



**AL KORAN**  
Shriners

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



2026 POTENTATE  
**BRANDON GOULD**



FIRST LADY  
**KAREN GOULD**



**April 2026**

**May 2026**

- 2nd** - Mansfield Shrine Club Meeting
- 6th** - Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Meeting
- 8th** - Lakewood Shrine Club Dinner Meeting
- 8th** - Lorain County Shrine & Fire Brigade Meeting
- 11th** - Ohio Shrine Meeting
- 13th** - Hunters Meeting
- 15th** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting
- 16th** - Youngstown Shrine Club Meeting
- 17th + 18th** - Ohio Shrine Association Ceremonial
- 20th** - Al Koran Meeting + Festival of Trees Planning
- 21st** - Mariners Meeting
- 22nd** - Hillbillies Meeting
- 27th** - Crazy Kops Meeting at Teamz
- 27th** - Legion of Honor Meeting

- 4th** - Mid Ohio Shrine Club Meeting
- 7th** - Mansfield Shrine Club Meeting
- 11th** - Hunters Meeting
- 11th** - BOD Meeting
- 13th** - Lakewood Shrine Club Meeting
- 18th** - Al Koran Family Potluck (No Business Meeting)
- 19th** - Mariners Meeting
- 20th** - Massillon Shrine Club Meeting
- 21st** - Youngstown Shrine Club Meeting
- 24th** - Crazy Kops Parade at Chagrin Falls
- 27th** - Hillbillies Meeting
- 30th** - Al Koran Prospect Day

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

**Brandon Gould**

*2026 Potentate*



## Greetings Al Koran Family,

This month is off to another great start. We have initiated three more new Nobles—let's keep this momentum going strong!

I've also had the opportunity to travel around the realm a bit. I attended the Potentate's Ball at Hadi Temple alongside Nobles from several other Ohio temples. Things are definitely starting to ramp up here at Al Koran.

If you know someone who would make a great Shriner, take the time to talk with them. Remember, without Nobles, there is no Temple.

**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

# 46 REMAINING

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



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# RECORDER'S MESSAGE

Recorder's Message April 2026

I was not going to complain about or even mention dues this month, but for one of the nicer aspects of collecting the dues, communicating with the members. We have quite a few members, who like myself, are not as young, at least physically, as we used to be. Sometimes we set that dues notice aside to get to it at another time. Or we put it in a safe place, a place so safe we don't remember where we put it. Back to the main point, I have had some great conversations with these members when they call in to let me know that they are taking care of it. They, like me, are proud to be Shriners, and be a part of the world's greatest philanthropy, and it is great reminiscing with people who share your own values. I had some nice and amiable conversations with Nobles John Young, Bill Barnhart and Ron Herke.

There will be no May Business meeting but we will meet. In April and June.

February and March were a couple of trying months. Yeah, the weather was lousy, but they are also the months that I do a deeper dive into unpaid dues. (I know I just mentioned it again; I'll try not to make this a complaint). It's during this process that I usually find members who have passed. While often a family member will let us know, nearly as often they do not.

Those members who passed in February will be listed this month. (I must have my article to the editor, prior to the end of March and so there is a two-month lag in reporting these expirations. We lost 8 in February, most of those were from last year and I didn't find out until February. We lost another two in February who will be noted in the May newsletter, because I didn't find out until March. (Bill Bovard and PGM Vernon Musser)

Onions will be arriving in the first week of May, and we will be featuring some of our delicious onions at the May potluck.

Here is to warmer weather and more social activities.

