

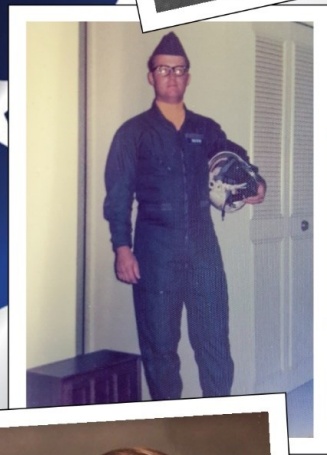
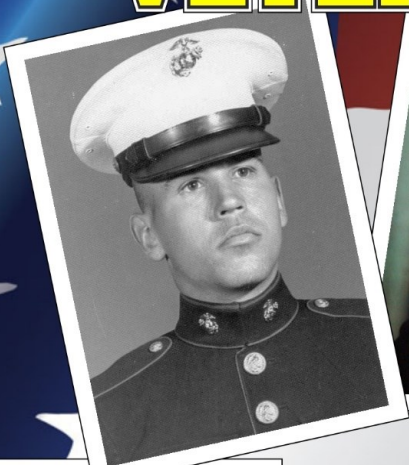


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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Ron
Williamson**

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

THE FUN KEEPS COMING

November is here and that means winter and the beautiful snow. It also brings us Thanksgiving, a time to be grateful, thankful and blessed. Enjoy your family and friends and all the turkey, stuffing, dressing and, of course, the pumpkin pie.

Fall, what a beautiful time of year to go to Grand Junction, the color was fantastic as we drove through the mountains. October 2 & 3 a group of us went to visit the Shriners on the western slope. We all arrived just before noon, so we started with lunch then it was off to some wineries for wine tasting, and then a visit to an apple orchard where they were making fresh squeezed apple juice. Delicious! What a great way to spend the afternoon. Dinner was at the Grand Junction Masonic Center, followed by a short meeting and then a tour of the center. What a beautiful facility. We would like to give a huge thank you to the Shriners and their Ladies on the Western Slope for a wonderful weekend and another huge thank you to all of those from Denver that were able to make the trip with us.

October 16 was Oktoberfest at El Jebel. Delicious food and of course German beer and wine were enjoyed by all. The pretzels together with the mustard sauce and the cheese sauce were a big hit. Thank you, Richard and Patrice Heath and Wayne and Luda Wells, for coordinating this event and making sure everything was ready for a great evening.

We hope everyone enjoyed the spook-tacular Happy Hour on October 29. Just an evening to have a little fun and fellowship.

The Veteran's Day Parade this year has been changed to a "Stationary Parade" on November 6, 2021. Spectators can walk freely amongst Veterans and learn about their stories. All are invited to visit the Veterans.

November 8 will be Family Night at El Jebel, and we will be honoring our Veterans. Kent Burns has put together a wonderful program for the evening. Dinner will be the typical meal served to the GI's during World War II. The meal will consist of fruit salad, sos (creamed beef on toast) beans, GI coffee and a Hershey Bar. There will also be pumpkin pie. More information in this month's Red Fez. A special thank you to Ed Hamm for his help and to all of the Veterans that sent pictures for the November Red Fez.

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Saturday, November 13, 2021 in Sterling, CO. The Ceremonial Team will be performing a Ceremonial for eight or more candidates at the Masonic Lodge. Thank you to the Ceremonial Team for making the trip to Sterling. These

New Nobles will be a tremendous addition to El Jebel and the Northeastern Shrine Club. Congratulations Northeastern Shrine Club!

It's almost time to decorate the Shrine Office for the holidays and get into the Christmas spirit. Our Children's Christmas Party will be December 11, 2021 at Highlands Masonic Lodge from Noon to 3 p.m. Come and join our elves in Santa's Workshop. There will be food, Christmas music, crafts and of course Santa with his gifts. Please RSVP to the Shrine. More information in this month's Red Fez.

