

The Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

March and April 2020

This newsletter will continue to focus primarily on what is upcoming, if anything, special or not, and include a calendar of events for the period covered above, although it will contain important information and highlights of what has been going on also.

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 Shriner’s Health Care for Children in Tampa, Florida. The newsletter is published on the Villages Shrine Club web page also, <https://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org/>. Our Secretary, Noble Jim Chaffin, indicates we have only a handful of our members who do not have an email address, while most do. If you are reading this and know of one of the few nobles who do not have email access, please share and remind them of our meetings and events. Also, remember the above web page, <https://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org/>, and to frequently check for updates and important information that can be, and is published, faster than we could ever possibly do by regular mail in years past. Also, check the Villages Daily Sun Rec News, published the Thursday before our scheduled meeting, which is the second Tuesday of the each month, with a social hour at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm, as to time, place and what is scheduled for food. The Rec News does limit our space to 50 words or less and must edit comments exceeding that. We’ll try to put the menu in the Rec News announcement, and include what we are asking members to bring, guest speakers, guests, entertainment and dignitaries scheduled to attend (if any).

As is the usual custom, and for the benefit of all as well as those who have just relocated to The Villages, and recently affiliated with the Shrine Club, in addition to upcoming events, a brief biography of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents are included at the end of this newsletter.

Calendar of Events in addition to the monthly meetings:

Stated meetings for the March and April meetings of The Villages Shrine Club, are as follows:

10 March 2020: Stated meeting begins at 7:00 pm, social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Club providing sub sandwiches, **members requested to bring desserts to share.**

Saturday, 14 March 2020 – Bahia inaugural 5K run. Check out their web site for opportunities to donate, participate or volunteer.

Saturday, 4 April 2020 – The Villages Shrine Club Veteran’s Remembrance Celebration at 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Seabreeze Recreation Center. If you don’t have a ticket, and want several for you, your spouse, family and friends (neighbors), contact President Emmett Mills on the contact button at the web page.

Thursday, 9 April 2020 Al Kora give back event at Chili’s at which 20% of your ticket is donated to Al Kora by Chili’s for the Shriner’s Hospital for Children. If you have plans to go out to dinner on this date, go to Chili’s and take your wife and friends (anyone can go and no cost for the flyer) – or recommend anyone you know to go to Chili’s on that day from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, so that is lunch or dinner. A flyer is attached and needs to be presented to your server. The flyer will be available at the Shrine Club meeting on 10 March 2020, as well as the Al Kora meetings. Chili’s is located at: Chili’s of Lady Lake, 1206 Avenida Central, Lady Lake, FL 32159-5702, phone 352 751 6555.

14 April 2020: Stated meeting begins at 7:00 pm, social hour begins at 6:00 pm. Dinner is planned and an announcement will be made in March at the regular meeting as to what it will be, and what members are requested to bring to share.

24,25 and 26 April 2020 – Bikefest at Leesburg.

Bahia Shrine Temple has several events upcoming you and your spouse may want to attend. Their website contains many more specifics and you can sign up for email notification of all that is going on. Go to www.bahiaashriners.org, and set up a notification to receive their updates. Also, just so everyone knows as we advised in the previous newsletters, Bahia is not currently sending out a paper Caravan, rather, it is located on their web site also in electronic format.

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 held at 1:30. In addition to their monthly trestleboard, they have a page dedicated to appendant bodies in the local area, as to time and place of all Masonic meetings in that trestleboard, so there is a time and place for everyone to attend a Masonic function of their choice.

The Valley of Ocala, Orient of Florida, of the Scottish Rite. Meets at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 3632 NE 7th St., Ocala, Florida on the first Monday of each month. The Executive Board meets at 5:30pm, dinner is at 6:30 pm and the monthly meeting is at 7:30 pm. Spring 2020 reunions will be held on Saturday, 14 and Saturday, 28 March 2020 starting at 0730.

From our Secretary:

We currently have 102 members. Our new membership committee chairman, Illustrious Sir Clifford (Clippie the Clown) Chapman, Past Potentate of Medina Shrine Temple is working to develop new ways to attract new members to our Club, including those who are already affiliated with a Shrine Temple elsewhere and have recently relocated to the Villages.

If you meet a fellow Shriner, invite him to a meeting, and to bring his spouse, if he has one, and any friends or neighbors. Recruiting those already members of a Shrine Temple, or somebody you know who is interested in the Masonic

Fraternity, because in their other life they had to work (and then the Shrine), is something we should be involved in. We need to increase our membership.

