

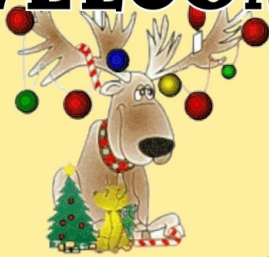


THE RED FEZ
of **El Jebel Shrine**
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WELCOME DECEMBER



*Potentate
and Divan
Election*



*Ugly Sweater
Contest*



*white
ELEPHANT
gift exchange
At the Ladies
Program*

*Illustrious Sir Grady
and Lady Kim*

*May the spirit of
Christmas
bring you peace,*

*The gladness
of Christmas give you
hope,*

*and
The warmth of Christmas
grant you love.*

Merry Christmas





Grady Carter

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:



Lady Kim and I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. We are so blessed and have so much to be thankful for. December is always a busy time of year for us. Upcoming is our annual trip to Las Vegas to try and buy cattle for next year and to enjoy the cowboy festivities that come with the National Finals Rodeo. I won't be roping this year at the World Series of Team Roping but have already begun to practice in hopes that I make it back next year.

Parade season is now officially over, but what a season it was! Our last parade, the Veterans Day Parade, was excellent and very well attended. We went to Longmont this year, and I think that everyone was very impressed with the small-town feel and hospitality.

Once again, we had a group of Nobles serve the Ladies at the Nile High Tea, which was very well attended. It is always a pleasure serving the ladies of the Nile, and all the Shriners were honored to be a small part of the festivities.

The stated meeting in November was a tribute to veterans put on by Noble High Priest and Prophet Kent Burns. As usual the program was outstanding, and if you looked around the room (which was packed) it was hard to find a dry eye in the house. I had the special honor of presenting my boys, who are both Marines, with a flag flown over the state capital and presented by the Scouts Honor Guard led by Noble Bobby Juchem. If you get a chance, thank Nobles Kent and Bobby for all their efforts in putting on this fine event.

Our annual Christmas Party is coming up quickly on December 9th, followed quickly by our stated meeting and annual elections on December 13th. The stated meeting will have a ladies' program and there is a lot of important business to be taken care of. Of special note our monthly Happy Hour will be held on December 22nd. This is a week later than normal but Kim and I wanted to host the event and we will not be in town on the usual date. Look for more information coming out soon on all three events. Please make every effort to attend and enjoy the fun and fraternity that is the El Jebel Shrine.

Lady Kim and I hope that everyone has a joyous Holiday season, and that you all have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends while reflecting on the blessings that have been bestowed on all of us!



Everyone please be safe and happy! Lady Kim and I hope to see you all at a Shrine gathering soon. "And this will be a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with which he is pleased'."

Yours in the faith,

2023 Potentate

Illustrious Sir, Grady Carter

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



The Per Capita cost will be increasing with the 2024 Dues year. Members can still purchase a PCLM (PerCapita Tax Life Purchase), at the old cost for \$900.00 until 12/31/2023.





“Stuff” from the Recorder

I want to extend my personal thanks to High Priest and Prophet Kent Burns for the outstanding program honoring our Veterans. We learned about and heard all the verses of our National Anthem, about Normandy Beach, and saw a video of our own Noble Russ Gray laying a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was heartwarming and a bit (a lot) emotional for many of us. Thank you, Kent.

Like the decline of our World War 11 veterans, El Jebel's membership is also in a very serious decline. As of today, we have a total of 706 members: 675 regular and 31 associate members. Unfortunately, 42 members could be dropped on December 31 for non-payment of dues. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had the 10,000 members like we had during the "70's and 80's"? We were fortunate to welcome four new members in the October 4th Ceremonial. Please introduce yourself to Noble Jim Warner, Noble Brian Gieck, Noble Garrett Terry, and Noble Duke Soddy and welcome them to our family.

Remember that our annual election of officers for 2024 will be held on December 11th. To be eligible to vote, your dues must be paid for 2023 and you must have your current dues card with you. Your vote and support of the future officers is extremely important. Don't forget to make your reservation for dinner. NO RESERVATION, NO MEAL!