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>735</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:

Robert & Sharon McFarlane  
Lloyd & Becky Crilow  
Donald & Joyce Bailey  
David & Joyce Bramer  
Robert & karen Bausch

#### In Memory of:

Cheryl A. Robinson  
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Cheryl A. Robinson

Total Membership:  
**739 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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# **Sweet Vidalia Onion Fundraiser**

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

Order through your Local Club or Unit by:

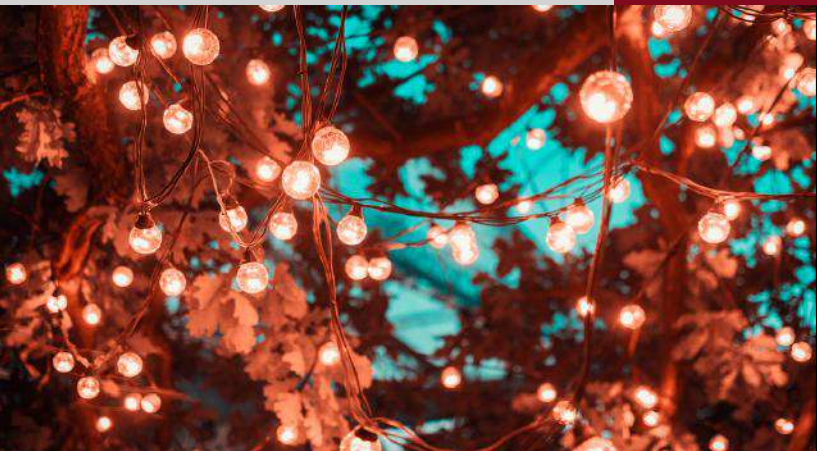
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**





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## Festival of Trees Planning Meeting



Photos from the March Meeting

First Lady Karen invites all ladies who are interested in participating in the Festival of Trees to attend the next business meeting on April 13th. This will be a great opportunity to discuss ideas and enjoy fellowship together.

Please RSVP to Karen at (440) 225-1123 or [Kagould915@gmail.com](mailto:Kagould915@gmail.com)

**Welcome to our 3 New Nobles we initiated!**



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## 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.



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**AL KORAN SHRINE**  
**FAMILY POTLUCK**

at The Berea Temple

**Monday, May 18th**  
Al Koran Shrine

Social Hour : 5:30 PM • Dinner : 6:00 PM

**We're Providing:**  
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

**You Bring:**  
Your Favorite Side Dish,  
or Picnic Item to Share!

**RSVP Required!**

Please RSVP to:  
**klecantom@hotmail.com**

**RSVP by May 15th!**

- Number Attending
- What You Are Bringing

Join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship  
with your Al Koran Shrine Family!



