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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Ill. Sir Allan Ake Potentate

Potentate's Call to All Nobles & their Ladies!!

As we move closer to our 1st Annual Black Tie Auction your assistance is requested to facilitate a successful event. I need all of you to please provide at least 1 potential donor's name and 1 potential guest &/or sponsor's name (preferably outside of the Shrine). Please get this information to Jackson Chandler as soon as possible. Please see the associated article by Jackson in this issue for additional information & details.

Thank You for your assistance in this important matter.

First Lady's Note

ADVENTURES IN INDIA

by Linda Agresta

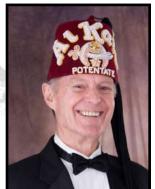
As I write this, I'm sitting in my hotel in Bangalore, India. When you read this, I will have returned home after 4

weeks of business in Bangalore. Thank you all for your understanding, throughout the year, as my business takes me away from home.

For those of you who are wondering what I do for a living that takes me away from home: the simply answer is "I teach computer and leadership classes". The computer classes revolve around a very large computer, called a mainframe, made by Unisys. It was, in fact, Unisys that hired me to teach some new recruits (programmers) in India. (No, not the people that are on the "help" desk that you can never understand!) My students are all in their 20's and have all graduated from a university from 6 months to 4 years ago. They are quite bright and a delight with whom to work!

Those of you on my email list have heard and seen a bit of my adventures. If you'd like to receive periodic

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OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that a Stated Meeting Dinner will be held as follows:

Pueblo Shrine Club

May 27, 2011 Dinner: 6:30pm / Meeting: 7:30pm

Attest:

Bart Guthrie, P.P. Allan Ake Recorder Potentate





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emails from me (about Al Kaly and other!), please send me your email address. You can send it to LindaAgresta@att. net or Linda-SUMMIT@att.net

Anyway, even though I'm 10,000 miles away, Allan has kept me up-to-date on all the happenings with Al Kaly. And now, we're entering into the very beginnings of parade season! Of course, the 2nd parade of the season will not be for some time, but still, it's an exciting time. I saw very few parades as a child, so parades are a wonder to me. The serious and the formal, the fun and the antics, the color and displays – it's all great, isn't it?! And I'm sure that it's no surprise that I get a special thrill out of seeing Allan riding with the Mule Train.

Past events: In February, the Nile hosted a terrific High Tea. The food was outstanding, everything worked well, and there were even some guests . . . Mad Hatter, White Rabbit, Alice, Queen of Hearts, and the Cheshire

Cat. Allan & I had the best time. Thanks Ladies!

Also, in February, several of us attended the El Jebel Ball. As always, it was a lovely event held in their temple's main ballroom. Allan & I were honored to sit at the same table with I.S. Dennis Proctor & Lady Judy; I.S. Jesse Buckmon & Lady Beverly (Syrian Temple), and Imperial Potentate George Mitchell and Lady Deanna. The evening was filled with great conversation, food, and dancing. I always enjoy spending time with the members of El Jebel!

Now don't forget to send a check in (to the Al Kaly office) for each of you (\$15/person) for your Apr 16 Ceremonial and Luncheon reservations.

And make sure that you have May 14 set aside for the Ball – and evening of fun, food, and dancing!

Until next time -

LIVE - LAUGH - LOVE
Remember that dividing the task multiples the fun!

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Black Tie Auction 2011

Greetings all Nobles and Ladies! The pace is picking up with preparations for the 1st annual Black Tie Auction to be held at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club on Saturday, October 29, 2011. While there are a lot of details to be finalized, we are getting ready to start soliciting donations for items to be auctioned and beginning to compile a potential guest list.

As posted in this issue of the Dust by our Potentate, he has put out a call to all Nobles & their Ladies for assistance in the above. I will do my best to provide as much information and as many details here as I can. If I have left anything out or not answered any of your questions, please feel free to contact me (see below).

We are calling on all Al Kaly Shriners to provide at least 1 name of a potential auction donor and 1 name of a potential guest (more than 1 is better!). If we get the above input from the Brotherhood we will have more than we need and have a very successful event. Below are some points and information for your name lists.

Donors

- Possibly the most important thing to note is that you will not have to actually solicit your contact for the donation unless you would prefer to. We will be putting together a team to contact potential donors for the auction. All we need is the name, contact information, why &/or what you think they may be interested in donating. We will take it from there. If you don't want your name mentioned that is OK too just get us the info!!
- It has been determined that all proceeds from this auction will go towards the Children's Hospitals so their donations WILL BE tax deductable.
- When thinking of a potential donor, don't worry about whether or not you think their item will "sell", you would be surprised.
- We will have both a silent auction and a live auction of about 10-12 items.
- Donors will be identified in the program guide (+ exposure +) but can opt out.
- Donors will get great exposure and potential new clients from their participation.
- Do not worry about location. People travel a lot in this state and can take advantage of items/services that are not just along the front range.
- We will take advantage of just about anything that is viable:
 - o Services (oil changes; tax prep; snow removal; boat winterizing, etc.)

- o Don't forget the Ladies (massages; facials; pedicures) or Children (puppies, toys, lessons)
- o Remember Christmas will be just around the corner!!
- o Artwork, sports gear, signed prints or items (baseballs, footballs, etc.), golf, gadgets, the sky is the limit here
- o Time shares, resorts, bed & breakfasts
- o Discounts (tickets events/amusement/museums, parks, gift certificates, restaurants, free sessions, waived fees or commissions, etc.)
- We will also be soliciting for "Table Sponsors" for different amounts which will receive "special promotion & recognition" during the event as well as in the program.
- We will also accept donations for trade (i.e. printing, advertising, etc)
- Please engage your Ladies for possible donors and ideas also!!
- Any other thoughts or ideas welcome these are just a few!!

Guest List

- Although Shriners are more than welcome to attend the auction we are hoping to take advantage of some new &/or "outside" money as it were. If we can tap into the various business & professional communities we can bring in a whole new source of income and potential donors, both for the Hospitals and for Al Kaly and the associated units. This could lead to a bigger venue which means more \$\$ for all. The key here is EXPOSURE!
- Again, the same applies here as did for donors we will make the contact and do the inviting unless you would prefer to do so yourself.
- Think BIG CEO's, Politicians, Doctors and Lawyers and such (sorry - couldn't help but quote an old country song from my past). We have one of the BEST CAUSES going as far as auctions go – let's use it!
- Keep this list in mind for those "Table Sponsors" mentioned above!

I will also be sending out this message via email (for those of you in the data base) and possibly by direct mailing (to those not on the Dust mailing roster) so you may get this message more than once. I apologize for the double up but we want to make sure we tap into the full power of our Brotherhood to help put this event on the charts right out of the blocks.

