

THE RED FEZ
of **El Jebel Shrine**
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MEMORIAL DAY

*Remember - our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.*



Grady Carter

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:



Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day to all of our El Jebel Family from the Carter Cattle Company. Both Holidays are very special to Kim and I and we certainly enjoy celebrating with our family and friends.

At the same time, I think it is very important to remember exactly why we celebrate both of these days. The good Lord only blesses us with one mother. A woman who for the rest of her days spends every moment consumed by us. When you think about it, that is the most special gift anyone can give. I'd like to take this opportunity to send my heartfelt condolences to my Chief Aide Greg Rindone on the recent loss of his mother. This month will be especially hard on him, and I know that we will all keep Greg and Kendy and their entire family in our thoughts and prayers.

Memorial Day is a day where we remember all of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms that make our great country so special. I encourage every one while we are parading in Commerce City and then eating Hamburgers and Hotdogs later that day with our families to take a moment and say a prayer for all of those who can't join us but because of their actions made our celebrations possible.

Speaking of another Holiday, the Easter Sunrise services at the consistory were amazing. It was one of the most inspirational services I have attended in a long, long time.

Lady Kim and I had the distinct pleasure of hosting a large group of Nobles and ladies on our Potentate's trip to Cozumel Mx. This was truly one of the best trips of my life because I got to share it with so many members of my Shrine family. The memories are plentiful, but some of the highlights for me were sailing on a sunset cruise watching Jim "hips" Taylor dancing joyously on the bow trampoline of a 44 ft. Catamaran. (Not an easy task) Sitting at dinner in a Mexican mansion listening to my 2 older brothers (Jim D. and Ernie E) complain about how mom liked me best and how I got away with everything.

I will always remember sitting in a "stolen" Lounge chair with several senior Nobles wiling away the afternoons under the influence of God know what libations, then liberating a very large shade umbrella, that tragically fell into the pool and became fair game. (It is the rule of the sea!) And then of course sitting in the nicest restaurant at the resort and ordering multiple entrees and of course deserts which then became a regular occurrence for all that ate there. Like I said, it was a very memorable trip!!!

It was just announced that Shriners as a whole has an opportunity to post positive growth for the last six months. Unfortunately, El Jebel is not in that position, but we do have a ceremonial this month so please talk to your blue lodges and get those petitions in ASAP. If you have any ideas whatsoever on how to attract new nobles, please let your thoughts be know. I am planning on having a strategic planning session this summer. If you are interested in participating in this effort please drop me a note and I will be sure to include you.

We will have a Kentucky Derby party on May 6th and look forward to seeing everyone there. This will be in lieu of our stated meeting on May 10th. Please see the red fez for details, make reservations and come a have a great time. There will be a happy hour on May 19th, 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.

Like I have said in the past, El Jebel is 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 give all the glory to God. Give thanks to the Lord; his love endures forever. Kim and I hope that everyone is happy, safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing 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





Recorder's Desk

Dennis Proctor, P.P.



"Stuff" from the Recorder

~ Dennis Proctor, PP

WOW! Here it is, the month is half over already. A few really warm days makes time fly, doesn't it? The last stated meeting (April 10, 2023) was poorly attended and I am mystified as to why members appeared to have just disappeared. I would think warm weather would have been an incentive to get out and about again. Unfortunately, I was one of those missing members. Two unexpected blood clots were diagnosed in my leg and kept me from attending.

By now our Potentate's trip down south has been completed and everyone had an enjoyable time surfing, scuba diving, eating, and, of course, enjoying their favorite "adult" beverage.

As you may or may not know, the wooden privacy fence on the west side of the property was severely damaged during the construction of the apartment building. A letter demanding restitution or replacement of the fence was sent to the property owner. As of this writing, El Jebel has not received their response. Replacing the fence could be a Temple project along with replacing or rebuilding the Brick Plaza. These items are an unexpected expense and, therefore, not in the operating budget. If any unit or member would like to donate to either of these projects, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Black Camel had visited El Jebel too many times this month, taking eight of our members. This includes Past Potentate Amer Plaisted (1990). Our thoughts and prayers go to Sandy Davis, his best friend and companion. Past Potentate Dick Williams (1993) recently took a nasty fall at his home which required a hospital stay and may require a stay in a rehabilitation unit to get back on his feet again. I am sure cards to Dick and Sandy Davis would be welcome.

Just a reminder that the Kentucky Derby social will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 which will be in lieu of the stated meeting. This has always been a fun afternoon, watching the horse race with LOTS of cheering and a few "oh darn, I should have picked the winner." It is always Fun, Fellowship, Good Food, and a few Mint Juleps. Bring family and friends; just be sure to make reservations as soon as possible.

Summer will be here before we know it. The Shrine will be dark for meetings but parades and the social hours in the Oasis on the third Friday 4 PM to 7 PM will continue. Please come and join us for telling of "true stories and not so true stories." A good time is usually had by all.

At the end of each Roy Rogers show he would say **"Until we meet again, may the good Lord take a liking to you."** Happy Trails to you all until we meet again.

PARADE CORNER 2023

BY MIKE TERRY, MARSHAL

While April showers bring May flowers, May also starts the busy part of our parade season.

