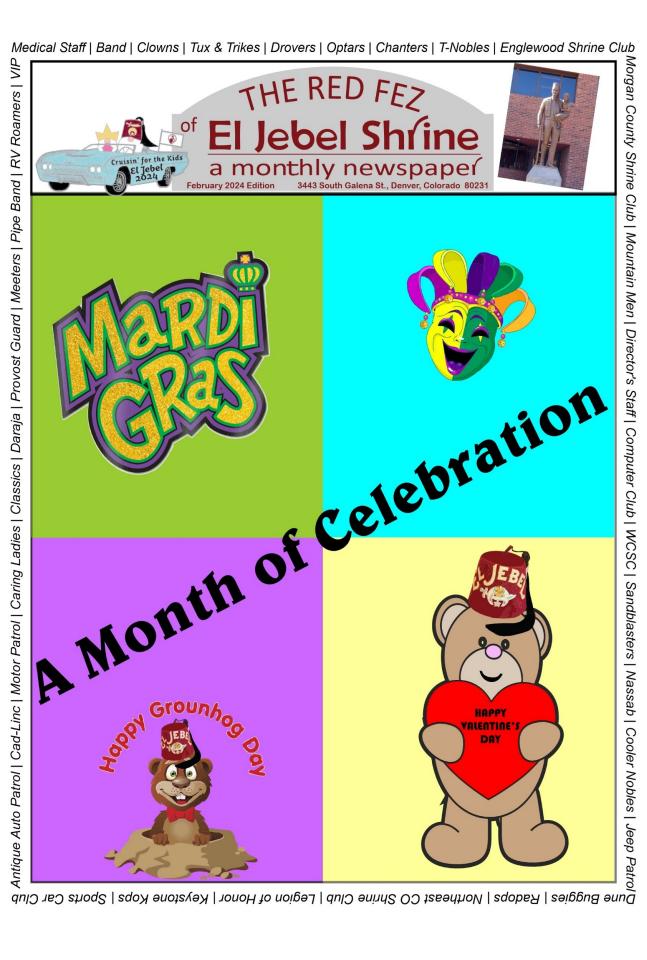
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Welcome to El Jebel 2024! My sincere appreciation to the Nobility of El Jebel for your support in electing me your Potentate for 2024. Lady Patti and I are honored and excited to serve the Nobles and their ladies this year. Our theme is Cruising for the Kids, with our focus on fun, fellowship, and the greatest philanthropy in the world, Shriners Children's.

We so enjoyed our first party of the year, celebrating the 2024 Divan and honoring our 2023 Potentate. I don't think I've had so much fun and laughed so hard watching each Noble and their lady enter with music they chose. From amazing dancing entries to country music to an appropriate "Money, Money, Money" (you have to guess who that was) to "Take this job and ...," well you know the rest and, yes, you have to guess that one, too. It's so important to enjoy this amazing fraternity and perhaps (just as important) not to take ourselves too seriously! Let us all enjoy the ride!

Our wonderfully conducted Installation, thanks to Illustrious Sirs Tony Dattilo and Matt Raia, reminded us of the importance of our oaths and how much we need the support of our ladies. And a special thanks to Illustrious Sirs Bobby Marner and Joe Kent for powering my Daraja bike transportation. This was indeed a special night as we rushed off to the hospital after installation to welcome our first grandchild into this world. Jack James Foos, our daughter Kristin, and her husband, Seth, are all doing well!

Shrine Night at the National Western Stock Show was both great fun, scary, and moving! Lady Patti and I so enjoyed spending the evening with Asha (our Shrine child), her mom Lexi, her dad Nick, and her little sister Essie. Asha is special and has such a great spirit even though she is challenged communicating with others. At one point, while donning my Fez for a photo, she looked at me and became quite animated. Lexi told me she was remembering her two months at Shriners Salt Lake Hospital and the fez brought back a happy memory. I was so touched and reminded of the importance of the care we provide. It was so rewarding to hear the crowd cheer as they introduced Asha, as they heard about the work we do, and recognized everyone's efforts. Patti and I wish to thank all of you for the opportunity to represent El Jebel and Shriners Children's. My thanks to the Drovers for arranging our ride and was so pleased that Steve Stevens (our Salt Lake City Board of Governors member) and his daughter agreed to ride along as well.

