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Top: Initiation of Officers for 2009
Above: Scenes from the 2009 Divan Election

This Issue's Highlights:

Featured Member: Jerry Swink ▲ Transportation Fund ▲ 2009 Installation of Officers
News from a Shriner Kid ▲ Mel Tillis in Concert ▲ In Memoriam: Ill. Sir Jerry Sube ▲ and More!

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

MARKETING AL KALY

by Ill. Sir Tom Holmes
Potentate



In the real estate game when it applies to business, the much bandied marketing principle is Location, Location, Location!!! Lets take that same trilogy philosophy and adapt it to our efforts to rebuild our temple and that is... Visibility, Visibility, Visibility!!! Lets look at some examples.

When attending a Shrine function in a public place please wear your Fez. Remember it is the badge of a Shriner.

I remember a meeting several years ago at the Golden Corral where most of the Nobility attending carried their fez in the case into the meeting room. May I suggest that in such instances, you actually wear it in from the car and people will see it? I would hope that we are not only proud of our Fez, but be anxious to make people ask "who we are?" "Why does he wear that funny hat?" Wearing your fez will most often conjure up a conversation and it is our opportunity to share with them what we do and how we do it?

Lets examine the subject of visibility further. It is no accident that our "Cash Calendar" is at the forefront of our marketing plan. Yes, it is a fund raiser. But it is also a continual reminder to the purchaser (assuming it is not another Noble) of the fun we have being a Shriner. Even though we are passed the first month of the drawing, there is no reason not to continue to sell and promote the "Cash Calendar" as there are still eleven months of drawings left

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(A.A.O.N.M.S.)

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2008 Bill Stoner (Rose Enyeart)

INSTALLATION WEEKEND

by Sherry Holmes

Hello everyone. Can you believe that installation weekend has come and gone already...as they say "time flies when you're having fun!"

It truly was a wonderful weekend and I am very grateful that so many of our ladies were able to attend (and that we didn't have a foot of snow). Thank you.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special thanks to Lady Marilyn Kidwell and her Noble, Garnic. They were instrumental in printing the invitations, designing the decorations and setting up the room both Friday and Saturday for all of us to enjoy.

Linda Agresta, lady of Assistant Rabban, Allan Ake was the sole reason that we had the room at the Clarion and the great food. She is a great person to have negotiating for you!

Thanks to Yvonne Robertson and her Noble, Ill Sir Lionel Robertson for coming all of the way from Arizona to



be Tom's and my Mistress and Master of Ceremonies and to Ladies Irene Sheard and Carol Krutzke for signing everyone in and to Lady, Shelia Aldrich for being my Chaplin. I had so many other great ladies help me, that I can not name them all, but thank you all for your contributions to making the installation a memorable experience for Tom and me!!

This year is going to be a wonderful, exciting and fun year with Tom leading us and with all of the terrific support that each and every one of you provide. We are pleased to be working for you, the Nobles and ladies of Al Kaly.

Our theme this year is "Isn't It Fun to be a Shriner?" We all know that it is great and because of our love for Al Kaly, we all will work hard to make Al Kaly stronger than ever by bringing in lots of new Nobles. Our pin is a Piper on our great American Flag. We are proud to be Americans!

As a help to Tom, I offered to coordinate the website calendar and directory for the year 2009. Well... The Fib Ark parade is usually on Father's Day weekend, but the information that I had to work with shows it as the weekend prior...Noble Jerry Long is finding out for us and we will make sure that you know soon. Also, on August 8th (on the calendar) I show Lama Parade, very important...it obviously needs to be Lamar parade, but we certainly can start a Lama Unit...

Thanks again to everyone and let's have a great, healthy & prosperous year both personally and as Al Kaly Shrine!

Al Kaly's 1st Lady, Sherry, Cordially invites you to join her at the 2009 "Easter Fun" Ladies' Luncheon

When

Saturday, April 4, 2009
Doors open and Social Time: 11:00am
Luncheon Served: 11:30am

Where

Pueblo Clarion and Conference Center
4001 North Elizabeth
Pueblo, CO 81008

Reservations Are Required

Please send your check for \$16.00 to the Al Kaly Shrine office for arrival no later than March 27, 2009. Your check is your reservation.

Mail Your Check For Reservations To

Al Kaly Shrine ATTN: Ladies' Apr 4 Luncheon
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Note: Al Kaly Ladies of Elected and Appointed Divan, please wear your 2009 uniform.

See you there!

The Honored Ladies Club

by *Muriel Hansen* of *Al Kaly*

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

As promised, more on our December 13th Christmas Party at the Belvedere Restaurant in Canon City. What a beautiful day. So very different from December 2007, with so much snow and ice the Divan members picked up the Ladies in Colorado Springs and transported us to Canon City!

Again, the Belvedere Restaurant served us a wonderful meal. And, the Ladies from Canon City again did a beautiful job of table decorating. The Christmas Program - WOW! When those 15 young ladies and young men from Canon City High School – the CCHS Madrigal Singers – made their entrance, we were momentarily stunned into silence. Not to detract from the young men in their black suits, but the ladies were dressed in long, full, beautiful red velvet dresses, with white muffs. Their Director, Mr. Todd Albrecht, had them copied from an album cover. Each dress weighs about 30#'s. And their beautiful and joyful voices made us feel it really WAS Christmas! Many thanks to HL Barbara Lamborn for arranging such a beautiful Christmas Program!

Our President Dorothy Young welcomed our guests: Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner, Potentate of Al Kaly, and his Lady Rose; Chief Rabban Tom Holmes and Lady Sherry; Assistant Rabban Steve Jordan and Lady Deborah; Oriental Guide Allan Ake; Treasurer Ill Sir Jerry Sube and Lady JoAnne; Recorder Ill Sir Bart Guthrie and Lady Rosemary; and our Sponsors Ill Sir Bob Burr and Lady Betty.

Business attended to: Elections and Installations. We truly thank and appreciate the Ladies who agreed to accept the offices for the year 2009 (see the January Dust). And we wish to thank President Dorothy Young and her officers for a job very well done in 2008! Callers for 2009 will be: Canon City – HL Nettie Terry; Colorado Springs, HL Kitty Pick; Pueblo, HL Doris Lease; and Salida, HL Evelyn Epps. Appointed Officers: Chaplain, HL Jeanne Gibson; Historian, HL Nettie Terry; Publicity, HL Muriel Hansen. Thank you Ladies for taking on the job. We do appreciate it, because it is a time-consuming job! MEETING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2009. Please note – due to CSSA being held in Colorado Springs, it was voted to change our meeting in Salida to September 20th, the THIRD Saturday. A check from The Honored Ladies Club for \$100 was presented to Ill Sir Bill Stoner for the 100 Million Dollar Club. Ill Sir Bob showed us, and explained to us, the Shrine Cash Calendars which were for sale.

