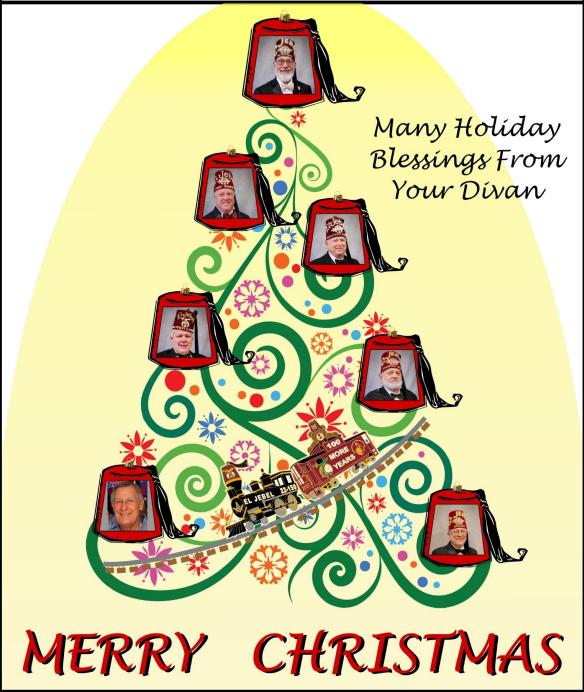


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### POTENTATE'S

**MESSAGE** 



### Ken Jones

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

#### Joy and Happiness

December is upon us. A time for spreading joy, visiting with family and friends as well as reflecting on the past year to make 2023 New Year's resolutions. Enjoy your December and remember to take time to appreciate the little pleasures. Lady Marlene and I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and happiness.

What a great Shrine November we had! It started with a well-attended Veterans Day Parade. Tip of the Fez to our Units, Nobles, and Ladies who participated (14 units). We showed the community that El Jebel knows how to pay tribute to veterans. That night we participated in Bass Pro's welcome Santa parade. It was a bit chilly but seeing the smiles of the kids warmed us. Thank you to all who participated in these parades.

Our November meeting, salute to Veterans, was very moving and memorable. The Legion of Honor, Chanters, Pipe Band, and Noble Kent Burns' presentation created a wonderful Veteran's program – truly one that will be remembered.

We also presented Noble Swede "Cuddles" Nelson with the Leading by Example Award. This award recognizes a Noble who gives freely of his time to support the Shrine and fellow Nobles. Noble Swede maintains an amazing attitude and consistently supports his fellow Clowns, Shriners, and Masons. Through his dedication to Masonry and the Shrine, he is truly leading by example.

Thanks to the efforts of a group Nobles and Ladies, the Shrine is in festive decor for the holiday season. These decorations will be enjoyed throughout the month of December by all who visit our building. The work of these El Jebel elves is appreciated.

December has many activities in store, starting with the kids Christmas party at the Shrine on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Nobles and prospective Nobles are invited. Our stated meeting will have two very important undertakings. During our social time, we will honor our deceased Nobles through the In Challa service. In our business meeting, we will elect our 2023 Shrine Divan leaders

Join us for happy hour at the Oasis. Come enjoy the evening and toast the holidays.

Do not forget, on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service. More than 2,400 Americans died in that attack.

Along with Lady Marlene, we wish you a blessed holiday season and a prosperous 2023. Celebrate the good things!

Yours In The Faith, Ken Jones Potentate El Jebel Shriners, 2022 All Aboard!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

<u>December 7 – Remember Pearl Harbor</u>

December 10 – Children's Christmas Party at El Jebel

December 12 – <u>Shrine Elections & Stated Meeting &</u> Ladies Program

December 16 – Happy Hour at the Oasis

January 9—Shrine Annual Stated Meeting / Ladies program

January 13 – Shrine Night at the National Western Stock Show

#### **Shrine Meeting Events**

#### December 12

In Challa Service
Fundraiser for Transportation Fund
Elections
Lady's Program

### December Ladies' Program

In addition to the planned activity for the December Ladies' program, we will be joining with El Mejdel in supporting Shriner's Children Salt Lake. Please bring a gift card for Amazon, iTunes, or any other appropriate merchant. They can also use toys, Legos, coloring books, crayons, and school supplies.

Come join the fun and friendship at our December Ladies' program. I look forward to visiting with everyone.

Lady Marlene Jones





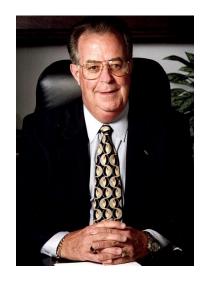


### **Jay Bobick**



### Mr. Charles G Cumpstone Jr.

MARCH 6, 1940 - NOVEMBER 25, 2022



Mr. Charles G Cumpstone Jr., age 82, of Palm Harbor, Florida passed away on Friday, November 25, 2022

Noble Charlie Cumpstone was the Executive Vice President—Shriners International for many years. At the time of his death he was a Emeritus EVP. He provided much guidance and strength to the Fraternity.

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Remember to bring your dues card!

