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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Chanters Iron Camels	3	4 Bagpipers Nile 7pm NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	5 Horse Patrol	6 Shrine Elections 7pm 	7 Children's Christmas Party 9am LOH Party
8	9 Chanters Directors Staff Foot Patrol	10 Class Directors Racing Shriners Mizmur SC	11 Bagpipers Party Kosciusko SC LaGrange SC Randolph SC	12 Band Party	13 Circus Christmas Party 5 - 8pm	14 Hillbillys Party Horse Patrol Party
15	16 Chanters Mizpah Vettes Yoshi	17 Radio Unit	18 Bagpipers Flying Shriners Hapzim SC Hospital Unit party Jay Co SC Pokagon SC	19 Elkhart SC	20	21
22	23 Antique Power Car Club Chanters Media Unit	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 CHRISTMAS Office Closed	26 Blackford Co SC Whitley Co SC	27	28
29	30 Chanters	31 New Years Eve Office Closed				

January 2014

Jan 1 New Years Day - office closed
 Jan 3 Shrine Officer Installation
 Jan 4 Driver Training/Unit Head Mtg
 Jan 4 Potentate Aide Meeting
 Jan 6 Divan Meeting 6:30pm
 Jan 7 Trustee / Finance Mtg
 Jan 8 Shrine Stated mtg 7pm
 Jan 8 Nile Mtg 7pm
 Jan 10 Nile BINGO
 Jan 14 Transportation Mtg 6pm
 Jan 23 - 26 CIRCUS
 Jan 31 Circus Apprec Party 5-8pm

February 2014

Feb 3 Divan Meeting 6:30pm
 Feb 5 Shrine Stated Mtg 7pm
 Feb 6- 11 2014 Mizpah Winter Getaway
 Feb 12 Nile Mtg 7pm
 Feb 17 Van Schedulers Mtg 6:30pm

March 2014

Mar 1 Yoshi Monte Carlo
 Mar 3 Divan Meeting 6:30pm
 Mar 5 Shrine Stated Mtg 7pm
 Mar 7 Nile Elections 7pm
 Mar 31 Divan Meeting 6:30pm

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Admission to a Shriners Burn Hospital is essentially the same as to a Shriners Hospital for Children. Here, however, it must be stressed that timing may be of utmost importance. The final outcome of a burn case may be greatly dependent upon the type of treatment and the speed with which it can be started. Therefore in emergency, the Chief Surgeon has the authority to admit the patient, having the application completed at a later date. If then you know of an emergency burn case, immediately call the Shine Ambassador in the area. Let's not miss a chance to put out a helping hand. Be a true Shriner!



Potentate's Message

My five year journey is coming to an end. Each day has been filled with lessons that will last the rest of my life. As with any endeavor there were bad times. Anonymous letters,

angry emails, and nasty phone calls were a weekly event. Thankfully I was blessed with thick skin and a positive attitude that carried me through the hard times. In the end the good times outweighed the bad and I am proud to have served the Nobility. I was blessed to serve on the Divan with some great men over the last five years. Dave Yarde, Roger Weaver, Ellis Ryan and Owen Stiles walked the path before me. Each taught me something that helped me make a difference. I want to thank each of you for showing me how to serve. In the end the greatest treasure I leave office with is a wealth of new friends. I never could have dreamed of how many new people I can call true friends. Nothing you can hold in your hands will last. The friends you hold in your heart will last forever.

If you want to place blame on someone for having to tolerate me for the last five years I have their names for you. In 2000 Brad and Don Wadkins sat me down and told me why I would make a great Mason. I jumped in with both feet and never looked back. Brad and I have known each other for 30 years. We have shared many experiences over those years, but the Shrine is my favorite. In 2009 I sat Shannon down and explained to her how I thought I could serve the Shrine. Like everything other decision in my life she said she would support me. After we talked, I called Larry and Jenny Chapel to ask for advice. Larry did not sugar coat what I should expect. He was honest and forthcoming. An hour later I had made my decision. Once again I jumped in with both feet. I tried to never take my foot off the accelerator and keep my eyes forward. I pray I served you with class and dignity.

Before I leave office I want everyone to know what to expect from your future Divan. Your current Chief Rabban, Steve Cowan, is the "numbers guy." Steve's business background has enabled him to take an educated look at how we track our money. Sometimes others have been made to be uncomfortable, but Steve has always put the Shrine first. I will be proud to call him my Potentate next year. This year's Assistant Rabban Gary Soblotne served as my "hospital guy." I was always confident that I could have Gary represent the Divan at any Van Schedulers meeting or Hospital Unit meeting and he would excel at it

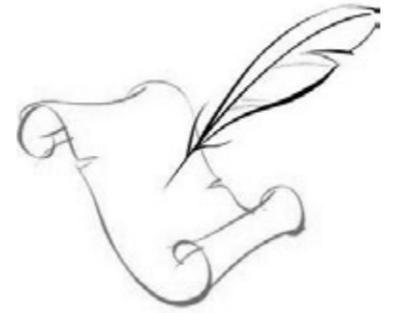
His love for our Temples of Mercy and the children we serve is unparalleled. Our interests in Chicago and Cincinnati will always be served as long as Gary is allowed to help. Jerry Freewalt simply works harder than anyone else I know. Throughout the year I asked Jerry many times to handle a task. With one phone call I knew it was taken care of. No need to check up. I trust him more than any other Shriner I know. Your High Priest and Prophet is willing to get his hands dirty for the Shrine. Traditionally we do not let our Oriental Guide speak at Stated Meetings. This is really to protect each of us from saying something we would regret. Let me assure you Hal Harting's silence stopped in the Ballroom. Hal has not been asked to sit and serve quietly. Instead he has stepped forward immediately and started to help steer the Shrine into the future. Expect great things from Hal and he will not disappoint you. Owen Wade is the youngest thinking man of his age I have ever met. As Treasurer he has not only tracked the Temple finances, but he has been the voice of reason in many decisions that affected all of us. You can be confident he will always work hard for our interests. These men will serve us all well. I am excited about the bright future of the Mizpah Shrine Center.

