

# Allah Bi

A publication of The Mizpah Shrine  
December 2016



*Over the river and  
through the woods...*



*Come home for the holidays...*

You are hereby notified of the following meetings of the nobility to be held at

# Mizpah Shrine

1015A Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

## Election of Officers for 2017

Friday, December 2, 2016 - 7pm

(no meal, lounge open before and after, closed during election)

## Public Installation Of Officers for 2017

Friday, December 30, 2016 - 7pm

**Fraternally: Jerry W. Freewalt, Potentate    Attest: Barry Richards, Recorder**

*The purpose of these called meetings or events are to act upon any official business that may come before it.*

*Your presence is requested.*

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### 2017 Public Installation of Officers

December 30, 2017

7pm

### January Stated Meeting

January 4, 2017

7pm (no meal)

### Van Drivers Training

January 7, 2017

9am

### 2017 Club/Unit Head Meeting

January 7, 2017

10am

### 2017 Potentate's Aide Meeting

January 7, 2017

11am

**DON'T FORGET!**





# Potentate's Message

Nobles,

January 3, 2017 will bring a “New Way of Life”. We (Sherri and I) want to THANK YOU for the last five years. We had the opportunity to meet and make friends with a lot of good people from all over the United States. To our Mizpah family and friends, we cannot thank you enough for your friendships and assistance throughout the past year.

The aim for 2016 was to bring together the Shrine family to enjoy the events that were held during the year. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we enjoyed planning them. We know that Hal and Jenny have planned an exciting year for all the nobility to enjoy.

The Divan had several different views and a lot of different mind sets during the past year. However, you can be assured that we all worked for Mizpah and most importantly for our kids. To the 2017 Divan, Hal Harting will be your Potentate and your Leader, let him do his job. It will work the best for the nobles and Mizpah.

My proudest accomplishment that happened was finalized in the last couple of months, with the assistance of others. The ‘Mizpah Shrine’ and the ‘Scottish Rite’ are back together under one roof, making the future brighter for both Masonic bodies. The future will be brighter and hopefully we will be able, by starting with our Blue Lodges, to bring new members in the fold.

Our year had some surprises in leadership and some employees moving on to different work environments and challenges. We wish them the best in all their endeavors. The current Shrine Recorder and office staff have truly stepped up to their challenges and are doing a super job.

For those individuals that know me well have surely observed I have a set rule that I have lived by throughout my life. Since this is my last article I thought I would share it with you; “When you leave a room full of people, make sure that they will be talking about you (good or bad). Don’t ever forget the people that you shake hands with and greet cordially are the people that made you what you are and who you are.”

Thank you again and know we will never forget our year. Thank you all for making it all possible. To Hal and Jenny, we wish you good luck in 2017.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Freewalt, Potentate 2016



# Recorder's Message

Nobles All,

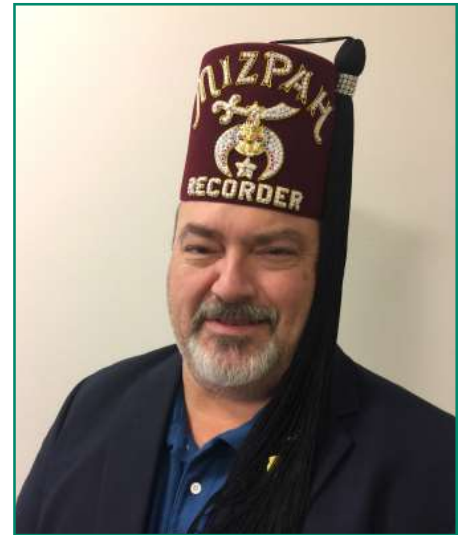
Things are looking better here in the Mizpah Shrine Center office. The new office staff has their first month under their belts. There were, and still are many projects to attend to along with meetings, a recent ceremonial as well as dues that are coming in all at one time. We are familiarizing ourselves with the many aspects, questions, requests, and general time consuming issues that plague any change over. Please bear with us.

We are doing our best to find and answer, to the best of our ability, all of these requests.

We would like all of you to become familiar with the office staff. My name is Barry Richards. I was elected in September to fill the Recorder position at Mizpah Shrine. Our new office assistant is Amy Andrews. Many of you have already had the pleasure of speaking with her over the phone or have had the opportunity to meet her in person in the office.

Call them growing pains; we will be here for you daily. Office hours are 9:00 am until 4:00pm Monday - Thursday. You can also reach us via email at [recorder@mizpahshrine.com](mailto:recorder@mizpahshrine.com) and we will be happy to assist you however we can.

