



of El Jebel Shrine

a monthly newspaper

December 2021 Edition 3443 South Galena St., Denver, Colorado 80231



*Wishing you Happy Holidays
bright with celebration,
wrapped in favorite memories,
and warmed by the love
of family and friends.*

*Illustrious Sir Ron
and Lady Robyn*



Meeting & Election of Officers

DECEMBER 13, 2021

Dinner 6pm

Meeting 7pm

Mandarin Salad

Baked Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Steamed Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

Cost will be \$20 each

RSVP to the Office with

your payment

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Ron
Williamson**

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

December Brings Us To The End Of The Year But Not The End Of The Fun And Fellowship

At our November meeting, we honored our Veterans with a fantastic ceremony. I think we all learned something. During the evening we found out about The Missing Man Table and the reason for each item on the table, so impressive! We saw pictures of some of our Nobles taken about 50 years ago, our Pipe Band presented the colors, we had SOS, Hershey candy bars and Tootsie Rolls, Lt Commander Russ Gray awarded Ed Richards the International Association Legion of Honor Distinguished Service Award, and the Pipe Band closed our meeting. What an evening! Thank you, Noble Kent Burns.

Great news! El Jebel gained four new Nobles on Saturday, November 13, 2021 when our Ceremonial Team made the trip to Sterling. Our new Nobles are Jakob Schultz, Cleat Young, Shane Hoskins and Chris Matthews. Congratulations to the Northeast Shrine Club on your four new Nobles and the rumor has it there are more to come! Thank you to our Ceremonial Team, you did an outstanding job! Thank you also to all that joined us in Sterling.

Saturday, December 11th the Children's Christmas party has been cancelled due to COVID protocol. Hopefully we can try again next year.

As this year comes to a close, we still have one very important meeting. Please join us on December 13, 2021 for our Stated Meeting and the annual election of officers. Remember you will need your current dues card to attend this meeting. The Ladies will be making Christmas Cards that will go to the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus. They will also be collecting toys to go to Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City. (More information in this month's Red Fez).

Our socials continue to provide fun and fellowship and great food. Please plan to join us on December 17th to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

At the end of the month, we have a group of about 25 going to Pasadena to work on the Shrine float and watch the Rose Bowl Parade. We will also be visiting Al Ma-laikah Shrine. Pictures will be shared when we return.

December is always a great time of year to get together

with old friends, make new friends and share the holidays.

As 2021 comes to a close, we hope each of you will have the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends.

January 10 will be our first Stated Meeting for 2022. At this time, we will be wrapping up 2021 with some presentations and awards. Installation of Officers for 2022 will then follow. There will also be a program for the Ladies.

Plan to join us on Friday evening January 14, 2022 for Shrine night at the National Western Stock Show. Tickets can be purchased at El Jebel for \$28 each until January 4, 2022.

Continue to support El Jebel in 2022 as we continue to get back to our new normal. COVID has taken its toll on our Blue Lodges, the Consistory and on El Jebel.

Continue to stay safe and healthy. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

*Touches of wonder,
moments of peace,
joy that comes
from the heart...
Wishing you all good things
at the holidays.
And to you and your loved ones
Peace, Health, Happiness and Prosperity
In the coming New Year.*

*Illustrious Sir Ron
and Lady Robyn*





Recorder's
Desk

Jay Bobick



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I know Jean and I did as we were visiting with family in Austin, Texas, and therefore I failed to write a December Red Fez Article. I hope you all will understand and accept the lack of a message from your Recorder. As we now have entered into a season of joys beginning with Thanksgiving and four days later with Hanukkah and are looking forward to Christmas and New Year celebrations, please accept my wishes to each of you to have the best of holidays and that you may enjoy family and friends throughout the month of December thus entering into the new year, 2022, with a smile on your face.

Jay



CEREMONIAL— STERLING NOVEMBER 13, 2021



Happy
Holidays!




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Potentate

ELECTED DIVAN

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

APPOINTED DIVAN

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

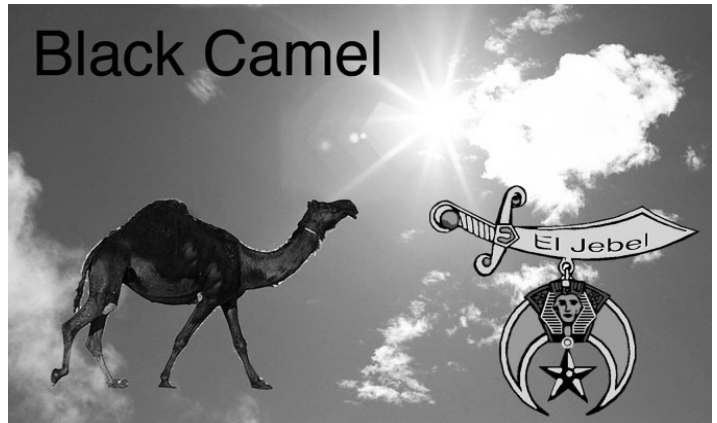
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Amer Plaisted (1994)
Dr. David Powell (1997)
Jim Lear (1998)
Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
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.”

