



of El Jebel Shrine

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3443 South Galena St., Denver, Colorado 80231

To all Nobles, Ladies and their Families

We are all being asked to take extreme precautions to help halt the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. (Corona Virus); Yesterday our Governor issued a "SHELTER AT HOME" order and as a result the El Jebel Shrine office and building will be closed until April 17, or until this crisis is averted.

The Shrine staff will be working from home during this time. We request that you use the following email addresses to contact the staff, Treasurer or Recorder if you need anything. You are always welcome to leave a voicemail on the Shrine Phone system (303-455-8172); however, you will receive the quickest response if you use email.

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Recorder - Noble Jay Bobick - j.bobick@comcast.net

The message below was sent out by Noble/Brother Jim Marshall who is Secretary of the Highlands Lodge #86 to all the brother masons who belong to that lodge. Several changes were made to refer to the Shrine instead of the Highlands lodge. This speaks to what we as Shriners and Masons need to be doing during these tough times.

In this time of turmoil arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the associated restrictions or closures of schools, businesses, and governmental agencies it is likely a number of our brethren/nobles are experiencing or will experience financial hardship. Reach out to other members: some of them will be too proud or too embarrassed to ask for assistance. Be proactive in determining who may be having some difficulty and gently offer assistance if appropriate.

Should the need arise please have them contact any of the above listed emails or any other officer of the Shrine. We will do everything in our power to assist. This is one of the tenants of our professions as Shriners and Masons, to reach out and assist distressed worthy

brethren/nobles in times of trouble or adversity. Let's reach out to all of the brethren/nobles that you know personally and make sure they are doing OK. We are all instructed to be socially distant from each other, but we as Mason's and Shriners can use this opportunity to come closer to each other through Social Media, or the old-fashioned way by making phone calls. Please do this often as long as the "SHELTER IN PLACE" restrictions are in effect. There is nothing like a phone call from a friend to help the distance melt away.

If there is anything that is needed, we can make arrangements to:

- Go shopping.
- Share resources.
- Provide assistance for what is needed.
- Help out financially, either personally, through the Shrine, or Lodge, or the Colorado Benevolent Fund Association.
- Travel to locations for necessary appointments or goods.

We must be careful to stop the spread of the virus, but that is no reason to stop helping one another. Not all our members have internet or email. Please help us reach out to those members and let them know we are here for them.

Noble/Brother Jim, thank you for letting us use your wonderful words as encouragement for all our Nobility

Yours in the Faith,

Joe Kent

Potentate

El Jebel Shrine





POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Joe
Kent**

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

We hope everyone is doing well and not completely bored out of their minds. Are your spouse and family driving you crazy? Or as in my case, it's the other way around. It would be nice to tell you about the St. Patrick's Day Parade, but unfortunately we all had to stay home for health reasons and now we are looking forward to St. Patty's Day Parade next year.

The meeting on April 13th which was supposed to be a Masonic Night has been cancelled. We will try to combine the Masonic Night with either the October or November meeting. There has not been a decision made concerning the May 11th Stated Meeting. We will make the determination sometime the 2nd or 3rd week of April.

Many thanks to Ron and Robyn Williamson and all the Nobles & ladies for a very successful IHOP Pancake Day. There were several stores that exceeded \$10,000 in donations. We are still waiting for the total amount raised through all the restaurants.

Our Potentate's trip to Jamaica has been postponed. The travel agent is working on dates in September, October or November. As soon as we find out we will let everyone know. If you did not originally sign up for the April trip, you still have a chance to sign up and join us later this year.

If any Nobles, their Ladies or Families are in need of anything during these difficult times let us know so we can help.

Please continue to do everything you can to stay safe and healthy. That means wash hands often, if you go out maintain at least 6' distance, be careful what you touch and don't touch your face with your hands.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Nobles, Ladies and their families.



A Message from El Jebel's First Lady:

I hope this finds everyone healthy and not yet going out of your mind with boredom from being shut in the house. As many of you know, we have had to postpone our Jamaica Trip. I am working with the travel agent to reschedule it for this fall. We had to cancel our St. Patrick's Day festivities.

It is amazing what I have observed in the past few weeks. People can be amazing and yet mystifying at the same time. I was at King Soopers recently and almost every bin in the produce area was completely empty; however, there was a completely full bin of Kale. I keep telling my daughter that the only good use for Kale is as a compost bin filler. There was plenty of Kale, yet there was absolutely no Garlic! Do people think garlic will keep them safe from this virus?

We cannot observe our fellow human without mentioning toilet paper. Everyday there is someone begging for toilet paper on the "Nextdoor" app. (If you have not experienced Nextdoor, it is the best neighborhood gossip app there is, give it a try) Today, I discovered that some teenagers in the neighborhood TP'd a house, that certainly did get the Nextdoor people upset. If it wasn't so funny, it would be sad. I wonder if the owners of the TP'd house went outside and carefully rolled it back up to use it? We have the folks who it seems are totally focused on their TP supply, then we also have people who offer to do errands for those who are unable to go to the grocery store, or necessary errands. It is amazing how we can be both crazy and extremely helpful and kind.

I hope your husband is not driving you totally out of your mind. I have come to understand that the female of our species knows how to adapt more than the male. It must be a genetic thing. Lucky for me, Joe has been busy the last few days calling the Nobles on his list to check on them (thank you Grady for putting the Divan to work on this project). I am so grateful for you Nobles, you keep him talking so I can get some stuff done. Yesterday, I was able to install three picture ledges in our hall while he was on the phone. The Nobles are now my new best friends.

I pray that this madness will be over soon, and we all can stop having to cancel or reschedule our plans. If there is anything you need, please feel free to call. I can put Joe on the phone, and you can keep him busy for me. You too will be my new best friend.

I so look forward when all this crazy "Social Distancing" is over and we can get back to normal crazy of being so busy we cannot think straight. I miss visiting with everyone before a Shrine Dinner.

Stay Safe, Stay Sober, stay at least partially Sane, and most of all Hoard Toilet Paper every chance you get!

Love, Karri



Recorder's Desk

Jay Bobick



SOCIAL DISTANCING, WORK AND LIFE CHANGES—WE WILL SURVIVE IT ALL

As we all make our choice during this time of concern based on the coronavirus, the fact is our Nation, State, City, and Community has changed. Communications are depending almost entirely on electronics. Yes, our Temple is closed, Shriners International has directed that all Shriners follow the directions of their Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge is implementing the Nation's guidelines as to Social Distancing, work changes, et cetera. The doors are locked, and no one may enter. Should you need to contact the office, leave a message to be retrieved. Our officers are always available by phone and e-mail and are ready to assist you in any manner. Don't get an answer, leave a message. They too are following the guidelines.