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#### **ELECTED DIVAN**

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

#### **APPOINTED DIVAN**

Doug Finley, 1st Ceremonial Master
Lee "Hos" Monsebroten, 2nd Ceremonial Master
Mike Terry, Marshal
Perry Mittler, Captain of the Guard
Bill Brassette, Outer Guard
David Dorn, Director
Jim Oliver, Chaplain Emeritus

#### **LIVING PAST POTENTATES**

Thomas D. Palmer (1989)

Jack D. Patten (1990)

Richard E. Williams (1993)

Amer Plaisted (1994)

Dr. David Powell (1997)

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)

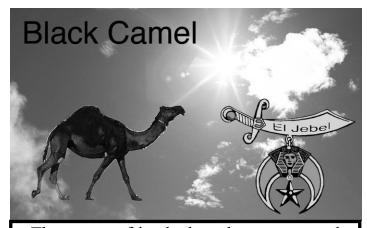
Joe Kent (2020)

Ron Williamson (2021)

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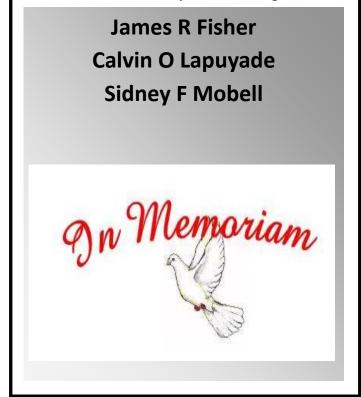
There was a friend whose heart was good
He walked with men and understood
His was a voice that spoke with cheer, And
felt like music on the ear

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

#### Passed thru the Unseen Portals

#### **In Memoriam**

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



#### 2022/2023 Calendar of Events



- 5 Divan Meeting
- 10 Children's Christmas Party
- 12 Stated Meeting / Elections / Ladies Program
- 16 Social Hour—Oasis

#### January

- 100 MORE YEARS
- 2 El Jebel Office Closed
- 3 Divan Meeting
- 7 Al Kaly Installation
- 9 Annual Stated Meeting & Ladies Program
- 13 Stock Show
- 18 Potentate Trip Presentation Cozemel Mexico
- 20 Happy Hour
- 21 Unit Officers Meeting
- 26-28 Grand Lodge Doubletree Hotel, Greenwood Village
- 28 Knights of Saint Andrew Burns Supper Consistory

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#### **Membership Report**

**Total Membership (with Associates)** 

778

#### 1- Expired

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#### **DONATIONS**

Transportation Fund	In Memory of			
Wayne & Esther Livermore	Jim Smith			
Rita Katherine O'Connell	Brian Shear			
Herb & Mary Davidson	Brian Shear			
Bruce Shear	Brian Shear			
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#### **PARADE CORNER**

#### By MIKE TERRY, MARSHAL

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end" and so it is with the 2022 El Jebel parade season. Our last official parade was on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, with the Denver Veteran's Day Parade. The day was sunny with a raw wind but even with less than ideal conditions El Jebel was well represented with 14 units and over 30 participants. Thank you to all who paraded as we honored our veterans who fought and sacrificed to give us the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Although our parade vehicles are put away for the winter, planning is well under way for the upcoming 2023 parade season. Chief Rabban Grady Carter is exploring parade opportunities in some different venues next year; more on that at the Unit Meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM. I am hopeful that the parade organizers, having a year post-COVID under their belts, will get us information in a timelier and more complete way next year so there is less last-minute confusion and frustration for everyone.

I'd like to thank Illustrious Sir Ken Jones for appointing me as Marshal this year and the Nobility for your patience and flexibility as we worked through the many parade issues we faced. It seems like there are more rules and regulations we have to navigate with each parade but you all continue to come out to represent our Temple and promote our hospital system. The parade organizers, without exception, are always excited for El Jebel to be part of their parades – in fact, we get more requests to participate in parades than we can accommodate – but it's the smiles on the faces of those on the sidewalks that make it all worthwhile!

Lady Robin and I wish you and yours the happiest of holidays and a safe and healthy 2023. March and the 2023 Denver St. Patrick's Day parade will be here before you know it!

All Aboard and join in the fun!





#### 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### <u>January</u>

2 El Jebel Office Closed7 Al Kaly Installation

9 Annual Stated Meeting & Ladies Program

13 Stock Show

18 Potentate Trip Presentation - Cozumel Mexico

20 Happy Hour

21 Unit Officers Meeting

26-28 Grand Lodge - Doubletree Hotel, Greenwood Village

28 Knights of Saint Andrew Burns Supper – Consistory

#### **February**

2 East/West Shrine Bowl (Las Vegas)

10-12 WCSC Installation

13 Family Social & Valentine's Day Event

17 Happy Hour

#### March

Highlands Masonic Temple Breakfast before paradeSt Patrick's Day Parade/Family Social (Call Out)

13 Family Social & St Patrick's Day

17 Happy Hour

24-26 CSSA Business Meeting – Omaha, NE

25 El Meidel Nile Installation





# A message from the Chief Rabban

Lady Kim and I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. We are so blessed and have so much to be thankful for! December is always a busy time of year for us. As you read this, Kim and I are in Las Vegas trying to get some good prices on livestock for the coming year and enjoying the National Finals Rodeo. I did not qualify for the World Series of Team Roping this year so at least the trip is a little easier since we do not have to drag horses down to the Southpoint – which can be challenging with the uncertain weather conditions of December.

Parade season is now officially over, but what a season it was! Our last two parades, the Veterans Day Parade and the Bass Pro Holiday parade, were excellent and very well attended. The wind at the Veterans Day parade presented some unique challenges but I think everyone came out relatively unscathed. While some were at the parade, other Shriners were serving the Ladies at the Daughters of the Nile High Tea, which was also very well attended. It was a pleasure serving the ladies of the Nile, and all the Shiners were honored to be a small part of their festivities.

The stated meeting in November was a tribute to Veterans put on by Oriental Guide Kent Burns. As usual the program was outstanding, and if you looked around the room (which was packed) it was hard to find a dry eye in the house. If you get a chance, thank Noble Kent for all of his efforts in putting on this fine event.

Our annual Christmas party is quickly coming up on December 10<sup>th</sup>, followed soon thereafter by our stated meeting and annual elections on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The stated meeting will have a ladies' program and there is a lot of important business to be taken care of. Look for more information coming out soon on both events. Please make every effort to attend both and enjoy the fun and fraternity that is the El Jebel Shrine.

Lady Kim and I hope that everyone has a Joyous Holiday season, and that you all have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends while reflecting on the blessings that have been bestowed on all of us!!