George W. Barrett
Charles T. Brown
James A. Howrey
Donald P. Noyes
Donald F. Schultz



2021/2022 Calendar of Events

December

- 11 Children's Christmas Party—**CANCELLED**
 13 Stated meeting & Elections/Ladies Program
 28-2 Pasadena Rose-Bowl Parade

January

- 8 Al Kaly Installation—Pueblo
 10 Stated Meeting/Installation of Officers/Ladies Program
 14 Shrine Night at the Stock Show
 15 Unit Officers Meeting/Installation

February

- 3 East West Shrine Game- Las Vegas
 12-13 WCSC Installation—Grand Junction



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Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

822

5-Expired

DONATIONS

Transportation Fund

Dennis & Judy Proctor

in Memory of

Glenn & Jean Proctor

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Dick Welle

Greg & Kendy Cusick-Rindone

Greg & Kendy Cusick-Rindone

Ron & Robyn Williamson

In Memory of

Monthly Donation

Ron Frohlick

Jim Wright

John "Mac" Mclean, Jr.



HAPPY HOUR

DATE: Friday, December 17, 2021

TIME: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

PLACE: El Jebel Shrine Members Lounge



You are welcome to bring something to eat or just come so we can wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



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Greetings and Best Wishes!

The holidays are here, time to celebrate and be thankful for the blessings in our lives. During this busy time of the year, take time for family and friends. As the year end approaches, reflect on all the wonderful events that occurred in 2021. Look with optimism to all that 2022 will hold.

Stay on Santa's "Very Good" list, support El Jebel's fund-raising events.

Pecan sales are continuing. Raw halves are great for holiday baking. The delicious cinnamon frosted make tasty stocking stuffers and holiday treats.

Bottle tags are currently on sale. Reserve your 2021 inaugural bottle. They are a great holiday gift for friends and family.

December 7 at 7 PM, private distillery tour and tasting. Tour Bear Creek Distillery (handcrafters of grain to bottle spirits). Learn about the distilling of El Jebel's inaugural release and enjoy a private tasting session.

December 12 at 2 PM, bottle unveiling party with auction will be held in conjunction with a Bronco watch party. Join the fun for the official release of our inaugural 2021 bottle at El Jebel Oasis.

Tickets are available for El Jebel Shrine day at the National Western Stock Show (January 14). Tickets are \$28 for all day admission and 7:30 PM Pro Rodeo event.

Details about all the fundraisers can be found in this month's Red Fez. Informational emails, via Mail Chimp, will also be sent during December.

Along with Lady Marlene, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Celebrate the good things!

Fun and Fraternity,
Ken Jones
Chief Rabban





**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE EL JEBEL SHRINE'S
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 11, 2021
FROM 12:00 PM TO 3:00 PM
RSVP: SHRINE OFFICE : 303-455-3470**



Cancelled

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PICTURE TAKEN
BY SANTA CLAUS
SHOW WHAT YOU WANT THIS
YEAR?

REMEMBER HE KNOWS IF YOU HAVE
BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE...

COME JOIN OUR ELVES IN
SANTA'S WORKSHOP

THERE WILL BE:

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS
MUSIC
DECORATIONS
CHRISTMAS MOVIES

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY.

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



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A time to feel Grateful, Thankful and Blessed. Christmas is the time to share love and joy and enjoy the holiday season. Let's spread a little holiday cheer. At the Stated Meeting on December 13, 2021, while the Nobles are having their

Stated Meeting, the Ladies will be making Christmas Cards and decorating candy bars that will be taken to the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community Campus.

At our meeting in December, we will also be collecting toys to go to Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City. This will replace our personal gift exchange this year. Below is a list of suggested items from Salt Lake City. Please bring the items that you purchase to the Shrine Meeting on December 13, 2021 and they will be put together with the items from El Mejdol Daughters of the Nile and sent on to Salt Lake City. These items will be used throughout the year for the children.



Suggestions from Shriners Children's

Gift Cards – Amazon, Walmart, Michaels, Target

Dolls (Disney princesses, Barbies)

Super Hero/Star Wars figures

Toy cars and trucks

Play-Doh and Play-Doh kits

Coloring books, colored pencils, markers, crayons (non-holiday)

Toys for infants and toddlers (light up, noise)

Video games for (X-box 360 or Wii)

New release DVDs

Legos (smaller sets), Blocks, Tinker Toys

Blue tooth speakers and headphones

Journals, Diaries or Sketch/Drawing Pads



Christmas is sharing and caring about others. Join us in sharing and caring for the children in our Hospitals.

First Lady
Robyn



NORTHEAST COLORADO SHRINE CLUB BY JERRY WARDRIP, SECRETARY



Nov 13, 2021
Ceremonial
Northeast Colorado
Shrine Club



We have accomplished a “first” here in Sterling, with us hosting the first El Jebel Ceremonial in Northeast Colorado. The Nobles from Denver came out to meet with the Brother Nobles of Sterling and Ft. Morgan and initiate four Brother Masons into the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The ceremony was conducted by Brother Noble Bobby Juchem and his ceremonial team and was well done and enjoyed by all. The gathering was well attended, with 35 brothers and their spouses from the Denver area and around NE Colorado. The program was kicked off with setting up and having coffee from 9:00 until 10:00, the ceremony then proceeded and was very well preformed. We then adjourned to the dining room where Northeast Colorado Shrine Club Secretary Jerry’s Lady Irene had prepared lunch. A report on the hospital changes at the Imperial Session along with other happenings at El Jebel was given by PP Rich Silver.

