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## CIRCUSES FROM EASTERN TO WESTERN BORDERS



### This Issue's Highlights:

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2017 CSSA Convention News Bulletin ▲ Al Kaly Bazaar and Crafts Show ▲ and More!

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Ill. Sir Ron Bowen  
Potentate

Ill. Sirs, Nobles, Ladies and friends,

Time is really flying by! Since my last article for the Dust, we have completed the Circus season with Southeastern SC (Lamar), F&HPSC (Canon City), Sand Dunes SC (Monte Vista), and San Juan Basin SC (Durango). Now we are rolling into the parade season which will continue through October 7th. I hope you all can make it out to several of the parades. It's really going to be a fun summer!

Last week we were in Salida for their OV and the FIBArk Parade. I had so much fun! Chief Rabban Jim and Lady Mary got me into a clown outfit for the parade. It was just fantastic

talking with the people watching the parade. Jim gave me some balloons along the route, which I was pretending to give to the children. Each time I tried to give them one of the balloons it "slipped" out of my hand and flew away! It was really great; the crowd laughed, as did the children. One thing that really touched me was when a gentleman asked me to come where he was standing. When I did, he asked if I would hold his baby girl so he could take a picture. Several in the crowd also took pictures. It was a day I will always remember! That interaction with all the people is what makes parades so much fun.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Spring Ceremonial since the candidates were unable to make it. They were able to make it in Short Forms at the Stated Meeting and the CSSC monthly meeting, so we now have five new members and that's great, but it's not even close to what we need. We need more new members! Please Nobles and Ladies, help us bring our membership back close to what it used to be. I know we can do it!

*(Potentate, continued on page 3)*



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## OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the next stated meeting will be held as follows:

### Colorado Springs Shrine Club

September 15, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Attest:

Bart Guthrie, P.P.  
Recorder

Ron Bowen  
Potentate

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We are now planning a Short Form Ceremonial in conjunction with our Annual Picnic and it looks like we could have anywhere from six to eight or even as many as ten candidates. (If two members can do this, imagine what we can do if we team up!) Hopefully, we'll be able to bring in a few more at the Fall Ceremonial. This will be a tremendous year for Al Kaly; with your help maybe an even larger number of candidates!

We are going to have another Holiday Bazaar at the Pueblo Shrine Club November 25th and 26th. Glenda is, once again, heading this up and she needs a lot of help to make this a large success. Please call Glenda and volunteer your services. We all would greatly appreciate it.

Until next time take care and stay healthy!



*Tigers performing at the Shrine Circus in Lamar.*



# DUST

## AL KALY SHRINE

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## Featured Member

# Cindy Stivers



by Billie Nigro

Born in Denver, Cindy was a “surprise” child – completely unexpected. Her father had been married before and already had a grown son and daughter, so, she was pretty much raised as an only child. As they all lived in Denver, she would go and play with her half-sister’s kids (her nieces and nephews) because they were the same age. Her half-brother lived in Salt Lake City and she didn’t see him often. Cindy lost her dad when she was only seven and when she was 11 she and her mom moved to Glenwood Springs for a couple of years.

Later her mother got a job in Colorado Springs which meant a move in the middle of the school year. Cindy chose to go live with an aunt and uncle on Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska, instead of splitting 9th grade between Glenwood Springs and Colorado Springs. Until this time she knew nothing about the military.

When she later came to Colorado Springs, she went to Mitchell High School. Because of the location, about 90% of the students were military, including all of her friends, so she fit right in.

After she graduated from Mitchell, in 1969, she and her mom went to Florida and Louisiana and had a great time visiting friends. When they came back to Colorado Springs, Cindy was involved in a serious car accident leaving her with a broken back and paralysis. That was August of 1969.

The rods in her back kept breaking – this was before titanium. She had several surgeries, much rehab, and many halfway houses to get familiar with living on her own. The Colorado Rehabilitation Department paid for her to attend LSU New Orleans which is now the University of New Orleans. Despite multiple surgeries, her stubborn determination helped her complete two years of college.

In August of 1975, Cindy went to work for the phone

company as an operator. Three months later, all her rods broke again. In order to get medical benefits, she had to work a full year. Despite pain meds and wrapping her body, she made it to work, never missing a day. At one year and one week, she went out on medical benefits for surgery once again. Since doctors didn’t know it was best to move around and be weight-bearing, she was confined to a hospital bed in her living room for a year.

When she was finally able to go back to work, in the beginning of 1978, a supervisor recommended she should put in for another job because she had much more to offer than “just an operator” and asked her what she would like to do. Cindy liked it where she was, so she jokingly commented that other departments had a lot of men in them and maybe she would go man-hunting.

In reality, that was the last thing she wanted. Just for fun, she put down she wanted to go to the Engineering Department. She told her supervisor she wanted an engineer, but in reality, she liked the Engineering Department location

with its free parking. It wasn’t in the main building where she had to pay for parking. In April of 1978, her transfer was approved to the Engineering Department where she worked on the pricing team.

Cindy had been there a couple of days when this guy came up, put his foot on her desk and his elbow on his knee and said “Hello. My name’s Jim.” She said “Get your foot off my desk!” He thought that response was pretty funny and would repeat that off and on. This man turned out to be Jim Stivers, an engineer working in the basement. He was pretty persistent and in August, she finally agreed to go out with him. Since it was lunchtime, she suggested Wendy’s and they went for a couple of burgers. It was

only years later she found out he hated Wendy’s.

The phone company knew changes were in the offing. In 1988, in anticipation of future job losses, they offered to pay for any school the employees wanted. Cindy loved to travel, so she chose Mountain States Travel School where she became a travel agent. In 1989, she hired on at Charlie Brown’s Goodtime Travel. Five days a week she worked at the phone company from 7:15 to 3pm and then worked for Charlie Brown’s from 4:00 until 8:00pm, just to get her feet wet.

As expected, in 1996, Cindy’s job with the phone company moved to Denver so she took the buyout the



Jim and Cindy Stivers



company offered and worked at the travel agency. She worked full time for several years and is now with them on a part time basis working out of her home. It's all referrals – her phone company friends, Nile friends, and Shriner friends. Because of current technology, there's not as much demand for travel agents which is ok with her! She's winding down but still happy to help anybody when they need it.