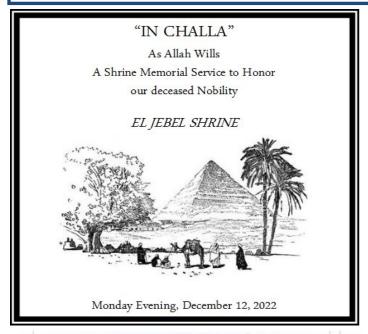
Everyone please be safe and happy! Lady Kim and I hope to see you all at a Shrine gathering soon.

Get Aboard!

Yours in the faith, Chief Rabban Grady Carter



### Mark your Calendar for these upcoming events





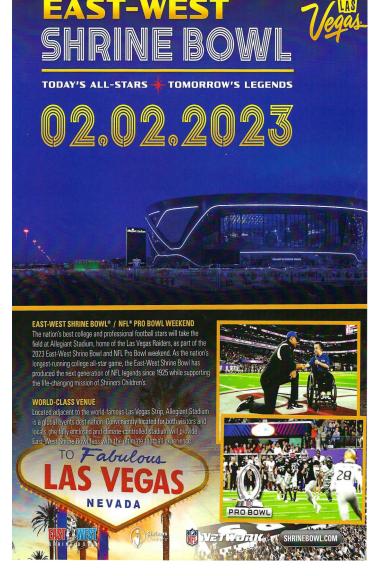


### Shave the Pote!

Join us at December's stated meeting when we shave the Pote. For a donation to the El Jebel Operating Fund, you can have the privilege of assisting with the removal of Illustrious Sir's beard.

The fun will begin after dinner and before our stated meeting (elections are that night).





#### EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

(Cooler Nobles, Jeep Patrol, Keystone Kops, Motor Patrol, Noble Cycles, Tux-N-Trikes, Vintage Iron Patrol)

Denver's Veterans Day Parade was a great time! It was nice to be back in the heart of Denver showing "Shriners' Pride" to all. The locomotive "chugged" right through along with "Larry," the mini-18-wheeler. The '52 Willys made its maiden parade along with Stephan's "Hummer" and, lest we forget, Phil's beautiful '58 Impala. Special thanks to Harry for the "On the Spot" repair on the Willys.

November's Unit meeting had 26 members in attendance. This meeting welcomed back long-time VIP member PP Tony Dattilo and his Lady Ellen. We also welcomed new member Allen Simmons. Lady Susan Boles brought her "Glad to be Here" smile. Bringing back people and adding new members is what Motor Corps is all about!

December will bring in the El Jebel Shrine annual election meeting. Reservations are a must and your attendance is always welcomed. Traditions are part of the Shrine's rich history, so plan on attending.

Bob and Wanda Stretch are recovering from Covid-19, so please keep them in your hearts and prayers.

Our Face Book page is "El Jebel Motor Corps." Join in and add your favorite pictures and comments. This is a "Members" page and will have important parade, meeting, and social information. This is in addition to e-mail alerts and Red Fez articles. More information for our members is always a win. The Moderators are Glenn Lasater and Chuck "Hawk" Hawkins.

#### \*NO DECEMBER MEETING\*

Our next meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) at 6pm. Dinner first with meeting to follow at Pietra's Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant (west room) located at 9045 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wheat Ridge CO 80033 (303) 421-4100. Nobles, Ladies, and any interested future members are welcome to attend. Call or text 303-514-2102 by January 23<sup>rd</sup> to confirm your attendance. (We need to let the restaurant know a head-count.) Bring your ideas, solutions, and light-hearted fun!

Remember if we create fun – fellowship will always fol-



### ENGLEWOOD SHRINE CLUB ~ DENNIS PROCTOR, PP

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, Englewood Shrine Club held a Continental Breakfast meeting in the Oasis at the Shrine. It may have been the first in the club's history! BE-CAUSE traditionally, we had dinner prepared either by a member and their committee or by another Masonic group. This was always followed by a dance with a live band. Over the years times changed and Englewood could no longer afford the upkeep on the aging building. After selling the building, the meetings became social gatherings with meals being catered by a member. As with other groups, our members aged and night-driving became an issue. So now it was time to find restaurants where we could gather and hold a meeting during daylight hours.

ESC meetings have traditionally been held on the second Saturday of the month, so trying to find a location that could accommodate our group is becoming challenging. Most restaurants will not guarantee privacy for a meeting on Saturdays or Sundays, usually their busiest two days! So, we are thankful for the use of the Shrine!

We were honored to welcome Ill Sir Ken Jones and Lady Marlene and Chief Rabban Grady Carter and Lady Kim. We thank you for your presence. A lengthy discussion was held about membership: not only what is needed to increase membership but also what needs to be done to get the current membership to attend stated meetings and functions being held throughout the year. Many suggestions were made and the conclusion appeared to be that we need to bring back "fun" to the Shrine and to the Units. If you have any suggestions or ideas, share them with your Divan.

