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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Joe
Kent**

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

Nobles, Ladies and Families of El Jebel Shrine

We had a very special guest for our 1st ever virtual Shrine meeting last month, it was an honor to have Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder and his lady Cheryl. He filled us in on what was going on with Shriners International. He had been attending several to many Zoom meeting each day, his travel schedule came to a complete stop. El Jebel thanks Imperial Sir for taking the time to join us for the inaugural Zoom meeting of El Jebel.

On June 8th we will hold our 2nd ever Virtual Zoom meeting at 7:00 P.M. The virtual meeting lets us stay in touch and update all of our Nobles, Ladies and Families. The goal is to keep the meeting between 45 minutes and 1 hour. Once again, we are working on having a special guest join us for the meeting. Please check your email for the instructions on how to join the meeting via the computer or phone. If you have questions please call or email Noble Ken Jones @303-588-4785, kjpm2006@gmail.com.

As a precaution all Shrine events and Unit meetings have been postponed for the month of June. The Board of Directors felt that it was still too soon to try to get Shriners back together since the majority of us are in the high risk category. Hopefully we will be able to get back together safely in the next several months, it may be in small groups only, which is much better than not getting together at all.

The Potentates Ball has been rescheduled to November 21st at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. We hope we will be able to have groups of that size by then.

The Shrine office is now open, however the doors to the office will remain locked for the present time. This is for the safety of our staff and volunteers. Please email or call if you need assistance instead of going to the office.

This is a tough time and a new chapter in our lives, but we will get through this. Please stay healthy and safe.

Until next month...

Joe Kent



A Message from El Jebel's First Lady

Good Morning everyone. Joe and I hope you are doing well and finding something to do while we are all stuck at home. I am thankful we are finally able to get out a little bit more. I do not like having to wear a mask whenever I go into a store though. It seems the mask I have in the car at that moment never matches the outfit I am wearing.

It seems that Amazon has been my New Best Friend for the past several months. With many stores closed or having restricted hours, I have been ordering what we need through Amazon. Everyday there seems to be a pile of boxes delivered. Joe insists I am just shopping for fun, like it has always been my dream to have boxes of paper towels, toilet paper, and Windex delivered like Christmas Presents.

With all this staying at home, I have been able to get my flower beds all cleaned out, my flowers all planted, and everything mulched. Joe has the drip system all running, so I do not have to water everything by hand. My flower-pots are all planted, and Joe has put drippers to all the new ones.

I had to put new pathway lights in the front yard this year (another Amazon delivery), several of the old ones had broke. I discovered last year that the UPS delivery person was taking a shortcut through the garden to save himself about 4 steps, he kept running over my pathway lights with his cart. I now have hammered 24" rebar stakes into the ground and use those to keep my solar pathway lights in place instead of the little plastic stake that comes with them. When he runs into them it does some damage to his shins. I noticed that he is now using the sidewalk, instead of taking his shortcut.

I am working to reschedule the Jamaica Trip, hopefully we can work something out so we can go in November. I will keep you posted on what I discover. The resort does not reopen until November, so I am trying to coordinate a date that will not interfere with other planned events.

I am so looking forward to when we can meet again, Zoom meetings just do not do it for me. It is so hard to gossip with Zoom, and we cannot do activities and drink wine.

Karri



Recorder's Desk

Jay Bobick



LIFE IS JUST A BUBBLE, A VIRTUAL BUBBLE NOW

Here we are with another month of social distancing. For many this is a terrible situation and inconvenience, but it sure is better than enduring the coronavirus. So, take heart all, keep your distance and wear your mask. The real question now is what effect these precautions will have on the future? Will handshakes be a thing of the past? How about hugs and all the other socializing we were used to and practiced. The virus definitely will have a permanent effect on the way we live in the future. Yet, it will never affect the way Masons and the Shriners will conduct themselves. We have stood the test of time over the years through many centuries and have remained steadfast in all we say, do and accomplish. Thus, let us all look to the future and what triumphs will come.

May was an interesting month for our Temple. With a dedication to success above all else, our Potentate set an ambitious task for us to stay in touch and continue to care for those in need. You ask how it was done and a big part of the answer is "ZOOM." Yes, Illustrious Sir Joe put this tool to great use with Board of Directors, Trustees, Staff and Temple meetings. Our Temple Family Night ZOOM Meeting on 11 May was marvelous with 73 connections, of which many connections had multiple people watching. We may have had more folks attend than at our regular meetings. We were fortunate, through the efforts of Kendy Rindone, to have our Imperial Potentate Jeffrey L. Sowder attend throughout the entire meeting. It was nice to watch and hear his comments on social distancing and the effect on Shriners International. The hardest to accept was the cancellation of our 2020 Imperial Session in Kansas City. So many of us truly enjoy that annual gathering across the Nation each year. As for the business that is required each Session, a virtual session will be held for Representatives on 8,9 or 11 July 2020 to transact such business as needed that will include elections of Imperial Officers. The Shrine Hospitals for Children, while feeling the effect of social distancing, are doing well. Imperial Sir Jeff also discussed what can and should be done during this interim period. The sharing of information and ideas was a real plus. The meeting lasted only 50 minutes.

