



of **El Jebel Shrine**
a monthly newspaper

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3443 South Galena St., Denver, Colorado 80231



Much love,
Illustrious Sir Joe
and First Lady Karri Kent

From our home to yours,
we wish you all a wonderful
Holiday Season and a safe
and Happy New Year



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Joe
Kent**

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of El Jebel Shrine:

A Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all from El Jebel. Karri and I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year in these uncertain times. We need to keep in mind and we sometimes forget about how fortunate and blessed we really are. Now is the time to spread Holiday Tidings and Good Cheer to one and all.

There was another "Let Me Out" Parade, this time it was at the Veterans Community Living Center.

Thank you to all who came out and to Noble Ron and Lady Robyn for setting this up. The Parade turned out very well. We had 18 Nobles and Ladies participate on a rather cold day.

The "Leading by Example" award for the 3rd Quarter goes to Noble Chuck Peterson for his continued help and support during these tough times. Noble Chuck has been involved in El Jebel for many decades, yes decades. Noble Chuck was Central States Shrine Association President in 2015 and continues to stay involved and help with CSSA today. Noble Chuck works in the Points Office, has been active with several units, helps with the Sportsman's Raffle and has been a Potentate's Aide many years including this year as the Master of Ceremonies.

We will be holding elections on December 14th for El Jebel Divan via Zoom. Ballots were mailed out by USPS on November 25th which had the candidates for the 7 elected positions listed which will be nominated by the Leadership Search Committee. There are blank lines in case we have any nominations from the floor.

The process for elections was given to us by Shriners International. We will go over step by step the procedure of casting your ballots if there are any other candidates nominated than the ones listed.

Please stay safe and healthy and have a wonderful Holiday and New Year.

And to all a good night.

Until next month.....



A Message from the First Lady of El Jebel

I hope this finds everyone well and "Calm". This holiday season can be so hectic we often forget the important things are spending time (even if it is time on the telephone or facetime) with family and friends.

This has truly been the strangest year I have experienced in my lifetime! Have you ever experienced a time when you were told to spend months confined to your home just to be safe, banned from your work just to keep you safe; banned from visiting friends just to keep you safe. It is strange times we live in. We are adjusting, and we are learning to accommodate. We are learning new computer skills (Zoom, Go-To-Meeting, etc.). I have discovered that I can spend money just as easily online as I did by going to the mall, and by magic everything appears at my door a few days later. I can order my groceries online with ease, as well as ordering dinner so Joe can pick it up. This world we live in is totally amazing! Yet, there is still a shortage of toilet paper at King Soopers, Target, and Walmart (somethings may never improve).

Nobles, if you are wondering what to get your Lady for Christmas, I have a bit of advice for you. If you have a choice between diamonds and a vacuum, you best select the bling if you do not want to sleep on that lumpy couch for the next month. If it resembles work, it is not a good present unless we specifically ask for it by name. Ladies, the same goes in reverse. Joe always complains that my car drips on the floor of the garage when I have driven in the snow (duh). Last year, I did some research and found what I thought was this wonderful mat that could be installed on the garage floor under my car to absorb the water and keep it from pooling when it snows. I thought it would be a great gift for him. He did not! To him, it was work that he would have to install. OK, I get it. This year I do not know what I am going to get him yet, but it will not be a garage floor mat. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

We still have so much to be thankful for, including the amazing technology we have today, but most important are our wonderful friends and family. If you start running out of time, and you have a choice between facetime with your relatives (the ones you like) or getting the Christmas cards out, choose the facetime.

Karri Kent





Recorder's Desk

Jay Bobick



MEMBERSHIP DURING COVID!!

We are all, in some way, having a rough time dealing with the effects of the Corona Virus (COVID-19). For El Jebel, our most important effect is membership. First, keeping our current members informed and interested in maintaining their membership when little or nothing physically can take place and second, equally as important, is interesting other Masons to the benefits of being a Shriner. This is not an easy task when we are not able to have physical meetings. We find it difficult to justify being a member ourselves, much less, interesting others to join. Yet, we must continually remind ourselves of the benefits and joys of being an active Shriner even when we are not able to get together. Many El Jebel nobles have developed unique ways of being brothers together while complying with the many virus restrictions. The "bottom line" is for each of us to find our own unique way to keep El Jebel alive and well. Let's not let this virus lick us; let us lick it by keeping our Temple alive.

Our membership has now dropped below 900, and Black Camels are taking their toll. We need to send our dues in for 2021 and find new Shriners! Remember, we did have four Masons join El Jebel in October in the midst of the virus. Who do you know that would make a good Shriner? Talk with them, tell them about all the things we do in our units and clubs, tell them such will continue full swing after the virus is dead. Talk about our Philanthropy! We have the finest continuing project in the world, our care for those children that need the medical services we provide at no cost to them. Shriners Hospitals for Children should always be on the tip of our tongues. Masons are care-giving people, and if you tell them they too can be an important part of Shriners Hospitals for Children, they may just take you up on being a member. Don't let the virus dampen our own spirits. We are El Jebel Shriners and proud of it.

Your Board of Directors and Divan are continuing to meet on ZOOM to ensure our Temple continues to support our membership, their families and keep our building in tip top shape. We now have a new tenant for Suite 350 due to the continuing work of our Trustees and Realtor handling leasing. New cameras are being placed in our building to better ensure security on all floors.

Our monthly Temple ZOOM meeting was on 9 November with eight past potentates and a total of 54 nobles attending. A big thanks to Illustrious Sirs Dick Williams, Tony Dattilo, Jim Stewart, Matt Raia, Rich Silver, and from Al Kaly Shriners Illustrious Sir Brian Carter, PP, Illustrious Sir Roger Mendenhall, PP and Noble Bill Davidson for joining the meeting. Chaplain Jim Oliver gave the invocation, and Noble Grady Carter led the Pledge of

Alliance followed by Noble Nils Nordberg singing our National Anthem. Illustrious Sir Jim Stewart, Treasurer, gave his Treasurer's Report, and Noble Jay Bobick, Recorder, reported that our membership as of 31 October was 901, 859 regular and 42 associates. Yet, we continue to lose nobles. Again, membership is a contact sport that each of us must play an integral part.

