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FUN TIMES AT EL JEBEL



"WE ARE READY TO GET BACK TO HAVING MORE FUN"



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Joe
Kent**

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

Greetings to all,

Today is better than yesterday, tomorrow will be better than today. With that said, we will eventually get back to some-sort of normal at some time in the future. What I'm trying to say is we need to keep a positive attitude as we go forward.

Even though we have not been getting together, we have been working on many different things:

1st - We will be continuing on with the "Leading by Example" award. The award winner for the First Quarter of 2020 is Don Weiser. Don and Cathie have been instrumental in making the Shrine function on a day to day basis and above all making it fun for the rest of us. Don has been a Potentates Aide for 8 years. When asked to help, both Don and Cathie always say yes.

2nd - We are working on having a virtual meeting for all Nobles and their Ladies via Zoom at 7:00 P.M. on May 11th. Ken Jones and Jim Dawkins are putting this together and will be sending out instructions on how to join the meeting via computer or phone. If you have not been receiving messages from the Shrine on your computer and would like to join the meeting please call the Shrine office at 303-455-3470 and leave a message and we will get you the needed information on how to join.

3rd - Ron Williamson and the Divan are coming up with some new fundraising ideas that we can do in today's social distancing. More to follow when the details have been worked out.

4th - Grady Carter will be carrying on with Pote's Notes which was started last year by Ill. Sir Bobby Marner and Cary Williams. It will be returning as Divan Digest and expanding to the entire Divan. These will be short videos about the Shrine and its happenings posted to the web site and Face Book.

5th - The holes in the parking lot at the Shrine have been repaired. We used the time when the building was closed to do the work so as not to inconvenience our Nobles and Tenants.

6th - We plan to reopen the Shrine office May 11th when Denver's shelter at home order expires. In the meantime if you need anything please email the Shrine at office@eljebel.org.

As sent out on Monday April 27th El Jebel Shrine is setting aside all of our functions through May 31st which includes all units and clubs. We will let you know when we will be able to have groups larger than 10 people.

There have been some cancellations and there probably will be more. The Shrine Imperial Session in Kansas City

the 1st part of July has been cancelled. They are in the process of working out how the voting for the new Imperial Officers and Trustees will take place. We have had 2 more parades cancelled, the Memorial Day Parade in Commerce City and the Salida Parade on June 20th. As we find out more about the upcoming Parades we will keep everyone informed.

If you know of anyone who might want to be Shriner, now is the time to reach out and contact them, so when we can get back together we will be ahead in the process of bringing them into our great fraternity.

We still need to be vigilant about staying healthy and safe. I know you are getting tired of hearing that, but the majority of all our Shriners and their ladies are in the high risk group. Karri and I and the rest of the Divan don't want anything to happen to any of you. We will continue to monitor the situation surrounding the Covid 19 and will send out updates as the situation changes.

Hopefully we can get back to doing the things that we love:

*Getting together with our Shrine Family
Parades
Having a good Time*

Until Next Month...

FROM THE BUILDING TRUSTEES

We have generated new access codes for our Tenants, a few Vendors and various El Jebel Units, to enter El Jebel when the Front and Back doors are locked. As of Monday May 4, 2020 all the old codes will be removed from the system and only the new codes will work.

The Board of Directors granted us approval to remove all the old codes and add new codes based on a couple of decision points. First, changing of the codes has not been done since we bought our building in 2015 for which there were many codes that were given out to people that no longer need access to the building. Second, knowing that there were that many codes that we did not know who had them, security of our Tenants and our building was important and was addressed. Codes for Units have been limited and Units with new codes have been contacted and given their new code. If there is any Noble that does not have a code and feels they require one, please contact Noble Emit Hurdelbrink or Noble Greg Rindone and they will obtain the Potentate's approval.



Recorder's Desk

Jay Bobick



BROTHERS AND NOBLES ALL

A month has past since our last Red Fez and we are still unable to physically be with one another as Brothers in Masonry, as Nobles of the Shrine. Yet, our Shrine, our Temple remains a haven for us since we embraced our first vow. This vow joined us, as Three Musketeers: Athos, Porthos, Aramis said "One For All and All For One." Regardless of the circumstances, we are linked by our vow as one family dedicated to the service of others whomever they may be. Let us all take heart that our brothers are out there but a phone call away, ready to meet your needs. This is my comfort in these trying times and I know it's yours. I know you are there for me and I for you. We are, in deed, brothers and nobles all.

