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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 an 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 Shrine Ambassador in the area. Let's not miss a chance to put out a helping hand. Be true Shriner!

Greetings from the Potentate - Elect

I am honored. I will not let you down. These are two uncomplicated statements that say everything. I have stepped to the microphone each December and spoke these two sentences and sat back down. Some may say this is over simplifying my feelings and responsibilities, but the simplest words are always the best. Less than a hundred men have ever been able to be honored enough to serve Mizpah as Potentate. I am privileged to walk the same path as these men and look to their guidance as the final part of my journey begins. Each Potentate before me understood what it means to be a true "Noble". I vow to take on every task with a tenacious drive to move Mizpah forward into a bright future. This is my promise to you. Failure is not an option.

The time is now. These four simple words explain the next year within Mizpah. In 2013 we will be leaving the building that has served us for over one hundred years and move to our new home. As the face of the Shrine changes, so do the needs of our members. The new facility will allow us to serve our community as well as our kids for decades to come. We need to have the courage to set a course into the future that guarantees our legacy will live forever. The address may change but we all must remember that a shrine is not bricks and mortar. The Shrine consists of the nobles that inhabit the walls.

Please plan on attending the Stated Meeting on January 2nd. Mizpah traditionally does not assemble in January with the exception of installing the officers that will serve in the upcoming year. The Divan believes that January is actually the most important month of the year. The new team that you have elected to serve you is excited to share our thoughts and receive input back from you. It promises to be an exciting year and we need to put our ideas in motion. The most important reason to gather in January is to hear from the Circus Committee and prepare for the biggest weekend of the year in the Mizpah Shrine. Illustrious Sir Owen Stiles, who will still be the Potentate, will open the meeting and the new year will begin. We cannot wait. The time is now.

On Friday January 4th at 7pm I will kneel at the same altar I became a Shriner behind and put my hand on the Bible. The words I will recite are the same that E.H Merritt spoke in 1910 as he became the first Potentate of Mizpah. I will vow to give without hesitation and serve the needs of Mizpah. While it is true that times change, the traditions of service to God, family, and the Shrine never do. If you have never attended an Installation Ceremony I think you would find it entertaining as well as interesting. There will be refreshments served after as we all start the new year together.

Just one final bit of business before I close. The annual club and unit head meeting will be on Saturday January 5th. Breakfast will be served at 8:30am with an exciting meeting to follow. We will be discussing information on the new building, the circus, membership, and parades. The meeting will be conducted differently than in the past and offer the nobility to gather information to take back to each club or unit they represent. All clubs and units MUST be represented at this meeting. Failure to send a noble to gather information will result in that unit or club being banned from the Three Rivers Festival Parade.

Finally I would encourage each and every noble to shake Illustrious Sir Owen Stiles hand and say, "Thank You." In a time of change he stood as a rock before us. A great leader does not shy away from the hard decisions. He handles them with honor and to the best of his abilities. Owen put the weight of the Shrine on his shoulders and carried us forward. His service to Mizpah shows us all why we are called "Nobles." Thanks Owen.

Your Humble Servant,

Mike Hardiek
Potentate Elect



Just like Mercedes-Benz is known for its three-pointed-star symbol, the Shriners fraternity is known for its Crescent, or "Jewel of the Order." Carrying on the Near East theme, the emblem is composed of the claws of a tiger, united in the middle with the head of a sphinx. On the back of the emblem are a pyramid, urn and star. Additionally, the emblem bears the motto "Robur et Furor," which means "Strength and Fury." The Crescent hangs from a scimitar, while a five-pointed star dangles from the sphinx. Just as Mercedes' star represents something - domination of land, sea and air - so does the Shriners' emblem. The scimitar stands for the backbone of the fraternity, its members. The two claws are for the Shriners fraternity and its philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. The sphinx is representative of the governing body of the Shriners, while the star hanging beneath it represents the thousands of children helped by the philanthropy every year.





