

## The Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

### MARCH AND APRIL 2019

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. The newsletter is published as well on the Villages Shrine Club web page, [www.thevillagesshrineclub.org](http://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org). Our Secretary, Noble Jim Chaffin, indicates we have only a handful of our 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 not have e-mail access, share and remind them of our meetings and events. Also, remember the above web page, [www.thevillagesshrineclub.org](http://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org), and to check frequently for updates and important information than can be, and is, published faster than we could ever possibly do by regular mail in years past. Also, check the The Villages Daily Sun Rec news, published the Thursday before our scheduled meeting, for a reminder of the meeting, time, place and what is scheduled. The Rec news does limit our space to 50 words and must edit comments exceeding that. Our regular meeting is in the Orchid Room, Hibiscus Rec Center, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Watch for the Secretary's notice and the newsletter to send updates on the social hour menu, guest speakers and entertainment (if any).

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 Shrine Club, the following is a brief biography of the PRESIDENT, First Vice President and Second, who are installed by Bahia's Potentate in January of each year are attached at the end of this newsletter.

#### NOTES FROM THE NEW PREZ: Nobles

At our meeting in January, in addition to guests, we had the Potentate from Bahia, and members of his Divan, present for Installation of the 2019 officers. Reflecting, it was a great night of fellowship.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This calendar of events is primarily for the Villages Shrine Club and our own Al Kora ladies. Others, like Bahia, or Lake County Shrine Club, have their own information on their individual web page, and that fact is mentioned frequently herein, just to remind everyone. Check their web page if something may be upcoming that you are interested in attending.

**Stated meetings** for March and April 2019, of the Villages Shrine Club are as follows:

**12 March 2019;** social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the club providing deli sandwiches and members requested to bring a dessert to share. The guest speaker will be Brett Dean from the Cremation Society.

**9 April 2019** – stated meeting. The club will provide hot dogs, soft drinks and condiments, and members are requested to bring a dessert to share. The guest speaker will be Karen Mercer from Hospice, along with Noble Floyd Cogley, Donor Relations and Development at the Hospital in Tampa who will give information on the changes taking place at the Hospital.

Just to set forth an agenda for the **Villages Shrine Club**, which has been previously published, and may change depending on who is available as a guest speaker, the following is a listing of what is anticipated to normally transpire each month during 2019. As previously stated, these events are depending on availability of a guest speaker, and meals will be announced each month:

March – Deli sandwiches. Sam Swope Memorial Charity Ride takes place this month.

April – Hot Dogs. Remember the Veterans Remembrance Day Celebration, which is open to all. Invite your friends!

May – Pizza. Don't forget the Annual Bahia Circus and the Villages Shrine Club golf tournament.

June – Ice cream, pretzels and chips. Members provide toppings.

### **July and August – DARK**

September – Ice cream, pretzels and chips. Members provide toppings.

October – Sandwiches, chips and condiments.

November - Turkey Dinner provided by the Club. Members are asked to bring sides according to initial of their last name.

December - Heavy Hors D-oeuvres.

**Note:** This is, again, for planning purposes only. Things may change, but this is a tentative list of things we are planning. Where it is indicated “or something else” that information will be provided to all if changed.

**Paper Drive** – April will be 12, 19 and 20. We will have a one store paper drive on 31 August. The fall paper drive will be October 11 and 12. Sign-up sheets will be at the monthly meeting, or contact Noble Emmett, as some time slots are still available. We can use all the help we can get – many nobles and their ladies have multiple time slots or days they have signed up for. We can do better in a club that has nearly 100 members. Seems to be little need to have anyone do a double shift, and in many cases in paper drives past, a triple.

**Veterans Day Remembrance Dinner and Show** is 6 April 2019 at the Sea Breeze Rec Center. Tickets are \$25.00 and include dinner and entertainment. This is open to everyone so make sure you tell your friends. If you have items that you can donate for the auction that can be used for the silent auction, please contact Past President and Noble Bill Boulden. Instead of donating something, you can make a basket yourself for the auction, which should only cost around \$30.00.