Finally I would like to thank Ron Harruff for all the great counsel over the last five years. I always knew I could go downtown and sit in his office to receive some great advice. Sometimes it was not easy to hear, but he always has the best interests of the Shrine at heart. Sure we have disagreed at times, but that is how any successful organization works. Ultimately the best interests of all of the Mizpah Shrine always won. In the five years that Ron and I served together I never for one second doubted his love for the fraternity. He has continued to give when others faded into the past. We cannot measure the work he has done behind the scenes. I look forward to sitting on Ron's deck smoking cigars as we both watch the next set of leaders carry us forward.

In closing I would like to thank each and every Mizpah Shriner for allowing me to serve. Let me assure you I am not going to be one of the Past Potentates who disappear after they complete their responsibilities on the Divan. I will continue to help whenever asked. I simply am going to transition into different roles that permit me to continue to help Mizpah serve our community and the kids we care for. Please join me in supporting the leadership of Mizpah in 2014 and the years to come.

Your Humble Servant
Mike Hardiek, Potentate 2013

Recorder's Message



The journey into the Shrine started in 1978 with membership in the Band, serving on the finance committee, trustees, and activities of many kinds.

The real journey started in 1988 when I was elected Oriental Guide and began my service on the Divan, or leadership team, until I was allowed to serve as your Potentate in 1992. The membership since has allowed me to serve as your Recorder for the past 11 years.

The many friendships that Betty and I have made are endless. The friendships are at Mizpah and extend across the United States, Canada, and world wide. The Imperial staff and officer associations have been outstanding. The service on several Imperial Committees has truly been a labor of love for the fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The joys and sorrows we have shared are also endless. We have been taught the true and real meaning of what it is to be a Mason and a Shriner. I hope I have represented the fraternity and Mizpah well.

It is now time to part and say Thank You and good-bye. May we part upon the hand of fellowship and friendship.

At the risk of missing someone, I will mention a few people that were part of a special time in my life and the life as a Mizpah Shriner.

The always present advise from Illustrious Sirs; William Klaehn, Tom Goss, Richard Johnson, John "Hap" Dragoo, Dan Dickey, Tom Lewis, John Hall, Jim Lobsiger, and many more. The always present council of John Bonner, Bruce Howe, Mel Ehrman, 33°, and more. The friendship and efforts of Karl Klemm. A very special person, now deceased, Past Master and Noble Bill Winans who introduced me to Masonry. The presence of John Willard McNaughton, 33°, James DeMond, 33°, Ron Sullins, MSA, Judge John Surbeck 33° and others from the Scottish Rite. The Imperial Potentates and Imperial Sirs whose numbers are too numerous to mention. Also, a special thank you to all past and present Nobles and the ladies of Mizpah Shrine.

Again, thank each of you and your ladies for your kindness. May Mizpah continue to be the best Shrine Temple in all of Shrinedom.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. – John F. Kennedy.

Ronald J. Harruff, PP, 33°
Recorder

P.S. While watching the recent World Series, I was reminded about the saying, "Boston Strong". This has led the Red Sox and the city of Boston to great and wonderful accomplishments. Let's coin the phrase "Mizpah Strong". This may lead our Shrine to great and wonderful accomplishments for us, Shriners International, and Shriners Hospitals for Children



Unit News

MIZPAH VETTES

The Vettes finished their parade season by participating in the Callithumpain Parade in Decatur on October 28th with seven members and their Vettes parading. This was the first Callithumpain Parade that most of our members had been to, or participated in, and what a parade it was. Over 150 entries and several thousand spectators lining the streets. The Decatur Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated on sponsoring such a spectacular event.

Our November stated meeting on the 18th will see the election of Officers for the 2014 year. 2014 will be the first full year of existence for the Vette Club and promises to be a fun filled and exciting year for Club membership as a number of activities and special events are being considered. By the way we are always looking to add new members and their Vettes to our group, so if you want in on the fun and fellowship, come join us on the third Monday of each month.

The Vettes Club has been invited to join with the Mizpah Car Club for a combined Christmas Party on December 15th to be held in South Whitley at the Brownstone Restaurant. Reservations should be made to Club Secretary, Mike Craig. More details on the party will be sent to members shortly.

Well that does it for now. The weather looks like it's time to put the Vettes up for the winter, so clean them up and cover 'em for a few months.

Dee Byerly, President

BAND

First off a BIG Thank You to all who turned out for the Concert at the History Center on Nov. 9th and also for the Ceremonial on the 16th.

Our schedule for December is on the short side. No rehearsal on the 5th. However if additional work is needed to get the new band room in order at our new Shrine Center, Eli will let you know the details in an email (or give him a call). The Band Christmas Party is scheduled on the 12th at 6:00 P.M. at Salvatori's. Come and enjoy the meal and festivities. No rehearsals on the 19th or the 26th.

