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FROM THE POTENTATE

John Weed

Al Kaly Potentate 2024

Welcome to 2024! Your Divan team and I stand ready to support the Clubs, Units, and the rest of Al Kaly. We have many activities scheduled over the course of the year. But, none are more important than our philanthropic mission to support Shriner's Childrens. Subsequently, I will discuss this year's highlights.

In the first quarter, we have 5 Official Visits (OVs), the Daughters of the Nile (DON) High Tea, our new Al Kaly Masonic Youth Night, as well as the CSSA **Business Meeting** in Topeka. The second quarter brings

6 OVs and 3 Parades. In

addition, we are scheduled to have a Ceremonial and Stated Meeting on 6 April at the CSSC. Moreover, one of the highlights of the year will be our 2024 Potentate Ball to be held at the Pinery on the Hill in Colorado Springs on 20 April. In May, our parade season starts in Canon City with their Blossom Festival. Also, our annual Dinner and Cigars night occurs. In early June, Salida will host the Fib-Ark Parade. In late June, the Donkey Derby Days Parade will take place in Cripple Creek. These parades provide an excellent opportunity for Al Kaly members to invite their Blue Lodge colleagues to see what Shriners do outside the Lodge room.

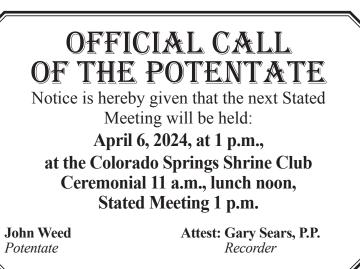
The third guarter commences with the Potentate, Chief Rabban, and others attending the Imperial Session in Reno, NV. There will be 3 OVs in this quarter. The Monte Vista Parade occurs mid-July. August includes the DON Supreme Queen visit, and the parade in Lamar. Our annual Al Kaly Picnic/Raffle will take place in Fountain the day after. Early September brings the Trinidad Parade



and our Clay Shoot. The Shriner's Childrens Walk for Love occurs on 13 September. In addition, mid-month, we have our

Golf Tournament, and the 1st Lady will have her Ladies Luncheon. We will have another Ceremonial and Stated Meeting at the CSSC. This is followed by our Shrine Circus. This month ends with the Mule Train Fish Fry.

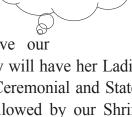
The fourth quarter starts with our final parade for the season in Penrose. This is followed by the Bowl-A-Thon supporting Shriner's Childrens, and the LOH Spaghetti Dinner. Our Potentate Trip is scheduled for 20-27 October, where we will travel to Charleston and Savannah for a cultural, historical, and geographic experience. November's highlight will be our 2nd annual Feztival of Trees. December concludes the year with our Stated Meeting/Election in Pueblo, our final OV, and Christmas parties. Indeed, this will be another fun-filled year!



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2023 CORTEZ PARADE OF LIGHTS

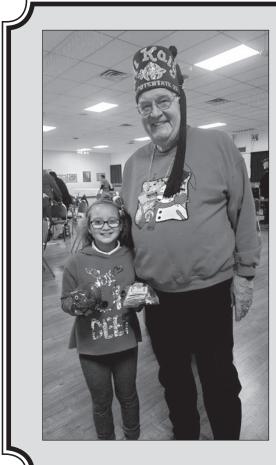
by Mike Mussler Escalante Shrine Club Parade Marshall

Santa Claus arrived via helicopter at 6PM to kick off the event. The parade had a huge turnout and we went through a plastic bin full of candy canes halfway through the parade. Most gratifying were the comments along the parade route thanking Shriners for "...what you do on behalf of children in need."

This was the final and fitting conclusion to an active year of parades for our club. Club participants braved a cold evening with cheery attitudes and had a good time. Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and Happiest of Holidays!