With the holidays being just around the corner it's time to order your pecans for all of those pecan pies you are going to be making. The sale of the pecans will benefit the operating fund. Orders will be taken through December.

Monday, December 13 will be our Stated Meeting and Elections. Another year about to close. Please come and join us for a Memorial Ceremony, awards and our second meeting at El Jebel in 2021. While the Nobles are having their Stated Meeting, the Ladies are going to make Christmas Cards and decorate candy bars to take to the Eastern Star Masonic Home. 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. Please check this month's Red Fez for more information and suggestions for toys for Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City.

As the weather turns brisk, let's gather up everything we need for a comfy fall. Firewood, our favorite foods, and all of our favorite friends. Continue to stay safe and healthy.

**Robyn and I would like to wish everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving!**



**WCSC Visit- Illustrious Sir Ron, Michael Briscoe, President
& Noble David Krogh**



Recorder's Desk

Jay Bobick



LOOKING BEYOND THE VIRUS, JOINING TOGETHER IS IN THE WIND

It's November and the Temple, Units and Clubs are planning in-person activities for all. Yes, the virus still is an issue but, we can have meetings and social events now. All nobles should contact their unit and club that they were active with and learn what will be happening. If nothing, then create a get together with your officers. The time has come for every noble to be active again. We need to inspire our members and families to have a renewal of events of the past and create new ones for our future. Let's all join together for an active and fun-filled future.

The big October Event was the Oktoberfest! As Jean and I were attending the Shrine Recorders' Association Seminar in Columbia, SC, we were not able to attend so you will have to count on others for that report. We wish we could have been there. Yet, looking at Jim and Judy Taylor's photos of the event, especially the numbered ones, it must have been a great time had by all.

The October Divan meeting met on 4 October and the newsworthy information is IS Rich Silver, PP, Treasurer, reported that all financial accounts are reconciled, and we are in good standing. Our current membership was Regular 785, Associate 38, Total, 823. Remember, Shriners International (SI) has already amended the membership rolls (Web Fez) to reflect the 2022 dues, thus those in arrears will be subject to suspension. If you are one of the 35, with a grateful thank you, please send your 2021 dues to the office.

Ken Jones, Chief Rabban, gave an update on the 2022 Sportsmen's Raffle. The tentative date is 8 October 2022 with Ken listed as the Chair for State Licensing. The day-to-day chair for activities will be handled by Perry Mitler, 2nd Ceremonial Master.

The Chanters are seeking new nobles to join them. They sing at all monthly meetings and many other events throughout the year. If you like to sing, this is the club for you. Contact Rodger Peabody, President, 303-482-7950, to volunteer. Our membership Chair, Grady Carter, and his team are working diligently to interest Masons to join the Shrine, El Jebel. If you have any ideas for increasing membership, please contact Grady, he would truly enjoy hearing from you. Our Nuts Sales Program is really progressing. This is a great way to shop for the holidays. At no additional cost to you, you can create income for your Temple while filling your needs. Call the office for information and an order form. This is a

great deal.

There will be a Ceremonial at the Northeast Colorado Shrine Club in Sterling on 13 November. The cast led by Noble Bobby Juchem and Divan members will be driving to Sterling in the morning and returning that afternoon. Should you be interested in attending contact a Divan member. Also, get those petitions in for this event. New nobles are wanted and needed, and you are the ones that can make it happen.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- Saturday 6 November – El Mejdell High Tea
- Monday, 8 November – Family Night Meeting, Honor Veterans, Dinner 6:00 pm
- Sunday, 28 November – El Jebel Christmas Decorating
- Saturday, 11 December – EJ Christmas Party, Highlands Lodge, Noon - 3:00 pm
- Monday, 13 December – Stated Meeting, Elections
- Tuesday, 28 December – Sunday, 2 January – Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade

Read your Red Fez every month. There you will learn about every event and can join in as an active El Jebel member. Talk with other nobles and ladies about El Jebel's future. Enjoy your El Jebel membership to the fullest.