What an interesting time we had in the month of March. El Jebel started the month of activities on 9 March with our Spring Ceremonial held at the Temple before our monthly dinner and Stated Meeting. This was a Short-Form Ceremonial to initiate four Masons as our newest Nobles. They are: Dusty Bengford with his Lady Cindy; Michael Foster; Jose Gurule; and Neil Yarbrough. After the Ceremony, Potentate, Joe Kent, welcomed the new Nobles and thanked the Cast for a job well done. The Cast was: Bobby Juchem, Potentate and Orator; Illus. Bobby Marner, Chief Rabban; Jay Bobick, Assistant Rabban; Grady Carter, High Priest & Prophet; Jim Dawkins, Oriental Guide; and John Buchanan, Master of Ceremonies. The Potentate, Cast, new Nobles, and all Nobles attending enjoyed the Ceremony and welcomed the new additions to our Temple.

After the Ceremony, we joined the nobles and ladies already gathered for social time and dinner. Dinner was a tribute to the Irish and Saint Patrick's Day and the "Wearin' of the Green" was done by many. A big thanks goes to those nobles and ladies that prepared the dinner tables and room with decorations and favors for everyone. This, as with all our dinners, made for a festive event. Continuing with the festivities, the Potentate called the new Nobles and their Ladies, that being Cindy and three volunteer Ladies for our bachelors, to come forward to receive their Fez. This was an enjoyable time had by all with several quips that you had to be there to enjoy.

Our Dignitaries were recognized during the evening: Past Potentates Jim Fitzpatrick, Ron Cosens, Tony Dattilo, Jim Stewart, Larry Clark, Rich Silver, and Bobby Marner. Also recognized was Noble Greg Rindone, Past Imperial Chaplain who continues to serve as our Potentate's Chief Aide.

Now for an update on items of interest to all Nobles

And their families. Tony Dattilo, PP, is working diligently to complete the "Plaza" in the front of our building to house the Memorial Bricks from our old location and the new bricks currently available. The design and location have been finalized by our Board of Directors (BOD) and bids have been sent to prospective contractors. Upon receipt of bids, the BOD will select a contractor and Tony will serve as overseer to the project completion. As this Project is not within our 2020 Budget, donations have been coming in to fund the work. Currently, the project has \$4,300 collected and donations are still gratefully accepted.

Illus. Tony also has been appointed as our Membership Chair and as such, he has formed a Committee and is requesting ideas from anyone as to how best to increase our membership. The Membership Committee will be personally contacting inactive and demitting members to talk about their reasons for not remaining an active member. This may help in identifying changes in our meetings and activities to better reach our membership. This is one of the main objectives of the new Committee; learn the issues and fix them. Illus. Tony ended with a valid point. We, as the Shrine, want to be invited to Blue Lodges so we may share our value of the Shrine message.

Our Sportsmen's Raffle, headed by Ron Williamson, Chief Rabban, is scheduled for a new venue this year, mid-town Denver at the Highlands Lodge. Our License and Certificate of Good Standing have been acquired and Ken Jones, Assistant Rabban, is the manager for this year. There will be vendor booths available as in the past, so get the word to your vendor friends. The most important point to the success of our Raffle, the main annual Temple Operational Fundraiser, depends on YOU! We need every noble to assist in ticket sales. There are a few nobles that, for personal reasons, are not able to sell tickets and we are the first to recognize that. For those, if you are able, buy a ticket or two which will be a great support to your Temple. Let's all join in making this year's Raffle the best. We can do it.

With social distancing, there will be no meetings or events in April. Karri Kent is working diligently with the coordinator to reschedule the Potentate's Trip to Jamaica. Hopefully, it will take place in the fall. Stand by as Karri receives updates. Also, the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast held by the York Rite at the Denver Consistory is cancelled.

Finally, should you, your family or anyone you know need any assistance in coping with our "isolationism," please let us know. We have access to several venues and people volunteering to provide care to others. Together, we can and will defeat this disease and return to a new normal. Take heart and remain vigilant.

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Illustrious Potentate

ELECTED DIVAN

Ron Williamson	Chief Rabban
Ken Jones	Assistant Rabban
Grady Carter	High Priest & Prophet
Jim Dawkins	Oriental Guide
Jim Stewart, P.P.	Treasurer
Jay Bobick	Recorder

APPOINTED DIVAN

Ron Dunsmore	1st Ceremonial Master
Perry Mittler	2nd Ceremonial Master
Joel Roche	Marshal
John Titterington	Captain of the Guard
Bill Brassette	Outer Guard
David Dorn	Director
Jim Oliver	Chaplain

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

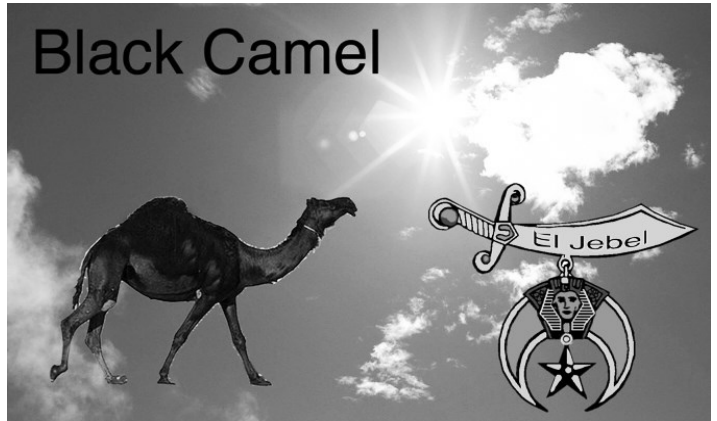
Robert G. Van Male (1988)
Thomas D. Palmer (1989)
Jack D. Patten (1990)
Steve Tucker (1991)
Richard E. Williams (1993)
Amer Plaisted (1994)
Dr. David Powell (1997)
Jim Lear (1998)
Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo (2007)
Fred Taylor (2008)
Jim Stewart (2009)
Ed Rendon (2010)
Dennis Proctor (2011)
Jim Long (2012)
Matthew Raia (2013)
Phil Hause (2014)
Michael Trevathan (2015)
Larry Clark (2016)
Rich Silver (2017, 2018)
Bobby Marner (2019)

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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.

