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# THE COMPLETION OF AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF SUCCESS AT EL JEBELSHRINE

By: Tony Dattilo, P.P.



In 1978, a young woman, now well known to all of our readers, was working as a cook in a nursing home. The maintenance man also working there, Shrine Noble Averill Turner, asked her if she would be interested in working at the El Jebel Shrine. Her interest was solidified after meeting with then Recorder Bill Littrell and the beginning of a lifetime of service and dedication was begun on October 21, 1978. Her mentor, Eleanor Zoltay, assisted in training her in various tasks while she worked in the Shrine mail room, and when Eleanor retired in 1990 after her employment of 42 years, her replacement was moved from the mail room to be trained as an Administrative Assistant.

And now, following in the footsteps of Eleanor Zoltav's forty-two years of dedicated service to El Jebel Shrine, our beloved Susan Boles has decided to retire the end of December having also served at El Jebel Shrine for fortytwo years. Susan's presence and knowledge while working under forty different "bosses" (Potentates), their Divans and the variety of personalities that each brought with them, endeared her to all. She says that it would be impossible to identify a "favorite" boss as there are too many who have touched her heart to pick from. Her time, service, and devotion to our Shrine identify her among the great personalities in the history of our Shrine. Susan continuously reflected positivity and an accommodating manner throughout her years in "the office". She always had a pleasant smile, and took the time to answer questions, address concerns, and accomplish a myriad of other projects, for any of the thousands of ladies or gentlemen whom she served. During her years of service, Susan became much more than an "employee" to those who know her. She became a sister, close friend, confidant, partner and information resource to any and all who interacted with her.

She persevered and maintained her work ethic, sanity, pleasant attitude and independence despite the loss of her mother, and two marriage partners. Susan speaks with pride and love of her only child, son Christopher (Critt) who is now a handsome and accomplished adult, employed as a commercial pilot Captain, flying 777's around the world for various contractors. In 1990 Susan met and married a long time Shriner, Lew Boles, who enjoyed a long-term career, and retired as a Denver Police Officer. Susan and Lew had love and devotion for each other, and for the law enforcement community in which he served. In the years since Lew passed, Susan

proudly wears a miniature Denver Police badge pendant that honors his memory as her husband and as a career law enforcement officer.

She provided El Jebel Shrine and our members with an incredible resource of knowledge, experience, and service that is truly legendary. It's often said that Susan has forgotten more about Shrine operations, procedures, people and places than any individual or group will ever remember. There's a phrase of truth and logic that many people use when attempting to find answers and information from any organization, that especially identifies the memory of this incredible woman; "If you want to find out, ask the 'Secretary'. If it were possible to look into the recesses of her knowledge and memories one would discover a virtual Shriners Encyclopedia in which thousands of names, events, activities, procedures, and a plethora of other information would be found, all of which would be willingly provided when asked.

It's no secret that Susan has a great love for "big puppies", especially German Shepherds. Her current K-9, "Dante" (aka 'Gomer') is a large, unusually colored Shepherd that enjoys chasing after tennis balls, and the daily walks with Susan in the early morning hours.

Susan recently experienced a tragedy as her home was involved in a devastating fire caused by an adjacent neighbor. Everything in her home was destroyed. The assistance provided by the members of our Shrine family continues to overwhelm her with awe, disbelief, and a deep gratitude. She loves and appreciates all who helped through her recovery.

Susan's typical humility has prompted her to insist that she doesn't want gifts, special recognition, a retirement party, and other activities; she's been advised that she'll have no choice in at least one of those preferences. Greeting cards of congratulations and thanks from her Shrine family would be sufficient. She knows that in her remaining years, she will read and reread each card, each note, each endearment from remembered friends that she will always treasure. That embodies Susan's personality, modesty and that which we all know and appreciate about her. She gave so much to so many in an unusually personal way – to all, and expects nothing "special" in return as she departs her career. Susan embodies the term "Labor of Love" which she demonstrated during her years serving our Shrine and our Shrine family members.

Susan anticipates continuing her presence with Shrine activities as a participant, able to enjoy the company and companionship of "guests", to be seated at dinner with a variety of dear friends. She takes great joy in looking forward to attending Shrine functions and not surprisingly, has indicated to our Potentate that if needed for answers, information or assistance, that she's a "phone call away" – typical class and graciousness as always demonstrated by this wonderful lady.

Although Susan has agreed to assist in a part time capacity *when* needed in the future, El Jebel will sorely and certainly miss her, as a dearly loved and admired friend, and

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#### POTENTATE'S MESSAGE





#### Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

A very special thanks to a very special lady, Susan Boles. After 42 years of exceptional service to El Jebel, Susan is retiring in December. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Susan for the last 3 years, she has helped me out enormously and has kept me out of trouble more than once. We appreciate everything Susan has done for the Shrine and all the Nobility, their Ladies and families over the last 4 decades. And yes Susan, there will be a going away celebration for you.