February will bring us a fun Mardi Gras Family Night celebration. Patti and I go to Mardi Gras in New Orleans

every year and attend the Endymion parade and gala with 20,000 of our closest friends. We will ensure there are plenty of beads, necklaces, and trinkets for everyone at the meeting. I want to ask our units to show up in full force and to form our own El Jebel Mardi Gras walking parade for the night. Dress in your finest Mardi Gras inspired attire and prepare to have some fun. On Feb 17th we will travel to Grand Junction for their officer installation and a potluck luncheon. Please plan on heading over and we can arrange hotel rooms for those that want to stay Friday night. I would love to show El Jebel's support for the Western Colorado Shrine Club.

Thank you for all your support and please let me know how else I can serve you as we cruise through 2024. Yours in the Faith,

Potentate 2024 Jim Dawkins



A double celebration on installation night!!







Dennis Proctor, P.P.



"Stuff" from the Recorder

Welcome to 2024! Let's hope this year makes 2023 look like a bad dream.

I congratulate all the elected officers for 2024. There are a couple of new faces and a couple of retreads ready and willing to make El Jebel <u>THE</u> place to be to have friendships and fun this year.

Congratulations to Ill. Sir Grady and Lady Kim for a successful 2023. There were lots of good times and good memories.

Congratulations to Ill. Sir Jim Dawkins and Lady Patti. I am sure we will see many fun and interesting events in the coming year. Illustrious Sir and Lady Patti got an early start to the New Year with a fun night which included dinner and dancing and was well attended. We all learned that we can have music and dancing at our Shrine.

The Shrine year did not end as hoped as it was unfortunate thirty-nine members had to be dropped for non-payment of dues. At the January stated meeting Past Illustrious Sir Grady Carter encouraged everyone to do their best in helping El Jebel grow its membership now and in the future.

There is good news. Since 2011 El Jebel had been talking about having a Blue Lodge in the building. El Jebel now has at least one Blue Lodge calling our building home. Southgate Lodge #138 has moved in and the hope is that George Washington Lodge #161 will soon decide to move in also.

Not everyone knows how much Greg Rindone does for El Jebel. He was awarded the Leading by Example Award for his dedication and time given freely which is well deserved. Congratulations, Greg!

"Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest." ~ Mark Twain.

Stay warm and stay safe until we meet again.



Congratulations Noble Stephan Grenier!
Knights of Saint Andrews Denver Chapter
Knight of the year!!



Illustrious Sir Grady and Lady Kim giving the "Toast to the Lassies and the Laddies" at the Annual Burns Supper.



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APPOINTED DIVAN

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

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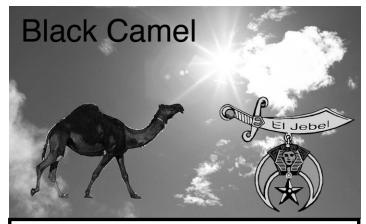
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There was a friend whose heart was good He walked with men and understood His was a voice that spoke with cheer, And felt like music on the ear

His was a smile men loved to see; His was a hand that asked no fee for friendliness or kindness done. And now that he has journeyed on, His is a fame that never 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."

> **Richard Brown Larry Crist Don Douglass Glenn Lasater**



2024 Calendar of Events

February

East/West Shrine Game-Frisco, TX
 Family Meeting-Mardi Gras

16 Happy Hour-Oasis

17 WCSC Installation—Grand Junction

March

Family Meeting—Trivia
Happy Hour-Oasis
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Easter Sunrise Service



<u>April</u>

5-6 Spring Ceremonial

8 Stated Meeting/Ladies Program 9-14 Potentate's Trip-Nashville, TN

19 Happy Hour-Oasis

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RV Roamers Glenn Lasater

PARADE CORNER ~ MARSHAL MIKE TERRY

In spite of 80+ hours of sub-zero weather in January, in just 7 weeks' time we'll have our first parade of 2024. The Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade is always a bit of a challenge weather-wise but hopefully warmer weather will be heading our way so we can celebrate the wearing o' the green in something less than parkas, gloves, knit hats, and long underwear. The parade is set for Saturday, March 16th. Watch your MailChimp and *Red Fez* for more information for staging location and time.

Remember, even if you don't 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 (and don't forget your Fez and a smile).

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







A message from the Chief Rabban, **Doug Kelley**

Greetings Nobles and Ladies. It is an honor and a pleasure serve Chief Rabban as 2024. Illustrious Sir Jim and Lady Patti have excellent and exciting plans for us this year – I can't wait to see where we go in '24!