James L. Chaffee

Norman L. Hoff

Richard “Mac” McElravy



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2020 Calendar of Events

April

7-11 Potentate's Trip—Jamaica— **postponed**

12 Easter Sunrise Service— **cancelled**

13 Family Meeting—Masonic Night— **cancelled**

25 Mexican Fiesta— **postponed**

May

11 Stated Meeting/Ladies Program

13-16 Consistory Spring Reunion

25 Commerce City Parade (Call Out)

30 Potentate's Ball

June

19-21 FIBArk—Salida

27 Summer Party

July

4 Brush Rodeo Parade—Brush

5-9 Imperial Session—Kansas City, MO

25 Buffalo Bill Days Parade—Golden

26 Day at the Races—Arapahoe Park

PARADE CORNER 2020

Call Out Parades:

St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 14

Commerce City Parade Monday, May 25

Buffalo Bill Days Parade Saturday, July 25

Wheat Ridge Parade Saturday, August 15

Arvada Parade Saturday, September 12

Veteran's Day Parade Saturday, November 14

Official Parades:

FIBArk Parade Saturday, June 20

Brush Rodeo Parade Saturday, July 4

Imperial Session (Kansas City) July

CSSA Springfield, MO Saturday, September 5

DONATIONS

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Dick Welle

Ellen "Zip" Tye

John, Deanna & Amanda Gammon

Ron & Robyn Williamson

Ron & Robyn Williamson

Ron & Robyn Williamson

Highlands Lodge #86

Sally Jacobsen

In Memory of

Monthly Donation

Mel Wieck

Marylyn Hepp

Marylyn Hepp

Louis "Corky" Ware

Doug Gaumer

Donation

Jane Seefeldt

Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

917

4- Creations

1- Affiliation

3—Demits

3- Expired



New Noble Dusty Bengford with his mother and wife.

Potentates Celebration

May 30, 2020

Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum
7711 East Academy Blvd. Denver (Old Lowry AFB)

Exclusive Facility Access
Appetizers
Entree
Dessert
Prizes

5:30pm Appetizer and Cash Bar
6:00pm Introductions and Opening
6:30pm Dinner
Dress is "40's or Smart Casual"



Joe (TT) Kent & Air Bear

(Reservations Required)

Potentate's Celebration Registration

Make Checks payable to El Jebel Shriner's
Mail to 3443 S Galena St, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80231

Menu:

(Displayed Appetizer)
Caramelized Onion and Artichoke Dip and
Traditional Tomato Basil Bruschetta

(Passed Appetizer)
Pumpkin Ravioli
Caprese Skewer

(Salad)
Apple and White Cheddar Salad

(Entrée Selections)
Herb Crusted Beef Shoulderloin
OR
Lemon Artichoke Chicken

(Side Selections)
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine

(Dessert)
Assorted Desserts



Noble _____ Title _____
Lady's Name _____ Title _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Unit/Club Affiliation _____
Email Address _____
Number of Persons _____ x \$80.00 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Please enter the count of each Entree selection based on the desires of your party.

(Total should equal the number of members in your party)

Herb Crusted Beef Shoulderloin
Lemon Artichoke Chicken

Please include this form with your check

SANDBLASTERS OF EL JEBEL

BY MATTHEW MADRID

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, the Sandblasters have returned from their yearly winter outing down in the beautiful desert of Arizona. The winter outing was held at the San Marcos Golf Club in Chandler, Arizona February 19th - 26th, 2030.

The Sandblasters had 30 golfers and guests play throughout the week and were blessed with outstanding 75 degree weather throughout the trip.

Past Potentate Steve Tucker was involved in a minor car accident on his way to the golf course but is well, in good spirits, and was able to make the final day of the hospitality room and banquet. Please keep our Illustrious Brother in your thoughts and prayers.

The winter outing was an enormous success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. A huge thank you is owed to Carl and Margaret Gaumer, Chuck Peterson, and everyone who chipped in and helped during the week long get away more especially Larry and Judy Bangert.

Larry and Judy Bangert did a phenomenal job with the banquet dinners, hospitality room, and making sure all needs were met. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and this couldn't have been done without your hard work and commitment to the group.

The Sandblasters meet on the last Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral at 11:30 AM on West Hampden Ave. (River Point Shopping Center).



NORTHEAST CO SHRINE CLUB

BY JERRY WARDRIP



No meeting
Meeting of Outpost #1

Meeting of
NE Colorado Shrine Club

We did not have much of a meeting this month as we were in the process of changing meeting places. The restaurant at Atwood interchange closed and were moving to the Ramada Inn and were not able to get the place ready in time. We had to meet in a busy restaurant so could not have much of a meeting, but got some things accomplished. They are open now so we will be meeting at Sonny's Overland Trail Café in the Ramada Inn at the Sterling highway 6 and Interstate 76 interchange. Go east to the top of the hill.

We had to cancel our Chili Cook-Off but hope to schedule it for later this year. We also had to change our School Awards program as all the schools have had to shut down and I don't think we will have time for all the reviews when they come back. They will be getting ready for graduation and their other programs. We completed the review of the applications for the Masonic Scholarship and now will need to review the apps for our local scholarships. I wish we could give more of these, there are so many well qualified kids out there.

We are still planning to have the Fireworks stand open around June 24th thru July 5. Our supplier informs us that we will be getting a lot of new stuff this year.

We don't have anything going right now as the shutdown has limited us in our getting together so unable to make any plans. I guess we will have to get things rolling again when they lift the restrictions. This could be a slow summer. We hope to have more for the April Fez.



New Nobles initiated 3/9/2020

Neil Yarbrough, Michael Foster, Dusty Bengford

WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB (WCSC) BY STEVE THOMAS

Our March meeting was called to order at 11:45 sharp by fearless leader Chris Geisler. Blessing by our Chaplain Roger Phillips and the Pledge was led by 1st VP Michael Briscoe.

President Chris welcomed all present and thanked those who showed up for El Jebel's Installation of officers Feb. 15th. He was represented the leaders sword by lady Kassie of Grand Junction Grand Vista as she was left in charge of it after Installation. And a big thank you for all who helped at IHOP. This is a fun time and getting to talk to the public about our work and fun we have doing it.

Previous minutes were approved as mailed. It was voted and passed to have the minutes e-mailed to WCSC officers and Board members to save on postage, labor and material.

Secretary Andrew BE stated he is still compiling the WCSC directory. If you would like to receive e-mails of WCSC Board actions please let Andrew know your e-mail at andrewbemba@gmail.com.

President Chris suggested we check into having an artist, craftsman or just anything you want to get rid of auction. We also need to check into a raffle (under El Jebel's raffle license if possible) for the Model A that a Shrine widow wants to donate for Shriner hospital funds.

Jordan is planning on a circus in Grand Junction May 29 and 30th. More on that later.

Parade Chairman Linn Armstrong says he is still waiting on a few call backs but is about 90% on the schedule for this year. It should pretty well match last years as far as the weekends of the month go. I.E. Crawford was the second Saturday of June last year, should be the 2nd Saturday this year. I'll post as it gets finalized.

WCSC Clowns: We had a good showing and great time at Grand Junction IHOP. Myself, I had some doctor appointments and errands to run so Mugys didn't make it there. He sent his evil twin Steve Thomas in Fez to visit with folks. Do any of the rest of you have family or friends you have to say "behave" when you introduce them?

We are getting the cars outta mothballs and ready for the parade season and getting ready for circus time!

Scooters: Linn Armstrong said they had a get together and Don Miller was the honored guest. Don has put in a great amount of time and effort for the Shrine and still has time for other stuff.