The preferred method of sending in your donor/

guest information is (see forms below): (1) email, (2) fax, (3) mail, (4) voice message.

Your Name:

Contact method (for ?'s)

Reference you during contact Y N

Donor Name:

Contact phone numbers (home/bus/cell):

Business owned or Company work for:

Position:

Item(s) for donation:

Reason for donation (if any):

Other info:

Your Name:

Contact method (for ?'s)

Reference you during contact Y N

Guest Name:

Contact phone numbers (home/bus/cell):

Business owned or Company work for:

Position:

Reason(s) may attend (if any):

Other info:

Again, thanks for the support and your input.

Again, thanks for the support and your input. Please contact me with any thoughts, ideas, concerns or issues if you have them – they are always welcome. Your best chance will be via email, then at my fax/assistant number and leave a message.

My contact information:

Jackson Chandler (Robin) cimi@wwdb.org 866.336.0976 phone/fax (automatic)/assistant for me, option 1, Robin #2

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Irene Weeks and Ken Kenniston at the IHOP 's Pancake Day. For more details on this event, see page 13.



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Featured Member Al Wetmore

by Rose Enyeart

There are many Al Kaly Shriners who have worked under the radar helping children and providing services to the hospitals. The activities go on without recognition. They

are done quietly without fanfare. The Telemedicine operates quietly and efficiently, as do the Screening Clinics done by the clubs. Referrals are made to the Hospitals and lives are changed for the children and their families.

Here is another example of someone who got involved in the Shrine and the Shrine Hospitals for Children, by looking around and filling a need he saw. The Shriner that is highlighted this month, Al Wetmore, is a Mason of fifty years, a Consistory member and a Shriner. He is a clown and the

"go to man" for wheel chairs, scooters, crutches and any

manner of devices that are needed to get the children mobile after a hospital stay. He has gone to the SLC Hospital to be trained in fitting and adjusting manual and electric powered wheelchairs.

Photographer Tom Leucht and I recently visited with Al in his workroom at the CS Shrine Club to see some of the things that he is working on and has ready for the next trip to the Salt Lake City Hospital for children.

Over the last fifteen years or so, Al has reconditioned wheelchairs, manual and motorized, has collected them from far-flung sources, and has delivered them to the Salt Lake City Shriner Hospital. He has a cadre of men who help him drive the donated Penske Trucks filled with equipment to the hospital. If they have room, the trucks will stop in Denver to

bring equipment from El Jebel. The team drives two hour sifts to get there a little faster. Once a Delta pilot called Al from PA telling him that he had a chair for him and would meet him at the CS Airport. People and companies have found Al and donated equipment to the Shrine.

Al and the hospital contact, Ken Kozole, figured out a program to track the equipment that is loaned out to the children. When the equipment is no longer needed, the hospital rep will retrieve

it. Al reconditions it for use by another child. This program

has saved the hospital money and prevents shortages of equipment. In the next trip Al will include the 14 reconditioned, reclaimed chairs we saw in the workroom.

Al became a clown, "Brandy," named not for the drink, but for a departed cat many years ago. He is active in the Clowns of Al Kaly unit and "clowns around" in many different venues. Al has some special balloons that are very unique and clever. He is always available to clown and does a wonderful job of making children laugh.

Al served in the Air Force for 23 years and since then has served the community in various volunteer positions. He has written melodramas that were performed at Iron Springs Chateau and has helped the youth of his church put on some of them. Al has volunteered at Peterson Air Field for the last 17 years preparing forces for deployment. He volunteers in Physical Therapy at Pete Field,







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UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL

- 2 Ruhamah Temple 71 Installation 9
- 3 PSC Breakfast
- 3 Bowl-A-Thon
- 3 LOH Spaghetti Dinner
- 7-9 CSSA Business Meeting
 - Lincoln NE

- Screening Clinic CSSC
- 9 Screening Clinic
 - Fremont SC, Canon City
- 11 OV Clowns of Al Kaly
- 16 Al Kaly Spring Ceremonial /Ladies Luncheon

MAY

- PSC Breakfast
 OV Corvette Unit
- 6 OV Pueblo Shrine Club
- 7 Parade Canon City
- 7 OV Honda Patrol

- 14 Potentate's Ball
- 14 Screening Clinic
 - Colorado Springs Shrine Club
- 20, 21 Circus Colorado Springs
 - 22 Circus Pueblo

- **Bowling Banquet**
- 21 OV Mule Train

17

23

28-30 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

Circus - Canon City

27 Stated Meeting
- Pueblo Shrine Club
30 Circus - Lamar
31 Circus - Rocky Ford

as well.

Al and Pat have been married fifty-two years. They have three children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. They have traveled and enjoyed their trips around the country. For someone with Al's energy and creativity,



becoming a Shriner was another doorway for fun and service. He continues to be involved with the Colorado Springs Shrine Club and he and Pat support their functions. If you ask Al

what he's done, be prepared to stay for a while to hear just some of the details. There are so many areas where he has a story and a laugh that you won't be disappointed. I know I loved the time spent listening and learning from Al Wetmore, a professional volunteer.

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YOU CAN STILL WIN!

by Gary Sears Chief Rabban

Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Al Kaly,

Thanks to all of you for selling and helping to sell the Al Kaly Raffle Calendars, it is very much appreciated! We have sold approximately 1,300 calendars; we still have three hundred calendars left to sell. It is not too late to sell OR purchase an Al Kaly Raffle Calendar.

You or your customer can win money every day of the year in 2011. Daily prizes of \$25.00, every Saturday \$100.00, and four Saturdays in 2011 you can win \$1,000.00, our first \$1,000 drawing is in March this year.

Your Unit or Club will receive a donation of \$7.00 for each calendar you sell. As an example if you have 25 Nobles and Ladies in your Unit and each member sells only two calendars. That is 50 sales and a profit for your Unit of \$350.00. I know in our Unit we always need money for insurance, postage for OV's and parties, donations, supplies, etc. and the raffle calendar is a big help in our fundraising.

Another suggestion that many Units are doing is purchasing a calendar with the Transportation Fund as the winner, a great idea to help boost the funds in the Transportation Fund. The calendars also make great gifts.

Al Kaly has approximately 1,000 members. If each member sold just two calendars this fundraiser would be very successful.

The Raffle Calendar fundraiser is very important to the Al Kaly budget; we hope to earn approximately \$7,000 from this fundraiser. Thank you for your support and we appreciate all your efforts in selling the Raffle Calendars.

Contact your Unit representative or the Al Kaly Office today to purchase a calendar.



