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2020 Rizpah Potentate's Pin



CORRECTION

Nobles,

One of the first things I learned about leadership in Masonry was to admit when you have made a mistake and correct it when you can. I did not do a good enough job in proofreading the pocket calendar. Unfortunately, the 2019 Friends of the Pote and Calendar Sponsors were reprinted in this years pocket calendar. I apologize for my oversight. Listed below are the 2020 Friends of the Pote and Sponsors. I appreciate each and every one of you for your support.

Fraternally Yours, Ill. Sir Douglas W. Bunch

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What's the Plan?

Nobles, I hope you will indulge me and read this article.

A few years ago when I was asked to be a candidate for the Divan, my answer was, "first I have to ask my Lady and second I will have to pray about it." That seems cliché, but that is exactly what I did. You see, this isn't the first time I have held an office in Masonry, and if you plan to serve in our fraternity, you will need all the support you can get. I am blessed to have a Lady who supports all of my Masonic involvement. Not only has she cooked the meals at our January, February, and March meetings, but she supported me when I was DDGM of District 10 by cooking at our District Meeting, Educational Meeting, and

Planning Meeting. When I was Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of KY, R&SM, she had the best hospitality room ever. Last year, I had the privilege of being the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee for the Grand Lodge of KY F&AM. She went above and beyond in the hospitality room. I have been on the Arrangements Committee for 6 years now, and she has been a blessing. Together, we have worked and planned for an amazing year at Rizpah.

However, COVID-19 has caused some setbacks. As you know, MWGM Geary Laird has decreed that there will be NO Masonic meeting until May 15th. Likewise, the Imperial Shrine has decreed that all Temples will adhere to order of the Grand Master in their jurisdiction. I agree with these wise decisions, and have made the following cancellations and date changes to our calendar:

- The April Stated Meeting was canceled
- The May Stated Meeting has been cancelled
- The First Lady's Tea is to be rescheduled for October 3rd, and will be held in conjunction with Guns & Glitter
- Clown School has been cancelled
- The LOH Military Ball has been canceled and possibly rescheduled (date to be determined.)

We also missed the opportunity to have our membership presentation at the district meetings this year. Last but not least, due to a change in our web host, we have not had control of the website for over a month and have not been able to post important information.

So, what do we have to look forward to?

1. I hope we have our next meeting on June 11th.
2. Please look at our website that I hope will be working by then,
www.rizpahshriners.org
3. Onions should be at Rizpah the first week in May. Look for updates on the website.
4. Bingo should open up soon. (We have lost a lot of revenue.)

When I pray, I don't always get the answers I want, but I know the God I serve always gives me what I need. In John 16:33, Jesus said there would be trials and tribulations, but in Him we would have peace. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your care on Him, because He cares for you." According to Psalm 55:22, if you cast your cares on the Lord, He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken. 1 Corinthians 10:13 reminds us that no testing has overtaken us that is not common to everyone; God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out, so that you may be able to endure it.

Nobles, it is not that I have extraordinary leadership skills. Nor do I have all of the answers to the challenges we face. But there is one thing I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, and that is the Holy Bible that we have on the Altar at Rizpah and every lodge in the great Commonwealth of Kentucky is TRUE. Psalm 23:4 - Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Fraternally,

Illustrious Sir Douglas W. Bunch, Potentate 2020

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Businesses that would like to advertise in the Rizpah Scimitar.**

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At the February stated meeting the following bylaws change was submitted and passed to lay over until all Nobles were notified. This is your notification. We will vote on this legislation at our next stated meeting (hopefully June 11th.) Depending on the cancellation of future meetings we may meet in July or August. **This has not yet been determined.**

2020 Rizpah Bylaws Change Proposal

Existing Language

Article VII – Dues and Fees

Section 3. Every member of this Temple shall purchase a FEZ at the time of his initiation into membership of this temple. The fez shall be worn at regular and special meetings and at temple functions. At his discretion, he may purchase a double-jeweled fez and the cost of the single-jeweled fez will be allowed toward the purchase of the double-jeweled fez. A triple-jeweled fez is reserved for and may only be worn by Past Potentates.

Proposed Language

Article VII – Dues and Fees

Section 3. Every member of this Temple shall *have a Divan approved fez or* purchase a Fez at the time of his initiation into membership of this temple. The fez shall be worn at regular and special meetings and at temple functions. At his discretion, he may purchase a double-jeweled fez and the cost of the single-jeweled fez will be allowed toward the purchase of the double-jeweled fez. A triple-jeweled fez is reserved for and may only be worn by Past Potentates.

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



Hello all,

Our membership is still struggling to stay steady. As of March 19, our regular member count is 921 with 162 of those unpaid for 2020. It is imperative that we continue our efforts to each bring into the Shrine "Just One".

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.

