



# THE RED FEZ of El Jebel Shrine a monthly newspaper

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**Grady Carter**

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:



Well, here we are in November already! The weather has changed, and we are scrambling as usual at the Carter Cattle Company to get ready for winter. I truly love this time of year.

El Jebel had a very busy October. We had the "Make 'em smile" parades, which were very well attended and made the residents at both facilities very happy. I think these are some of the most important parades that we participate in and have the biggest impact on the community.

We were once again very well represented at the Shriners' Open in Las Vegas. I believe that everyone there had a great time and felt that it was a very worthwhile experience. I would strongly suggest that if you haven't participated in this special event, you put it on your bucket list and try to make it next year. You'll be glad you did!

Our Sportsmen's Raffle was once again a huge success. The raffle was attended by over 100 people who had a great day enjoying wonderful food and drink and winning some awesome prizes. I don't know if everyone knows how much work goes into putting on this event. It is by far the largest undertaking that we do all year and is also the largest fundraiser we have every year. A special thanks goes out to Noble Jim Dawkins and his Lady Patti for all the work they put in as the raffle chairman. Also, everyone on all the raffle committees deserves a huge "thank you" as it takes an entire village to make this event a success.

We had a ceremonial on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and brought several new Nobles into the El Jebel family. Be sure to say hello to our newest members when you see them and make them feel at home. Consider taking one of them under your wing and get them involved. This is key to making our Shrine strong and keeping it thriving.

The November Meeting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> and will be a special Veterans Day program once again put on by Noble Kent Burns. This evening is so moving and special, you certainly don't want to miss it. Make your reservations early and plan on attending this one-of-a-kind evening.

Please keep in mind we can do anything with faith in the Lord; He alone gives us strength. Kim and I love you all and look forward to spending time with you soon. Please be safe and happy!

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

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



## Make 'em Smile Parades

~ ejgw

Thanksgiving came early for the residents of the Veteran's Home and the OES-Masonic Retirement Center this year. Thanks to IS Ron Williamson who started this tradition, El Jebel has spent a Saturday in the fall to bring a little sunshine and distraction to some very special people who have given much of their time and so deserve a parade. They are out in their chairs and wheelchairs almost with the rising of the sun. We were especially fortunate this year to have a "meet-and-greet" with both groups after the "parade." There were some Shriners at the Veteran's Home and we invited them to come to stated meetings and/or socials. We will work out the logistics of getting them there when they call for specifics. Merely the suggestion that we would love to have them with us was enough to bring more than a little sunshine into their lives. The management of the home had coffee and doughnuts for everyone. We could have spent the entire day there, but we had another such parade and they were getting tired. A lot of excitement for most of them.

Then off to the Masonic Retirement Center. Again, we went "around the block" three times for them – last year one of the ladies commented that was the longest parade she had ever seen. (She had no idea that the few went around several times to make it seem like the many.) There are four Veterans that live at the home. We are trying to arrange it so that they can be our guests at the Veterans Day dinner and program. And we are looking into having a picnic or other such summer social at the center next year. We can surely give up a few hours for some lonely people who have given so much to our fraternity and the country as a whole. And it would make their whole month.

Many thanks to those who "made their day." We all came away with a feeling of fulfillment knowing we brought so much sunshine into their lives. We most definitely did our Masonic duty.







## Recorder's Desk

**Dennis Proctor, P.P.**



### **“Stuff” from the Recorder**

Can you feel the change in the air? Fall is here and winter soon to follow. And speaking of cold weather, the new boiler for the building is near completion. The tenants and the Shriners will appreciate the new heating unit.

HOT D.....!! The Chili Cook-Off was enjoyed by 60-plus members and guests. There were so many varieties of chili to choose from that it was difficult to decide which was the best. I tried all ten entries and the next one was always the best. Unfortunately, I wasn't in attendance when the votes were counted so I don't have the top three winner's names. Whoever they are they should be proud of their cooking skills. The Square-Dancing lessons many participated in were fun even for those just watching. Thank you all for your participation and for my indigestion.

The November stated meeting will be the last social meeting for the year as the December stated meeting will be “tiled” as a business meeting for, among other things, the annual election of Divan officers. Please show your support for El Jebel by being present at this and remember to bring your dues card (without it you cannot participate, including vote). The Divan and El Jebel need your support more than ever to continue to provide medical care for children.

Parting words by Winston Churchill: “One always measures friendships by how they show up in bad weather.”

### **CHILI AND SQUARE DANCING?**

**~ EJGW**

There was a different yet fun-filled stated meeting at the Shrine last month. The annual Chili Cook-off was followed by a group of square dancers who came to demonstrate their expertise and to show those in attendance how they could likewise enjoy a little music and exercise. Tip of the Fez to Noble John Harris and our famous J & J Taylor's who organized the event and brought some of their friends along to help “teach”/demonstrate their favorite pastime. It is the hope of many that, like the Tanzers of old, some of the square dancers will become Shriners and some of the Shriners will become square dancers. Maybe even start a new unit!? The caller (who also had a great sense of humor) was one of thirty-five recognized as “expert” across the country. Two live here in Denver; the other thirty-three reside on the two coasts. Turns out that the other expert here in town was best high-school friends with our own Richard Heath. As the saying goes: Small world, isn't it? Ya just never know who ya might run into. (Wonder if that was one of the reasons Mother always said to wear clean underwear every day?)