Always remember our Temple, our Fraternity is never closed. The work continues! Your Board of Directors, Building Trustees, Administrative Assistant, and Bookkeeper are continuing their service to you and your family. Your Board continues to meet as one body through the advantage of electronics (Zoom). Your Trustees and office staff have joined the meetings when needed. Each individual freely offers their support and dedication to our Temple's business and thus directly to you. We all must be thankful that we have an organization that goes beyond a "workplace" and accepts it as a calling, a calling to serve. While the business portion is complex, the team is mastering the needs and expectations of everyone involved. Putting it simply, our bills are paid and our future is secure because you have made it so.

What about our future? The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is dictating our terms. Thus, for May, all functions, events and meetings for our Temple including every Unit and Club are cancelled and suspended by order of our Potentate and endorsed by Shriners International. The objective is to keep you and yours safe and hopefully healthy during these times of peril so when such passes you will be able join together again as one family. What about future months? Our Potentate has wisely postponed any further decisions for timely decisions based on latest

information rather than making rash decisions on vague projections. At least each month Illustrious Sir Joe will join with his Board members to determine the best options for our Shriners and families.

Unfortunately, our Sportsmen's Raffle had to be cancelled, as it was impossible to manage any alternatives and do the required pre-raffle work. There's so much more than meets the eye when it comes to planning and executing such a major project as a raffle. It requires an inordinate amount of coordination with many entities and development of tasks. The Raffle will not be held in 2020 but plans are already in place for 2021!

Who knows what our future will bring, but what we do know is that our Temple will always be with us and will rise again to a greater glory. Why? Because we are **Brothers and Nobles All**.



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 Desktop Edition 2020-5
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 Illustrious Potentate

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

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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

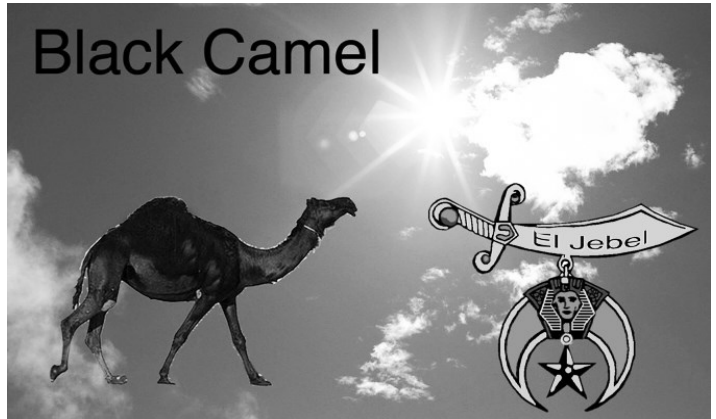
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 Thomas D. Palmer (1989)
 Jack D. Patten (1990)
 Steve Tucker (1991)
 Richard E. Williams (1993)
 Amer Plaisted (1994)
 Dr. David Powell (1997)
 Jim Lear (1998)
 Michael G. Severe (1999)
 Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
 Ron Cosens (2003)
 Richard Karns (2004, 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.

John W Low

Fred S Floth



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2020 Calendar of Events

May

11 Stated Meeting/Ladies Program-**Cancelled**

13-16 Consistory Spring Reunion-**Cancelled**

25 Commerce City Parade –**Cancelled**

30 Potentate's Ball-**Postponed**

June

19-21 FIBArk—Salida-**Cancelled**

27 Summer Party

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

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

Gerald Sievers Estate

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Dick Welle

Ron & Patty Dunsmore

Judy Seidel

In Memory of

Monthly Donation

Marylyn Hepp

Marylyn Hepp

Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

916

2- Expired



A Message from El Jebel's First Lady:

Joe and I have formed some type of routine, he works in his home office during the day only coming out to go to the bathroom and eat. I do all the things I normally do while he is at the office. Although in the future I will think twice when I complain about all the time he spends at the Shrine.

