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at Nile High Tea

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Featured Member: Morris Shanstrom ▲ Imperial Potentate George A. Mitchell ▲ Nile High Tea
"And Then There Are Miracles..." ▲ Spring Luncheon & Ceremonial ▲ and More!

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Ill. Sir Allan Ake
Potentate

This month's Potentate's article may be more appropriately referred to as the "Potentate's Ramble" because I want to touch on a number of activities. "Get involved," Billy Edwards said in the February Dust. I agree – participation is the key to success of any organization, Al Kaly Shriners being no exception. I sometimes "preach to the choir" because I say that very thing to people who are already involved. So those of us who are involved can get others involved. We can talk to our uninvolved Nobles and Ladies and invite them back... back to the Shrine Clubs; back to the Stated Meetings; back to the Unit meetings and social functions. We need to get



others involved and to participate. As you know, the rewards of participation are great indeed.

Noble Dick Mills writes often about our Blue Lodges and encouraged us Nobles to attend Blue Lodges other than our own. I am strongly encouraging all Nobles to attend and re-connect with the Blue Lodges this year. In fact, the Board of Directors (Divan) and I are scheduling visits to Blue Lodges throughout the year in an effort to strengthen our ties to the Blue Lodges. We are all Master Masons and we want to proudly show that to our brethren. One very important goal I'd like all Shriners to keep in mind: Have a Shriner message at the ready in the event a non-Shriner asks what the Shrine is all about. I spoke to a fellow Shriner not long ago and he said Shriners had visited his Blue Lodge but had nothing to say, so the Masons couldn't see a reason to join the Shrine. To preach to the choir again, the Shrine truly has something for everyone, so be prepared to let the Shrine shine in our conversations with others.

As you all know, membership is our most important priority.



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Nobles & Ladies

SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, May 14, 2011 is
Al Kaly Shrine Potentate's Ball**

Location: Antlers Hilton, Colorado Springs
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Featured Member

Morris Shanstrom

by Rose Enyeart

He watched the Enola Gay take off carrying an atomic bomb and has, on his wall, a photo of Hiroshima with a mushroom cloud hovering above.

Morris Shanstrom was born November 5, 1919, graduated from Central High School in 1942 and left to join the Army Air Corps at the start of "The War". Having a pilot's license on joining he envisioned flying planes in the beginning war and went to Nashville for training. Shortly he was called to headquarters and told his piloting days were behind him due to an enlarged heart. Slightly "perturbed" by this turn of events he was sent to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver and trained as a war photographer. Immediately he was reassigned to the Air Force School of Applied Tactics in Orlando, Florida. Ever heard of that?? Neither had Morris and he soon learned it was a top secret school and was intended to stay that way. He was taught to photograph everything that crossed his path, and his path was to be on land, in the air and several places in between. However, this photographic assignment placed him in airplanes with Col. Robert Conley, the future governor of Texas and the gentleman shot while in the fatal motorcade with President John Kennedy in Dallas.

He, also, found himself in a plane with a little known officer named Doolittle who became General "Jimmy" Doolittle and who had lead the April 18, 1942 raid on Japan and became the leader of the 80 "Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders".

One of Shanstrom's assignments took him – now remember this is 1942 – inside a hurricane. The planes were nothing like the ones we know today. He took multiple photos inside the hurricane and helped learn what made them do what they do. He was assigned later to hunt for submarines and photograph them from the air. Night missions were also on the agenda and occurred frequently.

During his Air Force career, he flew or flew in B25s, B26s, B17 and 19s and B24s. That "B" designation means he was riding with bombs most of the time. One of the more different bombs he traveled with was the "skip bomb". Like skipping a rock across the water the

skip bomb was dropped, "skipped" up and exploded in tunnels and caves higher than the ground. His photos of this happening assisted in perfecting this task. He also photographed a bomb with wings which could fly along above the ground for many miles and land other than where the planes were flying. This had to startle the people on the ground that couldn't see or even hear the plane that "got 'em".

All that air time had to include at least one crash; and it happened in a B26. The plane lost one engine and pretty soon...lost the second. When you are in a two engine plane - that is a recipe for catastrophe. Morris was told to get out. However, he and his camera were in the back of the airplane and his parachute was in the front. As the plane crashed it skimmed the top of the trees and was completely destroyed. The crew suffered broken bones, severe bruises and other trauma and was hospitalized for 2 weeks; but they all survived.