A note to the board and all members: If anyone from Bahia shows up at one of our meetings and asks the **Club** to purchase a ticket, or tickets, for one of their events, which this information does not preclude an **individual** Club member from doing so, if a **Club** officer wants to purchase tickets **on behalf** of the **Club**, the number of tickets purchased is to be voted on by the Board of Directors and club officers at their next monthly meeting. Expenditure of **Club funds** in the form of a motion was made, seconded and approved by those duly elected officers and installed board members present (Nobles Jim Chaffin, Larry Lace, Emmett Mills, Gary Gray, David Windmiller, Philip Theim, Bob Moynihan), as well as volunteers and appointed – **not voting** - Nobles Bob Leighton , III. Sir Clifford Chapman, PP of Medina Shrine, to NOT purchase any items until the Board has had a chance to review and approve said purchase.

Notes from the Prez:

We still need a food committee: Nobles – to assist the Second Vice President and Second Vice President in training, we need volunteers to provide for the placement of table clothes, help serve the food and do a quick clean up at the end of the meeting (see the volunteers needed at the end of this newsletter). 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 all the work, not the Ladies. At least 3 members are needed to ensure that the food is served, and tables set up, and cleaned up after. One more job that volunteers can do, one for those who cannot stand at a door for several hours at the paper drive, that only takes a few minutes to do, but is a very important part of the meeting. A listing of volunteers needed is attached.

Phil Dirt and Alex Santoriello shows: Noble Emmett, our President, has contacted Mark Frye to determine if his group, Phil Dirt and the Dozers, are still going to

donate to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Mark indicated they still want to donate to the Shriners Hospitals, but that they didn't make anything at their last appearance in the Villages. They have a show upcoming in April 2020 at Savannah Center, (and their advertisement in the Sun says the show is to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children), and Mark asked if we would help with the promotion of the show so they can donate to us for the Hospital. Ask as many people as you know to purchase a ticket, or several, to attend both Phil Dirt and Alex Santoriello's performances. They send money to us and we send it to the Hospital. Alex, as is Mark, a member of the Shrine and Masonic Fraternity. This is an opportunity for our members to perhaps, volunteer for – i.e. attend – and show up at Savannah Center to welcome guests, wearing your Shrine Club shirt and Fez. Alex and Phil Dirt are both a tremendous show and worth listening to and seeing, and who knows, we may even get a new member!

Greeting potential new members and visitors at Hibiscus.

A reminder to all, they were once new and didn't know anyone. Noble Emmett said we need members of the Club to greet Nobles and Visitors at our monthly meetings. It is essential we make them feel welcome. Noble Bob Leighton and his Lady Clair said they would be pleased to be greeters. Thanks Bob and Clair, and especially Bob for volunteering you both.

More stuff from the Prez:

Also, as Past President Tom Miller has suddenly passed away, and Bob and Bonnie Stines have relocated to North Carolina, we will need somebody to sell the 50/50 tickets and say hello to people as they arrive. Contact Noble Emmett on the "contact" button on the web site and volunteer for this important work. It is just once a month.

Noble Emmett will talk to Noble Floyd Cogley to discuss if he is willing to explain the Shriners Hospital for Children's name change to the Shriners Healthcare for Children. Questions still arise asking if: Tampa is still a Shriners Hospital

Component? Does it still function as part of the Shriners Hospital for Children? There seems to be some confusion still about the name change and Tampa's functions regarding The Shriners Hospital for Children, which we would like to clarify.

The Special Guest Speaker at the 10 March meeting will be Noble Phil Theim, who will present information regarding the Yellow Jackets Club.

Illustrious Sir Mitch Lokken is scheduled to be our guest speaker for the April meeting. He is a Past Potentate of Bahia in 2017. Illustrious Sir Mitch is a member of Imperial Marketing and Public Relations Board for Shriners International.

Remember that we need volunteers to help with the club. The needs are attached to this newsletter.

Stuff from the 1st Vice (Larry Lace):

Paper Drive for the Spring and Fall of 2020

Saturday, 28 March 2020	Publix at Mulberry
Saturday, 24 October 2020	
Friday, 10 April 2020	Publix at Colony
Friday, 23 October 2020	
Friday, 10 April 2020	Walmart at Route 466 East and West
Saturday, 11 April 2020	doors
Friday, 23 October 2020	
Saturday, 24 October 2020	

Signups for the Spring are going well, and the need for volunteers to work the remaining several hours not signed up for, will be presented – again – at both the

meeting and this newsletter, as well as your individual ability to sign up for this worthy duty, at the 10 March 2020 meeting. Exact times for dates that are available will be at the 10 March meeting.

Pick something you want to do and volunteer for it from the attached list. We have but a handful of folks who volunteer for everything, and without the ladies of our Nobles, we would be even worse off. They are all so much appreciated, a few kind words in this newsletter are hardly enough to express our sincere appreciation.

Noble Jim Chaffin, our secretary, is keeping Attendance and Volunteer Records, which will be used in the future to make the Club run more smoothly and with greater efficiency, as well as provide our leadership with a list of workers.

