



THE RED FEZ of El Jebel Shrine

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4th July

★ Happy ★

Independence Day





Grady Carter

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:



Happy 4th of July to everyone! Lady Kim and I hope you all are enjoying the holiday weekend and celebrating in fine Red, White, and Blue style. This weather is becoming a little challenging at The Carter Cattle Company. We are a soggy, muddy mess, making it difficult to clean stalls, cut grass, and generally keep the ranch clean and functional. On the upside, everything is clean and beautiful, and we have enough grass to feed without having to pay for it. All in all, life is good, and we are blessed,

Parade season is now in full swing with two or three parades a month for the next several months. Please consider coming out and parading with us if you have not done so recently. It is a wonderful time, and there are always many ways to become involved. Once again, I would like to give a special shout-out to our Marshal Mike Terry for all his hard work organizing our parade efforts. He does an outstanding job dealing with all the parade organizers, which can be a daunting task. The weather has also played havoc with the last several parades, limiting our attendance and participation. We are supposed to be drying out, so please consider coming out and parading with us.

While many of you are celebrating at the Brush parade, some of us are attending the Shriner's International Imperial Session in Charlotte. I look forward to hearing all the news from Imperial and will have a full report next month.

We have had wonderful attendance and participation at our events this year. We had a large contingent trek down to the Buell theatre in Denver to watch an amazing performance of *Aladdin*. A wonderful time was had by all, and I really do think those guys thought they were Shriners. I would encourage everyone to come out and participate in the fun and fellowship. Do not forget our Happy Hours at the Shrine Oasis on the 3rd Friday of the month from 4pm – 7pm. Lady Kim is looking forward to hosting her Ladies' Luncheon on July 22, and I hope all the ladies will attend and have a great time.

Everyone, please stay safe and happy! Lady Kim and I hope to see you all at a Shrine gathering soon. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths

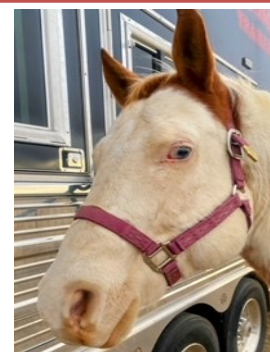
Yours in the faith,

Illustrious Sir, Grady Carter, 2023 Potentate

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



Lady Kim and I would personally like to thank everyone who came to the Buell theatre to celebrate and watch *Aladdin* with us. It was a very special evening that we will not soon forget!!





Recorder's Desk

Dennis Proctor, P.P.



“Stuff” from the Recorder

Here it is June and this year is half over. Time sure can get away from a person without his realizing it has passed.

Condolences were extended to Past Potentate Ken Jones and family for the loss of his mother. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife and family. The family has requested any donations in her honor be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Sadly, Past Imperial Potentate William S. “Bill” Bailey (2021-2022) recently passed away. Imperial Sir Bill was very active serving his community along with all of his Imperial duties.

On a happier note, we welcome four new Nobles from the May 20th ceremonial. I hope all units were able to meet with and encourage the new Nobles to become active in one.

I hope our delegates will be bring some interesting news to us from the annual Imperial Session (July 3rd through July 6th) in Charlotte, NC. The Divan will need to share the information they learn at the session.

Watch for Mike Terry’s Parade Corner for a list and dates of all the parades that he has relentlessly worked to line up for the units. Mike does a great job trying to get the information that is slow to be released from all the cities. Thanks, Mike, for a great job.

Don’t forget the Happy Hours on the third Friday of the month, 4 PM till 7 PM each month. Join the fellowship, enjoy a snack, and have an adult beverage with someone you haven’t seen in a while.

Finally,

“To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone.” Reba McEntire

PARADE CORNER 2023

BY MIKE TERRY, MARSHAL

Mother Nature certainly has blessed us the last few weeks with an abundance of rain – everything is beautiful and green – but She definitely has a mischievous side to her as we dealt with rain for the Johnstown, Elizabeth, and FIBArk (Salida) parades. Thanks to all the hearty Nobles and their Ladies who braved the rain and cool temperatures for these parades. In spite of the bad weather people appreciated El Jebel being there!

Given our unpredictable weather, especially this year, knowing who is planning to participate in a parade is vital, particularly if a parade is cancelled at the last minute as it was with the Elizabeth Stampede Parade. When the parade information e-mail is sent out, please take a minute to respond if you’re planning to attend; this will allow us to contact you/your unit and possibly save you a trip and lots of frustration if a parade is cancelled.