Gifts were exchanged between President Dorothy

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Shrine Ladies

- Colorado Springs Area

by Deborah Jordan, President

Our first meeting was held at the Olive Garden with 19 in attendance. We will again be doing baskets at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club dinners as a fundraiser for our group. Funds from these fund raisers keep us going as a club and help support the Shrine Club, their special events, the children's screening clinics and the children's Christmas party.

Membership is open to all Shriners Ladies and dues are \$5.00 per year. If you would care to join us, please plan to attend our next meeting or give me a call at 531-6309. Our luncheon meetings start at Noon and will be held at the following restaurants:
February 2 - Peak Grill on Centennial and Garden of the Gods

March 2 – IHOP on Stetson Hills and Powers

We hope you will join us in supporting our Shrine and Shrine Club. I can tell you from experience it's fun to be a Shriners Lady!

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and Ill Sir Bill and Lady Rose. Ill Sir Bob and Lady Betty distributed Christmas bags of goodies, including all the hot chocolate making goodies, to everyone. They also held a surprise drawing for a beautiful crystal piece of reindeer pulling a sleigh, which was won by HL Gayle Evans.

Many thanks to Ill Sir Bill Stoner, Potentate, and

Earl Aldrich Retirement Party



A retirement party was held for Earl Aldrich on December 29th, 2008, at Southside Johnny's Restaurant and Bar, in honor of his 41 year 7 month career in Law Enforcement (the last 16 years with the D.A.'s office). Fun was held by all who came out to wish Earl, "All the best in retirement!!!!"

Ill Sir Bob Burr, our Sponsor, for updating us on what is happening with our Shrine Hospitals or other things of interest. It is distressing to learn that our Galveston Hospital was so badly damaged in Hurricane Ike, it may have to close. Also distressing is the fact that the Transportation Fund is suffering! Hopefully, Year 2009 will get better. Thank you to the Honored Ladies and Guests who contributed to our Transportation Fund basket this year.

ILLNESS AND DISTRESS: HL Lilo McKean on the 'not doing too great' list. It was reported that HL Kate Leyda is in a nursing home in Hawaii. Our sincere condolences to HL Elsie Gorrell for the loss of her son. Elsie was a member of Ruhamah Choir and the Skyline Club for many years. And our sincere condolences to HL Isabel Higbee for the loss of her sister; and to Lady JoAnne Sube for the loss of her Noble, Illustrious Sir Gerald Sube on Tuesday, December 30th. All of Al Kaly will feel the loss of our Noble Jerry. For many years he was Treasurer of Al Kaly, and the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. In November of this year, he was voted Treasurer Emeritus of the Treasurer's Association of North America. Cards, calls, and prayers to all will be welcome.

After our fun raffle, the meeting was closed by a prayer from our newly installed President, June Williams. We adjourned and headed for home with lots of calls of "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

EDITOR'S VIEWS

by Raymond J. Clark, Ph.D.

The theme for the February issue of the Dust focuses on the 2009 Al Kaly Shrine Divan Installation. Wow what a festive occasion – fun had by all who attended. It was great to see such a fine turnout by our fellow Nobles from El Jebel. We have included some photos from the Installation this month. However, I urge you to visit Bob Bills' (<http://gallery.mac.com/rlbills>) and Tom Leucht's (<http://gallery.me.com/tomleucht>) sites for a more complete listing of photos from the Installation as well as other Shrine events. Be aware, although, their photos will only be kept on their sites for a month before being archived.

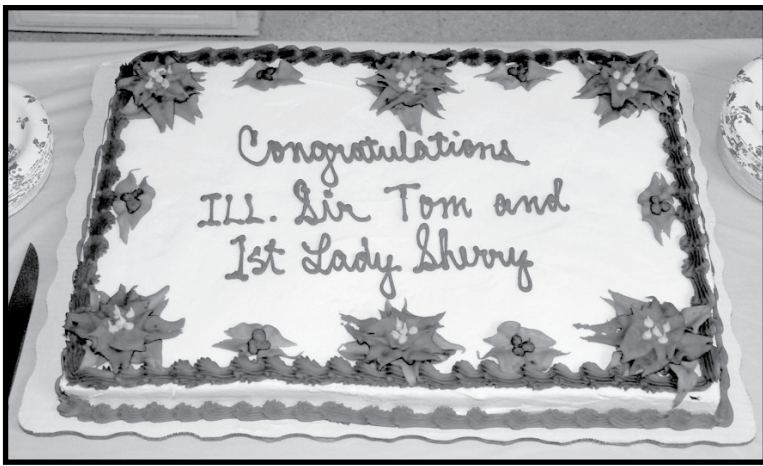
During the Potentate's breakfast following the Installation of Officers, I was asked by Ill. Sir Tom Holmes to comment about the Dust. I mentioned that I have had many positive comments made about the recent editions of the Dust. I appreciate those comments. However, when that happens I tell folks that I am only

the Coach who tries to get everything organized. What you see is the efforts of Jina Lee, our graphic artist. I further shared with the group that the Dust is not mine, but yours, the Nobles and their Ladies of Al Kaly Shrine.

If the Dust is truly going to represent all the Nobility and not just the Nobles of Colorado Springs and Pueblo, we will need Nobles and Ladies willing to help submit articles and photos of Shrine activities from all areas served by the Shrine.

It has been suggested, one way of accomplishing this would be to develop a Dust Unit within Al Kaly Shrine comprised of Nobles and their Ladies that are willing to write articles and/or take pictures for the Dust. Bob Bills, Tom Leucht and I will be developing a set of By-Laws in the near future for this new Unit of Al Kaly Shrine. So if you are interested in getting involved with the Dust Unit and putting your writing and/or photographic skills to work contact Bob, Tom or myself for more information.





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throughout this year.

Taking visibility a step further... The Mel Tillis concert is right around the corner. On March 28th we will be in full public view. The media blitz will begin the first part of February. Don't be surprised if people who know you wear the Fez of Al Kaly start making comments. A note in passing... I suspect that it will be a "sell out" performance. The best seats are still available and therefore I would suggest that you obtain your tickets soon. See the web-site for ticket information, or call the office.

Under the leadership of Chief Rabban Steve Jordan, we have successfully had a number of Golf Tournaments and Basketball activities where we can be seen and heard!!!!

The Dust is now in its second year since we went to the new design. The new Dust Editor, Ray Clark is doing an outstanding job of making the publication even better.

The feedback internally has been very positive. There is no reason why 10 or so copies couldn't be placed in businesses encouraging people to pick them up and take them home. We can print more for this purpose. Let IS Bart know if you want more and we will make sure we accommodate. We just need to know before we go to press.

Chuck Tedrow has been our parade announcer for several years. His approach on the platform is to promote the Temple and our hospitals rather than elaborating on the units in such detail. Way to go Chuck. Tell the world!

Under the guidance of Ralph "Doc" Hathaway, the IHOP Pancake Day is fast approaching. When you go, be prepared to talk to people about not only the Shrine, but the other Masonic bodies as well. There are plenty of brochures available at the office. Please wear your fez... Get people to talking.

