


# THE RED FEZ


## of El Jebel Shrine


### a monthly newspaper

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## Easter Bunny relaxing after delivery






### The rest of us who didn't go on the Potentate's Trip to Cozumel









**Grady Carter**

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:



Welcome to spring! This is my favorite time of year out here at the Carter Cattle Company. The weather is getting nicer, and we get to welcome all of the new babies. It's actually a whole lot of fun.

This last month officially kicked off our parade season with the St Patrick's day parade. El Jebel had a large contingent participate and everyone had a great time and enjoyed the great weather we were blessed with (given this time of year). A lot of us enjoyed a wonderful pancake breakfast put on by Highlands Lodge before we headed downtown. After the parade many gathered back at the Shrine Center for a lunch of Irish Stew and plenty of socializing. It was truly a wonderful day.

I also had the honor of attending and making remarks at the Daughters of the Nile Installation. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and am honored to have been invited as an honored guest. I would like to congratulate Queen Joni Lerud-Heck on her installation and extend my best wishes to her for a wonderful, productive, and successful year.

I would also like to congratulate now Past-Queen Sarah Dolliver on her very successful year and personally thank her for all her support, help, and kindness that she has shown to El Jebel in general and to me personally over the last year. Sarah, I look forward to seeing you at many Shrine events in the future. You are always a welcome addition!

We will have a Stated Meeting and Ladies Program on April 10<sup>th</sup> and look forward to seeing everyone there. Just a heads-up: I could possibly be a tad bit late to the meeting as I have the distinct honor of responding to a jury summons that day that says I must make myself available until 6pm.

Lady Kim and I have the honor of hosting our Potentate's trip to Cozumel this month. We have a great contingent of people going with us and have a fun and relaxing trip planned. For those who are unable to attend the trip, there will be a happy hour on April 21<sup>st</sup> that will be loads of fun as usual. If you haven't been to one of the happy hours yet, please try to attend. They are a great way to socialize in a relaxed fun environment.

Membership being the life-blood of our fraternity, we are concentrating on bringing in New Nobles as well as retaining and engaging with our existing Nobility. Please, please be active in your Blue Lodges, and let people know about the great times we have at the Shrine. Like I have said in the past, El Jebel is like family to me and I love each one of you.

If we continue to share our message with our non-member brothers and their families we will not fail in our efforts.

I put all my faith in the Lord and give Him all of the glory. Without Him I am nothing and with Him all things are possible. Lady Kim and I hope that everyone is happy, safe, and healthy and we look forward to seeing all y'all at a Shrine event soon. We love you all and appreciate all of your well wishes and support.

Potentate 2023

Illustrious Sir Grady Carter

Protecting and Serving the Children, It's all about We in 23



## St. Patrick's Parade







## Recorder's Desk

**Dennis Proctor, P.P.**



### **“Stuff” from the Recorder**

Nearly forty Nobles and their Ladies enjoyed lunch at El Jebel after the St. Patrick's Day parade that was held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. A good time was had by all.

A huge “thank you” goes to the El Jebel Radops for their generous donation toward the purchase of a new heating boiler. Also, a big “thank you” to Board Trustee Greg Rindone, who has been able to do “patchwork” on the boiler to keep it running until warm weather arrives. At that time the boiler will be replaced. It has served the building well beyond its expected life!

At the Presidents and Secretaries meeting which was held in January, I requested that all Units send me a copy of their current By-Laws. Also, if your By-Laws have not been updated in the past five years, that needs to be done. So far, only three units have turned in their By-Laws. Please get them to me by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

As El Jebel's recorder I find I am having to contact a number of members for a variety of reasons. I have found there are several disconnected phone numbers and wrong addresses. If you have moved or changed phone numbers it would be VERY helpful if you would notify the Shrine office.

**“We could learn a lot from a box of crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.”**

### **St. Patrick's Parade-March 11, 2023**



### **PARADE CORNER 2023**

**BY MIKE TERRY, MARSHAL**

Thanks to all who came out for our first parade of 2023 – the Denver St Patrick's Day Parade on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather was a bit more cooperative this year and the crowds were very large and appreciative – in some places people were lined up 8 to 10 deep. El Jebel had 12 units and over 60 Nobles, Ladies, and family members participate in the parade. A special thanks and a tip o' the hat to the Nobles and Ladies who volunteered their time to be “green jacket” Parade Marshals.

Now's the time to get your vehicles ready for a busy parade season starting with the annual Commerce City Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This parade honors not only those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation but local military veterans who have and continue to serve our country. The parade will start at 9:30 AM. More information will be sent out as the parade gets closer.

