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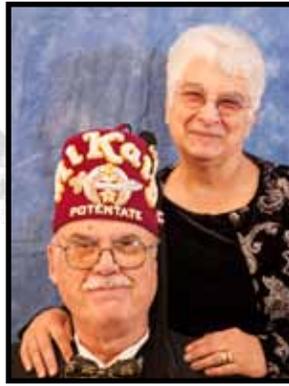
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# POTENTATE AND FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

by Ill. Sir Merv Terrill  
and Lady Glenda



It is becoming obvious we live in Colorado. No matter what the weather, wait 10 minutes, it will change. This week it went from five inches of snow to 75 degrees and beautiful in 24 hours. But, the upside to that is we have Spring weather for the Ceremonial (which will be gone when you read this) and the other functions everyone is preparing to attend.

March saw many outings for the Shrine including a fantastic IHOP day, Honored Ladies Luncheon, the Arkansas Valley Shrine Club, Colorado Springs Shrine Club and Kalyklowns Official Visits, Daughters of the Nile Installation to mention the big ones. Lady Glenda and I are pleased at the number of filled chairs at these functions; people are coming out and having a bit of Shrine Fun with us and we love it.

Since this is a 60 day Dust, the upcoming list is a tad longer than usual. Check your directory calendar or the on-line calendar at [alkalyshrine.org](http://alkalyshrine.org) (which has correct information on all events) for upcoming Official Visits and other fun events. And, since this is the last time we can jog your memory before the June events don't forget all the Circuses in May and the Al Kaly Steak Fry on June 8th at the Pueblo Shrine Club. See the articles on these on page 15.

Sky Sox night is approaching and this has been a smashing fun event the last several years. We go to Security Services field, give each other a bad time, eat 'til we are miserable, then watch the game together in our PRIVATE PICNIC AREA. Please come join us. See this article on page 14 for more details.

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

**Pueblo Shrine Club**  
May 9, 2014  
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*(Potentate and First Lady, continued from page 2)*

Bands in the Backyard is coming and Chief Rabban JD is stuck with coordinating that event. It will be a fun time for the volunteers this year as everyone learned from the mistakes of last year... including the promoter. See the article on page 4.

The Golf Tournament is up and running. Do you know a golfer? Would they like to come to our event? Please help us get more hands on clubs and feet on the greens. The article on this gives all the information for you to join us or to ask others.

Please check your calendars for October's Trip to London and Iceland; we are short people to make this a reality at this time. We are told this happens every year, but it doesn't stop our stomachs from turning with the worry about attendance. See the article on page 19, ALSO.

The Dust holds a host of information every month, so please read through it faithfully. It stops us from calling each of you and hounding you about affairs we want you to join and gives you detailed information about them.

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# Bands in the Backyard

by Glenda Terrill

You are sitting on your chair, leaning back relaxing and talking about your last fishing trip, drinking ice-cold water with your feet on the cooler...when some guy with a fifth-wheel comes driving up to your hut wanting to park. Well, after all, we are going to be there to make sure he gets to the right space.

THAT is the entire duty this year!! Check the paperwork, make sure there are as many arm bands as people, and hand them off to "The Guy on the ATV". Go to the bathroom next to your hut and start over again.

Last year was the "test" year, and thanks to Doug Gabel and JD Potter, we pulled it off. Tommy G and Al Kaly, this year, agreed it was too much for a bunch of "older volunteers". They have negotiated a very nice flat fee for our services and MANY less responsibilities. Please come help!!

WORK ASSIGNMENTS ARE IN 3 HOUR SLOTS BUT WE NEED THOSE SLOTS FILLED! Dates are June 18 - 21 and the hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.. Duty slots are 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 12 - 3 p.m., 3 - 6 p.m., and 6 - 9 p.m. You can work one shift, two together, two separated, all day, every day, one day...any combination of the days and hours!! We need many volunteers...MANY. If you are able, at all, to come for some of the time - we will take you. This cannot be handled by just a few volunteers, we need help!!

UNITS: We could handle this in the same way we do IHOP where a Unit does an entire afternoon or day. At this time we have the slots open to accommodate this on a couple of the days.

EVERYONE: Contact JD by phone (719-240-0675) or email (jd\_potter@msn.com) to volunteer or check available times. We thank you for any and all help...but we need your time to thank you for.



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## Shrine Ladies

*by Sheila Aldrich  
President*

Our St. Patrick's Day dinner was a huge success! Thank you to Mary Burger who is our organizational chef and supervisor. She makes it happen!! Thank you to all the Club members for their hours for prepping, serving, and cleaning up. Our newest members, Faye Lindsey and June Hallenbeck, stepped right up and we appreciate that. Thank you to all the Shriners and their families who attended. We appreciate all your support and it started with Ill. Sir. Merv and Lady Glenda.

Our April luncheon meeting was held at the IHOP at Stetson Hills. The May meeting will be a pot luck dinner at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club on May 5th at 5:30 p.m.. The Shriners' Ladies Club will provide the entree and all members are asked to bring a dish to share along with your tableware (dish, eating utensils) Beverages will also be provided. Nobles are invited to join their Ladies for this event. We won't meet June, July or August as usual. Hope to see everyone on May 5th.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## MAY

3	Parade - Canon City	14	Circus - Salida	29	Circus - Trinidad
3	OV - Honda Patrol	15	Circus - Canon City	30	Circus - Monte Vista
9	Stated Meeting, PSC	26	Circus - Lamar	31	Circus - Durango
10	Mule Train BBQ	27	Circus - Pueblo		
13	Circus - Colorado Springs	28	Circus - Rocky Ford		

## JUNE

8	Steak Fry	18-21	Bands in the Backyard	30	Sky Sox Night <b>(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM JUNE 9)</b>
13	OV - Mon Ark SC	22	OV - Band		
14	Fib Ark Parade, Salida	28	Cripple Creek Parade		

## JULY

4	Monument Parade	8	Pikes Peak or Bust Parade	26	Monte Vista Parade
5	La Veta Parade	13	OV - Flivvers/Little T's		
6-10	Imperial Session - Minneapolis	22	OV - Trinidad SC		
		25	OV - Sand Dunes SC OV		



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## Featured Member

# Adolph Wolff

by Rose Enyeart

### LIVING HISTORY

The door opens and a small white haired man motions me to move my car to the other side of the driveway as his wife, Gerda is not home yet. Adolph Wolff is brimming with energy as he leads me up the stairs of their home high on the west side of Colorado Springs. He proudly shows me the three hundred sixty degree views that show all of the prairie and Pikes Peak. The house is beautiful, and the setting comfortable as we settle in to the display of information that Adolph has assembled. Adolph showed me some of his very prestigious awards and memorabilia: his Bronze Star, a copy of the cease fire that ended the European Front and so much more. This remarkable man was born in 1914 in Germany after his father left for war (WWI). His father became a POW and didn't return for seven years. The family immigrated to the United States in 1928. When World War II started, Adolph was first in line to sign up. But, was declared 4F because it looked like he had arthritis and was rejected. Finally the time came when the Army was ready for men who were able bodied who had been rejected before. He was able to join the 110th Infantry.



They were in the thick of the war and what they went through will only be known by the men who survived. They have no way to convey nor do we have the ability to understand the horrors they faced and survived.

Adolph avoided death three times. As an infant he was ill and wouldn't eat and the doctor told his mother that he would die. His mother tried just one more time and he ate and lived. During the War, he was shot by a sniper and the bullet hit his C Rations stored in his breast pocket. In 2008, he was in heart failure and signed up for an unapproved heart procedure which saved his life and opened the way for the procedure to become approved for use. Adolph had the opportunity to save lives as well. During the latter part of the War when they were on the front lines, a man was seen carrying a lantern which brought German fire toward their location. Adolph went to talk to him rather than just shoot him to douse the light. He was a French farmer whose wife had gone into labor and needed help. Adolph took two medics, went behind German lines and helped deliver the baby boy.

When the European Front was over, he thought he would be sent home or be redeployed to Japan. When the Japanese

surrendered, Adolph was assigned to stay in Germany because he spoke German and had proved his abilities to manage and support the military presence there. Adolph had one request, a pretty blonde secretary. He and Gerda were engaged, married

and had a son before he came back to live in the U.S. in 1978.

