

Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2018

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 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 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 who are installed by Bahia's Potentate to be in January:

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 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 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.

First 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 fund 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.

Second Vice President Emmett Mills

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

Emmett entered the U.S. Navy in 1967, and served until September 1972. During his time in the Navy, he served with the United States Navy SEAL Team #2 and specialized in under water demolition as well as satellite communications. He was injured in 1972, while serving in the Viet Nam Campaign and medically retired the same year.

His Masonic career began in 1992, and was Master of His Home Lodge in 1996. He joined the Valley of Detroit, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1993 and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason in August of 2008, and is affiliated with the Valley of Ocala. His Shrine affiliation began in 1993, in Detroit, where is also a member of Court No. 28, Royal Order of the Jesters, and has affiliated with Bahia Shrine in Florida.

He has been High Priest of his local Royal Arch Chapter, Thrice Illustrious Master of His Council of Royal and Select Masons, Governor of his College, where he was awarded the coveted Order of the Purple Cross and is a member of Priory No. 22, KYCH. He served as Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, where he was awarded the Grand Commanders Service Award and shoulder cordon for first line signing of over 35 members. He served as the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Michigan where he was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple award from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

In addition now serving as the Secretary of The Villages Masonic Lodge #394 as Secretary, he currently serves 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 he not doing something Masonic related, he attempts to enjoy his retirement years in The Villages by playing 72 holes of golf a week.

NOTE:

Not to forget him, but Noble Larry Lace has volunteered to be the 2nd Vice President in training and to assist Noble Emmett. This puts him in line to be the actual 2nd Vice next year, as Emmett, most likely moves up to first Vice. Thanks Larry – we'll put a bio in next time.

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 –

A continuing thought – and 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 the Al-Kora ladies have had great leadership over the years.

Installed at the January 2018 meeting by the Divan of Bahia Shrine Temple, as Officers of the Villages Shrine Club for the year 2018 were:

President – Noble Bill Boulden

1st Vice President – Noble Gary Gray

2nd Vice President – Noble Emmett Mills

Treasurer – Noble Cliff Wiener

Secretary – Noble Jim Chaffin

Calendar of Events and information:

Stated meetings for January and February will be:

9 January 2018: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with fried chicken provided by the Club and sides shared with all by the membership. The regular meeting, which will be installation, will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and last about an hour.

13 February 2018: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with chili provided by the members, and sides by the members as follows: the 2nd Vice President, Noble Emmett Mills, has sent out a request for chili makers. Call him if you would like to make a pot!!

Note: Changes to the participation schedule for members providing items for dinners, we'll publish that information here and on the web page, and send you an e-mail, and attempt to make a note of the change in the rec-news announcement (however, the Rec News does have space limitations – and effective 1 January 2018, the notice is limited to 50 words per club - , so we don't always get everything in the announcement – unfortunately). The Secretary has informed me that we will be changing up the requests for members providing sides to various dinners, so folks don't always have to bring the same thing. This is a good plan, as no doubt many have a favorite dish they would like to prepare and share but are stuck, seemingly, with a specific requested food.

So, watch the Rec News, your e-mails and the Web Page. Things change over the months, and this will be a way to be current in the Club's needs from you, and you to be able to share with the Club membership at our meetings. As well, an announcement will be made at each meeting regarding what is going to be provided at the next meeting and what, if anything, anyone is requested to bring to share (we will do our best to keep you up to date – as many times as possible – even when it may seem repetitive). Soft drinks are always included at each meeting.

General information and special events planned:

The President, Officers and their Ladies can always use some help setting up and removing table clothes when done, for events, or for our monthly meeting. If you can arrive about an hour early and spend a

little effort getting the room and tables set up for our monthly meetings (so arrival would be around 5:00 pm or so for our monthly meeting). Keep in mind also, for the monthly meetings, please empty your cups and discard your plates in the trash. This will make removal of the table clothes much quicker and easier.

Also, the ladies are not accompanying us to serve us the dinner. Contact the 2nd Vice President to volunteer to serve meals.

The spring paper drive is coming up. If you have not signed up for a time and date to work the paper drive, see President Bill Boulden or the 2nd Vice President, Emmett Mills, and see what dates are available for you to help out (he has only 3 spots that remain to be filled). Also, the spring golf tournament (19 May 2018). Make time in your schedules to volunteer for these important events. We need volunteers to help out so we can raise as much money as possible to send to the Hospital for the children. The Veterans Remembrance day Party will be in April. Keep this event in mind also, bring your friends and neighbors. The monies made at this event are what help pay for the food we share at our monthly meetings.