The Brush parade is still on; however, they have cancelled all other festivities that normally surround the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It is not an official parade, but if anyone would like to attend at your own risk, please let the office know so you will be covered under the Shrine insurance. The Golden and Wheatridge parades have been cancelled. We still do not know about the Arvada and Veterans Day parades yet. We will let everyone know as we find out.

The Imperial Session in Kansas City July 5<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. All voting for Iowa and Colorado Corporations will be done via a Zoom meeting to be held on July 11th. CSSA in Springfield, Missouri this fall has also been cancelled.

There are several fund-raising events that are being worked on. The first is an 18-month calendar that our Chief Rabban Ron Williamson and his better half Robyn have been working on and should be available for sale in the next several weeks. Second, is a poker run that our High Priest and Profit Grady Carter is planning. It will take place in late September or early October. Details to follow.

Most of us are going crazy not being able to get out and socialize, that is what we as Shriners do. It does seem like forever since we have been together, in truth it has only been 4 months. As a very wise person once said, "This too will pass", we need to stay patient and **SAFE**. So please stay in and social distance if you must go out.

Until next month.....

Joe Kent



#### A Message from the First Lady of El Jebel

Hello Everyone, I truly hope this finds you healthy, and happy. We have some news this time it looks like our wonderful Susan will be retiring at the end of this year. She has helped guide many Potentates as well as their ladies through their years. I for one, will owe her my gratitude for the remainder of my life for all she has done for Joe and me. We look forward to being able to celebrate her at the end of this year and wish to keep her involved in fun activities in the future, not work activities.

Well, this COVID mess continues! When this pandemic started, I honestly thought it would last a couple of months; here we are in the beginning of July and many of us are still wearing a stupid mask, cleaning our house with disinfecting cleaner constantly, and washing our hands so much they are chapped! I have not been to a restaurant in MONTHS! (Take-Out Does NOT Count) DO I SOUND ANGRY? That is because I am. I have had to cancel at least four; count them, four trips to fun places, with fun people.

On the positive note, my garden looks great, my house is looking great, and I am getting rid of an awful lot of JUNK (most of it is Joe's Junk but do not tell him). I have cleaned out the kid's old rooms, I put their stuff in Amazon boxes and leave it on their porches when they are not home. I do not need their old memorabilia in my house.

If you are getting angry about this stupid virus, get an empty box and spend just one hour filling it with your spouse's or your adult children's Junk. You will feel a whole lot better. You will need to immediately take it to the donation center, or they will empty it reclaiming their precious junk again. I have learned that the hard way.

It looks like we are having an upswing in the number of COVID cases in some states, I guess we better be smart and not attend any big drinking parties like the Florida University Students. We better keep wearing the stupid masks, and wiping the house down with the disinfecting cleaner, and washing our hands. At least I now can go to the salon and have a nice Mani/Pedi and have the awful grey roots colored in my hair, for a while it looked like I had a racetrack on my scalp.

I so look forward to when we can get together again and I promise I will wash my hands, wear my stupid mask, have a mani/pedi and not have grey roots.

Love, Karri





#### **Jay Bobick**



#### Things Are Easing Up, Not So Fast!!

July! And we are still at home for the most part and wearing masks, I hope. Several businesses, restaurants, social areas, and the like have returned to level of openness with guideline restrictions. Even some States have really opened with an unfortunate resulting increase in Coronavirus cases. The question on most all Shriners minds is when will our Temple open for us. This has been a continuing issue addressed by our Potentate, Board of Directors and Divan. When will be the best and, more importantly, safest time to resume all Shrine events, Temple, Unit and Club meetings, activities, and socials? With his requested input from the Board and Divan, the Potentate has wisely curtailed any resuming of events until such may be done safely for the benefit of all ages and temperaments, safely being the key element. Illustrious Joe continually keeps a weathered eye on the Governor's and Mayor's COVID-19 updates and required/recommended actions. All agree that the adage, better safe than sorry, is a great catchphrase. Let's not be in a hurry to get back to what we love and enjoy only to have members become sick because of it.

On 8 June at 7:00 pm, the potentate had a Virtual Family Night on ZOOM with 75 joining the connection. We had two guests join in, Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Past Imperial Potentate and President, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and Brad Koehn, Imperial Treasurer. Imperial Sir Jerry gave a short update on our Hospitals, mainly with the closures and consolidations to meet today's and future requirements in our health-care system. Brad gave a brief update on the financial health of our Shrine but was more interested in responding to questions that conveyed a feeling of belonging. Past Potentates Dick Williams and Ron Cosens were noted as being on the meeting with all the Board of Directors and three additional Divan members. The Potentate opened the meeting shortly after 7pm, when the majority of members had signed in, with Greg Rindone, Past Imperial Chaplain, giving the invocation, Illustrious Sir Jim Stewart, PP leading the Pledge of Alliance and Nils Nordberg singing the National Anthem. Our membership is now 917, including 42 Associates. Ken Jones showed a Shrine Video and discussed our membership plans, and Ron Williamson gave an update on our 2021 Calendar mentioned in detail later. Fifty minutes later, the Potentate closed the meeting, peace and harmony prevailing.

