



AL KORAN SHRINE

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2025 Al Koran Shrine

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2025 Al Koran Shrine

Appointed Officers & Board of Trustees

2025 Appointed Officers



Frank McEvoy
Captain of the Guard



Bill Kemp
Outer Guard



Ronn Murphy PP
Chaplain



Dave Stelmach
Marshal



Al Paynter PP
Ceremonial Director

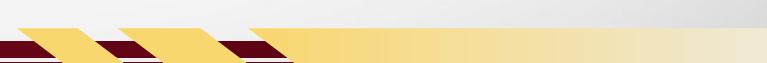


Chris Modica
1st Ceremonial Master



Rob Frankel
2nd Ceremonial Master

2025 Board of Trustees



Ronn Murphy PP	Dan Andrews	Mike Miranda	Jim Cain	James Cain

The Last Message from our 2025 Potentate

Greetings Nobles!

WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN! We accomplished so much this year and it would not have been possible without the love and support of my lovely wife, Deborah. Thank you for letting me go on this journey. I did what I set out to do and I promise I will be home more often than I have been over the last several years.

A big "thank you" goes out to the members of the Divan, the officers, committee chairmen, Kay and Dave Stelmach, Brady Woodworth, who took over our newsletter and made it a first class publication at a fraction of what we were paying to produce it before. Thank you to the Nobles who marched in parades, and anyone else involved with making our activities great this year.

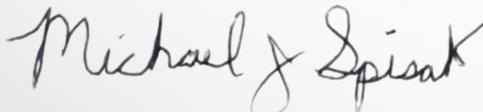
As was mentioned in the last newsletter, in 2025 for the first time since at least 1997, we brought in more new Nobles than we lost to the Black Camel! Thank you to every Noble who signed a petition this year! We also began the year with thirteen clubs and units and ended the year with fourteen. A new unit, the Grape & Goblet unit, has been formed. Its purpose is for Nobles and their wives to enjoy a night out learning about and enjoying wine. Jim Barone and Mike Krake are heading up this unit and it looks like a lot of fun.

I was able to visit every club and unit this year at least once. The geography that we cover goes from the Pennsylvania border to Massillon to Mansfield then North to Lake Erie almost to Sandusky. The terrain may be different in places, but the brotherhood is the same everywhere. Thank you, Nobles, for greeting me so warmly when I visited.

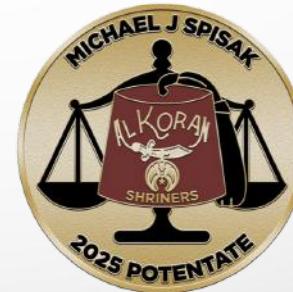
This year we also sold the former Trumbull County Shrine Club property. The club had not been active in several years and we were able to realize a decent profit from the sale of the property which enabled its former members to make very generous donations to our hospitals.

It has been my honor to serve Al Koran Shrine as Potentate this year. I plan to remain on the Imperial Shrine Jurisprudence & Laws committee, and I will be starting a new role in 2026 as Assistant Recorder. I am looking forward to helping Illustrious Sir Gould and his Divan in any way I can.

Thanks for the memories and have a safe and joyous holiday season!



III. Michael J. Spisak, Sr.
2025 Potentate



Words from our Recorder

Happy New Year to All.

Thank you to all the Nobility as Al Koran Had its best year with membership in just about forever. Lets keep the momentum rolling in 2026.

What a great Christmas Party. A very special thank you to the Borell Family and especially Ashley and her son Luca. Luca is a patient at our Erie Hospital. He had a great time at the party, running around with all the other kids in attendance, you would have never known he we a double amputee (legs), and his mother's story put a lot of attendees in tears.

Another Special thanks to David, and more especially Kay, Stelmach who did most of the heavy lifting for the arty. Thanks to the Mariners, the Hunters, Krazy Kops, and Massillon SC for their donations to offset the costs. Also to Lee Pilous and his crew for preparing the room, and Jason Kita for getting and preparing the chicken tenders and Mac and Cheese, and the cookies.

So what can we expect in 26. First, we hope to have the website current and active. A one stop shop for all activities and other needs provided by Al Koran. But remember to make it truly effective we need you to use it and to report if something is amiss do we can correct it.

We will be doing the Sportsman's Raffle! Again, in order to make this worth the time and effort we need you to participate. For those with a conscientious objection top the program we do understand. However, we have not had any success with some other event which could produce the revenues this has the potential to do.