Maybe this is not the year to get everything you want. Maybe this is the year to appreciate everything you have.
~ Unknown

Lady Judy and I wish you a blessed holiday season.



PARADE CORNER ~ MARSHAL MIKE TERRY

"The end is never the end. It's always the beginning of something." Our last parade for the 2023 El Jebel parade season was on Saturday, November 11th, Veterans Day, in Longmont. We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather on a day in November – sunny skies and warm temperatures when the parade started at 11:11 AM. Although Longmont is no longer considered a small town, the parade had a small-town feeling with an amazing number of people on Main Street, many who were veterans. The parade organizers were very happy to have El Jebel participate in the parade for the first time and hopefully we can go back there again next year. Thank you to all who paraded as we honored our veterans who fought and sacrificed to give us the freedoms we enjoy every day.

While our parade vehicles are safely tucked away for the winter, planning is well under way for the upcoming 2024 parade season. Your Divan continues to explore parade opportunities - some in different venues - for the upcoming year; more on that at the Unit Officers Meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Thanks to all of the Nobles, Ladies, and families who participated in this year's parades to represent our Temple and, most importantly, promote our hospital system. The parade organizers, without exception, are always excited for El Jebel to be part of their parades – in fact, we get more requests to participate in parades than we can accommodate – but it's the smiles on the faces of people along the parade routes that make it all worthwhile!

Lady Robin and I wish you and yours the happiest of holidays and a safe and healthy 2024. March will be here before you know it and the 2024 parade season will be off and running with the annual Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade!



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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 Brasseur, Outer Guard
David Dorn, Director
Jim Oliver, Chaplain Emeritus

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

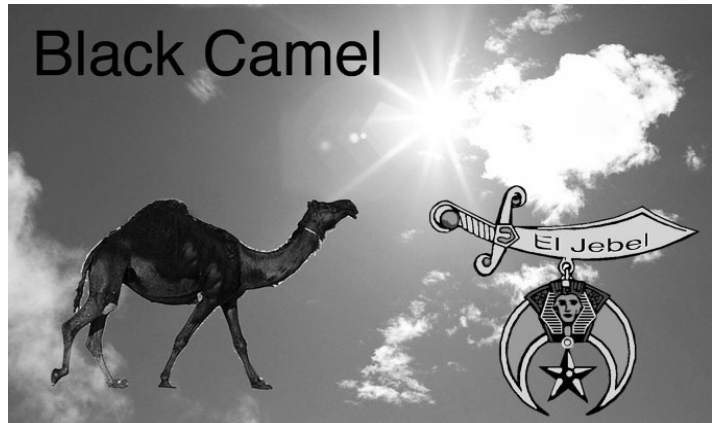
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Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
Dennis Proctor (2011)
Jim Long (2012)
Matthew Raia (2013)
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Black 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.”

Eugene V. Doty
Richard A. Fredette
William J. Mitchell
Ted P. Rinker
Ernie J. Tauck



2023 Calendar of Events



December

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

The Office will close at noon on Friday, December 22nd and reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

January

- 5 El Jebel Ceremonial Installation
- 8 Official Stated Meeting/Installation & Trip Presentation
- 12 National Western Stock Show
- 20 Unit Officers Meeting/1installation

February

- 1 East/West Shrine Game-Frisco, TX
- 12 Family Meeting-Mardi Gras
- 17 WCSC Installation—Grand Junction



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Ted Eaton
Hos Varner

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- 5- Demits
- 3- Associate Member Drop
- 5-Expired

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A message from the Chief Rabban, Jim Dawkins



Happy Holidays from Lady Patti and me to you and your family. Here's hoping that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with loads of family, food, and football! Patti and I spent the day with our daughter's husband's family (or "her in-laws") and who are now part of our extended family. Our daughter is pregnant with their first child and is due in January. We are so thrilled as she has been through so much in her pregnancy, so many surgeries – all to have a baby to love and cherish. We now know her baby will be a boy named Jack James. Please keep her, her hubby Seth, and Jack James in your thoughts and prayers.