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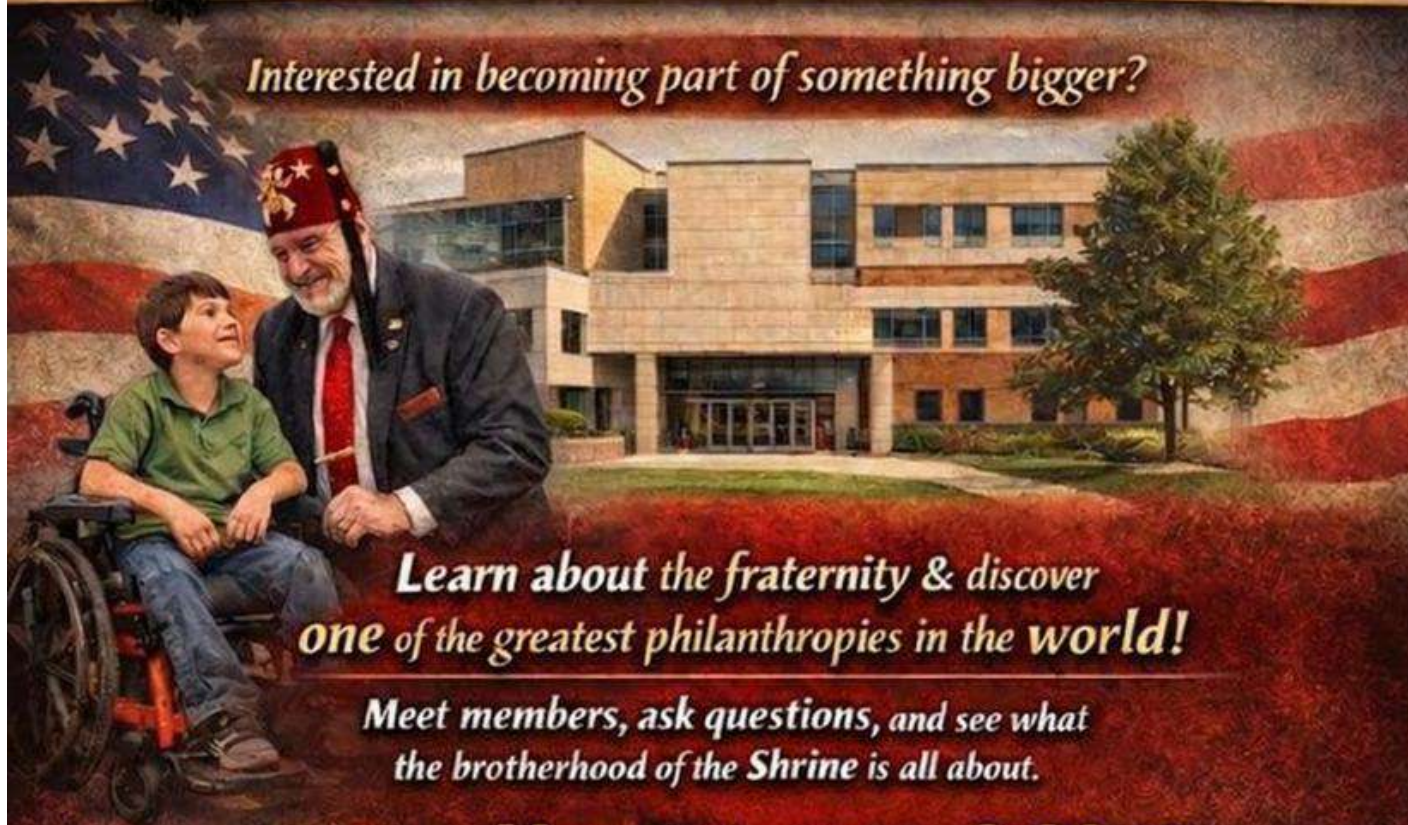
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## **AL KORAN SHRINE** **PROSPECT DAY**



*Interested in becoming part of something bigger?*



*Learn about the fraternity & discover  
**one** of the greatest philanthropies in the world!*

*Meet members, ask questions, and see what  
the brotherhood of the Shrine is all about.*

**Saturday, May 30th, 2026 • 2:00 PM**

**BEREA MASONIC TEMPLE**

366 Eastland Rd, Berea, OH 44017

**OPEN TO ALL MASTER MASONS  
and their families.**

**This is a FREE EVENT**

**For Questions or to RSVP, please call  
our Recorder at (440) 546-9866**



<https://alkoranshriners.com/>



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AL KORAN SHRINE**  
**JUNE 27TH**  
**MEDIEVAL/RENAISSANCE**  
**NOBILITY BALL**

Doors open at 5pm

Dinner at 6pm

ADDRESS : 7863 YORK RD. PARMA, OH 44130

\$50 per person

DRESS IS MEDIVAL/RENNASAINCE THEME OR SEMI FORMAL

FOR TICKETS CONTACT [CLEVELANDSHRINERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CLEVELANDSHRINERS@GMAIL.COM)

CALL (440)546-9866 OR GO TO [HTTPS://ALKORANSHRINERS.COM/](https://alkoranshriners.com/)

HOTEL BLOCK IS AVAILABLE



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# THE FEZ & THE FINE PRINT

**Greetings, fellow Nobles:**

**The Serious Part:**

Club and Unit reports are now past due. Article 37 §337.8 of the Imperial Bylaws states:

“[e]very Shrine club must, at the end of each calendar year, complete the Report of Shrine Clubs and Temple Units form, which is available from the Imperial Recorder, and file it with the temple recorder before the first day of February following the end of the calendar year.” As of the writing of this article, a few clubs and units have not submitted their reports. Please submit these ASAP.