This brings us to January. No rehearsal on the 2nd. The 9th and the 16th we will meet at the new Shrine Center for our regular rehearsal at 7:00 P.M. to prepare for our Circus Concerts which are on Friday the 24th, please arrive at 6:00 P.M. and on Sunday the 26th, arrival at noon please. There will be no rehearsal on the 30th.

ANTIQUA POWER CLUB

First of all we want to congratulate Randy Krider, as the Honoree for the Fall Ceremonial. He has been a great asset to the APC Club also to a lot of other Clubs, and the Mizpah Temple. On behalf of the Antique Power Club I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I want to thank all the Nobles and there Wifes for all there help at the Horse Show, Tractor Show and the Tractor Drive. The Parades were a lot of fun especially the Imperial Parade what a great time we had.

The Antique Power Club Christmas Party will be on the 16th of December at the Dewitt/Tupper Barn. Located at 17620 N. State Rd.1 Spencerville, In. Fellowship at 6:00 P. M. with Dinner following. Please return RSVP cards no later than Dec. 6th. 100 million dollar certificates will be presented and the 2014 Officers will be installed

We want to welcome our new life time member, Matt Johnson to The APC.

Remember to pay your 2014 Dues, Our next Meeting will be January 27th.

President Larry Brown

CHANTERS

The Chanters continue to meet Monday nights at 7:00 (note new starting time) at the Temple.

November marked our first concert of they year as we made a return engagement at the Woodview Nursing Home. We had a good turnout; good balance; as usual good harmony and in fairly good tune.

We are always looking for new members who enjoy singing (you do not have to be particularly talented) and a good time. As always our immediate past president will buy you a drink at your first rehearsal.

We are looking forward to the New Year; which will mean a new slate of officers and the move to our new home! Thanks to the hard work of Brooks Targgart and John McDonald we should be packed up and ready to go.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season.

Dave Fiandt
Chanter President

Unit News

BAGPIPERS

The Bagpipers annual Christmas party and installation of officers will be held on Wednesday December 11, 2013 at Club Soda in downtown Fort Wayne. Thank you to Greg and Diane Nowak for setting up the evening. (Mostly thanks to you Diane). Hopefully you have received an invitation by this time and have already made plans to attend.

With this time of the year being a time for introspection and thanksgiving, I want to take a moment and thank all the bagpipers for what they do to make the club a success. These remarks are a result of what I have seen this year, keeping in mind that I am a beginner piper. Joe and Dick, I know that you 2 guys have forgotten more about piping than I will probably ever learn. I appreciate your willingness to practice the "same old tunes" slower than you are used to playing them every week at practice. That is an example of your willingness to accommodate new pipers, and make us feel welcome. Dick, keep the late night ramblings coming. Joe, keep your passion for playing the pipes alive.

In no particular order, we have a set of very experienced pipers that I hope to emulate soon. Goose, Lonnie, Greg, Owen, Scott and Bobby, you guys have all at one time or another given me advice that has been very helpful. We do a lot of joking around, but I always learn something new every time we get together to play or practice. Thanks to each and every one of you.

I would like to take this moment and congratulate the members of the Nov. 16, 2013 Fall Ceremonial. Nobles, please accept the bagpipers invitation to find a club or unit to be active in. We practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 at the Shrine. You are always welcome to stop in and socialize with us.

Lastly, I'm going to end this article with a bagpipe question, and if I remember, I will give the answer next month. Bagpipes were once used by Scots to....?

Thank you,
Mark Roach, Piper

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CLOWNS

Dear Smile Buddies,

Things have calmed down a bit and we have started our renewal of energy for the Circus!

We did have a couple of events to finish off the season.

Otis and Scotty participated in the Cure JM Foundation Fund Raiser, November 2, in Warsaw. The purpose of this event is to raise money for researching a cure for Juvenile Dermatomyositis. This disease affects only 2 out of a million children and there is NO cure for it.

Sambo got a call from the Daughters of the Nile requesting support in the way of a donation for their auction at the Hundredth Anniversary dinner on November 2. They are having a silent auction and asked for items to be donated. The funds received will go toward the Daughters of the Nile Foundation which supports the Shrine Hospitals. Sambo offered a couple shrine clowns for an hour or so, for a party or event.

Sambo attended the Circus meeting and brought back a bunch of useful information. Mark you calendars, Circus dates are January 23, 24, 25 and 26. As usual, there will be two shows on Thursday, two on Friday, three on Saturday and two on Sunday. There has been an Admission price change. The Coliseum has raised their prices. Seats will cost: \$12, \$14, \$17 and \$20. The booklets that the Shrine sends to members (4 tickets) will be \$40.00 this year.

Otis informed us at the October Clown meeting that the Chicago Shrine Hospital would like us to dress out and be there for a picture of the presentation of the TV we are donating. It will probably not be before the next meeting, but Sambo would like to get it done before we go dark for Christmas.

Lucky turned in the collected submissions on October 1. With the ones he had and the ones being done separately, we should have fifteen clowns in the book. This left three blanks. Lucky contacted other units for unit pictures. The Bagpipes and Chanters are submitting their pictures. This leaves one slot to be filled.

Sambo appointed a nomination committee (Stink-e, Klem and Inky) for the November elections. Stink-e has informed us that he will not be running for re-election as treasurer this year. He has done a great job and we will miss his detailed reports.

Well, enough for now. Smile, entertain and "Bump a Nose"!

