

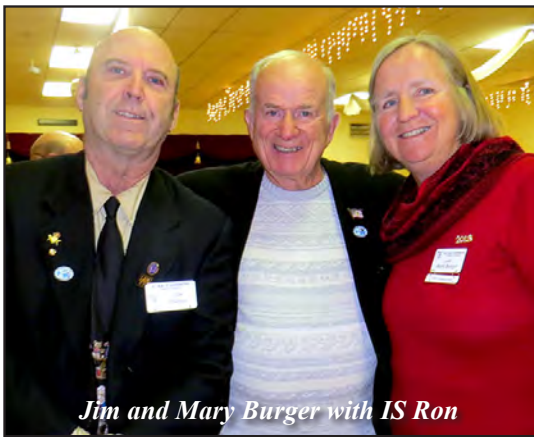


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The Divan & Their Ladies Celebrate the Holidays



Jim and Mary Burger with IS Ron



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*Thanks
for a Great 2017
& Our Wishes
for a Wonderful
2018*



Mary and Larry Newman



Ray and LorAnn Singmaster



Liz and James Hinojosa and IS Ron



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by IS Jim Burger

Participation & FUN are the themes for 2018. Thank you all for allowing me to serve as the Potentate for Al Kaly during 2018. This is truly an honor and I am deeply humbled to serve in this position.

“Live Life Fully” is Mary’s motto and mine is “Participation is the Key”. If you do not participate in events or live life fully you cannot have fun. We need to have fun in our life; it is needed for the inner feeling.

We have a lot of fun things planned for this year. We will, of course, officially visit all clubs and units. We will also have circuses, parades, a picnic, a ball, and 3 ceremonials: one in the Four Corners area on August 4th in Dolores followed by an OV with the Escalante and San Juan Shrine Clubs.

The other ceremonials will be followed by a party, A Margarita Fest at the June Ceremonial in Pueblo and the Oktoberfest following the September Ceremonial in Colorado Springs.

We all know someone who is not a Shriner; let’s have a talk with them and see if we can get them to come to one of our events and show them the fun we have. Here are just a few of the fun things you could invite them to:

About the time you read this, the Daughters of the Nile will be hosting their annual High Tea affair in Colorado Springs. This is a fun event with the ladies all dressed up in their finest while the men serve them tea and sweets.

The 31st of March will be the Masonic Family Event at the Masonic Center in Colorado Springs, This will host all of the Masonic associations from Blue Lodge, Consistory, York Rite, and Knights Templar, along with the ladies organizations: Daughters of the Nile, Amaranth, and Eastern Star,

The youth groups will be represented with Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. This will be an exciting event with everyone there in one spot. Tell your friends about it. Better yet, bring them with you to the event.

March 10th is the Potentates Ball at the Elegante Hotel in Colorado Springs. Invitations will be sent out in early February. The theme will be whimsical and outdoorsy and, as usual we will have a live band. This is an open event, and is supposed to be a fund raiser for Al Kaly. We will only make money if we have more than the guaranteed number of guests so invite you family and friends and let’s make this the best affair yet! We are sure everyone there will have a good time.



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The Colorado Springs Shrine Club will once again offer their Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner on St Patty’s Day.

April brings a lot of events. There are social events hosted by several clubs and units, but, the big event is our Girls Softball Tournament. This is a great fund raiser for the temple and the young ladies really play their heart out. We could use more people to help on this event. Call James Hinojosa if you can be there and would like to help either in keeping the fields in order or with the concession stands. Or, just attend, in your Shrine parade shirt, to show your support. Hope to see you soon.

Just a Thought

First Lady Mary Burger

By the time you read this, my Noble Jim, will be installed as Illustrious Sir Jim: your potentate for 2018. We are really looking forward to the installation and the year. Hopefully as many of you as possible attended. I am sure a good time was had by all.

Now, for the upcoming year: We will, of course, be officially visiting every club and unit in Southern Colorado Shrine. I look forward to seeing everyone, and hearing of your plans and accomplishments for the

year. Jim has scheduled all the usual fun things to do; parades, circuses, a picnic, etc. The fanciest of them all is the Potentate's Ball.

I hope many of you will participate in as much as possible. For the parades: the ladies, and such Nobles as are not in the parade, usually get together to watch. Sometimes we are near the end of the parade, and sometimes near the beginning. This year, I will put the location for the observers in the Nuts and Bolts, and I will ensure water is available for us, too.

For the rest of this year, I will talk about what fun we had. Hopefully, you will consult the directory for the schedule, and the Nuts and Bolts for the details. See you around.



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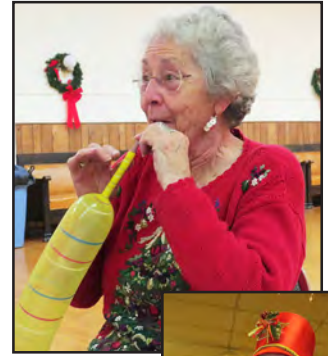
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Colorado Springs Shrine Club Christmas Party



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 3 Nile High Tea
- 11 OV, Past Masters

MARCH

- 8 OV, Potentate's Motor Escort
- 8,9,10 Oriental Guide Seminar
- 10 Al Kaly Potentate's Ball
- 12,13,14 Assistant Rabban Seminar
- 18 OV, Kalyklowns
- 22, 23, 24 CSSA Business Meeting, Branson, MO
- 25, 26, 27 Shrine Recorder's Seminar, Charleston, SC
- 31 Masonic Family Fair (Prospects) Masonic Center COS

APRIL

- 7 Ruhamah Temple 71 Installation
- 8 Bowl-A-Thon, COS
- 8 LOH Spaghetti Dinner, CSSC
- 9 OV, Clowns of Al Kaly
- 13 Stated Meeting, PSC
- 19 OV, Mule Train
- 21,22 Annual Softball Tournament





IS Allan Ake

The Mule Train had a truly stellar year last year with a huge milestone observed. We rode in three parades, brought in two new members, tried a new fund-raiser (our steak fry) for the first time ever. We practiced our drill routine regularly for the first time in at least two years, and performed it for an audience for our 60th anniversary. We also dedicated our practice arena to, and named it after, Gale Fortney. And, of course, mules being mules, we had one minor mishap which could have been a major mishap.

