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**Sending you warm & colorful
wishes for the season.
Happy Spring**



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Ron
Williamson**

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

WELCOME SPRING!

It's that time of year when everything is changing and promising new life and new hope. A promise of new beginnings. We look forward to the months ahead. We need to be able to be together again and renew Fun and Fellowship with our Shrine family.

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

Comedian, Robin Williams

The Fun and Fellowship Competition was complete March 25. We are anxiously awaiting the results. Thank you to all that participated in the parade. A Hugh thank you to all that took the time to vote.

We are ready to get our parade units out, shine them up and go have some Fun 'n 21, we hope you are too. We have parade units that have equipment just sitting in storage and they would encourage you to join them and use this equipment. If you would like to ride in a parade, or if you would like more information on a unit, please call me. All units are looking for members. Find a unit, get involved! If we don't have a unit you are interested in joining, then let's start a new unit. Just like everything else, the more you put in the more you get out of it.

We would like to encourage everyone to join us in Salida for the FibArk Parade, June 18 & 19. Reservations can be made by calling the Gateway Inn at 719-539-2895. Great time for Fun and Fellowship!

If you are interested in going to Imperial Session in Houston, July 3-8, 2021 and have not received the paperwork, please contact Kendy in the Shrine office. Reservations need to be made at this time.

We hope everyone was able to join us on zoom for our March meeting. Tamera Wong was our guest speaker and her story made us so proud of our Shriners Hospitals for Children. Tamera and Bryan Wong have four children of their own and have adopted seven children from China, all with special needs. The adoptions started when their youngest daughter was raising money to buy toys for an orphanage in China. Their daughter was six at the time and said, "Mom these children don't need toys they need a family to love them." What do you say to a six-year old child when she says that to you? They made their first trip to the orphanage in China and adopted a child. Tamera said she kept thinking about some of the other children she had seen in the orphanage and just couldn't get them out of her mind.

After many more trips to China they ended up giving seven wonderful children a new life here in the United States. We thank Tamera for speaking with us and we hope to have her back again to update us on all the kids.

We are encouraged by all of the reports we are hearing about the number of people being vaccinated. We hope to be able to do parades and have some outdoor activities by summer. Please continue to stay safe and healthy until then.

We are looking forward to **Fun 'n 21!**





Recorder's Desk

Jay Bobick



SADNESS PREVAILS

Last month, the Black Camel accepted Illustrious Sir Steve Tucker and Noble John Kesig and now again the Black Camel accepted Noble Ron Dunsmore, an honored brother and exceptional friend to all El Jebel Nobles. Ron was a keystone for our fraternity! He did so much, so often, for so many that it is impossible to recognize his individual and cooperative volunteerism not only for El Jebel but for every Masonic Body where he was a member, and those bodies were legion. We will miss you our friend and colleague as you join your brothers, IS Steve and John in that Celestial Home above. You are gone but will never be forgotten. Do keep Patty Dunsmore in your prayers as she deals with the loss of her beloved. Service details will be shared as they are developed.

As the ever-present virus keeps us in check, not allowing personal meetings, our membership suffers. Our regular membership has dropped below 800 (795), and we also lost two associates (39) for a total of 834. We cannot let this setback leave a permanent "scar" on our Temple. Each of us needs to remember that membership is a contact sport for every member. We all need to regularly talk with our brothers in our Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and other Masonic Bodies to which we all belong. There are brothers out there that when made aware of the Shrine and its fun, fellowship and, above all else, philanthropy, will want to become an active part of El Jebel. Spread the word and build our Temple to the glory it can be with your persistence and dedication.

To support new members in understanding the value of Shrine membership, our Chief Aide, Don Myers, received direction to finalize his recommended "Candidates Ceremonial Gift" and submit to the Divan for approval. This "gift" consists of a Shrine History Book, Information Binders for candidate and lady, El Jebel cap, and other Shrine materials with an optional embroidered El Jebel shirt. Accompanying this will be a mentor assigned to each new member. Our Membership Committee is truly making giant leaps but cannot do it alone. We all need to help.

Your leadership is looking toward the future for 2021 with a planned Golf Tournament and the Sportsmen's Raffle that will be Virtual. Tickets will be available virtually and paper as well. The current project is the process of working with the Cabela General Manager in developing the prize list. This is destined to be a great event come fall. The Central States Shrine Association Motor Corp Meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on 22-25 April 2021. Join the team that is going to this event. The 8 March 2021 Family Meeting was another success

story with 65 nobles attending on ZOOM. We were fortunate to welcome 13 Past Potentates: Illustrious Sirs Dick Williams, David Powell, Jim Fitzpatrick, Ron Cossens, Tony Dattilo, Jim Stewart, Ed Rendon, Dennis Proctor, Matt Raia, Rich Silver, Bobby Marner, Joe Kent, Al Kaly's Brian Carter, and Past Imperial Chaplain Greg Rindone.

Noble Greg Rindone, Trustee, reported our building is in good shape with leased space at 82 percent even with the turmoil caused by the virus. Greg reminded all that bricks are for sale to be placed on our wall of honor. Contact the office for details.

IS Rich Silver, SLC/SHC Board Member reported that the Salt Lake City Hospital has received Top Hospital recognition for six continuous years in US News Report. A Patient Advisory Council has been established with Patient parents as members. Ninety percent of the staff have been fully vaccinated for COVID. Ten percent were infected. Working on research for 2 ½ year old and under wheelchairs. IS Rich also stated that SLC/SHC is working jointly with other area hospitals for needed surgery. The Salt Lake Hospital as well as the others are all exceeding expectations in providing holistic care to our "Shrine Kids."

