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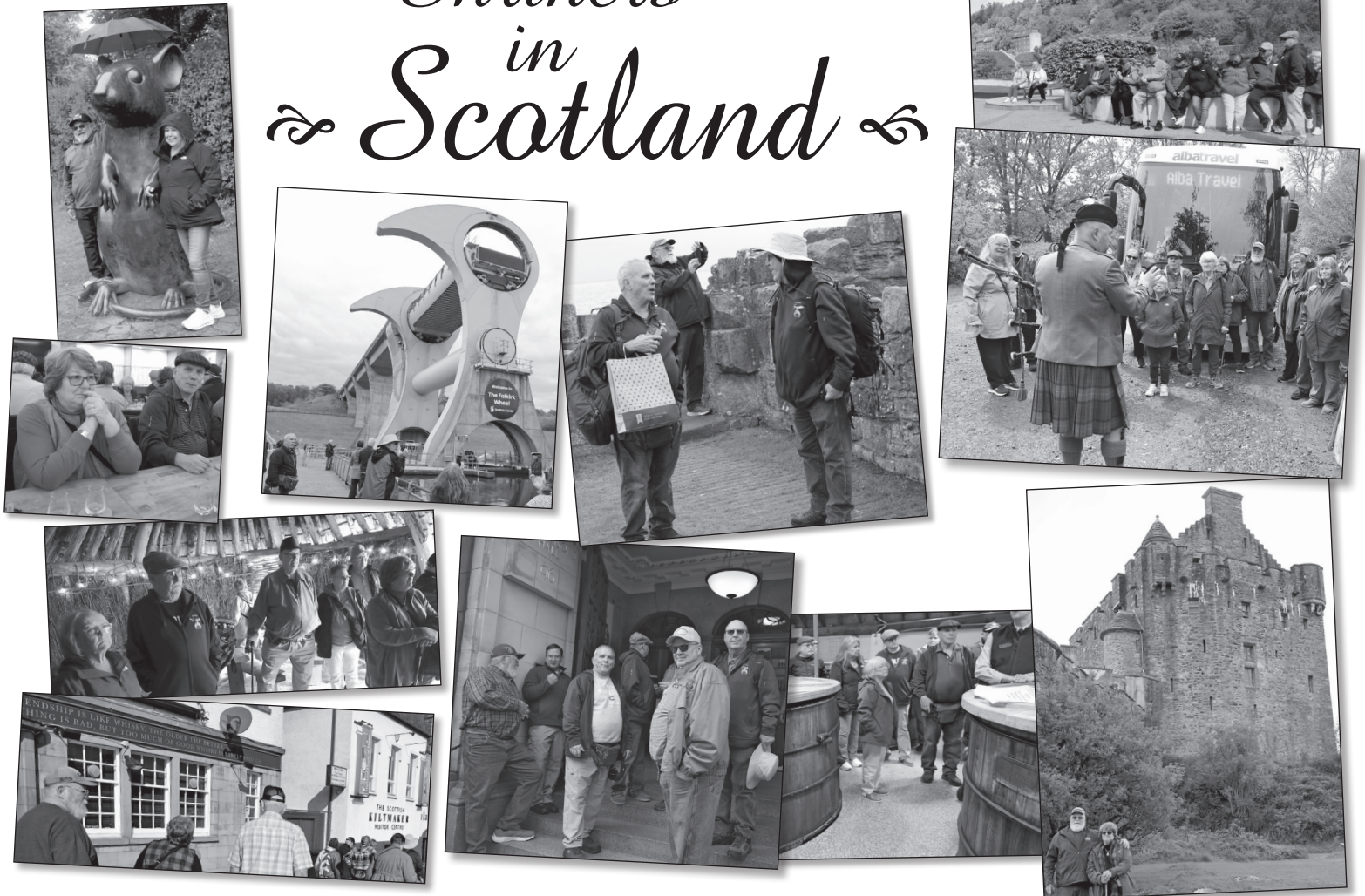
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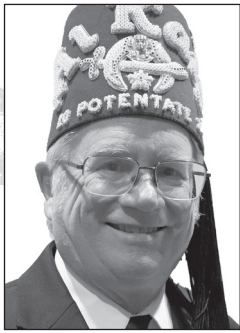
POTENTATE MESSAGE

Scott Rhea
Potentate

As I write this, the Aspen Acres fire in Pueblo and Custer counties is threatening Fremont County and several of our nobles, brethren, friends and family, including Eureka Lodge 66 in Coal Creek of which I have been Secretary since 2018. While we wait with a mixture of dread and hope, our hearts go out to the hundreds of individuals who have already lost property and precious mementos, and our prayers rise up to the Supreme Architect for the safety of the fire fighters and their continued strength in battling this conflagration.

