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Ill. Sir Allan Ake and Lady Linda Agresta Thank the Nobles and Ladies of Al Kaly for their Support during the 2011 Year



This Issue's Highlights:

Featured Member: Our Founding Fathers ▲ A Christmas Treat for Shriner Hospital Children
Night with the PBR ▲ Shriner Child Ian Tang ▲ East-West Shrine Game ▲ and More!

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Ill. Sir Allan Ake
Potentate



TIME FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

Nobles and Ladies, I've been honored and blessed to serve as the Al Kaly Potentate for 2011.

I've seen some great and wonderful things, worked with, and met, some great and wonderful people. It's time for me to move on and for Gary Sears to take the helm. Many of the Clubs and Units will change leadership as well.

So for me, an additional honor was to install the officers-elect of a number of clubs/units to their new positions for 2012. My Lady Linda and I travelled to Salida for the Mon-Ark Shrine Club Christmas party where I was fortunate to install Bob McCormick as President, Monty Pike as Vice President, Edward Kinzie as Secretary, and Jerry Long as Treasurer. Jim Stivers was, as always, a terrific Santa Claus, along with Mrs. Claus aka Cindy. An additional bonus, of course, was that we celebrated Christmas with some of the aforementioned great and wonderful people.

Later in the month at the Potentate's Motor Escort



Potentate Elect Gary Sears and Lady Donna hold their first team meeting following the elections of officers for 2012. Nobles and Ladies were able to order shirts and jackets for 2012, hear about the Potentate's Trip and socialize with other team members.

OV, I installed Jim Gilbert as President, Hiram Leza as Vice President, and Tim Carson as Secretary/Treasurer. What an honor for me it was to end one year and begin another by installing such high caliber Nobles into office.

I wish you all a wonderful, successful, prosperous, and fun-filled 2012!

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THANK YOU!

by Linda Agresta

Thank you for a terrific 2011! Thank you for a year filled with the most wonderful memories:

- Fun OV's all year long
- Trips to some of our Blue Lodges
- Dinners in our outlying areas
- Emailing pictures of India
- Two successful Ceremonial & Luncheons
- Parades!
- The Ball (and being treated like a princess)



- Riding an elephant :)
- Imperial and INSHP in Denver
- Fun fundraisers (Al Kaly, Nile, Mule Train, and others)
- Central States in Overland Park, KS
- New Orleans and a relaxing cruise
- And too much more to list!

Thank you for understanding when I had to travel for business or to help my parents. Thank you for your steadfast and continuing support. Thank you for everything.

And now I leave you with this parting thought from Albert Einstein: **"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving!"**

Linda

And always,
LIVE - LAUGH - LOVE

Remember that dividing the task multiplies the fun!



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Featured Member

Our Founding Fathers

Billy and Walter's Dream

by *Glenda Terrill*

The other night I found myself across the table from the most unusual man—a popular actor and Mason, yet a man most reachable and interesting. His name is William Jermyn Conlin, more commonly known as William J. “Billy” Florence. Billy told me about an organization he and his friend Dr. Walter Fleming had begun and which was growing rapidly. Their Masonic friends had wanted a new club where they could bring their lady-friends and wives and enjoy good times and a tip of the glass or two. These Masons pitched in with ideas; however, Walter did most of the work. He winked at me with that comment but explained his acting career had kept him busy touring in the United States and abroad while the foundations were set to paper. Walter is known for his imagination and highly colored descriptions and used this gift to create the theme, costumes and ritual of this new group.

In asking the common questions I find Billy was born July 26, 1831 in Albany, New York. He was made a Mason October 12, 1853, a member of Mount Moriah Lodge Number 155 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a year later went into Zerubbabel Chapter Number 162, and then into Pittsburgh Commandery Number 1 that same year. Wait...did he say 1831? I'll get that corrected here in just a minute. Billy relates a short time after the conferring of these degrees he left for Europe on a working vacation where he was filming his latest movie. During his time in France and Algiers he visited several local organizations where men of like mind joined for the fellowship and contemporary entertainment they provided. It was these organizations which, just a few years ago, gave

him the idea for the “Club” his friends wanted.

At age 40 on April 16, in a Special Communication of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, he was proposed, received, referred for investigation, immediately favorably reported upon and elected. At this meeting he remembers he was considered an actor by trade and called the Metropolitan Hotel home. On June 16 Noble Florence and Noble Fleming conferred the first degrees of their new organization—they call it the “Shrine”—on four Knights Templar and seven Consistory members. They became the first members of Gotham Temple, later to be renamed Mecca Temple, which was then chartered September 26, 1872. 1872?? I've got to get this figured out.

When he was 46, on April 21, William Conlin had the degrees of the Scottish Rite “up to and including the Thirty-second Degree” conferred on him. This was done by Brother Charles McClenachan, a member bearing the Thirty-third Degree title, and a close friend of his. He speaks highly of Brother McClenachan as an upstanding Mason and a friend. The pomp and circumstance of this occasion took place in the elegantly appointed Metropolitan Hotel in New York City which Conlin, aka Florence, still called home at that time.

Noble Conlin/Florence is proud of having conferred the Degrees of this new “Shrine” on Noble Sam Briggs who later became Potentate of Al Ivoran Temple for the 25 years '76 to '01 and Imperial Potentate from '86 to '99.

As Dr. Fleming was not able to be with us Billy began to tell me about him. Walter was born June 13, 1838 in Portland, Maine. He was a well loved and well known doctor who joined the Masons February of '69 in Rochester, New York, Rochester Lodge 660. When he moved to New York City and joined Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection he also joined the Consistory; that was May of '71. Dr. Fleming was honored with the Thirty-third degree in September '72. In April of '72 he had been elected Eminent Commander and was re-elected for four consecutive years. On the founding of Gotham (Mecca) Temple, Dr. Fleming was installed as Potentate and remained as such through '87. When the Imperial Grand Council was created in June 1876 (there's that 1800 again) Dr. Fleming became the first Grand Imperial Potentate. Later the “Grand” was dropped and the titles became “Imperial” and “Imperial Potentate”.

Billy became quieter as he told me about his untimely death at the age of 60 while at the Continental Hotel in Philadelphia, November 19, 1891. His Catholic wife had last rites performed by the priest of St. Agnes Church although he was later buried next to his mother in plots he had purchased many years before in the Protestant Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. Billy says Dr. Fleming has also died. This occurred at Mount Vernon, New York, September of



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1913 and he is buried there in Kensico Cemetery.