As I have not read any news reports of Shriners being killed by their wives; I am assuming you are all coping as well. I am proud of you ladies!

I thought I would spend this time with a list of "At Home Date Night Ideas", since we are all stuck at home, we can make the most of a not so good situation. I have done some research and here is the list of items I have come up with, I would love it if you sent me your ideas to add to the list. Do not forget to invite your hubby to participate, a date night for ONE just doesn't work.

Order Take-Out and eat it on your best china with candlelight. Even pizza will taste better on the good china.

Play Board Games together. Twister would be fun if both of you can still twist like it requires. Although Twister is always more fun after a few adult beverages. Remember the purpose is not a competition, but to enjoy each other's company.

Make dinner or dessert together. If you are not a gourmet cook, try Macaroni and Cheese.

Play Indoor Miniature Golf. Set up a course in your house and have a game. It is best to use Nerf Golf balls for this, there could be significant damage with regular golf balls.

Do a puzzle together. We all have a stash of puzzles we have not put together in a long time. Get one out and have puzzle night. If you set it up in an unused space, you can leave it up for several days and keep coming back to it. I am not talking about the grandkid's wooden puzzles either.

Have a Picnic in your Backyard. Get out an old blanket, make some sandwiches, or cheese and crackers; a bottle of wine and have a picnic without having to wear a mask.

Have Craft night with Hubby. He will love this.

Start a fire in the fireplace and roast marshmallows. This may not be such a great idea if you have a gas fireplace, and it will not work with electric. But if you have the old-fashioned log fireplace it would be great fun.

Get out the old Vinyl Records and Record Player. Listen to some old tunes together.

Make Fondue together for dinner. There are some great and easy recipes on the internet, and you do not need a fondue set.

I truly hope that this finds everyone healthy and surviving this new experience. I am continuing my "House Projects" and making significant progress. The one thing I am looking forward to when this is over is getting to see my grandkid's in person and not "FaceTime".

Send me any ideas you come up with and I will get this out to everyone. Together we will survive this.

Karri Kent,

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VINTAGE IRON PATROL

BY BOBBY

The bright side is Wayne is using his walker in the back yard and making progress! While still wheelchair bound for the most part his spirits are up along with that grin we all know and love.

This last month was really an exercise in saving gas. Great gas prices and not allowed to go cruising! BOO! I want social distancing to include cruising!

Parades are still being cancelled by city officials and when this clears up I'm sure Marshal Joel will bring us up to date with details.

Please read Illustrious Joe's article about trying a "Zoom" meeting. Details will be out soon and I think it would be nice to be kept informed on El Jebel's status. Joe along with the rest of the 2020 Divan are driving into the unknown, so let's support their efforts.

Remember, Rubber side down and Shiny side up!



RV ROAMERS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

The April RV Roamers' "meeting" at 10:00 on the 11th was held VIRTUALLY; we had 9 people on ZOOM---6 screens; even our Divan Rep Ken Jones attended! We would have had more, but Jim sent out the new code a little late (the old one they gave us didn't have the pass-word included). So here is a run-down of our Zoom meeting:

We found out later that Tony D.'s email with the new code came in at 10:30 and said it was a virus (not Corona-type)!

JoAnn B. has been making masks---46 of 'em---for family members and friends (we thought she only had a few friends; boy, she sure has a lot of family).

Roger B. can't get up to their "cabin" in Grand Lake---the roads are closed to "Outsiders". And he was so looking forward to sawing down about 100 trees!

Bonnie C. had an outpatient operation for cancer on her leg April 13th, where they did a long incision and took out some lymph nodes. She goes back in 2 weeks to take out the stitches.

Ken S. says he's doing fine---is healthy, except he was just getting started exercising, and now he's too close to the kitchen! So he plays his flutes to keep his mouth busy.

Billy U. says they hurried back from AZ (just in time for our snow); they played a lot of Pickle ball down there.

Yoriko U. showed us her mask on the Zoom screen. She says everyone is used to wearing masks in Japan; the masks are fabric, with a replaceable disposable liner.

Judy and Jim T. were in Bailey (at the former house of Chuck Binna) doing outside work, until the weather changed from spring to winter.

Jim T. got a new laptop that's hard to see letters---they're red instead of white on black keys. Oh well, now he has an excuse for all the mistakes he makes.