A few days before our anniversary celebration, I was working in the arena preparing it for our drill demonstration. I was on my haunches brushing off the manhole cover we have set in the center of the arena, which helps us keep us organized during our drills. I brushed it off like an umpire at a baseball game so I could paint it black (easy to see). The mules were in the North pasture, so I was confident the gates were closed to keep the mules out of the arena. I was so confident, in fact, I left the gate to the outside world open. Bad mistake. Everyone knows we always close the gates behind us. Apparently, I needed to relearn that lesson.

LD and Rox were herding the mules into the corrals for feeding time. Right, they don't need much herding at that time of day. They did see the open gate immediately, probably led by Scoot, the most notorious escape artist in the herd. He, for many years, has been the rascal king of escapes. If he sees an open gate, he goes for it. I, to this day, don't know eight large mules and one mini mule managed to run behind me, but they did. LD yelled, "Allan the mules are out!" I stood up and began running to the arena gate to stop their progress. "No!" yelled LD, "They're out the front gate!"

I immediately ran to the front gate where Jim's truck was parked. He was on the phone. Turns out that a school bus driver who knows Karen Mendenhall called Karen to tell her she had seen a bunch of mules running north on Janitell Road. Karen called Roger and Roger called Jim. "Jim," he says, "I just heard that the mules are out." "Naw, Roger, I'm sitting at the front gate and all's quiet." "They're running north on Janitell."

Jim looked north and saw the mules disappear through the construction project to the east towards Fountain Creek. He let loose with some colorful language and after some scurrying around, Jim, Rox, Torry, and I managed to grab a couple of halters and lead ropes and drive to the low ground towards the creek. (Colorful language always helps a mule rider get organized.)

I had a call from Nancy at the Al Kaly office. "Allan, I had a call from a motorist who says the mules are loose and she will call animal control if nothing is done."

"Yes, they are out," I said, "but we have it all under control." Ok, ok, I might have exaggerated a bit.

The mules, feeling their oats so to speak, were still running. We helplessly watched as they continued on their way. But their stomachs prevailed and when they reached the green, lush grass of the baseball field they began to graze as though it were the most natural place for them to be. We wormed our way around the north of them so we could gradually drive them back to the ranch. They then decided to all go back to the corrals at a high lope.

Torry managed to capture Denver and get a halter on him, but the big mule decided he wanted nothing to do with a halter, so, jerked Torry to the ground. Torry valiantly hung on while Denver broke into a lope to catch up with his fellow mules. Torry, quickly realizing he was fighting a losing battle, let go of the lead rope. (Wise decision!)

In the meantime, I had captured Maggie and fashioned a bridle out of the halter. Rox gave me a leg up, so I was riding Maggie bareback for the first time in my life. She, however, had other plans, which didn't include me. She began bucking and lowered her head. I was thrown in a flash and found myself lying on the pavement with a few bruises for my efforts.

Maggie, in the meantime, was off at a run to catch up with her buddies. I let loose with some colorful language as I stood to assess my injuries. (Colorful language always helps a mule rider get organized.) I determined my ego was more seriously injured than my body. In the meantime, the mules all ran back to the ranch because it was close to feeding time.



The mules are out?



SO THE WORK BEGINS

by James Hinojosa
Chief Rabban



First, allow me to say “thank you” for your vote of confidence, I look forward to doing the best I can in supporting our new Potentate Ill Sir Jim Burger, congratulations Sir.

So, everyone tells me this is the hardest year of all. It is the year I have to begin getting my 2019 calendar ready. So, as I work hard in supporting our Potentate Ill Sir Jim Burger, I'm asking everyone to be willing to work with me with an open mind and continue on the efforts Ill Sir Jim has laid before us.

I'll be talking to current Club Presidents, Unit Presidents, Clowns, Band Members, Hospital Reps, Nobles, Ladies and Past Potentates and I know it's going to be “tuff”. Along with OV's, Club Dinners, Parades, Circuses, CSSA and Imperial, I have to manage, somehow, to get our dates in the 2019 calendar. It has been done by many before me and I know I can get it done but, there must be a reason why everyone says it is the toughest year of the Divan. So I plead for your help and understanding.

Lady Liz and I had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a New Year to share with all of you. I'm sure the installation will be great and by the time you read this it would have passed, so I want to say WOW! what a great time we had.....lol.

As Chief Rabban I want to work hand in hand with Ill Sir Jim and all Nobles in getting our membership up; this has been a struggle for us for some time and it doesn't look like it's getting any better. Let's pledge together to try to increase our membership, not for our Potentate, but for our fraternity, as we all know without members we will not be in existence as Al Kaly. Let's work hard together.

Ill Sir Jim has a lot of great ideas and, with your help, they can be very fruitful for our fraternity. I would love to carry those ideas to 2019 and maybe add a few new ones, so, if you have any thoughts to help us grow, please feel free to talk to me. I will be willing to hear all ideas and consider them all.

First and foremost let's stand together in making this year, 2018, a wonderful year for our current Potentate *Chief*

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BABY ITS COLD OUTSIDE

by Brain Carter
Assistant Rabban



I know there is a song by that name and it sure fits right now! It is also a fitting to take this opportunity to thank all the nobility for their vote of confidence in electing me as your Assistant Rabban. I will try to perform the AR duties to the best of my ability.

With Potentate Burger's installation over, now the work begins again. We will have another round of Official Visits. All unit and club officials should read the protocol in their directory about who is to be invited to an official visit and how to handle the invitations. There seems to have been some confusion in the past.

In other Temples, there is a movement to have 2 or more clubs or units band together to have one Official Visit between them. This saves several days on an already crowded calendar and, also, it cuts the club/unit costs for hosting the official visit. There are already some units in Al Kaly doing this now. Perhaps, it is time to think more about this practice. Thanks to all the clubs and units currently doing a joint Official Visit – it is extremely helpful for all of us!

Plans are already in the works for CSSA in Branson, MO from August 22-25, 2018. The Nuts and Bolts has information on rooms and costs – or you can contact me for more information.

As Valentine's Day is coming soon, a word to the wise – Don't forget to honor your Lady on Valentine's day!

In closing, we must remember membership is our Number 1 priority! Nobles please visit your Blue Lodges and Consistory meetings and get our Shriner's information to those who are eligible.

