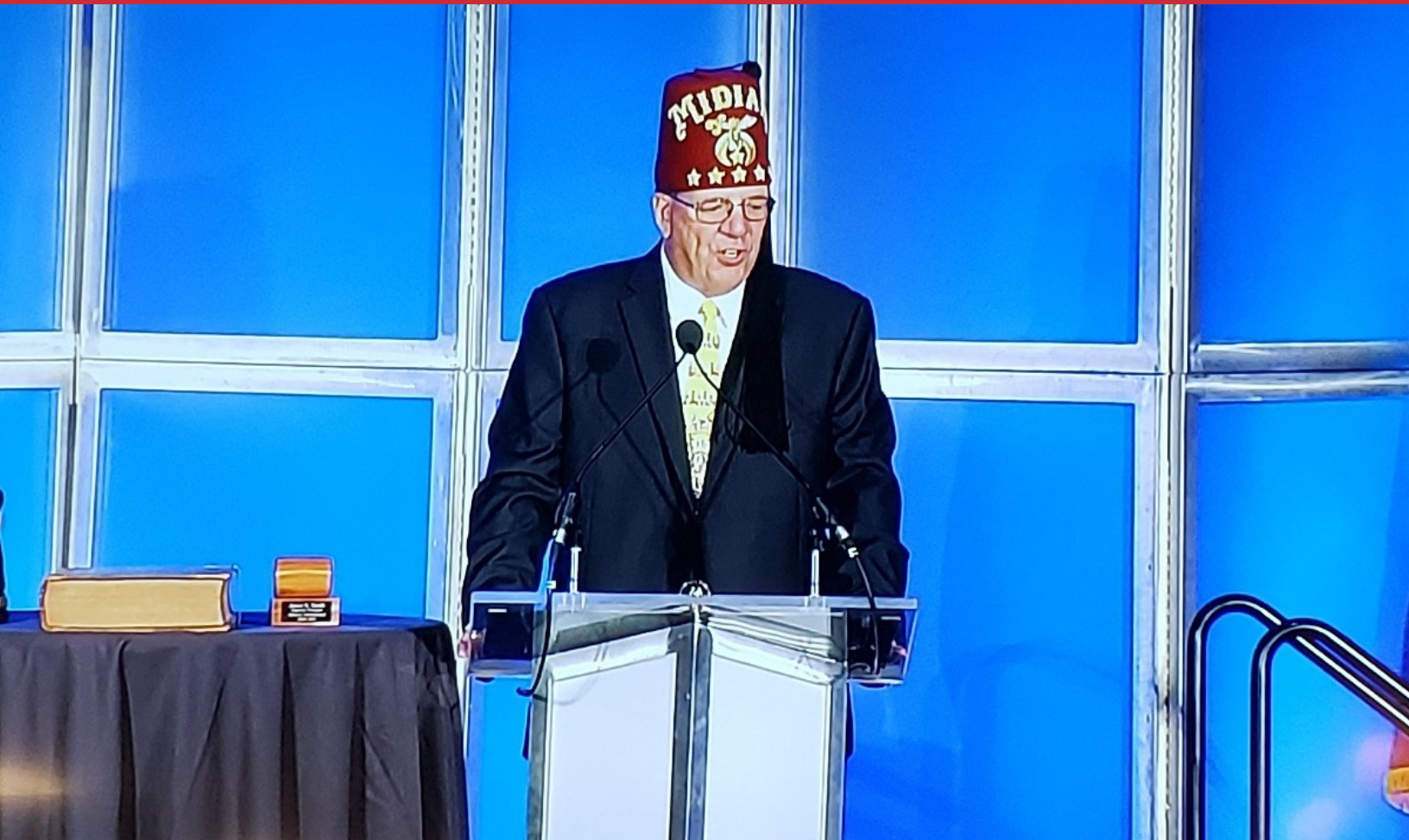


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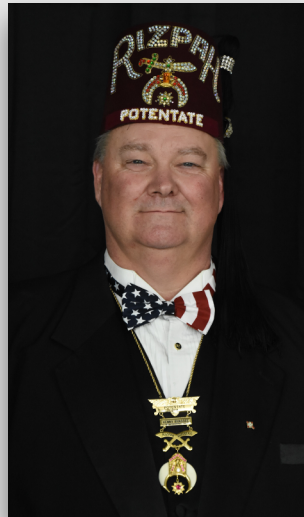
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Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowders presides over Imperial Session from Tampa, FL via Zoom. Picture taken July 11, at Rizpah Shrine Temple, Madisonville, KY.