The highlight for the evening was our guest speaker, Tamera Wong who, with her husband, have four children and have adopted seven children requiring a variety of care provided at Shriner Hospitals for Children. Her presentation was absolutely inspiring. Many of the children came from orphanages in China. These children had no hope for a good or any kind of life in their homeland. The Wongs, through tenacity and hard work, brought handicapped children to their home and made them a valued family member. Everyone has been successful in their own way and are becoming active, contributing members of our American society. If you did not have the opportunity to view this astounding presentation, look for Tamera Wong on the internet. Amazing! Do thank Chris and Judy Weymouth for bringing Tamera's life's endeavor to us. What a story.

IS Ron recognized all the El Jebel nobles that have been members for 10 years. There were over a dozen. He also highlighted the Medical Staff for March and called on IS Denis Proctor, Director, to provide a history of the unit beginning in 1950 with two doctors. It has grown from just doctors to any El Jebel Noble who wants to work in the field of medical care.

Looking to the future, the Imperial Session is scheduled to take place in Houston on 3-8 July 2021. Many nobles and ladies are already planning to attend, and the invitation is open to all.


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Illustrious Sir Ron Williamson
Potentate

ELECTED DIVAN

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Grady Carter, Assistant Rabban
Jim Dawkins, High Priest & Prophet
Doug Kelley, Oriental Guide
Rich Silver, P.P., Treasurer
Jay Bobick, Recorder Emeritus

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Ron Dunsmore, 1st Ceremonial Master 
Perry Mittler, 2nd Ceremonial Master
Mike Terry, Marshal
John Titterington, Captain of the Guard
Bill Brassette, Outer Guard
David Dorn, Director
Jim Oliver, Chaplain Emeritus

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

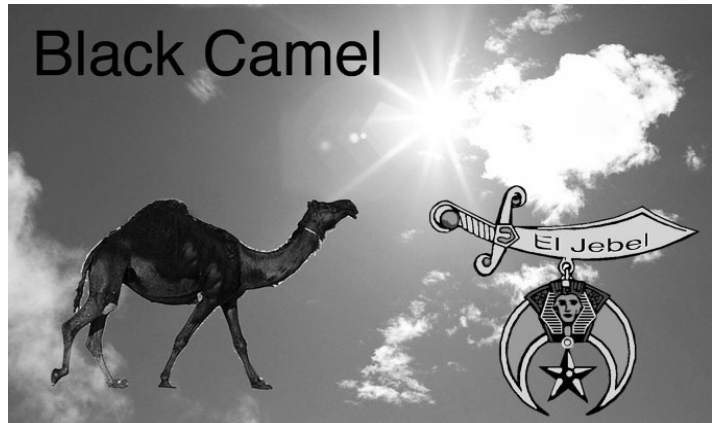
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Jack D. Patten (1990)
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Dr. David Powell (1997)
Jim Lear (1998)
Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
Dennis Proctor (2011)
Jim Long (2012)
Matthew Raia (2013)
Phil Hause (2014)
Michael Trevathan (2015)
Larry Clark (2016)
Rich Silver (2017, 2018)
Bobby Marner (2019)
Joe Kent (2020)

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Black Camel



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 friendli-
ness or kindness done. And now that he
has journeyed on, His is a fame that nev-
er 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 memo-
ries in our hearts. They are not forgotten.”

Orace “Tom” Beach
Ronald A. Dunsmore
John S. Russell
Boyd D. Seefeldt
Earnest O. West



2021 Calendar of Events

All dates are tentative

April

- 4 Easter Sunrise Service—tentative
- 12 Stated Meeting

May

- 10 Shrine Family Night
- 13-15 Consistory Reunion/El Jebel Ceremonial TBD
- 31 Commerce City Parade & Picnic

June

- 5 Johnstown Parade
- 12 Poker Run
- 18-19 FibArk—Salida
- 26 Mexica Fiesta

July

- 4-8 Imperial Session—Houston
- 31 Ladies Luncheon

August

- 19-21 CSSA-Oklahoma City



DONATIONS

Transportation Fund

Dune Buggy Patrol
Albert Glose
Jerry Davis

in Memory of

Steve Tucker, P.P.
Donation
Steve Tucker, P.P.

Shriners Hospitals for Children In Memory of

Dick Welle	Monthly Donation
Jim & Mickey Fitzpatrick	Steve Tucker, P.P.
Jim & Mickey Fitzpatrick	John Kesig
Ron & Judy Cosens	Steve Tucker, P.P.
Ron & Judy Cosens	Mona Johnson
Ron & Judy Cosens	John Kesig
Ron & Judy Cosens	Corrine Paustian
Mike & Robin Terry	Geary Senter
Thad McDonald	Geary Senter
Charles & LaNola Clark	Ron Dunsmore
Dune Buggy Patrol	Ron Dunsmore
Ron & Judy Cosens	Ron Dunsmore
Ron & Judy Cosens	Boyd Seefeldt
Alan & Debbie Antonio	Donation

Operating Fund

Don & Karen Myers

In Memory of

Ron Dunsmore



Be Aware!!

Email, Telephone Scams are on the prow!!!

- ♦ Do not open emails or answer telephone calls unless you know who is sending them.
- ♦ Change your passwords frequently!!
- ♦ Be on the look out and don't get scammed

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Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

839

1-Restoration
1-Expulsion
5-Expired

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Greetings and Happy Easter!

Where did the month of March go? Seems like a cruel April Fool's trick that March is over so soon. April brings us budding trees, blooming flowers, COVID vaccinations and the beginning of the Shrine fundraising season.

Plans and actions are under way for your 2021 Sportsmen's Raffle. This year's raffle will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person sales with the drawing event streamed live. The virtual streaming was decided due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions as well as a desire to not cancel the raffle or have last minute disruptive changes. Best part is all Nobles can receive credit for both in-person and virtual ticket sells. More details forthcoming. Unit secretaries watch your email inbox for important Unit raffle information.

