

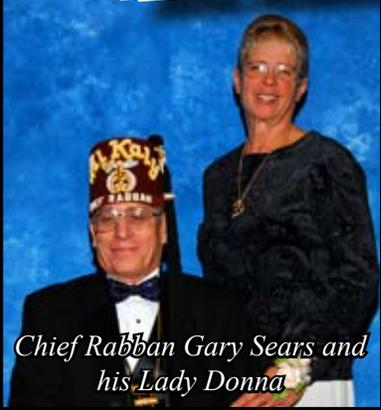
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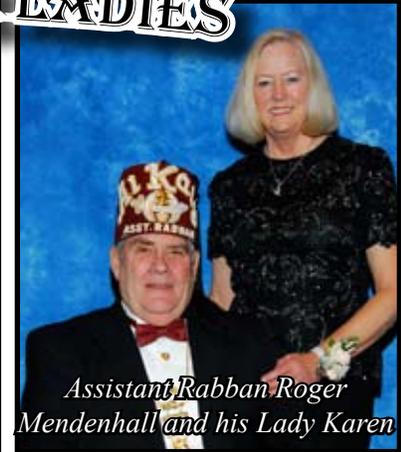
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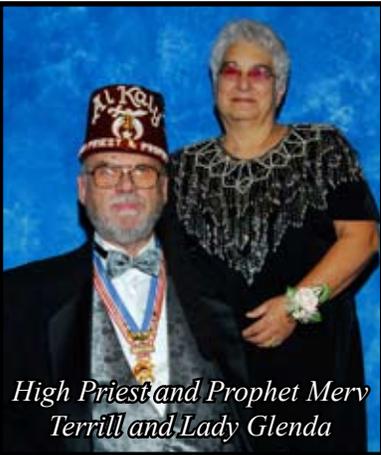
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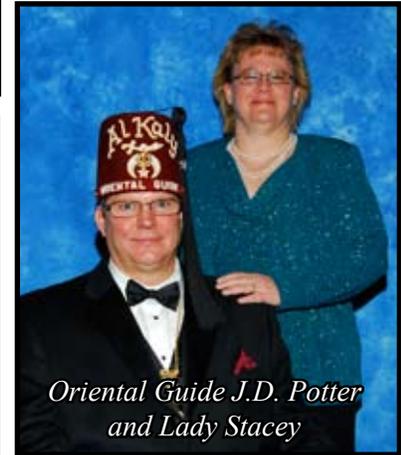
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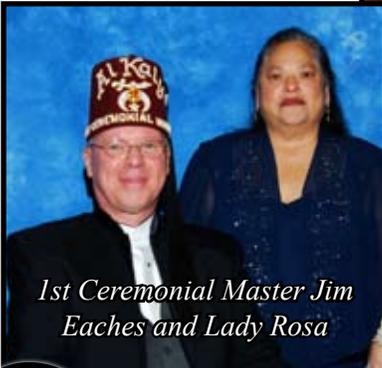
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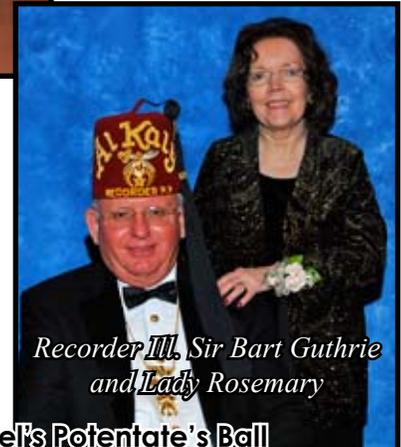
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Featured Member: Billy Edwards ▲ "Catch the Brass Ring" El Jabel's Potentate's Ball
Installation of Officers ▲ IHOP/Shriners Annual Fundraiser ▲ Burn Week ▲ and More!

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Ill. Sir Allan Ake
Potentate

BLUE LODGE RELATIONS

Nobles and Ladies, several of us traveled to Pagosa Springs on Tuesday, January 4th for the Pagosa Springs Lodge #114 Stated Meeting. Actually, we went for much more than a meeting. Noble Dick Mills heard that the Lodge was in need of financial assistance to repair the Lodge building's



roof. He quickly sent out the call to the Shriners who promptly donated \$1,275.00 plus one Raffle Calendar. Several of us made the trip to present the monies to the Lodge. The

Blue Lodge Ladies served us a delicious spaghetti dinner that evening. We Brother Masons then convened a meeting during which Dick Mills made a very nice presentation to WM Tom Dittenber. After the meeting, we re-joined the Ladies for dessert and camaraderie.



I believe we couldn't have asked for more. We had a great time traveling to and fro; we had a great time meeting our Masonic Brethren and their Ladies; we had a great meal. To make a long story short, we had a great time and helped out a Lodge in the process. Or maybe we helped out a Lodge and had a great time in the process!

I'd like to extend my personal thanks to all the Shriners who donated to the cause and to Dick Mills for taking the initiative to get it all done. My personal thanks also go to Dick and Mary for having an impromptu hospitality setup in their hotel room. And of course, thanks to the Pagosa Lodge for their wonderful hospitality.

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First Lady's Note

LIVE - LAUGH - LOVE

by *Linda Agresta*



When Allan entered the progressive line, we thought that it would be forever until he became Potentate. And now we can hardly believe that the time has come – it has all been so fun (and fast!) and we're looking forward to a wonderful 2011.

The Ladies Dinner on January 7 was a delight, thanks to all that attended. A special thanks to Vickie Moss, Phyllis Allen, and Marilyn Kidwell, who planned

and put together fantastic decorations. Another special thanks to Karen Mendenhall (author-extraordinaire!) who wrote and performed in a spectacular set of 5 vignettes about Colorado Women. The other talented actors included Donna Sears, Glenda Terrill, Rosa Eaches, and yours truly. We had tons of fun performing and I think it was very well received. And, last but not least, a big thank you to Deborah Jordan, who was a wonderful Mistress of Ceremonies for me. Thanks, Deborah, for a great 2010!

If you have not, yet, seen our pins, then I'm sure you will soon. Allan's pin is, well, obvious if you know Allan! His saying for 2011 is "Shriners Wear Many Hats" and it's so true for the Nobles and their Ladies, as well. There is probably not a Lady in the Shrine that has not played multiple roles (within and outside of the Shrine). My pin is a little less predictable: **Live – Laugh – Love**. My various

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The Honored Ladies Club of Al Kaly

by Rose Enyeart
Secretary

The Honored Ladies had their Official Visit with IS Steven Jordan and First Lady Deborah on Dec. 11, 2010 at Merlinos, Canon City. We had the Installation of the 2011 Officers, by our sponsor Past First Lady Betty Burr.

President: Doris Lease PQ
Vice President: Jean Marie Renfrow PQ
Secretary: Rose Enyeart
Treasurer: Kitty Pick

IS Steve introduced Lady Deborah; IS Earl Aldrich, the Earl of Pomegranate, and Lady Shelia; IS Bob Burr Membership Chair, Hospital Representative, Sponsor for Honored Ladies and Lady Betty; Past Potentate's First Ladies, Rose Enyeart and Jeannie Gibson; Chief Rabban Allan Ake and Lady Linda; Asst. Rabban Gary Sears; High Priest and Prophet Roger Mendenhall and Lady Karen; 1st Ceremonial Master, Merv Terrill and Lady Glenda; Aide Bob Alan and Lady Phyllis. It was a lovely turn out for the OV.

June Williams agreed to conduct the meeting for the new President, Doris. June read a poem, What Can I Wish you for Christmas. Rose read the minutes and corrected the date. Treasurer's report by Kitty Pick was placed on file.

The Canon City High School Choral entertained all with an acappella program of Christmas and Seasonal music. They ended with all singing White Christmas.

