

Welcome to the Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

July and August 2016

This is the third newsletter in a new format, a new time frame and method of delivery. This newsletter will cover the months July and August of 2016, during which time frame, the Club will be dark, but still working. This newsletter will continue to be on the web page bi-monthly.

The newsletter will continue to focus primarily on what is upcoming, if anything, and include a calendar of events for the period covered, although it will contain important information and highlights of what has been going on.

Lastly, this, and all future newsletters, will be sent electronically to all our members to save our very limited dollars and apply them to the most important funding we do – The Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa. Our Secretary, Noble Jim Chaffin, indicates that we have only about 10 of our 125 plus members who do not have an e-mail address. All others do. If you are reading this and know of one of the few nobles who do not have e-mail access, share and remind them of our meetings and events. Remember our web page, www.thevillagesshrineclub.org and to check frequently for updates and important information than can be and is published faster than we could ever possibly mail information to you in years past. Also, check the Villages Daily Sun Rec News, published each Thursday, for additional information on what will be taking place at the monthly meeting at the Orchid Room, Hibiscus Rec Center, especially the Social Hour menus, plans, changes, guest speaker, or entertainment. Also, remember that the Rec News may have to edit our articles to meet space requirements, so always check the web page for the latest information on what is happening.

As is the usual custom, and for the benefit of all as well as those who may have just relocated to The Villages and recently affiliated with the Club, the following is a brief biography of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President:

President Noble Bob Collins:

What an honor you have bestowed on our officers by allowing us to serve the Villages Shrine Club this year. We have a strong leadership team and I know with your support we're going to have a great year.

One of our Past Presidents suggested the officers provide a biography in addition to comments, to be published in the newsletter, as some of you don't really know who we are. So – here goes –

I am a native Floridian, having been born in Jacksonville and raised in the panhandle. I served 31 years in the United States Air Force before returning home. My Lady, Donna and I have a daughter who lives

in Northern Virginia and a son who lives in Fruitland Park. They have blessed us with seven wonderful grandchildren.

I became a Mason in 1974, and a Scottish Rite Mason and Shrine Mason in 1976, all in Honolulu. I've had the distinct pleasure of serving as the Master of Bethlehem Lodge No. 56 in Belen, New Mexico, and as District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District in New Mexico. I served six years as the Director of Development for the Orient of New Mexico and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason. I am a life member of the National Sojourners and the Heroes of '76. Lastly, I served in several capacities in Ballut Abyad Shrine Center Albuquerque, including Long Range Planning Committee, Chaplain, Lieutenant in the Patrol, and two years as Wagon Master of the Nomads.

I know I speak for all our officers and members of the Board of Directors when I say we know we can only lead you where you are willing to go. So please, let us know your concerns and share your ideas. Together, we can build on previous successes by growing our membership, increasing our funding to the hospital in Tampa, supporting Bahia and enjoying each other's company.

First Vice President Noble Bill Tanner:

Nobles and Ladies – I am looking forward to the upcoming year, especially the Veterans Remembrance Day Party at the American Legion. Bob Collins and his Lady Donna set the bar pretty high by hosting last year's part at the American Legion. Remember, this annual party is the only time we raise money to support The Villages Shrine Club, so it needs to be a success and, more importantly, honor our brothers and sisters who have served our great nation.

Bill and Lady Jackie are from Bloomington, Ill. We moved to the Village of Duval in 2012. I retired from the Illinois State University. My Masonic career, includes being Past Master of Bloomington Lodge #43 and Wade Barney Lodge #512, membership in the Valley of Bloomington, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where I received, among other awards, the Meritorious Service Award of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (Red Hat), affiliated with the Valley of Ocala, Orient of Florida, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, where I work with the stage committee and prepare sound systems for meetings and reunions, Bahia Shrine in Orlando, Tyler of The Villages Lodge #394. In addition to Masonic membership, I am working with the Rotary of the Villages Noon Club.

"I like long walks and holding hands at midnight – lol"

Second Vice President Noble Bill Boulden:

This is just a short story of my life. I was born in Southeastern Pennsylvania the first of June 1950. We lived in Pennedel, which was in Bucks County, Pa. I can remember my Dad having a small boat that the family would trailer to the Delaware River. What fun we had. When I was nine, we moved to Churchville, Bucks County, Pa. My fond memories here were Little League Baseball and going fishing at

a huge lake with my Grandfather at my side. I graduated in 1968 from Council Rock High School. After High School, I served in the Army, for not quite three years – one tour in Vietnam and one in Germany.

Prior to the Army, I was working at a company called the Rodon Group. When I got out of the Army, I went back to the same company, served an apprenticeship to become a toolmaker in injection molding. I retired in 2010 after almost 42 years with the company. In the mid 1970's, I had a small landscaping business, which I sold, as the family uprooted to Bedminster, Bucks County, Pa. We had a small farm with Angus cattle, chickens, ducks, pigs and horses. It was like Green Acres on TV – what fun in the country. I lived in Bucks County, Pa. all my life until retiring and moving to The Villages in late 2010.

I joined the Masonic Fraternity in 1991, was raised to a Master Mason in March of 1992 in MacCalla Lodge #596, Souderton, Pa. In January of 2015, our lodge had to merge with another lodge. I was Worshipful Master in 1999, the year my father passed away. After getting out of the hot seat, I served in many other positions in the lodge. Shortly after I was raised as a Master Mason, I joined the Scottish Rite in Allentown, Pa., where I became a 32nd Degree Mason. I also Joined Rajah Shrine Temple in Reading, Pa. I am also a member of Eastern Star in Pa. My wife, Judy, participated in my initiation as Worthy Matron. I have really enjoyed travelling with my wife and other ladies to the different chapters in Eastern Star and have met a lot of very nice people. I would not be where I am today if it was not for my wonderful wife, Judy. Judy and I were married on 15 October 1989. And here we are today – living the good life in The Villages – golfing, motorcycle riding, working on my ancestry, and just taking it one day at a time.