Fraternally,
Jay



Unit Election Reminder

All Units need to send their election results to the Recorder as soon as they are complete. Per General Order No. 1, 2021-2022, they must be into the El Jebel Shrine Office on or before November 30th.


Also, per General Order No. 1, Units must supply a membership listing to the office no later than December 31.

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Illustrious Sir Ron Williamson
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

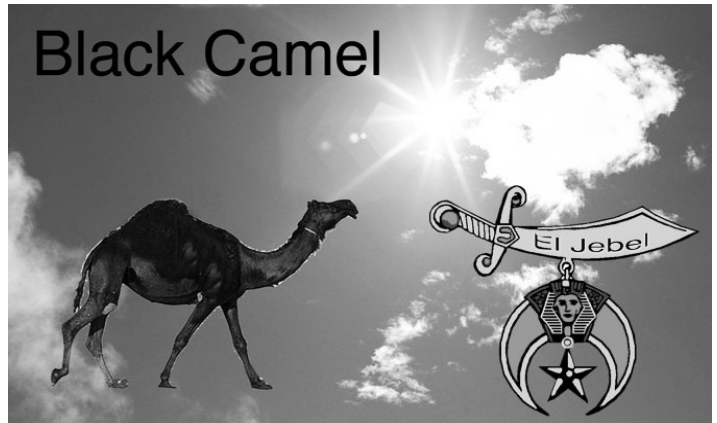
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Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
Dennis Proctor (2011)
Jim Long (2012)
Matthew Raia (2013)
Phil 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.”

**Clark H. Skinner
Greg L. Melton**



2021/2022 Calendar of Events

November

- 6 El Mejdal High Tea
- 8 Family Night Honoring Veterans
- 13 Ceremonial—Sterling
- 18-20 Consistory Fall Reunion
- 28 Decorate for Christmas

December

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

January

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

February

- 3 East West Shrine Game- Las Vegas



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Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

823

1-Expired

1—Associate Member dropped

1—Affiliation

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HAPPY HOUR

DATE: Friday, November 19, 2021

TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: El Jebel Shrine

Member's Lounge

Please join us

You are welcome to bring something to eat or just come and join us for some social time



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Greetings and Thank You Veterans!

The 11th month of the year is here and with it holidays to be remembered and celebrated.

November 3rd Election Day – Regardless of your party affiliation, go vote!

November 11th Veterans Day – Thank you to all our veterans who have served and are currently serving. In the mixed-up time we live in, it is important to remember our history and the “why” we have the freedoms we do.

November 25th Thanksgiving Day – Be thankful for all you have – health, family, friends as well as our Masonic fraternity. It's OK to forget your diet that day.

November is National Georgia Pecan Month. Celebrate by supporting our pecan fundraiser (the cinnamon ones are very tasty). Watch your email for a MailChimp containing details and an order form. Information is in this edition of the Red Fez.

Tickets go on sale this month 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. Join the fun and support your Shrine. This fundraiser benefits our operating fund. Information is in this edition of the Red Fez.

Along with Lady Marlene, we wish you an enjoyable November and good health throughout the month. Celebrate the good things!

Fun and Fraternity,
Ken Jones
Chief Rabbah



SANDBLASTER'S BY MATTHEW MADRID



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Unfortunately, the 2021 golf season for the Sandblasters has come to an end. We would like to thank our golf chairman Jim Teagarden for another phenomenal job. We could not have done it without your hard work and dedication. Thank you.

The Sandblasters held their election of Officers on October 27th. Hope you were able to make it and be heard.

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



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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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



MEDICAL STAFF

BY DENNIS PROCTOR, P.P.



