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Al Kaly Cash Calendar Fundraiser ▲ Club News for the New Year ▲ and More!

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

THE HEROES OF AL KALY

by **Bill Stoner**
Potentate



We are fortunate to have many unsung heroes in Al Kaly, and I would like to name a few who work ceaselessly to make our Al Kaly Shriner organization grow and prosper. In each of the cities where there is a Shrine Club, you find officers who give countless hours and dedicated service to those clubs in order that they are run efficiently and carefully. Colorado Springs SC has benefited in many ways due to the efforts of Swede Hanson and Ron

Yerkey, who isn't an officer, but always helps out in the bar. Merv Terrell and Glenda have poured their hearts and time into the Pueblo SC to make it a fun and inviting place. Dave Salberg and Board members of Salida work hard to keep their club going and a great place to be.

There are Shriners who have stepped forward and carried the work along with grace and dignity. IS Jerry Sube gave 13 years to Al Kaly as the Treasurer and worked above and beyond the call of duty for many years. IS Bart Guthrie has brought the office of Recorder and its usefulness to a high level. We are all aware and grateful for the dedication of IS Bob Burr. We are proud that he represents Al Kaly Shriners so wonderfully and well in the Shriner International organization. Larry Newman, by taking on the position of Treasurer, has helped Al Kaly stay on a professional level. Larry also manages to serve as the Director and run the CS Screening Clinic.

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1977	Harold N. Moore (Pauline)
1981	Jerry F. Swink (Midge)
1982	James D. Evans (Lois)
1984	Newell Hall
1986	Dan Neu (Pauline)
1987	William H. Sheard (Irene)
1988	William H. Shawley (Pat)
1989	Dick Thomas (Ellie)
1991	Raymond Barbour (Geraldine)
1992	Samuel J. Pisciotta (Cynthia)
1993	Billy Thornburg (Leah)
1995	Gerald B. Sube (JoAnne)
1996	Dale Stowers (Barbara)
1997	Randolph M. Gregory (Betty)
1998	Easl D. Aldrich (Sheila)
1999	Lester E. Tedrow
2000	Barton Guthrie (Rosemary)
2001	Robert D. Mouirguies
2002	Richard Sater (Anne)
2003	Bob Burr (Betty)
2004	Lionel Robertson (Yvonne)
2005	Jim Rodeen
2006	R. Don Taylor (Bonnie)
2007	David P. Stevens (Maddy)

THE SEASON OF THANKFULNESS

by Rose Enyeart

It has been said that the more you give the more you receive. I am not sure about lots of things, but I do know that it has been true from my experience as Bill and I moved up the line of the Al Kaly Shriners. In my year as First Lady of Al Kaly Shriners, I have met many wonderful people and have seen so many children who are the reason for our organization. My Mom had a poem that she quoted often. It starts "Life is sweet because of the friends you meet and the things in common we share..." That has been a theme that echoed for me as we traveled the state and other states as we attended the various CSSA and Imperial Sessions. The people that I met, whether Shriners at hospitals, meetings, parades, football games or any other activities, added to the depth of the experiences I've had.

What I've come to understand is that we are just a small cog in a larger organization that affects the lives and benefits the lives of countless children and their families. What we do as we go about living our lives as part of the Shriner family, seems unremarkable. When we look at the good, at the unselfish hours of work, play, and activities that each Shriner does, we are humbled to see how it has grown and rippled out into a society that is largely unaware of our efforts. The families we touch and the children we mend are often not seen by even the Shriners that have helped them. Those families may be unaware of our efforts to raise money for the Transportation Fund that allows them to travel to the various hospitals for care. But we are there; working quietly, sometimes not so quietly, to make sure that any child that we can help is helped and is served by our organization.



I am always proud to see the Legion of Honor march by with the flags at a parade and then to see the units following, clowns, cars, mules, band, drums, and others. They show the world how much fun it is to be part of the Shrine. The circuses bring joy and big fun to the cities and towns of Southern Colorado thanks to the Shrine. We play golf, sponsor basketball tournaments and host picnics and always we EAT and break bread with those who share our passion for the cause we serve.

There are many women who have been of enormous help to me, but two really stand out. Barbara Bills simply went over the top every time she touched a project that I asked her to do, plus she has made my scrapbook, which will be a wonderful creative endeavor, and Phyllis Allen who was there with her camera and helping hands. Women like that made the year easier and lots of fun. Thanks to all who helped that I didn't name here. I appreciate the support of the women who went before me and those who are in the line.

To have been a part of Al Kaly Shriners

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The Honored Ladies Club *of Al Kaly*

by Muriel Hansen

Well, here it is - - JANUARY 2009!! Can you believe it! It was a fun year, though. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner and Lady Rose for making it so. A really lovely luncheon, honoring Lady Rose, was held on November 8th at the Village at Skyline in Colorado Springs. Hope you didn't miss it.

And looking ahead to 2009, it will be a great year also. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Tom Holmes - our new Potentate of Al Kaly Shrine - and his Lady Sherry. It should be an exciting year, too, because in September Al Kaly Shrine will be hosting CSSA - Central States Shrine Association. (And the Honored Ladies have been asked to help with a couple of days of Registration. I already know they will have more volunteers than they can use!!)

A big 'Thank You' to the Ladies who stepped forward and accepted the positions as officers for 2009 in the Honored Ladies Club. President June Williams, Colorado Springs; Vice President Rowena Pruett, Colorado Springs; Secretary Marianna Henderson, Colorado Springs; and Treasurer Kitty Pick, Colorado Springs. And, a special 'Thanks' to Illustrious Sir Bob Burr and Lady Betty for being our Sponsors. At this writing, I don't know our Callers' names or telephone numbers, but I will have them ready for the February DUST. Also, I will have more on our Christmas Party at the Belvedere Restaurant on December 13th at that same writing.

