

## The Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

### May and June 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

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Stated meetings** for May and June 2019 of The Villages Shrine Club are as follows:

**16 May 2019** - Stated meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The club will provide Pizza for the social hour, which begins at 6:00 pm, and members requested to bring a dessert to share. The guest speaker will be Mr. Handyman.

**11 June 2019** – Stated meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The club will provide ice cream, pretzels and chips for the social hour, which begins at 6:00 pm, and members are requested to bring toppings for the ice cream. The guest speaker will be Riley Desin, the Patient Ambassador and he and his Mother will go to dinner with, most likely, at least one of our officers and their lady. The Secretary is going to invite the donors of items that make the children at the Tampa Hospital more comfortable and content as they undergo treatment, to be guests of the Shrine Club and meet Riley and his Mom. Mark this date to

attend the monthly meeting to show these great folks how much we appreciate their donations. If you can only attend one meeting this year, make it this one to show your appreciation.

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 will 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:

January – Installation of officers by the Potentate Illustrious Sir Trey Rapp and members of the Divan. A chicken dinner will be provided by the Club and members are requested to bring items as listed above according to the initial of their last name.

February – Attorney Patrick Smith will talk with us about Trusts. Chili or something else

March – Irish Stew or something else. 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** We have completed the paper drive and despite the rain and various other problems, which really made a mess of donation day on 19-20 April, we collected a total of \$5600.00 for the Hospital. Excellent work and many thanks to all.

**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.bahiaashriners.org](http://www.bahiaashriners.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.

**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. Installation of 2019 officers is 1100, 5 January 2019 at the Lodge building.

**Golf Tournament** – The annual Golf Tournament has been cancelled. While the golf tournament has had to be cancelled, please provide any thoughts you may have regarding a fundraiser to substitute for the tournament. The children in Tampa need our help, as their afflictions, whatever they may be, are not cancelled. Before we cancel anything, we need to have something to replace that function.

**Beer glasses** – we will get the glasses from Bahia, which they have 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. Call me if you would like to have a beer glass and if you would like it engraved.

**Yellow Jackets Scooter Club** will most likely participate in the Villages Fourth of July Parade on in The Villages. Come watch the parade, if done, and support them. They provide a lot of publicity for the Shrine and the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa.

**The Villages Shrine Club** would like to announce that Noble David Windmiller has accepted the position of Second Vice President in Training. This is a four-year obligation that he has taken on. Thanks David.

**Alex Santoriello** – Noble Alex had a show at 7:00 pm, 27 March, at Savannah Center and while the show did not, unfortunately, sell out, the Shrine Club collected over \$800.00 in tips from the more than satisfied patrons who thoroughly enjoyed the entire performance by all. Thanks Alex and all the Nobles and their ladies who attended

**General Thoughts from the President.** There are many things that go on to make the Villages Shrine Club a viable club. Of all the things that are missing, the most important, perhaps, is you, that is membership participation. We have standing committees, elected offices, a Board of Directors, volunteers who do the work, to name but a few. We must do better though. If you are physically able, volunteer for something. I recognize that many of our members are aging, and they have a strong desire to volunteer, but as we all age, we become physically less able to do what our minds want us to do, unfortunately. Everyone understands this and especially those of us who live in The Villages, and Florida in general. If you want to participate, we can find a job for you that may be easier for you to do than, say, standing in front of a door at Walmart or Publix for 4 hours during the paper drive. Florida heat is tough on everyone, especially seniors. Maybe you could help by coordinating those volunteers who are able to stand for hours. Regarding volunteers, if you do volunteer to do something, it is imperative

that you make a note of the time and date. If you are unable to attend what you have previously volunteered for, you **MUST** contact the coordinator, otherwise, another Noble is asked to take your place, often resulting in a multi-hour shift, or worse - nobody at all being there to take your place, either situation is not good.

**Attendance at meetings:** of the 105 members we have, a significant number of them that attend no meetings at all, for whatever reason, yet they pay their dues to both Bahia and the Villages Shrine Club. I am amazed. **Illustrious Sir Jeff Kuhn**, Past Potentate of Zenobia Shrine in Ohio, was in attendance at the monthly board of directors meeting, and along with Noble Brother and Past President Bill Boulden and Noble Larry Lace, current Second Vice President, volunteered to contact the many members who do not attend any meetings to ascertain why. Do they need a ride? Have they lost interest? Are they sick, etc.? Thanks to all for doing this – your efforts are most appreciated. This is a most important task, as we need to know the answers to but some of the questions above, as to why Nobles are paying their dues but not attending meetings. Perhaps, it is possible that we need to ask some of our very experienced brothers to step up and assist the club and should.