Imperial Sir Bill Bailey, Imperial Chief Rabban, and his Lady Debbie joined our meeting. Lady Debbie thanked our Potentate Joe, Greg and Kendy Rindone for being at the annual Golf tournament and explained that no Shrine Kids could attend due to the pandemic. She highlighted the fact that the East-West Games had to be cancelled and Imperial Sir Jim Smith, Imperial Potentate, and his Lady Alice are not able to travel. Imperial Sir Bill was in Tampa attending Board Meetings and setting things up for 2021. He stressed that for Shriners Hospitals, new hospital affiliations are being established to better meet needs and see more kids. They are working on new partnerships. He also commented on the golf tournament in that it was strange not to have the Shrine Kids there. The cancellation of the East-West Games was required based on the NFL decision not to provide personnel to the Games. Imperial Sir Bill thanked Illustrious Sir Joe for the Veteran videos and offered a thanks to all our veterans. He then passed on a supporting word from Imperial Sir Jim Smith, Imperial Potentate.

Noble Greg Rindone reported on our building events. The Panorama contract was renewed on 1 November for another year, and the Suite 390 tenants did not renew their lease. Suite 350 was leased for 3 years, thus leaving four vacant suites. An Atlanta couple may lease suite 120 and Fuller Realty is showing suites to perspective tenants. Cameras are being added to 1st and 3rd floors for better coverage.

Noble Ron Williamson, Chief Rabban, announced that the 2021 Potentate's trip will be a Northwest Cruise on 1-7 May 2021 from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Contact Ron or the office to sign up. Estimated cost is \$3,000 per couple. He also announced that the annual February Grand Junction Trip is cancelled due to the virus. Noble Ron hopes that the trip may take place later in the year. Also, the 2021 IHOP fundraiser is cancelled. The good news is that Noble Ron's plan to have El Jebel parade for the Veterans' Community Living Center went off as planned. Eighteen members from five units gave the vets a grand time on Saturday morning, 14 November even with the temperature being colld!!

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Illustrious Potentate

ELECTED DIVAN

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

APPOINTED DIVAN

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

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

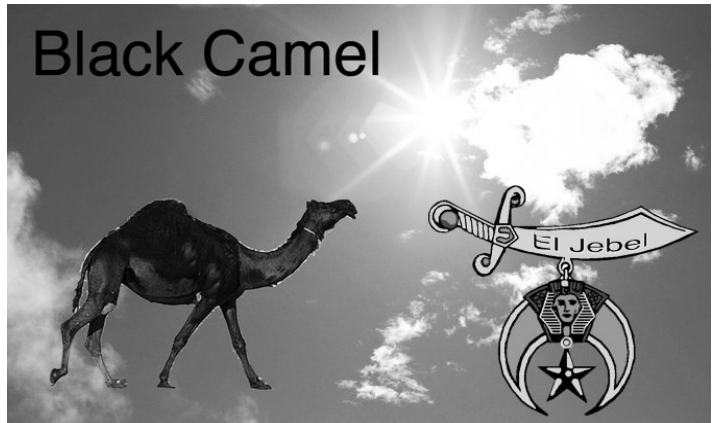
Robert G. Van Male (1988)
Thomas D. Palmer (1989)
Jack D. Patten (1990)
Steve Tucker (1991)
Richard E. Williams (1993)
Amer Plaisted (1994)
Dr. David Powell (1997)
Jim Lear (1998)
Michael G. Severe (1999)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2000)
Ron Cosens (2003)
Richard Karns (2004, 2005)
Clint Dexter (2006)
Tony Dattilo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

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Black Camel



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

His was a smile men loved to see; His
was a hand that asked no fee for friendli-
ness or kindness done. And now that he
has journeyed on, His is a fame that nev-
er ends, He leaves behind uncounted
friends

Passed thru the Unseen Portals

In Memoriam

“Our beloved Brethren live on in a new and
more glorious life and service. We carry
their influence in our lives and their memo-
ries in our hearts. They are not forgotten.”

Donald A. Rizer
Gerald R. Dodd



2020/2021 Calendar of Events

All dates are tentative

December

14 Stated Meeting/Elections via Zoom

January—2021

Installation—date, time and place will depend on new COVID restrictions

11 Stated Meeting—via Zoom

Stock Show—canceled

16 Open House—canceled

16 President & Secretaries meeting—via Zoom

31 Ham & Egger-canceled

February

6-7 WCSC Installation— canceled

8 Shrine Meeting—via Zoom

14 Valentine Social— canceled



March

St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 13th 2021
has been cancelled

El Jebel Shrine emails

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Accounting—director@eljebel.org

Susan Boles/Red Fez—office@eljebel.org

Calendar—office@eljebel.org

Points—points@eljebel.org

Membership Report

Total Membership (with Associates)

903

5—Demits

2 Expired



DONATIONS

Transportation Fund

Patricia Irwin
Sandra Blackmore
Caril Welch
Caril Welch
Norman Ribble

in Memory of

Donation
Howard Grossenheider
Sharon Turpin
Tullis Looney
Carson Ribble

Shriners Hospitals for Children In Memory of

Dick Welle Monthly Donation
Patricia Jantz Walt Jantz
Jason, Chad & Tim Evans & Schuler Walt Jantz

Operating Fund

Mary Lou Donnell Sam Weller
Sally Ann Jeffrey Sam Weller

Veteran's Day Parade at the Veteran's Living

Community Center November 14, 2020



FROM THE HOME OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RABBAN



We would like to thank each and every person that braved the wind and cold on Saturday, November 14, 2020 to do the "Let Me Out" Parade II. We wanted to honor all of the Veterans that have served our country in war or peace for their sacrifices. Melissa, the Director of the center, said the Veterans were very excited and honored that we did a parade just for them. They hope that we will be back again next year. Check out the pictures of the parade in this month's Red Fez.