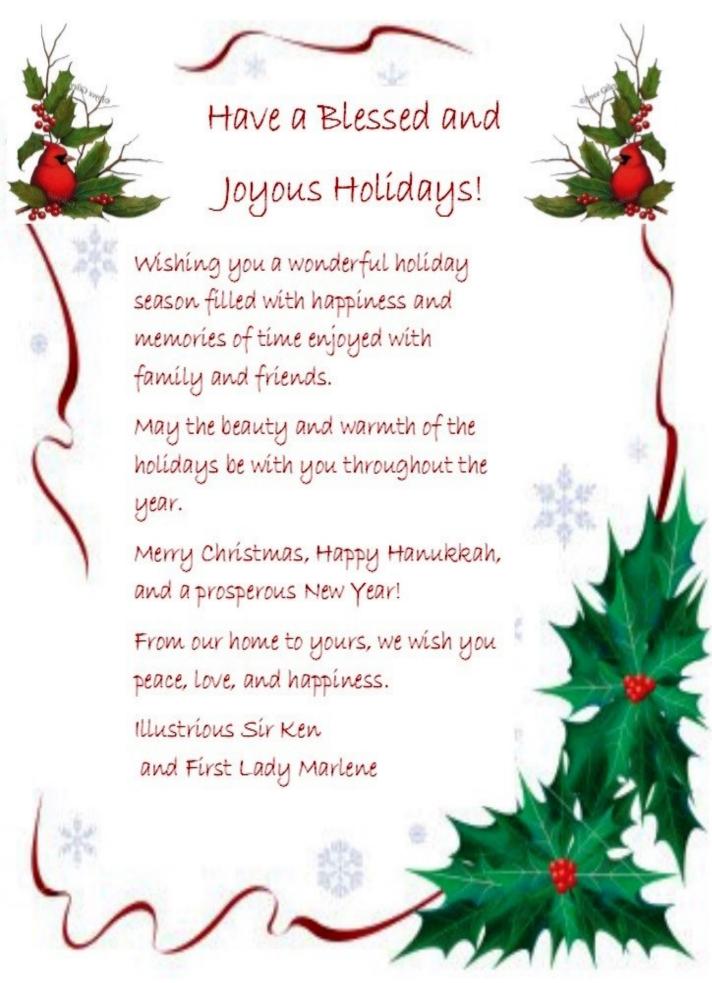
At the Stated meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, ESC made a donation of \$5,000.00 to El Jebel to be used as needed.

Judy and I wish you Holiday Blessings and good health.



El Jebel Pipe Band plays for the Veterans

Dinner





### Phishing Season Is Open Be Vigilant!

Phishing is a type of social engineering attack often used to steal user data, including login credentials and credit card numbers. It occurs when an attacker, masquerading as a trusted entity, dupes a victim into opening an email, instant message, or text message. The recipient is then tricked into clicking a malicious link, which can lead to the installation of malware, the freezing of the system as part of a ransomware attack or the revealing of sensitive information.

In a typical email case, you will receive an email that appears to come from a known person or company that you recognize and do business with, such as your financial institution. The email will probably warn you of a request that requires your immediate attention. In many cases, a quick check of the email return address or the originating text number will tip you off.

Many Nobles have received emails and texts claiming to originate from me. The un-scruple less people sending them are hoping you will fall for their scam. Be assured, my email, AT&T phone and your El Jebel office server have not been hacked. Here is an example of a spam email or text you may receive.

Hello, Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. I will be going into a meeting shortly, please no calls so kindly respond back via email. Yours in the Faith,

III. Sir Ken Jones

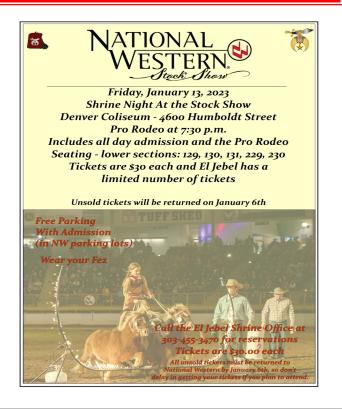
Please be assured I will not ask you to buy anything or to send an email for a private conversation. Do not get hooked by these phishing schemes. Below are articles worth reading.

https://www.verizon.com/about/account-security/smishing-and-spam-text-messages https://usa.kaspersky.com/resource-center/preemptive-safety/phishing-prevention-tips

Yours In The Faith, Ken Jones Potentate El Jebel Shriners, 2022 All Aboard!







#### PIPE BAND

#### ~ KENT BURNS



Bagpipes! Ya either love 'em or ya hate 'em. To some, the skirl of the pipes is akin to angels singing; to others, they sound like two alley cats engaged in mortal combat. But you gotta admit, no matter which side you are on about the pipes, you never forget the image of the person playing them. Guess there is something about a man in a kilt that kinda sticks in your mind. (Of course, you know why they are called "kilts." It's 'cause those who call 'em "skirts" get kilt!) That image is what makes those of us in the Pipe Band "memorable." And the Calhoun tartan we wear designates us as members of El Jebel Shrine. So no wonder we are seen as "ambassadors" for El Jebel. Many thanks to Ill Sir Ken for so recognizing us and considering us as such – just hope we uphold the high standards thus set for us.

Normally, this time of year we would be looking forward to our annual pilgrimage to Aspen for their Winterskól activities and performance with the cadets from the Air Force Academy. However, no such invitation came down from the mountain to either us or the AFA. Can only assume that, when Covid took out the one in 2021 and the resort survived without us, they decided to save a little money and not continue on after the restraints were relaxed. We can only hope that our dear friends from the Bahamas will be successful in their letter-writing campaign to resurrect the celebration (and us) for the 2024 season. Maybe all those letters to the editor and the Chamber of Commerce will do some good. (Especially if they cause other letters to be written in support of Winterskól.) The major expense is housing and feeding the cadets - the Band comes cheap in comparison.

Things are abnormally slow for us right now. We were asked to lead the graduates of the Port of Entry School again in November, and will do so for the CSP graduation in February, but that is about all the performances we have on the horizon. We were also honored to have so many Nobles and Ladies come see us perform with the Rocky Mountain Brassworks in their annual salute to the Veterans concert. Thank you to all who supported us! Some of us thoroughly enjoyed the comradery at Olive Garden following the show. Had a really good meal, but the socializing with all y'all was the best part!

We are asking for all to think good thoughts and cross your fingers for the Band to get busy once again. Don't necessarily want those 300-plus-performance-years again, but it would be great to have a few more performances than are on the schedule at this moment. In fact, there are none till April when we will welcome home the first Honor Flight of the year. These are our favorite ones, and there will be at least five in 2023!

