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### FROM THE ALKALY POTENTATE 2023

Bill Davidson

Al Kaly Potentate 2023

As we start off the New Year, first I would like to thank the nobility for electing me Potentate of Al Kaly Shrine for 2023. The year has already been moving along as Installation and the Legion of Honor OV have already taken place.



Additionally, Rhonda and I attended the

El Jebel installation, the East West Shrine Bowl, and supported El Jebel at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. On the 4th of February, we have plans to attend the Daughters of the Nile High Tea, where several of the nobility will be assisting as servers. Come out and support the Daughters of the Nile as the High Tea is always a fun time.

Furthermore, we are looking forward to the many events that will take place throughout 2023. It is our intent to make 2023 a fun and enjoyable year. As a reminder, be on the lookout for updates related to this year's trip to Hawaii (Oct 2023), as well as the Potentate's Ball, which is scheduled for April 22, 2023.

Finally, don't forget there is a ceremonial coming up on April 15, 2023. All nobles should "Ask 1 To Be 1", we are all recruiters, an extension of the

Membership Committee should working to find new nobles whenever the opportunity presents itself.



Thank You!

### OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the April stated meeting will be held at the:

> **Colorado Springs Shrine Club** 6 S. 33rd, Colorado Springs **April 15, 2023 1PM**

Ceremonial – 11 a.m. Hawaiian Lunch – 12 p.m. (Noon) Stated Meeting – 1 p.m.

**William Davidson** 

Attest: Gary Sears, P.P.

Potentate

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

#### Article Due Dates / Issue

- 1 January / Feb Mar
- 1 March / Apr May
- 1 May / Jun Jul
- 1 July / Aug Sep
- 1 September / Oct Nov
- 1 November / Dec Jan



Please check the online Al Kaly events calendar (on a regular basis) for new event dates and/or cancellations. Website: alkalyshrine.org

### FEBRUARY

- East West Shrine Game
- DON High Tea @ CSSC
- 19 Past Masters OV



#### MARCH

- Dust Articles Due To Dust Editor
- 3-5 College Classic Houston
- 15 CSSC OV
- 19 Little T's, Escorts, KalyKlowns, Flivvers OV

### APRIL

- DON Installation
- Easter
- Clowns of Al Kaly OV
- Stated Meeting/Ceremonial/Hawaiian Dinner 15
- 16 Bowl-A-Thon
- 16 LOH Spaghetti Dinner
- 20 Mule Train OV
- 22 Potentate's Ball @ Pueblo Convention Center



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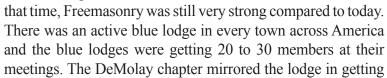
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### MESSAGE FROM THE ORIENTAL GUIDE

Mark Giffin Oriental Guide

So who am I and what am I all about? I suppose the best place to begin is with my history with Freemasons and the appendant bodies. Be warned I go back a long ways.

I started out in the Order of DeMolay. I was initiated into Old Mission Chapter, Prairie Village, KS in March of 1976. At



25 DeMolays to their meetings and we could be counted on to bring in 20 to 25 new members a year. Likewise, Abdallah Shrine, Eastern Star, Jobes Daughters, Rainbows, and other appendant bodies were doing well. The Blue Lodge is the center piece to every masonic organization as some of these organizations required masonic relatives to join. Our Blue Lodge Mission #153) sponsored two Jobes Daughters Bethels, an Eastern Star Chapter as well as our DeMolay

All I can do as a freemason is to try to pay it forward. Whether it is by participating in ritual, attending an event, or making a visit, I enjoy the fellowship of Shriners and freemasonry. I don't consider myself the smartest Master Mason, but my heart is in the right place.

Chapter. There was a family atmosphere to these organizations. To this day, I still meet with friends I met through these organizations from over 45 years ago. I looked up to a lot of our advisors as "men of character" and many of them were Shriners in Abdallah Shrine in Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Many Freemasons don't want to hear about "how things used to be" as far as the strength and success of Masonry. I honestly believe nothing humanly could have been done to change the course of freemasonry. A general decay in our social fabric is the primary reason for our declining numbers. No freemason was responsible for this. Some national events that indirectly affected Freemasonry include the Vietnam War,

Watergate, Iran/Contra, and 9/11. Words like honor and service are replaced with words like corruption and deceit. In my heart, as long as I am alive, these organizations exist regardless of their numbers.

