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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Bill Stoner,  
Potentate

We started August in Durango. Illustrious Sir Bart Guthrie, Assistant Rabban Steve Jordan and High Priest and Prophet Rex Reid teamed up with Durango's Tin Lizzies and joined the Farmington, NM Shriners for their Connie Mack Parade on Friday August 1st. Having never driven a Tin Lizzie I understand it was quite a sight. Sorry, I don't have pictures. "Student Driver" signs were on the back of their vehicles. I think Deborah has the



pictures.

We all enjoyed the OV and the HOT weather. We met in the lower level of the Masonic Lodge. And of course the air conditioner was not working.

We also talked about putting together a team to conduct short form ceremonials. They realize that new Shriners are a must.

Chief Rabban Tom Holmes talked about next years schedule and how the DIVAN can work with all three units to increase the flow of information on a personal bases.

The next weekend was an OV in Lamar and then the parade. Lady Rose covered the OV and our great interface with two hospital children. Lamar will host the Cal Ripken World Series in 2009. They are building a new stadium and at least one new motel is planned

The Picnic was a great time. We had 240 people attend and enjoy Lester Nowell's cooking and Rocky Ford's watermelon and Rose's water balloon games.

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# OUR BUSY SUMMER

by Rose Enycart

Since we've been back from Imperial Session, it seems that we have been very busy and it has been a great time! The real fun is the Official Visits, Parades and the activities that surround them. We are so delighted to see everyone and enjoy the great fellowship -- and, of course the food. When we show the DVDs at the OV's, the rooms become energized. It was just wonderful to feel the excitement of being Shriners and the pride that we take in doing the work that the Shrine does. At the OV in Lamar, we had such a special treat! We visited with not one but two people that the Shrine has helped. One young man is a great success story and worthy of a DVD of his own! Then there was an eight month old cleft lip and palate child who has had one of his many surgeries already at Chicago's Hospital. His parents are a sweet young couple who are so grateful to the Shrine for their help. We are so grateful that the hospitals are able to help them with world class service.

It is also a joy to be able to represent Al Kaly Shrine at the various functions that we attend. I am looking forward to our trip to Oklahoma City for the CSSA at the end of the month. We are such a dynamic and vital temple and we do great things for children and the community in general. We certainly need to be proud of being associated with such a wonderful organization, THE WORLD'S GREATEST PHILANTHROPY!



## The Honored Ladies Club

of Al Kaly

by Murial Hansen

Well, here it is September. Vacations are mostly over; schools have started everywhere; some happy folks are beginning to think of packing for a cruise; and the Honored Ladies Club is heading for Salida for our luncheon on Saturday, September 13th. If you haven't been contacted or made your reservation, call Kitty Pick, 719-635-0196. Also, let her know or Muriel - 574-5726 (both Colorado Springs) if you need a ride from Colorado Springs.

The Honored Ladies haven't been too busy this summer. We here in Colorado Springs do continue to attend the Shrine Club Monthly Diners. Good food and great company! Several Honored Ladies --from Pueblo, Canon City and Colorado Springs - attended Queen Rosa's Summer Luncheon at the Village at Skyline in Colorado Springs in July. HL Betsy Ross went to California for a family gathering. Did Disneyland and all!! Reported a great time. HL Fumiko Fox had a wonderful month-long visit from her Sister and Brother-in-Law from Japan. Whatever any of you did for Summer Fun, we hope you had a great time, also!

At our September meeting we will have election of officers for the coming year! These Ladies will be installed at our December 13th meeting in Canon City. Also, September is the month we have our Memorial remembering those Honored Ladies who have died this past year.

Health and Welfare: Continue cards, calls, and prayers to HL Rosalie Upton. She is on a special Chemo Pill and has a very upbeat attitude. However, as I'm preparing to send this to the Editor, I had a phone call and then an e-mail which has been forwarded saying HL Rosalie is back in the hospital. HL Fumiko Fox back in the hospital during the first weekend of August. Not a nice way to spend her Happy Birthday! HL Kitty Pick not doing well. Waiting for answers from her doctor. Cards, calls, and prayers welcomed.

Our sincere condolences to Past Potentate Sam Pisciotta and family for the loss of his mother, HL Kathryn Pisciotta, in July. Also, our sincere condolences to Past Potentate Lester Tedrow and family for the loss of his Lady, Martha, on July 28th. Martha will be missed by so many of us.

Remember, Ladies -- no DUST in October. See you real soon.

## Shrine Ladies

- Colorado Springs Area

by Ann Sater, President

The Shrine Ladies Potluck will be held September 8, 2009 at 6:30PM at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. Please bring your own table service and a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. The main dish will be provided.

Don't forget your Noble! This dinner is open to Shrine ladies and their Nobles. Please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 596-0437.

## Featured Member

# Jerry Sube

by Noble Ralph "Doc" Hathaway



In 1936 the world was in turmoil: Nazi Germany was to hold the summer XI Olympiad in Berlin, and the Spanish Civil War was in full action. At home, the Hoover Dam was completed, and on St. Patrick's Day, Pittsburgh, PA was hit by the worst flood it had ever known.