Watch your *Red Fez* and MailChimps for upcoming parade dates and information. Remember, even if you don't belong to a parade unit, there are always vehicles available for you to ride in. All parades are social events; bring your family and prospective Nobles (and don't forget your Fez).



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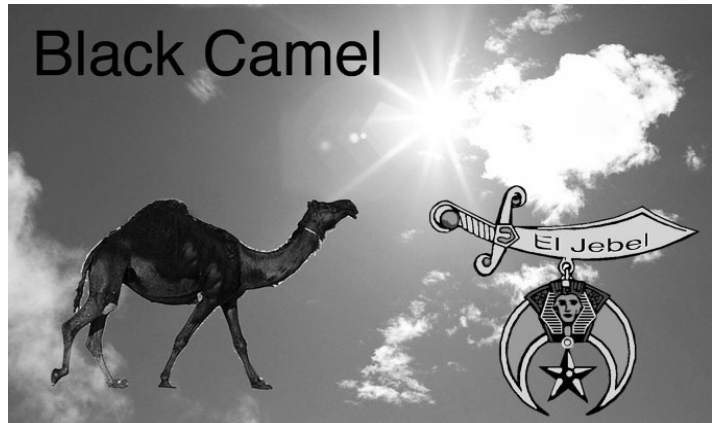
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## Black Camel



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.”

**Richard A. Bosler  
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## 2023 Calendar of Events



### April

9 Easter Sunrise Service-Consistory  
10 Stated Meeting & Ladies Program  
16-23 Potentate's Trip To Cozumel  
21 Happy Hour

### May

6 Kentucky Derby Party  
8 **NO STATED MEETING**  
19 Happy Hour  
20 Spring Ceremonial  
29 El Jebel Office Closed  
29 Commerce City Memorial Day Parade (Call Out)

### June

3 Johnstown Parade  
3 Elizabeth Parade (official)  
14 Disney's Aladdin-Buell Theater  
16 Happy Hour  
17 FibArk Parade-Salida (official)



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**Total Membership (with Associates)**

**739**

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1- Affiliation  
8- Expired

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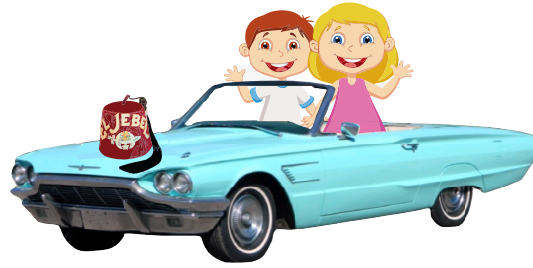
Radops

Boiler Replacement Project





## A message from the Chief Rabban



Happy Parade Season to all! So ... what did you do with the hour you lost this past month when you sprang forward for Daylight Savings Time?

Since last we chatted, we've had a wonderful, well-attended, good weather St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Denver. The after-party (aka St. Pat's Luncheon) was delicious! Personally, Lady Patti and I celebrated our anniversary in March (how many years is it?) and we were fortunate to spend some quality time with our youngest son who will graduate this spring from the University of Wyoming in Petroleum Engineering. Lucky him, he got to attend our Friday night social as well!

By the time you read this, El Mejdel Daughters of the Nile will have installed a new Queen, Princess Joanne Lerud-Heck. Please join me in offering congratulations!

On the fundraising front, the Sportsmen's Raffle planning is proceeding with securing the prizes and getting the tickets approved, and then to printing. Perhaps by the time you read this, we'll have some printed tickets. More to come with all the details and as to when we'll hold a Raffle Kickoff Meeting, so look for that. Again, don't forget to save the date: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Highlands Masonic Temple. With each Shrine meeting, I'll also provide more up-to-the minute updates on our Raffle progress.

April brings our time to celebrate Easter and to partake in the Potentate's trip to Cozumel, Mexico. Lady Patti and I are certainly looking forward to some warm sun time. If you've never been on a Potentate's trip or perhaps attended one years ago, do consider one in the future. It's a great opportunity to relax while spending time with great old friends and, just maybe, make some new ones.

Have a safe and fun April (hopefully warmer)!

Yours in the Faith,  
Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins



## St. Patrick's Parade-March 11, 2023





## THE WORKING TOOLS OF A DROVER

~ STEVE STEVENS, TRAIL BOSS

Like the operative masons of past, Drovers required working tools in order to get their work done. Probably the most important tool of a drover was his horse. The horse was necessary because it could move at a pace faster than a man walking. This allowed the drover to cover more territory than on foot. A horse also has significant speed when trotting or galloping needed to catch stray cattle. Typically, the ranch owner supplied all of the horses needed leaving the drover to have just one large purchase: his saddle.