There are other exciting fundraisers in the planning stage; more to come.

Fundraisers support our Shrine operations. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and will result in the success of our endeavors.

Along with Lady Marlene, we wish you a blessed Easter and good health throughout the month.

Fun and Fraternity,
Ken Jones
Chief Rabban



EL JEBEL SHRINE

BUSINESS HOURS

MONDAY	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
TUESDAY	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	CLOSED
THURSDAY	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
FRIDAY	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED

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Email questions or comments.

Please call or email El Jebel Shrine to make an appointment with the Potentate, Treasurer, Recorder, Divan Member or the Bookkeeper

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This is a great event for seeing first-hand the workings of the Shrine as a whole and to meet members from all over the world. The fellowship and camaraderie at these events are fantastic. Book your hotel room now! Call the Travel Assistance Committee (TAC) for assistance if needed.

The Travel Assistance Committee (TAC) is working with a travel agent and talking with Al Malaikah Shriners to prepare for El Jebel's Trip to the Rose Parade to assist in building the Shrine Float as well as attending the parade and other activities. Of note, Al Malaikah has invited all of our attendees to a dinner with them which should be a blast. Contact Noble Chuck and Bonnie Petersen should you want to join the group.

In IS Ron's closing comments, he wished all a happy St. Patrick's Day and reminded us that our next parade will be Memorial Day.

There being no further business to come before the body, the Potentate thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:32 pm, peace and harmony prevailing.

Fraternally,
Jay Bobick, Recorder

PIPE BAND BY KENT BURNS

As promised, the Band raised two new Master Masons for Longs Peak Lodge in Campion. Had a fair attendance, especially given the precautions mandated by this “pandemic.” They did, however, allow the “cast” to do the work without the ubiquitous mask interfering with pronunciation as well as annunciation. One of our number, being colder than the rest, kept complaining about being cold. The lodge accommodated him and turned up the heat. Trouble was, he left soon after and the rest of us had to simmer in the oven the lodge became. Made at least one member a little light-headed (although there are those who would say that is a normal condition). But we pulled it off with the usual aplomb and impressed the sidelines. Rumor has it there were a few “travelers” watching, including one from North Carolina who came to see his friend thus raised, as he had promised. That IS a good friend! However, we did not notice any brogue or accent indicating residence in Scotland and/or England whose presence had been hinted at a few weeks prior. Pretty sure that, if one and/or the other had been in attendance, we would have been made aware.

So, how is everyone handling the “spring forward” time adjustment? Don’t know about you, but there are some who would be glad if they stuck with one or the other (preferably the “daylight saving” one which makes for more time in the evening) – this clock-management thing is getting a little tedious. Assuming we will be back in our building soon, more hours in the evening would allow the Band to play outside if the mood arose. Our days of marching and thus preparing for parades and such are over, but once in a while it is good to remind ourselves of our signature slow-march. We are in the “business” of pleasing the crowd, and our slow-march definitely did wow ‘em. And, we were the only band that did it. We kinda keep it alive with what is becoming our new signature performance-ending slow-march-off to *Amazing Grace*. That leaves a few of them with moist eyes. (And we hope it’s not our playing that makes ‘em cry.)

The Band is luckier than most other pipe bands in the area. We have continued to meet and refine our skills, even during all this mask and social distancing nonsense. Thanks to Tom and Lilly (Johnson) who have graciously allowed us to monopolize their living room every Thursday these past months. Won’t be so bad in the summer when we can open the doors and let all the noise out. Or maybe even go outside. Of course, that leads to noise pollution problems for which some neighbors just might make an issue. So far, however, all the neighbors of all the people who have “invited” us to practice at their home have been asking for a reprise. So if there are any out there who want to either impress their neighbors or irritate them, we can oblige. Our Illustrious Potentate requested our presence twice last summer/fall and has since told us his community has indicated they would not be against our coming again this summer. As have a few other “venues” from last year.

This brings us full circle to back to Campion: Several years ago, the Band played for the lodge. It was summer and we tuned up outside. This building is out in the country, and had three horse farms on three sides of their property. Kinda thought the horses might be a little upset about our squeaking and squawking – after all, that was one of the reasons the Scottish and British armies used pipers as they supposedly frightened the enemy horses. After a few minutes of “warming up,” looked over and each of the three farms had their horses not only coming over to see what was going on, but actually pressing against the various fences to get a closer look at all this. While we have all heard that old axiom about music soothes the savage beast, we can now state, for the record, that maybe all those neighbors really are interested in our music. After all, have always said ya either love ‘em or hate ‘em (bagpipes). Guess there are a few more that love ‘em.



FIBARK DAYS

SALIDA, CO

JUNE 18-19, 2021

Nobles: Time to sign up for rooms in Salida for the parade and hospitality with Al Kaly.

Units encourage your members to attend this event which is always a fun parade and the boat races.

Please contact the motel at 719-539-2895 for those who will need rooms for Friday night June 18th. The Blocked rooms are under El Jebel Shrine at the Gateway Inn

Prices 2 Queen beds - \$99, King - \$129



Dead line for rooms May 30th.

Individuals or units going for just the day need to contact El Jebel so we can set up the parade lineup.

RV Roamers: The 4 Seasons RV Park is being use by Al Kaly again - call for reservations 719-539-3084.

Questions call me, Chuck Petersen, (C) 303-877-0436
(H) 303-985-7473

Leave a message

EL JEBEL LEGION OF HONOR BY COMMANDER ED RICHARDS



It has come to my attention that we haven't had an article in the Red Fez for quite some time. I think that it may have been as far back as 2018. Well I know that we have had a lot happen in that time, and I would like to bring you up to date as to some of the things that have happened. First of all we have lost quite a few members that have either moved or have passed away. PC Jack Harlan, PC Fred Ems, PC Eddie McGrady and PC Don Phelps have all gone with the Black Camel. They are missed without measure.