There were items of interest to all Nobles and families at the meeting. First, there is in development an El Jebel 18-month calendar that will be a fundraiser to assist in compensating our loss through the 2020 Sportsmen's Raffle cancellation. This is a great project that will include Unit/Club and other photos on each month's page. You may help as well. Copies will be available for every

Noble to use to gather donations to our Shrine. We can all look forward to being an integral part of this project.

The Membership Committee is organizing events for after the pandemic and needs ideas as what our Nobles and families would like. If you have ideas, please contact any member of the committee. The Chair is Illustrious Sir Tony Dattilo, PP. There will be a Ceremonial in the fall so please contact those Masons who are not Shriners and invite them to join. Tell them about the Shrine and our philanthropy and about El Jebel and the fun we have. *Remember, Membership is a contact sport.* Contact your non-Shrine brothers.

Our building is in great shape under the tutelage of our Trustees. They are capably handling our tenant issues, some of which are in the troughs of dealing with social distancing. Panorama and Fuller Real Estate are working well with our Trustees making a very close-knit team. When you have a chance, thank our Trustees: Illustrious Sir Jim Fitzpatrick, Greg Rindone and Emit Hurdelbrink for all they do. We had a "Clean-Up our Building Exterior" on Saturday, 30 May organized by Greg Rindone. Several Units/Clubs and Nobles participated thus making the area look better than ever.

There will be another El Jebel ZOOM Monthly Meeting on Monday, 8 June at 7:00 pm. This will be our Potentate's opportunity to bring everyone up to date on El Jebel happenings and with others giving updates on their areas of expertise. Make sure you "tune in" to keep up with your Temple's activities. This way you may join in the fun and fraternal happening thus, continuing to be an active member of your Shrine.

The Potentate's Ball at the Wings Over the Rockies has been rescheduled for Saturday, 21 November. Put that date on your calendar and join in the fun and camaraderie. The Potentate's Jamaica Trip is in the process of being rescheduled for sometime this Fall. Details will be available and published when rescheduling is complete.

It is hoped that you and your family are faring well during this social distancing and will remain healthy throughout this time of trial. Always remember your Temple is ready to assist you in whatever you may require. Just give us a call.



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 Illustrious Potentate

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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

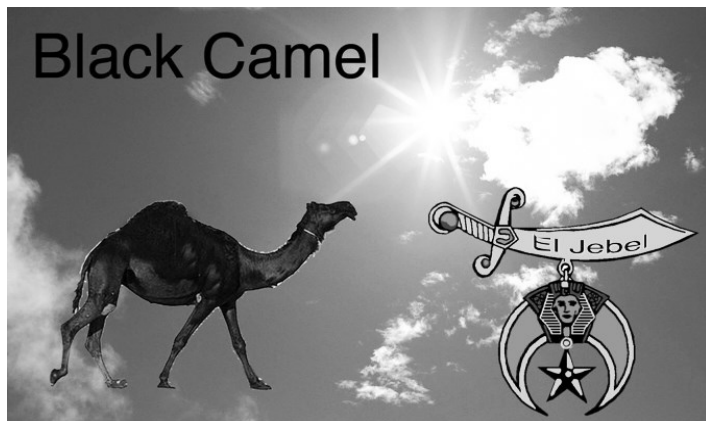
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 Jim Lear (1998)
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Black Camel



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.”

**Nothing to report this
 month**



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2020 Calendar of Events

June

19-21 FIBArk—Salida-**Cancelled**

27 Summer Party-**Cancelled**

July

4 Brush Rodeo Parade—Brush

5-9 Imperial Session-**Cancelled**

25 Buffalo Bill Days Parade—Golden

26 Day at the Races—Arapahoe Park

August

15 Wheat Ridge Parade

September

2-5 CSSA—Springfield, MO

10-13 Grand York Rite

12 Arvada Parade

14 Stated Meeting/Ladies Program

18-20 Shriners Hospitals Walk for Love - SLC

26 El Jebel Ladies Luncheon

PARADE CORNER 2020

Call Out Parades:

St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 14

Commerce City Parade Monday, May 25-**cancelled**

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-**cancelled**

Brush Rodeo Parade Saturday, July 4

Imperial Session (Kansas City) July -**cancelled**

CSSA Springfield, MO Saturday, September 5

DONATIONS

Transportation Fund

Excelsior Chapter 66 O.E.S. Donation

Shriners Hospitals for Children In Memory of

Dick Welle Donation

Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

916

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EL JEBEL SHRINE PANDEMIC PROCESSES

The COVID 19 Pandemic has drastically changed the lives of all of us in numerous ways. In response to these challenges thrust upon us by the Pandemic, our Board of Directors responded quickly and positively to ensure the health and well being of all of our Shrine Family.