In a presentation given by Adolph to the Shriners, he said, "From marriage and fatherhood I learned true love and unselfishness. The greatest overall influences were my wife Gerda and our only son Fred. From Freemasonry, I learned to act with honesty, truth and generosity and to subdue my passions and to keep my emotions and prejudices within due bounds... The good Lord blessed me with good health, long life and better than average intelligence. Life has been endlessly good to me. I have found happiness, fulfillment and rewards beyond my wildest dreams."

In a 90th Birthday message, Adolph said, "I would like to share with you my recipe for longevity. Accentuate the

*(Adolph Wolff, continued at right)*

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positive. Live each day to the fullest. Get the most from each hour, each day, and each age of your life. Today our society is captivated by a culture that worships youth. Seniors are pushed aside and 'ageism' is widespread. We notice the relative invisibility of the



elderly in television shows and advertisements... We seniors are often titled 'old geezers'. Yes, old geezers are easily spotted. How does one spot an old geezer? At sporting events during the playing of the national anthem they hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them... It is us old geezers who know that our great country is protected not by politicians and police but by the young men and women in the military serving their country. This old geezer has moral courage and decent values. I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon. I seek opportunities to develop whatever talents God gave me – not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk, to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act myself, enjoy the benefits of my creations, to face the world boldly and say – 'this I have done and accomplished.'"

He and Gerda are Social Butterflies and each has their own car. Adolph is the oldest person in the State of Colorado to have a driver's license. They have lived their lives to the fullest. What an inspiration and a joy to meet such wonderful human beings. October 12, 2014 will be the 100th Birthday which is also Columbus Day. Have a wonderful celebration, Adolph Wolff.

# My 20th Century

by Adolph Wolff

My 20th century was a wonderful time to have lived. There was more technological and medical progress and betterment of human life recorded during this hundred years than possibly during all of previous human history. I am certain that advancement in the future will far surpass the accomplishment of my century. That is the way it should be.

When I think back on my life, I cannot help but wonder who I really am. Am I the same naive person I was as a boy growing up? Am I the same person I was as a soldier? Am I the same person I was as a young adult? Am I the same person I was as a bachelor? The answer to all of these questions is a resounding "no, I am not." If not, then who am I?

Over a lifetime - through many experiences, good and bad, knowing and working with individuals I respected and admired and with some I neither respected, admired, nor even liked - I developed into a mosaic of many people as tempered by my own experience and values.

From marriage and fatherhood I learned true love and unselfishness. The greatest overall influences were my wife Gerda and our only son Fred. From Freemasonry I learned to act with honesty, truth, generosity, and to subdue my passions and to keep my emotions and prejudices within due bounds. From my earliest experiences I learned that the harder I worked the more successful I became. Good work habits, dedication and loyalty are not always enough to assure success. One must be prepared with a good and continuing education and a willingness to seek and accept responsibility. One also needs a cordial and pleasing manner. The last ingredient for success is being in the right place at the right time - luck.

The good Lord blessed me with good health, long life, and better than average intelligence. Life has been endlessly good to me. I have found happiness, fulfillment, and rewards beyond my wildest dreams. I lived my life my way - to its fullest. I have no regrets. I would not change a day of my life - an hour, maybe, but NOT A FULL DAY.



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# THE FUN SEASON IS HERE!

by *J.D. Potter*  
Chief Rabban

I attended the Bowl-a-Thon this year, and for a Noble that cannot remember the last time I had a bowling ball in my hand, the Bowlers made me feel like I had been on their team forever. It was a great time and I would encourage anyone that has some time to look into this Unit. They sure know how to have fun! I also attended the Legion of Honor's Spaghetti Dinner. that day I knew it was a success when I had to look for a parking spot in the Club lot. I want to thank all of the Nobles, Ladies and the Rainbow Girls for the hard work that they put in to making the event a success.

I attended the CSSA Business Meeting in St. Louis the first part April. During the meeting, we were informed that on the Call for the Imperial Session would be a proposed raise of the Per Capita Tax. There was a long discussion about why it was needed and how much had already been cut from the budget by the Imperial Officers. When a show of hands was taken, about half of the Temples said they would support a \$1 a month increase in the tax.

At the Al Kaly Board Meeting, \$3 a year increase was discussed and will be proposed at the May Stated Meeting. The increase is needed to offset the losses from the poor Calendar Sales and paper recycling program that we lost this year.

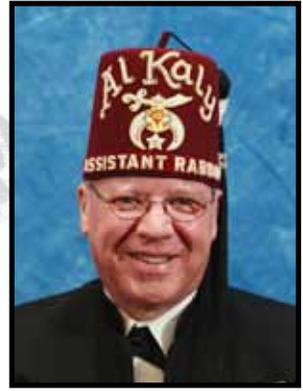
After hearing all of the discussions at both levels, I am seeing the effects of our decline in Membership and lack of support for the fundraising actives of our Membership at a local and national level. We, as members of Al Kaly and as members of Shriners International, have some very tough decisions to make in the near future.

I would like to hear from the Nobility regarding your thoughts on how to increase Membership so we don't have to keep crossing this bridge.



# EVENTS ARE PASSING QUICKLY!

by *Jim Eaches, Sr.*  
Assistant Rabban



Greetings:

Parade Season is upon Al Kaly Shrine and the Nobles have already dusted off their cars, tuned up their instruments, replenished their make-up and polished their shoes. So, nothing can stop us now. We must be seen and heard, that's what the Parades are all about. Making the public aware of who we are and that the Shriner's are still the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

My Lady Rosa and I just returned from the Central States Shrine Association business meeting. I have to say, the meeting was much more enjoyable then the weather. Two nights in St. Louis and the Tornado warning sirens were going off both nights. and yes, a lot of rain. There was a lot of talk about membership and the location for CSSA in 2017. Kearney, Nebraska did an outstanding presentation. However, the location was voted down, so back to the drawing board.

The Legion of Honor had an outstanding turn out for their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. It was evident there had been long hours and hard work put in by all the members of the Legion of Honor and their Ladies this year. Likewise, all the support they had this year from the youth groups was appreciated. No one could have left being hungry and if they were, it was definitely their own fault. There were many positive comments on the food and the service, well done everyone!

The Al Kaly Bowl-A-Thon is over and we are hoping to start the league up again in August. Hopefully we can get more bowlers out on the lanes. So, please spread the word so we can get the numbers back up as in the past. True we have lost a lot of our faithful members to the Celestial Bowling Lanes. However, this is a fun league and the only group that raises money directly for the Hospitals through their Bowl-A-Thon at the end of the bowling season in April. So, sign up, enjoy the fun, and bring the family.

Summer is here and all the activities as well, read the Dust, check out the Nuts and Bolts and take a peek at the Al Kaly website for all upcoming events, Circuses included. Hope to see you soon somewhere on the highway.

Yours in Shrinedom.



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# SPRING EVENTS

by Ron Bowen

High Priest and Prophet

Greetings All!

Spring is here and I hope that means the cold and snow are moving on! Several events had to be canceled or rescheduled; but we have had a lot of fun along the way in spite of the weather juggling our schedules.

Doc Hathaway led his charges to a great turnout for the IHOP Pancake Day. I managed to get to each location in the Springs and the turnout was much better than last year. The Pueblo North IHOP did better than the others - Doc's final count came in at over \$10,000! What a great day! Thanks to all of you who participated; you did an awesome job!

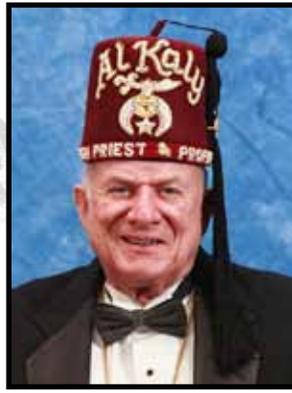
March saw members of the Divan traveling to Official Visits for Arkansas Valley Shrine Club, Fremont Shrine Club, Colorado Springs Shrine Club, and the Kalyklowns/Shabob. Each was fun, and the Penny War is heating up with the Ladies asking for pennies and trying to talk members into donating larger coins or paper to their rivals. I encourage everyone to donate pennies as well as higher denominations to each of the Ladies. Personally I hope this contest ends in a tie. Wouldn't that be so fantastic for the General Fund? I wish them all the best. Let's pitch in and fill their containers as fast as we can!

We didn't parade for St. Patrick's Day, but the CSSC Ladies came through with their great Corned Beef and Cabbage event. You know, it was even better than last year. The Band was there to entertain and they did their usual great playing. I think there were more attending this year than in past years. Thank you CSSC Ladies for doing this year after year. What a tremendous service for all.

The end of March saw us attending the Daughters of the Nile Installation of their new Queen, LorAnn Singmaster. It was really a nice affair and, of course, seeing the Ladies do their dance was just awesome.

The month of April came roaring in. The Legion of Honor's Annual Spaghetti Dinner was just unbelievable. Several members started the preparation on April 5 with initial work and then continued early the next morning. The Ladies brought in the desserts and the Rainbow Girls came in and just took over. What a huge job for everyone! Oh yes, the crowd was unbelievable. I think it was without a doubt, the largest number of people I have seen since I have been attending. Thank you Legion and Ladies for a job well done!

Take care everyone.



# A MILESTONE!

by Jim Gilbert

Oriental Guide

Nobles and Ladies, we have had our fair share of great events happen to the Al Kaly Shrine as an Organization. But, when a milestone has been reached by multiple Nobles of the Shrine, it is most definitely an occasion to be celebrated. The milestone I am talking of is that of reaching the age of 100+ years of age. One such Noble was present at the last Stated Meeting in Colorado Springs at the Shrine Club (see the Featured Shriner article). Adolph Wolff shared with us a write up of his life and I have asked our Editor to include that letter after my ramblings (see page 7). So, on with my part, I hope you were able to be part of the recent Potentate's Ball and the Spring Ceremonial.

The Parade season is upon us, with the kick off this year in Canon City on May 3. Don't forget to let Marshal Fred know if your Unit will be there. Also, regarding the Al Kaly Steak Fry on June 8... IS Bill Sheard is cooking, not me, so the food will be edible (no, seriously, I CAN'T COOK).

The base membership of the Shrine, and all of the Appendent Bodies, is the Blue Lodges. PLEASE, PLEASE attend your Blue Lodges and as always, Membership is Key to the success of all institutions. Once you read through Adolph's letter, think if you could say the same of changing the past, do you have minutes or days to change?



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# FINANCIAL STANDINGS

by Eugene Dobrzelecki  
Treasurer



Brother Nobles,  
Here it is the middle of the year, but in the world of finances, it is only the end of the first quarter.

That is explained by the speed clock of writing articles for the Dust. My witticisms are timeless, but the numbers in the accounts can only move at real time pace. So having apologized profusely for the delay in the numbers, here are the financial standings as of the end of March. I have chosen to give you the report format as it is submitted to Tampa every January, so that you can see how we are doing against the budget that you approved for this year (see right).

Having gotten through one-quarter of the year, we are reflecting about 50% of fraternal fundraising revenue. This is good as these funds flush out our operating funds. However, put that against the fact that only 71% of our expected dues have been received. Let's get with it and pay our dues.

On the expense side, all of the accounts are showing room for the rest of the year. The sole exception is in the building operations account. That is where we book the insurance costs. The excess of \$805 reflects the fact that not all Units and Clubs have paid their insurance assessment.

Again this year, I have had to fight to get the Unit and Club reports in to the Shrine office. In case it is not realized or known, these reports are required by General Order #1 and are supposed to be in the office by February 1. This is an annual report and the Shrine office should not have to hound the Units and Clubs to make them. These reports make sure that Unit and Club finances are running properly and in accordance with Shrine law. They are due to the Shrine auditor, who prepares the taxes and compiles a report that goes to Tampa, telling them that we are good little boys with our money.

## BUDGET VS ACTUALS as of the end of March 2014

	Budget	Actual *
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Initiation Fees	\$4,375.00	\$1,050.00
Membership dues & PCT	\$63,805.00	\$45,525.00
<b>Less: Dues writeoffs</b>	<b>(-\$2,100.00)</b>	
<b>Rental income</b>		
Investment income	\$6,900.00	\$429.68
Realized gains/losses		\$0.00
Miscellaneous income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$3,000.00	\$650.00
<b>Charitable fundraising - net proceeds</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Less: Distribution to S.H.C.</b>	<b>(-\$5,000.00)</b>	<b>(-\$5,000.00)</b>
<b>Less: Retained for Hospital Patient</b>	<b>(-\$5,000.00)</b>	<b>(-\$5,000.00)</b>
<b>Transportation Fund</b>		
Fraternal fundraising gross revenues	\$93,975.00	\$35,838.90
<b>Less: Direct fundraising costs</b>	<b>(-\$51,007.39)</b>	<b>(-\$13,449.99)</b>
Fraternal fundraising revenues	\$42,967.61	\$22,388.91
Other revenues - net	\$17,475.00	\$8,657.43
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$136,422.61</b>	<b>\$78,701.02</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Imperial Council</b>		
Per capita & initiation fees	\$12,677.50	\$4,992.50
Administrative	\$73,874.84	\$20,896.53
Building operations	\$2,000.00	\$2,805.00
Business sessions/ Ceremonials	\$3,175.00	\$401.87
Social activities/ Entertainment	\$15,580.32	\$5,243.73
Visitations & Pilgrimages	\$8,400.00	\$1,645.00
Promotion & Publicity	\$16,157.00	\$4,123.00
Unit & Club expenses		\$0.00
Donations to fraternal groups	\$300.00	\$60.00
Members' relations	\$1,200.00	\$25.00
Donations to charities	\$500.00	\$52.14
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$133,864.66</b>	<b>\$40,244.77</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$908.83</b>	<b>\$38,456.25</b>

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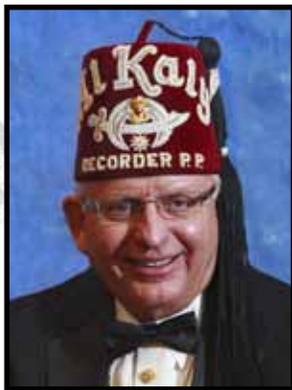
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# 100 YEAR OLD MEMBERS

by Bart Guthrie, P.P.  
Recorder



At the March 21, 2014 Stated Meeting several of our members that will turn 100 years old this year were recognized.

Al Kaly has five members that are or will be 100 years old this year. Nobles honored at the stated meeting were Roy L. Gray, Adolph Wolff and Art Lemmon. Noble Ralph Outcalt was recognized at a birthday celebration in Alamosa last year. Noble Roy Gray turned 103 years old this month. You may have seen the outstanding article on him in the Colorado Springs Gazette. Ill. Sir Merv Terrill (no he will not turn 100) took a certificate to Durango to be presented to Noble Art Lemmon at a San Juan Basin SC meeting. Unfortunately, Noble Robert K. Berry passed away on February 27, 2014. At the Stated Meeting, Noble Adolph Wolff attended the meeting, received a Certificate of Achievement and had an inspiring presentation for the Nobility (see his comments here in the Dust).

Al Kaly extends a hearty Happy Birthday to all of these gentlemen!

## Membership

### March 31, 2014

<b>Starting:</b>	<b>765</b>
Creations:	0
Affiliations:	2
Restorations:	0
Demits:	0
Suspensions:	1
Deaths:	4
Resignations:	0
Net Total:	742
Associates:	20
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>762</b>

*On March 31, 2013 Al Kaly total membership was 823*

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# Shriner Hospital: One Miracle at a Time

What a wonderful surprise! I was to meet Prince Lee to talk about his college freshman daughter, Brianna, at the Citadel Food Court, and who should be accompanying him, but Brianna. She'd called and said she was coming home for a long weekend. What great timing. She is tall and lovely, with a story to tell.