Jim took Cindy to her first Shrine social event in the fall of 1978. She ended up dragging him to a lot more Shrine things than he thought he'd ever go to. She was very social – “enjoyed doing stuff”. Her father had been a member of El Jebel, so she was familiar with the Masons and Shriners. She has a photo of herself at the age of 6 months getting on a plane with the El Jebel Hillbilly Band, on their way to a convention. Her dad was the band director, and she says she's probably the youngest person to have gone to a convention. Since 1978, she has been a “Shrine Person”. She and Jim married in 1983, so then she was an official “Shrine Lady”.

Jim built their house which had specific requirements – it had to be facing south, all one level, no steps and nowhere near Academy Blvd.; and the sun had to be at their back when they drove to work and when they drove home. Amazingly, they found the lot which met all these requirements and Jim and a friend built the house, completing it in January of 1984.

Jim had been married before and Cindy was blessed with his three adult children, plus, she got five grandchildren out of the deal! She doesn't see them very often, but they have fun and get along really well.

Ann Fields thought Cindy should be in Nile, but she didn't think so. After she retired from the phone company in 1996, she magically got an invitation to join Nile. She told Jim she was too busy doing other things but he encouraged her to go and network. She finally joined in 1997 and has formed many close friendships within Nile which will last a lifetime.

When Jim died in 2016, she lived alone until March this year. Kimra, her caregiver, would come in the morning to help her get up and return in the evening to help her get into bed and she did cleaning and helped her with some personal things. Kimra was a single mother with three children looking for affordable housing so Cindy invited her and the children to move in with her until they could find a suitable home. The kids are 16, 14, and 7; they call her “Auntie Grandma Cindy”. Needless to say, there is always lots of activity going on!

Cindy has four inside cats and several outside. She's a colony manager with the Humane Society, trapping the feral animals so the Humane Society can neuter them and then return them to their original area.

Two cats were orphaned at about 3 weeks old and had to be bottle-fed. She didn't know if they were girls or boys at the time, so she guessed and named them Lewis and Clark.

They turned out to be Lois and Claire. Claire sleeps on Cindy's face every night; some part of Claire must be touching Cindy's face!

Her garage is like a resort for her outside cats. She can only get one car in it; the rest is cat condominiums! They are her kids and she wouldn't have it any other way. She loves all animals. Jim was worse... if he could, he'd come home with anything with four legs and a tail running loose!

Cindy loves all kinds of critters. There's a bowl of water outside the front door with a flyswatter hanging on the wall. When bees or wasps fall into the water, she rescues them with the flyswatter and turns them loose. If an ant gets in the house, she puts him on a piece of paper, takes him outside and puts him in the grass. The one thing she will kill is a mosquito! She apologizes, but still nails 'em.

There are no special future plans. She and Jim travelled extensively from the time they met, always taking one or two really nice trips a year. Her motto is “Been there, done that” and actually has the t-shirts from everywhere she's been. A couple of her friends are talking about doing an Alaska cruise in the next year or two - maybe she'll do that. Being able to drive her pickup, Cindy is quite independent. However, she credits much of her independence on the love and support of her many friends. She's too busy to be bored.

She and Jim always had a calendar you write on....it was always full. It still is.



*Cindy with Lady Jane Grey.*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### AUGUST

- |        |                     |    |                       |         |                              |
|--------|---------------------|----|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 4 - 16 | Al Kaly Annual Trip | 19 | Shriners Night I-25   | 21      | Al Kaly Night at the Sky Sox |
| 12     | Parade, Lamar       |    | Speedway              | 27      | Mule Train Fish Fry          |
| 18     | Parade, Rocky Ford  | 19 | Parade, Cripple Creek | 30 - 31 | CSSA, Overland Park, KS      |
| 18     | OV, Southeast SC    | 20 | Annual Picnic/Raffle  |         |                              |

### SEPTEMBER

- |       |                        |       |                             |    |                      |
|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 - 2 | CSSA Overland Park, KS | 8 - 9 | Mule Train 60th Anniversary | 15 | Stated Meeting, CSSC |
| 4     | Parade, Fountain       | 10    | Ruhamah Temple 71 White     | 16 | Parade, Florence     |
| 4     | Parade, Trinidad       |       | Rose Celebration            |    |                      |

### OCTOBER

- |   |                                    |    |                   |    |                 |
|---|------------------------------------|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Pig Roast/Calling in the Hogs, PSC | 7  | Parade, Penrose   | 21 | Fall Ceremonial |
|   |                                    | 14 | Octoberfest, CSSC |    |                 |

## Correction to the June/July Dust

The Featured Member whose life was extolled in the June/July "Dust" was incorrectly called "Dean Smith". With the sincerest apologies of the author and editor we would like to tell all his correct name is "Dane Smith".

This sort of mistake, as well as others he found in the article, are often corrected in daily newspapers and I am proud to say this is only the second time I am aware we have made such a blunder. Thanks to everyone who has previously located one of these faux pas and forgiven us, as has Noble Smith. With all our authors being volunteers and with the outside schedules they all keep while putting this publication together for your information and entertainment, it amazes me we do not have many more

mistakes. Thanks to all our contributors and please "Keep up the great work!"





# SUMMERTIME IN THE ROCKIES

by **Jim Burger**  
Chief Rabban

Hello Nobles and Ladies.  
Busy is the word for this article. We have been almost every place in Al Kalyland.

Welcome to our new Nobles. We have had 4 new Nobles brought in during June, plus one in May. We look forward to seeing you around. One of our new Nobles has been to two parades since he was initiated. Way to go! The Circuses were great, what a turnout out for Colorado Springs and Pueblo—we packed the places. Canon City, Lamar, Monte Vista and Durango had full stands, also. June was busy starting with my first trip to Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session. What these ladies do to help our Shrine Hospitals is amazing. They have collected over 16 tons of aluminum tabs for our hospitals. Sixteen tons is a lot! Thank you Ladies for your support; without it we would be looking at a different situation for our hospitals.

At the Fib-Ark parade in Salida, on Father's Day weekend, we were able to dress our Potentate as a clown; I think he found his second calling as he had a smile on him we have never seen before.

July brings the annual Imperial Session July 8-13 in Daytona Beach. More on what went on in my next article. Plenty more parades and OV's to attend in July, also.

The end of August is CSSA. This is a lot of fun and a great time to meet people from other temples in our region. It will be held in Overland Park, Kansas again and is only a day's drive to the east.

August will, also, hold the Sand and Sage Parade in Lamar and the Rocky Ford Parade. There will be more parades in September in Florence and La Junta.