Our building trustees have had a lot of unscheduled work laid upon them to deal with the COVID-19 resulting issues and problems. For many, it has been an arduous task not wished upon anyone. Yet, our trustees have continually developed/designed programs, with the

assistance of Panorama and Fuller Real Estate, to assist our tenants in dealing with their individual requirements and desires. This is a continuing task for which our trustees have accomplished outstanding results. Again, hopefully, you will thank each, Illustrious Sir Jim Fitzpatrick, Greg Rindone and Emit Hurdelbrink, in your own way. Theirs is a monumental task.

The Board and Divan continue to have their monthly meetings by ZOOM. This has been a very effective manner of conducting required business and assuring a continuing exchange of events, decision-making and developing our future. Should you have questions or need information, contact any Divan member for an answer or update. Each is open to your calls and e-mails.

There have been Unit and Club requests about meetings, parades, socials, and the like. Our method of approvals has not changed. Complete the associated paperwork, submit them and the Potentate will render a decision that will be provided to you. Of course, if you have questions, just call for answers.

Again, for your edification, The Annual Imperial Session at Kansas City has been cancelled. The required business session for representatives will be held on 11 July electronically. Our Representatives are planning to meet in the Temple briefing room to participate on our television. This session is to present, discuss and pass required legislation and elections for the ensuing year 2021. The Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) scheduled meeting has also been cancelled with more information forthcoming. These are important steps in the ultimate future success for the Shrine and, more importantly, Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC).

The Potentate is working to establish a schedule of Temple ZOOM meetings to ensure we all stay in touch until we can physically meet again. Also remember that there are multiple electronic "avenues" where you can connect with our Temple. Electronic communications are growing by leaps and bounds. Currently, we may investigate 16 different ways to communicate. Yes, that does mean some of us must "catch up!" Learning a new way to communicate is fascinating. Your desk-top, lap-top, TV, and phone have become a strong network of staying in contact with whomever and whatever you desire.

The development of an El Jebel 18-month calendar that will be a fundraiser to assist in compensating our loss through the 2020 Sportsmen's Raffle cancellation, is on track and on schedule. This is a great project that will include Unit/Club and other photos on each month's page. Hopefully, copies will be available for every Noble to use to gather donations to our Shrine.

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Ed Rendon (2010)

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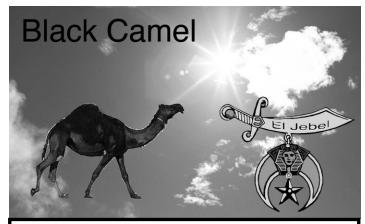
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There was a friend whose heart was good He walked with men and understood His was a voice that spoke with cheer, And felt like music on the ear

His was a smile men loved to see; His was a hand that asked no fee for friendliness or kindness done. And now that he has journeyed on, His is a fame that never ends, He leaves behind uncounted friends

Passed thru the Unseen Portals

#### **In Memoriam**

"Our beloved Brethren live on in a new and more glorious life and service. We carry their influence in our lives and their memories in our hearts. They are not forgotten."

> **Donald J Bowey** James D. Moore Hollis "Bob" Howerton Lloyd C. Wade **Clayton Loomis** Robert L. Satterlee William F. Allnutt



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You will be notified when you may get your own copy's, they will be available for a \$25 donation to our Operating Fund. We look forward to you being an integral part of this project.

The Membership Committee is organizing events for after the pandemic and needs ideas as what our Nobles and families would like. If you have ideas, please contact any member of the committee. The Chair is Illustrious Sir Tony Dattilo, PP. There will be a Ceremonial in the fall so please contact those Masons who are not Shriners and invite them to join. Tell them about the Shrine and our philanthropy and about El Jebel and the fun we have. *Remember, Membership is a contact sport*. Contact your non-Shrine brothers.

The Potentate's Ball at the Wings Over the Rockies has been rescheduled for Saturday, 21 November. Put that date on your calendar and join in the fun and camaraderie. The Potentate's Jamaica Trip is in the process of being rescheduled for sometime this Fall. Details will be available and published when rescheduling is complete.

During these trying times, may you and your family stay and remain healthy. Always remember your Temple is ready to assist you in whatever you may require. Just call, e-mail, write, or let a member know what is needed. Until we meet again. Fraternally, your Recorder.

#### VIP's

#### By Wayne Covert



Illustrious Potentate, Divan, and Nobles, well we're going into July, we have really had a trying six months. Where do we start, since the biggest thing, most of us are susceptible to, this virus we've all had to stay shut in. Hopefully we can return to normal by the end of the year.

I understand we will be having a parade in Brush, please refer to the Red Fez for more information. However I will not be attending because I have not been released yet to drive.

I would like to thank All of my officers of the Vintage Iron Patrol for stepping up and helping out in my absence. Hopefully I will be making improvements in the next few months.

Without too many activities there's not very much to report. I will try to keep the members informed in the next few months. Always remember we are all Masons first so keep it on the Square and on the level.





# FROM THE HOME OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RABBAN



With the start of summer, we should be knee deep in parade season but due to COVID-19 things are different this year. With all the extra time, we have on our hands, we hope you have had quality time with your families. WE LOVE hearing how our Nobles are checking in with other Nobles.