Once the stay at home order was issued, we immediately took action to set up remote access to our computer system for the office staff, Recorder, Treasurer and Book keeper to ensure uninterrupted Shrine function for the duration of the Pandemic.

We initiated increased cleaning and disinfection of common areas and office spaces and closed the Shrine functions and meetings to assure our members were not unnecessarily exposed to the virus.

Our employees were sent home and were given the tools to work from home. Our employees were not furloughed and remain on the payroll with full benefits.

Noble Assistant Rabban Ken Jones and Noble High Priest and Prophet Grady Carter instituted a 100 percent contact initiative for all El Jebel Shriner members which was conducted by the members of the Divan. All El Jebel Shrine members were called or a voice mail message left for them letting them know we were concerned about them and offering any assistance they might need. Additionally, the Divan initiated a call system for our Shrine widows to let them know that we are concerned for their wellbeing and to offer assistance should they require it.

Due to the inability to come together as a group the Shrine purchased a ZOOM media account and Noble Oriental Guide Jim Dawkins set up meetings for the Board of Directors to conduct meetings necessary for the continued operation of the Shrine.

The success of the virtual Board of Directors meetings prompted us to initiate the first ever virtual Shrine Family Meeting for El Jebel Shrine on May 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Members of the Elected Divan presented a comprehensive overview on the status of our Shrine to 73 members in attendance. Moreover, a very special guest was in attendance, Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder, the Imperial Potentate of Shriner's International. We thank Imperial Sir Jeff for his encouragement and leadership during these trying times and for his joining and supporting our first virtual Family Meeting.

A follow up canvas of our members following the virtual meeting proved the success of the meeting as all reported that while they could not be heard the picture quality and voices of the presenters were excellent.

We continue our efforts to keep in contact with our Shrine Family as we enter into Phase two of our continuing personal contact with our members.

FROM THE HOME OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RABBAN



We hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend, whether you decided to stay home and get some work done, visited the cemetery or enjoyed a weekend camping trip. We had some sunshine and some much-needed rain.

We know everyone is ready to get those vehicles out and ready for parading but, after much thought and consideration, the Divan has decided that we need to practice the Stay Safe at Home until the end of June. We sure hope, that by the end of June, we can at least gather in small groups.

We want to thank everyone for sending all of your favorite pictures for the calendar. We are looking forward to finishing this project so we can see pictures of Shriners enjoying fun and fellowship. We are still planning to have the calendar done by the end of June and ready for all of you by July. We are trusting that you will support this project with all money going to the Operating Fund of our Temple.

We all have some extra time now, so check on other Nobles and Ladies. If there is anything that they need or you need, please call the Shrine Office and let us know how we can help. Our office is now open. So, like my favorite song from Tim McGraw, always remember to say please and thank you, and always stay **Humble and Kind**.

We greatly appreciate your support. It goes without saying,

We Can't Wait to See You All Again!

Celebrate Fun and Friendship

Ron Williamson

Chief Rabban





BY ED RENDON, P.P.

Dragoman's Club friends and Nobles, Dragoman translated from Arabic, is Oriental Guide and Interpreter. The club was created on January 1945 by a group of 36 chartered Nobles of El Jebel who firmly believed in enjoying the amenities of life. These Nobles provided assistance to the Potentate and the Divan. As a result of their efforts, they evolved into a formal dress social unit whose socials were the envy of the El Jebel Shrine with the majority of their socials as a "Black Tie Affair".

On January 1945, Noble Len Delue called the first meeting of the Dragoman Club to elect the officers for the coming year. These officers were President, Phil Gilliam; Vice President, Allen T. Loucks; Second Vice President, Len Dellue; Secretary, Herb Names; and Treasurer, Park Kinney. At its highest membership, the club had a little over 150 Nobles; currently the club has about 45 Nobles and Ladies continuing to further the activities and goals of the Shrine with the key element that the club is a couple's social club.

During recent years the club members have enjoyed mystery bus trips, theater events, county club dinners, lobster cookouts, steak fries, football games outings with dinner, and clam bakes.

The Dragoman unit is a very social unit with friends who enjoy conversation and jokes over drinks and dinner. It's quite the social event, so you might want to consider becoming a member. If you would like to join the Dragoman, please contact Noble Greg Rindone on his private phone line 303.694.4052. Don't miss the next Dragoman social – join now!



EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

(Cooler Nobles, Jeep Patrol, Keystone Kops, Motor Patrol)

Second verse same as the first! 30 day's later and there is light at the end of the tunnel! Things are slowly opening and life is moving on once again. Many events have been postponed due to gathering restrictions so verify the event prior to attending (dates may change).

The El Jebel 2020 Divan is once again having a Zoom meeting. On June 8th at 7pm the meeting will begin. Last month special guest Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder signed in and addressed the Nobility. You can sign in as early as 6pm but remember the meeting won't begin until 7pm. This is an informational meeting so Ladies and family can Zoom in and Enjoy! I wonder what surprise may await us this month?