RIZPAH ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, DOUGLAS W. BUNCH



Nobles,

I purposefully delayed this issue of the Rizpah Scimitar because there have been so many changes that I didn't want to print incorrect information. So it is with GREAT ENTHUSIASM that I can announce our clubs are able to resume regular activities. However, we will have to follow guidelines set by restaurants where our clubs and units meet. We can have a maximum of 50 people, practicing social distancing and wearing masks. I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE everyone to PLEASE check out our website at rizpahshriners.org so you can get up to date information.

Several people have expressed their desire for us to have some sort of event because I cancelled our ball this year. However, I could not in good conscience to my brothers

justify having a ball and spending that much money when our budget was in the red. I'm estimating we lost somewhere in the range of \$100,000.00 of potential income because of the numerous events that have been cancelled. It is very humbling to be encouraged by the Nobility to reschedule events. Unfortunately, because of the restrictions we have to work with, I will have to cancel the Fall Ceremonial scheduled for September 12th. as well as the Hillbilly degree and dance that night. I was looking forward to this Unity Class with the Scottish Rite. I believe it is time to start uniting our 2 fraternal organizations. I would like to see the Western Kentucky Consistory move back home with Rizpah. We are stronger together. As our state motto says, "United we stand, divided we fall."

Freemasonry in Western Kentucky needs to regroup and educate our brothers about their connection to Masonic heritage in the appendant bodies. We have so much to give, and this pandemic has only proven how much we need each other. When I chose "Unity" as my theme this year, I never guessed how important it would be. While others want to destroy what this county was built on, we have an obligation to protect the virtues of Freemasonry.

Our next Temple meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 7:30 pm. There WILL NOT be a meal. There will be social distancing, temperatures will be checked, and masks will be worn. The dining room will be closed, so ladies are asked not to attend. I truly miss seeing everyone, and wish I didn't have to enforce these restrictions.

Be safe, and may God bless you and your families.

Illustrious Sir Douglas W. Bunch
Rizpah Potentate 2020



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



Hello all,

Our membership is still struggling to stay steady. As of June 18, our regular member count has fallen to 918 with 127 of those unpaid for 2020. As I'm sure most of you know, Rizpah Bingo has been shut down for the last few months and we have had to cancel most of our fundraisers. This leaves the temple with zero income. Expenses such as insurance, power, water, phone, etc. have not stopped coming in. This results in the member dues being very important to help keep us "in the black". If you have not yet sent your dues for 2020, please do so as

soon as possible. Also, it is imperative that we continue our efforts to each bring into the Shrine "Just One". The applications can be completed and submitted with the fee anytime and will be reviewed at our next monthly meeting.

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.

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 the sources of funds coming into the Rizpah Temple General Fund. Though these percentages vary slightly year to year (this year of course is not typical), it will give you a general idea of the sources of our income and the proportion of each to our total funding.

Sources of Income (2019 data)	Percent of total
Temple Dues \$40 of the \$85 goes to the General Fund	16.21%
Rental Income from rental of the facilities	1.62%
Interest Income (General Fund only)	0.03%
Donations to the General Fund by members and others	0.81%
Onion sales profit	8.26%
Steak Night profit	3.73%
Social Events (Ladies Parties, etc.)	2.73%
Bingo Income transferred to the General Fund	66.37%
Miscellaneous Income (Jewelry room, etc.)	<u>0.25%</u>
TOTAL INCOME	100.00%

Percentages only include money going into the General Fund. As you can see, bingo is by far our largest source of income. This is why it is so important that everyone do their part to keep the bingo operating smoothly. With bingo being shut down for 3 months (or more) this year, along with many of our other fraternal fundraisers, the payment of member dues becomes vitally important. Again, if you have not paid your dues for 2020, please do so now. Even though our income has been greatly reduced this year, the expenses hold steady.