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experiences in life have taught me that life is precious and try not to waste any of it.

So LIVE your best life - As Henry Thoreau said "The world is a canvas to our imaginations", so do your best to live each day to the fullest!

Laugh Often - Ralph Waldo Emerson believed it to be a key to success – and I think so, too.

Life is full of things to smile and laugh with. There's not a day that goes by that something doesn't tickle Allan & me and we get to laughing.

Love Much - There are so many sayings about love, but I especially like this one by, of all people, Jimi Hendrix: When the power of love, overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.

Now, I have to tell you, there is the Italian version of the LIVE-LAUGH-LOVE phrase and I also subscribe to it: Live – Laugh – Love – EAT!

This year we have some of the same, successful activities/fund raisers planned AND a few new ones – like a BLACK TIE AUCTION and CALLING IN THE HOGS. And this summer, Imperial Session is in Denver – so this is a year for everyone to experience the fun of this convention!

On a personal note: Many of you know that I still work – I do computer training for large corporations and government agencies and I will continue to do this. So what this means is that I will do my best to attend events, but my job takes me out of town (sometimes out of country) and I will miss some events. I'm asking you now to please be understanding and know that I want to be here for all events, but it's simply not possible. For example, it looks like I'll be gone for about 5 weeks starting at the end of February. I'll be going to India.

So let's have a terrific year and remember:

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Featured Member

Billy Edwards

by Rose Enyeart

Get Involved. Billy Edwards has these words to give to new or uninvolved Shriners. **Get involved** seems to be the motivation for this Shriner of 50+ years and he has practiced what he preached. Billy, who will be 85 this month, is the epitome of what it means to be involved.

Billy joined his Blue Lodge, El Paso #13, as soon as he was old enough. His proudest moment as a Mason was when he was crowned an Inspector General Honorary, a 33rd Degree Mason. He has been part of, and/or started, several of the Al Kaly units, and I felt privileged to sit in the room where two units were born.

Billy credits his daughter, Norma Jean Valerio, with starting the Al Kaly Clown Unit. She was working in a bank when Dale White, a transplanted Shriner clown from Texas, came in, and she commented that her dad was a Shriner. Dale asked if there was a clown unit in Al Kaly. She called her dad and asked, and he replied that there was one now. Billy checked with the Potentate to see what he needed to do and was told that he needed eight clowns for the circus that weekend. He got eight of his fellow Drum Corps members to dress up as clowns and be there. Through his efforts to organize the clowns, he became an honorary clown, "Ornery", and dressed for the occasion. He helped recruit the fifteen or so clowns that became members of the new unit.

Billy was part of the Drum Corps, which his brother Kenneth had started. The Drum Corps was his primary unit all these years. Even though it is inactive now, he and Jean, his wife of sixty-three years, still go and meet with the group for dinner once a month.

After his service in the US Army Air Corps, he worked for the Telephone Company. One afternoon he overheard Jim Stivers and Bob Mahan talk about motorcycles. He invited

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them over to the living room where they figured out how to start the Potentate's Motor Escort with Kawasaki motorcycles from Don Bymaster's shop.

Billy and Jean were members and served as Wagon Master for the Nomads and held a Mystery Trip to Estes Park. They also organized a group to go to Branson for the entertainment. Billy and Jean loved the Nomads, and all the trips they took with them.

Billy is still involved with the Colorado Springs Shrine Club where he served as President in 1963. He then stayed on as Secretary for another twelve years. He is on the Board again, helping the Shrine Club with his experience, wisdom and history. He reminisced of the times when the Shrine Club had a New Year's Eve Ball, and dinner was served at midnight to allow them to sort themselves out before going to breakfast, after the dance was finally finished.

On a personal note, Billy saw Jean when he was a junior in high school, asked her name, called her that night and went to meet her folks. He later told his friend who had identified her that she was the girl he would marry. He went into the US Army Air Corp where he was a Pharmacist when he turned 18. They were married when he got back from his posting in Newfoundland, where he served as a Pharmacist. On two occasions, while in Newfoundland, Billy had an opportunity to accompany a medic team that flew to a tiny air strip in France, loaded the wounded, and flew back to Newfoundland. The wounded were then flown on to the US. Billy said, "Those trips served as a one-way vacation for me".

Outside of Shrinedom, Billy has enjoyed being part of the Civil Air Patrol. He talks proudly of being part of four Search and Rescue teams that were sent out to look for

(Billy Edwards, continued on page 7)





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FEBRUARY

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 5 Nile Tea | 12 Screening Clinic - CSSC | 27 OV - Past Masters |
| 7-11 Burn Awareness Week | 13 OV - Kalyklowns | 27 - Recorder's Seminar - Tampa
Mar 1 |

MARCH

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| 1 IHOP Day | 12 Screening Clinic - CSSC | 18 OV - Arkansas Valley Shrine
Club |
| 3 OV - Corvette Unit | 16 OV - Colorado Springs Shrine
Club | 25 Stated Meeting - CSSC |
| 12 St Patrick's Day Parade | | |

Pig Roast Set for October 2, 2011!

by Gary Sears

Nobles, Ladies and Friends, J.D. Potter has set the date of October 2, 2011 to "Call in the Hogs" for our great pig roast event. More details will follow soon. Meanwhile, get your Piggy Banks and fill them with your spare change to gain admission! I have a few banks left, don't miss out, get yours now!

Just a reminder on how the Piggy Bank Program works:

- This is a fraternal fundraiser for the benefit of Al Kaly Shrine and is not tax deductible.
- We have these great looking banks going for a small donation of only \$2.00. The bank is yours to keep forever! To obtain the bank at this great cost you have to promise to fill the bank with change and donate the money to Al Kaly Shrine for their general fund.
- On October 2, 2011 we will be "Calling in the Hogs" to collect the change that you have saved for Al Kaly. This means we will have a party with great food and fellowship to celebrate "Calling in the Hogs." J.D. Potter will roast

a pig, and other food, for the event and it will be a great time!

- If you bring your Piggy Bank, full of money, to the dinner, there is no charge for the meal. One bank would equal one meal. Those attending without a bank will be charged a minimal donation. Of course, if your bank fills up before we "Call in the Hogs" you can give the money to the Al Kaly Office, or to me, and fill your bank again and again.



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

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

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



PAGOSA MASONIC LODGE TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

January 6, 2011

R. Allan Ake
20020 Lockridge Drive
Black Forest, CO 80908-2331

Brother Allan,



*(Billy Edwards,
continued from page 5)*

It is with deep appreciation that your Brethren from Pagosa Lodge #114 thank you for your donation and support. We are hopeful that through the goodness and generosity you have demonstrated, Pagosa #114 will be able to get past these difficult times. We can assure you the donation you so generously made will be used for the repair of the roof, as you intended.

Pagosa Lodge #114 will continue to do everything we can to ensure our future. The help you provided will not be forgotten.

Most Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Pagosa Masonic Lodge Temple Association
P. O. Box 964
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

missing airplanes. Billy said, "We were lucky to find two of the planes but not the other two."

Jean and Billy, who were married June 1, 1947, have enjoyed the company of several lovely Chihuahuas over the years. They have one daughter, two grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Billy's advice holds for the Shriners today. Get Involved with a Unit or a Club. It will give you back so much more than you can ever imagine. He is living proof of that. Thanks, "Ornery" for your years of dedicated service to Al Kaly Shriners.



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STATED MEETING DINNER

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*Reservations must be made no later
than March 23, 2011.*

WIN \$1,000 IN MARCH!

by Gary Sears
Chief Rabban

Did you notice that the first \$1,000 winner for the Al Kaly Raffle Calendar is scheduled for March 26, 2011? That is correct, we have moved the date to late in the first quarter for our first \$1,000 winner, as an aid to help you still sell calendars. For only \$25, your customer can purchase a Raffle Calendar and have a chance to win \$1,000 four times this year.