Barry Richards  
Recorder



I wanted to take a quick minute to formally introduce myself. My name is Amy Andrews, and I'm the new office assistant here at Mizpah. Barry and I are working extremely hard to reorganize the office and familiarize ourselves with the daily inflow of requests, questions and anything else that comes across our desks. Please be patient as we are still transitioning, and rest assured that we are eager to fulfill your inquiries. I've had the pleasure to meet some of you fine gentlemen and your lady's; directly and indirectly. For those of you who I've not yet met, I definitely look forward to it!! We are ready and willing to help each and every one of you! Please keep in mind that our office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. Barry and I look forward to working with you!

Amy Andrews  
Office Assistant

# Club & Unit News

## ***Class Directors***

The Mizpah Class Directors' finest musicians travel to and parade in many northeastern Indiana towns and cities. We need more members and drummers -- Get on Board and be ready for next year's parades!

Welcome The 17 New Mizpah Shriners!! Join the Class Directors – Wear a Jeweled Fez, A Red Jacket Tux and Help with Candidates at Convocations.

We would like to Congratulate all the 50-year Shriners; many are Class Directors.

Longtime Shriner and Class Director, Noble Don Williams will be greatly missed. Brother Don was very active in the Class Directors as president, steel drum player and anything that needed to be done.

R.I.P. Brother.  
Fred Diehl, Director



## ***Media Unit***

The Mizpah Media Unit is a service organization inside of Mizpah who serves as the official audio, visual and public relations support structure of our fraternity. They serve the Divan and nobility in capacities including, but not limited to:

- Mizpah Shrine Website
- Mizpah Shrine Allah Bi publication
- Email correspondence
- Mizpah event photography
- Event coordination and technology
- Information Systems support
- Audio/Visual management
- Public Relations coordination

If the Media Unit can help your club or unit with any of these things, do not hesitate to contact us via the office or at [media@mizpahshrine.com](mailto:media@mizpahshrine.com)

## ***Pokagon SC***

Golf outings, parades, Tin Caps games and the sportsman raffle have all passed and fall colors are upon us. The World Series was one literally for the ages and we're in the middle of football and the holiday season.

Pokagon Club has been busy rewriting our bylaws so they can be sent to the Potentate for final approval. We'll be electing 2017 club officers in December and are finalizing plans for our annual holiday party and dinner which will be held at the Glendarin Hills Golf Club in Angola on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

We will be hosting the 6th Annual Masonic Meet & Greet for all area Masons and prospective Masons on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at the Angola Moose Lodge. Join us for food, fellowship and short presentations on Blue Lodge Masonry and by Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star and other Masonic appendant bodies.

Have a great holiday season and, as always, please keep our active and reserve military personnel at home and around the world in your thoughts and prayers!

Fraternally,  
Ron Sullins, Pokagon President

Catch up on all the happenings around Mizpah!!! Visit our website!  
[www.mizpahshrine.com](http://www.mizpahshrine.com)

## Horse Patrol

Our October/November article was omitted from the last issue of the Allah Bi, but should follow this December report. It starts nearly the same, as that nasty Black Camel returned to claim our great Shriner and euchre king Bob Coe. Bob had been fighting hard to get back to good health for some time and passed to our savior on September 23. Our deepest sympathy goes to lady Connie and Bob's wonderful family. His wit and jest are dearly missed by all. Although we never got Bob in the saddle, he assisted the Horse Patrol in so many valued ways. Our hope he has found his race track in the beyond and is speeding the curves in a chariot with golden wheels. So long partner, we miss you lots.

Our last event of the year was the GLSA in Indianapolis, in which we won the drill and was rained out for the parade. President John VanVoorst had a great banquet that was visited by all the GLSA and Imperial officers attending, all with lots of great comments and praise for what we do.

We have been on some nice trail rides since our busy season has finally ended. One was to York Hills near Albion and one at the Giant ranch. All the riders and some of our saddle friends joined with us to enjoy the perfect weather and the beautiful scenery of fall colors. We even got Bob Boylan in the saddle at the ranch. Deb said he looked good, so now we got to see how we can keep him there. He really did do a good ride, never dropped his beer or ran under any limbs at all.

Our new officers for 2017 are Ed Howard and Justin Smith, who moved up to President and President Elect, and Kevin Keister will be Vice President. Bruce Putman handed the Treasurer job to Bob Dumford while all the other officers remain in their positions. I guess they are doing too good a job to change them.