As of December 31, 2020, Susan will be retiring. To say, "Thank You" just doesn't seem adequate. After having Susan in the Shrine Office for 42 years, what are we going to do without her? We call her with all of our questions and problems and she is always there to help. Send her a card or give her a call and let her know she will be missed. Don't tell her, but as soon as things open up in 2021 we would like to have something special for her.

With the Holidays just around the corner, December will be a busy month. Sure, this year will be a bit different from what we're used to. With family and friends a hug or phone call away, we can still make treasured memories with the ones we love.

'Tis the season to remember all the good things...love and family, laughter and friendship...and all of you. Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Please stay safe and healthy and we hope to see everyone very soon!

Helping Kids Through Fun and Fellowship

Noble Ron Williamson

Chief Rabban



JUST ONE

DUNE BUGGY PATROL BY DON WEISER

November is here, and we are anticipating the start of the holiday season. The temperatures have dropped, and it is brisker, with temperatures getting cold at night. The leaves are almost all fallen, and we have had our first big snowfall. In a normal year, we would be getting our buggies ready for their winter sleep.

We are still not able to hold meetings in person, as the Covid restrictions have been increased again. The use of our Shrine areas is restricted to 5 persons, so no meetings in person. Our fearless leader, Ron Williamson, arranged for us to do a mini parade at the Eastern Star/Masonic Home, and it was a resounding success. The folks at the home were out in force, with most having not been outside since March. They enjoyed it so much that El Jebel Shrine has been asked to schedule another parade for next summer.

We will have a meeting on November 11th, with information coming soon. The meeting will start around 6:30 pm with a happy hour, so be sure to have a drink of your choice on hand. The regular meeting starts at 7pm, where information will be presented concerning the status of our unit, the Shrine, and upcoming events that have been postponed or canceled. Hopefully, everyone has read the October minutes that were sent out by Don Strand, and let us know if any changes need to be made.

Have you purchased your 2020 - 2021 El Jebel Shrine calendar yet? They are available at the Shrine Office, or from our Chief Rabban Ron Williamson. The cost is \$25.00 each, and proceeds go to the operating fund.

One last bit of information. There are 2 dune buggies currently up for sale. If you are interested in belonging to a great, fun filled unit, here is your chance to join us and get your buggy! Both buggies are in very good condition and looking for a new Shriner home. If interested, contact Don Strand at 303-799-6629 for more information on owners contact information.

Coming Events:

November 9th

El Jebel Shrine Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm

November 11th

Dune Buggy Patrol Meeting
Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm

November 26th Thanksgiving

Lastly, we want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. With the Covid restrictions, here's hoping that we are able to get together with our families and friends to celebrate the holiday season.



OPTARS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

Optars members met for a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. There were seven people present: Ed H., Jim & Judy T., Kim C., Ron & Robyn W. & Ron D. The normal opening happened, with prayer, pledge, approved minutes, and Treasurer's report. Ed Hamm reported on his physical therapy; Judy said she feels great.

Ron D. looked like he was feeling better, and in fact, led us in the project for this evening; transferring photos to a tile, with Mod Podge. He had given us an email listing the supplies needed, and some of us had them ready! He showed us some of his own transfers, and went through the instructions as to how to do it. And some of us did it!

Ed showed a 4-minute video of a process involving heat transfer. He has the machine to do this, and uses it to make his marketable items.

Then Ron W. gave a Divan report: IHOP is cancelled for 2021, but the store will have a coupon for free pancakes with a donation, February 16th through March 1st. There are still no reported results from Imperial for last year's Pancake Day. Also, the Children's Christmas Party is cancelled, as is the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo. Denver's Veteran's Day Parade is also cancelled.

Then Ron talked about our Shriners' "Let Me Out Parade", which was held on October 4th. The parade circled the Eastern Star complex three times; the residents enjoyed it so much---they want us back, so we will be back next year. (Since the Parade was such a hit, a "Let Me Out II" is scheduled for the Veterans' Community Living Center). Ron will be submitting this idea to Imperial for their contest.

The next Optars meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1st. According to President Ron D., we will meet at 6:00 by Zoom, until further notice. So Zoom in your cameras!

SANDBLASTERS

BY MATTHEW MADRID

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The cold winter weather has arrived and the Sandblasters have set their sights on the annual winter outing in Chandler, Arizona. The ongoing pandemic has created a number of challenges but we remain positive restrictions will be lifted and look forward to spending quality time together February 17th - 24th.

Our president elect Matthew Madrid will be mailing out final details within the next week, so please keep an eye on your mailboxes and emails. Please reach out if you have any questions or if you would like information about the upcoming winter trip at 915-760-7446.

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).



Veteran's Day Parade at the Veteran's Living

Community Center November 14, 2020



WESTERN COLORADO SHRINE CLUB BY STEVE THOMAS

Western Colorado Shrine Club had a virtual meeting again this month, what with the up tick of the COVID-19 in Grand Junction.

It was learned that El Jebel Potentate and Divan will not be coming over in February for our Installation of Officers. I missed this meeting as I had a doctor appointment at the same time.

We are awaiting a petition from a new candidate to install into the Shrine.

Chief Rabban Ron Williamson says he will be over this way as Potentate at a later date.

El Jebel has canceled their Kids Christmas Party this year.

IHOP has changed the way they are doing the Pancake Day. There will be no Shriner presence on that day but people will be given an IOU for free pancakes at a later date.

They are looking into having the Sportsman's Raffle again next year and a motorcycle poker run in June. They have a few calendars left and are selling lady's Star necklaces and men's ties. If interested contact El Jebel office.

El Jebel has had 2 "Let me out parades". One at Eastern Star Living Center and one at the Veterans Living Center. They were both well received. What a novel idea at these trying times.

Wishing Susan a happy and well earned retirement.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and stay safe in these challenging times.

