

Welcome to the Villages Shrine Club newsletter.

**FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2016**

This is the beginning of a new format for the newsletter and a new time frame and method of delivery. This newsletter will cover the months February, March and April of 2016, a three month period, for this newsletter only. Thereafter, we will go to a bi-monthly newsletter, beginning with May and June 2016.

Additionally, the newsletter will focus primarily on what is upcoming, and include a calendar of events for the period covered.

Lastly, the newsletter will be sent electronically to all our members. The 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 the others do. We encourage you all who have e-mail, and thus computer access to the web, which includes our Facebook page and web page, [www.thevillagesshrineclub.org](http://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org), to check our sites frequently for updates and important information that 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 Happy Hour menu plans.

Pictures and comments about the installation of the 2016 line of officers for The Villages Shrine Club, are already published on the web page, courtesy of Noble Dana Schultz, the webmaster.

As is the usual custom, for the benefit of all as well as those who have just relocated to The Villages and recently affiliated with the Club, the following is a brief biography, and comments, 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 5<sup>th</sup> Masonic District in New Mexico. I served six years as the Director of Development for the Orient of New Mexico and was coroneted a 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 in 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 on 2 April at the American Legion. Bob Collins and his Lady Donna set the bar pretty high by hosting last year's party at the American Legion. Remember, this 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. Tickets are on sale!

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, 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:**

Nobles and Ladies of the Villages Shrine Club:

This is just a short story of my life. I was born in Southeastern Pennsylvania the first of June 1950. We lived in Pennel, 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 and moved 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 the year, with additional, updated comments provided each bi-monthly period.

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.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS (2 for January, then Feb, March, April) 2016**

##### The Villages Shrine Club

25 January – Sea breeze Rec Center 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

31 January - Bahia Officers Training

9 February - Shrine Club Meeting, 6:00 pm, Hibiscus Rec Center. Bring a Sandwich for yourself and one to share for Happy Hour.

29 February – Sea breeze Rec Center, 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

15 March - Shrine Club Meeting, 6:00 pm, Hibiscus Rec Center. Watch the Rec News and web page for Happy Hour menu.

28 March - Sea breeze Rec Center 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

2 April - Veterans Remembrance Party, 11:30 am to 1:45 pm at the American Legion – TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING OR, SEE BILL’S FLYER, BELOW.

12 April - Shrine Club Meeting, 6:00 pm, Hibiscus Rec Center. Watch the Rec News and web page for Happy Hour menu.

**AL-KORA LADIES:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month – Board of Directors meeting. Time and location to be provided

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each Month - Monthly meeting at the Cottage Inn, 27/441 in Lady Lake. All members are requested to arrive by 10:15 am for social time, followed by lunch and the regular meeting.

UPCOMING – Mark your calendar for 7 May 2016 at 2:00 pm to attend the Melon Patch Theatre in Leesburg for their presentation of Brigadoon. Price, directions and updated information to be provided in the next newsletter and web site.

**VETERANS REMEMBRANCE PARTY**

**Get your tickets!!**

You can send a check along with a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Bill Tanner

1480 Murrells Inlet Loop

The Villages, FL 32162

Make your check out to “The Villages Shrine Club”

If you are buying two or more tickets and would like to use your credit card, the Club Treasurer can process your order over the phone. Contact Cliff Wiener at 352 259 1684.

The party is scheduled for 2 April 2016 at the American Legion Post #347, Lady Lake from 11:30 am to 1:45 pm. Featuring: Ken McBride. Donation: \$20.00

The donation includes the ticket, sales tax and 18% gratuity and the menu is: pulled pork, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans.

There will be a 50/50 drawing – silent auction – door prizes.

If you would like to donate an item to the silent auction or door prize, contact Bill Boulden, Second Vice President.

**REMEMBER** ALSO TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE SHRINER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN IN TAMPA, FLORIDA, AND TO BE HELD ON 28 MAY 2016 AT THE BELLE GLADE COUNTRY CLUB, THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEB PAGE AS WELL AS ANNOUNCED AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

IF YOU ARE NOT AT THE MONTHLY MEETING, YOU ARE MISSING OUT. WE HAVE A GREAT HAPPY HOUR AND LOTS OF INFORMATION IS PASSED ON ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOTH THE CLUB AND BAHIA. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETING!