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Illustrious Sir Douglas W. Bunch  
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### ***On The Cover:***

The 2020 Rizpah Divan  
and Marshal with their ladies

From Left to Right:Lady Penny and Mike Stewart, Lady Carol and Bruce Wiggins, P.P., Lady Kathy and John Brown, Donnie Sims and Lady Candace, First Lady Ellissa and 2020 Potentate Douglas W. Bunch, Steven Grudzinski and Lady Stacy, Isaac Hagan and Lady Angie, James Woodard, P.P. and Lady Carol

# RIZPAH ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, DOUGLAS W. BUNCH



Thank you is not a strong enough word for the emotions I have toward the Nobility and their ladies. The excitement that has begun is starting to spread and we are going to have a great year. The Shrine clubs and units and Friends of the Potentate who sponsored the pocket calendar are greatly appreciated.

Our theme this year is Patriotism and UNITY. We are at a time in history when these 2 words have lost their meaning, but as a Masonic family, we have the opportunity to let our light shine. For the first time, we are officially smoke free and vape free in all buildings on Rizpah's campus.

Obviously, I would not be able to hold this office without the support of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When I was first asked to run for the Divan line, I knew I needed to pray first for direction, and get permission from my lady, Ellissa. Our First Lady did an OUTSTANDING job preparing the meal for our January meeting. I also want to thank the ladies who helped her.

I hope you are enjoying our new and improved Scimitar. We are needing some sponsors, clubs, units, and businesses to purchase advertising space. Also, our website is being updated and changed. We are working on creating social media accounts to increase communication.

Soon, our Grand Lodge educational meetings will start. I hope you will support your lodge and attend your district meeting. We have been very fortunate to have a Grand Lodge line of officers that have made such a great effort to include the appendant bodies in their meetings. We should never forget where we started.

This year we are partnering up with the Scottish Rite Consistory in Madisonville to have a UNITY class. The Scottish Rite Conferrals of the 1st through the 18th degrees will be held Friday night, September 11th and continue Saturday morning, September 12th with conferrals of the 19th through the 32nd degrees at Madisonville Consistory. After lunch, the Shrine Conferral will begin at Rizpah. A Hillbilly Degree and Dance will follow.

We are going to have so much fun this year! I am looking forward to seeing you.

May God Bless You and God Bless America!

Fraternally,

Illustrious Sir Douglas W. Bunch, Potentate

Rizpah Shriners 2020



## FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDER, JAMES WOODARD, P.P.



**Hello all,**

I want to thank you all for your support of Rizpah Temple this past year and ask that you each continue to help as you can with our work. Over the past few years, our membership has steadily declined. We currently have 924 regular members. I ask that each of you work to bring in new members and also to talk with past members and get them to restore their membership. Working together, we can bring the membership back over 1,000!

As you all know, our Rizpah Temple covers a large area of Western Kentucky and we have six vans for transporting the children from all areas to the hospitals as needed. We frequently travel to the Lexington, St Louis, Chicago and Cincinnati Shriners Hospitals. Additional van drivers are needed in all areas. If you are comfortable driving to any of these hospitals and have the time, we would very much appreciate your help. Drivers are sent in pairs so that each driver can take a turn as needed. Call the office and I can get you set up and in contact with your area's van coordinator.

If you have an address or phone number change, it is important that you update that information with us. There are two ways to accomplish this. You can log into Webfez and make the changes directly in the system or you can call the office and we will take care of it for you.

# **Advertise in the Scimitar!**

**Rizpah Shrine is looking for Clubs, Units, Lodges, or Businesses that would like to advertise in the Rizpah Scimitar.**

**For prices and more information email Douglas Bunch at [douglaswbunch@cfaith.com](mailto:douglaswbunch@cfaith.com)**

## FREE ADVERTISING ON THE RIZPAH WEBSITE

Rizpah Shrine is offering free advertising on our website, *RizpahShriners.org* to allow fellow Shriners and members of all bodies of Freemasonry and their families to advertise Masonic items they may have for sale. There is no charge for this service. NOTE: Rizpah Shrine will not be responsible for any items purchased or transfer of payment between buyer and seller. Contact information for each seller will be posted, and the buyer and seller will need to work out all exchanges for themselves.

To post an ad, please send digital pictures with description, cost, and seller's contact information to: *douglaswbunch@cfaith.com*

## DID YOU KNOW?

This is a column dedicated to helping members understand some of the operational details of Rizpah Temple. It is aimed at the new members but some of the long-time members may also find it useful. Each edition will touch on different subjects of interest to the membership. As always, feel free to contact the office with any questions and if we don't know the answer, we will find out. All information given is taken from Shriners International Bylaws and Rizpah Temple Bylaws as allowed.

This month we will cover some of the details and guidelines of our charitable work. As with any charitable organization, there are many laws and guidelines that must be strictly adhered to when soliciting funds. This list only touches on some of these rules and is by no means all inclusive.

1. The ONE and ONLY charity of any Shriners organization is Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC). There are strict guidelines on this. The only soliciting of funds allowed while wearing the Shriners Fez is for the benefit of SHC. This means wearing your fez while participating in any other fundraising cause is strictly prohibited.
2. Charitable funds (SHC funds) must be kept completely separate from fraternal (for temple use) funds at all times. Our temple maintains separate checking accounts for fraternal funds and charitable funds. Deposits and withdrawals are carefully monitored both by the divan of Rizpah Shriners and by Shriners International to ensure correct usage from each. Our office submits two reports annually to Shriners International (Transportation Fund Report and Shrine Charity Activity Form) for accountability.
3. At the club level, charitable funds (SHC funds) and fraternal (club use) funds must be accounted for separately as well. The simplest way to do this is to maintain a checking account for club purposes and open a savings account for charitable funds since there will only be one withdrawal (at Paper Sale turn-in) per year. This ensures that the club does not confuse the funds received from different sources even if the treasurer/secretary changes during the year. Forms to begin fundraising each year should be submitted to the office for the Potentate's approval. Forms are available on Shriners Village or we can send you one from the office.