We are happy to welcome four new members, Jakob Schutz, PM Cleat Young, JW Shane Hoskins, and Brother Chris Matthews from Sterling and Ft Morgan. Congratulations Brothers, we are looking forward to your joining in our work.

In other happenings in this area of the state: Like last year we joined with the Elks and the other Masonic bodies in Sterling and met at the Elks Lodge on Saturday, the 23rd of October where the Santa’s of Sterling had dropped off 115 fair-sized pumpkins and we collected a can of unexpired food for each pumpkin. The food was then donated to the Cooperative Ministries food bank. All the pumpkins were given out and we collected an abundance of food. When we took it to the Cooperative Ministries, they were very glad to receive it for their food baskets. This is a win/win situation for us each year. We would like to thank the Santa’s of Sterling, the Sterling Elks Lodge 1336, and all the Masons and Shriners that helped to make this a successful endeavor again this year, despite the COVID 19 problem.

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.



OPTARS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR



On November 2nd the Optars met at New York Deli for dinner, before the meeting later at 7:00. There were six members there and another one on Zoom. The ones there were: Jim and Judy Taylor, Ron and Robyn Williamson, Ed Hamm, and Kim Carter. The ZOOMER was Sam Wittner.

Minutes were approved as printed in the Red Fez, and the Treasurer’s report was also approved (even Sam on Zoom approved!) Sam also agreed to be the Vice-President of Optars (we ALL approved!)

Old business brought up the old question: What shall we have put on the donated Optars brick. Ed showed on the computer some line drawings of cameras; one was picked, along with two lines of inscription – “Optars Photograph Club.” Jim will write a check to El Jebel after he finds out the final amount.

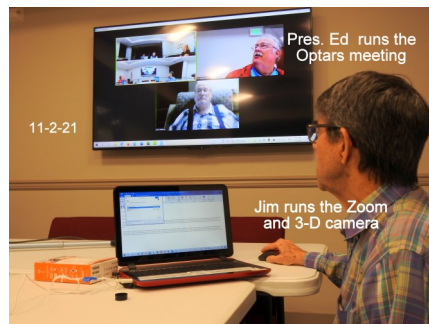
We again used the 360-degree camera and a small speaker for use with the Zoom attendees – it works well, and ZOOMEES are happy to be a part of the meeting and still be at home for various reasons. And we are happy to have them! The camera is in Jim’s hands until mid-January, in which case it will be decision time for our club. Indications are that Optars will buy one – cost will be around \$125.00 – and other units may be able to borrow it.

The photo book created by Optars is proposed to be sold for \$49.95 each. The November meeting was initially going to be the date for presenting the fundraiser, but with the November Veterans’ celebration, it was postponed until a later Shrine meeting. An order sheet for writing sizes (and buyers) of prints of other pictures will be drawn up and ready.

Under New Business we were reminded to pay our Optars dues of \$15.00. (This is pretty cheap camera education – we’ve learned a lot from our experts.)

The program was from Ed’s collection (mostly these are paid subscriptions), of KelbyOne on “Light Room.” This program surpasses “Photoshop,” and we were shown some amazing things that can be done, like adding your own clouds to a picture, and changing the colors of skies, etc. What amazing creativity this allows!

So come to our next dinner (at Citron) and meeting on December 7th – you’ll be glad you did. At any rate, we’ll see you in the pictures!



PIPE BAND BY KENT BURNS

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving – fully stuffed with the turkey and all the trimmings, and now preparing for the rest of the Holiday Season. Got your tree up yet? Lights all hung? How about the mistletoe, garland, and candles?

We in the Band are all ready – at least ready for our Christmas party, to be held in the ballroom on Saturday, 11 December with attitude adjustment starting at 1700 (that's 5:00 for the non-military types), with food, fun, and frolic to follow. A full report on who lived through it all will be made in the first edition of this fine newsletter in the new year.

Can you believe we are staring 2022 in the eye? Seems like just yesterday some of us had trouble writing "2021" on our checks. Now that we have that down pat, we gotta learn a whole new one. As they say: *Tempus fugit*. And does it ever! Problem is that it just seems to go faster with each passing year. The fact that the years are passing was really brought home while preparing for the annual Veterans Day dinner this last month. Reviewing pictures of fellow Nobles who have worn the uniform, you all looked so young in those uniforms – so fit, so full of life, so YOUNG! In fact, most of us were unrecognizable to the rest. Lady Robyn did an excellent job of creating a collage of all the photographs with the intent of making a game out of who could name the boys in the pictures. But time again ran out before all were "identified" and some remained "mysterious." However, it seems like the famed SOS was well-received (much more so than last time, but it was also much more "authentic"). Lots of memories for some; lots of information for others.

