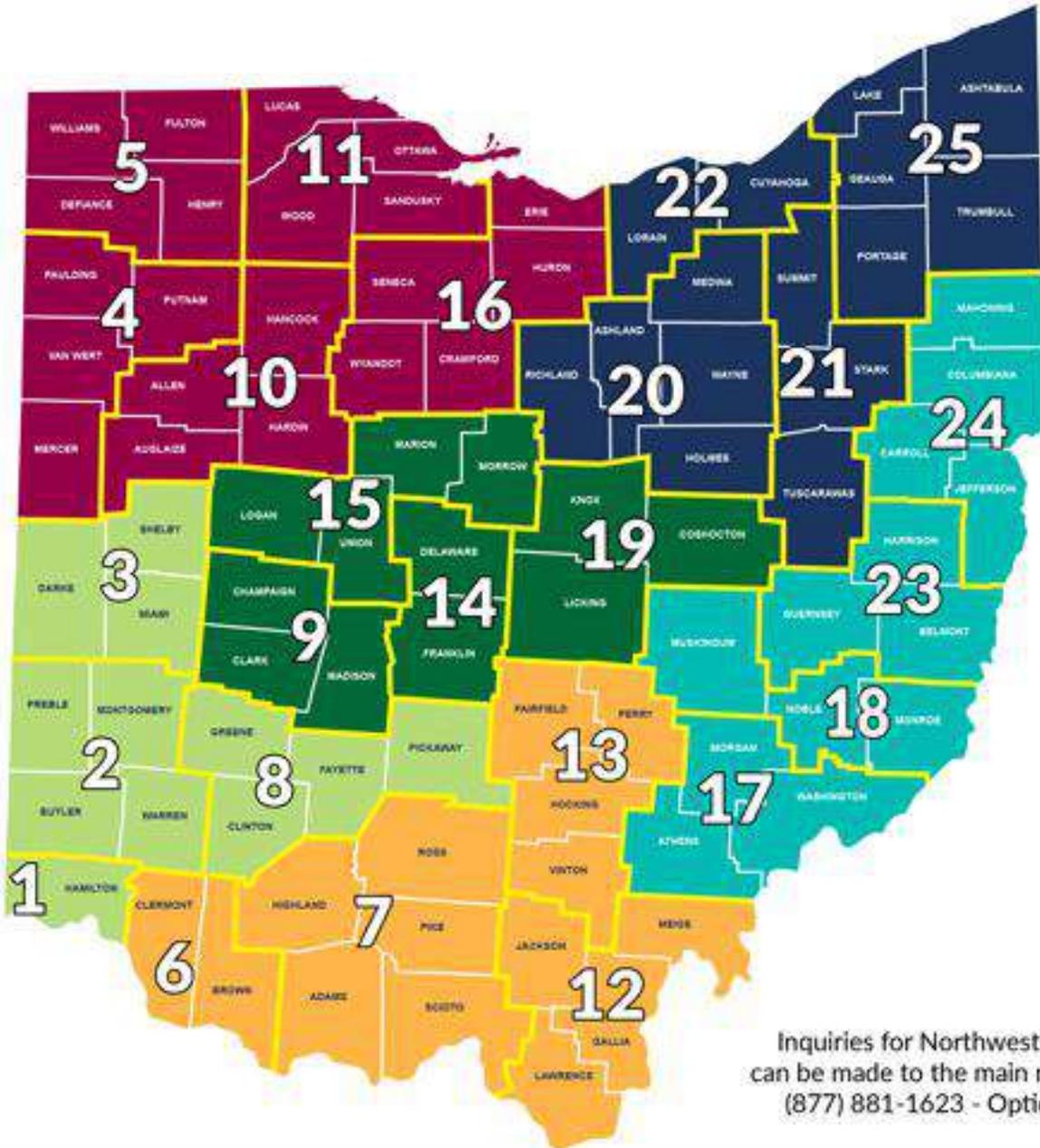
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Director, OMC Resource Center & NE Ohio Community Outreach Coordinator  
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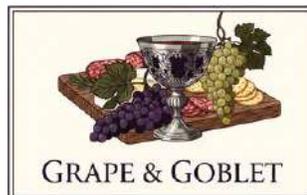
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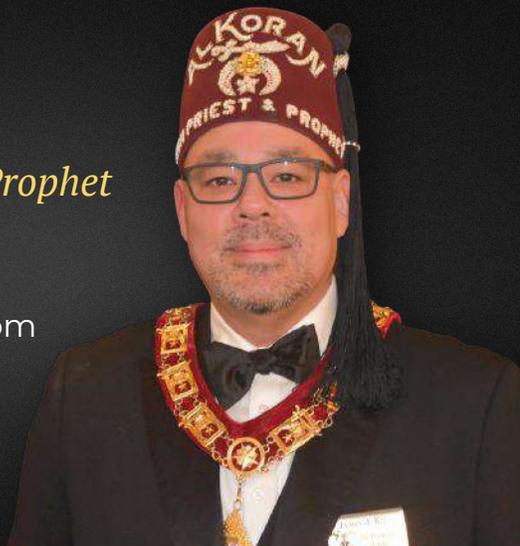


