

Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

MARCH AND APRIL - 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. Our Secretary, Noble Jim Chaffin, indicates that we have only about 5 of our 105 or so paid members (including those who have, sadly, been dropped for NPD this year) who do not have an e-mail address. (The black camel has visited too many times.) All others do. We have only had 3 new members in 2017. 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 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 Shriner'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 to 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 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 –

Our active membership is dwindling. As more and more members of the Masonic fraternity relocate to the Villages, it is incumbent on us all to contact them, invite them and their ladies to the monthly meetings of The Villages Shrine Club, The Villages Masonic Lodge and the various other Masonic activities in the area, but especially the Shrine Club. They need to be advised that we (The Villages Shrine Club) are actively working to support the great Shrine Philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, not only our hospital in Tampa, but all Shrine Hospitals and Burns Centers everywhere. We must have more members to continue on, as those of us who are currently able, continue the aging

process and become less able. We have to be replaced by younger, vibrant members. It is kind of unbelievable that we have lost so many members and they have not been replaced. We must do better. In our elder years, there is more to life than playing golf or other games. If you see a man wearing his Masonic ring, but do not recognize him from one of the various groups we have, ask him: "why"? If he is not a Shriner, ask him: "why"? If he is, he can transfer membership to Bahia and join our club for good fellowship and great support of the Hospital. Our 2nd VP, Noble Emmett, is also Secretary of the Villages Masonic Lodge and has petitions for transfer of membership as does our own Secretary, Noble Jim Chaffin. Carry some with you so you can pass them out. They may not know we exist.

A continuing thought – and Reminder for all. You can purchase Masonic coins at our monthly meeting for \$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, which are only \$25.00. If you don't have one, 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.

Also, a special thank you to the ladies of the Giving Dolls Club for their generous donations of handmade dolls for the hospital. They have been delivered and are much appreciated.

As well, The Villages Quilting Guild gave us pillowcases and Lap Blankets that they lovingly made that were delivered to the Shriners Hospital for Children. If you meet any of the ladies from the Giving Dolls Club or The Villages Quilting Guild, tell them how much their donations are appreciated by both the club and the recipients – the children at the Hospital.

I am looking at having a lunch or dinner at Chefs of Napoli on route 301. If we are able to make a group event, the Chef indicates he would make a donation to the Club/Hospital. This is certainly something we could coordinate with various Masonic Groups in the area: i.e. High 12, The Villages Masonic Lodge, Wildwood Masonic Lodge, Leesburg Masonic Lodge, the District Masters and Wardens Association, and anyone else. Call me, or e-mail me, if you think this is something you are interested in attending.

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 March and April will be:

13 March 2018: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with Guinness Stew provided by Club members and sides shared with all by the membership. The regular meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and last about an hour. The guest speaker for the meeting will be attorney Patrick Smith, who will give the membership an overview of wills and trusts and the need to have our affairs in order while residing in Florida. Remember to let Emmett know if you would like to volunteer a pot of Irish Stew or Guinness Stew.

10 April 2018: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with hot dogs provided by the Club, and sides by the members as follows: the 2nd Vice President, Noble Emmett, or Noble Jim Chaffin, the Secretary, will send out a notice of what is requested by the members to bring. Following the social hour, the regular meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 and last about an hour.

Note: Changes to the participation schedule for members providing items for dinners, we'll publish that information 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 (although we may be edited due to space), your e-mails and the Web Page especially. 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 following is a repeat of the January and February newsletter general information as it warrants our consideration - always):

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 a little early and spend some extra effort getting the room and tables set up for our monthly meetings (so arrival would be around 5:30 pm to 5:45 pm or so for our monthly meeting – depending on the time limits imposed by The Villages so we don't get charged extra rent). 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 dinner. We, the Shrine Club members, are to serve our ladies and guests. Contact the 2nd Vice President to volunteer to serve meals.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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 yellow jackets will participate in an upcoming St. Patrick's Day parade at Spanish Springs in The Villages, with step off at 3:15 pm, 16 March 2018. . Contact Noble Bob Woodsford, President, for more information.

Reminder - 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 Golf Tournament Committee is working on the spring 2018 charity golf tournament. Details and registrations for the 19 May 2018 event are published on the web page.) If you belong to other clubs, pass out applications to play golf, as an individual or team, join in the overall fun and support the Hospital. Our June meeting will recognize and honor our Golf Tournament sponsors. Noble President Bill Boulden will contact the Hospital, plus reporters for The Sun and The Villages-news.com, to try to get a representative to attend and publicity.

Reminder - Bahia is having its annual circus to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children 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, and a bike, and will purchase tickets in the Circus Dad program, 10 tickets for only \$48.00, to assist in the fundraising of this major event. If you have not attended a circus, consider this one. Your cost directly supports the Hospital and is a most enjoyable day. If you receive a request from Bahia to purchase Circus Dad tickets, consider this as another most worthwhile donation.

Whatever events are scheduled, even though they require your participation or donations, they are the reason we belong to the Shrine – to assist the Children and Shriners Hospitals.

So, here is a list of events, to keep track of by date (not mentioned above) hopefully:

2-3 March – Open Installation of the Bahia Divan. **2 March** will be the first Fun Friday hosted by the Divan and the fun starts at 6:30 pm. The installation is scheduled for **Saturday, 3 March** at the new Bahia location. Exact address is available on Bahia's web site. Noble President Bill and his Lady Judy are going and will be leaving Sea Breeze Rec Center at 11:30 and can take a couple of people. If you need a ride, give them a call at 352 633 3571.

9 March - The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Illinois, Gregory L. Clark, will be at a luncheon at the Waterfront Inn, The Villages, Friday, 9 March. All are invited. For more information please contact Past President Noble Bill Tanner at 352 751 5853.

11 March - Sam Swope Charity Motorcycle Ride. Contact Noble President Bill Bouden for more information.

13 March – The Villages Shrine Club meeting at Hibiscus Rec Center with social hour at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker will be wills and trust Attorney Patrick Smith.

31 March – Paper Drive – contact 2nd VP Emmett and see what times are needed to be filled.

7 April – Veterans appreciation. Ken McBride entertains, dinner included. \$25.00 per ticket. Tickets are available at the monthly meeting or call anyone of our officers. Tickets may be obtained from Bill Tanner or Cliff Wiener the treasurer, who can take your order over the phone by credit card,

10 April – The Villages Shrine Club meeting at Hibiscus Rec Center, social hour at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

27-29 April - Leesburg Bikefest. Contact Bob Stines if you are interested in working this important event.

Even though some of this may seem duplicitous – better to read it twice than not at all.

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT SIGN UP, T-BOX SIGNS IS 1 MAY.

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 as always.

Installation of officers for 2018 was held at the Cottage Inn on 23 January 2018.

Sharon Wiener, President

Carolyn Moynihan, Vice President

Jackie Tanner – 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: 27 March 2018 at the Cottage Inn. We gather around 10:00 am and begin the meeting at 10:30, followed by lunch. The **selection for luncheon sandwiches** is: BLT, hamburger, cheeseburger, grilled chicken, chicken salad, egg salad, tuna salad, roast beef, turkey, grilled cheese, patty melt, ham melt, tuna melt. All sandwiches include potato chips. **Salads** include: tomato slices with a choice of chicken salad or tuna salad, plus slaw, potato salad, taco salad, chef salad with choice of dressing. **Wraps:** You can order a tuna salad wrap or a chicken salad wrap. Cost is: \$13.00 – any selection. The Board of Directors meetings, will be at 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 Al Kora ladies 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, you can reach out to 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.