



THE RED FEZ of El Jebel Shrine a monthly newspaper

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IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY BUSY AUGUST Mark your calendars now so you and your unit don't miss an exciting moment!

August 1: U.S. Air Force Day, National Girlfriends Day, National Mustard Day* (first Saturday), Respect for Parents Day, National Campfire Day* (first Saturday), National Mountain Climbing Day
August 2: Dinosaurs Day, National Coloring Book Day, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, National Sisters Day* (first Sunday), American Family Day* (first Sunday)
August 3: National Watermelon Day
August 4: U.S. Coast Guard Birthday, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
August 5: Work Like a Dog Day, National Oyster Day
August 6: National Root Beer Float Day, Wiggle Your Toes Day, National Fresh Breath Day
August 7: Sea Serpent Day, International Beer Day* (first Friday), National Lighthouse Day
August 8: International Cat Day, National Bowling Day* (second Saturday)
August 9: Book Lovers Day, National Women's Day
August 10: Smithsonian Day, National Lazy Day, National Spoil Your Dog Day
August 11: Play in the Sand Day, National Son and Daughter Day
August 12: International Youth Day, National Middle Child Day
August 13: International Left Handers Day
August 14: National Financial Awareness Day
August 15: National Failures Day, Chant at the Moon Day, International Homeless Animals' Day* (third Saturday), National Relaxation Day
August 16: Tell a Joke Day, National Roller Coaster Day, National Rum Day
August 17: National Black Cat Appreciation Day
August 18: Helium Discovery Day, Bad Poetry Day, National Couple's Day, National Fajita Day
August 19: World Photography Day, Orville Wright's Birthday, National Aviation Day, National Potato Day, World Humanitarian Day
August 20: Virtual Worlds Day, National Lemonade Day, National Radio Day
August 21: Poet's Day
August 22: International Tongue Twister Day, National Senior Citizens Day, National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day, National Tooth Fairy Day
August 23: Ride the Wind Day, National Sponge Cake Day
August 24: Strange Music Day, Vesuvius Day, National Waffle Day
August 25: National Banana Split Day, National Whiskey Sour Day, National Kiss and Make Up Day
August 26: National Dog Day, National Women's Equality Day, National Cherry Popsicle Day
August 27: National Just Because Day
August 28: National Red Wine Day, National Bow Tie Day
August 29: Individual Rights Day, National Chop Suey Day
August 30: National Beach Day, National Grief Awareness Day, National Toasted Marshmallow Day
August 31: National Trail Mix Day, National Matchmaker Day





Grady Carter

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:



Happy Colorado Day everyone! Lady Kim and I hope you all are enjoying the summer and surviving the heat that seems to have finally arrived. I am celebrating one year of being cancer-free after my malignant melanoma scare of last summer.

Parade season continues to ramp up and Lady Kim and I hope you consider coming out and parading with us if you have not done so recently. It really is a wonderful time, and there are always many ways to become involved. Come on out to Wheatridge and Arvada and remember to say "Hi."

While many of you were celebrating in Brush, some of us were attending the Shriner's International Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC. El Jebel had a great showing, and everyone had a terrific time. The parade was amazing with Jim Dawkins even getting to drive a Ferrari in the parade. I was a little more than envious of that experience. The legislative sessions were very informative. The proposed *per capita* increase did pass after several amendments and a lot of spirited discussion. We must still concentrate on recruiting new members and educating current nobles on the financial realities that we are facing worldwide. On a very positive note, Shriners have had positive membership growth for the last six months. This is the first time that has happened in the last fifty years! El Jebel was well represented, and I think everyone enjoyed all that Charlotte had to offer, and made new friends from all around the world.

We have two fundraising concerts coming up, Lynyrd Skynyrd on August 7th and Foreigner on August 16th. Please consider coming out and supporting El Jebel in our fundraising efforts. Look for more information elsewhere in the *Red Fez* and via mail Chimp. Friends and family are welcome. You can contact Ill Sir Bobby Marner for details.

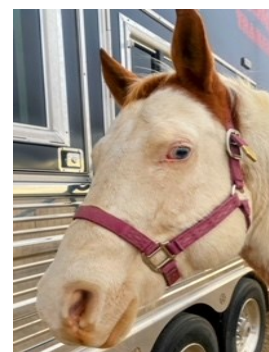
Our fundraising efforts are continuing. We still have bottle tags and pecans available. Please contact the Shrine office to purchase your tags or pecans for your next special occasion. We had a wonderful raffle kick-off that was very well attended, and everyone is very excited. Call the Shrine Office to get your tickets to sell.

Everyone, please stay safe and happy! As God's chosen people, wholly and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Lady Kim and I hope to see you all at a shrine gathering soon.

Yours in the faith,
Illustrious Sir, Grady Carter,
2023 Potentate

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

El Jebel Ladies Luncheon





Recorder's Desk

Dennis Proctor, P.P.



"Stuff" from the Recorder

Earlier this year I asked all Units to send me a copy of their By-Laws and that they should be updated if older than five years. So far, only the Medical Staff and the Radops have provided their By-Laws. I am still waiting for the rest of the Units; I will be happy to accept a copy at the September 11th meeting or before.