Your Divan is trying hard to provide the tools and opportunities to promote our Temple. Remember our growth objective is 130 new members for 2009. Before your eyes roll back, consider if only 13% of our total membership brought in one member each, we will have accomplished our goal.

If you have an idea (or several ideas) you would like to share on this subject, please let me know.

Have a great February.



STATED MEETING DINNER

Colorado Springs Shrine Club

February 27, 2009

6:30 pm

Cost: \$11.00 per person



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Featured Member

Jerry Swink

by Charlotte Burrous



He still lives in the town, which his great-grandfather founded in the 1800s. His great-grandfather was also a friend of Abraham Lincoln before he moved to Colorado in 1872.

Born Sept. 2, 1918, in Rocky Ford, Jerry Swink graduated from Rocky Ford High School in 1937 then attended Colorado State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1941. Twenty years later, he returned to CSU and earned a master's degree in horticulture.

In 1942, Swink went into the Army, going through basic training in Texas and then to technical training at El Paso, Texas, where he became a lab technician. He then went to Fort Ord, California with the 3rd Army Division, and was later sent to Camp Pickett, Virginia, before he was deployed to North Africa.

"I was part of the North African invasion," Swink said. "It was quite an Event!"

Along the way, he also took part in the invasion of Sicily, marched across the island before invading Anzio, Italy. "We surprised the residents in Anzio," Swink said. "We did not have much resistance."

After taking over Anzio, the Army continued its trek into Rome, where he saw the Vatican and had an audience with Pope Pius XII.

During his service, Swink met Audie Murphy, a correspondent, who waited at the medical unit before going on his next assignment. "He was a young fellow," he said. He later died in an airplane crash in the United States.

From there, the battalion continued its march into southern France, eastern Germany and Austria, where he was discharged in 1945. Prior to his discharge, he visited Hitler's mountain retreat in southern Germany. "It had been bombed," Swink said.

After the war, he moved back to Rocky Ford, where he worked in the Crystal Sugar Company for numerous years.

In his leisure, Swink joined the Masonic order in 1965 and both the York Rite and Scottish Rite. In 1972, he joined the Al Kaly Shrine Temple in the San Luis Valley and was appointed to the divan by the then potentate Chuck Jones in 1976. He served as potentate in 1981. He was also involved with the Oriental Band and the Arkansas Valley Shrine Club.

In 1985, he became the Master at St. John No. 75 Masonic Lodge in Rocky Ford. At 90 years old, he continues to serve as its secretary.

In addition, Swink has been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for more than 60 years.

He and his wife, Mildred Jean "Midge" have two adopted children, four grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



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Letter from a *SHRINER* Kid



December 14, 2008
Mr. Wayne McKey
1637 Saratoga
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Dear Wayne & the Al Kaly Shriners,

Since I have completed my treatment in Chicago, I wanted to write one last update to you. You are like family to me.

Well, I'm twenty-one years old now. Four years ago, I made my first of fifteen trips to the Shriners Hospital in Chicago for maxiofacial treatment with Dr. Patel. I feel very fortunate to have had four surgeries, the last being in May of 2008.



I graduated with cum laude status in May of 2008 with a degree in Elementary Education. I am proud to say that I am now employed as a kindergarten teacher. I am sending you an updated picture of me so you see how I "turned out". When you look at it, please take some credit for how I turned out. You deserve it!

I have gained a little weight since I can eat now. And, I have had speech therapy to help me speak with my new jaw. Throughout the last few years, I presented fifteen speeches talking about how you, the Shriners, have helped me. It was my privilege.

Dr. Patel and the staff at the hospital were wonderful. I know them all, even the individuals in the offices. They all treated me with respect and kindness. Dr. Patel's surgical talents are brilliant. He is truly gifted. Lucky me!

My life has changed. I am changed on the outside because Dr. Patel and the Shriners Hospital in Chicago. I no longer have a jaw and chin deformity. I am also changed on the inside – you took care of that with your generosity. The compassion that has been shown to me by all of you has been overwhelming. I swear, you Shriners are all alike. Thank God you are all alike. I wouldn't be the person I am today without you. You have opened your hearts and changed my life forever. I will never forget you.

Because of all of you, I love being a Shriner's kid! May God bless you for what you do for children – children like me.

Merry Christmas!

Love to all,

Lacey

Terrah Lacey Davis



IT'S FUN TO BE A SHRINER!

by *Steve Jordan*
Chief Rabban

To the Nobles of Al Kaly, Thank you for your confidence in electing me as your Chief Rabban. I must confess that I don't have any really big "post election" plans except to work hard at hearing what the Nobles and their Ladies want from this wonderful organization. I will try my best to help the Potentate incorporate those wants into our programs.

I plan to work hard, as I hope you will, to support the Potentate in our membership goals to attract new members, recover past members and retain our current membership by making Al Kaly Shriners a viable, energetic, exciting and fun organization.

It will take the commitment of all of us to support our clubs and units with our attendance at their meetings and events. If you attend, I am convinced you will enjoy seeing long time friends (I didn't say "old") and meeting our new members. Deborah and I will see you at as many events as we can because we really do believe "Its Fun To Be A Shriner"!



THE CENTRAL STATES SHRINE ASSOCIATION


by *Allan Ake*
Assistant Rabban



Nobles and Ladies, as you know, Al Kaly will host the Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) ceremonial (convention) this year from September 9th through September 12th. This is one of the major events of the year in which Al Kaly Nobles and Ladies will participate. There will be the usual enjoyable and hectic renewing of old friendships and making new friends. The competition among and between the various units will be fierce and fun. (Aha, there's that word fun again!) I can tell you for a fact that planning and much hard work has been ongoing for quite some time and continues each day. I encourage each of you to participate in the activities one way or another. As you know, member participation is the key to making any endeavor a success. Participation is also the key to enjoying the Shrine and its people.

And that brings me to the next subject of this column, the Nobles and Ladies of the Shrine. I am continually impressed by the quiet dedication with which many of you work long and hard for the Shrine and other Masonic bodies within the Masonic family. I am proud, pleased and honored to know many of you.

Nobles and Ladies, you have definitely enriched my life. Thank you for that.



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IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS FOR 2009

by Gary Sears
High Priest and Prophet

Nobles, as you are aware, we are working hard at Al Kaly to improve communications within the fraternity. We will continue the weekly email updates that we have been sending. The Nuts and Bolts Update from our Recorder I.S. Bart seems to work very well and we have received a lot of positive feedback from the weekly emails.

If you notice something in the email updates that needs improving or you feel needs to be included please contact me and I will consider any changes. Your feedback is always appreciated. If you know of a Noble who is not receiving our updates you can forward the email to the Noble and they can add themselves to the mailing list at the bottom of the email. This saves a step and they are automatically added to our mailing list.

We also tried tele-conference meetings last year and they worked very well to help communicate with Nobles in all parts of the large Al Kaly area. We hope to use this more this year also. By using this tool we can include more Nobles in meetings and discussions.