Brianna had scoliosis and compensated for the curvature of her spine by wearing baggy sweatshirts and hoodies to hide the bump on her back. When she was 14, the family could tell the curvature was becoming more severe, and they consulted a doctor who prescribed an expensive, painful brace. She tried it a few times and could not bear the discomfort. Yet her body was becoming more uncomfortable. Lying down to sleep was the only way she got relief. Her mother called St. Jude's for help, which referred her to the Shriner Hospital Network. Because Dad and Brianna were living in Grand Junction at the time, they went to a screening clinic there and were sent to Salt Lake Shriner Hospital for Children.

By then, Brianna was 15 and dressing in loose fitting clothes, trying to avoid drawing attention. She felt different from the other girls her age because there were things she couldn't do. Sports hurt too much. She tried golfing with her dad, but that was too painful. When they went to Salt Lake, she

was determined to be a good candidate for a very risky operation. The doctors would open her back, straighten the curvature of her spine, and attach rods to the spine to correct the curvature. The doctors explained this option and gave them some time to think about it. It didn't take Brianna any time at all. She knew she wanted to rid herself of the pain in her body and the feelings of emotional isolation.

Her dad explained how withdrawn this beautiful girl had become and how she tried to hide her deformity with baggy clothing and shapeless clothes. She never



wore dresses or anything that would draw attention to her. He cannot express enough thanks to the Shriners for the miracle of health that they gave his daughter. Two months after the first visit, Brianna had her life changing operation. She had just turned 16 and went into the operation at five feet six inches and came out five feet nearly nine inches. Not only was she taller, but she could breathe better and her body was much more comfortable with the room for her organs, especially the lungs, that came from straightening the spine. The remarkable thing was that her spine had twisted five degrees in the months between the first visit and the surgery. It was changing rapidly and the timing couldn't have been better.

Brianna's return to high school after the surgery was quite dramatic: she was taller, and she now wore clothes that looked good and made her feel good. Her friends were curious about her transformation and asked questions that they had never asked her before. For Brianna, it was liberating to be able to freely talk about her operation. She began to discover the person she could become and came out of hiding to be who she wanted to be. It was life changing and life giving.

The Salt Lake City Shriners Hospital made the family comfortable and welcome while Brianna healed enough to return home. She has had two follow up visits and every time is treated like returning family member. She is very grateful for all the Shriners have done for her and was so glad to tell me her story and show me the before and after x-rays of her spine. It is an honor for me to accept the thanks and praise on behalf of all that the Shriner Hospitals have done for her. All Shriners and their supporters deserve the credit for the work done to maintain this wonderful hospital system.

Brianna exercises every day to keep her core strong, and she golfs with her dad when they can fit it in. She has no restrictions in her future, other than she can't have a job which requires heavy lifting or is too physically taxing. There may be a time when she needs further surgery but that bridge will be crossed when she gets there. Meanwhile, she continues to explore her college setting. She goes to Colorado State University in Ft. Collins and is now in pre-veterinary studies. She is exploring her interests in science and would love to work in a zoo with a variety of animals.

Mr. Lee kept coming back to the Shriners as miracle workers. One operation changed Brianna's life and opened up new possibilities for living her life. The change in Brianna was dramatic and unbelievably given by total strangers who believe in making children's lives better at no cost to the families. Keep the tradition alive. Aren't you proud to be a Shriner?

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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.

## In Memory/Honor of...

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| <b>Paul Samuelson</b> by Bob & Betty Burr (4/14)        | <b>Pauline Lowery</b> by Joe & Lois Wooton (3/14)             | <b>Irene Weeks</b> by Bill & Irene Sheard (2/14)           | <b>Golda McGill</b> by Lorena & Dona Bymaster (11/13)           | <b>Dave Huff</b> by Geno & Mary Fran Romero (11/13)    | <b>Dave Huff</b> by Dave & Mona Hammett (7/13)                 |
| <b>Paul Samuelson</b> by William & Irene Sheard (4/14)  | <b>Pauline Lowery</b> by Bob & Betty Burr (3/14)              | <b>James Allen</b> by Bob & Phyllis Allen (1/14)           | <b>Golda McGill</b> by Geno & Mary Fran Romero (11/13)          | <b>Dave Huff</b> by William E. Shellhart (11/13)       | <b>Dave Huff</b> by Bill & Irene Sheard (7/13)                 |
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| <b>John Schroyer</b> (5/14)         | <b>Potentate's Escorts</b> (1/14)   | <b>Billy and Jean Edwards</b> (8/13) |
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| <b>Legion of Honor</b> (3/14)       | <b>Sam and Hazel Quintd</b> (11/13) | <b>Donald Bosin</b> (7/13)           |
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| <b>David and Ruby Ahsley</b> (2/14) | <b>Fremont Shrine Club</b> (9/13)   |                                      |
| <b>Al Kaly Band</b> (2/14)          | <b>John Schroyer</b> (9/13)         |                                      |
| <b>Diane Leach</b> (2/14)           |                                     |                                      |

# AL KALY NIGHT WITH THE COLORADO SPRINGS SKY SOX

Once again, it's time to reserve your tickets to the Al Kaly Night with the Colorado Springs Sky Sox. This is an open event to the entire Colorado Masonic Family and guests.

When? June 30, 2014 (**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM JUNE 9**)

Where? Security Service Field  
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Contact the Al Kaly Shriners Office to make your reservations. When available, tickets will be distributed either by Bart Guthrie, Al Kaly Office or Dick Sater, Colorado Springs Masonic Center.

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## In Memoriam

as of March 31, 2014

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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

Marvin L. Conrad, Bayfield, CO  
Born: February 6, 1935  
Created: October 13, 1984  
Died: February 22, 2014

Melvin J. Cook, La Junta, CO  
Born: March 28, 1942  
Created: June 6, 1987  
Died: March 17, 2014

Vernon D. Fuller, Canon City, CO  
Born: June 21, 1928  
Created: June 10, 1972  
Died: March 2, 2014

Philip L. Green, Colorado Springs, CO  
Born: September 17, 1914  
Created: June 12, 1971  
Died: February 27, 2014

# CIRCUSES

Circus circuit is about to start; see below for times and dates. Come to a circus, see the kids and adults in awe, look at the idiots on the high-wire, watch the animals perform and eat and talk with the performers...that's something only the Shriners can do, not the general public. We really are special to these people. The experience is so wonderful and unique, only those who have been involved in even a small part of the circuses can know. If you are not one of them, you need to be.

It's a great time, one day, one performance, the week-long trek of the second half, or a portion of the trek. Please come to some of this great money-maker for Al Kaly. You don't have to work at all and there is always lunch between the double performances and often before the singles. Guys, please wear your fez to let everyone know we are supporting our own event.

May 13	Colorado Springs	4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
May 14	Salida	4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
May 15	Canon City	4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
May 26	Lamar	2 and 7 p.m.
May 27	Pueblo	7 p.m.
May 28	Rocky Ford	7 p.m.
May 29	Trinidad	7 p.m.
May 30	Monte Vista	2 and 7 p.m.
May 31	Durango	2 and 7 p.m.

## AL KALY'S STEAK FRY

by Glenda Terrill

Mark your calendars for 1:00 p.m. on June 8th. We are having a Steak Fry!! In an attempt to keep the price as low as possible, so attendance is up, we are setting the price at \$17 per person.

This great event is going to take place at the Pueblo Shrine Club. There is a reason for the location, too. The cooks from the Club have volunteered/been threatened and are going to make their "World Famous Recipe" steaks for us. Any of you who have eaten at the steak-fry in Pueblo know these are fantastic steaks and are not to be missed. This event replaces the Lobster Fest traditionally held in Colorado Springs, which became so expensive it became prohibitive.

Again, mark your calendars for this event and go to meetings to find more details on the event. You can also watch the internet calendar on Al Kaly's website for details.



## Parade Season is Coming Soon! *Will You Be Part of the Fun?*

by Ill. Sir Bob Burr

Shrine Parade! Was that this weekend? Why didn't you say something? Why didn't you put it on the calendar, to help us remember?

I know. I've heard it all and I'm sure it goes on all over. Nobles, we need to stop, regroup, coordinate with the rest of your Unit and be ready for those BIG Parades. They may not be big to us. But it's real BIG in that Community and those families are out there waiting for us to show up. Planning for such events and the Fun and Fellowship that goes with it is how we got started 145 years ago.