Hopefully the fun that was had by all will be contagious. Chili was really good, too.



Join Chief Rabban  
Jim Dawkins  
and Lady Patti on a  
FUN trip to the Music City

**Save the Date!!**  
**NASHVILLE**  
**April 9th-14th 2024**

Enjoy the Grand Ole Opry  
Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline  
Museums  
The Ryman Theatre  
Country Music Hall of Fame  
and much more



### **SQUARE DANCING—OCTOBER 9, 2023**



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

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Jim Marshall, 1st Ceremonial Master  
John Titterington, 2nd Ceremonial Master  
Mike Terry, Marshal  
Perry Mittler, Captain of the Guard  
Bill Brassette, Outer Guard  
David Dorn, Director  
Jim Oliver, Chaplain Emeritus

#### LIVING PAST POTENTATES

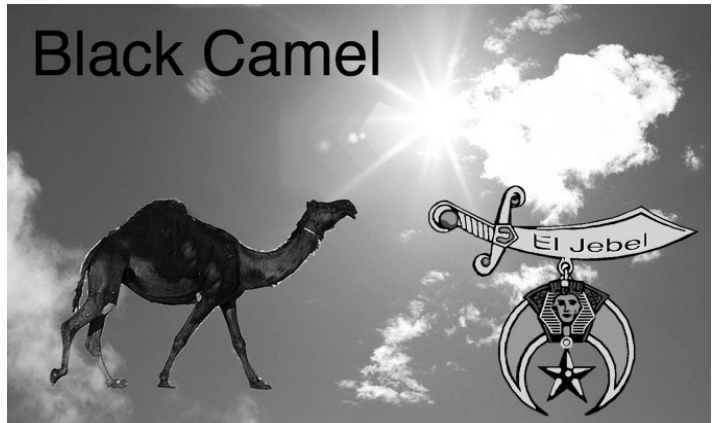
Jack D. Patten (1990)  
Richard E. Williams (1993)  
Dr. David Powell (1997)  
Michael G. Severe (1999)  
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)  
Ron Cosens (2003)  
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)  
Clint Dexter (2006)  
Tony Dattilo (2007)  
Fred Taylor (2008)  
Jim Stewart (2009)  
Ed Rendon (2010)  
Dennis Proctor (2011)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

**Arthur L. Brodin**  
**Samuel S. Okner**  
**William L. Pennybacker**  
**John L. Seymour**  
**Horace M. “Hos” Varner**  
**William M. Young**





## 2023 Calendar of Events



### November

- 11 Veterans Day Parade
- 13 Veterans Day Family Social
- 17 NO Happy Hour
- 26 Decorate for the Holidays

### December

- 9 Family Christmas Brunch
- 11 Elections & Stated Meeting & Ladies Program
- 15 Happy Hour
- 30 Un-Decorate

### January

- 8 Annual Stated Meeting & Ladies Social



## El Jebel Shrine emails

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4- Creations

2- Demits

6-Expired

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### Transportation Fund

Mike & Robin Terry

### In Honor of

Pipe Band

### Shriners Childrens

Donnalynn & Christian Laver

Roger Barnes

### In Memory of

Nancy Jones

Donation

## CHILI COOK-OFF & SQUARE DANCING OCTOBER 9, 2023





## A message from the Chief Rabban



Welcome back Nobles and Ladies to our fall program! Summer is such a great time with our parades and activities and fall brings us back to the Shrine for many indoor activities.

Lady Patti and I do hope you were able to get up to see the colors this fall. It seems the change came upon us quickly this year. Were you surprised that you need to drain the sprinkler system so early?

Our Make-em-Smile parades went well this year and thanks to everyone who participated.

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> was a crazy busy Sportsmen's Raffle Day! We sold over 3,400 tickets to raise a total of \$59,720. I am so thankful to every Noble, every lady and all your friends and family that leaned in to support this fraternity of ours. It was months of work in the making and so many of you showed up to help on the event day. The day itself was great, except for the fact that I threw out my back early that morning and then attempted to help load all the food up to transport to Highlands. If you saw me grimacing during the day, it was because it was a painful day. Still, the day went well, there was some great fellowship to be had, some great food and it was fun to see so many people winning prizes because of everyone's efforts. We certainly had some very excited winners with our very own Ed Hamm winning the 50/50 prize! While we are still crunching the bottom-line numbers, we know we have added to our operating funds significantly. Again, thank you to all who helped create the day or sell tickets!

I did want to communicate that we had too few signups for the Pickleball pro-style tournament in November and so we looked to drop to an amateur style tourney if we could get the facility for less money. Initially, they had indicated that was possible, but soon learned that was not the case. The result is we will need to cancel the Pickleball Tournament fund-raiser for this year and give it a try again next year.