October has the Penrose parade, along with Oktoberfest and the Pig Roast, busy month for fall parties. Our annual Basketball Tournament will be held this year, November 17 & 18, at CSU-Pueblo. This is always a fun tournament and the teams are great.

Plenty of other things to do this summer—check the calendar and see if you can make it.

Remember participation is the key to any successful organization.

Hope to see you all soon.



# SHOW YOUR SHRINER PRIDE

by **James Hinojosa**  
Assistant Rabban

Can we let the communities see our Fezzes in full strength at each Parade? Salida and Canon City proved “yes”

as each had great turnouts from Nobles across the entire Temple and El Jebel. It was GREAT. And, by the way, the parades have been phenomenal! That's what I'm talking about—SHRINER PRIDE shown true. We were missing a few Nobles, but WOW what turn outs! Nobles having FUN is exactly what I LOVE seeing. Shriners doing what they LOVE and Shining with Pride.

There are still a bunch of parades coming up so get your unit together and let's continue to show our Shriner Pride. Put on your best clown make up, press your unit uniform, wipe down your vehicles and let's ride with our heads held high so our FEZZES shine above the crowds. We are the best fraternity in the WORLD right? Well let's all come together and show it to the communities which have invited us.

This will be our first trip to Imperial in July and we are looking forward to receiving all we can. I'm hoping to return with lots of information and thoughts from the Imperial Divan. Lady Liz and I are excited about the trip and are looking forward to see all the other Divan members attending along with us. I'm sure it's going to be a hot one but we'll make it through.

The Pig Roast date has been change to October 1st so make sure you make the change on your calendars and continue to fill your little piggies.

Also in October we will be have a Oktoberfest which our 1st Ceremonial Master is putting together, it should be great fun.



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# WHAT A SUMMER!

by **Brian Carter**  
High Priest and Prophet

If you didn't go to Salida for the Mon-Ark Shrine Club Official Visit Friday night and Parade the next day, you missed an absolutely great weekend!

A big "Thank You" goes out to the San Juan Basin Shrine Club and their Tin Lizzies for making the 6-hour trek over the pass to be in Salida. Your unit looked great! Mon-Ark Shrine Club and Noble Bob McCormick also deserve a big thank you for a great official visit with almost 100 people in attendance.

It was also great to see the El Jebel Shrine Divan and units in the parade. Thanks to all who came to participate with Al Kaly in the parade and the official visit.

Al Kaly Shriners will again be publishing the Shrine Raffle Calendar in 2018. All the photo pages for each month have been sold at this time. Units and clubs need to send in new photos to Deborah Jordan to be included on those pages.

The Divan has been busy attending Official Visits throughout the summer including Pueblo, Trinidad, Monte Vista, Cortez and Durango. What a pleasure it is to be able to meet and spend time with our Nobles and their ladies. My Lady and I were sorry to miss the ones in Southwest Colorado this year.

Nobles, we keep losing members in various ways. Please attend your Blue Lodges, Consistories and York Rite meetings and see if you can find a few replacements for our Great Shrine!

**ASK 1 2 B 1**



# REMEMBER THE MISSION

by **Ray Singmaster**  
Oriental Guide

Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Summer's here. Everyone's very busy with travel, visitors, yard work, parades, Official Visits and the list goes on. As I stated in my last article; please invite someone to join you at the parades, Al Kaly Golf Tournament, Sky Sox Night, Picnics, Pig Roast, or an afternoon in your own back yard. It's fun. I am very excited about the Golf Tournament, July 21st and hope to see all of you there in some capacity.

As always: Let's remember the mission; Helping Children:

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





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# STILL MORE PARADES TO COME!

by Larry Weed

First Ceremonial Master

Circuses are really great, aren't they? The food at the circuses is great – and what fun everyone has! If you missed them this year, you will want to start planning to attend them next year! They are, also, a really great way to get our message out – to tell the public about Shriners being a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships lasting a lifetime. We take every opportunity to do just that, and get the word out.

We had a real treat in June responding to the invitation to attend Fort Carson's 4th Infantry Division's Living History Day and History Museum Open House Family Day. We were led by Ill. Sir Roger Mendenhall and other Shriners as we joined the 4th Infantry Division soldiers who brought out their military hardware, reenactments, and mounted color guard mules John and Henry. We brought three of our mini mules, with Shriner clown Hee Haw providing balloons, and we provided Shriner information, greeted the public, and paid tribute to the history of our local soldiers.

Now, we are well into the parade season, with our parades in full-

(First Ceremonial Master, continued at right)



# AUGUST EVENTS

by Larry Newman

Treasurer

What a great summer we have going on. The Fib-Ark parade was a blast. Sorry I couldn't make it to the Mon-Ark Shrine Club OV. Hopefully next year's schedule will work out better for me.

Looking ahead, while Ill. Sir Ron and many others are on the Pote's trip, we'll have the August 12th Lamar parade. It is always a good time, with lots of folks turning out to watch. I hope you'll make it down for the parade if you aren't on the trip; the folks in southeast Colorado do a lot for Al Kaly and our Shrine patients, and we need to support our Nobles and families down there.

Don't forget our annual picnic and raffle on August 20th as the raffle is a major fundraiser for us and Ill. Sir Bart has, again, put together a great list of prizes. Many thanks to Noble Greg Armstrong for the beautiful clock he donated.

As usual, we've still got money so I've still got a job. Thanks for letting me serve you and Al Kaly Shrine. See you on the streets!

(First Ceremonial Master, continued from left)

swing, continuing through October! Don't forget to get your reservations for motels and hotels for the remaining parades and OVs at reduced prices by telling them you are a Shriner. The necessary phone numbers for these are in the weekly Nuts and Bolts or can be gotten from the office if you don't have a computer or don't get the Nuts and Bolts.

None of these events can be successful without the help and support of the Nobles and their families. There is a lot going on, please visit the Al Kaly Website, read the Dust and the Nuts and Bolts, then mark your calendars for the upcoming events. Not only are these events full of fun and fellowship, many of them are fundraisers which contribute to the operation of Al Kaly Shrine, as well as calling attention to our mission, the support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the children themselves. Please continue to support your units, clubs, Blue Lodges and all of the organizations which make us who we are.





# 2018 DUES

by *Bart Guthrie, P.P.*  
Recorder

The 2018 dues notices will be out shortly. Dues will remain the same as 2017 - \$65.00 Al Kaly dues; \$30.00 Shriners International per capita; and \$5.00 Hospital Assessment.