Near the end of WWII Morris was enrooted to China when Japan claimed the airfields there. Forty days later (with no bath facilities) they stopped at Tinian Island and took up residence there. One day he was told another airman had seen

"a really big bomb" at North Field and urged Morris to go photograph it. He states it was about 9 feet long and 19-20 inches in diameter. As part of his job was taking pictures of planes and their crews and the aftermath of our bombing flights he took many photos of devastation in Tokyo where we dropped hundreds of bombs in a single day and destroyed everything there. He photographed the planes and crews responsible for those necessary attacks as well. Soon after photographing the large bomb he was again taking photos of one of the crews loading that particular device onto an airplane named the Enola Gay. After seeing the total annihilation of Hiroshima he is still amazed one bomb could cause more damage than the hundreds dropped on Tokyo. Days later he watched as "Fat Boy" was loaded onto another plane and took off for Nagasaki. After these flights and their consequences he knew exactly why many of his photos were turned over to military authorities,



along with their negatives, as soon as they were developed; secrecy was mandatory.

One evening recently Morris and his wife, Bev, were watching a WWII documentary on television when the photographer panned the crowd and they were quite surprised to see Morris and his camera taking photos, also.

Reflecting on his war experiences, Morris leaned back on the couch and stated he had met many nice Masons during his service time, both in Florida and Colorado as well as overseas. Those, and the Masons he has met in his civilian life have taught him that Masons depending on each other and living the Masonic teachings make for a great life.

Discharged in 1946 Morris returned to Pueblo where he joined the family business, Opp's Beauty Supply. In that year the store was located on Union Avenue next door to the Al Kaly Temple. Fridays he remembers going to the Temple for the Cheese Knife luncheons and recalls they were "good home cooking" and great fellowship with other Masons.

Soon the family bought the old Water Works Building on Abriendo in Mesa Junction and revamped it for the growing business. He worked with the family business for many years.

III. Sir Morris came from and produced a long line of Masons. His Grandfather George Opp, Grandfather Shanstrom and father, Harvey Shanstrom were all Masons in Coolidge, Kansas. It is no wonder in 1935 Morris was Master Counselor of his DeMolay Chapter, joined South Pueblo Lodge 31 February 1, 1941 and also later joined both the Consistory and Al Kaly Shrine. He was in the first Consistory class after the war ended and joined the Shrine when it was still holding meetings above the American Furniture Store in the 100 block of Main Street. As a Shriner he was Director of the Works for 4 years and in 1963 he became (at that time) the youngest man in any temple to hold the office of Potentate. He was 44 years

old by now. His son Steve is a Mason in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Karl is Past Master of #31 in Pueblo. Ron Pearman, married to daughter Krista, joined the Masons in Colorado Springs and Al Kaly Shrine soon after their wedding and Krista works as the nurse for our screening clinics in Colorado Springs.

He and his family



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have visited Temples in such places as Hawaii, Canada and Salt Lake City. They also have visited many hospitals and talked with several "Shrine Kids". One notable little girl was found by nuns looking like a "pretzel" and was turned over to the Shriners. She had literally been "thrown away" by her family in a society where that was permitted as she was hampered both by physical deformity and by being a girl. She was from a very small island in the Pacific and returned to it for the first time at the age of 12 after much care from the Shrine Hospital in Hawaii.

One of the doctors commented to Bev, "Where else but at a Shrine Hospital could I practice medicine with the newest and best equipment?" And he was certainly making a difference in the lives of children, too.

III. Sir Shanstrom spent many hours after his retirement making wooden radio controlled (RC) airplanes (I wonder why he chose airplanes?). October 1978 found the RC Airplane Magazine cover adorned by Miss Colorado Teen 1978, Puebloan Linda Potestio, and one of Morris' RC planes. He also built many wooden birdhouses which now reside in several of the states of our nation and wooden snowmen, one of which lives at the Pueblo Shrine Club and appears every winter to decorate the building.

For 10 years Morris was a Boy Scout Leader for Troop 17; both of his sons are Eagle Scouts. Nineteen-seventy two and 1973 found him as Dean of Philmont Scout Ranch, Rocky Mountain Council in New Mexico.

The Shanstroms married August 26, 1969 and have 2 children, Karl and Krista; Bev teaches English at Pueblo Community College. Karl graduated from medical school in Kirksville, Missouri and Krista is a nurse in Colorado Springs. Morris has a boy, Steve, and girl, Linda, from a previous marriage. They, also, have their own "Shriner's Kids" as Ron and Krista have adopted two darling little girls, Emily and Lauren. Emily was born without a right hand and Lauren has no right ear flap and possesses an extra thumb on her right hand. Emily is being fitted for a prosthesis now, and Lauren will face reparative plastic

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surgery later in her little life.

The Pueblo Shrine Club is thankful for Ill. Sir Shanstrom as he was the "push" to purchase the Silent Messenger which stands in front of the building. After

it was installed he saw a need for lighting so he made and installed the lights which shine on it at night.