I shook my head sharply trying to sort this out and woke myself up. Now I know why he kept saying 1831 and 1867 and I understand how he knew the details of his own death. But it was a wonderful dream; I mean, how many people have had coffee with the founder of the original Ancient and Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine? And... was it coincidence or did those two men intentionally name the order so the first letters of its proper name "AAONMS" when re-arranged spell "A MASON"?

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Basketball Tournament

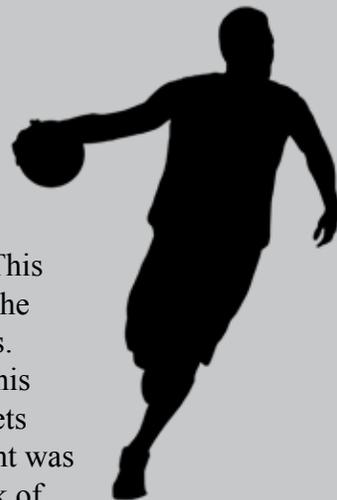
by Ill. Sir Allan Ake

The sound of basketballs thudding on the court; basketball shoes squeaking as the players cut right and left; the clock running down to GAME TIME; the audience's rumble of conversation. These are the sights and sounds of the Massari Arena at the CSU-Pueblo campus during the two-day 28th Al Kaly 2011 Basketball Tournament.

The tournament showcased four top college men's teams and three college women's teams. The tournament is a great opportunity for these young athletes to compete and a great opportunity for the fans to watch some wonderful competition. Of course, it is also a great opportunity for Al Kaly Shriners, Nobles

and Ladies to talk to the fans about the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals. We had many clowns in attendance and a good showing of Nobles and Ladies. This was a win-win-win situation for the college, the Shrine, and the teams.

The stands were packed this year and a record number of tickets were sold. This year's tournament was a huge success thanks to the work of Guy Hammerland, Tournament Chair, his entire team, both Clown Units, all Shriner attendees, and Lady Glenda Terrill, who ran the hospitality room. This was a great fundraiser and fun-raiser.



A Letter from NOBLE GUY HAMMERLAND

December 15, 2011

You know that there is so much going on throughout the year, that there are some times that we need to just slow down and take a look at what we have accomplished and yes, beat the drum a little.

We have just gotten over the basketball tournament, and this turned out to be one of the most successful tournaments that we have ever had.

You need to pat yourselves on the back for what was accomplished on behalf of the Shrine. We raised more than \$10,000 in just this one event. Great job everyone, because this could not have been done without your support and participation.

The program was put together by IS Bob Burr, who did an outstanding job along with all the units that purchased and sold advertising space. We actually ran out of programs as we just exceeded our attendance each day. In fact, CSU-Pueblo ran out of tickets that were preprinted for the games. What a great situation to be in. This is the first year that CSU-Pueblo will actually owe us part of the gate receipts as the attendance was that large.

Yes, there is a lot to be thankful over this Christmas and New Year's, and let's make 2012 even better. Get involved and participate... make your plans for 2012.





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| 1 | Office Closed, New Year's Day | 15 | OV, Legion of Honor |
| 6 | Annual Meeting/Installation of Officers | 16 | MLK Day, Office Closed |
| 7 | Team Breakfast Meeting | 19 | Visit South Pueblo # 31 |
| 12 | Visit Silver State #95 Lodge | 21 | East West Shrine Bowl |
| 13 | Al Kaly Shrine Night with the PBR | 26 - 28 | Grand Lodge |

FEBRUARY

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|----|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 11 | Al Kaly 2012 Trip Presentation | 26 | OV, Past Masters |
| 12 | Nile High Tea | 25-28 | Shrine Recorder's Association Seminar, San Diego |
| 20 | President's Day, Office Closed | | |

CALLING IN THE HOGS 2012!

by Gary Sears
Chief Rabban

We are going to have another pig roast in 2012. We have new banks, a nice red color for 2012; however, your old purple bank will work for admission. I have the new banks now, so get yours before we run out, we have a limited supply of banks!

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.
- In the fall of 2012, we will be "Calling in the Hogs" to

- collect the change that you have saved for Al Kaly. We will have a party with great food and fellowship to celebrate "Calling in the Hogs." J.D. Potter will again roast the pig.
- 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 will 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, 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!"

A Message from the Imperial Potentate



Greetings my fellow Nobles,

As I write this message, I am on the Imperial Potentate European Holiday Riverboat Cruise, along with 60 other Shriners and their Ladies, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees Doug Maxwell and his wife Patricia. The cruise is a 15-day journey from Amsterdam to Vienna; we observe historical sites, visit Christmas markets and take sightseeing tours. So far, the trip has been an enjoyable cultural experience and I have appreciated the chance to meet new Nobles from all over the country. If there is one thing Europeans are learning about Shriners, it is that we sure know how to have fun!

Speaking of international travels, this past month I visited Emirat Shriners in Heidelberg, Germany, and participated in their ceremonial. New officers were installed and 10 new Nobles were created. Our new brothers were from locations all over Europe; having a temple there has increased interest in our fraternity in that region. It is great to see so many Shriners coming together to form new units and demonstrate their passion for the fraternity.

As I mentioned in my previous message, at the invitation of the International Association Legions of Honor, I went to the Arlington National Cemetery for the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Participating in the ceremony was an honor that only happens once in a lifetime. I have had many wonderful experiences so far as Imperial Potentate; this one definitely ranks at the top.

While I was in Chicago for the Joint Board meetings, I visited the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Wis. This is probably not groundbreaking news to many of you, but I have a bit of a thing for motorcycles. Our bus was escorted by the Medinah motor patrol and the Illinois/Wisconsin police. I had a fantastic time at the museum and the Medinah Shriners could not have been better hosts.

In a little over a month, I look forward to seeing all of you in St. Petersburg, Fla. for the 87th East-West Shrine Game®. I am extremely excited because this year there will be several opportunities for fraternity involvement. To purchase tickets, please visit www.shrinegame.com/Tickets.

Another big event coming up is the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade. Shriners Hospitals for Children® National Patient Ambassador Kate Hickman will be one of the representatives on our float, which is entitled "Soaring for Kids." The parade will be a great opportunity to inform millions about the life-changing work done at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Nobles around the Pasadena area, please come out to decorate the float and support us. If you cannot make the trip, make sure you are in front of your television on Monday, January 2!

(Imperial, continued from page 11)

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2011 IN REVIEW

by Gary Sears
Chief Rabban

Time sure flies when you are having fun, and we have fun and help kids at Al Kaly. The year went by so quickly, one week the temperature was 100 degrees in Pueblo and suddenly we have snow!