Tri-County: We had our first meeting under the new leadership of Scott Krebs, VP Fred Carson and Sec. Treat. Gary Weizsbrod and they did a great job for us. Think we are in good hands for 2020.

Scott called the meeting to order Jim Ditmore did the blessing and yours truly, Steve Thomas led the Pledge.

Jack Seever, who we honored at last months meeting on his 90th birthday, proposed we donate \$300 to Salt Lake Shriners hospital. It was seconded by Steve Isle and approved by vote of all. Jim Ditmore won the 50/50 draw and is using that to pay for his college fund.

Our March meeting will be at The Bridges in Montrose on the 28th at 1pm Then we go to El Tapatio in Delta on April 25th at 1pm. anyone who wishes is more than welcome. Just bring your background check and \$500 to be taken care of by me.

Outer Guard Bill Brassette: El Jebel did a short form ceremonial Monday evening March 9th. Welcome to the 5 new brothers.



DROVERS BY WAYLAND BRITT

Since my last posting we obtained a new horse to pull our wagon I thought I'd write on the history of wagons with our driver unit.

A Studebaker wagon was found in some ranch pile. The drovers repaired wooden parts of the wagon. They then added a gas engine to the wagon to self propel it and provided two Lysol's painted and decorated mules hanging from the tongue of the wagon. They added a check-box to the back of the wagon. With a real canvas cover steel tires and escorted by driver horsemen outriders it was an important feature of the parades. I believe it's last parade was the Denver Imperial Parade. At that time I pulled it with my 1970 Chevy truck as the motor in the wagon was removed due to frequent vapor lock which seemed to occur at the worst of times. I will ask Noble Don Kirby to send me more details on the old wagon such as dates and names because I got in on the last years of its life at El Jebel.



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



Spring has finally arrived, and along with it; Daylight Savings Time; seems like we just “fell back” two or three months ago.

On Saturday, March 21, 2020, Queen Glenda Mattern, PQ, was to be installed as the Reigning Queen of El Mejdel Temple for the ensuing year, however, due the Covid-19 Virus; El Mejdel Installation of Officers was cancelled. This was certainly a disappointing turn of events, but the health of our ladies is of top priority. Installation will be set at a later date.

Again this year, we will be having a drawing for a Quilt; the theme is aviation. Tickets are \$2/each; 6/\$10 and 12/\$20. Drawing will be held at the Nile High Tea in November, 2020. See enclosed flyer for more information.

On Monday, April 27th, is the date for the Singers' Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show. Fashions featured are from Christopher & Banks, and tickets for this event may be purchased from any member of the Singers' Unit; cost \$20.00.

We have several events planned for this year; the White Rose and the Supreme Queen Visit, both in August; the Rockies game in September and the Nile High Tea in November. More information will follow regarding these events in upcoming issues of the RED FEZ.

Enjoy your Easter Day and eat lots of chocolate!



BY EJGW



There is always someone in every organization who knows where all the little things are kept (hidden) – those little things that are necessary to completely set up for meetings and dinners, where the extra glasses are, and so on. Thankfully, we have one of those guys in our midst – Don Weiser, a twenty-one year Shriner who is inevitably seen in the company of his help-mate/wife, Cathie (who also knows where all the extra napkins are kept). Great guy to get to know if you are ever in a position to set-up for a meeting and/or dinner.

Don is a member of South Gate Lodge and is busy in the other bodies as well – Scottish Rite and York Rite. And it looks like he is trying to get “Aide Emeritus” on his Fez – he has been one eight times, and it takes “only” ten “tours” to earn that title. If you have spent any time around El Jebel other than meetings you no doubt have run into him. He takes great care of the “inventory” in the kitchen, hospitality room, and various storage areas around the building – places most people don’t know even exist. And he is no stranger to the office, or any place he can work for the betterment of the Shrine.

Don and Cathie have had a large part in making the Children’s Christmas Party a success for the last several years, gathering toys, candy for stocking stuffers, hot dogs/pizza etc for the boys and girls who come to see Santa, enjoy food and make Arts & Crafts.

Come parade season you will find Don outside shining up his Dune Buggy for the many parades the Buggys participate in. He also tries to make the CSSA Sessions and occasionally an Imperial Session as well.

Did ya know, together they have 3 daughters 1 son, 9 grandchildren and 7 Great grandchildren?



El Mejdal Temple No. 47

Daughters of the Nile Quilt Raffle

High Flying Quilt Ensemble



Two different quilts which include:
2 pillow shams
1 decorative airplane pillow

Full size with 16" drop
70% Cotton and 30% Polyester fill

Ticket Price:
\$2/each
6 for \$10
12 for \$20

Drawing: Saturday, November 7, 2020 at the Annual High Tea

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



EL JEBEL SPORTS

BY RON COSENS

A bright spot is that we have a new member couple - Bob & Maryann Weidler! They are enjoying a month long trip to the Middle East.

Our President couple, John & Sandy Kesig went to Yuma, AZ to enjoy the lower altitude and play a little golf as well as visit with some of our snowbirds. There is quite a group of active Shriner's down there from the US & Canada, and they manage to raise a good sum of money for our SHC in 2 months selling hamburgers at multiple RV Parks with multiple bands donating their time and talent as well.

Unfortunately the St. Patrick Parade was cancelled by Mayor Hancock and that rippled to our planned luncheon after the parade.

If you want to be active and are looking for a unit to have fun, give us a try. We meet every month on the second Wednesday for lunch

If you have a sports car, or convertible, you can be an Active member. BUT, you can also be a Social member if you do not have a qualifying car to be Active.

If interested, call John Kesig 303-460-0607, or, Ron Cosens 303-794-4851.

Keep it between the ditches and enjoy !

FROM THE HOME OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RABBAN, RON WILLIAMSON



It's been a stressful couple of weeks, and we hope you're finding ways to add some comfort to your time at home. Several members of the Shrine have been making calls to all of the Nobles just to make sure all are well and see if there is anything we can do to help you. When speaking with the others that are also calling we are getting lots of voice mails. Don't know if the Nobles don't recognize the number so they don't answer the call or if they are out enjoying the spring weather. We are trying to reach each and every single Noble in Colorado that belongs to El Jebel. This is our time to reach out and check on each of you.

Isn't it surprising how quickly things have changed since the beginning of March. We were planning for breakfast at Highlands and the St. Patrick's Day Parade only to find out a day or so before, that the parade was canceled. As we continue to watch this virus spread our Illustrious Potentate will keep us updated on Shrine events.

We would like to say, that we appreciate all of the help we had for National Pancake Day. Everyone did a great job and we had fun! We don't have totals yet from Tampa. As soon as we receive these totals we will share with you how much money was made for Shriner's Hospitals for Children. A huge Thank You to all those that participated.