As you would think, the Shanstrom home is decorated with multiple interesting and one-of-a-kind photographs taken during World War II. If you are privileged, Morris will describe each of them in detail as he did for me. Thank you for a wonderful afternoon and great stories!!

And Bev, thank you for allowing me to rapidly invade your home on a moment's notice.



FROM THE EDITOR OF THE DUST

Hi Nobles and Ladies

First, let me introduce myself to you. My name is Doug Gabel. I have been appointed by the Illustrious Potentate Allan to take over as editor of the Dust.

Now, let me tell you about me. I have been a Mason since 1978 and a Shriner since 1980. In my younger days I rode with the Motorcycle Patrol, now on an antique John Deere Tractor. I have been a printer all my working life as a business owner and printing and graphic arts teacher. I have recently retired after teaching for 27 years. I currently own a small in house printing and excavating business.

It is said that what goes around, comes around. How true is that, because I was in charge of printing the Dust in the 70's and 80's and now I'm back at it again. I believe the Dust is a vital part of Al Kaly; it keeps us informed of the events of the Shrine, as well as educate us, and introduce us to one another. The Dust has evolved as has Masonry and Shrinedom over the years. We truly live in the information age. And keeping you informed is my first priority. I am following in the footsteps of Ray Clark, who has set the bar quite high. The Dust has been and will continue to be the showcase of Al Kaly in Southern Colorado.

If I may assist you with promoting the Shrine in any way, please e-mail me at dusteditor@gmail.com.



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MARCH



- 1 IHOP Day
- 3 OV - Corvette Unit
- 12 St Patrick's Day Parade
- 12 Screening Clinic - CSSC

- 16 OV - Colorado Springs Shrine Club
- 18 OV - Arkansas Valley Shrine Club
- 25 Stated Meeting - CSSC



First of all, let me be the first to tell you that Al Kaly Shriners were represented at the East/West game, as they have been for many years. It was a bit cooler than one would expect for a day in Florida, but if you plan ahead for these games and prepare for the worst, you'll have a lot of fun.

Personally, I look forward to the camaraderie, visiting with the Shrine patients that are always there as guests of the Shrine, visiting the Shrine hospital in that area and just having fun at the game. Of course, in the Orlando area, you can go a week ahead of time and visit a different tourist attraction everyday and not see everything, but we tried and that even included the Harry Potter exhibit in Universal Studios..

Were you there? Did you get to meet many of the players while down on the field? Oops! I guess that's one of

the fringe benefits of the Clowns as they are free to wander all over the place, and some of them do just that.

It isn't too early to start planning for the 2012 East/West game, which will be held in Orlando at the Citrus Bowl. That's exit 84 off highway I-4, if you are interested. Hope to see you there.



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BLUE LODGE VISITS

by Gary Sears
Chief Rabban

Illustrious Sir Allen Ake is planning a schedule of Blue Lodge visits this year. This is a great idea and it is a lot of fun visiting the different lodges, you get to meet some very interesting people and help to strengthen our ties to the Masonic Lodge.

We visited South Pueblo Lodge #31 in Pueblo in February. It was a great meeting and nice to see some of the Brothers from the area, we received a nice welcome and the fellowship was great.

I know all of us are concerned about membership in our Lodges and in Al Kaly Shrine. We can increase our membership and our retention by becoming more active in our Masonic Lodges. Remember you must be a Master Mason to be a Shriner.

Our Lodges are always requesting help with degree work, posting the new candidates, investigating committees, special events such as Public School Night, scholarship interviews, picnics and other special events.

Visit your lodge and learn some of the work, get involved with the degree work, it is a lot of fun and you will help a new Brother into the Fraternity. There are also many non-speaking parts or parts with very little memory work involved.

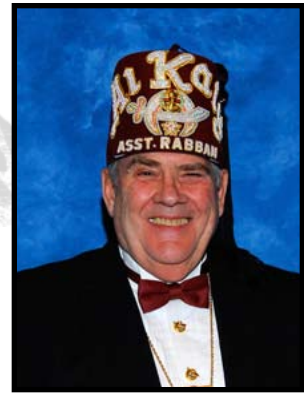
Get involved with the Funeral Committee of your lodge. The Masonic Funeral Service is very impressive; it is always nice to have a good showing of Brothers at these services to support the family of our departed Brother.

Visit your lodge and volunteer to become an officer, many of the lodges are always looking for officers to fill the chairs. The Masonic Blue Lodge is the foundation of our organization, visit your lodge soon.



