

**November and December 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](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 edits 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:

**NOTES FROM THE PREZ: Nobles**

Since our last meeting, we have had a give back event at the Johnny Rockets in Sumter Landing and a paper drive, both of which were very successful. Monies made for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa will be announced at future meetings and newsletters.

After the Club donated the proceeds of various fund-raising events to the Hospital, the hospital gave the Club 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. Also, please remember that we have a donation jar at the beginning of the food line. When you bring food items to share, it is always appreciated, and we need everyone to know that. This donation is for monies that come directly to the Club, and again, also help pay for the food that the club purchases while not raising dues. Please

remember to bring a donation for the Club and drop it in the jar. Everyone appreciates your generosity and it is important that we have enough food to share and enjoy our social hour. That is a special part of the monthly meeting.

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 individual web page, which is not repeated, except as indicated below just to remind everyone.

**Stated meetings** for November and December of the Villages Shrine Club are as follows:

**13 November 2018;** social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the club providing a turkey dinner and members requested to bring items listed below to share.

Club members are 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

We will have guest members, starting with patient ambassador Momo Sutton (who will address the membership) and her mother, Sandy, plus the Potentate of Bahia, Illustrious Sir Ian Ielfield along with some members of the Divan, and Alicia Argiz-Lyons, Director of Development at the Tampa Hospital, who will be present for the presentation of checks from both The Villagers Shrine Club and Al Kora Shrine Ladies as well. Elections of officers for 2019 following dinner, and the report of the nominating committee per the by-laws.

**11 December 2018;** social hour begins at 6:00 pm with heavy munchies for all to enjoy. Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**BAHIA Shrine** temple has several events upcoming. 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

**The Villages Masonic High Twelve Club #674** 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.

## AL KORA

### Al Kora events

**20 November 2018** – Board meeting at the home of President Sharon Wiener at 9:30 am.

**27 November 2018** – Monthly meeting and luncheon at the Cottage Inn at 10:00 am.

**December 2018** – dark for the month. So, remember – no meetings – just the Melon Patch play below.

**1 December** - Mark your calendars (and remember to buy a ticket and invite your friends and neighbors to purchase a ticket and come too) for the Al Kora sponsored event at the Melon Patch Theatre, which is the play “Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some). The plays are always fun to attend and are a major fund raiser for Al Kora.

**10 January 2019** – Al Kora will have a “give back” event at Chili’s of Lady Lake. Flyers will be passed out at The Villages Shrine Club meetings and Al Kora meetings. Mark your calendar even though this is a January 2019 event. Bring your friends and neighbors to lunch or dinner. The 10% 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.

**Installation** of Al Kora officers for **2019** will be on **22 January 2019** at the Cottage Inn, Lady Lake, during the regularly held monthly meeting and luncheon.

**Installation** of The Villages Shrine Club 2019 officers will be on 8 January 2019. As always, the Bahia Potentate, and Divan, will be invited to dinner and to perform the installation.

Mark your calendar for this date also and to attend. It is always important to support the new slate of officers, meet the new Potentate and his Divan.

### Officer Biographies

#### 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 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 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 Master's 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 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.

#### **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. 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.