Joe "Lucky Lewey" Jenckes

Unit News



GIANT FEZ

The holiday season has now arrived and President Brian Kyler has the final arrangements made for the Whitley County Shrine Club Christmas Party. **Just to remind you, the event will be held on Thursday the 19th of December at the Eagle Glen Event Center in Columbia City.** Cost per couple is \$40.00. If you would like, you may send your reservation to Ken Lundquist @ 521 W. Columbia Pkwy, Columbia City, In. 46725, or you can make tender the night of the party. It would really help if you could call Ken at 260-244-3406 and make known whether you will be attending the gathering.

This was a very rewarding year for the Club. It was one of those years when, as the saying goes, no matter what happened we came out smelling like a rose. Weather did not deter citizens from standing in the rain to give the Club record sales at Old Settlers in Columbia City. A long line of people around the Elephant Ear Trailer greeted us at the 4th of July fireworks. The Ladies Night in Warsaw brought out more Nobles and their Ladies than previous outings. This year can be summed up in one word, **Participation.** President Bob Boylan would like to sincerely thank everyone for all their support and help during the year.

The 2014 officers for the Whitley County Shrine Club are: President Brian Kyler, 1st Vice-President Jon Muchow and Secretary/Treasurer Ken Lundquist.

The 2013 officers of the Whitley County Shrine Club would like to thank everyone for their help and support this year and may you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ken Lundquist; Secretary/Treasurer

LITTLE 500

The season is here to remember and be thankful for all we have been blessed with. It has been a wonderful year being part of the Mizpah Shrine and working with everyone.

Thank You for all the well wishes after my back surgery. I am on the mend and looking forward to being back behind the wheel in the parades next summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas party. Happy Holidays to you and your families

Jeff Baumgardner, Little 500 president

Unit News



HILLBILLY CLAN

Howdy ya'll- Hopein everyone is doing well seein how it has bin a spell since we put anything in the Allah-Bi. These new fangled ways of comunicatin shur do mess a hill folk up, guess ya have ta have all them letters right when ya do a email thingy so here ya go, we are gonna try it agin. We had usins a great summer and fall so far, thanks to all of our kuzzins who helped with all them activities we wuz involved in, Scott & Janelle Smith fur hostin our meetin in August and to everyone who helped at the Sportsman raffle, which was a great success, by either servin beer or helpin out in our booth. We had us a knee slappin time at the Barn Party and Hoedown that the Hillbillies hosted at Auer Manor, (aka Pa & Ma Auer's barn) in October. Thar sure were a lot of folks that came on over. The vittles and drinks were yummy, we all enjoyed the fellowship and dancin was a hoot. Thanks to our Kuzzin, Potentate Mike Hardiek for makin it happen, and also thanks to everyone who helped set up, serve & cook the food, clean up and take everything back down. We have usins a great bunch of Kuzzins.

Thankz to Kuzzins Gary Rubrake and Miss Cindy fur hostin our November meetin on the 9th. We had a big ole crowd and lots of fun. Vittles were yummy, we had usins a soup contest so thar was lots to choose from. We elected us a new Pa & Ma, Kuzzins Mark and Sue Roach are gonna be aleadin us in 2014. Mike Craig was relected as our Keeper of the Cob, Randy Krider as our Keeper of the Still and Alan VanHouten as Keeper of the Till. We also nishiated us some new Flatlanders into the Clan. Welcome Kuzzins Jon & Sue Ellet and to Eric & Carol Bickel into Johnny Appleseed Hillbilly Clan 95. We rounded the night off with our Keeper of the Still, Randy servin up sum crazy concokshuns.

Our Christmas party is gonna be at Kuzzins Denny DeWitt & Miss Lori's house on December 14th. We will be startin around 6:00 and eatin shortly after. We are gonna have it catered so let usins know ifin ya'll are gonna be there, cost will be \$30.00 a couple. We are also gonna do a \$10.00 gift xchange. Put on your best Hillbilly Christmas duds and come on out. Thar address is 17620 State Road 1, Spencerville, IN 46788. Look fur more info in yur newsletter.

Guessin that all fur now, see ya'll soon,

Pa Bill & Ma Laura Auer

Unit News



HORSE PATROL

Where did the year go?? Time pasts so fast when you are having fun, and despite the cool weather our LNO camp-fire was very well attended to enjoy the toasty fire and all the good Road Kill and pot luck goodies, and of course the Red and Blue cans plus a Coe big bottle which was pasted too frequently or maybe just too many times back to Bob. The story telling was great and believe if you weren't there your name got mention. Everyone enjoyed the time to relax and the camaraderie of each other.

Dale Rollins and I visited the 90th birthday party of past rider Gilford Cline. Gil rode in the start up when the unit was formed in 1954. Igot to listen to them both tell some early stories when they rode together. Dale started riding with the unit in 58 and will be 94 this Christmas. Happy Birthday to you Dale...

The Christmas Party will be Sat. Dec. 14 and those wanting to attend need to call host Ellis Ryan 260-637-5400 for reservations and remember our auction to sent money to the Hospital. Ellis has a great party planned and John has the bar open for everyone. Come and enjoy and see all your new officers installed. Jeff Wooley will be Pres. and Bob Dumford and Bruce Putman is backing him up as Pres. Elect and Vice Pres. Other positions remain the same as this year except Malcolm Sidle will assume Sec. and Jerry Jenkins QM.

Cook Ed has reported free meal at Dec. meeting if 2014 dues are paid and meeting will be dedicated to discussion of Horse Show. It was announced at Nov. Temple meeting that "Charity" of the Horse Show will be discontinued as to so much work and so little results the last few years. But the Horse Patrol can plan a horse show on our own if we choose and we have been offered help from other units and various Nobles if we do. So we have to decide the future if we want to continue and make next year the 60th continious year. The Horse Show operated from 54 to 72 when it became so big that the Temple made it a Charity fund raiser to help out. We can only hope the economy can change to need that help again in the future.