Honored Ladies - or anyone else - as we are 'cleaning closets' this winter and spring, or just generally getting rid of "stuff", keep in mind the Al Kaly Mule Train Garage Sale coming up in May. Contact information on page 10 of the November DUST. Check it out! We all know how important these fund-raisers are to our Units and Clubs.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Our sincere condolences to HL Helen Edwards for the loss of her daughter the early part of November. Then the end of November, Helen had a heart attack and was hospitalized for that. She is home now and doing OK. Lots of cards and prayers are needed here!!

The next Luncheon /Meeting of the Honored Ladies Club will be on Saturday, March 14th, in Pueblo. Our Callers will have more on that at a later date. Visitors

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Shrine Ladies

- Colorado Springs Area

by Ann Sater, President

On December 1st we had a wonderful dinner meeting, with our Nobles, at Fargo's Pizza, followed by a lively gift exchange.

During the short business meeting we elected our new officers, who were installed on December 17th at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club dinner. The new officers are:

President - Deborah Jordan

Vice President - Sherry Holmes

Treasurer - Ann Delancey

Secretary - Rose Enyeart

We wish them a successful year!

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at the Olive Garden at Citadel Crossing on January 5, 2009 at noon. All ladies are invited to attend.

If you have any questions, please call Deborah Jordan - 531-6309.



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When you need some food prepared, a picnic planned or any sort of help with such a project, Lester Nowell is the go to Noble. He does a great job without any fanfare or fuss. Fred Kiger is another Nobel who handles whatever is asked of him. His organizational efforts with the Parades made a difference and those same skills are used in the Recycling Program and the work he does there. Dave Bills has earned recognition for Alkalyshrine.org as an award-winning web page. He did this through hard work and dedication. Sean Holmes also earned high praise for getting the Dust on a new path. Bob Bills has added much energy and many beautiful photos and videos to the Web site. The hours and talent that he has dedicated are countless. Vern Wolf has gotten the Kaly Klowns involved in weekly hospital visitations and has expanded our visibility in many ways in the Pueblo community. He probably has the record for signing up new Masons in Pueblo.

We have had some wonderful growth in the Al Kaly Band due to their dedicated and enthusiastic leadership.

The Legion of Honor showed it colors when they hosted the International Legion of Honor in such a grand style. We have a new unit, the Splinters, started by Brian Bate. The Fremont Club has been resurrected by Mike Madden and Dick Mills and has gotten off to a great start.

And we must not forget the Ladies. Dr. Rita Burr has been dedicated to the Telemedicine Clinic for seven years working for our children's health and well-being. Shelia Aldrich and JoAnne Sube have given of their time and talents to see that the Clinic is run efficiently and professionally. Al Wetmore became a certified wheelchair tech at the Salt Lake City Hospital and continues to refurbish and repair wheelchairs for Al Kaly and the hospital.

How fortunate we are to have such wonderful people helping Al Kaly thrive. They are only a few of the many who give countless hours of service to the children and the hospitals. I thank all of you for your efforts to make Al Kaly shine. You have made the journey to Potentate a great experience and have made serving Al Kaly very rewarding. Thanks again for your support.



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are welcome. And, if you are a widow of a Shriner, widowed sister, mother, daughter of a Shriner, please join us. We are a very sociable group! And if transportation is a problem, let someone know. We make every effort to round up drivers to get all those to these luncheons who wish to be there!

A warm – (and fuzzy!) – ‘Thank you’ to the Nobles and Ladies of Al Kaly Shrine for making the Honored Ladies feel we are still a part of this great group of Shriners.

A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM THE HONORED LADIES OF AL KALY

ANNUAL MEETING DINNER

Pueblo Shrine Club

January 9, 2009

6:30 pm

Cost: \$14.00 per person



Reservations are a must and are made through the Al Kaly Shriners office (719) 544-0658

Reservations must be made no later than January 7, 2009.



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has been a great honor to me. I have loved meeting, and eating, with so many of you. I have loved sharing stories and lives with you. Thank you for being so wonderfully welcoming to me. I truly loved seeing you in all the different activities that we have shared and have enjoyed the "chicken" circuit as we traveled. You are unsung heroes who deserve thanks for all the work you do and all the love you share. Thank you for the honor of representing you.

For more photos of the Appreciation Event and other events, please visit
<http://gallery.mac.com/rlbills> and
<http://gallery.me.com/tomleucht>



UPCOMING EVENTS



JANUARY

- 1,2 Office Closed
- 9 Annual Meeting - Installation of Officers
- 10 Screening Clinic - Colorado Springs Shrine Club
- 10 Potentate's Breakfast
- 12 El Jebel Installation
- 17 East West Shrine Bowl
- 19 MLK Day - Office Closed
- 25 OV - Legion of Honor

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

Membership November 30, 2008

Creations:	5
Affiliations:	1
Restorations:	0
Demits:	6
Suspensions:	3
Deaths:	2
Net Total:	1028
Associates:	21
Grand Total:	1049

The Al Kaly Shriners of Southern Colorado present

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March 28th, 2009 - 7:30pm
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Shrine Nobles, their family and friends can still order good seating tickets, however, tickets are now available to the public.