Thanks to COVID 19, the Medical Staff hasn't had a Clinic to report on for the past twenty-two months, so I thought I would submit this article written in June of 2007 by Judy. It reflects what the Clinics are like even today, if we could have one – just in a different location and with many different faces:

"I have graduated, so I don't need these anymore," a young man says as he hands his crutches to a volunteer at the Outreach Clinic. A lump forms in your throat and moisture glistens in your eyes as the crutches are taken and you realize that you played a part in that graduation. The philanthropy of the Shrine is at its best at the Outreach Clinics which are held six times a year at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital. The number of patients may vary each time, but the "good" feeling among all the volunteers remains constant. Each time the elevator doors open and a family steps out, you are aware of what the Shrine is doing. It is heartwarming and sometimes heart wrenching to watch parents and their child who may be in a wheelchair and needs suctioning, a child with a walker, an infant with no hands sleeping in an infant carrier, a teenager who may be there for his final visit, or the child who is able to run and jump and play games. They come to the clinic with hope that our doctors from the Intermountain Hospital will be able to help their child be as healthy and normal as possible. Others are seen following their treatment at the Salt Lake Hospital. There are shy and quiet children who are content to watch the DVD movies (courtesy of the Mariners First Mates); there are the ones who find it hard to sit still and like to visit with everyone; and there are the ones that are only able to sit in their wheelchairs and watch. The doctors and staff take as much time as needed with each child. No one is "rushed" through the Clinic. Heartfelt gratitude is expressed by each parent as they leave. At the end of the Clinic day, as the elevator door closes one last time behind the staff from Intermountain as they leave, you know that you have played a small part of what is in every Shriner's heart ... helping a child."

Until we meet again,
Fraternally,
Dennis Proctor, P.P.



SPORTS

BY PAUL WHANNEL



I was not able to attend our final "ride" in September, but I have heard from several members who were able to go that a great time was had by all. While the hint of fall was in the air, it was a beautiful ride, and the colors were gorgeous. Also, in September we joined with El Jebel and attended a parade. It has been a tremendous parade season and President Ron has done a great job.

At our unit meeting on October 13, we elected our officers for 2022 and the members elected are:

President Ed Rendon
Vice-President Randy Jensen
Sec/Treasurer Greg Rindone.

I wish all these Nobles success and am confident that they will have great year and the "Sports" will consider it one of the best years in our history.

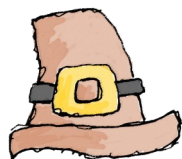
All the decisions have not been finalized for our Christmas Party at this time. We are trying to keep the cost at a minimum and pick a place that is both inexpensive and yet able to "host" our great unit. We hope to have the thing finalized in the next two or three weeks and the Secretary will send the info out via e-mail as soon as we can.

El Jebel working the 13th hole for the Shriners Hospital Golf Open-Las Vegas



EL MEJDEL TEMPLE NO. 47
PQ CAROLE BOLDUC

Thanksgiving



Hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather we've had; a definite relief from the heat and a beautiful entrance into fall. The mountains in all of their glorious colors have been spectacular!

Our November Session included the Founders' Day Luncheon which was hosted by our Past Queens. This is a special celebration for us, and everyone enjoyed the day.

We are all looking forward to our Annual Nile High Tea scheduled for Saturday, November 6th and hopefully; you've made your reservation. COVID is still lurking about, but we are hopeful that, with the vaccine plus the boosters, people will feel comfortable enough to be in attendance and enjoy themselves. We do have some new vendors and, of course, the Quilt and 50/50 raffles will be on the agenda. We do want to thank in advance the Nobles of El Jebel and the young men of DeMolay who have so graciously volunteered their time to pour tea and serve lunch for us. We couldn't do it without them.

We are all waiting in anticipation for the Thanksgiving Holiday to join our family and friends for the big day of feasting. Our wish is for everyone to have a Happy Thanksgiving, and the hope for a better year to come.