We have a save-the-date announcement in this issue of the Red Fez for a trip Patti & I are organizing for next April to Nashville. Much more to come, but we will have a great back-stage tour of the Grand-Old Opry as a part of our fun. Please consider putting it on your calendar for next year.

Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> is Shrine Night at the National Western Stock Show with great fun for your family and friends. The rodeo is always exciting. Tickets are still \$30 (same as last year) and that price is almost half of what you would pay if you bought them online, so grab some for your crew and join us. Bring your fez!

Yours in the Faith,  
Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins



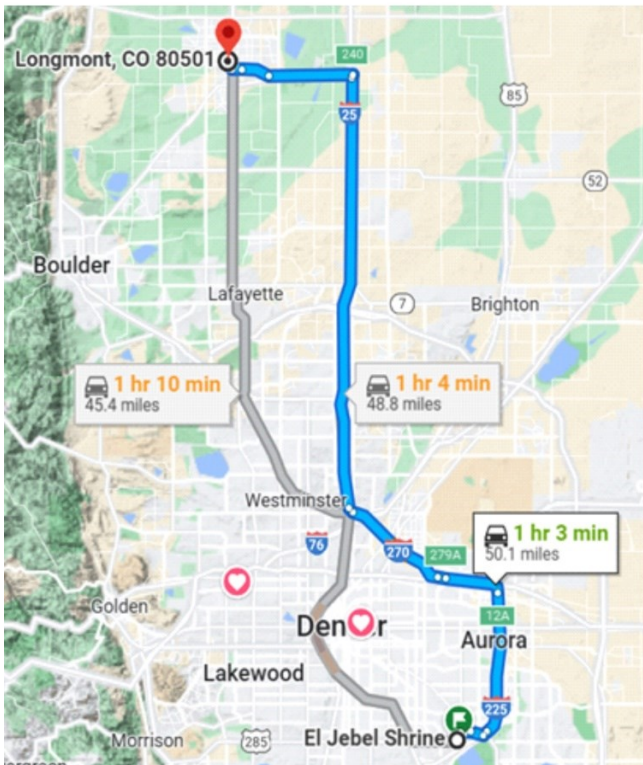
**Square-  
dancing  
at the chili  
cook-off**