Ken J. gave us a very short Divan report; he and Marlene are doing fine, but he misses all the parades with his new Cooler unit. He later showed us a video of his virtual parade around the (empty) block near his home. Guess since Roamers doesn't have a parade unit, we'll all have a virtual pot luck to commemorate our un-togetherness!



NORTHEAST CO SHRINE CLUB

BY JERRY WARDRIP



No meeting
of Outpost #1



No Meeting of
NE Colorado Shrine Club

The Northeast Colorado Shriners have not been idle but we are limited to what we can do at this time. We have completed the process of acquiring our permits for this year's Fireworks sales. If we are able to sell them. We may have to limit access to a few at a time but we think that is livable.

Our Blue Lodge has completed our School Awards program and have gotten the Certificates and medals out to the schools for distribution to the students. We have also been reviewing applications for the Masonic Scholarships from our lodge.

We hope this Fez finds you all taking care and staying safe. We feel that a little tightening now will help us stay safe in the long run, and we should be able to get back to regular Masonic business.

Fraternally
Northeast Colorado Shrine Club
Jerry Wardrip, Sec.



I-HOP February 25, 2020

Past Potentates Jim Fitzpatrick & Tony Dattilo

DROVERS

BY NOBLE WAYLAND L. BRITT

The following paragraph is a repeat of a part of my June 2010 article:

Bad news. When I called Jack Gregg to advise that he was getting an Honorary Drover award at the Christmas Party, I discovered he was in a recovery home. He had fallen and broken a hip. We will be presenting his award at the recovery home. Dick Sonderup is the other recipient, when I called him, he advised me that he would accept the award, but he wasn't going to be able to do more. I said, this award is not about what you are going to do...its about what you have done. And we want to say Thanks to both the award winners.

Otis Hilbun informed me today that we lost Dick Sonderup early this year. I promised to name all previous Drovers that I knew at the time of their passing. With Reverence, I provide the following names of those who had been members of the Drovers: Monte Squire, Chuck Strong, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bud Warner, Dick Cook, Bill Wildes, Roy Spradlin, Jim Vanderlinden, Bryan Bradley, Marvin Lewis, Carson Ribble, Bill Plant, JP Chumbley and others. There should be an entire article about each of these, but that will probably not happen. A lot is happening but the reporting does not belong in an article announcing the glorious passing of such fine men as I have listed herein.

If anyone knows anything about Jack Gregg, please contact Susan at the Temple, she will coordinate the information, I am certain.

See you cowboys on the Trail. Just not a lot of good news this month. Stay Well and Pray for our President and our citizens!!!

Wayland Britt

Ramrod



THE GIFT OF FRIENDS

BY: TONY DATTILO, P.P.

As we experience this unusual time of isolation, brought about by the historically unusual event of a new "bug" in the bonnet of society, we better realize and appreciate those people in our lives that we call "friends".

We reflect on those people who have graced our lives with their presence, their humor, their kindness and support, their thoughts and companionship. We reflect on our ritualistic comment phrase which states, "Behold - How Good and Pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity". Our Masonic Brothers immediately recognize that quote, having heard it at the opening of every regular and well governed lodge. But now, as we sit, "trapped" in the thoughtful silence of our homes due to the precautionary isolation created by a virus, we begin to realize the true meaning of those words.

The "brothers" that are referenced, are embodied in those with whom we share treasured and important gatherings of those wonderful men and ladies of the Shrine. We enjoy their company, the tales of their good, and joyful experiences retold or witnessed, and we share their laughter, their humor, their joy, and sadness. We poke fun, sarcasm and deprecating humor at ourselves and at each other, all with the knowledge that we're friends and that's OK.

And further – we also share the depths of sadness, tears and heartbreak as we mourn the news of sickness and distress, and the loss of those with whom we have shared so much of ourselves, our joy and our laughter. It's called "Love" – the special regard that we have for our "Friends".

We "miss" those who can't join us at our gatherings due to distance, or the inability that prevent their participation at those gatherings. We "look out" for one another, with admiration and justification never spoken, but demonstrated within our hearts as we join in the celebrations and joy of being together – as friends.