At this writing 44 Nobles still have not paid their 2017 dues. Please, please get them paid as soon as possible. Remember the notices come from Shriners International and your payment comes to the Al Kaly Shriners Office.

Procedures have changed in that your 2018 sticker will come from the Al Kaly Office. This means you should get your sticker in about 10 days from the time your dues check is mailed to us.

See you at the August 20th picnic in Fountain! That's all for this issue. I hope you all are having a great summer and enjoying time with family, friends, and all of the Al Kaly activities.



## AL KALY NIGHT WITH THE COLORADO SKY SOX



**When: Monday, August 21**

**Buffet/Game Time: 6:00pm/6:35pm**

**Where: Security Service Field  
4385 Tutt Blvd., Colo Spgs, CO 80922**

**Cost: Adult - \$27**

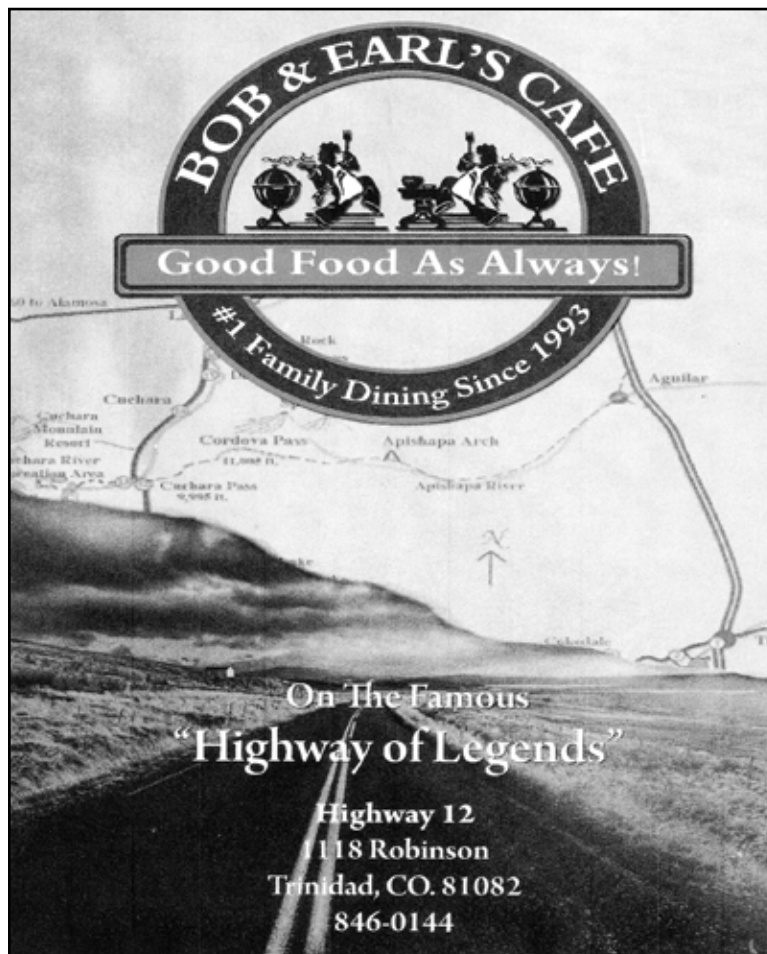
**Child under 12 - \$18**

**Child under 2 - Free**

The package includes: all-you-can-eat buffet and soft drinks, parking, exclusive access to VIP full service bar, private restrooms, and VIP table-top seating.

Contact Bart Guthrie at the Al Kaly Shriners Office (719-544-0658) or Dick Sater at the Colorado Springs Masonic Center (719-471-7966) for tickets.

Come out to Security Service Field and watch the Colorado Sky Sox (AAA affiliate for the Milwaukee Brewers) vs. the Oklahoma City Dodgers (AAA affiliate for the LA Dodgers).



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# A Hearty Al Kaly Happy Birthday

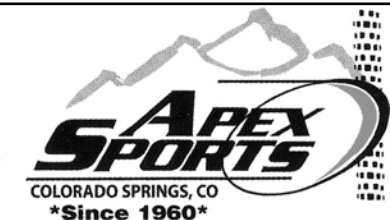
The following Nobles will celebrate birthdays in the months of  
August and September:

Joseph D Adams  
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Joseph F Albo  
Earl D Aldrich P.P.  
Jerry L Allin  
Marc J Appiano  
James S Archuleta  
Greg Armstrong  
Billy P Baker  
Raymond L Barbour P.P.  
William K Book  
Ronald D Borovicka  
James D Brehm  
Dailey G Broaddus  
Robert H Buxmann  
Samuel D Carrico  
Arthur N Christensen  
Franklin A Clark  
William C Clulo  
David L Coberly  
Volley H Cole  
Terry P Collinson  
Michael L Cope  
Darryl B Corfman  
Michael A Cruz  
Roy A Decker  
David C Dickey  
Gary R Disinger  
James S Eaches Sr P.P.

Warren C Edick  
Eric 'rick' L Ellithorpe  
Norman A Farrington  
Earl L Fields  
Thomas A Fortner  
Harvey B Francis  
Glenn C French  
T'chris Gardner  
Elmo H Gardner Jr  
Elias R George  
Andrew R Gonzales  
Albert J Grazioli  
D. J. Griego  
Frederick L Griffith  
David R Guevara  
L F Hale  
George L Hall  
William K Hall  
Robert D Hamilton  
John J Harrington P.G.M.  
Charles E Hawkins  
Leonard A Hawley  
Robert D Hill  
Jack R Hoyt Jr  
James D Hurt  
Walter R Jorgenson  
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Delvin R Kinkel  
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Bob V Mahan  
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William A Mathis  
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William J Medina  
Roger L Mendenhall P.P.  
Larry G Moore  
Phillip A Moran  
Phillip E Moss  
Robert D Mouirguies P.P.  
William O Mullen  
Lester N Nelson  
Cecil E Norrid  
Scott M O'Connor  
Michael R Palmer P.P.  
Randall L Pieper  
John M Potter

Tommie R Pruitt  
Ernest C Purling  
J. M Querner  
Rex G Reid  
Denton R Roberts  
Steven J Roshek  
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Victor D Sanderfer  
Wayne R Sauer  
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Dennis C Shepherd  
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Henry T Southway  
Craig A Sparks  
Dale E Spradley  
Travis J Stevens  
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# A Sand Dunes Shriner Kid Dreams Big

by Margaret Sanderson  
Sand Dunes Shrine Club

Urianna ("Uri") Acosta is a Sand Dunes Shriner's Kid. Uri was born 12 years ago with a condition called arthrogryposis multiplex congenita (AMC), stiffening of the bones affecting 1 in 3,000 individuals. All four of Acosta's limbs were affected. At birth her arms were stiff and did not bend and her legs were tucked up against her body. Her thumbs were bent forward against the palms of her hands.