The CPA company El Jebel has worked with over the past several years has declined to renew a new contract. Having to find a new CPA during tax season was not an easy task, one that had to be delayed until after the tax deadline. The committee found that it was not easy to find a company that is knowledgeable of charitable and fraternal taxes. Fortunately, one that met all of El Jebel's requirements was found and will start in September.

Speaking of good news, bids have been sought for replacing the old and damaged fence on the west side of the property. The not-so-good news is it will be somewhat costly – about eight thousand dollars to remove, replace, and dispose of the old fencing. All efforts to have the property owners pay for the damage they caused failed. El Jebel did not even get a reply to their letters requesting reimbursement to fix the fence. The Divan decided enough was enough and to "just git 'er done."

I understand that the Imperial Session held in Charlotte, North Carolina this year was rather warm! The Divan that attended the session will share the good news and other news in their reports soon.

Currently there are ninety-seven members who are scheduled to be dropped on December 31st for non-payment of dues. I am guessing they put the 2023 dues notice in a safe place where they could find it any time. By now, it is "out of site out of mind!" If you are not sure your dues are current, please call the Shrine office before the 2024 notices are mailed out this August. You do matter ... to the Shrine and to all the Children treated at the hospitals.

If two or more Shriners and ladies get together there can only be a fun time, even if the gathering is in a hot parking lot or sharing an umbrella in the rain. All good times become good memories.

Until we meet again,

"Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life." Mark Twain.



**Good Bye
See You Later**

As most of you know, Lady Marlene and I will be relocating to Florida to be closer to family. For the past 20 years, El Jebel has been my "Home" Shrine and will continue to be. The last 9 years have been a journey full of fun, fellowship, and relationships that Lady Marlene and I will not forget. We would like to thank all of you for your friendship and being part of our Shrine family. **You will be missed!**

Yours In the Faith,

Ken Jones, PP
Lady Marlene Jones



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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

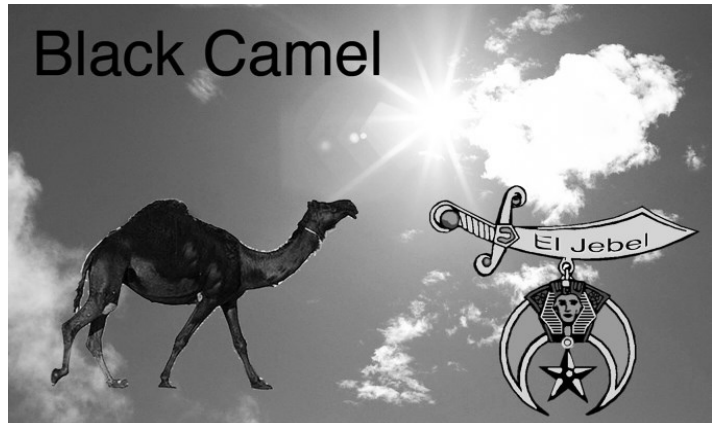
Jack D. Patten (1990)
Richard E. Williams (1993)
Dr. David Powell (1997)
Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
Dennis Proctor (2011)
Jim Long (2012)
Matthew Raia (2013)
Phil Hause (2014)
Michael Trevathan (2015)
Larry Clark (2016)
Rich Silver (2017, 2018)
Bobby Marner (2019)
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 memories in our hearts. They are not forgotten.”

Donald L. Long

In Memoriam

2023 Calendar of Events



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
29 Potentate's Ball - Offsite

October

9 Family Social-Chili Cookoff
20 Happy Hour—Oasis
21 Sportsmen's Raffle
28 Fall Ceremonial



DONATIONS

Transportation Fund

Cynthia Gagnon Donation
Albert Glose Donation

Operating Fund

El Jebel Pipe Band

In Memory of

Lena Dattilo

FROM NOBLE JIM DAWKINS, CHIEF RABBAN SPORTSMEN'S RAFFLE CHAIRMAN



Raffle Tickets are Available!

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This year we have raffles again with a BIG CHANGE! Of course, we will have our Sportsmen's Raffle with 81 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. Please mention these to everyone as this is an exciting prize with far better chances than the lotto! Lastly, 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 on-line order pages for each noble. You'll receive an e-mail with a link to your personal page and how to forward that information to your family and friends. Every \$100 worth of tickets qualifies you for a seller ticket – more to come about our seller prizes.

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Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

728

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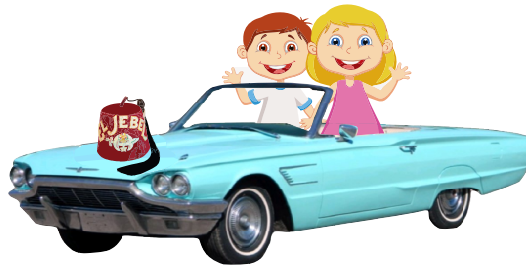
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A message from the Chief Rabban



Welcome to August and the end of summer, Nobles and Ladies! Patti and I had a wonderful July! I hope yours went well. We began the month with a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina for the Imperial Session. For a legislative update, please see that update elsewhere in this month's *Red Rez*. I accompanied Ill. Sir Grady Carter and our Assistant Rabban's first Imperial session, Doug Kelley. Patti and I were able to connect with our 2024 counterparts and good friends from CSSA temples. It's a great opportunity to hear what other temples are doing to recruit members, explore new activities and units, support our Hospitals and Clinics, and to hear from our new Shriner's Children's Patient Ambassadors. Truthfully, there were few dry eyes when they spoke and we all remembered why our philanthropy is the best one in the world. It makes you very proud to be a Shriner and enthused to work harder to support our temple. The Imperial parade took place outside of town and I was tasked with driving the Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen, Patty Larrimore, in a good Shriner friend's Ferrari. OK, wow and wow. Ask me later how I know if that vehicle performs well. Next year, Imperial will be much closer, in Reno, Nevada from June 30-July 4, 2024. All the session hotels will be connected and rooms will be quite reasonable. Please consider attending, getting as pumped up as we were listening to all that's happening with Shriner's, and hearing firsthand from our Patient Ambassadors. Plan on some fun and fellowship!