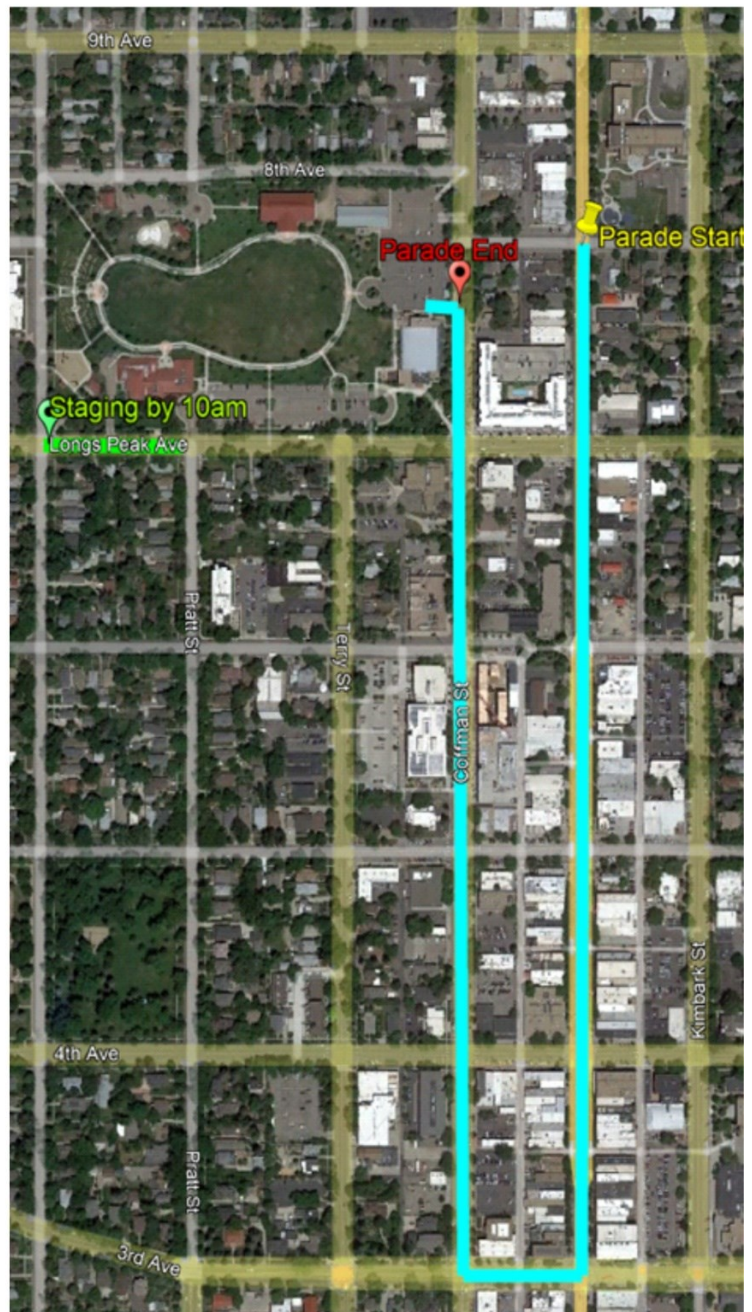


## LONGMONT VETERANS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 11, 2023, AT 11:11am.

Please join us at the Longmont Veterans Day Parade, sponsored by American Legion Post 32, on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:11am. We need to be staged by 10:00am at the corner of Longs Peak Avenue and Bross Street (Southwest corner of Roosevelt Park). We have been assured there is plenty of parking for the parade and tow vehicles and the parade will end near our staging location. Although this parade goes down Main Street (Highway 287), it also winds through residential areas so be prepared that some streets leading to Roosevelt Park might be blocked off that morning. *Unless it snows on the 11<sup>th</sup>, this parade will go, rain or shine.* Please plan to join us to salute and honor our veterans – it should be a fun parade and an effective way to close out our parade calendar for 2023. Remember, even if you do not have a parade vehicle, there are always vehicles available for you to ride in. All parades are social events; bring your family and prospective Nobles (do not forget your Fez and a smile). Please contact me on [myyellowbee55@msn.com](mailto:myyellowbee55@msn.com) if you have any questions.



El Jebel to Staging Point in Longmont



Staging (by 10am), and Parade Route





## EL JEBEL SPORTS CLUB ~ RANDY JENSEN

The Broomfield parade on September 23<sup>rd</sup> was attended by only one member. Thank you, Noble Randy Jensen and his lady Sara for participating in this parade in their new red Mustang. A few more parades for this beautiful car to show it off. Not too many attended but the weather was beautiful! As always, pictures attached. The Make 'em Smile parades at the Veteran's Home and the Eastern Star Masonic Center were on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The weather was not an issue for this day and the day was great. The residents really enjoyed our smiles and waves! We visited with the residents from the Veteran's Home that watched the parade and enjoyed the donuts and coffee they provided. Some visited with the residents of the OES home, too. I understand that lunch afterwards was also enjoyed by those who attended.

The "colors ride" was on September 28<sup>th</sup> and was organized by Ill Sir Ron Cosens, PP. The day was perfect for this beautiful ride. We had 10 people join in the ride. Those that were able to come were Ill Sir Ron Cosens, PP, Ill Sir Clint Dexter, PP and his lady, Vicky, Noble Randy Jensen and his lady, Sara, Noble Greg Rindone, Sandy Davis and her friend, and Kathy Myers and her friend. We took the ride up over Guanella Pass and had lunch at Bo-Jo's in Idaho Springs and then finished the ride over Mt. Evans. It was a beautiful day and there were spectacular colors. And, of course, pictures!

The Potentate's Ball on September 30<sup>th</sup> was a fun event. The food was delicious, and the music was, as always, enjoyed. It was good to see so many Nobles and Ladies (and daughters and friends) having a good time. Several Sports members attended but no pictures of this event from me as my Lady and I were having a good time and dancing as much as possible. I'm sure there will be some in this *Red Fez*.

Our annual Christmas gathering will again be with the Dune Buggies. It will be on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Romano's Pizzeria, 5666 S Windermere St, Littleton at 12:00 noon. Reservations will be required and must be made with Lady Sara Jensen for Sports and Lady Robin Terry for Dune Buggies by the deadline of November 27<sup>th</sup>. There will not be any extra reservations made. Details for the reservations will be in the individual unit's emails.

Everyone, please stay healthy! That's all for this month!



## PIPE BAND ~ KENT BURNS



Ah, November. A time of changing colors, falling leaves, football, cooler weather, snow, turkey. And thanksgiving. Not just the fourth Thursday of the month when we assemble for turkey and all the trimmings, but perhaps more importantly that day of remembrance when 11/11/11 should remind all of us of how much we owe to our national heroes – the Veterans who gave so much so we could have that turkey and football. The Pipe Band will be helping remember those who went before, first at the Tribute Gardens, 6001 W 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, Westminster, CO for the City of Westminster Veterans Day ceremonial on Friday, 10 November at 1030. For those who have not enjoyed this memorial the City of Westminster established at the park, you would do yourself a favor to visit and walk around here sometime. It is open to the public with plenty of free parking. There are individual memorials for the various services and bricks that can be purchased to honor anyone you may so wish for their service.

We will continue our salute to our Veterans on the actual day – 11 November – at the World War Two memorial in Ketrington Park, 6000 So Gallup Street, Littleton for the annual salute at 1100. Then later that afternoon we will perform with the Rocky Mountain Brassworks at the Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S Allison Pkwy, Lakewood (near the old Villa Italia) at 1600. Sadly, we cannot comp tickets or even get discounts – they are controlled by the venue and neither the Band nor RMBW have the ability to change that. Even spouses of members of both bands have to buy a ticket.

And then, of course, on Monday, 13 November we will have the Veterans Day dinner and program at the Shrine. Dinner will be similar to what was served in mess halls across the country during WWII – SOS for those who remember, and chicken for those who would rather forget.