Our Christmas party will be Saturday, December 10th at the club house, hosted by now President-Elect Ed Howard. He sent invites to all, so hope to see you there to celebrate the year. The follow up to close out the year- we wish everyone a very Happy Happy New Year and get ready to welcome in 2017 with much of the same, but chase off that Black Camel. He's been appearing way too often.

Ray Giant

True Airspeed: Are you a pilot?? Are you A Mizpah Shriner???

Then YOU are NEEDED in the Flying Shriners - Mizpah Wing!! Yes!! We are active. Please contact us.

We meet at The Shrine Center for lunch at 12:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We then retire to a private room for a short meeting, hangar flying and playing cards.

Welcome new Flying Shriner noble Al Brothers, PM of Waynedale Lodge #739. What an impressive history! Noble Brothers received his civilian pilot's license in 1965 in Glendale, AZ. He also completed USAF Pilot training in August 1965. From there he went on to fly B-52's at Walker AFB, NM as a co-pilot. He was later transferred to Minot AFB, ND and upgraded to Aircraft Commander.

Following Minot, he went to SE Asia in B-52s as an aircraft commander and flew 68 B-52D missions out of Guam, Okinawa and Thailand. After returning to Minot AFB, he was then reassigned to SE Asia after training in the B-57G Canberra in Florida. Noble Al flew 87 B-57G missions out of Ubon RTAB, Thailand and received a Distinguished Flying Cross for one of his missions. Their B-57G unit was sent to the Philippine Islands to let more F-4s fly out of Ubon. After flying a B-57G home from the Philippine Islands to Forbes AFB Kansas, he was assigned to fly the FB-111A out of Pease AFB NH. Noble Al has over 5000 hours in the FB-111A and was an instructor pilot. Al Brothers then retired in 1968 from the Air Force.

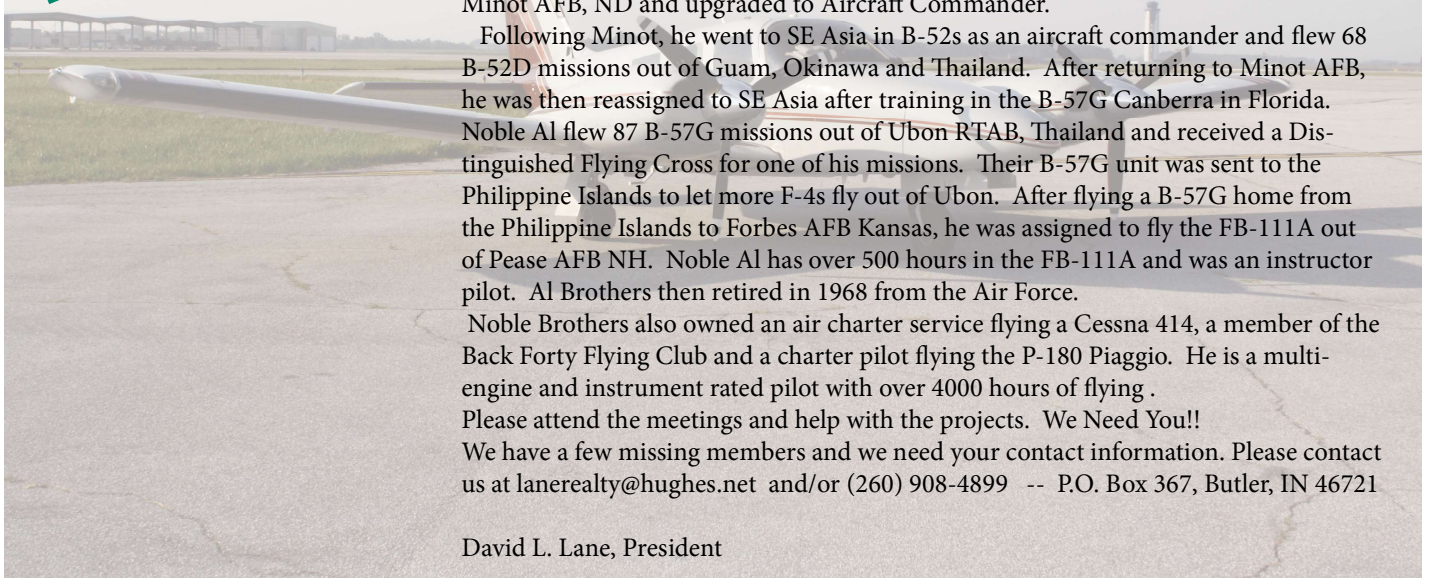
Noble Brothers also owned an air charter service flying a Cessna 414, a member of the Back Forty Flying Club and a charter pilot flying the P-180 Piaggio. He is a multi-engine and instrument rated pilot with over 4000 hours of flying.