The Yellow Jackets Scooter Club meets at the Perkins Restaurant on 27/441 at 5:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month. They are always preparing for parades and the club has lots going on. Call Larry Kent if you would like to participate.

The Villages Shrine Club Golf League. If you are interested in playing golf, contact John Shirley, Club President, or Dana Schultz who is assisting while John is home recovering after medical issues, through the web page. Ladies and your friends are always welcome at all the golf outings. If you would like to be on a notification listing, when you contact John or Dana, send them your e-mail also and you will be receiving more information about upcoming events.

The Shrine Club is already working on the spring 2018 charity golf tournament. Details and registrations for the 19 May 2018 event are published on the web page.

Bahia is having its annual circus to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa on 5 and 6 May 2018. Show times are at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Tickets are available on-line. The Villages Shrine Club has purchased an ad for the Circus Program to assist in the fundraising of this major event.

REMEMBER THE WEB SITES: www.thevillagesshrineclub.org and www.facebook.com/thevillagesshrineclub. Check them and the Villages Rec News the week before our 2nd Tuesday stated meeting, for the latest information (Rec News is published every Thursday).

AL-KORA SHRINE LADIES:

The Ladies are always busy and have as, but one of their fundraisers, the annual performance at the Melon Patch Theatre in Leesburg.

The Melon Patch Theatre presentation of “Lost in Yonkers” will be held on 20 January 2018. Mark your calendar. It is a great way to spend the afternoon with your Lady or friends while helping Al-Kora raise funds to contribute to the Tampa Shrine Hospital. Al Kora president, Donna Collins, stated that the play has always been a great success and everyone has always enjoyed the performance very much by. Cookies baked by the Ladies will be on sale before the play.

Installation of officers for 2018 will be held at the Cottage Inn on 23 January 2018. Family members (i.e. husbands as well as friends) – are always welcome to attend.

Sharon Wiener, President
Carolyn Moynihan, Vice President
Sue Shipow – Name Tag Orders
Carol Mattegat – to Change or Cancel your lunch reservation
Carolyn Moynihan – Sickness and Distress
Doris Simmons – to request a home or hospital visit
Social Events, Rita Kreider and Emily Garten

The next Al Kora meetings will be: 23 January 2018 at the Cottage Inn for installation of officers as mentioned above, for 2018. We gather around 10:00 am and begin the meeting at 10:30, followed by lunch. The Board of Directors meetings, after the installation, will be at newly installed President Sharon Wiener’s home at 0930, on the third Tuesday of the month, which is always one week prior to the meeting at the Cottage Inn.

Note: As of this writing, Al Kora will continue to have its regular board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and the stated luncheon meeting on the 4th Tuesday.

Change to price for lunch at the Cottage Inn.

The **new price** for lunch at the Cottage Inn is now \$13.00. This includes your lunch, beverage, tax and tip. Correct change is always appreciated.

The luncheon chairperson is Carol Mattegat and she asks that if you are unable to attend a luncheon for which you have signed up, please call her up to 8:45 am on the day of the meeting.

So that they can shop for the necessary items, Carol lets the folks at Cottage Inn know what we have chosen a few days before the meeting. It is important that you do not change your menu choice after your caller has contact you and relayed orders to Carol.

Any questions regarding this contact Carol.

ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO THIS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEB PAGE IN THE SHRINE CLUB NEWSLETTER AND IN AL-KORA NEWSLETTER.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Lastly, if you know of anyone who is sick or in distress, contact Bob and Carolyn Moynihan via this web page and let them know who is ill, so we in turn can be in touch with them and they will know they are not forgotten and are in our thoughts and prayers. If we become ill, and that is not really the right way to say it, because we will – so I should say WHEN we become ill, or somebody has passed away, it is very important that our members (nobles and their ladies or family survivors) know they are not forgotten. They and their ladies have been members of the Masonic family for years, in many cases, and it is very important that those of us who are NOT ill remember them and their significance to us all and convey that to them. While you may not receive a phone call, Lady Carolyn spends a great deal of time making each of the cards sent and you are very important, not only as a member of the Villages Shrine Club, but as a member of the Masonic family, to us all.