WCSC Clowns have decided to stay dark for one more month. Then we are changing our meeting day and place to the third Tuesday of the month at 1pm in beautiful downtown Delta (that's Colorado not Utah) as that is about a half way point for all us that look kinda funny. This will be at Daveto's Italian Restaurant on Main Street.

Tri-Co plans to meet at Daveto's in Delta Dec. 19th at 1pm.

I'd like to share a story with y'all.

The first child I sponsored into the Shriner hospital plan was born with one leg much shorter than the other, foot turned in and toes curled under. At 8 years old he had never walked. It took a few trips to Salt Lake City but in about a year I was having a beer with his dad as the son was using a sidewalk scooter which was provided by the Shriners and a part of the therapy for him. His dad told me. "You have no idea what it's like to see my son do something that other kids just take for granted". I still get all choked up when I think of that. I talk with people that know the kid now and they don't know he ever had a problem.

And that is what we are all about folks.



Shrine patient, Heidi rock climbing



Shrine child and her fish



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EL JEBEL SPORTS CAR CLUB

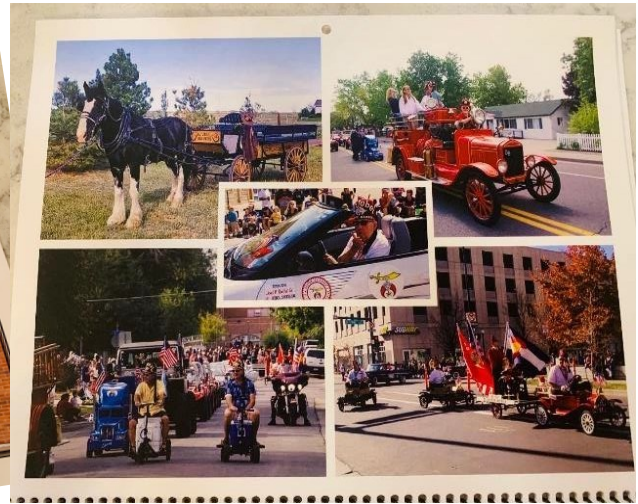
Nothing to report as a Unit as about everything had to be cancelled this year thanks to the Chinese Bat Virus. So, we will wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Assuming 2021 solves the virus pandemic and things get back to "normal" we would like to offer - 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 Cogens 303-794-4851.

Keep it between the ditches and enjoy!
See photos below of the Veteran's Day Parade 11/14





El Jebel Shrine Calendar

The 18-Month Calendars are NOW available in the El Jebel Shrine Office for \$25.00. See your fellow Shriners enjoying fun and fellowship.

Please help support the Operating Fund of El Jebel!

Any questions, please contact the

El Jebel Office: 303-455-3470

(Copies can be mailed for an additional \$4.00 per copy)

Thank you for your support!!!

COMPUTER CLUB

J & J TAYLOR

On Tuesday, November 10th, the Computer Club met with 8 members (including ladies): Mike W., George V., Jim & Judy T., Ron & Robyn W., Ed H., and Bill G. President Ed ran the meeting from home by Zoom. After the prayer and pledge, the minutes were approved as written in the Red Fez. Jim gave the Treasurer's report (no new transactions, except for the Walk for Love donation).

Ed is still house bound, and the therapy people are working with him. He climbed stairs, and is getting ready for crutches. His therapist will be coming for another month. Judy has been on her "Protocol" for 11 weeks now, and doing fine; she and Jim walk 1 ½ miles regularly.

For Old Business, pictures of the Divan need to be done. Jim will see if Bruce Swedal will accommodate Shriners (who need new pictures) to be taken at Westin Lodge. Jim will get info to Ron Williamson.

Ed Hamm talked on New Technology and related items. Many of the new automobile safety features are becoming standard. You can get smart light bulbs and wall outlets that can be controlled with your smart phone. Some refrigerators have cameras on the inside and can show you what is in there without opening the door. Some software will keep track of what is in the refrigerator, match it to a recipe, and tell you what ingredients you need to purchase.

Ron W. gave the Divan report: There will be a "Let Me Out II" parade around the Veterans' Community Living Center on Saturday, November 14th, at 11:00 a.m. He still has 50 calendars left; next year's Sportsmen's Raffle is scheduled for October 2nd.

The next Computer Club meeting is scheduled for December 8th, at 1:00 p.m., by Zoom. Jim and Ed will be discussing Zoom features---be there if you can get on Zoom!



RV ROAMERS

BY J. & J. TAYLOR

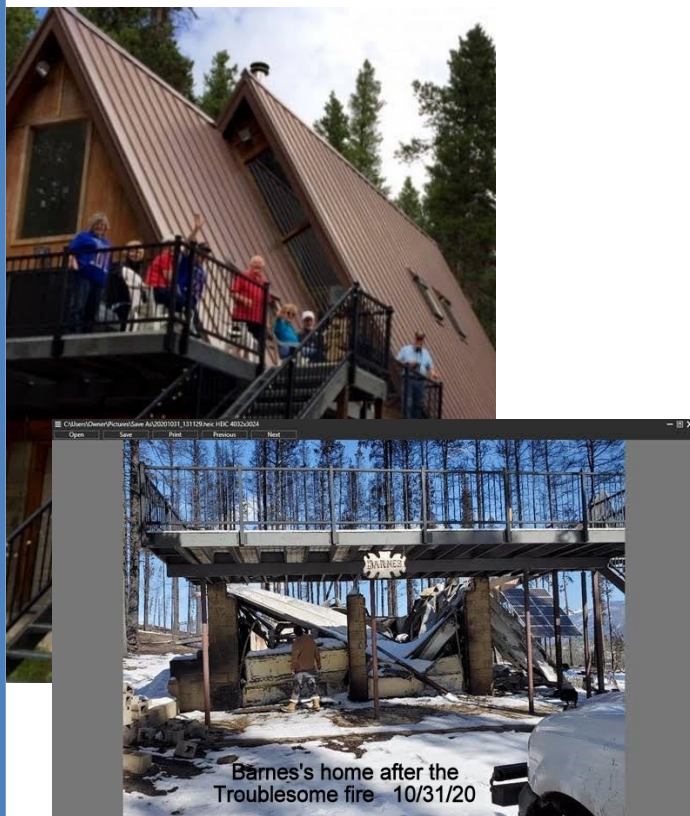
On November 15th, nine Roamers met at Rosemary Café for a wonderful get-together. They seated us at two tables, as per the COVID restrictions. Present were: Jim & Judy T., Jim & Annette S., Jimmy & Sherri M., Ken S., Tony & Ellen D. The host was Ken Stauffer, who made arrangements with the Café.