Please stay safe and we will get through this!

Ron Williamson

Chief Rabban



**Master of Ceremonies, Chuck Petersen presents the
Jewel of Honor to Noble Nate Alton pictured with
his lady Kim and his mother Gaylene**

RV ROAMERS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

The March RV Roamers' meeting was cancelled, but the Clarks, Patty Graves and Taylors met at the Old Spaghetti Factory for a nice lunch and conversation. The April meeting at the Golden Corral on Arapahoe Road is also cancelled. We had planned to see the Umsteds who will have returned from Arizona, but plans change. As of now (3/20/20), the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse event, "Curtains", on May 17 is still on. If you want to join us, we will need your checks by April 15. (If it is cancelled, your checks will be torn up, and we'll notify you.)

The rest of the Roamers schedule is as follows:

June 26, 27. & 28 – Chatfield State Park

July 9-12 – Mountindale RV Resort near Colorado Springs

August 9-12 – Winding River Resort in Grand Lake

Sept. – TBD

Oct. 18 – West Woods Restaurant in Arvada

Nov. 15 – Fresh Fish for Brunch in Denver

Dec. 6 – Mt. Vernon (questionable)

For those of you who would like to join us as a visitor, here is some information about our Unit:

We meet monthly at various campgrounds (as "Outings" and various restaurants (as "Innings") for our meetings. We welcome anyone who is interested in being in the great outdoors, whether you own an RV or just like to "camp out" in a cabin. Some members just meet with us in the winter months for the luncheons. We have a great time getting together and sharing stories (some of them are whoppers!) Printed here in the Red Fez are some of our past "Outings", to show you what fun we have. See you when we can socially mingle!



Happy Roamers - working on a rig!

Winding River in Grand Lake 8-4-19



Roamers at Mountindale 7/13/19

Women & Philanthropy

Divas Making a Difference at Shriners Hospitals for Children®

As women, we have an increasing ability to effect change through our own leadership and philanthropy. Women & Philanthropy empowers all women, diverse in age, interests and backgrounds, to make a difference through a direct, participatory role. Members recognize that by giving together, their gift goes further and has greater influence.



Founding Divas for Women & Philanthropy from left to right, Debby Bailey, Cheryl Sowder, Imperial First Lady 2019-2020, and Alice Smith.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through internationally recognized, innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. We provide all aspects of treatment for children with orthopaedic conditions, spinal cord injuries, burns and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

"I applaud your efforts to support the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children and your thoughtfulness in becoming a Diva Making a Difference. Blessings to you and yours!"
-Cheryl

An Invitation to Join

You are invited to join our community of mission-driven women by committing an annual gift of \$500. Membership includes a commemorative necklace, collectible pin, special event invitations, opportunities to connect, learn, and lead. All donations support the Patient Ambassador program or area of greatest need.



About Patient Ambassadors

A patient ambassador is a past or present patient, or family member, who supports the Shriners Hospitals for Children mission through compassion, philanthropy and advocacy. Patient ambassadors are volunteers who serve as positive role models in their communities; share their personal experience with others; and promote the specialized, family-centered care provided by the compassionate staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children.



As a patient ambassador, our patients have the opportunity to participate in the following (options may vary by location):

- Community outreach programs
- Hospital events
- Media interviews
- A pen pal program
- Fundraisers
- The Ambassador Speakers' Bureau

Want to join or learn more?
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For more information, please contact:
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Birthdays

Clowns

Scott "Doc" Stewart
Duane "Pokey" Leshner

Dune Buggy Patrol

Rich Silver
Cathie Weiser
Steve Tucker
Robin Terry
Mike Palmer
Connie Strand

Legion of Honor

Iris Dahlberg
Hos Varner
Margot Frank
Mickey Fitzpatrick

Provost Guard

Becky Bird
John Carr
Mark Short

RV Roamers

Judy Weymouth
Larry Clark, P.P.
Iris Dahlberg

Radops

Kristy Allison
Becky Bird
Don Cox

Sports

Hos Varner
Larry Clark, P.P.
April Huskins
Mickey Fitzpatrick

VIP'S

Vic Adelgren



Chief Rabban, Ron Williamson
presents

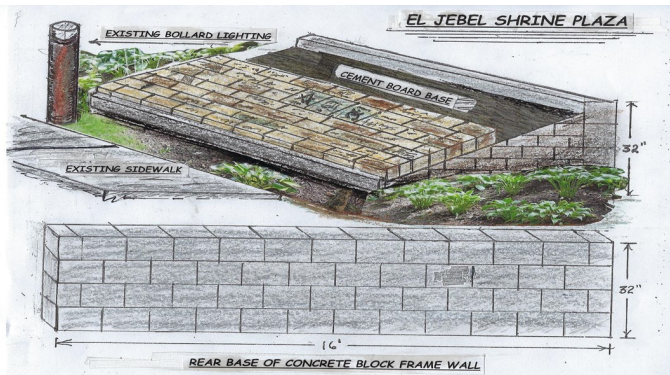
Illustrious Sir Joe Kent with a
check from I-HOP Pancake Day



RENEWAL AND RESTORATION OF THE “EL JEBEL SHRINE PLAZA”

By: Tony Dattilo, P.P.

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE NEW EL JEBEL SHRINE PLAZA



Dear Nobles, Ladies and Friends of El Jebel Shrine. A lot of “dust” has settled since our relocation to a new building. There are many traditional and new tasks ongoing as we move forward to preserve the health and welfare of our beloved Shrine. Our history is full of tradition, records, customs and memories of our operations and presence in our Northern Colorado jurisdiction, and our supporting role as a part of Shriners International. Many activities and programs are ongoing in the constant efforts to fulfill our primary mission to support the efforts and operations of our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

This mission of Shriners International remains viable through the efforts and contributions of many Shriners and their Ladies, who dedicate their extraordinary talent, time, resources, love and heart to our purpose and this incredible fraternity in which we are members. As time progresses with the many kindnesses of life that our Supreme Architect has granted, the inevitable ending of lives as we know it, comes to us all. The actions and dedications of Shriners, present and past, constitute our heritage and survival. El Jebel Shrine has experienced the presence of many members who have distinguished themselves by their extraordinary and heroic support of our mission. On May 13, 2002, the El Jebel Shrine Plaza was dedicated with the purpose of honoring and commemorating the legacies of past and present contributions.

At that time, the Plaza consisted of the well-known statuary known as the “Editorial Without Words”. The area at the base of this statuary was originally composed of crushed rock, later to become modified to accommodate the placement of honoraria engraved bricks. The bricks were available for purchase at various levels and prices as a *“perpetual and visible symbol of esteem for the heroes and loved ones that we wish to honor, perhaps as a remembrance that each of us passed this way, a contributor, supporter and participant in our*

Greatest Philanthropy in the World”. The Plaza provided a new and unusual opportunity for our members and their families to say “Thanks”, and to commemorate those very special heroes among us who touch our hearts, whether they are still with us, or have gone away to their higher reward. Several “levels” of bricks, ranging in price from \$100.00 to \$1,500.00+ in price were available for purchase, and many were placed in the Plaza as lasting tributes to those honored within the Plaza.