As many of you know, I'm still a working stiff and run national sales for a construction software company, so I returned to work left undone and a frantic week of catching up. We were thrilled to be able to squeeze in a weekend with the RV Roamers down at Mountainside Resort just south of Colorado Springs and Cheyenne Mountain. Read about this outing in their update, but I can tell you that this group is so welcoming and it was quite relaxing for Patti and me, oh, and Gordo (our rescue mutt).

July also brought us a Raffle kickoff. There are details elsewhere in the *Red Fez* and as of this writing we are finalizing the on-line sales page with the state. Though nothing on that site has changed from last year, they still had loads of questions. I'd like to emphasize how exciting it is that our largest prize yet, \$10,000, can be had for a meager \$25 ticket.

Please talk this up with all your fellow Shriners, friends, and families. It's an exciting HUGE prize with excellent chances. 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 August!

Yours in the Faith,

Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins

2024 Dues Notices will start going out September 1st

Please remember that you will be receiving dues notices for the 2024 year. Such are due by 31 December of the preceding year – that means your dues for 2024 are due into the office by 31 December 2023. El Jebel must pay to Shriners International the *per capita* and hospital assessment of every member on 1 January. In essence, El Jebel is financing the *per capita* and hospital portion of any Noble who has not paid his dues by year-end.

Also, to keep the doors open at Shriners International, increasing costs forced the Imperial Session of July, 2023 in Charlotte to raise the *per capita* of each Noble by \$20.00 annually. This should have been done last year but financial necessities forced the issue this year with the possibility that, without this increase of a mere 5.5¢ per day, the possibility of going out of business was a real thing.

2023 Imperial Session, Charlotte, NC July 2-6, 2023

Legislative Update

Chief Rabban, Jim Dawkins

The 2023 Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC from July 2-6, 2023 involved many important legislative considerations. As most of you know, the session encompasses amendments and resolutions for both Shriners International (an Iowa Corporation) and Shriners Hospitals for Children (a Colorado Corporation) and well as elections for Imperial Outer Guard and any open Hospital Trustee positions (there were three open Trustee positions this year). The results of those elections were:

Newly-elected Shriners Children's Board of Trustees are

Leslie Stewart, M.D., Returning

Ken Aguilera, M.D., Returning

Timothy Ludwig, New

Newly-elected Shriner's Imperial Divan Outer Guard is David C. Hamm of Sharon Shriners, TX.

While all the proposed Shriners International resolutions were house-keeping issues (address changes, etc.), the proposed amendments included two important changes. The first, voted down unanimously, was the proposal to drop the requirement to be a Master Mason.

The second important amendment was to raise the International *per capita* dues. Currently the *per capita* is \$30 per year. This was last raised seven years ago, in 2016, from \$15 to \$30 per year. There have been proposed amendments in prior years to raise it that were voted down. Apparently, many felt that Shriners International didn't make a clear enough financial case for an increase. This year, webinars prior to this year's session reviewed Shriners International's finances and those were again presented at the Session for all to hear. Shriners International has worked to contain their operating expenses and reductions in Imperial Divan and Session spending (lower in both areas than in 2013). 2022 also brought investment losses that reduced the net assets from \$12.7M to \$10.9. Rising healthcare costs for Shriners International staff added to those losses, bringing the total loss to \$2M. Those losses cannot be sustained for but a few years before the fraternal side ceases to exist.

Initially, a proposal to increase *per capita* from \$30 to \$60 per year was voted down just 5 votes shy of the two-thirds required (of the 611 Iowa reps). The next day a motion to reconsider was brought by a majority voter (dissenting vote) and subsequently an amendment to the original proposed amendment was brought forth from the floor to raise *per capita* by only \$20 per year. After a long discussion period, this amended proposal was passed with 442 affirmative votes and 176 dissenting votes. Therefore your 2024 dues statement will show a *per capita* of \$50, \$5 for the Hospitals, and \$100 for El Jebel dues, for a total of \$155 for the 2024 year, due by December 31, 2023. m

I would remind you that you may purchase a Shriners International Permanently Contributing Life Membership at the 2023 rate through the office until December 31, 2023. I would also note that El Jebel has worked hard to keep its costs down, though we do not have staff with health benefits that continue to rise. We have not raised El Jebel's dues since 2003.

DROVERS OF EL JEBEL

~ STEVE STEVENS



Brother Charles Goodnight, Oliver Loving's best friend, was not just a Mason and a drover, but he also has the distinction of inventing the chuck wagon in 1866. "Chuck" was the slang word for food back then and the chuck wagon always provided a hearty meal to support the drovers working on the drive. Chuck wagons carried everything the drovers would need on their long journeys driving cattle to the railheads in Colorado and Kansas. Goodnight had the idea to repurpose an army surplus wagon made by Studebaker with durable wood and built shelves, drawers for plates and utensils, a hinged wooden bench for preparing the meals, and wooden barrel(s) to carry water.