"SOUTHERN COLORADO THE BEAUTIFUL"

by Roger Mendenhall
Assistant Rabban



As the song "America the Beautiful" says in its words, our country is magnificent. Al Kaly's area of central and southern Colorado is significantly represented in the song. When Karen and I first moved to Colorado, we traveled the state extensively, exploring its splendor and history before settling down in the scenic Pikes Peak area. These past several years as a member of the Al Kaly Board of Directors, I have again had the opportunity to travel the state attending circuses, parades, and Official Visits. In almost any direction west of I-25 you have, the Collegiate Peaks, Sangre De Cristos, and the unforgettable San Juans which soar above the valleys. Each time I see them I feel the same awe as if I was seeing them for the first time. The history of the old mining towns has always fascinated both of us.

Along with our mountains we have the wide open eastern plains with its history of hunting, trapping, and the famous Santa Fe Trail. Then we have the spectacular Arkansas Valley that lives with the history of the cowboys, ranchers, and farmers. Chugging through this area, the Rio Grande and Santa Fe railroads led to the expansion of our country to the west. You can still ride these trains today, and we have tried to ride them all over the years.

Then there are the sparkling reservoirs, lakes and rivers that give us fantastic areas for hunting and fishing. Further west is Colorado's best preserved history of the indigenous people who lived in this area over a thousand years ago.

We have Masonic and Shrine friends who live in
(Assistant Rabban, continued on page 7)

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MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

by Merv Terrill
High Priest and Prophet

Greetings all, it has been a very busy year so far.

As most of you know Ill. Sir Allan has asked me to continue on the Membership Committee working on retention. Again, falling back on my background having set on several oral boards for employment and promotion, I have always been impressed by the candidate who took a little time to research the job he was applying for. With that in mind I went to the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th Edition and looked up "retention".

Finding several possible meanings, I think the closest to our purpose is "to hold back". Another listed meaning was "abnormal retaining of a fluid or secretion in a body cavity". Since neither of these seems to fully fit what I was looking for, a little further research found the direction to look up the synonym "keep" which was defined as "to hold back, keep, retain" among others. I think it would be safe to assume my job can simply be stated "to keep or retain our membership".

With that goal in mind, the rest of the article and those that follow will be devoted to membership retention. Some of my own thoughts, but most gleaned from materials from my attendance at the Imperial shrine Membership Seminar in 2009. Imperial suggests all club and unit Presidents "initiate a concerted effort to provide an environment that allows members to engage in meaningful communication, education, entertainment and fellowship". Recognize there is a need to provide diversified activities for family and friend involvement.

Keeping this in mind, help our units and clubs with genuine requests and suggestions to make our meetings enjoyable for current and absent members, their family members and their guests (who might join, if they want to have fun.)

(Assistant Rabban, continued from page 6)

all these parts of southern Colorado. They love to have fellow members visit their clubs and meetings. Get out and visit these folks and enjoy Colorado's scenery and history at the same time. You won't regret it.



FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

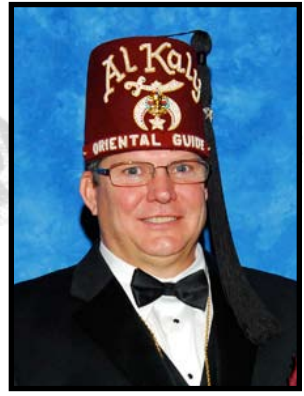
by J.D. Potter
Oriental Guide

I have been busy this month with a project to send a letter to all the Brothers that were raised to Master Mason in 2010. I encouraged them to explore the fun side of masonry: our many activities for our members, couples and their families. I informed them about the many clubs and units at the Al Kaly Shrine. I referred them to the beashrinernow web site to get more information about the Shrine, and the greatest philanthropy in the world-Shriner's Hospitals for Children. I also sent a letter to all the Blue Lodge Ambassadors asking them to contact these prospective new members. I would encourage all the Nobles to take an active part in their Blue Lodges; this will help us to contact these Brother Master Masons.

Now that I am writing about fellowship and fun I have to take this opportunity to say how much fun I had participating in the Ruhamah High Tea. It was very rewarding for me to see the number of Ladies that turned out for this event. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time.

In recognition of Burn Awareness Week the Pueblo City Council presented the Al Kaly Shrine with a proclamation making February 7th -11th Burn Awareness Week at their January 24th meeting. The council members were very impressed with the work we do for our kids and the hospitals. It was good to see so many of our members show up at the meeting to receive this recognition.

Enough about what I have been doing! Let's get the Mules brushed, Flivers waxed and little t's tuned up, it's parade time again. Mark your calendar for March 12th the St. Patrick's Day parade in Colorado Springs. Best of all don't forget the wonderful corned beef and cabbage after the parade at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club.