Message from the Recorder

Holiday Media Update Love to the Rescue Campaign

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Happy New Year	1 New Years Day Office Closed	2 Stated Mtg 7pm no dinner Bagpipers	3 Band Horse Patrol	4 Mizpah Shrine Installation of Officers 7pm	5 Unit Head Mtg 8:30am Driver Training 10am Pote Aide Mtg 12noon
6	7 Antique Cars Directors Staff Foot Patrol Divan Mtg 6:30 pm	8 Chanters Class Directors Mizmur SC Trustee Mtg 6:30pm Finance Mtg 7pm	9 NILE 7pm Bagpipers Kosciusko SC LaGrange SC Randolph SC Kosciusko Co Ladies Night 6pm	10 Band Legion of Honor	11	12 Pokagon SC Christmas Party 6pm
13	14 Yoshi Membership Mtg 6:30pm	15 Chanters Racing Shriners Radio Unit Circus Trans Dinner 6pm	16 Bagpipers Flying Shriners Hospital Unit Jay Co SC Pokagon SC	17 Band Elkhart SC Hapzim SC	18 Daughters of the Nile BINGO 7-9pm	19 Hillbillys
20	21 Antique Power Photo Unit	22 Chanters Clowns Khybers	23 Bagpipers Eel River SC Noble Co SC	24 CIRCUS Showtime: 6:30pm	25 CIRCUS Showtime: 7:00pm	26 CIRCUS Showtime: 10:00am 2:30pm 7:00pm
27 CIRCUS Showtime: 1:00pm 5:45pm	28 Van Schedulers Mtg 6:30pm	29 Chanters	30 Bagpipers Wabash Co SC	31 Band		

Make a Difference – Be the Difference

The great thing in this world is not where we are but the direction in which we are moving. Obstacles are those annoying things we encounter when we lose sight of goals! It is never too late to become what you might have been! The chief danger in life is that we make too many precautions! (Alfred Adler)

Each opportunity brings challenges and rewards far greater than we imagine and the effort is worth the sacrifice. I encourage each one of us to become a better person today than we were yesterday. Choose to become the difference. Deliberately choose to take action on circumstances that exhibit your mastery over them rather than them over you. Choose to be the difference!

Leaders are, and should be, held to a higher standard of integrity. Integrity must be part of the person; uprightness of character and soundness of moral ethical principles. There are many points to integrity; the obvious is truthfulness and honesty. The deeper, less obvious elements of integrity consist of justice, unselfishness, and moral courage. The level of respect accorded you is based on more than your position.

Become the Difference by being the Difference!

Choose to be the example that attaches others rather than driving them away. All of us will rise to new heights when we choose to become examples of master masons that are continuously seeking greater light.

Make a difference at Mizpah by being the difference!

Ronald J. Harruff, P.P., 33°
Recorder



Dear Nobles

As you know, our Shriners Hospitals for Children® Love to the rescue™ campaign television commercials have been on the air since June 2012, informing the public of the great work our philanthropy is doing.

During December, we will have a very active media presence, particularly on cable/satellite television networks throughout the country. This is a very exciting time as we are now reaching millions of viewers and securing recognition for our fraternity's philanthropic hospital mission and increasing donations as people are immersed in the spirit of holiday giving. As we have pointed out in the past, this also heightens the awareness of our great fraternity.

In December 2012 alone, we will be airing 1,087 TV commercials from the 3rd through the 24th. Our message is loud and clear; we are helping kids and telling people why Shriners Hospitals for Children is the leader in pediatric specialty health care.

Our ads have been placed on a rotating schedule; you will see them throughout the programming day, early morning, prime time evening, late night and weekends.

We wanted you to be aware of this exciting news, as we will be highly viewed during this critical holiday giving season. As you watch television, be sure to tune in to these networks and help us spread the word and share our excitement. Tell your family, friends and colleagues to be looking for our Love to the rescue campaign TV spots. And remember this campaign was developed because of the overwhelming "love" you have shown to all the children treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children since 1922.

Yours in faith,

Deputy Imperial Potentate, Imperial
Public Relations Chairman

FEBRUARY 2013

Feb 1 Circus Appreciation Party
Feb 4 Divan Mtg 6:30pm
Feb 6 Stated Meeting 7pm
Feb 9 Nile Stated Session 2pm
Feb 13 - 19 Potentate's Trip
Feb 22 Scottish Rite Wine Tasting

MARCH 2013

Mar 2 Yoshi Monte Carlo 7pm
Mar 4 Divan Mtg 6:30pm
Mar 6 Stated Meeting 7pm
Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 11 Trustee Mtg / Finance Mtg
Mar 13 Nile Election 7pm
Mar 22 Director Staff Beer Tasting
Mar 23 Bowling w/ the Easter Bunny
Mar 29 Good Friday - office closed
Mar 31 EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 2013