Our Shrine provides these attributes through our members. Despite the wide variety of beliefs, customs, practices, likes and dislikes, we remain as friends- United in a common mission to be of assistance to others through the mission of caring for each other, and for the unfortunate children who need the help that we can provide through the magic of our hospital systems.

It's said that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder". As we sit in the quiet hours of our temporary isolation, the absence of our friends becomes clearer as the mechanism that demonstrates how much we love, care for and miss our friends.

From this tiny little corner of the world, my Lady and I send our heartfelt love, friendship, concern and well wishes to each and all of our friends. Our ability to gather will return, and with it – a new joy at greeting those whom we have missed.

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

Spring has finally arrived, and where are we.....right! Quarantined; however, as safety and health of our membership is our top priority, this is the responsible road to take, and we hope you are all following the safety precautions as Governor Polis has outlined.

Our new Queen, Glenda Mattern, along with her Elected Officers, was officially installed as reigning Queen of El Mejdel Temple on Monday, March 26th in a closed ceremony. The Appointed Officers will be officially installed at a later date to be determined.

We have some very sad news; our Supreme Queen, Dale Obernolte passed away on April 6, 2020 and our sympathies go out to her family. Supreme Pr. Royal, Heather Krastins Lambert has agreed to step in as Supreme Queen, and was installed in a closed ceremony on April 7, 2020. We extend our best wishes to her.

Drawing for "High-flying Quilt" Ensemble

El Mejdel 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 Mejdel Temple No. 47

We hope you are all well and safe and are looking forward to seeing everyone and getting back to "normal" very soon.



EL JEBEL SPORTS CAR CLUB

BY RON COSENS, P.P.

We are, as most of you are, getting tired of staying home all the time and looking forward to the day we can resume our active lives. This scenario makes us all realize the value of gathering together fairly frequently at meetings, social functions, and parades, really has a distinct value and is truly missed.

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

Last month we were making calls to check on all the Nobles. This month we decided to check on all the widows of El Jebel. They were so surprised that we would call and check on them. They were so appreciative for the call.

We hope you have enjoyed your time at home. All those projects that were on the to do list are done or almost done. Now the weather is improving and we can get out of our homes and enjoy these wonderful spring days.

We may not know when this will all end but we do know that there will be a new beginning. Things may look a little different, but brighter days are ahead and I, like you, can't wait.

Please take time to stay connected to other Nobles and have a good time. We will be resilient, take the right steps to remain healthy, be grateful for what we have, and compassionate toward our friends and neighbors.

Celebrate Fun and Friendship

Ron Williamson

Chief Rabban



COMPUTER CLUB

BY J & J TAYLOR

The Computer Club must have been started way back when Bill Greene was a youngster. See picture of Bill receiving his Masonic 70 year pin. He says there were often 70 people show up for the Computer Club meetings.

Ed Hamm now leads the Computer Club with Tech Tips, such as "How to shop online" during the meeting. He then usually organizes a presentation of relevance to the members. He does a great job, using Power Point slides to show us his research into each subject.

Mike Wallen is still working at Walmart, but takes Tuesdays off to attend the Computer Club meetings. Ken Behrens has his own business serving many clients using Open Office Software. He is an expert on many subjects, and we welcome his input. George VanTrump is usually there and asks good questions. He has a number of significant collections and is into Genealogy big time. He used to be the Secretary/Treasurer.

Richard Frohlick attends when he can. His association with the Shriners Hospital for Children at Salt Lake is a great source of news for the club. Fred Groom & Karen Allen have been missing for a number of meetings. We miss his subtle humor and hope to see them soon. Dianne White attends when she can and remembers to look at her computer. Dianne attends many Shrine and Masonic functions.

Last but definitely a big help is Judy Taylor, taking notes of the meetings so the Secretary can have something to write about for the Red Fez, but sometimes she does that too. Since the meeting usually ends around 3:00 on Tuesday, we often just stay at the Shrine for a while, then eat something and go to our Round Dance up the road about a mile north.

Of course, we have not been doing any of this for the last month, but it seems a lot longer than that. We'll be glad to get back to visiting 3-dimentional faces!