"My mother's womb was too small for me. So I was stuck in the position where my legs were criss-crossed and my wrists were bent," said Uri. Although AMC is physically limiting, it has not been painful for her. "Other than surgeries, I have never had pain with this condition," she said.

As a toddler, she would sit on her bottom and hop or scoot to get around, but when her "Pama" got her a little chair, she quickly figured out a way to use the chair for support and walk on her knees. "Pama" is the affectionate name all her grandchildren and 'half of Monte Vista' now call Linda Archuleta because her first grandchild couldn't pronounce "Grandma".

Archuleta, who has been raising Uri since she was three, researched AMC and found a world-renowned doctor, Dr. Harold van Bosse, who works, not only at the Shriner Hospital in Philadelphia, but in clinics worldwide. Meanwhile, Archuleta met Dick Smith in Monte Vista who suggested Shriners could possibly help and would help defray their travel costs. It took two years to get Uri in for her first surgery with Dr. van Bosse.

Previously Uri was told there was not much to do for her; amputation of her legs was suggested but she told the doctors, "I want to walk with my real legs."



At Philadelphia SHC, van Bosse performed an eight-hour surgery where her hips and feet were moved into correct position, her ankle was turned 90 degrees and her foot was turned another 90 degrees." Now Uri's hip, knees and legs are in the right positions but, they have to do a little more work on her feet.

Uri, who is very knowledgeable and well-spoken, added, "It's almost like my foot was on backwards; he aligned them with my knees. I had one foot in front and one in back. One of my feet points down and the other points up and they are still crooked. My feet were so tiny, so so tiny, but they're pretty big now". She went from a size 6-infant shoe to a size 12 youth after the surgery.

In August they are going to put a fixator on her knee. "Every day I will click it and it will straighten my leg out little by little and in three months my leg will be straight" says Uri. The same process will be used to straighten her other leg and both feet.

Uri and "Pama" may stay in Philadelphia for eight months until this process is completed. "We think by the time we come home, she will have braces and will probably be walking with a walker," Archuleta said. "I'm pretty excited, I'm really excited actually!

"I have dreams about it. She looks absolutely beautiful standing and walking and doing the things we do. She does the things we do now but she does them different."

Uri is experiencing many firsts. With her legs released and aligned with her knees, she can now wear jeans; she can move her body in ways she never could before - she dances while sitting in her scooter.

*(Shriner Child, continued on page 15)*

# Al Kaly Shriners Pig Roast



October 1, 2017 – NEW DATE!!

1:00 PM

Pueblo Shrine Club

Bring your Little Piggy's filled with change or a \$10.00 donation (per person) for your admission to this great event

## Menu

**Smoked Pulled Pork or Chicken**

**Beans and Potato Salad**

**Desserts**

**Coffee Tea**

**Bar will be open**

Disclaimer: All rights reserved to what pig we roast  
and how brown his fanny turns out.

(Proceeds are for the benefit of Al Kaly Shriners activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions)



*(Shriner Child, continued from page 13)*

Uri has her sights set on possibly being a choreographer or maybe joining the military. "Do you know who Justin Bieber is?" she asked. "He sings and he dances, too. I want to do that." For someone whose body was so restricted, Uri is dreaming big.

Archuleta will encourage anything she chooses to do. "When she was in the hospital, she performed for the staff," said Archuleta. "They had a music therapist and she worked a lot with Uri."

Monte Vista policeman, Dave Pino, heard Uri sing, went to her classroom and asked her to sing the National Anthem at the Police Memorial in May 2016. She sang the song a cappella.

Monte Vista Middle School Principal, Tom Tichy, and School Resource Officer Adam Atencio say, she loves school and hates to miss. They call her self-motivated, an extrovert, out-going, a joy, one smart kid, a natural leader and independent. The kids love her and she loves being around them. She strives to get good grades, is conscientious about her work, learns fast, and does a really good job academically. She doesn't complain, always has a smile on her face, is level-headed so her maturity is far beyond her years.

Uri is innovative. To write she holds her pencil between her index and middle fingers on her right hand. She types by using the knuckle of her index finger on the same hand.

Linda spoke highly about Shriners saying, "Uri



was in the hospital for a whole month and had all these surgeries and we didn't pay a penny," she said. "I can truly say our experience was one of the most awesome experiences we have ever had – the people we met, the treatment, the bedside manner. It's all about the children."

Sand Dunes Shrine Club has and will help Linda with some expenses in the near future.

The current medical plan for Urianna is:

- 2 times per week for 2 weeks - serial casting before surgery
- Surgery, arm release and fixator 4-5 days in the hospital - Aug 17th
- 2 weeks in cast for arm release
- After hospital – 1 appointment per week 5-6 weeks
- Occupational Therapy - 2-3 appointments first week
- Follow up appointment in 6 weeks

## STATED MEETING DINNER

**Colorado Springs Shrine Club**

September 15, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Cost: TBD



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

*Reservations must be made no later than September 13, 2017.*

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# BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 34th Annual Al Kaly Shriners Basketball Tournament will be held November 17th and 18th at Massari Gym on the Colorado State University-Pueblo campus. This year we, again, have men's and women's teams competing with games scheduled for 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm each day.

Both men's and women's teams look to be very promising this year with the Ladies coming off a very successful nationally ranked season last year.

There will, again, be a hospitality room for those of you who need a rest or bite to eat!

Packets for advertising are being prepared and some have already been distributed. Please make sure this year we have all ads turned into the office or to one of the tournament organization members no later than October 1st. Let's make this the best one yet!!!!!!

Contact: Joe Albo: 719-671-3780 or joealbo1@msn.com

IS Bob Burr: 719-332-3799

IS Roger Mendenhall: 719-495-0678

IS Bart Guthrie: 719-544-0658

## Annual Picnic and Raffle

Please make your reservations for the annual picnic and raffle to the Al Kaly Office (719-544-0658) no later than **Wednesday, August 16.**

Where: Metcalf Park Fountain, CO

When: August 20, 11 am - 4 pm

Annual Raffle: 2 pm

There is **no cost** to members and their family members. Reservations are needed so as to let the cooks know how much food to prepare and how much drink to obtain. Lots of fun and fellowship! Games for the kids.