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds me of how much I must be thankful for. I am so thankful for my amazing wife, Patti. We have raised three kids together over 33 years and emerged empty-nesters on the other side. Words cannot express the love I have for this wonderful lady. Our three kids are amazing blessings. Not that we haven't been through a few challenges, but we love them dearly and their calls and occasional visits are such a bright spot. I'm thankful for my brother Shriners Masons. Our work is not without challenges, not without some disagreement, not without some long hours. I, for one, am grateful to be able to offer this work alongside such a great group of guys and their ladies (and our ladies who still help us long after their Shriners have past). We are blessed, all of us. Look around yourself and thank that Shriner or that lady for staying on this journey together. Let the stress of your life and challenges go, and hug a Shriner or Shriner lady and say "thank you."

For fall, we have pecans for sale should you need some for baking. They are \$15/16 a bag for Texas Pecan Pieces/Halves. I've already used some in my yearly Cranberry-Orange Nut-bread (yum) and my grandmothers' pecan pie recipe. Give the office a call and get some for yourself and let me know if you need a recipe!

As we approach our December meeting and election, much work has already gone into planning for next year as that must be done months in advance. The Shrine is planning an El Jebel officer installation and celebration on Friday, January 5th. Look for details here in the *Red Fez* but it's a unique opportunity to dress up, have some fine food and beverages, listen to some great music, and get that lady of yours onto the dance floor. She'll love you for it, trust me!

Yours in the Faith, Chief Rabban Jim Dawkins

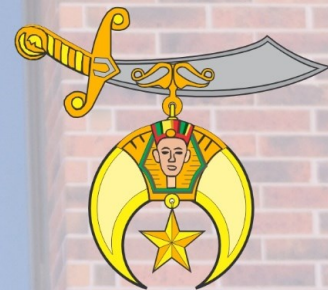


Join Chief Rabban
Jim Dawkins
and Lady Patti on a
FUN trip to the Music City

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





Please Join Us

El Jebel Shrine Stated Meeting Monday, December 11, 2023



Happy Hour - 5:00pm
Dinner - 6:00pm
Meeting/Election - 7:00pm
Ladies Program Concurrent



*Potentate and Divan
Election*

Dinner \$25
303-455-3470
Reservations by the 7th

Garden Salad with Italian
Garlic Bread/Rolls | Butter
All Beef Lasagna
Marinara Sauce
Vegetable Medley
Pumpkin Cheesecake