EL JEBEL MOTOR CORPS

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

It sure has been a quite month with no parades or socials. Who knew a virus could shut down our whole fraternity? This really makes you reevaluate our heritage here in the Shrine and with its members. Keeping that in mind let's not forget those Nobles and their families during this time. A phone call really can make a difference in someone's day!

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.

CAUTION: 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 Reagan said it best "Trust but Verify!"

We will get past this time of difficulty and someday gather again in good fellowship. Until that time please be kind!



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.

"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

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.

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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Shriners Hospitals
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Birthdays

Clowns

Swede "Cuddles" Nelson

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Provost Guard

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RV Roamers

Annette Rice
Joann Murphy-Barnes
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Marolyn Kent

Radops

Barbara Aleksick
Mary Peabody
Rodger Peabody
Scott Thompson

Sports

Corrine Paustian
Dolores Patten
Judy Whannel
Nancy McBride

VIP'S

Terry Percy
Jim Wright



PIPE BAND BY KENT BURNS

I've been a proud member of El Jebel for forty years, and a member of the Pipe Band for almost as long. During that time I have seen a lot, from membership hovering around 10,000 to now less than 1,000; from 72 inner-bodies to less than 40; from being the "sole tenant" of, and meeting in, a beautiful historical building which was easily and correctly identified as a "temple" to now being the owner-tenant of a plain old small office building. All of these are the result of societal changes, of changes in mores, of the "new normal" brought on by the way the latest generations look upon their role in the world which has changed from "what do we need to do to help each other" to "what's in it for me and how soon can I get it?"

During those forty plus-or-minus years the Pipe Band has become my family. I mean "family" in more than the brotherly sense "dictated" by those various oaths at all the altars at which we have all knelt in our journey toward the east. I mean "family" in the same sense of the word you all use on Thanksgiving or Christmas – a group of men for whom you would do anything in the world; a group that you hold as near and dear as any other group (be it team or class or whatever); a group that are closer than any other (save that sacred group forged in the fire of combat). As such, one of the things I miss the most with this "social separation" is the comradery we as a Band enjoyed each Thursday evening.

The pipers have worked their butts off and I would now proudly put them up against any other band in the area (an opinion held by others who are much less prejudiced but far more qualified than I). We have arguably the largest repertoire of any pipe band in the area. For six years we supported the 96th Infantry Division at their annual conventions from Branson to Colorado Springs to Salt Lake City to Denver. We actively compete for concerts with area brass bands such as the Rocky Mountain Brassworks (with whom we generally do two performances around St. Patrick's Day and another around Veterans Day) and the Air Force Academy Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps. Our association with the AFA cadets is the longest and the one of which we are especially proud, and the one which eventually became Red, Plaid, and Blue ~ The Instruments of War. As RP&B we play the annual Winterskól in Aspen every January. As RP&B we have performed from Chicago to Mile High Stadium, from Cheyenne to the Air Force Academy, and "our finest hour" – the Medieval Feast in the old temple back in 2012.

As impressive as these all may be, it has always been the little, un-celebrated performances that really cement the Band into a family – the Honor Flights, the Memorial Day ceremonies, the third degrees, the parades we can no longer do, the Veterans Day ceremonies, the many highland games over the years (at which the Band is most likely to be the duty band), those performances when we almost froze (the pipers all remember these as their reeds often literally froze and quit working altogether – after a short time during which they were just a smidge out of tune, then squeaked as much as to say "I'm dying here," then totally quit) and others even less memorable. Many of these ended with the survivors assembling at some favorite restaurant to warm up or cool off or fill up (with food) but always to celebrate each other, the completion of yet another successful appearance, and to relax in the warmth of friendship. To me, one of the tragedies of this pandemic (other than the human suffering) is the inability of everyone to see their friends and family. I miss our weekly rehearsal-meetings. I miss the usual banter between good friends. I miss my family. (As an aside, I missed most of the last five weeks because

of an up-close and personal association with "the virus." Never been so sick in my entire life. Were it not for a great doctor, an oxygen generator, Julie, and the help of the Supreme Architect I would not be writing this today. Still have it so am still in quarantine. But at least I escaped the hospital, which is more than one of our veteran members can say. Ed Hamm finally consented to go to the emergency room – a trip which was quickly extended to the hospital by the ER staff – where they slapped him into a ventilator and stuck him on dialysis. Latest intel is that he is slowly recovering, they have reduced the dialysis to thrice weekly, and he is improving daily. They moved him out of ICU and gave him his own room. It will be a long road, but this is another example of the workings of He who watches over us all.)