NOTE:

We will leave these biographies and comments in the newsletter for the remainder of 2016, with additional and new comments provided as submitted.

My contact point is indicated in the beginning of the newsletter section of the web page. If you have something that is important to the members that should be published, that I missed, please send it to me. If you have any ideas on how to make the newsletter more informative, send me that. Just click on my name (Bob Moynihan) and an e-mail will open for you.

July and August 2016 Notes from the Prez

Nobles – The Villages Shrine Club is excited to report that our annual charity golf tournament was hugely successful! As with so many successful events, the tournament was the result of a team effort. With the vision and leadership of our Tournament Chairman, Noble Gary Gray, the members of the Tournament Committee, volunteers, sponsors and staff of Belle Glade golf and Country Club in The Villages, we had our most successful tournament to date. We had 168 players and raised approximately \$24,000.00 for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa. Work has already begun on next year's tournament and all indicators are we will become bigger and better. Kudos to all. This is a small club, with just over 125 members, and it does great work.

Reminder for all. You can purchase the Villages Shrine Club wine glasses and Masonic coins at our monthly meeting (or just call the Prez anytime, actually). Glasses are \$8.00 each (or a box of 6 for \$48.00) and coins are \$5.00. The sale of these commemorative items help us pay our bills, provide programs and food at the meetings, and **NOT** increase our dues

As always, a special thank you to all our Ladies of Al-Kora for all their hard work in raising monies for the hospital. Your attendance and company at our monthly meetings and other events is what makes this Club a special organization, and contributes so much to making it a success.

Board of Directors: our next meeting will be the 4th Monday in August, which will be 22 August 2016, at Sea Breeze Rec Center, 6:00 pm.

Next regular stated Meeting of The Villages Shrine Club: 13 September 2016, 6:00 pm at the Orchid Room, Hibiscus Rec Center, The Villages.

Calendar of Events:

Phil Dirt and the Dozers at Savannah 18 July. Check the Villages Box Office for performance times and ticket availability. They currently have two shows scheduled for 18 July, one at 5:30 pm and one at 8:00 pm. If you are able, it is in the best interest of the Shrine Club to have lots of Nobles with their Fez and Shrine Shirt in the lobby of the Savannah Center to welcome guests who come to see the shows. The concert provides hundreds of dollars for the hospital and wearing your shirt and fez shows those who are not aware of Bahia Shrine Temple and The Villages Shrine Club to be exposed to our dedication and involvement.

The Fall Ceremonial for Bahia will be 14 and 15 October and will be held at Daytona Beach Shrine Club.

During the time period that Bahia is "homeless", and in search of a building, **the Caravan** will be published monthly, in lieu of bi-monthly. If you have anything of interest that could be sent to the Caravan, send it to Bob Moynihan by the 10th of each month for submission.

Bus Trip to the Shrine Hospital, Tampa. On 12 July 2016, Talon Wealth Management has donated a bus to take members of The Villages Lodge #394, The Villages Shrine Club and Al-Kora Ladies to the hospital. The bus will leave at 8:30 am from the Talon parking lot, Palm Ridge Plaza, 11947 County Road 101, Suite 103 (across from Crispers). Gather at 8:15 am. The bus will arrive at the Hospital approximately 10:00 am to 10:15 am, attendees will have a tour of the hospital, lunch on their own in the hospital cafeteria, depart for the Villages at 1:30 pm, and arrive back at Talon's parking lot approximately 3:00 pm or so, depending on traffic. The Bus holds 28 people. We currently have 22 committed to attend, leaving 6 seats open. Contact me immediately, (Bob Moynihan), to request a seat. First Come, First Served!

During the next two months, July and August, Past President Gerry Vann will be working on an outing where we all can come together for an afternoon of socializing – and of course – lunch. Watch your e-mail box and the web page for when a destination has been selected, and remember to tell any of your brother nobles who don't have e-mail, of the time and date. Maybe a Stumpknockers Restaurant trip, most likely in August, but we'll let everyone know.

General information:

Contact Second Vice President Bill Boulden to sign up for the fall paper drive. He has open times and dates.

First Vice President Bill Tanner sends his personal thanks to all for their participation in making the Golf tournament such a success.

Noble Gary Gray has accepted the position of "Officer in Training, effectively immediately. This position helps the second Vice President with his duties during the year and gives first-hand experience in learning the duties of the officers as the "Officer in Training" passes through the line. Thanks Gary.

AL-KORA SHRINE LADIES

1. As an important FYI, the Al-Kora coordinated Melon Patch Theatre event raised just over \$3500.00.
2. The Golf Tournament Lottery Tree and Money Tree profit was \$184.00.
3. Christmas Ornaments are available (see Judy King). They are \$25.00 each.
4. The annual Garage Sale is set of 6 and 7 October at Sharon Wiener's home. A note will be sent to all regarding set-up and sale times. Keep your calendar open.

YELLOW JACKETS SCOOTER CLUB:

Noble Larry Kent, President, advises that the Yellow Jackets will be participating in the 4th of July Parade in Tavares. The Parade starts at 5:00 pm.

Lastly, again remember that there is no regular monthly meeting during July and August. The next scheduled meeting is 13 September 2016 at Hibiscus Room. More information on that meeting will be published as it becomes available. Watch the web page and Facebook also. If you are not at our meetings, you are missing out. We have a great social hour and lots of information is passed on about upcoming events at both the Club and Bahia.