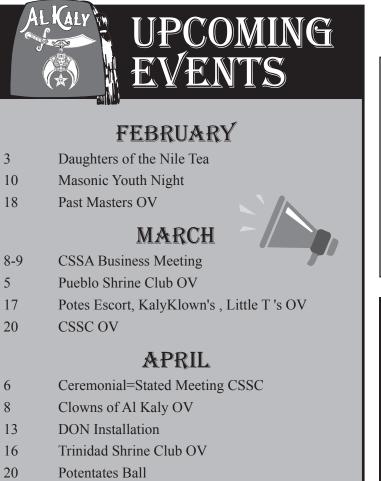


Participants included (L to R) Sam Barrett, Robby Kennedy, Rodney Branson, and Norman Moss (float driver). Not pictured: Ed Merritt, Mike Mussler, and Mr. Fezzy-wig, the Shrine Club's stuffed bear mascot sitting on the tailgate. Note Norman's Chevy pick-up truck decked out with lighted wreaths, flags, and Shrine Club sign board.



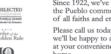
By Billie Nigro

On Wednesday evening, December 13, at our monthly dinner at the Shrine Club, Noble Bob Peloso's greatgranddaughter, Miss Avalon Magee, made a very special presentation. She walked up to the podium and handed Illustrious Sir Larry Weed a piggy bank and ziplock baggie containing quite a stack of cash. She had earned all of this money by doing chores. She also sold water and sodas on a 90 degree day during her family's yard sale. She earned it all specifically for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Salt Lake City. This is an industrious and very special young lady. How wonderful it is to see such a caring and loving soul as Miss Avalon who gave so much of her time and effort to bless other children.













A SPECIAL GIFT



FEATURED SHRINER ABE ENGLAND

by Billie Nigro

Abe was born in Canon City, CO. His parents are Michael and Linda England. His father was an engineer for Western Forge and his mother was a Certified Nursing Assistant. He has two sisters, Ruth and Rachel. Ruth lives in Rockville

and works for City Market. Rachel lives in Pueblo. Abe graduated from Canon City High School.

His first job was mowing lawns at the age of 9. Then cooking seemed to attract him to a job as an assistant cook at the San Isabel Scout Ranch followed by cook/ management at Merlino's Belvedere. He moved on to quality control at OnQ Technology's then head custodian at Canon City schools for the last 22 years. That turned out to be the best job. It's where he met his



Abe in his fez

wife, Alex – she taught high school geology, physics and earth science. He was attracted to her intellect. They have two sons, Grant and Gabe.

Abe was raised to look at things from other views. Not everything is just a rock or symbol, or has just one meaning. He finds the symbolism in Masonry to be enlightening. He was raised as a Mason in 2018. His interest in the Shrine was drawn by the mission of helping children, and the parades and

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Front Row from Left: Diana Granum (his mother-in-law), Abe, Linda England (his mother), Michael England (his father). Back Row from Left: Alex (his wife), Gabe (his son). Photo taken at **Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park.**

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corvettes. He became a Shriner in 2021. As far as he knows, he's the first in his family to become a part of the Masonic family.

He and Alex enjoy hiking, camping, and rock hounding. Geology (rock collecting) has always been a special interest along with stone masonry, crafting, and creativity. He and his wife share an interest in the sciences. They especially like taking trips to South Dakota due to the geology of the region. They also enjoy traveling to Branson, MO.

A member at one of the other lodges passed away suddenly. His widow took a plane back to Biloxi, Mississippi where they moved, leaving a jeep behind. Abe and Alex, along with Charlotte and David Burrous drove the Jeep down to her. It gave them an opportunity to visit new parts of the country while assisting a widow in need.

An interesting note is that Abe has found that as he travels outside Colorado, he tends to run into people who know him. He believes that life is great and you should always wake up with that in your mind and heart.

His favorite saying is that science does not know its depth to imagination.