Sara Jensen, winner of the 50/50 at the Oktoberfest

OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 16, 2021



Veterans Day stated meeting and dinner 8 November 2021
Dinner \$25.00 Reservations required by Thursday, 4 November 2021
303-455-3470



El Jebel Shrine
Dinner at 6:00 - Program at 7:00



Dinner is a reproduction of the usual
Army mess during that time, consisting of:
Fruit salad
SOS (creamed beef on toast)
Beans
GI Coffee
Hershey bar

For the ladies and others not so in love with
SOS, there will be a grilled Chicken Breast

There will also be Pumpkin pie available.







Birthdays

Arab Patrol

Larry Smith
Chuck Schumacher

Band

Steve Munsinger

Dune Buggy Patrol

Janet Silver
Ron Pitcock
Renee Tedford
Tom Mehsling

Legion of Honor

Russ Gray
Neva Frohlick

Provost Guard

Mary Trevathan
Boots Lewis

RV Roamers

Pat Graves
Jim Ashley
Richard Talkington
Jean Ashley
Billy Umsted
Yoriko Umsted

Radops

(October)
Christine Hause
Phil Hause, P.P.
Patti Pitcock
Dennis Proctor, P.P.
Cyndie Wozniak-Behrens
(November)
Richard Anderton
Kirsten Arthur
Lauri Harrison
Ron Pitcock

Sports

Mary Anstine
Joel Roche

T-Nobles

Richard Wenzel

VIP's

Chuck Schumacher





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RV ROAMERS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

Our last “outing” of the year was to the Lakeside KOA near Fort Collins, September 17th thru the 20th. There were 10 rigs: Wagonmasters Billy and Yoriko Umsted, David and Arlene Kohlwey, Richard and Heidi Talking-ton, Jim Oliver and Lady Kirsten, Jim and Sherri Marshall, Jim and Judy Taylor, Scott and Jannice Cromwell, Ken Stauffer and Bonnie Custer, Tony and Ellen Dattilo, and our newest members, Wyatt and Betty Page. The Stewarts and Carters were scheduled to come, but had to bow out.

Almost everyone present at this outing participated in a “remote” “Walk for Love.” The group, led by a “family” four-wheeled bicycle with canopy was followed by many “walkers” throughout the RV byways, carrying American and Shriner flags, and many wearing the distinctive T-shirts which bear the “Walk for Love” banner. Somewhat tiring with the distance covered, but plenty of FUN for all participants.

Roamers’ last brown bag auction for 2021 was held in the KOA pavilion. Secretary Tony Dattilo served as the auctioneer with the assistance of “Vanna” Umsted. “FUN” was the buzzword for this event as laughter and comments drowned out the bidding on several occasions. Results? The funds that were obtained from the spirited bidding for the 14 brown bags at this auction, containing some interesting and useful contents totaled \$370.00 – five dollars more than the first brown bag auction held at the Mountindale outing (\$365.00 with 16 brown bags). The total funds raised for Shriners Children in Salt Lake this year is \$735.00! *The R.V. Roamers hereby issues an official challenge to all El Jebel Shrine Units to match or exceed our collective efforts to support the medical assistance for children.*

Under New Business, an election of Roamers’ officers for 2022 was held. Unbelievably, the positions were filled easily, and with unanimous approval:

PRESIDENT: Jim Stewart (this frees up the Taylors after five years!)

VICE PRESIDENT: Ken Stauffer

TREASURER: Jim Marshall

SECRETARY: Tony Dattilo (Tony will also be writing for the Red Fez after Dec.)

Roamer Roger Barnes recently joined the ranks of the “Bionic” men with a new knee replacement and is on the way to a quick recovery. Harold Potter continues to experience medical issues. Judy Taylor’s progress with non-traditional medication for multiple myeloma continues to be successful.