We tried a Zoom meeting this last week. It worked great. We had a chance to catch up. Zoom is not good for practice, but at least we were able to see that most of us desperately need haircuts. The Neanderthal amongst us (me) had trouble joining the meeting, but that was probably expected by the rest of the group. After all, I am the brunt of many jokes regarding technology (among other things). In the end, however, it was a very rewarding evening, and I would heartedly recommend one to any other inner-body having withdrawals from seeing and interacting with their fellow members. Wouldn't recommend it for large groups but since numbers is one of the casualties of the "new normal," that shouldn't be a problem for most of the units.

As was stated last month, the Band has been put on hold, not only by Imperial but also by our "clients." Our first possible opportunity to don a kilt is now mid-July. But that possibility is slim since it would be for the Elizabeth Highland Games. Rumors are rampant that these games may also be canceled, with the additional rumors that the same may be true of all other games this year. Which puts our first really possible chance for public appearance all the way out to mid-September. It will not be a fruitful year for our little group of musicians. The major casualty is, of course, the Honor Flights. These are extremely time-sensitive, since the attrition rate is extremely high and all who should take these flights extremely deserving. We will just hope and pray this, too, shall pass and our honored veterans will be able to participate in a flight – and soon.

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





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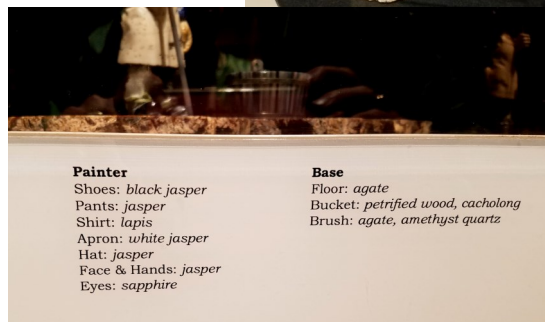
A VIRTUAL OPTARS PHOTOSHOOT

By J & J TAYLOR

So we're doing an Optars article about our own photoshoot to Denver Museum of Nature and Science. We did this about a year ago, when we could still co-mingle with all the tourists and school kids. Now, you'll have to wait until our President says it's time you can go be a groupie again! But it was well worth the time and effort (we had to park 6 blocks away to see Pixar), because there's so much to see.

The floor (1st) in the "Gems and Minerals" section of the museum had a display of unique gem carvings, done by Russian born artist, Vasily Konovalenko, who immigrated to the U.S. in 1981. Russia had regarded his works as "National Treasures". Using Russian folk life, he created whimsical sculptures combining many different gems and minerals---to name a few: quartz, agate, jasper, carnelian, amethyst, petrified wood, turquoise, jade, lapis, even dinosaur bone!

The pictures shown don't do justice---you have to see this display for yourself (we hope it's still on display). But imagine, if you can, sculpting each figure, even a burro blanket from septarian calcite, with each gem having its own characteristics of hardness and breakage limitations. We're so grateful that Konovalenko shared his great artistry with us.



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SANDBLASTERS OF EL JEBEL

BY MATTHEW MADRID

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, the Sandblasters have been doing their due diligence by staying home under the quarantine guidelines to ensure the safety of the community.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the upcoming golf season. We hope everyone is staying safe, practicing social distancing, and good hygiene. If any member or Shriner needs help with supplies, groceries, or other essentials please reach out and I will ensure we get you taken care of (915-760-7446). We look forward to seeing you all 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).



DARAJA OF EL JEBEL



BY ED RENDON, P.P.

Shriners, do you know the history of the Daraja of El Jebel unit?

The original idea for Daraja came in 1963 when Nobles Bill Flory and John Russell discussed the idea of starting a bicycle unit and thought it could be a lot of fun. In 1965 Ill. Sir Gore gave the okay and Daraja was chartered by 13 Nobles of El Jebel. The word Daraja in Arabic means "bicycle or small motorcycle."

