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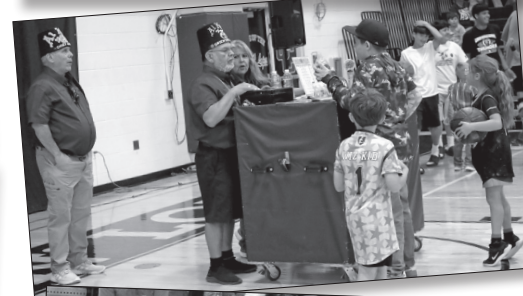
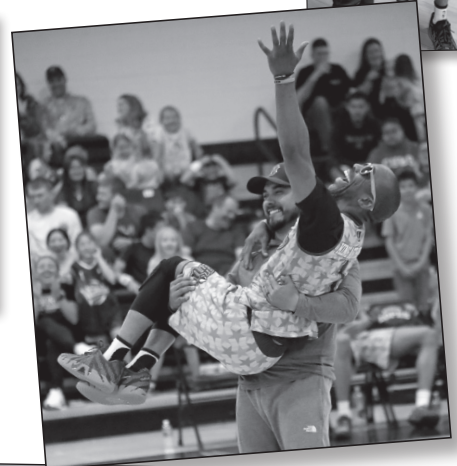
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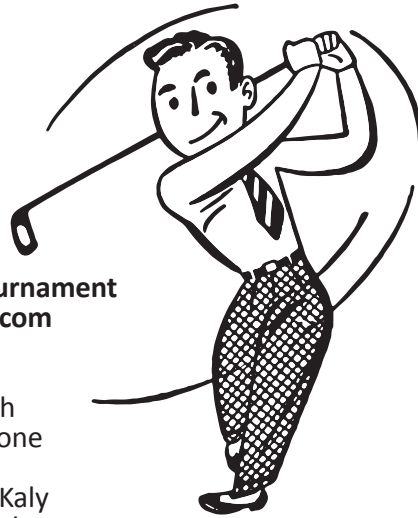


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Register on or before August 1st to receive an additional 5 tickets for door prizes!
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FEATURED SHRINER GARY SEARS

by Billie Nigro

Gary was born in Pueblo, Colorado. His dad was a self-employed stucco contractor. His mom did day care. He has two brothers and one sister. His dad was born and raised on a farm on the Cherokee Reservation in northeast Oklahoma. His mom was born and raised on a small farm in Crowley County Colorado where they raised sugar beets, watermelons, and tomatoes. They spent summers in Ochelata, Oklahoma and Ordway, Colorado. Oklahoma was their preference – there were trees and it was green!



He graduated from Pueblo East High School in 1970 and went on to college, majoring in Business and Marketing.

Gary's first job was his favorite – labor in a tire and recap shop. From there, he went on to work in 7-Eleven Stores, then as a Field Rep supervising twelve stores. I asked about funny stories that happened at work and he had a doozy. He said while he was working at one of the 7-Eleven Stores, they were visited by a group of topless women strikers! Pretty hard to “top” that story, Gary!



As for other funny stories about the workplace, he mentioned if you read the Dilbert comics, it is all true stories of the insanity and comedy of the corporate world that he experienced! (I have to agree with him. The majority of my personal work experience was with the Department of Defense – and much of that applies there as well!)

He went on to work at HR Block as an office manager and IRS Enrolled Agent. He said it was hard work but fun. He enjoyed helping people with their tax situations and helping them to reduce their liability and increase their refund. It was shocking seeing the lack of financial knowledge in many cases.

When asked about his military service, Gary said he was drafted in 1972 but couldn't pass the physical exam. He was 6'3" and weighed only 130 lbs. Nope. Not going to qualify.

Gary and Donna met when they were both working at a 7-Eleven deli sandwich operation in Pueblo. He found her smile almost intoxicating along with her pleasant personality. They were married in 1976 – almost 50 years ago. He feels very blessed to have found her. They have four children, all quite successful. One son is an Assistant Manager for Walmart; the other son works for Excel Energy. One daughter works as a postal carrier; the other daughter works in a nursing home. Six granddaughters and seven grandsons, and three great grandchildren. They both believe family comes first!



When asked about hobbies and interests, Gary said he likes coin collecting, reading about the history of the native tribes in America, the old west, European migration, genealogy research, gardening, old trucks and cars, and muscle cars. He and Donna care very

much for animals – dogs, cats and all animals. They feel some people should not own pets. They enjoy traveling, gardening, and quiet time. He said there is one big difference between them: She doesn't drink coffee!

Gary had uncles who were Masons and knew that they help people. He became a Mason in 1992 with Silver State Lodge #95. He became Master of the Lodge in 1999. Gary initially became interested in the Shrine because they help children, they have nice social events for the whole family, and of course the hospitals. He became a Shriner in 1992, the same

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day as Oriental Guide John Montoya, and they both joined the Kaly Klowns Unit. At one time he was a member of the Whistlers Unit and the Oriental Band, as well as serving as Hospital Rep and Ambassador. He was appointed as 1st Ceremonial Master in 2008 by I.S. Bill Stoner and served Al Kaly as Potentate in 2012. He said he had a lot of fun going through the line at Al Kaly and met so many different people while traveling to many different locations! It is a great experience that he recommends it to anyone who has time to do it.

Gary and Donna enjoy traveling. They take fishing trips, have gone on many of the Potentates' trips and several national parks. He likes to visit museums wherever they go. At the farm in Crowley County where his mom lived, one of their neighbors was the Apker Family farm – Noble

Mike Apker's grandparents. Mike's dad and Gary's mom attended the same school at Numa. Quite a coincidence.

Gary's philosophy is to always be optimistic; it can always be worse.