# RIZPAH LEGION OF HONOR



It is a privilege and I am honored to have been installed as Commander of Rizpah's Legion of Honor. I would like to thank the members for having confidence in electing me as Commander. I will strive to do my best to serve with honor and uphold the Office in which I have been elected. At this time, I would like to say "Thank you" to Chester Burden, the past Commander, for his hard work and dedication.

This year we ask that you save the date of May 16th as this will be Rizpah's Legion of Honor Ball. Further details will be available later in the year. Rizpah's Legion of Honor is looking forward to serving Illustrious Sir Doug Bunch and Rizpah Divan. We strive for "UNITY" within our Unit and Rizpah Temple. This year's L.O.H. is looking forward to a successful year.

Fraternally yours,  
Eddie Daugherty  
Commander, Rizpah L.O.H.



## GREETINGS FROM FIRST LADY ELLISSA

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2020 so far! I am honored and humbled to be Rizpah's first lady. As you know, our theme is UNITY and patriotism. When I designed my pin, I chose a quilt block as a symbol of beauty and strength. Separately each piece of fabric that makes up a quilt block is beautiful and strong, but when arranged and sewn together, they are stronger and even more beautiful. Just like the pieces of fabric, we ladies are each beautiful and strong. We bring unique experiences, talents, and skills to our group. When we work together, we can accomplish more, and more wonderful things.

Douglas and I have had many conversations about our respective roles as Potentate and First Lady and the events to be held at Rizpah this year. As we were working in the kitchens of the Activities Center and dining room at the Temple, we noticed several improvements that need to be made. After some discussion, we have decided to use the proceeds from the First Lady's Tea to repair the dishwasher in the Activities Building, and possibly, if we raise enough money to place a dishwasher in the kitchen area of the Temple dining room. With everyone's help, I believe we can accomplish both.

There are many ways for you to help. First, of course I would like as many ladies as possible to attend the tea, May 23rd. Also, I need you to sell tickets to as many ladies as you can. Any ladies or groups that would like to sponsor a table would be greatly appreciated. Donations of prizes and gift baskets for chances are needed also.

I would like to thank all the ladies of Rizpah for your amazing outpouring of support, both physical help and words of encouragement. Without you, the events we hold at Rizpah would not be possible. With everyone working together, there is no end to what we can accomplish!

Love, Ellissa



# IN MEMORIUM: THESE WE DO NOT FORGET WHOM THE BLACK CAMEL HAS TAKEN FROM OUR MIDST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Created</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Service</u>
Ronald R. Johnson	Cincinnati, OH	11/23/1974	10/18/2018	43 years
Ben McGill	Bowling Green, KY	5/26/1973	2/13/2018	44 years
Franklin H Wells	Murray, KY	3/12/1982	1/6/2020	37 years

Please call, fax, or email the office immediately when you learn of a Rizpah Shriner's death. It is very important because a donation is sent to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children as a memorial, and the hospitals send a letter to the family announcing a contribution in memory of the Noble.

If you want to recognize anyone by sending your check in their memory or honor, you may send their name and address with a copy or the actual check to the office to be forwarded on to the hospital(s). In this way, your check can be counted towards the annual paper sale.

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## DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE, NEITH TEMPLE No. 80



It has been a busy year for me. In June, I attended the Supreme Session for the Daughters of the Nile. In July, the Supreme Queen came to our Temple for her official visit. I am so proud of all of my officers, especially my new officers who had never done an initiation before.

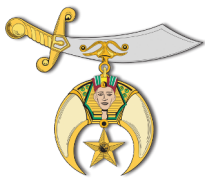
During the Supreme Queen's visit to Cincinnati, I visited the Shriner's

Hospital for Children. I have visited several other Temples during their Supreme visit. I am a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and I am the secretary of our chapter. I have held several appointments in The Daughters of the Nile and The Order of the Eastern Star.

I want to thank all of the members of Neith Temple No. 80 and Rizpah Temple for their support. It has been a good year and I could not have done it without you.

I am looking forward to working with Illustrious Sir Douglas and Lady Ellissa.

Angie Payne, Queen, Neith Temple No. 80



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## Upcoming Events

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| March 26 – 29 | Mid-Winter SASA<br>(Parkersburg, WV)      |
| April 18      | Clown School<br>Fred Tate<br>270-999-0264 |
| May 7 – 9     | Fun Fest<br>(Pigeon Forge, TN)            |
| May 16        | Legion of Honor Ball                      |
| May 23        | Rizpah First Lady's Tea                   |
| July 5 – 8    | Imperial Session<br>(Kansas City, MO)     |
| July 11       | Rizpah Potentate's Ball                   |
| August 15     | Steak Night                               |



## A WORD FROM KENNY BYASSEE, P.P.



Dear Nobles and Ladies

It is with great pride and honor that I say thank you. Thank you for your support and friendship over the last 5 years.

Lady Ginger and I have met some wonderful people and will have some lifelong friends with many from Rizpah and other Temples.

We have had several once in a lifetime adventures on our travels as Rizpah Divan and have enjoyed each of them. I am looking forward to seeing what the future holds in store for Rizpah.

I would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Doug Bunch and Lady Ellissa on their election as Potentate and First Lady for 2020. It takes an army of helpers and Aides to have successful activities at the Temple, so I ask for continuing support for Illustrious Sir Doug and Ellissa.

Sincerely,

Kenny Byassee, P.P.