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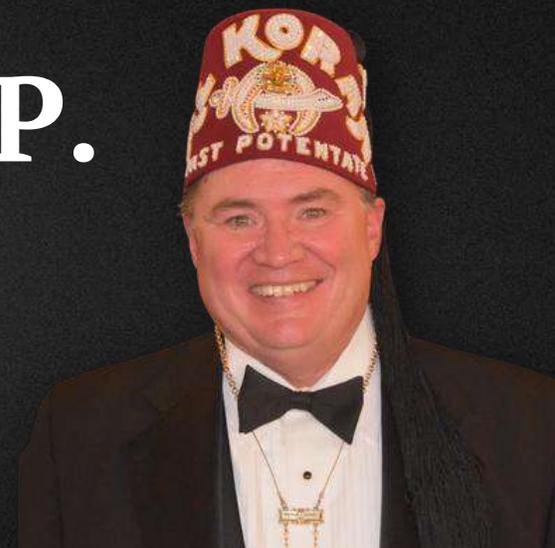


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# APPOINTED OFFICERS



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*Outer Guard*



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*Marshal*

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*Chaplain*



**Shannon Konold**  
*1st Ceremonial Master*

**Tyler Tevis**  
*2nd Ceremonial Master  
+ Potentate Aide*



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# TEMPLE DETAILS



## Al Koran Office

6801 Engle Road Suite 2  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

**Phone Number:** 440-546-9866  
**For Recorder:** Press 1  
**For Treasurer:** Press 2



## Meeting Location

Berea Masonic Center

366 Eastland Road  
Berea, OH 44017



# AL KORAN SHRINE NEWSLETTER

## Submissions due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Submit Articles, Photos, & Videos to:**

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alkorannewsletter@gmail.com

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<https://alkoranshriners.com/member-center/al-koran-shrine-newsletters/>