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

Did you know that it is illegal to run out of gas in certain parts of Youngstown, Ohio? Youngstown Codified Ordinance Section 331.44 states: “No person shall operate or permit to be operated any vehicle within the congested district bounded by Chestnut, Walnut, Boardman and Commerce Streets without sufficient fuel to drive the vehicle from the district.” So make sure you gas up for your next trip to Youngstown!

**The Fez and the Fine Print**

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

**Michael Spisak P.P.**

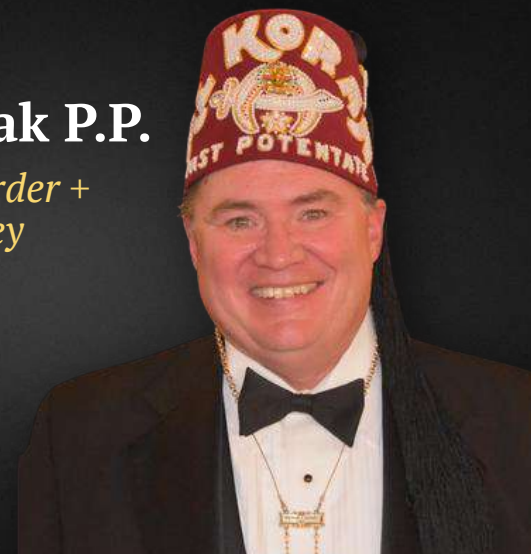
**Temple Attorney**

(216) 225-0703

mjspisak@gmail.com

**Mike Spisak P.P.**

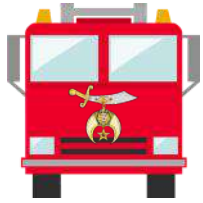
*Assistant Recorder +  
Temple Attorney*





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# CLUB/UNIT ARTICLES



## 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.



## Lakewood Shrine Club

Lakewood Shrine Club will be meeting on the second Wednesday of April – April 8. Join us for the best evening a Shriner and his lady can enjoy!

Cocktail hour begins at 5:00pm with Dinner at 6pm.

Meeting will be at the Cleveland Yacht Club, 200 Yacht Club Dr., Rocky River

### **ALL SHRINERS, THEIR LADIES, AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

We will have a speaker after dinner – our own Eric Butler who will be entertaining us with a talk entitled “Where is Vaudeville”. Eric is an amazing speaker who is extremely entertaining and you don’t want to miss this!

Reservations are a must, to Kay Stelmach, 440-655-0525 or kstelmach55@gmail.com  
Cost of Dinner is \$40/person. Cash bar.

**When a new member joins Lakewood Shrine Club, their first dinner is FREE!!!**



**Youngstown Shrine Club**

The Youngstown Shrine Club would like to extend thanks to Assistant Rabban Mike Krake Jr., who served as our Installing Officer, and Captain of the Guard Dominic Lucarelli, who served as our Installing Marshal.

**Congratulations to our newly installed officers:**

- Ryan Cresanto – President
- Barry Weigle – 1st Vice President
- Jack Barnhouse – 2nd Vice President
- Illustrious Sir Al York – Treasurer
- Jim Hazlett – Secretary
- Ben Barnes – Trustee





## Hunters

Well, Spring is here, and of course that means Parades are just around the corner. As usual Chardon Parade will be our first, with 5 more to follow. But, our Trolly Trailer also as usual will need some work to tidy up the appearance and Shriners and/or their family to ride the parade route.

We are planning a July event, like A Christmas in July Party. This event is scheduled for the 25th of July and more information will be in the New Letter. Also we hope to bring back the Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot.

This will be in November as usual.

We are still meeting at the Al Koran Shrine Office on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 after the Board Meeting.



Illustrious Sir Brandon Gould and Lady Karen at Hadis Shrine Ball with the Potentates and first ladies of Zenobia, Syrian, and Hadis!



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# CLUB/UNIT ARTICLES



## Krazy Kops

### Photos from the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade!

It was a cold and windy day, but that wasn't going to stop our band of merrimen!