Below is the colorful writing (a preview of Red Fez reports to come) from Tony Dattilo, who always embellishes all our mishaps: “An ‘outing’ wouldn’t be complete without the presentation of ‘RIG’ maladies which occur with the best of the best. More frequent of these occur with well-used, and older machines and on this occasion,

the Taylor’s rig suffered the loss of ‘cool’ in their refrigerator. Many ‘mechanics’ stepped up to assist with the remedy for this bothersome malady which was positively determined to be a failed battery. Four different auto parts stores were visited resulting in the attempt to install an incorrect battery that was returned in favor of obtaining a rarely stocked correct version. A twenty-mile round trip to Loveland solved the issue with the installation of a correct new battery, which thus restored the ice cream-cold storage to the reefer in the Taylor’s rig, all of which reinforces the statement that there are two categories of R.V. owners – those who have problems, and those who will have problems.” (Picture enclosed)

On October 17, at 1:00 p.m. we had our first “inning” of the fall at the Black Bear Diner in Aurora, hosted by Jim and Sherri Marshall. We will report on it next month.

Remember, you don’t have to own an RV to be a member (eight of our monthly events are “innings” at various restaurants). And we always manage to find RV parks and resorts that offer cabins to accommodate the “RV-less.”



How many Shriners does it take to fix Taylors' rig?



Roamers' remote "Walk for Love" at the KOA Resort in Fort Collins 9-18-21

PIPE BAND BY KENT BURNS



We made it through another month. As they say "*Tempus fugit.*" Or, to put it in the more vernacular, "... life is like a roll of toilet paper – the closer to the end, the faster it goes." So we should make the most of our time. To that end, the Band held our annual meeting and election of officers. Due to our declining numbers, our officers now hold office for two years, thereby making the recycling process of members through the "chairs" a little more spread out. IS Tony will be the Chieftain for this next term, with Alex backing him up at Vice-Chieftain. We decided to merge the duties of Secretary and Treasurer into one office. Tom will continue another term as Pipe Major. It was a very short meeting.

It was a bit strange not going to Estes Park for the highland games this year. The participation of bands was a little less than "normal." There were a few, but the overall event was not what it has been in the past. Last year was the first time in over forty years the Band did not go – but that was excused by the "pandemic." This year was actually kinda weird but secretly, it was nice not to have to fight crowds, climb that hill from the parade ground to our staging area (which has been down-graded from a tent to a corner of the pavilion), and sometimes dodge the vicissitudes of our (in)famous Colorado mountain weather. Just hope this is not a portend of the future of things Celtic in Colorado.

However, we did increase the roles of Blue Lodge by one new member mid-month. Our band of thespians journeyed up north to Campion and raised a new Master Mason for Longs Peak Lodge. There is a rumor we will be making that pilgrimage again next March, but this time there will be five or six to feel the exhilaration of being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Always a great feeling of accomplishment to do this work for our Brothers and other lodges.

We were honored to once again be invited to perform at the Grand Lake Constitutional Week. Had a great trip up to Grand Lake. Weather was beautiful. Crowd was very responsive. A great time was had by all. These trips are something we look forward to. It is relaxing to drive through our beautiful mountains, enjoying the camaraderie of close friends, telling jokes and stories, and partaking of great meals. Something we appreciate. Well, we enjoyed most of that. Three out of four ain't bad, but our looked-forward-to meal was most definitely lacking. That will make us anticipate the next trip up into them thar hills all the more. Hoping against hope that said trip will be for Wintersköl in Aspen with the Air Force Academy cadets. Keep your fingers crossed! One of the things that always gives you a great feeling of having done something for your fellow man is performing for those who spend so much time shut in. When we arrived at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement community for the second Let Me Out Parade, we were an hour early.

But the residents were all out in front, in chairs both with and without wheels, waiting with bated breath for our visit. Congratulations to Sir Ron for putting this together. It warmed our hearts to give those souls an albeit too brief reprieve from their boredom. We left feeling better for having done so.

Don't forget the Veterans Day dinner, set for the stated meeting the second Monday in November – the eighth, to be exact. So come on out to the Shrine and enjoy an authentic WWII GI boot-camp meal. And a little historical entertainment as well. (There won't be a test following.)