Remember this is our only real large-scale fundraiser and allows us NOT to RAISE YOUR dues. Speaking of dues, Thaks to all you who have paid for 2026. As a note I would love to correct your blue lodge affiliation, however, Imperial has not updated the program I use to include any new lodges formed or consolidated, so I am unable to make that correction. Covid is supposedly over and everything is back to normal. So let us all have more Fun and Fellowship in 26.

You can reach me by e-mail at klecantom@hotmail.com, clevelandshriners@gmail.com, or call the office 440-546-9866 and select #1 Recorder.

Tom Klecan PP

Recorder



Al Koran Shrine

Announcements

From the Recorder - Tom Klecan PP

New Dues Cards for 2026

Beginning August 2025, all Nobles whose dues are paid for the 2026 temple year will receive a newly issued and attractive membership card featuring a refreshed design and enhanced functionality. We hope this card inspires the pride every Shriner should feel as part of an exclusive Masonic group. These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to improving Shriners membership experience and ensuring secure and convenient access to Shrine-related services.

What's Changing:

- **New Card Design:** The design will align with the digital membership card for a consistent experience across all Shrine formats. The updated cards will include a QR code on the back, enabling quick and secure verification of membership status and event participation.
- **Shrine ID Number:** In alignment with our ongoing modernization efforts, only the Shrine ID number will appear on membership cards. This unique identifier, assigned to each Noble, remains with him throughout his Shrine membership, even if he transfers to another temple, and supports streamlined recordkeeping across all Shrine Temples.
- **Expanded Use of QR Codes:** The new cards will no longer display the membership year. Temples will verify a Noble's dues paid status by scanning the QR code on the card for accurate and current membership status. This applies also to digital cards via the My FezCardViewer.
- **Associate Memberships:** Associate membership cards have been discontinued. To verify a Noble & good standing at all Shrine meetings and events, temples must now scan the Noble's QR code located on the back of their membership card

These changes are part of our broader digital transformation initiative, aimed at enhancing security, simplifying verification, and streamlining member identification.

Key Updates:

- **Gold Card Discontinuation:** Effective July 7, 2025, gold cards will no longer be processed or replaced.
- **Address Verification:** All mailing addresses will be validated through the National Change of Address (NCOA) system. Any flagged addresses will be forwarded to Temple leadership for follow-up and update to WebFez.

!! IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR 2026 DUES YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR NEW CARD !!

How to reach your Recorder

Nobles

I have received phone calls from many of you on my personal phone as well as been told something or handed something at a meeting or even a social event. At the business meeting I have envelopes on hand to make a note of what it is for. Cash is extremely frustrating if you just hand it to me, at least I know who a check is from.

If I do not make a note of it or write it down it is often forgotten, and I do not write it down while driving.

If it is important the best thing to do is send it to the office, send me an email, or leave me a message on the office phone. I check those daily when in the office. I also attend to it immediately because that is where all the needed resources are.

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.

Thank you!

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

November 2025

Noble Bill Weber

Reports are posed as received
Not necessarily in chronological order.



Al Koran Shrine

Announcements

Donations In Memory Of:

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

Chester & Beth Karchefsky

Robert & Karen Zaluski

Tammy Lynn Webster

Harbortown Marine & Flag

In Memory of Raymond Wilson

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In Memory of All those We lost this Year



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

alkorannewsletter@gmail.com



Al Koran Shrine

January + February Calendar

January 2026

January 2026

- 10th** - Al Koran Installation of Officers
- 12th** - Hunters Installation of Officers
- 19th** - Al Koran Stated Meeting
- 24th** - Krazy Kops Holiday Party at J Bella
- 25th** - BS Unit Gathering
- 26th** - Krazy Kops Meeting @ Teamz
- 27th** - East/West Shrine Bowl Watch Party @ Teamz

Send us your 2026 Club/Unit Dates!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
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

Official Call of the Potentate

Our Stated Meeting will be on **January 19th** at the **Berea Masonic Center** at **7:00 pm**
- 366 Eastland Road Berea, OH 44017