After some initial concerns, I am happy to report that the Commerce City parade will once again be held this year on Monday, May 29th. Colorado's largest Memorial Day Parade, honoring our nation's veterans and fallen military, past and present, will step off at 9:30 AM.

The month of June brings with it an opportunity for El Jebel units to participate in either one of two very special small town parades on Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 9:00 AM – the Elizabeth Stampede Parade or the Johnstown BBQ Day Parade. Please let me know (myyellowbee55@msn.com) which parade your unit will be attending so I can correctly register El Jebel with the parade committees.

Please put Saturday, June 17th on your calendar for the annual Salida FIBArk whitewater festival parade with the Nobles of Al Kaly Shrine. More information to come.

Watch your email in the coming weeks for staging times, locations, and other information for all three parades.

Even if you don't have a parade vehicle, please plan to join us in one of our upcoming parades. There are always vehicles available for you to ride in. Remember all parades are social events; bring your family and prospective Nobles.



Happy 
Mother's
Day

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ELECTED DIVAN

Jim Dawkins, Chief Rabban
Doug Kelley, Assistant Rabban
Kent Burns, High Priest & Prophet
Hos Monsebroten, Oriental Guide
Rich Silver, P.P., Treasurer
Dennis Proctor, P.P., Recorder

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Jim Marshall, 1st Ceremonial Master
John Titterington, 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

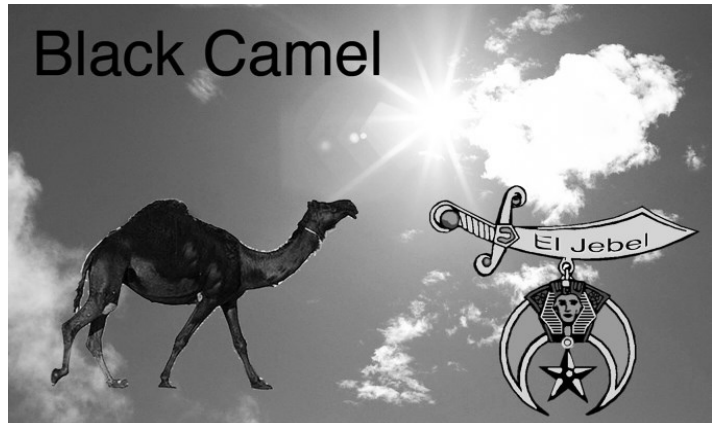
Jack D. Patten (1990)
Richard E. Williams (1993)
Dr. David Powell (1997)
Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
Dennis Proctor (2011)
Jim Long (2012)
Matthew Raia (2013)
Phil Hause (2014)
Michael Trevathan (2015)
Larry Clark (2016)
Rich Silver (2017, 2018)
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Joe Kent (2020)
Ron Williamson (2021)
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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.”

**Amer Plaisted, P.P.
Jerry C. Womack, Sr.**



2023 Calendar of Events



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

July

- 2-6 Imperial Session-Charlotte N.C.
- 4 Brush Parade
- 21 Happy Hour
- 22 El Jebel Ladies Luncheon



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Total Membership (with Associates)

733

- 1-Affiliation
- 1- Associate
- 1- Resigned
- 2- Expired

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Transportation Fund

In Memory of

Shriners Children's

In Memory of

Claude Akridge

Dolores Patten

Claude Akridge

Robert Patten

Claude Akridge

Tom Palmer, P.P.

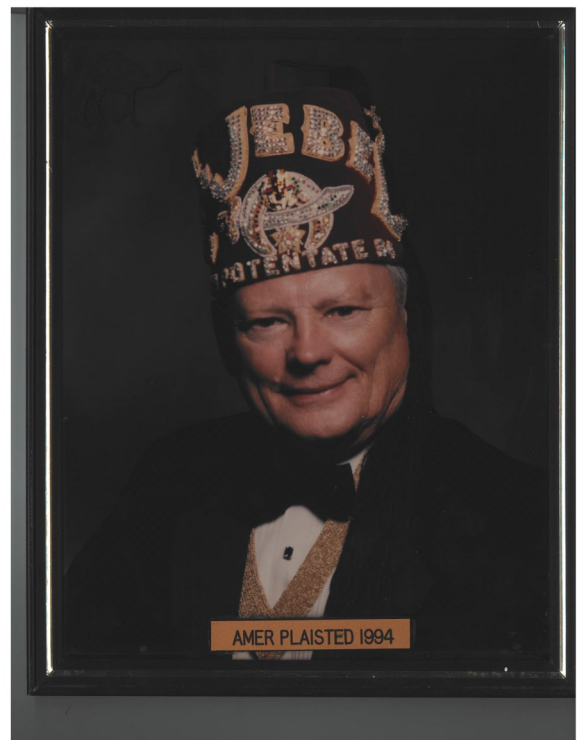
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Dan Kamunen

Building Fund



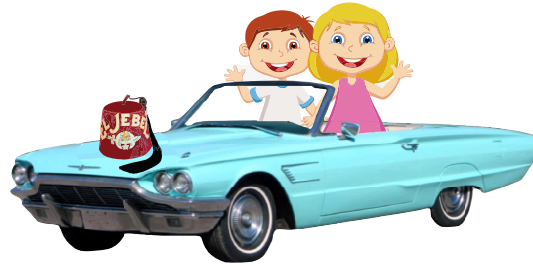
Illustrious Sir Amer Plaisted, Jr., P.P.