The front cover of this issue shows some of the memories we made in Scotland during the Potentate's Trip. With great weather, a busy itinerary, and a few drams, a fun time was had by all – and we made some money for the General Fund. Lady Karen and I are looking forward to next year's trip through the Panama Canal – sign up soon as the cruise ship is filling up fast!

By the time this issue hits the press, parade season will be half over, but it's never too late to join in with a unit or even come out on your own and walk the route. Of particular note, for the first time in nearly 20 years, Al Kaly will participate in



the State Fair Parade in Pueblo on August 29. My appreciation goes to our Assistant Rabban, Abe England, for clearing the way, so let's have a great showing. As a result, our Stated Meeting will take place that afternoon at the Pueblo Elks.

But our busy summer doesn't end there. Be sure to sign up for the LTC Michael "Bo" Cruz Memorial Clay Shoot on August 15 and the Golf Tournament at Eisenhower Silver Course of the Air Force Academy on August 24 (and I'll see some of you at CSSA in Davenport in between). And looking further ahead, save the date for the Potentate's Ball on October 9 at the Pueblo Union Depot and Dance with the Musicals. Prepare your costume of your favorite character in a musical – traditional formal attire is welcome (as in My Fair Lady and Hello Dolly), but you may not win the award in the Best Adaptation of an Original Screenplay category. Watch for details in the Nuts and Bolts.

I look forward to seeing you at the next event, official visit, club/unit meeting, or Lodge visit. Play it Forward.

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OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the August stated meeting will be held:
August 29, 2026, at 2 p.m., at the Pueblo Elks Lodge 426 N Santa Fe Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81003-4136

Scott Rhea
Potentate

Attest: Gary Sears, P.P.
Recorder

SUSPENSE DATES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE DUST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Article Due Dates / Issue
1 January / Feb - Mar
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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

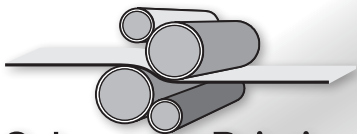
- 1-Aug La Junta Parade
- 2-Aug AL Kaly Picnic-Pueblo Zoo
- 8-Aug Lamar Parade
- 9-Aug Mule Train OV
- 14-Aug Rocky Ford Ark Valley Parade
- 15-Aug Clay Shoot
- August 19-23 CSSA
- 24-Aug Golf Tournament
- 29-Aug Colorado State Fair Parade-Pueblo
- 29-Aug Stated Meeting, Pueblo Elks Lodge

SEPTEMBER

- 5-Sep Salida Fly In
- 7-Sep Trinidad Parade
- 19-Sep Florence Parade

OCTOBER

- 3-Oct Penrose Parade
- 9-Oct Potentate's Ball, Pueblo Union Depot



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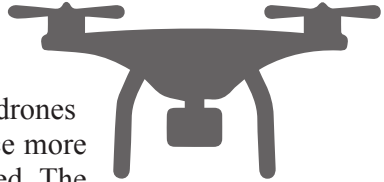
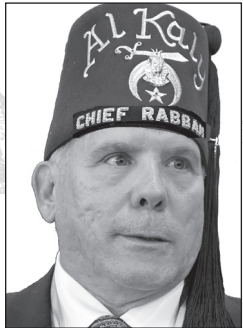
Allan Ake, PP

NEW DRONE UNIT THE FEZTIVAL IS COMING!

Mark Giffen
Chief Rabban

One of the best ways to create interest in joining Shriners is to form new clubs and units. Over the past few years, Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) has sponsored a drone competition that focuses on an obstacle course. I plan to start a drone unit for Al Kaly Shriners if there is sufficient interest (we need at least 5 individuals). Drones range in price from \$200 up to \$1000. I also want to find someone who would be able to teach us how to fly drones that would make the experience more enjoyable for everyone involved. The beauty of this club is that it is open to all Shriners regardless of age.

If you have questions or are interested in helping get this new unit started, please contact Mark Giffen with a text message at 303-304-9115. Let's bring glory to Al Kaly!