Our next parade will be on Tuesday, July 4th, in Brush. This parade is always a lot of fun – the residents come out in force and look forward to the Shrine units. The parade starts at 10:00 AM. Although we believe we will be staging, as in past years, on Eaton Street, we have no firm confirmation so please watch your e-mails for details as they become available.

Looking forward to the coming months, we hope you’ll join us for the following parades:

- * **Saturday, July 29th** – Douglas County Parade. Please note the Douglas County Parade committee has informed us that there is room for only one unit, The Drovers. There might be more, but please contact me at myyellowbee55@msn.com before you commit to this parade.
- * **Saturday, August 12th** – Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade
- * **Saturday, August 26th** – Veteran’s Home/Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community
- * **Saturday, September 9th** – Arvada Harvest Festival Parade
- * **Saturday, September 23rd** – Broomfield Days Parade
- * **Saturday November 11th** – Denver Veteran’s Day Parade

If you have any questions, please contact me at myyellowbee55@msn.com

Remember, 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. All parades are social events; bring your family and prospective Nobles. Come join the fun!



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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

APPOINTED DIVAN

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

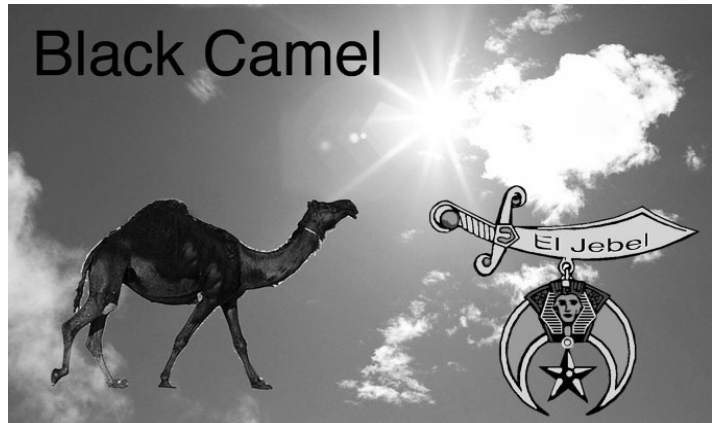
Jack D. Patten (1990)
Richard E. Williams (1993)
Dr. David Powell (1997)
Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
Dennis Proctor (2011)
Jim Long (2012)
Matthew 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)
Ken Jones (2022)

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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.”

Harold E. Cook
Gene R. Dreher
Merrill R. Fie
John R. Gardner II
John “Jack” W. Goth
Leroy H. Harper, Jr.
James A. Hill
Michael S. Lighthill
Robert D. Magos



2023 Calendar of Events



July

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

August

- 12 Wheat Ridge /carnation Festival Parade/Picnic
- 18 Happy Hour
- 31-Sept 2 CSSA— Omaha

September

- 2 CSSA Parade—Omaha
- 9 Arvada Parade
- 11 Stated Meeting & Ladies Program
- 15 Happy Hour—Oasis
- 15-16 Shriners Childrens "Walk for Love" Salt Lake City
- 30 Potentate's Ball - Offsite



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Total Membership (with Associates)

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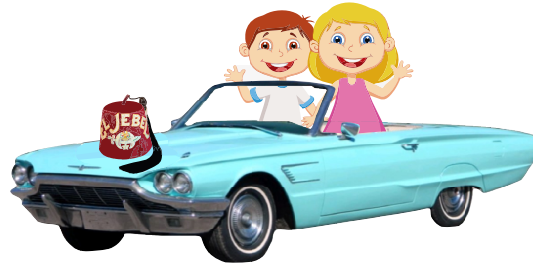
Cynthia Gagnon Donation
 Albert Glose Donation

Shriners Children's In Memory of





A message from the Chief Rabban



Welcome to July, Nobles and Ladies! Patti and I had a wonderful June! I hope yours went well. We began the month with a very wet Johnstown parade. Thanks to everyone who braved the weather. It was terrific to see such a large local turnout on a gloomy day, but the streets were lined with families with umbrellas. We did get a break from the rain just as the parade kicked off – which was nice. Later in the month, Patti took herself to the Supreme Session of Daughters of the Nile to run the Nile Store and enjoy seeing good friends again. She had a great, but tiring, time.