The saddle served two purposes: first it provided a stable and somewhat comfortable platform while the drover was on horseback. But just as important, it protected the horse's back, spreading the weight of the cowboy during fast turns and slow walks. Much like the trowel and cement that bond stones together to form a strong edifice, the saddle provides the bond between the horse and rider, forming a strong team of brains and brawn.

The drover had other working tools that may seem to be fashionable but, in reality, had a very important purpose. The traditional hat had a wide brim all the way around and was often made of animal fur. A good hat would protect a man from the sun and rain hitting his face and neck. It could also serve as a bowl for his horse to drink water from or a way to fan a fire.

Chaps were leather leg coverings worn over his trousers that protected a man as he rode through heavy brush chasing a stray. They also served as another layer of clothing, keeping him warm on cold nights.

Then there was his scarf, sometimes also known as a neckerchief, handkerchief, or wild rag, was used to protect a drover's face from blowing wind and dust or to keep his face warm. These tools are like the operative mason's apron, not just adornments but are there to protect him and be used accordingly.

And let's not forget about the boots that drovers wore; they served multiple purposes related to all of the above. A good boot had a tall upper that, in addition to the chaps, protected his lower legs from friction in the saddle as well as scrapes when he had to get off his horse and traipse through the brush on foot. Boots had a pointed toe to make it easy for him to get his foot into the stirrup and a high heel to keep his foot from slipping out. They could also be treated to be waterproof, protecting his feet from cold water.

Last but not least is the rope, also known as a lasso, reata or lariat. The loop that a lariat forms when thrown can also be known as the lasso. The rope was often stiff so that the lasso would maintain its shape when thrown. It could be used to tie up horses during rest hours or to catch a stray calf or your partner's horse after he had been thrown. It was also sometimes used to catch that pretty little filly he had been courting!

While the tools are not completely synonymous with their operative mason counterparts, drovers had to rely on tools just as brother operative masons did with their working tools.

## EL JEBEL SPORTS CLUB

RANDY JENSEN

Great News! We had 5 Sports members, Ill Sir Ron Cosens, PP, Ill Sir Dick Williams, PP, Noble Bob Paustian, Noble Chuck Petersen and Noble Randy Jensen in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you Nobles and PP's for coming out to parade. It was a beautiful day (not too cold or windy) and the parade was fun!! Lot's of folks were on the parade route decked out in their green. I think our next parade will be the Memorial Day parade in Commerce City. This one might be just a bit warmer!! Attached are pictures.

We are still planning the activities for this year mentioned in the February news. The weather needs to be warmer so we can have our tops down! A ride to Pine, Colorado for lunch at Zoka's, a ride to the top of Pikes Peak with a lunch at the base in the summer, a "Colors" ride in the fall and our annual steak fry. Any other ideas are welcomed. Just let President Ed or Vice President Randy know.

At this writing, there is no other news as we did not actually have a meeting in March.

Everyone please stay healthy so we can get our beautiful cars out to join others on rides and to parade!!

If you're not already a Sports club member but would like to join us, please contact our President, Il Sir Ed Rendon, PP at 303-908-3738 or Vice President, Noble Randy Jensen at 303-905-4967.

Our next meeting will be **May 9, 2023** and will be at the New York Deli on Hampden.

Come join us. We have a really good time when we are together!





From the Office of the Imperial Potentate, Tampa, Florida



**John D. VerMaas**  
Imperial Potentate  
1996-1997  
Shriners International  
**August 3, 1937 -**  
**February 19, 2023**

**To the Representatives of Shriners International, Potentates of  
Temples and the Nobility of the Order:**

*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.*



## PIPE BAND

~ KENT BURNS



One of the biggest thrills for all of us in the Pipe Band is the chance to play in concert with a brass band. We got hooked on this when we played football game half-time shows, Bronco game half-time shows, parades, tattoos, and concerts with the AFA cadet Drum and Bugle Corps. When our good friend and benefactor from the AFA (director Bill Smith) retired, with him went the lion's share of such events. Red, Plaid, and Blue ~ Instruments of War (the combined "red" of our tunics, the "plaid" of our kilts, and the "blue" of the cadets) is still in existence. Sorta. But the only thing we do any more is the Aspen Winterskól celebration, although the "great epidemic" put that on hold for several years. We were lucky enough to revive it this last January after a three-year hiatus. But how to satisfy our need for brass accompaniment in the meantime? Luckily, we have nurtured another relationship with the Rocky Mountain Brassworks, and this year that includes a new, friendlier, and more receptive director.