At the Ladies Program

*A White Elephant
Gift Exchange*

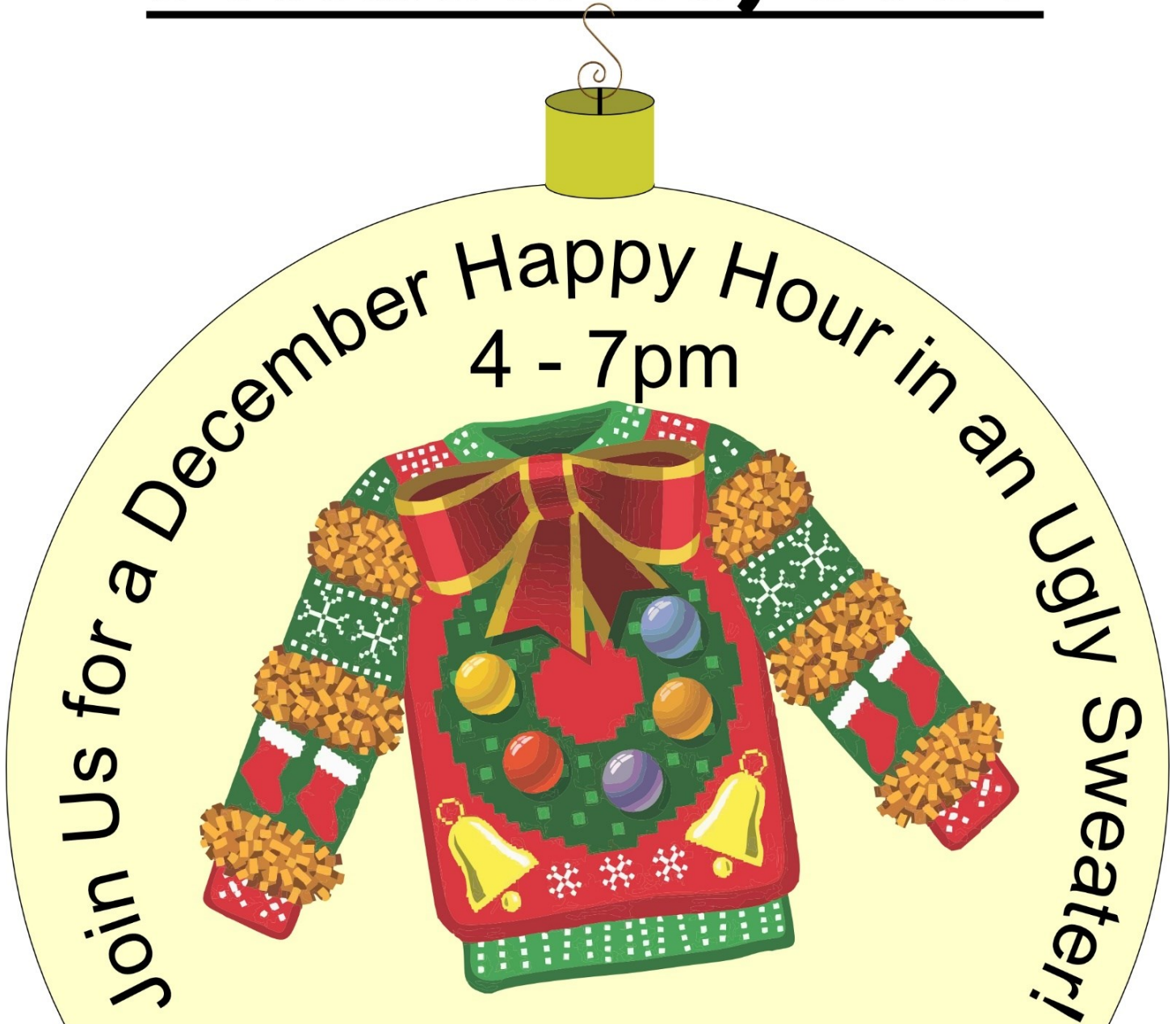
Please bring scissors!



White Elephant gift exchange "rules":

1. You will play as an individual and you must bring a gift to play.
2. Bring a wrapped gift that you would not mind taking home (no junk, used, or broken items).
3. If purchasing a gift, limit the price to \$20.00.
4. Each person will draw a number from the "hat."
5. Per the drawing of numbers, the first person may pick from any of the proffered gifts.
6. The second person has the option of "stealing" the first person's gift or choosing from the selection.
7. The third person has the option of "stealing" either of the first two gifts or selecting from the selection.
8. The rest of the drawn numbers will have the option of "stealing" one of the already-"stolen" gifts or making a selection with this proviso:
Each gift may be "stolen" only twice. After two "thefts" it is off-limits for the rest of the evening.
9. When all guests have exercised their option to "steal" a gift or make a selection, the first and second guests have the option of "stealing" a gift according to the rules above.

December 22, 2023



It's time to get your Ugly Sweater Out!
Join us in the El Jebel Shrine Oasis for a Holiday tradition. There will be judging!
No reservations are required and we are asking you to bring "Winter" themed goodies to share and eat on this festive occasion.
This is an "Open" social event so Please bring family members and prospective Shriners.

Veterans Day Dinner—November 13, 2023



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



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!
AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

Christmas is here! Hope November proved to be an enjoyable Thanksgiving for everyone. Of course, the holidays mean weather changes, and most certainly snow is on the horizon. The skiers are gearing up for another terrific season.

Our Founders' Day Luncheon on November 6th, hosted by the Past Queens of our Temple, went off without a hitch. Good food, good friends, and fellowship made for a very pleasant day.

This year has gone by so quickly; our Annual High Tea this past month was a great success. We had a capacity crowd, and everyone had a great time. Some lucky lady won \$500 on the 50/50 Raffle, and she was ecstatic! This is a great fundraiser every year, as well as good fun.