July will bring us the Imperial Session and the proud opportunity to represent El Jebel in Charlotte, NC. It will be a chance to connect with my counterpart Chief Rabban across Shrinedom that I've come to know through this Shrine Divan journey. I encourage all Shriners to attend this yearly session if you can and experience your Imperial Shrine at work and meet your brothers from around the world. Next year your opportunity to attend will be the closest to Denver in quite a while, landing in Reno, NV June 30th – July 4th, 2024. If you have any questions about pending legislation or concerns that you would like to voice, please reach out so we can talk through those questions and concerns. For those not attending Imperial, please get out to Brush for the July 4th parade there. The community really comes out in support of that parade and they love to see the Shriners.

June has also brought us to finalizing our Raffle sales activities. Tickets are printed for our three separate raffles – our 81 prize Sportsmen's Raffle, our whopping \$10,000 cash prize, and, of course, our 50/50 raffle. Look for an e-mail on how and when to pick up your tickets from the office. By the time you read this, we should also have our online sales website approved and up and running. You'll also receive an e-mail on how to find your own personal sales page and how you can forward a link to all your friends and family for them to buy tickets completely online. And lastly, don't forget to save the date for the raffle, October 21st, 2023 from noon to 4pm at Highlands Lodge.

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



Mark your calendar for up coming events

LADIES LUNCHEON

DATE - SATURDAY, JULY 22

Hosted at El Jebel

BE COMFORTABLE
IN YOUR OWN
Shell



Catered by
Olive Garden
Cost \$25.00

Social at 11:30
Lunch at 12:00
Program to follow

To make a reservation, call the office on Tuesday or Thursday (303-455-3470)

EL JEBEL SPORTS CLUB

~ RANDY JENSEN

The Sports Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at the El Jebel Shrine Center at 11:30am. We will go to lunch after our meeting if you so desire.

I'm happy to report that we had 4 Sports participate in the Commerce City Memorial Day Parade. Those present were Ill Sir Ron Cosens, PP, Noble Bob Paustian, Noble Randy Jensen and Lady Sara, and Noble Kent Eckley and Lady Mona. We are not sure what future parades the group might participate in. More on the parades as we get info on them. Hopefully, we will have a good turnout for those, too. It was requested that if you plan on participating in any of the parades that notices are given for, please contact Pres. Ed or Vice-Pres. Randy by e-mail if you will be attending so the Sports will know if someone is missing. We want everyone that wants to parade to do so!!

The social outings have not been set as of yet because my social secretary has been busy doing some work on getting my insurance taken care of so that my shoulder surgery on June 26th would go smoothly. Also, this is a very busy time of year for our fireworks business so we had to make sure that our 6 shows fired without a glitch! We are still planning to have a lunch at Zoka's in mid-July, the ride to the top of Pikes Peak on the 1st Thursday in August (August 3rd), a fall colors ride in September, and the possible steak-fry. Maybe a trolley-car ride, too, depending on the interest for this outing since it is in downtown Denver.

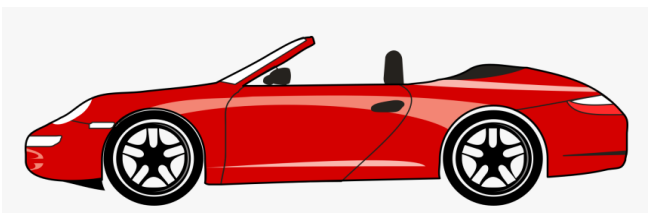
I learned that Noble Hos Varner is doing much better so we hope to see him and his daughter, Nancy out with us this summer. We also hope that Ill Sir Dick Williams, PP is feeling better and will be able to parade with us this summer. He was not able to parade in Commerce City and we missed him.

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, PP at 303-908-3738, or Vice President Noble Randy Jensen at 303-905-4967.

Our next meeting will be **September 12, 2023** at the El Jebel Shrine at 11:30am with a lunch gathering after the meeting.

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

That's all for this month!!!!



DUNE BUGGY PATROL

~ RON WILLIAMSON, PP

The Dune Buggy Patrol did not have a meeting in June because several of us were with the Potentate at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts to see *Aladdin*. We enjoyed a delicious dinner at Cheesecake Factory prior to *Aladdin*. *Aladdin* was fantastic. Our favorite part was the ride that Aladdin and Jasmin took on the magic carpet. How amazing!