During the activities of the move to our new headquarters, the bricks of the Plaza were removed and reinstalled at our current location. In the transitional process of moving, the contractor’s of the day placed the bricks in a sidewalk configuration which is currently in place, creating the controversy and desire among many of our Shriners to reconfigure the structure and placement of the Plaza to be a more appropriate, visible and dignified structure. The current configuration has proven to be destructive to the engravings on the bricks caused by foot traffic, weather conditions and undue exposure to the elements.

In 2019, a proposal was presented to the El Jebel Divan, for the reconstruction of the Plaza. Two primary designs were presented. After deliberation and consideration, one of the configurations included in the proposal was approved. Brief presentations were recently accomplished for the Presidents/Secretaries’ informational and planning session for the 2020 year, and again at the January 2020 Stated Meeting. Funding for this project is not included in the El Jebel Operating Budget, and permission was granted to solicit funding from the generosity and graciousness of our members. Initial and ongoing contributions are being accepted by our Treasurer from individual members and/or El Jebel Units, specifically identified for the purpose of funding and maintaining the Plaza. As with the original Plaza planning, revenue from purchases will be specifically directed to the maintenance of the Plaza and/or El Jebel’s Operating Fund.

The reconfiguration of the Plaza will facilitate the removal of the current bricks and plaques from their current “sidewalk”, and placed in a new and true place of honor and dignity. The placement of the new Plaza is considered being best located as parallel to the existing sidewalk in the front of the building, and between the existing lighting “bollards” that will provide lighting and visibility during the hours of darkness. As shown in the conceptual drawing (below), the bricks and plaques will be placed in a “framed” and angled “plaza”, beginning at near ground level, and sloping upward at an angle to a rear height of approximately three feet. This design will eliminate the need for snow removal, and the “wear” factor caused by foot traffic. Landscaping will be reconfigured in the area around the new plaza in the area where the bricks and plaques are currently located, to enhance the presentation of our building frontage. The end result will create an attractive and more visible structure that provides a more appropriate setting for those whose names and memories have been, and will in the future be memorialized and honored in the Plaza.

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At present, we are searching for two resources; First, we'll need a masonry contractor to construct the new Plaza. The project will include construction, removal and replacement of the existing bricks and plaques, placement of purchased bricks that have been stored and awaiting placement, and durable landscaping renewal and placement in the affected areas. When removed from their present locations, every attempt will be made to place the existing bricks and plaques within the Plaza in the same locations as they were at the Plaza's original location.

Secondly, we are researching availability of a new vendor for the production of new bricks and plaques, as our former vendor is no longer in business. We are currently in contact with the City of Westminster as they are presently researching the results of their Requests for Proposals from such vendors in order to continue with their ongoing project at the Westminster "Tribute Garden". Several other possibilities for a vendor/provider are also in progress. Until a vendor is secured, we can't identify a "sale price" for the bricks and plaques that will be available. A pricing structure for the available options from a new vendor will be determined and announced to our members as quickly as those details become available.

Your kind and gracious donations of funds for the construction and completion of the new Plaza in any amount are most welcome. Please direct your donations for the "El Jebel Shrine Plaza" to our Treasurer, Illustrious Sir Jim Stewart. Be assured that honoraria bricks and plaques will again be made available at the lowest possible prices, to be included in the new El Jebel Shrine Plaza, for any who wish to honor a friend or a loved one who contributed their time, efforts, participation and heart to our mission of Shriners.

For questions or information relative to our current movement towards the construction of this project, please contact Tony Dattilo, Past Potentate for 2007. Many thanks to all for your continuing support, generosity and friendship as we are honored in this project to restore, reconfigure and renew our El Jebel Shrine Plaza.



First Lady Karri Kent gets the ladies set up for the March Ladies Sit-n-Paint Program

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EL JEBEL COMPUTER CLUB

J & J TAYLOR

The March 10th Computer Club meeting was held at the Shrine; we met earlier for lunch at Panda Express, after hearing of the closure of Bent Noodle. Nine members were present at the lunch and at the meeting: Ed H., Jim & Judy T., George V., Mike W., Ron & Robyn W., Ken B., and Dianne W. President Ed Hamm opened the meeting at 1:00. Jim T. read the minutes (approved as correct-ed) and reported on the Treasury, which was approved.

Under sickness: Ron Dunsmore has started chemo, and was told by his doctor to give up teaching. Under distress (!): Ed's Kathy left for Illinois again, to be with her mother for a while, possibly to help with her moving.

Ed told about three trikes (he has one in the new Unit, "Tux N Trikes") that can each be bought for \$1700. He mentioned how versatile they are, as he uses his to take on Light Rail to Conventions, etc., besides riding in the Parades. Jim showed several pages that were emailed by Onsite (Scott Henke) of free computer classes. It was again discussed whether we should have a Raffle item from the club. There are new raffle rules, which were explained by Ron. Discussion and/or decision will be at a future meeting.

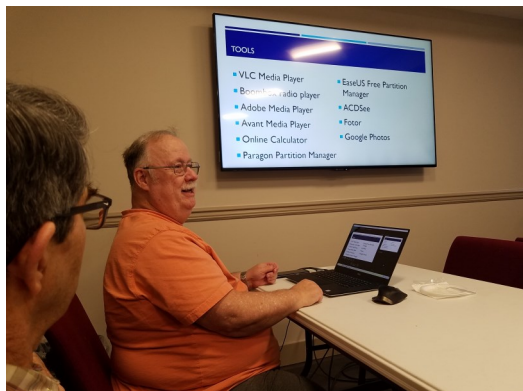
"Tech Tips" by Ed was on the subject "Hardware, Firmware, & Software". He gave explanations of each, and told of their applications.

New news is that the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Denver is cancelled. Other news was that Ben Metcalf is doing the Shrine website.

Ron Williamson gave the Divan report. He thanked workers for helping with the IHOP fundraiser (several were from the Computer Club), and mentioned that the final numbers will be coming later after being tallied by Imperial.

The program was on "On-line Tools, Applications, & Services". It was a good presentation, bringing about much discussion.

Next month's meeting will be about calendars, and how to synchronize them with your personal device. We will meet for lunch at New York Deli, at 11:30; bring your S.O. and join us. We talk about everything and everyone!



Illustrious Sir Joe Kent welcomes New Nobles at the March 9th Stated Meeting



Ill Sir Joe, Bonnie Petersen & Jose Gurule



Ill. Sir Joe with Janet Silver and Neil Yarbrough



Ill. Sir Joe with Karen Myers and Michael Foster

EL JEBEL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By: Tony Dattilo, P.P.