Apr 1 Divan Mtg 6:30pm
Apr 3 Stated Meeting 7pm
Apr 7 Nile Installation 2pm
Apr 10 Nile Stated Session 7pm
Apr 13 Spring Ceremonial 6pm
Apr 29 Divan Mtg 6:30pm





Mizmur Scooter Patrol

The Parade season is over but the fun goes on for the Mizmur Scooter Patrol. We had our October Ladies night at Kacy J's at the Muncie Airport we had a nice crowd and a lot of fellowship. Our November ladies night we went to Madison County Shrine Club in Anderson Great food, entertainment, and fun.

At our November club meeting we had our election of officers. The new officers are President; Mark Hamilton, Vice President; Gene Heiny, Secretary; Bob Kendall and Treasurer; Jim Gotschall. After the meeting we had some Hamburgers, Brats, bake beans, deer Sausage, chips, and a good zucchini relish made by Carolyn Fox. A great thank you goes out to all of our club members and ladies for their help this year.

Now let's all get behind our new officers and help them. I want to thank our newest member Noble Mark Hamilton for stepping into President. We know that he will do a great job and I hope that he knows we will be there to help him. We look forward to another great year in 2013.

Bob Kendall

Antique Car Club

The 2013 officers were installed during the Christmas party at the horse grounds in December. The officers for 2013 are as follows:

President: Phil Wade
Vice Pres: Jim Coe
Sec/Tres: Jody Swaidner

If you were not at the Christmas party with the Chanters and Horse Patrol you missed an enjoyable evening. Good fellowship, a great meal and we raised over \$600.00 for the Shrine hospitals with the Horse Patrol's version of a silent auction.

Our January meeting will be at the Shrine Center. February 11 we will meet at The Lucky Moose, 622 DuPont Rd., Fort Wayne. This will be an open meeting so please invite your wives and potential new members.

Fraternally , Phil Wade

Khyber Gun Club

The 2013 KHYBER officers were sworn in and installed in their elected positions at the 2012 ladies night. The elected officers were listed in the December issue of the Allah Bi with Bill Kaiser again leading our shooting group with Jack Dever stepping up to be vice pres.

The circus leadership needs your help in staffing the various positions necessary to run the circus and fair. Come with your fez and support the active workers even if you cannot participate in the physical activities. The donuts and coffee are always good also. Don't forget to pay for your member coupons whether you use them or not, a good idea for unneeded paid for coupons is to donate them to a county unit to help defray the cost of getting the students to the event.

The next KHYBER meeting will be January 22 in the Cabiri room at 7:00. Fellowship and drinks at 6:00 in the lounge with dinner from the lounge menu at 6:30. Come and pay your \$10 2013 dues and enjoy fellowship with the regular attendees.

Fraternally, Jim Crawford, Secretary

Provost

We again are looking for the Circus this month so we can guard the animals and handle other assignments from the Potentate and Circus officers.

Our schedule requires us to be at the Coliseum at 9 a.m. Thursday January 24 for the 10 a.m. kid's performance. There will be a public performance at 6:30 p.m. for which we should be there at 5:30 p.m.

Friday January 25, we should report at 9 a.m. for the 10 a.m. kids show. The evening performance is at 7 p.m. and we should report at 6 p.m. Remember at 7 p.m. we will march in for the opening ceremonies that night.

Saturday January 26, we should report at 9 a.m. for the first show at 10 a.m. Other shows will be at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., with reporting an hour before the show. Sunday January 27, we should report an hour before the shows that are at 1 and 5:45 p.m.

After the Circus, we will be turning our attention toward parades during the coming summer.

Sam Satterthwaite, Secretary/Treasurer

Circus

This is the last article you will receive before our circus. The circus office opened, and things have been running smoothly with a good turnout of volunteers. Our volunteers have been doing a great job keeping our ticket sales moving. As always, it would be great to see more volunteers in the office helping. This is the last time I will get a chance to ask before the circus, so when you come encourage your wife to come with you. We could use all the help we can get

The other thing we need you to do is to pay for your coupons and give them to your local clubs or get them back to us at the circus office. We can really use the paid for coupons. That's what sends the school kids to the circus. We will definitely need help in the basement again this year. The basement opens 1 hour before each performance and is open 1 hour after each performance. If you are new in the Shrine, or have never helped before, this is a good place to get your feet wet. The guys have fun fellowship and food for all of the NOBLES and their WIVES that come to help. When you arrive just go thru the glass doors and there are sign in sheets on the table behind the curtains. There should be someone at that table and just tell them you are looking for Bill Hartman or Tom Isenbarger and they will guide you in the right direction.