Membership	
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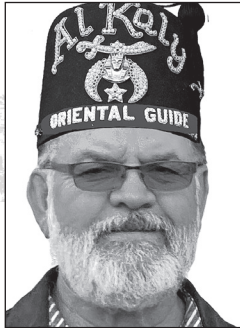
John Montoya
Oriental Guide

I hope the summer finds you safe and that all your families are secure, especially in this time of uncertainty. Shirley and I have been doing well and since I was evacuated from my home due to the Aspen Acres Fire, I was able to come and find my place still standing and not harmed.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and support and Shirley and I will be at many of the Al Kaly parades and activities.

Christmas in July is not happening now but just a reminder that 2026 Al Kaly Shriners Feztival of Trees is on the horizon. For those who don't know, I will be chairing the event this year following in the footsteps of our Illustrious Potentate. The event will run from November 21 through 28, 2026, and I am reaching out to you for your support. Your value to Al Kaly is very much appreciated, and your sponsorship, along with that of the businesses you solicit, not only helps us achieve our goals but also significantly benefits the community and attendees.

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Monday, August 24, 2026

Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Course

4 Person Scramble - \$185 per person

Price includes: Cart, green fees, coffee and breakfast pastries, range balls, lunch, goodie bag, and 5 tickets towards door prizes - plus, a Hole-in-One contest with a chance to win \$10,000 for the golfer and another \$10,000 which goes to Shriners Children's Salt Lake City and other on course contests and opportunities to earn golf shop gift cards and more tickets towards door prizes.

Register on or before August 1st to receive an additional 5 tickets for door prizes!
Individual sign-ups welcome – will be paired up in foursomes.

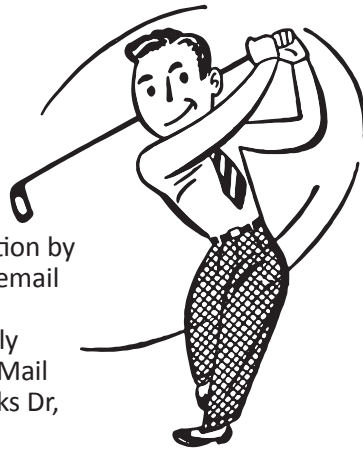
Register No Later Than August 16, 2026

Important: All registered golfers will be contacted regarding the procedures necessary to gain access to the Air Force Academy for the golf tournament. Golfers must provide email or text contact information.

Questions - Please contact Jim Barager (719) 460-5323 or teenajim1@aol.com

Scan this QR code to register online

See Al Kaly Shriners Golf Tournament website: alkalysrinersgolf.com



Or complete a manual registration by providing each player's name, email and phone number.

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Silent auction prizes will be listed on a separate website which can be accessed via a link on the Al Kaly Shriners Golf Tournament website.

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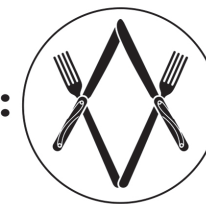
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FEATURED SHRINER BLAKE SIMMONS

by **Billie Nigro**

Blake was born in Springfield, Missouri. His father owned an engineering company. His oldest brother took it over after his Navy and Corporate careers. He has one sister and three brothers. He went to high school in Republic, Missouri. He majored in Pre-Law at Southern Methodist State University, then studied computer science and networking at the Blair Institute of Business.

Blake's first job was surveying for his father at age 10! He worked at various other jobs, including the grocery business, retail sales, consumer electronics, retail and contracting, internet web hosting and design, E-Commerce, former owner Stereo Exchange, Simmons Electronics contracting, CBS Mart, CBS turntable services, Aspen Estate Sales, and Legacy Trunks. Quite a variety of jobs and interests.

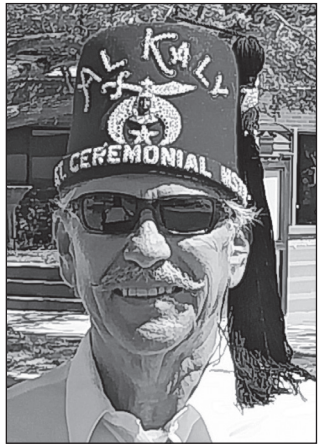
Blake says he has done many different things, mostly in the realm of sales and marketing. Working directly with people is always interesting and brings many different situations which, upon reflecting, makes him smile and laugh.

Blake and his wife, Sidnee, met in Colorado Springs. They have been happily married for 22 years. They have 3 children. I asked what attracted him to her and his answer was simply "She is fantastic!" Short, sweet and to the point! He said they are both very independent and capable people, dedicated and strong, especially together. He added: "She makes me a better man." Wow. That's a pretty powerful statement. Good job, Sidnee!