Greetings and Best Wishes to all. I am honored to have been appointed as the Membership Chairperson for 2020. I'm glad to acknowledge and say thanks to several of our Nobles who have agreed to serve on this committee effort; Nobles John Carr, Grady Carter, Jim Dawkins, Doug Finley, Richard Heath, Ken Jones, Perry Mittler, Hoss Monsebroten, and Ron Williamson.

As everyone knows, "Membership" has historically been an important component of our historic "Greatest Philanthropy in the World". Our "pickin's" of candidates has been reduced over the years as "leisure time" has also been reduced and costs of everything has escalated.

What remains common and unchanged is the compassion and love of good men, the common denominators of all Masons and Shrine Nobles. The fame and notoriety of Shriners has grown and prospered throughout the last century, beginning with the Shriners' efforts to assist with the *pandemic* of polio that struck thousands of children, prompting the initiation of our very first hospital at Shreveport, LA nearly a century ago. Thanks to Dr. Jonas Salk, the issue of polio was resolved, and my memory recalls the sugar cubes that were dispensed to us as kids, that contained the miraculously crafted vaccine discovered by Dr. Salk.

With that "pandemic" resolved, the Shriners didn't stop their efforts to help defenseless children from other medical issues, some thought to have been extensions or different strains of polio. Osteogenesis Imperfecta (brittle bone disease), and other musculoskeletal issues that Shriners continued to research, develop and treat throughout the years to the present day, along with treatment of burns, cleft lip and palate and other issues that can help "our" kids. Tenaciousness, commitment, dedication and purpose of Shriners remains a shining example of the tenets of Shriners and our purpose.

Our organization is officially comprised of men who possess a belief in Deity and a desire to "make good men better", each of which are Master Masons who have completed and continue their commitment to the basic tenets of our Craft. Lifestyles have evolved and changed during the last century, each of us becoming busier with the business of survival, care for family and diligence at our work efforts.

Despite the "distractions", the fervor and belief in our purpose as Shriners continue to shine brightly, a beacon of hope for the children who are less fortunate and have medical issues that may be relieved by our presence and support the incredibly wonderful hospitals that bear the logo of Shriners International, and the medical masters

that await their presence.

This philanthropy that we are, can not continue to provide the services "as usual" without the help of members who are not only committed to our Shrine, but to the future survival of our existence by assisting with locating and recruiting new members to join with us in our mission. The additional benefit to becoming a part of Shriners extends to the beloved and supportive ladies who play a tremendous role in our existence and survival. The familiar line of the opening of all regulated and well governed lodges, "Behold, How pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity", remains true at each of our social gatherings, stated meetings, parades, fund raisers, excursions and trips, and throughout all of the "special interest" units that our Shrine has to offer.

Despite the recent "pandemic" isolation that is ongoing, we must strive to continue the mission of Shriners, just as our forbearers did in 1922. During this time of "isolation", our Membership Committee has been unable to meet for planning, education and solidification of methods and scheduling of future efforts as a group. However, the Committee has been a bit ahead of the process, as one of our members has already instituted contact and communication with Masonic Lodge Secretaries, recommending that members who have interest in the Shrine contact us. This effort has already resulted in the recent initiation of several new Nobles.

The preliminary projections for the future activities of the Committee, some of which may be handled by phone, includes reaching out to our Masonic Lodge brothers, with the potential of presenting informative presentations our continuing mission to support the incredibly wonderful hospitals that bear the logo of Shriners International, about Shriners. In the "Restoration / Retention" category, we'll also be contacting our inactive and former members in an effort to regain their membership and determine their reasons and input for their discontinuance of membership.

Shriners International has invested considerable funding to create professionally developed informative videos related to Shriners, our activities and most recently, "commercials" for fund raising that not long ago were not produced as the financial support needed was provided by the donations, fund raisers, bequests and investments from members and supporters who were in greater numbers throughout the country.

The membership numbers of Colorado Masons and El Jebel Shriners has mirrored the decline of other Shrines and other fraternal organizations within and exclusive of Shriners. Attendance at well known fraternal

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organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions, Elks, Jaycees, etc., has revealed that all are comprised of members whose average age matches that of our Shrine – primarily, the generations of older, more mature members. With the overall decline in membership, it follows that the decline in the financial support by fewer members also occurs.

Our “new” audience and “tactics” must be adjusted to attract members of younger generations. They possess different interests, different expectations, and different goals that are traditional with we “older” folks, but they all possess a heart which not only beats to keep them alive, but which also beats with compassion for others.

Our mission is to find that “heartbeat” of compassion and to identify the benefit of “this place” as a part of our philanthropy.

Although we have been identified as an “official” committee to assist in this endeavor of membership, EVERY SHRINER must be a part of the membership effort. EVERY Shriner is personally acquainted with a Master Mason in their respective lodges with whom they may invite to become a Shriner. EVERY Shriner knows a man who could, and would become a Mason and begin his Masonic journey to attain passage through our portals of the Shrine. “I wasn’t asked” should no longer be the excuse offered by those who wanted to “know”, and to “be”..

Meanwhile, during this period of mandated “isolation”, we wish good health and patience for everyone affected. Faith, patience and determination will prevail, and “This too shall pass”.



PIPE BAND BY KENT BURNS

Wow!! What can you say about the current state of the nation, or should I say the world? It boggles the mind to see how one of our supposed allies can take down the entire planet. And was it accidental? For all of us who are definitely in the danger category this is not something to take lightly. I sincerely hope all of you reading this missive are taking the necessary precautions and will come out of this safe and healthy.

In spite of my sometimes reputation of being all doom-and-gloom, there is a potential silver lining to this latest cloud. During World /War II, the Big Three auto manufacturers retooled and within weeks started producing tanks, and planes, and jeeps, and all kinds of products other than cars, but those things that were much needed for the united war effort. It was pleasing to hear that a similar thing just happened – this time it is to produce a much-needed weapon in this latest fight against the newest enemy, the “virus.” Should things get worse ventilators will be in short supply, as evidenced in Italy where the lack thereof has been catastrophic. So Detroit offered to make them since they had done so in the past.

The Band has been put on hold, not only by Imperial but also by our “clients.” In the interest of public safety the immediate world has been closed off and we have had all things canceled probably through May. The one thing that bothers us most of all is the cancelation of the Honor Flights. At a time when those most deserving of going are leaving us at too great a rate, we must act on the side of caution and hunker down. I hope and pray that this will pass soon so that those WWII veterans left have ample opportunity to take these flights.

WWII has always been an inspiration, to me at least. The country pulled together without too much complaint to fight a common enemy that threatened our very existence. So now we must pull together again. I only hope that when this is all over and we have come out on the other side victorious we will retain the united front against all threats to us, both foreign and domestic (to coin a phrase).