We are all looking forward to the many Christmas parties and good times the holiday brings; with the New Year right behind. May your holiday season be all you hope for with family, friends, and fond memories.



WCSC

~ GREGORY FOSTER

Hello Nobles and Friends,

The Western Colorado Shrine Club held its annual All -Members Meeting on Saturday, December 4th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. At this meeting, we elected to the WCSC Board Noble Chad Davis and John Groves. Noble Groves was also elected the Secretary/Treasurer of the Shrine Club. The installation of the new Board members, secretary, and president will be in late January or early February.

I would like to take a moment to thank Nobles Dave Van Dyke, Bill Brassette, Bill Hirt, and Chris Geisler for their years of service on the Board of the Club. I'd also like to thank Noble Andrew BE for his years of service as Secretary of the Shrine Club.

The Shrine Club will have a Christmas Dinner at Enzo's on Horizon Drive on Tuesday, December 12th at 6 PM. You must RSVP so we can tell the restaurant how many people will be coming. Wives, children, and friends are all welcome to attend; families pay for themselves.

The Club was represented by Nobles John Groves, Mike Briscoe, Chad Davis, Steve Gansko, and myself in the Grand Junction Veterans Day Parade. R.W. Bro William Marshal and Bro. Sean Norris from Mesa Lodge, W. Bro. Harry Clark from Palisade Lodge, and Bro. Joe Higgenbotham from Grand Junction Lodge also participated in the parade.

Noble Mike Briscoe made a trip to Shriners Children's Salt Lake City just before Thanksgiving to donate toys, soda pop tabs, and quilts made by Noble Bob Beeson's wife and her quilting group. I hope to have a report from him in the January *Red Fez*.

As the Club prepares for 2024, the Board would like to hear from each of you. Tell us what you want to do next year to support the hospitals and to have fun. Also, ask yourselves what can I do to help support the Western Colorado Shrine Club?

Our next board meeting will be at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Tuesday, December 12th at 11 AM; all club members are welcome, and don't forget BYOL. (Bring Your Own Lunch).

I hope to see you all at our Board meeting in December. If I don't see you there, then I'll see you at the Christmas Party that evening.

Fraternally,

Gregory Foster, President | Western Colorado Shrine Club

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EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

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

El Jebel Motor Corps had an AWESOME time at the Longmont Veterans Day Parade. The weather was good and the streets were lined with children and their families. I would recommend this parade in the future. We had Tux N Trikes, Noble Cycles, and the "Sports" cars. Great fun and great fellowship.

December is full of fun things to do. El Jebel will hold their annual election of officers on December 11th. The El Jebel Christmas Family Brunch is on December 9th and should be a great time. The Motor Corps Holiday Party (see Flyer in *Red Fez*) is on December 10th and promises to be a great time so get those reservations in. Call Rich Silver to make the Motor Corps Reservation at 303-478-0821.

Glenn Lasater is having severe health issues and including him in your prayers would be greatly appreciated. Glenn has always led by example and we have him to thank for our Facebook pages and countless parade memories. He has taught me many of life's lessons and words cannot express my sincere gratitude. Doing what is right has always accompanied his actions. The "Oath of Office" is something he believes in and when others disrespect that oath he will, and has, demanded that they atone for their indiscretion. He is my Hero!

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.

NOTE: No unit meeting in December 2023; only our Holiday Party, which will be on December 10, 2023. Social hour at 11am; brunch 11:30am at El Rancho Restaurant located at 29260 US 40, Evergreen, CO 80439. Call or text Rich Silver @ 303-478-0821 to make your reservations. The cost is \$45.00 per person and includes tax and tip. Reservations must be in by December 1st. Plan to attend and bring those smiles!

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

Remember if we create fun - fellowship will always follow.



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

EL JEBEL COMPUTER CLUB ~ ED HAMM



Coming up is our next meeting, held in the Fleming Room at El Jebel, on Tuesday, December 12th, at 1:00pm.

We will be reviewing “alternative” software and tools to eliminate some of the cost of the major vendor’s packages. Just to make it exciting, I’ll throw in some news of the new Windows 12 (S.W.A.S.) coming out mid- to late-2024. I’ll also explain what S.W.A.S. means, and its implications for future computing.