We even interviewed with Channel 3!





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# CLUB/UNIT ARTICLES





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**Krazy Kops**

Purchase Raffle Tickets for the  
Chance to win:

**Top Shelf Basket of  
Cheer Fundraiser**

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

Contact Any Kops Member  
to Purchase tickets!



## KRAZY KOPS TOP SHELF BASKET OF CHEER

WINNER TO CHOOSE EITHER  
**\$300** **OR**  
APPLETON ESTATES EXTRA RUM  
CROWN ROYAL RESERVE WHISKEY  
BELVEDERE VODKA  
HENDRICKS GIN  
BELVENIE 15YR OLD SCOTCH  
EL TESORA DON FELIPE TEQUILA

No. 051

**TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH**  
**DRAWING WILL BE HELD MARCH 17, 2026**

DONATIONS NOT DEDUCTIBLE



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## Krazy Kops

### Krazy Kops Brew – Limited Availability!

We're excited to offer a limited run of our specialty brews—once they're gone, they're gone!



Now Available:

-  **Krazy Kops Lager**  
(18 bottles available)
-  **Prisoner Oktoberfest**  
(18 bottles available)

Pricing Options:

- 12-Pack: \$40
- 6-Pack: \$25
- Single Bottle: \$4

Mix & match is available while supplies last.

### Interested in purchasing?

Please reach out to **Illustrious Sir Gould** to reserve your order.

*Quantities are limited, so be sure to act quickly!*



## Hillbilly Crooked River Clan #16

Photos from the Meeting and Installation of Hillbilly Crooked River Clan #16!





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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.

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](http://www.ladiesshrine.org)** for more info.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Antioch Shrine Temple  
Dayton, OH

All members in good standing are invited!

***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



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# OTHER SHRINE GROUPS



## Greetings Fellow Nobles!

As you begin making plans for the coming year, I would like to personally invite you, your Divan, your families, and your Temple Clubs and Units to join Kerbela Shriners in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, for our Smoky Mountain Fun Fest.

For those who may not be familiar with Fun Fest, Kerbela Shriners has proudly hosted this event for 49 years. Last year alone, sixteen temples were represented, making it a truly memorable weekend of fellowship and fun.

The festivities kick off on Thursday with Registration and the Marketplace. Friday morning starts with plenty of laughs during our Clown Competition, followed by hospitality room and Pool Side Pizza Party and a Water Buffalo Degree on Friday evening.

Saturday will be a full and exciting day beginning with our parade, where participating Units will be judged for awards. Following the parade, there will be a poolside Nobles and Ladies lunch, a full ceremonial for the men, a Classy Clutch Social for the ladies, and the day will conclude with Kerbela's Potentate Ball.

Enclosed you will find a full schedule of events along with registration information. Fun Fest is not a fundraiser, but rather a weekend dedicated to fellowship, camaraderie, and fun. Many attendees even make it a mini vacation.

Our host hotels are the Music Road Inn and the Music Road Hotel. Pigeon Forge offers a wide variety of attractions and activities, and we would love nothing more than for you and your Temple to join us for the 49th Annual Smoky Mountain Fun Fest on **May 7-10, 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding Fun Fest, please feel free to contact me or the staff at the Kerbela office. We look forward to seeing you in Pigeon Forge.

Fraternally Yours,

*Dennis M. Rose*

Dennis Rose, Potentate  
Kerbela Shriners  
(865) 755-0357

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Email: [Office@kerbelashriners.org](mailto:Office@kerbelashriners.org)

\*You can also find more information on Pigeon Forge, TN at [www.mypigeonforge.com](http://www.mypigeonforge.com)



## Welcoming Shriners Children's to Las Vegas

Exciting news: Shriners Children's is expanding into a new market with the opening of an access point in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This represents an important step in extending our mission to change and improve children's lives. As the Las Vegas community grows, so does the need for specialized pediatric care. Establishing a presence in this region allows us to reach more families who can benefit from the expertise and compassion that define Shriners Children's.