I also hope that next month I can close with the usual notice. In the meantime, please be safe and healthy.



Pipe Band plays
for the Grand Junction
Installation 2-9-19

Photo courtesy of the Optars

OPTARS

BY J & J TAYLOR

At the March 3rd Optars dinner meeting, we ate at Saigon Fusion, now known as Pho Bom. There were six members and one guest present for the evening. The meeting at the Shrine in the Fleming room was officiated by Sec./Treas. Jim Taylor, in the absence of our President, Ron Dunsmore. This day was the first of Ron's chemotherapy, and we wish him well on his road to recovery.

Minutes were accepted as printed in the Red Fez, and the Treasurer's report stated a transaction of the "green screen" and backdrop, bought for the Valentine's Night at the Shrine.

It was mentioned that long-time member, Wendell Martin had passed away at the end of last year. Optars members were not notified of this, and there was no public memorial, so it had not been reported previously.

The Optars members there elected Ed Hamm (after persuasion, with his approval!) as Vice President. There are several times when an officer is needed to represent Optars.

Under Old Business, it was voted to donate \$100 to the El Jebel Plaza Project. A description of the Plaza, under the direction of Tony Dattilo, is in the March Red Fez.

With New Business, our guest, Josh Calvert, will become a Shriner at the May Ceremonial (he was in Slovakia during the March Ceremonial, and couldn't participate!). Josh related a future activity he would like to pursue: that of joining his employer, Johns-Manville, and El Jebel for a fundraising activity (or at least some publicity), as other companies have taken part in their own designated charities. We are looking forward to having Josh as a new Noble!

Optars' Divan Rep, Ken Jones, was with Shriners for the Installation in Grand Junction; in his absence, Ron Williamson gave the Divan talk. There was a partial IHOP fundraiser report (totals will be given out after the Tampa office tallies them); the Plaza Project was covered; explanation of tax exemptions was given {only the Hospitals are tax exempt---we are a 501(c)(10)}; mention was made of the 6 new March Nobles and 2 or 3 in May, at short form Ceremonials. And of course, "We are ALL on the Membership Committee!" (Tony Dattilo is the Chairman.)

For the program this night, it was requested that Judy & Jim "show some pictures in their collection". So the "slide show" that was done was of the 500 + pictures, with titles, names and dates. It was a run-through of the pictures that will be shown at the March Stated Meeting during dinner. This will also be on a CD to give to Bobby Marner for a synopsis of his 2019 year as Potentate. (Note: The pictures printed here are some from those shown at the March Stated Meeting.)

Next month, on April 7th, we will meet for dinner at Citron, on Yosemite near Hampden, at 5:00. The program will include talk about the new Green Screen and how it will be used. Come join us for interesting photography subjects and conversation!

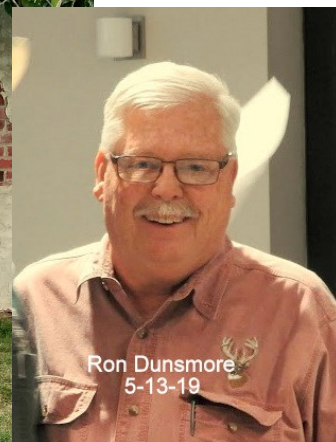


Jim Taylor gets his gold ribbon 2-11-19



Optars Photoshoot 9-3-19

Robyn & her Grand daughter



Ron Dunsmore 5-13-19



IHOP Pancake Day; clowns Fuzzy and Rusty 3-12-19



Bobby & his Shadow

T-NOBLES

BY BOBBY JUCHEM

My friends, grab your favorite hand sanitizer and N95 mask and read another installment of the T-Noble Times. A day in the life of Happy Shriners that are growing weary of not being around each other.

Your T-Nobles are in the process of putting together a virtual meeting and taking care of some projects observing the Governor's Executive Order of social distancing. We are updating our roster, and talking with new prospective members as we look to the shroud of isolation being lifted and the parades that feed our heart commencing once again.

As we are coming off the high from the Valentine's Day dinner, the last time we were all together, we are taking stalk into what matters most in our lives. Not since the tragedy of 9/11 have we seen the collective energy of American's engaged in one initiative: reducing the suffering of others. But this is not a new practice for us, Shriners.

We have made a career of reducing the suffering of those who so often don't have a voice, children with disabilities.

I have seen such courage over my last 13 years as a Shriner. From the stories of the families who have benefited from the services rendered at Shriner's Hospitals, to the 1000 little courtesies from one Noble to the next. In his book *Young Men and Fire* about the start of the smokejumpers in Missoula, Montana, Norman F. Maclean referred to the Shriner's, Knights Templars and Consistory Members as the special forces of Freemasonry. But why are we elite? As Freemasons, we are taught the highest degree is the Master Mason degree, this is true and undisputed. So why would we need a 'special forces'? Because as Shriners, we believe that by signing your name on the roll, your heart must be in the work.

Shriners are leaders, in their lodges, in their communities, and their chosen professions. Our ritual states that whenever you place the Fez on your head, you are also placing the white lambskin apron around your waist. These are just forms and courtesy, commonplace in manhood.

What makes a Shriner a Shriner is their heart. As a Shriner, we are taught to love unconditionally, to work tirelessly toward the improvement of one another and society as a whole. So in this time of uncertainty, and tremendous fear the T-Nobles ask you to reach out to one another. We charge you to be awesome and love one another. Finally, if you need anything, we are just a phone call away.

Robur et Furor, my friends, we will get through this together.



VINTAGE IRON PATROL

BY BOBBY

Who knew that a virus could bring the world to it's knees? We can't just ignore this "New Normal", we have to adapt. Be mindful of personal space, items touched and current restrictions in place.

A cheerful phone call sure can make a persons day! Being kind can yield some very wonderful results. Pickup what you need and share with who you can. Everybody is in the same boat here so let's not rock it.

This years parade season is currently on hold and good Lord willing and the creek don't rise we might be able to get back to having fun later in this year.

Remember, Rubber side down and Shiny side up!



EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

(COOLER NOBLES, JEEP PATROL, KEYSTONE KOPS, MOTOR PATROL)

Well the world as we know it has certainly changed. Suddenly a handshake and hug are not good manners. One thing that has remained the same and is more important now than ever is our love for one another! Remember to be kind to others as they are in the same situation as you.

Should you need help getting around or need supplies picked up call 303-514-2102 and Motor Corps will do it's best to assist. We are few but we will help where we can during this changing time.

Please be aware of Con Artists that are taking advantage of this situation. Never give out your Social Security number, Bank Account information or passwords. Watch out for those who are trying to line their pockets with your money! Ronald Regan said it best "Trust but Verify!"

Hopefully this situation will resolve itself soon and we can get back to the really fun stuff like parades and socials, but until then remember "Be Kind".



April 2020

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