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GREETINGS!

by Jim Eaches

First Ceremonial Master

Greetings:

"Well almost two months have gone by already and, yes, it has been fun." The Shrine Club dinner meetings at Salida and Pueblo were very enjoyable with lots of fellowship and a good warm meal. That's always a plus. My Lady Rosa and I also attended the presentation given at the Mule Train pertaining to this year's trip to the Mexican Rivera. All the information given and the slide presentation were very informative and anyone who signs up to go will have a great time. At the recent Pueblo Shrine Club dinner a similar presentation about the trip was to be given but, for some unknown reason a stranger showed up on the worst looking horse I even seen (really skinny and only had one leg). He called himself Macho Nacho or something like that and he had this red and black outfit on, I didn't know if he was trying to be Zorro or Don Quixote! Between him and his Lady Rebecca, I believe that was the name he called her; they informed everyone of the up coming trip. I have no idea who this individual was, but I do believe I seen him at the drive-thru at Taco Bell recently! Say no more. I did find out it was none other then our Illustrious Sir Allan and his First Lady Linda. Where did the Rebecca come from anyway?

Now I must inquire as to who all attended the Daughters of the Nile High Tea? What a great event and lots of people were there sipping wonderful tea and having lots of sandwiches and sweets. I think it was awesome. The Tea was attended by many members of the Red Hat organization and there were even celebrities that attended, such as the Mad Hatter, Cheshire cat, Alice, The Queen of Hearts, and some Rabbit that looked like he just escaped from an Asylum off of a remote island that nobody ever heard of. I just kept feeding him scones so he would go away and quit shedding fur in the kitchen, last I noticed, no one adopted him, so he is probably still wondering around town. The Ladies of the Household do a spectacular job with this social and need to be commended for their efforts. Truth is it known, these first two months have been exciting and one never knows what is around the next corner, so stay tuned and be alert. You never know what may happen next.

Yours in Shrinedom, James S. Eaches Sr.



AN AGING SHRINE...

by Bart Guthrie, P.P.

Recorder

At times, I have been asked about the age of Al Kaly's members. Here are some statistics. You have heard about the need for new members so there is no need in harping on that. But you will see from these statistics where our Shrine is heading.....

Total membership (including Associate members):

925 (as of this writing)

Average age of Al Kaly members: 70.5

Oldest member: 99 years old

Youngest member: 24 years old

Number of members born after 1950

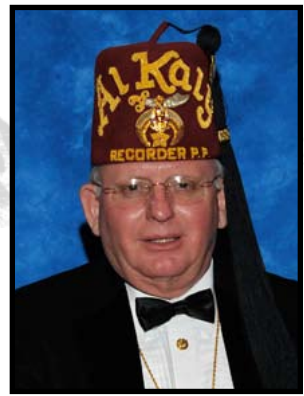
(60 years old and younger): 214 or how about under the age of 50? – 95 (10 percent!)


Number of members born before 1930

(80 years old and older): 249

Total number of members over the age of 70:

518, simply stated over half of our members are 70 years old or older






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Musings from the Blue Lodges

by Richard Mills

In the land of the Blue Lodges, the changing of the guard went off without a hitch. Most Worshipful Grand Master Charlie Johnson, among much deserved applause, accolades and the Grand Honors of Masons', relinquished the gavel to Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, Brother John Egan. Although the leadership of the Grand Lodge changed, the mission, enthusiasm and camaraderie remains the same as it has down through the ages.

Each year the Grand Lodge takes on the pageantry of old with the colorful uniform of different Masonic orders, the flutter of Lodge banners as they make their way into the meeting hall. Members with their jackets and vests adorned with their vast collection of pins remind one of how the Medieval Knights must have looked as they prepared for jousting and celebration. However, with the rap of the Grand Masters' gavel jousting comes to an end and the Colorado Masons' settle down to serious business.

This year marks the 150 anniversary of Masons in Colorado. The Grand Lodge has done a wonderful job of documenting these historical events. The story of Free Masonry in Colorado is recorded on a wonderful DVD



and is available in your Lodge or may be obtained from the Grand Lodge. It is well worth the time to view it. The traveling museum is fascinating. I had no idea of the priceless items on display. The violin played by one of our founding fathers is so unique. How did it end up in Colorado?

Your Lodge can sponsor the traveling museum in your area and share it with the general public. Check out all the fun things planned to commemorate the 150 years of Masonry in Colorado. Later in the year you may take part in the re-enactment of the Masonic Funeral of Buffalo Bill. We really owe our Grand Lodge Officers for the job they have done this past year.

The Lodge at Coal Creek Colorado, Eureka 66, has some interesting functions planned for the year. On April 22nd the Lodge will present the play, "Rose Upon the Altar". This will be preceded by a dinner and will be a public event. More information will follow. Keep this date open.

Later in the year we will have a Masonic Education Discussion Group with lunch provided. The topic and time is in the planning stage.

Nobles, the Blue Lodges need our support. Remember that we are Masons first!