As always, we will be at the Shrine (almost) every Thursday evening and can offer you a hearty welcome should you come on down to learn piping or other things Scottish, usually around 1830.

#### Veterans Day Dinner—November 14, 2022





Swede "Cuddles" Nelson receives the "Leading By Example Award"



Eric Elison plays for the program



**KP Duty** 



#### Band

Hank Hahne

#### **Dune Buggys**

Marlene Jones Patty Dunsmore Ill Sir Ken Jones Ernie Edwards



#### **Legion of Honor**

Pam Richards Vicky Dexter

#### **Provost Guard**

Patty Dunsmmore Paul Stembel Elmer Willingham

#### **RV Roamers**

Bruce Hepp Arlene Kohlwey David Kohlwey
Tootsie Dougherty

#### Radops

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

#### **Sports**

Kent Eckley Vicky Dexter

#### T-Nobles

John Loerwald

#### VIP's

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



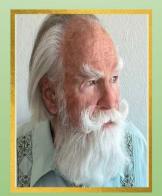


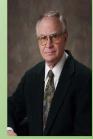
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### **Doc Powell**

When: January 8, 2023
Time: 2:00PM – 5:00PM
Where: Denver Consistory

Please, NO GIFTS





RSVP Required by Jan. 3rd Call Denver Consistory Office 303-861-4261

### A ROAMERS' NOVEMBER BY: TONY DATTILO



The cooler (colder) winter months brings an annual "season" to the Roamers during which the R.V.'s are winterized and retired until warmer climes return with the coming spring. During this alternate "season" the traditional "Innings" are held. That term refers to 'Indoor' gatherings at various locations which are selected for a variety of good venues and 'vittles' to satisfy the palate. No baseballs are involved although the term "innings" relate to that particular sport and the term "palate" if rearranged, identifies the word "plate" which may also be relevant to our indoor gatherings or the necessary equipment included in a baseball diamond.

On this Sunday of November 13, an informal meeting was held at the famous, always crowded Cinzzetti's Italian eatery. This gathering was hosted by Jim Oliver and Kirsten Arthur, and attended by Ken Stauffer & Lady Bonnie Custer, Jim & Sherri Marshall, Tony & Ellen Dattilo, Jim & Judy Taylor, Roy & Janell Ince, Grady & Kim Carter, our 2022 Divan Rep., Doug Kelly and our most welcome guest Susan Boles.

Cinzzetti's is a frequented venue by Shriner groups as the entire place is a huge buffet style restaurant with dozens of edible items to choose from. An appropriate comment was heard; "If you can't find anything to eat here, you might as well just quit eating." while watching everyone browsing and sampling plate after plate of entrees, specialties and desserts. If one is on a diet, this place is definitely not recommended for you. Although a great place to sample a myriad of satisfying gastronomic pleasures, it is also not so great for holding a meeting as it's an unforgiving, raucously noisy atmosphere, prompting the advisory; Go there to eat – not meet!

It's these "Innings" at which we are pleased to gather with our Roamers' family members and enjoy an opportunity to be together with laughter, stories and experiences shared since the last time we were together, and to look forward to planning our future gatherings. We're looking forward to our December Christmas Social which will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at our El Jebel building. Good food is promised, along with some special surprises that some lucky folks will be taking home with them. *Family and Friends are cordially invited*, but reservations are a must. Please contact Jim Marshall with your reservation and payment at Jim Marshall, 2594 S. Olathe Way, Aurora, CO 80013. December 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for reservations.

Jim and Judy Taylor are again making reservations for the annual Candlelight Playhouse event, coming up in May of 2023. Everyone is invited to attend this "Dinner Theater" production, with "Cats" being the stage show being presented. Please contact the Taylors for further information and details if you wish to attend. Jim and Judy announced the winners of the Roamers' Caravan photography contest, the entries of which were judged by the Optars. The winners will be awarded their prizes at our December Christmas meeting. As this is written, we are witnessing and participating in the last of the Veterans Day ceremonies, many of which are celebrated in various venues and methods. Let us remember that Veterans Day was initiated to recognize and honor those men and women of our nation who have served in our military forces to preserve and protect our American

Freedoms and way of life. It is a time that commemorates the official end of the "Great War", more commonly referred to as World War One. The fighting of that war continued up until 11AM on November 11<sup>th</sup> of 1918, with 2738 men dying in battle on that same day. The war was finalized by the "Armistice of Compiegne" France, and the day was declared "Armistice Day", later declared an official legal holiday by Congress in 1938. This holiday was continued as such until May 26, 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation", and renaming this special holiday as "Veterans Day" in the wake of WWII, and the Korean War, to honor our veterans who served in all wars from past to present, now including those wars in Viet Nam and the Middle East at Kuwait and Afghanistan. Many of those veterans, especially those who served during the Viet Nam "Conflict" which is a disgusting "misnomer" in this writer's handbook. It was a WAR! Hundreds of thousands of Americans served and fought in this war! 58,000+ lives were lost and many of them are still missing. The 'anti -war' protesters of those days violently demonstrated against those who served in our military and many were assaulted, disrespected and ignored when they returned home. Many returning troops changed out of their uniforms into civilian clothing while in transport to their "home" destinations to avoid the disrespect, verbal and physical assaults that awaited them when they arrived. The reflections of today have caused a change in the attitude towards Viet Nam Veterans – from one of hatred and disdain, to apologetic well deserved thanks and appreciation for their service to our nation. For some of those veterans, too little, too late as they've passed away with their quiet, unspoken memories and the heartbreak of being ignored and disrespected for performing their sworn duties to "preserve and protect the Constitution of the United States of America". The sworn oath that all military personnel takes is not a "periodical" oath with an expiration date. It only expires with the death of the person who spoke its words, ending with "So Help Me God". Thanks to all who served, regardless of any military branch, color or style of uniform, rank or grade, assigned duty or in time of war or peace. Every single veteran stood at the ready, knowing well their commitment to risk life and limb, at a moment's notice when our nation needed their help in actions to preserve our freedom and our way of life against "all enemies, foreign and domestic".