LOOKING FOR NEW FUNDRAISING IDEAS

by Roger MendenhallAssistant Rabban



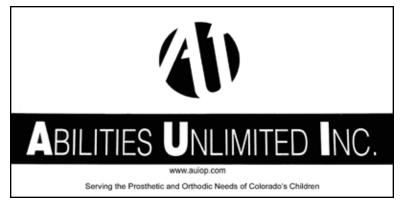
By now most of you know we had to cancel our Spring Gun Show. What happened was that a big gun show promoter from Iowa came to Pueblo just four weeks before our show. They signed a contract with the state fairgrounds for their show on the same dates as ours. Since we don't have the advertising budget that they do, the board figured it was better to pull the plug with what little money we had spent at that point. I am taking a look at dates later in the year for another try and hoping the same thing doesn't happen again.

The way our economy has been the last couple of years, it has been difficult to make "big bucks" with our fundraisers. Your board is always looking for new fundraiser ideas for Al Kaly Shrine. If any members have ideas, please pass them on to a board member.

The Honda Patrol and the Salida Shrine Club are both planning gun shows. I will pass dates on to you next month. I sure hope they do well.

On the membership note, please help the Al Kaly membership team by contacting a friend that you know who hasn't renewed their membership. Let them know that we need all of our valuable members. Al Kaly Shriners of Southern Colorado are the greatest, and we need your help to keep it that way.

See you at a parade. If you are going, offer a ride to a friend.





INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

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by Merv Terrill High Priest and Prophet

As I'm penning this article my Lady Glenda and I are in the process of preparing to attend the Oriental Guide's School in Tampa. If the truth be known, Lady Glenda is doing most of the preparing and I am trying to stay out of her way.

As promised last month, I am going to share some more information on retention. To give credit where it's due, the following is quoted, in part, from materials provided by the Shriners International Headquarters Membership Development Team.

"Retention becomes successful when nobles are happy. Customer satisfaction should be the ultimate goal for every Temple. Retention starts on the day of the ceremonial when the novice is created a noble. Their first impression of the Shrine will be a lasting one." This information was prepared and presented for the Temple. However, I feel the information is useful to our Clubs and Units, also.

The following are some further suggestions from the Development Team on how to give your new members a good start:

- Treat the candidates like the precious commodity they are.
- Strongly encourage the first line signer to be present for his candidate's initiation.
- Strongly encourage the first line signer or someone designated by him to take the new Noble to the next meeting. Introduce him around and show him the ropes.
- Strongly encourage the first line signer or someone designated by him to take the new Noble and his Lady to the next Temple/club/unit social function. Get him involved.

In our travels through Al Kaly Territory so far this year, I have been gratified to find each of the Shrine Clubs and Units visited performing well in the retention game. We can all use new ideas it seems, but the old ones are being used to our advantage.

THE TIME IS NOW

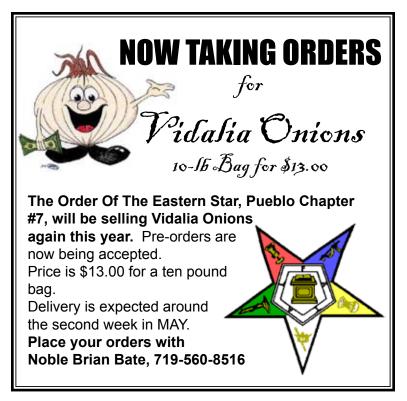
by J.D. PotterOriental Guide

We will be having our Spring Ceremonial on April 16th. As of the time I am writing this article we only have 5 petitions



for membership in the office. If we are going to come even close to our goal of a 6% membership increase we need to get busy and start working at our Blue Lodges. Al Kaly Temple is currently at a 27% loss in membership over the last 6 years; at this rate we will not be able to support our hospital without raising the cost of being a Shriner. When we increase dues and fees to be a Shriner we will lose more members and find it harder to get new brothers to become Shriners, this then becomes a never ending cycle. The time this is now! We all must work on increasing membership.

It is parade season again, this is the fun part of being a Shriner for me. There is nothing like seeing the faces of the kids that line the street when the units go by, I hope you all get as excited as I do about this time of year and also look forward to seeing you in the parades or on the street supporting the units as they go by. Remember you receive points toward awards for wearing your Fez to the parades the same as you do for being in the parade.

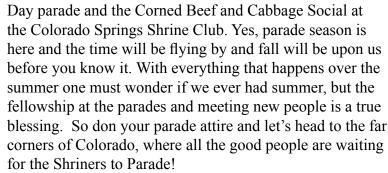


PARADE SEASON!

by Jim EachesFirst Ceremonial Master

Greetings:

By the time everyone reads this article we will have already completed the St. Patty's



I hope to make more parades this year because I do really miss meeting the children along the parade routes. It is just amazing how they want to reach out and shake your hand or have their pictures taken with you, and the hugs are always welcome. Just to know the fact that out there all over Colorado there are pictures of Nobles with families and children, the majority of them don't even know who you are but for us that is a reward in itself. Some day when they are sitting around looking at their photo albums and come across pictures of parades with a clown, one of the Divan, members of the Elite or Potentate's Escort, Flivers, Mule Train and so on, they will probably wonder, Who were those guys anyway? I believe they call themselves Shriners, and so it begins, we have already placed a seed in the minds of the people that embraces those memories. Hopefully among them we will gain some new members in the future.

I would like to take a moment to talk about the gavel Illustrious Sir Allan carries with him to the meetings. For me it is a hobby passed down to me from my father who was a carpenter by trade. My Lady Rosa was the first to request a gavel and that's how it all started. I enjoy woodworking and it is a very relaxing hobby for anyone to start. The amount of fascinating woods that can be found is really mind boggling and the colors and grains are just overwhelming. After some research I found a description of a common gavel and some pictures to help confirm my design. The first common gavel I made was out of

(First Ceremonial Master, continued at right)

IT'S TAX TIME

by Larry NewmanTreasurer

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in the IHOP Pancake Day. We received over \$13,000 in donations from the 6 IHOP restaurants in Pueblo and Colorado Springs. We also got to



hear stories from several donors of how they or a family member was helped by our hospitals. What a wonderful day it was! We had fun while helping our "temples of mercy" and at the same time were reminded of the great things our hospitals have done and continue to do.

It's "tax time" again, and many of you are probably scrambling to wrap up your financials for 2010 and get your tax return filed, or meet with your accountant to have the return prepared. Same here at the office, as we work to get the final reports, schedules, and other financial data compiled to turn over the CPA firm. I'm hoping that everything goes at least as smoothly as last year, if not even better. I'm reviewing the unit and club reports, and so far so good. If I find anything that needs clarification or correction, I'll be contacting folks very soon to get things resolved.

The weather has begun to warm up, a prelude to the return of both the golf and parade seasons. I'm looking forward to both.

See you on the streets!