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as of January 31, 2011

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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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George A. Mitchell

Imperial Potentate

Shriners International Imperial Divan

During the 2010 Imperial Council Session, held in Toronto July 4-8, George A. Mitchell of Jordan Station, Ontario, Canada, was elected the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, making him the highest-ranking Shriner in the world. In this role, he serves as President of the Board of Directors for Shriners International and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Mitchell is the president and owner of Mitchell's Bunsmaster Bakery and Deli and Maple Leaf Investments, and was involved in the motel business and real estate development for several years. He attended St. Catharine's Collegiate and Vocational School and majored in business at Niagara College. He is a member of St. Catharine's Business Club and a Kentucky Colonel of Niagara.

Mitchell served as the Potentate of Rameses Shriners in 1997 and is a life-member to several Shrine clubs. He is an emeritus member of the board of governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Erie and is a former Chairman of the Membership, Budget, Investment, Protocol, Insurance and Ritual committees. He has also served on the Special Purpose Funds/Fundraising Evaluation Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

His Masonic affiliations include Adanac Lodge #614, the Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies, Knights Templar, the Cabiri and the National Sojourners, Milwaukee Chapter #27. He is a Past Master of the Lodge of Perfection #616 and a member of Seymour York Rite College #185. Mitchell is also an honorary member of the Order of International Supreme Council of DeMolay International.

Mitchell and his wife, Deanna, have two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.



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And Then There Are Miracles...

Shriners help children who grow up to be successful, thriving and interesting adults. We've seen and heard the wonderful stories of children who were helped. In the past, I've heard people wondering what happened to Megan and Adam Walter. I was delighted at a recent meeting to not only hear Megan's name, but to eat some of the goodies that she prepares in her shop, Sweet Daphne, 2825 Dublin Blvd. (corner of Union and Dublin.)

It was an inspiration to meet Megan who was burned over 86% of her body when she was 4 years old in a terrible accident, which also burned her brother Adam, and her dad, Bill. She and Adam were cared for at the Shriners Burn Hospital in Galveston, TX. The treatment there, the care, the compassion, plus the attitude of her mother, allowed Megan to grow up as a normal child. "When you've never had that 'before and after' knowledge, you are just who you are." See what I mean when I say that she is remarkable and an inspiration?

Megan followed Adam to Grace College in Indiana and earned a degree in Business. She came back home and attended Pikes Peak Community College to study culinary arts. There she took a class with the pastry chef from the Garden of the Gods Country Club. She liked the class and the chef asked her to work there. She did and loved the baking. Megan then decided to open a shop with the help of her sister, Abby and her dad.

When we discussed the hospital in Galveston, Megan could not say enough good things about her care and the attitude that they instill, not only in the children, but with the staff, "You are not disabled; you are normal." Shriners make your life feel normal. She and Adam are

still in contact with people who cared for them over the years at the hospital.

A word about Adam, who didn't like hospitals, he is now in his residency at the University of Toledo, after attending Indiana U's medical school. He has two more years and in OB GYN and has researched and presented paper on Ob Gyn Oncology. He is married with a young daughter. What a remarkable story.

What Megan lives by are some simple things. #1 See the Blessings. #2 Challenges are normal and need to be overcome. #3 Keep experimenting and exploring your options. Her shop, a little over a year old, is doing well. She knows her customers and talks with them about their lives. Megan and Adam are some of the miracles that Shriners Hospitals for Children have helped to happen. We should be so proud of the many miracles the hospitals have done with our support.



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Pledge sheets and donation receipts can be obtained from Swede Hanson, President, 719/930-4886, or Dave Kochis, Vice President, 719/242-5846.

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**Let's have a great turnout.
See you all April 3rd, 2011 at
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9:00 A.M., bowl 10 A.M.**

Pig Roast Set for October 2, 2011!

by Gary Sears

Nobles, Ladies and Friends, J.D. Potter has set the date of October 2, 2011 to "Call in the Hogs" for our great pig roast event. More details will follow soon. Meanwhile, get your Piggy Banks and fill them with your spare change to gain admission! I have a few banks left, don't miss out, get yours now!



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.
- On October 2, 2011 we will be "Calling in the Hogs" to collect the change that you have saved for Al Kaly. This means we will have a party with great food and fellowship to celebrate "Calling in the Hogs." J.D. Potter will roast a pig, and other food, for the event and it will be a great time!
- 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 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 daily 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!"

If You're Thinking About Taking a Trip, How About These Destinations?

September 1,2 and 3, 2011 there will be a contingent going to the Central States Shrine Convention in Overland Park, Kansas and on August 8,9, and 10,2012 they will be going to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.. This is a good chance to see what kind of Units the other Temples have. They always have a good parade, and you can pick up some good ideas. This is about a days drive each way, so come and join us for a good trip. Someone will be taking reservations for the Hotel.