The designated cook, or "Cookie" as he was affectionately known, oversaw the chuck wagon, including meal preparation, and was often considered second-in-charge of a cattle drive. Cookie and his assistant would ride ahead of the drovers and cattle to scout out the next best camping location. Cookie had the responsibility of getting the fire going early in the morning for the most important meal of the day, breakfast.

Cookie had other responsibilities like barber, doctor, dentist, counselor, and direction-setter. As the counselor, Cookie embodied a lot of the same values we hold true in Freemasonry. He taught the drovers how to be grateful for everything they received and for each other. He taught them etiquette with rules such as: No one eats until Cookie calls out, No one takes the last piece of food until everyone has taken their meal, clean your plate, and strangers are always welcome. It is said that in his role as direction-setter, Cookie would survey the night sky looking for the North Star, Polaris. He would line up the tongue of the wagon with the North Star so that in the morning, the crew only had to align themselves with the tongue to know the direction to move.

Coffee was the mainstay of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Making a good cup of coffee on the range is an art-form compared to the convenient ways we make coffee today. I am sure that many people envision a cup of cowboy coffee with a spoon standing straight up in the cup, but I can assure you that it is, in fact, one of the best cups of coffee you can drink. Cowboy coffee starts in a large pot, two gallons or more. It's usually heated on a flat rock next to the campfire or in a Dutch-oven directly over the fire. A cup and a half of fresh ground coffee is added to the water and brought to a rolling boil. After a few minutes of a really good rolling boil, the coffee is almost ready. The final step is to pour a bit of cold water down the spout to help the grounds settle to the bottom. Only then is it ready to be poured in the cup.

So, there you have it. We have the story of how a Mason from 1866 designed the first food truck. Without Brother Goodnight's invention, who knows if we would even have food trucks today!

Last year the Drovers of El Jebel took a road trip down to the Flying W Ranch in Colorado Springs where we experienced a chuck-wagon-style dinner and great harmonizing of Americana music from the Flying W Wranglers. A good time was had by all and if you are looking to step back in time, this drover recommends it.

EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

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

~ BOBBY MARNER, PP

The July Unit meeting was well attended by 38 members and ladies. The "Sports" unit was unanimously voted into the Motor Corps unit. We would like to give a shout-out to our newest attendees and members – Clint Dexter, PP and his Lady Vicky; Jack Patten, PP; and Greg Rindone, Past Imperial Chaplin, and his Lady Kendy PQ. We will be reaching out to the rest of the Sports unit via e-mail shortly. Welcome aboard! We are glad to have you and your ladies. The unit line-up will be out soon so keep an eye out for the *Red Fez* or on our Facebook page. The meeting was short as was the Divan report. Special "thank you" to Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins who gave us some much-needed Sportsmen's Raffle Information.

Our next parade will be the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival on Saturday, August 12th. Details should be out very soon from Marshal Mike Terry.

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 gathering will be a "Shrimp Boil Social" on Sunday, August 19, 2023 at 3pm at the Eckley's located at 357 S. Perry St. Denver, CO 80219. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. Call-303-934-1888 or e-mail eckleythe2ofus@gmail.com to make your reservations. Reservations must be in by August 13th. There will fun and prizes! Plan to attend and bring those smiles!

As always, bring your ideas, solutions and light-hearted fun!

Remember if we create fun, fellowship will always follow!



PIPE BAND

~ KENT BURNS



It's been a very slow summer. In the past, summer has been the busy part of the year, with five or six Highland Games, several parades, and a few social events thrown in for good measure. But, like so many other things, time has taken a toll on all things Celtic, not to mention on the Band members themselves. We are no longer a parade unit – now a social unit with parade privileges, a move deemed necessary by the length of the average tooth in the Band. But that is not the only reason for the decline of performance requests; all the pipe bands in the area are suffering a similar decline. We have lost four local Highland Games, and those still operating are doing so on a much smaller scale. We have lost three or four pipe bands, and the remaining bands are all substantially smaller than ten or even five years ago. And it wasn't all "just Covid."

But this Band is maintaining a positive outlook on our future and that of the Shrine and Freemasonry as a whole. We have shifted our focus to quality rather than quantity. Our repertoire is arguably the biggest in the area. When the other bands are diligently working on their competition sets, we are just as diligently working on new tunes, most of which of late are Grade Three or Grade Two tunes. (To the uninitiate, tunes are graded from Five through One then Open according to their difficulty. In this area, there are several Grade Four bands and, depending on the year, one or two Grade Three Bands. Higher grades seem to be in short supply around here lately.) We jokingly say "We need another *Braveheart*." When that movie came out in the '90's, there was a definite increase not only in learning to play the pipes, but also in requests for everything from parties, to weddings, to Scottish-themed events, to just about any occasion or excuse to include kilts, pipes, haggis (why I'll never figure out), jousting, etc. People were not so wrapped up in their phones and actually wanted to learn to play the pipes, even knowing that it is not an immediate-gratification undertaking. In fact, it takes 18 to 24 months to become somewhat proficient on the contrary things – one actually needs to learn everything three times (first on the chanter, then on the full pipes, then full pipes while marching). Today's "student" is scared off after they realize they won't be playing jigs or even gigs by Friday.