Located on Badura Avenue, the independent access point will operate through an affiliation with Intermountain Health. Together, the organizations share a commitment to the highest quality pediatric care and a strong alignment in values. Shriners Children's will be a tenant in Intermountain's space as Intermountain develops its long-term plans for the Las Vegas market, including a future freestanding hospital anticipated in 2030.

"This represents an important step forward in bringing our specialized pediatric care to a growing community," said Leslie D. Stewart, M.D., Shriners Children's Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We are proud to expand our presence in collaboration with Intermountain Health and to serve more children and families in the Las Vegas market."

We anticipate a grand opening and ribbon cutting in July, with the first patients welcomed in August.

Ryan VanderWerff, vice president of the Shriners Children's Medical Group, is leading development of the Las Vegas medical staff. A local board-certified pediatric orthopedic surgeon is already serving patients in the market and will assume a leadership role. A practice manager, additional physicians and full support staff will be hired as the team is built.

This effort reflects our commitment to thoughtful, strategic growth. It strengthens our presence in the West Region and positions Shriners Children's to serve more families today while building toward long-term sustainability in this community.



## 13th Annual Telethon Success!

On Tuesday, February 17, Shriners Children's Erie hosted their 13th Annual Telethon at the Millcreek Mall and it was an unforgettable night.

The telethon is one of the clinic's major fundraisers and a special opportunity to connect with the community while showcasing the compassionate, life-changing care provided to children and families every day. In just one night, the event reached an incredible audience of 286,062 people.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters and the dedication of everyone involved, the telethon not only met but exceeded its fundraising goal, raising an outstanding \$41,835, well above the \$30,000 target.

The impact of this event is tremendous and its success reflects the strength of a community that continues to show up in support of local children and families. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated Shriners who showed their support at the event.





**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children

# ERIE HOSPITAL

*Save the Date!*

## Shriners Day 2026

Sunday, June 7, 2026  
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



## Shriners Children's Ohio in national spotlight during Burn Awareness Week

Shriners Children's Ohio burn surgeon Dr. Alice Fagin and Chief of Staff Dr. Sara Higginson were both featured in separate news stories during National Burn Awareness Week.

Dr. Fagin spoke with WHIO-TV and Parade Magazine about a dangerous TikTok trend that has caused burns in children across the United States. It involves warming up a popular sensory toy in the microwave. Sometimes the toy then explodes once a child handles it, causing first-and second-degree burns to the face. You can watch Dr. Fagin's [TV interview here](#) or read the [story in Parade Magazine](#).

Chief of Staff Dr. Sara Higginson had her own moment in the spotlight about a multi-center study of our fractional CO2 laser.

This collaborative research project includes Shriners Children's Northern California staff. The goal is to provide evidence that supports the medical necessity of CO2 fractional laser in children with burns.

Historically, this therapy has been recognized to dramatically improve scar elasticity and flexibility, however, standard insurance policies typically label this type of intervention as cosmetic, meaning families would need to pay out of pocket. At Shriners Children's, this treatment is covered regardless of a family's ability to pay or insurance status.

But this study is the first system-wide initiative to objectively quantify the clinical benefits of fractional CO2 laser treatment.





## Staff connects with local families at community events

More than 500 families received burn awareness and prevention material as well as information about our services and care. Mike Caldwell and Jessica Wagner from the Marketing and Communications Team joined story time at four local libraries and put distributed 500 Burn Awareness Week packets at all 17 branches of the Dayton Metro Library.

Additionally, Jessica and Sam Puterbaugh passed out swag and material at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. We capped off the week by passing out branded cookies to families and staff inside the Dayton Children's atrium. Eymir even stopped by to say hi and snag a cookie! Thank you to the philanthropy team, supply chain and Amanda Fields for all their help in promoting burn awareness and prevention in the Dayton community.