Please attend the meetings and help with the projects. We Need You!!

We have a few missing members and we need your contact information. Please contact us at [lanerealty@hughes.net](mailto:lanerealty@hughes.net) and/or (260) 908-4899 -- P.O. Box 367, Butler, IN 46721

David L. Lane, President

**Flying Shriners**





# Legion of Honor

Our installation of Officers / Christmas Party will be December 10, 2016 at Don Hall's Guesthouse starting at 6:00pm. We hope everyone can be there.

I want to thank all who helped sell the military plaques and hats at the sportsman's raffle. We sold more than expected and it was a good fundraiser. Also, thank Ron Buskirk for getting the hats.

Commander Gil Smith and some members of the LOH participated in the Fort Wayne Veterans day parade Saturday Nov. 5th. Thanks to all that participated.

The circus is the January 26 thru 29, 2017. We will need all the help we can get to sell circus books again this year. Also, we will need help from Legion of Honor members and ladies to work in the Shrine Lounge.

## Coins on Military Tombstones

Have you ever visited a cemetery and saw coins lying on a tombstone?

A coin left on a headstone lets the deceased soldier's family know that somebody stopped by to pay their respect. Leaving a penny means you visited.

A nickel means that you and the deceased soldier trained at boot camp together. If you served with the soldier, you leave a dime. A quarter is very significant because it means that you were there when that soldier was killed.

Supposedly the tradition became popular here in the United States during the Vietnam War. It is believed it was a way to show respect without getting into an uncomfortable political discussion about a war that was very controversial. In general, however, this tradition can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire. It was a way to give a buddy some spending money for the hereafter.

Some Vietnam veterans left coins as a "down-payment" to purchase a beer or play a hand of poker when he was eventually re-united with his deceased buddy. Today, the denomination of the coin left on the headstone has become less significant because so few people carry coins other than quarters.

The coins left on headstones within national cemeteries and state veteran cemeteries are collected by cemetery staff from time to time and used to maintain the grounds. Some cemetery's use coins to help pay for burial costs of indigent veterans.

No matter what the original intention of the coin-leaver may be, it seems clear that a coin left on a tombstone is a symbol of remembrance and respect; A way of telling all who pass by that the person buried there was loved and visited often.

Maybe next time you wander through a cemetery, you will bring a pocketful of pennies.

Roger Beck  
2nd LT Commander

# Kyber Gun Club

Greetings noble Khybers!

The election of officers for the 2017 year was concluded in October with the same group of officers being selected to lead us as was in 2016. They are President Jack Dever, Vice President Bill Kaiser, Treasurer Bill Schaefer, Secretary Jim Crawford and Executive Officer Jack Wickliffe.

Ladies Night and officer installation was held at Don Hall's Tavern and was well attended and enjoyed by all that attended.

We will be hosting indoor shooting at Freedom Firearms in December, January, February and March. The intent is to get some handgun shooting for any interested shooters. Shooting will commence at 7:00pm and run about one hour. Cost will be around \$15, in addition to a one-time registration fee of \$5, and I will furnish bull's-eye targets. Any Khyber, their friends and other interested Masons are invited to join. For more information on dates and times, contact Secretary Jim Crawford at (260)489-0890.

Don't forget to get your circus tickets and plan to help with manpower!

The next Khyber meeting will be January 24th at the Mizpah Shrine Center with eating and fellowship starting at 6pm, with the business meeting at 7pm.

Fraternally,  
Jim Crawford  
Secretary



# Kosciusko County

Greetings from Kosciusko County

A big "Tip of the Fez" to nobles John Sadler and Donnie Smith for another successful turkey shoot. Also our club's deep appreciation to lady Bernie and crew for running the canteen. Special thanks to nobles Scott Wallace, Randy Riner, and "Tug" Curtis for their outstanding efforts and of course all the nobility that helped out. We express the deepest gratitude for the support from our community. Our success would not be possible without that support.

Our Club's elections will be after the deadline for this article. So I will gaze into my crystal shot glass and predict the outcome.

Our President will be noble Roger Laird, our VP will be noble Jerry F. Kreger, and our Treasurer will be noble Jerry Aylor. My glass is getting empty and my mind is getting foggy, so I do not have the slightest idea who will be Secretary. What I do know is that the Installation/Awards/Ladies Banquet will be January 11, 2017, with happy hour at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 . RSVP to wnhart54@gmail .com or 574-594-2960.