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- Western Tickets TicketsWest.com
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****Al Kaly will not sell tickets directly through any person or through the Al Kaly Shrine office. We have a contract with the PPC for exclusive ticket sales.****

*Proceeds are for the benefit of Al Kaly Shriners
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EDITOR'S VIEWS

Often times the people closest to us are the ones we seem to have the least amount of time to spend with during our busy lifestyles. A friend recently sent me the following e-mail. How true the words were for my life and I know for many of yours too. In case you haven't seen it before I wanted to share them with you.

Family

*I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
'Oh excuse me please' was my reply.*

*He said, 'Please excuse me too;
I wasn't watching for you.'*

*We were very polite, this stranger and I.
We went on our way and we said goodbye.*

*But at home a different story is told,
How we treat our loved ones, young and old.*

*Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
My son stood beside me very still.*

*When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
'Move out of the way,' I said with a frown.*

*He walked away, his little heart broken.
I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.*

*While I lay awake in bed,
God's still small voice came to me and said,
'While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use,
But the family you love, you seem to abuse.*

*Go and look on the kitchen floor,
You'll find some flowers there by the door.*

*Those are the flowers he brought for you.
He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.*

*He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise,
You never saw the tears that filled his little eyes.'*

*By this time, I felt very small,
And now my tears began to fall.*

*I quietly went and knelt by his bed;
'Wake up, little one, wake up,' I said.*

*'Are these the flowers you picked for me?'
He smiled, 'I found 'em, out by the tree.*

*I picked 'em because they're pretty like you.
I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue.'*

*I said, 'Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;
I shouldn't have yelled at you that way.'
He said, 'Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway.'*

*I said, 'Son, I love you too,
And I do like the flowers, especially the blue.'*

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think? So what is behind the story?

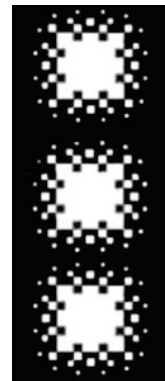
Do you know what the word FAMILY means? FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

So for 2009, let all of us commit to having fun within the various Shrine activities while at the same time, PUTTING FAMILY FIRST in our lives. This can be done by arranging for activities throughout the year that will encourage the involvement of the whole family and not just the nobility and/or their ladies. Have a great New Year.

Raymond J. Clark, Ph.D.



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Featured Member Bill Clugston



By Charlotte Burrous

He was working in a grocery store when he saw Gary Cooper standing in the middle of the store scratching his head.

“He had a piece of paper in his hand,” said Cañon City resident Bill Clugston. “I went up to him and asked him if he had a problem, which he answered that his cook had sent him to the store with a list.” From then on, whenever Gary Cooper came to the store, Clugston helped him fill his list.

Along the way, he met and became friends with J. Carroll Nash, who played Poncho in “Cisco Kid” and Luigi on television. “He was really a nice guy,” Clugston said.

“We’d go fishing about once a week. I kept in touch with him until he passed away about three or four years ago.”

Born June 16, 1927, in Catoosa, Okla., Clugston moved to Los Angeles, Calif., when he was 12 years old. He attended University High School, where he graduated in 1945. “One of my classmates was Andy Williams,” Clugston said.

He was drafted into the Army about the time Germany had surrendered, but before Japan had given up. Clugston was sent to northern California for basic training. “I was cracking eggs when a sergeant came by as I was trying to get egg shells out of a pan,” Clugston said. “He asked me what I was doing. Anyway, he said, ‘don’t worry about it.’” When Clugston asked him how to become a cook, he was transferred from the medic unit to a cooking unit.

After going through a baking school, he served at Camp Beal Separation Center in California, cooking for two years for the men coming back from overseas. “We

were feeding 10,000 to 20,000 men a day,” Clugston said. “I’m still considered a World War II veteran.” He received the World War II Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal, as well as several others.

When Clugston was discharged in 1947, he moved to San Monica, Calif., where he worked in the grocery business for several years. Then he purchased his own grocery store and called it “Bill’s Market,” which he ran for several years.

Never staying very long in any one place, he then moved to Malibu, working for Thrifty Mart Market in Beverly Hills, where he met numerous movie stars, including Cooper and Nash. Not only did he meet movie

stars, but his daughter was hired to play a stand in part for Goldie Hawn in “Laugh In.”

“She looked just like Goldie Hawn,” Clugston said. “She told me, ‘Dad, I got the pies in the face. Goldie didn’t get them.’”

After he moved from Lake Isabella, Calif., he opened a Mexican food restaurant, an electronic store and a Radio Shack franchise, but sold them several years later, moving to Las Cruces, N.M. In 1973, he joined

the Masonic Lodge in Kernville, Calif., before joining the York Rite Temple. He served as the High Priest in Royal Arch Masons.

In 1990, he joined the Shriners and served as president of the Desert Patrol, where he ran a go-cart in the parades. “I was also circus chairman for several years” in Las Cruces, Clugston said. “Jody Jordan wanted me to go up to Pueblo” to promote the circus for Al Kaly Shrine, beginning in 2000.

At the same time, Clugston became involved with the Fremont County Shrine Club, serving as vice president before it was disbanded. Recently, the club was re-organized and he currently serves as secretary/treasurer. Recently, Clugston joined the Little T’s Shrine Unit.

In 2000, he met and married Kay Groves and moved to Cañon City, where he has been since.

Clugston has four daughters, five grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter in California.



OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

by Tom Holmes
Chief Rabban

As I review the year that is now coming to a close, I am thrilled at the progress made throughout the temple. We have a new club in the Canon City area known as "Fremont Shrine Club." A new unit called the "Splinters" which is a woodworking unit (non-parade) and a "Tractor Unit" which is a parade unit has also emerged.