Please don't forget that the coliseum ushers as well as the parking lot people are instructed to not let you in without a workers pass. Each person needs a workers pass and these workers passes are only good for a noble and his lady. You cannot get your family and friends in on a workers pass and you have no seat with a workers pass. If you want a seat you buy a ticket. All seats are numbered and have a ticket assigned to them. If you need anything at all you can call the circus office at 260-422-7122 and ask for Anita. You can also call any one of the circus committee which consists of:

Steve Trump	Circus Director
Phil Wade	Ticket Chairman
Bill Hartman	Circus Fair

DO NOT FORGET OUR NEW ADDRESS IS 1015 MEMORIAL WAY. We are on the south east corner of the Scotts grocery store parking lot. Watch for the signs and do not park in front of the door. That is for our customers, not our workers. Thank You in advance for help at your 2013 Shrine Circus.

Steven R. Trump
Executive Circus Director
2013 Mizpah Shrine Circus



Whitley Co. Shrine Club

The officers for the WCSC in 2013 are as follow:
President Robert Boylan
1st Vice President Brian Kyler
2nd Vice President Jon Muchow
Secretary/Treasurer Ken Lundquist

January means it is Circus time and needless to say a lot of help will be needed to make this event successful. President Boylan would like to thank, in advance, those of you that will be able to volunteer this year. Last year, because of weather, the 5th grade classes were not able to attend the Circus. So this year we will be taking the 5th and 6th grade children to the special showing. The Club committed to doing this so it will be imperative that we get all the help we can to make this successful. Those of you that can help by riding with the children in the buses will begin your day with a 7:00 am breakfast at Richards Restaurant in Columbia City. Remember to purchase your Circus coupons and send them to Noble Joe Simon to help with the special showing. Joe has pretty much everything ready to go and it is imperative this year that we have enough Nobles to ride the extra buses. The club has again voted to purchase Circus Books for the 5th graders and these will be handed out at the schools when the children return from the Circus.

We will not be having a monthly meeting in January due to the Circus. The February 28th meeting is the night we honor all the teachers, bus drivers, and police officers for their help with this special showing. A facility to hold this meeting has yet to be determined. More information will be forth coming.

Ken Lundquist, Secretary



Clowns

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Even though the Circus is still a ways off, the clowns have been hard at work getting ready. This year we have fifteen clowns with their trading cards in the activity book. I want to thank the three clubs who helped us fill out the second page. What many don't realize is that each clown has to get a sponsor (or sponsor themselves) to pay the \$75 fee to have a card in the book. There are nine cards to a page and the unit has to pay for any blanks needed to fill out the rest of the last page. We have invited clubs to put in group pictures to fill these blanks. The kids love the trading cards and we sign a lot of autographs each year!

The "dentist" skit for the Circus is coming along well. Sambo, Gus and Inky-D have been holding numerous practices and gathering all sorts of props. Some of the other clowns (Klem and Otis to mention a few) have been helping add to the skit and we are all looking forward to the first show.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Christmas party at Putz's house. I know that this will have been a good time. Lori came into the November meeting to brief us on preparations. We have had a great response and there should be a large bunch of clowns and significant others participating. This is our first Christmas in a number of years and I am happy to see the enthusiasm and camaraderie.

I want to thank Timbo for the outstanding job he did this past year as President. His easy going and cordial manner set a nice tone for the unit. This coming year it is going to be a challenge trying to keep up with our new President (Sambo). He has so much pep that he leaves you breathless. We won't have much of a calming influence with Fuzzy as the Vice President. Fuzzy is also a ball of energy. Luckily, we still have cool headed Stink-e as our Treasurer to maintain the records and keep us honest.

Looking forward to seeing you clowns at our first meeting on the second Tuesday of January. Have Fun and "Bump a Nose!"