Last month we were able to get "our brass fix" with two concerts with them which included a few solo sets as well. The first St. Patrick's Day concert was the afternoon of the parade at the Broomfield Performing Arts Center, then a week later, a second St. Patrick's Day themed concert in Wheat Ridge. Both had the largest crowds we have ever enjoyed with them. And we "wowed 'em"! It sure is a great feeling to perform well and have it acknowledged by the audience. And there is always the inevitable "Q and A" in the lobby afterwards. Reminds us of the days when Celtic Highland games were prevalent and we had the usual "my manicurist's next-door neighbor had a friend whose sister knew a man who went to Scotland once" and they think they are Highland experts. That's just one of the things we do NOT miss since we really don't have many games any more.

As ego-boosting as these concerts are, they all pale in comparison to the feeling of satisfaction we get playing the returns of Honor Flights. These are upcoming soon, one in late April (the twenty-second to be exact) and the other in late May (the twentieth). Both are on Saturdays at DIA, and both flights are scheduled to arrive at 1930. It is such an honor to welcome these heroes home after their much-deserved trip to our nation's capital to visit the various monuments and memorials dedicated to them and all those who answered Uncle Sam's call. There will be two more in the fall, mid-September and mid-October. Anyone (and everyone) is encouraged to come on out to DIA and help welcome these patriots home. For more information, call or text 720-394-6374 or e-mail [fdmr@netzero.net](mailto:fdmr@netzero.net).

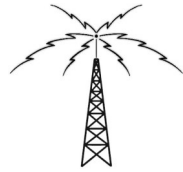
We will also be raising two (at last count, maybe more) Fellowcraft in Longs Peak Lodge #197 in Campion on Saturday, 1 April at 0900. The Lodge asked us to give them a respite since they have raised thirty or so in the last eighteen months and just want to sit back and enjoy. Our raising is just a little different – all according to the ritual but with a slight twist, and that twist includes the fact we do it in kilts as well. Even have a few candidates request us – maybe our "fame" will result in a few petitions for El Jebel.

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.



## RADOPS

~ MICHAEL MARCUS



### Newest Radops Members

We are proud to introduce and welcome our two newest Radops members: John Ringland (KF0ESH) and Doug Turner (KD0RAZ). Both members joined our club in late 2022. John and Doug will be interviewed in the near future and subsequently featured in an upcoming Red Fez article.

### Radops Next In-Person Meeting:

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 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.

## ENGLEWOOD SHRINE CLUB

BY GREG RINDONE

We met on Sunday March 19, 2023, at Blue Bonnet Mexican restaurant near Broadway and I-25 for dinner. We had 15 in attendance including our Illustrious Sir Grady Carter and his Lady Kim. All had a great time eating great Mexican food and I think one person had a hamburger. We had a short meeting and our Divan Rep Noble Kent Burns was there to give us information concerning El Jebel and up-coming events at El Jebel.

Next month's activity was mentioned. For April, we are going to El Jebel, April 15, 2023 for dinner and meeting. It's a little easier to conduct any kind of business where the location is a little quieter. We will be in the Auditorium West and use the Oasis for social. Please look for information on this to be sent to members the first part of April. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of the ESC officers.



## DUNE BUGGY PATROL

~ RON WILLIAMSON, P.P.



The April Dune Buggy meeting will be hosted by Carlos and will be at Blackbird Public House, 305 S. Downing St, Denver. Social will be at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. More details will be sent out prior to the next meeting. May will be hosted by Ernie and Brenda Edwards.

Our March meeting was hosted by the Williamson's and the Dune Buggies gathered for food, fun, and the meeting. As always, when the group is together, a good time is had by all.

For our first parade of 2023, we had a few buggies ready for the huge St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Denver. The weather was great considering it's was only March. No rain, no snow, just lots and lots of people ready to parade. Following the parade there was a social at El Jebel. Thank you to all that were able to attend.

If you are interested in Dune Buggy Patrol, please join us for any parade or social. Contact one of the members if you would like a ride. 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. Start the new year off right and join this fun group.



1st Ceremonial Master Jim Marshall & Lady Sherri





# Mark your calendar for up coming events

Please Join Us

Date: Saturday May 6



## Kentucky Derby Watch Party

Doors open at 1 pm for early races

Best Hat with prizes

Doors open at 3:00 pm for the Kentucky Derby

Wagering

Dinner following race

Mint Julips till they run out

Appetizers

BBQ

Dessert

**\$25.00**

Deadline May 1

Call El Jebel for reservations

This is in lieu of the Stated Meeting in May.  
No dinner, social or Meeting on Monday May 8.



Time is running out!