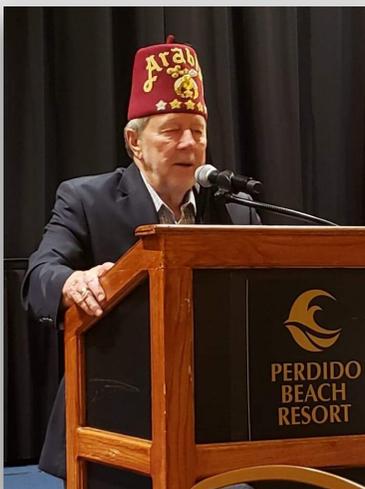
If you have an address or phone number change, it is important that you update that information with us. There are two ways to accomplish this. You can log into Webfez and make the changes directly in the system or you can call the office and we will take care of it for you.

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>
John R. Edwards	Lewisport, KY	11/10/84	3/3/20	35 years
Thomas W. Kemp	Henderson, KY	6/24/72	2/19/20	47 years
David Jones	Centertown, KY	2/16/02	2/17/20	18 years
Carl Guess	Evansville, IN	9/9/05	3/01/20	14 years
Hulbert "Ray" Williams	Falls of Rough, KY	6/1/06	2/12/20	13 years
Bob Rose	Graham, KY	3/25/09	2/21/20	10 years
Christopher Pate	Utica, KY	10/20/12	3/6/20	7 years
Lee Echols	Henderson, KY	12/12/83	3/18/20	36 years

Illustrious Sir Bruce Wiggins, P.P. and Treasurer of Rizpah

On the week of March 2, 2020, Illustrious Sir Bruce Wiggins attended the Shrine Treasurer's Association in Orange Beach, Alabama. Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt was the Installing Officer as Illustrious Sir Bruce was installed as President of the Association. Illustrious Sir Kenny Byassee photographed the event.





LEGION OF HONOR

Rizpah L.O.H. Commander, Ill. Sir Eddie Daugherty, P.P. has decided to cancel the L.O.H. Military Ball that had been planned for May 16th. If circumstances allow, he may reschedule the Ball for a later date.



Owensboro Shrine Club Receives Award

The **Owensboro Shrine Club** recently received the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club award for Community Leadership. This award is given in recognition of strong leadership, commitment, and dedication beyond oneself in moving our community forward and helping those in less fortunate situations. Accepting the award on

behalf of the Owensboro Shrine Club is (left to right) Jerry Maggard-Vice President, Vernie Beals-Secretary/Treasurer, and Garland Parker-President. Congratulations to the Owensboro club and many thanks to all our clubs and units who work to help the children each day.



DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE, NEITH TEMPLE No. 80



Greetings Ladies of the Household,

Well, here we are going into the middle of April, trying to get everyone installed in any way we can. Loretta Adams, PQ and Norma Finney, PQ installed me on March 22 at Norma's home. We also have Princess Badoura, Princess Tirzah, Princess Recorder, Princess Marshall installed. Our Supreme Queen's visit will be August 11. More information will follow. So please start learning your parts while we are confined to our homes. We will be having a practice sometime at a later date. Everything depends on when we are allowed to meet again. I am very excited about my upcoming year but a little nervous. That's an

understatement. WE will have a good year.

It is with a heavy heart that I report our current Supreme Queen, Dale Obernolte, passed away on Monday, April 6th. She had finished her official visits and was getting ready for Supreme Session. Neith Temple No. 80 extends our sincere sympathies to her husband Ron and her family, and her Temple in Fresno CA. She will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Dale. Our prayers and support now go out to Supreme Princess Royal Heather Lambert who was installed as Supreme Queen for the remainder of Dale's year.

I hope everyone has had a very blessed Easter season. Please stay in and be safe until we get over this mess.

With Nile Love,

Betty Kunkel, Queen



We are saddened and grieved at the passing of Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen, Dale Obernolte.



FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE



What a turbulent time we've had this year so far! We have weathered severe storms and tornadoes, and a deadly virus that has kept us from meeting with our beloved brothers and sisters. Events have been canceled or postponed, and travel plans are up in the air. The health and well-being of our Nobles and Ladies is foremost in our minds, as Illustrious Sir Douglas and I are attempting to make plans for the rest of the year, while the stay at home order is still in effect. Our creativity has been stretched as we try to salvage the events we had planned for this spring.

The First Lady's Tea that was scheduled for May 23rd has been rescheduled for October 3rd, to coincide with Guns and Glitter this fall. Although the two events will be held on the same day, they will remain as two individual events, and there will be separate tickets for each. Anyone who has already purchased a tea ticket and cannot attend in October may receive a full refund.

It will take all of us working together in **UNITY** to help Rizpah to shine in these difficult times. I challenge each of you to think about your own unique talents and gifts and what you have to offer Rizpah Temple. Together we can accomplish great things!

It is easy to get down or depressed about our circumstances. I encourage you to stay positive and count your blessings. It is my sincere hope and prayer that all of you will stay healthy and safe as we continue to brave this latest storm.

Love and Prayers Always,

Ellissa

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| May 1 | Onions should be in –
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| July 5 – 8 | Imperial Session
(Kansas City, MO) |
| July 11 | Rizpah Potentate's Ball |
| August 15 | Steak Night |
| September 11 | Unity Class /
Scottish Rite Reunion |
| September 12 | Unity Class /
Scottish Rite Reunion /
Fall Ceremonial /
Hillbilly Dance |
| October 3 | Rizpah First Lady's Tea /
Guns N' Glitter |



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