(First Ceremonial Master, continued from left)

Olivewood, which as Masonic history informs us, was the wood used for the doors of King Solomon's Temple. I have kept the design the same but I like to use various woods so no two are alike, that way each person has his own unique gavel. Illustrious Sir Allan's' gavel is made of Satinwood; it has many changing hues with unique grains. My love of woodworking has been passed down to me from my father who wasn't a Mason but, was an artist and Master Craftsman in my eyes. Hopefully someday my talent in woodworking will be close to his. I know you are watching dad, am I doing well?

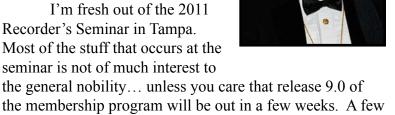
Yours in Shrinedom, James S. Eaches Sr.

RECORDER'S SEMINAR

by Bart Guthrie, P.P. Recorder

things of interest are:

I'm fresh out of the 2011 Recorder's Seminar in Tampa. Most of the stuff that occurs at the seminar is not of much interest to



- 1. At the last Shriners International Session, the name Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. was changed to Shriners International. It means we have to change our by-laws and correspondence.
- 2. There are new flags for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. We will need to purchase them.
- 3. With the formation of two new temples (Puerto Rico and Philippines), our Legion of Honor can use the flags of these countries. This summer, a temple in Germany is likely to be approved, so we can add their flag too. Going International means many flags may be added to our procession.
- 4. And... with all the flag changes a new Protocol book is being published and will be out soon.

If you have any questions on these items, please let me know.

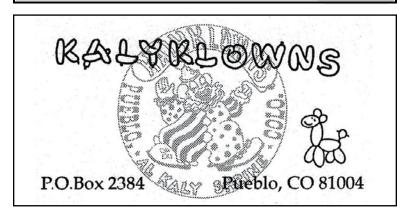
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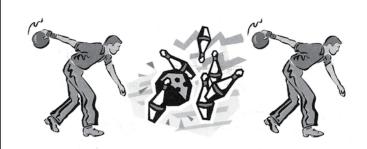


Al Kaly Bowl-A-Thon

In Memory of Jeannie Mouirguies, Manny Herztberger and Don Newton

SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2011

9:00 a.m. AT HARMONY BOWL 3845 N. Academy Blvd. Above N. Carefree COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 591-1000



The pledges for this year's Bowling will again be donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Everyone is invited to participate and have a fun time doing a good service. All are invited to bowl along with us or just come out and visit and help with some donations, the children will greatly appreciate it.

Pledge sheets and donation receipts can be obtained from Swede Hanson, President, 719/930-4886, or Dave Kochis, Vice President, 719/242-5846.

Tell your sponsors that their pledges are tax deductible. Checks can be made out to **Shriner's Hospitals for** Children.

Let's have a great turnout. See you all April 3rd, 2011 at HARMONY BOWL, sign up at 9:00 A.M., bowl 10 A.M.

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, May 14, 2011 Al Kaly Shrine Potentate's Ball

Location:

Antlers Hilton (Colorado Springs)
Four South Cascade
Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, 80903-1685
1-719-955-5600

Cost:

\$50/person or \$100/couple RSVP with your check by May 3 , 2011 to Al Kaly Shrine PO Box 193 Pueblo CO 81002

Dress:

Formal attire is preferred - Suit/tie or jacket/tie is fine Nobles are to wear their fez Ladies are to look beautiful (as they always do!)

Tentative schedule:

5p-6p Hospitality Room (at Antlers) open 6:30p Grand Entrance 7:00p dinner 8:00p - 11:00p Dancing!

Guest rooms reservations:

Guest rooms are at \$129 rate for the Al Kaly Shriners May 14, 2011. There are 15 rooms set aside and the reservation due date is 3/31/2011. You may make reservations by calling 719-955-5600, please have them ask for the <u>Al Kaly Shriners May 14, 2011</u> rate.

Contact Linda (LindaAgresta@att.net) for more information

Blue Jodge Visitation

One of our recent Blue Lodge visitations was to King Solomon #30 in Rocky Ford. Chief Rabban Gary Sears, Oriental Guide JD Potter, and I went to observe Entered Apprentice degree work, during which one candidate was raised. In fact, CR Gary was one of the lecturers and did an outstanding job.

The Brethren took us out to lunch after our labors, and we very much enjoyed the camaraderie and brotherhood.

Three Lodges share the Rocky Ford building and therefore keep expenses down and share the workload. King Solomon #30, Euclid #64, and Sts John #75 all open lodge and work in the same lodge room. What a creative way to keep three charters alive and active!

I once again encourage the Nobility to visit your own and other lodges. It is truly a win-win situation. We strengthen the Al Kaly ties to the Blue Lodge and potentially gain new Shriners. We contribute to the Blue Lodges with our attendance, and we might be able to recruit a new Mason along the line to help out Masonic membership.

As you all know, membership is our most important priority.







IHOP 3rd Annual Pancake Day

by Ralph "Doc" Hathaway Chairperson

IHOP & AlKaly Shriners on March 1st had their 3rd annual Pancake Day. All monies raised went to the International Shriners Hospitals for Children. Six IHOPs from Colorado Springs & Pueblo raised \$13,424.88. A record amount thanks to our Al Kaly Shriners volunteering and the tremendous work by all the waitress's, cooks and their managers. 2009 we raised \$11,662.57 & 2010 we raised \$11,220.00.

Our Ill. Sir Allan Ake visited all the IHOPs both in Pueblo and the Springs. He was joined by Miss Colorado and the Vice Mayor of Colorado Springs at the opening of IHOPs day at the South Gate IHOP.





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Help us fill this page!!!! For your contribution, your name or "in Memory of" will be listed in the Dust for one year (10 issues).

Support the Al Kaly Shrine Transportation Fund. Send your donation to: Al Kaly Shrine –P.O. Box 193, Pueblo Colorado 81002. A date will be posted behind each name indicating the year and month of your last donation.

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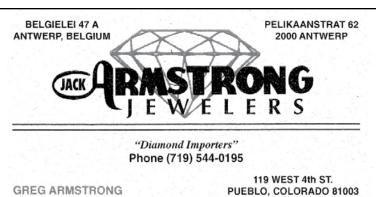
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Gordon Cooper by Wayne McKey (2/11)

Gordon Cooper by Ray & Geraldine Barbour (2/11)

Don Newton by Ray & Geraldine Barbour (2/11)

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Help Us Fill This Page!