However, on March 11, 1936 a miracle happened in Hazelton, PA. A beautiful baby boy was born to one of the pillars of the community. This little boy grew to be a handsome curly haired blond. He was his mothers little darling. Beautiful curly locks.



This didn't go well for the young boy: as he turned four, the neighbor's kids would make fun of him. Despite pleas from the young boy, his mother said no as to cutting his hair. First grade was fast approaching, so he took matters in his own hands and cut off all the

locks. His mother was so mortified, she cried for several days over the loss.

The young man grew up and graduated from West Hazelton High School in 1957 and spent two years at the Muhlenberw in Allentown, PA. He spent much of the time playing and partying. Would you believe he was a pre-theological student?

School was not his thing and he enlisted into the Air Force. Airman Basic Jerry Sube completed basic training and went on to his 1st assignment at Gunter AFB, Alabama. He became a medic and was assigned to 52nd Fighter Squadron in Wilmington, Delaware. It was not long after the assignment that the base closed and he was off again to 82nd Flight Sq. as a flight medic flying air rescue. However their real job was to fly along the beaches over bathhouses that did not have roofs. I will leave the rest to your imagination.

Why he developed an ulcer with that kind of a job, I'll never know. However, he became a patient at St Albins Naval Hospital out on Long Island, NY.

During this time he met a young pretty blond lady and it was love at first sight. His idea of a date was to go to

Hampton Beach and watch the sunset (cheap date). JoAnne Kavan lived in the Hampton area and it was an easy drive for a visit and dating.

While a patient in the hospital, he would leave without permission to go see his girlfriend, and one day he was gone overnight and missed bed check. The NCOIC in charge caught him sneaking back in and gave him a tongue-lashing, then ordered him to a Captain's Mast.

His doctor asked him how he was able to leave without a pass. Jerry said that on admission they had given him a visitor's pass and he used it to leave the hospital. The Master Chief had a solution: if Jerry was gone the next day, he would tear up the Captain's Mast papers, so Jerry goes back to the ward and types up his own discharge papers and took them to the doctor for his signature. The doc signed it and Jerry was gone.

His romance was cut short when JoAnne went off to college. Not really, as Jerry would drive the 250 miles all night Friday, just to see the love of his life and return in time for work on Monday morning.

In February 1960 they were married, and JoAnne was able to travel with Jerry to various assignments. Their first child (Scott) was born in 1964 at Edwards AFB, California. In 1968 they adopted Shawn, and now the family was complete.

Jerry went on to some interesting assignments. Edwards AFB in California was extremely exciting as

this was the days of the Space program and Jerry, being a flight medicine tech, was involved in day-to-day operations. One exciting moment was when Chuck Yeager came to the dispensary with a laceration to the head and Jerry had to do the repair. (Did you get his autograph?) Jerry also was a medic on the X-15 project and when one would land the ambulance would chase down the X-15. He also treated all the test pilots and worked with the staff on the Space Shuttle program. Other assignments were in Goose Bay Labrador, Canada and JoAnne said that was the coldest she had ever been in her life.

Then things got less exciting and he was assigned to the Air Force Academy as NCOIC of the Flight Surgeons office in 1964, and there he stayed for six years. (I call it homesteading.) It was in 1970 that Jerry passed his 3rd

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degree in Masonry. He became a member of Colorado Spring Lodge # 76.

After six years at AFA, they figured Jerry needed a change and was assigned to Wiesbaden, Germany and several months later JoAnne and family joined Jerry. It was a fun time, as they were able to travel to 13 countries and visit other cultures. One exciting moment was when they were returning by commercial airline, there was a commotion and they went to investigate and there was the Kentucky Colonel Sanders of KFC.

Another milestone in Jerry's life was to become a Shriner at the AAHMES temple (1972) in Heidelberg Germany. After his overseas tour he returned to AFA. (Would you believe they held his slot!) He was assigned to the DOD Medical Examination Review Board. They screened all applicants applying to the military academies. Jerry was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant during that nine-year tour.

Then the Air Force wanted Jerry to go to the Pentagon and he said no. That was the end of his Air Force career, at least in uniform. He returned as a civilian



contracting officer for the Academy, then went to college and received a degree in accounting. After several years he started Prime Tax Service, which is still in existence today.

Jerry's life has led him down several paths, however his greatest passion was the Shriners. Jerry became Treasure of Al Kaly Shrines and still is the chief financial officer for Al Kaly Shriners. He became treasurer of the Colorado Springs Shrine Club and other various organizations.

As a member of the Divan, he worked his way to the position of Potentate of Al Kaly Shriners in 1995. Jerry has dedicated his retirement years to having fun and helping kids.

Jerry suffered a stroke on January 24, 2008 and spent many agonizing weeks in the hospital and rehab. We were worried about his future and being an old Chief Master Sergeant. He fooled us all and made a recovery. Things are not right but he told me that he would give all he's got and won't quit.

Jerry served his country and has served Al Kaly Shriners and we all appreciate his dedication to the military and to our Shrine kids. Thanks Jerry!

## Planning Hospital Visits?



As many of you are aware, our Shrine Children's Hospital in Honolulu is in a stage of rebuilding. This past week while in the Islands, I took the time to stop by and visit the Hospital and inquire about their progress. This was a beautiful hospital to begin with but this rebuilding effort will really make it special.