We recognize there is still a sense of uncertainty as Colorado and local Denver Metro communities begin to reopen. While this change signifies a new phase in the pandemic, COVID-19 remains a great concern throughout the world. Most importantly, your Potentate has decided to postpone all Shrine and unit meetings and activities for the month of July.

We want to let everyone know that the Shrine 18-month Calendar is at the printer. This is a project that was done because the Sportsmen's Raffle had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 Virus. Losing the Sportsmen's Raffle was a huge hit to our budget for 2021. The Calendars will sell for \$25 each and ALL proceeds from the sale of this calendar will go to the Operating Fund of El Jebel Shrine. We are so excited that the calendar will be available to all of you very soon. Please support this project. It will be fun to see if your picture made the calendar. Thank you to all of the Clubs and Units that sent in pictures. We had so many pictures the graphic designer had a hard time deciding which ones to use.



Someday we will look back on this time and say, "Remember When".

Celebrate Fun and Friendship Ron Williamson Chief Rabban

#### **RV ROAMERS**

#### BY J. & J. TAYLOR

Traditionally, the RV Roamers meet for "innings" in the winter and "outings" in the summer. But with all the Governor's new Coronavirus guidelines, we have been holding virtual Zoom meetings with our members. For the last three months, we've been learning new secrets about Roamers we haven't heard from recently!

But here are the plans for this summer: Our "outing" at Chatfield, scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June, was officially cancelled. The state parks will be open with limited facilities for individual camping, not groups. Roamers have not scheduled an "outing", or meeting, following the official word from El Jebel Shrine. But a few of us will go down there to exercise our rigs (and ourselves); some others choose not to go. We will have a Zoom gettogether on Sunday following our return home. If anyone would like to join us, give President Jim a call (303-795-3278). No camping spaces are available in any State Park in the state. But you could come for the day and enjoy the Park in its new configuration of raising the reservoir 10 feet!

The reasons we are willing to go, are our need to get out of the house. Many articles state that RV's are one of the safest ways to travel and enjoy the outdoors. And here are some of the reasons why: We'll be eating out of our own dining room, bringing our own food, using our own bathroom, and waving at our friends at a socially acceptable distance. We won't be handling our mail, going to grocery stores, and getting stressed out because of noise pollution. We'll be safer parked in our rig---not driving around among the crazy racers who are in a hurry to whoknows-where! For any of our outings we give you our assurance that there will be no hugging or close contact with others (although it's hard!), no shared snacks, masks when walking around, and we'll be using hand sanitizer freely.

The pictures printed in this Red Fez are from 2019. We're still planning on going (on an individual basis) to Mountaindale (7/9-12), and the Grand Lake (Winding River) (8/9-12); they may continue to be on a limited basis. But these summer places are among our favorites because of the location, fellowship (although limited), beautiful country, and breathing fresh air. 'til then, keep smiling, keep healthy, and don't let the flat tires get you down!"

Mountaindale pavillion -RV Roamers' 2019 outing

# OPTARS BY J. & J. TAYLOR



The Optars were gathered (so-to-speak) on the Zoom meeting of 6-2-20. Eight people, including Potentate Joe, joined for a virtual meeting, run by President Ron Dunsmore. After checking with everyone on what they've been doing lately (besides brooding and staying at home), the minutes from the June meeting were covered (in the Red Fez).

Ed Hamm is still in the hospital, but will be going to an in-house rehab facility. Kathy says his spirits are good (he's grumbling about the food---a good sign!), and that soon she will be able to visit him (they did have that visit around the first of June---it had been around 3 months since they had seen each other!)

There was a thank you for the Optars' calendar donation from Ron W. in the correspondence. He said there were 18 months of pictures, multiple pictures on some pages, and that Optars has a page. Ron also talked about possible future fund-raising projects.

Optars is usually dark in July and August; however, we often have a photoshoot, which involves meeting somewhere with our cameras. For Optars this summer we were told by President Ron to do our "shooting" individually. So now we have to figure out what to shoot—we could go to downtown Denver and have plenty of shooting... Keep your trigger finger on the camera, and we won't see you in the 5:00 news!





#### PIPE BAND By KENT BURNS



The first day of importance on the calendar for July is Independence Day, the once-almost-sacred Fourth of July. Sadly, it has become just another day to have a backyard barbecue, go on a picnic, or break open a sixpack. It has lost its true meaning. Even more sadly, this is not the only date on the calendar that has lost its true meaning. Most of the readers of this column would instantly recognize the importance of the date 6 June. But this last month not one mention of the importance of the day or date was made on either television or the radio. Don't know about the newspapers – I don't take one any more. The general public wouldn't know what is significant about that date, which is frustrating to say the least. Most know that I am a huge advocate of veterans, their accomplishments, their sacrifices, their well-being. Especially this year, with the so-called pandemic, we should remember them as so many are taking that final march into history. The Honor Flights have been canceled for the entire year which is, to say the least, distressing.