Their interests and leisure activities include family, travel, fly fishing, golf, history, cooking and study of cuisine, learning, and living life all the way. Blake and Sidnee have been Buyer-resellers of many collectibles for themselves and clients.

Blake's family has been involved in Masonry for many generations. He was in De Molay when young, and simply always lived by the code of life that Masonry teaches. He became a Mason in 2016. He is a Past Master of Ute Pass 188, current Master of Eureka 66, Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix Scottish Rite and Membership Chairman, Officer in Member of York Rite Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and Grand Lodge Officer for Colorado in Royal Arch, Allied Masonic Degrees member, York Rite College Member. And if that is not enough, he is also the Al Kaly First Ceremonial Master.

He became a Shriner in 2024. His great-grandfather, grandfather, and father were Shriners. His mother's grandfather, her father and brother were also Shriners. His father's influence on the wonderful charity the



Shrine supports played a huge part in his decision to become a part of this nobility. He and his wife also wanted to join an organization where they could both be involved.

Blake's travels have been mostly in the western part of the United

States, as well as the East Coast, Washington D.C., Charleston, SC, San Francisco, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona. They have a property in Arizona where they reside part of the year.

Blake says he has done many things and learned much and continues to study. "I will only say that having faced stage four cancer with very little hope, and surviving, I now live life all the way with my wonderful wife and family."

He is a devotee of the search for spiritual enlightenment from many
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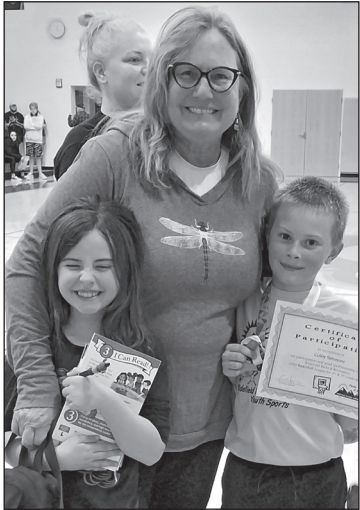
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sources. He is an Optimist who believes in living every minute, staying positive, never giving up, and staying happy. His only pessimistic thought is mostly about the state of our world, but is nevertheless hopeful for better days ahead.

His favorite saying or Mantra: Time, Patience, and perseverance accomplish all things.

His Final Thought: Thank you to the Shrine for all the selfless work you do to help the Children and their families, humanity and the world to be a better and more loving place and for being such a good example.



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Providing Care for Cleft Lip and Palate at Shriners Hospitals for Children

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Clefts of the lip and palate, which vary in size because the lips and palate develop at different times, are complex conditions that affect the ability to breathe, speak, hear and eat properly. The condition can also impact patients' appearance and self-esteem. Cleft lip and palate is corrected by reconstructive surgery in conjunction with multidisciplinary therapies.

The condition occurs in approximately one of every 600 live births. In fact, facial clefts are one of the most common birth defects in the U.S. Despite the frequency of its occurrence, and the severity of the deformities, complete care for patients with cleft lip and palate can be difficult to obtain. For this reason, Shriners Hospitals for Children® added cleft lip and palate to the health care system's treatment disciplines.

A Positive Outcome

At Shriners Hospitals for Children, patients with a cleft lip and/or palate are treated by a multidisciplinary team of experts, who work together to solve the many issues associated with this complex condition. Each patient's unique treatment plan may include surgery, orthodontics, hearing, speech and psychological therapies, along with specialized support. The goal of our treatment program is to help each child achieve optimal function, improve their facial appearance to the fullest extent possible, and improve their self-esteem.

Our medical experts also emphasize family-centered care. Patients and families are treated as members of the team and are invited to be active participants in the treatment planning and decision making process. Our goal is to foster and maximize the social, physical, and psychological development of our patients.

Overcoming Challenges



Yana is one patient who has benefited from the expertise in cleft lip and palate care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children. She was born with a severe case of cleft lip and palate, and finding the care she required proved difficult - early attempts of physicians to address Yana's condition were unsuccessful. When she was 13, she was referred to the cleft lip and palate team at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Shreveport. Under the expert care of Dr. G.E. Ghali, Yana underwent a series of operations involving her palate, nose, teeth, jaw and cheekbones.

"Overall, my speech went from about 4 to a 10 in being able to understand it," Yana said. "And the team was always willing to go out of their way to help make me comfortable."