To get this project working, it was necessary to

tear down part of the old Hospital and use that same space. During this period of time they are doing some of the surgical procedures in a special equipped semi trailer that was moved over for that purpose. Progress on that first stage is moving along very well and they are already planning for a dedication of that new building the week of May 23, 2009.

It goes without saying that they would be extremely happy to see some of our Al Kaly Nobles and their Ladies there for that dedication. So if you are thinking about a visit to the islands that would be a grand time to visit. I asked for progress updates the next few months, to insure the schedule is still good, if anyone else plans to go.

As we get more information on the other construction efforts across the system, we will try to keep you informed of special dates that you may want to put in your travel plans.



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# May 9, 2008 Stated Meeting Minutes

Introductions were given.

Past Potentates present: Ill Sirs Bill Sheard, Jerry Sube, Les Tedrow, Bart Guthrie, Dick Sater, Bob Burr, and Lionel Robertson

Divan Introductions: Potentate Ill Sir Bill Stoner, Chief Rabban Ill Sir Dick Sater for Tom Holmes, Assistant Rabban Steve Jordan, High Priest and Prophet Rex Reid, Oriental Guide Allan Ake, Treasurer Ill Sir Jerry Sube, Recorder Ill Sir Bart Guthrie, 1st Ceremonial Master Gary Sears, Director Larry Newman, Marshal Fred Kiger, Chaplain Kennard Henry, Captain of the Guard L.D. Younds, Outer Guards Grant Anderson and Bob Colgrove

Following the introductions, Ill Sir Bill opened the stated meeting at 7:45pm. Chaplain Henry gave the invocation; the Colors were posted by the Legion of Honor; Ill Sir Bill led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Band played the National Anthem.

The minutes from the March 14, 2008 meeting were approved as printed in the May 2008 Dust.

A Treasurer's report was given and accepted by Ill Sir Jerry. Ill Sir Bill gave a special acknowledgement to Ill Sir Jerry for attending the meeting.

Communications. The Recorder read a letter of appreciation from the Band to the Honda Patrol acknowledging their efforts with lunch after the Canon City Parade; a letter from the parents of hospital patient Kehlan Watts was read thanking Noble Johnny Garcia and all the Al Kaly nobles for assistance in getting him to Shriners Hospital; a reminder from Shriners Public Relations of the New York Times May 11 feature and a May 13 airing of Timmy Kelly; and Noble Al Wetmore's email thanking Al Kaly for assistance with Kathy Bosarge's father.

The Necrology Report was given honoring the memory of Noble John M. Bron.

A ballot was taken for candidates Robert S. Davis, Ione Lodge # 80, Iona CA (1st line signer CR Tom Holmes) and Jose Ocampo, Colo Spgs Lodge #76 (1st line signer Noble Larry Newman). A favorable ballot was cast for both.

The Recorder read the names of nobles that were restored and suspended. The are: Restorations: Gordon Girod (recommended by CR Tom Holmes), William Hall (recommended by Noble Ace Hall), Eugene Everett (recommended by CR Tom Holmes), Richard Murphy (recommended by Ill Sir Bob Burr), and Arie Leadabrand (recommended by Ill Sir Bart Guthrie); Suspensions: Charles Gipson and Leon Sonkson.

Old Business: the Recorder informed us that the raffle tickets had been mailed and he asked us to support this

year's raffle. Proceeds benefit Al Kaly in providing money for the office rent, phones, and all equipment repairs.

New Business: Nobles Allan Ake and Gary Sears gave an outstanding presentation of the upcoming Cash Calendar. At the conclusion of the presentation Allan Ake moved, Ill Sir Lionel Robertson seconded its acceptance as a fund raiser to benefit Al Kaly Shriners. Passed.

Ill Sir Bill informed us of an upcoming membership TRAC visit that will be held at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club on June 21. The visit was scheduled by the Imperial Council and will be an all day event including lunch. All nobles are invited to attend.

Ill Sir Bill thanked the Honda Patrol for an outstanding job with lunch after the Canon City Parade.

Ill Sir Bill attended the Legion of Honor International Convention and said how outstanding of an experience it was and a great opportunity for all nobles to attend.

Future stated meetings will have some sort of education component added to the agenda. MWB Jack McConnell, Grand Master, has implemented this for all Masonic Lodge stated meetings and Ill Sir Bill thought this should be included in Al Kaly stated meetings. Noble Phil Moss is in charge of the first session.

Awards were then given. Names of recipients will appear in the upcoming edition of the Dust.

Reports from Clubs, Units, and Committees  
Noble Cliff Wieger presented the potentate with \$3824.23; which were the proceeds from the Bowl-A-Thon. He also recognized Noble Garnic Kidwell who obtained \$2020 in pledges this year.

Noble Jerry Long mentioned the Mon Ark Shrine Club OV to be scheduled for June 13, 2008, social at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. There will be a lunch served at the Shrine Club after the parade on Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Noble Billy Swartz thanked the members that participated in the Legion of Honor International Convention. It was a heavy load placed on Al Kaly. Units that participated were the Pipes and Drums Units, Al Kaly Band, and the Mule Train. Noble George Gray, a WWII veteran was recognized at the convention.