These men who deserve to be honored in every way possible are leaving us at an alarming rate. It is likely so many will not be here when the Flights are reinstated – if, indeed, they ever are. It is hard to imagine what the world will be like when this is all over except to say that it will most definitely be different.

We still are awaiting the "official" word on the Estes Park games, the Pickleball Tournament, and the Constitutional weekend in Grand Lake. Now that the state has been released from the restrictions placed upon the people, the numbers of infections, hospitalizations, etc. have climbed, although the death-rate is still falling, at least as of this writing. Given the fact that El Jebel is still concerned with the exposure of the Nobles (most of us are in that "critical" category where contraction would be, at best, uncomfortable and, at worst, deadly), we in the Band are likewise reluctant to appear in these events, or most others until such time as we can be assured of safety, either by virtue of a reliable vaccination or total eradication. However, we are hoping these events are canceled by their producers/founders rather than our having to offer our regrets. We fear that so doing would affect our participation in the future.

Not having a multitude of recent performances to critique for the reader or to proffer for future attendance also makes for challenging writing. So, in an effort to create interest and offer something of value, the pictures below will stir memories for some and provide a little historical insight for others. Back in the last century, the Imperial Session was held in Toronto, in July of 1989. They had a parade (as usual) but they wanted to march the largest pipe band ever. Ergo, the Massed Band consisted of all pipers and drummers from 191 attending Temples, which was over a thousand strong. To accomplish this feat, they had two rows of drum majors, followed by twenty rows of twenty pipers, a row of twenty snares, two rows of twenty basses, two more rows of

twenty snares, two rows of twenty tenors (some drummers filled in odd rows as needed), and twenty-odd more rows of pipers. Along each side at every ten rows, they had signs similar to yard-markers in a football games with the tunes as they were called. It took hours for the entire parade to pass a single point. After we went through as a Massed Band, we all caught the subway back to the staging area and went through again with our individual Temples. Steve Englehardt sent me these two pictures – in the second picture, he is almost dead-center in a light blue shirt, smiling at the camera. You can barely see the back of yours truly wearing Rajah on the far right.

We had a very good representation there – if I remember correctly, we had a drum major, fourteen pipers (out of twenty-odd), two snares (out of four), and a bass. We actually came in second in the competition. WaWa won (as usual). WaWa was from Toronto and was made up of retired Canadian Air Force Pipe Band members, so they couldn't be beat. Protocol has it that the host band should not compete, but they did and were so far ahead of the rest of us it wasn't even funny.

This brings up another interesting fact about Imperial competitions (the only time Shrine Pipe Bands are allowed to compete per Imperial fiat): The Arabia Shrine Pipe Band from Houston has a very interesting competition set. It is not what you would consider to be "traditional" but is nevertheless the winning set in many competitions – The Yellow Rose of Texas, The Eyes of Texas are upon You, and the Aggie War Hymn.

As I ended last month's article, maybe next month we will be able to return to the Shrine for our weekly gettogethers and noise-making sessions. And, as last month, it is sincerely hoped that this missive will close with the usual notice. In the meantime, please be safe and healthy.



## CEF Giving Envelope Fundraising Donation Board

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#### Thank you for your generosity!

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# EL JEBEL SPORTS CAR CLUB

#### By Ron Cosens, P.P.

Well we continue to hunker down from the Chinese Bat Plague and tire of the continued lack of ability to being "social" as we use to be.

We do have a couple of our members going to the Brush Fourth of July Parade – President John Kesig (Sandy) and Secretary/Treasurer Hos Varner (Nancy) who should have a great time there.

Once things do get back to some semblance of normal, we offer the following:

If you want to be active and are looking for a unit to have fun, give us a try. We meet every month on the second Wednesday for lunch.

If you have a sports car, or convertible, you can be an Active member. BUT, you can also be a Social member if you do not have a qualifying car to be Active.

If interested, call John Kesig 303-460-0607 or Ron Cosens 303-794-4851.

Keep it between the ditches and enjoy!

# RADOPS BY MICHAEL MARCUS

#### **Reaching Out To Fellow Shriners:**

Please feel free to reach out to any Radops officer if you need assistance of any kind during these uncertain times. We are here to help you. The current 2020 Radops Officers are:

Emit Hurdelbrink – President Michael Marcus – Vice President Ken Behrens – Secretary Rich Wall – Treasurer



#### **Radops Next In-Person Meeting:**

Our next scheduled in-person meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at the Shrine Temple, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor meeting room. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00pm. Our in-person meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through April.

#### **Radops Weekly On The Air Meetings:**

# SANDBLASTERS By MATTHEW MADRID



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The Sandblasters held their first ever meeting via Zoom earlier this month and despite the technical challenges it turned out to be a success and we thank everyone who joined and participated.

Past President Jim Thoeming had an unfortunate accident and broke his foot. The club wishes him a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing Jim back on the fairway soon.

Now that restrictions are being lifted across the state, I anticipate that we will be having an in person meeting in July. We hope everyone is staying safe. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Sandblasters meet on the last Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral at 11:30 AM on West Hampden Ave. (River Point Shopping Center). Attached is the golf schedule, please reach out if you'd like to join us for an outing.