Our last two parades have been very wet. We are trying to figure out how we can put umbrellas on the Dune Buggies. It took a week to dry the buggies out after Johnstown. I put the top on the buggy to take it to Salida. I was getting ready to take the top off for the parade and down came the rain. The top stayed on. We hope the parade in Brush will be nice, warm, and dry. Plan to join us in Brush on July 4th.

In July, the Dune Buggy Patrol will have our annual picnic at the Strand's cabin in Evergreen. Plan to join us for lunch and an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Please call the Strands to RSVP and to make sure you have directions to the cabin. Don's number is 720-985-4736.

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 Buggies at a parade, contact one of the drivers. Join our group and have fun with us. Come on, what are you waiting for???



PIPE BAND

~ KENT BURNS



On a very wet Saturday, some hardy, fez-adorned souls trekked north for the annual parade in Johnstown. It was one of the most rewarding parades ever. Small-town America still exhibits all the things that made American the great country it was. And that attitude was prevalent amid the umbrellas, slickers, and raindrops that first Saturday in June. Riding in the “color guard” car (in the lead for the El Jebel section and pulling the flag-laden trailer) made it the perfect place to see the men doff their caps/hats, some placing said head-piece over their heart, others saluting as the flag of our beloved country passed by. There were mothers cajoling their children to do the same, saying “take off your hat – that’s the flag!” All were reverent toward that sacred piece of cloth representing this country. It is sad to think that would never happen in “the big city” anymore. Should you go to, participate in, and/or be a part of any parade in small-town America, you will be rewarded with the same warm feeling. And it will sorta make ya re-think parades in a very positive way.

Hope everyone came through the monsoon season so rare for us here on the high plains where water is so scarce. Have heard lots of stories involving water in places not really wanted (basements, window wells, out-buildings) and even a few tales of the hard water taking out windshields. Hail does that to things sometimes. Rather hard on paint jobs and roofs as well. The flip side of that is no one has had to turn on their sprinkler systems yet, and things sure are green! On the way to the annual Fibark celebration/parade in Salida, the mountains are the greenest seen since way back in the eighties. Every rill, creek, stream, and river was flowing at almost-flood-stage. There were lots of little ponds and lakes dotting the countryside making the trip to water for all the animals rather short. Maybe all the rain will raise the levels of local reservoirs a few inches, if not the hoped-for few feet.

June was a very quiet month for the Band. Nothing for which kilts were required although we did religiously gather every Thursday to take advantage of the respite to work on new tunes and polish up the old ones. Our repertoire is growing and is very likely the largest in the area. Not being a competition band allows us that privilege in that we don’t have to spend every rehearsal session on the same five tunes – that gets kinda boring, especially over an entire year. July will be a little more interesting, however; there is the second CSP graduation of this year and two “shake up the neighborhood” practice/performance. Ill Sir Ron and his lady Robyn have asked us to grace their backyard once again. And then a week later, we have been invited to wake ‘em up for Ill Sir Bobby and his lady Lisa. So far, neither neighborhood has threatened violence or legal action against the Williamson’s or the

Marner’s. In fact, we usually have quite a few of their fellow residents come out and pull up a lawn chair or two. Lots of fun and keeps us on our proverbial toes.

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.

WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB

~ GREGORY FOSTER

The Western Colorado Shrine Club Board met on Tuesday, June 13th, and had a great discussion about the club and where we want to take it moving forward. We want to continue and build on the club’s relevance to the community and the fraternity. Nothing has been finalized and we are still looking for ideas, but I do want to announce a few new things:

First, the Club has registered for the Grand Junction 4th of July Parade. We will meet in downtown Grand Junction on the 4th between 9:15 and 9:30 AM. As the Club gets more information from the city, we will pass it along. If you want to participate in the parade, please let me know.

Second, the Club is hosting a Bourbon and Cigar Fund-raiser on Saturday, July 15th from 4-7 PM at Scotland Yard Cigar and Spirits in Grand Junction. This will take the place of the All-Masonic Happy Hour that same day. Tickets are \$50 and, for that, you will get a flight of 4 bourbons and a cigar. Proceeds will go to the Western Colorado Shrine Club. Please spread the word to your lodges, your friends, families, and co-workers, and mark the date on your calendar so you don’t forget to come.