Abe's Shrine Parade Car Corvette





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Congratulations to the following nobles that will be celebrating birthdays during February and March

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ELITE RACER UNIT

by Bart Guthrie, P.P., President

The Elite Racers and ladies met for a Christmas dinner and meeting at The Old Spaghetti Factory, Colorado Springs on December 7, 2023. Good food and company highlighted the

evening with a meeting carrying a grim message we can no longer function as a parade unit. We are down to five members with only one each Elite and one each Racer driver left. The topic of folding the unit was discussed a couple of years ago. Although it was never broadcast, we decided to keep the Elite Racers going with the hope of attracting "misfit" parade enthusiastic nobles, with a wheeled parade vehicle, who did not

Sadly, if we don't get new members, the Elite Racers will be disbanded the end of 2024. If interested in joining please contact me at brguthrie@ comcast.net or (719) 761-9203

fit in to a specific parade unit, into the unit. At the December 7th meeting it was decided to publicize this message and see if there is a noble fitting the above criteria that would like to join the unit. Sadly, if we don't get new members, the Elite Racers will be disbanded the end of 2024. If interested in joining please contact me at brguthrie@comcast.net or (719) 761-9203.



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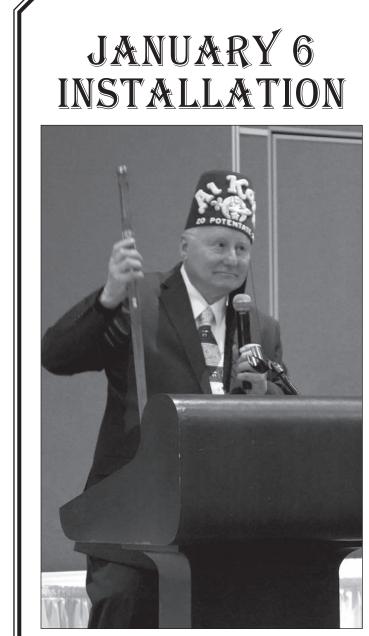
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Newly installed 2024 Potentate John Weed addresses his listeners with gavel in hand.





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

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. Send your donation to: Al Kaly Shrine, P.O. Box 193, Pueblo, Colorado 81002

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AL KALY AWARDS

The following Nobles received or were eligible to receive the following awards at the December 9, 2023 Stated Meeting:

Awards

Alan Lynn, Medal Kenneth Grayson, Jewel of Distinction Charles Lewis, Jewel of Distinction Jerry Campbell, 10,000 point pin

Gold Star

Mary Elizabeth Frye

July 23, 1931

November 12, 1957

February 23, 2023

September 12, 1928

April 26, 1954

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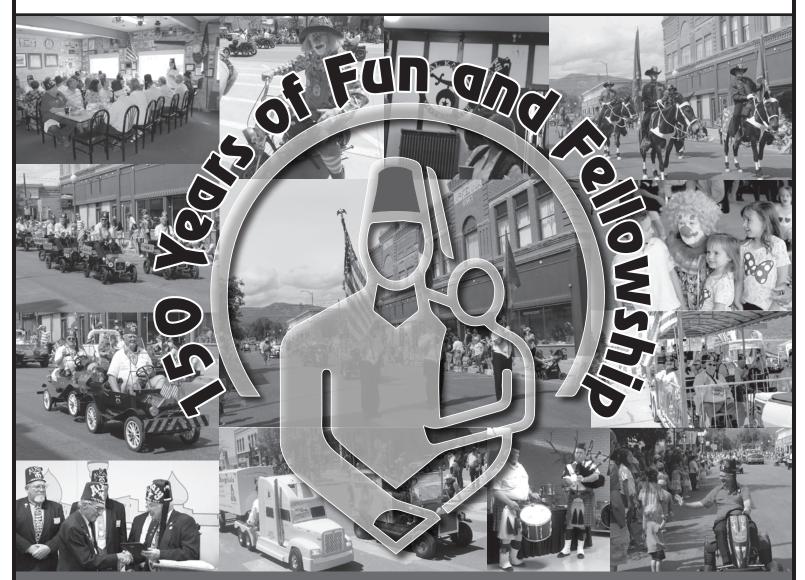
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