## Aladdin

Buell Theatre | Wednesday  
June 14, 2023 7:30 p.m.  
PRICE - \$40 per ticket

Ticket Sales CUT-OFF is Monday, May 8, 2023. Contact the office at El Jebel to order tickets. Recommend all tickets be purchased by the Kentucky Derby Party on May 6. Your payment is due at that time.



## Tropical Paradise Happy Hour

April 21, 2023

4pm - 7pm



Join us in the El Jebel Shrine Oasis for the "Tropical Paradise" themed

April Happy Hour. No reservations are required and we are asking you to

bring some "Beach Food" to share and eat. This is an "Open" social event so please bring family members and prospective Shriners







### Clowns

Scott "Doc" Stewart

### Dune Buggys

Rich Silver, P.P.

Cathie Weiser

Robin Terry

Mike Palmer

Connie Strand

### Legion of Honor

Iris Dahlberg

Hos Varner

Mickey Fitzpatrick

### Provost Guard

John Carr

Mark Short

### RV Roamers

Larry Clark, P.P.

### Sports

Hos Varner

Larry Clark, P.P.

April Huskins

Mickey Fitzpatrick

### Radops

Kristi Allison

Grady Carter

Don Cox

Elaine Ringland

### VIP's

Vic Adelgren



## Monday Social and St. Pat's Celebration





## COMPUTER CLUB

~ J & J TAYLOR



On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Computer Club had a meeting at 1:00 PM after lunch at New York Deli News. We followed with a meeting at the Shrine, where seven were in attendance (1 on Zoom).

Mike Wallen gave us a rundown on their new facilities since they have moved to Medina Senior living facility. Dianne White was diagnosed with a form of cancer and was to have a port installed for the chemo.

Ed has started work on instructions for people on how to purchase on-line Sportsmen's Raffle tickets.

The program for the meeting was to be on Skype. We watched a training film that Ed found on YouTube. We also discussed "Air Tags," "Smart Things," "Smart Tags" etc.

If you have an interest in learning or teaching anything about electronics or media, join us on the second Tuesday of the month. The next lunch before our meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, will be at 11:00 at Sam's on Havana.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, May 21, 2023

## CANDLELIGHT DINNER PLAYHOUSE

Again, you are **ALL** invited to the dinner and play for the group cost of \$60/pp; proceeds going to Shriners Children's.



Sponsored by RV Roamers and the 53<sup>rd</sup> NSDC; contact Jim Taylor to request your seats by mid-March:

[Jimta1@msn.com](mailto:Jimta1@msn.com)

## OPTARS

~ J. & J. TAYLOR



On March 7<sup>th</sup>, we got together for our usual 5:00 dinner; this time at Chick-Filet on Hampden. Our choices were of about 8 versions of chicken and 2 or 3 versions of salad (with chicken). Today as this is being written, we are salivating for the next Optars dinner – Piccolo's – pasta, with no chicken.

The meeting after our dinner in March had fewer members in attendance; everybody was busy doing other things – after all, it's almost spring! Greg was a "Zoomer," and Kent Burns, our Divan Rep, gave us a written, very complete report (again, one full page, single-spaced). We talked about a lot of things (and YOU!); you all should come to our meetings to defend yourselves!

As usual, President Ed had a good "Tech Tip." This time it was on Mirrorless cameras. It seems, however, that most of them are above \$900.00. And then the talk progressed into dreams and wishes, and Greg piped up that he wants that new \$15,000 lens! Oh well, we were happy at one time with our "cereal box" Brownie; it took pretty good pictures, too.

Our program tonight was a very interesting presentation from member Greg Birkett; he showed some of his pictures that had special features or stories behind them. His "specialty" (in our opinion) is animal pictures, in which he talked about focusing on the eye. He even has a special feature on his camera, which follows the eye of flying birds!

The meeting in April will be preceded by a dinner at Piccolo's on Monaco, near Hampden, at 5:00; then we will go to the Shrine at 7:00, for a program on "Learn Light Room Classic in One Hour" (!) We'll find out if Ed can teach us old dogs new tricks!



## R.V. ROAMERS OF EL JEBEL SHRINE TONY DATTILO, P.P.

The “Green Theme” of Saint Patrick’s Day was included in the March 19<sup>th</sup> R.V. Roamers “Inning” hosted by Jim and Sherri Marshall at “Famous Dave’s Bar-B-Que restaurant in Denver. Illustrious Sir Grady Carter and Lady Kim graced our presence at this gathering. We sponsor a 50-50 ticket sale each month as a fund-raiser to assist with the needs of our Shrine philanthropy, and on this day, Lady Kim Carter was apparently chosen by the traditional “Leprechaun” of March, who shared his luck by ensuring that Lady Kim’s ticket was selected as the winner of a bit of the “Pot of Gold” that was collected from ticket sales. Twenty-four members and guests enjoyed the camaraderie of great barbeque offerings, friendship, laughter and the approach of our first camping experience in June to be held at the Riverview R.V. Park west of Loveland.