## WESTERN CO SHRINE CLUB BY STEVE THOMAS

Western Colorado Shrine Club had our 2nd Zoom meeting June 9th. Called to order by President Chris Geisler at 11:30am and John Groves led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We discussed having our Installation Party at the Masonic Consistory in Feb. and making all the moves to make this happen.

We also talked about the El Jebel calendar program and will be getting with Ron Williamson for more information on that project.

WCSC will be dark July and August. Not much going on anyway.

I had to leave the meeting early for an eye doctor appt.

<u>WCSC Clowns</u> are waiting to see if we can get active or at least jump in a parade somewhere. Ouray is not having their 4th of July Parade. Clowns are still in stand down mode.

**Tri-County** is staying home for a little while.

Steve Says:

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."





#### 2020 Calendar of Events

#### July

4 Brush Rodeo Parade—Brush

5-9 Imperial Session-Cancelled

25 Buffalo Bill Days Parade—Golden-Cancelled

26 Day at the Races—Arapahoe Park-Cancelled

#### August

15 Wheat Ridge Parade-Cancelled

#### September

2-5 CSSA—Springfield, MO-Cancelled

10-13 Grand York Rite

12 Arvada Parade

14 Stated Meeting/Ladies Program

18-20 Shriners Hospitals Walk for Love - SLC

26 El Jebel Ladies Luncheon

#### October

7-11 Shriners Hospital Open—Las Vegas

12 Family Meeting—Chili Cookoff

17 Al Kaly Potentate's Ball

#### **Membership Report**

**Total Membership (with Associates)** 

910

7- Expired



#### EL JEBEL COMPUTER CLUB J&JTAYLOR

The Computer Club met again by Zoom at 2:00 p.m. on June 9. Attending were Mike W., George V., Ron & Robyn W., Ken B, and Jim & Judy T. Jim hosted the Zoom session and VP Ron Williamson started the meeting after finding out he was in charge; President Ed is still in the hospital.

The checkbook differed from the previous month by the deposit of dues and the \$100 check to the Calendar Fund. May minutes were approved. Ron & Robyn explained the Calendar project---18 pages of pictures, with Computer Club included. There is also a possible Poker Run as another fundraiser.

We're usually dark in the summer (most of us are in the dark all the time), but we decided to meet and visit by Zoom in July, 2:00, on the 14<sup>th</sup>. At that time, we'll decide on what we'll do for August. You can even hack in on our meetings---just call Jim T. to get the Zoom link.

# Women Philanthropy

#### Divas Making a Difference at Shriners Hospitals for Children®

As women, we have an increasing ability to effect change through our own leadership and philanthropy. Women & Philanthropy empowers all women, diverse in age, interests and backgrounds, to make a difference through a direct, participatory role. Members recognize that by giving together, their gift goes further and has greater influence.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through internationally recognized, innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. We provide all aspects of treatment for children with orthopaedic conditions, spinal cord injuries, burns and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay.



unding Divas for Women & Philanthropy from left to right, Debby Bailey eryl Sowder, Imperial First Lady 2019-2020, and Alice Smith.

"I applaud your efforts to support the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children and your thoughtfulness in becoming a Diva Making a Difference. Blessings to you and yours!'

🞾 An Invitation to Join 🥌



You are invited to join our community of mission-driven women by committing an annual gift of \$500. Membership includes a commemorative necklace, collectible pin, special event invitations, opportunities to connect, learn, and lead. All donations support the Patient Ambassador program or area of greatest need.











#### **Arab Patrol**

Joann Glenn

#### Band

Mike Trevathan, p.p.

#### **Dune Buggy Patrol**

Jean Bobick Robyn Williamson Sandy Tucker

#### Jeffco Shrine Club

Dan Kamunen

#### **Legion of Honor**

Linn Armstrong Wanda Stretch Don Emarine Patricia Gilchrist

#### **Provost Guard**

Casey Campbell Mike Trevathan, P.P. Sallie Lewis

#### **RV Roamers**

Scott Cromwell Barbara Christensen

#### Radops

Shyrlee Anderson Betty Bethune Bill Greene Michael Marcus Jim Stewart, PP Rich Wall

#### **Sports**

Rich Wingate Sandy Kesig Michelle Rendon

#### **T-Nobles**

Bobby Marner, P.P. Rich Wingate

#### VIP'S

Bobby Marner, P.P.