We still have a few Al Kaly Raffle Calendars ready to sell! This is an opportunity for your Unit or Club to earn \$7.00 for each calendar your unit or club sells. Last year the Clubs and Units earned almost \$10,000 from selling Raffle Calendars.

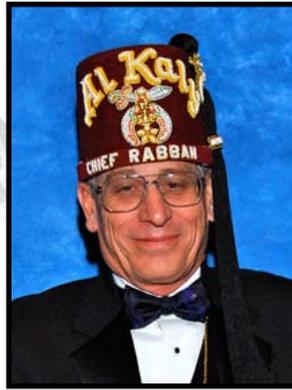
Al Kaly Shrine Photographer Bob Bills, and the other Photographers have done a great job putting together the 2011 Raffle Cash Calendar for the Nobility of Al Kaly Shrine this year, and I would like to thank them for all their hard work. I think you'll like the new calendar!

Calendars are issued through your Unit Representative this year. The Unit Representative is in charge of distribution and payment. Contact your Unit Rep to obtain calendars to sell to your friends, business associates and relatives.

Just a few quick reminders on the calendar.

- Calendar retails for \$25.00 and your Unit or Club will receive a donation from Al Kaly of \$7.00 for each calendar you sell. As an example your unit sells 50 calendars, the unit earns \$350.00!
- Your customer mails the card to the Al Kaly Office or your Representative can take the card in with their payment. The postcard is then entered in the daily drawing.
- Your customer can win \$25.00 every day of the year, \$100.00 on Saturday and four Saturdays in 2011 your customer can win \$1,000.00! You can win more than once. If you win your name is put back into the drawing. We have printed only 1,600 calendars this year, so your chances of winning something are very good.
- Winners are posted daily at www.alkalyshrine.org.
- Give your sales money and any postcards to your Unit Representative and your Representative will pay the Al Kaly Office for the calendars sold.

(Chief Rabban, continued on page 10)



A GRAND DAY AS A SHRINER

by Roger Mendenhall
Assistant Rabban

With the Installation of our Officers and the start of Official Visits, 2011 is off and running. Some of the Christmas/Holiday parties were held over to January because of bad weather. Also, the Arkansas Valley Shrine Club's party at Rocky Ford was delayed due to a water problem. This delay didn't dampen anyone's cheerful spirit.

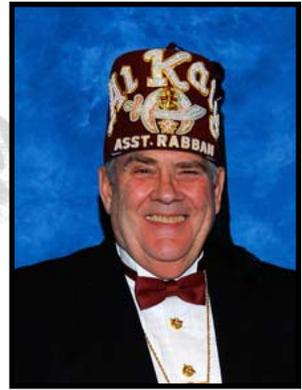
Karen and I headed for Rocky Ford early so we could stop at some shops along the way. The first was Sid's Antique Store, owned by Fowler's Past Master, Sid Copp. We talked about his Masonic background and his flying history in WWII on the Enola Gay, all pictured on his wall. As we left the unique store, he gave us each a buckeye for good luck. Based on what happened next, it must have worked immediately.

We moved on to the Tamarack restaurant for a late afternoon snack. The Deluxe Brownie was too hard to resist, and while I was enjoying this humungous dessert, a gentleman came up and asked me about the Shrine pin on my jacket lapel. After continuing to the register to pay his bill, he returned and said, "You look very dapper Hiram, have a good day." From that I knew he was a Mason and possibly a Shriner. When I asked the waitress for our check, she said that the fellow who just left had paid it in full. She thought his name was Jack. So, thank you "Jack from Fowler" for your kindness.

We journeyed on to Rocky Ford where we stopped in several shops, including Karen's favorite antique shop and Don's Men's Store. At every stop we talked with the owners about family members who were Shriners. I found a really nice sports jacket at Don's for a right price, so I bought it.

Dinner at the historic El Capitan was the culmination of our wonderful day. The owner, Gloria Powers, won our December Raffle Calendar drawing of \$1,000, and she still had the check which she very proudly displayed. The Ladies and Nobles of the Arkansas Valley Shrine Club provided us with a hilarious performance by Professor Leo Picatune's Old Time Medicine Show. It was second only to the fabulous food and fellowship we found there.

This day confirmed what so many Masons and Shriners know, but sometimes forget, that being a member of this brotherhood enriches your life. Attend a Masonic or Shrine function in the near future and see for yourself.



VITAL INFO ON MEMBERSHIP

by Merv Terrill
High Priest and Prophet

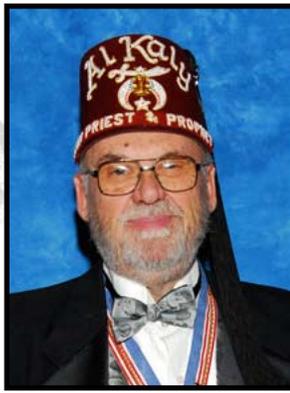
Elections and Installation are over... your new High Priest and Prophet would like to take this time to wish everyone a wonderful 2011, both in their private and Shrine lives. I hope Santa was good to all and the Easter Bunny finds you with plenty of goodies.

Seems like only yesterday I started visiting clubs and units with the Divan and here it is another year with new people in all those positions and a new year of visiting, circuses and events to look forward to attending.

One position I held at the police department was head of training. I remember vividly telling my students, "Anything you hear repeated more than once will probably be vital information and may appear on a test." I don't think Ill. Sirs Ake and Burr nor Noble Potter will have written tests. However, anything you hear repeated about membership is probably vital information. We are losing members in Southern Colorado to the Black Camel and suspensions faster than we are recruiting new people. It is imperative we replace these people and keep the ones we have if we are to stay alive.

There is an old police joke about the speeder who snidely asks the officer if he has a quota of tickets to write. The officer's reply is, "No, I can write as many as I want." The same can be said of new members; Ill. Sir Allan has set a goal (or quota) of 60 new members this year. Why stop there? We can get as many as we want, also.

AND WHEN WE GET THEM... we need to make them feel they are a vital part of the Shrine, which should be easy as they really are. We need to keep them from embarrassment by feeding them up to date information on meetings and functions including dates and times as well as exact locations, and appropriate attire for all events (including their Ladies). Call and offer to take them with you, caravan if they wish to drive their car, or meet at the Shrine Clubs or Unit events so they have someone they know to be with the first few times they go anywhere. In plain English, "take them under your wings" and make them comfortable. The newest Toyota commercial puts forward the idea we need to embrace... it is not as important to love your Toyota (or in our case the Shrine) on day one as it is to love the Shrine on day one of year six, and seven, and eight and so on.



HELP INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

by J.D. Potter
Oriental Guide

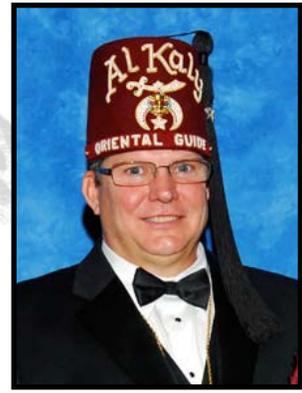
I would like to thank the membership for giving me this great leadership opportunity. As Ill. Sir Allan has said, "Shriners Wear Many Hats", the hat I am going to wear today is as Al Kaly's Membership Co-Chair.

While attending a Membership Seminar in Tampa this fall, I learned a disturbing statistic - Al Kaly Temple has lost 27% of its membership over the last 6 years.