Last year we used the automated calling system to remind Nobles about the Al Kaly Picnic. This seemed to be a very effective communication tool and was a great reminder of the upcoming event. We will try to use the automated calling more in 2009 as reminders for important events.

Nobles, if you have any suggestions on how to improve communications please contact me. I can be reached at my cell number 719-369-1001 or email at g.sears@comcast.net. By continuing to improve our communications we can help to make it Fun To Be A Shriner in 2009.



"WHERE DID THE MIDDLE EASTERN THEME COME FROM?"

by Roger Mendenhall
Oriental Guide



Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of Al Kaly Shrine; Being new to this honored position, I have been thinking a lot about our Shrine roots. I would like to share a Shrine history article which I recently read. This is an excerpt from an Imperial Shrine Headquarters pamphlet called "Who are the Shriners? & What is the Shrine?" It asks "Where did the Shrine's Middle Eastern theme come from?"

I thought the answer was relevant to this day and time: "The Shrine is as American as baseball, hot dogs, and apple pie. It was tied to an Arabic theme by its founders, Billy Florence, an actor, and Walter Fleming, a physician. Fleming and Florence realized the fledgling fraternity needed a colorful, exciting backdrop. It is believed that Florence conceived the Shrine's Middle Eastern setting while on tour in Europe.

As the legend goes, Florence attended a party in Marseilles, France, hosted by an Arabian diplomat. At the end of the party, the guests became members of a secret society. Florence realized this might be the ideal vehicle for the new fraternity, and he made copious notes and drawings of the ceremony.

When Florence returned to the States, Fleming agreed, and together they created elaborate rituals, designed the emblem and costumes, and formulated the salutation. Though the Shrine is not itself a secret society, it still retains much of the mysticism of its origins."

I feel that our Shrine history should be repeated every now and then, so we don't lose sight "from whence we came". This pamphlet is a good recruiting tool with a wealth of information that we can use to bring in new members to our Shrine, which is a high priority in 2009.

Thanks to all Nobles for your confidence in me for this Divan position. I will try to live up to your expectations.

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PANCAKE DAY AT IHOP

by **Brian Bate**
First Ceremonial Master

February 24, 2009 will be IHOP's annual National Pancake Day with short stacks given away free to guests in the hope that they will, in turn, help others. Al Kaly Temple is fortunate that the restaurants in Pueblo and Colorado Springs have chosen the Shrine Children's Hospitals as their charity. The Nobles of Al Kaly Temple are asked to be present at the restaurants to greet the customers and represent the Shrine Children's Hospitals. This is a great opportunity for us to show Southern Colorado what a great Philanthropy that we have.

This year National Pancake Day falls on the same day as Fat Tuesday, February 24, the traditional day before Lent begins. Various known around the world as Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, the Tuesday before Lent on the Christian calendar traditionally marks the beginning of fasting before Easter, when milk and egg products were forbidden. So to use them up, household cooks made heaping stacks of pancakes!

Today, IHOP carries on the tradition by giving away free pancakes and, since beginning its National Pancake Day celebration in 2006, has raised nearly \$2 million to support national charities as well as good causes in neighborhoods in which it operates. Please try to find the time to participate in this event. I spent about 12 hours at the Southside IHOP in Pueblo last year and had a wonderful time. At the writing of this article I did not have all the information as to who the Captains will be for each restaurant, but if you would like to participate please feel free to contact me at (719) 560-8516 or brian_roberta_bate@yahoo.com and I will get you in touch with the Captain for your area.

We are going to have a GREAT year!



"NOT-FOR-PROFIT" DOES NOT MEAN "FOR-A-LOSS"

by **Larry Newman**
Treasurer



I want to thank the Nobility for entrusting me with the position of Treasurer for Al Kaly Shrine. It is an honor to hold this position of responsibility among such a terrific group of men. I'm looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable year. Yes, It's Fun To Be A Shriner!

Every party needs at least one "party-poofer", and in most organizations the Treasurer is the one designated to fill that role. (It may be hard for some of you to see "3 Putt" in that role, but I'll give it my best shot.) Al Kaly Shrine is a business in every sense of the word. One of my favorite quotes is from a past President of Regis University who took over when the university was in dire financial straights. Upon taking charge, the new president reminded the faculty that being "not-for-profit" does not mean "for-a-loss." The same applies to Al Kaly Shrine.

I can tell you that the Potentate and members of the Divan have worked hard to establish a detailed budget for 2009. We now have in the office the business systems in place to help us accurately track our business performance. While Bart, Roxie, and I are still in a "learning curve" to master the software, I'm confident that we can provide the Divan with the necessary information to make timely, effective business decisions. Nearly every dollar that comes into our Shrine either comes directly from you, or through your efforts. The goal is to make the best use of the money that we receive, whether we're providing fun and fellowship for our nobility and families or transportation for the children being helped in our hospitals.



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A BUSY MONTH AHEAD

by *Bart Guthrie, P.P.
Recorder*



I would like to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by reelecting me for a fourth year as your Recorder.

Many of the projects I wished to accomplish have been done. However, there is nothing static in our office management. We'll continue to improve and upgrade technology so that we can better serve our nobles.

The raffle cash calendar project has been much more work than I anticipated. It appears that there are many cards still out. Obviously, if we don't have the cards to draw, the "owner" of the card cannot win. If you are holding a card, please turn it into the office. An email with names won't work. We must have the cards. This is a new project, for us so bear with us while we work out the bugs.

By now units and clubs should have received their annual insurance invoice. Timely payments have always been a problem. You'll note on the invoice if payment is not received by a specific date, a 10 percent penalty fee will be added to your bill. For some it's an insignificant amount, for others, it is significant. We are not trying to take additional money from you, only get money back to Al Kaly to cover the premium. Please comply with the suspension date.

February is a busy month with Burn Week, OV's and IHOP day. Please support these activities and I look forward to seeing you at the events.

Welcome New Noble!

A short form ceremonial was conducted at the December 19, 2008 stated meeting and the following noble was brought into Al Kaly Shriners.

Kim D. Sturdy (Lady Gayla); 1st line signer Noble Guy Sturdy. Noble Kim is a member of Silver State Lodge # 95. He and his lady reside in Pueblo where he is employed as a clerk.

Membership December 31, 2008

Creations:	1
Affiliations:	1
Restorations:	0
Demits:	1
Suspensions:	14
Deaths:	34
Resignations:	0
Net Total:	1012
Associates:	21
Grand Total:	1033



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The Al Kaly Shrine Transportation Fund is in need of a financial boost.

The increasing cost of transporting our Shriner Kids to one of the Shriners Hospitals combined with the number of kids being served is putting a strain on our Transportation Fund. The Dust each month will highlight those who have contributed to the Transportation Fund.

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.