I'm not sure what is happening within Al Kaly. But we need to talk to our fellow Nobles, work within our different Units and get as many Nobles out for the various Parades around southern Colorado as we possibly can. If you believe our lack of participation isn't affecting our membership, You Are Wrong! So, if for no other reason, get out there, bring your Unit members and let that Community know we are there to support them and we appreciate their continued support.

Let's make that next parade one big event and make Illustrious Sir Merv proud that he knows us and that he is leading Al Kaly Shrine for 2014.

# ★ Al Kaly Shriners Welcome New Nobles ★

Al Kaly welcomes the following new members that were created at the April 12, 2014 Ceremonial:



**Edward J. Aber**, 1st line signer Don Anderson. Noble Aber is a member of Durango Lodge 46. He and his Lady Marylou reside in Durango where he is employed in law enforcement.

**D.J. Griego**, 1st line signer Don Anderson. Noble Griego is a member of Durango Lodge 46. He and his Lady Lacie reside in Durango where he is employed as an operations technician.

**Elvie R. Conley**, 1st line signer Ron Hughes. Noble

Conley is a member of Alamosa Lodge 44. He resides in Alamosa and is employed by Adams State University.

**Edward J. Koeller**, 1st line signer IS Merv Terrill. Noble Koeller is a member of Silver State Lodge 95. He and his Lady Stephanie reside in Pueblo West where he is employed by Parkview Medical Center.

**Alan J. Lynn**, 1st line signer Don Jeter. Noble Lynn is a member of Durango Lodge 46. He and his Lady Carol reside in Durango where he is self employed.

**Donald L. Marshall**, 1st line signer IS Merv Terrill. Noble Marshall is a member

of South Pueblo Lodge 31. He is retired and resides in Pueblo.

**Nakia M. Mima**, 1st line signer Bob Peloso. Noble Mima is a member of Auburn Lodge 124, Auburn, NY. He and his Lady Nicole reside in Fountain where he is employed by the U.S. Army.

**Ben Neilson**, 1st line signer Brian Bate. Noble Neilson is a member of South Pueblo Lodge 31. He and his Lady Maggie reside in Pueblo where he is employed by the Pueblo County Government.

**J. Barry Perkins**, 1st line signer Don Jeter. Noble Perkins is a member of Durango Lodge 46. He is employed by the La Plata

County Government and resides in Bayfield.

**Darrel L. Phelan, Jr.**, 1st line signer Darrel L. Phelan, Sr. Noble Phelan is a member of Trinidad Lodge 28. He and his Lady Pang Moua reside in Trinidad where he is a student.

**Randall R. Sanger**, 1st line signer Richard "Swede" Hanson. Noble Sanger is a member of Ramah Lodge 165. He and his Lady Gwen reside in Colorado Springs where he is retired.

Also joining Al Kaly are the following:

**William J. Mathis**, affiliated in from Media Shriners.

**Duane A. Plant**, affiliated in from Aahmes Shriners.

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# The Roving Ambassador



by Richard Mills

Well, the Chief Ambassador has not been roving very much this last month. Personal projects, the weather and the ever present "honey do list" has kept me confined to Fremont County. Never the less, there are good things going on in the local area.

Mount Moriah #15 is busy reorganizing and remodeling with new appliances, painting and lots of elbow grease. They are looking like a lady with a new Easter Bonnet. Keeping in the spirit of newness, they have added two new members.

The New Year is starting with a bang for Eureka #66 in Coal Creek. The Lodge is in the process of adding three new members. As many know, Eureka 66 is a beautiful old building and to add to the charm, we heat with a wood burning stove in the Winter. Spring is a special time for us, as we can open all the windows and vent the building and bring in the glorious smell of Spring. If you have not had the pleasure of visiting Eureka, don't wait any longer.

The Honda Patrol Unit is in need of riders. The parade season is upon us and we have bikes that are just itching to be ridden. Call Noble Bob Hudson at 275-5213 to be matched up with a bike. If you would like a calmer ride, call Noble Bill Clugston at 275-8837 and he will fit you into a "Little T". Now you don't have any excuse not to ride in the parades.

Nobles, Al Kaly needs a lot of help this year. Membership as always, is at the top of the list. We are losing members at the rate of 9% per year. If that rate holds we will be at or under 500 by the year 2018. Declining membership is serious. However, I feel that is a symptom of a larger problem. That problem is called "Apathy"; lack of interest or concern. Attendance at functions such as Parades, Stated Meetings, Circuses and other events are getting smaller and smaller. We need to revisit...Why did I join the Shrine? Is that reason no longer there? Was there fun in the Parades in days of old? Have the Stated Meetings lost their purpose? Is the Annual Picnic fun or a chore? The big question that we all must answer is: What can I do to change the trend and do I want to? **GEORGE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.**

Please see the March 2014 issue of the Dust for additional information on Shrine Tour 2014.



Gold Star Recipients

Congratulations to the following nobles that received awards at the March 21, 2014 Stated Meeting:

## 25 Year Pins

Billy W. Ballard  
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## Medal

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Bob Peloso

## Jewel of Distinction

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Curtis Payne  
Paul L. Short

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Bob Burr (6)  
Ray Clark

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Bart Guthrie  
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# Ruhamah Temple No. 71 - Daughters of the Nile



by LorAnn Singmaster  
Queen

Ruhamah Temple was a “Shining Star” for our Installation on March 31. All the Ladies of the Household and the Nobles had a wonderful sparkle about them. From the moment we stepped under the white rose filled arch, with the hanging crystals Past Queens Deborah Jordan and Janice McMullen bestowed upon us, the beautiful and meaningful ceremony of our Order. Past Supreme Queen Hulene “Mickey” Fitzpatrick, honored all of the Officers of Ruhamah Temple by delivering the Obligation with a twinkle in her eyes. Princess Mona Hammett flew in from Las Vegas to perform her magic. It is not often that we hear “Stardust” and “When you Wish Upon a Star”. The singers pulled out all the stops with their fun song “Movin on Up”, putting a smile on all faces. The Units all put on quite a show. From the matching outfits, the precision of the patrol marching to the toe tapping line dancers, to the graceful pageantry twirling with their golden wings, all of you Ladies showed us that you love what you do! Thank you.



PQ B. June Williams received a Lifetime Membership, and Noble Jim Eaches surprised Past Queen Rosa with a gift of several Stepping Stones and a very nice tribute. Jim Stivers, the Personal Rep to the SGIG of the Orient of Colorado, gave a kind greeting and a Stepping Stone of Happiness. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, Ernie Pyle, brought greetings and spoke lovingly about his mother belonging to the

Daughters of the Nile. Assistant Rabban Jim Eaches brought greetings from Al Kaly and a Stepping Stone to Happiness. But First Lady Glenda out did herself, bringing greetings, beautiful flowers, a Stepping Stone that weighed 20 pounds... she made it herself... I shall treasure this always. My wonderful Noble Ray and family presented me with a gavel, flowers and a Stepping Stone to Happiness. My mother came in from Hot Springs, Arkansas and my sister Shayla from Dallas came to share my joyful day. What a day it was. PQ Janice McMullen decorated Murray Hall with daisies, my favorite flower. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the day perfect! At the end of May we will be attending Supreme Session in Omaha. We can hardly wait. As you probably can tell, Shining Stars are the theme this year. When you look up into the night sky and see one shining star it doesn't have the same impact as seeing all the stars shining together across the night sky. When we all shine together what an impact we can have.

Shining in Nile Love~

## Shriners Hospital Receive Praise For What We Do!

The next time you think “Shriners Hospitals for Children is the best kept secret in health care,” consider this:

The Ogden (Utah) Surgical-Medical Society is holding its 69th Annual Meeting next month. Last year, 450 physicians and mid-level providers attended the conference to hear national experts and to visit with exhibitors and vendors. The cost of an exhibit booth is \$1,000. Upon hearing of our interest to exhibit, the Executive Director waived the exhibit fee and included our logo and information in the Annual Meeting program at no charge. She explained why:

“Shriners is an outstanding organization in every way. My aunt was burned by a gas explosion in the late 1930s and spent a good part of her life at Shriners. She is still self-

conscious of her face without makeup, but is beautiful and in her late 70s. Also, a girl I used to babysit when I was a teenager was born without muscles in one of her legs. I met with her parents last Christmas break and they talked about going to Shriners in California, as if it was the best vacation of their lives. It seems your organization makes people feel wonderful in every way. I would say your organization is incredible in every way. I am proud you are going to be represented at the medical conference. People, and yes, even physicians, need to be reminded of the good you do and have done for nearly a century.”