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## In Memoriam as of June 30, 2017

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am in a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the softly falling snow.  
I am the gentle showers of rain,  
I am the fields of ripening grain.  
I am in the morning hush,  
I am in the graceful rush.  
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,  
I am the starshine of the night.  
I am in the flowers that bloom,  
I am in a quiet room.  
I am in the birds that sing,  
I am in each lovely thing.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there. I do not die.

- Mary Elizabeth Frye

Ruben G. "Chip" Bork, Colorado Springs, CO

Born: November 12, 1921

Created: December 4, 1981

Died: June 24, 2017

Ernest L. Lykins, Peyton, CO

Born: April 23, 1939

Created: June 13, 1986

Died: June 6, 2017

Wesley G. Mendenhall, Decatur, IL

Associated: February 27, 2008

Died: May 13, 2017

Clarence O. Reynolds, Lamar, CO

Born: May 10, 1926

Created: December 2, 1977

Died: May 2, 2017



# 2017 CSSA

## OVERLAND PARK, KS

## 2017 CSSA CONVENTION

August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, 2017

## NEWS BULLETIN

Kevin Larson, Director General  
cssa2017@yahoo.com

Topgolf and CSSA Luncheon at the New Theater Restaurant are among the many events planned for CSSA 2017. Please see [CSSA2017.com](http://CSSA2017.com) for all events scheduled.

**Topgolf** is the premier golf entertainment complex where the competition of sport meets your favorite local hangout.

Just picture a 240-yard outfield with dartboard-like targets in the ground. The closer to the center or "bull's-eye" you get and the farther out you hit your micro-chipped balls, the more points you receive.

**Topgolf is open to both Nobles and Ladies.**

Tickets \$45 per person includes golf, breakfast and one drink ticket. Full service cash bar opens at 9am where drink ticket may be used. Men's and Ladies clubs available at each bay so no need to bring clubs. Reservation and payment must be included with your CSSA registration.

### Thursday, August 31st

6:30am Fun starts with Eye Openers in Sheraton  
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6:50am Shuttle to Topgolf  
7am Registration, Tournament 7:30 to 9:30am  
Shuttle returns by 9:45am



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Thursday, August 31st, 2017  
Open to Nobles and Ladies, \$50 per person  
Check [cssa2017.com](http://cssa2017.com) for details and times  
New Theater Restaurant [www.newtheatre.com](http://www.newtheatre.com)

### New Theater Restaurant is hosting the CSSA Luncheon.

**Open to both Nobles and Ladies.**

Reservations have started and are filling up fast. Seating limited so please contact your home temple for reservations soon.

Featuring a gourmet buffet and fantastic live show,

### "The Million Dollar Quartet"

**Thursday, August 31st**

11am Social, 11:30am Lunch  
12:30pm Introductions and Remarks  
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## Membership June 30, 2017

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Affiliations:	1
Restorations:	1
Demits:	0
Suspensions:	2
Deaths:	3
Resignations:	0
Net Total:	597
Associates:	21
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>618</b>

*On June 30, 2016, Al Kaly total membership  
was 668*

## NEWS SNIPPETS

- **DID YOU KNOW?** There are seven chartered Shrine Clubs throughout Europe. They are located in Germany, Greece, Italy, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey, and the newest one in Cyprus was created last October. At the ceremonial 26 new Nobles were created, 24 from Cyprus and 2 from Greece. Six additional Shrine Clubs are in the process of being created; these are located in Denmark, Latvia, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Scotland, and Spain.
- As the Dust goes to press, we were notified that **NOBLE JERRY LONG** from Salida has passed away.

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# ★ — Al Kaly Shriners Welcome New Nobles — ★

*Al Kaly welcomes the following new Nobles created at the June Stated Meeting:*



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Colorado Springs. 1st line signer Noble  
Roy Decker



**Noble Bailee J. Velasquez,** Del Norte.  
1st line signer Noble Art Jones



**Noble Steven C. Zerger,** Pueblo. 1st  
line signer Noble Jim Burger

**Noble Arnold A. Montoya,** Pueblo. 1st line signer Ill Sir  
J.D. Potter

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

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

### TRANSPORTATION FUND

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##### AUGUST 2017

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Roberta Bate by Bill & Irene Sheard

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##### MARCH 2017

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Dan Neu by Donna Samuelson

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Joe Wooton by Chuck & Kathy

Tedrow

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##### OCTOBER 2016

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Jim Stivers by Bill & Irene Sheard

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Pueblo Shrine Club

##### JUNE 2017

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Pueblo Shrine Club

Chandler Jackson

Kalyklowns

Clowns of Al Kaly

Mule Train

##### APRIL 2017

Jackson Chandler

Past Master's Club

##### MARCH 2017

Al Kaly Band

Grant Anderson

Jason Bunch

George and Jackie Cann

Jackson Chandler

James & Victoria Clark

Roger Frazier

John Schroyer

##### JANUARY 2017

Jackson Chandler

Bob/Donna Hudson

Stacey Wilkerson

Hazel Kula

John E. Schroyer

##### OCTOBER 2016

Jackson Chandler

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### GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

#### INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

##### AUGUST 2017

Fremont Shrine Club and Honda Patrol

##### APRIL 2017

Honored Ladies

Legion of Honor

##### MARCH 2017

Al Kaly Racers

Al Kaly Elite Scooters

#### IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...

##### MARCH 2017

Jim Stivers by Merv & Glenda Terrill



# CLUB AND UNIT NEWS



## MON-ARK SHRINE CLUB

by **Bob McCormick**  
*President*

Time is marching on and fall is going to be upon us before long.

The "OV" for Ill. Sir Ron Bowen held at the Salida Elks Lodge on June 16th, was a very nice event for everyone who attended. We had 59 from Al Kaly, Mon-Ark and their invited guests, and 27 from El Jebel. Thanks to all who supported our Potentate and for assisting Mon-Ark in making the "OV" a special occasion. Ill. Sir Rich Silver, Potentate of El Jebel and his Lady Janet were unable to attend the dinner as he had a commitment in Denver. Noble John Zeaphey Chief Rabban of El Jebel and his Lady Margaret represented Ill. Sir Rich and his Lady, and received introduction along with their Nobles and Ladies in attendance. Mon-Ark wishes to express their thanks for the El Jebel Shriners participation at the dinner and the parade on Saturday.