The unit originally rode 3-speed "English Moulton" bicycles and met at South High's parking lot to practice all the "slick" maneuvers. Their first parade was in Salt Lake City. The bikes were loaded into a railroad car along with the Jeep Patrol. The unit started down the street to demonstrate those "slick" maneuvers that had been practiced to perfection, however, the unit immediately got lost in the maneuver. The crowd didn't have any idea that they were lost and gave them a great big hand. (Very similar to what happens today)

The original bikes were white and the unit had them chrome plated to look better. The unit was unable to find any good looking emblems to put on them until Jim Wright came up with spectacular coffin emblems.

After 5 years of riding bicycles (which were repainted almost yearly), the unit voted to change to the new Honda CT-70 motorcycle. The bikes were commonly known as the "Green Grasshopper" because they were painted green. They were equipped with Shrine stickers and emblems, and served the unit for over 30 years.

In early 2004, the unit again voted to update the motorcycles and the new Pagsta mini-bikes were purchased. They are built by custom bike builder Johnny Pagg and are based on Honda 49cc motor and running gear. They are painted to be a smaller version of the famous "Captain America" motorcycle from the movie "Easy Rider". They are outfitted with electric starters, loud mufflers and cool black leather saddle bags.

Daraja has many active riders for parades on these bikes and have many other available bikes and would love to have new riders for these.

"Come ride with us"! Contact any **Daraja** member or Ed at 303-841-8537.



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DERICK—FROM INJURY TO MVP



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Derick is a young and talented multi-sport athlete who suffered a season ending anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury in September 2018. He was evaluated at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie shortly after his injury. After testing and evaluation, it was determined that a surgical procedure was needed. Michael P. McClincy, M.D., performed an ACL reconstruction in November 2018.

Two weeks after his surgery, Derick began his physical therapy journey where he participated in a variety of activities twice weekly. Derick's ultimate goal for participating in physical therapy was to return to playing sports at his prior level.

Despite the length of Derick's rehabilitation, extent of his injury and operative procedure, his level of motivation never wavered. In an 11-year-old's world, one year of rehabilitation can feel like a lifetime! Nonetheless, Derick spent countless hours performing exercise both in therapy and at home, as well as experiencing and working through the myriad of emotions associated with missing two sports seasons.

Derick's first objective test of functional ability was measured in the motion analysis center using the Biodex machine to assess his leg strength. This initial test was performed six months after his surgical procedure. The results were reviewed with Dr. McClincy, who cleared Derick for his first major victory of his journey: return to running. This would challenge Derick in a new way, through straight plane running and cardiovascular endurance. Derick was also issued a sports brace to wear for all athletic activity.

In the following months, Derick's rehabilitation grew more intense. Jumping, plyometrics and higher impact activities were initiated. Activities involving two feet became one-footed. He also participated in additional testing in the motion analysis center. The results of these assessments combined with his strength testing would ultimately allow Derick to return to sports.

Derick's next major victory came at his nine-month postoperative follow-up with the surgeon. Dr. McClincy reviewed Derick's testing results, and although not perfect, Derick was released to return to playing baseball, a sport with minimal contact and less pivoting motion, which is a common cause of re-injury.

This victory came just in time, because Derick had plans to participate in an all-star baseball tournament that week. Derick's return to baseball was very successful. He was named the Baseball Youth Team MVP and overall tournament MVP for his age group! What an amazing honor for a young man who had not played baseball in nine months! Hard work certainly does pay off.

In collaboration with Derick's physical therapists, Dr. McClincy requested Derick continue with PT for four more weeks to address some residual muscle weakness, decreased endurance and to improve his landing mechanics. Derick continued to work hard in therapy and at home with a specific program.

Less than one year after surgery, Derick was cleared to playing sports again. This outcome was the result of a young man's hard work and determination combined with a skillful surgeon and therapy team who focused on Derick as an individual and athlete. The road through rehabilitation was not always smooth; however, Derick's mother phrased it best, "You have helped transform what was a devastating experience into a constructive, growing experience. You pushed Derick beyond his limits and taught him how to physically and mentally overcome challenges. Because of your compassion and gentle approach, Derick does not fear returning to sports. In my book, that is priceless."

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