Recently, the Provost Guard is taking on a new life. One of the reasons is the upcoming CSSA in the fall of 2009. Many temples that have a Provost Guard's have competition shooting members who excel in marksmanship activities. There are a number of members in Al Kaly who also want to be a part of this activity. And... because it is not a "parade unit" they can pretty much participate as they wish without having to adhere to a parade schedule. The new directory will contain contact information for those who want more information.

Regretfully, the Oriental Band who has had membership in the La Junta area has elected to "pull the plug" this year. Their membership has deteriorated to the point where they are left with little choice but to disband. We all will miss the unit as we have known them in the past and thank them profusely for all they have meant to Al Kaly.

The silver lining, however, is that Bob Berg has been working diligently rounding up the uniforms, instruments and other supplies so that we can resurrect the unit more in the Colorado Springs and Pueblo areas. A new Noble, Jackson Chandler, has stepped forward to head up the re-organization of this new unit. Thankfully, Billy Sypher who is a member of the Oriental Band from his La Junta days has agreed to help with the building of this new unit. Jackson can be reached at 719-390-5538 if you would like more information. More information will be forthcoming in the new directory.

Nobles, I don't need to remind you, that most active temples have a Provost Guard and an Oriental Band. With a little effort from existing members and recruitment from those new members to Al Kaly, we can not only rejuvenate Provost Guard and Oriental Band, but put all of our units back on active status. And let's not forget the new "Splinters" and "Tractors." It is now a matter of recruiting
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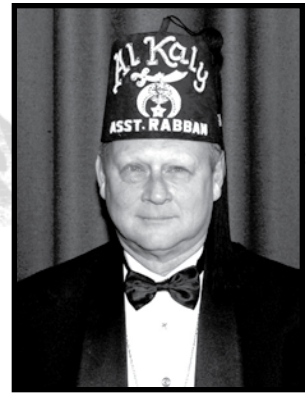


THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

by Steve Jordan
Assistant Rabban

As you read the rest of the articles in this edition of the DUST you will come across an article written by the Recorder of Maskat Shriners and published in the most recent Imperial newsletter. I asked our editor, Ray Clark, to include it in this edition so those of you who did not receive it could see what other Temples are doing. My reasoning is to encourage every member (and their ladies) of our Temple to "think outside the box." We are looking for new ideas that will create excitement and fun for our organization. Events and fundraisers that will give our membership renewed energy, help find new members and retain current members.

If you know of another Temple or fraternal organization that has a project or event that is working (like our Cash Calendar) bring it up to one of the Divan/Board of Directors. I would particularly challenge our recent members to take look at those things our Temple is doing (parades, dinners, dances, picnics, golf tournament, etc.), ask questions about how and why we are doing them and make suggestions for improving participation. Just as important, if you are willing to lend a hand in running or organizing an event, talk to us. I feel very confident in telling you that members of your Divan/Board of Directors are interested in hearing what you have to say.



►► To read the Maskat Shriners article, please see "Young Shriners Leave Their Mark" on page 13.



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WE ALL NEED TO HAVE FUN IN OUR LIVES

by Rex Reid
High Priest and Prophet

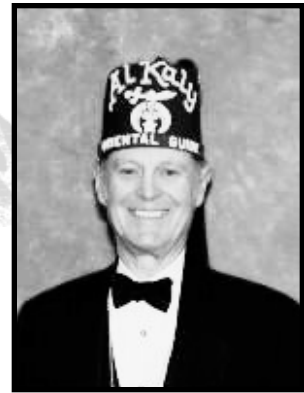
As we all know, the most important job for a Shriner is to support our Shrine Hospitals for children, and then we need to look at the Nobility to see what we can do to keep them active and interested. We can do this by keeping the Nobles of Al Kaly informed of the many Temple activities within the Clubs and Units and of course keeping them informed regarding the business of running the Temple. The most important word that we sometimes forget is FUN! This is why most of us joined, for the "Fun and Fellowship" and should not be set aside. We should all work harder to find ways to have fun in our lives, and share that with your Masonic Brothers within the Nobility.

My Lady Jane and I hope you all had a Wonderful Holiday Season with your families and will have a Great Year in 2009!!!



FUN AND FELLOWSHIP INTO 2009

by Brother Allan Ake
Oriental Guide



Well, here we are beginning another new year. Illustrious Sirs, Ladies, and Nobles all, I wish you a happy, healthy, prosperous 2009!!

Let's remember in 2009 that some of the reasons we join the Shrine is to have fun, fellowship, and enjoy camaraderie with our fellow human beings. And fun we've had this past year, with dances, dinners, trips, OV's, Christmas parties, all of which have given many of us wonderful memories. On top of that, all the while, we supported the Shriners Hospitals and helped the children! When you talk to your non-Shrine friends, recount the good times and let them know what a great organization the Shrine is. There is truly something for everyone in the Shrine. We even have a couple of new units that kicked off prior to the end of the year. Speaking of OV's, the last of the year were Elite, Motor Escort, and Honored Ladies.

We had a great year and 2009 looks like it's shaping to be another great one.



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HELP US SELL CASH CALENDARS!

by Gary Sears
First Ceremonial Master

Nobles we still have approximately 600 calendars that have not been checked out by Nobles or Units. Please, I am asking for your help in selling the remaining calendars. We need to sell these calendars in order for the program to be profitable for Al Kaly Shrine.