February 2026

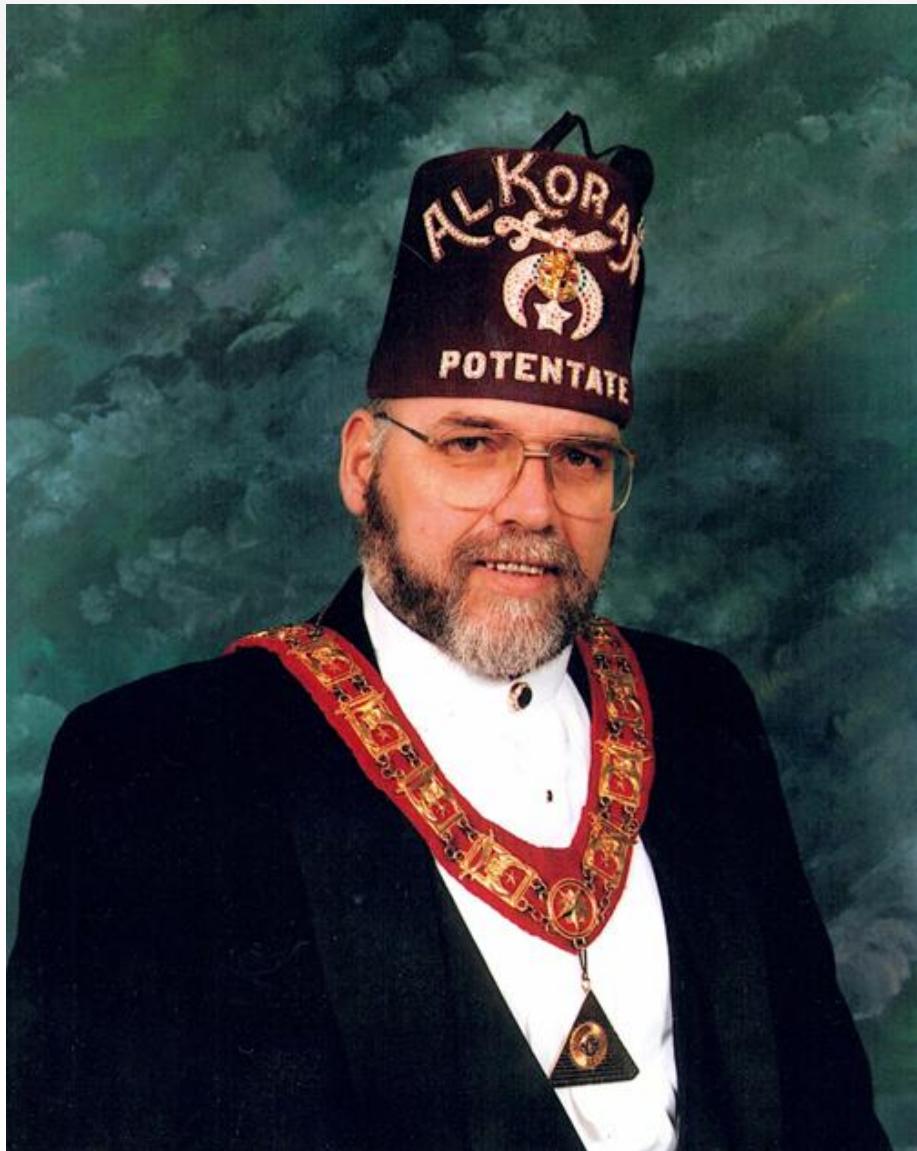
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

February 2026

- 5th** - Krazy Kops Beer Brewing Event
- 16th** - Al Koran Family Potluck (no business meeting)

Send us your 2026 Club/Unit Dates!!!

Passing of Illustrious Sir Kenneth Weidig



Illustrious Sir Kenneth A. Weidig, Past Potentate for Al Koran Shriners (1998), died December 6, 2025, at University Hospitals TriPoint Medical Center. He was born August 3, 1946, in Ashtabula. Ken was an Emeritus member of the Board of Governors for Shriners Children's Erie. He belonged to many of the Clubs and Units, in particular the Korvettes and the Dessert First Dine Around Club.



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Annual Christmas Party Photos





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Ashley & Luca's Speech

Thank you, Ashley & Luca, for sharing your message. And thank you to everyone who came to this year's Christmas Party!



Al Koran Shrine

December Stated Meeting

Our 2026 Elected Divan taking their obligation to serve the Nobles of Al Koran Shrine. **Good luck next year!**





Al Koran Shrine

December Stated Meeting

Message from our 2026 Potentate Elect, Brandon Gould

Thank you for electing me as the next Potentate of Al Koran. I am truly humbled by your confidence and trust. Never would I have imagined standing here in this role, and I accept it with gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility. I look forward to serving this Temple, its Nobles, and our communities with dedication, unity, and respect for the traditions that guide us. Together, we will continue to strengthen our brotherhood and uphold the values that define Al Koran & Shriner's International.