The Band once again performed with the Rocky Mountain Brassworks in Lakewood. Thanks to all the Nobles and their ladies who came to support us. We will remind all of our next outing with this great brass band in late March, playing together to celebrate "the wearin' o' the green" more commonly known as St. Patrick's Day. Speaking of upcoming performances, we are getting ready for our favorite one in Aspen with the cadets from the Air Force Academy. At this writing, all appears to be a "go" for this event. The director of the Drum and Bugle Corps assures us that the cadre down there is all for the event, they have the approval from the folks in Aspen, and the Band is practicing extra hard for our combined concert up there in them thar hills. Let's hope Murphy and his new friend Covid don't mess this up for us.

In the meantime, we are back to the Shrine for our weekly get-togethers each Thursday at 1800. Anyone interested is welcome to join us then, so come on down!

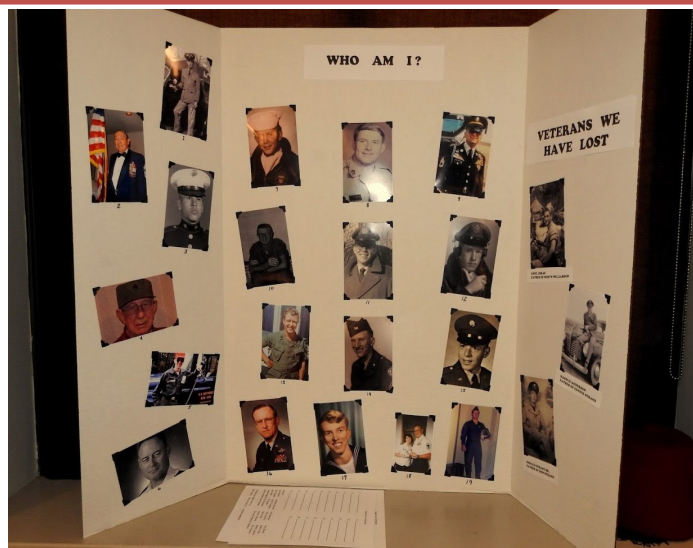
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all,
and to all, see ya later.



VETERANS DAY DINNER

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

WHO AM I?



William Barnard



Joe Ashby



Dave King



Ron Cosens



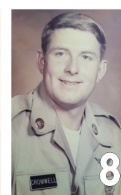
Ken Behrens



Jim Stewart



Dooley Gehr



Scott Cromwell



Ed Richards



Byron Walker



Glenn Lasater



Chuck Stevens



Swede Nelson



Bud Gish



Tony Dattilo



Jay Bobick



Don Weiser



Jim & Annette
Stewart



Ed Hamm



Gene Lomas



Harold Anderson



Don Strand Sr.

COMPUTER CLUB

BY J & J TAYLOR

The Computer Club met at 11:00 at the Shrine on November 9th after having “dinner” at Olive Garden. There were eight in-person and two on Zoom: Ed Hamm, Jim and Judy Taylor, George Van Trump, Ken Behrens, Dianne White, Ron and Robyn Williamson, and the Zoomers Sam Wittner and Mike Wallen. The 360-degree camera was used for the Zoom, and worked well.

Minutes were approved as written in the Red Fez, and the Treasurer’s report was read and approved.

Under Old Business, the members had voted to purchase the \$500 brick. Simple line drawings of a computer were shown on Ed’s computer, and one was picked for the inscription, with a Shrine logo on its screen.

Bill Greene, Fred Groom, and Mike Wallen were mentioned for Sickness and Health. IS Ron gave the Divan Report stressing the “elections” at the December 13 Shrine stated meeting.

The next Computer Club meeting includes lunch at Sam’s #3 on Havana at 11:00 AM, then meeting at the Shrine at 1:00 PM. Subject TBD. We will set up the zoom again if you cannot participate in-person. All are welcome to attend – email jimtal@msn.com if you need the Zoom link.



**Fred Dare, with Captain of the Guard John Titterington
had the highest bid for the Decanter**

RADOPS

BY MICHAEL MARCUS

Election of 2022 Officers

On September 24, 2021 the Radops elected their officers for 2022, who remain the same as in 2021. We would like to congratulate each of our officers on their election and to thank them for their willingness to serve our unit for a second consecutive term. The elected 2022 officers are:

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

Radops To Assist Santa

The Radops will once again help Santa Clause this holiday season during the El Jebel Children’s Christmas Party, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 11th at Highlands Temple. This is always a fun event for everyone attending. Jim Oliver (AG0F) will be making cotton candy for all of the kids while Sam (KØSLW) and Michael (KDØRBA) will be Santa’s helpers, providing Santa with highly classified information such as each child’s name, age, and their Christmas morning wish list!

Radops Next In-Person Meeting

As of the date of this writing, our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 in the 2nd floor meeting room at the Shrine building. 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. Additionally, we have an EchoLink node K0FEZ-R available on our 2-meter repeater. The Radops also own and operate a standalone 447.925 MHz repeater located in Aurora near I-225 and Yale Avenue, which is not linked to our 146.985 MHz repeater or EchoLink. Please join us if you are a licensed Ham Radio operator. Otherwise, feel free to listen to our weekly meetings.