Al Kaly had another great year in 2011. A new club was formed, the Trinidad Shrine Club. This is great news for the Nobles in the Trinidad area and for Al Kaly. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Buenos restaurant in Trinidad. Thank you, Nobles and Ladies of Trinidad, for your leadership in starting this new club. It will be an asset for the Trinidad community and for Al Kaly!

We also tried something new this year as a fun event, Callin' in the Hogs! Remember you saved your change in the purple piggy banks, and that was your admission to a pig roast cooked by J.D. Potter. The event was very successful. Keep saving your change; we are doing it again in 2012!

We attended Imperial Session in Denver and Imperial Sir Mike Severe, from Denver, CO, was elected as our Imperial Potentate. We had a great time at CSSA in Overland Park, Kansas.

We attended numerous parades, dinners, OV's, and other events, and at each event we had a great time and met many new friends. Thanks to all of you for your hospitality and friendship.

Nobles, thank you very much for your confidence in electing me as your Potentate for 2012. Your confidence, support and friendship through the years is very much appreciated.

Happy New Year! Thanks again for your support and we will see you at the fun events in 2012! Remember to support your local lodge.



THANK YOU ALL FOR STEPPING UP

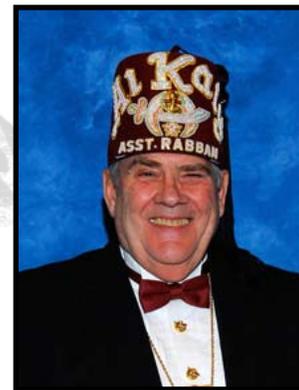
by Roger Mendenhall
Assistant Rabban

Nobles, Ladies, and Honored Ladies, another year has flown by. It has been my honor to represent you and Al Kaly throughout this fantastic year. Your board has worked great together under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Allan Ake. Thanks to Lady Linda for her friendship and leadership to all the Al Kaly family.

Our fundraisers have done well because of your support for your Southern Colorado Shrine. I want to personally thank you for always stepping up when asked. Also, my phone is always open if you have any questions about what your board and I do to lead our Shrine.

My Lady Karen has been my support and helper throughout this and every year of our 43 year marriage. She enjoys helping all the Shrine groups. We both feel that being part of the Al Kaly family has greatly enriched our lives.

Finally, I want to wish each and everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2012.



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THE END OF ONE YEAR, THE START OF ANOTHER

by *Merv Terrill*
High Priest and Prophet



As you are reading this, we have just finished Elections for the 2012 Officers, and another Shrine year is coming to an end, and another great year is about to start. My walker and I made the Stated Meeting, but was I ever happy it was a short one.

I'd like to thank everyone for the visits, gifts, calls, cards and prayers during my recent surgery and ongoing convalescence. Of all the visitors I had in the hospital, only two were not Shriners or their family; it really makes you appreciate how great the Shriners really are. One of the clowns even brought me a bike bell for my walker ... and I have successfully driven Lady Glenda nuts with it!!

With the surgery I have been pretty much home bound and have little input on things that have happened recently. But, I know the other members of the Board of Directors have it well in hand and are doing the very best for our Temple.

Remember Calendars make great Christmas gifts—four of our last year's gifts won something this year!!

Again, please check your dues card, to assure they are current and contact IS Bart if it is not.

The Merriest of Christmases and a wonderful 2012 both in the Shrine and in your home, from my Lady Glenda and myself.

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE/ INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given that a Stated Meeting/Election of Officers will be held as follows:

Pueblo Shrine Club
January 6, 2012
Dinner: 6:30pm / Meeting: 7:30pm

Attest:
Bart Guthrie, P.P. Allan Ake
Recorder Potentate

RAFFLE CALENDARS

by *J.D. Potter*
Oriental Guide



This year, the office distributed the entire stock of Raffle calendars by the first week in December. It is great to see this much participation this year. But, as with most good things, we have a small problem, there are some clubs and units that need more calendars. So, if you have picked up more than you can sell, please get them back to the office so they can be redistributed.

I am also requesting that the clubs and units get the proceeds from the calendar sales back to the office in a timely manner.

My Lady Stacey and I would like to thank all of the Shriners and their Ladies for making us feel welcome at all of the meetings, OV's and Shrine functions that we have attended this year, and we look forward to meeting more of you and enjoying this fellowship in 2012.



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Where sorrow is no more
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And peace is everywhere
We do not lose the ones we love
God takes them in his care.
These we do not forget."*

William B. Abbott, Louisville, KY
Born: April 25, 1921
Created: February 11, 1978
Died: November 7, 2011

Charles M. Law, Colorado Springs, CO
Born: July 6, 1939
Created: June 12, 1971
Died: November 6, 2011

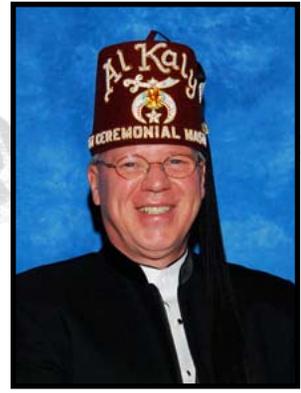
Leland L. Logan, Pueblo, CO
Born: October 10, 1926
Created: November 29, 1988
Died: November 5, 2011

Jack I. Paap, Colorado Springs, CO
Born: September 19, 1930
Created: April 17, 1993
Died: November 10, 2011

Ronald A. Robbins, Pueblo West, CO
Born: December 20, 1937
Created: September 6, 1986
Died: November 30, 2011

ANOTHER YEAR IS ALREADY OVER?

by **Jim Eaches**
First Ceremonial Master



Greetings:

The second Ceremonial for the year is over and congratulations are in order for all the new Nobles who have safely crossed the Hot Sand of the Desert. We wish all of you the best Al Kaly Shrine has to offer and hope you will become active in a unit or club. There are so many activities that one could not possibly be bored, and if you have an idea for a new unit or social function, please do not hesitate to bring your ideas forward.

It is truly hard to believe that another year is almost over, where does the time go? As the 1st Ceremonial Master for the year, this was a very busy one and has been filled with many memorable moments. It doesn't take long to think back over the past months about places my Lady Rosa and I have traveled to and all the new Nobles and their Ladies that we have met along the way. This alone is priceless. Although one year comes to an end, the New Year is right around the corner and the activities keep rolling along. We still have the Children's Christmas Party along with the arrival of Santa. Now this is an event to behold, you have all these children in one big room, clowns making balloon sculptures, tons of cookies and candy and the anticipation that Santa is going to arrive at any moment. What can be more exciting than that? And then for those who don't have any little ones there, we get to dream about how full of energy they are when they go home. Imagine all those children with elevated sugar levels and the happiness of just seeing Santa and getting a new gift. My, my, to sit back on the recliner and just imagine those busy households. That's a Hallmark Moment.