As you may know, I am extremely blessed to have Robyn Williamson as my Lady on the Divan. Lady Robyn is incredibly smart and talented, and we have been planning our 2024 fundraising activities for almost a year. We are trying to think of a better term than "Borrowed Lady," but I am extremely honored to have her as my El Jebel Shine Lady.

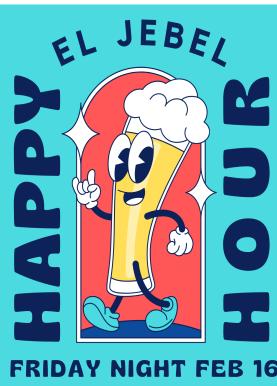
One of the Chief Rabban's most important responsibilities is fundraising, and Lady Robyn and I have been working on fundraising ideas and activities for 2024. We will have a kickoff planning meeting for the Sportsmen's Raffle early in February and are hoping for a raffle kickoff meeting in late March. Once we have a date for the raffle and other details, we will get those out to you.

As you may have seen, we currently have two raffles open simultaneously – for the Nobles, we are raffling off a custom-made Alderwood eight-sided fez case. The lucky winner may customize his case with two panels and a laser-cut top with his choice of graphics. Additional customized panels can be added for \$20 each. The value of the case is \$347. For the ladies, we are raffling off a 14k gold 7-inch bracelet with a retail value of \$990. Tickets for both raffles are \$20 each, and only 50 tickets will be sold for each raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the Shrine and during meetings. You may also check out tickets to sell to units!

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Grady Carter's initiative and leadership, we have embarked on a process to develop and implement a 3-Year Strategic Plan for El Jebel Shrine. Noble Bobby Juchem has led us in this process as our facilitator, and through taking an honest and comprehensive look at ourselves, we have come up with many things we do well, and areas where improvement will allow us to make our Shrine exceptional. This is an ongoing process, and we welcome ideas and feedback. Contact Illustrious Sir Grady, or any of the elected Divan to discuss.

Speaking of the Strategic Plan, one of our big initiatives will be to challenge each of our Units and Clubs to bring in two new Nobles in 2024. I count over 25 Units and Clubs, so let's do it! Remember that you get a big break on your dues if you are the first-line signer on two petitions in a year. Noble Hoss is doing a great job with Membership and Marketing – get with him if you want to help!

"Action is the foundational key to all success." ~ Pablo Picasso



FRIDAY NIGHT FEB 16

FROM 5 PM - 8 PM

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EL JEBEL COMPUTER CLUB

Computing, Security, Sharing, Saving, Using



CorelDraw and Computer Graphics for Today.

Hand drawn graphics declined almost immediately with the invention of the computer. Cartoons, Presentation Art, Advertising, and Content Creation are all based on computer-generated graphics. Our February Class will focus on some of the features of a popular graphic design application – CorelDraw.

The class will focus on a review of several features that support our own El Jebel Communications and efforts.

Come witness how many of the Shrine's publications are created and distributed as the *Red Fez*, Mail Chimp, Flyers, and Brochures.

Our February 13th (Tuesday) meeting will be in the Fleming room at 1:00 p.m. Our meetings are open to all Shriners and their Ladies.





RV ROAMERS ~ SCOTT CROMWELL

The RV Roamers held their January 2024 meeting at the American Legion Post #161 in Arvada, Colorado. Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Tony Dattilo and his Lady Ellen hosted the lunch meeting. There were 24 members in attendance, including PP Ron Williamson and his Lady Robyn and Chief Rabban Doug Kelley. We had a delicious dinner of stuffed pork loin with all the trimmings.

Illustrious Sir Tony installed the new officers for the year 2024. They are Scott Cromwell, President; Ken Stauffer, Vice President; Roy Ince, Secretary; and Jim Marshall, Treasurer. After the installation new President Cromwell presented the dates of our monthly meetings (innings) and our campouts (outings) for this year. We will be camping at Riverview RV Park in Loveland, Colorado in June; Mountaindale in Colorado Springs, Colorado in July; Lakeside KOA in Ft. Collins, Colorado in August; and will be doing a caravan to Moab, Utah in September.