SPORTS BY PAUL WHANNEL



Come One - Come All

We will be having our Christmas Party/Luncheon, combined with the Dune Buggies, on December 8th. So, make your plans and mark your calendar. Ordering will be from a limited menu, separate billings, full bar, and great food. We need your response with a YES or NO and number of attendees as soon as possible. The room will only accommodate a maximum of 40, so make sure you are included. The event will be at Cafe Jordano, 11068 W. Jewell Ave, Lakewood, CO 80227, (303)988-6863, which is at Kipling and Jewel on the southwest corner, and start time is 1:30. Please RSVP via e-mail response to our 2021 President Ron Cosens at grcpote03@comcast.net, or call 303-794-4851. (Remember you do not have to be member of Sports or own a convertible)

As mentioned above our Christmas party will be with the Dune Buggies. This is an attempt to do more things with some of the other units in El Jebel. Please keep in mind that each and every Noble and their families are welcome to attend any of the Sports events. There is nothing stopping any car owner (not just convertible) from joining us in having a great time and fellowship. In fact, even if you do not own a "car" you are welcome. We are in the process of changing/modifying our By-laws to make certain the non-convertible owners are not excluded from joining the "Sports." Just think how great it would be when, on our first 2022 "trip," we would have not only convertibles but perhaps old cars and trucks, some motorcycles, some Classics, some Dune Buggies and perhaps some "normal/regular" cars. One of El Jebel's aims is to increase participation and not limit participation in units because a Noble does not have "exactly" what other Nobles have. Let's make plans to have the biggest and greatest turnout for our first event for 2022.

Yes, our outings for 2021 are over but it is not too early to start thinking about next year. For instance, we have a slate of officers waiting for installation. They are President Ed Rendon P.P., Randy Jensen as Vice President, and Greg Rindone for Secretary/Treasurer. These officers are "chomping at the bit" to make 2022 the best in Sports history. They need help however, and you are an important part of what they hope to accomplish. Please make certain your 2022 dues are paid (due to Sec. 12/31/2021) and if you do not yet belong to Sports, call one of the 2022 officers and get involved.

May each and every one of you have a special Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.



SANDBLASTERS BY CLAUDE AKRIDGE



Sandblasters and Ladies:

Hopefully every one and their families had a good Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas holidays. The Sandblasters held their annual meeting on October 27th and elected officers for 2022. As most of the members know, our 2021 President, Matthew Madrid, was transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada. Matthew, thank you much for your leadership in 2021. You did a great job and we wish you the very best with your job promotion and new assignment.

The 2022 Sandblaster's Officers are:

President – Larry Bangert
Vice President – Tommy Thammavongkeo
Secretary/Treasurer – Phil Hause
Golf Chairman – Jim Teagarden
Points Chairman – Chuck Petersen
Red Fez – Claude Akridge
Membership – Everyone

The Sandblaster's Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 8th at the Vista at Applewood. It will be a fun party; if you have not yet signed, up please do so.

The golf outings were very well attended in 2021. Golf chairman Jim did a great job and has agreed to do it again in 2022. Here's hoping 2022 will be as good or better than 2021.

On a very sad note, our club lost three of its members to the Black Camel in 2021: PP Steve Tucker, Don Schultz, and Billie McKibbin. I personally had the pleasure of playing golf with all three of them. They will be greatly missed.

The Sandblasters meet on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Golden Corral, West Hampden Avenue at So Santa Fe Drive in the River Point Shopping Center. Guests are WELCOME, so come join us.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL!**



**It was wonderful to
see Russ Gray at the
Veterans Dinner.**

**He made a
presentation to
Noble Ed Richards
from the
International
Legions of Honor**





Birthdays

Band

Hank Hahne

Dune Buggy Patrol

Marlene Jones
Patty Dunsmore
Ken Jones
Janet Bartus
Ernie Edwards

Legion of Honor

Pam Richards
Vicky Dexter

Provost Guard

Patty Dunsmore
Pam Richards
Paul Stembel
Elmer Willingham

RV Roamers

Bruce Hepp
Arlene Kohlwey
David Kohlwey
Tootsie Dougherty

Radops

Emit Hurdelbrink
Ken Jones
Marlene Jones
Patricia Marcus
Sherry Powell
Jim Schneider
Mike Schwartz
Mary Wittner

Sports

Kent Eckley
Vicky Dexter
Paul Whannel

VIP's

Matt Raia, P.P.
Bill Barnard
Joe Kent, P.P.



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EAST WEST
SHRINE BOWL
02.03.2022



In Memoriam



John S. Miller Jr.

Trustee Emeritus

Trustee 1993 -2002

Shriners Hospitals for Children

February 3, 1930 - September 22, 2021

He walked through life and left his impress there;
He still lives on in ways we cannot know.
His love of life and living is not lost;
His spirit carries on in those he loved,
And reaches out to touch humanity.
A heritage continuing through the years.

Shriners Hospitals for Children®

LOVE
TO THE RESCUE®



First Lady Debby Bailey's Transforming Lives fundraising program shines a light on the amazing contributions Shriners Hospitals for Children® brings to the field of scoliosis care and supports these efforts. Scoliosis is an extremely common condition that, if left untreated, can have debilitating impacts on a child's life.

First Lady Debby is dedicated to helping Shriners Hospitals for Children give patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve their goals. The family-centered, innovative and compassionate care we provide helps children transform their lives and achieve their highest potential.