The circus will be back in town January 26th thru 29th. Our big day is Friday the 27th. We will need bus riders and as always your help would be appreciated for selling tickets during December and January at the Circus Office.

The basement crew would always welcome another hand during the circus. You should have your coupons any day now, and you know what to do, send in the money to the circus office and the coupons to our club. Questions? Just call Tony at 574-267-7123.

In closing our Club would like to give a huge "Tip of the Fez" to Ill. Sir Jerry and Lady Sherri for their service to Shrine. We wish them the best in the future.

Remember what Da Judge said.

Grasshopper

DON'T SEE YOUR ARTICLE HERE???

REMEMBER, Allah Bi submissions are due **BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH** for the following issue!!! Submit your articles, pictures and other items for inclusion to the Allah Bi to our team at [allah-bi@mizpahshrine.com](mailto:allah-bi@mizpahshrine.com)

\*\*\*Editors Note: we may 'edit' your article. This is only in the following forms: spelling, grammar, flow or legal requirements. We will never remove content as it pertains to your story or news from the unit. This is to allow for a better Allah Bi for you and all our fellow brothers!



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The Coho Fishing Derby is the premier spring event at Mizpah! Join the Coho Derby in May! More details to follow in the January Allah-Bi!



# & Unit News

## Club



## Bagpipers

Dear Bagpipe Fans,

Congratulation to our master piper, Scott Abbs! For those of you who haven't heard, Scott took first place in the individual competition this year at GLSA. He has been working hard to prepare for this and the many other local (Syracuse) events that he participates in during the year.

Bob Vernon continues to battle his way through learning the pipes. The work with the chanter for beginners is where we often lose trainees. It takes discipline and dedication to memorize the tunes (we don't carry music when we perform) and master the different grips and throws. We applaud his efforts.

Greg and Dick have kept us busy with preparing for the following performances: November Stated Meeting, the Shrine Fish Fry and our Christmas Party. These in addition to learning "Castle Dangerous" and "Wearing of the Green". Both the Stated meeting and the Fish Fry went off well. Hopefully, I can report later that our spouses/significant others appreciated our music at the Christmas party!

Although the season for event requests is calming down, it is great to practice on Wednesdays, not only because of the pride in our skill, but also for the camaraderie. I learn a lot about different careers from listening to Goose, Scott, Bobby, Brad, Greg, Dick, Bob, Mark and Lance. They also share advice on home projects and are willing to help out when needed.

Well, enough for now. Remember, if you want to join us and share in the fellowship, we give lessons on the pipes and we are always looking for drummers and pipers. Just talk to any of the members or show up on Wednesday night around 7:00 pm.

Joe Jenckes  
Bard

**The circus office is OPEN!!! Help sell tickets during the day in December, and evenings starting in January!**

**Call the circus office at (260) 422-7122**



Dear Smile Buddies,

It's election time and the clown club is no exceptions. By the next article, I should be able to report the line of officers!

We had a great turnout at the September meeting and even added a new clown, "Scooter" (Lance Lattimer), as a new member. He has been talking to me for a good amount of time about making the leap to laughter. Scooter has decided on his outfit and it is just a matter of getting him ready for the Circus.

We are trying to get enough clowns to have their cards in the Circus activity book. We need nine to fill a page. It is always great to see your picture in the circus program and to have a card to hand out. It is sad when we have to tell fans that their clown did not make it into the program.

Smiley did the Mini-clinic at Parkview in October. He did not dress out because of the bad publicity being circulated about clowns. Two children were admitted to the program, but Smiley related that in all probability, this was the last mini-clinic presented by Mizpah. Patches brought up the need for more awareness of what the hospitals can do and showed us a card he had from the Shrine. Smiley (also a member of the hospital unit) will see if we can get more cards to hand out at our events.

There has been a lot of bad stuff going around on social media about clowns scaring people and now some of the Shrine clowns in other units have withdrawn from parades because they don't want to frighten the children. My thought is that pictures like "IT", "Killer Clowns from Outer Space" and "Shakes the Clown" have given us a bad image before and we still managed to survive. Don't give up hope, there are still a lot of kids out there that need a smile and a balloon.

As always, we are looking for a few good men to become a clown and make others smile. Until next article, Smile and "bump a nose".