*(Mon-Ark Shrine Club, continued on page 24)*



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# AL KALY PR COMMITTEE

by John Larson

Estes Park Masonic Lodge No. 183, A. F. & A. M. of Estes Park, is inviting Colorado and many Wyoming Masonic Lodges and associated Masonic bodies to join them in marching in this year's Longs Peak Scottish - Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado. The date of the parade event is Saturday, September 9, 2017 (the Saturday following Labor Day) and will start at 9:30 A.M on the west end of Elkhorn Drive in Estes Park. It will go through the main part of town and terminate at the Visitor's Center on the east side of town, a distance of approximately one mile. This event is advertised as the largest all Celtic parade in North America with estimates of close to 20,000 people watching from the sidelines. For additional information or questions contact them at [estespark183@gmail.com](mailto:estespark183@gmail.com) or call WB Marvin Hart at: 970-222-6212.

This spring and summer members of the Public Relations Committee have been attending the 1st Saturdays Car Show (held the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 to 10:00 in the morning) in Colorado Springs. The July show had a record of 448 cars participating. Our purpose there was to talk with people about the Shrine and hand out literature about our hospitals.

Additionally, we made balloons for the kids. The pamphlet we handed out is the "20 Frequently Asked Questions" pamphlet. This brings me to my point. How many of you have seen this pamphlet? More importantly, how many of you have copies and carry them with you? Give a copy to your doctor, your minister, or whomever you might interface with as you go about your daily business. This is a great way to help get the word out about the Shrine and the Hospitals. Remember, public relations' is everyone's responsibility. Copies of "20 Frequently Asked Questions" are available from the Shine office.

On a final note, the Public Relations Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. Meeting location alternates between Pueblo and Fountain. All are invited to attend and share your suggestions with us. To get the location of the next meeting give one of us a call. We are listed in the directory and also on the Al Kaly web site.

For more photos of the events covered in this issue of the Dust, please visit: <http://alkalyshrinephotos.zenfolio.com>.



## Legion of Honor



*Cripple Creek Parade*

## POTENTATE'S MOTOR ESCORT

by Dr. Terry Collinson  
President

With parade season in full swing, it feels good to get out and ride together. JR White, David Ashley, Tim Carson, Doc Collinson, Dave Dickey, Mike Kruse and Bill Sheard started out with the Cañon City parade. Most of the women went with us and had a shopping trip in the big city of Cañon before the parade. We all enjoyed the lunch provided by the Fremont and Honda Patrol Shrine Club for their Official Visit.

Then on June 1st we were able to squeeze in a social at the Pueblo Viejo on South Academy. They have a way of serving plenty of food and our waitress made the night very authentic as I don't think she crossed the border more than a week before we got there.

On June 17 we rode to Salida for the Fib-Ark parade and again most of our ladies went with us. David and Ruby

*(Motor Escort, continued on page 24)*



*Noble Jerry Long*

*IS'Ron Bowen with granddaughter Sabrynne and daughter Melissa*

*\$10,000 check from Mon-Ark to Al Kaly*

*(Mon-Ark Shrine Club, continued from page 22)*

As the evening progressed, Ill. Sir Ron became quite surprised when he was presented a check from Mon-Ark Shrine Club in the amount of \$10,000 for the Al Kaly General Fund.

The Lunch held at the Masonic Lodge following the parade was very well attended with an estimated 73 consuming sandwiches, coleslaw and potato chips along

with drinking lots of ice tea and lemonade. We had some hungry Shriners and Ladies.

Mon-Ark had a visitor attend our May 27th Social Luncheon. Noble Brian Carter High Priest and Prophet was present and it was nice to see a Salida boy return and join us. Lady Emily was unable to attend as she was out traveling about...

Remember to be careful out there.

## CLOWNS OF AL KALY

*by Don Hamilton  
Boss Clown*

Man, is it hot! Speaking of hot, the Clowns of Al Kaly are heating up the printer at the office with permission slips to support various groups in and around Colorado Springs. From the Cerebral Palsy Foundation to the USO on Ft. Carson, lodge picnics to a car show, the clowns are making Shriners a highly visible and memorable presence in the community.

I would like to recognize one of our clowns in this article, Noble Al "Brandy" Wetmore. Al has been an active clown for about 23 years now. He recently moved to California to be closer to his daughter and is in a memory care facility. Al is a great guy, and has been a much beloved clown. We miss both Al and "Brandy" very much. Wish us luck in filling the void he's left us.

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Ashley, Doc and Lenda Collinson, Bill and Irene Sheard, Dave and Carla Dickey and J R White attended. Lunch was served at the Masonic building and thanks to Safeway for providing parking. We had a nice hot ride back as it reached 97 degrees. Try that on a motorcycle for two hours; we fried what few brains we had.

The very next week we went to Cripple Creek for Donkey Derby Days. It was much cooler and we needed jackets going both ways. Four of us made the trip - JR White came and brought Lois, Doc Collinson, Dave Dickey and Tim Carson escorted the Potentate with a bike on all four corners of his convertible. David and Ruby along with Dave and Carla went out east for a few weeks on their trikes and will visit sights like the battlegrounds of Gettysburg. Lenda and Terry went off on their trike to the mountains of Colorado for 5 days.

Safe travels to all; we're just getting started. Lots of parades and good summer days to go.



# AL KALY MULE TRAIN

by Ill. Sir Allan Ake

## MULES AND HUMANS

Mules and people are both strange critters if you ask me. Few things ignite our human passions like our animals and our politics. But this is about mules and people. Politics is a whole ‘nother animal (if you’ll pardon the pun).

People who love mules are passionately prejudiced about them and their abilities. To quote a few mule lovers I know, “Mules are a cross between a horse and a donkey and are extremely superior to both those other two animals”! This is nearly always said with a great deal of disdain aimed at those “other two animals”.

“Are mules really stubborn?” a person may ask.

“Absolutely not,” the mule owner responds. “They are just a little hard to train.” (Huh?)

Then the conversation turns to how the mules’ sense of survival is so much greater than that of a horse. This means the mule won’t do anything to get itself in a dangerous position, but does not mean it is stubborn!

Horse lovers, by the way, are equally as passionate about their horses and believe in the superiority of the horse. We, in the Mule Train, are unique in that we have the only mule precision drill team in Shrinedom, which means we always compete against horse drill teams.

