



AL KALY DUST



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Installation 2026



FROM THE POTENTATE

Scott Rhea
Potentate

As you can see from the pictures on the front page of this issue, we had a grand time at the Installation of Officers on January 3rd. What a marvelous way to kick off the theme for this year: Play It Forward!

As Shriners, we enjoy our social events – our club and unit dinners, the Potentate's Ball, Official Visits, or just meeting together for lunch at a local restaurant or a Friday afternoon cold frosty adult beverage establishment. We have fun at parades and picnics, competing or watching competitions at Central States, and participating in other special gatherings. But in all of our activities, we must always keep in the front of our minds the reason we get together – the patients of Shriners Childrens.

So by all means, Play. But at the same time, Play It Forward. It's the same message that is encoded in my pin, which is a representation of Lottery Scratch Ticket. If you look at it closely, you will discover that it shows two winning triad symbols – three fezzes and three shrine bears. Being a Shriner, we win twice: once when we Play, and once when we Give.

So go to a Shrine club dinner and spend \$15 to \$20 bucks for a \$30



meal (not forgetting tax and tip) and consider setting aside the difference. Forego your \$8 double-espresso vanilla caramel mocha latte with whip cream and 1 Splenda made by your favorite barista just one morning each month. Pass along some of your Shrine luck from a 50-50 drawing. Play It Forward – to Al Kaly, the Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital, your Club or Unit, a \$19 per month gift to Shriners Childrens to receive a blanket – or even to your Masonic Lodge.



Speaking of your Masonic Lodge, I am in full agreement with our Junior Past Potentate. If you are not attending Blue Lodge as a Shriner, you're wrong. I am making a pledge this year to visit every Lodge in Southern Colorado, so I will be looking forward to seeing each Noble at a Stated Communication. Remember from whence our membership comes: the harvest cannot be gathered if the farmer never returns to the field to plant a seed.

I am humbled and honored to be the Potentate of a great Temple and your representative to Shriners International. I am excited at the prospects of Al Kaly Shrine's Divan, membership, and activities, and, to borrow Lady Karen's slogan, Turtlely Hopeful for a successful, fun, and fruitful 2026.

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the 2nd Quarter Stated Meeting and Ceremonial will be held June 13, 2026, at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club.

Ceremonial 11 a.m.
Lunch/Ladies Activity Noon
Stated Meeting 1 p.m.

Scott Rhea
Potentate

Attest: Gary Sears, P.P.
Recorder

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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY

- 7 DON High Tea
- 15 Past Masters OV
- 19 Amaranth Grand Court

MARCH

- 3 Pueblo Shrine Club OV
- 6-7 CSSA Business
- 15 Little Ts, Potes Escort, Flivvers, KalyKlown OV
- 18 Colorado Springs Shrine Club OV
- 28 DON Installation
- 29 Palm Sunday

APRIL

- 2 Maundy Thursday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 16 Mule Train OV
- 18 Dinner and Cigars
- 22-23 Harlem Wizards Basketball
- 26 Bowl-A-Thon and LOH Spaghetti Dinner

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- Potentate.....J. Scott Rhea
 - Chief Rabban Mark Giffin
 - Assistant Rabban.....Abe England
 - High Priest & Prophet.....Mack Word
 - Oriental Guide.....John Montoya
 - Recorder.....Gary Sears, PP
 - TreasurerDavid Stevens, PP/PPC SSA
- Appointed Divan**
- 1st Ceremonial Master Blake Simmons
 - 2nd Ceremonial Master.....Howard Magan
 - Parade MarshallAbe England
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 - ChaplainRalph "Doc" Hathaway
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Paul R Nigro
Jarod K Waters
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Karl Shanstrom
Terry K Lingle
Lawrence E Mullins
Wyatt Stecklein
Dennis F Lauer
Norman L Bryant
Andres Ortiz
Jon D Bower

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

Willard F Elmore
Steven P Stiasny
Jason A Bednarek
Ronald G Book
Laurance V Sanchez