SO LONG FOR NOW AND HAPPY TRAILS
Ray Giant



HOSPITAL UNIT

A reminder to all Hospital Unit Members, Our Christmas dinner and installation of officers will be December 18, 2013 at the Guest House Restaurant on Washington center road at 6:30 p.m. We will be in the Bridge Room and enjoying our meal that we individually order from a special menu. Hope to see a good turn out to welcome in our new President Jerry Willman and his officers. Please call the office for reservations.

The Month of November is Thanksgiving time and I hope we have all stopped to give thanks, especially for the opportunities we have to serve those Children whom we come in contact with that have special needs. Thanks also for safety on the highways, and a especially for Our New Shrine Center that we will soon be occupying.

We need to let everybody know that is has never been easier to get a Child into our Hospital than now with "LOVE TO THE RESCUE" Shriners Hospitals for Children Chicago, Call 773-385-5437.

Dick Kessie, Sec.

KOSCIUSKO SC

Elections were held Wednesday, November 13th on our stated meeting night. Due to the cut-off date for this article I haven't the slightest clue who was elected.

Annual Christmas Party for under privilege kids will be Wednesday, December 11th at the Kosciusko Shrine Building. Show up around 5:30 p.m. Contact Noble Don Smith at 574-269-9865 for more info or how you can help out. Make sure you sit on Santa's lap and not Donnie's as the both look alike.

Installation for the newly elected officers will be Wednesday, January 8th at the Kosciusko Shrine Building, more news on that next month.

Remember what the Judge said, shake them bushes, find a good man, make him a Mason and turn him on to Shrine.

That's All Folks!

Grasshopper

Unit News



POKAGON SC

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to remind our members of the Pokagon Shrine Club Holiday Party that is planned for Saturday, January 18, 2014. We will be meeting at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park. This will be a great extravaganza that will include a social hour, meal, entertainment and lots of fun and fellowship. Shriners from all over northeast Indiana are invited to attend. We have lined up a great stand-up comedian, which alone is worth the price of attending. You will go home refreshed and be ready to tackle the next Shrine activity. Look elsewhere in the Allah-Bi for details of our Holiday Party along with reservation procedures.

Pokagon Shrine Club has again done a yeomen job in securing ads for the Shrine Circus activity book. We thank all the members who secured donations. We now await the excitement of the county 4th graders as they anticipate attending the Shrine Circus. We will be calling on our local members to accompany our anticipated 450 plus students and chaperons on January 23, 2014.

We congratulate all the new members who joined Mizpah Shrine in November. We are looking forward to involve the new nobles in our Pokagon Club.

The Pokagon Shrine Club will meet on Wednesday, December 18 at the Angola Moose Lodge for our next county club event. Join us! We eat at 6:30 PM, followed by a short business meeting at 7:00 PM.

There is a quotation that says, "I traveled to the rainbows end and found not gold, but YOU my friend." All the material things that can be possessed by someone have a lot less value than the friendships that have been achieved by attending and participating in Shrine activities. Please join us to extend your friendships. Your FRIEND in Shrinedom.....
Paul Friend, President

YOSHI

Greetings Nobles, The Mizpah Children's Christmas (Hosted by the YOSHI) will be held in the Ball Room at W. Berry St. location for the last time on Saturday December 7, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending around 11:45 a.m. Please plan to bring the Children, Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am. There will be a caricature artist, Zoo Mobile, craft tables and, Santa will be arriving from the North Pole with gifts for all children. We hope to see you all there!

Our next meeting will be held at The Arabian Room (Shrine Center Bar) on Monday December 9, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend as we will be addressing closing of the year business and upcoming Monte Carlo Night. As always I want to remind everyone that our meetings are open for you to bring a potential Shriner with you.

Circus tickets are already being sold! Please remember to purchase the tickets that you will receive in the mail! If you are unable you will need to return the tickets to the Shrine office.

Fraternally,
Dave Bowman, Sec/Treasurer

Mizpah Shrine / Scottish Rite
Children's
Christmas Party
Saturday, December 7th
9am - Noon
All Shriners and
Scottish Rite members
- and the children in
their life are invited!!

Unit News



CIRCUS

Hi Nobles, by the time you read this the Circus office will be open and everything will be under way to another great circus because all of you make it that way. I am asking all of you to please see if you can find at least one other noble not as active or unsure as to how he could help and bring them with you to train them to help sell tickets or work at the circus.

Please do not forget that on December 13, 2013 from 5-8 pm at the Shrine Center we will have our Christmas Party and there will be finger food and a good time for all. Wives are welcome.

I want to remind you that all of the information as far as important dates is on our web site at www.mizpahshrinecircus.com and then go to staff login at the bottom of the page and type in the word Mizpah. Please do not forget if you have any questions as to how things work in the circus office or just a question about the circus in general call Anita at 260-422-7122.

Again guys as always I hope you will bring your wives to help at the circus as they are a tremendous asset to our future work force.

Bill Hartman will again be responsible for the basement as far as set up and workforce. Bill can be reached at 574-594-2960 and as Bill says he can always use more help then nobody has to work so hard.

Please do not forget to pay for your coupons and either use them or send them in for someone else to use. These coupons can help us take school kids to the circus and be a circus daddy to ones that cannot otherwise come to the circus.