There was also some very good information presented at the Membership Seminar. I learned about the beashrinernow.com website that is designed for people looking for information about becoming a Shriner. The website has a lot of information about the Shrine, its Hospitals, and the many other great opportunities that the Shrine can provide. It allows one to sign up for Shrine Membership on-line and to have a Virtual Mentor from the closest Temple assigned to them. Nobles interested in becoming a Virtual Mentor can either contact me or go on-line to the shrinersvillage.com web site.

Our goal for 2011 is to increase members 6% this year, by getting 1 new Noble from every Blue Lodge (equaling 41 candidates) and 1 new Noble from each Club and Unit (equaling 35 candidates). Using this as our goal, if half the Clubs and Units could come up with one new candidate by our April 16th Ceremonial, we could see 38 new Nobles added to our Membership Roster. Then, if the other half can add one before the end of the year, we would meet our 2011 goal.

Membership is important to the survival of any organization, and Al Kaly is no different. The Board of Directors of Al Kaly Shriners is here to help, but this is something that every member of Al Kaly needs to get behind. Let's turn Al Kaly's membership decline around in 2011!



GREETINGS!

by *Jim Eaches*
First Ceremonial Master

It is said that the beginning of every journey starts with the first step, I believe this to be a true statement and on January 7th, 2011 I took that first step and started a new journey by being appointed 1st Ceremonial Master of Al Kaly Shrine. I look forward to the challenges that the future holds, and when I see all the Past Potentates at the various functions I know that it will be a journey that must not be taken lightly, but will be rewarding and fun. I remember Past Potentate Earl Aldrich speaking to our class at the Consistory Reunion about the Shrine and the children that we help, it was very moving and made you feel good about the work that Shriners do to support the Hospitals and helping to get the children the care they need, who wouldn't want to be a Shriner. I have visited five Shriner Hospitals to date and the Staff is always friendly and helpful in giving tours of their beautiful hospitals and when you're lucky you actually get to meet with some of the patients and listen to their amazing stories. This is what Shriners are about and I'm happy to be a part of this wonderful Fraternity.

I would like to thank all the Nobles for this opportunity to serve Al Kaly Shrine as 1st Ceremonial Master and extend my personal Thank You to Illustrious Sir Allan for finding me worthy of this appointment. In closing, I wish to say thank you to my biggest mentor and constant loving companion for 38 years, my Lady Rosa, yes Sweetheart I know, I really do have some big shoes to fill, so let the journey begin!

(Chief Rabban, continued from page 8)

They are easy to sell, contact your friends, business associates, relatives, etc. and give them an opportunity to win some cash! Don't forget that Al Kaly Cash Calendars can be great last minute gifts for friends, office parties, etc.

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I really appreciate your support in selling the calendars and your support for Al Kaly Shrine.



2010 FINANCIAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

by *Larry Newman*
Treasurer



For those who weren't in attendance at the annual communication in January, I want to let you know that 2010 was a good year for the Al Kaly General Fund. However, in the Transportation Fund, we finished with a net loss as we helped a lot of kids, but didn't do as well as we hoped on donations. Here are the highlights of what I reported to the Nobility for 2010.

In the General Fund, we finished with an operation surplus of about \$21,600. This achievement was due to the efforts of the many Nobles and Ladies who actively supported our fundraisers such as the cash calendar and raffle, the golf and basketball tournaments, and all of the other fundraising events. Our success is also attributable to the generosity of the units and individuals who made donations to the Al Kaly General Fund. I must also thank the members of the Board of Directors, who, in every activity we undertook, worked to find the least expensive way to accomplish the task. In addition, we had a gain in our investments of over \$2,000.

For the CSSA business session, we finished with an operating surplus of just over \$900. My thanks to IS Dave Stevens for reducing the costs as we realized that attendance (read registration fee income) was going to be quite a bit less than expected.

In the Transportation Fund, we finished with an operating loss of \$14,300. Patient travel to the various hospitals was pretty high this year. A quick count shows over 100 patient trips that we assisted families with, as well as the many children who were seen through the telemedicine clinics. I send out a special thank you to every one who donated to our Patient Transportation Fund in 2010.

As we move ahead into 2011, we again need your support. While we have done a lot of work to slash our operating costs, in many cases we will find our cost reductions being eroded by inflation and other economic factors over time.

(Treasurer, continued on page 11)

THE \$100 MILLION CLUB

by *Bart Guthrie, P.P.*
Recorder



Many years ago, when Shrine membership was at the one million mark, the comment was made that if every Noble donated \$100 to Shriners Hospitals for Children the hospitals would have \$100 million. From this, the \$100 Million Club was formed.

Presently, Al Kaly has approximately 75 members in this club. We don't seem to be gaining Club members and perhaps that is because of lack of knowledge. Here is how to join: Write a \$100 check to Al Kaly Shriners earmarked for the \$100 Million Club. The money goes to Shriners Hospitals for Children (not the Al Kaly Children's Transportation Fund). In return you receive.....

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2. A certificate from Shriners International suitable for framing
3. A gold sticker on your dues card
4. 100 merit points towards your next medal or star
5. Most importantly, your donation is helping Shriners Hospital for Children

Wouldn't it be great to see the number of members increase by 75 in 2011? Please join. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. With the revamping of literature at Shriners International, we don't have any available, but I can answer your questions.

(Treasurer, continued from page 10)

At the same time, our revenues in some areas (especially membership dues) are declining. In order to remain financially healthy, we need successful fundraisers. Our fundraisers and fundraising activities can only be successful if the members of our Shrine family support them. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can in 2011, whether it's at your unit OV, Al Kaly and Shrine Club functions, or at the parades. I am proud to be a member of Al Kaly, and honored to serve the Shrine and you as we go forward.

See you on the streets!

Membership December 31, 2010

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Creations:	17
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Welcome New Nobles ★



Please welcome the following new Nobles who were initiated in to Al Kaly Shriners at a short form ceremonial on January 7, 2011:

Robert L. Graham (left), first line signer Noble Bill Clugston. Noble Robert is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge # 15. He and his lady Kathie reside in Canon City. He is employed with Black Hills Energy.

Clinton L. Daniels (center), first line signer Ill Sir Bob Burr. Noble Clinton is a member of Caleb Butler Lodge, Ayer, MA. He resides in Colorado Springs and is in the U.S. Army.

Larry Gramman (right), first line signer Noble Bill Clugston. Noble Larry is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge # 15. He and his lady Rose reside in Canon City. He is employed with Black Hills Energy.



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

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

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

Al Kaly Ambassadors

by *Phil Moss*
Chief Ambassador

As the new year begins, the appointment and role of the Al Kaly Ambassadors has dramatically changed. The job of an Ambassador is to represent Al Kaly Shrine in those Lodges located within our boundaries. In doing so, Ambassadors are to promote the Shrine and keep those Lodges informed of our activities.

The Ambassador is to provide materials as necessary to those interested in becoming Shriners. This year, for the first time, we are using the same approach as the Grand Lodge in assigning District Lecturers to Lodges within the State. Each Ambassador is assigned one or more Lodges which he is to visit at least once a quarter during the year.

We have attempted to identify those District Lecturers that are Shriners, and assign them those Lodges that they are already required to visit each quarter. We hope to put informational packages together for our Ambassadors, as well as provide posters for each of the Lodges to post, not only within their Lodge, but to distribute for display within the associated community. We believe this would be a great way to promote the Shrine and assist the Membership Committee in recruiting new members.

We intend to maintain an open dialogue between the Ambassadors, in order to exchange ideas regarding recruitment. Each Ambassador is to provide a quarterly report to the Chief Ambassador, who will compile the results of all our activities. The results of the quarterly reports will be provided to the Potentate. Of special interest will be how the Ambassadors are received in the Lodges and any methods/approaches they have utilized in gaining membership.

We are always open to suggestions regarding this approach and how it may be improved.