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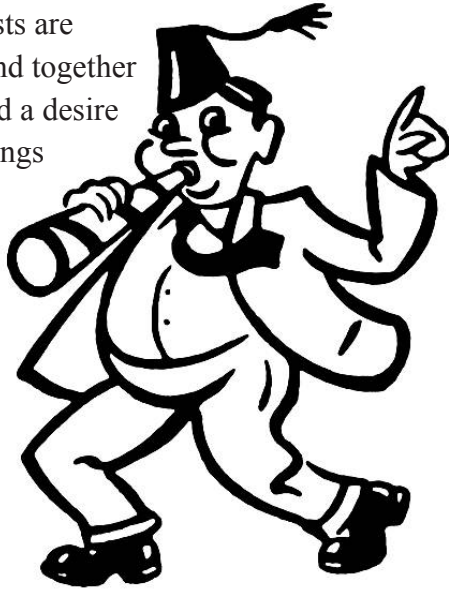
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

by Ray Singmaster
High Priest and Prophet

Nobles, Ladies and Friends,
Happy New Year to all! I would like to wish everyone reading this a happy, healthy 2018, and prosperous New Year.

Many thanks to all who helped me throughout the year and more importantly to everyone who participated in the 2017 events. I look forward to the upcoming installation and wish the very best for the new Potentate, Jim Burger; the Divan, all of the supporting cast of characters, and each and every Noble, their Ladies and families for the support they provide. It takes all of us, together, to make our mission possible.

“Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good things and build relationships that will last a lifetime.”



SHRINERS IN THE ROSE BOWL PARADE

by Larry Weed
Oriental Guide



Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of Al Kaly Shrine -- Best wishes to all the Divan and Nobles as we work toward helping children in need.

I am grateful to have been elected to the position of Oriental Guide for 2018, and am committed to help fulfill the mission of Shriners International and our goals this year for all Al Kaly Shriners –thank you for your support!

Did you watch the Rose Bowl Parade last month? Shriners Hospitals for Children helped us launch into the New Year by participating in the 2018 Rose Parade on January 1, 2018. Hundreds of volunteers, including Shriners, employees, supporters and donors, dedicated countless hours to constructing and decorating the Caring for Kids Around the World float. The float theme showcased in a playful and entertaining way how Shriners Hospitals for Children is making a difference beyond its hospitals' doors and into the future.

Eight representatives rode on the float including Commander Fezzy in his sixth appearance on the Shriners Hospitals for Children float. He emphasized the mission to care for children who are in need of our specialized, state-of-the-art compassionate care.

He was joined by the Number One Shriner, Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske, and his wife, Anne; Trustee Peter Diaz and his wife, Vicky; along with a trusted space crew of four patient ambassadors: Alec, Emily, Isabella and Kechi (2017 America's Got Talent finalist.)

The parade's theme, Making a Difference, aligns perfectly with our organization's mission to make a difference in the lives of children through care, medical education and research. Our foremost mission is helping children.

Our presence in the community; attending parades, hosting the circuses, Softball Tournament, Golf Tournament, and everything else we do is paramount for success as we reach out to others. Please, take the time to commit to your units and activities and participate whenever possible. Come on, let's grow and be a part of that!

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2018

by *Bill Davidson*
First Ceremonial Master

As we transition into the new year it brings a new endeavor for me and my Lady Rhonda. We embark on a new journey in life. I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I go by Bill and I was born and raised in Eatontown, N.J.

I moved to Aurora, Colorado in September of 1993 where I was introduced to Masonry by my Uncle, Charles Rice, who was worshipful master of Greenleaf Lodge in Denver in 1998.

In November of 2000 we moved to Pueblo and I was asked to join the Al Kaly Shrine in 2002 by my father-in-law Dick Thomas who as Potentate in 1989.

I also have an uncle who is a member of Aleppo Shrine in Boston and another uncle who was a Mason in Boston. As I look forward to 2018 - it will bring many challenges, but I am ready to accept them. I will do my best to help Al Kaly Shrine move forward with the help of all the other board members as well.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

by *Larry Newman*
Treasurer

My thanks to the Nobility for, again, entrusting me with the position of Treasurer. I consider it an honor and privilege to serve our fraternity and you.

While I don't have final numbers for 2017 as I write this, we've done better than our original budget had projected for the year. I want to thank all of the nobles and ladies who have given so enthusiastically of your time in support of our fundraising efforts, and to the individuals, units, and clubs who have donated so generously to Al Kaly. I deeply appreciate all you have done, and continue to do, for our Shrine.

I hope you will continue to support our fund raisers in the new year. Come out, share in the work and the fun. You're all great people to spend time with, and it's great to support our fraternity while we have a blast doing it.

See you on the streets!



POTENTATE'S APPRECIATION



*1st Ceremonial Master
Larry Weed with IS Ron
and collage of his year.*



SIGN UP FOR WEB FEZ

by *Bart Guthrie, P.P.*
Recorder



With the beginning of a new year, now is the time to sign up for Web Fez if you have not already done so. So far, we have 154 signed up. When you're signed up, members can check their personal information to ensure it's correct, and make changes to such things as address, phone numbers, and email addresses. You can also check the status of your dues card/sticker once you've paid your dues. Unit and Club secretaries can also check information on their members, like, are all members listed? Points up to date? And... they can produce mailing labels. Good stuff!

By the time you receive this Dust, the unit and club officers will be updated in Web Fez. If you have any questions or need assistance on Web Fez, please don't hesitate to ask.

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the next Stated Meeting will be held as follows:

Pueblo Shrine Club
April 13, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Attest:

Bart Guthrie, P.P.
Recorder

Jim Burger
Potentate

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Corned beef & Cabbage with potatoes & Carrots, Rolls, and Assorted Desserts!

Where: Colorado Springs Shrine Club

When: March 17th. Why: Club fundraiser.

Time: To be determined but during lunch and after the parade. Check Nuts n Bolts for details.



The 2nd Annual Al Kaly Bazaar

The Pueblo Shrine Club looked and sounded like a busy, busy beehive the weekend after Thanksgiving. It was a great thing, however, and the vendors were extremely complimentary. We heard comments like well-run, great help when needed, the most friendly atmosphere of all bazaars we've been in, and good food. A couple of the vendors said this was their most productive bazaar, well attended by buyers!! That was wonderful news!!