Another thing we as a Band have done is to take Masonry to the masses, so to speak. We are a Third-Degree team, available to anyone that so desires. In the last few years, we have raised twenty or more Master Masons – pretty good PR for the fraternity, one could say. Any unit could specialize in a degree and do the same thing. We need candidates. To get candidates, we need good men to become Masons. Our little band of merry music makers is trying hard to do our part in the search for more Masons.

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.

August Parade Corner

~ Mike Terry, Marshal

Thanks to all the Nobles, Ladies, family, and friends who attended the Brush 4th of July parade. Unlike previous years when the temperatures have been in the 90's, this year's parade started out with clouds and much cooler temperatures. I thought, "Oh, no, rain again!" Luckily the rain held off until the afternoon. Even with the cooler temperatures, the crowd was large and enthusiastic. During one point in the parade, while we were at a standstill, a woman from the crowd came up to me and said, "Please keep coming to our parade. We look forward to the Shriners being here every year. My children, who are now adults, still talk about the Shriners and now my grandchildren are here with me to see the Shriners in our parade." Wow! A big thanks to the members of Brush Lodge No. 123 and the Northern Colorado Shrine Club who hosted a lunch for us after the parade. The food was delicious and it was nice to spend some time visiting before we headed back to Denver.

Saturday, August 12th will find us in Wheat Ridge for the 54th annual Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade. Line-up will be at 8:30 AM; the parade starts at 9:30 AM. There will be a lunch and social at Highlands Masonic Temple, 3550 Federal Boulevard, after the parade. Don't forget to watch your e-mail for more information about both events.

After Wheat Ridge, our next "parades" will be for the Veteran's Home and Eastern Star Masonic Center on Saturday, August 26th. We will start at the Veteran's Home at 10:00 AM and then go on to the Eastern Star Masonic Center to finish out the day with a parade starting at 12:30 PM. The Veteran's Home has asked us to park our vehicles in the circle driveway after the parade so the Veterans and staff can see them up close as well as give us a chance to visit and enjoy coffee and doughnuts provided by the Home. These parades mean so much to the residents of both facilities. I hope will you consider spending a few hours bringing some joy to these special people.

Congratulations and a big thank you to all the Commerce City Memorial Day El Jebel parade participants. With 50+ entries in the parade, El Jebel won 1st place for "Most Creative" with the winning organizations recognized by the City Council during an award ceremony on July 17th. During the awards ceremony, the presenter said, as he handed me the trophy, "It isn't a parade without the Shriners."

Indeed, it isn't a parade without the Shriners. People do appreciate seeing us and I hope you'll think about the comments from the lady from Brush and the Commerce City presenter as you look at the remaining parade schedule.

Please contact me at myyellowbee55@msn.com if you have any questions.

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!





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



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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"



Birthdays

Band

Gene King

Dune Buggys

Jerry Villhauer

Legion of Honor

Ginny Gray

Glenita Emarine

RV Roamers

Jeanette Nail

Roger Barnes

Radops

Stu Asay

Ken Behrens

Curtis Bradley

Fred Henning

Barbara Joyce

Judy Proctor

Patti Schwartz

Annette Stewart

Barbara Stoner

Gerry Villhauer

Sports

Ed Rendon, P.P.

Mark Huskins

Anita Sherburne

Les Mayer

Dick Williams, P.P.

Bob Paustian



T-Nobles

Duane Hiebert

Mark Huskins

Jim Long, P.P.

Erik Phillips

VIP's

Wayne Covert

FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023
HAPPY HOUR 4PM - 7PM

Join us in the El
Jebel Shrine
Oasis for a Fajita
Happy Hour.



No reservations are
required and we are
asking you to bring
"Fajita" themed
goodies to share and
eat on National Fajita
Day



This is an "Open" social
event so Please bring family
members and prospective
Shriners.

DUNE BUGGY PATROL

~ RON WILLIAMSON, PP

July brought the Dune Buggy Patrol's annual picnic at the Strand's cabin in Evergreen. No elk or deer came to join us this year, just the hummingbirds. Don and Connie had a wonderful meal, brisket, potato salad, and baked beans, but dessert was the best of all. Dessert consisted of chocolate Ghirardelli brownies, chocolate chip cookies, and homemade vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce. Thank you, Don and Connie, for a wonderful, nice cool day in the peace and quiet of the mountains.

The parade in Brush was great as usual. It was a long parade through the community with lots of participants complete with squirt guns and lots of water balloons. I think the fire trucks won the prize for the most vehicles and they sure had fun with their fire hoses. We had many units from El Jebel participate. No rain in Brush but some of us did end up in a downpour before we could get the buggies back home and in the garage.

Our August meeting will be at the home of Ron and Robyn Williamson on August 9, 2023. Please join us for social at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 and meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss our trip to CSSA and the upcoming parades. Please RSVP to Ron – 303-668-2072.

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???



