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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Bill Davidson

Al Kaly Potentate 2023

Greeting All,

As we wind down year 2023, Rhonda and I would like to say thank you. It was a long journey, and much was learned about the Shrine as well as ourselves. I never really saw being Potentate in my future. There were a lot of trials and tribulations along the way. We have met a lot of new friends along the way within

CSSA, as well as, Imperial. We traveled hundreds of miles and spent countless hours visiting many different places and Shrine events throughout the country.

By the time this dust comes out we should have completed all our events for the year except the December stated meeting and elections, Honored Ladies OV and the Potentate's

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE STATED MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS December 8, 2023 at 7 p.m. **Pueblo Masonic Center** 126 Broadway, Pueblo, CO

You will be called upon to elect the following officers: Potentate Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder and Representatives to the Imperial Council. To gain admission into this meeting, the Shriners International Bylaws require that a member must be in possession of and present his current year's membership card.

Shriners International Bylaws Election Regulations:

Shriners International Bylaws, paragraph 325.11, Election Regulations (a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited. (b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited. (c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election. (d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section. Aleikum Es Selamu

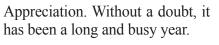
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Recorder

Bill Davidson

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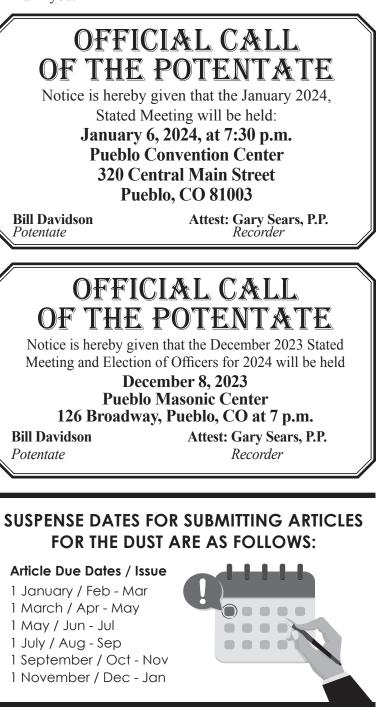
To the Divan members and your ladies, thank you for supporting

Rhonda and me throughout our 2023 year. Each one of you have been instrumental in ensuring 2023 kept on track. I wish all the 2024 Divan members good luck and I'm looking forward to working with you next year.

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In closing, thank you to all who made this year a memory to cherish for years to come.

Thank you.







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CLOSING OUT ANOTHER YEAR!

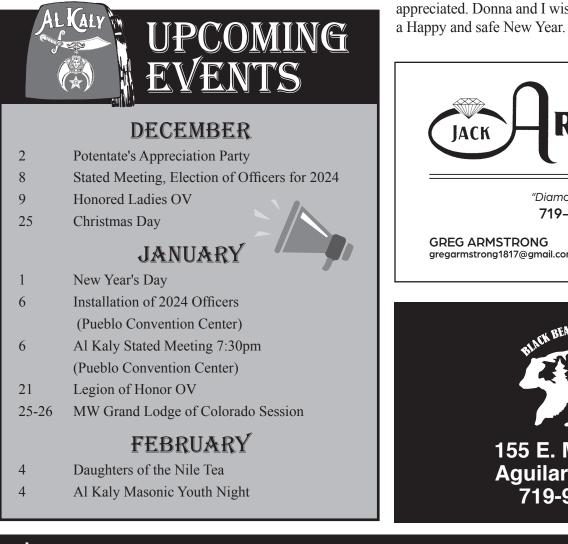
Gary Sears, PP Recorder

Well, it's that time again to tie up those loose ends to end our Al Kaly year, turn the page starting over for 2024. If you have Al Kaly fez strips that you will not be using in 2024, please turn them in to the Office, i.e., Potentate's Aide, Ambassador, etc. You may have some other old fez strips you no longer need any more. If so, we can use them. This is also true of name badge ladders. We'll gladly take them.



Unit/Club secretaries, please turn in parade points and any other points you may be collecting on your members so that we can get them posted and awards presented at the December stated meeting.

Also, Unit/Club treasurers, please remember that your unit/ club financial report is due after you receive bank statements for December 31, 2023. A spreadsheet is located on the Al Kaly



FROM THE RECORDER

Gary Sears, PP

does the math for you.

I would like to thank all the Nobles for your support in 2023, it is very much appreciated. Overall, the office ran very smoothly this year. In large part this is due to our admin, Noble Mike Apker, he is doing an outstanding job for Al Kaly, his hard work, dedication and knowledge is very much appreciated!