January 18, 1929 - April 6, 2023

(Potentate 1994)



A message from the Chief Rabban



Welcome to Spring, Nobles and Ladies!

Patti and I returned last week from a relaxing time in Cozumel on Illustrious Sir Grady and First Lady Kim's Potentate's trip. We had a great group able to attend and loads of warm sunshine was on tap for all. There was scuba diving, snorkeling, razor adventures, sunset cruises, and even parasailing for a few adventurous souls (just ask who)! If you don't have the time or funds to attend such a trip, please try and gather during our socials and family nights. Let's build our fun and relationships; we have so many wonderful, interesting members.

As I write this, my lady Patti is recovering from her neck disc replacement surgery this week. As some of you know, this takes some time to recover and as she must substantially limit her lifting, so perhaps I'll finally get in shape. Then again..... Please keep Patti in your thoughts and prayers.

May will bring us an exciting Kentucky Derby party. I don't know about you but watching horses run in a circle and drinking mint juleps is about as good as it gets. As a result, my pick to win the race is "Bourbon Bash," though he's not exactly favored. Personally, May also marks our youngest son's graduation from the University of Wyoming in Petroleum Engineering. We could not be more proud!

On the fundraising front, the Sportsmen's Raffle planning is proceeding with securing the prizes, getting the tickets approved, and then on to printing. We are lining up the on-line platform and we will also be offering some training on how to use this platform to sell tickets in your name. Remember, every Noble has their own personalized web page from which your friends can purchase tickets and credit you. We'll be tracking Noble's sales totals as well as every unit's totals. Again, don't forget to save the date: Saturday, October 21st at Highlands Masonic Temple. With each Shrine meeting, I'll also provide more up-to-the-minute updates on our Raffle progress.

Have a safe and fun May!
Yours in the Faith,
Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins



EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

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

May is a month full of surprises – is it going to rain, sleet, or snow? The one thing we know for sure is Parade season is on the way! Commerce City parade is on the schedule but we don't have much for details as of yet. Marshall Mike Terry will be getting that all-important accurate information to us as soon as he can.

The April Unit meeting was well attended by 25 members and Ladies. We welcomed first-time attendees and new members High Priest and Prophet Kent Burns and Lady Julie. Kent provided us with the Divan report and Julie just provided us with one of the best smiles ever! The meeting was short (but not short enough!), but the food and service was great. The May meeting will be held at a new location for us to try. See the information below as the protocol has changed (thanks Papa T for all your hard work in putting this together for our group). We also need to discuss and vote on whether this group goes dark in the summer months. Brother Steve Hubbard has some good points to ponder and will be leading this discussion and vote. Thanks to all who attended; you make it so much fun.

The Shrine's Kentucky Derby Watch Party will be on May 6th and if you want to have fun, you should make it a point to attend! One thing is for sure – a "Great time" will be on the menu. Reservations are a must so get those in now.

Our Facebook 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.

Here's "New" the information for the May 23rd meeting: The next scheduled meeting for this spring will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the Wilmore Richter American Legion Post #161, located at 6230 West 60th Avenue in Arvada, CO 80003 (Southeast corner of 60th and Lamar – enter from 60th and Jay streets). Please plan to arrive between 5 and 6PM. We'll be in the meeting room to the left as you enter the doors to the building. Membership consensus at the April meeting was for a self-serve southern- fried chicken buffet dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. Cost is \$17.00 per person, including dinner, soft drink (on request), tax, and gratuity. *Your dinner payments should be made by cash or check (no credit cards please) directly to our Motor Corps Treasurer, who will receive a single invoice for the number of diners present in our group, and will pay the Legion with a single check for all. Adult beverages of your choice (cash only please) are available from the bar/lounge.*

SPECIAL NOTE: Reservations are an absolute "MUST" for this function as our buffet dinner is being specially prepared for our group. Please let us know the number of folks who will be with you with your reservation response. We must provide an accurate "head count" in advance of our meeting date so that adequate food supplies can be ordered and prepared for our members and guests. The deadline for your reservations is Friday, May 19th, at 12 o'clock noon. Send your reservations to Tony Dattilo, P.P. by phone or text message at 303-929-1214 or by email to tonydattilo@comcast.net

Bring your ideas, solutions, and light-hearted fun! Remember if we create fun – fellowship will always follow.



SANDBLASTERS ~ MATTHEW MADRID



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

After a long and quiet winter the Sandblasters have started to organize and finalize their spring and summer schedule. And I am happy to announce that the groups first outing will be April 25th at The Links Golf Course. Please sign up on the website.

Although it was a quiet winter for the club, we did suffer quite a few losses. Please take a moment with me in grieving the loss of our brothers and long time members Duane Hess, Dan Kamunen, and Amer Plaisted who all recently passed away.

Brother Duane Hess was a past president of the club serving in 2004. Brother Dan Kamunen was the long time secretary of the Sandblasters and served as its president in 2002. Past Potentate Amer Plaisted was also a long time member, honorary life member, and the winner of the Burt Maggard memorial low gross trophy in 2004.