Third, we are going to start having monthly dinners. Once a month we will go to a restaurant for a nice meal and fellowship. These dinners are open to all Nobles and their families. Our first dinner will be at 6 PM, on Tuesday, June 27th, at the Rib City on North Ave in Grand Junction. RSVP to me by Sunday, June 25th. Please note that the Club is not paying for dinner; Nobles and their families are expected to pay for themselves.

As a reminder, the Club will be dark in July and August. Our next Board Meeting will be September 12th. We’re looking to mix things up a bit, so we will be looking for another place to have lunch. Once a location has been determined, our secretary Noble Andrew will send out an e-mail letting you all know. At this board meeting, we will continue our conversation about the Club, so bring your ideas.

That’s all for now, folks. I hope to see you at one or all of our upcoming events. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Noble Andrew, our Club Secretary.





From
Noble Jim Dawkins, Chief Rabban
Sportsmen's Raffle Chairman

Raffle Tickets are Available!
Kickoff Meeting is 7/21 @7pm (after the Social Hour)

The 11th Annual Sportsmen's Raffle is scheduled for Saturday October 21st, 2023 at the Highlands Masonic Center, 3550 N. Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado giving away a prize every 2 minutes and a live auction with up to 15 items. Paper tickets are available from Don Weiser in the Shrine Office, Mondays, and Fridays from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Please give Don two days' notice prior to picking up tickets.

This year we have three raffles. Of course, we will have our Sportsmen's Raffle with 80 prizes from Bass Pro/Cabelas stores delivered as gift cards. These tickets are \$20 each and a book of 5 is \$100. Perhaps even more exciting is our new and improved Cash Raffle – this year we are awarding \$10,000 cash! These tickets are only \$25 each and a book of 4 is \$100. Last, we will have the 50/50 raffle at \$5.00 and 4 tickets in a book valued at \$20.

Again this year, we will have online order pages for each noble. You'll receive an email with a link to your personal page and how to forward that information to your family and friends. Every \$100 worth of tickets qualify you for a seller ticket – more to come about our seller prizes.

Save the Date



potentate's Ball

September ~~30~~ 2023

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**Wings Over the Rockies
Air and Space Museum**

7711 East Academy Blvd. Denver (Old Lowry AFB)



6 - 10pm, Watch the "Red Fez"

July



Birthdays

Arab Patrol

Jo Ann Glenn

Band

Mike Trevathan, P.P.

Dune Buggys

Jean Bobick

Robyn Williamson

Sandy Tucker

Legion of Honor

Linn Armstrong

Wanda Stretch

Don Emarine

Patricia Gilchrist

Provost Guard

Sallie Lewis



RV Roamers

Scott Cromwell

Barbara Christensen

Radops

Shyrlee Anderson

Betty Bethune

Paul Harrison

Michael Marcus

John Ringland

Jim Stewart, P.P.

Rich Wall

Sports

Michelle Rendon

T-Nobles

Bobby Marner, P.P.

Rich Wingate

VIP's

Bobby Marner, P.P.



CALLING ALL LADIES

I would very much appreciate your assistance with some of the up-coming events for which I am responsible. Knowing there are many talented ladies out there who might like to put things together, design and/or craft center-pieces, favors, and similar little trinkets, I am asking for your help to make the Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, July 22 at El Jebel as well as the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, September 30 (which will be held off-site TBD) affairs to be remembered. If you wish to help out with these events, please contact me at gckc23@gmail.com or the Chief Aide at gjrindone@aol.com. Please lend a hand and, together, we can make these truly fun and fulfilling events.

Thank you for your help,
Kim, First Lady 2023

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

COMPUTER CLUB

~ J & J TAYLOR



The Computer Club went dark for the summer, so no lunch or meetings for June, July, or August. While we enjoy getting together with the members, this month we are on a dancing trip to Springfield, MO and Mobile, AL. If the other members will drop us a line, we will mention what you are doing this summer.

Since Ed's Tech Tip in May was on the extra fees we are starting to see on our purchases, if you bought something, you might need to get rid of some of the old stuff. *Consumer Reports* July issue has an article called "Take Control of Tech Clutter." First, sort all your old stuff into "Does" or "Does Not" contain personal data. You can sell, donate, recycle, or throw away all of the "Does Not" things. Now you have to copy any of the personal info from the "Does" items (if you want it), then delete and wipe clean all personal info on them. There are companies that will do this for you for a price. Alternatively, you can destroy the items.