The cash picnic raffle and other fund raisers were very successful and again I thank you for your support!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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FEATURED SHRINER MARK GIFFIN

by Billie Nigro

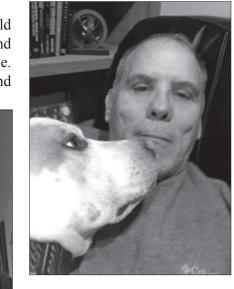
Mark was born in Kansas City, Missouri, to the late Donald and Caroline Giffin. His father, Donald, was an attorney and partner in the law firm of Spencer Fane Britt and Browne. He has three sibling, two brothers, Paul and Donald, Jr and

Elizabeth who has passed away. Mark started high school at the Abbey School in Canon City Colorado, then moved his sophomore year to the Barstow School in Kansas City MO. He graduated in the Class of 1981. He went on to graduate from The University of Kansas with a bachelors degree in Personnel Administration 1987.

His first jobs were mowing yards and being a bus boy in a restaurant. Other jobs included working as a Business Analyst and Customer Service Representative with DST

Systems in Kansas City for 13 years. He also worked for the IRS as a tax examiner, sold insurance, managed a convenience store and managed a motel property. He thought about the military, but decided against it.

There are always funny things that happen along the way. One of the best Mark had was when his dad was representing a client who owned a motel named the Elm Cliff Motel in Kansas City. The owner needed a night manager for the motel and his dad recommended Mark. The motel rented rooms by the hour. Sometimes he would get calls from wives who thought their husbands were cheating on them. He would always say "I can neither confirm nor deny your husband is here but you



are more than welcome to drive through our parking lot."

Mark had and interesting, almost funny, experience on the job when he was managing a Circle-K in Kansas City. He was held up and robbed one evening (not funny). The person made the mistake of going down the street and holding up a 7-11 convenience store. Why was it a mistake? His ex-girlfriend was

working at the 7-11. So, Mark got to go in to a police lineup. He identified the robber by a tattoo he had on his right arm. During the line up, the officer told the line up to "step forward say your name is John Doe and that you are from Kansas City." When they got to the person who held him up, the officer said "step forward say your name is John Doe, you are from Kansas City. Also roll up your sleeves." He ended spending 10 years in prison.

Mark was raised as a Master Mason in 1989. He was drawn to the Masons because they all seemed to be men with good character and kept me out of trouble. He became a Shriner in 2019. Growing up in the Order of DeMolay they often had Shriners as Advisors. They always seemed to be having fun whether they were dressed as clowns working the local rodeo or parades. Becoming a Shriner just seemed natural.

Mark's family went on a vacation to London, England. He and his sister had just gotten finished seeing a show and were

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walking back to their flat. Behind them, they heard "Elizabeth, they Mark" and turned around to see their Aunt in London England. What are the odds that you will run into a relative thousands of miles away from home

in a city as large as



London? After that he said he thought he had seen it all. Later on, he had moved out to Colorado Springs and was walking through a parking lot. A little voice inside his head told him to turn around. He turned around to see his very first girl friend who he hadn't seen in over 40 years. The first experience led him to believe the second experience did indeed happen.

Mark is a huge fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas Jayhawks men's basketball team. The only obsession he has is his 6-year-old dog Boomer. Mark says Boomer is the most spoiled dog he knows. Boomer is a Labrador mix breed and is very friendly. Everywhere they go, Boomer is instantly the center of attention! In my opinion, Boomer isn't spoiled.... he is simply an amazing dog who receives the adoration he deserves! Mark enjoys hiking. He recently completed the Incline Trail. He also likes biking along the Santa Fe Trail.

He believes that everything happens for a reason. If it sounds too good to be true, chances are it is. His favorite sayings are "Don't look back - someone may be gaining on you." And



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"Even a blind squirrel occasionally finds a nut." He says that although he has never been married, he's happy with his life and where he's going. Maybe he will run into his first girlfriend again someday.



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December

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Congratulations to the following nobles that will be celebrating birthdays during December and January

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Vivian M Musgrove Eugene J Dobrzelecki William A Johnson Richard C Larke Louis M Graner William E Horst Floyd M Davis Lester H Nowell Israel Trujillo David W McKey Frank T Krutzke John R White Dennis D Mutcher Ernest T Park Jr. Earl D Chamblin Henry D Ainsworth Thomas W Gilliland Raymond D Lingley Jackson W Chandler Robert M Burr P.P. Richard G Calhoun

L.G. Oxford



VETERAN'S DAY PARADE TIN LIZZIES

The Tin Lizzie Unit entered the Veteran's Day Parade to show pride and support of all United States Veterans with 7 cars. At 11:11 am the parade started on a sunny day with a very good showing of entries. This happened to be a great day for all and after the parade the Four Corners Scottish Rite Club sponsored a Hamburger and Hotdog lunch for the Shriners, club members and their families. The San Juan Basin Shrine Club wishes to thank Aaron and Lynette Brewer and Willie Elmore for making the lunch a great success.





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ESCALANTE SHRINE CLUB

Mancos Days on July 29th and Escalante Days (Dolores) on August 12th. We're proud to report great participation for both events.

Mancos Davs

Mancos Days was a scorcher with temperatures around 90 degrees but that didn't discourage spectators along the parade route. The volunteer fire department helped by hosing down the spectators as they drove by!



