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Thanks, Ellissa



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

It is an honor to serve as Potentate of Rizpah Shriners for the year 2026. For those that don't know me my name is Jeffrey Jones Jr. I'm a Past Master of both Friedaland Lodge #863 as well as Hartford Lodge #675. I served as District Deputy Grand Master for District 8 (Ohio, Grayson, & Butler Counties) from October 2024 to October 2025, I've served District 8 as Masonic Homes Ambassador as well. I'm a Past Worthy Patron and current Secretary of Fordsville Chapter #326 OES. Since joining Rizpah Shriners I have served on the Divan as well as been an Appointed Board Member at St. Louis Hospital, I'm a current Roadrunner, a member of Ohio County Shrine Club, Owensboro Shrine Club, Rizpah Tricorps,

and the Rizpah Cut Ups Clown Unit. I'm married to my Beautiful Wife, Lady Ashley. Together we have two kids, one of which is a Shrine Patient at St. Louis. I want to express my gratitude for the support I've received while I've been on the Divan line, I look forward to a wonderful year serving the craft.

Jeffrey M. Jones, Jr., Rizpah Potentate 2026

When I designed a pin for Rizpah Shrine for 2026 I had a vision to put transporting children at the top of my list. Currently we transport kids from all over western Kentucky to the following hospitals: Lexington, St. Louis, Dayton, & Chicago. On the pin is a transport van with a Fez on top as well as a roadrunner on the van. Included is a simple yet meaningful phrase that showcases what these men and women do every time they get behind the wheel; they're "Changing lives one trip at a time."





Nobles and Ladies;

I am genuinely grateful to the Nobility for the trust you have placed in me by electing me to serve our great Temple as your Chief Rabban for 2026. I am both humbled and excited for the opportunity. Lady Tiffany and I look forward to working alongside the Divan and the Nobility as we continue the proud mission of Rizpah Shriners and further our shared philanthropic goals.

For those I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I currently serve as Master of Dixon Lodge 911; I am a 32° member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Madisonville, and a member of the Knights of St. Andrew. I also

serve as President of the Branded Brothers Chapter of the Kentucky Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association. Here at Rizpah, I am honored to serve as an officer in the Legion of Honor and as Vice President of the Tri-Corp. Additionally, I am a member of American Legion Post 40 in Henderson, Kentucky.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and the opportunity to meet and fellowship with many members of the Nobility at the events planned throughout the coming year. Thank you again for your confidence and support.

Bryan Bivins, Jr.

Chief Rabban, 2026



Todd Marshall, EdD
Assistant Rabban, 2026

Nobles and Ladies,

My Name is Todd Marshall. I am humbly honored to serve as your Assistant Rabban for the 2026 year. I have been with Rizpah Shrine Temple since 2010. I am a Past Master of Dixon Masonic Lodge #911 and have served as the Treasurer the past four years at Hopkinsville Masonic Lodge #37. A member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Madisonville. My wife Tina and I have been married for twenty-one years. We have two children Ava (Marshall) Stup, and Ty Marshall. Lady Tina and I are both members of the Hillbillies.

I currently work for the Dawson Springs Independent School District as the Director of Pupil Personnel, Health, and Safety. I hold my Doctorate in School Leadership and Administration.

Lady Tina and I reside in Dawson Springs, KY. We look forward to an exceptional year and are excited to meet with each and every one throughout this year.



Koal West,
High Priest & Prophet, 2026

Nobles and Ladies:

With humility and gratitude, I thank the Nobility for electing me to serve our great Temple. It is an honor to have been installed for the position of High Priest and Prophet for the 2026 year. I look forward to serving the Novility and working with the Divan to further our philanthropic mission.

for those who may not know me, my name is Koal West. I currently serve as Junior Warden of Owensboro-Yellow Banks Lodge No. 130 and am a member of Goel Chapter No. 104, as well as the Owensboro Shrine Club, Tricorps, and Rizpah Temple.

I am currently engaged to my fiancée, Kali, and we reside in Owensboro, Kentucky, where I am employed at the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport. I look forward to contributing to a successful year ahead and to meeting as many members of the Nobility as possible.