With vastly improved speech, Yana began participating in public speaking events. She earned a spot in a Texas state competition and took first place, and then went on to compete and win first place in a national tournament in Georgia, where she spoke of people who have fought in the face of adversity, told of her own life experiences, and discussed the role of faith as she looks toward a bright future.

Cleft lip and palate is a common and serious condition. Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to improving care for children with this condition through a comprehensive, coordinated program of clinical excellence, medical education, and research.

Care for cleft lip and palate is currently available at the nine Shriners Hospitals for Children locations. Services may vary at different locations. For more information, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.



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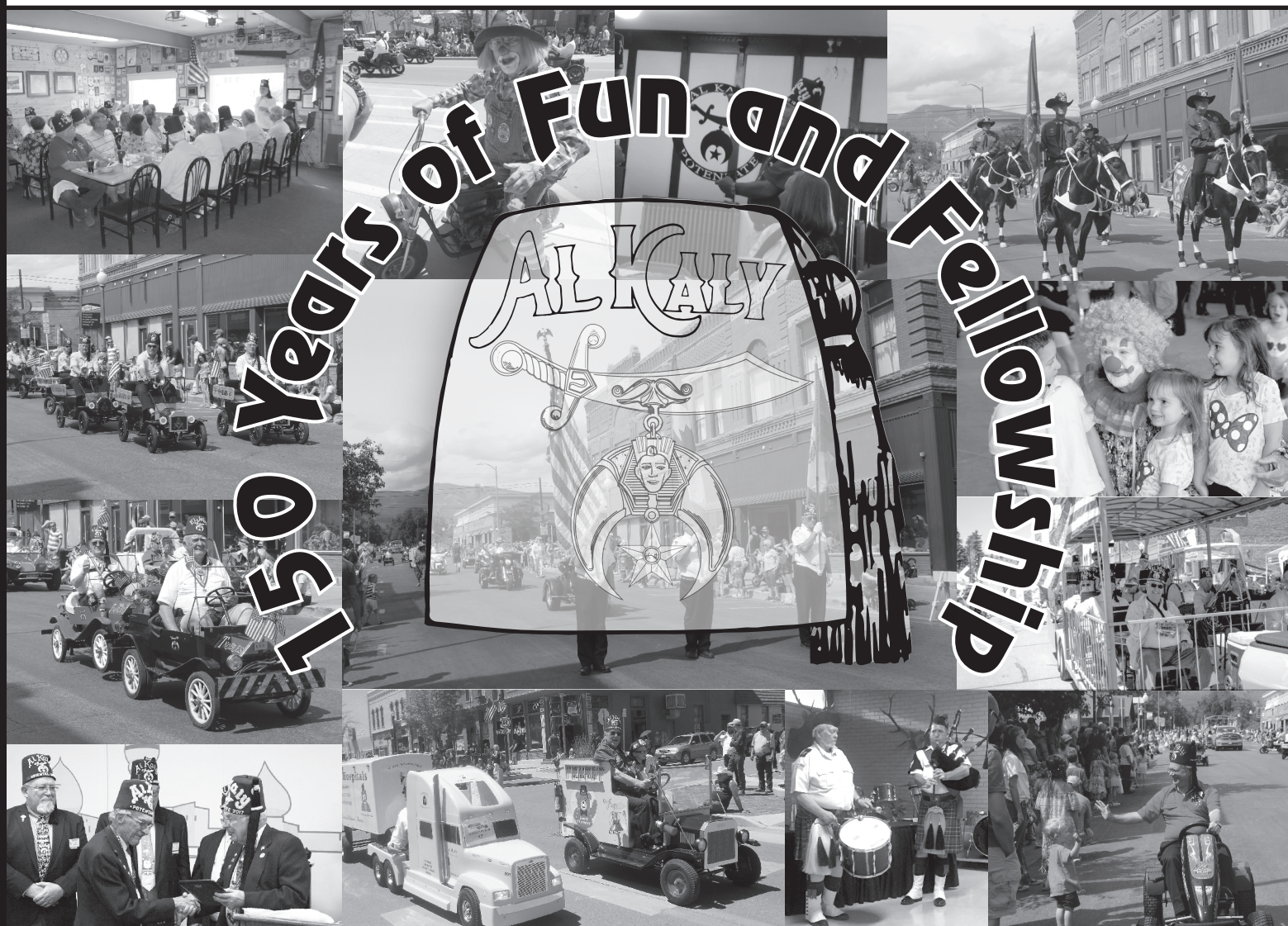
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