The Prime trip of the year is always the Potentate's trip and this one is no exception. They will depart October 14th from Colorado Springs, flying to New Orleans, spend a couple days there and then board the Norwegian Spirit for a seven day cruise including stops in Costa Maya, Mexico, Belize City, Belize, Roatan Island, Roatan, Central America and Cozumel, Mexico, returning home October 23rd.. Trips like this are planned every year, about the same time, for some interesting places. In past years we have traveled to Italy, Spain, Ireland, Scotland, Alaska the Carribean, Hawaii, the Mexican Rivera and here at home on the Mississippi Queen.

A trip that I've personally made the last twenty four years is to the East/West Shrine Football game, and that's always a lot of fun.

If you're thinking about taking that trip, watch for information from the Shrine later in the year. Our next trip will be in January, 2012, and the game is to be held in Orlando, Florida. What an opportunity this is. You get to see the game and you can also visit our Shrine hospital in Tampa and if you are a Harry Potter fan you can visit the "Wizarding World of Harry Potter" at Universal Studios.

If you haven't figured it out yet, Shriners love to travel, go out to eat and shop (at least the ladies do).

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The editorial without words stand as a reminder for us and the world as to who we are and what we stand for.



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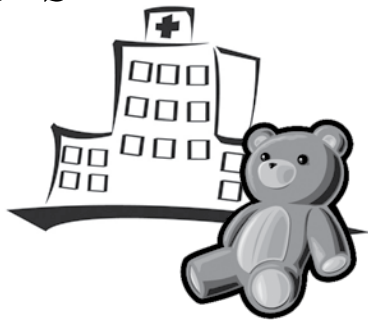


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This article is directed at the new Nobles but it's for all Nobles.

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As I visit the various Hospitals, I find the Staff and their active volunteers are quick to show you their facilities and tell you why they are unique to our system.

My latest visit was to the Honolulu Unit, where myself and an Aloha Clown "Flip" were given the grand tour by Mrs. Lan Tran. A special thanks goes out to her and Randy Chang who took time out of their busy schedules to answer my questions.

The Honolulu Unit took their first patient in 1923, when they were using the rear wing of the Kauhaleolani Children's Hospital to treat Shriner children. They were later bequeathed property with the buildings that were converted to the Hospital (1930). That hospital has undergone a complete renovation the past three years and just had it's grand re-opening this past Fall. This Unit is the only hospital in our system supported by a single Temple. That is Aloha Temple and they are doing a fantastic job as they support the children across the Pacific Rim.

A huge accomplishment they are very proud of is the application of the Ilizarov Leg Lengthening Technique to a young man in their care. They were able to extend his lower left leg 13 inches, The Honolulu Unit was the first of our Hospitals to successfully perform this technique, and have done many more in the past six years.

This is representative of what goes on every day in our Hospitals. In summary, Nobles, take the opportunity to visit and make yourself proud of what you are doing for these children. Watch for our Temple to publicize Divan Days at the Salt Lake City and that's normally the third weekend of September and everyone is invited. There will be special times set aside for visits and tours through out the hospital. It's a great time for you and your Lady to visit.

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- Daughters of the Nile



by *Regina Felton*
Queen

This year has flown by and this will be the last time that I have will have the opportunity to write an article as Queen. I truly value the opportunities and experiences that I have been exposed to and I want to acknowledge just how much I have been shaped by this experience. I have more empathy for what is required to take the lead of an organization such as ours. It has been a significant milestone for me and one in which I have learned a great deal. I have learned that Daughters of the Nile is made up of women who give selflessly of their time. They are a positive and enthusiastic group of women willing to go that extra mile.

There are so many of you that have impacted my life in a memorable and meaningful way. I want to say THANK YOU to everyone for all their support during my term and I am looking forward to the newest chapter of my journey in Daughters of the Nile.

There are big ships and small ships, but the best ships are friendships

Nile Love,
Regina



Queen Regina Felton



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CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

LEGION OF HONOR -CMD. NOBLE RICHARD C. LARKE

by Noble James W. Rawlings, PC

The Salt Lake Shriners Children Hospital recently recognized our Lady Bluebirds for their long and continued support of providing pre-op dolls to the hospital. There is a big demand for the dolls and due to the limited number of organizations that are engaged in making the dolls it seems a shortage has occurred. The Lady Bluebirds extend an invitation to the Ladies of Al Kaly Shrine to join them and assist in making pre-op dolls. The job is not too difficult and if you have a little time you will enjoy getting out and contributing to a really worthwhile project. The Bluebirds meet at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club, second Wednesday monthly at 7:00pm.