OG Allan Ake mentioned the Mule train BBQ on May 17, 2008.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bart Guthrie, P.P.  
Recorder



# MEL TILLIS TO PERFORM IN COLORADO SPRINGS

by Tom Holmes,  
Chief Rabban

Mel Tillis is coming to Al Kaly . . . March 28th 2009, we will be host to Mel Tillis the country singer who has been so supportive of the Masonic Family most of his career. The performance will be held at the Pikes Peak Center in Colorado Springs and the performance at least at this point will begin at 7:30pm.

Tickets will soon go on sale at the Ticket Sales Facility of the Pikes Peak Center. We are opening up the ticket sales to the Nobility of Al Kaly. Tickets can be purchased or reserved by calling 719-520-7469 or 800-861-3531 After September, ticket sales will be open to the public.

I am blocking 200 tickets for the Nobility so if you want select seating, call soon (make that VERY soon). The contract was just negotiated and signed so the entire auditorium is up for seat selection.

Why Mel Tillis? Why, or for that matter a concert? The answer to the second question is to create an enormous amount of visibility for Al Kaly; who we are, and what we do. The media coverage alone will bring untold information about Al Kaly and the Shrine in general. It is our opportunity to bring Al Kaly into the hearts and minds of thousands of people. Incidentally it will also be a great opportunity to introduce ourselves to the possibility of new members. Why Mel Tillis? Mr. Tillis is a great performer, and a 33rd degree Mason. He is also a Shriner. We saw him at Imperial session last year and believe me; he puts on a whale of a performance.

If we are to be a success, we will need to be at the performance in big numbers. I am asking for all units to be in the lobby, with cars, posters, membership information and make as much noise about Al Kaly as possible. We will contacting all of the units and clubs to provide information and request your participation as appropriate. I would be delighted to get input from the Nobility as to ideas of how to leverage this event to our advantage.

Get ready for an exciting time.



# SUMMER IS OVER!

by Steve Jordan,  
Assistant Rabban

By the time you read this, summer, with all its parades, will be over to include the Central States Shrine Association "Ceremonial". (I must confess I don't know why it's called a ceremonial when there isn't a ceremonial but there are some good competitions with the different types of units.) Deborah and I enjoyed the somewhat hectic pace of the summer schedule primarily because we got to see so many people we like calling friends all across Southern Colorado from Cortez to Lamar. The Potentates Official Visits (OV's) are a chance for those of us on the "Divan" to meet and talk with the Nobles and Ladies we don't often see. Deborah and I enjoy the fun of OV's but, all too often, it seems as if the time runs out way too fast and the dinner is over and folks are gone.

The parades that most often accompany an OV are also a chance to "rub elbows" while we advertize "The Shriners" having fun. Thanks to all of the Nobles who participated in the parades and all our Ladies who waved, clapped and cheered us as we passed by. We are looking forward to seeing even more of you next summer during "the parade season".

On a personal note, I really did enjoy my "student driver" experience with the "Tin Lizzies" at the parade in Farmington, NM even if the temperature was over 100 degrees. I think it really helped that we were going very fast in little circles! It just goes to show that being a grown man can be as much fun as being a kid.

We look forward to seeing you on the trip to Normandy! Bon Voyage!



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# STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Brother Allan Ake,  
Oriental Guide



# EMAIL NEWSLETTERS AND PHONE MESSAGES

by Gary Sears,  
First Ceremonial Master



Nobles and Ladies:

I'm pleased to write that the Strategic Planning Committee is coming together nicely. I'll serve as Chair. On the Committee, we now have Tom Holmes, Ray Clark, Roger Mendenhall, and Gary Sears. Chuck Benson will serve as an Ad Hoc Committee member. We will be busy meeting and working on the Al Kaly Strategic Plan in the coming weeks. We will require team members to implement various parts of the plan, so keep in mind that we'll ask for volunteers as we complete it. We want to roll it out no later than the end of the year.

On another subject, some Al Kaly Nobles and Ladies attended the Lamar Parade on Saturday, August 9th. I want to acknowledge and thank members of the Legion of Honor. Those Nobles **walk** the entire route of every parade they attend and look very good besides! We need men like them who present the colors with dignity.

Al Kaly Shriners are working to increase and improve communications in 2008. We have started to send weekly updates from the Recorder's office through email communications. The email updates will serve as a reminder and to help to keep you informed as to what is happening in Al Kaly, such as sickness and distress, death, parades, upcoming events, etc.

Our first email on July 16 we sent 424 emails to Nobles and 110 of them bounced due to bad addresses and many of the Nobles did not open their email newsletter. Our August 4, 2008 update we sent 322 emails to Nobles and we had ten bounces due to mailboxes full, changed addresses and vacations. Again there were numerous Nobles who did not open their email newsletter.

Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner sent an automated phone message to 522 Nobles on August 6, 2008 reminding everyone of the upcoming picnic and raffle. We hope these calls are helpful reminders of upcoming events.

I.S. Bart Guthrie will be asking for email address and phone number updates with the dues notices. This will help us to improve communications to all of you.