In Memoriam as of December 31, 2010

Es Selamu Aleikum

*"We do not lose the ones we love,
They only go before
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Where sorrow is no more
And there the soul will always live
And peace is everywhere
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Al Kaly Shriners are supporting this week in sharing with 4th graders the dangers of gasoline and general fires within the community. This involves El Paso, Colorado Springs, Teller County and Pueblo area schools. We use coloring books, DVD, stickers specifically for our 4th graders.

This is Dr. Hathaway's third year in distributing books and giving talks to the 4th graders. Nobles Richard Larke and Dwain Jack helped in delivering part of the 5000 books throughout El Paso and Teller Counties. Noble Wayne McKey helped to assemble and distribute the book in Pueblo County. Want to know more, go to www.burnawarenessweek.org

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- Visit with the Clowns and Shriners at each IHOP
- Last year Denver, Pueblo & Colorado Springs made over \$20,000.00. Not bad for a fun day meeting folks

for a worthy cause.

- Shriners and their Ladies are welcome to come and greet folks and say thanks to the IHOP Staff. Times are from 7 AM until 10 PM.
- Team Captains will be announced for each IHOP store.

So tell your friends and neighbors to come on down for a good meal and worthy cause.

Doc Hathaway (amdochat@falconbroadband.net)

Musings from the Blue Lodges

by *Richard Mills*

Nobles: Visiting a Blue Lodge that is out of your normal visiting area is quite an experience. You will meet the most interesting Brothers, hear the most fascinating tales and partake of the most tantalizing food. You will find that Brothers really enjoy and like to showcase their Lodges.

The Blue Lodges need help in recruiting new members and we can help them by showing the local community that the Shrine is a part of the Masons and that we support them. How often have you heard someone say "I didn't know that Shriners are associated with the Masons?" We need to inform the public just how big the Masonic Family really is.

I'm sure that every Blue Lodge has an intriguing story tucked away in its archives. Silver Cliff Lodge #38 is the proud owner of a group of cemetery lots. This may not

be unique to Silver Cliff. However, I'm not aware of any other Lodge that owns such. Some years ago there was a Masonic Lodge in the town of Rosita, Colorado. This Lodge was a big part in establishing the town of Rosita, resulting in the Lodge acquiring a group of lots in the new cemetery. When the Lodge in Rosita turned in its Charter, it gave all of its possessions, including the cemetery lots, to the Lodge at Silver Cliff. This is just a fuzzy story in the history of Silver Cliff Lodge. I'll bet that if you visit Silver Cliff, Brother Tom Young can give you the full tale and more.

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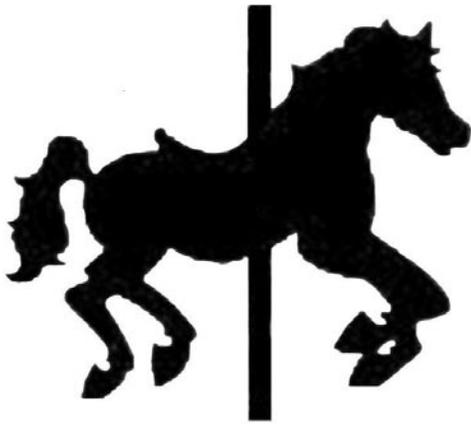
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by Regina Felton, Queen

Happy New Year to everyone! I thought it would be nice to put the following article in the DUST regarding the founding of Ruhamah Temple No. 71. Past Queen Norma Harre was kind enough to put the information together for the Daughters of the Nile's 100th Anniversary, which is in 2013. I am amazed with all I have learned about our temple and I know you will be also. Thank you PQ Norma.



Queen Regina Felton

ENJOY! Nile Love, Regina

History for Daughters of the Nile 100th Anniversary

Ruhamah Temple No. 71, Pueblo Colorado

Compiled and Written by PQ Norma Harre

Quoting from first Queen, PQ Hazel Boyce's notes regarding the founding of our temple:

"In the summer of 1945 a number of us accompanied our Shriners to an Imperial Session in San Francisco. During our stay there we heard much of Daughters of the Nile. On our return trip home our enthusiasm was truly awakened as we stopped at the Shrine Hospital in Salt Lake City. It was there that we were educated as to the wonderful work of the Nile temples for the hospitals and also the Convalescent Relief Fund which does so much for the children as well as the hospitals. It was right there that Ruhamah Temple was born in our hearts."

We set May 4, 1946, as the date. On May 3rd, Ruhamah Temple No. 71 was instituted by the Supreme Officers. On May 4th, sixty one Charter Members were initiated by Queen Evelyn Thorn and her officers of El Mejdal Temple No 47, Denver. After the Ceremonial, the Supreme Officers installed our Officers in a beautiful ceremony attended by our husbands, newspaper reporters and photographers, and Ruhamah Temple became a reality."

Her notes continue: "Previous to the instituting ceremonies I was informed that I was chosen to be the first Queen. We chose the name 'Ruhamah' for our temple name which is the Egyptian word for "Compassion" and is found in the Book of Hosea of our Holy Bible, Chapter 2, and Verse 1." PQ Hazel said, "I believe that without compassion, we would lose much of the beautiful teachings of our order".

When the temple was only four weeks old, several of the members went to Sacramento to their first Supreme Session. A special train was planned to pick up delegates and members from New York City to Sacramento. Four from Pueblo left on this train. Several of our Ladies in Colorado Springs went down to see the train as it stopped there, and after it left and they had witnessed the joy of seven or eight cars of women gathered up from New York to Colorado, they had a little meeting, dashed home, packed their bags and good natured Noble Marvin Allen drove them non-stop to Sacramento. PQ Hazel's notes read, "You can imagine our surprise when we saw them and those next few days will always be among our happiest memories. The chairman of music for the Supreme Session, Mable H. Betz, wrote a song "White Rosebud" in honor of the incoming Supreme Queen. Our Pr. Recorder, Charlotte Strieby was requested to sing this song and after that it seemed to us that the whole Supreme Temple went all out to make us happy that we were Daughters of the Nile."

The temple was fortunate to have the help and good will of Al Kaly Shrine who presented a check for \$100.00 with which to start our sewing projects. We also met in their Temple for more than three years, rent free.

Following the war there was a terrific shortage of everything, and to purchase paraphernalia was almost impossible. One day Irene Creason, who worked at Herman's Department Store, phoned Hazel that they had just received a full bolt of white satin. Hazel went out there on the run, purchased the whole bolt and by the first fall session, she had made the beautiful white altar cloth, throws for the kneeling benches, a charter drape, dyed enough material green and gold to make attendants costumes and had enough satin left for a queen's robe. To make the robe she had to double the material for weight and lacked the amount to make it full enough for beauty, but they used it for five years.

The crescent pedestals were used oak cast-aways from a Denver Eastern Star Chapter and cost \$25.00 and

were painted gold to make them look more Egyptian. A banner was purchased for \$34.95 in February, 1955, during Queen Margaret Fees' year.

On October 28, 1946, El Mejdol Temple, Denver, presented us with our first rose hand made by Princess Daisy Smith of Denver with a "wand" for the Marshal, our first Bible and veil. The Ladies in Waiting all wearing identical gold crepe gowns, each presented the Temple with a Nile green quilted silk pillow with gold fringe and respective emblem hand embroidered on each in honor of Queen Hazel Boyce.

Pr. Recorder, Charlotte Strieby, wrote "Bless Our Temple" which we use for our opening ode and when the Supreme Queen heard it at her Official Visit to our Temple in February, 1947, she invited Charlotte to sing it at Supreme Session the following June. Many Temples now use this song as their opening ode. We should be very proud of this because it is not often that an organization has a song written especially for their opening ode. Charlotte also wrote a closing ode to the music of "Bless this House":



One of the first commitments the temple made was to plan a gift for the opening of the new Shrine hospital the following year. The Ladies made 50 youth size quilts, as it was to be a 50 bed hospital. The quilts were finished on time and were on display at the opening services for the hospital.