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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/>



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**NEWS/UPDATES**

## **Shriners Membership Team Welcomes New Recruitment Managers**

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Shriners International Office of Membership Development is excited to welcome two new team members. Ryan Rosenbaum and Kevin Wright have both joined the organization as senior managers of membership recruitment. They will act as “concierges” to temples by supporting local recruitment efforts and encouraging men to become Master Masons and then join the Shrine. Both Wright and Rosenbaum will be on the road on a regular basis, attending a variety of events and visiting temples to consult with nobles and develop recruitment plans. But their jobs don’t end there. We sat down with both men to discuss their new roles and what they bring to the Shriners brotherhood.



**Kevin Wright**

Senior Manager  
of Membership Recruitment for  
Shriners International.



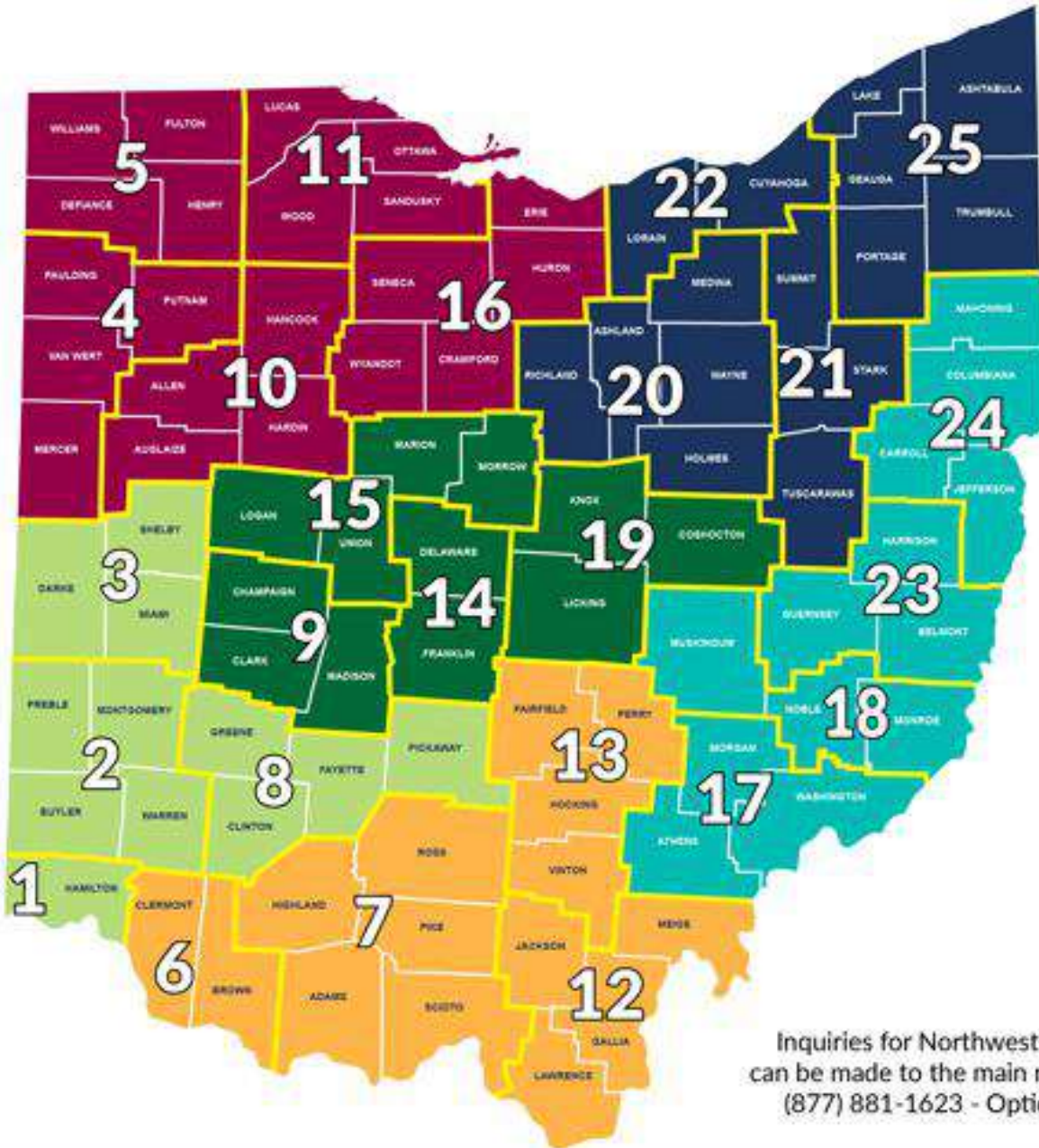
**Ryan Rosenbaum**

Senior Manager  
of Membership Recruitment for  
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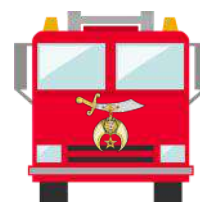


## 2026 DIVAN

## AL KORAN SHRINERS

### Divan + Appointed Officers

### Temple Information



### Clubs

### Units



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# APPOINTED OFFICERS



**Dominic Lucarelli**  
*Captain of the Guard*



**Chris Modica**  
*Outer Guard*



**Dave Stelmach**  
*Marshal*

**Dave Jones**  
*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!



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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

**Dues:**  
\$50 / year

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

**Meetings & Events:**  
Parade Unit with 10 parades a  
year, monthly meetings the  
Fourth Mondays at Teamz at  
6:00 pm

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Meetings

**Teamz Restaurant:**  
6611 Eastland Road  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130