# AL KORAN Shriners

# AL KORAN 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.

**Dress:** Casual

+ Ladies Welcome

**Website:**

<https://internationalshrinehillbillies.com/>

**St. Matthews Church:**

9549 Highland Dr,  
Brecksville, OH 44141



## Youngstown Shrine Club

**Officers:**

**President:** Ryan Cresanto  
*r.cresanto@gmail.com*

**1st VP:** Barry Weigle

**2nd VP:** Andrew Hussey

**Secretary:** Jim Hazlett

**Treasurer:** Al York PP

**Address:**

1735 W South Range Rd  
North Lima, OH 44452

**Website:**

<https://youngstownshrineclubhallandpavilion.org/>

**Meetings & Events:**

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

**Dress:** Coat & Tie (winter)  
Casual (Summer)

**Dues:**  
\$35 / year

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

**Stag** for Meetings



## Mariners

**Officers:**

**Commodore:** Frank McEvoy  
*frankmcevoyshriener@gmail.com*

**Vice Commodore:** P/C Bob Kolar

**Rear Commodore:** Robert Frankel

**Treasurer:** James Dettmer

**Secretary:** P/C Ronn Murphy P.P.

**Directors:**

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

**Website:**

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

**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

**Dress:** Casual  
+ Ladies welcome



## Mid-Ohio Shrine Club

**President:** Mike Miranda

**Vice President:** Brandon Minor

**2nd VP:** Jason Rupp

**3rd VP:** Bru Lewis PP

**Secretary:** Jerry Snay

**Treasurer:** Bill Bragg

**Chaplain:** Scott Zartman

**Shrine Ambassador:** Terry Hamilton PP

**Trustee:** Brandon Minor

**Trustee:** Richard Snay

**Trustee:** Jeff Brown

**Masonic Ambassador:** Jason Brake

**Event Marshall:** Mike Seveigny

**Dues:**

\$25 / year

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Meetings

**Old Bag of Nails  
Restaurant:**

625 Lexington Avenue,  
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

**Meetings & Events:**

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





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## Mansfield Shrine Club

**Officers:****President:** Bruce Joseph*jofotohio@aol.com***Vice President:** Phil Devoe**Treasurer:** Randy Waddles**Chaplain:** Harold Klopp**Dues:**

\$10 / year

**Dark in:** February**Dress:** Casual  
+ Ladies Welcome**Meetings & Events:**

Various events during the year, with Meetings on the First Thursdays at the Baku Grotto.

**Baku Grotto Building:**

747 S Main Street  
Mansfield, OH 44907



## Lakewood Shrine Club

**Officers:****President:** Jim Cain*JCain8564@gmail.com***1st VP:** Eric Butler**2nd VP:** Dave Stelmach**Secretary:** Mark Bollinger PP**Treasurer:** William Schulz**Dues:**

\$50 / year

**Dress:** Coat & Tie  
+ Ladies Welcome**Meetings & Events:**

Monthly Dinner Meetings 2nd  
Wednesdays at various  
restaurants



## Massillon Shrine Club

**Officers:****President:** Paul Samsa*prez@massillonshriners.org***1st VP:** Joe Weisgarber**2nd VP:** Mike Bonk**Treasurer:** Jim Henderson**Secretary:** Bill Kemp**Dues:**

FREE

**Dark in:** July & August.**Dress:** Casual  
+ Ladies Welcome**Meetings & Events:**

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

**Massillon Masonic Center:**

333 2nd Street SW  
Massillon, OH 44646

## Want to sign up for a Club?

Contact their Head Guy to  
learn more about their events!

## Want to start a new Club?

Contact the Al Koran Office  
with your ideas!



<https://alkoranshriners.com/>



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# AL KORAN Shriners

# AL KORAN UNITS



## 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

**Teamz Restaurant:**

6611 Eastland Road  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

**Dues:**

\$50 / year

**Associate Dues:**

\$25  
*(Masons that aren't Shriners, relatives)*

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Meetings



## Bourbon & Stogies

**Officers:**

**El Presidente:** Brandon Gould  
*bmgould@live.com*  
**Humidor:** Mike Spisak

**Meetings & Events:**

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

**Havana's Choice:**

170 Pearl Road  
Brunswick, OH 44212

**Dues:**

\$25 / year

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Events

**Facebook:**

Al Koran BS  
(BourbonStogies)



## 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

**Al Koran Office:**

6801 Engle Road Suite 2  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

**Dues:**

\$15 / year

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Meetings



## Legion of Honor

**Officers:**

**Commander:** Al Paynter  
**Adjutant:** Frank McEvoy  
**Treasurer:** Louis Frow

**Meetings & Events:**

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

**St. Matthews Church:**

9549 Highland Dr,  
Brecksville, OH 44141

**Dues:**

\$10 / year (Veterans)

**Associate Dues:**

\$10 / year  
(Non-Veterans)

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

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Meetings

**Website:**

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





# AL KORAN Shriners

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## Lorain Shrine & Fire Brigade

**Officers:**

**Director:** Scott Croxford  
scott\_croxford@hotmail.com

**Secretary:** Randy Radcliffe

**Treasurer:** Mike Moorman

**Dues:**

\$20 / year

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Meetings

**Meetings & Events:**

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

**Avon Lake Temple:**

127 Lear Road  
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012



## Korvettes

**Officers:**

**Secretary:** Mike Davison PP  
mikedavison123@aol.com

**Meetings & Events:**

Trying to get back into doing parades, but we need your help!