On the very fitting day of 7 December 2023, the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight will be having their annual telethon on Channel 9. This is the only fund-raiser they have and the results will dictate how many flights they will be able to make in 2024. The Band is always a part of this beginning at 0500 and lasting until early evening (1900 in the past). So far, we have two volunteers for this, one being Princess Robin Terry. As soon as we receive a schedule with the "shift" times, it will be made available to all who wish to help out. Remember, three or four hours of your time is a small price to pay for the three or four years of our Heroes' time, especially considering telethon volunteers are feted well and are warm and comfortable – as opposed to either freezing in Europe's or Korea's cold or melting in the heat and humidity of the south Pacific or Viet Nam. And you won't be dodging bullets either!

The Band wishes everyone a very warm and fulfilling Thanksgiving. Remember the true meaning behind this holiday – it's not all turkey and football, but should include a heartfelt "thank you" for all we still have and the freedoms we still enjoy.

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.



## El Jebel Shrine Veteran's Day Experience and Dinner

# Please Join Us

Social 5:00

Dinner 6:00

Program 7:00 - this is not to be missed!

Monday November 13, 2023

Dinner \$25

303-455-3470

Reservations by the 9th

YOUR DAY AT THE BEACH



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THEIR  
DAY AT THE BEACH



Dinner is a reproduction of  
the usual Army mess during  
that time, consisting of:

Chipped beef on toast-SOS,  
Beans, Tossed Salad, GI  
Coffee, and Dessert.

For the others not so in love  
with SOS, there will be a  
chicken entrée.



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



Halloween is now in the rear-view mirror, and we're heading into the Holiday Season; the most wonderful time of the year!

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, El Mejdél enjoyed a visit with our Supreme Queen, Her Supreme Majesty, Patricia "Patty" Larimore. A delicious breakfast brunch was served with Unit performances following. Our Session began at noon, with a beautiful Ceremonial welcoming our new Princess, Kim Carter.

Our Annual Nile High Tea is scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and we're all looking forward to it. So far, our reservations seem to be up to par, and all plans are in place. Pr. Tirzah, Robin Terry and her Committee, have been working very hard on this event, and we hope to have a very successful outcome.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Past Queens of El Mejdél will be hosting our Founders' Day Luncheon. This is always a fun day with good food, good friends and fellowship.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and many of us have big plans for the day. We hope you are looking forward to friends and family as well. Snow will be falling soon, and Christmas on its heels. Get your snow shovel ready!

**Happy Thanksgiving**



**COMPUTER CLUB**  
**~ ED HAMM**

Our next meeting, held in the Fleming Room at El Jebel, will be Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm. Ken will be presenting a program discussing the newest threats we all face as technology continues to get more complex and more integrated:

"Quishing is the new phishing: What you need to know."

Please plan to attend and discuss this important topic and to "catch up" on the latest club activities. Additionally, we need to lay out a training outline for the last couple of months of this year and into 2024. If you cannot physically attend, please join us via Zoom.

As a quick summary of last month, we talked about Licensing and Subscriptions and reviewed the status of Windows 11. I suppose I should also mention that we re-elected our slate of last year's officers to serve again in 2024, (*distant sound of a train whistle in the background*).



**Fall Ceremonial—October 28, 2023**





## **DUNE BUGGY PATROL**

### **~ RON WILLIAMSON, PP**

On October 7, 2023 we had a beautiful fall day to parade at the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center and the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community. After the parade at the Veterans Center, they invited us to stay for coffee and doughnuts and we were able to visit with the veterans. They were so appreciative of the time we were able to spend with them and we had a wonderful visit. Then it was off to the Masonic Retirement Community. There were more residents outside than in the past to enjoy the parade. We also got to visit with Fred Groom and Karen Allen who now reside at the Masonic Home. Fred is in the main building and Karen is living in one of the patio homes. It was so good to see both of them.

Our October meeting was held at Robyn and Ron Williamson's home. We enjoyed our dinner from Rib City and then the Nobles held their meeting. There was a discussion about Dune Buggy Patrol only having four regular meetings a year, to be held on the second Wednesday of the month (maybe January, March, May and October). We will meet on the second Wednesday of the other non-meeting months for a social. More discussion will take place at our meeting on November 8.

The next Dune Buggy meeting will be on November 8 at the home of Don and Connie Strand, 9909 Bronti Cr, Lone Tree. Social is at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Don Strand 720-985-4736 or Mike Terry 720-313-1451.

Don't forget there is a Ceremonial at the Shrine on October 28, 2023. Come and welcome our new Nobles to El Jebel. It would be great to get a couple new Nobles into Dune Buggy Patrol

Veterans Day Parade will be in Longmont this year on November 11, 2023. Let's see how many buggies we can get out for this last parade before we put the buggies away for the winter. Mike will have more information on this parade as soon as the City of Longmont gets it out.

Save the date for the Dune Buggy Christmas Party with the Sports.

Date: November 30, 2023

Time: Noon to ???

Place: Romano's Pizzeria  
5666 S. Windermere St.