The Cash Calendars make excellent gifts and your Unit or Club can earn \$6.25 for each calendar sale! Also for less than .07¢ per day your customer, friend or family member is entered into a raffle for every day of the year in 2009! What a great deal!

Some of the Units are really doing well with the Calendar sales and will have some excellent earnings for 2009. Remember the top sales Unit gets a bonus!

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END-OF-YEAR REQUESTS

by Bart Guthrie, P.P.
Recorder



It's a new year!
It is a new shrine year and once again my plea to you, to turn in any unused fez strips that you may have. The average fez strip costs Al Kaly \$40 each. We'll take any fez strips that you may have that you no longer use. Specifically, we're after Al Kaly purchased fez strips. Those are primarily Potentate's Aide and Ambassador strips. Any money we can save our temple is greatly appreciated.

We just dropped 15 members from our roles for non payment of dues. This is sad. There should be no surprises as these people received a minimum of 10 notices over the two years of dues they were in arrears. You may remember that we changed the rules on dropping members. They will no longer be carried for two years, as done in the past. Those members that have not paid their 2008 dues were dropped from our mailing list, effective January 1, 2009. If they do not pay their dues by March 31, 2009 they will be dropped as members. Members that do not pay their 2009 dues will be dropped on December 31, 2009. In other words, we are only keeping members on the roles for one year. Don't be caught! Please pay your dues.

Unit and Club financial report requests were mailed out in December 2008. By the time you read this, you should have received your December 31 bank statements and you should be able to complete the form. We must have them returned to the office no later than January 31, 2009. The form is in an Excel format and located on the Al Kaly web site. The online form is the easiest way to complete this task. Late submission delays our tax preparation and annual audit report to Imperial.

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Young Shriners Leave Their Mark

by *Illustrious Sir John Tunnell, P.P.*

Recorder, Maskat Shriners

About 10 years ago, Maskat Shriners in Wichita Falls, Texas, began taking in new members in their 20s and 30s who wanted to try to do some new and innovative things. They asked the Potentate for permission to form a noncompetitive (non parade) unit that could concentrate on raising money for Maskat and also help all the units be successful. Many of these young men were already members of competing units and intended to remain active in those. They wanted an opportunity to do more for their temple. The Potentate gave his approval, and the Wild Fez Unit was formed.

It took these young men a few years to “come into their own,” so to speak, but they had plenty of support. Nearly all were members of other units, and as word about the Wild Fez Unit got around, it began to grow in membership. Now, many of the older members want to help in the Wild Fez endeavors, as well. The unit has the wholehearted support of every active member of Maskat Shriners. Four years ago, the Wild Fez unit officers decided to spearhead a temple fundraising project. Together with then-High Priest and Prophet Mark Terry, they began planning for an outdoor concert to be held on the temple’s 30-acre property. I would like to be able to say the concert, held in 2006, was a complete success, but we had weather problems and did not cover the

expenses. But, we considered it a work-in-progress with unlimited potential, and tried again. The 2007 concert had a great turnout, and the Wild Fez Unit was able to cover the expenses for both years and make some money for the temple.

They are expecting a crowd of 10,000 at this year’s concert. If all goes well, they should double last year’s net profit. Needless to say, a project of this magnitude requires all nobles and ladies to work together. Appropriately named “ShrineFest,” the concert has been a project involving the entire membership and is a unifying force for us. Without ShrineFest Director Jeff Browning, Potentate Mark Terry and the Wild Fezzes, it would never have become a reality.



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new members for these clubs and units.

FYI – We are still working on a cooking grill to be used after our participation in parades. I think it very important to bring our participating Nobles and their families together after those parades where we are not hosted by the home town organizations. More information to come on this objective as it unfolds.

I hope the holidays are great for all. Be seeing you in 2009.



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National Pancake Day at IHOP-2009



National Pancake Day at IHOP will be Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Al Kaly Temple will have several locations in Colorado Springs & Pueblo jurisdiction. Brochures and posters have been ordered for this event. I will have them distributed to your location captains. Locations with manager's name will be sent as soon as all are lined up.

We did extremely well in 2008 and I anticipate us doing even better in 2009.

It is imperative that we have Nobles present at each location during this event. IHOP will have a donation receptacle at the location. They will give a free short stack of pancakes and ask the customer to donate the cost of the pancakes to Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Nobles can hand out the brochures and answer questions about Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children. This can be a membership tool as well as a fundraiser.

Clowns will once again be present at as many locations as possible. This year I would like to have the Clowns rotate among the different locations. Let's also park one of your motorized vehicles (Go-karts, Motorcycles, Motor Scooter, miniature autos or other vehicles) in front of the location.

I also will have the Imperial Exhibit trailer available at certain IHOP locations.

I will request a list of all volunteers and assign the locations to your Units, member & Clowns with one Noble in charge for each. It has been practical, in the past, to have three shifts to work the location. Remember, the Nobles will be inside and not in the weather; therefore our older Nobles can be of great benefit. It is imperative that your captains contact the manager at each location, in advance, to co-ordinate activities so as not to interfere with store operations.

This is another event that will support IHOP, Al Kaly Shrine & Shriners Hospitals for our Kids. We did very well last year, let us do better this year.

I will be notifying the Team Captains for each IHOP and request a list of Nobles for each shift.

Should you have questions, please contact me at:
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Dr. Ralph E. Hathaway
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Created: 11/26/55
Died: 10/07/08

Joseph E. Pierce, Durango, CO
Born: 04/22/18
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Died: 11/06/08

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Your Unit can also purchase a Calendar with the Al Kaly Transportation Fund, Dust, or your Unit as the winner of any funds. Again for less then .07¢ per day your Unit has an opportunity to help the Transportation Fund.