Artificial intelligence is also gaining speed and beginning to infiltrate many of the facets of our lives. We can discuss any additional topics you wish.



EL JEBEL SPORTS CLUB ~ RANDY JENSEN

Our last parade of the year was the Veterans Day parade in Longmont and was a really fun parade. It was a beautiful fall day and two members of the Sports Club paraded. Noble Bob Pastian and Lady Janet in his GT Mustang, and Noble Randy and his Lady Sara in their red Mustang, “Red.” Once again, El Jebel had a good turnout for this small-town parade and the parade route was lined with spectators and American flags!

My Lady Sara and I had a really good time at the October meeting with the square-dancing group. We met at a square-dancing club in Aurora in 1993 and we were married in 1994. It was fun to dance with Jim and Judy Taylor again!

Our club was saddened by the loss of Noble Hos Varner and Anita Sherburne, the wife of Noble Dave Sherburne. Both passed in mid-October.

Don’t forget to reserve your spot for the Family Christmas Brunch on December 9th and also the Shrine Night at the National Western Stock Show on January 12, 2024.

Everyone, please stay healthy and we’ll catch ya’ll in the new year!!



DUNE BUGGY PATROL

~ RON WILLIAMSON, PP



On November 11, we enjoyed a beautiful fall day for the Veterans Day Parade in Longmont. The Dune Buggies were missing a few members but we had a great time and Longmont would love to have all of us back next year.

Our November meeting was held at Don and Connie Strands' home. We enjoyed pizza and then the Nobles held their meeting. The Dune Buggy/Sports Christmas party was held at Romano's. We enjoyed great food and wonderful fellowship.

Don't forget to RSVP for the complementary Family Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at El Jebel Shrine. Festivities are from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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???

The Buggies are all tucked in their beds with visions of spring parades dancing in their heads. After a short winter's nap, they will be ready again, to run the streets and bring happy faces to all.

Best wishes for the Holidays, and for health and happiness throughout the coming year.



DROVERS

~ STEVE STEVENS

As we enter into the Christmas season, it's always good to reflect on the times of yore. Even though the cowboys of the late 1800's and early 1900's lived a meager life, Christmas was always a welcome time of the year. The weather didn't always cooperate (what with blizzards and cold winds) but that didn't stop our ancestors from celebrating Christmas. After all, cowboys were believers.

Christmas back then was celebrated much the same way we celebrate today. Cowboys looked forward to traveling to the closest town to celebrate with family and friends. They were known to travel all day long if need be. Families would put up Christmas trees but instead of pines or firs, they would use whatever they could get. This could be cedars, junipers, or even cactus if that was all that could be found. Trees were humbly decorated with garlands of popcorn, strings of red and green chilis, and other items that were normally found around the house.

Immigrants played a big role in taming the west and the contributions they brought during the season were no less important. German immigrants brought "Kris Kringle" and caroling. The folks from Mexico brought luminarias, poinsettias, and tamales.

Most towns would have a dance on Christmas eve which presented an opportunity for cowboys to overindulge. This was something not allowed on the range and I'm sure there were more than a few cowboys who took full advantage of it! The cowboys would settle down in time to go to church or at least say a few prayers on Christmas day. Later in the day, families would usually invite the cowboys over to their house for special treats such as roasted venison and other fresh foods. The cowboys would repay them by sneaking in small, homemade gifts for the children like carved wooden toys and corn-husk dolls.

Much like the cowboys of yesteryear, this is a time to kindle that holiday spirit with family and friends. Some of us will travel back to where we came from while others will travel to see us. Whether you are staying put or traveling by car, train, plane, or horseback, may the Almighty look after each of you and your families keeping you safe, healthy, and happy.

From my family to yours, MERRY CHRISTMAS!