These losses will be felt for a lifetime and we send our love, prayers, and support to their beloved family members.

The Sandblasters meet on the last Wednesday of the month at the Golden Corral at 11:30am on West Hampden Ave (River Point Shopping Center). I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting or golf outing.

EL JEBEL SPORTS CLUB NEWS ~ RANDY JENSEN



The Sports of El Jebel will have a meeting at the New York Deli, 7105 E. Hampden on May 9, 2023, at 11:30am. Please, plan to attend and RSVP to our President, Ill Sir Ed Rendon so we can have an idea who to expect so no one gets left out. We have not met since January and we only had our officers at that meeting. We will be discussing our next parade which is the Memorial Day parade in Commerce City (this one might be just a bit warmer!) and future parades and the fate of our group. Please, please plan to attend this important meeting. Your ideas and comments are important.

We are saddened by the passing of Ill Sir Amer Plaisted. Services were on April 24, 2023. Please keep Lady Sandy in your prayers as we have learned that she has a broken knee cap and is also the caregiver for her mother. We have learned that Lady Judy Proctor is helping her with well wishes so contact Lady Judy. Speedy recovery for you, Lady Sandy.

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. Hopefully at our meeting this month we can finalize some of these ideas. Lady Sara and I went to the Train show at the National Western complex and learned of a trolley car ride in the downtown area. Tickets are really reasonable and can be done on a weekday. We talked about this as a possible fun outing with lunch. Any other ideas are welcomed. Just let President Ed or Vice President Randy know.

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, Ill Sir Ed Rendon at 303-908-3738 or Vice President, Noble Randy Jensen at 303-905-4967.

Our next meeting will be **July 11, 2023**. Place to be determined unless decided at our meeting in May. This will be after Imperial Shrine in North Carolina so we can get "caught up" with Shrinedom.

Come join us. We have a really good time when we are together! That's all for this letter!!



PIPE BAND

~ KENT BURNS



The Band had the honor to play for two Honor Flight returns in April. The day was full of surprises, starting with the two ladies who had traffic stopped in the lane to get tickets for close-in parking. After sitting for a few minutes waiting for them to get their ticket, watching the line grow in length behind us to about twenty cars (some of whom took to that always-effective “let’s honk our horns”), the Air Burns pilot got out and walked up to them to see if he could lend some gentlemanly assistance. The first lady (still in her car) was less-than fluent in the local language, and the driver of the car following her said that they had made a mistake – they didn’t want to go into the parking lot but could not figure out what to do. Our pilot told her that all they had to do was to take the ticket, drive to the exit, explain their plight, and they would not be charged for parking, but could go on to passenger pick-up. But there was a slight problem: For some inexplicable reason, the second lady had inserted her credit card into the slot that normally disgorged the parking ticket – and it was stuck. While meditating on this singular discovery, the first lady wouldn’t go without her much-better-equipped (linguistically as well as mentally) friend and therefore, and amid the “occasional” honk of irritation from the ever-increasing line of (im) patient drivers behind us, our intrepid “pilot” could not convince them to just go on (after all, the gate was up and therefore open). The first lady finally got the message and drove off; the second (whose credit card was still stuck in the slot from which one would normally take the ticket) decided to drive over the median to the next lane, almost getting high-centered in the process, but her all-wheel-drive finally accomplished the “climb” and she got out of everyone’s way. We pulled forward, retrieved her card which had now somehow been “ejected” from the slot, retrieved our ticket, and went on to complete our intended task.

After tuning up the ever-challenging pipes, we went to our appointed place at the head of the escalators from the train to luggage retrieval. Naturally, in the spirit of the day, our plane of returning veterans was late. But so, too, was a second, unexpected plane of all-female veterans scheduled to debark said ladies for their bus-ride to Colorado Springs to complete their Honor Flight. They were three hours late and their guardians were fearful that the people waiting for their return in our southern neighbor city would give up and go home. So, they approached us and asked if we could play for them as well. In the spirit of the event, we readily agreed and waited for them to come up from the bowels of the terminal. Of course, that took the usual “about an hour” but they were appropriately surprised and pleased at their reception.

In the spirit of DIA (and in keeping with the smooth operation of the day up to that point) it seems that the airline personnel decided that they would bring the ladies (one was a one-hundred-year-old WWII veteran, several were Korean vets, and the rest were Nam vets) who were wheel-chair-bound to their luggage carousel, then take the same wheel-chairs back to pick up the other veterans from the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight. In the parlance of the military, this whole thing was rapidly degenerating into a “Charlie-Fox” but that now seemed normal for this day. And so we waited. One of our number, being more prepared and inspired than the rest, patiently whiled away his time watching the NHL playoff game on his phone. (As soon as we were done, he “hit the bricks,” hoping to get home in time to watch the final period of the game. Here’s hoping he made it.) When the task at hand was a *fait accompli*, we all went about our merry way(s).

Even with the “interesting” way the evening turned out, it was and always will be our honor to welcome home all those who gave so much for us. These heroes answered the call of duty so that the country as a whole could live in the manner to which we all are accustomed – free, safe, and secure. A very heart-felt “thank you” to all of them.