**We need a food committee:** Nobles to assist the Second Vice President and Second Vice President in training, to provide for the placement of table clothes, help serve the food and do a quick clean up at the end of the meeting. I would note that many of the Ladies of Al Kora currently assist in cleaning up after the meeting has ended. Seems like that is not their job. This is our meeting, The Villages Shrine Club, and we should be doing the grunt work, not the Ladies. We need at least 3 members to ensure that the food is served, and tables set up, and cleaned up after. Another job that volunteers can do, who cannot stand at a door for several hours, that only takes a few minutes to do, but is very important.

**Duties:** If you are a member of the Board of Directors, or an officer in line, please write down the duties you currently perform and send them to our Secretary, as well as be prepared to pass the information on to your relief. This also is a most important thing to do so we have continuity amongst our officers who move up the line. Ours is not a guessing game where we may think we have the answers. We must know what to pass on to the next person who assumes our duties. E.g.: Who do you call for food? Where do you go for the paper drive? Who are the store managers and their Phone numbers, are but a few items to write down? We need to have an orderly relief of every person who has stepped up the next position by providing them with enough information to enable them to do that job. Perhaps the Club needs a book of some sort to pass on to each officer in the line, as he moves up.

These are all things to think about. It is your club, The Villages Shrine Club. What convinced you to join the Shrine, after becoming a Master Mason? Was it purely a philanthropic decision or did you want to have a social gathering with like-minded Masons who supported the Hospitals and Burns Centers? Do we do too many things that require you to volunteer to work, and not enough fun things? Are we just a social group, or are we a group that works for the Children at Tampa Hospital? What about our meetings? Too long, too short, not enough guest speakers of interest, too formatted, not formatted enough? We are looking, always, for input from you as to how to make the Club better. Send me an e-mail, or one of the other officers, though the web-page your thoughts and recommendations. As a refresher, the talking points of the April 2019 meeting, presented by Noble Fred, are listed here:

## **Shriners Hospitals for Children—Tampa Talking Points**

The Tampa Shriners Hospital has been providing specialized pediatric care for kids in our region for more than 30 years.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is constantly evaluation ways to provide the best pediatric care possible. The national trend for more outpatient-oriented care continues while the need for overnight medical (inpatient) care declines.

Advances in orthopedic procedures have reduced the need for patients to remain hospitalized for long inpatient stays.

Shriners Hospitals for Children continues to explore opportunities for growth to provided treatment that is clinically and economically sustainable for the long term.

More efforts will be made to reach children throughout the region, including the use of telemedicine and affiliating with other health care organizations.

As an organization, Shriners has been able to use charitable donations to provide care to all patients. We have a responsibility to ensure these donations are spent in a way that sees the most patients treated with the highest quality of care in the most efficient manner.

### **What is different for the Tampa Shriners Hospital?**

Shriners Hospitals for Children—Tampa will become an outpatient facility on August 1, 2019.

Surgeries and overnight infusions will transition to Tampa General Hospital.

Immediate availability of pediatric specialists and technology, such as interventional radiology, will ensure best possible outcome for surgical patients at Tampa General Hospital.

Focusing on delivery of outpatient care (rehabilitation, prosthetics/orthotics, wheelchair services in current facility accommodates almost 90% of our patients

Shriners Outpatient Center will operate Monday-Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm. There will be no night or weekend media services.

### **What will remain the same?**

Clinic visits, rehabilitation, wheelchair services, prosthetics/orthotics remain the same.

Conditions we treat remain the same.

Referring and scheduling patients remain the same.

Our surgeons will not change.

An active Shriners presence at our facility and in the community will continue.

All media inquiries should be directed to Mel Bower, Chief Communications Officer, at 813-281-8643.

If you have any questions, regarding the hospital, call me or contact Mr. Bower.

## AL KORA

### Al Kora events

4 May 2019 (SATURDAY) – Belk’s Charity Day event at Spanish Springs store.

21 May 2019 – Board meeting at home of President Carolyn Moynihan.

28 May 2019 - Monthly meeting and luncheon of Al Kora will be at the Cottage Inn, Lady Lake.

18 June 2019 – Board meeting at the home of President Carolyn Moynihan.

25 June 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 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 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.