OPTARS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

On October 5th the Optars met for dinner at 5:00, then a meeting at 7:00. There were 5 in person, and 2 on Zoom. The five there were Ed Hamm, Jim & Judy Taylor, Ron & Robyn Williamson. The 2 on Zoom were Greg Burkett and Sam Wittner.

We're all well, or getting well; Sam's hand is better. His doctor said it will take most of a year to be able to close it.

Those Optars present decided (and voted) to purchase a \$100 brick, instead of the \$500 one, and donate the rest up to \$500 to the Transportation Fund. Next will be to decide on 1 or 2 lines, and/or a graphic.

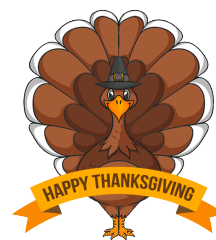
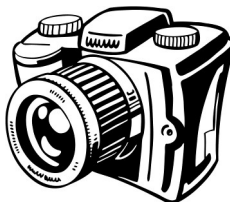
It was moved to table the decision to buy the 360-degree camera; those present agreed it could be used in the Shrine building by different units. The camera borrowed by Jim will be available until mid-January.

The photo book created by Optars was passed around. In checking with Greg about how many pictures he would donate, he said he just needs to document the numbers (Optars can sell more than one each of his). The book is proposed to be sold for \$49.95 each. The date will be at the November meeting. Needed is an order sheet for writing sizes (and buyers) of prints.

There was no specific program at this meeting, just informal talk about Windows 11, "Camera Decision," and "PC Health at a Glance."

Ron gave a Divan report, which included Chris Weymouth's continuing pain in his back after the operation, and Mike Terry having COVID (but he's vaccinated).

The next Optars meeting will be on November 2 at 5:00, at New York Deli.



HAPPY HOUR

DATE: Friday, November 19, 2021

TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE: El Jebel Shrine –
Member's Lounge**

Please join us.

You are welcome to bring something to eat or just come and join us for social time



El Jebel Motor Corps

(Cooler Nobles, Jeep Patrol, Keystone Kops, Motor Patrol)

Well, here we are all dressed up and no where to go. Arvada cancelled and information from other organizer's is at an all-time low. Covid has claimed yet another parade season.

So, what's the solution to this gathering issue? Simple. We start by getting our unit to have socials and brain storm about our future. The first step is always the hardest so don't be surprised when we reach out to you and ask for your participation. We need to attend our Shrine meetings and remain light hearted and open to idea's.

November will bring a Veterans appreciation night at the Shrine and should be a great night. Plan on attending and don't forget to call in your reservations (Larger groups may want to reserve a table or two). Now is the time to join in and be part of the solution.

The officers are going to meet and get scheduled meeting's back on the calendar for all to take notice. Remember if we create fun - fellowship will always follow.

Idea's and solutions are always welcome to call 303-514-2102 or 303-255-0900 with your input.



Look out 2022—were on target!

Vintage Iron Patrol

By Bobby

Unit meetings are going to start again. We might as well get our fellowship back on track in the absence of parades. Covid claimed this parade season as well as our forward momentum. Let's get back to basics and start with some fun mixed with a little light hearted BS-ing. We can take a page from our history and step off with our right foot and the rest will fall right in line.

The leadership is going to contact every member to confirm contact information and a light hearted demeanor. It's simply been too long without contact and our unique banter. We miss you and genuinely want to know how you are. Together we can move forward and regain our sense of Noble pride.

In November the Shrine will be having a Veterans Tribute Night and it will be a great time! Plan on attending and don't forget to make your reservations!

To keep informed you must attend a meeting, read the "Fez" or check out the Facebook page. Questions regarding these outlets of information (How, When or Why) call 303-455-3470 (Office) or call me 303-514-2102.

Social Idea's? Call President Matt Raia (720-891-5823) or Treasurer Joe Kent (720-231-8800) with ideas. Gatherings would be great! So, we need your input.

If there's anything that you would like to add to the Fez article contact Bobby @ AATSBobby@yahoo.com.

Remember, Rubber side down and Shiny side up!