**BAHIA Shrine** temple has several events upcoming, including their ceremonials. Their website contains many more specifics about times and dates for stated meetings as well as their special events and should be checked to see if they are having any functions you are interested in, as they are not repeated here. Go to [www.bahiashriners.org](http://www.bahiashriners.org) Bahia Shrine Temple web site and their latest updates. Just so everyone knows, Bahia is not currently sending out a paper Caravan, Rather, it is located on their web site. Sign up to receive all the latest information.

**The Villages Masonic High Twelve Club** meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at La Hacienda Recreation Center, with meetings beginning at 10:45 am, and last about an hour and a half. The meetings usually have a guest speaker or entertainment. All Masons and their ladies are invited to attend. For additional information, you can contact President Merv Harris. They (The High Twelve Club) are having a Prime Rib Dinner at the at lake County Shrine Club in Tavares on Saturday, 23 May 2019 at 5:00 pm. You can contact Merv if you would like to attend and make your reservations or just get further information.

**The Villages Masonic Lodge #394** – meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Wildwood Masonic Lodge Building, Georgia St., Wildwood, FL. A social lunch is held at 12:30 with the stated communication at 1:30.

**Golf Tournament** - If you would like to order a shirt, especially non-golfers, please contact Noble Cliff Wiener with your size. This year's shirts will be yellow, with burgundy lettering. For all others info, the golf tournament will be 11 May, at Belle Glade Rec Center and Golf Course, with a lunch held at Rohan Rec Center 12:30 to 3:30 on 11 May also and a flyer is published on our the web site, [www.thevillagesshrineclub.org](http://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org), and even though is event is in May and published on the web site, it is not too early to start asking friends to participate.

**Beer glasses** – we will get the glasses from Bahia has as a fund raiser. They are \$10.00 each, or etched with your name, \$15.00 and will have them at the 50/50 desk.

**Bikefest** will be 26, 27 and 28 April. Noble Bob Stines will be calling members to volunteer to work. Keep those dates open and help.

**Yellow Jackets Scooter Club** will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17 March 2019 in The Villages. Come watch the parade and support them. They provide a lot of publicity for the Shrine and the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa.

**The Villages Shrine Club** is still looking for a Second Vice President to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice in training. We have a lot of stuff going on and need somebody to step up. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice will eventually be the President, so this is a four-year obligation, he needs to have training for all the events going on and what he is responsible for.

**Alex Santoriello** – Noble Alex is having a show at 7:00 pm, 27 March, at Savannah Center. There will be 25 tables, each seating 10 people plus balcony seating. Tickets are \$30.00 per person for the tables and tickets for seating at the tables or the balcony may be purchased at the Villages Box Office. This is a

BYOB – and your own snacks event. This show will be for the benefit of the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa. This event should be attended by as many Shriners and their ladies as possible. Come early, stay late and wear your Shrine Shirt and Fez to welcome patrons and thank them for coming. Ladies can wear their “Love to the Rescue” shirts as well.

## AL KORA

### Al Kora events

First thing remember that we are having a play at the **Melon Patch Theatre** on **23 March 2019**, Footloose. Tickets are available from Lady Janine Woodsford at both the Shrine Club meetings and Al Kora meetings, or just contact Janine. The profits of the play go to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa.

**11 April 2019** – Al Kora will have a “give back” event at Chili’s of Lady Lake. Flyers have been passed out at The Villages Shrine Club meetings and Al Kora meetings. Mark your calendar for this 11 April 2019 event. Bring your friends and neighbors to lunch or dinner. All anyone must do is present the server with a flyer – so if you are going out to dinner, go to Chili’s with your flyer. The 20% give back from Chili’s goes to the Shriner’s Hospital for Children in Tampa, so make sure you tell everyone that and how important all fundraisers are to the continued operation of the hospital. If anyone needs a flyer, Carolyn Moynihan has some, and if you received one at the Shrine Club meeting in February, you can make a copy and pass them out to friends and neighbors. You can call Carolyn.