There wasn't a formal meeting, but the members present formally voted to accept Jimmy and Sherri Marshall into the Roamers. It's nice to talk with and get to know everyone more, but we'll be happy when we can all go camping again.

The upcoming Christmas dinner will NOT be at Mt. Vernon; plans were made (because of the uncertainty of Mt. Vernon) to meet and eat at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Westminster. Notices will be sent out soon. If anyone wants to join us for this dinner, contact Taylors or the hosts-to-be, Tarkingtons. They have been kept scrambling back and forth with the Mt. Vernon people, because the COVID restrictions kept changing. We are happy (and lucky) that we can meet at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Most of you have heard about the East Troublesome fire that burned down the Barnes's "cabin" near Grand Lake. We have put a link together of the last August Roamers' Outing (and probably it will be the last time there); there are over 130 pictures of the outing, plus before and after pictures of their cabin. Here is the link for you to copy and see: <https://photos.app.goo.glhByAMjQYzP96jjA5A>.

So all of you who are willing to join us, call Jim Taylor (303-795-3278) or Richard Talkington (303-466-0274).



Barnes's home after the Troublesome fire 10/31/20



Birthdays

Arab Patrol

Dolores Frye

Band

Hank Hahne

Dune Buggy Patrol

Marlene Jones

Patty Dunsmore

Ken Jones

Janet Bartus

Ernie Edwards

Legion of Honor

Pam Richards

Vicky Dexter

Provost Guard

Patty Dunsmore

Pam Richards

Paul Stembel

Elmer Willingham

RV Roamers

Bruce Hepp

Arlene Kohlwey

David Kohlwey

Tootsie Dougherty

Radops

Emit Hurdelbrink

Ken Jones

Marlene Jones

Patricia Marcus

Sherry Powell

Jim Schneider

Mike Schwartz

Mary Wittner

Sports

Kent Eckley

Vicky Dexter

Paul Whannel

T-Nobles

John Loerwald

VIP'S

Matt Raia

Bill Barnard

Joe Kent



RADOPS

BY MICHAEL MARCUS



2020 Radops Holiday Social:

We will be holding our 2020 Holiday Social on Saturday, December 5, 2020 between 3:00pm - 4:00pm using Zoom. Masks will be required and everyone attending is encouraged to wear their ugliest Christmas Sweater!

2021 Officers:

Sam Wittner (KØSLW) – President

Michael Marcus (KDØRBA) – Vice President

Ken Behrens (KBØYLN) – Secretary

Rich Wall (WR1CH) – Treasurer

Reaching Out To Fellow Shriners:

Please feel free to reach out to any Radops officer if you need assistance of any kind during these uncertain times. We are here to help you.

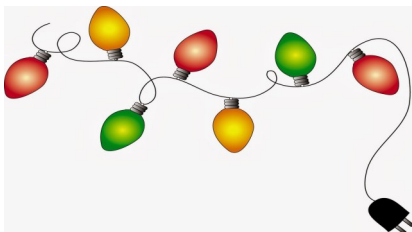
Radops Next In-Person Meeting:

Our next scheduled in-person meeting will be held virtually on Monday, January 25, 2021 via Zoom. These meetings begin promptly at 7:00pm and are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through April with the exception of December.

Radops Weekly On The Air Meetings:

The Radops weekly on the air meetings (a.k.a. Sunday Night Nets) are held every Sunday evening at 7:00pm on 146.985 MHz. We also have an EchoLink node K0FEZ-R available on the our 2 meter repeater. Please join us if you are a licensed Ham Radio operator. Otherwise, feel free to listen to our weekly meetings.

One final note: at this time I'd like to wish all Nobles and their family a SAFE, relaxing and happy holiday season! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



NORTHEAST Colorado Shrine Club

by Jerry Wardrip, Secretary



November 10, 2020 meeting of the
Northeast Colorado Shrine Club

November 10, 2020
Outpost #1 Sterling, Colorado

Daylight savings time is here! We are meeting at the new "Sonny's Overland Trail Café" which is located in the Ramada Inn on Highway 6 East. This is exit 125 on interstate 76 Sterling interchange. We started the morning gathering, like always, with a great breakfast. President Noble Cecil Souders called the meeting to order and lead us in the pledge of allegiance, followed by a prayer. The minutes of our previous meeting were reviewed and approved as printed.

The pumpkin cleaning and dispersion went off very well, we had enough pumpkins that we were able to furnish some to a lady who wanted to give her goats a treat, and another who wanted them to treat his hogs and we had enough left to give some for feeding the deer. The donated food was donated to the Cooperative Ministries. We will be working jointly with the Sterling Lodge 54 Masons and Santa's of Sterling the Elks and also some of the City employees. This is a community involvement project. With Christmas fast approaching we need to get started. The Santa's photo set will be in place and we will help move people through the line and they will get a cookie and drink at the end. They will be able to pick up a toy to build at home.

With the Covid 19 still around we will be practicing social distancing and wearing face masks etc. At the Elks ballroom we will have room to spread out.

You all have a standing invitation to come out and meet with us the second Monday of each month here at the Overland Trail Café at the Highway 6 interchange at 6:00 A.M. That is the Ramada Inn interchange exit 125 highway 6 and I-76. Good food and Great Fellowship.