Cost: \$30.00 per person including tax, tip, meal, and beverage. Cash bar will be available

Lunch: Buffet – spaghetti, lasagna, and chicken marsala plus salad and Neapolitan ice cream and mini cannoli's

**Reservations to Sara (303-903-5981), or Robin (720-313-1449) by November 24, 2023.**



A big THANK YOU to all of those that have paraded with us this year. What a great way to represent El Jebel Shrine! It is always fun to get those buggies out and zip around town. It also gives us a good excuse to go out to eat.

If you are interested in joining the Dune Buggy Patrol as a car owner or as a social member contact President Noble 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???





*New This Year!*

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**



## **FAMILY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** **Saturday December 9, 2023**

Join us at El Jebel for the first Family Christmas Brunch. Festivities are from 10am until 1pm.

NOTE: RSVP's are a must - no RSVP, no food.



*The Family Brunch is in place of this year's Children's Christmas Party and is a celebration for the entire family.*

Place: 3443 S. Galena St-Denver 80231– RSVP to: 303-455-3470



## Join us as the Optars Present:

### *Photography Accessories.*



#### **OPTARS** ~ ED HAMM

In October, we successfully performed camera comparisons and selection. Now that you have your ideal camera, you face the daunting task of selecting, prioritizing, and purchasing the many accessories that are required (desired) to eke out the best performance of said new camera.

On Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fleming Room at El Jebel, we will see, touch, and discuss many of these possible accessories.

Please bring your camera bags, straps, filters, tripods, stands, batteries/chargers, wipes, sensor cleaners, hoods, flashes, and all the rest for a gigantic show-and-tell session. We will review all the gathered objects and discuss the pros and cons of each item. This is your chance to show off the favorite accessories you have gathered over the years and demonstrate those items you could not do without.

We will review some videos of new offerings and the latest gadgets that have been released to make your photography outstanding.

This session is open to all Shriners and their ladies. For now, we have decided to forgo supper prior to this meeting.

Special Note: Newly-elected officers for 2024 are President – Ed Hamm, Sec/Treasurer – Jim Taylor. Come join us for this fun, fact-filled meeting. It will be a great time to renew/start your membership by paying your 2024 dues of \$15.



#### **DROVERS** ~ STEVE STEVENS

Christopher Houston “Kit” Carson was raised as a Master Mason in Montezuma Lodge No. 101 located in the Sante Fe Territory of New Mexico on December 26<sup>th</sup> of 1854. Throughout his life, Brother Carson was known as a mountain man, frontiersman, US Army officer, guide, and an Indian Agent. He was also known to have traversed several well-known trails including the Sante Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail.

He was born in 1809 in rural Missouri. His first employment was as an apprentice saddle maker for David Workman. Their shop was located at the eastern end of the Sante Fe Trail and sold saddles to many trappers and traders. In 1826, young Carson ran away from his apprenticeship to become a mountain man and trapper in the west.

In 1842, “Kit” Carson was asked to join John C. Fremont’s expedition to explore the acquisition of the Oregon Territory. Fremont paid Carson \$100 per month. With the aid of Carson, Fremont mapped the rivers and lands, looking for strategic fort locations and claimed the Rocky Mountains for the United States. This is when Carson started to gain national fame.

Brother Carson and John Fremont went on several other expeditions together including being part of the Bear Flag Revolt in 1846. This is when Mexico had ordered all Americans to leave California after the Americans declared California as an independent republic, free of Mexican rule. Fremont had declared an oath to the Californian Americans to support them in their quest for independence. Brother Carson made several courier trips from California to the east coast carrying dispatches from Fremont to Washington, DC and back. This led to the Mexican-American war from 1846-1848 which resulted in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo where Mexico sold the Alta California and New Mexico territories to the US which consisted of today’s states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico. This also added to Brother Carson’s fame in books and dime novels.

After the Mexican-American war, Brother Carson settled down near Taos, New Mexico to raise cattle and sheep but that only lasted for a few years. He was soon back at moving horses, cattle, and sheep across the western United States. As you can imagine, he came into contact with many native American tribes and because of this, was appointed the Indian agent for the Ute, Jicarilla Apache, and Taos Pueblo tribes in what is now known as southern Colorado and New Mexico. Carson was known as a sympathetic agent, in part because he had been previously married to Cheyenne and Arapaho women.

Brother Carson returned to New Mexico and came together with other Masons in the Taos area to petition the Grand Lodge of Missouri to charter Bent Lodge #204, now known as Bent Lodge #42 of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF&AM. He served as the Junior Warden and Senior Warden but in the year he would have sat in the East, the Civil War caused the lodge to go dark. Bent Lodge continues to manage Brother Carson’s home as a museum to this day.

There is much to write about Kit Carson and I couldn’t cover all of it in this article but it is safe to say he left an indelible imprint on the southwestern United States. Brother Christopher “Kit” Carson’s name is recognized across the west by place names such as Fort Carson, the town of Kit Carson, Colorado, Carson Pass in California, and Carson City, the capital of Nevada.