I hope you will find the email newsletters and phone messages from our Potentate helpful in improving communications. Any feedback is very much appreciated.



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# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND 2009 DUE CARDS

by *Bart Guthrie, P.P.  
Recorder*



The annual raffle was held on August 10, 2008 in conjunction with the Al Kaly picnic. Names of the winners are contained in a separate article. My thanks to those who purchased tickets. We did not attain the amount we budgeted but we did very well. It's a struggling economy so raffle tickets are a luxury, not a necessity. We'll continue with the raffle in 2009 and hope to come up with appealing prizes. The raffle funds our office: rent, telephones, and maintaining our equipment.

At the last Imperial session, legislation passed that increased the information we contained on members so new membership forms have been prepared. We ask that you destroy the old forms that deal with new petitions, affiliations, associate members, and demits and use the new forms. I have them in the office so please ask for them. However, my preference is that you go to the Al Kaly web site and click on the membership forms tab. All new forms are on line and can be downloaded for immediate use. I'm having the pocket petitions "over printed" with Al Kaly information on them and they will be available soon. If you would like pocket petitions (we all should carry one with us) please contact the office.

2009 dues cards will be mailed out in September. You will be asked to update your telephone number and email address on the dues notice. Your current telephone and email address will be reflected on it. If it is OK, do nothing; however, if it is incorrect, please update the information and send it back to us. We have good email addresses on approximately 25 percent of our members and I know that probably 90 percent of our members have email addresses. Your current email address will get you on distribution to receive the Recorder's "Nuts and Bolts". This is a weekly update that I'm doing to keep you abreast of Al Kaly activities and keep you informed. You'll only receive it if we have your email address is current.

Watch the Dust for activities and stay current with the Al Kaly web site. Once again, my new email address is: [alkalyrecorder@qwestoffice.net](mailto:alkalyrecorder@qwestoffice.net).

## Raffle Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following winners at our annual Al Kaly raffle:

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# FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fund-raising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

**335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN."** The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fund-raising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

503.10 The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

*1. Fund Raising for Fraternal Purposes:*

a. No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fund-raising activity without the express written consent of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.

b. There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

c. The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation

to determine that it complies with 335.3 and 503.10 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.

d. The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fund-raising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required the temple bylaws.

e. A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President – Imperial Council. Further, such written material pertaining to the fund-raising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President – Imperial Council, shall be promptly mailed to him.

*2. Fund Raising for Charitable Purposes:*

a. No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fund-raising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairman of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356.

However, a joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501c3 charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50 percent of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairman of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

b. 100 percent of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fund Raising – Approval and Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fund

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raising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of this General Order. Provided, however, if the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.

c. The temple shall report the results of each charitable fund raising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fund Raising - Approval and Reporting provision of this General Order.

d. This section shall not apply to activities exempt under 335.4b of the bylaws of The Imperial Council.

e. Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements audited pursuant to 334.5 and 337.8 of the bylaws of The Imperial Council, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant shall submit such audit report to The Imperial Council within 120 days of the activity.

### 3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

a. Every fund-raising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of (\_\_\_\_ Shriners) (\_\_\_\_ shrine club) Activities."  
"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

b. Every fund-raising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets and documents that "payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution."

c. There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.

### 4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fund-raising activities.

### 5. Financial Records:

a. The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fund-raising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

b. The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven years.

c. There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of any existing general order.

### 6. Notification of Nobility:

A copy of the Fund-Raising Activities provision of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

### 7. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fund-Raising Activities is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of The Imperial Council.



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## New Policy Concerning Delinquent Dues Members

At the June 3, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board agreed to the following policy relating to delinquent dues:

1. Delinquent dues members will no longer be carried on the roles for two years.
2. Nobles whose dues are delinquent for 2007 and 2008 will be suspended for non payment of dues effective December 31, 2008 (no change) if dues are not paid.
3. Nobles who are delinquent for 2008 will be suspended for non payment of dues effective March 31, 2009 if dues are not paid. Further, effective December 31, 2008, nobles names will be removed from Dust and all other correspondence mailings until dues are paid.
4. Nobles who are delinquent for 2009 dues and all subsequent years will be dropped for non payment of dues on December 31, 2009 or December 31 of the year dues are not paid.
5. Effective with the 2009 year, the restoration fee for nobles that are suspended who wish to be restored to good standing will increase from \$77.00 to \$154.00.

Our intent is not to increase the number of suspended nobles; but, the more efficient management of Al Kaly members and reduce the administrative work associated with carrying nobles for two years on the files.

If you have any questions, please contact the Recorder at (719) 544-0658.