The month of November coincidentally and appropriately brings us the "Thanksgiving" holiday. A joyous time to celebrate, and to give thanks for the blessings of our lives, our friends, our family and our freedom. It remains as a time to again reflect upon the sacrifices made by those who served and continue to serve in our military, our law enforcement and our first responders, each and all of whom have sworn a solemn oath to preserve and protect our freedom, our lives and our safety – a much tougher task in today's anti-law and order society and the growing wars that we're seeing on the streets of our country. As we offer our "Thanks" to our God for the blessings that we share, let us also pray for His extra protection of our "troops" in all categories - who stand at the ready to serve and protect us.

God Bless and Merry Christmas to All!

#### **SANDBLASTERS** ~ LARRY BANGERT



Our 2022 year is drawing to a close. We have had our annual meeting and have elected the following officers:

> Matt Madrid Tommy Thammavongkeo Vice President Phil Hause Jim Teagarden Matt Madrid Jack Kimpton

President Secretary/Treasurer Golf Chairman Red Fez Rep Points Chairman

2022 has been a good year for the Sandblasters. We look forward to good golf and camaraderie for the year 2023. I want to tell everyone who had a hand in enjoying all of our events for 2022 a hearty "Thank you."

Our final event for 2022 will be our Christmas Party, which will be on Friday, December 9 from 5pm to 9pm. This will be held at The Vista at Applewood Golf Course. We are anticipating a good turnout for this par-

There is a rumor that some of our members are planning an abbreviated winter outing in Arizona for 2023. I am sure that details will follow. I want to wish each and every one of our members, members' wives, associate members, and our sweethearts "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year."

The Sandblasters meet on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:30AM at the Golden Corral Restaurant located at S. Santa Fe Drive and W. Hampden Ave.

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COME JOIN A GREAT AND FUN GROUP!!







#### Fl Jebel Fundraiser - Pecan Sale **Benefit Shrines' Operating Fund**

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

- wo 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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    Cinnamon Frosted halves 12 Oz bag \$11
     Irresistible for snacking
     Flavorful accent to your holiday buffet
     Tatsy 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

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** 
  - Stabilize Good/Bad Cholestero Maintains Skin

  - Rich in B-Vitamins Good Source of Calcium Energy Packed Heart-friendly Food
  - 7. Rich in Protein and Fiber



#### **OPTARS**

#### ~ J. & J. TAYLOR



The Optars met at the Shrine, after a delicious dinner at the Mexican restaurant, El Tequileno. There were a few more people at the meeting, so we got to vote on officers. It was voted that Ed Hamm would continue as President; Kim Carter as Vice-President; and Jim Taylor will continue on as Secretary/Treasurer. Other appointments will be made later.

For the Children's Christmas Party, the backdrop will be a large fabric picture, draped behind Santa (Tony). Flash drives will be used, with several pictures from the party in the auditorium added on to the child's Santa picture. The layout of the Fleming room is to be discussed at a general Children's Christmas Party meeting coming up.

Traditionally, November is Optars' "Optarama" month, where one or more members share their pictures of a predesignated subject. The program this November was to feature videos, with discussion by those attending. We got to see Ed's pictures of Hawaii, Taylors' videos of some square dance exhibitions (which didn't work too well – not enough power through all the cables!), and some of Robyn's movies of their trip to Arlington Cemetery. Greg, on Zoom, also showed a few of his beautiful pictures. We really enjoyed all the variety, and it brought back old memories of former "Optaramas," when we had 20 or 30 attendees at different locations. These days it's hard to find a special place to eat and show pictures there are many noisy sports bars, but not many larger restaurants with a separate room and movie screen. Our Shrine has a suitable room and screen, although we need more people to enjoy these informative, enjoyable programs.

Which brings up the subject – why don't YOU come to our Optars meeting sometime?! We promise there will be something to learn and see concerning cameras and photography. You probably take a picture or two of a special event, and you might like to hear some talk about how to make them better! Your Shriner friends are here to help

The next dinner before the 7:00 meeting will be at 5:00 at Olive Garden on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Come join us!



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



The big day is nearly here; family, friends, and loved ones will be gathering shortly to celebrate. Good food, good fun, and the company of people we enjoy and love. Christmas is a wonderful time of year!

On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, our Annual High Tea was a huge success. We had a full house with good food, all home-made by the way, vendors for holiday shopping, and, of course, the ever-popular 50/50 Raffle. Everyone enjoyed themselves; seems as if fun and shopping are on everyone's agenda during the holiday season.

On Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, before Session, our Founders' Day Tea, hosted by the Past Queens of our Temple, was celebrated.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming December Session anticipating the Christmas Program, directed by Pr. Lelia Emry and the El Mejdel Singers. This program is always the highlight of our December Session.

Due to the Christmas Holiday, there will be no practices or meetings on December 28<sup>th</sup>; however, since we have a Ceremonial scheduled for our January Session, there will be a Ceremonial Practice on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00am in the North Lodge Room, with Unit practices immediately thereafter.

El Mejdel Temple wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.



Illustrious Sir Ken addresses Nobles, Guests and Ladies at the Veterans Dinner

### COMPUTER CLUB ~ J & J TAYLOR



On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Computer Club met at the Olive Garden for an 11:00 lunch before their regular meeting at 1:00. Again, there were eight people there and one on Zoom.

Mike Wallen reported that Kathy was on oxygen fulltime now with an oxygen cord following her wherever she goes. Hopefully Mike won't trip on the cord like Sam did. Sam Wittner reported falling twice, once from the dog and once from a pile of oxygen cord.