#### **DONATIONS**

#### Shriners Hospitals for Children In Memory of

Dick Welle Donation Ellen Tye Don Rice

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#### **El Jebel Shrine emails**

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#### **PARADE CORNER 2020**

#### **Call Out Parades:**

St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 14
Commerce City Parade Monday, May 25-cancelled
Buffalo Bill Days Parade July 25-cancelled
Wheat Ridge Parade Saturday, August 15
Arvada Parade Saturday, September 12
Veteran's Day Parade Saturday, November 14

#### **Official Parades:**

FIBArk Parade Saturday, June 20-cancelled Brush Rodeo Parade Saturday, July 4 Imperial Session (Kansas City)July –cancelled CSSA Springfield, MO Sept. 2-5 -cancelled

#### **EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS**

## (COOLER NOBLES, JEEP PATROL, KEYSTONE KOPS, MOTOR PATROL)

Well (as Paul Harvey would say) now for the rest of the story. The brush parade is on. Different is putting it mildly. Longer parade route, distancing and no sponsored social activities. I guess we take what we can get. Is it to soon or has it been to long? That is completely up to each and every person's comfort zone. It is NOT a call out parade so feel free to exercise your personal preference. We are really the definition of the "At Risk Group". Your choice here so go with what you feel is right for you.

Are you ready for some awesome news? Here goes! Last year The Motor Corps was contacted by long time Noble Bobby Robinson from the Northwest Shrine Club. He had realized that their beloved Locomotive had been setting for quite some time and that a vehicle such as this really should be out and parading. That being said it was offered to us and the plans to pick it up were put in place. Hayden Colorado is roughly 200mi from Denver and requires going over 2 different passes. Retrieving it in the winter time is not an easy journey especially when chain laws go into effect. Spring seemed the best time to retrieve the locomotive but suddenly Corona (not the beer) became a problem. On June 24<sup>th</sup> High Priest & Prophet Grady Carter and P.P. Bobby set out to retrieve this awesome parading vehicle.

They were greeted by Bobby Robinson with a smile that could only be described as heartwarming. Bobby went over every detail on the locomotive and then he gave a tour to P.P. Bobby and Grady that was incredibly insightful of years gone by. The recollections of such a generous man humbled and inspired the two El Jebel Nobles. The vehicle is now at the Shrine garage and a shake down run will be scheduled to make sure it is dialed in for our altitude. A special thanks must go out to Noble Bobby Robinson for his donation and to Noble and High Priest & Prophet Grady Carter for using his truck and trailer. These 2 Nobles truly do "Lead by example".

The El Jebel 2020 Divan is working on communication with its Nobility so keep an eye out for upcoming informational notices.

As always should you need help getting around or need supplies picked up call 303-514-2102 and Motor Corps will do it's best to assist. We are few but we will help where we can during this changing time.

Until we meet again please be kind!





# Potentates Celebration Saturday, November 21, 2020

## Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum

7711 East Academy Blvd. Denver (Old Lowry AFB)

**Exclusive Facility Access** 

**Appetizers** 

**Entree** 

Dessert

**Prizes** 

5:30pm Appetizer and Cash Bar

6:00pm Introductions and Opening

6:30pm Dinner

Dress is "40's or Smart Casual"



# Joe (TT) Kent & Air Bear

(Reservations Required)

#### Potentate's Celebration Registration

Make Checks payable to El Jebel Shriner's Mail to 3443 S Galena St, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80231

#### Menu:

(Displayed Appetizer)
Caramelized Onion and Artichoke Dip and
Traditional Tomato Basil Bruschetta

(Passed Appetizer) Pumpkin Ravioli Caprese Skewer

(Salad)
Apple and White Cheddar Salad

(Entrée Selections)
Herb Crusted Beef Shoulderloin
OR
Lemon Artichoke Chicken

(Side Selections)
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine

(Dessert) Assorted Desserts



Noble Lady's Name Address	Title					
City	State Zip Unit/Club Affiliation					
	x \$80.00 each = \$ enclosed					
Please enter the count of each Entree selection based on the desires of your party.  (Total should equal the number of members in your party)						
# Herb Crusted Beef Shoulderloin  # Lemon Artichoke Chicken	Please include this form with your check					

# El Mejdel Temple No. 47

## Daughters of the Nile High Flying Quilt Raffle



Two different quilts which include:
2 pillow shams
1 decorative airplane pillow

Full size with 16" drop 70% Cotton and 30% Polyester fill Ticket Price: \$2/each; 6 for \$10; 12 for \$20

For ticket purchase, contact Sarah Dolliver at:

Phone: 303-766-3819

or make check payable to El Mejdel Temple No. 47

and mail to:

Sarah Dolliver

5206 S Laredo Way

Centennial CO 80015-4152

Drawing: November 2, 2020

Proceeds to benefit the Operating Budget of El Mejdel Temple No. 47

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as the regular welcoming and efficient presence in the office of our Shrine. As she leaves to enjoy her well-deserved retirement, she expresses great joy, gratitude, pride and appreciation for what she identifies as her honor to serve and being an integral part of her El Jebel Family for so many years.

We'll definitely see more of Susan as a person who will experience the retirement years with every day being Saturday, the ability to sleep in and with the opportunity to take as much time as needed to go do things and see people in distant places.

We offer our sincere and heartfelt THANKS to Susan and wish her Blessings of happiness and wellness in her new 'role', even a membership with AARP! Without revealing her age, let's just say that her official retirement "stuff" will begin in the foreseeable future.

'ES LA HORA" – 'It's time'! Susan's retirement anxiously waits for well-deserved rest, relaxation, good times and lots of smiles. Susan describes her departure as "Riding off into the Sunset". It's a good guess she'll have to buy a saddle that fits that big hound of hers so she doesn't have to walk?