Joe "Lucky Lewey" Jenckes

Horse Patrol

Happy Holidays are passed; ready to start a new year. Congratulations to new Pote Mike Hardiek, his Divan with new OG Hal Harting. We are all looking forward to working together for a great year. We are working hard to gain new riders and get our reserve riders back in the saddle. Imperial will be our Hot Spot and our aim will be to bring home a good placing for Mizpah. INSPHA Mid-winter meeting will be held in Indy Feb. 24 and as now Ed, John and I are planning to attend for all the details and info necessary to make the convention a success.

Dec. meeting was well attended by members and their Ladies that were invited by Christmas Chairman Bob Coe to decorate for the Christmas Party. Cook Ed served us a good meal and then after a short meeting, we finished all the set up and stayed out of the Ladies way so they could do their excellent job. About 60 members from the Chanters, Antique Cars and Horse Patrol enjoyed a very good meal. It was very special have recovering member Morrey Hester and Lady Pamela enjoy with us for a while. Morrey seemed in good spirits and excited to be able to do some Parades again soon. New Pote to be Mike Hardiek installed all the new officers for 2013 and the auction provided the fun part of the evening and netted over \$700.00 for the kids. The big bid of the night was for the Hoss Hat, bought by Bob Coe, see insert picture. Sure looks a lot better than the one honoring him for the Fall Class. Kind of has some celebrity look, Ho ho.

Our horses now have their winter fur coats and the cold weather makes them feel pretty frisky trying to stay warm. They don't get much use this time of the season, as most of us are so busy with other activities and don't get to give them the extra attention we would like to, so I'll close and see if I can catch up a little. Stay on the Happy Trail Ray Giant



Hospital Unit

Happy New Year to all!!! We are all grateful to Hal Harting for his leadership the last two years. We congratulate him on his election to O.G. and wish him the best.

We are pleased to congratulate Mike Hardiek Potentate for 2013 and his Divan. We look forward to working and serving with them this coming year. With the new Shrine Center coming in the near future, it will be an exciting and eventful year.

Our Hospital unit is pleased to welcome Tom Culler as our new president and Jerry Willman our new vice president. Jim Kyler will serve as our treasurer and Dick Kessie as secretary.

8 Dick Kessie, Secretary

Hillbilly Clan #95

Howdy Kuzzins- Happy New Year to all of youins. Well we'all made it thru another year. It was a great year and thanks to ya'll for helpin make it a whole lotta fun. The Clan grew in leaps & bounds too. At November's meetin alone we nshiated us 12 kinfolk, George & Carolyn Rubrake, Ben Knapp, Lance & Tami Beers, Mark Filler, Mike & Mory Taulbee, Barry & Pam Richards and Tom & Deanna Wyrick. Give them a hillbilly welcome when you see em. We look forward to a great 2013.

We had us a nice crowd at our Christmas Party at the Temple on December 8th which was a hole lot of fun. We had a Christmas feast and libations. Potentate Owen Stiles installed the 2013 officers - Bill Auer is Pa, Randy Krider is Keeper of the Still, Mike Craig is Keeper of the Cob and Alan Van Houten is Keeper of the Till. After which we all had us a gift xchange. We tested our Christmas knowledge with a Trivia game in order to pick out a gift. It was a real hoot.

In January we will be ameeitin at Kuzzins Denny DeWitt & Lori's on the 19th. This the 3rd Saturday due to sum conflictin schedules. February will be at Hardeiks and March at Yagels.

Once agin Thanks Y'all for an great year & lookin forward to a nuther one.

See ya soon,
Pa & Ma Auer

Antique Power

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Michael A. Hardiek and all of the Divan. The Antique Power club wishes you all a very successful year.

The new Officers are Larry Brown, President Dave Bockelman 1st V.P. Tim Yagel 2nd V.P. Bill Auer, Treasure Steve Sickafoose, Secretary John Coleman Chaplin, John Brandon, Parade Marshall, Veryl Whaly, Sergeant at Arms.

Just a reminder we will be having a table set up at the Fort Wayne Farm Show Jan. 15-17th. For our raffle of a Winchester lever action 44 Mag. Rifle. A good rifle for deer hunting in Indiana. John said we need lots of help. So please help!!!