The first Alligator Party was held January, 1947, and by 1957, it had grown to an attendance of 225. The spoof "initiation" made Ladies of the Household Spouses, members of the Ancient Order of River Nile Alligators. This tradition still continues to this day.

The first anniversary Banquet and Ceremonial was held May 3, 1947. It was a very elaborate affair with linens and candlelight served by the Alligators. Eighteen new Princesses were initiated.

Skyline Club was formed in 1956. They first sold

Fruit Cakes, but later changed to selling Pecans. From 1958 through 2003, the club sold over 38,000 pounds of Pecans--that's 19 tons. In 1988, I calculated their sales in dollars and determined at that time they had sold \$55,395.00. All profit from Pecan sales was given in the form of stepping stones to the CEF Fund or sizable yearly donations to the CRF Fund. Unfortunately, as the years went by and the number of members in the Canon City area dwindled, they disbanded in November, 2004, but what a legacy they left us with.

Our present banner was presented to the Temple in January, 1995, by P.Q. Bess Wyant in memory of her sister and our first Queen, Hazel Boyce. The sequin work was done by P.Q. Norma Harre and it was constructed by Pr. Elvera Hahn.

The lighted emblem was presented to the Temple in 1988, in memory of our life members Princesses Martha Lewis, who served as Floor Director for many years; Florence Behm, who served as Recorder and then Banker for many years and the presenter's mother, Frances Gardner who was a fifty-year member.

Queen Hazel wrote in her farewell speech at the end of her two-year reign as our first Queen, "I wish to record here, my thanks for your steadfastness in your efforts. It is my earnest belief we cannot know the results of these two years' toil in such a short space of time. Only the seed sown can be recorded, but it is my hope in years to come, we may reap some harvest that can trace its source back to these constructive years".

In closing, I think we can truly say the first seeds were sown in fertile soil. I am very proud, as I know each and every one of you are, to be a member of this Temple. Let us pledge ourselves today, to continue tending those seeds of love and service that were sown so many years ago, to nourish and care for them, that we may always reap the harvest of caring friendships and the sharing of our talents and possessions to benefit God's special children in the Shrine Hospitals.

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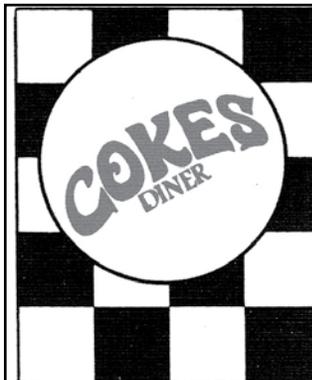
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Help us fill this page!!!! For your contribution, your name or "in Memory of" will be listed in the Dust for one year (10 issues).

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Swede & Olga Hanson (11/10)
Dan & Pauline Neu (11/10)
Bill & Irene Sheard (11/10)
Dick & Ellie Thomas (11/10)
Betty Thompson (11/10)
Joe & Lois Wooton (11/10)

In Memory of Elizabeth Preiss

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

In Memory of Illustrious Sir Jerry Sube

Earl and Lottie Brown (7/10)
L.G. & Dorothy Oxford (5/10)
Pete & Butch Peterson (4/10)

In Memory of Betty Gregory

Bob & Barbara Winkelmeyer (11/10)
Bob & Judy Buxmann (7/10)
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L.G. & Dorothy Oxford (5/10)
Pete and Butch Peterson (4/10)
Keith and Ann Place (3/10)
Chuck and Kathy Tedrow (3/10)
Dick and Ellie Thomas (3/10)

In Memory of Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner

Bob & Barbara Winkelmeyer (11/10)
Earl and Lottie Brown (7/10)
Col Spgs Shrine Ladies (4/10)
Steve & Deborah Jordan (4/10)

In Memory of Gerald Minogue

James & Shirley Davis (11/10)
Kalyklowns (11/10)
Kenneth & Marilyn Kiniston (11/10)
Wayne McKey (11/10)

In Memory of Bob Kula

Bob and Judy Buxmann (1/11)
Chuck & Kathy Tedrow (12/10)
David & Laura Altmann Hughes (11/10)
Bob & Betty Burr (11/10)
Muriel Hansen (11/10)
Jerry & Oma Jean Haynie (11/10)
Jane Lucia (11/10)
Wayne McKey (11/10)
Bill & Irene Sheard (11/10)
June Williams (11/10)
Joe and Lois Wooton (11/10)
Dave & Mona Hammett (9/10)
Swede & Olga Hanson (9/10)

In Memory of Illustrious Sir Jimmy Evans

Wayne McKey (11/10)
Dick & Ellie Thomas (3/10)
Dan & Pauline Neu (3/10)
William Chinn (3/10)
Ray & Gerdine Barbour (3/10)
Bill & Irene Sheard (3/10)

In Memory/Honor of...

Gordon Cooper by *Wayne McKey* (2/11)
Gordon Cooper by *Ray & Geraldine Barbour* (2/11)
Don Newton by *Ray & Geraldine Barbour* (2/11)
Irvin "Jim" Brown by *Ann Brown* (2/11)
Gwen Holmes by *June Williams* (2/11)
Lamont Burger by *Marvin & Janet Narragon* (2/11)
Lamont Burger by *Barlow Westcott* (2/11)
Howard Poteet by *Don L. Williams* (2/11)
Wayne Harre by *Norma Harre* (2/11)
Donna Coffman by *Wayne McKey* (1/11)
Donna Coffman by *Glenn Coffman* (1/11)
Manny Herzberger by *Bob & Betty Burr* (1/11)
Gordon Cooper by *Bob & Betty Burr* (1/11)
Manny Herzberger by *Lester Tedrow* (1/11)
Don Newton by *Bill and Irene Sheard* (1/11)
Don Newton by *Richard Gibson* (1/11)
Don Newton by *Donald and Doris St. Clair* (1/11)
Don Newton by *Lester Tedrow* (1/11)

Keith Place by *Gale & Shirley Fortney* (12/10)
Donna Coffman by *Bill & Irene Sheard* (12/10)
Richard Thomas by *Ray & Geraldine Barbour* (11/10)
Cindy (Bill/Jean Edwards Pet) by *Drum Corps* (11/10)
Jack Hoyt by *El Paso #13* (11/10)
Betty Thompson by *Fred & Charlotte Kiger* (11/10)
Rose Wolf by *Wayne McKey* (11/10)
Rose Wolf by *Gary & Donna Sears* (11/10)
Megan Morgan by *Bill & Irene Sheard* (11/10)
Connie Rodeen by *Bob & Barbara Winkelmeyer* (11/10)
Irvin "Jim" Brown by *Anna Brown* (11/10)
Marie A. Graham by *Grant & Bettye Anderson* (9/10)
Herman Harder by *Ann Delancey* (8/10)
Charlotte Whitmore by *Dick & Ellie Thomas* (8/10)
Eleanor Hancock by *Dick & Ellie Thomas* (8/10)
Ill. Sir Newell Hall by *Dick & Ellie Thomas* (8/10)
Ron Crawford by *Dave*