Clowns of Al Kaly (1/09)

William Shellhart (1/09)

William Aitken (12/08)

Lillian Johnson (12/08)

John Schroyer (12/08)

Dr. Raymond and Merry Clark (11/08)

In Memory of

Amy Hathaway by Ralph "Doc" Hathaway (1/09)

Mary S. Menager by William Stoner (1/09)

Noble Charles R. Guthrie by Bart Guthrie (1/09)

Hugh Holmes 32 degree and a Shriner at Al Malaikah
by Tom and Sherry Holmes (11/08)

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In Memory of Ill. Sir Jerry Sube (1936 - 2008)

One time I was asked why I joined Masonry. My response – “So that I could be around good men like my father!” Al Kaly lost one of those good men on December 30, 2008. Ill Sir Jerry Sube was my friend, my brother, and my teacher. Everything he did, he did it well. He loved this fraternity and served Al Kaly with all of his heart. He and JoAnne were members of many units. Jerry was appointed to the progressive line in 1989 by Ill Sir George Koenig and continued serving on the Board of Directors for 20 consecutive years. He was elected Potentate in 1995 and in 1996 was elected Treasurer until 2008.



In January 2008 he suffered a stroke. No man has ever fought harder to beat the stroke and return to a normal life than Jerry. He loved his job as Treasurer almost as much as he loved JoAnne and his family. However this fall the affects of the stroke were overwhelming and we all saw the decline in his health. Although it broke his heart, this strong man saw that he could no longer perform as Treasurer and with the best interest of Al Kaly foremost in his heart, he resigned in November. Even though his health was declining, he continued to attend events and support Al Kaly and the Masonic fraternity. He was a fighter!

Finally, while vacationing in Florida with JoAnne, the Lord decided that He needed a good military man and tax accountant with Him and called Jerry home. I'll miss you, my good friend. Al Kaly will miss you. You have worked hard and fought hard, now it's time for you to enjoy a well deserved rest.

- Bart Guthrie, P.P.



As I shared with his widow JoAnne, Jerry was my guiding light for all of my Al Kaly years. It was Jerry assisted by IS Bob Burr who encouraged me to join the Divan in 2003. He has been my mentor and friend during this journey. He knew when to support me and also when to rein me in when he thought I was off base. That kind of friend it is difficult if not impossible to replace.

When leaving JoAnne's company the other day, I commented that Jerry promised to be here for me during my Potentate year. Perhaps he will, but in a way only God knows. He was a great and generous man.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to JoAnne and the entire family in this time of sorrow.
Good bye Jerry, we will miss you.

- Tom Holmes, Potentate



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UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY

- 2-7 Burn Week
- 7 Nile High Tea
- 8 OV - Kalyklowns & Shabob
- 14 Screening Clinic - Colorado Springs Shrine Club
- 15 OV - Past Masters
- 16 President's Day - Office Closed
- 22 Chief Rabban Trip Presentations

MARCH

- 5-8 CSSA Business Meeting, Sioux City, IA
- 14 St. Patricks Day Parade, Colorado Springs
- 18 OV - Colorado Springs Shrine Club
- 20 OV - Arkansas Valley Shrine Club
- 26-28 Shrine Director's Association, Columbus, OH
- 28 Mel Tillis Concert



IHOP & Burn Week



by Dr. Ralph "Doc" Hathaway

BURN WEEK

- Feb. 1st to the 7th is Shrine Burn week. I will be visiting schools and Dwain Jack will be distributing Burn material to several School Districts. Shriners from Pueblo will cover the school system in that area.
- All Shriners are encouraged to join with Shriners Hospital for Children in using this first week of February to kick off a year-long safety and awareness campaign. The focus of the 2009 campaign is preventing burn injuries and we at Al Kaly Shrine will be distributing Burn awareness material to the 4th graders in El Paso county, Teller County, Colorado Springs and Pueblo area public schools."
- I anticipate having the Imperial Exhibit trailer for display at various schools and public areas throughout El Paso and Pueblo counties.
- For further information or hand out materials, please call Dr. Hathaway at (719) 494-6516 or E mail: amdochat@falconbroadband.net

IHOP FREE PANCAKE

- Feb. 24th, 2009 is "Fat Tuesday" or Shrove Tuesday and IHOP is giving a free stack of pancakes to everyone. In return, they are asking folks to donate the price of the pancakes to the Shriners Hospital for Children. There is one IHOP restaurant in Pueblo and four in Colorado Springs.
- We will have Clowns and Shriners present at all stores. So come on down and have breakfast, lunch or dinner. Tell your friends and neighbors to join you.
- Last year from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo we made \$18,000.00. Not bad for one day of having fun and meeting new folks for a worthy cause.
- If any Shriner and or Lady would like to volunteer in one of the IHOPs, let me know. We need to cover from 7 am to 11 PM. By the way, for you folks living out in Falcon, Calhan, Ellicott and surrounding areas: Jill's Cafe in Falcon will participate.
- For further information, please call Dr. Hathaway at (719) 494-6516 or E mail: amdochat@falconbroadband.net

In Memoriam Es Selamu Aleikum

*"We do not lose the ones we love,
They only go before
Where there is everlasting life
Where sorrow is no more
And there the soul will always live
And peace is everywhere
We do not lose the ones we love
God takes them in his care.
These we do not forget."*

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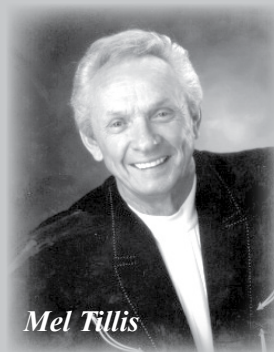
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Born: May 4, 1926
Affiliated: December 31, 2005
Died: December 21, 2008

John Skoglund, Canon City, CO
Born: December 13, 1927
Created: April 11, 1957
Died: December 14, 2008

Sir Gerald B. Sube,
Colorado Springs, CO
Born: March 11, 1936
Created: October 24, 1972
Died: December 30, 2008

Corporate Sponsors Needed For Tillis Concert

Ticket sales for the Mel Tillis concert coming up on March 28th are coming along nicely. However, we need corporate or personal sponsors to help offset performance costs. For a donation, the business or person would receive a mention in our radio ads, a small written ad in the advertising flyers, and a table or banner in the Pikes Peak Center lobby during the concert. Nobles or Ladies, if you know of any merchant, business, or person that may want to contribute to this worthy cause, contact them directly or call Potentate Tom Holmes at 719-338-7924.