Also we will be needing a lot of help downstairs for the Circus, Thursday Jan. 23rd that evening to help sale tickets for riding the animals.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Party on December 17th. and to the Potentate who swore in all of our officers. The meal was excellent and a good time was had by all.

Larry Brown, President



Flying Shriners

The November meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th. There were 5 members present; Jim Wolf, Bob Harrold, Bob Coe, Dale Dolby, and Bill Phillips (late arrival).

No business was conducted (just monkey business). The usual High-Level discussions were very educational, to say the least. We were informed of the latest in aviation, farming, etc. (fortunately a minimum of politics).

Euchre was played. Due to my unlucky draw, I got Bob Coe for a partner. I thought that would be a good thing but I was wrong. It was me against our opponents and him (3 against 1). What a long evening. But somehow we won. I can only guess how.

The snowbirds have gone South for the Winter. Reporting, Dale R Dolby, Pres/Sec

Little 500 - Racing Shriners

Happy 2013 to everyone!

A special thank you to our Potentate Owen Stiles for a fine job leading Mizpah in 2012. Congratulations to Hal Harting on being elected Oriental Guide and to the newly elected Divan for Mizpah. I know they will need plenty of support and they will make us proud!

It's Circus time!! It is our largest money maker for Mizpah and also requires the most help. Make yourself available whenever possible and as often as possible. It is fun to see the kids faces light up at all the excitement!! No experience needed to volunteer it's quick, on the job training and the best donated hours of your life!

Dues should have been paid but if not mail them today to Mike LaFollette at 47 Indiana, Huntington IN 46750.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 at the Shrine Center. Come and support our newly elected officers.

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See you at the circus! Wayne



Yoshi

Happy New Year Nobles,

A special "Thanks" is in order for all who volunteered their time during a busy holiday season for the Mizpah Shrine/Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite Children's Christmas party that was hosted by our club. We had 65 children in attendance to see Santa and enjoy the festivities.

With the New Year beginning we will be installing our new officers. The installation will be held during our January 21, 2013 meeting at Peanut's in the Marketplace of Canterbury.

President- Bill Leedy

Vice Pres- Steve Moring

2nd Vice- Manot Andre

Keeper of the Grog-To be decided

Secretary/Treasurer-Dave Bowman

Please plan to join us in welcoming the new officers to their respective positions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. We will also begin planning for the March 2, 2013 Monte Carlo Night. We will be asking each member of our club to obtain three donations each to help ease the stress of only having a few members getting 10 donations each.

Circus time is very quickly approaching. The YOSHI is scheduled to work the fair following the show on January 26, 2009 at 6:00 pm. We need help selling tokens for the animal fair before and after the show. We will also need help tearing down the Fair area of the Circus on Sunday January 27th around 7pm. The last couple of years it has worked out very well with only about an hour and a half of work. Hope to see everyone there!

Anyone who does not receive emails or other communications from our club can email me at youngshrinersdb@gmail.com and we will get you on the email list.

Fraternally, Dave Bowman
Secretary/Treasurer, Young Shriners

Directors Staff

First, hearty congratulations and thanks to 2012 Potentate Owen Stiles and his Lady Mick for their work this last year in support to our kids and our mission. We wish them the best of luck, peace and hopefully a whole lot of rest!

2013 brings a new opportunity for us to all become more in love with our mission at Mizpah. The need for unity and mission-driven success is never more prevalent, as we have many new and exciting changes that we must embrace to grow our temple. From a new building to new membership directives, our focus must be in growing a fraternity of brothers' AND their families that are dedicated to Mizpah's mission: having fun and helping kids.

The Director's Staff should be personally proud of our future, and of our incoming Potentate. Mike Hardiek is a member of our unit, as well as a past-president and the chief dreamer behind the annual beer tasting. Our connection to Mike and Lady Shannon will both serve and challenge us in 2013, as we have been a source of reliability to them to this point. You maintaining a firm level of involvement in our Shrine and our unit will ensure their success and mission are fulfilled. I congratulate Mike to this point and pledge my support to him in the year to come.

The winter months are not our slow time!!! The circus is merely 3 1/2 weeks away, and immediately following we ramp up to host our annual beer tasting. This is a great fundraising event, but more importantly a fantastic recruiting event. Invite your fellow masons, family, friends and even your barber, so we can show them just how great our philanthropy is and how much we are committed to helping our kids!