More nonsense next month.

SANDBLASTERS OF EL JEBEL

~ MATTHEW MADRID

Our next outing will be on July 13th at City Park in downtown Denver. City Park was remodeled a few years ago and is one of my favorite courses to play in Colorado. We look forward to seeing you and hope you sign up.

It's with sadness to report the loss of long-time member Jack Goth. Jack was an active member of the Sandblasters for over 25 years. Jack will be deeply missed. Please keep Jack Goth and his family in your prayers.

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.



Jack Goth
April 22, 1927 - June 9, 2023



OPTARS

~ J. & J. TAYLOR



Well, here we are in Mississippi, with the *Red Fez* due in the morning! So, to come up with something about photography, we'll tell you about how we fix pictures, even at a distance.

Jim takes most of the photos, now – he is steadier. But since he only has one good central vision eye, most of them need straightening.

Our first procedure is to take the memory card out of the camera and stick it in the laptop, then move the pictures to a new or existing category (we have all of our pictures from 2004 to now, and can find them in the categorized terabyte storage). After straightening them, the lighting is usually changed – brightened or darkened. Each location we take pictures in has a different light – incandescent, fluorescent, outdoor, flash, and or just poor lighting. Rather than change the camera settings each time, we do it quickly on the computer. Also, to keep lampshades, fire extinguishers, or bathroom signs from sticking out from someone's head, we clone out obstructions.

If there is time, pictures are titled and names of people are attached. Then, if necessary, they are cropped. Each picture is changed in some way to keep track of any that are missed, by having it say "Save." We then upload them onto "Google Photos," sometimes rearranging them; we title the album and get a new link to be able to send them. Jim has several lists of people to send to, mostly in blind copy, to keep us from sharing e-mails with all the scammers. Our goal is to share as many memories with others as we can, so when "old age" creeps up, we will all remember our first trip to Englewood!

El Mejdal Temple No. 47

Daughters of the Nile

Cordially invites you to our Annual High Tea

"Tea's the Season"



Come One, Come All

Lunch, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes and Vendors for Shopping

When: Saturday, November 4, 2023

Time: 1:00-3:00pm - Doors open at Noon

Where: Highlands Masonic Temple

3550 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO

Admission: \$25.00/person

Seating is limited; reservation will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Deadline date for reservations is **October 25, 2023.**

In the interest of safety, no more than eight (8) chairs
are to be placed at any one table.

Along with the completed form below

make your check payable to:

El Mejdal Temple No. 47

and mail to:

Brenda Penn

9220 W. 100th Way - Westminster, CO 80021

Sorry, no credit cards.



Contact Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Number Attending @ \$25/person _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check Number _____

Group Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Are you a Vendor? If so, name of business _____

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

THE (ORIGINAL) DROVERS ~ STEVEN STEVENS

Brother Oliver Loving was one of the very first cowboys elected to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma for pioneering the cattle drives from Texas to supply meat to the western United States, along with his good friend Brother Charles Goodnight. Together they blazed the historic Goodnight-Loving trail, one of the primary cattle drive trails of the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Brother Loving was born in 1812 in Kentucky and moved his family to Texas in 1843. He eventually settled in Palo Pinto County, where he owned a 1,000-acre cattle ranch. In 1857 he sent his nineteen-year-old son to take cattle up the Shawnee trail and deliver them to Chicago. In 1860, Loving made his first trip across the Red River into Oklahoma where he followed the Arkansas River into Colorado and watered the herd near Pueblo. During this trip, the Civil War broke out. Loving, being from Texas, was detained by Union troops before he could return. His good friend Kit Carson, a Mason from New Mexico, stepped in to get him released. It's not documented but you can imagine some brotherly love and friendship between the two.

In 1866, Brothers Loving and Goodnight learned about where the US government had settled about 8,000 Navaho on a reservation near Fort Sumner and their need for meat. They made their first trip from Texas westward into New Mexico. There, they sold the US fort a herd of steers for \$12,000 in gold. However, the US did not want the breeder cattle so Brother Loving moved them northward while Brother Goodnight returned to Texas for another herd of steers. Brother Loving took the cattle all the way to Cheyenne, Wyoming where longhorn cattle herds were established and still exist to this day.