& Loretta Jones (8/10)
Bea Allen by *Bob & Phyllis Allen* (7/10)
Herman Harder by *Robert & Opal Keefer* (7/10)
Irvin "Jim" Brown by *Anna Brown* (7/10)
William C. Aitken by *Barlow Westcott* (7/10)
Irvin "Jim" Brown by *Anna Brown* (5/10)
Jack Hoyt by *Bob & Betty Burr* (5/10)
Ill. Sir Newell Hall by *Bob & Betty Burr* (5/10)
Irvin "Jim" Brown by *Anna Brown* (4/10)
Connie Rodeen by *Pete & Butch Peterson* (4/10)
Elmer Leroy Johns by *Mon Ark Shrine Club* (4/10)
Doc Hathaway & JoAnn Sube by *Ray & Merry Clark* (4/10)
Howard Dump by *Keith & Ann Place* (3/10)
Howard Dump by *Dick & Ellie Thomas* (3/10)
Bill Cleek by *Keith & Ann Place* (3/10)
Ill. Sir Myron Bodam by *Dick & Ellie Thomas* (3/10)
Ill. Sir Bud Moore by *Dick & Ellie Thomas* (3/10)

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CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

AL KALY MULE TRAIN

by Raymond J. Clark
President

In January, instead of our monthly breakfast on January 9th, we held a Prime Rib Luncheon in place of our Annual Christmas Dinner that was snowed out in December. I know I am prejudice, but I think Debbie Dupont did an outstanding job providing our members with an excellent Holiday meal, consisting of appetizers (shrimp, meatballs, cheese, veggies, chips and dip), Prime Rib, twice baked potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad and Jell-O cottage cheese salad, rolls and ice cream with chocolate topping with fresh strawberries. Our January dinner on January 20th consisted of spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad and dessert. Each month our members and their guests enjoy these social events. The camaraderie is second to none.

During the Christmas Party, Ill. Sir Tom Holmes installed our 2011 Officers:

- President/Treasurer:** Ray Clark
- Vice President:** LD Younts
- Secretary:** Ill. Sir Allan Ake

Following the Installation, President Clark presented Appreciation Plaques to Lester Nowell and Bob Zyer for their support of the Mule Train and a Plaque congratulating Ill. Sir Allan Ake for being elected Potentate of Al Kaly Shriners. Ill. Sir Allan then presented President Clark with an Al Kaly Mule Train Past Presidents Buckle. In his presentation, he said, "You realize you are only going to get one of these!" since Clark will remain on as the 2011 President.



Installation of Officers by Ill. Sir Tom Holmes.



Lady Carol Krutzke lead the gift exchange by reading a version of the "Night After Christmas" poem.

The traditional Christmas Gift Exchange took place, with Lady Carol Krutzke reading a version of the poem, "A Night After Christmas" – boy you sure see the gifts leave your hands a lot during the event. But, a good time was had by all.

The Mule Train will be serving as the hosts next July, for the International Shrine Horse Patrol Competition. The INSHP Mid-Winter Meeting took place in Denver on January 14-15. Ill. Sir Allan Ake chaired the meeting as the current President of INSHP. INSHP members were given a tour of the facilities at the National Western Livestock

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AL KALY NOMADS

by *Ill. Sir Tom Holmes*
Wagon Master

It is a New Year full of opportunities. A new team is ready for action for 2011. The annual Installation dinner was held on December 4th at the Mule Train Tack Room. I take this opportunity to thank the Mule Train Board of Directors and members for allowing us to use their facility. Nice to have members of the Nomads that are also members of the Mule Train.

The following Nobles were installed

- Tom Holmes – Wagon Master
- John Van Auken – 1st Assistant Wagon Master
- Dennis Feister – 2nd Assistant Wagon Master
- Ray Clark – Secretary Treasurer

Each year, the Nomads do 6 – 8 campouts at various places (not necessarily in Colorado). We have on several occasions traveled to the Balloon Festival in New Mexico, and in 2010 we went to the Scottish Festival in Estes Park as one of our organized Nomad campouts.

“Around the Old Campfire” is the theme for 2011. I suspect that there will be some interesting activities being organized this year by volunteers from our membership.

This year, the slate is wide open for possible campsites. First of all, we have secured reservations for

Mountain Dale on May 6 – 8 (In conjunction with Canon City Apple Blossom Parade), and for Salida on June 16 – 19 (In conjunction with the Mon-Ark Parade.)

We will meet the first of the year, to discuss the following locations. Individual members of the unit have been asked to research each of the potential sites and make a presentation to the entire membership. This will be a kind of performance and an opportunity for us to get more familiar with the pre-selections. Note: there are not dates assigned to the potential sites as they need to be selected by the members.

- Crede (Joanne Sube)
- Durango/Silverton (Steve and Edie Gresley and Doc Hathaway and Joanne Sube)
- Chatfield Reservoir (Ray & Merry Clark)
- Aspen Acres (David & Ruby Ashley)
- LaVeta (Dick and Sue Smith)
- Colorado City (Steve & Deborah Jordan)
- Lake McConaughy / Ogalalla, Nebraska (Tom & Sherry Holmes)
- Estes Park (Steve and Edie Gresley)
- Branson (Ray & Merry Clark)

It should be a fun and exciting year. Anyone interested in joining in the fun, contact Tom Holmes at 719-686-1110.

BOWLING LEAGUE

by *Swede Hanson*
President

I hope that everyone has a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year in 2011. The Bowling League has seen a loss of bowlers this year, and we are going to recognize three of those people in this year's Bowl-A-Thon. The Shriner's and Past Potentate's Lady who were bowlers, are Jeannie Mouirguies, Manny Hertzberger, and Don Newton. I hope that all Shriner's and Ladies who knew these people, will give donations to the bowlers in the league, so we can have one of the best Bowl-A-

Thons yet. If you want to give a donation and don't know who to give it too, call President Swede Hanson, or Dave Kochis at the phone numbers listed on the Bowl-A-Thon Flyer in this issue of the Dust. If you enjoy bowling, now and then for fun, come out and be part of this event, it is a fun league and we can use more bowlers.

We sure could use more bowlers to come have fun, and join in the companionship of the league. Don't be a couch potato, come have some good exercise and enjoy the fun we have bowling.

Yours in the Faith.



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AL KALY PR UNIT

by **Richard Mills**
President

In last month's Dust, Ray Clark stated that he is writing his last article as President. This may be true "As President" but I know that Ray has many many stories and articles left to write. Throughout Al Kaly, Ray Clark and the Dust are synonymous terms. That is the way it should and will be. Public Relations is not Ray's only function. He wears many hats.

He probably doesn't know it, but he was influential in bringing me out of my comfortable shell. For a long time, I was just a Shriner, paid my dues, bought the tickets that came in the mail, read the notice of Stated Meetings, thought I should go, but didn't. However, I could proudly say "I'm a Shriner". One day, Ray had a notice in the Dust asking anyone interested in helping to revive the PR Unit to come to a PR Unit meeting. I went to the meeting in Colorado Springs and arrived early. I didn't see any Shriners or cars with Shrine emblems. I thought "Good, wrong day, I'll just go home". Along came Ray. He noticed my Shrine baseball cap. He greeted me and said "Great, you're here for the meeting". His demeanor put me at ease and made me feel that I was really wanted and was already a part of the team. Ray, over time, encouraged me to get involved and write articles. The rest is history. I'm now working with the PR Unit, attending parades and other Al Kaly activities. The greatest thing is that I'm having lots of fun and my Lady Mary is enjoying being a part of the Shrine.

The crux of this article is not so much about Ray or me, but directed toward those Nobles that are "Just a Shriner". Involvement is the key. It sounds like a lot of work to get involved, and it is. The greatest experience will come when that work becomes FUN. When you go

to a Christmas Party for kids, visit a Shrine Hospital or parade and see people wave and point at your little car, then you know what it really means TO BE A SHRINER. No longer, "Just a Shriner".