CUSTOMIZED TREATMENTS

Scoliosis is a disorder that results in a curved spine. The condition causes the spine to take on a curved appearance, sometimes similar to an "S" or "C" shape. No two cases are alike. Some children develop the condition during infancy, while others don't exhibit symptoms until they're approaching adolescence. Every patient is unique, and Shriners Hospitals for Children's medical teams create custom treatment plans for each child based on the severity of their condition.

Casting and bracing: Serial casting is often an effective option to slow progression of a spinal curve. A plaster cast gently and precisely helps straighten the spine. Children typically wear a cast for two to three months, then transition to a new one. Bracing is one of the least invasive treatment options for scoliosis. At Shriners Hospitals for Children, every scoliosis brace is customized to the individual patient to best address the severity and location of their spinal curve.

Spinal fusion: Not every child will need surgical intervention. When surgery is the best option, our renowned orthopedic specialists have a wealth of experience. In fusion surgery, screws and rods are used to correct the curve, then bone grafts fuse the spine to hold the correction in place.

Vertebral body tethering (VBT): This treatment is an alternative to fusion surgery for certain patients. It was developed by our medical team at the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This technology helps correct the scoliosis while allowing a more natural motion, unlike fusion surgeries.

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Helping Our Patients Overcome
Challenges and Reach for
Their Dreams

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Many of our patients, including those with scoliosis, need numerous X-rays taken throughout their treatment. That's why we try to limit exposure to radiation as much as possible. Our EOS imaging system emits much less radiation than standard X-rays or CT scans. EOS systems produce high-quality 2D or 3D images that deliver very precise measurements, helping our medical teams to craft in-depth analysis and personalized treatment plans.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

First Lady Debby invites you to join her in supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children's efforts to provide innovative, customized care for our patients with scoliosis. Donors who would like to support the Transforming Lives program may purchase a beautiful locket that has the word "LOVE" spelled in Braille inside, a nod to Lady Debby's career teaching children with vision impairments. Donors may also purchase a bracelet bead, necktie, socks or holiday ornament, or make donations online. Thank you for your compassion, generosity and support of Shriners Hospitals for Children.



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shrinershospitalsforchildren.org



Necklace • Bracelet Bead • Necktie • *\$40
Two Pairs of Socks • \$40 | Ornament • *\$60

* The appropriate value of goods/services received is \$15.25 for bead, \$8.75 for pendant necklace, \$16 for regular tie, \$18 for long tie, \$9.50 for two pairs of socks and \$12.25 for ornament. This amount is not tax deductible.



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RV ROAMERS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

As promised in last month's Roamers Red Fez article, we will report on our dinner and meeting at Black Bear Diner in Aurora, hosted by Jim and Sherri Marshall. On October 17, at 1:00 p.m. we had our first "inning" of the fall. It's too bad we couldn't be on an outing in this wonderful fall weather, but you never can plan on Colorado weather. Our dinner was delicious, and the company was terrific. There were 26 Roamers there, including some we don't get to see very often. Remember, you don't have to own an RV to be a member – eight of our monthly events are "innings" at various restaurants.

Minutes were approved as printed in the Red Fez, and the Treasurer's report was also approved.

Since there was no Old Business (at this shortened meeting), the New Business brought up was that the directory is being created by the Taylors; the schedule is being verified by those member volunteers who will host the events. This is difficult for everyone to predict what, where, and when things will happen next year. There will be a lot of TBD's in the Roamers' 2022 directory.

One event, however, that is "in the books" is the Caravan, to be in September next year. This trek will take us to Custer, SD, for a week or so, to be guided by President-elect Jim Stewart and Wagon Master Grady Carter. As on all our outings, we book our RV parks and resorts that offer cabins, so anyone can go with us; but get your reservation in early – everyone will be trying to get out of their COVID jails, and will be taking OUR spaces.

The next Roamers events are on November 21st at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Westminster (to be reported next month) and the Christmas Dinner on December 12th, to be at Kent and Mona Eckley's home. We have enjoyed eating and visiting at the Eckley's, especially around Christmas-time, when everything is decorated outside and inside. If you want to come, let Jim Stewart know right away – there is a numbers limit, and we want to have plenty to eat and drink!

The kids won't move
back home if they
can't find it.



Roamers at the 10-17-21 "Inning"

EL JEBEL LEGION OF HONOR ~ COMMANDER ED RICHARDS



I guess that it is the time once more to write something for the Fez. This being the holiday season, I have taken the opportunity to let us enjoy the season by not having any meetings for the LOH until our scheduled one on 25 January 2022 so those of us that might be out of town will be able to come to our meeting and installation of officers, plus our lunch.

Getting to another subject, at our Shrine meeting on Nov 8th, I was honored by my peers in the Legion of Honor from Imperial Association Legions of Honor 2nd Lt. Commander Russ Gray, who is still a member of El Jebel and our Legion of Honor as a Past Commander of El Jebel and CSSA, and will be the Imperial Commander in two more years. I want to thank Russ for being here from his home in Nevada and to all of the members of the El Jebel Legion of Honor as I could not have done it without you! I was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Honorable Military Service to your country and for my Dedication and Commitment to your Legion of Honor Unit and the International Association Legions of Honor. Believe me, I was in total shock to be honored in this way. I want to thank a few people for being there for me. First and foremost is my wife, Pam, who has been there for me for the last sixteen years (our anniversary actually coincides with Veterans Day). Next of course is Ill. Sir Ron Williamson who set this up, and for Cmdr. Russ Gray for getting my award and being here to give it to me. And thanks to my secretary/treasurer PC Dave King who (along with Pam) kept this secret from me. Kudo's to all, and to all of the Veterans who were there. I salute you. I definitely will never forget this night EVER! The program that Noble Kent Burns put on was one that should be taught to every American in this great nation.