If you’re interested in “getting away” for a weekend of rest, relaxation and spending some time with brothers and sisters of our Shrine family, you are welcome to join us. Don’t have a recreational vehicle?? No worries . . . we always try to find R.V. parks that have cabins for rent, and plan activities at which we all can enjoy together. Contact any of our 2023 R.V. Roamers officers for information on our planned upcoming adventures, but be warned that R.V. Park reservations must be made well in advance as they are very difficult to obtain the longer that you delay. The “space blocks” of reservations for our 2023 Roamers “Outings” were made during 2022 – nearly a year in advance. Some of our block reservations still have available openings. Your reservations will be made directly with the R.V. Parks, but if you wish to attend, be certain to let them know that you’re attending with the El Jebel Shriners R.V. Roamers group to obtain any discounts involved and grab one of the reserved “block” spaces.

Our R.V. Roamers are certainly not the only people who wish to get away from the “circus” of those common and busy distractions of daily life – and these R.V. Parks provide a great time and place for a “mini-vacation” experience to assist with the restoration of mental peace and some well deserved rest with some fun times and good folks.

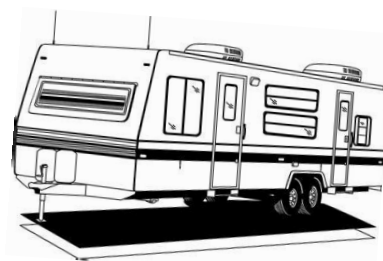
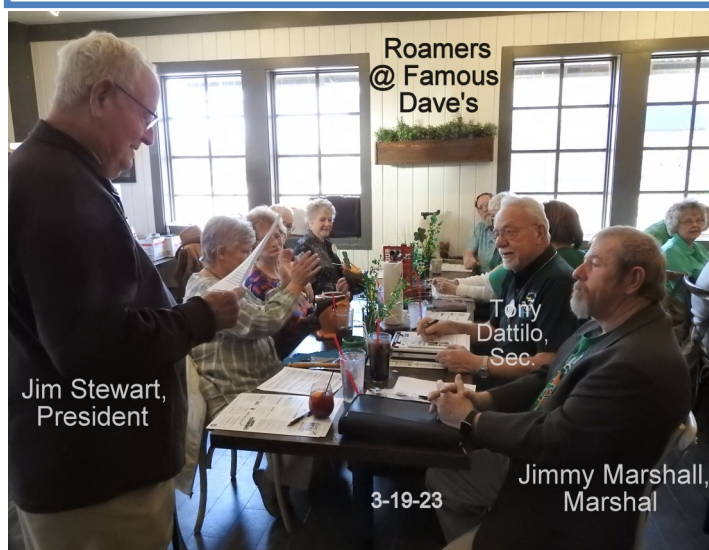
Plans for our El Jebel Shrine include some great activities upcoming in 2023. Details on our annual Sportsmen’s Raffle are available and like other events, are covered in the monthly issues of the Red Fez. This raffle is an important fund raiser for the continuance of El Jebel’s operations. Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins and his “crew” for the Raffle have worked diligently to insure that the raffle will be successful with earlier availability of tickets for sale including the implementation of on-line sales. Each member of El Jebel can assist in this fund-raising effort by encouraging friends, relatives, neighbors, and members of groups and organizations to purchase tickets

with great odds in their favor for winning one or more of the great prizes included in the raffle. Relatively speaking, the price of tickets is very low in comparison to many other items for purchase in today’s world of inflated prices. Remember that the success and continuation of our El Jebel Shrine’s operations is greatly enhanced by the proceeds of the raffle, and only made possible by the individual assistance of *all* Nobles. That means “You and Me” – all of us, together!

It might be a bit early, but be reminded that Easter is almost upon us. Take a moment to reflect on the significance of what and Whom Easter represents. That reflection may provide you with peace – for your soul.

With respect and truly “Yours In The Faith”

Tony Dattilo, P.P. / R.V. Roamers Secretary





## WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB ~ GREGORY FOSTER, PRESIDENT

Hello Ladies, Nobles, and Friends,

Everyone should be aware by now that Noble David Krogh has passed away from injuries sustained during a fall earlier this year. There is no word yet on when the service will be. Once we have more information, I will be sure that it gets sent out to all of our members.