During a drive to Fort Sumner in 1867, Brother Loving with his scout Bill Wilson ahead of Brother Goodnight headed to contract for bids on the herd. Going into an area well-known as Comanche territory, Loving didn't heed the warnings to travel only at night and was seriously wounded in the arm at what is now known as Loving Bend on the Pecos River. He and Bill made it back to Fort Sumner where his wound became gangrenous, and he died. Prior to his death, he asked Goodnight to make sure he was buried in Texas, should anything happen to him. After being initially buried at Fort Sumner, Goodnight, along with Loving's sons, fulfilled their promise and returned Loving's body to Texas where he now lies at Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Texas, where he received a Masonic funeral with honors. This is the truest display of brotherly love!

Both Loving and Goodnight were members of Phoenix Lodge No. 275 located in Weatherford, Texas. They will stand forever as original Drovers and Masonic brothers.
(See photo on opposite page)



RADOPS ~ MICHAEL MARCUS



Radops Next In-Person Meeting:

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 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.

R.V. ROAMERS

BY: TONY DATILO, P.P.

The first “shakedown” cruise of 2023 by the R.V. Roamers took place on June 15 through 19th at the River-view R.V. Park just west of Loveland on U.S. Highway 34, the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. The Big Thompson River creates the setting for this park, and this area didn’t disappoint in 2023 for bringing unusual “surprises” to our attendees. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday brought some unusually tardy cool temperatures and “healthy” thunderstorms, followed by what appeared to be a belated annual cottonwood tree forest’s “purge” of “cotton” resembling a “fuzzy” ground-covering snow-storm that invaded drink cups, table tops, RV awnings, and anything else in the vicinity, including attempting to breathe with the telltale “tickle” felt in cranial “openings”.

Despite the adversity of unusual weather conditions, five member couples experienced a wonderful time of comradery, great food including a wonderful pancake breakfast by our Wagonmasters Scott and Jan Cromwell, and plenty of laughter at the antics provided. Tours of a “sculpture paradise” and local winery comprised some of the off-site activities, but the highlight that everyone attended was provided by the Hogfish barbeque restaurant where some of the best ribs ever prepared were done, in addition to their “Father’s Day Special” they offered at half-price – an entire rib dinner with trimmin’s for a little over 12 bucks.

The venue of the campground resides on the banks of the Big Thompson River, bringing recollections of the disastrous flooding that occurred in that canyon in 1976 and again in 2013. During these days of 2023, the river ran high, at times flooding the old foot path that was built along its shores, and plenty of white-water rapids. A four-inch rise in the river occurred during the heavy rain showers, also somewhat enhanced by the melting snows at elevations not much higher than at Riverview. Ponds were created at the campground, one near the front of this writer’s assigned space, prompting Scott Cromwell’s kind comment that he thought about purchasing some coy for my “lake.” Sunday’s “perfect day” erased most of the residuals of the unusual rain, except for some slippery mud spots that were covered with cottonwood cotton, giving the appearance of a soft, but solid area for walking. One of those areas caught Sherri Marshall by surprise as she slipped and fell into the mud, with some pain that caused husband Jim to drive her to the hospital. As we waited for word (with some prayers for her well-being), we were informed that she had torn a hamstring muscle and we expected that she would be immobilized and remain “in custody” at the hospital. But – Noooo.... NOT Sherri Marshall. Although somewhat limited in her mobility, and armed by the physicians from the hospital, she arrived with husband Jim back at the campsite with her usual jovial and tough persona, and with minimal assistance climbed the stairs into the comfort of their motor-coach for some well needed restful therapy and some time on ice packs. She insisted that she would be OK to drive their car back home and proved it on Monday

morning as we all departed from our outing to return home. Once again, I’m convinced that “toughness” and prayers are of great help in some situations that could have ended much differently.