Jerry Wardrip Sec.



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



Well, here it is December; Christmas is just around the corner, and right on its heels, a brand new year. Certainly 2021 will be a better year for us all; getting the Pandemic under control and our lives back to normal. Let's hope anyway!

Via ZOOM, we were able to initiate four new members into our Temple in November. One thing about technology, there are times when it really comes in handy! Congratulations and welcome to these four new Princesses: Amy Gould, Julie Rix, Kathy Taylor and Sarah Williams. We are so glad to have all of you.

The final numbers are in for the Annual Walk for Love at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Salt Lake City. The Hospital raised \$100K and had 998 registrations. The El Mejdell and El Jebel Team received a 2020 **Champion for Love** Trophy since our team raised over \$2.6K! This trophy will be displayed at El Jebel. Thank you to everyone that participated. It's wonderful to help the kids "virtually"!

El Mejdell Temple has been pretty quiet for the 2020 year with the biggest majority of our events being canceled along with our Supreme Session. Our last actual Session when we were all together was this past March. ZOOM meetings have become the "norm", but at least we get to see one another and chat.

We are all looking forward to 2021 and getting back to our Sessions and scheduled events; in the meantime, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

Merry
Christmas



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Noble Ken Jones is developing our 2021 fundraising projects not the least of which will be our Sportsmen's Raffle. His biggest efforts are developing options to comply with forecast Corona Virus conditions that may exist at the time of the raffle. Noble Ken and others with him are leaving no option undeveloped. Should you have a recommendation for the raffle or, more importantly, other fundraising ideas, please contact Noble Ken.

Noble Grady Carter spoke about the planned 2021 Poker Run. The proposed date will be 12 June beginning at our Temple. Noble Grady and his team are planning routes and stops with requirements at each stop. From his initial thoughts, this is one event you will not want to miss. The Run will be open to all. Noble Grady is living up to the Shrine "motto," FUN!

Unfortunately, the annual Children's Christmas Party, after intense and lengthy planning by Noble Don and Kathy Weiser, had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Noble Ron Williamson reported on the Leadership Search Committee results for their recommended 2021 elected officers. They are: Potentate, Noble Ron Williamson; Chief Rabban, Noble Ken Jones; Assistant Rabban, Noble Grady Carter; High Priest & Prophet, Noble Jim Dawkins; Oriental Guide, Noble Doug Kelley; Treasurer, Illustrious Sir Rich Silver, PP; and Recorder, Noble Jay Bobick. The December Stated Meeting will be by ZOOM on 14 December, beginning at 7:00 pm. The election will be held after the business portion of the meeting. The electronic (ZOOM) election of officers has been approved by Shriners International. Each voting member should have received a letter detailing the election procedures. That letter is the instructional instrument for us all including mailing procedures. We look forward to you joining the Zoom December Stated Meeting and Elections and casting your vote.

COVID has created many required actions not ever expected to be needed for Shriners. The Shriners International Session last July was held electronically, our meetings are held electronically, in our work and life we are using electronic means to do business and stay in touch with family and friends. Whether we like it or not, electronic communications are here to stay, even after COVID. The world continually changes in so many ways and we must adapt or, as General MacArthur, just fade away.

Stay safe, wear a mask, and see you on ZOOM at 7 pm, 14 December.

Fraternally,

Jay Bobick, Recorder



Potentate's 2021

5 Night Pacific Northwest Cruise

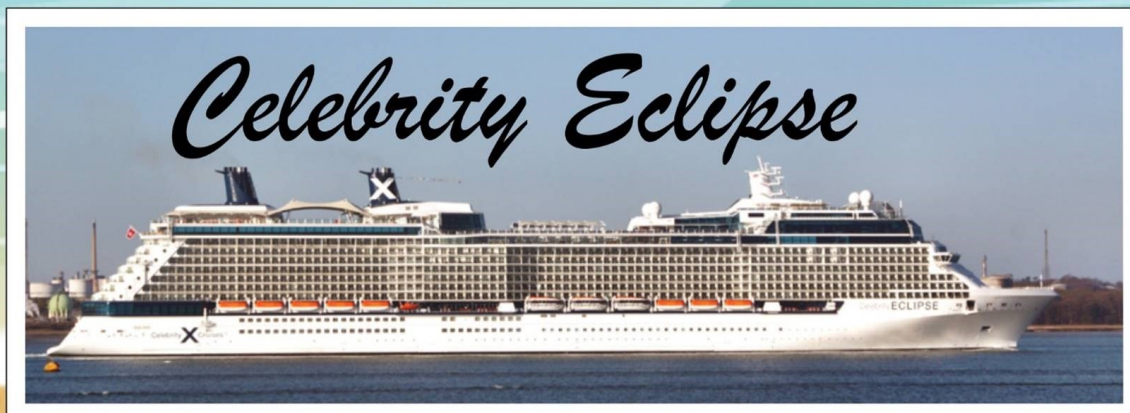
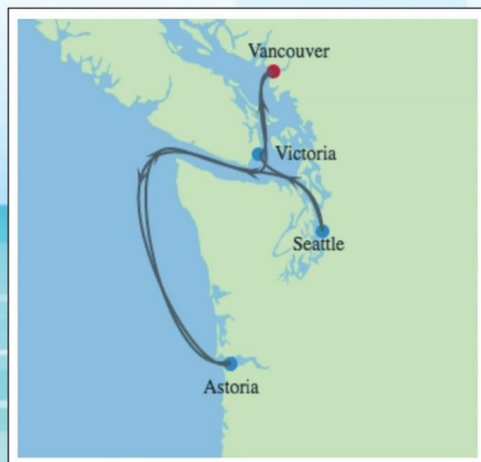
Saturday, May 1 - Depart & fly to Vancouver, BC
(See a little of Vancouver Sat & Sun prior to boarding)
Sunday, May 2 - Depart Vancouver at 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 3 - At Sea
Tuesday, May 4 - Astoria, Oregon
Wednesday, May 5 - Seattle, Washington
Thursday, May 6 - Victoria, British Columbia
Friday, May 7 - Vancouver British Columbia - Fly Home