In Memory of Elizabeth Preiss

Betty Day (8/10)
Patricia Linn (8/10)
Daniel & Helen Kushnier (8/10)
Emmanuel & Evelyn Preiss (8/10)
Gale & Shirley Fortney (7/10)
Ray & Merry Clark (7/10)
Chuck & Kathy Tedrow (7/10)

Telemedicine 2011

As many of you know, the Al Kaly Telemedicine Program got started in 2002, thanks to the efforts of Doctor Rita Burr and her husband Doctor Pat Burns. It has been a very successful program these past eight years, saving Al Kaly a lot of money in the Transportation Fund and more importantly saving the families many trips to Salt Lake City. This past fall, Memorial Hospital cancelled our agreement for space, and at about the same time, Tampa decided to change the way we would connect with Salt Lake City to give us the transmission lines and make the program work.

A few people came to our rescue and we need to publicly thank them. First of all, Bill Teague, Abilities Unlimited, stepped up and offered space for the Clinic and equipment storage, and it's a perfect location, at 245 Parkside Drive in Colorado Springs. Then Brother Scott Riebel stepped up and offered his expertise on the technical side to insure we had all the right equipment in its proper place, that the necessary hook-ups were in place and the connections were made with Salt Lake City and Tampa to make all of this work. Noble Jim Johnson arrived back in town just in time to join with Scott to assist with the final hook ups and has agreed to support the individual Telemedicine Clinics.

Nobles, when you see these people, take a moment and tell them how much you appreciate their efforts.





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2:15pm Board of Directors & their Ladies

address the new Nobles and Ladies

For more information, contact Linda (LindaAgresta@att.net) or Allan (AllanAke@att.net)

April's Shriner Child

Ashlee Corum

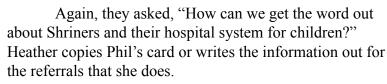
by Rose Enyeart

Shriners, how do we get the word out about what Shriners do for children? When I met with Heather and Jeremiah Corum, the first thing that they asked was "How can we let people know what Shriners do for children?" Ashlee, who is 5 going on 14, was born with a cleft soft palette. She did not have an outer problem, but her palette was split down the middle of her mouth. The doctors that she was referred to here in town, as Heather explained, "Could have fixed the issue for the price of a new luxury vehicle." This birth defect caused extreme difficulty with feeding and keeping the food down.

Meanwhile Jeremiah, who works for the golf course at Ft. Carson, knew a guy who was a Mason. He mentioned Ashlee's problem to the Mason who referred him to the Colorado Springs Shrine Club's Screening Clinic. The Colorado Springs Clinics are held from 10 to 12 the second Saturday of each month. Walk-ins are seen as they arrive as no appointments are taken or necessary.

The Corum family showed up and met with Phil Moss, who became their hospital representative and helped facilitate their trip to the hospital. Since Heather doesn't like to fly, they drove to the LA Hospital for an evaluation and back for the procedure a few months later. It was that simple. This young couple was able to receive

quality medical care for their child at no cost to them. Al Kaly's Transportation Fund made the trips possible with money for the trip. The Hospital sent them to lodging close by that gave them a huge discount on the room.



The question that it raised for me was how could we help get the word out? They didn't see it in the newspaper. They got it from a person who happened to be a Mason who understood their need and could help. Perhaps giving out cards with information about the hospitals and their services areas might help. Maybe the hospital reps could give extra cards to those who were helped so they can refer people. We continue to struggle with the issue of publicity, but the bottom line is Shriners Hospitals are there to help children live the fullest life possible!



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⊗n Memoriam

as of February 28, 2011

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MWB Ray E. Robinson, Pueblo, CO Born: February 13, 1930 Created: June 15, 1974 Died: February 15, 2011

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Pig Roast Set for October 2, 2011!

by Gary Sears

Nobles, Ladies and
Friends, J.D. Potter has
set the date of October
2, 2011 to "Call in the
Hogs" for our great pig
roast event. More details will
follow soon. Meanwhile, get your
Piggy Banks and fill them with

your spare change to gain admission! I have a few banks left, don't miss out, get yours now!

Just a reminder on how the Piggy Bank Program works:

- This is a fraternal fundraiser for the benefit of Al Kaly Shrine and is not tax deductible.
- We have these great looking banks going for a small donation of only \$2.00. The bank is yours to keep forever! To obtain the bank at this great cost you have to promise to fill the bank with change and donate the money to Al Kaly Shrine for their general fund.
- On October 2, 2011 we will be "Calling in the Hogs" to collect the change that you have saved for Al Kaly. This means we will have a party with great food and fellowship to celebrate "Calling in the Hogs." J.D. Potter will roast a pig, and other food, for the event and it will be a great time!
- If you bring your Piggy Bank, full of money, to the dinner, there is no charge for the meal. One bank would equal one meal. Those attending without a bank will be charged a minimal donation. Of course, if your bank fills up before we "Call in the Hogs" you can give the money to the Al Kaly Office, or to me, and fill your bank again and again.

Please, Nobles and friends, if you buy a bank give us your promise you fill it with change for the benefit of Al Kaly Shriners. We cannot sell banks for gifts, etc. As a suggestion, keep your bank in a visible and convenient location and after work daily deposit your spare change in the bank.

To get your Al Kaly Piggy Bank contact me and I will be glad to sell you one of these great looking banks, but hurry the quantities are limited.

Thanks for your support for "Calling in the Hogs!"

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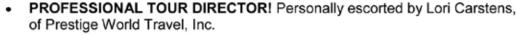




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Ruhamah Temple No. 71

- Daughters of the Nile

by Sherry Holmes Pr Royal

Hello everyone, it is hard to believe that by the time you read this article, it will be April!

How exciting it will be to enjoy Springtime in the Rockies!

This is an opportunity to say thank you to now "Jr Past Queen, Regina" and to let her know that she did a wonderful job as Queen of Ruhamah Temple No. 71.

As you are aware, Ruhamah Temple held its Sixty-Fifth Open Installation of Officers on April 2nd. Hopefully many of you were able to attend and enjoy the ceremony and reception held at the Masonic Center.

Even though I am writing this article at the beginning of March...I know without a doubt that I am grateful for all of the help in preparing for the installation and for all of the wonderful ladies (both up-front and behind the scenes) that are working so hard to make installation a success, Ladies of the Household, you are awesome!

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Lots of Fun Coming!

by Linda AgrestaFirst Lady

Editor's Note: The following was accidentally omitted in the March issue. Please accept my apologies.

In January, the weekend after Installation, Allan & I hosted the Inter-National Shrine Horse Patrols (INSHP) mid-winter business meeting in Denver. (Allan is the President of this organization, as well as the Al Kaly Pote, making it an even busier year for us!) We had a great turnout for the business meeting and other events. Many Al Kaly folks joined us Saturday night and we all had good fun at the National Western Stock Show Rodeo.