Also in April, we were supposed to raise two Fellowcraft in Longs Peak Lodge #197 in Campion. That number had been reduced from the original five and actually ended up being only one. Such is the way of the world these days; it’s becoming increasingly difficult to increase our membership. And it is not just a Masonic problem. The same problem plagues all fraternal and philanthropic organizations. We need a way to increase interest in things not self-centered. We, as a Band, try to do our part by answering requests to confer the Third Degree on any and all who request it. It’s the least we can do in the on-going attempt to increase membership. Every Blue lodge Mason could become a Shriner someday. Maybe our presence at his raising will help influence him to do so.

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.





Noble Don Weiser is presented his Aide Emeritus Fez by Illustrious Sir Ken Jones at the April Stated Meeting



Ladies playing Bingo

DUNE BUGGY PATROL

RON WILLIAMSON, PP



The Dune Buggy Patrol held their monthly meeting at The Ritual Social House. Thank you to Juan Carlos Millan for making the arrangements for our April meeting. Ten members were present, and we all enjoyed great food, great company, and great fellowship.

Congratulations to Don Weiser! Don received his Aide Emeritus Fez at the April Shrine meeting. Aide Emeritus is received once you have completed 10 years as an aide. Congratulations Don! By the time this goes to print, we hope that Lady Cathie Weiser is feeling better.

Our next parade will be the Memorial Day Parade in Commerce City on Monday, May 29, 2023. We were short a few cars at our last parade so let's see if we can get a few more cars up and running for the Memorial Day Parade. If you need some help, please let Mike know and we can get together to clean, fix and tune up the cars.

Our next meeting will be at Ernie and Brenda Edward's home in Arvada on Wednesday, May 10th. Please RSVP to Ernie.

Saturday, June 3 the Dune Buggy Patrol will be doing the Johnstown Parade. This is always a fun parade. Remember proof of insurance cards, President Mike will be checking to make sure we are in compliance.

If you are interested in joining the Dune Buggy Patrol contact President, Mike Terry at 720-313-1451. If you would like to ride in one of the Dune Buggy's at a parade, contact one of the drivers. Join our group and have fun with us. Come on, what are you waiting for???



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

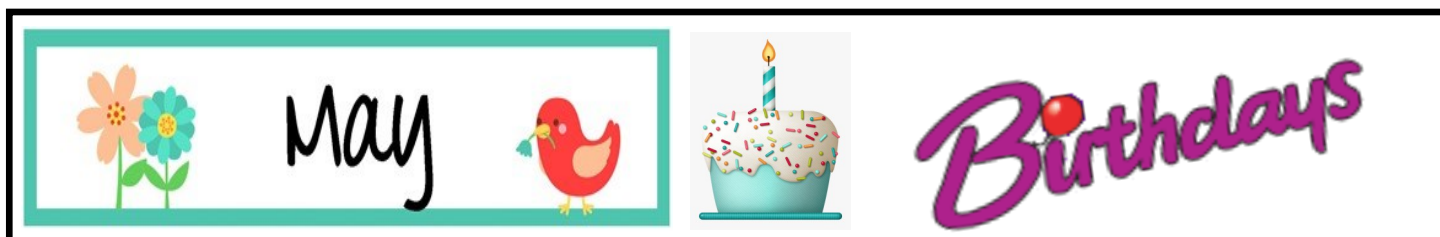
Deadline May 1

Call El Jebel for reservations



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





Clowns

Swede "Cuddles" Nelson

Dune Buggys

Andrea Johnson

RV Roamers

Annette Rice

JoAnn Murphy-Barnes

Judy Taylor



Sports

Nancy McBride

Radops

Barbara Aleksick

Mary Peabody

Scott Thompson

VIP's

Terry Percy



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 22, 2023

EL JEBEL LADIES LUNCHEON

Details forthcoming



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.



OPTARS

~ J. & J. TAYLOR



On April 4th, we were to get together for our usual 5:00 dinner; but since there were only 4 of us, (and the weather was bad) we arranged to be on Zoom, and postponed the next Optars dinner – Piccolo's – and the meeting.

Kent Burns, our Divan Rep, again gave us a written, very complete report, especially updating the Parade schedule. And again, we talked about a lot of things. President Ed reviewed the Sportsmen's Raffle on-line purchasing of tickets. Optars did pretty well last year, thanks to Joe Kent, who sold over \$1000 worth of tickets and credited it to Optars!

As to the Parade schedule, Ed says he tries to be in all the parades – he's even planning on the Elizabeth and Johnstown ones, even though they're on the same day! He's going to have to put his trike in high gear to get from those two towns, and maybe take the back roads to avoid the 90-mile-an-hour speedway on I-25.

May 2nd is our next meeting, with dinner at 5:00 at the postponed Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway (Monaco near Hampden). And for the meeting program, we will be seeing a video on "Light Room," which was scheduled for April – some of the members requested to have a session on this, so BE THERE!

And Happy Spring! Sure glad it isn't going to be cold and snowy anymore! (Ha, Ha...)

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.



Computer Club

By J & J Taylor



After lunch at Sam's #3, the Computer club meeting was called to order on April 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fleming room by Vice President, Ken Behrens.

