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THE NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE RIZPAH SCIMITAR IS:

DECEMBER 18, 2019

FOR THE

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EDITION

Deadlines are subject to change.

Notices will be sent as early as possible.

-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

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On The Cover

Patient Ambassador Lily Silverstein with Illustrious Sir Kenny Byassee during the 2019 Rizpah Shrine Potentate's Ball

Rizpah Scimitar



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

A lot has happened since the last Scimitar. Imperial session in Nashville was a huge success with many Rizpah Nobles and Ladies representing Rizpah with style and class. We have had the heartbreak of losing our beloved brother, Noble, and friend, Chief Rabban, Bob Chope.

Steak night was a sell-out again, thanks to many Nobles buying and selling tickets. A BIG THANKS goes out to Illustrious Sir Eddie and Noble Gene for selling the most tickets again this year. A very big thank you goes to Richard Gordon, the father of Chief Aide, Penny Stewart, who graciously volunteered to cook all 400 steaks. Thanks, Richard!

S.A.S.A. in Myrtle Beach was by far the best time we have had there since being on line.

The weather was perfect. The beach was great, and the mountain scenery was beautiful for the trip there. Anyone who missed that trip really missed out on a good time.

Guns and Glitter is getting bigger every year with 172 tickets sold this year. Congratulations to the Daughters of the Nile, Neith Temple #80 for winning the grand prize, \$3,000 retailed diamond ring and diamond earrings. Congratulations also to the Lost River Area Nile club for winning the \$500 gift card.

This year is winding down fast with the New Year's Eve dance right around the corner.

We would like your feedback on the new Scimitar. Clubs will have the opportunity to purchase ads that will help pay for the printing.

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Illustrious Sir Kenny Byassee

*Illustrious Sir Kenny Byassee and First Lady Ginger
Invite you to Rizpah's Annual
New Year's Eve Party
Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - Doors open at 7:00 pm
\$50 per Couple / \$25 Stag
All are Invited
Open Bar
Free Transportation to and from the hotel!*



As of October 22, we still have 63 members who have not paid their 2019 dues. If you are not sure of your 2019 status, either log in to Webfez or give us a call and we will check on your status for you.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

This is a new 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.

With the elections coming up at the December meeting, we thought it might be best to begin there.

TEMPLE ELECTIONS

Shriners International (SI) requires an annual election in January unless temple bylaws allows the election to take place in the December Stated Meeting (Rizpah does). The election is to be for seven officers in the following order: Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, and Recorder. Election of officers shall be by the majority of members present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for an office, voting will be by written ballot. These ballots will be retained by the Recorder for a minimum of 90 days.

A Noble shall not serve as Potentate of any temple for more than two years without meeting other specific requirements. A Noble shall not serve as Potentate unless he has served at least one term as either Chief Rabban or Assistant Rabban (this means that any Past Potentate would qualify as well). A candidate for an elected office in the Shrine Temple may publish a resume' consisting of his educational background, vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record during the year he is seeking election. No other information in any form is allowed by the Noble, a group of Nobles, or clubs or units. No purchasing of gifts, favors, or entertainment is allowed. Anything like this is considered electioneering, is STRICTLY prohibited and may very well result in the candidate being removed from consideration. Each elected office has specific duties as outlined in the SI and/or Rizpah bylaws.

Rizpah also has three elected Trustees. One Trustee comes up for election each year to serve a three year term. The Trustees here have a variety of duties. They monitor the buildings when we have rentals, help mow the lawn, make minor repairs, solicit food donations for events, and drive on hospital trips as needed, along with other duties. Our current Trustees are Jack McCormick, Curtis Johnston and Butch Gibson. There is no limit on the number of years a Trustee may be reelected. The Trustee spot open this year is the one currently held by Roy "Butch" Gibson.

FREE ADVERTISING ON THE RIZPAH WEBSITE

Rizpah Shrine is offering free advertising on our website, RizpahShriners.org. A new For Sale button has been added to the menu, 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@cfaiith.com

Check out our new "For Sale" button on the website: www.rizpahshriners.org



THE RIZPAH LEGION OF HONOR was founded in 1985. We are a military unit. We post colors (flags) at all Temple meetings. You will see us in our military jeep during the parades.

Being the Commander for 2019 was a very great honor. I followed a lot of great men that served our country and fought for it. God Bless America.