We've also made a trip to Salida to visit the Shrine Club for a social. We were joined on this trip by Asst Rabban Roger Mendenhall & Lady Karen, High Priest & Prophet Merv Terrill & Lady Glenda, and First Ceremonial Master Jim Eaches & Lady Rosa. A fun time was definitely had by all. We really enjoyed the Salida folks and are looking forward to their terrific parade coming in June!

As I write this, it's now early February and, by the time you're reading it, it will be March! With that in mind, I'll let you know that we have a trip planned for mid-February, with High Priest & Prophet Merv Terrill & Lady Glenda, to visit our nobles & ladies in Durango and Cortez. Hopefully, the weather will be cooperative!

As you know, I travel a lot for business. I have a particularly long business trip planned and, again, due to the deadline time for the Dust versus publication date, I'll be on that trip when you read this. I'm leaving for Bangalore, India on Feb 24 and will return home on Mar 23. I will, of course, spend most of my time in an office building (or hotel room!), but I'll have a couple of weekends to sight-see. I'm terrible with remembering to take pictures, but I'll do my best!

Say, if you missed the Official 2011 Trip
Presentation, then you missed some terrific Cajun food
(the creation of Suzette of Bambino's) and an informative
presentation by Lori Carstens of Prestige World Travel.
What's the trip? On October 14 (Friday), we'll depart
Colorado and fly to New Orleans. There, we'll check
into the Marriott for a 2-night stay before our cruise. On
Saturday, Oct 15th, we'll have a morning tour of New
Orleans and will have the afternoon to explore on our own
(Café du Monde, here I come!).

Sunday, Oct 16, we'll board the Norwegian Spirit

for our Central America/Mexican trip. We'll see Costa Maya, Belize City, Cozumel, and Roatan – what fun!

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Want more information or ready to sign up? Contact Lori at 1-800-777-4224 or email her at lcarstens@ prestigeworldtravel.com And remember, she will help your friends needing flights from other cities so that they can join you on this fabulous trip! We'd love to have everybody join us!

Here are some SAVE THE DATE entries for your calendar:

Saturday, Apr 16, is the Luncheon & Ceremonial for New Nobles - "Al Kaly Shrine 2011 – Help it Grow!"

This year, for even more fun, Allan & I decided to mix things up a bit. The Luncheon and Ceremonial will be for nobles AND ladies together! Now, I know that many ladies like to attend just the luncheon, so here's the best part: Ladies, just come to the luncheon if that's all you wish to do! That's fine with us!

We'll be having ALL activities at the Pueblo Convention Center – exact times will be announced so that you know when to arrive for various events (like lunch!).

Nobles and Ladies will need to make their lunch reservations, which you can do now:

Please send your check for \$15.00 per Noble or Lady to ensure your reservation for lunch - RSVP with your check by April 5, 2011 to Al Kaly Shrine PO Box 193 Pueblo CO 81002

Saturday, May 14, is Al Kaly Shrine Potentate's Ball! It will be held at the Antlers Hilton in Colorado Springs and will be \$50/person or \$100/couple. Details will be coming, but put this on your calendar now!

Until next time -LIVE – LAUGH – LOVE Remember that dividing the task multiples the fun!



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CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

FREMONT SHRINE CLUB

by Richard Mills

Vice President

The old Lodge building in Coal Creek Colorado has seen many gatherings since it was raised over a hundred years ago. The Official Visit of the Illustrious Potentate on 6 March has to rank amongst its most enjoyable events in its long history.

The Ladies of the Shrine Club prepared a most delectable meal that would have made Julia Childs envious. Lady Donna Hudson prepared a beautiful cake decorated with the Potentate and his Lady's logo and themes. This lovely cake, once cut, soon disappeared.

As the guests arrived, they were greeted by the strains of an old fashion banjo. "Jerry" Miller, a professional banjo player, serenaded us with tunes from a by-gone era. The mingling and laughter of approximately 54 Nobles, Ladies and guests was brought to a halt by President Hudson raping the gavel and calling the meeting to order. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, a hardy welcome was extended to all. Our meeting continued with the always favorite part of our meeting, the raffle of door prizes. Gary Sears won a very peculiar prize, a fishing lure in the shape of a Shriner with fez. We hope Gary has a good fish story to tell later on.

Several Nobles gave interesting talks on projects that they are working on and invited all of us to help when we can. Basketball, Bowl-a-thon, Parades and Screening Clinics were among the many areas needing attention. Noble J.D. Potter reminded everyone that we need to recruit new members in order to survive and enjoy the great fellowship that we had today.

Illustrious Sir Allan shared with us his thoughts on the visits to the Blue Lodges. Visiting the Blue Lodges with members of the Divan has been a very inspiring experience for all. Getting back to the roots of Masonry should be a goal of all Shriners, he explained. The Potentate than outlined the many programs and activities for the remainder of the year. Needless to say, it looks like a busy but fun year. Nobles, it can only be fun if you participate!

The members of the Fremont Shrine Club feel so



The Fremont Shrine Club presents a larger than life portrait to Ill. Sir Allan Ake.



Above: Cake honoring Ill. Sir Allan Ake at the Fremont Shrine Club OV.

> Right: Ill. Sir Allan Ake feeding the Fire Breathing Dragon.

blessed. The progress and growth of our club is beyond all expectation. We are doing fun things, members are involved and the club is growing. We are fast approaching 50 members and compelled to look for a new meeting place. During this meeting, we revived a long time friend and Master Mason who has been on demit from the Shrine. "Jerry" Miller is returning to the Shrine and will be put to work by Noble Dick and the PR Unit. Master Mason Jim Gilbert was invited to our dinner and was impressed enough to request an application to

(Fremont Shrine Club, continued on page 25)

KALYKLOWNS

by Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan

Past President

Well, once again I find myself "behind the eight ball" where this article is concerned.

The Kalyklowns have been getting geared up this past month, beginning with our Official Visit of our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Allan Ake and his Lady Linda. We were fed a great meal of chicken and roast beef, with all the trimmings, followed by the fun and festivities. In attendance, of course, our Potentate and his Lady, as well as Chief Rabban Gary Sears and Lady Donna, Assistant Rabban Roger Mendenhall and Lady Karen, High Priest and Prophet Merv Terrill and Lady Glenda and rounding out the field was Oriental Guide J.D.Potter, who is also the Membership Chairman.

Members of the Appointive Divan present were First Ceremonial Master Jim Eaches and Lady Rosa. Lady Rosa also serves as President of the CSSC Shrine Ladies. Director Jim Stivers and Lady Cindy. Noble Jim also heads up the Telemedicine clinic programs.

We were pleased to have with us the following Past

BOWLING LEAGUE

by Swede Hanson

President

It's that time of year again when we have our annual Bowl-a-thon.