PIPE BAND

~ KENT BURNS

The second week of November was a throw-back to those “good old days” of the Band when we donned our kilts four or five times a week to go out into the world and perform three hundred plus times a year. Except now it looked like a daunting task, especially since we not only have a few more candles on our respective cakes but we also have fallen out of the habit of all that work (something brass players refer to as “losing their chops” but we in the piping world call it “losing our lip”). But we sucked it up for this Veterans Day weekend, which started off with a problem on Friday morning. One of our long-time clients had asked for us to toot our horns at the Tribute Garden up north in Westminster. But from the time we were originally booked until the actual performance time, a little thing like a new city manager cobbled up the works since he changed the program but did not tell all the participants about said change. So we show up all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed (or at least somewhat awake and kinda motivated) to find out we were not on the new program. But we did get to ply our trade and play before the show (guess that would make us the “opening act”?).

On the actual Veterans Day we played the annual service at the World War II memorial in Ketrington Park in Littleton, then went a little further north and played with the Rocky Mountain Brassworks in the Lakewood Performing Arts center. One of our thrills is playing with a brass band. Although not quite as much of a thrill as performing with the Air Force Academy cadet drum and bugle corps, we did play our RP&B theme song *Band of Brothers*.

And last, but certainly not least, was the Veterans Day program at El Jebel with its traditional SOS dinner. The Band goes out of its way to honor our heroes, the veterans. We play for all the Honor Flights as well. And speaking of those flights, 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 0500-0900, 0900-1200, 1200-1500, and 1500-1900. If anyone is interested, please call or text 720-394-6374 or e-mail fdmr@netzero.net. 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!

We are hoping we will receive our annual invitation to join the AFA academy drum and bugle corps in Aspen for their annual Winterskól celebration set for Saturday, 13 January 2024. We usually receive “the call” after Thanksgiving, but we “pencil it in” as soon as the date is announced on their web page. Keep your fingers crossed; it is definitely the highlight of our year.

The Band wishes all the most joyous and Merry Christmas as well as the best the New Year will have to offer. May you all celebrate in safety, warmth, and comfort and remember that “Jesus is the reason for the season.” It’s not all about trees and Santa Claus and, especially at this time year, we need to reflect on what really counts in this old world – and act accordingly.

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.



SANDBLASTERS

~ MATTHEW MADRID

Thanksgiving is a wonderful reminder to reflect on the people in our lives who make this world a better place to be. And this year, I want to thank each of you for doing just that. Your dedication to our golf group is what sets us apart. My heart is full of gratitude for every one of you. I wish you and your families a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

I look forward to spending our Christmas party with you and once again serving as president for the club.

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.



RV ROAMERS HOLIDAY TIME ~TONY DATTILO, P.P.



Sunday, November 19th brought the monthly Inning for the R.V. Roamers to reality at Cinzzetti's Italian Eatery, just a few days before families and friends get together to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday.

This month's venue provides an opportunity for patrons to fulfill their appetites with a wide variety of buffet style choices, from "mild to wild". The word has spread throughout our area regarding the gastronomical extravaganza that is offered there and the crowded parking lots are testimony to the numerous shoulder bumping crowd members who wander and search for their selections. If you're among those who haven't shared the Cinzzetti's experience, consider doing so. It's simply impossible to leave there hungry – there's something for everyone's taste, but quite different than the standard fare of roast turkey, stuffing and the traditional Thanksgiving feasts that will grace many tables on November 23rd.

This month's gathering included Scott and Jannice Cromwell, Jim and Judy Taylor, Kent and Mona Eckley, Roger and Joann Barnes, Jim Oliver and Kirsten Arthur, Ken Stauffer, Susan Boles, Kathy Myers and Tony and Ellen Dattilo. We missed some of our members being with us for reasons of absence that differ from vacationing trips to medical issues that prompt us to offer prayers to our Almighty to assist with returning the good health and happiness for our brothers and sisters who are experiencing various maladies and injuries.

Planning and scheduling are in progress for the Roamers activities in 2024. The venues vary but what remains constant is the privilege that we've been granted to gather with our brothers and sisters in our Masonic and Shrine family. That privilege and ability is certainly one reason that we can identify among all others for which we offer our grateful thanks to our Supreme Architect on the special holiday of Thanksgiving.

From our hearts, we hope each and all of you had a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving, and wish you a very Merry Christmas!