**19 March 2019** – Board meeting at home of President Carolyn Moynihan.

**26 March 2019** – Monthly meeting and luncheon of Al Kora will be at the Cottage Inn, Lady Lake.

**16 April 2019** – Board meeting at the home of President Carolyn Moynihan.

**23 April 2019** – Monthly meeting and luncheon of Al Kora will be at the Cottage Inn, Lady Lake

Remember, everything you do for Al Kora assists these ladies in their efforts to support the Shriner’s Hospital for Children in Tampa. They attend all our functions-attend theirs when you can as well.

### Officer Biographies for The Villages Shrine Club

#### 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 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 Shrine Club golf committee. It has been an honor to be nominated and serve as First 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 Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa.

#### First Vice President Emmett Mills

Beginning with High School, I attended Shrine High School in Royal Oak, Michigan and graduated in 1965. After High School, I attended the University of Georgia Tech, where I was also a student athlete and received a BS in electrical engineering and later, a Masters at Oakland University.

I entered the U.S. Navy in 1967 and served until September 1972. During my time in the Navy, I served with the United States Navy SEAL Team #2 and specialized in under water demolition, as well as satellite communications. Injured in 1972, while serving in the Vietnam Campaign, I was medically retired the same year.

My Masonic career began in 1992 and was Master of my home Lodge in 1996. I joined the Valley of Detroit, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1993, and was coroneted a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason in August of 2008, and am now affiliated with the Valley of Ocala. My Shrine affiliation began in 1993 in Detroit, where I am also a member of Court No. 28, Royal Order of Jesters, and upon moving to The Villages, affiliated with Bahia Shrine. I have been High Priest of my Royal Arch Chapter, Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council of Royal and Select Masons, and am a member of Priory No. 22, KYCH. I have been privileged to serve as Commander of Detroit Commandry No. 1, Knights Templar, and have been awarded the Grand Commander's Service award and shoulder cordon for first line signing of over 35 members. I served as the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Michigan, 2006/2007 and was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple from the Grand encampment of the United States.

Additionally, I am currently serving as the Secretary of the Villages Masonic Lodge #394, and as Chairman of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America as the Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, sending ordained ministers to the Holy Land as one of the Knight Templar philanthropies.

So, when not doing something Masonic related, I attempt to enjoy retirement in The Villages and play 72 holes of golf per week.

#### Second Vice President Larry Lace:

A brief Personal history: I was born in Cleveland Ohio in 1948, moved to Southern California in 1962, and then

to The Villages in 2012. I currently live in the Village of Pennecamp. My Masonic affiliation is as follows:

I am a member of The Villages Masonic Lodge #394, Bahia Shrine Temple, Orlando, Florida and the

Scottish Rite Bodies of Ocala, Ocala, Florida. Current Marital Status: Single. I attended the following schools, receiving degrees as indicated: BS in Physics/Mathematics – University of California at Berkeley – an MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Utah and an ME in Engineering Management from UCLA.

I served in the Air Force Reserve, attaining the rank of Captain, from 1970 to 1977.

We will leave these biographies and comments in the newsletter for the entire time each officer is serving, with addition/new comments provided as submitted.

**Note to all from me:**

My contact point is indicated in 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, especially information regarding those who are ill and unable to attend our meetings or functions. It is important that everyone know that we, as an organization, think of them, and not just when they can work, but when they are unable to work also. As members of the Masonic Fraternity, we care about you and your lady. If you have any ideas on how to make the newsletter more informative, send me that also. Just click on my name (Bob Moynihan) and an e-mail will open for you. An announcement that the newsletter is available will be sent to all each time one has been published. Just go to the web page. Or come to the monthly meeting and bring your input to me personally.

Lastly, to all our sick and distressed members or their ladies – everyone is thinking of you and sends their best wishes for a speedy recovery.