On April 3, 2011, we bowl at Harmony Bowl, 3845 North Academy Blvd. We sign up at 9:00 AM and bowl at 10:00 AM. It would be an honor to see a good turnout of shriners and friends who would like to donate to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Come out and join us for some fun bowling. You can participate, observe, maybe sponsor a bowler for the day, or just be there.

Our numbers are going down and if you are a bowler it's a fun league, so come join us for the nine times a year that we bowl. The season starts the 1st Sunday in August and continues the first Sunday of each month through April. So come out and bowl or just join us for the fun of helping children.

Potentates and their Ladies: Ill. Sir Bill Sheard and Lady Irene, Ill. Sir Bart Guthrie and Lady Rosemary, and our Junior Past Potentate Steve Jordan and Lady Deborah.

Making sure that all members of the Divan and all other dignitaries were properly accounted for and recognized was Chief Aide Garnic Kidwell, and Potentate's Personal Aide Rex Reid and his Lady Jane. Ambassadors in attendance were Noble Dick Mills and Lady Mary, Tony Archuletta and Lady Dee, Ron Crawford and Lady Chris, Ron Robbins and Lady Ronnie, Wayne McKee, and Vern Wolf.

Our Potentate installed the officers of the Kalyklowns, as well as the Shabob. Much fun was had by those in attendance as they played with the various party favors on the tables, but the hit of the evening was, of course, the "party poppers'. Although there were some who had to be reminded to please read the instructions before playing and NOT point them in the direction of others.

Meanwhile, we continue our hospital visits and participated in an event with the Boy Scouts, that was organized by Smiley. Our next big event is to be the Saint Patrick's Day parade in Colorado Springs, which will begin the parade season for 2011.

On a sadder note, we mourn the passing of our Brother, Noble Vince Gordon, better known as Saddle-Light, who passed on March 4, 2011. Nobles John Montoya, Chief Rabban Gary Sears and Howard Magan presented the Masonic Service on March 9, 2011. This was a great tribute to a Noble who at age 90+, continued to participate in parades, riding his bicycle when his schedule permitted.

I was pleased to have named Noble Gordon as Clown of the Year for 2010, and there will always be a place in our hearts for Noble Vince.

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AL KALY NOMADS

by Ill. Sir Tom Holmes

Wagon Master

Colorado City NOMADS Campout, 23-25 Sept Hosted by Deborah and Steve

Come "kamp" with us at the Colorado City KOA and enjoy the Balloon festival weekend! That's right, it's a local balloon festival that has been going on for several years we didn't know about! It's not as big as the Albuquerque one or even the Colorado Springs one, but this one will be right in the back yard of the campground! You can visit and play with the balloonists as there will also be games, entertainment, vendors and, of course, food! Two free hot air balloon rides will be given away Friday night, so you could be riding in one of the balloons on Saturday morning! If you don't win a ride, there will be free tether rides on Sunday morning.

First, the campground has already received quite a few reservations for the weekend, and they will probably be full. So, making your reservations NOW is critical!! Call 1-800-562-8646 NOW and tell them you are an Al Kaly NOMAD.

Here's the plan and the deal:

THE PLAN

We will have our own separate Friday night "Happy Hour" and meeting where you bring finger food fit for dinner. Because the campground will be busy, we will "pay as you go" for dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning in the campground social hall. (Breakfast will be served on Saturday morning also if you want to partake!) The menu has not been finalized yet but, we all know Nene, Tim, Todd, Jeff, Crystal and crew put on a great spread at a very reasonable price.

THE DEAL

Our discounted rates are:

30 amp full hook-up for RVs up to 34' is \$59.22 for 2 nights, \$33.56 for extra nights.

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Tethered balloon rides

Two free balloon rides can be won at Friday nite campground BINGO

Pumpkin chuckin' contest

We have only 15 sites for a limited time so don't wait, CALL NOW 1-800-562-8646

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join the Shrine.
He will be a
Shriner in April.
The club happily
welcomes Jerry,
his Lady Frieda
and Jim, his



Bob and Donna Hudson present a gift to Ill. Sir Allan Ake.

Lady Kate into our ranks.

BE KINDER THAN NECESSARY, EVERYONE IS FIGHTING SOME TYPE OF BATTLE.

AL KALY PR UNIT

by Richard MillsPresident

It seems that the PR Unit is always looking for something: we are looking for someone to take the lead in external communication, opportunities for the speakers' bureau, and, as always, we are looking for new members.

We are also looking for a place to hold our meetings. The wonderful place at the Pinon Truck Stop has gone out of business and left us without a home. We will hold a meeting on the 31st of March. We don't know where or at what time.

The meeting on February 18 was very productive. We did a lot of brainstorming on issues that need addressing, so that we can have an orderly transition to our main responsibility. The organization structure is well established with a few slots left to be filled. One critical area to fill is that of our contact with the mass media.

Improving relationships with the Blue Lodges is going well. Two important factors that had a great impact on our improved relationship is that of the visits by the Divan and Noble Phil's ambassador program. Members of the Blue Lodges are very impressed with these visits. Nobles, it is very important that as you visit your or other Blue Lodges that you reiterate the message that we must work together to survive.

The mission of the Speakers Bureau is to get the message of who we are and what we do out to the general public. We can do this through many mediums. The ladies' organizations are ones often overlooked. As we know, men

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COLORADO SPRINGS SHRINE CLUB

April 2011 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING April 20th, 2011 Shepard's Pie or Rotisserie Chicken Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Dessert

Gene Romero, President:

I guess we were spoiled with Nov. & Dec. weather and then came late Jan. and now Feb. while I am writing this note to every one. I am ready to head south. We haven't had the mother of all snow storms and any day now I expect we will be buried with that white stuff. With my incapacities, I'm looking forward to some nice warm weather.

We need some innovated ways to attract more members and get after the ones that are members and don't come. If you know a member that is rarely seen, please invite them to the next dinner. I have set a goal of adding twentyfive members or new members to our Club.

I had a dream that the Club underwent a fresh coat of paint and the West wall would adorn a large painted mural. Any Idea's? Do we have artist in our club?

I know that when I was President, we had some vegetarians and may still have members who come and don't eat for that reason. You should know that if you call in for reservations and you desire a vegetarian plate, we

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are often influenced by their wives. Tell our story to the ladies, they can assist us in influencing their husbands. We are asking all Nobles to make us aware of any organization or groups where we might speak.

Noble Doug presented the mission statement for the Dust, and after a lengthy discussion, the statement was adopted. Noble Doug will most likely discuss this in a future issue of the Dust. Does the Dust need more color? This and various ideas on how to make the Dust more attractive were discussed. Final decisions are still on the table. The Dust is a great magazine and we are only looking for ways to make it better.

