

The Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

September and October 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. The newsletter is published as well on the Villages Shrine Club web page, 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, 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 has to edit comments exceeding that. Our regular meeting is in the Orchid Room, Hibiscus Rec Center, on the 2nd 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:

President Noble Bill Boulden:

This is a short story of my life. I was born in Southeastern Pennsylvania on 1 June 1950. We lived in Penndel, 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 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 with 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 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 in Eastern Star when she was 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 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.

Second 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 33rd 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 in Training 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.

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. 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.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ: Nobles

First, welcome back from our brief July and August period of darkness. Since our last meeting, we have had a give back event at the Havana Restaurant and a paper drive, both of which were successful. The paper drive collected \$1,534.75 in cash, plus a check for \$25.00 and one for \$50.00 to be sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa.

On behalf of the membership of the Villages Shrine Club, President Bill Boulden and other members presented the Hospital with a check for \$16,500.00 which represent the profits of the annual golf tournament. The hospital gave President Bill a beautiful award recognizing the outstanding hard work of all the membership presenting those monies to the Hospital. The award will be brought to meetings and displayed so everyone can see it.

A continuing thought and reminder for all. You can purchase The Villages 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 helps us pay our bills, provide programs and food at the meetings, and NOT increase our dues. If you don't have either, think about.

I must always say a special thanks to all our Ladies of Al-Kora for their continued hard work in raising monies for the hospital. They are tireless attendees at the various give-back events we have sponsored, as well as their own. Their attendance at the monthly meetings and other events is what makes our club a special organization and contributes so much to making it a success.

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 web page, which is not repeated, as indicated below. Lake County has been advised that we will share information about special activities they may have, but that is something we will most likely do by indicating the event, date when provided, and then referring everyone to their specific web site. Their activities are important and are not trivialized by not republishing them – but warrant your individual attention at their web sites – should you desire to attend. For example, Lake County has advised that they will be having a prime rib dinner at the Lake County Shrine Club on 20 October. Our Secretary, Noble Jim Chaffin, has forwarded to all our members the latest information he has received regarding reservations.

Stated meetings for September and October 2018 are as follows:

11 September 2018; social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the club providing Ice Cream and members requested to bring toppings to share. We will have guest members and acknowledge their assistance to the Club and the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa

9 October 2018; social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the club providing sandwiches, chips, condiments and soft drinks

16 October 2018; give back event at Johnny Rockets from 7:30 am to 9:00pm at the Johnny Rockets restaurant in Sumter Landing. Each person dining individually, or each couple dining together as a couple, will need a flyer. The flyer is posted on the Shrine Club web page and may be printed out. Extra copies should be available at the meeting.

BAHIA Shrine temple has several events upcoming. Their website contains many more specifics about times and dates and should be checked to see if they are having any functions you are interested in, as they are not repeated here, such as the Potentates Beach Weekend.

Al Kora events

18 September 2018 – Board meeting at the home of President Sharon Wiener at 9:30 am.

25 September 2018 – Meeting and luncheon at the Cottage Inn at 10:00 am, followed by the Trolley Bus Tour of the Villages. Call Emily Garten for questions.

16 October 2018 – Board meeting at the home of President Sharon Wiener at 9:30 am.

23 October 2018 – Meeting and luncheon at the Cottage Inn at 10:00 am.

It is early, and the event is not until **1 December**, but mark your calendars for the Al Kora sponsored event at the Melon Patch Theatre, which is the play “Every Christmas Story Ever Told” (and then some). Contact Ida Mae Thayer for tickets. More information will be published through Al Kora and this newsletter as it becomes available.

Remember also that the November meeting will be a turkey dinner. Club members are going to be asked to bring sides according to the initial of their last names as follows:

A-E – VEGETABLE DISHES

F-J – DESSERTS

K-O – Potatoes

P-Z – salads and appetizers

Apologies to all for this newsletter being late. I will get the November/December information published earlier. The January February newsletter will include the proposed menus for the first 5-6 months of calendar year 2019.