We need your help leading up to the 2014 circus in any way you can. As your director it will be greatly appreciated.

Circus Director
Steven R. Trump



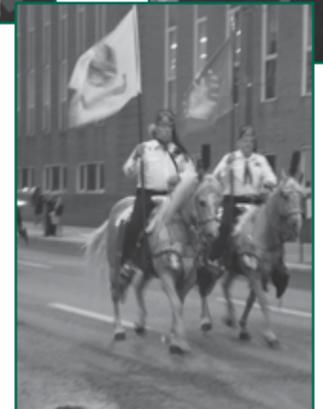
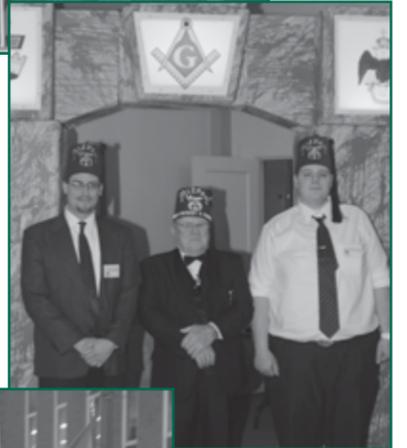
- December 2nd**
Christmas Party
- December 13th 5pm**
Coliseum Office opens
- January 2nd**
Transportation Meeting
- January 14th**
Appreciation Party
- January 31st**

2014 CIRCUS DATES
January 23, 24, 25, 26



2013 Year

In Review



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100% of proceeds benefit the
Mizpah Shrine Transportation Fund

Charm options for 2013:

- 2013 Theme of Hope
- 2013 Mizpah Shrine Circus
- Mizpah Winter Getaway
- 2013 Potentate's Ball
- 2013 Ladies' Party
- 2013 Imperial Session
- 2013 Sportsman's Raffle

The Nobles listed for the various areas drove Mizpah Shrine Vans transporting patients and their parents to Chicago or Cincinnati



October

13 Trips to Chicago
5 Trips to Cincinnati
1 Trip to Lutheran
22 Patients

Fort Wayne

Schedulers:

Jerry Willman - 260-483-4226
Ellis Ryan - 260-637-5400

Drivers:

Paul Barker	Dick Kessie
Paul Boggs	Jim Kyler
Tom Bowman	Vern Neel
Bob Davis	Dennis Peters
John Hall	Steve Petro
Len Harlan	Joe Rockwell
Hal Harting	Ellis Ryan
Phil Hoopingarner	Greg Towsley
Bill Kaiser	Jerry Willman



October

4 Trips to Chicago
4 Patients

LaGrange

Schedulers:

Gary Soblotne - 260-463-4907
Jim Boss - 260-499-4276
Chuck Miller - 260-854-2964

Drivers:

Jim Boss	Don Shively
Jim Keeslar	Gary Soblotne
Ron Nussbaum	Paul Wilson



October

1 Trips to Chicago
1 Patient

Grant Co

Schedulers:

Roger Beck - 765-674-5831
John Silves - 765-661-5011

Drivers:

Roger Beck Bill Endsley



October

3 Trips to Chicago
3 Trips to Cincinnati
6 Patients

Noble Co.

Schedulers:

Roger Allen - 574-834-4466
Bob Brooks - 574-658-4285

Drivers:

Roger Allen	Lee Chrisman
Jerry Babb	Bill Forker
Bob Brooks	John Harlan
Richard Brunjes	Don Laughlin
Larry Chapel	Dennis Paternoster



Elkhart County

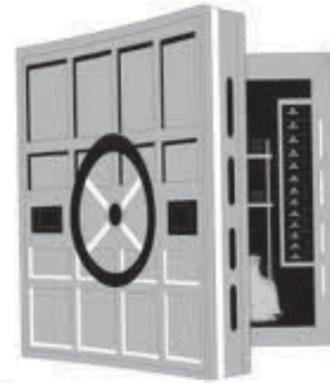
Neil Pittenger - 574-206-0361
Bill Roose - 574-264-4342

Hartford City

Ray Turner - 765-499-2671

Steuben County

Don Shively - 260-833-4884



Treasurer's Corner

Have you read the article by Ron Harruff in the November Allah-Bi, if not, you need to do so. We hear much about the need for leadership; however, we may not always be able to recognize it. Ron gives us some clues; checkpoints.

One of the areas to notice is in the area of club and unit operation. It is here that you will be able to identify those you will want to guide and mentor toward future leadership positions within the Shrine. The future of Mizpah is very much in your control. Just as with citizenship in this great country of ours, we must accept the responsibility of membership. Complacency will lead to decline or worse.

Jim Collins wrote a book titled "Good to Great" which analyzed why some companies make the leap and others do not. In one of his writings he refers to the Hedgehog Concept. Without delving to deeply into this, it is my understanding that this goes back to an ancient Greek parable about foxes and hedgehogs. The fox knows many things but the hedgehog knows only one; thereby, by burrowing in a hole he prevents from becoming the foxes meal.

How might this parable apply to us. Think about the companies that Collins wrote about that knew a lot but did not have the clarity of vision and direction. They are the ones that did not make the leap from good to great. We must first know what we desire to achieve and how we are to get there. Further, we must have checkpoints during our journey noting specific benchmarks that should be achieved at certain periods of time. In specific comments about non-profits Collins indicated to make the leap from Good to Great **"the right people need to be on the bus, the wrong people off the bus, and the right people in the right seats."**

Our Potentate says that we lose more out the back door than to the black camel. No one denies the importance of membership (which includes retention). According to our Imperial Potentate, John Cinotto, it is our top priority. How do we achieve what we want in membership? What do we want Mizpah to be that is, look like in five to ten years? What would you like to see that is not evident now? Is there something that was part of Mizpah in the past that you would like to see brought back?