*Editor's Note – this is being printed with approval by the Shriners Hospitals for Children.*

# Potentate's Trip: Sign Up Now!

by Ill. Sir Merv Terrill and Lady Glenda

- October 8 Flight from Denver to Iceland and London – no explanation needed, checked baggage handled for you.  
October 9 Arrive Heathrow – London time. Transfer to Hotel, leisurely afternoon to recover and evening cocktails  
October 10 - 12 Several optional tours as a group or individually.  
October 13 Hampton Court Tour in the morning. Evening cruise on Thames, Pub dinner and Illumination tour of London (after dark)  
October 14 Heathrow to Iceland with tour of The Blue Lagoon. You need to fly (short flight, about 3 hours) in either swim wear covered with flight attire or carry your suit with you. Dinner after the Blue Lagoon is business attire (NOT formal or even semi-formal, but business nice).  
October 15 Grand Circle Tour of Reykjavik, Iceland, full day. Evening free to pack.  
October 16 Fly home.

Park at Colorado Springs Shrine Club and take coach to DIA and back again on return. Thanks CSSC for fenced and as secure as possible parking for our event.

Know the price for double occupancy is \$2803. This may seem high but it includes all the “hidden” charges many places operate with. You pay no more at the final payment for trip insurance (which really works, sorry to say, from first-hand experience), airfare and expected airline upcharge for fuel, and the transportation to and from Colorado Springs, guides on scheduled tours, and transportation on those same tours, daily breakfasts, scheduled meals and the welcome cocktail party. If there is a late charge for fuel over what has been anticipated it will be minimal.

Previously the companies which have been dealt with have given a lower charge originally for the trip and then have added many or all those above fees in at the end. Glenda and I paid less than two thousand dollars each for the trip we were forced to cancel and our refund (minus the insurance cost) was well over \$5000. What we added up to \$3500-\$3600 for the trip without optional tours, some meals and souvenirs was actually \$5300 plus insurance. Hopefully, there will be no hidden charges this time.

OPTIONAL TOURS – There are scheduled but NOT paid for tours available. The total for one couple for ALL

those tours in \$700 (maybe \$705 or so, I don't have one of the papers in front of me as I type this). You may take none, one, two or all of them at your discretion or ability...some may be too rigorous for some of us.

Please check your calendar and checkbook. We realize some cannot afford the trip no matter what the cost, due to financial or schedule conditions. We know you will be with all of us in spirit. Thanks to those already signed up and those who will, now Income Tax is back or coming, and to those who have just “put it off” for a while. Please sign up as soon as possible so we don't lose hotel rooms, airline seats (which have to be replaced at higher cost if you wait too long) and tours due to lack of participation. It is getting to the 11th hour already and we need your numbers.



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# CLUB AND UNIT NEWS

## KALYKLOWNS

by Howard "Cuz'n Clem" Magan  
Dust Reporter

The Kalyklowns OV went off without a hitch on March 22. We held our OV at Romero's Café in Pueblo and our dinner was served buffet style with all the fixings for tacos, tostadas, and burritos. All had their fill and then we got down to business. Those present from the Elected and Appointed Divan were: Ill. Sir Merv Terrill and Lady Glenda, Chief Rabban J. D. Potter and Lady Stacey, High Priest and Prophet Ron Bowen, Oriental Guide Jim Gilbert and Lady Katy, Director Jim Stivers and Lady Cindy, Second Ceremonial Master Jim Burger and Lady Mary, Outer Guard Vern Wolf and Lady Connie, and Captain of the Guard Doug Gabel and Lady Kathy. Our past Potentates were also well represented with Ill. Sir William Sheard (also our Chaplain) and Lady Irene, Ill. Sir Bob Mouirguies and Lady Marlene, Ill. Sir Gary Sears and Ill. Sir Roger Mendenhall and Lady Karen. Hospital Reps Nobles Wayne McKey and Ron Crawford were also in attendance. Noble Crawford was accompanied by our new

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## STATED MEETING DINNER

**Pueblo Shrine Club**

May 9, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$14.00



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and must be made  
through the Al Kaly  
Shriners office at  
(719) 544-0658

*Reservations must be  
made no later than May 7, 2014.*

# PUEBLO SHRINE CLUB

by *Glenda Terrill*

As summer approaches we are filling the weekends with rentals, many of them Shriners and their families. This is one of our “stay afloat” measures and brings in enough to pay the utilities and keep the building taxes paid. If you are needing a hall to rent for one of your functions, personal or Shrine, remember to check with us, we would appreciate putting you on our calendar.

The Club Meetings will be dark June, July and August. But many functions will be held there during that time, like the Al Kaly Shrine Steak Fry. Our Pueblo cooks will be preparing our World Famous Shrine Steaks for your tongue’s pleasure. Please contact a Divan member for tickets to this event.

Our September meeting is, again, going to be a Prospect Dinner, with free food to the Prospects and their Ladies. The March meeting was well attended and at least one of those prospects joined us at the April Ceremonial. Welcome to him, his Lady and the others who came in to our fraternity that day.

As with all Clubs and Units, we are having several people who make reservations and either forget to attend or something comes up. We understand things happen. We all have been “in that boat” at some time or another. However, we would appreciate a phone call if that happens so we can take you off the list and not have to pay for your dinner, as we do now. Call President McKey, Secretary Bill Sheard, or Treasurer Dave Ashley to back out if necessary. Their phone numbers are in the 2014 Potentate’s Directory under the Pueblo Shrine Club. We thank you for this if you can. At this time we are not charging those who were unable to come, but it might come to that soon. Please help us avoid this.

Come visit us. Breakfast remains on the first Sunday of every month from 8-11 and May will have a First Friday Meeting with social at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.



# BOWLING LEAGUE

by *Swede Hanson*

*Vice President*

The Bowl-a-Thon was a great success. Our Potentate, III. Sir Merv Terrill, rolled out the first Ball to get the festivities started. The Bowl-a-Thon was in memory of Noble Duke Dwyer and his Lady Dottie Dwyer presented a check for \$1,000 in Duke’s name to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We had 20 bowlers whose contributions came in at \$3,000, plus some late donations will be counted later. I don’t know what is going to happen to the league after 50 years of Bowling. I hope there will be 32 Bowlers next year or we will die as a League. I will try to work out with the Al Kaly Temple to see about keeping the Bowl-a-Thon going each year.

May God Bless.

## Week 9 - Final Results

Male Bowlers (Series)		Male Bowlers Game	
602	Richard Hanson	231	Bill Heintzen
531	Dwain Jack	195	Randy Sanger
530	Dave Eckman	195	
Female Bowlers (Series)		Female Bowlers (Game)	
627	Vicki Hanson	173	Kathie Winters
416	Diana Wieger	147	Gwen Sanger
303	Sally Manley	104	Rosa Eaches
Male Bowler High Average		Female Bowler High Average	
188.76	Dan Eckman	181.25	Vickie Hanson
180.53	Richard Hanson	150.83	Gwen Sanger
178.96	Bill Heintzen	150.00	Judy Schade



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# MON-ARK SHRINE CLUB

by **Bob McCormick**  
President

Nobles and Ladies All!! Please plan to attend the Mon-Ark Shrine Club Official Visit of Illustrious Sir Merv Terrill and First Lady Glenda on Friday, June 13, 2014. This outing is a joint function with El Jebel and will be held at the "Volunteer Fire Dept. Community Center" in Howard, Colorado. A detailed Map of the event location will accompany the mailed Invitations or go to Google Maps and click on Maps of Colorado; enter Howard, Colorado; and then click on Map of Howard CO/Howard Colorado Hotels, Restaurants; and then click on Get Directions; enter Salida or Canon City. For anyone who would like a detailed map of the event location, e-mail [robertmccormick478@yahoo.com](mailto:robertmccormick478@yahoo.com) and I will send it to you.