Longmont Veterans Day Parade



OPTARS HANDS-ON CAMERA STYLE TRY-OUT ~ ED HAMM



In the last couple of months, we have compared and selected cameras. We then reviewed many of the accessories that are available. At our December 5th meeting (Tuesday at 7pm.), we will look at and handle some different styles of cameras.

Members, please bring your cameras with you so that we can discuss and compare your existing cameras. This will be a great opportunity to review some of the dial selections and features of your camera. We can take some pictures and compare aperture and shutter priority, composing, and finishing of your photos.

We will learn how additional accessories can further enhance your experience and take you beyond the AUTO setting of our device.

RADOPS ~ MICHAEL MARCUS

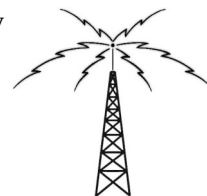
Radops to Assist Santa at Family Christmas Brunch:

A few of our Radops members are planning to volunteer again this year at the 2023 Family Christmas Brunch, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023 between 10:00am – 1:00pm. Some members will help Santa with the children while others will serve as needed.

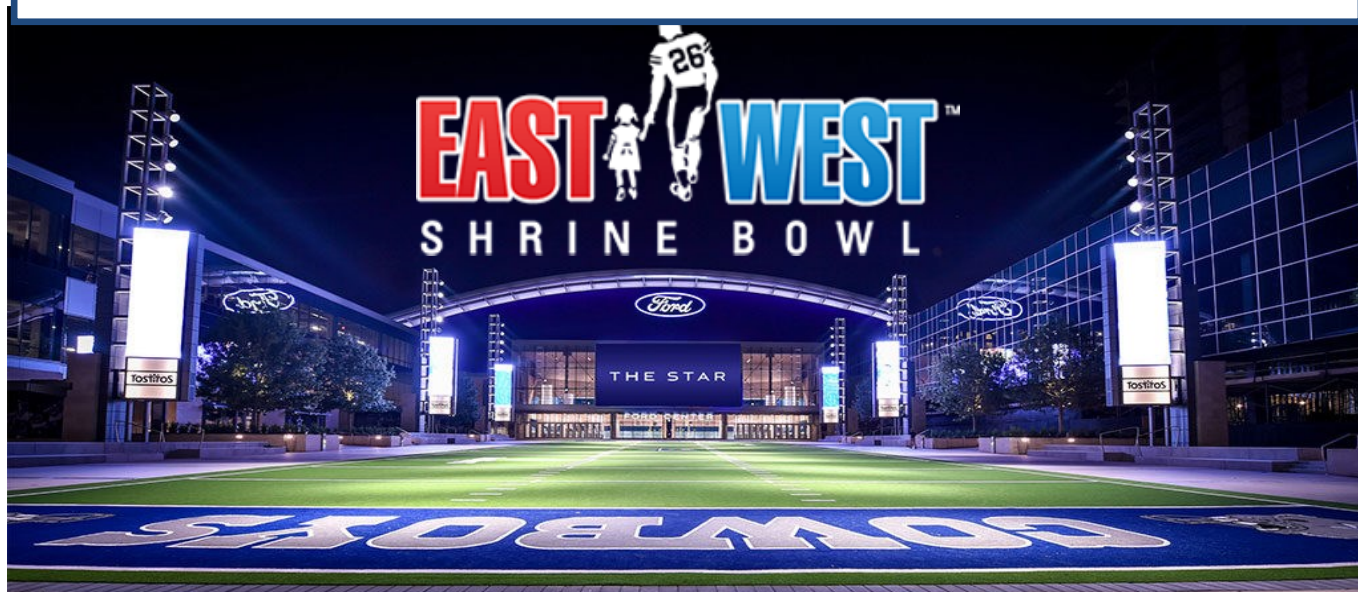
Radops Next In-Person Meeting: Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024 in the 2nd floor meeting room at the Shrine building. These meetings begin promptly at 7:00pm and are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through April with the exception of December.

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.

December Birthdays: Emit Hurdelbrink, Ken Jones, P.P., Marlene Jones, Patricia Marcus, Jim Schneider, Mike Schwartz, Mary Wittner



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