Lady Rosa and I wish to thank everyone for the support they have given the Divan over this past year. No one individual can do it alone. It takes all the Nobles, their Ladies and let us not forget the Honored Ladies to make a great Shrine and I believe Al Kaly Shrine is Great! So, as the well read Christmas book states, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Goodnight.

Yours in Shrinedom, Jim

MY PERSONAL THANK YOU

by *Larry Newman*
Treasurer

I can't believe it's almost 2012 as I write this article. The last three years have gone by so fast.

Being the Treasurer for Al Kaly has been a wonderful experience for me and Lady Mary. We've had the opportunity to meet more of the great Nobles and Ladies who make up Al Kaly, and we've had a lot of fun with you. I hope that I will continue to see you in our travels around the Al Kaly area.

I want to extend my personal "Thank you!" to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and resources to Al Kaly. I've seen first-hand how much effort the Divan members put into our Shrine. I have an even greater respect for what they do for Al Kaly. I also understand much better what the Past Potentates did while they were coming through the line, as well as what many of them still do for us and our fraternity. I've seen even more of what the Nobility and their Ladies do for Al Kaly around the state. Again, my thanks to all of you for all that you do. It has been, and will continue to be, my distinct pleasure to work and play in your company.

I'll still be around. Three Putt is hoping to see you on the streets!



MORE NUTS AND BOLTS

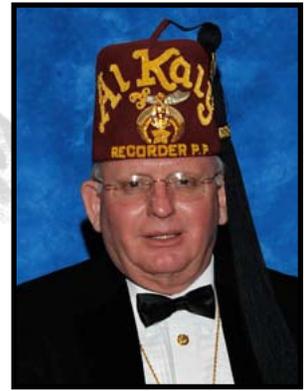
by *Bart Guthrie, P.P.*
Recorder

Calendars. All calendars for 2012 have been checked out by units and clubs. We are not printing more so we have established a waiting list... and it's first come, first served. If for some reason you have calendars that you know won't be sold, please turn them in to the Office so we can re-distribute them.

Reservations. Nobles showing up for Stated Meeting dinners without reservations, remains a problem. We don't want to turn anyone away, so we order extra meals. Sometimes we don't order enough extra meals and we have an unhappy Noble. Sometimes we order too many meals, and then we have to pay for them, which is not a good use of Al Kaly's money. If you are attending a function, please make a reservation. If you make a reservation and later discover you will not attend, please cancel the reservation.

Fez strips and ladders. With the beginning of a new year, some Nobles don't have fez strips and name badge ladders. If you have a strip or ladder that you will not be using, please turn it in to the Office.

With all that said, let's have a great 2012!!!



(Imperial, continued from page 7)

Now that the holiday season is coming up, it is a good time to sit back and reflect about what is truly important in life. For me the answer is family. Throughout our fraternity's history, Shriners have been known to take great pride in being exemplary husbands and fathers. I hope every Noble uses the holidays as an opportunity to focus on family and cherish the special moments you have with them.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year.
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The Al Kaly Shrine Transportation Fund is in need of a financial boost.

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

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

Support the Al Kaly Shrine Transportation Fund. Send your donation to: Al Kaly Shrine -P.O. Box 193, Pueblo Colorado 81002. A date will be posted behind each name indicating the year and month of your last donation.

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Bill Stoner by Ann Delancey (1/12)
Jay Barrilleaux by John & Jayne Gnad (1/12)
John Parrish by Gale & Shirley Parrish (12/11)
John Parrish by Swede & Olga Hanson (12/11)
John Parrish by Jerry & Midge Swink (12/11)
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Shirley Allen by Bob & Phyllis (11/11)
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by Rose Enyeart

Changing the world one child at a time is the Shriner way of doing things. Work with a child and help that child reach his/her highest potential. We do this as part of the Shriner Mission and yet, I met a family that is doing the same thing, changing the world one child at a time.

I had the pleasure of meeting Heather and Tom Tang on the Christmas Cog Railway train that was sponsored by PP Earl and Lady Shelia Aldrich's niece, Debbie, in early December. Tom

and Heather brought four of their children to see Santa and to ride the cog railway. Ella and Ian, the two youngest children, were adopted from China. Krista Pearman and Emilie were part of the dance class that the girls were in. Krista told Heather about the Shriners and their ability to help children with special needs. When investigating a second adoption, Heather saw the Shriner Hospitals listed on the websites of agencies that help a child who may have special needs.

Ian, who joined the Tang family at three and a half years old, is our Shriner Child. Before he was adopted, he had his first cleft palate surgery in China. Cleft palate requires multiple surgeries depending on the severity of the problem. He still has to have repairs done to his mouth, and a bone graft and orthodontia in the future. He started the journey to reach his fullest health potential with the Los Angeles Shrine Hospital. Tom and Ian took the first visit to the LA Hospital about a year ago where they met with Dr. McGee. He discussed a treatment plan that would correct Ian's nose to allow for better breathing and function. Last summer, Heather and Ian made a trip to start the surgeries that will be needed.

The first surgery was minor, but it was also the most painful part of his long list of surgeries. It required precision and a stint to be placed in his nose. It was painful and Ian managed to handle the pain pretty well. His nose will take about a year to heal to the place where it doesn't bother him. What impressed Heather so much was the fact that Dr. McGee drew pictures and explained the procedure carefully. He gave them his cell phone number and asked for frequent contact complete with pictures when they returned home. Heather and Ian were given a room in the hospital to sleep in so that he would be available for surgery first thing in the morning.



Ian Tang and his family enjoying a trip on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, courtesy of the Shriners (see page 14 for more details).

The love that surrounded Ian in the hospital from the staff was comforting and very real. With Dr. McGee directing them on the phone, Heather and Tom removed the stint after ten days.