We haven't been able to have a meeting in a year and that is kind of depressing. I know that our Secretary/Treasurer PC Dave King has sent out all of the dues notices, and I hope that those of you that belong will stay with us. It's hard to get new members with this Covid where everything is shut down, but when it lifts and we can have a meeting again, I would hope that you would come.

Our ranks are dwindling and we need to bring in some new members. So if you know someone that is qualified in the Shrine, get a petition and sign him up. We have one of our Past Commanders who is in line in International and that is Lt Commander Russ Gray who now lives in Las Vegas, but is still a member at El Jebel, Congratulations Russ, we are all anticipating when you become Commander IOLOH. We also have a past member who is one step in front of Russ and that is Lt, Commander Dave Ginapp. Getting back to our things at hand.

We haven't had a parade in over a year and we have a new trailer, which is different from the old one. Now we have only fly the American flag, the Colorado flag the POW flag and all of the armed forces flags. Past Illustrious Sir Bobby Marner gave us the trailer and Past Illustrious Sir Joe Kent fixed it so we could fly our flags. PC Dave King got us a metal box that was put on the front of the trailer that is weather proof and holds all of the flags and LOH signs, hope we get to use it this year. I'm sure that PC Dave King will let us know when this will happen.

I think that's about all I can think of for now so please stay well and stay away from Covid.



RADOPS BY MICHAEL MARCUS

2021 Officers:

Sam Wittner (KØSLW) – President
Michael Marcus (KDØRBA) – Vice President
Ken Behrens (KBØYLN) – Secretary
Rich Wall (WR1CH) – Treasurer

Reaching Out To Fellow Shriners:

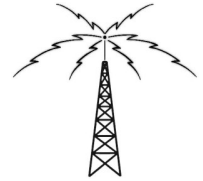
Please feel free to reach out to any Radops officer if you need assistance of any kind during these uncertain times. We are here to help you.

Radops Next In-Person Meeting:

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held virtually on Monday, March 22, 2021 via Zoom. These meetings begin promptly at 7:00pm and are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through April with the exception of December.

Radops Weekly On The Air Meetings:

The Radops weekly on the air meetings (a.k.a. Sunday Night Nets) are held every Sunday evening at 7:00pm on 146.985 MHz. We also have an EchoLink node K0FEZ-R available on the our 2 meter repeater. Please join us if you are a licensed Ham Radio operator. Otherwise, feel free to listen to our weekly meetings.



SANDBLASTERS OF EL JEBEL BY MATTHEW MADRID

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

As the snowmageddon descends on Denver this weekend the Sandblasters continue to hope for warmer weather and look forward to playing golf in the near future.

During the Sandblasters March meeting the group was treated to a wonderful presentation by Past President Jack Kimpton who shared his life story as well as his Masonic journey with the group. Our brother Jack's presentation was deeply inspiring and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We thank you for the privilege.

The Sandblasters meet on the last Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral at 11:30 AM on West Hampden Ave. (River Point Point Shopping Center).



RV ROAMERS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

On March 21st RV Roamers met at NY Deli, getting REAL FOOD at last! There were 21 people represented: Taylors, Stewarts, Stauffer/Custer, Dattilos, Oliver/Arthur, Kents, Marshalls, Eckleys, Graves, Umsteds, Past Potentates, Jim Stewart, Tony Dattilo and Joe Kent were introduced, along with Illustrious Sir Ron Williamson and his Lady Robyn.

Jim Oliver gave the invocation, the March minutes were approved as submitted, and Treasurer Jim Stewart gave a Treasury report. A 50/50 pot brought in \$35, after Dattilos received their winnings of an equal amount, which almost covered their dinners! There were no communications; hosts for today were Ken Stauffer and Bonnie Custer.

Under New Business: It was announced that money for the May Candlelight Dinner Playhouse, with "Little Women" should be sent to Jim Taylor, who will pay for the block in one fell swoop (is that how you say it?) The block will be released after April 15th and then it will be "Pot luck" to be seated (maybe in the very back row!)

Other dates are: Colorado City KOA in June, reserve by April 20---contact Scott Cromwell; Mountindale in July---probably closed, but call them; Wellington KOA in August: blocked sites are gone, 2 cabins left; Lakeside KOA in Sept. book before March 31. Call Lakeside ("Lee") and let Umsteds know.

We are pleased to welcome Illustrious Sir and Lady Karri Kent as two of the newest members of the RV Roamers. We're also pleased and excited to welcome back our former Roamer members Kent and Mona Eckley.

For Sickness and Distress: Annette Stewart had a serious allergic reaction to medication last week; we were glad to see her at this March dinner meeting and still be crowned (the good kind) as Queen of El Mejdol. Her hubby, Jim, will be having his eyeballs worked on (by doctors, not by volunteer Joe Kent!)

The Divan Report was given, in the absence of our Divan Rep, Grady Carter, by I. S. Ron Williamson. He announced that a memorial service is scheduled for Ron Dunsmore, who passed away recently after a long bout with cancer. Ron will be missed as an active contributor and participant in many endeavors of El Jebel Shrine. The service will be on April 17th at Highlands Lodge. He reminded everyone to VOTE in favor of the "Let Me Out Parade", the entry submitted for El Jebel. He also reported that the next stated meeting via Zoom, would be held on April 12, with hopes of resuming much preferred "in person" meetings in May. Illustrious Sir Ron thanked everyone for their support and participation in the events that he and Lady Robyn have planned for the coming year.

The next Roamers dinner meeting will be held on April 18th, 2021 at the NEW Cafe Del Sol, 608 Garrison St. Unit A, Lakewood, CO 80215, with Hosts I.S. Tony and Lady Ellen Dattilo. See you there!