## Mizpah Clowns

Joe "Lucky Lewey" Jenckes



*The Yoshi (or Young Shriners as we are sometimes called...) have been busy all summer and fall! In addition to a fun 'clown shoot' at the sportsman's raffle, we have been working to prepare for the annual Mizpah Childrens Christmas at the temple on December 3rd. Of course, we also have most of our members involved in the circus, which starts ramping up with ticket sales and other fun stuff in December.*

*Remember, membership in Yoshi is open to all shriners, even the 'young at heart'. While we are the group you see working during set-ups and teardowns, we have a lot of fun in the middle!*

*Join us every 3rd Monday, usually at the temple. In December we have our annual family Christmas dinner at Dos Margarita's across the parking lot from Mizpah at 6pm on the 19th. Join us, join Yoshi, and join the fun!*

Ben Kapp  
Vice President

Yoshi



# *Hospital Unit News*

Greetings Nobles,

Do you believe it? The end of the year is almost here!

The Hospital Unit wishes you blessed and joyous holidays!

The Season for Giving – Gifts for Our Shrine Kids – Blessed to be a Blessing

Lori DeWitt shared this wonderful idea. For Lori's birthday party, she asked everyone to bring her a gift for a child, unwrapped, so she and Denny could deliver them to the Shriners Hospital for Children. She was blessed and received many gifts. She was blessed to be a blessing. Our Hospital Unit joins Lori in asking everyone to consider this kind of gift giving at birthdays and at Christmas.

Did you know that kids leave our hospital with a gift in hand? You can help. Think about Lori's idea. The Hospital Unit and our Van Drivers would be pleased to help you deliver them to the hospital. The number of gifts can't be too small or too large!

## **Educational Materials and Resources**

Did you know that Shriners Hospitals provide many educational materials for the following?

Sharing our expertise

Whether you're a medical or nursing student, a specialized clinician or a medical professional looking for educational materials, there is no better place to learn than Shriners Hospitals for Children.

### **Cut The Bull!**

Kids with physical disabilities are twice as likely to be bullied. Shriners Hospitals works to spread the word about the effects of bullying and how we can create a more positive environment to support our kids. Yes.... The program is titled, Cut the Bull!!

Become a Superhero of Summer Safety

Summer is a time of playground fun, swimming, boating, biking, camping and other outdoor activities. Unfortunately, these activities can lead to a higher risk of injuries.

### **Burn awareness**

Be Burn Aware is the year-round campaign to help keep children safe from burn injuries, especially at home. The campaign includes activity books for children, information on basic home safety for adults and educational videos for the entire family.

### **Spinal cord injury awareness**

There are 12,000 new cases of spinal cord injury (SCI) in the U.S. each year. Approximately 10 percent affect children under the age of 16. By increasing awareness and taking precautions, many of these accidents and the resulting spinal cord injuries can be prevented.

### **NFL PLAY 60 All-Ability Guide**

To ensure all kids have an equal opportunity to play, the NFL has teamed up with Shriners Hospitals to provide an NFL PLAY 60 All-Ability Guide. This guide includes adaptive activities and tips so children with mobility challenges will have the opportunity to participate and pursue a healthy lifestyle.

For More Information: On the web: <http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/en/education> or feel free to contact the Hospital Unit.

Fraternally,

Doug Brouwer

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Ladies of the Household,

Merry Christmas and Holiday Greetings to all of you and your families. Blessings for a wonderful holiday as we celebrate this special time of year and give thanks for the precious gift of our Lord's birth. May we all remember the reason for the season as we gather together and spend time with family and friends.

Our December calendar is filled with holiday fun, and we hope to see as many of you as possible as we get together for our Stated Session, our holiday parties, and the Cookie Walk!

On December 10th, plan to be at the Shrine Center for our Cookie Walk....crafters and cookies will be available for your holiday shopping! The event takes place from 9am – 2pm. Contact Karen Rothgeb at (260)229-0600, or email [karisu49@yahoo.com](mailto:karisu49@yahoo.com) for information or to volunteer. It promises to be a great day. Thank you to Karen for all the hard work she put in to organize this event!!

We are having a carry-in before our December Stated Session on December 14th at 5:30pm. Contact me at 260-519-2029 or [bkkipert@aol.com](mailto:bkkipert@aol.com) to let me know if you can bring a dish so we can organize the food. We are also asking for donations to our Badoura's Basket instead of a "gift exchange" – we will be giving our gifts to the Children this year. Princess Badoura is requesting backpacks and art supplies.