The next thing that I would like to reiterate to all Veterans who also, at one time, did as I did: I took a solemn oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. Be advised that I have never been relieved of my duties under that oath! God bless you all for your service to our country.





HAPPY HOUR

DATE: Friday, December 17, 2021

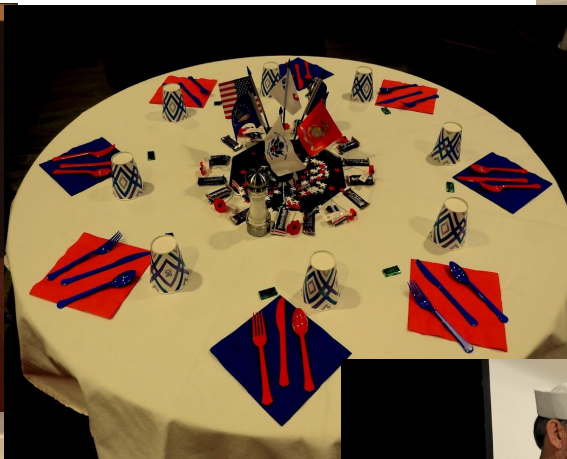
TIME: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

PLACE: El Jebel Shrine Members Lounge

You are welcome to bring something to eat or just come so we can wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



Veterans Dinner November 8, 2021



WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB BY STEVE THOMAS

We had a great bunch of Nobles from Denver come over the hill and join our Veterans Parade November 6th. I didn't make this one as I had some work in Montrose Lodge # 63 to raise a Brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. This was only the second Veterans Parade I have missed come rain, snow, or shine. The other one I missed was a few years back when one of the clowns among us, who is a Veteran too, thought maybe clowns shouldn't be in the Veterans Parade. I thought that, if one Veteran was offended, I will not be there. Turns out the Grand Junction Veterans all were offended by us NOT being there and wanted us back. So, we re-joined the project and all are happy that we did. Shortly after the parade WCSC had our yearly election of officers at the Consistory in Grand Junction.

I did escape from Montrose in time for this. Gary Weiszbrod was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board and Bill Hirt, Greg Foster, and David Van Dyke were elected as Board members. The Board then elected Bill Hirt as President, Greg Foster VP, John Groves Treasurer, Andrew BE Sec., and Steve Ganskow Sgt. at Arms.

We talked of El Jebel coming to our Installation on Feb. 12th and doing things a little different this year. More on this later.

We formed a committee to make some needed changes to our by-laws.

WCSC Clowns:

We had our election Nov. 16th and voted to recycle again this year.

So Fearless leader: Steve Thomas
2nd fearless: Gary Weiszbrod
Sec. Treas.: Michael Briscoe

We are gearing down for winter and hope next year is more open than this and the last ones were. We do love to parade.

We have a few parade cars available and are taking applications. No experience required.
On the job training.

Tri-County:

We elected officers for 2022.

President: Fred Carson
VP: Gary Weiszbrod
Sec. Treas.: Steve Thomas

Looking to have some meetings in Grand Junction and maybe back to Gunnison – at least for Cattleman's Days.

Mikie says "If thought bubbles appeared above my head, I'd be totally screwed."



CARING LADIES BY JEANNE THOMPSON

The Caring Ladies had hoped to begin meeting in January, 2022, but that depends on the status of the COVID19 in Colorado. Even though your reporter had the vaccine and practiced cocooning at home; mask and social distancing if out, frequent hand washing, etc., I still came down with the virus. I am so glad I had the vaccine, as I had a mild case and am feeling well now. The only residual complaint is fatigue which might be partly due to my age, though I would prefer to blame it on the virus! We will be in touch with each member when we decide to meet again.

When that day arrives, we hope each of our members will attend and perhaps bring a friend who is a Masonic widow and would enjoy our company. If you know of such a person, please call Jeanne Thompson at 303-979-6971 and I will send an invitation to her. We need more members and there are so many ladies out there who would benefit from and add to our group

The Caring Ladies of El Jebel is a club for the widows of Shriners and Blue Lodge Masons. We are not a grief support group, but rather a group of friends who meet for lunch, laughter (and maybe a little gossip) on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Chalet Restaurant, 7340 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge. December and January are social meetings only; the other meetings we have a very short business meeting. Reservations are encouraged to Kay Bell, 303-439-9001. If a person fails to make a reservation, they are warmly invited to come anyway - we can always pull up another chair or two to the table. The Chalet is a family-owned restaurant with good food, friendly prices and excellent service.

Here we are at another holiday season! We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and let's hope that 2022 is a better year for everyone. Do take care - get your booster and stay well.





HAND SELECTED BY:



BARREL NUMBER 19-0091
BARRELED ON 9/6/2019
BOTTLED ON 10/26/2021

BOTTLE TAGS ON SALE!