Yea! Back to eating out!
Roamers at NY Deli -, 3-21-21



Three masked bandits
Roamers at NY Deli
3-21-21



Roamers, with Ill. Sir Ron
and his Lady Robyn 3-21-21



More Roamers;
3-21-21

KEYSTONE KOPS

BY DON MYERS

In the early 80's, the Keystone Kops became an active parade unit at El Jebel Shrine. Over the past couple of years, for what ever reason the unit has lost members and become inactive. Well, we hope this will all change this year when we can finally get back to parading. We have the rolling stock, a 1929 Model A Paddy Wagon, a 1925 Model T roadster we use as a patrol car, a jail and a trailer. All we need now is more Kops and even a few Convicts if possible. We presently have 5 members, and we hope to get at least that many more.

The Keystone Kops had a long history of being one of the more active parade units. At one point they had as many as 30 active members among them a couple Past Potentates. Wouldn't it be great if we could get back to those glory days?

We are now a parade unit within the Motor Corps. We are looking for both Kops and Convicts. We do have some uniforms available, but if they do not fit, a purchase will have to be made. **Initiation fee** is \$30.00 and **Annual dues** are \$20.00. Our parade season could possibly start in late June or July, so we have plenty of time to get organized, get our rolling stock up and running and obtain any uniforms needed.

We are hoping some of the older Nobles that at one time were Keystone Kops might be interested in selling or donating their old uniforms back to the Shrine.

If interested, please contact:

Larry Clark P.P. 303-344-3959

Dave Hoffman 540-419-4319

Spencer Anderson 720-334-6246

Don Myers 303-942-0805—dlk1m@q.com



EL JEBEL SPORTS CAR CLUB

BY PAUL WHANNEL

It seems the SPORTS CAR club meetings for 2021 are off and running. President Ron Cosens had our first unit meeting on Mar 10th and it was a huge success. We had 10 members, 9 Ladies and Illustrious Potentate Ron Williamson along with First Lady Robyn join us for an excellent buffet meal and tremendous fellowship.

Noble Greg Rindone was elected and installed as Sec/Treasurer following the stepping down of Hos Varner. Hos served in this position for 10 years and felt it was time for new blood.

Noble Rodney Johnson was unanimously voted into the Sports Car Club. Welcome Rod.

President Ron informed us that he was planning on the Club having several day trips in 2021. Some of the proposed trips included the Military Museum in Colorado Springs, a drive over Trail Ridge, a Lunch in Pine CO. or Grand Lake CO. He is open to suggestions, He also would like to have a few members volunteer to "chair" these trips.

Illustrious Sir Williamson informed us the parade to the Masonic Home was a tremendous success. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the parade and encouraged us to return again. (he is planning on doing in again in the fall). Illustrious Sir Ron informed us that the monthly Shrine meeting (held on the Second Monday of each month) is going to be on Zoom and all Nobles should try to attend.

If you do not have your 2021 Shrine calendar yet, contact the Shrine office and tell them you want one.

Our April meeting will be held at 11:30 AM on Wednesday April 14, 2021. It will be held at the Golden Corral located at 3677 S. Santa Fe drive (just south of Hampden Ave). Please try to attend and bring along a guest or two. Remember all members and Ladies are invited to this meeting.



READY—SET—GO!

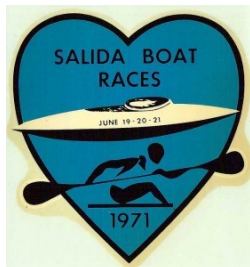
“LET’S PLAN SOME FUN ‘N 21”

HERE ARE SOME EL JEBEL FUN OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT ON YOUR 2021 CALENDAR NOW:

June 18-19

FibArk Parade

Overnight fun with Al Kaly- Salida



July 3-8

Shriners International

Imperial Session—Houston, TX



August 18-21

CSSA Ceremonial Convention

Oklahoma City, OK



September 17-18

Shriners Hospitals for Children

‘Walk for Love’ - Salt Lake City, UT



December 29, 2021– January 2, 2022

Rose Bowl Parade/Shriners Hospital for
Children’s Float Decoration

Pasadena, CA



LET’S GET OUR EL JEBEL UNITS

**TOGETHER AND PLAN TO ATTEND AS
MANY OF THESE EVENTS AS POSSIBLE.
FUN, LAUGHTER, SMILES AND FELLOW-
SHIP ARE THE BEST MEDICINE.**



**FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE
FORTHCOMING.**

*Your Fun and Travel Committee, Gary & Lanna
Gosage, Chuck & Bonnie Petersen and Gloria Hull*



Birthdays

Clowns

Scott "Doc" Stewart

Dune Buggy Patrol

Rich Silver, P.P.
Cathie Weiser
Robin Terry
Mike Palmer
Connie Strand

Legion of Honor

Iris Dahlberg
Hos Varner
Margot Frank
Mickey Fitzpatrick

Provost Guard

John Carr
Mark Short

RV Roamers

Judy Weymouth
Larry Clark, P.P.
Iris Dahlberg

Radops

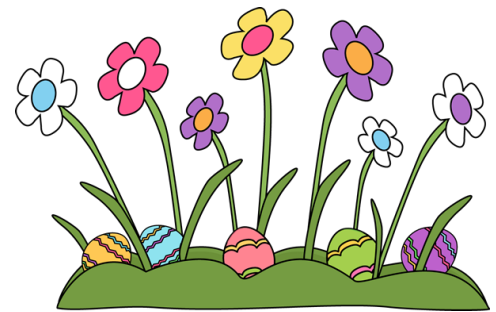
Kristy Allison
Grady Carter
Don Cox

Sports

Hos Varner
Larry Clark, P.P.
April Huskins
Mickey Fitzpatrick

VIP's

Vic Adelgren



Join us for the 2022 Rose Bowl Parade

We will arrive early and work on the Shriner's Float for a couple of days, then attend the parade on January 1.