The RV Roamers were proud to announce that through our fund-raising efforts we were able to present to Illustrious Sir Grady Carter a check in the amount of \$2214.44 for the Shriners Childrens' at the January stated meeting. The money was raised through several fund raisers including our Brown Bag Auctions. We also presented a check for \$100.00 in memory of Noble Glenn Lasater, a longtime Roamer who passed away just before the holidays.

By way of celebration, Noble Charles Schaeffer was recently presented with his 50-year Shrine pin. Lady Arlene Kohlwey announced that for the first time in nine years she is cancer free. On a more depressing note, IS Ron Williamson and new President Scott Cromwell are both recovering from falls. Susan Boles won \$35 in the 50/50 Raffel and graciously donated her winnings to our fundraising efforts for 2024.

Our next inning will be held on February 18th at Pietras Restaurant in Wheat Ridge. We should have the rosters for 2024 by then.







OPTARS HAS LOST OUR MEETING DATE

A New Year, A New Plan

Our regular meetings are now in conflict with the new Divan Meeting date and time. This situation gives us the opportunity to review several options.

- Change our meeting date and times.
- Modify our format and focus.
- Introduce new activities to evaluate our training.

Change our meeting date and times: We are receptive to your needs. Please search your calendars for dates and times that would best suit your availability. We are looking for a day of the month that can be easily repeatable and early enough to support any driving restrictions. This can be a challenge, but due to our dwindling numbers, may not be so difficult. Please compile a list of dates/times so we can attempt to pick a date that will suit everyone.

Modify our format and focus: Instead of a standard meeting with discussion and video training, please consider the possibility of having photo-shoot programs. This might include selecting a camera or smartphone setting as a topic, arranging items in the meeting room, then taking pictures while changing settings, finishing with reviewing the results so you can best utilize your newfound knowledge in your everyday shooting. An example might be to set "food photography" as the topic and rather than meet at El Jebel, we would meet at a selected restaurant where we would order, photograph, then consume our meal. This might also include our meeting at a selected location to practice street, landscape, and portrait photography.

Introduce new activities to evaluate our training: This might include photo-shoot assignments during our off-time, with a review of everyone's efforts. The hope would be that the focused meeting mentioned above would result in a measurable improvement in each of our photographic efforts.

Please bring your schedules, best meeting dates, and ideas to an adjusted Optars meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at the Olive Garden at Iliff and S Havana at 7:00 p.m. Please let me know if you have any questions or are unable to attend this meeting: edhamm@comcast.net or 303-829-1601 (leave a message).



Just when you thought you had missed out:

TWO NEW RAFFLES

One for the Nobles & One for the Ladies

Only 50 Tickets will be sold for each Raffle so get yours quickly! Purchase your tickets for \$20 each at Shrine and Unit meetings.

Winning tickets to be drawn on March 11, 2024 at the Shrine Meeting.







Custom made Fez Case - Case is red alder wood.
The top and two panels laser cut. Additional
laser cut panels can be added at your expense.
Value \$247

10k Gold Bracelet - 7.25 in. long. Retail Value \$995

Tickets will go on sale February 12, 2024. The bracelet and the gift certificate for the fez case will be kept in the El Jebel Office as required by the Secretary of State.

State of Colorado 2024 Bingo-Raffles License 2024-19096

Proceeds will benefit the El Jebel Operating Fund



EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

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

We had an awesome time at the January 2024 meeting! Great food, great fellowship, new location (very roomy LOL), and, of course, Illustrious Sir Jim Dawkins with First Lady Patti. We had 32 fun-loving members in attendance (WOW!). We welcomed (former Sports member) Greg and Kendy Rindone for the first time.

Remember we are a blended unit, made up of many traditions. If your former unit had social events that you enjoyed, PLEASE bring them up at our meeting. This is your unit and if it's fun and builds fellowship, let us know. To recap as of January 1st 2024 the Motor Corps is made up of Cooler Nobles, Jeep Patrol, Keystone Kops, Motor Patrol, Noble Cycles, Sports, Tux-n-Trikes, and Vintage Iron Patrol. These units voted to join the Motor Corps and have been accepted by our membership. If you were a member of any of these units, we encourage you to attend our meetings; we would love to have you there. We are always looking for help in leadership roles so just let Joe Kent know if you are interested at 720-231-8800. Individual socials, meetings, and former unit articles are not allowed. Be a builder and help us to make this unit even better.

Parade season is not far away and information will be shared as soon as it is available. During the parades, should you desire to wear your former unit's apparel, feel free to do so. We are currently working on a uniform shirt and jacket design for Motor Corps and should have something soon.

