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Assistant Rabban



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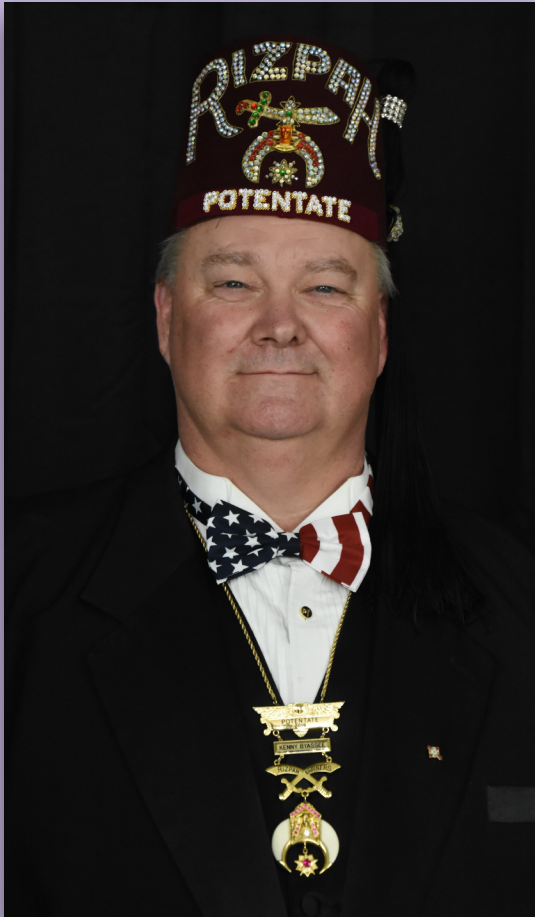
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### *On The Cover:*

Illustrious Sir Douglas W.  
Bunch in the Potentate's  
Room at Rizpah Shrine  
Center in Madisonville, KY



# RIZPAH ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, DOUGLAS W. BUNCH



## Nobles,

As I am writing my last article and reflecting on the previous months, I am encouraged by the resilience of some of our members. Many have had to self-quarantine this year and are looking forward to getting back to meetings. I am also encouraged when I meet our new members and the zeal they have for our fraternity. Even though 2020 has been a year of multiple challenges, I believe that together we are stronger. Sometimes it's the little things that matter most, like calling a brother to see how he is doing.

In order to promote social distancing, we will not have any more meals at our stated meetings this year. Our only activity remaining in 2020 will be the New Year's Eve Party. Tickets for the New Year's Eve dance will be \$25 per couple, \$15 stag. I hope to see you there. Thank you for allowing me to be your Potentate this year.

*Illustrious Sir Douglas W. Bunch  
Rizpah Potentate 2020*



## Owensboro Shrine Club Presentation

Owensboro Shrine Club President Garland Parker (left) recently presented a plaque to Noble John Roberts. Noble Roberts was representing the First Christian Church and the plaque was in appreciation of their wonderful support of Shriners Hospitals for Children.



# Noble Jack McCormick Voted Trustee Emeritus



During the October 8th Rizpah Temple meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to make Noble Jack McCormick a Trustee Emeritus. To be voted to Emeritus status, the Noble must have held the office 9 or more years. Noble McCormick has been a Rizpah Trustee for the past 15 years. A Trustee is elected or reelected for three year terms. He will not be seeking reelection this December when his term is up due to health concerns.

During his tenure as a Rizpah Trustee, Jack was very active in the Temple. He made many trips taking children to Shriners Hospitals. In addition, Jack always followed through with his duties as a trustee without fail.

Trustees handle such things as supervising the building rentals, obtaining quotes on large

projects, mowing, etc. Not only did Noble McCormick carry out the normal duties of Trustee, he also excelled at soliciting donations from local business for items needed by Rizpah for one function or another. Everywhere Noble Jack McCormick goes, people know his name. His friendliness and smiling face always assured that if something was needed from local businesses, Jack could get it donated.

While we will miss having Jack as a Rizpah Trustee and seeing him daily around the temple, I know you all join us in wishing him the very best.



L-R Recorder James Woodard PP, Trustee Curtis Johnston PGM, Trustee Jack and Lady Peggy, Trustee Butch Gibson and Lady Donna

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



**Hello all,**

Our membership is still struggling to stay steady. As of October 13, 2020, our regular member count has fallen to 902 with 116 of those unpaid for 2020. 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. With no Fall Ceremonial this year, IS Doug has been obligating new members at the monthly meetings.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS CREATED DURING THE OCTOBER MEETING**

**Mike Boling, Owensboro (Top lined by Roger Gray, Second by Jerry Maggard)**

**Tim France, Owensboro (Top lined by Vernie Beals, Second by David Lemke)**

**Cameron Glore, Eddyville (Top lined by Phil Robinson, Second by Jerry Padgett)**

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 and St Louis Hospitals with occasional trips to 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>
Eugene W. Butters	Morgantown, KY	8/1/58	8/28/20	62 years
Jesse D. Dupree	Paducah, KY	11/23/74	4/15/20	45 years
Glenn P. Gainous	Adairville, KY	11/23/74	6/3/20	45 years
Jerry L. Jennings	Bardwell, KY	2/24/79	6/15/20	41 years
Jewell W. Johnson	Lewisburg, KY	6/13/81	3/7/20	38 years
Michael D. Lindsey	Bowling Green, KY	9/9/78	7/13/20	41 years
James E. Taylor	Sebree, KY	5/17/75	3/20/20	44 years
James Shackelford	Olmstead, KY	5/9/87	7/27/20	33 years
James R. Bowles	Earlington, KY	11/3/90	7/27/20	29 years
Ace R. Danes	Auburn, KY	2/18/95	9/17/20	25 years
Lawrence E. Davis	Sacramento, KY	6/1/04	9/15/20	16 years
Steve J. McClaskey	Sacramento, KY	10/20/12	9/10/20	7 years
Kenneth E. Wood Jr.	Clarksville, TN	10/20/12	7/3/20	7 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.

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.

## FIRST LADY'S FAREWELL

**Friends,** 2020 is drawing to a close, and I wanted to take this opportunity to express how very much I have enjoyed serving as Rizpah's First Lady this year. Even though things didn't go as planned, and events had to be cancelled, I enjoyed preparing meals for the meetings, and visiting with the ladies. I will always have fond memories of our years on the Divan line, and attending club meetings, balls, teas, and parades. I have especially enjoyed helping Chester Burden with concessions during bingo, and getting to know the trustees and volunteers who keep Rizpah running behind the scenes.

Thank you for all your support, and as always, Love and Prayers, *Ellissa*





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Illustrious Sir Douglas W. Bunch  
and Lady Ellissa  
Invite you to Rizpah's Annual  
New Years Eve Party!

Thursday, December 31st, 2020

Doors Open at 7:00 pm

\$25 per Couple / \$15 Stag

Everyone is Invited!

Open Bar!

Free Transportation to and from the Hotel!