Because Ian has a history of ear infections, he has a hearing loss that will be corrected with surgery once they are sure that his ear infections are under control. There is no nerve damage, so repairing his eardrum will restore his hearing, which will be done as soon as possible to develop his language. Currently Ian attends preschool

where he has speech therapy. Once his eardrum is repaired, his hearing loss will not be a barrier to his speech. When we remember that Ian didn't speak English when he came to his family, we marvel at the miracles that can happen in this world. He is a typical inquisitive boy who was able to love and accept love from a family far from what he had known. He recently discovered his older brother's Legos and has become a master builder. Ian moves with the speed of light as he entertains us with his remembrances of the trip to the hospital and the trip to see Santa on the Cog railway. The best part of that trip was the goodie bag, cookies, hot chocolate, the huge Christmas tree and, of course, Santa.

What an amazing family the Tangs have. It is so remarkable that they listened to their hearts when they wondered about adoption. They were led to help other children thrive and to guide and love these children. It is always a joy to meet the children and families and know that the Shrine does truly make the world better, one child at a time. We are so blessed to have this opportunity to be part of an organization that believes in and performs miracles.

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A Christmas Treat for Shriner Hospital Children

by Rose Enyeart

December 3, a car on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway was filled with Shriner Hospital Children and their families. They went up the mountain looking for Santa and his helpers. Actually we had some helpers in the car: elves, the elf King, Mrs. Santa, who had baked cookies for us, a singing troubadour, a toy soldier, and other helpers. A wonderful man told us about the 120 year old railway and pointed out sights as we went along. The weather was brisk, the car heated, the scenery outstanding, and the company was delightful. The tickets for this trip were provided by IS Earl Aldrich's niece, Debbie, and all who attended are indebted to her for her kindness. There were ten families and lots of kids who enjoyed singing, coloring and getting hugs from Mrs. Santa.



When we were more than half way up the mountain, Santa's North Pole came into view. Mrs. Santa's cookies, hot chocolate, a face painter, more elves and helpers, and Jolly Old Santa himself were there waiting for us. Santa spoke with every child and not only checked on the behavior of the children, but reminded them to be grateful for their families and their blessings. He chatted with each child, posed for pictures and was very impressive to the little ones.

On the way back down the mountain, Santa read "The Night Before Christmas" and when he had finished he brought the book to where each child was seated so they could see the pictures and have him tell it again.

At the end of our trip, all the children were given goodie bags and warm wishes from the helpers and elves who met the car. It was a grand time and the children and their families won't forget the Shrine for this wonderful opportunity.

Shriners members and friends are so special.



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by Sherry Holmes
Queen



Queen Sherry Holmes

Happy New Year everyone! 2012...that will take some getting used to! As I reflect back on the year 2011, I have many fond memories.

Ruhamah Temple No 71 is a wonderful organization for the Ladies of Shriners, Master Masons and Daughters of the Nile. We, as Ladies of the Household, have a bond of love, friendship, pride and accomplishment. Our love is for the organization, friendships that are made every day, pride in what we do and the accomplishment of the work and support that we are able to give the children at Shrine Hospitals.

Without each and every one of you, we could not be as successful. Your support is momentous.

2011 had its struggles, just like Al Kaly. Sadly, we mourn the loss of several of our Ladies of the Household. They will be missed. Our membership is down and costs are going up everywhere. However, we proudly accepted six members into our Temple. For that, we are grateful and we have several waiting in the wings for the Ceremonial that is to be held on January 23rd. Yeah!

May this coming New Year be the start to even greater things: good health, good friendships, more people wanting to join our great organizations, and prosperity for all!

God Bless each and every one of you and our great Country.

Membership November 30, 2011

Starting:	886
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Left: Stated Meeting Recognition given to Al Wetmore and Doc Hollaway for repairing wheelchairs and delivering them to the Salt Lake City Shriners Hospital.



Right: Stated Meeting Basketball Ad Commission Winners. Left to right: Ill. Sir Allan Ake, 1st Place Awardee Ill. Sir Bob Burr, 2nd Place Awardee Ray Clark for Bob Zyer and 3rd Place Awardee Howard Magan.



Left Photo: Silver Star recipients

Right Photos: Basketball Ad Check recipients



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Al Kaly Shriners Welcome New Nobles



*Al Kaly welcomed new Nobles at a
short form ceremonial prior to the
December 9, 2011 stated meeting;*

Albert J. Marle, Jr., 1st line signer Paul Sazonick. Noble Al is a member of Salida Lodge #57, and resides with his Lady Barbara in Salida where he is in the home building industry.

Rockey J. Wells, 1st line signer Dick Mills. Noble Rockey is a member of Fremont Lodge #97. He and his Lady Kathleen reside in Canon City where he is a funeral home owner.



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Musings from the Blue Lodges

by Richard Mills

The Masons in Fremont and Custer County kicked off the new Masonic year with a rousing start on December 10th. Fremont Lodge #97 was the host Lodge for the joint installation of officers. The festivities started with a feast prepared by the Ladies and members of Fremont Lodge. I do mean a feast, not just a regular dinner but, a FEAST! It's one of those times when you go through the line and wish you had a bigger plate. There were so many wonderful dishes, prepared by so many people, that it would be foolish for me to try to give credit to everyone involved. You will just have to come next year and see for yourself.

Brother Paul Monohon, Chaplain for Fremont Lodge, was in charge of the weather and he and the Good Lord gave us a perfect day. I'm sure that the Brothers and their families from the mountain valleys of Westcliffe were thankful for a beautiful travel day. Brother Bob Hudson, who is Master elect for Fremont Lodge, had the wood burning stoves in Eureka hall roaring and provided a toasty atmosphere. The good cheer, friendship and camaraderie are what Masonry and this Country is all about. It gives one a warm feeling.

The Ceremony and Pageantry of installing the Lodge officers is very impressive and Most Worshipful Brother Brian Cotter gives it that added touch when he conducts this ritual. He has a special way of delivering the message, outlining the duties and responsibilities which make one really think about

the meaning of Masonry. We are blessed and thankful that Brother Brian will take the time to conduct the Installation each year (this is a hint that we want him back next year). The installing Marshal has a demanding role also and Worshipful Brother Gerald Williams carried out this duty with ease. WB Gerald Williams is the Treasurer of Mt. Moriah #15 and he is always willing to step forward and help wherever he is needed. We are so fortunate to have Brothers like him.

The slate of officers for the coming year is very impressive, and without a doubt, will do an outstanding job. We will be working for the betterment of Masonry and we invite you to come and visit us this coming year. The Canon City Lodge meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. The Westcliffe Lodge meets the 1st Thursday of each month. The Coal Creek Lodge meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The Fremont Lodge meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. SEE YOU THERE!