## FALL CEREMONIAL

~ EJGW

El Jebel welcomed four new Nobles the last Saturday in October! We would like to extend a hearty “Welcome aboard!” to Duke Soddy, James Warner, Garrett Terry, and Brian Gieck and wish them a long, fruitful, and enjoyable life as El Jebel Shriners. After a sunny and warm fall, the day was hardly conducive to travel and yet one of the initiates still came from the east (pun intended) where the winter weather was heading and one from the west from whence that weather came. Both had travel travails contending with snow and icy roads and, of course, the usual “I have a four-wheel-drive and can drive as fast as I want” idiot who still hasn’t figured out that the number of drive wheels has absolutely nothing to do with steering ability not to mention even less with stopping ability. Hope all made it home safely, especially those two who had to retrace their route home through the same bad weather. We hope their tenacity shown in getting to the Ceremonial remains with all four through the years and they become active members of our great fraternity while still having fun.

Our thanks to the entire Ceremonial Divan, and especially to Bill Klatil who came all the way from Cañon City to help out on such short notice. It is always refreshing to see that we can count on Nobles to rise to the occasion and fill in when necessary. (And it was great to see him again – it’s been a long time since last he was “in town.”) It is always a special treat to hear our Chaplain Jim Oliver tell us about his “Old Red Fez.” That poem embodies so much of the things the fraternity stands for – it could easily be an anthem for the Shrine.

The candidates-now-Nobles were fêted with good eats and lots of camaraderie. It was heart-warming to see the number of Nobles and Ladies who braved the less-than-friendly weather to “come on down” to welcome our new members. Thanx as well to all of you.



## FALL CEREMONIAL—OCTOBER 28, 2023





## RADOPS ~MICHAEL MARCUS



### Election of 2024 Officers

The Radops elected our 2024 officers during our September in-person meeting, which was held on Monday evening, September 25, 2023. We'd like to congratulate each of our officers on their election and to thank them for their willingness to serve our unit for the upcoming year. The elected 2024 officers are:

Emit Hurdelbrink (W0UAW) – President  
Paul Harrison (KØPRH) – Vice President  
Ken Behrens (KBØYLN) – Secretary  
Rich Wall (WR1CH) – Treasurer

### Radops Next In-Person Meeting:

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room at the Shrine building. These meetings begin promptly at 7:00pm and are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through April with the exception of December.

### Radops Weekly On The Air Meetings:

The Radops weekly on the air meetings (a.k.a. Sunday Night Nets) are held every Sunday evening at 7:00pm on 146.985 MHz. Additionally, we have an EchoLink node K0FEZ-R available on the 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.

November Birthdays: Richard Anderton, Kirsten Arthur, Lauri Harrison, Ron Pitcock.

## SANDBLASTERS ~ MATTHEW MADRID

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The Sandblasters season has officially come to a close. We would like to thank our golf chairman Jim Teagarden for another successful and fantastic year. Your hard word and dedication is truly appreciated and we couldn't have done it without you.

Our next meeting will be held on October 25th at which time we will vote on next year's officer line. I encourage all members to show their support and attend.

At our September meeting details and flyers for our Christmas party were passed out. The party will take place at Applewood Golf Course on Wednesday, 06 December 2023. The event will kick off at 5:00pm with a cash bar followed by a steak or shrimp and scallop dinner. Dress code is smart casual with coat and tie and ladies as desired.

We genuinely hope that you honor us with your presence. Should you accept our invitation, we kindly ask you to reply to this email or contact Matthew Madrid or Phil Hause with payment and meal indication prior to Wednesday, 22 November 2023.

We look forward to your acceptance and to enjoying a great Christmas dinner with you.

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.



## LEGION OF HONOR



This one is from our meeting yesterday, October 24th as we initiated the Potentate Ill Sir Grady Carter. Missing is HP&P Kent Burns and Ed Rendon who forgot his fez.

## LEGION OF HONOR



### In Memory of Horace "Hos" Varner



## R.V. ROAMERS

BY: TONY DATTILO



October 22<sup>nd</sup> brought the return of the indoor “Innings” to the Roamers. Noble Roy Ince and Lady Janell arranged this spectacular Inning held in Central City which is one of the best in this writer’s memory. Members and guests in attendance included Illustrious Sir Grady Carter and Lady Kim, Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins and Lady Patti, 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master and Roamers Treasurer Jim Marshall and Lady Sherri, Past Potentate Tony & Lady Ellen Dattilo, Scott & Lady Jannice Cromwell, Jim Oliver & Lady Kirsten Arthur, Jim & Lady Judy Taylor, Billy Umsted & Lady Yoriko, Charles Shaeffer and Lady Thelma. Our most welcome guests included Susan Boles and Kathy Myers. Special guests present were Danny & Lady Amy Tomlinson, and Eric Lee Chinn, Director of Historical Properties in Central City.

After a great meal provided by the Century Casino Vintage Room Grill, where the monthly meeting and elections were held, the officers for 2024 were approved by the membership. Noble Scott Cromwell will serve as the President, with Noble Ken Stauffer remaining for another year as Vice President, Jim Marshall remaining for another year as Treasurer and Roy Ince elected as the Secretary. We wish them well in their continuance of the R.V. Roamers’ success in the future.