Nobles,

I want to thank everyone for their confidence in me to be your Treasurer for another year. I will strive to the best of my ability to work hard for the Temple.

Last year was a great success! I ask that we work together to make this year a success as well! It takes everyone to make this temple thrive.

I look forward to working for you, and if I can be of any assistance, feel free to reach out to me.

Fraternally Yours,

Eddie Daugherty, P.P.
Treasurer, 2026



Ed Crowley,
Recorder, 2026

Greetings, Nobles:

My name is Edward Crowley. I am the newly elected recorder. I've been married to my wife, Lady Sherri, for 43 years, and we have 2 children, Amanda and Hollis. We also have 5 grandchildren. We are very active with our family in sports, camping, and in church. I became a Mason in March 1988. Currently, I am a member of Slaughters Lodge No. 347, where I have served as Master, Secretary, and currently the position of Treasurer. 2026 will be a year of new faces in the Divan and provide great possibilities going forward for the growth of the fraternity and Rizpah Temple. I look forward to working with each and every member of the temple. I would like to challenge all temple members to reach out to your Blue Lodge Brothers and encourage them to join us in our mission to help children. I also want to challenge all temple members to join a club such as the Road Runners or the Clowns. The interaction with the children will be a blessing beyond anything you could ever imagine. May God bless each and every one of you.



Charlie Durham,
Chaplain, 2026



Mike Stewart,
Marshall, 2026



Rodney Adkins,
Captain of the Guard, 2026



Keith Majors,
Trustee, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt!

April 4th, 10 AM
at the temple

There will be clowns,
games and prizes!





Nobles and Ladies,

It is my honor to serve as your First Lady for 2026. I am truly grateful for this opportunity and will serve to the best of my abilities.

For those who do not know me, my name is Ashley Jones. I am a past Worthy Matron of Fordsville Chapter No. 326, a member of the Beaver Dam Fire Department, and the owner-operator of a CPR training business. I also serve my community as an LPN nurse and a 911 dispatcher. I am the proud mother of two children, Madison and Elliott. The Shrine is especially dear to my heart—our oldest child is a Shriners patient—so everything you do for this temple means more to my family and me than words can express.

The children we serve at Shriners Hospitals are heroes in my book. They face extraordinary challenges at a very young age and continually demonstrate courage, resilience, and hope. My First Lady pin reflects that spirit: white for a new beginning, the Maltese cross to honor my years in the fire service, and the child wearing a cape beside the hospital logo to symbolize the strength and bravery of those we serve. The care provided by Shriners Hospitals is second to none, and it exists because of your steadfast support and generosity.



I look forward to a wonderful year of fellowship, service, and meaningful events with all of you. Thank you for your commitment to our temple and to the children and families who depend on our care.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Ashley Jones, Rizpah First Lady, 2026

2026 Divan Ladies



Left to right:

Treasurer Lady: Ruby Daugherty, Chief Rabban Lady: Tiffany Bivins,
First lady: Ashley Jones, Assistant Rabban Lady: Tina Marshall, High
Priest & Prophet Lady: Kali Howard, Recorder Lady: Sherri Crowley

2026 Rizpah Calendar of Events:

- April 4, 10 AM: Easter Egg Hunt, Madisonville, KY
- May 7-10: Funfest, Pigeon Forge, TN
- May 23: Spring Ceremonial, Madisonville, KY, Registration Starts at 9 AM
- June 5,6: Rizpah Ball, Madisonville, KY
- July 12-15: Imperial Session, Tampa, FL
- July 25, 1 PM: Ladies' Tea, Madisonville, KY
- August 8, 5 PM: Steak Night, Madisonville, KY
- September 5, 12 PM: Family Fun Day,
Madisonville, KY
- September 17-20: Fall SASA, Myrtle Beach, SC
- October 15-18: AR Conference, Tampa, FL
- October 22-25: OG Conference, Tampa, FL
- October 24, TBA: Ceremonial, 3 1/2 Degree,
Hillbilly Degree,
Madisonville, KY
- November 6-8: Membership Conference,
Washington D.C.