As a reminder, and note of what we plan on having for meals at our stated meetings, please watch the Villages Recreation News, published each Thursday morning and provided to those who subscribe to the newspaper, and this newsletter, to keep up to date.

Remember - July and August – Dark No meetings at Hibiscus.

The 2nd Vice (David Windmiller) says:

We did well at the garage sale at his house, selling about \$2,600.00 in gently used items. The Prez and all present say: A big thanks to David and Madelyn for the use of their house and garage and all their work from everyone in the Club. Most especially, the children at the hospital who are the recipients of their generosity, are the ones who appreciate everything we all try to do.

Remember our sick and distressed folks:

Noble George and Lady Renee Edwards – Noble George is still working on his recovery.

Noble Ken and Lady Noel Jennewine – Lady Noel is in Freedom Point Rehab Center and recovering from her medical issues.

Past President of The Villages Shrine Club, Noble Tom Miller has passed away. Noble Henry Rahn Jr. has passed away.

Lady Kyle Schultz, wife of Noble Dana Schultz, has had medical issues.

Lady Susan O’Dell, wife of Noble Erwin “Doc” O’Dell, has had medical issues.

The charter of the Club will be draped in black for both Nobles Tom and Henry at the 10 March meeting.

Cards on behalf of the Club have been sent to all.

From me:

Duties: We still need a backup for our officers and workers. Just because one person does a task, that does not mean nobody else needs to know how he conducts that task. Ours is not a guessing game where we may think we have answers. We must know what to pass on to the next person who assumes our duties. For Example: Who do you call for food? Where do you go for the paper drive? Who is the paper drive coordinator? Who are the store managers and their phone numbers, are but a few items to write down and share with another worker? This club does well in having a 2nd Vice and a 2nd Vice in training, and 1st Vice so things go well year after year. We just need to have folks lined up to take those and other positions, such as Committees and know what their duties entail. The primary question is: “How do you do what you do”? We need to have an orderly relief of every person who has stepped up to any volunteer 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, or other worker who does a specific task. One of the most important lessons of Scottish Rite Masonry, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, taught in the 8th Degree is: “That which a man knows dies with him, therefore – transmit your knowledge.” This clearly demonstrates the need for backups at all positions. I always think about Scottish Rite in Ocala where out last 2 treasurers died in office. Sad that they left us, but sadder that nobody knew what or how they did their job. Ocala was only

able to carry on because of the General Secretary, who could do so much of the accounting data.

Some more things to think about. This 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, clinics or burns centers? Do you think we, as a club, do too many things that would require you to volunteer to work, and not enough fun things? Are we just a group, or are we a group that works for the Children at Tampa and around the Country? What about the meetings: Too long, too short, not enough guest speakers of interest, too formatted, not formatted enough? We are always looking for input from you, the membership, as to how to make the Club better. Our collections for Tampa are not a competition. We do not try to do better each year than the previous year. All we, as a Shrine organization, try to do is collect what we can. After all, this is a Shrine Club. Send me a note on your thoughts or call me if you can. You can use the contact information at the web site, where you are reading this.

Al Kora Events

Even though this is a Villages Shrine Club newsletter, the ladies of Al Kora, which are such an important part of the Shrine organization here in The Villages, their meetings are included in this newsletter so that everyone reading this can ensure their wives, and widows also, that they are welcome at all Al Kora and Villages Shrine Club events and they know when they are held. Ladies, a public thank you for all you do for both the Club and the Shrine.

For the Information of All regarding Al Kora events:

Al Kora Board meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the current President's house

Al Kora Club meetings and lunch are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Cottage Inn.

17 March 2020 – Board meeting at home of Janine Woodsford, President, 2020 at 9:30 am.

21 March 2020 - Baker House, Wildwood Heritage Festival, 10:00 am or 2:00 pm.

24 March 2020 – Al Kora Club meeting at the Cottage Inn at 10:30, followed by lunch. Members and guests usually gather at around 10:00 am, with the meeting beginning at 10:30.

9 April 2020 – Give back event at Chili's on highway 27 in Lady Lake. You must bring a flyer with you or your friends. Flyers are passed out at the Shrine Club monthly meeting and Al Kora's monthly meetings. Invite as many neighbors, friends or family as possible and give them a flyer. Al Kora gets back 20% of whatever everyone's ticket is at Chili's – very generous of Chili's and much appreciated. A flyer is attached so you can print it out if you don't get one at an Al Kora or Villages Shrine Club meeting.

21 April 2020– Board meeting at the home of Janine Woodsford, President for 2020.

24,25 and 26 April 2020 – Bikefest at Leesburg.

28 April 2020 –Al Kora Club meeting at the Cottage Inn at 10:30, followed by lunch. Members and guests usually gather at around 10:00 am, with the meeting beginning at 10:30.