There is a "RUMOR" that the Brush Parade "MAY" happen. "IF" this should happen please adhere to all precautions set forth. An official announcement will come out "IF" this parade happens. Getting out and giving a "Tip of the Fez" would be nice.

As always 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.

Until we meet again please be kind!



THE GRANITE WALL

PROVIDED BY TONY DATTILO

Recently, a long-time colleague sent me the following article which I thought timely and appropriate, given the recent anniversary of the Vietnam War, and the annual Memorial Day observances for those who lost their lives in battle. The author is unknown, and I commend him for the thoughts that are included in his writing that I share now with you. I think you will too.

"At first, there was no place for us to go until someone put up that Black Granite Wall. Now, every day and night, my brothers and my sisters wait to see the many people from places afar who file in front of this wall. Many stopping briefly and many for hours, and some who come on a regular basis. It was hard at first, not that it's gotten any easier, but it seems that many of the attitudes toward that war we were involved in have changed. I can only pray that the ones on the other side have learned something and more walls like this one, needn't be built.

Several members of my unit and many that I did not recognize have called me to the Wall by touching my name that is engraved upon it. The tears aren't necessary, but are hard even for me to hold back. Don't feel guilty for not being with me, my Brothers. This was my destiny, as it is your's to be on that side of the wall. Touch the Wall my Brothers, so that we can share in the memories that we had. I have learned to put the bad memories aside and remember only the pleasant times that we had together. Tell our other Brothers out there to come and visit me, not to say goodbye, but to say hello and to be together again, even if only for a short time, and to ease that pain of loss that we all share.

Today, an irresistible and loving call comes from the Wall. As I approach, I can see an elderly lady and as I get closer, I recognize her. It's Momma! As much as I have looked forward to this day, I have also regretted it because I didn't know what reaction I would have. Next to her, I suddenly see my wife and immediately think how hard it must have been for them to come to this place, and my mind floods with the pleasant memories of 30 years past. There's a young man in a military uniform standing with his arms around her – my GOD – he has to be my SON!. Look at him trying to be the man without a tear in his eyes.

I yearn to tell him how proud I am, seeing him standing tall, straight, and proud in his uniform. Momma comes closer and touches the Wall, and I feel the soft and gentle touch I had not felt in so many years. Dad has crossed to this side of the Wall and through our touch, I try to convey to her that Dad is doing fine and is no longer suffering or feeling pain. I see my wife's courage building as she sees Momma touch the Wall, and she approaches and lays her hand on my waiting hand. All the emotions, feelings, and memories of three decades past flash between our touch and tell her that it's all right.

Carry on with your life and don't worry about me. I can see as I look into her eyes that she hears and understands me and a big burden has been lifted from her.

I watch as they lay flowers and other memories of my past. My lucky charm that was taken from me and given to her by my C.O., a tattered and worn teddy bear that I can barely remember having as I grew up as a child, and several medals that I earned and were presented to my wife. One of them is the Combat Infantry Badge that I am very proud of and I notice that my son is also wearing this same medal. I had earned mine in the jungles of Vietnam and he most likely earned his in the deserts of Iraq.

I can tell that they are preparing to leave and try to take mental pictures of them together, because I don't know when I will see them again. I wouldn't blame them if they were not to return, and can only thank them that I was NOT FORGOTTEN. My wife and my Momma near the Wall for one final touch and so many years of indecision, fear, and sorrow are let go. As they turn to leave, I feel my tears that have not flowed for so many years, form dew drops on the other side of the Wall. They slowly move away with only a glance over their shoulders.

My Son suddenly stops and slowly returns. He stands straight and proud in front of me and snaps a salute. Something makes him move to the Wall and he puts his hand upon the Wall and touches my tears that had formed on the face of the Wall and I can tell that he senses my presence there and the pride and the love that I have for him. He falls to his knees and the tears flow from his eyes and I try my best to reassure him that it's all right - the tears do not make him any less of a man. As he moves back, wiping away the tears from his eyes, he silently mouths, "GOD BLESS YOU, DAD".

God Bless You, my son - - We will meet again someday, but in the meanwhile, go on your way...There is no hurry...There is no hurry at all. As I see them walk off in the distance, I YELL out to THEM and EVERYONE there today, as loud as I can.... THANKS FOR REMEMBERING!", and as others on this side of the Wall join in, I notice that our American Flag, that so proudly flies in front of us every day, is flapping and standing proudly straight out in the wind today. THANK YOU ALL FOR REMEMBERING.."



CEF Giving Envelope Fundraising Donation Board

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El Mejdal Temple No. 47*

Select an envelope, any amount would be gratefully accepted and most certainly appreciated. Place that amount into the envelope seal it, and put it in the birdcage with "Princess Birdie".

You may keep the card if you wish



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If you are unable to attend Session and wish to make a donation,

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Thank you for your generosity!