Several years ago, we competed at the National Western Complex in Denver, which has a nice, large equestrian washing facility where we can clean up our animals. While washing our mules alongside a number of horse riders, one of our guys accidentally squirted a little water in his mule’s ear, to which a horse owner commented: “Hey, don’t be watering those ears. They’ll grow even bigger! They’re already as big as a snowshoe.” We, of course, smiled indulgently with a “yeah, yeah, yeah,” expression on our faces.

A few years ago, we attended a CSSHP in Kansas City, to which we did not take our mules. One of the guys loaned me a horse so I could ride in the parade. As I mounted up, one of the Ladies sez to me, “Hey, Allan, do those ears look a little small to you?” I, of course, smiled indulgently with the “yeah, yeah, yeah,” expression on my face.

I might add, I carry no such prejudice about mules. I love mules and horses equally. But... wait... there is a book entitled “The Natural Superiority of Mules: a Celebration of One of the Most Intelligent, Sure-Footed, and Misunderstood Animals in the World”, by John Hauer. And I believe every word. I know of no such book about horses, do you?



## BAND

by Larry Weed  
Secretary

Wow – we’ve seen some heat! This summer here in Colorado has brought us lots of sunshine and some nice weather for our parades and other events so far this season, beginning with May-Canon City Music and Blossom Festival, and June-Salida’s Fun In Boating on the Arkansas (FIB-Ark) where the Dixielanders provided some commendable entertainment to the attendees at the Gateway Hospitality Suite on Friday evening. Also, in June, Cripple Creek’s Donkey Derby Days were a kick. July started out with the Fourth of July Parade in Monument and our Band picnic following the parade – Elmo and Carol Gardner hosted it once again this year!

Later in July we rallied in support of the Fowler “Missouri Days” Parade and stampeded on to the Monte Vista Ski High Stampede Parade.

Now, in August, we’ve got the Hugo Parade, August 12th where we play jointly each year with the VFW Band,

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# KALYKLOWNS

by Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan  
Dust Reporter

As summer is here, our parade season began with the Apple Blossom Parade in Canon City with several clowns in attendance. IS Gary Sears was there along with our Vice President, Dennis Bright (Fluffy), Bill Davidson (Billy-Bob), and



*Cuz n' Clem and Funny Joe in Lamar*

Vern Wolf (El Lobo). Cuz'n Clem made an attempt, but had to return after discovering his parade vehicle was not going to run. The tractor driven by Vern Wolf also malfunctioned during the parade and he ended up being towed back to his truck instead of riding all the way back.

We began racing season that very night at I-25 Speedway and with the help of El Lobo, Cuz'n Clem and Fluffy, have been there most nights. We had one rain-out and two Saturdays with no clowns available due to other commitments. We are now, however, back "On Track" and entertaining the little ones regularly.

The hospital visits to Parkview have continued, but only with Vern Wolf in attendance due to the convalescences of IS Mike Palmer (Poo-Bah), Ron Crawford (Rosee), and



*The new calliope.*

Larry Ruiz (Sleepy). As previously reported, Mike has been recuperating from a bypass surgery, Ron from a badly broken ankle, and Larry from eye surgery to correct



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and follow-up with a performance at the Lincoln County Fair. That is followed by the Rocky Ford, Arkansas Valley Fair/Melon Fair and Rodeo Parade on August 18, and the Al Kaly Shrine Picnic on Sunday, August 20 again in Fountain this year.

We have more parades and other functions coming up in September with the Fountain Labor Day Parade on September 4, the La Junta Parade on the 9th, the Stated Meeting at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club on September 15, and the Florence Parade on the 16th of September.

Many of the Shriners in the Al Kaly Shrine Band have demonstrated their commitment over several decades, supporting all our events, sometimes building up new friends, many times growing stronger with the faithful. We like to get together, not out of duty, more because we like to have fun and find our time well spent. Come on out and join us whenever you can – it's a great way to stay cool!

a detached retina. We hope these Nobles will soon be restored to their former health and vigor.

A number of our clowns attended circuses in Lamar, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Canon City, and Monte Vista during May and June. Thanks to all those who were able to attend.

More parades are coming this summer in July, August, and September. Fowler will host the Missouri Days Parade on July 15, Lamar on August 12, Rocky Ford on August 18, La Junta on September 9, and Florence on September 16.

We hope all available clowns will come out to support Al Kaly at these events.





## TRINIDAD SHRINE CLUB

by Duane Plant

The Trinidad Shrine Club has been pretty quiet the last few months, but we are looking forward to being in future parades and by the time all of you read this the July parades will be behind us.

I was able to make the Canon City parade and had a fun time. If you saw the photo, you can see I made a great friend; the 4 legged kind.

Some of us participated in the La Veta parade on the first of July; and was it fun!

Our official visit was held at the Trinidad Masonic Lodge #28 on the 18th of July. What a fun night that was. In August we will again be at Bob & Earls Restaurant on the 15th - we hope to see you there.

Many of the Nobles have been busy with community activities such as the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 21st and the Memorial Day observances.

We hope you all had a fun and safe July 4th celebration and had lots of fun. See you soon.

## PUEBLO SHRINE CLUB

by James Hinojosa  
President

### PROSPECT NIGHT!

The Pueblo Shrine Club is having a blast!

In October we will be having our annual steak fry cooked to your liking by the Nobles of our club. But this time we are making it a prospect night for all who might want to be a Shriner. Bring a prospective body to our steak dinner and they get their meal free, you'll still have to pay for yours...lol...sorry. This is a night to come together and have fun with your Friends/Brothers/Nobles and Ladies. It's a pot luck type dinner so bring a dish to share, the Club will buy and sell the steaks it's still a \$13.00 dinner night.

I'm going to miss this one due to CSSA in Overland Park, KS. so someone else will have to tell the jokes and get the laughter flowing. I'm sure it'll be a great time for the up-and-coming Nobles and for the old.

If you haven't joined your local club it's never too late to do it. Or maybe you want to join a parade unit or just socialize with others it never too late to do so.

Remember your \$98.00 Al Kaly dues go toward the Temple and Imperial, it doesn't make you a member of your local club or unit. They each have dues of their own.

October will be a fun time at our club; we will be celebrating an adult Halloween so come dressed in costume and bring some goodies to share. We would love to have a Halloween party for the Nobles and the community, as well, but that is still in a planning stage.

If you're interested, please let myself or Lady Glenda know you would love to have a party. As always have fun, laugh a lot and live life to its fullest!



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