Editor's Note – My Lady Merry and I were able to visit the new Trinidad Shrine Club meeting in December and I was able attend the Special Meeting of the Trinidad Lodge for the purpose of conducting an Entered Apprentice Degree for RJ Fiester. I want to thank the Brothers and their Ladies of these two groups for their hospitality. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the Nobles and their Ladies for this new Shrine Club and I was impressed with the how the Brothers conducted the Degree Work and subsequent lessons.

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Pueblo Shrine Club

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CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

POTENTATE'S MOTOR ESCORT

by Noble Hiram T. Leza
Vice President

Greetings Nobles and Ladies! First off, I would like to thank all of you that attended the Potentate's Motor Escort Official Visit and Installation of Officers. There was a large turnout for the Official Visit and dinner at Poblanos Mexican Grill. As the new Vice President, I would like to thank all of the outgoing Officers and the great work they have set in place and would like to congratulate Noble James Gilbert, President and Noble Tim Carson, whose experience was evident by being reelected as our secretary.

The Nobles of the Potentate's Escort would like to thank outgoing Potentate Allan Ake for his Leadership this past year, it was always a pleasure seeing him riding up and down the parade line, sporting a huge smile. I was never sure what was behind that smile, but part was knowing that his Mule Train created an obstacle course for both us and the Al Kaly Clowns to maneuver around. Thank you Allan, for your support throughout the year and we all hope to see you and your Lady at all our future events.

The focus for the coming year will be Shrine and Club membership, by informing and encouraging our fellow riding Nobles and Brethren that ride, about membership and the great opportunities out there for fellowship by riding together to all our scheduled parades and social events. If you have any questions or are in doubt if you can join due to the model of your Motorcycle, Trike, or Side car; approach anyone in the Potentate's Escort and we will be more than happy to answer your concerns about membership.

Focus on a ride to the Salt Lake City Children's Hospital will be formulated this year, but may only be the planning phase to be executed in 2013. Additionally, we



are looking to tap into our Military Shrine members that still have a connection with the Military through employment, retirement or other avenues. As the Shrine Hospitals have a CFC code we will work

to start a program of awareness for the Shrine Hospitals through the Combined Federal Campaign which raises millions for charities through voluntary donations (CFC Code 12139)

The Potentate's Motor Escort is looking forward to a fantastic 2012 year. We hope to see a great turnout at all the Al Kaly events planned for the year. Being seen in numbers will bring awareness to others about membership and our Shrine Hospitals. I hope to see all of you soon, for fellowship and fun, and I leave you with this quote "Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle."

LEGION OF HONOR

by Noble James W. Rawlings, PC

The Legion's election of officers for 2012 was held during our November meeting. After an outstanding, short, but effective search, conducted by Nominating Committee Chairman Noble Dwain Jack, PC, assisted by members of the committee, the slate of officers consisting of Nobles Donald Lam, Commander; Richard C. Larke, Vice Commander; Stephen McKee, Adjutant and Robert E. Cordrey, Finance Officer was subsequently presented to the members. After an intense campaign, Commander Lam won the top position by a landslide; however, Noble Larke found it necessary to accept the position of Vice Commander. Nobles McKee and Cordrey, diligently defended and were able to retain their coveted seats as Adjutant and Finance Officer. Congratulations Nobles on your very successful and hard fought campaign.

The Legion's Christmas dinner held at Bambino's on 3 December turned out to be the gala event of the season. There were forty four Nobles, Ladies and guests from as far away as El Jebel in attendance. The food as usual was superb and the opportunity to visit with friends was enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Noble Larke for making the arrangements.

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

CLOWNS OF AL KALY

by Jim Burger
Boss Clown

The Clowns were very busy in December with several Christmas parties in the area. In January and February, we will continue to be very active in the community with our weekly appearances at Golden Corral, as well as participating in the screening clinic. Thanks go to Craig Sparks for being Boss Clown in 2011. The new officers were installed at the December meeting. Jim Burger will be the President (Boss Clown), Dave Bills will be Vice President (vice boss clown), John Brown will be the Secretary (note taker) and Larry Newman will be Treasurer (money watcher).

If any one is interested in "clowning around," we meet the second Monday of the month at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club at 7 PM.



PIPE & DRUMS CORPS

by Steve McKee
Clan III, Piper

Aye! Laddies & Lassies. Well it's been a bang up year, with all the parades we completed, and social gatherings we've participated in. Looking forward to 2012 for more fun and cheer! !! We will start the New Year off with our annual Robert Burns dinner that I briefly talked about last month.



This year we will be holding it at the El Paso Club downtown, corner of Platte & Tejon. Our President, Doug Veitch, and Mason Querner, have been working hard to put this together. As you can see, we clean up pretty good. Got a Prince Charlie and a Kilt or a Tux, want an enjoyable evening with your Lassie!, if you're interested contact Doug for reservations, his number is in the Shrine Directory. The evening starts out with social hour, then the presentation of

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FREMONT SHRINE CLUB

by **Richard Mills**
Vice President

The Fremont Shrine Club closed out its year in the midst of a howling snowstorm and freezing cold. In spite of the weather, an adequate number of members conducted a productive and fun filled meeting. We shared a fine meal and elected officers for the coming year. President Bob Hudson and Lady Donna had an outstanding year. They demonstrated great resistance to the pleas from the members to serve another term. Knowing these two, they will continue to be active and productive.

Noble Dick Mills will sit in the President's chair this year. This will be his 2nd time as President. Everyone is hopeful that he will get it right this time. Noble Jim Gilbert, with the help of Lady Katy, will serve as Vice President. They will do all within their power to make Noble Dick look good. Providing another year of service as Secretary Treasurer will be Noble Bill Clugston. The Club will still meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at the Gooseberry Patch in Penrose.

The Club, with the great support and leadership of President Bob Hudson repaired and presented several bicycles to the Florence Chamber of Commerce for Santa's Visit. We also have plans to donate bicycles to the Coal Creek community. Lady Donna is really pushing us to give away more bikes so she can have her garage back. We are trying, Donna.

We are looking at a fun filled year with some interesting projects. First Lady Linda had a wonderful article in the last issue of the Dust with the great line that I am going to steal and use for our motto for 2012 "Dividing the task multiplies the fun". Isn't that an inspiring thought and a good rallying point? Thanks, Linda.

For me, this has been a great fun filled year and it is shocking how fast it went by. Lady Mary and I have had so many exciting times and met many wonderful people both Shriners and non-Shriners. We owe so much to Al Kaly for giving us the opportunity to get involved and enjoying life. Bring on 2012! To the Shriners who are on the sidelines; get involved in a Unit or a project. You don't know what you are missing.