**Something
wicked this
way comes**

COMPUTER CLUB

BY J & J TAYLOR

The Computer Club met at 7:00 at the Shrine on October 12th, after having lunch at New York Deli. There were 9 in attendance: Ed Hamm, Jim and Judy Taylor, George Van Trump, Ken Behrens, Dianne White, Ron and Robyn Williamson, and Mike Wallen by Zoom. Minutes were approved as written in the Red Fez, and the Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Under Old Business, the club had no votes to change the \$500 brick (about the purchase of a \$100 brick or donation of the rest to the Operating Fund). Inscription and/or logo will be decided on at the next meeting.

There was no decision on the 360-degree camera. The camera could be purchased for around \$125, and can be used for Zoom during hybrid meetings. It also could be used by the Radops, probably Dune Buggies, and maybe other units that use the Fleming Room.

New Business: Elections (after asking for nominations) resulted in Ed Hamm, President; Vice Pres. Ken Behrens; Jim Taylor, Sec./Treas. Jim will turn in the names to the El Jebel office.

Volunteers for the Children's Christmas Party so far are: Jim and Judy, Dianne, Ed, Bonnie. We need a few more.

Illustrious Sir Ron Williamson gave the Divan report, which included activities of Oktoberfest; the "Halloween" Social on Fri., Oct. 29th; Veterans' program at the stated meeting on Nov. 8th; El Jebel elections at the Dec. 13th stated meeting; the Children's Christmas Party; and the Potentate's trip to the Rose Bowl, end of Dec.

The program to view Windows 11 is delayed because Microsoft will install Ed's system when they want (!).

The next Computer Club meeting will be on Nov. 9th, at 1:00, with the program by Ed Hamm to be decided later. There is always a lively discussion, however, until around 3:00! A lunch ahead will be at 11:00 at the Olive Garden on Havana. We will set up a Zoom if you cannot make the meeting in person. Watch for the email invitation around the 2nd of November. You are welcome to join in---just email a note to Jim Taylor, who will be the Zoom host, and he will email the invitation including the Zoom link to you. All El Jebel Nobles are welcome to come and ask questions. Hope to see you in person or on screen!



WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB

BY STEVE THOMAS

At our October meeting it was brought up that we should wear our Fez at these meetings to maybe show a Shrine presence. President Michael Briscoe and his lady Janine are working on a Christmas party this year. Still in the planning stage I think; they may appreciate any help or advice you may have.

It is in the works – a social hour once a month at different pubs and brew places around Grand Junction. More on that later. Working with Denver about our Installation Party. Seems some of our officers have prearrangements on some of the dates. Our Secretary Andrew BE has started a web page for our directory. I'd like to see all who can go to it and put in your information.

Sickness and Distress: Jerald Conyers, who has doing a good recovery with his cancer, is now in the hospital with Covid. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him.

Clowns: We have had our golf cart at the last four parades and all Shriners are welcome to join on it, room permitting. I will not have it at Grand Junction Veterans parade this year as I have a part in a 3rd degree at Montrose Lodge that day. At our 10/19 meeting we elected to rerun our same officers again this year. And paid our 2022 dues of \$20.

Corvettes: Are planning to do the Parade of Lights in Grand Junction 12/4 at 5pm.

Mikie says: I don't trip over things; I do random gravity checks.



Potentate's Official Visit



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- LIMITED DISTILLER'S TASTING TOUR OF BEAR CREEK DISTILLERY
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- DISTILLER SIGNED BOTTLES 1 THRU 5
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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

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**Call the El Jebel Shrine Office at
303-455-3470 for reservations
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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
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 - 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
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Denver, CO 80231

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DECORATIONS

CHRISTMAS MOVIES

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November 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 Election Day 	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings time ends 	8 Family Night honoring Veterans	9	10	11 Veterans Day 	12	13 Ceremonial Sterling
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving 	26	27
28	29 Hanukkah begins 	30				