A quick break down of income after expenses showed:

Drawing	\$47
Concession	\$520
Table rentals	\$1105
Al Kaly Table Sales	\$305.16
Total Income	\$1977.16

Thanks to everyone who helped set up, sell, take down, donate items and money, cook, run errands and moral support. Couldn't do it without all of you!!!

Illustrious Sir Jim Burger and Lady Mary

Invite you to the

Annual Al Kaly Ball

"A Whimiscal Walk In The Woods"

March 10, 2018

Hospitality room from 4:00 - 6:00

Social hour 6:00 - 7:00

Dinner at 7:00 with dance to follow

With a live band

Hotel Elegante, (Circle Drive at I-25, Colorado Springs)

Menu:

*Grilled Tri-tip with Malbec Reduction
Served with Mashed Potatoes
And Seasonal Vegetable*

*Grilled Chicken Breast with Lemon Caper Sauce
Served with Rice Pilaf
And Seasonal Vegetable*

Dessert:

*Three Layer Bailey's White Chocolate Cheesecake
with Crème Anglaise and Fresh Berries*

\$50 per person

RSVP to the office: (719) 544-0658

Indicate your menu selection when making your reservation by March 1st.

1922 Issue of the DUST

I was fortunate to be asked if I wanted a stack of old Dust issues and, of course, I said yes. In those early Dusts I found several Crescents, the original tome of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the September 1922 issue I have found many laughable and serious items...

Would you like a new sealskin Pass Case, "Made for the Vest Pocket"? You can order one for \$7.50 through Arms-worth Leather.

On page 5 Al Kaly is given credit for owning stock in "the Crescent Publishing Company"

These next two under the title "Breezes and Brainstorms" "Imperial Potentate McCandless is a strong friend of the Shrine Club, so long as that Club performs as a subordinate body to any Temple. But the Imperial Potentate has no hesitation in saying that 'the tail of the body must not attempt to swing the Temple.'"

"It seems not to be a pretty well established fact that a railroad train running at high speed can wreck an auto driven onto the track immediately in front of it. For some years there were rave doubts in the matter, but many experiments made by experts have convinced all profound students of immovable objects and irresistible force that the long-scouted theory is really true." I'm curious why this was of interest to Shriners and why on earth we had to have experts test the question...seems a couple of train/car accidents would have sufficed...

There is a large article about the "Trail of Imperial Pote; Progress of Hospitals" in which James Rowland, Potentate

states he has enough requests to "take our children" to keep the Shreveport Hospital filled for 5 years. Requests were from Canal Zone, Montana, Massachusetts and "all districts in between".

El Jebel, "The Mile High Temple" had an article about a summer Pilgrimage to Boulder, the seat of the state university.

The took "300 machines bearing 500 members", and 800-1000 family members. Many Temples took advantage of the publicity and printed articles.

Ads for woven Shrine badges, cigars, humidors, "Joolry", costumes, musical instruments, Shrin knives, insurance of all types and much more cluttered every page.

The arrest of Frank Thomas, aka Frank Martin, settled several worried. "Thomas is the old bird who got hold of a forged card in Mahi Temple as well as a lot of bogus Masonic credentials and used them to borrow money from regular members of the two fraternities. ...he had 'touched' many members for sums of money ranging from five to fifty dollars." The fraud got so bad Recorder DeLaney of Mahi sent telegrams to every temple warning them and asking for Thomas' arrest. He was found in Detroit and arrested.

And...Past Imperial Potentate Ernest Cutts returned to cotton picking after his term and sold the first cotton bale in Georgia for 50 cents a pound!



STATED MEETING DINNER



Pueblo Shrine Club
April 13, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00

Reservations are a must and must be made through the Al Kaly Shriners office at (719) 544-0658

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A month or so ago I was talking with another Shrine Lady, who buys items online, about a donation site I found accidentally for Shriners Hospitals for Children...Amazon.

We decided very few people knew this existed and I swore to write this article...OK, I finally remembered. It's after Christmas and we have missed a lot of donations due to my tardiness, but better late than never.

I have copied the following off Amazon's website. You can bring it up easily but this is the gist of how it works... please sign up.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Shriners Hospitals for Children every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at "smile.amazon.com", you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com

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Chief Rabban

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Ill Sir Jim and make his efforts as fruitful as possible, I know personally he has worked hard with his Lady Mary and together they have the best interest of the fraternity in mind. Lady Liz and I look forward to working with them and doing our best for them. As the title states, "SO THE WORK BEGINS "

Ill Sir Ron Bowen, I want to say thank you for the talks we had while we traveled, your willingness to offer your help to Liz and me was greatly appreciated. It was absolutely a pleasure working with you and I hope when you look back on your year you smile and stand proud. You did your best and for that, Sir, I salute you!
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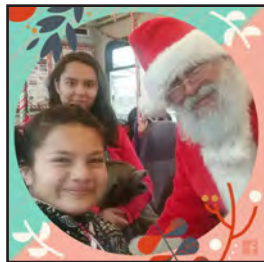
SAND DUNES SHRINE CLUB

By Dick Smith

The Sand Dunes Shrine Club held their Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers, Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Monte Vista Masonic Lodge with a catered dinner. Thanks to Lady Sandy Kunie and other ladies who decorated the Lodge for Christmas. They did a beautiful job and everyone enjoyed the Christmas Spirit prevailing throughout the night. Lady Sandy Kunie made and served delicious refreshments. Her special "Grandmother's walnuts and pecans" were the hit of the night. We finished the evening playing some Christmas games. I don't know who was laughing the most and had the most fun!

Then Potentate-Elect Jim Burger and his Lady Mary were our guests. Jim did the honors of installing our 2018 Officers: President Dennis Shepherd, Vice President Tom Sanderson, Treasurer Art Jones, and Secretary Richard Smith.

All business was postponed for the evening, however Noble Ernie Kunie us gave a brief update on our Shrine child Urianna Acosta, who is a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has been a full-time in-patient in Philadelphia since August 2017 and everyone is always eager for updates on her condition and recovery. She doing well considering she has had very severe surgery. She is upbeat but painful.