The meeting concluded and the theme for our next meeting is to develop a more effective method of getting out news releases and publicizing our activities. The place, time and date of our next meeting will be in the "Nuts and Bolts" and you are all invited to attend.

BE KINDER THAN NECESSARY. EVERYONE IS FIGHTING SOME TYPE OF BATTLE.

let Bambino's know and they will reserve one just for you. However, you must call the Shrine club early and reserve your dinner date and your request.

Ralph "Doc" Hathaway, Secretary:

I am back after a one-year hiatus. Looking forward to helping out the Club where needed. We still have many members that have not paid their dues. Please let's close the books on dues. They are delinquent after Feb. So if members wish to continue or drop out, please let me know. At our Feb. meeting we discussed the redoing of the Ballroom floor. The cost will be \$2,250.00. Warm weather arrives and we need to seal the cracks in the parking lot. Swede is contacting the folks that have taken care of the Parking lot for an estimate.

Our new Events Coordinator is Pam J. Boone and here is an insert of some of her experience.

The January board minutes are posted on the bulletin Board including the Treasurer's report in the lobby.

Please call in reservations for the dinner and the number of guests that will be present. If you wish alternate meal, please state at time of calling.

SOCIAL @ 6:00 PM DINNER @ 7:00 PM

FOR RESERVATIONS: 632-3881

RESERVATION DEADLINE: NOON, 19 April.

Our Colorado Springs Shrine Club Ladies & Honored Ladies are always ready to step forward and help. Thank you ladies.

Our Medical Screening Clinic is open to any child with a disability every 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am until 12 noon. If you know of a child in need, please sponsor them to our clinic. I am sure that each one of you is aware or know of a child that could utilize our help in making them as productive as possible. As Shriners, it is our duty & responsibility to help a child in need.



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AL KALY MULE TRAIN

by Allan Ake Secretary

The Mule Train has a new Treasurer. Acting President Gale Fortney called a special Board Meeting for the express purpose of electing a Treasurer. Torry Krutzke was so elected. Illustrious Sir Allan Ake installed Torry at the Mule Train dinner meeting on Thursday, February 18th. Il Sir performed a short installation ceremony for Torry during which Gale was the Acting Marshal.

President Ray Clark is back in the country so will resume his duties as Mule Train President. Welcome back Ray and thank you, Gale, for filling in as President during Ray's absence.

IHOP Day 2011 is history and according to IHOP Day Chair Doc Hathaway, it was a record success! The Mule Train team was responsible for the Southgate IHOP and according to Gale Fortney, about \$2500.00 was collected. Thanks to all who took time to greet people and tell the Shriner story. As always, the clowns were great, the photographers did a super job, and the Mule Train riders looked good in their uniform shirts. A special thanks to Earl and Sheila Aldrich for working a stint as well. The Al Kaly Mule Train gets together with the El Jebel Drovers each year and this year is no exception. The Drovers have historically driven to Colorado Springs, but this year, in April, we'll meet in Castle Rock – about halfway

The Mule Train OV is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st. The members are looking forward to welcoming a couple of their own, Ill. Sir Allan Ake and First Lady Linda.

between Denver and Colorado Springs. We always look

forward to getting together with our El Jebel counterparts.

International Shrine Horse Patrols (INSHP) President Allan Ake reports that the Shriners International convention in Denver is coming along nicely. Convention Chairman Gale Fortney and Lester Nowell are working on the scheduled Barn Party and auction; Lady Linda is working out final details of the awards banquet; Barn Boss Cliff Lane is working with the National Western Complex personnel to finalize competition schedules. Commandant Wayne Fox is making final plans to find a place for the judges to sit. There will even be a trail ride at the Air Force Academy! It looks like we'll have about 100 horses competing in the international drill and parade competitions. Be sure to attend some of the fun activities at the convention. The dates are July 2-6, 2011.



Legion of Honor at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

LEGION OF HONOR -CMD. NOBLE RICHARD C. LARKE

by Noble James W. Rawlings, PC

With deep regret the Legion notes the passing of Noble Robert W. Schafer. Bob is readily recognized for his many years of distinguished service to the Legion, his fellow Nobles and many friends. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

On February 9, Nobles Jack Ryan, Ron Smith and Bryan Bate were inducted into the Legion. It is a great pleasure to welcome our new members and their Ladies.

Commander Larke extends his thanks to those members, guests and IHOP personnel who contributed their time and effort in the IHOP Fund Raiser. The Legion was able to realize contributions of \$2,415.00 due to their diligent work. Well Done and Thanks Again.

The Legion is growing, and we still have openings for more Nobles. So if you are an active duty military or an honorably discharged veteran seeking a unit to affiliate with, we invite you to try the Legion. We meet at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm.



CLOWNS OF ALKALY

by Craig (Patches) Sparks
Boss Clown

Nobles, it is hard to believe that we will be beginning the parade season in just a few days and we will probably have had our first parade by the time you receive this. The Clowns of Al Kaly have been very busy even though we haven't begun the parade season. We had 9 clowns cover all four IHOPs in the Springs from 7AM to 7PM and helped the International Shriners Hospitals

for Children raise over \$13,000.00, more than was raised in the previous two years.

I thank all of the Shriners who helped support this amazing fundraiser and I especially thank my fellow clowns for their support of this event. We also have a clown at the Golden Corral on Powers Boulevard every Tuesday night in support of their family night. Nobles, I look forward to seeing all of you out there as we kick off the 2011 parade season.



Clowns with Chief Rabban Gary Sears.



Clown helping clean up at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

POTENTATE'S MOTOR ESCORT

by Alan Keller Vice President

The Potentates Motor Escort has seen the start of 2011 with new officers. They are: Rob Cordrey- President, Alan Keller-Vice-president, Tim Carson-Secretary/ Treasurer, Rex Reid-Chaplain and Marvin Barbour-Road Captain.

The Escort is looking forward to a great Shrine parade season starting with the Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 12. It is going to be a busy and also exciting parade schedule.

The Escorts also are selling Shrine emblems and flashlights during all Shrine events. They will be available at the parades, dinners and all Shrine functions. If you are

interested, just ask an Escort. There are Shrine emblems on the great little flashlights and the Shrine emblems can be applied to your car, motorcycle, RV or anywhere that you chose to show your affiliation with the Shrine brotherhood.

We continue to invite anyone in the Shrine that has a dress bike with over 1100 cc size to consider joining this wonderful organization. The parades and all of our activities make the Escorts one of the most fun and exciting groups in the Shrine family. If you are interested, please contact me, Alan Keller, at a_lkeller@q.com and I will be glad to see that your membership is taken into consideration.

We look forward to doing our part as a group that is proud to escort our Potentate through his duties as the leader of the many Shrine parades.

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