### STATED MEETING DINNER

Colorado Springs Shrine Club

October 3, 2008

6:30pm

Cost: \$11.00 per person



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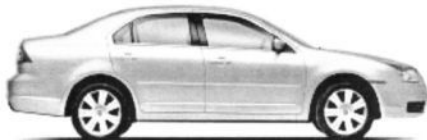
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## Membership July 31, 2008

(includes April/May)

Creations:	0
Affiliations:	1
Restorations:	0
Demits:	0
Suspensions:	1
Deaths:	4
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Associates:	21
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# 2008 Basketball Tournament

by Steve Jordan

Heads up! It's time to start selling your ads for the 2008 Basketball Tournament! That's right; we are sponsoring the Colorado State University Basketball tournament again this year as a fund raiser for Al Kaly Shriners. That means you can get out your lists of who you sold ads to last year or the year before and go sell them again. The prices and selling rules remain the same for the ads as last year so you can use those left over order forms if you have them. We will have a Tipoff meeting at 5:30 PM



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As some of you know, we talked of not doing the Basketball tournament this year. We were planning on returning to the football program since CSU was restarting this year. Well, the reason we chose to stay with basketball again this year was because of home game schedule and our Al Kaly schedule. We would have had to work with the second or third home game of the season and we felt that was just too soon for the first season after 25 years of not having a program. We felt it would not be good timing for the University since they would be busy enough and didn't need us in the mix just yet. The Athletic Director, Joe Fulda, agreed next year would be better. So, there you have it, "B ball" one more time!



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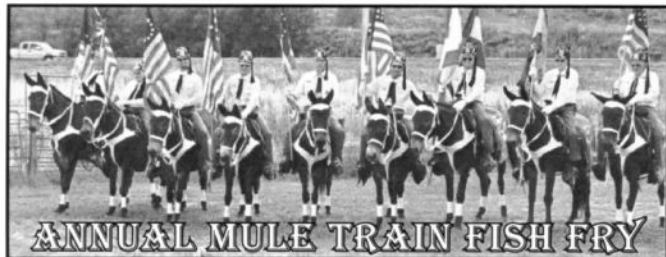
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### MENU

*Fish Fillets or Chicken*  
*Potato Salad*  
*Coleslaw*  
*Hushpuppies*  
*Dessert*  
*Coffee*  
*Beverages*  
*Water*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Parade - Fountain
- 1 Office Closed
- 13 Parade - La Junta
- 15 Divan Hospital Day, SLC Hospital
- 27 Mule Train Fish Fry

### OCTOBER

- 4,5 Gun Show  
- Pueblo Shrine Club
- 4 Parade - Florence
- 11 Screening Clinic  
- Colo Spgs Shrine Club
- 12 LOH Spaghetti Dinner,  
Colo Spgs Shrine Club
- 13 Office Closed  
- Columbus Day

- 18 - 26 Annual Trip
- 30, 31 Imperial Membership Seminar

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Imperial Membership Seminar
- 6,7,8 Southern Colorado  
Consistory Reunion
- 8 Fall Ceremonial,  
Colo Spgs Ladies Luncheon
- 8 Screening Clinic  
- Colo Spgs Shrine Club
- 11 Office Closed - Veterans Day
- 15,16 Gun Show  
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- 21,22 Basketball Tournament  
- CSU Pueblo
- 23 Potentate's Appreciation Lunch
- 27 Office Closed - Thanksgiving
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## 2008 Al Kaly Picnic



Just a few pictures from the Al Kaly Picnic, which was held on August 10 at Turkey Creek Recreation Field, Fort Carson. Thanks to everyone for making it such a great event, and we hope to see you next year!



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# CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

## SAN JUAN BASIN SHRINE CLUB & ESCALANTE SHRINE CLUB

by Roger Hillmeyer

August 2nd marked the annual visit of the Divan to Southwest Colorado. A joint meeting of the San Juan Basin Shrine club and Escalante Shrine club was held in honor of this event. Though the air conditioner wasn't functioning at the Durango Masonic Lodge, everyone remained tolerant of the extreme heat Durango was experiencing that day and enjoyed the social event and catered steak dinner. 42 people were in attendance and had obtained their hotel lodging in spite of Roger Hillmeyer's mistake in providing them with his home phone number as a lodging option.

During the course of the meeting, Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner and Lady Rose made introductions, updated us on Shrine events, and presented two movies of great interest. One told of the history of the Masonic Temple

and benefits of joining, this will be used to help drive membership, while the second movie was the story of kids that have been helped through the Shrine Hospitals. Both were well done and interesting. Lady Rose spoke about the struggle of children with cleft pallets, all that the Shrine does to help them and how the \$30 collected for each sale of the beautifully crafted, interlocking heart broche can advance research in this area. Lady Rose passed out a book to the hospital representatives, that, though appears as a children's book is intended to help the families of our patients.

To close the evening we had a gift exchange and picture taking session. Escalante Shrine Club president Sam Barrett and Lady Judith presented the Illustrious Sir and Lady with an locally crafted and personalized Native American vase, San Juan Basin Shrine Club President Ace Hall and Lady Mary Lou presented them with an original chip and dip set, while Tin Lizzie President Roger Hillmeyer and Lady Susan gave them a collection of locally made honey and sauces. Finally, The San Juan Basin Shrine Club presented a \$1,500.00 check for the general fund. The evening was enjoyable and memorable.

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## CLOWNS OF AL KALY

by Boss Clown David "Reboot" Bills

It is hard to believe that summer is gone and fall is just around the corner. The clowns are getting to the end of their busy parade season, but don't worry we won't be sitting around being bored. We have lots of events that we are asked to attend and will busy the rest of the year. I want to thank all of the clowns who participated in the parades this year and for covering all of the special events. Remember: you could be the next recipient of the 50,000 point award; all you need to do is to keep coming and participating in all of our events. I had a lot of fun attending my first CSSA meeting in Oklahoma, and look forward to our own event, coming in 2009.