2024 dues are now \$30.00. Please reach out to Rich Silver to pay your dues.

Glenn Lasater passed away on December 30th 2023. He was a great Noble and will be missed in so many ways. Duane Hiebert is on the mend from shoulder surgery. Tony Dattilo is suffering from kidney issues. Clint Dexter is still under the weather, but hopefully on the road to recovery.

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. More information for our members is always a win. The moderators are Micheal Lee and Chuck "Hawk" Hawkins. This is in addition to e-mail alerts and *Red Fez* articles.

The next meeting will be on February 27th 2024 at Amici's Italian Restaurant located at 4300 Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge 80033. Dinner at 6pm; meeting to follow. Pizza, pasta, salad, and water / iced tea are included for \$20.00, tax/tip also included. The dinner payment is cash only. Adult beverages are available but not included. Call or text your reservations to 303-514-2102 by February 26th 2024. Reservations are a must so we can give Amici's an accurate head count. If you do not attend and did have a reservation you will be asked to pay for the dinner. The unit pays off the called-in number, not the total that shows up.

Bring your ideas, perspective members, solutions, and light hearted fun!

Remember if we create fun – fellowship will always follow.







DROVERS~ STEVE STEVENS

The Drovers had a blast at the rodeo; after all, this is our cup of tea! We can count this as another success in bringing attention to Shriners Childrens' and our great organization. There were several people that came up to me at the rodeo asking what the Fez represented and what Shriners Childrens' is known for. I was proud to share our cause with them! One person even told me about the story of their son who was a Shriner's patient many years ago.

It was a true honor to be there and see our Illustrious Sir Jim Dawkins and his Lady Patti receive recognition from the crowd while riding in the wagon pulled by those six massive Clydesdales. I was also fortunate to spend some time backstage with the Shriner child, Asha, and her family. The enjoyment that she and her family had by getting to ride in the wagon and see those magnificent horses is beyond words. It really brought home what we do and why we do it! Fantastic job, fellow Nobles!

One of the most interesting modern events at the rodeo is bulldogging. It all started as a part of an equestrian contest in Mexico known as charreadas. The vaqueros would ride up beside a calf, grab it by the tail, and spin it to the ground. This event was later made popular by cowboy Bill Pickett who had a very unusual technique. He would ride up beside the calf, jump on its back, bite its upper lip, and throw it to the ground by grabbing it by the horns. I am sure that was quite a sight to see! Bill received national publicity when he demonstrated his technique at the 1904 Cheyenne Frontier Days. Today, we know this event as steer wrestling and I am sure that the cowboys appreciate not having to bite the steer on the lip!

While the National Western is now over, there are numerous rodeos that are a lot of fun in themselves. Last year we went to the Elizabeth Stampede and the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. Maybe we'll add Deer Trail to the list this year. It is the oldest rodeo in the US!

We would love to hear what your favorite event was at the Drovers stated meeting in February. We meet at the Black-Eyed Pea in Parker at 6pm. Let me know if you are interested in joining us!





LEGION OF HONOR ~ EJGW

On Tuesday, 23 January 2024, the Legion of Honor of El Jebel Shrine met for lunch and the installation of officers. But this particular meeting had a special twist to it. A Noble from El Jebel who is currently living in Las Vegas was present. This Noble is a past-commander of the El Jebel Legion. But that wasn't enough for him – he went on to become commander of the CSSA Legion of Honor, and is currently the Commander of the IALOH (International Association of Legions of Honor) - the "Imperial" version (of which there are some 135 local Legions across the country). Some of our readers may also recognize him as one of the two Nobles who placed the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery (after placing one at the comparable Canadian monument, also in Arlington), a memorable event witnessed by our very own Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Greg Rindone, and Karri and PP Joe Kent. A video of that ceremony was made a part of the 2023 Veterans Day program last November.

International Commander Russell Gray flew into Denver for the sole purpose of installing Commander Ed Richards (and, therefore, the rest of the officer line) for the 2024 year. This event was a surprise for Ed, who was very moved by the presence of his friend from Vegas, who also presented Ed with a Meritorious Award for exemplary dedication to the El Jebel Legion of Honor. The accompanying photos (taken by Lady Robyn Williamson) captured the event for Ed and the rest of the officer line. The Noble standing behind Cmdr. Ed (seated) is Cmdr. Gray.