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EL JEBEL SPORTS CAR CLUB

By Ron Cosens, P.P.

Well the Chinese Bats are still winning although we have officially moved out of the total house confinement mode and are getting out some. Still we are subjected to numerous cancellations of events and Callouts are a distant memory. Hopefully we will get out of this mode sometime soon, and really have something to report on an actual group outing.

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 !

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



Hope everyone is staying healthy and at the very least, enjoying our spring weather! Keep up the exercise, not only good for you physically, but improves your outlook on life.

Of course the Covid-19 Virus has interrupted everything in our daily lives, and upset our social activities to no end; which unfortunately, leads us to the fact that we will not be having our Supreme Session in St. Paul MN during the month of June. A new date of September 4th-7th has been established and hopefully will come to fruition.

The fundraising activity for El Mejdel Temple that remains in place is:

Convalescent Endowment Fund Donation

The flyer for this event is included in this issue of the RED FEZ.

Celebrate Flag Day on June

14th



SANDBLASTERS BY MATTHEW MADRID

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The yearly Sandblasters schedule has been released and published for the upcoming golf season and our golf chairman, Jim Teagarden has once again done a fantastic job. Thank you for all of your hard work. We look forward to a great year and low scores.

Per the orders of Grandmaster David L. Coberly all meetings are still currently cancelled but golfing has resumed for the group. The Sandblasters are thankful for the opportunity to meet and socialize in a safe manner while many are not able to during this unprecedented time.

Attached is the schedule. Please reach out if you'd like to join for a round of golf with the group. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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).

Sandblasters Golf Nobles and Ladies

Golf Schedule 2020

May 28, 2020 - Lake Arbor

June 11, 2020 - Riverdale Knolls

July 2, 2020 - Todd Creek
July 23, 2020 - Plum Creek

August 13, 2020 - Flatirons
August 27, 2020 - Littleton

September 10, 2020 - Homestead
September 24, 2020 - Mad Russian



RV ROAMERS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

The May RV Roamers' "meeting" at 1:00 on the 17th was held VIRTUALLY, again. There was a bigger "crowd" this time; people are getting used to Zoom. Ashleys couldn't get on more than just to hear us, and a few others didn't even try. And it's always nice to have our Divan Rep Ken Jones attend.

So following is a run-down of our Zoom meeting. (The picture attached shows everybody laughing, because Bonnie came on sideways. She then clicked a bunch of buttons and was upside down!) After she was straightened out, she said her leg surgery went well; she's due to have radiation for the cancer soon. She is in good spirits, and looked great.

Bruce H. told us about his daughter helping him with paperwork---especially helpful, since Marylyn had been doing a lot of that (she's been gone 3 months now)

Jim T. reported on the two Shriners from the Pipe Band who ended up with Covid-19. Kent B. suffered through his bout at home---his Doctor told him not to come to the hospital, that there were sick people in there! He also told us he has "never been so sick in his life---that he wouldn't wish that on anyone, except maybe Jane Fonda...!"

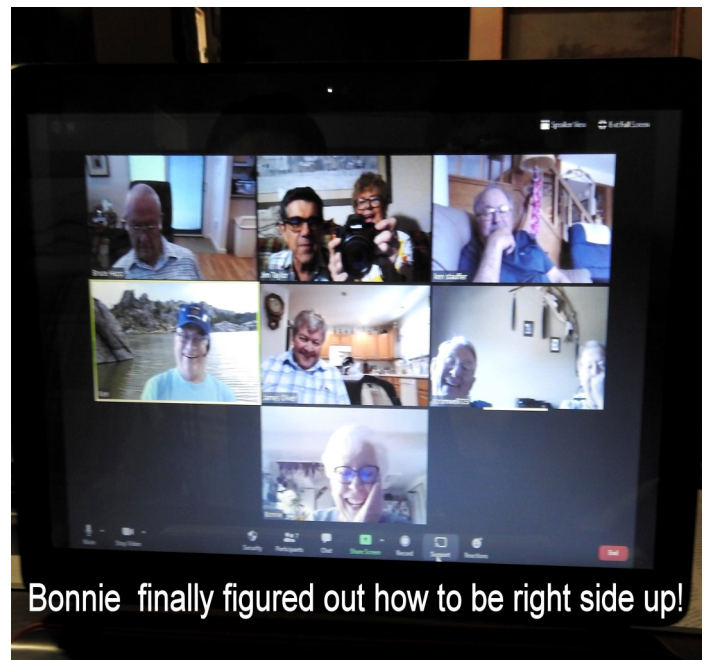
Ed Hamm is still in the hospital, as of now, being on a ventilator around three weeks, and was moved to the ICU heart unit. Kathy gets calls from his doctor or nurse almost every day, updating her on his condition. She had been in Illinois before he went in, so she has been spared the virus, so far.