January 1, 2022
in Pasadena, CA



If you are interested in joining us for the trip to Pasadena, please contact the Shrine Office ASAP. The Travel Agent is going to start reserving rooms very soon.

OPTARS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR



Optars members met for a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, this time only (key members were tied up on our usual Tuesday). Since only Ed Hamm and, Jim & Judy Taylor were present, the scheduled presentation was postponed until the next meeting. Ed had subscribed or bought a series of tutorials from KelbyOne, and was ready with another session. It was well received last month; Ron Dunsmore had commented that it was one of the best on basic photography he had ever seen.

And speaking of Ron, our loyal Optars member and President, we are deeply saddened by his passing; he had so much expertise he was willing to share, besides missing his ever-present strength to El Jebel. Our Optars benefitted so much from his conversation and programs, and his shared experiences; he had many unique ideas to impart to the club for projects, photoshoots and programs. We will miss him terribly.

Anyway, thank you, Ed, for taking time to chat; we always learn plenty from people in-the-know! We'll be looking forward to your sharing more of your excellent tutorials. Even if they might sound technical, there's always something in there for everyone---you never know what you might learn!

Optars next meeting will be on April 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Soon we will get back to dinner meetings---get ready for NY Deli and Kennedy Grille!



9-4-18



NORTHEAST Colorado Shrine Club by Jerry Wardrip, Secretary



March 8, 2021 meeting of the
Northeast Colorado Shrine Club

March 8, 2021
Outpost #1 Sterling, CO

It does not seem like it should be March already, with all that is going on and the hassle it is to try to participate we hope we will be able to do what is coming up. The virtual meetings look like they are working well, as some of the Brother who are unable to travel and get around are able to participate in the meetings. We are starting the work on our interview system as it is time to get started with the Scholarship program. We have interviewed 4 and have one more to go. Pulse we have our committee our reviewing a new candidate for the degrees.

We do not have much for the Fez this month as it has been a slow month.

With the covid 19 still around we will be practicing social distancing and wearing face masks etc. But we are back having our scheduled meetings.

You all have a standing invitation to come out and meet with us the second Monday of each month here at the Overland Trail Café at the Highway 6 interchange off I 76 at 6:00 A.M. That is the Ramada Inn interchange exit 125 highway 6 and I-76. Good food and Great Fellowship.

*This information was forwarded from one of
our Nobles regarding purchases made on
Amazon*

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, everyday purchases have generated over \$266 million in donations to charities worldwide so far.

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DUNE BUGGY PATROL

BY DON WEISER

It's April, and we are celebrating spring! With spring we are hoping that all the snow is behind us. Looking forward to spring rains and warming temperatures, with flowers starting to bloom.

Our March meeting went well on ZOOM, but once again, attendance by our members was a bit lacking. Hopefully, everyone has been getting the e-mail information about the ZOOM meetings, as there are some of our members that we have not seen in over a year now. Please let Don Strand know if you are not getting the e-mails. We also want to remind everyone that 2021 Shrine dues were to be paid by January 1. Please get those dues paid promptly. Also, we still have some that have not paid their 2021 Dune Buggy Patrol dues. Please get those paid as we must pay our 2021 CSASMC dues by March.

Our April Dune Buggy meeting will be held by ZOOM on April 14th. Social time as usual, 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm. Hopefully, everyone has read the March minutes that were sent out by Don Strand, so let us know if any changes need to be made. Have you purchased your 2020 – 2021 El Jebel Shrine calendar yet? They are still available at the Shrine Office, or from our Ill. Potentate Ron Williamson. The cost is \$25.00 each, and proceeds go to the operating fund.

There are 2 dune buggies currently up for sale. If you are interested in belonging to a great, fun filled unit, here is your chance to join us and get your buggy! Both buggies are in very good condition and looking for a new Shriner home. Secondly, there is currently a space available in the Dune Buggy container, at the Shrine lot in Commerce City. If interested, contact Don Strand at 303-799-6629 for more information. Just for your information, currently, the following activities are on our schedule for this year. Fib-Ark parade, Salida, June 18-19. Imperial Session, Houston, July 3-8. CSSA convention, Oklahoma City, August 18-21. SLC Walk for Love, Salt Lake City, September 17-18.

Lastly, we want to honor the loss of another of our long time Dune Buggy Members. Ron Dunsmore. Ron's service will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at Highlands Masonic Lodge. Time, 2:00pm. The Dune buggy Patrol has sent a donation to the SLC Hospital in Ron's name.

Coming Events:

April 12 th	El Jebel Shrine Zoom Meeting	7:00 pm
April 14 th	Dune Buggy Patrol ZOOM Meeting	
	Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00	
April 17 th	Ron Dunsmore Memorial Service	Highlands Masonic Lodge, 2:00 pm

[As always, keep the rubber side down and the wheels turning.](#)



COMPUTER CLUB RED FEZ

J & J TAYLOR

On Tuesday, March 9th, the Computer Club met with 8 people: Mike W., George V., Jim & Judy T., Ed H., Ken B, Richard F. and Doug Kelley, our Divan Rep. President Ed ran the Zoom meeting. After the pledge, the minutes were approved as written in the Red Fez. Jim gave the Treasurer's report, with no new transactions, and it was approved.

Under old business: Kendy will be getting the email number of the El Jebel Zoom account after she sets up the system. Presumably, individuals will be able to use it by scheduling their time (assuming the Zoom account isn't being used).