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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).

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Ruhamah Temple No. 71

- Daughters of the Nile



by Deborah Jordan
Past Queen

WOW – what a great turn out we had at Ruhamah Temple's Chocolate Tasting and Silent Auction. All attending seemed to have a great time bidding on items and enjoying all the "goodies". It was a fun and lively day.

The Auction team thanks everyone who attended, donated chocolate, non-chocolate desserts and items for the auction. We also wish to thank all of you who volunteered to help during the day. We could not have done it without you!!! Thank you so much.

Membership in Daughters of the Nile is open to all women 18 and over who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile. If you are interested in more information, please contact me, Deborah Jordan, PQ, at 531-6309.

Please Join Al Kaly Shrine for the 2009 Installation of Officers

NOBLES:

The Stated Meeting of Al Kaly Shrine for the Installation of Officers will be held on Friday, January 9, 2009, at:

**Pueblo Shrine Club
1501 McCulloch Blvd.
Pueblo West, Colorado.**

Reservations are required. Call the Al Kaly Shrine office (719-544-0658)

Dinner - 6:00pm / Stated Meeting - 7:30pm

Nobles are invited to join the ladies following Installation of Officers for socializing and refreshments.

LADIES:

A Ladies' Dinner will be held on Friday, January 9, 2009, at:

**Pueblo Clarion and Conference Center
4001 North Elizabeth
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Reservations are required. Please send your check for \$20.00 to the Al Kaly Shrine office for arrival no later than January 2, 2009. Your check is your reservation.

Mail to: Al Kaly Shrine ATTN: Ladies' Dinner
P.O. Box 193

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**Social Hour - 6:00 PM / Dinner Hour - 7:00 PM
Introductions - 8:00 PM**

Suggested attire for Friday evening is a cocktail dress or semi-formal or formal wear.

**Lodging for the evening of
Friday, January 9, 2009:**

Nobles and ladies wishing to stay at the Clarion need to make reservations. Call the Clarion no later than December 27, 2008 for room reservations. Be sure to indicate you are with Al Kaly Shrine for the special rate of \$59.00 + tax. Phone 719-543-8050

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If you are interested in learning more about making a gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children from your IRA or other giving opportunities, please contact the Office of Development. Consult your own attorney or tax advisor for more details and to determine if this manner of giving is appropriate for your situation.



CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

ELITE



*by Brian Bate
President*

Everyone had a great time at the Potentate's Official Visit for the Elite Unit. After our new officers were installed I was given the opportunity to address the Elite Members and the members of the Divan that were present. I was asked by Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner to share my goals with the Al Kaly Shrine.

A GOAL IS JUST A DREAM UNLESS YOU WRITE IT DOWN AND SHARE IT WITH THOSE INVOLVED.

My goals for the Elite Unit for the coming year:

More visibility for the Shriners. I asked everyone to consider inviting someone to a Shrine function. We have The Daughters of The Nile Silent Auction, the Mule Train has Fish Fry's and BBQ's during the year, monthly dinners at the Shrine Clubs, any of the Unit and Club's Dinner/Business Meetings and the list can go on and on. I personally try to take two friends to the Pueblo Shrine Club's monthly dinner meeting on the first Friday of each month. I always inform my Guests that I think they would make great Shriners and this is a chance for them to see what the Shriners are all about.

Get pictures hung in every Shrine Club that we have an Elite Member as a member of that Shrine Club. Our picture in the Colorado Springs Shrine Club is outdated and we do not have a picture in the Pueblo Shrine Club. If

From Bob Bills, Elite Past President

The December dinner and our Official Visit by Illustrious Potentate Bill Stoner and First Lady Rose turned out to be a great time for all at the Officers Club at



Peterson field. Many thanks to Illustrious Sir Jerry Sube and his Lady JoAnne and Illustrious Sir Bart and his lady Rosemary for hosting this legendary feast.

And, thanks to everyone that came out to ride in the parades and hosting the monthly dinner meetings during my year as President of the Elite. Looking back over the past year, it is quite apparent that the members of the ELITE really had a good time.

Congratulations to Brian Bate and his Lady Roberta for taking over the reins of President of the Elite and to Doc Hathaway for becoming the Vice President. Illustrious Sir Bart Guthrie still holds onto the job he loves so well, that of the ELITE Secretary/Treasurer.

The installation of those 2009 Officers was held during our Official Visit, and Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner, Potentate of the Al Kaly Shrine did the honors.

Once again - thanks to everyone for your support and help during my year as President of the Elite.

you look at the picture in the Colorado Springs Shrine Club and then look for that Unit in a parade, you will not see what's in the picture. The History of the picture is nice, but I feel that the unit pictures should reflect who we are today.

Take a unit picture at every parade. As a Unit, the Elite set up five dates to take a picture for the Cash Calendar. We could not get everyone together for the first four dates and our last chance was the Cripple Creek Parade, which was "weathered out". The Unit picture that I really want to get is at the Cripple Creek Veterans Appreciation Parade. The City Of Cripple Creek hangs a giant United States Flag over Main Street, and I want to get the entire Elite Unit, Ladies included, assembled under that flag for a picture.

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Wear our Fez to every Dinner/Business Meeting

Held in a Public Place. I'm sure that everyone has been to a restaurant where a group of people were sitting together having a good time. Most of the time we never know who these people are or what they represent. But if the men in that group are wearing Fez's, then there is no doubt as to who they are and what they represent.