We wrote to Tony D., and he wrote back that he had been in and out of the hospital with a blood infection. He said he was a "little behind". We wrote back that we didn't know he had a little behind...but seriously, Tony, we hope you are well by now, and able to join us soon.

Cromwell's relayed a story about hiring a contractor to do some work in their house. They said he was going in and out through the basement window; hope the neighbors didn't see him with a mask on and call the police!

Divan Rep Ken gave us the dates on a few Shrine events that had been postponed, and also told how to see the Hospital video that was shown at the Monday night El Jebel Zoom meeting. It was an excellent video, called "Building of a Hospital System", and can be watched by getting on "Shriners' Village".

Our "outing" at Chatfield, scheduled for the 2nd week in June, was officially cancelled. The state parks will be open with limited facilities for individual camping, not groups. A few of us Roamers will go down there just to exercise our rigs; some others choose not to go. We might arrange a Zoom get-together from Chatfield! We're still planning on the Mountindale and the Grand Lake (Winding River) outings; they may have to be on a limited basis also. Till then, keep the wheels on the ground!



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.

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

"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.



Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!



Birthdays

Arab Patrol

Sally Rice

Clowns

Ken "Ollie" Monaghan
Robert "Fuzzy" Kerr
Jim "Slapshot" Moffett

Dune Buggy Patrol

Natasja Budzitowski
Karen Mendenhall
Steve Hubbard

Jeffco Shrine Club

Lance Barron
Dianne White
Sam Wittner

Legion of Honor

Bob Stretch
Linda Fishel

Provost Guard

Lori Hanegan

RV Roamers

Carol Clark
Andy Anderson
Glenn Lasater

Radops

Bob Aleksick
Natasja Budzitowski
Linda Ferguson-Cox
Linda Fishel
Steve Hubbard
Bonnie Petersen
Dave Stoner
Sam Wittner

Sports

Carol Clark
Greg Rindone
John Kesig
Kathy Myers
Jack Patten, P.P.

T-Nobles

Glenn Lasater
William Schurr
Byron Walker

VIP'S

Brett Hinds



Bob Stretch's great-granddaughter helping
Grandpa keep his
Tux-n-Trike warmed up

NORTHEAST CO SHRINE CLUB

BY JERRY WARDRIP



It does look like we will be able to have a meeting on June 8th. It will be at Sonny's Overland Trail Café located at The Ramada Inn on Highway 6 east of the Sterling interstate 76 interchange. Breakfast at 6:00 AM meeting to follow.



WESTERN CO SHRINE CLUB BY STEVE THOMAS

Western Colorado Shrine Club is dark as is all Shrine and Masonic Lodges. These are difficult and trying times as we have never seen. Just stick to our Masonic teachings and we will get through this.

This may be a time to offer help to anyone who is in need. El Jebel contacted me and asked if all was OK and if we needed anything. What a great gesture and I hope that if any of the Brothers need anything they will reach out. Help is there. Just don't ask for TP.

This is also a good time to act as a Mason to anyone you see who may need anything.

Montrose Lodge #63 is doing a Zoom chat on-line and it is fun and informative. It is better than kicking cans and throwing rocks to pass the time.

Our fearless WCSC leader has set up 2 Zoom meetings and they have gone well.

We spent all winter looking for toilet paper and wondering what people used before this pandemic hit.

Now spring is here. The trees are budding and posies are blooming and I'm even seeing some toilet paper sprouting up on the store shelves.

WCSC secretary Andrew BE ask that you use secretary@shrinerswc.org to contact him.

I attended the Zoom El Jebel meeting and it was very informative and entertaining.

Sickness and distress:

Our Past President, Gary Weisbrod had a reverse shoulder replacement. I don't know if that lets him play tennis or golf in reverse or what. Just wish him a speedy recovery.

Steve says,

"Last year I joined a procrastinators group and we haven't had our meeting yet."

I hope all are well and stay safe. We will get through this.



OPTARS

A VIRTUAL OPTARS PHOTOSHOOT

BY J & J TAYLOR

Poor Susan! She has to deal with a newsletter with no news! Oh well, we'll make up something.

The Optars had a brief get-together (by Zoom, of course) on the regular meeting time: 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Any Optars notifications always have to be called or emailed to everyone, because by the time they read it, the event is over. At least this time there are no events! Except that President Ron D. said, he hopes everyone is taking pictures (we could take one of you, Ron, with long hair!)

Optars did an email vote, and approved donating \$100 to the calendar project, headed up by Ron W. Pictures of our unit will be selected, either for a big individual picture, or for a collage of about 6 to 9. We think this project is a good one---should bring in some dollars for replacing the Raffle that was cancelled.

Optars is usually dark in July and August; however, we often have a photoshoot, which involves meeting somewhere taking advantage of the nice days of summer. Now that our "stay-at-home" regulations are eased into "safer-at-home" recommendations, we might have President Ron tell us where to go. He sometimes tells us this anyway. But if anyone has an idea, let Ron know, and be sure to join us, either on Zoom or wherever we may go to do our "shooting". Keep a clear focus, and we'll see you in the pictures!