Parade season is almost here. Time to get those uniforms and marching gear in order for the first parade which will be the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12. Our goal this year as usual is to get a color guard of seven marching members at each parade. If you are able to march and carry colors there is real need for your support. If not, wear your fez and come to the parade to assist where you can, and we are sure you will have a good time.

Last year the Legion had two, four man teams in the Al Kaly Golf Tournament. This year we would like to have at least three teams. This is one tournament that is a little different in that you don't have to look good. You just need some idea of what a golf stick looks like and have the urge to swing it and hit the little white ball. If you miss it a few times, well, that's just golf. When it's all over someone will tell you if you won or lost. The food will be good and there will be many prizes. This event will happen on July 31 at Desert Hawk Pueblo West. This is an Al Kaly fundraiser open to Shriners and friends. Remember that date: July 31.

The Legion's Spaghetti Dinner will be April 3, at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club. This is the Legion's annual fund raiser. Tickets will be available soon.

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

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AL KALY MULE TRAIN

*by Allan Ake
Secretary*

The Mule Train is busy gearing up (literally and figuratively) for the 2011 parade season. The mules are fat, sassy, and furry, with the winter coats in full swing. We've ordered new white gear and hope it gets here in time for the St Pat's Day parade. We're looking forward to grooming the mules until they're sleek and shiny, saddling up and parading with our fellow Shriners.

Along other lines, all Mule Train members are thinking of warmer weather and our three fund raisers: the BBQ, Fish Fry, and Garage Sale along with hosting the International Shrine Horse Patrols competition in July. Wow, what a busy year we have planned and we wouldn't have it any other way.

IHOP Day was March 1st and the Mule Train members once again covered the Southgate IHOP from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. That is always a fun activity and a great fund raiser for the hospitals.

The Mule Train OV is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st. The members are looking forward to welcoming one of their own, Illustrious Sir Allan Ake.

AL KALY PR UNIT

by **Richard Mills**
President

It is so nice to function in a comfort zone and never have to deal with change. However, life has a way of forcing us to accept reality and that means change. Noble Ray Clark, due to job conditions, is no longer the editor of the Dust, and we will miss his guidance but we must and will accept this change as a new challenge. Noble Doug Gabel will bring a different approach and the Dust, with your help, will continue to grow.

Sometimes I think that life hands us setbacks and disappointments to test our determination and motivation. On February 8th, the PR unit had big plans for a 30 minute radio talk show on KRLN in Canon City. We had a great line up of Nobles ready to spread the word of Shrinedom throughout the area. Unfortunately, Mother Nature picked that morning to inundate Canon City with a howling blizzard, isolating us from the outside world. We will try again sometime in March to reschedule this event. If you would like to join us on the radio or take part in other group presentations, please contact me. **WE NEED HELP.**

The fun and busy season for Shriners is just around the corner. Parades, campouts, picnics and other functions will give us an opportunity to be seen by the public and let them see the fun that we have. When the Circus comes to town, make sure the public knows about it in advance and the fact that it is sponsored by the Shrine. During the parades, if you are not in a unit, march anyway. Get out and show your colors.

Every Noble is aware that we depend upon the Blue Lodge for Shriners. How can we use our Shrine exposure to help the Blue Lodges grow?

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Colorado Springs Shrine Club
March 25, 2011

Dinner: 6:30pm / Meeting: 7:30pm

Attest:

Bart Guthrie, P.P.
Recorder

Allan Ake
Potentate

KALYKLOWNS

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

The Kalyklowns have continued with hospital visits in Pueblo but among the most anticipated events is The Official Visit of the Potentate, Ill. Sir Allan Ake which was on Sunday, February 13 at what was originally Solid Ground Restaurant, now Gabby's Diner. There will be more news concerning this event in the next issue of The Dust.

In January, all Nobles were invited to the meeting of the Pueblo City Council as the proclamation of the week of January 31 through February 5 as Burn Awareness Week was made. Present for this event among those Nobles, from the Kalyklowns were: Tracy "Tiny" Howard, Frank "General Halftrack" Caffey, Vern "El Lobo" Wolf, Ron "Crose" Crawford, Wayne "Howdy" McKey, Ken "Smiley" Kiniston, and Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan.

Noble Vern "El Lobo" Wolf continues to recover from his heart surgery, and has begun to get busier as he takes over the reins of Secretary for his Lodge, South Pueblo #31 from Noble Wayne "Howdy" McKey, who stepped down after his many years of service.

Also in the works is an annual dinner for the members and children of those members of the Elk's Lodge in Pueblo, B.P.O.E.#90, which will be on February 26 at 6:30PM. More on the outcome of this event will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Dust.

Another event has been requested, pending the assignment of those Kalyklowns who are available. A Boy Scout event, sponsored by the LDS Church on Pueblo's South Side will be in the offing on February 24 at 6:15 PM. The results of that event will be in the next issue as well.

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