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>
Harold M. Meyer	Elkton, KY	10/24/64	4/8/20	55
Everett R. Newman	Louisville, KY	11/20/76	4/4/20	43
Roy Stroud	Island, KY	7/6/67	4/15/20	52
Thomas E. Major	Princeton, KY	6/9/12	5/9/20	7

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.



About the First Lady's Program — Rising Stars™

First Lady Alice Smith believes that giving our patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve helps them to become Rising Stars, and she is dedicated to strengthening their incredible spirits and abilities, helping them to have full, satisfying and productive lives.



Support First Lady Alice's Program and order a bead, necklace, or tie to help provide our patients with appropriate assistive devices.



"We all want our children to be happy and successful," said Lady Alice. "I want to help our patients move from the Shriners Hospitals system to successful, independent adult lives."

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FIRST LADY'S PAGE

To the Ladies of Rizpah,

First, I want to express how very much I miss seeing all of you and spending time with you. This year has been hard on all of us in multiple ways. Not only have we been kept apart, but Rizpah has suffered financially from the loss of many fundraising activities. Earlier this year I decided to reschedule the First Lady's Tea in an effort to be able to salvage at least one fundraiser. However, because of the changing nature of this quarantine, and the uncertainty of the limitations that may be imposed, I have been forced to cancel the First Lady's Tea for 2020. Also, after much discussion with the Potentate and Recorder regarding the governor's mandates and restrictions, it was decided that the dining room should be closed so as to promote social distancing, and that there would be no meal served at the September meeting. Because the dining room will be closed, the ladies are encouraged NOT to attend. I have taken this decision particularly heavily. I enjoy cooking immensely, and consider it a privilege and a joy to prepare meals for my friends.



With the limits to social gatherings and physical contact, 2020 has been an emotionally challenging year, especially for huggers like me. It is easy to feel disappointed and depressed. I wish I could wrap my arms around you all and let you know how important your friendship and support are to me. It is vital that we not become isolated amid the chaos of the pandemic, so reach out to others with phone calls, cards, and social media. Exchange pictures of joyful events, craft ideas, helpful hints, and recipes. Keep a positive outlook with encouraging messages, listen to uplifting music, and stay focused on the happy things. Ladies, You are important! Do not underestimate how much your support means to your Noble and to Rizpah Temple. Thank you for all that you do! Please use the recipes on this page to administer some self-care. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the time when we can all be together again. Until that time, may God bless you with health and prosperity.

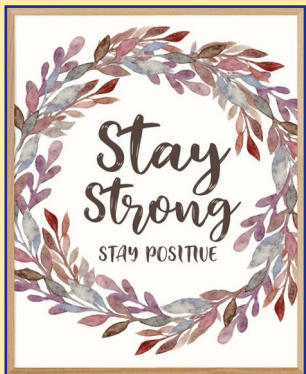
Love and Prayers,

Ellissa



Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

Don't start your day with the broken pieces of yesterday. Every day is a fresh start. Every day is a new beginning. Every morning we wake up is the first day of the rest of our life.



GRAPEFRUIT MINT SUGAR SCRUB

10 drops Grapefruit Essential Oil
5 drops Peppermint Essential Oil
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup coconut oil (melted)


Mix the ingredients together and store in a glass jar. Use this to exfoliate rough skin when you shower. It smells amazing!

Berry Lemonade Smoothies

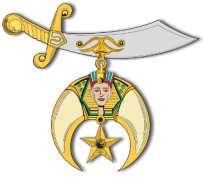
INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 3 cups frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt

DIRECTIONS:



1. Combine sugar and 1/2 cup water in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring until the sugar has dissolved; let cool. Or use the artificial sweetener of your choice.
2. In a large pitcher, whisk together sugar mixture, lemon juice and 1 1/2 cups water.
3. Combine strawberries, yogurt, lemon mixture and 2 cups ice in blender until smooth.
4. Serve immediately.



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Guns 'n' Glitter

Fall Ceremonial

Hillbilly Degree and Dance

If you have purchased tickets, please contact the office, so we may refund your money. If you want to make your purchase a donation, please contact the office.

JUST ONE

Who do you know
that would make a
good Shrine Mason?