EL JEBEL COMPUTER CLUB

J & J TAYLOR

The Computer Club met again by Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on May 12th. Attending were Mike W., George V., Ken B., Richard F., Bill G., Jim & Judy T.

Jim hosted the “meeting”, and opened it by talking about the El Jebel Monday night Zoom meeting, held by Ill. Sir Joe Kent. The 18-month calendar project, taken on by Ron Williamson, was discussed; the Computer Club approved by vote to donate \$100 to the project, and to send a couple of pictures. The pictures available are limited---we may have to go back in time, when we had 80 to 100 people in the club!

Mike shared his infatuation with Walmart. He is pleased (and amazed) they are still paying him to be at home, and delighted they are paying his daughter who works there, as well.

George is going through his archives, and has disposed of two 55-gallon drums of old stuff. He also donated 70 to 75 old books to Good Will, and continues to work on his genealogy---can connect to 48,000 past relatives. He even crosses with Trump about 10 generations back (of course a lot of other people cross with Trump!)

Richard gave us an update on the Shriners' Hospitals, giving info on how they have been managing with the Corona Pandemic. Doctors and volunteers have been doing video visits and testing outside the hospitals before admitting anyone inside. He reported there are very few Covid-19 patients in the system. Richard has been doing his own business work at his office---he's now “working on a forklift and crane”, besides paperwork. We want to get a picture of Richard working up there on his crane!

Bill G., who was instrumental in starting the Computer Club way back, didn't have a mike or camera on his computer. We guess the computer companies didn't envision this back in the '30's.... So all we saw was that his name was on a black screen; however, he could hear us talking about him!

Ken had been putting off catching up on coding, writing software, etc., but now with no interruptions (“customers have always been in the way, before!”), he's getting more done in his computer business.

In talking with Kathy, Ed Hamm's wife, we learned Ed is learning to breathe again. He's been in the hospital on a ventilator, very, very sick with Covid-19. He's still in the hospital in an ICU heart unit, but she now can talk with him on the telephone, and he said “Yes” to the calendar donation. Then he had to rest. Kathy is learning how to deal without Ed under foot.

Judy summarized the dancing activity they haven't been able to do. Square dancing will probably be the last event opened up to social interaction---it cannot be done without a number of people in close contact, not to mention the hugs everyone will need by then!

Jim told of some of their past month's activities---house in Bailey projects, computer tasks, Zooming with clubs and groups. Then he brought up possible subjects for future Zoom meetings. Other groups have a topic to keep people involved---“a scariest event”, “best joke, ever”, “last project”, “best take-out meal”... It was not decided what topic to use, but maybe we can vote on one---secret ballot, of course.

There were two 40-minute sessions of this Zoom meeting, and we even were cut off before arrangements were made for the next meeting (apparently computer geeks are willing to talk when they can't peck at a keyboard!) So probably, the next Computer Club meeting will be by Zoom, at the original meeting time: 1:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday (June 9th), even though we're usually dark in the summer. We have to continue to let these nerds talk while there's still time!

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PIPE BAND BY KENT BURNS

Well, here we are – summer is in full bloom, we survived the winter, and yet we are in the most interesting of times when we are prevented from associating with our fellow Nobles. Oh, we have tried to maintain a sense of normalcy on Thursday evenings by “meeting” on Zoom. But it is difficult to practice that way. Pipes are hard enough to play, particularly in unison (which is the preferred way when playing in front of an audience) but when you toss in an electronic meeting which at best is disjointed with bad visual and even worse audio, it becomes impossible. And we would be disturbing all those electrons in the ethernet (rather than the next-door neighbors or other tenants) which is kinda unfair. So to try to keep our edge, we started meeting at ye olde Pipe Major’s house and disturb his neighbors. Truth be told, we have a Pipe Band barbecue/picnic at his house every summer and his neighbors really like it. They even go so far as to bother him with questions about when we are going to be there. (We really haven’t yet figured out if they want to know our “performance schedule” for esthetic music-loving reasons, or if they want to know so they can plan their out-of-town vacations for that weekend.)

Last month I mentioned that we were still waiting for the official word on the Elizabeth Highland Games. They were another casualty of the times, thus making the Pickleball Tournament at the end of August the next possible time for us to ply our trade. Even that is in jeopardy because the participants are in that age range most worried about by all those knowing such things. As with all the other events that have fallen victim, vendors (or rather the lack there-of) are the main reason for cancellations. None want to risk the time, money, and effort to set up when the audience/crowd numbers are, at best, extremely “iffy.” In the case of the Estes Park games in September, not only are the vendors dropping out, but also the “big” guest bands from Canada and Scotland canceled. Another of our usual “clients,” the Conclave of English Cars which is always the Sunday after Estes, regrettably bowed out because they could not waste their seed money on the necessary promotional material in April when the future was so in doubt at that time. We can only hope that things might return to “normal” for all the usual things next year – Aspen, Snowmass, the games, and most especially the Honor Flights. These last are extremely important to us and to the few WWII veterans left. Time is running out for them and we can only hope and pray they will be able to make the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to visit the monuments they so justly deserve. As has often been said “We can never do enough, but we can always do more” for these intrepid men who gave so much for us.