## TIN LIZZIES

by Roger Hillmeyer

The Tin Lizzie Unit went to Farmington, New Mexico for the Connie Mack Parade on August 1st.

We were given the great honor of giving driving lessons to three of our Divan, Nobles Steve Jordan, Rex Reid and PP Bart Guthrie. We think they started out as Mule drivers, Rex kept saying whoa whenever he wanted to stop, Steve was slapping the side boards when he wanted it to go and Bart just grinned and took it all in. Everyone eventually passed the test and made it back to our trailer without incident except for a few close calls with that darn street traffic.

It was the San Juan Shrine Club in Farmington's official visit that same day so the Divan members got to see their counter parts from Ballut Abyad Temple from New Mexico. We were invited to their hospitality room after the parade for a great spread put on by the Ladies and of course the Men manned the Bar.

We joined in with Escalante and San Juan Basin

## BAND

by Norm Churchill, President

As we have done in the past few years, our band put the Westcliffe parade on our schedule. On May 24, at 9:00 A.M. twenty-two members were on hand to participate. However, the weather did not cooperate. There was a high wind, which, if we had set up for the parade, our music would have gone north. Had we set up, we perhaps, could have looked for our music when we assembled in Salida on June 14, although it most certainly would have arrived long before. Westcliffe is always delightful. It is one of the most scenic locations in Colorado and the people are friendly and very active as we parade along the street. Unfortunately, this was the first parade in which we were unable to participate for many years. Undeterred, we pressed on and enjoyed lunch at various locations on our way back to our respective hometowns.

Our trailer recently had a new paint job and some minor repairs. ... pretty spiffy! (Where did that word come from?) Three new members have joined our trumpet section  
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*They're beside themselves, they just passed their driving tests.*

Shrine Clubs for the official visit by Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner and Lady Rose August 2nd. That program has been covered in the article by San Basin and Escalante Shrine Clubs.

Congratulations are due to Nobles Steve, Rex and Bart for passing their driving test. Give them a big pat on the back and don't be nervous when they get on the Mules and look for the brakes and gas pedal.

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# ELITE

By Bob Bills, President

The parade in Rocky Ford was a ton of fun even though it did rain slightly. Doc Hathaway and Bart Guthrie braved the horrible elements, while I rode in the Kaly Klowns Callopie and merrily snapped photos of the drenched Al Kaly units.

The Arkansas Valley Shrine Club handed out the famous Rocky Ford melons and onions and the Shrine Club lunch was another great get-together for all.

The next day was supposed to be the Armed Forces parade in Cripple Creek, however the Potentate excused all walking units due to inclement weather in the Springs. Weather in Cripple Creek was fine and some units did parade.

Sad news to report – Richard and Susan Smith have sold their home in Fountain and will be moving over to Monte Vista. But good news with that – as now the ELITE have a place to bunk when we do a parade in the Valley. Thanks!

And, thanks to everyone that came out to ride in the parades. The ELITE really do have a good time – so come out and join us!

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and they can be seen riding on the newly painted trailer. They are: Terry Lingle (Lady Margi); Jack Schroyer (Lady Peg); and Elmo Gardner (Lady Carol). Attention trumpeters! Reinforcements are here. Hooray!!!!

Would you like to join the oldest unit in the Al Kaly Shrine Temple? Give us a call. The only requirement for membership, other than being a Shriner, is the desire to play music and enjoy the fellowship of being a part of a band. Come on! Give us a call (719-531-7876). Ask for Norm!

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# AL KALY MULE TRAIN

by *President Torry Krutzke*

Lady Martha Tedrow's long battle with illnesses ended July 28th at 1:00 p.m. at home with Ill Sir Les. We are all saddened by her passing and we'll miss her. She enjoyed being humorous and witty, was a strong willed person and fought her fate to the end. Lady Martha did not want a funeral, but a well attended memorial was held Friday, August 1st. She is now at peace...no more suffering. Our heartfelt condolences to Ill Sir Les and family.

As all of you know, Al Kaly will host the CSSA Convention here in Colorado Springs in the Fall of 2009. Therefore, it falls on the Mule Train to host the Horse Patrol's piece of the convention. To that end, some of the team members are in place. Noble Allan Ake will be the CSSHP President, and Noble Jim Johnson will serve as Secretary. Noble Cliff Lane will be the Barn Boss aided by the very capable assistant Barn Bosses Noble Paul Phernetton and Noble Lee Sheard. We'll keep you informed of all 2009 CSSHP activities. See the new website [www.CSSA2009.ORG](http://www.CSSA2009.ORG). It's a little rough yet, but we'll add to it as time goes by.



*A few of our Mule Train members.*

We have a new member, Noble Richard Lee. The Mule Train Board of Directors approved his application at the board meeting in July. Welcome aboard the Mule Train Noble Lee!! Lee came to Al Kaly from Abba Temple in Mobile, AL.