The "OV" will begin with a Rib Eye Steak Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. **PLEASE** RSVP by June 6, 2014. Dinner Reservations are a **MUST** and are confirmed by sending your check to; **Mon-Ark Shrine Club – P.O. Box 533 – Salida, CO 81201.**

Buses have been acquired through the Salida School District for transporting everyone from the "Gateway Inn & Suites" and "Holiday Inn Express" to the event location. Buses will leave the Motels at **4:45 p.m. prompt**. For the Nomads Unit staying at the "Four Seasons Campground" the Buses will stop there and pick up everyone on top of the hill at the entrance to the Campground. So if you plan to ride the Bus be ready to board by **5:00 p.m.** or you will be afoot.

Bus passenger numbers are a "MUST" and may be confirmed by filling out a Bus Boarding Pass which will accompany the mailed Invitations and for all others by calling Bob McCormick (719) 539-2682 or e-mail [robertmccormick478@yahoo.com](mailto:robertmccormick478@yahoo.com).

A Lunch-by-Donation will be available at the Club

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Office Administrator, Lady Chris Crawford. Our Dust Editor, Noble Ray Clark and Lady Merry came as well and many photos were taken. The last special appointee that was in attendance was the Parade Announcer, Noble Howard Magan. President of the Kalyklowns, William Davidson, attended to the duties of Master of Ceremonies and all Divan members were given opportunities to speak to us on matters pertaining to their particular offices. Prior to the beginning of the afternoon's festivities, certain balloon animals were placed on the tables and one "special" balloon was placed on a table and the evening's door prize was awarded to Lady Kathy Gabel. It was a small quilted wall-hanging of a cat looking out of a window at a snowman in the yard. This was donated by Kari Ellis, a dear friend of First Lady Glenda Terrill. The much anticipated OV was enjoyed by all.

Building following the Parade on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Reservations are not required, just come and enjoy.

Questions call Bob McCormick (719) 539-2682 or e-mail [robertmccormick478@yahoo.com](mailto:robertmccormick478@yahoo.com).

The Club is looking forward to another great "Fib-Ark" event with great friends and guests.



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# AL KALY MULE TRAIN

by *Raymond Clark*  
*Secretary*

The Mule Train Board welcomed our newest Board Member, Chuck Tedrow, to the Board. Chuck was recently elected by the Associate Members of the Mule Train to represent their interests on the Board. During our April Board meeting we asked Chuck if he would help to poll our Associate Members as to how we can do a better job of meeting their needs. We would like to arrange more social type activities to get more members involved in the Mule Train. Treasurer Torry Krutzke shared with the Board some of the types of social activities that were once held at the Mule Train for our Members. Chuck is going to come up with some ideas and Gale Fortney is going see about pulling a social activity together. Chuck mentioned how in the past Associate Members enjoyed coming out and watching the Mule Riders perform their various maneuvers. More to come on this in the future.

We are looking forward to a good turnout in April for our Official Visit by Ill. Sir Merv Terrill, Lady Glenda and the members of the Divan. Facilities are being worked on and the meal is being planned. Hope you could have joined us in welcoming Ill. Merv and Lady Glenda.

We should have a good turnout of riders for the Canon City parade and the Salida Parade. After that it will be questionable as to how many riders we will have. We hope to have some of our new Associate Members join us for some of the other parades.

We are looking forward to our Annual BBQ, taking place this year on Saturday May 10th. Tickets are available from any of the Mule Train members or you can contact Gale Fortney at 719/596-5248. Our annual Barbeque includes Pulled Pork and Beef, Brunswick Stew and more. Cost will be \$12 (\$5 for kids 12 and under) with the Social starting at 4:00 p.m. with Dinner from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. We are checking to see if one of the Al Kaly Band's travelling Bands would be available to play at the BBQ. More information on this will be available closer to the BBQ.

As always our Monthly Breakfasts are open to all Nobles, Ladies and friends of Al Kaly. We hold our Breakfasts on the second Sunday of each month with the Social starting at 8:30 a.m. and Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. If interested, contact Gale Fortney at 719/596-5248. Hope to see you there.



*Legion of Honor Spaghetti Dinner.*

## LEGION OF HONOR

by *Richard "Swede" Hanson*  
*Commander*

Sadly, our April meeting started with a moment of silence and personal prayer for departed Brother, Noble John Pieper. Noble John was Commander of the Al Kaly Legion of Honor in 1979 and was a dedicated supporter of that Unit until his passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Commander Swede then reported on our Spaghetti Dinner, giving thanks to Noble Don Christian and all of the Unit Nobles who gave their time and efforts to make it a record setting day, both in terms of attendance and monies received. A special thanks went out to the Job's Daughters for all of their work to support this effort.

Now as we moved forward, it was time to start planning on who would be at the Potentate's Ball to assist with escorting the dignitaries and presenting the colors. How

*(Legion of Honor, continued on page 25)*

## BAND

by *Larry Weed*  
President

“All these years I overlooked them in the racket of the rest...” -- this start to the Lew Welsh poem, “Springtime in the Rockies” reminds us to take the time to look around and take notice of the little things that are all around us. If you’ve been thinking that it’s been too many years since you picked up that musical instrument in the closet and you’ve forgotten how to play, think again! We have room for you in the best band you could imagine! The Al Kaly Shrine Band is looking to add a few more players, and in fact, if you don’t have that instrument any more, we might even have one you can borrow so that we can help you enjoy the best time of your life!

We have had a delightful performance season so far this year, and April marked some truly memorable “happenings”! We had several performances with the Swinging Shriner's and the Fez band in Pueblo, with our play at the Pueblo Regents on April 9, and at the Pueblo Shrine Club for the Ceremonial on the 12th. The biggest highlight was our participation providing dance music for the Potentate's Ball on April 19 at the Pueblo Convention Center – Ill.. Sir Merv and Lady Glenda were terrific hosts to our band’s pizza party (behind the scenes) as we readied for the performance that evening! We all had a great time! We concluded April with our “fourth Sunday” band practice and quarterly meeting, also at the Pueblo Shrine Club -- what a great group of Shriners!

May begins our parade season this year, kicking off with the Apple Blossom Festival and Parade in Canon City on May 3. We’ve got quite a few performance opportunities coming up, including the parade in Salida for the “Fun in Boating on the Arkansas River” (FIB Ark), on June 14, and the Potentate’s Official Visit on June 22, this time at the Waterfront Banquet Hall! Check your calendars and come out and join us for the fun!



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## *A Retirement Letter from Roxie Graham*

To All of My Dear Friends,

There are no words I can come up with that truly express how much I have loved working for and with all of you through the nearly 30 years with Al Kaly. This organization that you all so lovingly support, has given me the opportunity that very few people enjoy, and that is to work so many years in the most positive working environment that anyone could ever hope to. I get the "Dust" and am sent the "Nuts and Bolts", so I still feel very connected to all of you and what is going on.

I am just now starting to feel some separation from the cancer and the treatments, and starting to realize a real sense of retirement. I will truly miss you all, and being a part of keeping Al Kaly going.

Chris is doing a great job, and is a wonderful gal. She and Bart are true assets to Al Kaly.

Wishing all of you the very best that life has to offer,

Your Friend, *Roxie*

## POTENTATE'S MOTOR ESCORT

by *Dave C. Dickey*  
President

This month, on March 27th, our social was held at the Sunbird Restaurant. There were 13 present for an enjoyable evening of socializing, good food and awesome views of our city. Sunbird has been recently remodeled and is a great place for an evening above the town. Sometimes the Motor Escort Unit likes to have a little getaway. There are plans for a weekend in Taos coming up in the future. A getaway weekend would be a really fun time for all Unit members to get better acquainted and enjoy a weekend of riding.

Parade season is coming up on the Unit very soon. Time to get your bikes ready to ride!!! First parade is May 3rd in Canon City. We are in need of full participation of our Unit. Let's get out there and make a statement this parade season.

We hope for a quick recovery of one of our members, Charles Buck, who is recuperating from a broken leg.