PUEBLO SHRINE CLUB

Howard Magan, President

I wish to thank the Board for their confidence in appointing me as President of the Pueblo Shrine Club for 2018. This year there will be no jokes at the dinners even though I am a clown. We hope to have a few guest speakers this year as we are able to secure them. If any of the members have someone in mind they might like to invite, please let me know. I will be willing to make use of your suggestions in that regard.

As usual, we will continue to have our monthly breakfasts on the first Sunday and if any member is willing to come out and help, we can always use extra hands, especially for cleaning up. Even coming to help serve, if only for an hour would be appreciated.

I wish to thank Lady Glenda Terrill for her invaluable help with setup for all events and all her other acts of support of the club. You may never know how many hours she puts in behind the scenes.

Our first 2018 Friday dinner was attended by some 60 people, off to a wonderful start, please continue to attend and see what's up at your club!



2018 Sand Dunes Shrine Club Officers



BAND

Larry Weed

Happy New Year Everyone! Always keeping on a positive note, the Band has been very busy blowing our horns and making joyful music together. We ended last year with several performances including the Stated Meeting in Pueblo and the Kid's Christmas Party at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club in December.

We started 2018 out with a boom with our annual "Holiday Party" at the Mule Barn Tack Room in January - as before, extending the season - and also playing at the January Stated Meeting.

In February, the Dixielanders are playing at a Mardi Gras Party on February 13th at the Pikes Peak Towers Retirement Center. Please contact any bandsman if you have a gig you'd like us to play for, or if you just want to listen - we'd love to see you! Take a look at the October 2018 Al Kaly Shriner calendar page for some great photos of some great guys!

In advance of our annual Band meeting, we held our election of officers, and our slate for 2018 continues with Jerry Campbell (President), Jim Marcum (Vice President), Larry Weed (Secretary), and we're keeping Troy Hanson as Treasurer. We also continue with Galen Feedback as Music Director of the Fez Band, assisted by co-Director, Jim Marcum, with Troy Hanson substituting for Norm Churchill with the German Band, Elmo Gardner coordinating the activities of the Dixielander's, and Jerry Campbell and his lovely Lady Sharon continuing to help us as Quartermaster and Librarian - phone numbers for all are in the directory. We're all happy to be supporting this year's Potentate, IS Jim Burger, in his year at the top.

Our Al Kaly Band has a heritage going back 100 years and consists of dozens of our own musicians, plus some very talented friends from the Southern Colorado area. The Band is active year round, playing in the parades during the summer months and performing in concerts throughout the area. The Fez Band rehearses once a month, on an occasional basis with quarterly business meetings alternating between Colorado Springs and Pueblo. If you are interested in joining the Band, there are no auditions - just come and join us! Please contact us so we can speak to you about how to become a member of our great organization.



TID BITS

Did you know the East-West Shrine Game®, America's longest running college all-star football game, started off started as a baseball game between Islam Shriners - now called Asiya Shriners - and the Elks? While the game raised money for each of their respective charities, Shriners' team captain E. Jack Spaulding suggested an all-star football game would generate more exposure for the Shriners' organization.

The first game was played on December 26, 1925 at Ewing Field in San Francisco. This first game had an attendance of 25,000 and raised \$25,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children in San Francisco. Seventy-nine of the first 80 games were played in San Francisco, but in recent years the game has been played in various locations throughout the US.

Regardless of where the game has been played, it has raised significant awareness and funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Every year during game week, players and coaches visit the local Shriners Hospital to meet patients and gain a greater understanding of the game's significance. For this reason, the East-West Shrine Game's motto for many years has been "More Than Just a Game".

STATED MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS

December 8, 2017



SHRINER OF THE YEAR
WAYNE MCKEY



PUBLIC RELATIONS

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THE MASONIC FAMILY FAIR

On March 31, 2018 the Scottish Rite is sponsoring a Masonic Family Fair to assist in building our craft at the Blue Lodge level and helping Master Masons to grow more in knowledge.

The event will be at the Masonic Center in Colorado Springs, 1105 Panorama Dr., and will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The goal of this event is to have all the different Masonic bodies represented and bring a community awareness to the craft. Represented at this event will be Southern Colorado Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite Bodies, Al Kaly Shriners, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, International Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and National Sojourners.

Representatives from each of these organizations will be available to provide information about their respective organizations. Members of the general public as well as members of the Masonic family are invited to this event.

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MON-ARK SHRINE CLUB

Bob McCormick, President

Not much going on here, our weather was above normal for November and December and a lot of sickness hit our community as a result of the very dry air; and the wind certainly didn't help matters.

The Club had a good turnout for their second Christmas Observance Social "Luncheon" held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Masonic Lodge Hall. Noble Jim Burger, Chief Rabban, and his Lady Mary were in attendance and Jim installed the 2018 Club Officers. President-Bob McCormick, Vice President-Jim Dickson, Ed Kinzie-Secretary and Forest "Keith" Franklin-Treasurer.

A gift drawing was held with Lady Mary receiving a "Red Glass Bowl" filled with goodies. Lady Kathy Franklin won a "Birdbath Bowl" with goodies. The two "Beer Steins" were won by Nobles Forest Franklin and Gene Broaddus.

All of the ladies and single men in attendance were instructed to pick a "Christmas Gift" of their choice from beneath the tree. Following the Luncheon a DVD on "Christmas Trains" was shown.

Wishing all Nobles and Ladies a fabulous "New Year"...!!

Editor's Note: A "non-descript" Christmas envelope arrived at the Terrill household after the Christmas Luncheon in Salida...we had planned on attending but due to health concerns were unable. In this envelope was a small hanging plaque with the inscription "I Saw Your Facebook Page, You're Getting Clothes and a Bible For Christmas!" Does Santa know something?????



2018 Officers - Installing Officer CR Jim Burger, President Bob McCormick, Vice President Jim Dickson, Secretary Ed Kinzie and Treasurer Keith Franklin



Featured Member

Mary J. Burger



Billie Nigro

Mary J. Burger was born in Davenport, IA, the 4th of 14 children. Her father was a businessman, excellent in sales. The family moved from Iowa to Prescott, AZ, then San Jose, CA. When they moved on to San Diego, Mary, in her second year at San Jose University chose to stay. Putting herself through school a neighbor helped her get a job in semi-conductor manufacturing. There was, however, one condition: if she joined National Semiconductor she had to stay 6 months - she stayed in the industry for 25 years! With the help of an excellent benefits package including medical and education she got her degree from San Jose State University and became one of the first female supervisors with National Semiconductor. The company had well over 1000 supervisors, and only 40 were females.