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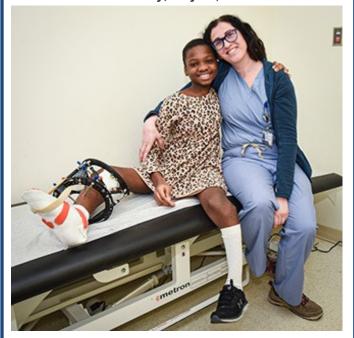


YOU

Motorcycle enthusiast for fellowship and outings

Contact Emit Hurdelbrink 303.324.3416 - hurdele@gmail.com

# Shriner helps patient receive care at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital Thursday, May 28, 2020



Thirteen-year-old Deborah was born in Ghana with gen varum, the technical term for "bow-leggedness." Initially, it didn't cause any pain, but as she grew older, her condition worsened and started to cause pain. At this time there is no permanent treatment option in Ghana for such conditions, and anything that could be offered would be costly. Her only option was to seek treatment abroad.

Like many other children in Ghana, Deborah and her siblings became orphans due to family circumstances. Just a few years ago, she and her two siblings found their way to Volta Hope Children's Home, one of a few places dedicated to helping Ghanaian children who have been trafficked or deserted due to the financial struggles many of their families endure.

At Deborah's home, she would not go to school with her younger siblings because she was often teased and bullied due to her disability. Instead, she acted as a "house mother" to her family in the absence of her mother. "I was not happy," said Deborah. "I missed going to school, and taking care of my other siblings was very difficult."

At Volta Hope Children's Home, Deborah would not only get to attend school, but she would be able to get the medical attention she needed for her condition from the staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. The home's director, Ernest Agbesi, is also a Shriner. He had spent time driving patients to their appointments when he was in the United States and knew that the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital staff would be able to help Deborah.

Ernest and his wife, Kate, started Volta Hope Children's Home in 2017. The two met professionally through his business. After getting to know one another and realizing their shared passion for helping orphans, they married in 2012. Seeing the need for more homes, they eventually sold one of their businesses and began construction on Volta Hope Children's Home to help more children in need.

"We think that all our children at the home deserve the best we can give them," said Kate. "Orphans have it really hard in Ghana, but those with any kind of disability have it even harder. Many people in Ghana believe you are evil or cursed if you have a disability."

"When my wife and I met Deborah, we both felt she deserved a chance to have a better life, but knew that she wouldn't with her legs and having a disability that would continue to get worse," said Ernest. "We wanted to do whatever we could to help her and give her a shot at having a normal life."

After Deborah's initial examination, it was determined that she would have surgery to correct both legs, one at a time. These procedures and therapy would help her to stand up straight and give her more independence. Ernest and Kate would look after her while she received care in the U.S. for several months.

The care Deborah is receiving from Sarah Nossov, M.D., and her team of rehabilitation therapists is preparing her for the return to Volta Hope Children's Home. She will continue receiving therapy while recovering from surgery.

"On our first visit to the hospital, I remember the staff saying 'We are going to see a big difference with this child,' which gave all of us so much hope," said Kate. "Seeing her first leg get straightened out brought tears to our eyes."

The Agbesis are grateful for the opportunity to help so many children in Ghana. They keep a close eye on all their medical needs and look forward to seeing Deborah through her care plan. "I'm so proud to be a part of and involved with an organization like Shriners Hospital," said Ernest. "The work that the Shriners do to support the hospitals and the assistance that we give to many children treated there is a blessing for all of us."



**Shriners International** 





# Director's Staff Sign Shop Badges and Signs

The Director's Staff Sign Shop is open for business!

We can make name badges and/or sign(s) for most of your Shrine units as well as most Masonic organizations (ex. Blue Lodge, York Rite, OES, Amaranth, Daughters of the Nile, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, etc.).

In the window conference room in the member's lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) of El Jebel Shrine, in the bottom mail boxes are request forms for the name badges and signs. Please fill out the request forms with the requested information and place the completed form in the bottom right side of these mail boxes.

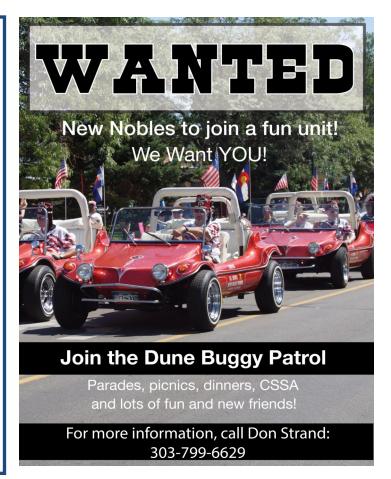
The mailbox is checked regularly for requests and then they are scheduled for completion.

Upon completion of your request for badges or signs, you will be notified and arrangements can be made for the pickup of your order and you will receive an invoice for payment along with your completed order.

Any questions or comments may be directed to Jim Oliver 720-333-6446 or jw.oliver@comcast.net.











# July 2020

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