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PIPE BAND BY KENT BURNS



And now we approach the Yuletide season in a very interesting (to say the least) way. Instead of a ski mask to protect your face from the cold (of either shoveling snow or actually skiing, of all things), now a mask of a different sort and for a different reason is needed to protect your lungs from an invasive import from China. Instead of hugs and kisses under the mistletoe, it will be elbow bumps and nods and waves from a safe six-foot distance. Instead of the traditional carolers outside your door regaling the family with music and gaiety, now it's Grub Hub and Door Dash ringing your bell and running away to avoid contact. Instead of fraternal meetings for fellowship and camaraderie, it's now cold and impersonal ZOOM meetings to comply with local edicts. Instead of ham, roast beef, and Yorkshire pudding, it will be McDonalds, KFC, and Domino's. (To paraphrase), but is this the end of the season, the expiring hope of the faithful Noble? No, we should pause not due to these restrictions, but true to our faith and teachings, look forward to that greater day when things return to (somewhat) normal and we will be able to once again enjoy the warmth of family, friends, and fellows. If all the lectures in all the lodges have taught us anything, it should be that every dark and gloomy situation has a bright and hopefully happy ending. Last month, we celebrated a day of giving thanks for all our blessings; this month, let us celebrate a season of joy and hopefulness. And look forward for greater light.

The Pipe Band has been living this theme of hopeful anticipation. Our usual performances have been "postponed" of late, but we look forward to them being renewed in the new year ahead. The annual pilgrimage to Aspen for Wintersköl with the AFA cadets will not happen. However, the director of the cadet drum and bugle corps has assured us that he will do everything he can to make it happen next year. To that end, we are exploring the possibility of having a "Break in the doldrums of winter" concert/show at the Academy sometime late March or early April. He can even have it recorded so we will have another DVD to add to our collection. It has been said that if you must dream, dream big. Such is the optimistic approach we are taking.

We are Masons, first and foremost. And we try to practice what we preach. To those ends, we will be trekking north to Campion the first week of December to raise another Fellowcraft to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. As a third-degree team, we are most happy to assist lodges in doing so. While at first they may be simply interested in our knees (we do these degrees with a Scottish flair, complete with pipes and kilts), we hope they will come away with satisfaction – and a new member.

During all this "down time," the pipers have been diligently improving their talents – learning new sets and tunes as well as perfecting the old ones. We are proud of our large repertoire and do not want this enforced hiatus to diminish the quality of our product.

We have been observing all the necessary mandates and safety precautions. And have brought a little entertainment to a few neighborhoods. So far, none of them have circulated any petitions to request the removal of our hosts. Ya either love 'em or ya hate 'em (the pipes). So far most have loved 'em.

When all this sequestration is over and done with, we will be welcoming anyone interested in our little band of merry Masons. So keep "tuned" to this "station" for updates on our whereabouts and potential activities. And may all have the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years – with the added wish of a return to normalcy in the near future.

"Nollaig chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ur."

EL JEBEL VIP'S

Well sometimes there's just not much to say and with new restrictions in place so it goes. Wayne hasn't been able to catch a break (other than with his body). He was working on his rehab and did a face plant. So let's just say the healing has to continue with regard to Wayne. We are really the definition of the "At Risk Group" so please be careful.

The El Jebel 2020 Divan has put together a voting process. Its being mailed out so please vote for the good of the order.

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.

History Notes

This Month In History Dec 1st, 1955 — The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. Dec 5th, 1933 — The 18th Amendment (Prohibition) to the U.S. Constitution was repealed. Dec 7th, 1787 — Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the USA. Dec 9th, 1993 — A five-day repair job in space on the \$3 billion Hubble Space Telescope was finished by U.S. astronauts. Dec 13th, 1991 — North and South Korea signed a treaty of reconciliation and nonaggression which also formally ended the Korean War. Dec 14th, 1962 — The Mariner II space probe sent back information from the planet Venus, the first information ever received from another planet. Dec 15th, 1791 — The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective following ratification by Virginia. Dec 23rd, 1947 — The transistor was invented at Bell Laboratories by John Bardeen, Walter Brattain and William Shockley, who shared the Nobel Prize for their invention. Dec 25th, 1776 — During the American Revolution, George Washington took 2,400 of his men across the Delaware River where he conducted a surprise raid on 1,500 British Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, New Jersey.

Until we meet again please be kind!

THE NEW EL JEBEL PLAZA

BY: TONY DATTILO, P.P.

As we close out this very unusual year of 2020, we've managed to achieve a brighter spot in our family treasure of El Jebel Shriners. Thanks to the monetary donations provided by some individuals and units of our Shrine, we were able to obtain a small business contractor to complete the restoration work on our El Jebel Plaza. Our original Plaza was dedicated at our former Shrine home on May 13, 2002, providing a place where members of our Shrine family could provide a memorial, honorary or historic reminder of a person or persons who would be 'enshrined' in a place of honor in our Plaza. Since the dedication of the original Plaza in 2002, we've witnessed many changes at El Jebel Shrine, including several different "configurations" of the Plaza. This latest restoration effort was facilitated to restore the dignity and honor of those Shriners and Masons whose names and/or Masonic groups were engraved in the inserts of the Plaza. The new configuration provides a visible presence in the landscape near the entryway of our building within the purview of our American Flag, and the well-known statuary of the "Editorial Without Words".