Point to consider. Membership goals need to include the people that are not here as well as concern for those that are. In a way, we may not be much different than a business in that we need to know who our customers are and what services they desire. This does not mean our principles change but we may look different. Some simple things you have already experienced; our change of name (AAONMS to Shriners International) and more modernized logo. Also, at the recent Imperial Session some procedural changes were made relative to civic parades.

As with gears, it is the cogs that provide the connection in transferring motive power. Without the cogs the gear would just spin. As with the gears individual members are the Connection point. According to sociologists whether one is looking at growth within churches, Civic groups and yes fraternities, it is the outsiders contact with a current member that eventually leads to membership. Think about how you became a Shriner. Did you see a parade and immediately call the office for an application, or rather, was it someone you knew; parent, sibling or close friend that made a favorable impression upon you. Maybe they even invited you to join.

Are you proud to be a Mizpah Shriner? Are you committed to our philanthropy?

Personally, I hope that my contribution to Mizpah will add to its enduring strength. As a member I believe it is my responsibility to do so, as it is for each of us but more especially for Elected Divan members. We need to be prudent in our deliberations with a plan of operation visioning three to five years into the future. We need your help to do this, to keep us on track.

You are aware that any road will do if you do not know what is to be your destination. We are not out for a Sunday drive.

For Mizpah to be a growing, dynamic organization five years from now with increased community presence within Allen and the surrounding counties, that plan needs to be implemented now.

Your Treasurer,
OWEN WADE



Daughters of the Nile



Ladies of the Household

I hope all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much turkey. I can hardly believe that Christmas is upon us and I haven't even started my Christmas shopping. Speaking of shopping for Christmas, please pick up an item for our Badoura's Basket. The basket will be at the sign-in table at every stated session.

Our first Stated Session in January WILL be in our new building. This is a new and exciting time for the Shrine and for Teti Sheri. I hope to see all of you at our January Stated Session on January 8, 2014.

On January 10th we will be having our annual BINGO. This will begin at 6:30 pm. As always we will have goodies to eat and prizes to win. Bring your friends and come for an evening of FUN, FELLOWSHIP and of course FOOD!! This will be in our new building. Looking ahead to our February stated session on February 12, 2014 we will be having our second ceremonial so mark your calendars and make this a wonderful experience for our new candidates. Here is my wish for you this Christmas.

Christmas Fulfillment

This Christmas, may you have the fulfillment of seeing around you the people you love the most. May you have the satisfaction of creating special memories they will remember with pleasure forever.

This Christmas, may you feel peaceful and contented, knowing what Christmas means, and celebrating it your way.

By Joanna Fuchs

Sparkles of Nile Love,
Queen Karen Rothgeb

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the 100th Anniversary Party, to everyone who helped make the Silent Auction a wonderful SUCCESS - and especially to everyone who donated to the Silent Auction! We had a wonderful evening celebrating our past 100 years as Daughters of the Nile and looking forward to the future as we help the Shriners make Children's Dreams Come True!

JANUARY 10, 2014

6:30PM

FUN
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SCOTTISH RITE



"When the Ugly Stick Strikes"

There are times in life when you realize that someone you know has been whacked with an ugly stick one too many times. Not really much that can be done about it other than to sit back, crack a cold beverage, and enjoy the show. But did you know that on very rare occasions the ugly stick will itself reflect upon its work and realize that perhaps it had gone too far.

Luckily, the ugly stick isn't without pity and is able to grant upon certain individuals an internal defining characteristic that helps to offset the outwardly ill effects. In one particular case, the ugly stick granted upon an individual a heart of gold. Now, this heart of gold was unlike any that had been granted before or since, for it needed to offset a considerable amount of outwardly ill effect.

The bearer of this rare gift saw to it that it be put to good use. And so he did. He helped children when they needed it most. He cultivated Brotherhood and Friendship when there was little. He learned to live, love, and laugh like no other. Yes, it was obvious from early on that this heart of gold would serve its recipient well during his years. Though his exterior were akin to a dilapidated shack, one glance inside was blinding to those that were ever touched by this man's radiant treasure.

On behalf of our beloved Fraternity, Ron, we thank you for sharing your treasure with us and wish you the very best in your retirement from Mizpah.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
J. Brian McNaughton, 33°
Executive Secretary
Fort Wayne Scottish Rite

Make a list and check it twice
Buy everyone you know some dice

Maybe they don't like to play
But you've got a very busy day

You've got to shop for gifts right now
You can't stop to think, somehow

You've got to get to six more stores
And clean the house and finish chores

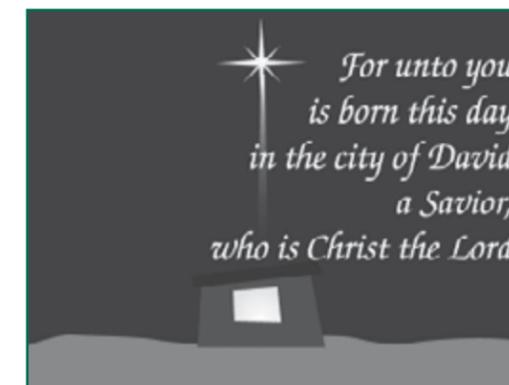
Because Christmas is coming soon
Remember to buy a Christmas balloon

What? You say there's no such thing
As a balloon for Christmasing?