"There is no better time than now, this very Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principles taught by Jesus the Christ. It is the time to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart - and our neighbors as ourselves." -Thomas S. Monson

Nile Love and Cleo Hugs

Karen Kippert

Queen 2016

## *Daughters of the Nile*

# Calendar of Events around Mizpah

<b>December</b>				1	2 2017 Election of Officers 7pm	3 Mizpah Childrens Christmas 9-12
			4	5	6	7 Bagpipers
11	12 Chanters Directors Staff	13 Class Directors Mizmur SC	14 Bagpipers Flying Shriners Kosciusko SC LaGrange SC Randolph SC	15 LOH	16	17 Hillbilly Christmas
18	19 Chanters Mizpah Vettes Yoshi	20 Radio Unit	21 Bagpipers Hospital Unit Jay Co SC Pokagon SC	22 Elkhart SC	23	24
25	26 Mizpah Offices Closed APC Car Club Chanters	27 Calliopers Clowns Khyber Gun	28 Bagpipers Eel River SC Hapzim Media Unit Wabash SC	29 Blackford SC Whitley Co SC	30 2017 Public Installation of Officers 7pm	31

## Other events around Mizpah...

*Scottish Rite Stated Meeting  
Nile Stated Session*

*December 13th  
December 14th*

*7pm  
7pm*

## Masonic Lodge Meetings...

*1st Tuesday: Angola, Three Rivers, Churubusco  
1st Wednesday: Summit City, Highland, New Haven, Waynedale  
1st Thursday: Leo, Maumee, Wayne  
2nd Tuesday: Ligonier, Sol D. Bayless  
3rd Tuesday: Amity*

*Demolay: 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Job's Daughters: 1st and 3rd Tuesday*

## Pancake Breakfasts...

*Waynedale Lodge: 1st Saturday of the month  
Summit City Lodge: 4th Saturday of the month*

*For more info on Northeast Indiana masonic schedules and events, visit [www.thesquareandcompass.org](http://www.thesquareandcompass.org)*



The nobles and their ladies listed drove Mizpah Shrine vans transporting our patient-champions and their parents to Chicago or Cincinnati the last few weeks

### **Fort Wayne**

Chicago: 15 trips for 23 patients  
Cincinnati: 1 trip for 1 patient

Thanks to our drivers!!!

Paul Barker	Bob Crispen
Kevin Myers	Doug Brouwer
Bob Evers	Steve Poiry
Jesse Brown	Jim Gentry
Ellis Ryan	Gene Caryer
Ron Hall	John VanVoorst
John Coleman	Bill Kaiser
Jerry Willman	

### **Elkhart County**

Chicago: 2 trips for 2 patients

Drivers for September

Art Kentgen Dale McDowell  
Wm. Roose

### **Grant/Blackford Counties**

Chicago: 1 trip for 1 patient

October Drivers

Roger Beck Bill Endsley

Editor's Note:

We are working to make sure we give credit to all of our incredible drivers who make it possible for us to provide the best transportation and care to our patients. We are working with our coordinators and schedulers to ensure we give honor where it is due.

This report is abbreviated due to our having truncated or difficult records to disseminate. With the multi-month publications, we ask that you send us an email every month detailing your trips and drivers, listed by the month, so we can give proper credit.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and of course, your steady hands and feet, transporting the most important cargo in the world... a Shrine Hospital patient!

-Ben Kapp, Editor

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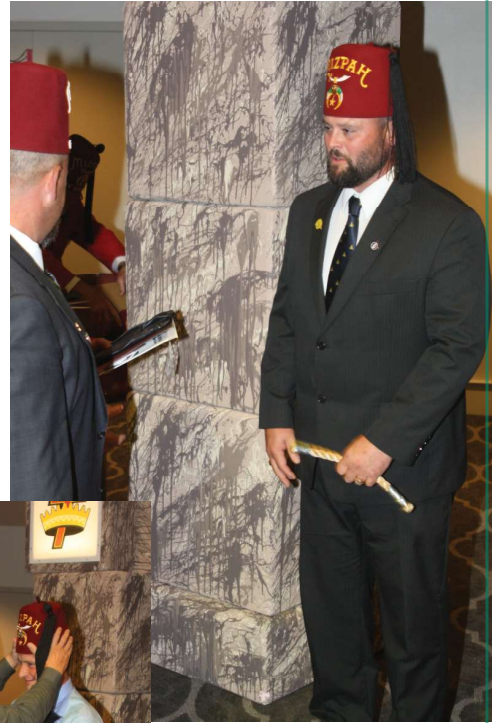


*2016 Fall Ceremonial Inductees*



# 2016 Mizpah Fall Ceremonial

*in honor of  
Carey Carter  
Grand Master  
State of Indiana*







November 5, 2016





# Mizpah Shrine Circus

We are fast approaching the opening of the ticket office at Memorial Way, and we are in need of Shriners who would like to sell tickets in our ticket office. If you are a brand new Shriner or a seasoned ticket seller we need you. If you have any questions please call the office and talk to Anita at (260)422-7122 and let her explain how we can use you. We have a wide variety of hours to choose from. You are not stuck there, and if you are a worker we will feed you.