I wanted to thank everyone that came out to the IHOP in Grand Junction on International Pancake Day to raise money for Shriners Children's Salt Lake City. Together, we raised over twelve hundred dollars. Though it was a long day, it was worthwhile and everyone had lots of fun – especially my wife who got to throw a pie in my face because one table made a one-hundred-dollar donation.

Parade season is starting up for us. This year we will participate in the Grand Junction Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Veterans Day Parades, and the Palisade Peach Festival and Fruita Fall Festival parades.

I have asked Timbo the Clown to reach out to Jordan Circus to check into getting the Shrine Circus back to Grand Junction this year. Every year I hear from non-Shriners "when will the Circus be back." So, I want to make the circus one of our top priorities this year.

Who wants to make a club trip out to Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City? I have asked our Hospital Coordinator Daran Mahoney to reach out to the hospital to see what requirements, if any, are needed for us to visit. My initial thoughts are to make a weekend trip out of this sometime in late spring or early summer.

I need your help. I want everyone to think of two fundraising opportunities that the WCSC can do this year. One for the Club and one for Shriners Children's Salt Lake City. Ideas I've heard so far include a raffle, a car show with BBQ, a steak and cigar event, and a whiskey and cigar event. You can come to the next board meeting or call, text, or email me your suggestions and the Board will look at them at our meeting in April.

I want to remind everyone that we have a Happy Hour on the third Saturday of each month at Scotland Yard Cigar & Spirits in Grand Junction. Our next Happy Hour is Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. This event is open to Nobles and their ladies, friends, family, and prospective members. Also, our next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM at the Grand Vista Hotel Restaurant. All Nobles are encouraged to attend the Board Meeting.

My goal for the year is to have fun and grow the fraternity. I can't do it alone; I need your help. We'd like to get more Blue Members to don the Fez and more fun activities are a great way to do that! Come to the monthly Happy Hour and our Board Meetings and let's make this year awesome.



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



**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!** Spring has finally arrived and summer is right behind. All of us are looking forward to the warm weather and outdoor activities!

El Mejdel has a new Queen! Her Majesty, Joni Lerud-Heck was installed on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Highlands Masonic Temple. It was a beautiful day, and we wish Queen Joni and her Officers a fun and successful year. We are looking forward to an exciting year with special events planned. Our White Rose Celebration honoring our new Queen will be held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at Highlands Masonic Temple. Please see the invitation flyer included in this issue of the RED FEZ.

Our Supreme Session this year is being held in Mashantucket, CT from June 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. It should be an informative and fun-filled session. We shall all return home tired, but so happy to have spent time with special friends.

Another upcoming special event is our annual "Nile Day at the Rockies" on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, where the Colorado Rockies will be facing the Los Angeles Angels. A flyer is included. Make your reservations early as this is a popular event and sells out quickly.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy the day with family and friends.



Join us for a fun time and a great cause!  
Registration is now open for the annual  
Scottish Rite Sporting Clays Classic on  
**Friday May 26, 2023**

The event is to support the Scottish Rite Foundation  
and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Held at:  
**Colorado Clays**  
13600 Lanewood St, Brighton, CO 80603

**Door Prizes, Awards and More!!**

Register online at:

**scottishriteclays.com**

**Single Shooter  
Registration - \$150**

Sponsorship opportunities include:  
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# El Mejdol Temple No. 47

Requests the honor of your presence at the  
**White Rose Celebration**  
**Honoring Queen Joanne Lerud-Heck**

When: Sunday, May 21, 2023  
Time: 11:30am to 2:30pm  
Where: Highlands Masonic Lodge  
3550 Federal Blvd.  
Denver, CO  
Admission: \$25.00/person



**A catered luncheon will be served**

Please complete the form below and forward along with your

Check made payable to: El Mejdol Temple No. 47 to:

Sarah Dolliver, JPQ  
5206 S. Laredo Way  
Centennial, CO 80015

Spouses and all guests are welcome  
Crown present – Semi-formal

*Reservation Deadline Date: May 15, 2023*

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Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Lady \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending at \$25/person \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Take Me Out TO THE BALLGAME!



El Mejdol Temple No. 47, Daughters of the Nile  
Invites you to join us for a "Day at the Rockies!"

**Colorado Rockies vs Los Angeles Angels**



Date: Sunday, June 25, 2023  
Time: 1:10 PM  
Cost per Ticket: \$17.00  
Seat Section: 115 and 116

Please complete the form below and make your check payable to:

El Mejdol Temple No. 47

Mail to:

Kris MacPherson  
4030 E. 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue Apt. F  
Thornton CO 80229



**Deadline Date: May 29, 2023**

**Tickets will be mailed to you unless other arrangements are made.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00/each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Request (Handicap Seating, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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





THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO  
PRESENTS  
THE OLDEST CONSECUTIVE PRESENTATION OF  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IN COLORADO

SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

AT 6:30 A.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 A.M.