New business: When the El Jebel "focus" comes up for Computer Club, we are preparing facts and fiction (!) for Ken Behrens to present. Discussed were ideas given to him: Bill Greene's memories of the start and history of the club; the Computer Club flyer (made back in the days of the old Shrine building); a few of Ed Hamm's "tech tips" given at meetings; activities, like joining with Optars for sharing of photoshoot equipment. (Members had agreed that Ken Behrens should do the Computer Club presentation, as he did for the Radops at the Stated Meeting.)

Ken B. had a suggestion for Ken Jones, that Michael Marcus might be able to help with El Jebel's "hybrid" (Zoom and in-person) meetings. Jim mentioned the "hybrid" Square dance meeting to be held nationally in June, about the need for cameras, computers, etc.; discussion ensued about how this was to be accomplished.

There is talk about putting ads in the Red Fez, and what Computer Club might submit. Someone suggested a few of Ed's "tech tips"; Divan Doug suggested an email # of members to answer personal questions or problems (with the intent of increasing C.C. membership).

The Divan Report was given by Doug:

Mentioned were that the new directories are online, with two links to download from the website.

We don't know yet about the Memorial Day Parade.

And everybody---**VOTE!!!**---for the El Jebel "Let Me Out Parade", submitted by Illustrious Sir Ron Williamson.

The next Computer Club meeting, still by Zoom, will be on Tuesday, April 13th, at 1:00. You are welcome to join in---just email a note to Jim Taylor who will be the Zoom host, and he will email the link to you.



WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB

BY STEVE THOMAS

At the El Jebel Zoom meeting we got to hear from Tamera and Brian Wong who knew Chris Weymouth and he and the Shriners have sponsored 6 of their adopted children. What an amazing family!

Illustrious Sir Ron Williamson recognized WCSC Nobles Sky Fairlamb and Chris Giesler among others for 10 years service. Sportsmen's Raffle is on this year and will be held Oct. 2 virtually.

Hoping all that can will join in for the Salida parade with Al Kaly. This happens June 19th with the whole weekend full of Shriner things to do. Let Illustrious Sir Ron know if you want to be there. You will be required to have fun.

Western Colorado Shrine Club is wondering if Jordan Circus is going to survive this COVID thing? I don't think the folks who own those animals can feed and care for them this long with no return on the dollar. If Jody is able to put it all back together there is a major hurdle waiting for him in Colorado. 4 politicians on the front side of the state are pushing a bill that says something like only farm animals can be hauled. I feel this is a backdoor attempt by PETA to stop the circuses. Hope all who can will get with their state rep. and put a stop to this. Haven't heard anything on parades as of yet.

Two clowns had a nice visit at Daveto's in Delta and talked about the need for batteries for the golf cart if and when we start having parades again, other than Delta on July 24th. We will meet again April 20th and have a nice visit and talk about batteries again.

Answer to last month's question is Gene "Gene-O" Dreher., pictured below.

Now who was a Western Colorado Shriner who was a Pilot of Marine 1?

Mikie says: This Day-night shaving time is getting to me. Since I did the spring the clock back thing, by time I get to our local protest, riot, looting and burning it's mostly all over.



EL MEJDEL TEMPLE NO. 47 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE CAROLE BOLDUC, PQ



HAPPY SPRING!

Things are looking up, and a brand new spring promises better things to come; with the COVID Crisis now showing up in our rearview mirror, maybe 2021 will prove to be a year of renewal!

El Mejdal did celebrate our Installation of Officers, via ZOOM, on Saturday, March 20th, and we want to congratulate each and every one of them. Everything went as planned with the new Officers taking their new positions in April. Queen Glenda did a great job last year with all the challenges and mountains she had to climb. We wish her the best and in her new home as well.

We will still be having our Sessions for the months of April and May via ZOOM, however beginning in September, hopefully will be our first live Session together in over a year.

We are still in a waiting period as to Supreme Session in Calgary, Canada, in June. So far, there has been no word if the event will take place or not. We certainly hope so.

Our Summer Function/Installation Celebration is scheduled for July 14th, where we will receive the new password and be introduced to our Temple's Supreme Appointees.

Our Temple Units are excited about getting back to practices and meetings in September. It's been a loooong time; kind of like "starting over"!

We wish everyone a Happy Spring. Good things are on the horizon, and we are all looking forward to that.

Stay safe and well.



BY EJGW



El Jebel seems to be blessed with several true heroes, one of whom has been eulogized early on in this column. Another such Noble is Bruce Hepp. One of the few true native Coloradoans, Bruce was the third generation of Denverites, born in 1934, the next of a long line of Hepps, Coloradoans all since 1884. Graduating from Denver's East High School (where he met his dear wife Marylyn) in 1953, Bruce then matriculated to the University of Denver where he enrolled in the ROTC program which led to his joining the Air Force after graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1957.

Bruce flew rescue helicopters in Vietnam. There are many Air Force pilots out there who owe their life to this man, recipient of the Silver Star and three Distinguished Flying Crosses. (One could listen to his war stories for hours and be totally enthralled.) Once while in Vietnam, he was the second helicopter to arrive at a pilot-rescue scene and had to pick up the original pilot and some survivors of the first helicopter that had been shot down. But he is very happy to report that he never put a scratch on his aircraft, although the enemy put a lotta bullet holes in it.

He left the Air Force after nine fun-filled years, as a major, and started flying for United Airlines. He was the senior first-officer in the fleet, and therefore had his choice of routes. He used that status to bid for routes which would allow him to be home on weekends, thereby ensuring lots of time with his wife and children Alan, Valorie, and Victoria (Vicky). Bruce is proud of his three children, four grandchildren, and 2 great-granddaughters (and soon to be great-grandson). He retired from United after 25 years.