Al Koran Shrine

2026 Potentate Shirts

AL KORAN CAMP SHIRTS 2026

Quantity

_____	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

**Click here to download the
Order Form!**

Al Koran Shrine Clubs & Units

Officers, Dues, Meetings,
Articles, Pictures





Al Koran Shrine Units



Bourbon
and
Stogies

BS Unit - (Bourbon & Stogies)

Officers:

El Presidente: Brandon Gould
bmgould@live.com

Humidor: Mike Spisak
mjspisak@gmail.com

Meetings & Events:

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

Dues:

\$25 / year

Stag - Casual



KRAZY KOPS

Krazy Kops

Officers:

Director: Mike Fekete
mwfekete@gmail.com

Secretary: Mike Spisak
Treasurer: Dan Andrews

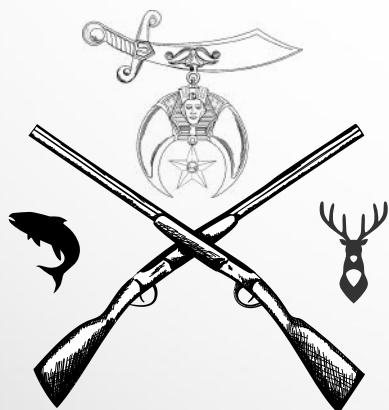
Meetings & Events:

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: Al Paynter

Adjutant: Frank McEvoy

Quartermaster: 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



Grape & Goblet

Officers:

Sommelier: Jim Barone

jbar27@gmail.com

Decanter: Mike Krake Jr.



Al Koran Shrine Clubs



Hillbilly Crooked River Clan #16

Officers:

Raban of the Clan & Keeper of the Stil: Ronn Murphy PP
murphym2361@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: Ryan Cresanto
r.cresanto@gmail.com
1st VP: Barry Weigle

2nd VP: Andrew Hussey
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
frankmcevoyshiner@gmail.com

Directors:

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

Vice Commodore: P/C Bob Kolar
Rear Commodore: Robert Frankel
Treasurer: James Dettmer
Secretary: P/C Ronn Murphy P.P..

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

Noble Phil Devoe - Vice President
Noble Randy Waddles - Treasurer
Noble Harold Klopp - Chaplain.

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: Jim Cain
JCain8564@gmail.com

1st VP: Eric Butler

2nd VP: Dave Stelmach

Secretary: IS Mark Bollinger PP

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: Mike Bonk

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.

Dues:

FREE

Dark in: July & August.



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

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



Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Massillon Shrine Club

On December 16th the Massillon Shrine Club held a Christmas Party & 2026 Officer Installation. We were blessed to have all three families we sponsor present. The evening started with a potluck dinner with great food and plenty of desserts.

Before dinner the Nobles retired to the Lodge Room for a Cold Sands, we welcomed new Noble Mike Chapman to the Massillon Shrine Club & Al Koran. A special thanks goes to Illustrious Brandon Gould, Nobles James Barone, Mike Krake Jr., and Jason Kita for an outstanding job.

After dinner President Paul Samsa introduced our special guests Illustrious Dan Schrio and Illustrious Hal Dil, both 33rd Degree Masons. He also introduced Al Korans 2026 Divan Members Illustrious Sir Brandon Gould Potentate, Noble James Barone Chief Rabban, Noble Mike Krake Jr. Assistant Rabban and his Lady Miriam and Noble Jason Kita High Priest and Prophet. President Samsa turned the meeting over to Illustrious Brandon Gould for the installation of officers.

Illustrious Sir Gould Installing Officer introduced the rest of the installation team, Installing Marshal Noble James Barone and Installing Chaplain Noble Jason Kita. The team then installed the 2026 officers of the Massillon Shrine Club.

- President Paul Samsa
- 1st Vice President Joe Weisgarber
- 2nd Vice President Mike Bonk
- Treasurer Jim Henderson
- Secretary Bill Kemp

After installation we were visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Each of the Children in attendance sat on lap and received a gift from him and Mrs. Claus.