The hardest thing she faced was prejudice against a woman supervisor – from the women as well as the men; but most people got over their prejudice once they knew her. She continued studies in management; taking University courses, reading books and manuals, attending seminars and her crews did well and were happy.

Mary then got a job with a new company, INMOS, in South Wales which paid her living expenses except food

and clothes. She received a nice pay increase, and, it was all tax-free in the UK and the US which lead to a nice savings account when she returned home.

The company manufactured a new product called a “transputer”. Its primary purpose was to enable Scotland Yard to search fingerprint and facial recognition files at speed.

Later she hired on with NCR where she worked on different projects in the semiconductor industry. Some of those included creating training programs for operators and a computer program which tracked every step of the manufacturing process. She often worked with a \$4 million per month budget.

Mary loves the outdoors. On one hike in early November she fell off a mountain; walked three miles and hitched a ride to the hospital in a pickup truck. She didn’t know she had broken her back but soon had to have surgery to fuse her spine. She got out of the hospital around Thanksgiving and went back to work in January. Her doctor said she could go back to work half-days for two weeks, then back to a 40-hour week. She previously worked 50-60 hours a week but followed those orders, not working more than 40 hours a week after that!

When told she could go back to normal activities the doctor didn’t ask her what those were. As a member of Song Spinners who were working on their spring show – “Chorus Line” she had to kick her heel over her head. That wasn’t a good thing so soon after back surgery - the rod shifted sending her back into surgery to have them removed.

A friend had introduced her to trail building so she learned how to build a trail and became a crew leader. She designed part of the Intemann Trail in Manitou Springs, then the Revenuers Ridge Trail in Mueller State Park - 7 more miles of trail.

She thought to form a group called Friends of the Peak, volunteers working with city and forest to repair damage done by the Pikes Peak Highway. A Pikes Peak Master Plan was finished in 1999 requiring 3 new sections to be



built; the “Ring the Peak” trails. Mary designed them and Friends of the Peak built them. During this Mary started a sub-group to repair other trails on Pikes Peak. Eventually, all the trails which access the forest on Pikes Peak were repaired.

Over the years, thousands of volunteers joined Mary using no tax dollars, or government support and she has received many awards from state, city, county, federal, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado and Friends of the Peak due to this.

One day a girlfriend hinted of a friend of her boyfriend, “Gentleman Jim”, an outdoorsman who liked to fish. She was invited to go ice fishing with them and finally was convinced. When they met there was this guy with a cap on and he said to her “Excuse me for wearing my cap at the table. I’m not usually so rude, but I’m having a bad hair day.” He took off his cap and was bald except for one little squiggly hair going straight up under his ball cap! Now, that made her laugh.

While fishing he caught three fish and Mary got all excited when she finally caught something! Jim checked saying he didn’t think they could fit her catch into the truck as her hook was actually caught on the edge of the hole in the ice!

After a year and a half, they found they liked the same things and decided to take it to the next level and bought their house. Jim didn’t want to make plans but Mary said they could plan and if something came up, they could change plans; but, if they didn’t plan it, they wouldn’t do it. He agreed. They’ve been married about 17 years. It looks like it’s going to work out ok.....

After a while, they realized they were missing a sense of community. Jim wanted to get active in Masons and Shriners again. She wasn’t from a Masonic background and all she knew about the Masons and Shriners was what she had read which indicated the Masons were trustworthy and dependable and Shriners were silly. She knew about Shrine hospitals and found Jim is very dedicated to the hospitals.

Since Jim was appointed into the Divan they’ve been all over the state meeting people and feel they have extended family all over the state. Meetings are like walking into a room of old friends you can count on; a sense of belonging; family.

In about 2010 she started not feeling well and falling so she went to the surgeons at the Olympic Training Center who treated her like a broken athlete. They found a pinched nerve and torn meniscus and she finally got pain relief.

Still not feeling well, and at the suggestion of Deborah



Jordan, she went to the emergency room where she was admitted due to low blood-oxygen. They told her everything it WASN’T but never did find out what is WAS. Her lungs will never be what they were so she had to give up trail building. She’s gone back to hiking - just slower.

Mary says when God talks to you, He never whispers. He hits you upside the head with a 4x4! When she fell off the mountain and broke her back, she was several miles back up in Bear Creek Canyon, on the wrong side of the stream. Later, she went back to take a look at the area and realized there was no trail; it was a vertical wall. God had sent His angels to guide her back down. She’s a strong believer in angels and prayer. She has left a legacy of over 20 miles of trails and her positive influence on other people.

Mary considers herself to be an over-achiever. I think she might be...and that’s part of what makes her Mary and makes her so special.

Her focus this year will be JUST HAVE FUN!



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David Ashley	Don Johnson
David Bills	Art Jones
Ron Bowen (16)	John Larson
Jim Burger (2)	LeRoy Lindsey
Jerry Campbell	Howard Magan
Tim Carson	Jim Marcum (2)
Brian Carter	Jerry McGill
Norm Churchill	Wayen McKey
Terry Collinson	Roger Mendenhall
Bill Davidson	Larry Newman
Dave Dickey	John Potter
Galen Feedback (2)	Bill Sheard
Roger Frazier	Charlie Shiverdecker (2)
Elmo Gardner (2)	Dick Smith
Mel Graner (2)	Craig Sparks
Don Hamilton (2)	Les Tedrow
Troy Hanson (2)	Larry Weed (2)

Silver Stars

Jon Bower	Bill Heintzen
Jason Bunch (2)	Mike Palmer

2500 Point Pin

Ron Bowen

It will be here before we know it:

Shriner's Bowl-a-thon for Kids

April 8th, 2018

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Harmony Bowl on North Academy at 9:30 A.M.

Thank You!

Membership December 31, 2017

Creations:	2
Affiliations:	1
Restorations:	0
Demits:	2
Suspensions:	20
Deaths:	2
Resignations:	0
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Grand Total: 587

On December 31, 2016, Al Kaly total membership was 624



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The following Nobles will celebrate birthdays in the months of February & March:

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Curtis L Allen

Rodolfo F Arguello

David K Ashley

Brett M Axton

Gerald E Bates

Leonard A Beasley

Ronald G Book

Jon D Bower

Norman L Bryant

Alvin K Burk

James Coke

Robert M Colgrove

Paul E Cooper

Ben M Crossno P.G.M.