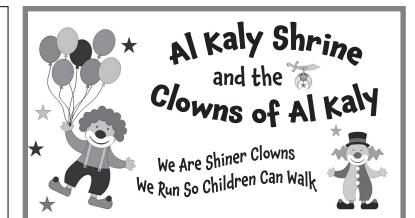
Mancos Days Parade Participants (Left to Right): Ron Kimmi, Willie Elmore, Sam Barrett, Tom Weaver, Norman Moss, and Mike Mussler

Escalante Days

Escalante Days Parade tookplace on somewhat cooler day and was supported by ten Escalante Shrine Club members- our best club parade turnout to date!



Participants (Left to Right): Lee Coley, Mike Mussler, Aryol Brumley, Rob Kennedy, Josh Alexander, Ron Kimmi (seated), Rodney Branson, Ed Merritt, Tom Weaver and Norman Moss



The Al Kaly Shrine General and **Transportation Fund are in need** of a financial boost.

The increasing cost of operating Al Kaly Temple and transporting kids to the hospital combined with decreasing membership has put a strain on the General Fund and Transportation Fund. Please remember both of these funds when donating. Send your donation to: Al Kaly Shrine, P.O. Box 193, Pueblo, Colorado 81002

DONATIONS

HOSPITAL Kenneth Grayson Lorretta Portenier

TRANSPORTATION FUND

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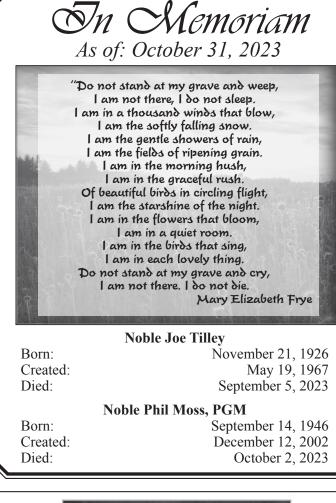
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ESCALANTE SHRINE CLUB MONTEZUMA-CORTES H.S. HOMECOMING PARADE



The following Escalante Shrine Club Members participated in the Montezuma-Cortez High School Home Coming Parade on October 4th: Rodney Branson, Norman Moss, Lee Coley, Sam Barrett, Josh Alexander, and Rob Kennedy (Josh and Rob aren't in the photo).

Al Kaly Bowl-A-Thon • Nov. 5th 2023

We had a good turnout for the Bowl-A-Thon November 5th 2023. I want to thank my daughter Vicki for her help all these years. We had 16 bowlers who came out and had a good time. The Bowl-a-thon raised \$2,300.00 dollars for the Shriners Children. Thank you all who attended and made it a beautiful day of Bowling. We had a few of the past Potentates attend to support our function, I.S. Jim Eaches and Lady Rosa, I.S. Bob Burr and Lady Betty, I.S. Ray Singmaster

and Lady LorAnn, I.S. Larry Weed, Chief Rabban John Weed and Lady Cynthia and of course present Potentate I.S. William Davidson who threw out the first bowling ball to start the event with his Lady Rhonda. Thank you all for attending. I would also like to thank Chuck, owner o Pinheadz Bowl for letting us use his house for the Bowl a thon, and for the workers of the lanes who took care



of us. Chuck has given us super costs for our Al Kaly Bowl-A-Thon at his facility This fund raiser will again be done here again next year date to be announced later and hope to see more people come out and enjoy a fun day of bowling. Thank you all who made donations for your support of Shriner's Children.

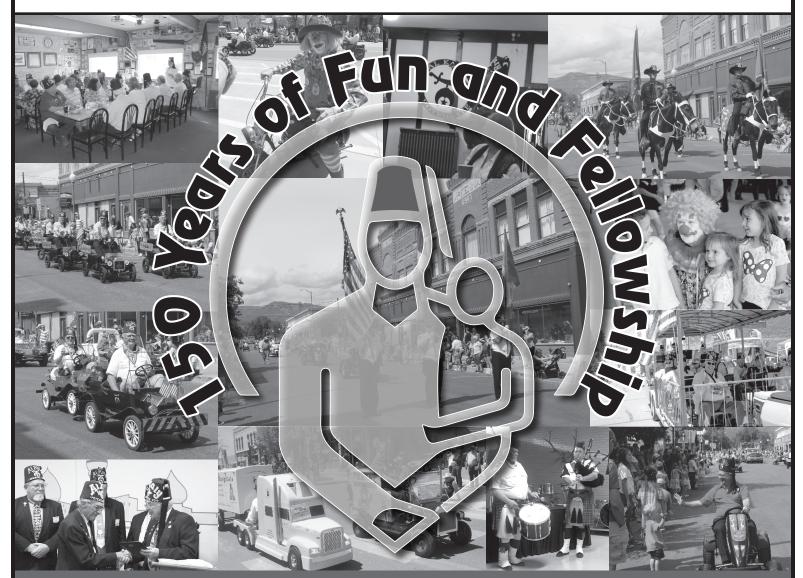
Yours in the Faith, Rich "Swede" Hanson



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