PIPE BAND

~ KENT BURNS

Here we go again, trying to muddle through the doldrums of the winter months with snow, cold, wind, cold, long dark nights, cold, short days, and, did I mention cold? Our favorite, looked-forward-to annual sojourn into the mountains for the joint performance with the cadets of the Air Force Academy at the Aspen Winterskól did not come to fruition, despite all wishing to the contrary. We started hearing about the "winter conditions" the week before, how it was going to be snowing and maybe cold starting on the Wednesday/Thursday before. Had a few misgivings about the sanity of the trip, but kept hoping for better things. The Band played for the CSP graduation the Friday before, and some of the troopers stationed in the mountains were sending reports "down here" of four feet of snow on the passes, projected wind-chills in the sub-zero-thirty range, and road closures. Luckily, we had already "bitten the bullet" and canceled, and this news further justified that action. The Air Force also canceled, with the caveat that, whenever possible, if they were invited back to Aspen, the Band would also be a part of the show. Good news indeed, which took some of the sting out of our "no-show."

A quick note about "wind chill": We all know how musical instruments are not exactly "at home" in cold weather. Even brass instruments freeze up, and (although never acknowledged and generally discouraged) it takes a little JP-3 to keep 'em lubed up in the cold. And we all know that bagpipes have four reeds each that require warmer climes (not necessarily tropical, but definitely not arctic) to even come close to playing, and especially playing "in tune." But wind chills have a devastating effect on fingers – they flat out don't wanna work. But there is one thing never thought about when it comes to problems wind chills cause: We have exposed knees (as well as a little higher up on the legs) which are open to the elements. Ever thought about frost-bitten knees, thighs, and other such things?!

The main thing we in the Band missed by this cancellation was the trip up and back. We have always had long trips to various performances over the years, usually to annual events. These trips were always looked forward to – sometimes the actual trip even more so than the performance itself. We have found that the camaraderie of the Band is the most important thing of all, and, in truth, was the driving force behind this cancellation. The brothers in the group are, collectively, my best friends, and I was not willing to put them in harm's way nor take the responsibility for their safety on this trip. I would only wish that other units can find the same brotherly love and respect we have for each other in the Pipe Band.

Our calendar, looking rather sparse at first, is slowly starting to fill in. We have been requested for four more CSP graduation ceremonies yet this year, the annual Greeley Northridge High School graduation, the two memorial services on Memorial Day for the American Legion/VFW

posts in Littleton, at least two (and hopefully four) Honor Flight returns, the GLUSCW "concert" in Grand Lake, and the Celtic concert with the Rocky Mountain Brassworks the afternoon of the St. Patrick's Day parade up at the Broomfield Performing Arts center next to the library. This last-mentioned performance is definitely necessary – we need our annual "brass fix" since we had to forego the usual one in Aspen. Hopefully we will soon have more "gigs" to work toward.

And, 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.

DUNE BUGGY PATROL ~ MIKE TERRY, CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Jim Dawkins and First Lady Patti as they begin their year of service to El Jebel Shrine. We are looking forward to a year of fun, fun, fun. A big thanks for a job well done to our own Dune Buggy PP Grady Carter and Lady Kim for a successful year. We are proud of you!

Our January Dune Buggy meeting was held at the home of PP Ron and Robyn Williamson After a delicious enchilada dinner and German chocolate cake in honor of PP Ron's birthday, we got down to the business of voting on the proposed bylaw changes first discussed at our December meeting and which have been submitted to IS Jim Dawkins for approval. We also discussed creating a Dune Buggy Patrol handbook that will include information about the history of our club, a copy of our bylaws, parade formation descriptions, and specifications for our little red cars. We also read and voted on petitions for membership from Steve Stevens and Garrett Terry. Welcome to you both!

Since our February meeting falls on Valentine's Day and with a number of our members traveling, we will not meet this month. Our March Dune Buggy meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th – location and time TBD. In the meantime, we'll be shining up our Buggies for the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16th.

Dune Buggy fun fact: The Dune Buggy Patrol was officially formed in 1972. At that time, there were 18 standard body and two standard truck body vehicles. The vehicle bodies were built by Unique Mobility.

If you are interested in joining the Dune Buggy Patrol as a car owner or as a social member, contact President Ron Williamson at 303-668-2072. 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???