Following the business part of this event, the group moved to the Teller House where Mr. Eric Chinn presented an astoundingly entertaining historical account of the origin and continuation of this most famous structure in Central City, recounting the famous people who became very prominent in the history of Colorado. Mr. Chinn is the Director of Historical Properties for Central City’s Opera house. His talent and incredibly detailed memory of people and places became evident as he conducted our private tour of several facilities that were prominent in the early day’s gold and silver mining in Jefferson Territory in the 1800’s. His detailed explanations and “digressions” of very personal descriptions of people and facilities tempt one to believe that he has been reincarnated as a former participant from the events and occurrences of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Following Mr. Chinn’s tour, we moved to the historic Central Lodge #6, Colorado’s oldest Masonic Temple which was built in 1865. Mr. Danny Tomlinson and his wife Amy conducted the tour of this facility which has been dramatically restored and improved as a very impressive venue of Masonic History, with detailed explanations of how famous people in Colorado’s early history were connected to this facility. Danny’s knowledge of Masonic history in Central City is truly impressive and its obvious to anyone how his heart and soul has eagerly captured his interest and devotion to Masonry.

If you are interested in written and unwritten history connected with the origin of our Colorado, you missed a

spectacularly memorable tour that occurred on this October 22<sup>nd</sup>. As we progressed through the stairways, hallways, rooms, corridors and steep grades of sidewalks and streets of a bygone era, the creaks, pops and groans of some aging bones and joints were visible and audible, but discomfort was well overcome by outstanding presentations and sights that are rarely revealed to the general public. Masonry is alive and well in Central City – thanks to some very creative and dedicated efforts by those who live and love the “Craft”.



RV Roamers toured the Teller House  
in Central City 10-22-23

## Ceremonial—October 28, 2023





## Motor Corps

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

~ **Bobby Marner, PP**

El Jebel Motor Corps rocks! Weather had pushed the Make-em-Smile parades till October but we were lucky and still got to parade! Big thanks to all that were able to participate. Remember: The tip of the Fez never goes unappreciated.

The 2023 Sportsmen's raffle is now in our review mirror. Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins and his hard-working team are due for a break. I am very proud of ALL our Nobles and Ladies that once again stepped up and helped when needed. The Cooking Team is proof that "many hands make light work." Throughout the entire event, you could see a team effort working hard for El Jebel Shrine!

Our next parade will be the Veterans Day Parade in Longmont on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Details should be out very soon from Marshal Mike Terry.

The October Meeting had 36 members having a great time. Papa "T" on the mend was in attendance with his Lady Ellen. The El Jebel Divan was in attendance with a lot of information for us. Chuck Petersen and his "Traveling Lady" Bonnie had everyone hanging on her adventures in the Middle East. It really is great to be a part of such a friendly group. You should attend and see what fun and fellowship is all about!

Kathy Hamm is recovering at home, so please keep her in your hearts and prayers. Glenn Lasater is having health issues and including him in your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

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

The Motor Corps Holiday Party will be on Sunday, December 12, 2023. Social hour at 11am, brunch 11:30am at El Rancho Restaurant located at 29260 US 40, Evergreen, CO 80439 (just off I-70). Call or text Rich Silver @ 303-478-0821 to make your reservations. The cost is \$45.00 per person and that includes tax and tip. Reservations must be in by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Plan to attend and bring those smiles!

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

**NOTE: No Unit Meeting in November or December 2023**



**EL JEBEL MOTOR CORP**

Invites Members (and interested Nobles) with your Ladies to our

# Holiday Party

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH**

Social hour 11:00 - Brunch 11:30

At the El Rancho Restaurant  
29260 Us-40, Evergreen, CO 80439

**\$45.00 Per Person**

RSVP TO RICH SILVER  
RSILVER20@ME.COM OR (303) 478-0821  
BY DEC 1, 2023





# NATIONAL WESTERN® *Stock Show*



***Friday, January 12, 2024***

***Shrine Night At the Stock Show***

***Denver Coliseum - 4600 Humboldt Street***

***Pro Rodeo at 7:30 p.m.***

***Includes all day admission and the Pro Rodeo***

***Seating - lower sections: 129, 130, 131, 229, 230***

***Tickets are \$30 each and El Jebel has a  
limited number of tickets***

***Unsold tickets will be returned on January 4th***



***Free Parking  
With Admission  
(in NW parking lots)***

***Wear your Fez***



***Call the El Jebel Shrine Office at  
303-455-3470 for reservations  
Tickets are \$30.00 each***

***All unsold tickets must be returned to  
National Western by January 4th, so don't  
delay in getting your tickets if you plan to attend.***





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## SALUTE TO SERVICE

This special tribute fundraiser will recognize and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. Our SALUTE to SERVICE campaign is an opportunity for you to purchase a 3' x 5" American Flag that will be displayed on the front lawn of the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus the week of November 5 through November 12 in honor of Veterans Day.

- 3'x5" Flag on a 6'ft pole cost: \$40.00
- Flags are limited to 200 and will be sold on a first-come basis.
- Flags from each of the five services are also needed. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. Cost: \$40.0

QR link to Eventbrite to reserve your flag:  
If you have any, questions please call:  
Pati Sawyer Boex, 303-753-2160  
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# November 2023

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