The Unit is looking forward to Spring and a great riding season. We are always looking and hoping for new members. If you know anyone who likes to ride and would be interested in the Motor Escort Unit, encourage them to join us.

Keep the Shiny Side Up.

YIM

# AL KALY PR COMMITTEE

by *Richard Mills*  
President

Over a great breakfast, loaded with carbs and calories, the PR Committee met at Cokes Diner in Fountain on April 8th. Noble John Larson and his charming Lady Eileen joined the regular members.

The main area of concern and discussion was the lack of Units and Nobles attending the Parades. The group explored a lot of reasons for the reduced attendance. Cost to travel was listed as a major concern. The age of our Nobles was discussed, and how that affects our enthusiasm. But then someone pointed at Ill. Sir Bob Burr and his enthusiasm and agility! The Parades are a major vehicle to get our message out and provide public awareness. We need to keep the Shrine alive. Maybe instead of trying to find the reasons that we don't attend the Parades, let us work on reasons to attend.

The golf tournament is all set for September 5 at Hollydot in Colorado City. This is a fun fellowship time and if we make money, GOOD. If not, it is a wonderful time to bring in the general public and show off the Shrine. Let's get all Units backing the tournament this year. More on this later!

As usual, the eroding membership was a lengthy item for discussion. Al Kaly can only recruit from the Blue Lodges and that pool is rapidly declining. Last year saw Colorado Masons sink by 435. Overall, Colorado now stands at 8,885 Members state wide. In 2004 there were approximately 15,000 Masons in our ranks. If this trend continues, statistically speaking, we will have no Masons by 2023.

The meeting was not all doom and gloom. We have some fun things coming soon. Circuses will be starting in May and that is always a fun time and also a good way to "show off" the Shrine. "Bands in the Back Yard" will be the 18th - 21st of June. This is good public awareness and also raises money for the Shrine. The time is drawing near to make plans to attend the Imperial Session in the Twin Cities on July 6 - 10.

All Nobles and Ladies are invited to attend the next PR Committee meeting in Pueblo at Denny's North on May 13 at 10 a.m. The June meeting will be held on June 10 at 10 a.m. at Cokes Diner in Fountain. Hope to see you there.



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about the Spring Shrine Ceremonial and who would be presenting the Colors for that event. It didn't stop there. We had to plan for the first parade of the year at Canon City, May 3rd and how about that week of Circuses that we will be supporting.

It's just that time of year when the Unit needs to depend on every member of the Unit to come out and support every function they can. Nobles, please mark your calendar and plan to be there, wherever "there" is.

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## CLOWNS OF AL KALY

*by Noble Jerry "Dr. Mal Practice" Proctor  
Boss Clown*

This article is being written by one of the Clowns in the Unit, because Jerry probably wouldn't express all of the thoughts noted in his paragraph.

April 14, 2014 was the night of our annual Potentate's Official Visit and that's when the Unit hands out our Longevity Awards, recognizing those Clowns who have achieved another five years. This night we recognized Noble Phil Moran for forty years in the Unit, Noble Jerry Proctor for 25 years and Noble Garnic Kidwell for ten years.

Noble Phil, as most of you know him celebrated his 40 years this past October. Phil joined the Unit in only its 4th year of existence, 1973. Right from the start, he was "Butch". You and I remember the name Butch as the tough kid on the block and he played that part to perfection from his outfit to his clown personality. I came along three years later and many times I looked to "Butch" for clarifications and directions and I owe him a big thanks for that assistance. Today Phil, excuse me, "Butch" has medical problems but he gets out there to entertain the kids whenever possible.

Noble Jerry joined the Clowns of Al Kaly in 1975 when the Unit was just getting started. Yes, it was only in its sixth year of existence. Jerry decided to wear the classic clown outfit with a white wig and just assumed the name of (oh, this is original) "Jerry the Clown". You must realize Jerry was having a ball with that attire. He was stationed at the Air

Force Academy at the time and his idea of a good time was visiting the patients at the Air Force Academy hospital in his clown attire. One day during a hospital visit, the Hospital Commander stopped him in the hallway and said he would like to see a change in Jerry's clowning and that change was a name change. That day Jerry became "Dr. Mal-practice" the clown. Now some thirty five years later he still uses that clown name. Jerry took an eleven year leave of absence from the Unit, but now he is back and enjoying every opportunity to Clown with the rest of the Unit.

Noble Garnic joined the Clowns of Al Kaly in February 2003, because he wanted to get closer to the kids and entertain them. As you can imagine I don't have that many stories to tell about him---yet. When his Lady Marilyn was making that first outfit, she commented a number of times about the big pockets and that first day in make-up he assumed the clown name of "Pockets" which he still carries. Being one of the younger guys in the Unit, Garnic is still working and that cuts into his clowning dates, but he is out there every time he can fit it into his busy schedule. "Pockets" likes to tell about when they joined another couple, after a parade, at a local restaurant and the little girl behind them kept telling her dad there was a clown behind and he didn't believe her. Pockets finally got up and went around, introduced himself, made the little girl a balloon and made a friend for life.

Butch, Dr. Mal Practice and Pockets: Al Kaly Shrine and our Unit appreciates the many hours you have given our Unit and those lucky children.

# PIPE & DRUM CORPS

by *Dave Doll*  
Clan III Vice President

As a lad my favorite part of any parade was the guys with the bagpipes. They combined an upbeat melody with an eerie banshee wail. Cool!

The origins of the bagpipe are lost in history. The instrument is ancient, but it was associated with “common” people and made from non-durable organic materials, so no early history was preserved. It was virtually invisible to historians until the middle ages.

Many cultures around the world have invented their own version of the bagpipe, but the Great Highland Bagpipe, used by the Shrine Pipe & Drum Corps, originated in Scotland. These are warpipes that were used in battle to signal actions and strike terror into the hearts of the enemy. The first historical record of their use was in the Battle of the North Inch of Perth in the 15th century. “On hieland pipes, Scotte and Hybernick/Let heir be shraichs of deadlie clarions.”

The Great Highland Bagpipes spread over the world following the catastrophic Battle of Culloden and subsequent suppression of the Scottish clans by the English. Many Scots emigrated out of the country carrying their heritage and bagpipes with them. Adding to the dispersal, the English soon realized that Highlanders made excellent troops, and a number of regiments were raised from the Highlands. These regiments also spread the bagpipe across the British Empire.

The bagpipe is a woodwind instrument that generates sound by passing air over the reeds to vibrate them. Unlike other woodwinds the bagpipe has four reeds, a double reed (like the oboe) in the chanter and a single reed in each of its three drones. Air pressure on the reeds must be kept constant to produce the proper sound. Too low and there is no sound. Too high, and the reeds squeak or produce an unexpected high note.



The piper does not blow air directly through the chanter and drones, but through a blowpipe into a leather bag. The blowpipe is fitted with a one-way valve to prevent air from escaping when the player takes a breath. The bag serves as a reservoir. While taking a breath, air is provided to the pipes by squeezing the bag with the arm, to provide a steady and uninterrupted flow of air to the reeds of the chanter and drones. The chanter has nine fingerholes. When played with both hands, like a flute, the chanter produces tones that cover one and a half octaves. The constant flow of air, however, introduces some complexities not found on a simple flute. Because the bagpipes have no silences between notes it is necessary to separate notes by introducing a short note called a gracenote between the melody notes. These gracenotes have no time value, and the tempo is driven by the melody notes only. Bagpipe music has several combinations of gracenotes that must be learned by the piper. The combinations of gracenotes are called embellishments. These short riffs between melody notes can be thought of as bagpipe “soul”.

The drones combine to produce a harmonizing backdrop that adds depth to the melody produced by the chanter. The Great Highland Bagpipe has two tenor drones and one bass drone. The drones each have a sliding joint for tuning and are fitted with a reed. The tenor drones are tuned to one octave below the low A keynote of the chanter, and the bass drone is tuned to two octaves below low A.

When you see a piper marching in a parade, remember he has to fill the bag, pump the air, play the tune, stay alert to marching commands, keep in step, and maintain his position. Not a recommended activity for anyone who cannot chew gum and walk at the same time!



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