EL MEJDELTEMPLE NO.47 Daughters of the Nile Carole Bolduc, PQ

CONTERS -- INC

Brrrr! It's been COLD! Thank goodness, spring is not far off. Hopefully, our weather won't be as crazy as 2023.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Stock Show; always a great event, and another opportunity to get together for some fun.

Our January Session included a Ceremonial where we welcomed into our Household Pr. Julie McLean. We look forward to her joining one or more of our Units and becoming involved in some of the many endeavors our Temple provides.

Our February Session will include our annual Memorial Service honoring those ladies who have passed during the 2023 year. This is a lovely service, and it certainly gives time for reflection and memories.

Our "Thank-you Luncheon" for all of our volunteers will be held on Wednesday, February 28th in the Highlands Ballroom. This is a chance for us to get together and enjoy one another's company. These volunteers are hard workers, especially with *The Nile Day at the Rockies* and the *High Tea*, just to name a couple of our fundraising events.

Next month will be elections for new officers for the 2024-25 year. We hope to have a full slate; times, they are a-changing!



WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB

February will be a fun month for the Western Colorado Shrine Club. We begin with a Super Bowl Party at the Grand Junction Masonic Center beginning at 4 PM. Come down and watch the game with us. This is a potluck-style event so bring a snack or drink to share.

Our next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 11 AM. We have moved our meetings from the Grand Vista Hotel to the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Bring your lunch.

A week later we have the Installation of Officers. The Potentate and Divan will, weather permitting, trek over the mountains to install our officers on Saturday, February 17th at noon. The installation will be followed by a potluck celebration. We will send out a signup form for the potluck soon.

The Grand Junction and Delta Royal Arch Chapters are inviting all Shriners to become Mark Masters by taking the Mark Master Degree, the first degree of the Royal Arch Chapter, on Saturday, March 24th at 10 AM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. If you are interested, RSVP to Companion Jeff Bush at lejazbush@q.com or (970) 623-3651.

The All-Masonic Happy Hour will be on Saturday, February 24th at 4 PM after the Mark Master Degree. We are moving the Happy Hour back to the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Weather permitting, we will be on the new patio between lodge rooms 2 and 3. This event is open to the public. Bring a friend, bring a brother, bring your wife, but come hang out and have a good time. Bring a snack or drink to share.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Shriner, please bring them to one of our events. Have a great month and I hope to see you at one of our many events this month.

~ Gregory Foster, President, Western Colorado Shrine Club

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RADOPS ~ MICHAEL MARCUS

Introducing John Ringland KF0ESH. Please welcome one of our newest members of the Radops, John Ringland, who currently resides in Wellington, Colorado with his lady Elaine. The Radops members unanimously voted in favor to make John a member of our unit on November 20, 2023. John and Elaine moved to Colorado from Iowa in 2015 after John retired from Century Link where he provided them with 42 years of service. John began his telecom career as a lineman, progressed upward to a Field Engineer, and retired as a Senior Engineer after working in several central offices in data communications.

John began his masonic journey on November 11, 1986 where he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice and was quickly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft on January 27, 1987. Shortly afterward, life interrupted John's masonic studies for the next 20 years with work and raising a family.

John's father was a Master Mason, an active Shriner, and a Scottish Rite member in Iowa. Sadly, in 2007 John's father passed away. On his death bed, John's father asked John why he "...didn't prove up on his Third Degree?" John admitted that he had been "...too busy with life..."

Shortly after John's father's passing, John returned to his masonic studies and was raised as a Master Mason in 2007 at the Gnemeth Lodge #577 in West Des Moines, Iowa. John also joined Zagazig Shrine in Altoona, as well as the Scottish Rite and York Rite in Des Moines, Iowa. John's unit in the Zagazig Shrine was in the Oriental Band where John played the Chinese flute. Their unit put on the Mandarin Degree and performed at various ceremonials as well as many Shrine Circuses in Iowa.

As a grandfather of 2, John and his soon-to-be 8-yearold grandson enjoy riding dirt bikes, e-bikes, and electronic scooters. John admitted he also became a "Birder," has 6 bird feeders on his property, and enjoys being entertained by the birds each day. John is a member of Fidelity Lodge #19 in Fort Collins.

John and his youngest grandson are pictured below:



Radops Next In-Person Meeting:

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 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 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.

February Birthdays: Nancy Henning, Chuck Noah, Jim Oliver, Chuck Petersen, Doug Turner

Potentate Jim Dawkins Family at Installation







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