In my humble opinion, the driving force behind all this nonsense is politics. Trump pissed off China, so they retaliated with this latest “import.” It is having the desired effect -- puts the economic recovery of the US in a tailspin, threatens the stock market and all things capitalistic,

chips away at Trump's popularity, is starting domestic movements that threaten the stability of the republic, and is the always-feared "October surprise" the seems to happen every election year. While this is not the place to wax political, it is sincerely hoped that the world will right itself soon, and without too much of a residual bad effect.

Assuming no drastic change in the future, maybe next month we will be able to return to the Shrine for our weekly get-togethers and noise-making sessions. And as last month, it is sincerely hoped that this missive will close with the usual notice. In the meantime, please be safe and healthy.



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VINTAGE IRON PATROL

BY BOBBY

In a word Bummer! Who knew this pandemic could have caused such a hiccup to our way of living? Remember when Mom said cleanliness was next to godliness?

On the Brightside, the El Jebel team 2020 is having Zoom meetings in an attempt to keep it's Nobility informed (Great job Divan). The next meeting is set for June 8th at 7pm (sign in is as early as 6pm).

Rumor has it that Brush Parade may happen (Nothing concrete at this time). IF this were to happen please pay attention to ALL procedures that could be put in place. No other parade information yet.

Next month a guest author will be doing the column and I'm sure you will be grateful for the change up!

Remember, Rubber side down and Shiny side up!



EL JEBEL SHRINE

DUNE BUGGY PATROL

BY DON WEISER

Good day to everyone! Its been a couple of months since I last sent out an article, so here's hoping that everyone is doing well and staying healthy and safe from this virus.

Of course you all know that we haven't been able to hold meetings in person, or parade. I'm not even sure how many of you have even gotten your Buggy's out of storage and brought them home. I know that we haven't seen ours since November, so we need to get her home and see if she starts.

We did have a virtual meeting in May, and had a great attendance on Zoom. It was watched by many of our members, and seemed to go well. Lot's of information was presented concerning the status of our unit, the Shrine, and upcoming events that have been postponed or canceled. Hopefully everyone has read the minutes that were sent out by Don Strand.

Since we haven't been parading, I've been asked to include some photos of our unit from past events, so I've posted a few at the end of this article for your entertainment.

Coming Events:

El Jebel Shrine Zoom Meeting: June 8 7:00 pm

Dune Buggy Patrol Zoom Meeting: June 10 7:00 pm

Everyone keep safe and stay healthy!



Potentates Celebration

Saturday, November 21, 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

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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



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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)

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Herb Crusted Beef Shoulderloin

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Lemon Artichoke Chicken

Please include this form with your check



Shriners International

Anniversary of the Editorial Without Words

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

The photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is one of the Shriners fraternity's most recognizable images. It was taken almost by accident, 50 years ago, on June 11, 1970, in Evansville, Indiana. This special moment, captured for all time, eloquently illustrates the relationship between the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Hadi Shriners in Evansville was holding its annual summer picnic. Patients were invited, and everyone enjoyed a day of food, fun and carnival rides. Toward the end of the day, Shriner Al Hortman, who became a Shriner after his daughter, Laura, was treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children, noticed a young girl who needed help. On this day, Noble Hortman lifted Bobbi Jo Wright and her crutches and carried her from ride to ride. A local newspaper photographer, Randy Dieter, captured the photo with a long lens as the two walked past him. Dieter wouldn't realize until much later how much impact that single image would have. Neither would the Shriners, or Bobbi Jo herself.

Today, Bobbi Jo lives independently and is active in her church. She spends much time and energy traveling and speaking on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and meeting and encouraging other patients and families.

The famous photo has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacks, pins and more. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the Shriners International Headquarters building in Tampa, Florida, and statues mark many temples and Shriners Hospitals locations. A version of the image is used as the Shriners Hospitals for Children logo.



Director's Staff Sign Shop

Badges and Signs

The Director's Staff Sign Shop is open for business!

We can make name badges and/or sign(s) for most of your Shrine units as well as most Masonic organizations (ex. Blue Lodge, York Rite, OES, Amaranth, Daughters of the Nile, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, etc.),

In the window conference room in the member's lounge (2nd floor) of El Jebel Shrine, in the bottom mail boxes are request forms for the name badges and signs. Please fill out the request forms with the requested information and place the completed form in the bottom right side of these mail boxes.

The mailbox is checked regularly for requests and then they are scheduled for completion.

Upon completion of your request for badges or signs, you will be notified and arrangements can be made for the pickup of your order and you will receive an invoice for payment along with your completed order.

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