I have talked to all of you at stated meetings about volunteering and want to make it very clear to you that your wives are welcome to help during the circus weekend. We have places to get them and your responsible teenagers involved, and we need them.

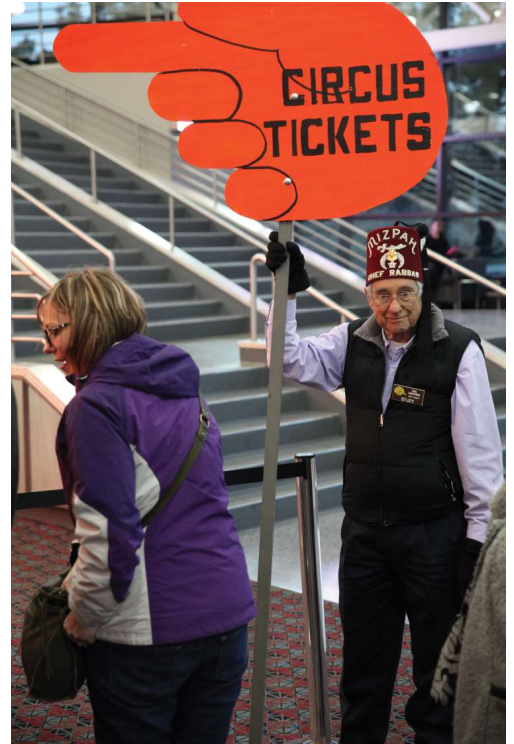
Our ticket office opens on November 28, 2016. Our Christmas party will be on December 9th with drinks starting at 5 pm. The Christmas party will be in the bar area.

I want to thank all of you for your support in the past, and know you will all respond in the future. I hope you enjoy the fall weather because shortly it will all be gone.

Thanks to all of you for all you do, and remember...

This is YOUR circus!

Steve Trump  
Circus Director



## Important Circus Dates

Evening Ticket Sales Start	January 2, 2017
Coliseum Ticket Sales Start	January 2, 2017
Weekend Ticket Sales Start	January 7, 2017
Mizpah Shrine Circus setup	January 25, 2017
Mizpah Shrine Circus	January 26-29, 2017

## *Special Thanks...*

My 60th birthday was coming and I just knew someone was going to try throwing a surprise party. Not wanting gifts I didn't need, I decided to throw my own party with my husbands blessings. We invited family and a few close friends. We also hired the very talented Chad Beach to entertain us with his Elvis and Ray Stevens impersonations to name a few along with karaoke. I forgot to mention that Chad is blind.

I asked that everyone bring me a gift for a child; unwrapped so Denny and I can deliver them to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago. I am truly blessed with such wonderful family and friends.

I want to encourage each and everyone to consider this kind of gift giving at birthdays and at Christmas.

**Blessings to all!!!**

*Lori Dewitt*



### *Looking Ahead...*

- Mizpah Shrine Circus ticket office opens November 28th. Contact the ticket office to help! (260) 422-7122
- Mizpah Public Installation of Officers for 2017 will be held December 30th at 7pm at Mizpah.
- Mizpah Shrine Circus is January 26-29 at the Memorial Coliseum. Help is needed in all areas! Contact the circus office to get involved!
- Yoshi 'Beer & Chips' is March 4th at Mizpah... Games, libations and fun for all over 21!
- Directors Staff 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day party, March 17th at Mizpah. Food, beverages and live music.

Have a special event you want listed here? Contact the editor at [allah-bi@mizpahshrine.com](mailto:allah-bi@mizpahshrine.com) for more info!



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## Black Camel - September & October 2016

Noble	Date of passing	Years of Service
Richard J. Haworth	September 12, 2016	22
Harry D. "Jim" Boggs	September 15, 2016	35
Robert W. Haller	September 16, 2016	54
Robert P. Coe	September 23, 2016	43
Jay Bates	September 27, 2016	58
Faye D. Durbin, Jr	October 08, 2016	32
Donald J. Williams	October 16, 2016	20
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