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Club/Unit Articles

Massillon Shrine Club





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mid-Ohio Shrine Club

The Mid-Ohio Shrine Club held their annual Christmas Gala and Installation of Officers at Mansfield's DLX event center on the square in downtown Mansfield on Saturday December 20th. Guests enjoyed a photo booth, live music, and a deluxe buffet. The entire Divan and their Ladies attended and installed the officers. The 2025 Grand Master of Ohio and AL Koran Shriner MWB Bill Carter and his Lady Zoe were special guests in attendance. Mike Miranda the Club President presented MWB Carter a gift box (including his favorite bourbon) for a "Legendary" year, and a special gift to his lady Zoe for her work and support! Checks were presented to the Potentate for the transportation fund, as well as \$2000 each to Shriners Children Dayton and Shriners Children Erie.





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mid-Ohio Shrine Club





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Mansfield Shrine Club

On Thursday evening December 4th at the Deer Ridge Golf Club the Nobles and Ladies of the Mansfield Shrine Club came together for their Christmas Party Dinner and Installation of Officers.

- Noble Bruce Joseph was installed to repeat as President
- Noble Phil Devoe as Vice President
- Noble Randy Waddles as Treasurer
- Noble Harold Klopp was installed as Chaplain.

The Black Dog Tavern provided a wonderful buffet, and Noble Dave Dauterman provided the music and the sound system. A fun, festive time was had by all.





Al Koran Shrine

Club/Unit Articles

Hunters

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a great New Years. Well winter is here with the snow and Ohio strong winds plus the changing of the guards for Al Koran Shrine. We as Hunters are looking for a very good year. We are looking to having more parades and we are planning the return of our Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot in November 2026. At our last meeting we talked about sporting activities, which includes, range shooting and fly and Lake Erie walleye boat fishing. For a number of years, back when, we used to have a Christmas Party, so we are looking do something similar like a Christmas in July activity.

We had good response with changing our bylaws that include Life Members' dues. For a payment of \$100 you can obtain a Life Membership instead of paying \$15 a year. This is the first year and it has been well accepted.

We still meet on Engle Road at the office on the second Monday of the month at about 7:00 after the Board Meeting. We do have refreshments after.

Lakewood Shrine Club

Photos from the December Monthly Meeting!



2026 Officers:

Prez Jim Cain
1stVP Eric Butler
2ndVP Dave Stelmach
Secretary IS Mark Bollinger
Treasurer Bill Schulz





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Club/Unit Articles

BS Unit

Next Gathering

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

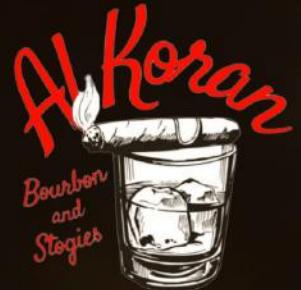
Havana's Choice Cigars & Lounge
170 Pearl Road Brunswick, OH

Bourbon & Steak Day

Come enjoy a Steak, Bourbon, and Brotherhood!

Cost is \$10 / person

RSVP with Brandon Gould or Mike Spisak



KRAZY KOPS CHRISTMAS



Saturday, January 24th, 2026 6pm-10pm
J Bella's 12201 Pearl Rd. Strongsville, OH

Classic Antipasto Plate

\$80 per couple

Roast Sirloin (with natural au jus)

Cash Bar

Chicken Piccata

Pasta with Blush Sauce

Vegetable Medley

Assorted Finger Pastries



RSVP: KrazyKops.dwa@yahoo.com

White Elephant

LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA



Kheedawee
Court #6

CLEVELAND, OH



Kheedawee Court #6

L.O.S.N.A

Working Together



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.ladieshrine.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!***



Shriners
Children's™

Updates



Joshua Pahys, MD

our new Chief of Staff at Shriners Children's Erie!