Ed Hamm said he has the flash drives to be given to the children at the annual Children's Christmas party instead of printing Santa pictures. The drive will contain the pictures taken during the Children's Christmas party prior to the Santa visit, and the picture of the child with Santa. Each family will get their own flash drive.

President Ed's Tech Tip was about a way to deal with "fraud." Signing up for a VPN (Virtual Private Network) is a way for you to fool the web addresses you are dealing with into not being able to see your real address. They will think you are at the VPN address.

Kent Burns updated us about the upcoming Shrine activities and suggested that the Taylors include a "Save the Date" note about the *CATS* performance at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse on May 16. Everybody is invited to join us.

The program for the day was about Smart Tags or Apple Airtags. They can be attached to anything, and you will know where the tag is by looking at the app on your smart-phone. The tags work by searching for any device that is nearby and has the internet activated, which is most smart-phones. The device then sends its location to your app through the nearby device without anyone being aware of the action. Keep track of your luggage, car, dog, anything you ship, or your kids. It is great when the airline tells you they can't find your luggage. You can tell them where it is. This would a major upgrade to "Hide and Seek."

Join us for lunch at NY Deli News on Hampden, 11:00 AM on 12/13. You are welcome to join us for lunch and/ or the meeting at 1:00 PM.







Disney's Aladdin Buell Theatre | Wednesday, June 14, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Discover a whole new world at Disney's Aladdin, the hit Broadway musical. From the producer of The Lion King comes the timeless story of Aladdin, a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacle. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite.

Hailed by USA Today as "Pure Genie-Us," Aladdin features all your favorite songs from the film as well as new music written by Tony® and Academy Award® winner Alan Menken (Newsies) with lyrics penned by the legendary Howard Ashman (Beauty and the Beast), Tony Award winner Tim Rice (The Lion King, Aida), and book writer Chad Beguelin (The Wedding Singer).

Directed and choreographed by Tony Award winner Casey Nicholaw (*The Book of Mormon, Something Rottenl*), this "Fabulous" and "Extravagant" (*The New York Times*) new musical boasts an incomparable design team, with sets, costumes and lighting from Tony Award winners Bob Crowley (*Mary Poppins*), Gregg Barnes (*Kinky Boots*), and Natasha Katz (*An American in Paris*). See why audiences and critics agree, *Aladdin* is "Exactly What You Wish For!" (*NBC-TV*).

There are 40 seats reserved for Aladdin on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar now further details will be forth coming

Final payment is May 12, 2023.

### EL JEBEL SPORTS CLUB ~ RANDY JENSEN



The Sports Club wishes all the Nobles and Ladies of El Jebel a very Merry Christmas!! I missed the Thanksgiving wish so we hope all had a very grateful day!

This newsletter should be published before our annual Christmas gathering with the Dune Buggies at Malones Clubhouse Grill, 14455 W 64<sup>th</sup> Ave., Arvada at 1:00pm on Saturday, December 3, 2022. We hope the date and time will be more flexible for some that are of the "still employed" statis. We look forward to having a great turnout and good fellowship time. If you have not made your reservation with Noble Randy Jensen, please do as soon as possible so we will have a count to turn in. Pictures will be in next month's news.

The Nobles that attended the Veterans Day parade on November 5<sup>th</sup> were Ill Sir Ron Cosens, Ill Sir Dick Williams, Noble Bob Paustian, and Noble Randy Jensen. The report was it was a very cold and windy parade, with the heaters on full-blast but still a good parade. Noble Randy Jensen also paraded later at the Bass Pro parade to welcome Santa. That was also a very cold parade but much shorter!!

If you were not able to attend the November stated meeting honoring our Veterans you missed a very impressive program. Thank you!!

If you're not already a Sports club member but would like to join us, please contact our President, Ed Rendon at 303-908-3738 or Vice President, Randy Jensen at 303-905-4967. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10. 2023 at Willis Case Golf Club, 4999 Vrain St at 11:30am. We will order from the menu and have our meeting (note the <u>new day</u>). Come join us. We have a really good time when we are together!

That's all for now!!

### **WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB** ~ GREGORY FOSTER, VICE PRESIDENT

As we wrap up 2022, I thought it would be a good idea to reflect on what we've done this last year:

The Western Colorado Shrine Club participated in several parades in Grand Junction and Delta. We had a friend-and-family golf day, sponsored an Emergency Child ID Booth at the Mesa County Fair, celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shriners and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shriners Children's with an Ice Cream Party in the Park, and had our Annual Meeting where we elected new board members.

Sadly, we will not be participating in the Grand Junction Parade of Lights this year. The city decided to limit the number of entries in the parade and we didn't make the cut.

On a happier note, our final event of 2022 will be a Christmas party on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. "Where" is still to be determined so keep an eye out for an invite. We will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange. Please keep gifts below \$30.

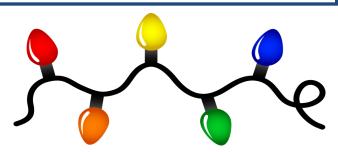
All members of the Western Colorado Shrine Club, family, and friends are welcome to attend. Please contact our Secretary, Nobel Andrew BE, to RSVP for the Christmas party no later than Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The WCSC is not able to pay for all attendees, so we kindly ask you to pay for your part (\$25-\$45).

Building on the momentum of 2022, 2023 promises to be a good year. Currently, we have three Brothers who wish to join El Jebel and the Western Colorado Shrine Club. We will hold an initiation of new members and the installation of officers on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Junction Masonic Center, time TBD.