Take a group

picture at every Dinner/Business Meeting.

I plan on having a group picture taken at every Dinner/Business Meeting. I will then send a copy of that picture and a Thank You card to the restaurant where we held our meeting. And I know that most of those restaurants will hang that picture and card in a visible place in the restaurant. Every little bit of public exposure we get will help.



Have the Unit Participate in the Annual Bikers

Toy Run. There is a Bikers Toy Run held in Pueblo on the first Saturday of December and in Colorado Springs on the second Saturday in December. The bikers strap a new boxed toy on their bikes, ride through town on a designated route, and then donate the



toy at the end of the ride. The

toys are then distributed to needy kids. I have watched the bikers ride down Northern Avenue in Pueblo. It's a pretty impressive site to watch the "Rolling Thunder" go by. I will be asking the Elite to participate in the Toy Runs. It may be impressive to see all those motorbikes in a parade, but it will be more impressive to see a few red Fez's in the middle of all those "big bad bikers."

The most important goal, HAVE FUN!

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HONDA PATROL

The Honda Patrol had their annual Christmas Party at K Bob's in Canon City where they elected and IS Bill Stoner installed a new slate of officers for 2009: President, Warren Fox; VP, Rod Brown; and Sec/Treasurer, Tom Young.

The Honored Ladies gave gifts of candy in clever boxes to all that attended and President Warren Fox gave a lovely scent diffuser to the ladies present. The unit also gave a very generous gift to the Al Kaly Shriner General Fund. As always the food was good and the company excellent.

The Honda Patrol will again host a lunch at the Elk's Lodge after the Apple Blossom Parade, which kicks off the 2009 Parade Season. The Honda Patrol has continued their successful guns shows and thanks all who have supported them in their shows. After some discussion, it was determined that the unit would review the monthly meetings and may vary the dates to a bi-monthly schedule.



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BAND

-NORM CHURCHILL, PRESIDENT

by *Don Johnson*

Within the Al Kaly Band, we have, and are working on, several groups. A dance band is now rehearsing, and hopefully, a Dixieland band will soon form.

One of the active groups which we have is a German Band, keeping busy throughout the year. We played for a Pueblo Eastern Star meeting, and for the Al Kaly Golf Tournament.

We also played for several non-Shrine organizations for their Octoberfests. At each of our appearances, we are given the opportunity to introduce the Band, and to present information concerning the philanthropy of the Shrine, that of our hospitals for crippled and burned children.

That information, combined with our excellent musical entertainment, opened many eyes, favorable for the Shrine.

Join our Band! Be a part of our endeavor.

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

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

Pueblo Shrine Club

January 9, 2009

Dinner: 6:30pm

Meeting: 7:30pm

Attest:

Bart Guthrie, P.P.

Recorder

Bill Stoner

Potentate

LEGION OF HONOR

-COMMANDER BILLY SWARTZ PC

by *James W. Rawlings, PC*

The legion is proud to announce the appointment of Noble Harry Kirkwood, PC, to the status of Emeritus Member of the Al Kaly Legion of Honor. Harry will join seven other active emeritus members currently serving in the legion. His long and dedicated service in various positions of responsibility made Harry an outstanding candidate to join this distinguished group.

The Cash Calendar Fundraiser is showing progress. We urge all of our members to get out and sell as many calendars as possible between now and the end of the year. The calendar sales not only support the unit and Al Kaly in general, they also give the purchaser an opportunity to win prize money. It really could be one of those something for everybody things. The sales could offset the loss of revenue that the legion will sustain as a result of discontinuing the October Spaghetti Dinner.

The legion will perform a Flag Folding Ceremony at the Al Kaly Stated Meeting on December 19th. If you have not seen this ceremony it is truly a moving experience and well worth your time to come out and watch the performance.

The legion is still seeking members. If you are active military or honorably discharged veteran seeking an Al Kaly unit to affiliate with we invite you to try the legion. We meet at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club monthly, on the second Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

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CLOWNS OF AL KALY

by Jim "Skeeters" Gibson
Boss Clown

On a beautiful snowy December night, the Clowns, their Ladies and guests enjoyed a very nice evening at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. It was our annual Christmas Party where the new officers are sworn in and recognition is given to our fellow clowns for special achievement during the year. All members of the Elective Divan and their Ladies were there to share in the fun of the evening.

Our Officers for 2008, Boss Clown Dave (Reboot) Bills-Lady Rose, Vice Boss Clown Jim (Skeeter)-Lady Lorraine, Note Taker-Scott (Popo) Hall-Lady Melody, and Craig Sparks-Lady Christina were thanked for the great job they did leading the Unit through the year.

The Officers for 2009, Nobles Jim Gibson, Scott Hall and Craig Sparks moving up and Jim Burger becoming the new Money Watcher, were all sworn in by Illustrious Sir Bill "Sweet William" Stoner.

Fourteen (14) members of the Unit were recognized for Community Service appearances, with some clowns making as many as ten (10) Community Service appearances. Overall, the Clowns made over two hundred and fifty (250) clown appearances during the year 2008.

The final award of the evening was the "Clown of the Year" which is always kept very secret until award time. This year the award went to a Clown that's nearing his thirty-three year mark with Clowns. This past year he had ten (10) Community Service events as part of his forty-five (45) clown appearances. The award this year goes to Illustrious Sir Bob "Nickels" Burr with a lot of credit going to his Lady Betty who makes all of his outfits and supports him all along the way. In place of the standard plaque, this year's award was a very good caricature of Nickels and some of his antics, done by Bill Crowley.