## Bourbon & Stogies

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

**Dues:**  
\$25 / year

**Dress:** Casual

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

**Stag** for Events

**Facebook:**  
Al Koran BS  
(BourbonStogies)

**Havana's Choice:**  
170 Pearl Road  
Brunswick, OH 44212



## Hunters

**Officers:**  
Chief: Dan Andrews  
*dandrews216@gmail.com*

**Dues:**  
\$15 / year

**Dress:** Casual

**Meetings & Events:**  
Various Events throughout the  
year, Meetings on the 2nd  
Mondays of the month at the  
Al Koran Office at 7:00 pm

**Stag** for Meetings

**Al Koran Office:**  
6801 Engle Road Suite 2  
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130



## Legion of Honor

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

**Dues:**  
\$10 / year (Veterans)

**Associate Dues:**  
\$10 / year  
(Non-Veterans)

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

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

**Dress:** Casual

**Stag** for Meetings

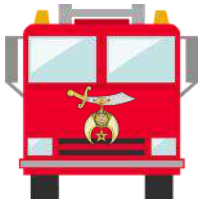
**St. Matthews Church:**  
9549 Highland Dr,  
Brecksville, OH 44141

**Website:**  
[http://www.ialoh.org/  
home.html](http://www.ialoh.org/home.html)



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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!

## Want to start a new Unit?

Contact the Al Koran Office with your ideas!



Parker & Bonnie Reynolds	4/1/2026	Barb Kuchta	2/1/2028
Hugh Hively	8/1/2026	Frank Berchek	2/1/2028
Al & Michelle Budney	10/1/2026	Evie Probert	3/1/2028
Paula Bodenstein	11/1/2026	Ralph & Eda Thadeus	7/1/2028
Gary Brookins	11/1/2026	Gordon Hastler PP	3/1/2029
Scott & Jana Grim	3/1/2027	Joe and Joann Dugan	1/1/2029
Rosemary Hixenbaugh	4/1/2027	Ronald H. Mills	1/1/2029
Richard & Linda Saxby	5/1/2027	Joseph Wuitowicz	4/1/2029
Barb Fyfe	5/1/2027	Jack & Marge Conner	5/1/2029
Roger A. Van Norstan	7/1/2027	Evie Probert	6/1/2030
Lee & Betty Pilous	12/1/2027	Donald & Debbie Meuser	10/1/2030
Joanne Larson	1/1/2028	Norita M Hinerman	4/1/2032
Norm Melchreit	1/1/2028	George Anders	10/1/2034
Sandy Angstrom	2/1/2028	<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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