I have talked about the fun of being a Shriner. I know that you want Ray and me to continue to have fun. Well, here is how you can help us:

- Every Noble in Al Kaly that wants to help promote the Shrine can be a member of the PR Unit. You and/or your Lady can help write articles for the Dust. Around the Hospitality Rooms, over dinner and at meetings one hears many stories that are funny, sad and informative. Tell it to others through the Dust.
- We need to tell the public what we are all about. Inform the PR Unit about groups in your area that might enjoy a speaker at their meeting. We will send a speaker anywhere.
- If your club or unit is involved in a community project, let's tell everybody about it. The PR Unit can help you do that.

Any ideas that you may have that will advance Shrinedom, then "Lets Shine the Light" and let others know about them.

BAND

-RON BOWEN, PRESIDENT

by **Elmo Gardner**
1st Vice President

We are now into 2011, and looking forward to a new year of band activities with our horns all polished and ready to go. Also, we are anticipating new members who will hopefully be joining us in the coming months [I know you are out there and just on the verge of contacting us!]. I can say that the Al Kaly Shrine Band is in the best shape it has been in years! The Band has continued to grow and expand its repertory and variety (thru new sub units) over the last several years. Now, with four playing groups, we are equipped to provide entertainment to almost any venue the Shrine is involved with!

We finished last year with the Band performing for the Al Kaly Children's Christmas Party on December 18 (last

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Mule Train Plaque Presentation to Bob Zyer, Ill. Sir Allan Ake and Lester Nowell.



Presentation by Ill. Sir Allan Ake of a Mule Train Past President's Buckle to Ray Clark

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Show prior to over 50 people attending the Saturday night Rodeo. Plan to come out in July and see the various equine units from across the U.S. and Canada compete in Denver.

If you are looking for a Unit to join and you like animals give us a try. We welcome all Nobles and their Ladies to join us for our monthly breakfast, held on the second Sunday of each month. Dinners are open to Mule Train members and their guests. Feel free to give me a call, 719-597-5498, or talk with any of our members if you would like more information on our unit or to sign up for one of our monthly meals.

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LEGION OF HONOR

-CMD. NOBLE RICHARD C. LARKE

by Noble James W. Rawlings, PC

Past Commander, Noble Don, extends his thanks and appreciation to those Legion members and friends for the wonderful response in support of the Cash Calendar sales. We were able to exceed every expectation in our sales program. Noble Don deserves a big hand for all his time and effort in support of the sales program.

The Legion is proud to recognize two of our members, for their past service and for their continued service, with Noble Jim Johnson currently serving in Afghanistan and Noble Don Lam in Iraq. Our thoughts and prayers are with them for a safe return to their friends and

families.

Due to adverse weather conditions the Potentate's Official Visit and Installation of Legion Officers scheduled for January 9 was postponed until 4:00 p.m. on January 23rd, at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club.

The Legion's annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is scheduled for April 3rd at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. Tickets for the event will be made available in late February or March.

If you are active duty or an honorably discharged veteran and seeking a unit to affiliate with we invite you to try the Legion. We meet at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

FREMONT SHRINE CLUB

by Noble Richard Mills
Vice President

When the Fremont Shrine Club was struggling to grow, our greatest supporter was Chief Rabban Steve Jordan. It was fitting that as Ill. Sir Steve closed out his year as Potentate, he honored us with his presence at our January meeting. He and his lovely Lady Deborah were still giving us support and cheering us on. These two remain an inspiration to our Club. In appreciation for his loyal support, the Club voted to present Ill. Sir Steve with a lifetime membership.

Fremont Shrine Club is growing. We now have 26 members, with two of those being brand new Nobles. Secretary Bill will be taking two candidates to the January Installation. I'm sure that before the night is over, Noble Bill will have them as members of the club. The increase of membership is great, but I am afraid that we are outgrowing our home at K Bobs. Rest assured that we will continue to grow and meet somewhere.

Often we are asked "What do Shriners do?" The unasked question is "Why?" Sometimes it is difficult to put the answer into words. During the Christmas Party for kids at Coal Creek Colorado, I SAW THE ANSWER. The Club had collected over 400 toys and stuffed animals, but only 16 bicycles, for 50 kids.

To be fair, Santa gave tickets to all the kids, and then a drawing was held for the bicycles. A little girl dressed like a character from "Tiny Tim" stood clutching her ticket nervously as she gazed up at Santa. She must have had the number memorized because she never looked at her ticket. As Santa would bellow out a number, her little body would seem to shrink even smaller, an indication that her number was passed over once again. And then, as in a fit of desperation, she raised her small hands in an

Potentate's Team Breakfast



First Lady Linda Agresta with former First Lady Sherry Holmes



Membership Presentation by Oriental Guide J.D. Potter.

attitude of prayer. With eyes closed, she listened as Santa's big voice called someone else's number. Then another number was called and a shout that was more like a squeal echoed through the hall. Flying on stage, she rushed to a brightly colored bicycle that she had placed her hopes on. As Santa reached over to retrieve her ticket, I knew that I had seen the answer.

Nobles, this is why we must go that extra mile each day to insure that Shrinedom never falters.

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KALYKLOWNS

by Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan
Past President

The Kalyklowns have completed yet another month of their particular brand of shenanigans, most notably in the area of our continuing visits to the patients at both Pueblo area hospitals.

We are gearing up now in anticipation of another fine year of merry-making by our members. We are also looking forward to the Official Visit of our Potentate, Ill. Sir Allan Ake and First Lady Linda. We will be holding this event on February 13, 2011 at the Solid Ground Restaurant in Pueblo West. More on this event will follow in the next issue of The Dust.

We are also pleased to note that Noble Vern Wolf, aka "El Lobo", was able to attend our recent Stated Meeting of Al Kaly, since he has been recovering from his quadruple bypass and heart valve replacement surgery in December. Thanks to Larry "Pappy" Wolf for spiriting him away from home for this, his first public outing since his operation.

On another note, I have been informed that recently I have failed to acknowledge the attendance of Dave "Choo-Choo" Jones at both the Basketball Tournament and the Pueblo West Parade of Lights. I apologize for the oversight, but due to the fact that Noble Dave is such a "quiet" clown, he had gone un-noticed. You have to make yourself more visible in the future!

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month I incorrectly stated The Band would also play for the Potentate's Appreciation Party). On January 7th, we played for the first Stated Meeting of the New Year and on the 16th, our Band Winter Celebration Party. We then took care of our own administrative and creative matters, on the 23rd, with the Band's Quarterly Meeting and Rehearsal at the Pueblo Shrine Club.

For February, so far we have only scheduled the Swingin' Shriners to play for the monthly Consistory meeting and dinner (2nd), but will probably have a few other activities to report on in the next issue.

See you next issue and remember: This year will be even better than the last!

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

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

Colorado Springs Shrine Club

March 25, 2011

Dinner: 6:30pm / Meeting: 7:30pm

Attest:

Bart Guthrie, P.P.

Recorder

Allan Ake

Potentate

CLOWNS OF AL KALY

by Craig (Patches) Sparks
Boss Clown

Greeting to all Nobles and Ladies from the Clowns of Al Kaly. On behalf of the Clowns of Al Kaly, I would like to congratulate Ill. Sir Allan Ake on his Installation as Potentate. Congratulations also go to all of this year's Board of Directors, I am sure we are in for a fun and eventful year. I would also like to thank IS Steve Jordan and Lady Deborah for all they have done, WOW what a year we just had.

The Clowns of Al Kaly have been very busy, considering we are not even in parade season. We have had several clowns at the USO Christmas party at Fort Carson, Elks Club Christmas party, VFW Kids Christmas party, the Parade of Lights, Children's Christmas Party at the CSSC, Screening Clinics at the CSSC, and we still manage to have a clown at the Golden Corral on Powers every Tuesday night for their Family Night. Our monthly meetings are at 7 PM at the CSSC on the second Monday of each month, so if you are looking for a fun and active unit to join, please get with one of the clowns or stop by and visit us at our meeting.

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