*For more information on the
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page 22.*

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December 19, 2008 Stated Meeting Minutes



Introductions were given.
Past Potentates present: Ill
Sirs: Dan Neu, William
Sheard, Jerry Sube, Lester

Tedrow, Bart Guthrie, Dick Sater, Bob

Burr, Lionel Robertson, Jim Rodeen, and David Stevens

Divan Introductions: Potentate Ill Sir Bill Stoner, Chief Rabban Tom Holmes, Assistant Rabban Steve Jordan, High Priest and Prophet Ill Sir Dick Sater for Rex Reid, Oriental Guide Allan Ake, Treasurer Larry Newman, Recorder Ill Sir Bart Guthrie, 1st Ceremonial Master Gary Sears, 2nd Ceremonial Master Lester Nowell, Director Jim Stivers, Chaplain Kennard Henry, Marshal Fred Kiger, and Outer Guard Grant Anderson. MWB Ben Crossno, 2001 Grand Master was introduced. There were three guests from El Jebel who were introduced. They were Potentate elect Jim Stewart, Chief Rabban elect Ed Renden and Outer Guard appointee Chuck Centers. Nobles Jim and Chuck are associate members of Al Kaly. A petition is being mailed to Noble Ed for associate membership.

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

The minutes from the October 3, 2008 meeting were approved as printed in the November 2008 Dust. Ill Sir Dick Sater (in his own manner) acknowledged the Recorder for the outstanding job he does with the minutes.

A treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Larry Newman and accepted.

Communications.

Ill Sir Bart read several pieces of correspondence. They are as follows: A letter from Noble Albert E. Perry on his medical condition, a letter accompanying a donation to the children's transportation fund in memory of Jeannie Mouirguies from Ill Sir Robert D. Mouirguies wishing all Al Kaly members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, a letter from Noble Bill Shellhart on his medical condition, and a letter from former Shriners Hospital patient Lacey Davis (her letter and a photo will be placed in the February 2009 Dust).

A Necrology report was given by Chaplain Henry honoring the following nobles: W. Armstead Boardman,

Eugene S. Lindsey, Mark A. Morris, Stewart W. Olive, and Joseph A. Pierce.

Petitions. None

Resignations/Restorations/Demits

Resignations: Robert J. Henson and Clifford L. Johnson;

Restorations: G. Clifford Porter; Demits: Delmar Burkpile, Morris Elder, Robert Fredergill, and Sean Holmes.



There are 14 nobles that will be suspended the end of December for non payment of 2007

dues. They are: Rene Toca, Edward S. Shouse, Floyd O. Stallworth, Richard D. Broce,

John M. Dunn, Fred M. Feinsod,

Mallory S. Henning, Christopher I. Johansson, Alvin L. Meadows, James R. Myrick, Steven M. O'Neil, Hugo A. Perez, Richard E. Reason, II, and Kenneth D. Swinehart

The names of 30 nobles that will be suspended on March 31, 2009 for non payment of their 2008 dues were read. Nobles were asked to assist in getting them to pay dues.

Election of officers for 2009 was held. The following were nominated and elected:

Potentate: Tom Holmes, nom. by Ill Sir Lionel Robertson

Chief Rabban: Steve Jordan, nom. by Ill Sir Jim Rodeen

Assistant Rabban: Allan Ake, nom. by Ill Sir David Stevens

High Priest and Prophet: Gary Sears, nom. by Ill Sir Bill Stoner

Oriental Guide: Roger Mendenhall, nom. by Potentate elect Tom Holmes

Treasurer: Larry Newman, nom. by Ill Sir Jerry Sube

Recorder: Ill Sir Bart Guthrie, nom. by Ill Sir Jerry Sube

Imperial Representatives: Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, and Recorder.

In each of the above, Ill Sir Dan Neu moved that the rules be suspended and a white ballot be cast by the Recorder for each of the nominees.

Ill Sir Bart Guthrie read a nomination and moved that Ill Sir Jerry Sube receive a permanent appointment as Treasurer Emeritus for as long as he is a member of Al Kaly. Approved.

Awards were then handed out to deserving nobles. A complete list of their names will appear in



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the February 2009 Dust.

Dust and Basketball ad commission checks were distributed. Ill Sir Bob Burr assisted with Dust awards and Assistant Rabban

Steve Jordan assisted with the basketball awards also handing out basketball shirts to deserving nobles. Top basketball ad sales persons were: 1st Place: Ill Sir Bob Burr, 2nd Place: Noble Vern Wolf, and 3rd Place: Noble Bob Zyer.

The Kalyklowns presented Ill Sir Bill with a check for \$603.92 for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Clowns of Al Kaly presented a check for \$850 as a donation to the Al Kaly Transportation Fund.

1st Ceremonial Master Gary Sears encouraged the nobility to sell the Cash Calendars. At this time, we are only at the breakeven point. It's a great way for units to make money.

At the beginning of the year, Ill Sir Bill announced that he would give away a cruise to a first line signer. Every first line signer for 2008 would get his name placed in a box for a drawing to be held at the December 2008 stated meeting. The drawing was held and Noble Dwain Jack was the winner.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bart Guthrie, P.P.

Recorder



AWARDS

Congratulations to the following nobles who received awards at the December 19, 2008 stated meeting.

Medal (500 points)

Bill Clugston
Roger Mendenhall
Craig Sparks

Gold Stars

Allan Ake (2)
Bob Allen
Phil Allison
Tony Archuletta
Marvin Barbour
Bob Bills
David Bills
Bob Burr (2)
Terry Collinson
Billy Edwards
Bob Figgie
Roger Frazier
Bart Guthrie (2)
Richard "Swede" Hanson (2)
Ralph "Doc" Hathaway (2)
Bob Heel
Tom Holmes (2)
Henry Hrabik
Dwain Jack
Steve Jordan (3)
Wayne McKey (2)
Dan Neu
Larry Newman
Alex Pettigrew
Jerry Proctor
Rex Reid (2)
Ron Robbins
Gary Sears
Bill Sheard
Jim Stivers
Bill Stoner
Jerry Sube
Billy Swartz
Chuck Tedrow
Al Wetmore
Vern Wolf

Silver Stars

Brian Bate
Ron Crawford
Jim Gibson
Fred Kiger (2)
Frank Krutzke
Ben Lowery
Guy Sturdy

Jewel of Distinction

David Bills
Les Bailey

Imperial Potentate 1st Line Signer Pin

Grant Anderson
E.C. Cordova
Dick Fouss
Vince Gordon
Bart Guthrie
Troy Hanson
Robert Harper
Kennard Henry
Tom Holmes
Henry Hrabik
Dwain Jack
Larry Newman
John Poole
Robert Smith Sr.
Billy Thornburg

At the beginning of the year, Ill Sir Bill Stoner announced that all first line signers would get their name thrown into a hat for a 7 day Mexican Riviera cruise for two. The drawing was held and Noble Dwain Jack was the winner – congratulations Dwain!!!

For more photos of the Earl Aldrich Retirement Party, the Mule Train Christmas Party, the 2009 Installation Weekend, and other Al Kaly events, visit <http://gallery.mac.com/rlbills> and <http://gallery.me.com/tomleucht>

Photos will only be available for one month from when posted to the website.



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2009 Membership



Please don't just look at the title and go to the next page!

by Bob Burr, P.P.

In the last nine months I've been to two Stated Meetings where membership became the major topic of conversation. Were you listening to the facts that Illustrious Sir Bart Guthrie gave us at the August meeting? Did you really look at those numbers?