Many thanks to Allan and Linda for a fantastic year!
**BE KINDER THAN NECESSARY, EVERYONE IS
FIGHTING SOME TYPE OF BATTLE.**

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the Haggis to the Chairman (Doug), which is led by a Piper, then a recital of Burn's address "To the Haggis" by another member of the P&D.



After dinner, we have the speeches and entertainment. First, following a brief intermission and an introduction by the Chairman is 'The Immortal Memory'. This can be light-hearted and humorous or seriously literary, but, as one expert puts it, "the speeches have one aim in common: to make everyone in the room want to go home and read Burns". After the Immortal Memory, there is often a musical interlude. This is followed by two other 'compulsory' speeches: 'The Toast to the Lassies' and 'The Reply'. The Toast to the Lassies was originally a vote of thanks to the ladies who had prepared the food for the evening. Today it is usually a humorous and somewhat disrespectful observation of the fair sex. The Reply, which is delivered by a woman, turns the tables, detailing men's lack of virtue. Both speeches should draw inspiration from The Bard. Various songs and recitations from Burns' work follow, or intersperse, the speeches.

This is a fun evening for you and your Lassie, and we look forward to fellowship and fun. This is becoming an annual event, and it's one of the premium gatherings of the Pipes and Drums. Stay tuned until next month we will have some pictures hopefully of the fun. Well, that's a wrap for me, so from the Pipe & Drum Corps we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

See you in 2012, Cheers!!!

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AL KALY NOMADS



by **John Van Auken**
Wagon Master

The annual Christmas Party was held on December 10, 2011 at the Mule Train Tack Room with the meal catered by Bambinos. Wagon Master Tom Holmes and Lady Sherry, along with Ray Clark and Lady Merry, planned the event, set up tables, decorated, and provided appetizers. John Van Auken provided a free bar featuring Margaritas. A good time was had by all.

A business meeting followed led by Wagon Master

Tom Holmes. The installation of new officers was conducted by Ill. Sir Bart Guthrie. The 2012 officers are: Wagon Master - John Van Auken; 1st Assistant Wagon Master - Dennis Feister; 2nd Assistant Wagon Master - J D Potter and Secretary / Treasurer- Bill Sheard.

Incoming Wagon Master, John Van Auken, presented the campout schedule with input from the membership. The schedule for 2012 is:

March 10 afternoon lunch meeting in Pueblo to present details
May 4-5 at Mountaindale and attending the Apple Blossom Festival in Canon City
June 15-16 at 4 Seasons in Salida and attending Fib-ark
July (early) Woodland Park at Tom and Sherry's spread next to a dude ranch.

August 10-11 at Simpkins Store, Fairplay and attending the Fairplay Masonic Lodge

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KALYKLOWNS

by **Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan**
Past President & Correspondent

As I begin writing Kalyklowns articles for what is now my 6th year, I find that it is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of yet another of our many active Kalyklowns, Noble Ronald A. Robbins, better known as Squeeky. He answered the last summons of The Grand Warden of Heaven, entering that Celestial Lodge on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Squeeky was a Past Master of Silver State Lodge #95 in 1998 and a member of Al Kaly Past Masters.

He was active most recently at the Al Kaly Basketball Tournament on Saturday November 19, and always made it his responsibility to see that the Kalyklowns were entered in the Pueblo West Parade

of Lights. Ron had been the Chaplain of the Kalyklowns for fifteen years, after serving in most of the offices of both the Kalyklowns and Shabab. He was President of the Kalyklowns in 1989 and served as Secretary/Treasurer in 1995, then began his long tenure as our unit's Chaplain. With his Lady Veronica, better known as Ronnie, he was also a very active member of the Pueblo Shrine Club, having served on its board of directors for six years.

In addition to his activities in the Kalyklowns while in makeup, Squeeky was for many years the makeup artist for the Kalyklown Whistlers, and his voice is the one heard on the PA system to introduce the Whistlers as "they had come straight from their extended engagement at the famous 'Boom-Boom Room' in beautiful downtown

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COLORADO SPRINGS SHRINE CLUB

by Pam Boone
Event Coordinator

My first year with the Colorado Springs Shrine Club as Event Coordinator has been an eventful one, with so many experiences.

My first order of business was to actually get some printed material; I put together a brochure to be able to give to prospective clients, businesses, etc. I also put together a "rack card" to utilize for bridal fairs, visitors bureau and as an easy handout for those just wanting to be able to pass out a little more contact information. With a limited budget, I'm trying to do as much as possible with "free" advertising; word of mouth, internet, some written articles, and an event which was open to the public.

My goal is to continue to help the club grow and to make it very well known as a wonderful venue which can accommodate a variety of events. This past year, we have had weddings and receptions, quinceaneras, celebrations of life, banquets and holiday parties. I encourage each of you



Colorado Springs Shrine Club Dinner

to take some of the "rack cards" and pass them around – help me help your club grow. This upcoming year, in addition to the normal events, I would like to put together a craft fair, possibly a neighborhood garage sale, and a Halloween party for the kids. Possibly, an event that could incorporate the military. I welcome ideas and references from each of you. You can email me at CSSCEvents@yahoo.com.

The Colorado Springs Shrine Club offers such a warm, welcome venue, with so much to offer. Remember, we are one of very few venues where individual parties can hire an outside caterer, DJ or band. Let's utilize this facility to its fullest, and again, help the Club grow.

I have also found that the Shriners have huge, warm hearts and such a positive outlook on life, things that I think keeps us all going. In helping the Club grow, I believe we can help so many more. Thank you for welcoming me and allowing me to be a part of the Colorado Springs Shrine Club this year.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year!!



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Installation of officers for 2012 (left to right: Wagon Master John Van Auken, 1st Assistant Wagon Master Dennis Feister and Secretary/Treasurer Ill. Sir Bill Sheard being installed by Ill. Sir Bart Guthrie)

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September a bye month

October 4-6 caravan to Albuquerque Balloon Festival

Sherry Holmes gave a dish of homemade cookies and fudge to the couples and I can say that it was Yum Yum. The membership provided a nice gift to Tom and Sherry, but the 1st Assistant (me) forgot to bring it, so Ruth and I hitched up the sleigh and delivered it to their home in Woodland Park.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Secretary Bill Sheard at wmH1@comcast.net or phone: 719-948-2034 or Wagon Master John Van Auken at johnrvanauken@hotmail.com or phone 719-252-2300.



Ron Robbins (second from right) with the Kalyklowns.