The highlight of the entire weekend was unexpectedly created by former Scoutmaster and Chaplain, Jim Oliver. Our Sunday night ritual of sitting around a campfire was anticipated by Marshall’s providing some dry firewood which would provide the warmth of a blazing campfire in the fire pit to be enjoyed by all. “Murphy’s Law” became evident as the fire became impossible to start despite the lengthy and positive encouragement of Scoutmaster Oliver who attempted time and time again to get some flame going with the absence of kindling and charcoal lighting fluid. Kindling was attempted by using a hand ax to chip off some smaller chunks of wood, but ineffective as the ax provided by Ken Stauffer would easily have won the first prize in the “Dullest Ax Ever” contest. Our Scoutmaster verbally started the blaze at least a dozen or more times during the hours that passed, each with negative results, and finally asking the question, “Is vodka flammable?” The answers in the affirmative prompted Scoutmaster Jim to bring fire to the stubborn wood in the firepit – beautifully clear and transparent flames from the pouring of lots of vodka onto the wood with encouraging comments ... and still no fire from the wood. Eventually, a frustrated Scoutmaster sought assistance from a random guest walking by in the darkness, asking if she had charcoal lighting fluid. She graciously and kindly answered his request and after a few squirts of her lighter fluid, we finally obtained the welcome and warming fire that was promised and anticipated. You had to be there... the collection of smiles, giggles, eye rolls, and head shaking was EPIC! (Some interesting photos, too!)

Our next outing is scheduled for July 13 – 16, at a favorite – “Mountaindale R.V. Resort” to the south and west of Ft. Carson, just a few miles north of Penrose, up the mountain in a beautiful setting of a well-maintained facility that’s owned and operated by a family who provides excellence in service and accommodations in this year-round campground. Canon City is a close-by destination for a variety of attractions that are available for the “off-site” excursions. Some reservations for RV space or cabins may still be possible, so check with the folks at Mountaindale for that information. Remember to let them know that you’re with the El Jebel Shriners RV Roamers group. They’re located at 2000 Barrett Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80926, 719-576-0619.



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



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Here we are; the middle of the summer ... where does the time go?

Our Supreme Session held in Mashantucket, CT was a great time. The Sessions were informative and decisive; we got a lot done; and the evening performances by the different units from all over the country were truly entertaining. El Mejdell's "Designated Unit," the Dancers and Pageantry, performed with grace and beauty and had the honor of a standing ovation. Since this was the last Supreme Session where the scarf would be included in the performance, it was not only beautiful, but sad as well. The scarf will be retired at the end of the 2023-2024 year.

Our Queen's Trip this year was a fun one; lunch at Carrabba's was tasty, and our tour at the Colorado School of Mines was not only interesting, but very informative. Everyone had a great time, Queen Joni especially ... rocks are her specialty!

Our Nile Day at the Rockies was a big success. We had a great crowd and everyone enjoyed themselves.

This month will be our Summer Function where our new Supreme Appointees will be announced and congratulated.

We wish everyone a safe, happy, and fun time with family and friends over the 4th of July Holiday.



EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

(COOLER NOBLES, JEEP PATROL, KEYSTONE KOPS, MOTOR PATROL, NOBLE CYCLES, TUX-N-TRIKES, VINTAGE IRON PATROL)

~ BOBBY MARNER, PP

Tux and Trikes represented us proudly at the Johnstown Parade. Shout out to Ed Hamm for putting out a great team effort! Brush Parade is next on the schedule and is usually a great time. I am told that afterwards the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine Club are having a lunch. Please call to make reservations. The parade information is coming out via Mail Chimp.

The June Unit meeting was well attended by 35 members and Ladies. The members in due form sang happy birthday to Brother Steve Hubbard. True to form, Steve humbly thanked all in attendance. The meeting was short as was the Divan report. Illustrious Sir Grady reminded everyone to get signed up for the Ladies' Luncheon. There was a concern about the Shrine phone not being answered to make reservations. I reached out to the building trustee and was told that you can leave a message but the message did not start until the 5th ring. He is going to see if that can be adjusted to 3 rings. Be patient and remember our volunteers are working very hard for us.

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.

The next Motor Corps meeting will be on 7/25/2023 at 6pm at Pietra's Italian Restaurant, located at 9045 W 44th Ave Wheat Ridge CO 80033. Call 303-420-4100. Please call or text 303-514-2102 by 7/24/2023 if you are planning to attend. We need to give the restaurant a head count. Bring your ideas, solutions, and light-hearted fun! Remember if we create fun, fellowship will always follow.

"Well done" is better than "Well said."



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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.

Scottish Rite Golf Classic

August 18, 2023 – Willis Case Golf Course, Denver, CO

Denver Scottish Rite is hosting the second annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic to Support the Scottish RiteCare Foundation of Colorado and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.



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