Let me reiterate just a few of the facts that we should think about. In 1980, when the Shrine of North America was reporting nearly one million members, Al Kaly Shriners was reporting 2,458 members. Let's jump forward 2008 and the Shrine of North America is reporting 377,000 members and Al Kaly Shriners is reporting 1,045. Then to add to the pain, statistics show that if we continue as is, by the year 2025, Al Kaly Shriners will number 517 Nobles. When you listen to the reports at the annual Imperial session, they recognize the Shrine Centers that had an increase for the last year. This year there were eighteen Shrine Centers recognized and some of them had three or four successful years in a row. Let's make Al Kaly Shrine a part of that group, they're great company!!!!

I know the failure to bring in new Nobles isn't the lack of resources because many of our Lodges are

bringing in new Master Masons every month. Has your Lodge brought in some new members? Have you spoken to them about the Shrine? Nobles, please put this at the top of your to-do list and show our Divan that we can increase membership. They are looking for answers and they want our help.

Nobles, are we as a Shrine Center, going to stand up and start working membership or are we going to wait for Imperial to take some action that we won't be happy with. Nobles Chuck Benson and Roger Mendenhall are already putting together a plan to make this a true Membership Year. Please support them and get out and work membership.

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- Daughters of the Nile



by Deborah Jordan

Past Queen

In our efforts to support the Shriners Hospitals, which is our only philanthropy, we sent care packages in December. Included in the packages were: 44 draw string bags, 48 Christmas tree favors, 4 bags of tootsie roll suckers and 6 -\$50 Wal-Mart Gift Certificates, thanks to your generous donations. In January, 40 Pre-op dolls and personal hygiene items were delivered to the Houston Hospital when we attended the East West Shrine Game.

Our next project is making pillow cases for the children, in fun lively patterns, that the children can take home with them when they leave the hospital. We invite anyone, who likes to sew, to help us with this project.

We also continue to collect box tops for education, Campbell's soup labels (must have UPC code) and pop tops.

We will be having our Annual High Tea on February 7 at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. Please see enclosed flyer and join us for a fun afternoon.

Our open Installation of Officers will be held March 28 at 1:00PM at the Colorado Springs Masonic Center. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We wish to thank everyone who has supported our fundraisers, collected pop tops and given their time to our wonderful organization. If you would be interested in joining or want more information, please give me a call at 531-6309 or our Queen Rosa at 635-3838.

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CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

AL KALY MULE TRAIN



*Above: Gift-opening at the 2008 Mule Train Christmas party.
Below: A new bolo!*

The new Mule Train officers are hard at work and preparing for a great 2009 Al Kaly Shrine Parade season. The Mule train has been asked to attend many non-Shrine functions this year and we hope to attend as many as we can in order to increase visibility of the Al Kaly Shrine and our Children's Hospitals.

With the Central States Shrine Association Ceremonial coming up in September, the Mule Train members have been busy planning for the Central States Shrine Horse Patrols' (CSSHP) competition. Our mid-winter business meeting is scheduled for March 21st.

The meeting is all about taking care of business to ensure that the competition goes smoothly. The members will take care of business and tour the Norris-Penrose Event Center where the horses will be stabled and the drill competition will take place. Then the riders and their Ladies will gather at the Mule Train for lunch. The Ladies' activity this year will be a tour of the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

The Mule Train hosts a monthly breakfast (second Sunday of each month) and dinner (third Thursday of each month). All prospective members are always welcome and any Shriner may attend too. Just contact any Mule Train member or his wife to make reservations.



OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual Meeting** will be held as follows:

Colorado Springs Shrine Club

February 27, 2009

Dinner: 6:30pm

Meeting: 7:30pm

Attest:

Bart Guthrie, P.P.

Recorder

Tom Holmes

Potentate

BAND

-NORM CHURCHILL, PRESIDENT

by E. H. Gardner

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now that the "Holidays" are over we can look forward to the spring and summer band seasons. Between the Fez Band and the German Band we can look forward to monthly events and come summer the parade season.

All of us in the Al Kaly Shriners Band owe a big thanks to Norm Churchill for all the good work he has done for the organization as Band President over the last three years!

Bob Hill has begun rehearsing the new Al Kaly Dance Band. This should provide even more musical activity for 2009. With all of the above, you can see we have plenty of opportunity (and need) for musicians. So drag that horn, keyboard or drum out of the closet and come on in – the water's fine!

This summer (almost fall) we are looking forward to hosting the 2009 CSSA Band Convention in Colorado Springs. We are planning to have in attendance twelve Temples with bands and four more participating without bands. This is a terrific event with lots of music and fun for all. Plan on attending 9-12 September! And in the meantime, don't forget our next band practice will be on the 18th of January at 2:00 P.M. at the Pueblo Shrine Clubhouse.

LEGION OF HONOR

-COMMANDER DWAIN P. JACK, PC

by James W. Rawlings, PC

The Legion's annual Christmas Party was held at the Edelweiss Restaurant on December 12th with about 30 Nobles, their Ladies and guest in attendance. Lady Bluebird June Williams, as usual, planned a wonderful Christmas event and everyone had a great time. Lady Bluebird June has already started to make arrangements for our Christmas 2009 party to be held on December 4th, same time and place. Many thanks to Ladybird June for another wonderful party and for the many events she has planned over the past years.

The Legion presented a closing flag ceremony at the stated meeting on December 19, with a narration describing each fold of the flag. The flag was presented to Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner for his support of the Legion during the past year.

On December 19th, during the stated meeting, Commander Dwain Jack won the drawing in connection



with the Shrine's membership drive. Commander Jack was awarded a cruise on the Mexican Riviera in recognition of his contribution to the membership drive.

The Legion has adjusted its scheduled events in connection with our Spaghetti Dinners. We have discontinued the fall dinner normally held in October and will present one dinner annually during April.

The next dinner will be scheduled for April 2009. Exact dates and time will be published at a later date.

The Legion has openings for a few good men. If you are active military or an honorably discharged Veteran, seeking an Al Kaly unit to affiliate with, we invite you to try the Legion. We meet at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of every month at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club.

ELITE

by Brian Bate
President

I would like to thank the members of the ELITE in supporting me with my goals for 2009, that I outlined in the January 2009 Dust issue. I have asked the members to not only wear their FEZ's to our Dinner Meetings but also to wear the FEZ into the restaurant. The FEZ is the most recognizable Symbol that we have and we need to utilize that Symbol at every opportunity.

My earliest memory of the Shriners was when I was about 5 years old and my family attended the 4th of July Parade in Idaho Falls, Idaho. One of the highlights of the parade was the El Korah Temple Kart Kore. I remember counting 35 Go-Karts in three separate groups, which was 105 Shriners in just one unit. That was an impressive turnout considering the Temple Charter was in Boise, Idaho, 280 miles away. I always looked forward to seeing the Shriners at every parade.