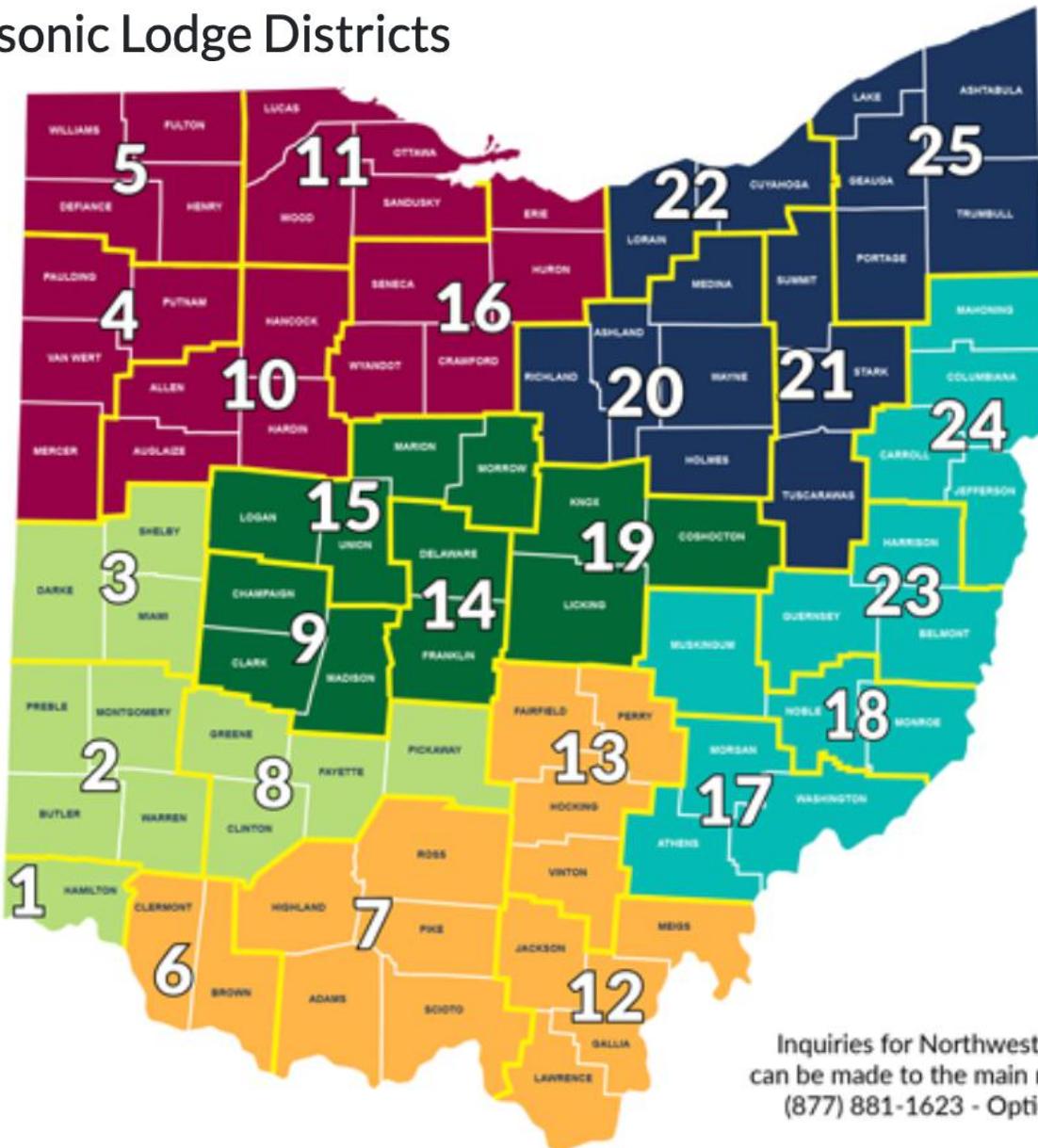
I am excited to share with you our announcement of Joshua Pahys, MD as our new Chief of Staff at Shriners Children's Erie. More information is available in the attached news release that was distributed today to our local media outlets. I have also attached a headshot of Dr. Pahys. Please consider sharing this exciting announcement in an upcoming Temple Newsletter. I'm happy to help if you need any additional information or have any questions.

"I am deeply honored to serve as Chief of Staff," said Dr. Pahys. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to play a role in helping to build on the already strong 100+ year foundation of Shriners Children's Erie."



THE OHIO MASONIC COMMUNITIES RESOURCE CENTER

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Inquiries for Northwest Ohio
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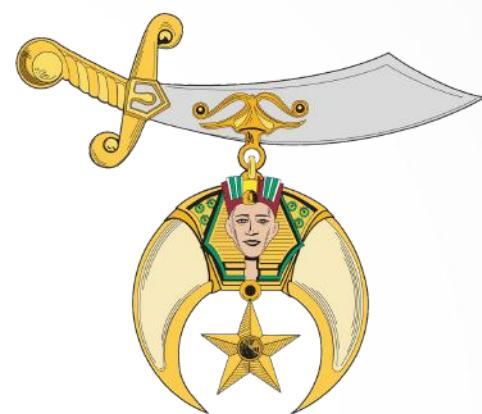
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6:00 pm Appetizers & Open Bar

7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

MEAL:

APPETIZERS

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