Thank you,
 Chester Burden,
 2019 L.O.H. Commander
 Rizpah Shrine



IN MEMORJUM

THESE WE DO NOT FORGET WHOM THE BLACK CAMEL HAS TAKEN FROM OUR MIDST

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Shriner for</i>
Kenneth W. Baggett	Bremen, KY	06/18/77	06/25/19	42 Years
Charles G. Branson	Hanson, KY	11/16/68	08/06/19	50 Years
Roy D. Camplin	Madisonville, KY	05/23/70	08/16/19	49 Years
Dr J.C. Jones	Greenville, KY	05/21/66	09/11/19	53 Years
Bobby B. Ward	Marion, IL	11/13/71	05/23/19	47 Years
Don Cox	Lewisport, KY	06/06/92	07/07/19	27 Years
Harlan R. Harney, Sr	Owensboro, KY	06/06/92	06/09/19	27 Years
Kirk G. Storey	Henderson, KY	02/27/99	07/26/19	20 Years
Richard J. Early	Hopkinsville, KY	06/10/00	09/12/19	19 Years
Randy L. Moore	Alvaton, KY	12/04/99	06/12/19	19 Years
James O. Atwood Sr	Munfordville, KY	02/16/02	08/31/19	14 Years
Robert F. Chope	Cadiz, KY	06/27/87	08/11/19	32 Years
Leonard Sizemore	Cadiz, KY	10/29/16	08/10/19	02 Years
James Alsbrook	Cadiz, KY	05/26/73	09/30/19	31 Years
Glenn Bridwell	Evansville, IN	06/23/79	11/02/18	28 Years
Marvin Melhiser	Lewisport, KY	05/22/76	10/08/19	43 Years
Ernie Wallace	Utica, KY	05/22/71	09/27/19	48 Years
Bill Corbett	Evansville, IN	06/09/01	10/08/19	18 Years
Terry Goodman	Russellville, KY	11/03/01	10/08/19	18 Years
Nathaniel Haynes	Morgantown, KY	07/20/02	09/26/19	17 Years
George Johnson	Clarksville, TN	11/21/02	07/10/19	16 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 Shriners 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.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT “BOB” CHOPE (1942-2019)



Bob, (with two “B”s as he often said), was a regular contributor to Scimitar and many of you have said that you really enjoyed reading the articles he wrote because they were “interesting, pertinent and true to the values of a Mason.” Upon reflection, I can tell you that this is true and it is indicative how he lived his life..... and now, in death, it is his legacy.

He was an interesting person and was genuinely interested in everyone he met. He loved people. I called him the ultimate Social Butterfly. He was always first with a smile and a handshake. Always ready with a funny quip or story. Always ready also to listen, to learn, to give praise or to offer a sympathetic ear.

His life was pertinent. He was an unwanted child of a broken marriage, raised lovingly by grandparents and his early feelings of non-worth instilled in him a determination to pursue a purposeful life and to make a difference. And this he did... for his family, for his co-workers, for his mates in the Royal Navy and for his brothers in Freemasonry.

His values were high, extraordinarily high, and just as he endeavored to reach his own aspirations, he also encouraged and helped others to reach their goals, their hopes and their dreams.

He always gave 100% in everything he did despite having serious medical issues which limited his activities on a daily basis. But, through it all, he persevered. He was a Fighter, a Champion to his family, a fierce Warrior for the causes he believed in, a hardworking and honorable Noble of the Shrine organization, and a loyal Brother to Freemasons everywhere.

He abruptly left us on August 11, 2019, wanting us not to grieve but instead to be thankful for the gifts bestowed on us. He was given the “gift” of a pain free and peaceful transition. We (his family and everyone who knew and loved him) were given the gift of being a part of his life, sharing in his life’s work, and having many, many wonderful memories of this true and just man who left this world all too soon.

Diane, Kevin and Andrew Chope



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2019 Parade Schedule

Veterans Parades:

- Nov 9: Bowling Green 10:00 am
 Morgantown 2:00 pm
 Owensboro 2:00 pm
- Nov 10: Madisonville 2:00 pm

Christmas Parades:

- Nov 23: Owensboro 4:30 pm
- Nov 30: Guthrie 10:00 am
- Dec 1: Schochoh 2:00 pm
- Dec 7: Henderson 9:30 am
 Bowling Green 9:30 am
 Morgantown 2:00 pm
 Scottsville 4:30 pm
 Marion at 5:00 pm
- Dec 8: Auburn at 2:00 pm

For more information about parades look on the Rizpah Shriners facebook page.



VOLUNTEERS



Rizpah Shrine Center has been blessed over the years to have had many Nobles and their ladies to support our activities. These Nobles and ladies have dedicated time, money, talents, and resources to make our Shrine a better, more successful fraternity.

Several of the aides have expressed a desire to take a break from volunteer work at Rizpah. I understand. Often times in Masonry we have worked our volunteers too hard, and they didn't get the recognition they deserved.

So, I have an idea to try something different. I would like to ask for volunteers for each event, rather than having appointed aides for the entire year. I am hopeful this will allow those of you feeling burned out to take some time off and enjoy some personal time. If you would like to be an aide please contact any member of the Divan.

I do truly appreciate your service to our Shrine and Shriners for Children philanthropy. Thanking you is not enough. You have made a difference. May God bless you and your families.

Noble Douglas W. Bunch, Assistant Rabban