COMPUTER CLUB

~ J & J TAYLOR



Since the Computer Club is dark for the summer, this month we will be on a vacation at our timeshare in Avon, CO. We have been busy at Square- and Round-dance Conventions and have taken about 1000 pictures so far. On the return trip from the Springfield and Mobile events, we went to see our property at Cherokee Village, AR. The lot is a forest. Unfortunately, Jim cannot find any of the paperwork, including the deed. Next picture event is the Ladies Luncheon (this Saturday as we write this). We enjoy taking, editing, fixing, and posting them on Google Photos for you to see. If you have attended some of the Shrine events and are not seeing any of the pictures, let us know and we will add you to one of our e-mail lists.

In case you didn't know it, our President, Ed Hamm does much of the digital art work and design for the Mailchimp and articles in the Red Fez.



OPTARS

~ J. & J. TAYLOR



Even though Optars are not having meetings in the summer, a photoshoot was discussed at last May's meeting. We, personally, have taken over 1000 pictures since then, and still have five more trips planned; we usually average around 200 each trip when traveling. So, unless some Optars members would like to go to Albuquerque, Breckenridge, Carlsbad, Fort Collins, or Avon, we'll just make our own photoshoot.

But there are always Parades (4 more we plan on) that make good photoshoots; maybe we could get the members to join us! (?) Some of the best pictures are of people doing something – like at the Brush Parade, when the firemen were shooting water on the crowd, or the kids rushing out in the street to get candy, or the dressed-up crowd pictures along the street – these are classics! It's such fun to take these and look at them, even years later! Let us know if you want to do one as a photoshoot.

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

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.



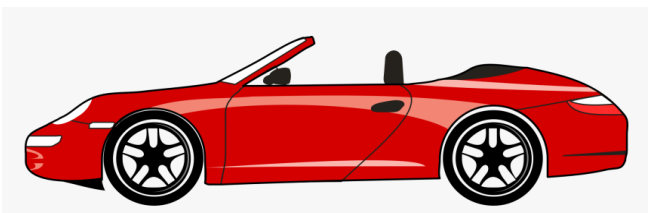
EL JEBEL SPORTS CLUB

~ RANDY JENSEN

The Sports Club met on July 11, 2023 at the El Jebel Shrine center at 11:30am. We had lunch at Bubba's on Parker Road after our meeting. Those attending were the usual folks, our President and his Lady, our Vice President and his Lady, and Ill Sir Ron Cosens.

We had a discussion to keep the Sports as a unit for now and have our social outings as mentioned in previous articles. We will schedule a lunch at Zoka's in Pine, a ride to the top of Pikes Peak, the Steak Fry at the Rindone's in August, and a Colors Ride when the time is good.

Everyone please stay healthy so we can get our beautiful cars out to join others on rides and to parade!! That's all for this letter!!



ENGLEWOOD SHRINE CLUB

~ GREG RINDONE

We have been idle for the last two months, but our socials will start up again with a Steak Fry at the Rindone's Sunday August 13, 2023. If you can make it don't forget to contact Emit to sign up. Our September meeting will be at El Jebel, and we will have someone who works with us on our investments there to explain how our finances and investments work. Look for that information to come out next month.

If any non-Englewood Shrine Club members are reading this, Englewood is a social group that meets for brunch, lunch, or dinner once a month except for the summer time. If you are interested in joining, please contact Greg Rindone at 303-918-7299.

SANDBLASTERS OF EL JEBEL

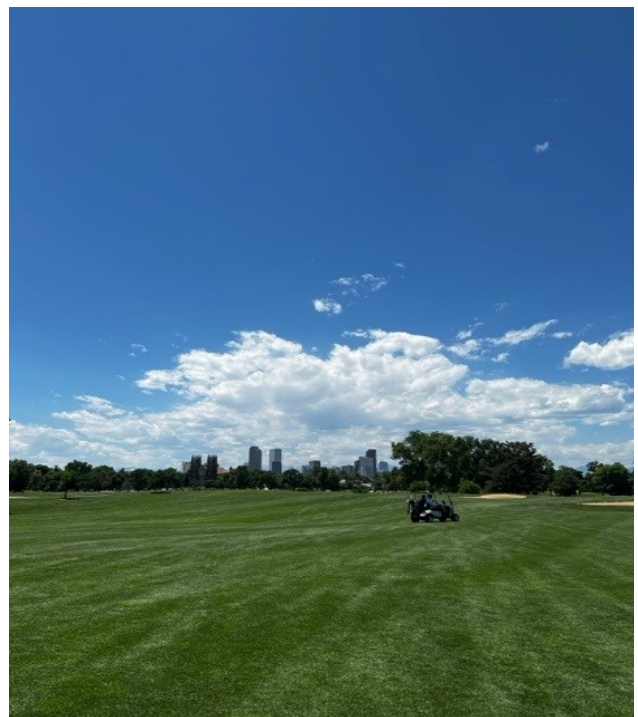
~ MATTHEW MADRID

Despite the heat, our last outing at City Park Golf Course was well attended by our members. We managed to fill four groups and had a blast.

Our next outing will be on August 10th at Homestead Golf Course, followed by Thorncreek on August 24th. We hope you sign up and look forward to playing with you.

Our Christmas party is in the early stages of planning and should be held on December 6th provided everything goes according to plan. We will update as we know more over the coming months.

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.



WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB ~ GREGORY FOSTER

July was a fun month for the Western Colorado Shrine Club. We started off the month with the 4th of July Parade in Grand Junction. We had four Shriners and one wife in the parade and we marched with our Brothers from Palisade Lodge No. 125. Then we had our Bourbon and Cigar Fundraiser at Scotland Yard Cigars and Spirits.