March
Raul S Morales

Benjamin J Hathaway
Gennaro F Occhiuzzo
Robert A Fredregill
Michael K Wick
Phillip A Johnson 33*
Kurt D Adelbush
Ricardo E Griffin
Kevin G Nunn
Jordan K Kemp

Jared L Maddox
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Charles R Shiverdecker
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FEATURED SHRINER JOHN MONTOYA

by *Billie Nigro*

John was Born in Trinidad, CO, to John and Florence Montoya. He attended Holy Trinity Catholic School. He graduated from Trinidad High School in 1974. His first jobs were with the 7-11 convenient stores from 1974 -1978, then Loaf n Jug Stores from 1978-1989. He worked for J.R.'s, a Colorado convenience store chain, starting in 1989 and retired in 2023 as Vice President of the company after 35 years of service. In 1989, John also started Colorado Inventory Analysts and closed the business down in 2024.

John and Debra met at Centennial High school and were married in Pueblo in 1977. They were married for 47 years until she passed away in 2022. He met Lady Shirley Gonzales in July of 2025, also a widow, on a dating app!



John was attracted to the Masons by the brotherhood and all they do. He became a Mason in 1983 and was Master of his lodge three different years. He was the Grand Tiler for the Grand Lodge of Colorado when MWB Ralph Newby was the Grand Master. He is also a member of York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies. He is currently the District Lecturer for Trinidad and the southeastern rural lodges in Colorado.

He became a Shriner in 1984 and was President of the Kaly Klowns. He is now an Associate member of the Mule Train! A funny story is when Gary Sears came into the Shrine, John named him Panhandle the Clown and

John was Buttons the Clown. They traveled promoting all aspects of Masonry!

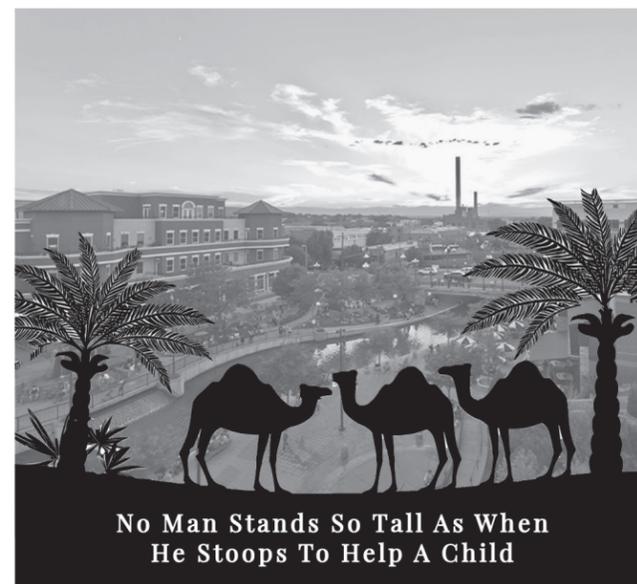
John's hobbies include training horses, golf, and traveling with Lady Shirley Gonzales. They are looking forward to the Potentate's Trip to Scotland in May.

He has served in many positions in each of the Masonic organizations and is currently on the Scholarship committee for the Grand Lodge. He looks forward to serving the Divan and is very excited to represent Al Kaly as Oriental Guide.

This year, John is taking over the fourth annual Festival of Trees, a unique fundraiser where the public has a chance to win a fully decorated Christmas tree and all the gifts under it for just a dollar. All the Shriners and their Ladies who volunteer at the event bring so much camaraderie, it really kicks off the Yuletide season. He asks all Shriners to scout out all business-owners you know to sponsor a tree so that this great fundraiser may continue to grow. Ask him for more information!



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Dave Bills
James Burger

Silver Stars

Mark Lipsky

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As of: December 27, 2025

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

Mary Elizabeth Frye

Noble James Hauck

Born: 5/7/1938
Created: 9/11/2009
Died: 12/2/2025

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