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CLOWNS OF AL KALY

by **Jim "Skeeter" Gibson**

Boss Clown

It's that time of year again when we introduce you to the new Officers of the Unit, and so for the year 2009:

I will be the Boss Clown and like many others in this Community, my Lady Lorraine and I decided to retire here after spending the required time in the Military. I have been in Al Kaly Shrine for a bit over five years and have been a clown most of that time. This past year I served as Worshipful Master of Daylight Centurion Lodge #195 in Monument, Colorado.

Our Vice-Boss Clown Noble Scott "Popo" Hall was born in Los Angeles and he left as soon as possible. His employment with the Government has taken him too many states and fortunately for us, he, his Lady Melody and their Son decided to settle in Colorado Springs. Noble Scott was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1993 in Fabens Lodge 1202, Grand Lodge of Texas. He then joined the Scottish Rite and became a Shriner in 1993 with the Al Maida Shrine, El Paso, Texas. He is presently the Senior Warden of

Tejon Lodge # 104.

Our Note Taker is Noble Craig "Patches" Sparks who originally hailed from Anniston, Alabama but has spent most of his years in Colorado with his Lady Christina, and children, Lara-sweet sixteen, Joseph six and Carrie, who is two years old. Noble Craig will be the Senior Warden of Colorado Springs Lodge # 76 for the year 2009.

The Money Watcher for 2009 will be Noble Jim "Kazoo" Burger who, with his Lady Mary, moved to Colorado from the frigid weather of Wisconsin in 1985. Noble Jim began his Masonic career in 1979 when initiated into Cornell Lodge # 321 and raised to a Master Mason in 1980. He then joined the Consistory in the spring of 1983 and he began his Shrine career with Zor Temple in Madison, Wisconsin in the fall of 1984. He is planning a demit to Manitou # 68.

Now you know who we are and we hope to see you when we participate in parades and other Shrine activities throughout the year. If you feel the sudden urge to join this Auguste, Whiteface and Hobo group, please give one of us a call.

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KALYKLOWNS

by **Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan**

Vice President

As the Christmas and New Year's holidays and all the associated festivities are now concluded, we now concentrate on 2009. The New Year brings in new officers, installed at our Christmas party in December. We continue with the hospital visits at St. Mary Corwin and Parkview Medical Centers. Nobles Vern "El Lobo" Wolf, Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan, Ken "Smiley" Kiniston, Ron "Rosee" Crawford, and Ron "Squeaky" Robbins are most active in these efforts. Recently, the parents of a patient whose father works at the hospital sent a letter of thanks to Noble Howard Magan expressing his family's gratitude for the visits by the Kalyklowns and expressed how thrilled their loved one was with our visit. Its things like this that makes the program all the more worthwhile. The Kalliope has been put away for the winter once again, and we eagerly wait the spring when we can once again bring the unit more actively into the public eye. Our OV will once again be at the Pueblo Elks' Lodge building where we expect a great dinner and fellowship with the Potentate and his Divan.

by Roger Mendenhall
Wagon Master

Hope everybody has had a most favorable start to 2009. The Nomads are looking forward to a great camping season. We will be holding our regular campouts in conjunction with parades, including Mountindale (Canon City), Salida, and Monte Vista. We plan to go back to Colorado City and the Albuquerque Balloon Fest in the fall. During CSSA in September, our group will host activities for the visiting campers at Garden of the Gods Campground. In addition, I would like to get together with our counterparts at El Jebel, the Roamers. More information on these campouts and others will be coming next month.

Specific outcomes from our first meeting of 2009, which took place on January 24th at the IHOP restaurant in Colorado Springs (Stetson Hills and Powers), will be forthcoming in the March Dust. Our second meeting of the year will be at the IHOP restaurant in north Pueblo just off of I-25 at the Eagleridge exit. We will meet on March 1st from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. and will order off of the menu. It will be a social event followed by a short business meeting hosted by Noble Gary Sears and Lady Donna.

For those of you who do not own a camping unit, but would like to be part of our active group, you can join as social members. Most of the campgrounds where we stay have park models or cabins which can be rented just like a motel room. You can be right there and join in on all the fun. We usually have themes to our campouts to make them more lively and fun. Of course, food is always a priority! You will never go hungry. For more information and an application, call me (719-495-0678) or any Nomad member.

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The thing that left the biggest impression in my mind was that the Shriners were always having FUN! And I will never forget all those RED Fez's going by with the black tassels blowing in the wind.

The ELITE Unit is going to have a Great Year. Our Dinner Meetings are open to everyone so please feel free to join us. All Dinner Meetings are held at different restaurants in Colorado Springs and two meetings each year are held in Pueblo. Please feel free to contact me at (719) 560-8516 or brian_roberta_bate@yahoo.com, if you would like to attend and be part of the fun.

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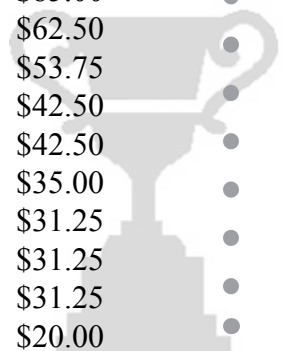
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Basketball Ad Top Sales

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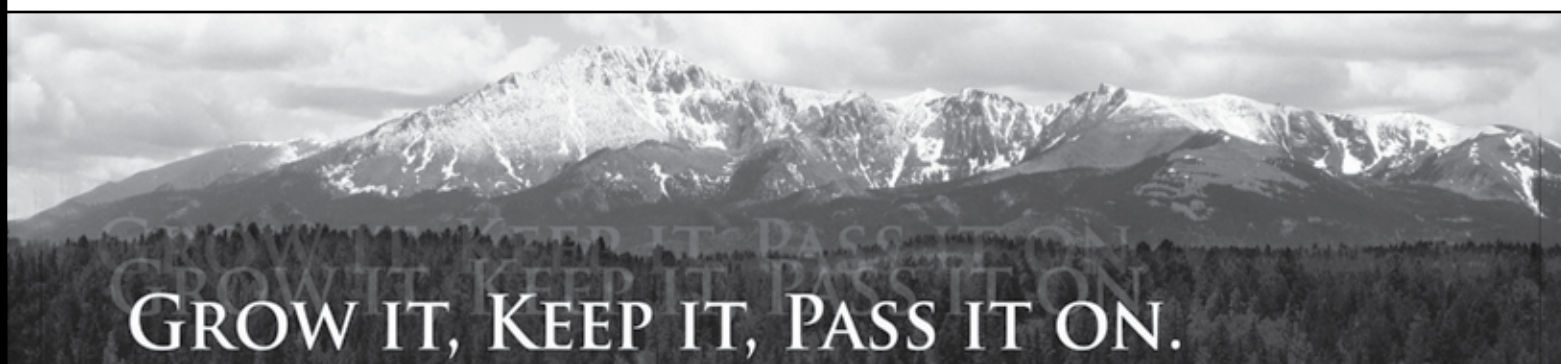
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