The clowns look forward to seeing you in the parades or along the parade route as they venture out to entertain you all.

For more photos of the Appreciation Event, the Nomad's Christmas Party, the Mule Train Breakfast, the Elite OV and the Motorcycle Escort Christmas Party visit <http://gallery.mac.com/rlbills> and <http://gallery.me.com/tomleucht>



The Motorcycle Escort welcomed new members Allan and Lorraine Keller (above) as well as new board members secretary treasurer Tim Carson, vice president Rob Carson, and president Mark Pesut (center image). At bottom, outgoing president Fred Kiger with incoming president Mark Pesut.

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AL KALY NOMADS

by Roger Mendenhall
Wagon Master

Nobles, ladies, and friends, winter is definitely upon us. Most of our rigs are in storage or have traveled to their winter homes in the warm south. On Sunday, December 7th, thirty-four members met at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club for our annual Christmas party and Installation of Officers. Illustrious Sir Bill Stoner did the honor of swearing in our new officers who are as follows: Roger Mendenhall - Wagon Master, Raymond Clark - 1st Assistant Wagon Master, Tom Holmes - 2nd Assistant Wagon Master, and Tony Archuletta - Secretary/Treasurer.

Noble Ron Yerkey, outgoing Wagon Master, and Lady Pat organized this festive event. Tables were decorated with pots of flowers hand painted by Pat (her gift to each lady). The paintings depicted mountain scenes with covered wagons and the 2008 year date. These unique keepsakes delighted the ladies. For dinner, Suzette Megyeri from Bambinos served a delicious prime rib entree ending with a fruit cobbler and ice cream dessert. Thanks to Ron and Pat



Top: Installation of 2009 Nomad Officers by Ill. Sir Bill Stoner
Bottom Left: Scenes from the Nomads' Christmas party
Bottom Right: 2008 Wagon Master Ron Yerkey and Lady Pat receiving a gift of appreciation from the Nomads



for putting together such a wonderful party. At the end, a special presentation was made to them by the Nomads for all their hard work. They received a covered wagon (lighted) on a wooden base with a plaque commemorating a great year.

Our January meeting will be at the new IHOP restaurant in Colorado Springs at the corner of Stetson Hills and Powers (5749 Stetson Hills Blvd.) on Saturday, the 24th from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. You may order from the menu, which features a wide variety of foods to choose from. IHOP restaurants have been very supportive of Al Kaly Shrine, and this helps us show our appreciation. It will be our planning meeting for the year's activities, so we encourage everyone to attend.

Last, but not least, thanks again to Ron and Pat Yerkey for their work this past year. If you are interested in joining this friendly group, contact an officer or any member. We look forward to more good times in 2009.

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The evening of December 12th, 2008, marked the night of our annual Christmas Party, Induction of Officers, and gift exchange.

Upon opening the meeting, Ace Hall read the minutes from our last meeting, conducted some other business and turned the meeting over to Dean Dooley who swore in the officers. Two of the Ladies, Lynd Jeter and Jane Jaeger, had spent hours the evening before decorating our meeting room and it was beautiful, festive and inviting.

Thanks, girls! Our dinner was catered and was very tasty, with plenty to eat and the members provided some delicious desserts. The evening was topped off with a performance by the local teen group, Encore. These energetic kids sang and danced to a variety of traditional Christmas songs, with a special tribute to our own Art Lemmon's 94th birthday.



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KALYKLOWNS

by Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan
Correspondent

The Kalyklowns have been continuing their hospital visits in December and have also participated in the Parade of Lights in Pueblo West on December 6. The weather was somewhat colder, but the parade was shorter.

On December 7, we enjoyed our annual Christmas party at Zipper's Bar in the Union District with a delicious turkey dinner. This year we raised just short of \$155 in our annual White Elephant Auction, which has become a tradition for our unit.

Ill. Sir William Sheard, PP and Lady Irene were on hand with Ill. Sir Sheard officiating as installing officer for the installation of our new officers for the year 2009. We wish to thank Ill. Sir Sheard for his assistance.

Noble Vern Wolf, who served as President of the unit for the last two years, was congratulated for his appointment as Hospital Coordinator for the Clown Therapy Program, which was initiated by his efforts two years ago.

We continue to offer support to the temple with our calendar sales and sales of advertisements for The Dust. We wish to extend our support to Noble Ron "Rosee" Crawford and his staff for the coming year, and hope to make this another excellent year for the Kalyklowns.

AL KALY MULE TRAIN

by Noble Jim Johnson
President

We have new officers for 2009:

President: Noble Jim Johnson

Vice Pres: Noble L. D. Younts

Sec / Treas: Noble Allan Ake

Backup S/T: Noble Ray Clark, PhD



The Board is already planning the parades we can attend in our support of the new Potentate, one of our own, Ill Sir (to be) Thomas C. Holmes. We are looking forward to having a great year.

The cash calendars are selling well, thanks to the efforts of many, but especially Nobles: Bob Colegrove, L. D. Younts, Ray Clark, and PP Dan Neu. Noble Clark coordinated sales at the I-Hop restaurants in both Colorado Springs and Pueblo on a series of Wednesdays and Saturdays. Remember to patronize these places for a top notch breakfast such as we put on at the Mule Train. They've been very kind to Al Kaly.

We had a great Christmas Party, coordinated by Mule Train's 2008 First Lady Carol Krutzke. Gender neutral gifts were exchanged. Of all the parties during this season to be jolly, this was one of the best. Thanks Lady Carol.

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