**EL JEBEL IS PARTNERING WITH BEAR CREEK DISTILLERY
TO OFFER A LIMITED EDITION EL JEBEL 2021 RELEASE**

WHAT YOU RECEIVE FOR PURCHASING A TAG

- A bottle of single barrel whiskey - not a blend of barrels
- A uniquely tagged and labeled El Jebel bottle
- The opportunity to enjoy the inaugural 2021 release
- A thank you for supporting our operating fund

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Limited distiller's tasting tour of bear creek distillery
- Night of tastings – bear creek products and whiskey education
- Bottle unveiling party with auction

Auction Items:

- Distiller signed bottles 1 thru 5
- El Jebel's barrel (the one used for our batch)
- Glasses set
- Other swag

Holiday gift giving – give the inaugural 2021 release as gifts

BUY TAGS AND SUPPORT EL JEBEL!!

Each tag is \$55. Reserve yours through the El Jebel office
Call the office at 303.455.3470 (closed Wednesday)

ABOUT BEAR CREEK DISTILLERY

LOCAL PRODUCERS OF HANDCRAFTED GRAIN TO BOTTLE SPIRITS ONE BATCH AT A TIME. THEY BELIEVE THE FOUNDATION OF CRAFT IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ARE PROUD TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL CRAFT FOOD AND BEVERAGE MOVEMENT.

WINNER OF MANY AMERICAN DISTILLING INSTITUTE AND AMERICAN CRAFT SPIRITS ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

**REMEMBER THIS IS AN EL JEBEL FUNDRAISER
LIMITED NUMBER OF TAGS ARE AVAILABLE**



NATIONAL WESTERN® *Stock Show*



Friday, January 14, 2022

Shrine Night At the Stock Show

Denver Coliseum - 4600 Humboldt Street

Pro Rodeo at 7:30 p.m.

Includes all day admission and the Pro Rodeo

Seating - lower sections: 129, 130, and 131

Tickets are \$28 each and El Jebel has a
limited number of tickets

Unsold tickets will be returned on January 4th

**Free Parking
With Admission
(in NW parking lots)**

Wear your Fez

**Call the El Jebel Shrine Office at
303-455-3470 for reservations
Tickets are \$28.00 per ticket**

*All unsold tickets must be returned to
National Western by January 4th, so don't
delay in getting your tickets if you plan to attend.*



El Jebel Fundraiser – Pecan Sale Benefit Shrines' Operating Fund

In time for holiday baking and entertaining, we are conducting a pecan sale:

Two delicious varieties are available:

- Raw halves – 1 pound bag \$13
 - Great for baking and snacks
 - Freeze well for use throughout the year
- Cinnamon Frosted halves – 12 Oz bag \$11
 - Irresistible for snacking
 - Flavorful accent to your holiday buffet
 - Tasty gifts for friends and relatives
 - Freeze well for enjoyment throughout the year

Be sure to share this opportunity with family, friends, and co-workers who enjoy pecans.

Don't like pecans or have too many in your freezer? Consider making a donation to the El Jebel Operating Fund.

Orders will be taken August through December. Pecans will be ordered from the supplier on a regular basis to fill orders. To order:

- Utilize the Pecan Order Form 2021 or contact any Divan member.
- Send the completed order form and payment to the Shrine office.

El Jebel Shriners
3443 S. Galena St.
Suite 250
Denver, CO 80231

Thank you for your support; it is greatly appreciated.

Health Benefits of Pecans

1. Stabilize Good/Bad Cholesterol
2. Maintains Skin
3. Rich in B-Vitamins
4. Good Source of Calcium
5. Energy Packed
6. Heart-friendly Food
7. Rich in Protein and Fiber



BOTTLE TAG EVENTS!



Private Distillery Tour and Tasting

Tour Bear Creek Distillery; handcrafters of grain to bottle spirits
Learn about the distilling of El Jebel's inaugural release
Enjoy a private tasting session

Event Details:

Limited to 15 participants
Open to Nobles, Ladies, and Friends
Tuesday December 7th at 7 PM
Bear Creek Distillery - 1879 S Acoma St, Denver
Cost - \$30(Benefit El Jebel Operating Fund)

Bottle Unveiling Party and Auction

Join the fun for the official release of our inaugural 2021 bottle

Enjoy the Bronco game with your Nobles
Home game action on Oasis TVs and Auditorium big screens
Live auction during half time
Bid on inaugural release memorabilia
Bottles will be available for pick up
Additional tags can be purchased
Light snacks provided

Auction Items:

Distiller signed bottles 2 thru 5
El Jebel's barrel (the one used for our batch)
Bottle and glasses sets
Other swag

Event Details:

Open to Nobles, Ladies, and Friends
Sunday December 12th at 2 PM
El Jebel Oasis – El Jebel Shrine
Cost - Free

Purchase a Tag and Support El Jebel (\$55 per Tag)

What you receive for purchasing a tag:




A bottle of single barrel whiskey - not a blend of barrels
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Buy tags and Support El Jebel!!
Each tag is \$55. Reserve Yours Now

Tags and event reservations through El Jebel Office
303.455.3470 (closed Wednesday)

December 2021

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