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The last point I want to make is how I view Shriners and Masonry. This past summer one of our Divan lost a son to an automobile accident. I can only imagine going through something like that as extremely hard. At the Memorial Service, we as Masons and Shriners showed up in large numbers. It reaffirmed to me that at the heart of it, we are a fraternity not a cult nor a religious organization. I have never been prouder to be a Shriner than I was on that day.

Mark A Giffin 32 Degree Master Mason





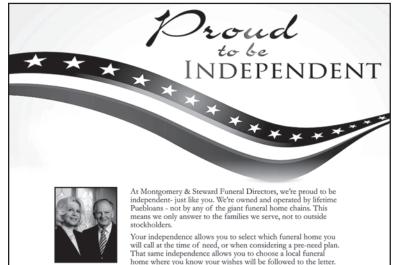




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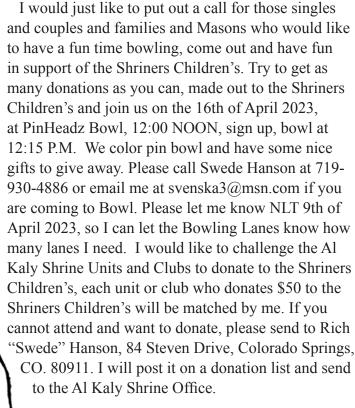
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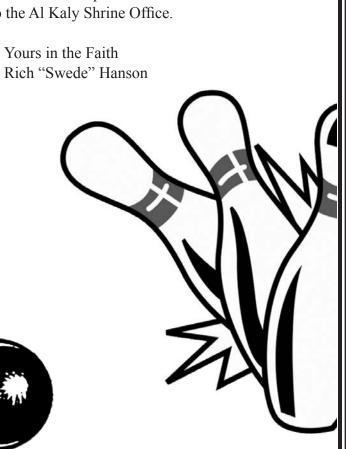
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### A HEARTY AL KALY



### Congratulations to the following nobles that will be celebrating birthdays during February and March

#### February

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Felipe V Pinero Jr. Laurance V Sanchez Ronald G Book

#### March

Gennaro F Occhiuzzo Frank L Pyle Charles V Hendrickson David K Ashley Phillip A Johnson Kurt D Adelbush Ricardo E Griffin Kevin G Nunn Jordan K Kemp

Brett M Axton Ervin L Meacham Harvey L Gillis Gerald E Bates William R Heintzen Raymond H Dunn Robert A Torgler Richard Martin Lenard Rioth John S Rhea Steven C Zerger Donald L Johnson

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### TRANSPORTATION FUND **MEMORIALS**

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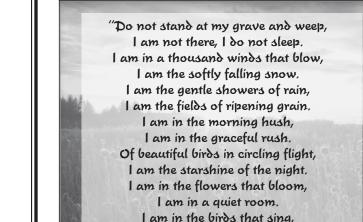


25,000 Pin

Bill Davidson - Gold 2

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Norman Pechacek



On Memoriam

As of: December 27, 2022

**Noble Floyd McCray** 

I am in each lovely thing.

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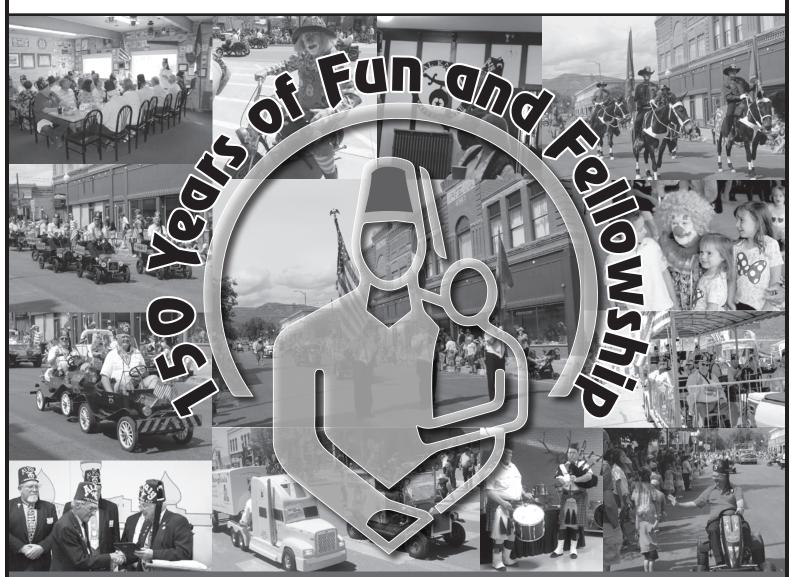
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