He has a few favorite sayings:

1. You reap what you sow.
2. Common sense isn't common.
3. All Will Rogers quotes and sayings. After one hundred years his quotes are still accurate today: he had common sense, and proved all humor is based on truth.

A final thought from I.S. Gary: As the present Recorder at Al Kaly, it is great to work with my friends and the Nobels of Al Kaly. I thank I.S. Bart Guthrie and I.S. Dave Stevens for all their advice and Noble Mike Apker for his advice and the efficient operation of the office.

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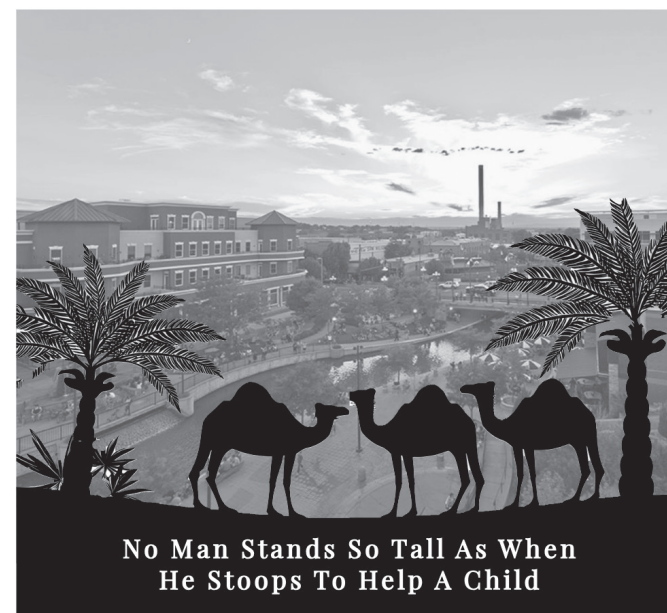
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Scott Kozin, M.D., chief of staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Philadelphia, loves to tell the story of two, four, six, eight.

At 2 years old, Zion developed a serious infection that required his hands and feet to be amputated. At 4 years old, he received a kidney transplant; the donor was his mother, Pattie. Zion was taking anti-rejection drugs to keep his new kidney functioning. At age 6, Zion came to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia for new prosthetic legs.

The evaluation of Zion's lower extremities prior to his receiving those first prosthetics from Shriners Hospitals was the impetus that led to his hand transplantation. The idea to give Zion hands was possible because he met the prerequisite of already being a transplant recipient and successfully taking immunosuppressant medications.



History-Making Surgery

At 8 years old, Zion received the first bilateral pediatric hand transplantation at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia along with help from Penn Medicine, Gift of Life and hand surgeons from our Philadelphia hospital, Dr. Kozin and Dan Zlotolow, M.D. During the 11-hour procedure, four teams of physicians worked to transplant the hands from the donor to Zion. The procedure required bony fixation, artery and venous anastomosis along with nerve and tendon reconstruction. The surgery was successful.

"The collaboration between these institutions was necessary to assemble the team and organize the players to orchestrate such a complex and demanding procedure that had never been performed on a child," said Dr. Kozin.

Becoming Independent

Zion is now three years post-hand transplant surgery.

Now 11 years old, he is a happy pre-teen and learning to be independent. He enjoys cooking and sports. "Zion is so comfortable living his normal life," said Pattie. "He enjoys playing laser tag with his friends, boxing, and is attending robotics camp this summer."

Zion continues to have occupational and physical therapy in his hometown. His mom couldn't be more happy with his progress. As Zion continues to grow and get taller, Pattie will bring him back to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospitals for Children

to be fitted for a new set of prosthetic legs. In the meantime, she is delighted that Zion is becoming more independent every day at home, at play, and at school.

More on our Physicians

Scott Kozin, M.D., is the chief of staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia and is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He received an undergraduate degree in computer science from Duke University and earned a medical degree from Hahnemann University School of Medicine. Dr. Kozin completed his residencies in orthopaedic surgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. He also completed a fellowship in hand and microvascular surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Dan A. Zlotolow, M.D., is a board certified orthopaedic hand surgeon for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. He received an undergraduate degree with honors in biology from Haverford College and earned a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine with early induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Dr. Zlotolow completed his residency in orthopaedics at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York and hand fellowship at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.

To learn more about Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit shrinershospitalforchildren.org



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Congratulations to the following nobles that will be celebrating birthdays during June and July

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July

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Barton R Guthrie P.P.
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Michael Mussler

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Daniel L Brooks
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Franklin D Baxley
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Mason Carpenter
Rodger D Fuller
Gary D Maestas
Harrison Richardson
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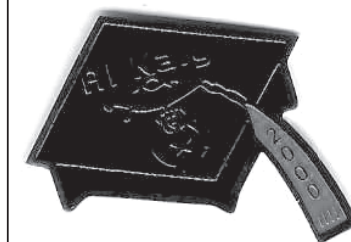
More than fifty people attended the Dinner and Cigars FUNdraising event on April 18th at the Mule Train. They feasted upon steak and lobster tails complete with baked potatoes and salad, slaked their thirsts at the bar, enjoyed fellowship and conversations, and those who wished smoked a fine cigar. Special thanks go to I.S. James Hinojosa, I.S. J.D. Potter, 3D's Cigars, and the Mule Train Unit who helped make this event successful.



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In Memoriam

As of: April 25, 2026

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

Mary Elizabeth Frye

Noble Norman Bryant

Born: February 22, 1942
Created: June 6, 1975
Died: March 30, 2026

Noble Robert Keefer

Born: May 4, 1935
Created: June 8, 1979
Died: March 20, 2026

Noble Robert Russell

Born: April 18, 1935
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Died: February 28, 2026

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