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Avondale, Colorado". Noble Squeeky also painted the Kalyklowns' distinctive logo on the trailer that houses all the costumes and other paraphernalia that accompanies a Whistler performance. The Kalyklowns logo was Ron's own design and was accepted as our logo just prior to the chartering of the unit. That he designed our logo seems natural, since in his early days he was an art teacher.

Ron, in the tradition of members of Al Kaly wearing many hats, was also a Hospital Representative since 2006, as he was bilingual in Spanish, and his expertise was needed to translate to the parents of a child in need of our services.

Our brother donated his body to science, and although his internal organs were not useable, his skin and bones were. He would have really been proud of this since the Shriners Hospital focuses on orthopedic and burn patients. Also, Ronnie was informed that although Ron was virtually blind, his corneas were useable and now two people will see because of his generosity. Ron would have been very proud to have been able to help one or more of "his many kids".

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BAND

by *Elmo Gardner*
1st Vice President

Happy New Year Brothers! We are now looking forward to the upcoming events and beginning parade season of 2012. This year you can expect more band events and even more improvement in the Al Kaly Band units. We are working very hard to exceed your expectations! Of course, the first thing that we will do to celebrate the New Year will be to hold our Winter Band Party on January 15 at the Giuseppe's Depot.

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas! Our December, 2011 schedule included playing at the Consistory for the Scottish Rite monthly dinner and meeting on the 7th, then at the Pueblo Shrine Club for the Stated Meeting on the 9th and (the most fun of all) at the Al Kaly Shrine Children's Christmas Party on the 17th.

Again: Happy New Year to you Al Kaly Shriners from the Al Kaly Shrine Band and its sub units (the German Band, the Swingin' Shriners Dance Band and the Dixielanders Band).

AL KALY PR UNIT

by *Raymond Clark*
Vice President

The PR Unit continues to meet at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant in Pueblo. The meetings are open to any Nobles and/or their Ladies that would like to help us communicate internally with our Shrine family and/or externally with the community about our efforts to promote the Shriners Hospitals for Children and also about our charitable efforts within the community.

We have now received the signed copy of the By-Laws for the Public Relations Unit. Yes, we are now an official unit of Al Kaly Shriners.

Previously we talked about the new Placemat Project which the Unit has started. Placemats are now being used in a few restaurants in the Pueblo area. Thanks to LX Printing, each Placemat will have a QR symbol on it which will allow the public to scan the symbol with their smartphones and receive a wealth of information about Al Kaly Shriners, the

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AL KALY MULE TRAIN

by *Jim Johnson*
Secretary

The Mule Train had a very successful year in 2011 and we are set to kick-off 2012 with a new slate of officers who will continue our traditions and prepare for the upcoming parade season. Noble Jim Johnson is the new President and Noble Ray Clark will continue to support the unit as Vice President and assist Jim in his duties. Ill. Sir Allan Ake will become Secretary again and we're blessed to have his organizational skills in that position. Noble Torry Krutzke remains as Treasurer to handle the finances and pay the bills.

Noble Gale Fortney continues to be our Drill Captain. Gale has served in that position for, well, many, many years. The stacks of trophies in our Tack Room are a testament to Gale's skills in pulling together unruly mules and riders into a cohesive drill team and parade unit. In all fairness to the mules, our riders are more unruly than our beloved beasts. Gale also serves as our Ranch Boss and he can be found on the Ranch most days working to fix the old stuff that inevitably breaks. Both Gale and Ill. Sir Allan Ake also will serve as the Mule Train's representatives to the Imperial Shrine Horse Patrols (INSHP) organization

Mon Ark Shrine Club



Mon-Ark Shrine Club Officers - from left to right: Secretary Edward Kinzie, President Bob McCormick, Ill. Sir Allan Ake, Treasurer Jerry Long, and visiting Santa Jim Stivers (see the Potentate's Article for more information).

and to the Central States Shrine Horse Patrol (CSSHP).

Special thanks go out to Noble Bob Zyer for handling the Basketball ads for the Mule Train. Bob is one of those guys who can sell water to those drowning. As a result of his efforts, the Mule Train was presented a check in the amount of \$556.25 during the December 9th Stated Meeting. Bob received the 2nd Place Award during the Stated Meeting for selling Basketball ads for Al Kaly. Thanks, Bob, for your efforts on behalf of the Mule Train.

The last set of thanks goes out to our Ranch Hand, Debbie Dupont, who cares for our animals every day, cooks our meals, cleans our dining area, and keeps the Ranch running efficiently. Thanks so much, Debbie.

All Shriners and their guests are welcome to attend the Mule Train's breakfasts which are held on the second Sunday of each month. Call one of the Mule Train members to make reservations and come on down to enjoy our fellowship and fun.

See you all at the Parades!



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Shriners Hospitals for Children and more. According to Ill. Sir Allan Ake and Lady Glenda Terrill, who created the Project, the placements will be used next March at each of the participating IHOP restaurants in Pueblo and Colorado Springs during the IHOP Free Pancake Day. Any unit or club that would like to help support this Project should contact Ill. Sir Allan Ake or Lady Glenda. We are looking for someone in the Springs or other areas of Al Kaly's Territory, other than Pueblo, that would like to help coordinate the Placemat Project in their area.

If you would like to get involved in helping your units/clubs submit articles for the Dust, or you would be take photos of your units/clubs activities for inclusion in Al Kaly's Zenfolio site, feel free to become a member of the PR Unit.

We hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's celebration and that 2012 will be a great year for your families, Al Kaly Shriners and the PR unit.

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TIN LIZZIES AND SAN JUAN BASIN CLUB

by **Tommy L Tucker**

The Tin Lizzie Club recently had a raffle, which culminated on November 11, 2011. The winning tickets were drawn after the Veterans Day parade at the Durango VFW.

Shriner Child Katrina Bleger, daughter of Jerome and Tiffany Bleger and granddaughter of Noble Tommy Tucker, was on hand for the drawing. Katrina just returned from Shriners Hospital in Salt Lake City, where she underwent surgery to help correct her walking. She has had a great recovery and is preparing for braces

for both legs. Nobles Tommy Tucker, Ace Hall, Don Jeter (President of Tin Lizzies Club), Don Anderson (Secretary of both Clubs), Dean Dooley (President San Juan Basin Shrine Club), Roger Landgren, Vic Hendricks, and Billy Hawkins (raffle chairman) were all on hand to sign Katrina's cast that day, much to Katrina's pleasure.

After a photo shoot and the cast signing event, the winning raffle tickets were drawn with some assistance from Katrina, and several lucky people were called to come down and pick up their prizes.



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