The Club is ordinarily dark in August, but we have been asked by the Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory to have any available Shrine Clown come to the Montrose Rite Care Summer Picnic on August 10th from 3-6 PM. Please contact me if you're available and I'll give you the address of the event.

You should all have seen the e-mail from El Jebel regarding the 2023 Sportsmen's Raffle. Last year the Club came in 7th place and one of our Nobles came in 6th place overall for ticket sales. I challenge the club this year to make it into the top 5 units and clubs for ticket sales. This means we will all have to do our part in selling raffle tickets around town.

As we get ready for the last third of the year, I would like to hear from you all. What do you want to do for the rest of the year? What parades, what events? Come to our next meeting on Tuesday, September 12th, location to be determined, to discuss what you want to do for the rest of the year.

I hope to see you all at our meeting in September and hope you have fun this summer.



EL MEJDEL TEMPLE NO. 47 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE RED FEZ AUGUST 2023 CAROLE BOLDUC, PQ



Seems as though we have had one of the strangest summers ever, at least so far! Hope you did enjoy the Fourth of July Holiday with friends, family, and celebration.

Our Summer Function was held on Wednesday, July 19th, where we congratulated our new Supreme Appointees and enjoyed a good luncheon. Everyone was happy to be together again.

We have a busy schedule planned for the remainder of the year with our main fundraiser, the Annual Nile High Tea, planned for Saturday, November 4th. A flyer is included in this issue of the *RED FEZ* outlining all of the information needed. Also, the "Walk for Love" is scheduled for September 15th through the 16th; we hope you will be able to participate. More information will follow concerning this event at a later date.

Our summer is coming to an end, and we will shortly be looking forward to autumn and the holiday season. We hope you had a relaxing summer and look forward to getting involved again.

El Jebel RV Roamers Invitation

The RV Roamers will be leaving Denver on September 15, staying the night in Las Vegas N.M. and then head into the Carlsbad KOA campground on September 16.

We will be staying there until September 23 before heading home.

I would like to inform the Shrine in New Mexico of our trip and invite them to join us.

The information on the campground is as follows:

:Carlsbad KOA Holiday
2 Manthei Rd.
Carlsbad, NM 88220
(575) 457-2000

We currently have some reserved campsites and cabins available. Please have them call for reservations and mention El Jebel RV Roamers and send me confirmation of who may be coming.

Jim Marshall, 1st Ceremonial Master
720-810-0368

Come Join the T-Nobles!!!

It's not a parade without the Shriners' little cars. Contact Ryan or Mike for a test drive. Great fellowship bonus guaranteed.

Ryan Puckett

Mike Taylor

720-212-1751

720-621-7647

rpuckett310@gmail.com

miketaylorstr@gmail.com



EL JEBEL T-NOBLES

~ RYAN PUCKETT

After a series of having only Zoom/Google Meet meetings, we are attempting to meet in person once again. For the meeting in August, we will return to McCoy's.

Regarding parades, we had a great time at Brush (July 4th) and expect to attend more. If you are curious about doing doughnuts in the seas of asphalt in one of these little cars, give myself or Mike a call and we'll set you up.

Meetings: When: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm (next is on August 8th)

Where: McCoy's, 4855 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80221 (basically I-70 and Federal)

Contacts: Ryan Puckett – President

rpuckett310@gmail.com

720-212-1751

Mike Taylor – Vice President

miketaylorstr@gmail.com

720-621-7647

R.V. ROAMERS OF EL JEBEL

BY: TONY DATTILO, PP



The Outing for July 15th meeting was held at the Mountindale RV Resort near Colorado Springs, a favorite of the Roamers for many years. Great accommodations and gracious owners who welcome our presence prompted our presentation of a well-deserved “Thank You” wall plaque to them. We were surprised at the emotional reaction of the owner when he informed us that in his twenty-three years of ownership and maintenance of this RV Resort, we were the first to acknowledge their “care and custody” of visiting guests with such a presentation.

We were pleased to welcome our members and guests, this time hosted by our Wagonmasters Jim Oliver and Kirsten Arthur. Roamers President Jim Stewart and Lady Annette were accompanied by their granddaughter, Lilly, who immediately joined up with Jim and Sherri Marshall’s granddaughter, Audrey, who celebrated her 10th birthday while at the Resort. All members present were envious as we recalled the days of our youth when we could even begin to keep up with the youngsters’ energy and actions. Tony and Ellen Dattilo, Ken Stauffer and Bonnie Custer, Roger and JoAnn Barnes, Scott and Jan-nice Cromwell, Roy and Janell Ince, Jim and Judy Taylor, Billy Umsted and Lady Yoriko and Yoriko’s dear friend and Los Angeles college-mate from Japan Emiko Azama who entertained us beautifully with a vocal duo of a popular and traditional Japanese song. We were excited and pleased to welcome our newest members, Jim (another “Jim”) and Patti Dawkins who quickly got comfortable in their RV among the trees and “warmth” of Mountindale.

One of the highlights, conducted at this outing each year, was the “Brown Bag” Auction, is one of the more fun methods of raising funds for our Salt Lake City hospital/clinic. After competitive bidding (which includes dramatic presentation of each anonymous brown bag by our selected “Vanna,” Patti Dawkins) much laughter and poking fun at each other, this activity raised \$820.00. Jim Taylor added to this income by the presentation of \$354.44 which was obtained at the May Candlelight dinner theater activity.

