

Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

January and February 2017

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 (the Thursday before our scheduled meeting, a reminder of the meeting, time, place and what is scheduled will be in that rec news), for a reminder 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 to be installed in January:

President Noble Bill Tanner:

Nobles and Ladies – My sincere thanks for electing me as President of The Villages Shrine Club for 2017. It is a great honor and I am looking forward to the upcoming year, especially the Veterans Remembrance Day Party. 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.

I, and my 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”

First 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.

Second Vice President Gary Gray:

My original home is the Outer Banks of North Carolina, but being an Army brat, I was born in Nuremburg, Germany. After one year in Germany, my father was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, with the Presidential Honor Guard, where we lived for almost 10 years. After his retirement, we continued to live in Arlington, Virginia until I got married and remained in the Northern Virginia area with my wife. We have 3 boys and 1 daughter and 8 grandchildren living all over the country. I was employed as a salesman for a wholesale chemical company until I retired in 2006. I was first raised as a Master Mason here in The Villages at the Villages Masonic Lodge #394 in 2013 and became a member of The Villages

Shrine Club and Bahia Shrine in 2015, also joining the Yellow Jackets Scooter Club and lastly becoming chairman of the golf committee. It has been an honor to be nominated as Second Vice President and I look forward to many more years of fun and friendship with all my new Shriner friends and board members. It gives me great pleasure to assist in raising money to help the Shrine's Children's Hospital in Tampa.

NOTE:

We will leave these biographies and comments in the newsletter for the entire time each officer is serving, 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. An announcement that the latest newsletter is available will be sent to all.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ: Nobles –

Reminder for all. You can purchase the Villages Shrine Club wine glasses and Masonic coins at our monthly meeting. 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. If you don't have either, think about it.

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. Leadership is a great part of every organization, and Al Kora has been more than fortunate to have such a dedicated President, Lady Judy Chaffin, for the past 2 years. As her time in office comes to an end, my sincere and personal thanks for all you have done.

The nomination committee submitted the names of following nobles to be officers of the Club for the year 2017 and they were:

President – Noble Bill Tanner
1st Vice President – Noble Bill Boulden
2nd Vice President – Noble Gary Gray
Treasurer – Noble Cliff Wiener
Secretary – Noble Jim Chaffin

The membership approved, by unanimous vote, the entire nominated slate of officers.

Calendar of Events and information:

8 January 2017 - The Divan for Bahia Shrine Temple will be installed at 2:00 pm, Sunday, 8 January 2017 at the Scottish Rite Temple, Orlando. At this installation, the club and unit officers will be officially installed. It is about 1 and a half hours travel time to the Scottish Rite Center and the Prez requests that all attending gather at Seabreeze Rec Center and be ready to depart/car pool about 11:45.

Next regular stated Meeting of The Villages Shrine Club: 10 January 2017, 6:00 pm at the Orchid Room, Hibiscus Rec Center, The Villages. At the normal start of our social hour, 6:00 pm, The Villages Shrine Club will provide fried chicken and the members are requested to bring side dishes per the below listing**. The meeting, as always, will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and this meeting will be for the installation of officers for 2017, with members of Bahia Divan attending. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Noble Bill Boulden has begun working on the Spring Paper Drive, which will probably take place the 3rd or 4th week in March. Keep your calendar open for March and plan to be a worker.

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The Villages Shrine Club dinner schedule for 2017 meetings:

January – Installation of officers. The Club will provide a chicken dinner

Members with last names starting with the following letters should bring, to share:

A-E vegetable dishes--F-J dessert--K-O potatoes--P-T salad--U-Z snacks and appetizers

February – Club members Chili cook off.

The Club will provide crackers, cheese's, condiments, etc.

March - Club members Irish stew cook off.

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April - The Club will provide Hot Dogs for Dinner.

Members are requested to bring sides to share as per the January listing above.

May - The Club will provide Pizza and Condiments.

June - The Club will provide Ice Cream.

July - The Shrine Club is Dark.

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September – The Club will provide Ice Cream.

October - The Club will provide Sandwiches, chips and condiments.

November – The Club will provide a Turkey Dinner.

Members are requested to bring sides to share as per the January listing above.

December – The Club will provide Heavy Hors D'oeuvres.

General information and special events planned:

Noble Bill Tanner is also working on a Victory Cruise Line trip on 22 January. Cost is \$49.00 each with \$10.00 being returned to the club. Rocky and the Rollers would be on the bus. We could see a \$500.00 return for a fun outing. If there are any seats left, and you are interested, bring your check book to the monthly meeting and sign up.

Noble Bill also said he, as the incoming President, is coordinating a Dinner/Dance in February (and YES, you can invite your friends and neighbors) at the Seabreeze Recreation Center, with a DJ and a small meal. He is looking at paper drive participants and Past Potentates attending, as a recognition of their service, gratis, with others being charged a nominal \$5.00 fee. Exact times and date will be provided at the meetings and in a notice to all.

And just when you thought Noble Tanner was the only one who had stuff in mind, Noble (and soon to be Past President) Bob advised that he is setting up a bus trip for the "Giving Dolls" ladies to tour the Hospital in Tampa. A bus will be provided by Talon Wealth Management, as they did previously at no cost to us. Anyone interested can come along if there any empty seats. Time and date will be provided when all is known. Not only does Talon Wealth Management sponsor us in the Golf Tournament, this is their second bus trip to Tampa and the Hospital. They are a great group and many thanks to all of them.

AL-KORA SHRINE LADIES

The Al Kora Shrine Ladies of the Villages have had, once again, a very successful year. After several fundraisers, the Ladies presented a check for over \$8,000.00 to Illustrious Sir Gumina at the November meeting, for the EOS X-Ray system at the Shriners Children's Hospital in Tampa.

The ladies are already planning a busy 2017 with the Melon Patch Presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on 25 March. More information will follow. Tickets can be purchased from Janine Woodsford.

Dues for 2017 are now due – see Judy Clevenger or mail a check to her for \$15.00.

Judy Chaffin, President

Sue Shipow – Name Tag Orders

Sharon Wiener – to Change or Cancel your lunch reservation

Carolyn Moynihan – Sickness and Distress

Doris Simmons – to request a home or hospital visit

The next Al Kora meeting will be 24 January 2017 at the Cottage Inn. We gather around 10:00 am and begin the meeting at 10:30, followed by lunch. The board of directors meeting will be at the home of Kyle Schultz at 17 January 2017.