If you know of anyone who is thinking about or has questions about the Shriners/Western Colorado Shrine Club please let me or another member of the board know and we will be happy to talk to them. All petitions for El Jebel/Western Colorado Shrine Club need to be in by Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

I plan on 2023 being fun. We will continue to have our monthly Happy Hour at Scotland Yard Cigar Lounge on the third Saturday of every month at 4 PM. I will be working to get the circus back to the Western Slope, and we are looking for fun things we can do at least once a quarter. This may simply be going out to dinner and a baseball game, axe throwing, playing golf, or something completely different.

That's all for now. I hope you all had a good 2022 and are looking forward to 2023. Happy Holidays!



#### **RADOPS**

#### ~ MICHAEL MARCUS



#### **Radops Holiday Social:**

The Radops 2022 Holiday Party is scheduled on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Mickey's Top Sirloin, 6950 N Broadway in Denver between 11:00am and 1:30pm. This luncheon is open to all Radops members and their spouse / significant other. Please contact any of our elected officers for more information if you'd like to join us. A special "thank you" to our former president Emit Hurdelbrink (W0UAW) for coordinating this event this year!!!

#### **Election of 2023 Officers:**

The Radops elected our 2023 officers on September 26, 2022. Once again, we'd like to congratulate each of our officers on their elected position and to thank them for their willingness to serve our unit for the upcoming year. The elected 2023 officers are:

Sam Wittner (KØSLW) – President
Paul Harrison (KØPRH) – Vice President
Ken Behrens (KBØYLN) – Secretary
Rich Wall (WR1CH) – Treasurer

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

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Ave., 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.



#### **DUNE BUGGY PATROL**

THANKFUL, GRATEFUL, BLESSED



Another great year at El Jebel! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Dune Buggy Patrol participated in the Veteran's Day Parade again this year. It was a cold one, but we honored the Veterans. Only had two buggies but three Shriners participated.

Happy to say that we have another new member. Craig and Kristina Clarke attended our November meeting. They are going to join Dune Buggy Patrol and purchase a buggy. Even though they live on the western slope, they plan to be in Denver in March to parade with us in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Welcome Craig and Kristina to Dune Buggies!

May the Christmas season fill your home withjoy,

Your heart with love, and your life with laughter.

Our Christmas Party will be with the Sports Car Club.

Date: December 3, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Malone's Clubhouse

14455 W. 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. Arvada, CO 80004

Please RSVP by December 1, to Mike Terry – 720-313-1451

If you are interested in Dune Buggy Patrol, please join us for any parade or social. We welcome you as a social member or as a car owner. If you have any questions, please contact President Mike Terry at 720-313-1451. We always enjoy working, playing, eating, traveling, and parading together.

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Time spent together is time well spent.

~ Winnie the Pooh



### PURCHASE & BOTTLE TAG!



Great Gifts for Family, Friends and Business Associates!!

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 A uniquely tagged and labeled El Jebel bottle The opportunity to enjoy the inaugural 2021release A thank you for supporting our operating fund

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED
THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER

Buy Tags and Support El Jebel!!
(Benefits El Jebel's Operating Fund)
Each tag is \$55. Reserve Yours Now

Tag reservations through El Jebel Office 303.455.3470 (closed Wednesday)

### THE DROVERS ~ WAYLAND L. BRITT

100, yes we lost a 100-year-old Drover, Meade Abbott. Nate and I represented the Drover's at the funeral at Ft. Logan and at the reception thereafter. A poor country boy, Meade was raised in 1938 - before I was born. Meade had an uncanny ability to keep it light, while still having a meaningful conversation. Common in his communication was "just send money." Looking back though my Red Fez articles (which started about 2000), Meade is mentioned as attending meetings, Christmas parties with his family, and volunteering at the Pinery Fund raiser. I never heard him boast or want to be the focus of attention. He always did what he could. Turns out he volunteered at the Circus regularly and who knows what else he did for the good of Masonry and the Shrine as he wasn't one to boast. I did note that he was one of the Nobles who bought a brick to aid the Temple, again without fanfare. I contacted Meade periodically during the last few years. He was always a delight to talk to. He was in Japan during the war but I never got much from him about that. Again, no boast. Mostly because of his age and vision, he went to the Wednesday lunches with some of the guys, most notably Dick Cook, and I think Kirby was hanging out around there as well. Even after the Temple moved, he remained faithful to the Lunch Group by meeting at the golf course across the street. A few years ago, at the wishes of the Drovers, I called and asked if the Drover's could bring by a certificate of Appreciation and an Honorary Drover Membership but upon receiving the response call from his wife, that was politely declined. He wanted to "march on" like a good soldier who didn't need to boast – because he was the real deal. Often when it was time to say goodbye, he would not say goodbye, but "just send money."

I have promised to name all previous Drovers that I knew at the time of their passing. With reverence, I provide the following names of those we have lost who had been members of the Drovers: Monte Squire, Chuck Strong, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bud Warner, Dick Cook, Bill Wildes, Roy Spradlin, Jim Vanderlinden, Bryan Bradley, Marvin Lewis, Carson Ribble, Bill Plant, JP Chumbly, Jack Gregg, Dick Sonderup, Ed Yonker, Otis Hilbun, and Meade Abbott.







Dinner: 7:00pm

Our own Chef Michael will prepare a great Scottish Dinner. \$55 - Adult (13 and over) \$25 - Youth (6 to 12)

\$1 - Child (5 and under)

Prepaid online reservations required

Whisky College: 6:00pm

\$35 - Adult (21 and over)
Prepaid online reservations required

#### For reservations:

Advanced prepaid reservations are available online only. (DO NOT contact the Consistory office). http://denverburnssupper.com/

Featured entertainment.



Scottish Rite Pipe Band

Scottish Rite Masonic Center 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203

Proceeds to benefit <u>RiteCare</u>, (https://scottishritefoundation.org) and Scottish Rite Masonic Center

#### **Veterans Day Dinner-November 14, 2022**



# December 2022

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