HOW DO I ORDER A BRICK? The process of ordering by our Shrine family members is made easy for you. You may obtain an order blank and facilitate payment by contacting our office either by email at director@eljebel.org, calling the office at 303-455-3470, or one of our Trustees and Plaza coordinator, Greg Rindone, at 303-918-7299

We have been successful at obtaining a reliable, long term vendor whose mission it is to create the quality and permanent engraved bricks that will stand the tests and rigors of time, thereby providing a lasting tribute to all of our Shrine family who are enshrined and remembered within the Plaza. The process is now reactivated in which various bricks may be ordered for placement in the Plaza. Each of us should consider the purchase and placement of a brick for the Plaza, a perpetual and visible symbol of esteem for the heroes and loved ones whom we wish to honor, or perhaps as a remembrance that each of us have passed this way, a contributor, supporter and participant in the "Greatest Philanthropy in the World".



There are five levels of bricks that may be ordered. Your combination choice of a purchase level of brick, and your non-deductible donation may be identified by viewing the bricks that are currently placed in the new Plaza, and the options listed below. We have retained the original pricing for the various options of bricks as were identified in 2002. Proceeds from the orders of bricks will be exclusively utilized for the El Jebel Building Fund.

The five options are listed here for your information;

"BRONZE LEVEL" \$100.00: 'Antique Red' 4" X 8" brick with 2 lines of engraving.
(3rd line optional - \$15.00 extra).

"SILVER LEVEL" \$300.00: 'Imperial Beige' 4" X 8" brick with 2 lines of engraving.
(3rd line optional - \$15.00 extra).

"GOLD LEVEL" \$500.00: 'Antique Red' 8" X 8" brick with 3 lines of engraving.

"EMERALD LEVEL" \$1000.00: 'Imperial Beige' 8" X 8" with 3 lines of engraving.

"DIAMOND LEVEL" \$1500.00 and UP: 12" X 12" Black Polished Granite with 4 lines of engraving
(other options available)

Watch for a short PowerPoint presentation on our El Jebel website and Facebook page of the "Before, During and After" process of constructing the new Plaza. On a personal note, it was my extreme honor to have participated in the design and construction of this project. The vivid memories of many who once graced our presence as friends and Shriners flooded in as each brick was laid in place. My profound thanks are extended to those who donated their funds to make this concept a reality. It's my sincere hope that we've been successful in honoring you, and all those whose names appear in the Plaza, as a place of visibility, dignity, honor and remembrance for all.



DIDJA KNOW? BY EJGW



Talk about a mouthful – the great guy we all know simply as “Fitz” was born James Joseph Michael Fitzpatrick on 19 January 1941. Kinda easy to see by that moniker that he is full-blooded Irish. And had you known him before his hair turned that usual color from age, it would have been obvious from his mop of natural red that he had lineage from the Emerald Isle. His family obviously was immune to culture-shock; after all, they moved from his birthplace in Michigan to New Mexico when he was a child. After a three-year stint with Uncle Sam’s finest (US Army), he signed up for the Colorado National Guard in which he served for twenty years.

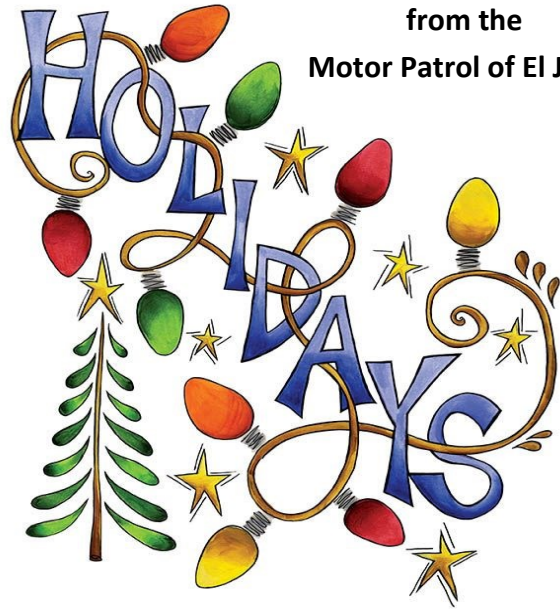
As he puts it, his marriage to his delightful wife Mickey was his finest accomplishment. Not too many men are that romantic, but it is still evident in their relationship. They have one son and a grandson (20) and a granddaughter (8). But his father-in-law was the masonic influence in his early life. He is one of the “old guard” who were required to be not only a Mason but also either a 32^o Scottish Rite Mason and/or a York Rite Mason to petition the Shrine. Guess he couldn’t make up his mind, so he chose the “and” route and journeyed both ways. Joining El Jebel in 1971 makes him one of the longest-tenured Nobles we have.

Always looking for a “fund-raiser” to further the cause for our hospitals, Ill. Sir Jim started the Bingo program back in 1994, under Potentate Amer Plaisted. That was a great program that provided much-needed funds for the children. Somewhere in all this Masonic stuff, he managed to have a career in law-enforcement. He was a Denver cop for twenty-nine years, where he was promoted to division chief. He also worked for the Colorado Department of Corrections for thirteen years. (He was always trying to get me to “teach” construction-related classes for his charges, something which I never found the time to do, much to my regret.) He claims membership in the FBI National Academy Associates (which required taking and passing approved courses) and the Southern Police Institute.

As a Noble of El Jebel, he has been very active in Radoes, Sports, Cabiri (he was Potentate back in 2000 as well), and Motorcycles. He still keeps his weapons-qualifying up-to-date, as well as his balance on the bike which he has been known to use as a preferred mode of transportation for numerous trips.

There are several anecdotes that tell a lot about our fun-loving Brother. He once fell into a reservoir looking for two suspects while in uniform. He also drove his motorcycle into his brand-new fence and had to get help from Mickey to get up and away from the exhaust pipes which were burning his leg. She finally stopped laughing long enough to “raise” him. But (speaking of Mickey) didja know he dislocated his knee playing badminton with her? Now that is what one would call “some volley”!

Wishing everyone a safe
and Happy Holiday Season
from the
Motor Patrol of El Jebel



Nobles & Ladies, we are looking for HELP!!!

- Membership
- Temple Website
- Red Fez
- Proofreading
- Temple Articles
- Layout
- Printing
- And many more items.....
- Front Desk



Contact: El Jebel Office 303-455-3470



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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December 2020

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