That's true, you're right, but it's also true
That the spirit of Christmas is passing you

If you're shopping all day and getting worried
Ignoring family because you're too hurried

True Christmas spirit isn't getting a toy
It's stopping to feel love and joy



One of the most widely recognized symbols in all of Shrinedom is the red fez. The Shrine fez, adopted by the Shrine's founders in 1872, has become synonymous with all that is good and noble in our great fraternity and its support of the "World's Greatest Philanthropy," Shriners Hospitals for Children.

That distinctive hat with the black tassel is what people recognize when they see Shriners on parade — it's the red fez that tells people they are watching not just any parade, but a Shriners parade!

Because the Shrine's identity and community recognition and support are vitally important to the fraternity's very existence, Nobles must remember that the fez helps to strengthen the public's recognition of the Shrine and its association with Shriners Hospitals. The benefits of this association are far reaching and can assist the fraternity in areas such as fund raising, patient recruitment and membership.

Wearing your fez is a simple and effective means of gaining valuable exposure for your fraternity and your philanthropy. Donning your fez could mean the difference between a potential donor making a gift to Shriners Hospitals, or to another charity. It could mean that a young man might take the time to find out how he can become a Shriner, or it could even mean that a child's parents, after seeing your fez and the good work behind it, may

learn about Shriners Hospitals and how our hospitals can help their child.

The next time you attend a Shrine function, and you reach for a baseball cap or some other type of hat, stop and think of the children who may miss an opportunity for treatment at one of our world-renowned Shriners Hospitals, or the donation that Shriners Hospitals might not receive, or even the potential member who might never know the benefits of Shrine membership.

When you wear your fez, don't forget about the protocol associated with this important symbol. Temple Officers, members of Shrine Clubs and Units and appointees of the Imperial Potentate and Potentate may have their title embroidered in gold or silver or in rhinestone jewels on one line beneath the emblem, and not more than two pins or clasps may be used to secure the tassel.

No other pins or adornments of any kind are permitted to be worn on the fez.

The Shrine has a long and honorable past, with much to be proud of, and the Shrine fez is an important part of our history. Remember to wear your fez and make that distinctive symbol of Shrinedom a part of the future.



The importance of wearing your fez

Wearing your fez will help gain valuable exposure for the Shrine's philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. Perhaps a child's parents, after seeing your fez, may approach you asking for help for their child. . . . you never know!

The Shrine fez, proudly worn at most Shrine functions, will help strengthen the public's recognition of our great fraternity, and perhaps entice other men to inquire about membership.

December 1996

WELCOME MIZPAH NOBLES AND ALL MASONS

****You and your lady are cordially invited to attend****

The Pokagon Shrine Club 2014 "WINTER CELEBRATION"

- When:** January 18, (Saturday), 2014. Registration begins at 6:00 PM.
Who: All Masons and guests are invited to attend.
Where: Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park (gate fees waived).
Time: President's social hour starts at 6:00 PM.
 An award winning buffet will begin at 7:00 PM.
 Beginning at 8:00 PM will be opening remarks, award presentations and Installation of Officers. The entertainment will be a stand-up comedian.

The "Holiday Party" is a Mizpah sanctioned event that is being hosted by the Pokagon Shrine Club. The purpose of the party is for all Masons and their friends to "MEET AND GREET" one another in fellowship and to enjoy the wonderful evening to celebrate the beginning of a new year. The dress is tuxedo for officers, coat and tie for Masons. For the ladies, evening attire or casual is appropriate.

COST AND RESERVATIONS: The cost of the "Holiday Party" is \$70.00 per couple or \$35.00 for an individual. Reservations are due by January 11, 2014. Please send them to Ryan Herbert, Secretary, at 408 Hilltop Drive, Angola, IN 46703, or telephone 260-665-2185. Make check payable to "Pokagon Shrine Club". You may also inquire to Paul Friend 260-665-7259.

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Ronald J Harruff, PP, 33°
Recorder, Mizpah Shrine
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The 100 Million Dollar Club October 2013



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Eldon & Jackie Paul	In Memory of Bob Elliot
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Mizpah Shrine Class Directors	In Honor of Teresa Wade
Mizpah Shrine Horse Patrol	In Memory of Bob Elliot
Dee & Sue Byerly	In Memory of Bob Elliot
Coventry Walking Group	In Memory of Bob Elliot
Ellen L. Seward	In Memory of Ted Hanauer, PP
James & Laurel Stevens	In Memory of Ted Hanauer, PP
Mizpah Cabiri	In Memory of A.C. Ted Hanauer, PP
Huntington St Bar & Grill	In Honor of the Bagpipers
Al & Elaine Plew	In Memory of Ted Hanauer, PP
Merle W. Long	In Memory of Bob Wait
Robbie & Julie Drummond	In Honor of Mike Stanley
David Paul Arnett	In Honor of the Children



*May the Great Architect
Receive you into
His Temple
with Open Arms*

Noble	Age	Yrs of Svc
John W Alexander Jr	81	13
Clarence F Bandelier	97	51
Charles R Fear, Jr	87	30
John P Graf, Jr	66	15
A C Hanauer, PP	89	38
Mickey J Haviland	84	60
Tom A Landess	89	22
Robert V Levy	83	35
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Friday, January 3, 2014
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Meeting 7:00pm

Fraternally: Michael Hardiek, Potentate

Attest: Ronald Harruff, 33°, PP Recorder

The purpose of these meetings is to act on any business as
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