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DENVER, COLORADO

Free Parking available

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At 14<sup>th</sup> and Logan

Breakfast will be available for purchase online at [www.coloradokta.org](http://www.coloradokta.org)  
Any questions may be directed to 303-748-4547 or [ronbir@msn.com](mailto:ronbir@msn.com)

## EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

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

~ Bobby Marner, PP

Welcome to April! Spring has sprung and fun is on the menu. The St. Patrick's Day parade is now a fond memory. We had Wayne Livermore join us with his usual "Glad to be here" grin. The Western Slope graced us with Craig Clarke, Lady Christine, Son Patrick, and his Lady. Motor Corps Tux-N-Trikes riders assisted the Legion of Honor with great pride. Steve Hubbard's firetruck proved (once again) to be a great crowd-pleaser and Noble transport favorite. Blynn and Lady Sheila with Hawk on back cruised the locomotive much to the delight of the crowd. Cooler Nobles had a first-time owner/driver Allen Simmons along with Veteran Cooler Noble Illustrious Sir Ken Jones winding down the parade route entertaining the children. We welcomed new members to Motor Corps and longtime Shriners Kemry Wait and his sons to the day's fun. Long John had smiling faces on board as did the VIP's cars. What a Great Day!

The March Unit meeting was (once again) well attended by 28 members and Ladies. We welcomed first time attendees Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins, and his Lady Patti. Jim gave an update on our Raffle and enlightened all with updates including himself (LOL). The meeting was short (kind of), the food was good, but Murphy's Law was in attendance (sorry), and the fellowship was awesome! Thanks to all who attended; you make it so much fun.

The Shrine's March stated meeting is now on the done-list with great results. You should make it a point to attend the April meeting. One thing is for sure, the "Fun and Fellowship" will be on the menu. Reservations are a must if you plan on enjoying the dinner.

Aidette Barb Lloyd is still recovering from recent shoulder surgery as is Noble Duane Hiebert. Please keep this Noble and Lady in your thoughts 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.

Our next meeting will be on April 25<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 April 24<sup>th</sup> to confirm you're attending. (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 follow.**

**MOTOR  
CORP**

**ST. PATS.  
PARADE**





# Disney Aladdin

THE HIT BROADWAY MUSICAL



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 Rotten!*), 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.



## Community Shred-A-Thon Event

April 15, 2023  
10:00 am - noon



**Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community**  
**2445 S. Quebec Street, Denver, CO**

Hosted by Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community Sponsored by  
Colorado Grand Assembly

### ITEMS THAT YOU MAY BRING

Old checks, credit card offers, mailings, medical records, tax forms, pay stubs, etc.,  
and any other items that you wish to have safely discarded.

### PLEASE DO NOT BRING

Newspapers, phone books, magazines, plastic, cardboard or catalogs

Donations accepted for the International Order of the  
Rainbow for Girls Scholarship Fund & Other Assembly Activities

Questions call: Julie Mesaros

Colorado Grand Assembly: 303-350-8516

Pati Sawyer Boex, Fraternal Relations

Director: 303-753-2160

THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC RETIREMENT CAMPUS PRESENTS

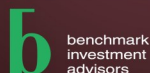


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**TICKET PRICE: \$25**

\$10 OF EACH TICKET IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

FOR TICKET PURCHASE & INFO: PATI SAWYER BOEX @ 303.753.2160



DOORS OPEN 6:30PM  
SHOW TIME 7:30PM

Everyone 18 years or older regardless of Masonic affiliation is invited to attend the PG-13 performance. There is a 2 drink or 1 drink item, 1 food item minimum purchase at the Comedy Works Show during performance.



## 14th Annual Golf Tournament

June 9th, 2023

Thanks to our Title Sponsors:



**CITY PARK GOLF COURSE**  
3181 E 23rd Ave  
Denver, CO 80205

8am Shotgun/ Scramble

\$160 includes Breakfast, Lunch, Cart,  
Drinks at the Tiki Bar, and a Fully Loaded  
Goodie Bag!

Sponsorship opportunities available! For questions contact:  
Pati Sawyer Boex, Fraternal Relations Director 303-753-2160

To pay by check make it out to ESMRC and put golf in the memo line and mail it to ESMRC, 2445 S Quebec St, Attn: Pati Sawyer Boex, Denver, CO 80231



Scan for more information

# April 2023

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