The Mule Train will host their annual Mule Train Fish Fry September 27th at their big 'ol barn, as a fund raiser...the mules need hay you know. The menu will be

Fish Fillets (chicken for those who cannot eat fish), potato salad, coleslaw, hushpuppies, desert, coffee, drink, and water. Noble Gale Fortney is our Fish Fry Chairman and he always does a super job of herding the Mule Train Members for work details. Tickets available from any Mule Train member are \$10 for adult and \$5 for children under 12.

President Torry Krutzke has once again

organized a Conceal Carry Class. The class is necessary for those who want to apply for a concealed weapon carry permit. The class will be held on August 23rd and 24th. The classroom part of the course will be held at the Mule Train Tack Room; the range part of the class at one of the local shooting ranges. Contact Torry at 719-546-0888 if you're interested.

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## LEGION OF HONOR -COMMANDER BILLY SWARTZ PC

By James W. Rawlings PC

The Legion has received an additional order of the yellow shirts with the new logo. If you wish to exchange a shirt for a different size or just need an extra on hand they are available for \$35.00... they are going fast so get your order in ASAP.

We suggest you keep a close check on the parade schedule for dates, times and places either through the Legion Scout Sheet, the Dust or the Al Kaly web site. We have some recent changes and there will be a parade in Fountain on September 1. I am sure Al Kaly will receive a warm reception by residents of the Fountain Valley area. We are in need of a few more color bearers to participate in the parades, so if you have some time, come out and join the fun. If you are not able to march and carry colors we urge you to come out and support Al Kaly activities with your presence.

Everyone loves a parade, come out. I bet you will have a great time.



2008 League of Honor OV

The El Jebel and Al Kaly Legions of Honor will have their annual fall dinner at Duke's Place Castle Rock at 4:00 PM Sunday 21 September. Contact Noble Duke Dwyer for reservations.

Thanks again to Noble Duke and his Lady Dorothy for organizing this great event.

Preparations are underway for the Legion's annual fall Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on Sunday October 12 at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. The duty roster and tickets will be in the mail soon.

The Lady Bluebirds will resume their activities after the summer break on September 10. Contact Lady Dot Dwyer for additional information at 635-3844.

You may have heard this somewhere before, but in the event you have not, the Legion still has openings for a few good Shriners that are active duty military or honorably discharged veterans.

If you are seeking a unit to affiliate with we invite you to try the Legion. We meet at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club the second Wednesday monthly at 7:00 PM.

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# A Variety of Shriners Events Raises Millions for Hospitals

Shriners throughout North America donate their valuable free time to hold a variety of special events each year to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. These events provide an important contribution by helping to fund the hospitals and raising awareness about the Shriners fraternity and its philanthropy.

In 2007 alone, 522 events held by Shriners temples raised more than \$14.1 million for Shriners Hospitals. While some temples sponsored fundraisers like newspaper crusades, rodeos, dances, and golf and fishing tournaments, others hosted events that are a bit out of the ordinary.

For the past 36 years, the Jackson Hole Shrine Club in Wyoming, which is affiliated with Kalif Shriners, has held cutter horse races to benefit

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City. During the two-day event, held each February, 40 teams compete in a series of races down a snow-covered track. A cutter is similar to a horse-drawn chariot, with two wheels on each side. One person sits on the cutter and directs the two-horse team during the race.

Each year, the races draw between 3,000 to 5,000 spectators and raise between \$17,000 and \$20,000, said Bob Zimmer, president of the Jackson Hole Shrine Club. Funds to benefit the hospital are raised through Calcutta betting, an auction-style type of wagering where people continue to “buy” teams at higher prices throughout the event.

Zimmer, who is also the Teton County sheriff, admits that organizing

the cutter races each year can be time consuming, but he believes it is well worth the effort. “When you see one youngster who has had the benefit of receiving care at Shriners Hospitals, it puts it all in perspective.”

In Spokane, Wash., El Katif Shriners race about 10,000 bright-yellow ducks down the Spokane River to raise funds for the Shriners Hospital in their city each year. The ducks aren’t alive, though — they’re plastic.

Members of the community sponsor the ducks by buying raffle tickets. Ticket numbers are affixed to the bottom of each duck. On race day, a crane lifts a container filled with the ducks high above the river and dumps them in all at once. The ducks float about a mile down the river to the official finish gate. Sponsors of the first five ducks to finish the race win prizes.

About 500 people attend the duck race every year, said John Robertson, an El Katif Shriner and coordinator of the 2008 race, which will be held on September 21. Last year’s duck race raised \$33,500. Since 1991, El Katif has donated a little more than \$533,000 in race proceeds to the Shriners Hospital in Spokane and to the temple’s patient transportation fund. Robertson has volunteered to work on the event since becoming a Shriner five years ago. “It’s rewarding to me as a Shriner, because it shows the community that we are fortunate enough to have a Shriners Hospital in Spokane,” he said.

Thanks to the efforts of Shriners who volunteer to work on events like these, more than 865,000 children each year receive one-of-a-kind medical care — at no charge — at the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Forty teams participated in the Jackson Hole Shrine Club Cutter Horse Race held in February to benefit the Shriners Hospital in Salt Lake City. (Photo courtesy of Marilyn Payne)



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