We discussed offering to help with the payment of the new boiler; we'll wait for a request.

Sickness and health issues were that Dianne White had one round of chemo for her B-cell lymphoma. She lost her hair on Monday. The next round is Wednesday, April 12th. Former member Dick Williams was in the hospital. Ed & Kathy Hamm left on their cruise after Kathy spend the night in the hospital with a kidney stone; she got out just in time to get to the airport!

Mike Wallen's son, Mathew, was visiting from Ireland, and Mike brought him to our meeting; he is helping fix things in his new home.

We decided to meet on May 9th for a lunch at Zane's, and the program will be pictures from the trip by the Hamms.

Kent B. gave the Divan report, and the meeting was closed. Of note were the list of parades, and that the youth corner in the Red Fez will now be open for Masonic news.

The program for today was more on "Passwords". Ken Behrens told us about the research he did on the history of passwords, then explained how to make them secure and how to control their use.

On April 11th, 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 Sr. 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 online Raffle tickets.

The program for the meeting was to be on Skype. We watched a training film that Ed found on Utube. 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 March 14th, will be at 11:00 at Sam's on Havana.

Mother's Day

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

For the R.V. Roamers, the term “Innings” refers to gatherings held during the months that actual camping activities are suspended due to cold weather and snow. Camping isn’t much fun when driving or towing an R.V. to some destination where the likelihood of inclement weather promises bad road conditions and isolation within the confines of each “rig” at a destination covered with the “white waters” of winter. April marked the last of these “innings” for the “winter-spring” season of 2023 as twenty-six members and guests gathered for a meeting and roast beef buffet dinner. Once again, the facilities of the Wilmore-Richter American Legion Post #161 in Arvada were graciously provided for this meeting. We were glad to welcome Pat Graves and Mary Salz, some wonderful Noble Ladies whom we haven’t seen for a while, and also welcomed Billy and Yoriko Umsted back to the fold from their winter “snowbird” activities in Arizona.

Throughout each year, the Roamers host some activities that are fundraisers for the specific purpose of supporting our Shriners Children’s facilities. At this month’s meeting, the usual 50/50 ticket sales and drawing was held with Richard Talkington holding the winning ticket. Richard is remembered and well regarded for his frequent and active service as a chef who prepared lots of delicious vittles for attendees at many El Jebel functions. True to his character, Richard graciously and generously donated his winnings back to the fund-raising category. Many thanks, Richard – for your service, generosity, and always -welcome friendship and participation with the Roamers and El Jebel Shrine.

Several of our members were absent for this gathering but were envied by those present as the “absentees” celebrated the end of winter as participants with the Potentate’s trip to Cozumel. They were missed, but we look forward to hearing of their adventures from that excursion.

April’s last spring “inning” was concluded with a short presentation by Secretary Tony Dattilo, P.P., who provided some short “pre and post” videos of Shriners’ gait laboratory patients, a visual reminder of the reason for our existence as Shriners, and the importance of encouraging Masons to join our ranks for the purpose and mission of assisting children in need.

As we look forward to the upcoming “Outings” at campgrounds where reservations have been secured well in advance for our group, we prepare to perform the annual “de-winterization”, and “pre-flight” services and checks before taking to the highways in our various conveyances. For the motorized versions, the preparatory services usually include a change of motor oil and oil and air filters, checks or changes of fluid levels, and operations for transmissions, differentials, brakes, antifreeze, power steering, water heaters, batteries, tire conditions and air pressure, air conditioner functions, electrical and propane systems, and intact seals for rooftop joints. Snow and sun take their tolls on exterior finishes, so the usual “spit and polish” is needed as well as a good dusting and cleaning of interiors. It’s a “housekeeping”

adventure at the beginning of each season, but the anticipation, fun, and experiences of “getting away” with dear friends to some relaxed gatherings at some of the most beautiful areas of creation makes it all worthwhile.

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 most welcome to join us. If you don’t have a recreational vehicle, you can obtain one of the cabins that are included with our RV Park reservations. Our first “Outing” for 2023 will be held on June 16th through 18th at the Riverview RV Park, just west of Loveland, a beautiful, scenic location on the banks of the Big Thompson River. At this writing, the space/cabin blocks that we reserved last year, there are still three RV sites and two cabins available so, if you wish to go, get your reservation in ASAP as the park will release them soon. You can get all of the June Outing’s information and make your reservation by directly contacting Noble Scott Cromwell and Lady Jannice who are the Wagon-masters for this outing.

The month of May is always a busy one. As we watch the sunshine and warmth cause the grass and flowers renew their colors, and the trees renew their blossoms and leaves, let’s remember that the “priorities” for this month are the annual holidays of “Memorial Day” and “Mother’s Day.” Memorial Day has evolved from what was earlier referred to as “Armistice Day” in commemoration of World War One’s battle casualties. The name was later changed to “Memorial Day” to be inclusive of our military personnel who gave their lives in the service for our country in all “conflicts” and “wars.” Many ceremonies in May are held in reverent honor of those who gave all, a time for serious reflection of how and why we enjoy the freedom that they fought and died for in our America. At some point prior to or during our celebratory holiday barbeques, parties, and gatherings, please take a moment or two to reflect, remember, and thank those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

For many of us, Mother’s Day is a time to remember our mothers who are no longer with us – our mothers who spent all of their days and nights worrying, watching over and caring for us since the moment we were born and throughout all of our days as we grew into independent adults. For those whose mothers are still with us, it’s a day that we make special for them with love and thanks for their incredible gifts and efforts of those years that they provided us with support, education, love, and protection as they did their best to mold and groom us into productive adults.