Richard E Crum

Ronald G Decker

Joseph D Dooley

Raymond H Dunn

Thomas S Eagle

Billy E Edwards

Willard F Elmore

Dennis J Feister

Nicholas B Forgit

Roger K Frazier

Fred J Garcia

Harvey L Gillis

Ricardo E Griffin

Terry R Gumlich

Larry A Hazeltine

William R Heintzen

Charles V Hendrickson

Cuba Y Hollaway

Herschel D Holmes Sr

Lewis W Young

Walter C Iiams

Phillip A Johnson

Donald L Johnson

James B Kashner

Clifford D Lane

Dennis F Lauer

Richard D Lincoln

Terry K Lingle

Mark Lipsky

Richard Martin

Robert W McAllister

Ervin L Meacham

Chad M Merfeld

Richard G Mills

James L Mitchell

John J Montoya

Lawrence E Mullins

Paul R Nigro

Kevin G Nunn

James L Nunn

Gennaro F Occhiuzzo

Albert G Olson

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Otto J Rosengrants

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Steven C Zerger

The Al Kaly Shrine General and Transportation Fund are in need of a financial boost.

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The increasing cost of operating Al Kaly Temple and transporting kids to the hospital combined with decreasing membership has put a strain on the General Fund and Transportation Fund. Please remember both of these funds when donating. Your contribution will be listed as below for one year (6 issues). The date posted indicates the year and month of your donation. Send your donation to: **Al Kaly Shrine – P.O. Box 193, Pueblo, Colorado 81002**

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James B. Coberly, Bob & Betty Burr
Sir Ron Bowen III, by Carol Goeson
James Stivers, by Bob & Donna Hudson
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DECEMBER 2017

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Ken Wofford, by Barlow Westcott
Ken Wofford, by Gale & Shirley Fortney
Jan Husted, by Gail & Shirley Fortney
Jim Stivers, by Gail & Shirley Fortney
 Chandler Jackson
Bill Husted, by Swede & Olga Hanson
 Jason Bunch
Chet Brown, by Luba Brown
Jim Stivers, by Bob Buxmann
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Sir Ron Bowen III, by Fred & Melissa Buchholz

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Ruben "Chip" Bork by Bob & Betty Burr
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Roger Hillmeyer by Bob & Betty Burr

Jerry Long by Bob Buxmann
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Jay Barrilleaux by Jayne & John Gnadt
Paul Monohon by Robert & Donna Hudson
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AUGUST 2017

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 Roberta Bate by Bob & Betty Burr
 Roberta Bate by Bill & Irene Sheard

APRIL 2017

Dan Neu by Tina Sparks
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Ruth B. Westcott by Barlow M. Westcott

MARCH 2017

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Joe Wooton by Gale & Shirley Fortney
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JANUARY 2018

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AUGUST 2017

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 Pueblo Shrine Club

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Pueblo Shrine Club
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 Mule Train

APRIL 2017

Jackson Chandler
 Past Master's Club

MARCH 2017

Al Kaly Band
 Grant Anderson
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 George and Jackie Cann
 Jackson Chandler
 James & Victoria Clark
 Roger Frazier
 John Schroyer

GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

JANUARY 2018

Al Kaly Band
 Clowns of Al Kaly
 Elite Races
 Phillip Johnson

OCTOBER 2017

San Juan Basin Shrine Club

AUGUST 2017

Fremont Shrine Club and Honda Patrol

APRIL 2017

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MARCH 2017

Al Kaly Racers
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IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...

MARCH 2017

Jim Stivers by Merv & Glenda Terrill

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KALYKLOWNS

Howard Magan – Cuz'n Clem



The Kalyklowns began the holiday season with General Halftrack, El Lobo, Billy Bob, Fluffy, Cuz'n Clem, and Sleepy riding in the Kalliope at the Pueblo Parade of Lights with Pocket Change doing the towing during the event. The weather was quite cold, but all made it through without freezing.

At our annual Christmas Party, we had a wonderful meal prepared by AJ at the Walking Stick Country Club. Lady Glenda Terrill, with her usual wit and charm, served as auctioneer at our annual White Elephant Auction raising around 100 dollars for the unit.

Noble Howard “Cuz'n Clem” Magan was named Clown of the Year by outgoing President IS Mike “Poo-Bah” Palmer. III. Sir Ron Bowen was also in attendance as the installing officer and the 2018 officers for the Kalyklowns and Shabob units were duly installed.

The 2018 officers for the Kalyklowns are Dennis “Fluffy” Bright, President; Frank “Halftrack” Caffey, Vice President; and IS Gary “Panhandle” Sears, Secretary-Treasurer. For the Shabob Unit the 2018 officers are President, Vern “El Lobo” Wolf; Vice President, IS Mike “Poo-Bah” Palmer; and Secretary-Treasurer, IS Gary “Panhandle” Sears.

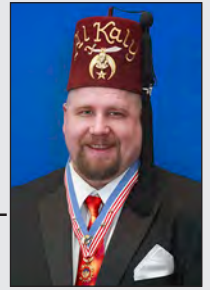
The day of the party found Cuz'n Clem pinch-hitting for John “Buttons” Montoya who was unable to attend The Dream Weavers Christmas Party at The Fortino Ballroom at Pueblo Community College due to having had knee surgery the previous Friday. This event has been going on for about 40+ years and Noble John had attended for about 20+ years. At the conclusion of the event, the board of that organization presented to the unit a very nice plaque to commemorate our participation in their event. See you at the Parades!

**Clown of the Year
Noble Howard
“Cuz'n Clem”
Magan**



Our Invisible Shriners - Nick Forgit

Glenda Terrill



There are several, perhaps many, Shriners “out there” whom we know about, know they exist and see periodically, but, are not available for all the meetings, all the circuses, all the parades and the other places we see each other often. Many of them are “working stiff” who have little or no time for evening or weekend activities, many are out of town temporarily or permanently, and many are otherwise unavailable.

One of those, Nick Forgit, has a story as to why he is only around periodically. For nearly 3 three years now he has been doing long-haul trucking to make a living. Right now he is working for System Transport based in Spokane, Washington but out of the Denver office.