Evening Campfires, shared snacks at Happy Hours and group mealtimes are always relaxing and fun and provide an opportunity to share conversations with the Roamers family members. “Card Bingo” costs a few cents to play, but the “crying towel” and anticipation of winning a round is great fun.

The highlight of this outing came on Sunday evening while a few remaining Roamers enjoyed the last glow of the campfire in the quiet hours of cool breezes and a brilliant array of stars. Shouts of some to look skyward revealed what we believed was a “Close Encounter of the Third Kind”! Because of the absence of light contamination in this remote area of southern Colorado, we frequently scan the skies for satellites, and check the location of various planets and other astronomical star formations, but none of that was necessary when, at 10PM, we

suddenly heard shouting from some of our group to look skyward. We looked up and saw a very long “line” of brilliant lights that none of us have ever seen before as it crept like an alien caterpillar across the sky from the west to the east very high above the earth. This UFO lasted about twenty seconds and as it moved to the east, it dimmed and disappeared. Pretty exciting for every one of us in the campground who witnessed it and speculated as to its identity and origin. Curiosity remained throughout the night, resulting in various “on-line” queries as to what it could be. By morning, the mystery was solved. This writer’s son provided the link that provides the answer; <https://www.space.com/starlink-satellite-train-how-to-see-and-track-it> We had no idea that anything like this existed. Check out this link for details and be amazed!

Future Outings for 2023 will be held on August 17 - 20 at the Ft. Collins Lakeside KOA RV RESORT hosted by Wagonmaster Ken Stauffer and Bonnie Custer. If you wish to join us, make your reservations directly with the KOA and let them know that you are with the El Jebel Shrine RV Roamers for the group discount. Please also let Ken Stauffer know that you will be coming for the “head count” necessary for snacks, food, drink, and other accommodations with our group.

September 15 through 23, the Roamers will Caravan to Carlsbad, New Mexico for a visit to the caverns and surrounding attractions in that area, hosted by Wagonmaster Jim Marshall. Same process for attendance if you wish to join us.

Outings planned thus far for 2024 include the June “Shakedown” Cruise to Riverview RV Park just west of Loveland. July will be a repeat at our favorite Mountindale RV Resort, followed by the August Outing at the Ft. Collins Lakeside KOA resort. More coming to watch for in ‘24.

All Shriners are invited to join us for our “innings” and “Outings” throughout the year. Possession of an RV is not a requirement to join the Roamers as we always plan our “outings” at very nice RV parks that have cabins to rent. If you enjoy fun time with some wonderful people in a peaceful environment, you’re invited to join us.

Here’s Jim Marshall’s photo of our “U.F.O.” sighting. The “pinpoints” of light below the lights are stars. “Cue the theme from the Twilight Zone.”



Community Shred-A-Thon



Eastern Star Retirement Community
2435 Quebec St
Denver, CO 80231

Saturday, September 30th
10 am to 12 pm

Items to bring:

old checks, credit card offers,
mail, medical records, tax forms,
pay stubs & other items you
would like safely discarded

DO NOT bring:

newspapers, phone books, magazines,
plastic, cardboard, catalogs,
electronics or paint

Questions: Call Pati Sawyer Boex 303-753-2160

Donations will be accepted to support educational, fun and membership events

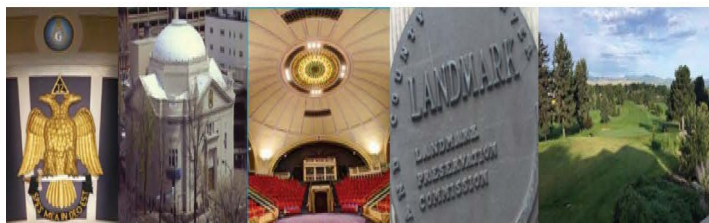
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Scottish Rite Golf Classic

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.



Sign Up Today For The Scottish Rite Charity Golf Classic
Spots For Players and Sponsors Are Going FAST !!!

Join us for a great day of golf on August 18, 2023 to support the Scottish RiteCare Foundation and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Forget the boring, all day long 4-person scramble! This truly unique event will feature:

- Multiple Par 3 holes and hole in one prize opportunities
- Long Drive and Closest to Pin contests
- Putting contest
- \$1,000,000 Shootout following golf
- Delicious meals, beverages
- Team prizes and player gifts

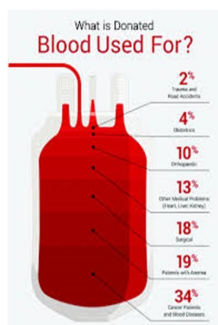
This is an important fundraiser for our organization so your participation and sponsorship will be much appreciated.

Foursome Teams are \$800 each. We expect a full field so register now. Great sponsorships available! Early Bird Registration prior to July 1st 2023 Teams at \$700.



Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community Blood Drive
August 24, 2023
9am-1:30pm

2435 S Quebec St Denver, CO 80231
In our Fraternal meeting Room
To schedule an appointment call 303.363.2300



Or visit donors.vitalant.org and use blood drive code **0474**

or

Contact Pati Sawyer Boex 303.753.2160 patis@esmrc.com

If you have received a COVID-19 vaccine, you may still give blood.

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August 2023

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