In addition to the above, other day trips will be offered to Al Kora members, including husbands, friends and family, that they will be able to select, sign up for and attend, at their meetings, meaning this listing is not all-inclusive.

Officer Biographies for The Villages Shrine Club for the year 2019:

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 Degree 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 Seal Team #2 and specialized in underwater demolition, as well as satellite communication. Injured in 1972, while serving in the Vietnam Campaign, I was medically retired the same year.

My Masonic career began in 1992, and I 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 2008, and am no 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, and a KYCH. I have been privileged to serve as Commander of Detroit Commandry No. 1, Knight 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 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 of 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.

Also, when not doing something of a Masonic relation, I attempt to enjoy retirement in The Villages and play 72 holes of golf per week.

First 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 reside in the Villages of Pennecamp. My Masonic affiliation is as follows:

I am a member of the Villages Masonic Lodge #394, Bahia Shrine Temple, Orlando, Florida, The Villages Shrine Club and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Ocala, Ocala, Florida.

I am not married.

I attended the following schools, receiving degrees as indicated: BS in Physics/Mathematics – University of California at Berkeley and 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 ranks of Captain, from 1970 to 1977.

Second Vice President David Windmiller (bio to be published in future editions of the newsletter)

Note to all from me, Bob Moynihan:

We will leave these biographies and comments in the newsletter for the entire time each officer is serving, with additions/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, especially information regarding those who are ill and unable to attend meetings. 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 of 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. Look at the web page (www.thevillagesshrineclub.org) for pictures, information and updates of what is going on and in the Recreation News published by The Villages on the Thursday before our monthly meeting so you know what we are having for dinner and what to bring to share.

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. If I left anything or anyone out, it is not intentional. Send me a note about what is not included.

Volunteers Needed

Maybe you can't stay outside and work the Paper Drives. Maybe you can't do the physical work some duties require. Well guess what, you're still needed and wanted?

We're looking for Volunteers to;

- **Make Phone Calls to find out:**
 - How Nobles or Ladies are doing after a sickness or death in the family?
 - Why Nobles or Ladies have been missing meetings?
- **Help with Food Service Duties before and after monthly meetings.**
 - Room Setup
 - Food Setup
 - Room Cleanup
- **Help with Paper Drive Crusade Sign ups at the monthly meetings.**
 - Find a buddy and sit at the Signup table to help people who have questions.
- **Collect and maintain event records of Volunteers and the number of times they worked.**
- **Plan Social Events**
 - Dinner Out
 - Mini Golf
 - Trip to a Horse Park
 - Trip to the Butterfly Garden
- **Veterans Remembrance Day Dinner/Show**
 - Help with Room Setup
 - Help with Auction Items
 - Make Baskets
 - Display Baskets
 - Work Auction Tables
 - Help with Ticket Sales
- **Membership Committee**
 - Greet Visitors and explain our Club to them.
 - Hand out Petitions to Visitors if needed.

Can you think of other things that you might like to do? We're looking for ways to get you involved and having fun while making this Club better for everyone.

Get Involved! You'll get to know people and you'll have fun talking and working with other Nobles and Ladies. How about giving it a try, I think you'll like it!

If you have any Questions—Please see or call any Officer of The Villages Shrine Club.



Al Kora
Shrine Ladies

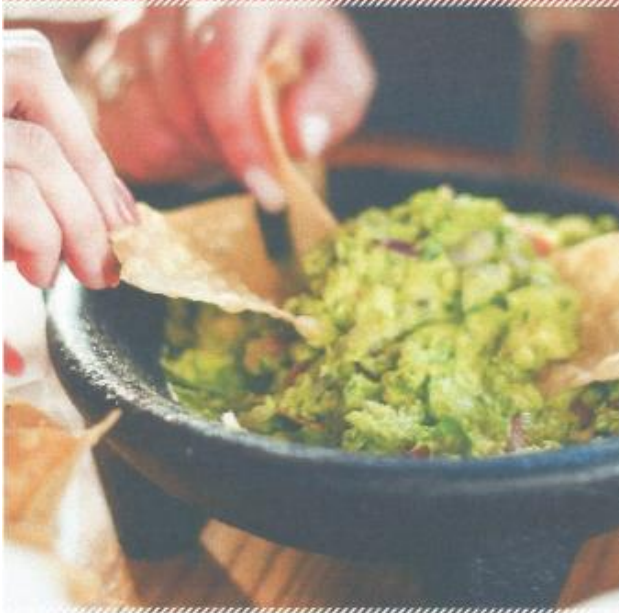


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**THURSDAY, APRIL 09, 2020
FROM 11:00 AM TO 9:00 PM**

**CHILI'S LADY LAKE - 1206 AVENIDA CENTRAL, LADY LAKE, FL 32159-5702
352-751-6555**