Nick pulls mostly regional hauls, out of Gypsum, Colorado moving drywall, steel and other construction materials. Often he sees a lot of Lowes and Home Depot stores in his week. Before he came to Colorado, where he has been living with his mother and step-father, Noble Howard and Chris Magan, he was heavily into working with the Boy Scouts of America after he made Eagle Scout in 1998. He has been an Assistant Scout Master in Massachusetts and again with Troop #9 after coming to Pueblo. In 2015 he left them to begin working full-time, after all, amenities like food and clothing do cost money.

Nick says he has had fun, worked long, hard hours, driven in sun, rain and snow and seen a lot of the United States. He recalls a fun experience helping load two “sprinter” trucks (the size you most associate with the brown UPS vehicle) into a 53 foot long semi-trailer.

Continual learning is always available, every driver you meet and every company you work with has new ways to do things, new ways to load items, new knots or ways to tie down a load.

Ice storms are his least favorite part of the job. Slowing to 20 miles per hour or less dragging a large trailer behind you is just not the most fun he has had. Once, on black ice, he even pulled in behind a sand truck through Oklahoma into Texas to keep his schedule.

While he is in Pueblo he is often seen at the Pueblo Shrine Club doing whatever is needed to help. He is often seen working at the monthly breakfast and has helped set up the tables for the Al Kaly Bazaar. Nick has served as Captain of the Guard for Al Kaly and is usually busy fixing, painting and working with the Kalyklowns.

See you next time you are passing through!

Potentates Escort

Terry Collinson

Well, it's out with the old year and in with the new year. So far it has been a little too cold to get much motorcycle riding done. Those machines just like to sit in the garage and suck off their battery tender this time of year. We did have a smashing end of 2017, however.

First, two of us rode in the Festival of Lights parade on December 2nd. Dave Dickey and Doc Collinson escorted Santa Clause in front of over 60,000 people along the streets of Colorado Springs. We were seen by more than twice as many people than all the parades put together in the summer.

Just before Christmas we had our annual Escort Christmas party at the Collinson house. Twenty-four of us enjoyed a ham dinner which included food brought by everyone and it was truly a great meal. We could have fed several more people...of course, they would have brought food and then we could have said that again. Oh well, it was a great time.

After dinner we had our usual gift exchange which had to be food because we want to eat up our gifts and not have to find a place to put them. Some real nice food ideas were unwrapped and of course some were stolen as part of the game. Now, it's the start of 2018 and we have a couple goals for the new year. First to find a couple new members who like to ride and secondly to get a couple more of the members we have to get more active and come to parades. It's called, having more fun with your brothers. Good luck to Illustrious Sir Jim Burger on a successful 2018 year.

He Loves Me Not, He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not...

Glenda Terrill

Shriners have had so much fun with the IHOP Pancake Days we were appalled last year when IHOP Corporate said all the stores were mandated to support Children's Miracle Network...a worthy charity, but not us.

Then in November "Doc" Hathaway got a letter from IHOP saying we were on again. The \$16 to 19 thousand dollars we collected yearly in the past was on the plate again. YEAH!! Round up the Store Captains, the clowns, the other members and let's get collecting money!!

Everything was on a roll, gaining momentum and then...it's off again. No reasons, no explanations, no nothing. The individual store managers we spoke with were not pleased and a couple were simply mad, no, livid. Seems CMN takes the money the IHOPs collect but, no one comes to the stores to help them. But, the managers have no control in the matter.

SOOOOOO...On again, off again, gone again. Flannigan. No IHOP this year...sorry Doc and all involved Shriners, sorry.

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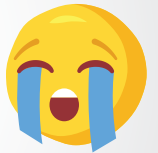
Greetings from the Clowns of Al Kaly! As the Boss Clown for the 2018, I want to say to the unit "Thank you" for allowing me to serve. My thanks, also, to Vice Boss Clown Craig "Patches" Sparks and Note Taker & Money Watcher Dave "Reboot" Bills for stepping up.

The clowns have just wrapped up a very busy 2017, especially December which had us clowning at various children's Christmas parties around town. These included events at the Elks Lodge, the Ft. Carson USO, and our own Colorado Springs Shrine Club.

Congratulations to our own Jim "Kazoo" Burger as he begins his year as Potentate of Al Kaly Shriners. We're looking forward to 2018 being great. Come on out and play as we parade and clown around Southern Colorado.

"Has anyone stopped to think??"

After Grand Lodge this month, both the Colorado Masons and the Al Kaly Shriners will be led by a functioning clown? This could be a very differnt year ... "



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COLORADO SPRINGS SHRINE CLUB

By Roger Mendenhall

We had a wonderful attendance last month at our Christmas Dinner. The Academy Optimists Club provided a party atmosphere in their Santa and elf costumes with picture taking opportunities, caricatures, and Christmas fun tattoos. They led a grand old Christmas singalong as a finale. Billie and Paul Nigro were instrumental in making this happen, and were quite cheerful elves themselves. Thanks to all for making our dinner festive. Pictures by Deborah Jordan have been posted on the Al Kaly web site.

The children's Christmas party was also a great time. Thanks to the clowns, elves, behind the curtain "gift elves" (Ann Sater and JoAnne Sube) and Shriners' Ladies for making it a special time for kids. A special thanks to Frank Klein for taking wonderful pictures and to the Band for adding their musical talents. Frank's pictures are, also, posted on the Al Kaly web site.

I would like to thank the members for the gift of a Shrine Club sports jacket presented to me by Earl Fields at the Christmas dinner. You will see me wearing it often from now on! Also, Karen thanks you for her gift of a beautiful heart shaped gold necklace with the Shrine logo bearing two diamonds on the front. She was ecstatic to receive it. We were both very much surprised since nobody let on. A great big thanks from both of us.

The club will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, corned beef and cabbage dinner. Sides will include potatoes, carrots, rolls and an assortment of desserts. Look for times as well as more details to be posted in the Nuts and Bolts. Come on out and support the club.

Also, the Legion of Honor Spaghetti Dinner will be held on April 8th at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club after the Bowl-a-thon that morning. This is an annual event and the main fundraiser for the Legion of Honor. It has been well supported in the past, and the unit looks forward another good event. More details will be available in the Nuts and Bolts.

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