Happy Mother’s Day to all of our Moms.



WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB ~ GREGORY FOSTER

My sad duty is to let you know that Noble Jerald Conyers passed away on March 28th. He was President of the WCSC in 2015, and the WCSC Shriner of the Year in 2018. Jerald was known as "Grumpy the Clown"; he always made children smile.

The Western Colorado Shrine Club Board met on Tuesday, April 11th, and discussed plans for the spring and summer. We are making plans to visit the Salt Lake City Hospital sometime in June. We are working with the hospital to find an appropriate time to visit. Jack Ward's wife and her sewing club are making twenty-five quilts for us to give out to children at the hospital. We also have two huge bags of stuffed animals and toys for the children. As soon as we have more information. I will make sure we get it out to you.

We are looking into which parades we want to attend this year. If you want to go to a particular parade, please let the board know so that we can get it on the calendar.

We are also looking to do some fundraisers. Some ideas include a steak and whiskey event, a cigar and whiskey event, or a murder mystery. If you want to do something else, please let the board know.

I want to remind everyone about our upcoming events. The next WCSC Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 11:45 AM at the Grand Vista Hotel and the next All-Masonic Happy Hour will be on Saturday, May 20th at 4 PM at Scotland Yard Cigar and Spirits. Both events are open to all members of the WCSC and the Happy Hour is an open event for all Masons, their families, and prospective members.

I hope to see you all soon.

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



Yes! Spring is here. A few snowflakes may arrive during this month, but spring is officially here. Hope you all celebrated with a Happy Easter!

This month, El Mejdél Temple is honoring our new Queen, Joanne "Joni" Lerud-Heck at the White Rose Celebration to be held on May 21st, at Highlands Masonic Temple. Everyone is invited and included in this issue of the RED FEZ is the invitation flyer for this event. Reservation deadline is May 15th and we hope you will be able to attend.



Speaking of dates, the deadline date for the Nile Day at the Rockies is May 29th. A flyer with full details and reservation slip is included with this issue. These tickets are a popular item; consequently, a quick response is required. The date of the game is Sunday, June 25th at 1:10pm. It's the Rockies vs the Los Angeles Angels.



Supreme Session is coming up for the month of June. This year, we will be traveling to Mashantucket, CT. Great adventures lie ahead.

Be safe in your travels over the summer and to all of the mothers out there.....

Happy Mother's Day!



Take Me Out TO THE BALLGAME!



El Mejdél 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 Mejdél Temple No. 47

Mail to:

Kris MacPherson

4030 E. 94th 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 Mejdél Temple No. 47	



El Mejdal 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 Mejdal 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

Contact Name _____

Title/Lady _____

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

Check No _____ Phone No _____

DROVERS

~ STEVE STEVENS

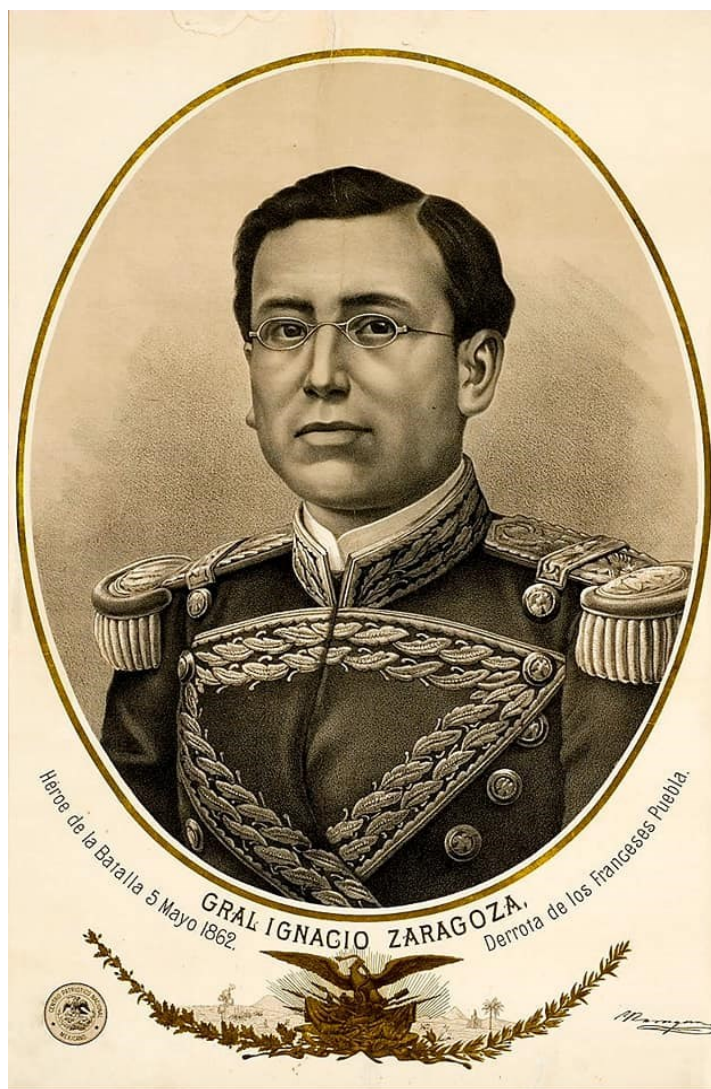
For the month of May I thought I would shift gears a bit from what we have been sharing about the early Drovers and cover an event that happened in roughly the same time period. We all love to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, the 5th of May, but we sometimes forget why this date is important to everyone, but more specifically, to Masons. Cinco de Mayo is a very important date that, if the events had not occurred on this date in 1862, both Mexico and the United States of America may have been very different places.