His Masonic journey started when he had his father be his first-line signer for Union #7. His uncle, who had been initiated in 1927, was Worshipful Master and raised him in 1959, thanks to special consideration to do so during a month-long furlough from over-seas duty with the Air Force. He and Marylyn were very active as Bethel Guardians for Job's Daughters where he met our present Potentate III. Sir Ron Williamson, and his wife Robyn, whose daughter Michele was a member. Bruce joined Rocky Mountain Consistory (now Denver Consistory) and then El Jebel in November 1973. Among his other accomplishments he was in the Jeep Patrol for twenty-five years and then tried out the RV Roamers. While on a trip to Moab, he recalled his expertise learned as a rescue pilot in Nam. Fred Mays and some others from the Jeep Patrol had gone over to Moab a little early to check out some jeep trails. Fred had to use the winch on his jeep to get some other jeeps up a hill. When he was unhooking the last jeep, his emergency brake released and pinned him between the two jeeps and crushed his pelvis. Hearing a call for help on the CB radio, Bruce answered the call, found out the situation, and called for medical help

from a nearby home. Bruce was informed that it would take an ambulance several hours to get there. Knowing that his friend would not last that long, Bruce cajoled those on the other end of the line to send a helicopter to take his friend to the hospital. Through his persistence, they finally relented and sent the chopper. Just add one more rescue to his list.

He had lectured at a Parker school on Military Day, counts woodworking and old cars among his hobbies. Bruce tells of a monument down at the Air Force Academy dedicated to his old group in Nam – the Air Rescue Service. Seems as how there is also a book out about the esteemed group, in which he is prominently mentioned, entitled *Naked Fanny*, a reference to how those pilots felt going in to hot zones to pick up fellow fliers.

Didja know that he comes by all these military heroics naturally – he claims ancestry (on his mother's side) to none other than Admiral Dewey? For those not up on Naval History, George Dewey was Admiral of the Navy, the only person in United States history to have attained the rank. He is best known for his victory at the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War, with the loss of only a single crewman on the American side.



Motor Patrol

“Happy Easter”





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VIP's

See you next month



Focus On Fun 'n 21

Recognizing Our Clubs & Units

Legion of Honor

ATTENTION VETERANS:

We are a uniform parade unit representing the Armed Forces of the United States and its allies and we are looking for a few Good Men.

Our objective is to promote a spirit of patriotism and love of country and its flag, to remember and honor those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country.

Contact Ed Richards
303-501-6854
1duntruckn@comcast.net



Keystone Kops

KOPS WANTED

We would like to activate our Keystone Kops unit again. This unit is 35 years old and we have a 1929 Model A Paddy Wagon, a 1925 Model T touring car and a portable jail with trailer. Do you want to be a KOP or a Convict?

Join us now! Parade season is just around the corner.

If you are interested in having fun, please contact Larry Clark, PP at 303-344-3959, Spencer Anderson at 720-334-6246 or Don Myers at 303-942-0805.

Sports Car Club

Do you have a Sports Car, a Convertible or do you just love Sports Cars? If so, the Sports Car Club might be perfect for you.

This group has members who own cars and also social members. We love to parade and do local road trips.

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30am at the Golden Corral on Santa Fe and Hampden.

If interested, please contact Ron Cosens at 303-794-4851 or Paul Whannel at 303-447-1140.

Medical Staff

The Medical Staff Unit is responsible for educating Shriners and the general public about Shriners Hospitals. Hospital night emphasized the importance of our commitment. The presentation by Tamara Wong told how the hospitals have helped their seven adopted children. It was a real reminder of our purpose.

Medical Staff assists patients at Presbyterian/St Luke's Hospital's Outreach Clinic. Patients often come from Montana to New Mexico for care. The Medical Staff escorts patients to x-ray then to see their medical doctors and to make adjustments to their wheelchairs or adaptive equipment. Their meetings are the third Thursday each month prior to the month of Outreach Clinic at 7:00 PM at El Jebel. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Proctor, PP at 303-349-7495.

Focus On Fun 'n 21

Recognizing Our Clubs & Units

Band

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR:

Dance Band

German Band

Family Band Dance Combo Band

Parade Band

(It's really all the same band, they just change the name)

Special requirement: your instrument and a music stand.

Contact: Norm O'Kelly 303-450-0876

Clowns

BE A CLOWN (Make kids smile)

Meeting Place/Time: Davies Chuckwagon Diner

Last Thursday of each month, except December, 6:30 PM dinner – meeting 7:00PM

Unit Description: To bring the Nobles, guests & children a greater appreciation of happiness in life.

Special equipment or requirements:

Clown costume; make up, gags or props as desired.

Uniform: Clown costume. Costs will vary on type of costume. **Initiation Fee:** \$75.00

Dues: \$40.00 per year

Contact: Swede "Cuddles" Nelson 307-214-1151 Swede.nelson44@gmail.com

Tux & Trikes

The Tux and Trikes are a parade unit dedicated to spreading the message of El Jebel and entertaining the attending crowds. Our trikes are easy to maneuver and can get close to the crowds.

Because these are certified mobility devices, we are as capable of maneuvering indoors as well as in parades. We can legally travel on the roads, sidewalks, and bike paths. We communicate via email and phone and have no regularly scheduled meetings. Our 2020 quote for a new trike was \$1500 – \$1700. As we own our own units, they are available for us to use as personal mobility devices, and are light enough for one person to load into a van or pickup. I've even taken mine on Light Rail. If you would like to join us in the parades, please contact Ed Hamm at edhamm@comcast.net.

Drovers

From the end of the Civil War until the turn of the century, about 5 million Texas Longhorn cattle were driven to the Northern railhead towns, put on trains and sent to other cities.

The Drovers or "Cowboys" who did this difficult and dangerous job have become symbols of the American West.

Our main requirement is to have fun!

If you would like more information about the Drovers please

Contact the President, Nate Alton -303-809-9672 or email

altonranchltd@gmail.com

April 2021

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