Contact us to hear about how you can be a part of this legendary Unit!



## \*\*\*New Unit! Grape & Goblet

**Officers:**

**Sommelier:** Jim Barone  
jbar27@gmail.com

**Decanter:** Mike Krake Jr.

**Events:**

for Nobles and their ladies to enjoy a night out learning about and enjoying wine.

**Stay tuned for more details!**

## Want to sign up for a Unit?

Contact their Head Guy to learn more about their events!

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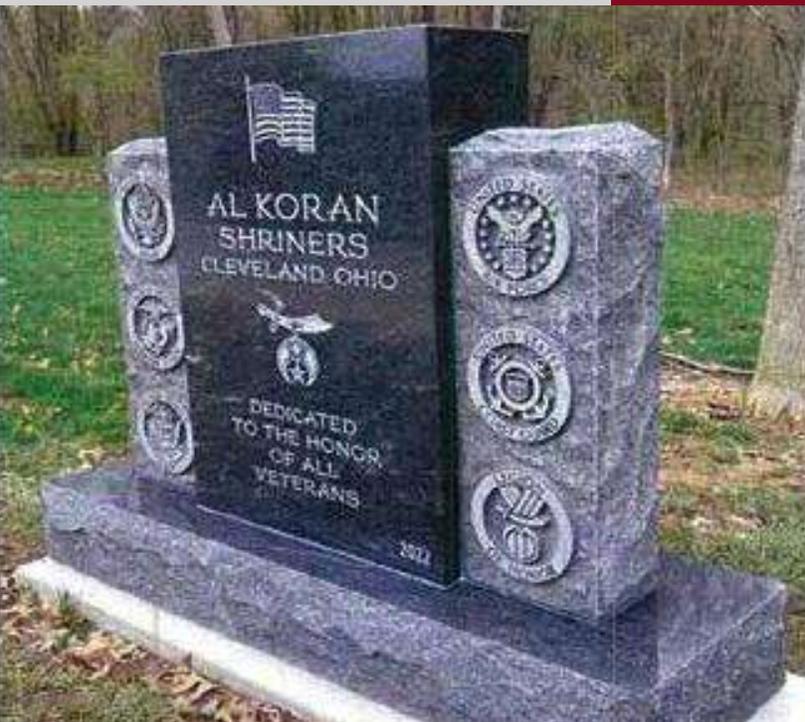


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Parker & Bonnie Reynolds	4/1/2026	Frank Berchek	2/1/2028
Hugh Hively	8/1/2026	Evie Probert	3/1/2028
Al & Michelle Budney	10/1/2026	Ralph & Eda Thadeus	7/1/2028
Paula Bodenstein	11/1/2026	Gordon Hastler PP	3/1/2029
Gary Brookins	11/1/2026	Joe and Joann Dugan	1/1/2029
Scott & Jana Grim	3/1/2027	Ronald H. Mills	1/1/2029
Rosemary Hixenbaugh	4/1/2027	Joseph Wuitowicz	4/1/2029
Richard & Linda Saxby	5/1/2027	Jack & Marge Conner	5/1/2029
Barb Fyfe	5/1/2027	Evie Probert	6/1/2030
Roger A. Van Norstan	7/1/2027	Donald & Debbie Meuser	10/1/2030
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Joanne Larson	1/1/2028	George Anders	10/1/2034
Norm Melchreit	1/1/2028	<p><b>Want to become a Booster?</b></p> <p>To be a “Booster” please send a check, payable to Al Koran, for \$10 per person listed to Al Koran Headquarters. Names are listed for one year, after which it is time to renew. Renewal dates are shown after your name. <b>We thank you for your support!</b></p>	
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