We start the story on July 17, 1861, when then-Mexican President Benito Juarez, his country facing bankruptcy, made the decision to suspend all foreign debt repayments. Spain, England, and France, to all of which Mexico owed money, joined in alliance to send forces to Mexico to demand repayment. Spain sailed into the Mexican city of Veracruz on December 14, 1861 and took possession of the port, followed by France. A peaceful agreement was eventually reached between Mexico, Spain, and England but France, led by Napoleon III, made it clear that he wanted to establish an empire in Mexico.

In April of 1862, France began its march from Veracruz to Mexico City with somewhere between 6,000 and 8,000 troops. On their way to take Mexico City by force, they ran into a surprising resistance at the town of Puebla led by our brother, Ignacio Zaragoza. Brother Zaragoza was born in the village of Bahía del Espíritu Santo, a province of Mexico called Coahuila y Tejas, known today as Goliad, Texas. Next time you see me, ask about one of our other brothers, James Fannin and the battle of Goliad!

OK, a little more about Brother Zaragoza. He was a cousin of Brother Juan Seguin who delivered the eulogy for our fallen brothers at the Alamo. Brother Zaragoza led a poorly equipped Mexican army of about half the size of the French to a surprise victory over their much better equipped French counterparts. This was quite unexpected and set the French army back by a year. About a year after meeting in Puebla, the French returned with a much larger force and were able to march all the way to Mexico City seating Maximilian I as the new ruler of Mexico.

Here's the significance: it's common thought that if the French Army had marched unabated to Mexico City in 1862, they would have joined with the confederacy in the US to create a dominant monarchy in North America. So, the battle of Puebla, on Cinco de Mayo (unknown to many of us) was one of many decisive victories that have contributed to the country we call "home" today. This year, when you tip your margarita or beer glass on the fifth of May and wish someone a happy "Cinco de Mayo," remember that it was a fellow mason, trying to make good men better, who set in motion the world that we enjoy today.



RADOPS

~ MICHAEL MARCUS



Radops Next In-Person Meeting:

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023 in the 2nd floor meeting room at the Shrine building. These meetings begin promptly at 7:00pm and are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through April with the exception of December.

Radops Weekly On-The-Air Meetings:

The Radops weekly on-the-air meetings (a.k.a. Sunday Night Nets) are held every Sunday evening at 7:00pm on 146.985 MHz. Additionally, we have an EchoLink node K0FEZ-R available on our 2-meter repeater. The Radops also own and operate a standalone 447.925 MHz repeater located in Aurora near I-225 and Yale 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.

FLAGS FOR FALLEN VETS

SUNDAY – 28MAY2023 – 0900 HOURS (9AM)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!



Flags for Fallen Vets is a national program that annually takes place at a number of national, or military cemeteries across the country. The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite and Masons throughout Colorado have proudly supported and participated in the event for the past several years. The mission is to ensure that an American flag is placed at the grave of every veteran resting in these cemeteries.

This year's family-oriented event will take place on Sunday, May 28 at 9am at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. We need volunteers to assist with placing the flags on May 28 and then with the pickup of the flags on June 3. Volunteering is very easy - just follow these steps:

Go to <https://flagsforfallenvets.com/> and click on 2023 Volunteer Form

- Select Fort Logan National - Denver in the drop-down menu and then enter your email address
- In the "Group" menu, select "Mason" and Section "S"

Add the number of volunteers you will be bringing with you that day

This will be slightly different than in past years, with changes for the better. We (the Masonic family) will be focused on Section S of the cemetery, just a couple of blocks from the main entrance on Sheridan Boulevard. See the map below. We will be responsible for the entire section and all graves in the section. Please plan to arrive by 8:30 am.

Questions: Kent Burns, fdmr@netzero.com, 720-394-6374

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.**



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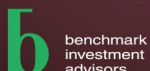
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**AT THE LANDMARK COMEDY WORKS
5345 LANDMARK PLACE • GREENWOOD VILLAGE 80111**

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.

**Eastern Star
Masonic
Retirement Campus**

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:
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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, Att: Pati Sawyer Boex, Denver, CO 80231



Scan for more information

May 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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7	8 No Stated Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
			Denver Consistory Spring Reunion			
14 	15	16	17	18	19 Social Hour-Oasis 	20 Spring Ceremonial
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Flags for fallen Vets Ft. Logan	29 Commerce City Memorial Day Parade	30	31			