Parade season promises to be much improved over last year for us as a unit, as we will be carrying a giant flag our Potentate has purchased for us. It is a great way to represent our unit, temple and country, and we will need all hands on deck to ensure we can handle this massive responsibility. Details will follow in the next couple of months, and we will make sure we are prepared far in advance.

In closing, it has been a very humbling honor to serve you this last year. As I return to the trenches, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support, encouragement and hard work for our kids, our Divan, and our fellow nobles. You are truly the epitome of the phrase "Top of the Temple".

Benjamin Kapp

Bagpipers

This has been a busy year and the pipes and drums have weathered it well thanks to our President, Scott Abbs. Not only has he been a staunch supporter for the group, but he is also the most improved player this year. He is also active playing locally in Syracuse and raising money for the Shrine through his playing.

Many don't realize just how much practice it takes to master the pipes or play drums to Scottish tunes. We practice almost every Wednesday during the year (this year we had 48 practices). Luckily, we also have a camaraderie built over the years. New members are welcomed right away as part of the group rather than held at arm's length until they have proven themselves. The main thing is that we enjoy what we do (we had 16 public performances this year). We had two members place in competition this year at GLSA (Lonnie Cox took second and Bob Wade took fourth in class three) and the band (with help from the Mocha drum section) took second out of three bands.

Not many people outside the unit understand our rank system. You will see insignia on the uniform epaulets and also on the collar points. The ones on the epaulets are elected. The President wears the eagle, the vice wears the silver leaf, the pipe major has the gold leaf, the Treasurer/quartermaster has the Quartermaster wheel and key and the Secretary has the administrative shield. The collar points are awarded based on proficiency and leadership participation. The new member enters as a recruit with no insignia. After showing basic competence, the single chevron is awarded. On proficiency is proven on selected tunes, the rocker is added. To get the second chevron, you have to be President once. To earn the third chevron, you have to be President twice and either compete at GLSA or perform publically numerous times as an individual. Each level includes a new set of tunes for proficiency.

We treasure our craft and are glad to have new members join us. This year, we were lucky enough to have Dennis Weimer join us as bass drummer. We also have two recruits on the Pipes (Billy Lows from Warren and Rich Dalrymple from Angola, both a long distance to drive every Wednesday to take lessons).

We held our elections on the fourth Wednesday in November. Our new President is Lonnie Cox (his second time), Vice President is Billy Lows, Secretary is Bob Wade, Treasurer/Quarter Master is Bryan Gossett (too many times to count), Pipe Major is Dick Ruselink and Director, me, Joe Jenckes. Thank goodness we can depend on Bryan to keep us current and out of debt and Dick to keep us challenged with new music, practice in timing and new training techniques.

I know that this is a long article, but I would like to site two experiences this year that bring home what it means to be a piper. We had a paying gig to play at the Annual Bee Keepers Banquet. While warming up across the street from the American Legion Post on Hillegas, the manager of Coyote Creek Golf Course came out to talk to us. I thought we were in trouble for making too much noise. It seems that they had a dinner for a fireman and wanted us to play Amazing Grace. We did this and felt good that people appreciated what we do. Another time, Bobby, Scott and I played for the Central Noble High School play "Brigadoon". The high school actors and actresses loved us playing and greeted us warmly each time we showed up. They had questions for us and were really interested in our music. It is nice to be respected for something that you have to love to spend so much time perfecting.

Joe Jenckes, Director



Legion of Honor

The MIZPAH LOH installation was held Dec. 1, 2012 at the Temple. Thank you to Potentate Owen Stiles, Chief Rabban Mike Hardiek and their Ladies for joining us for the evening. Also in attendance was Larry Hearn, Commander GLSA LOH and his Chief of Staff, Bob Watson and Chief Aide Lloyd Hearn, all from MURAT and special guests Brian and Bonnie Lamb.

Com Hearn served as Installing Officer with Sam Wright (MIZPAH) as Marshall. The officers for 2013 who were installed are: Steve Anders- Commander, Greg Towsley- 1st Lt Cmd, James OldsIII - 2nd Lt Cmd, Gil Smith- 3rd Lt Cmd, Paul Barker PC- Financial Officer, Robert Yagel- Adjutant, Ron StablerPC- Director, and Ron Buskirk 33rd PC - Junior Past Commander.

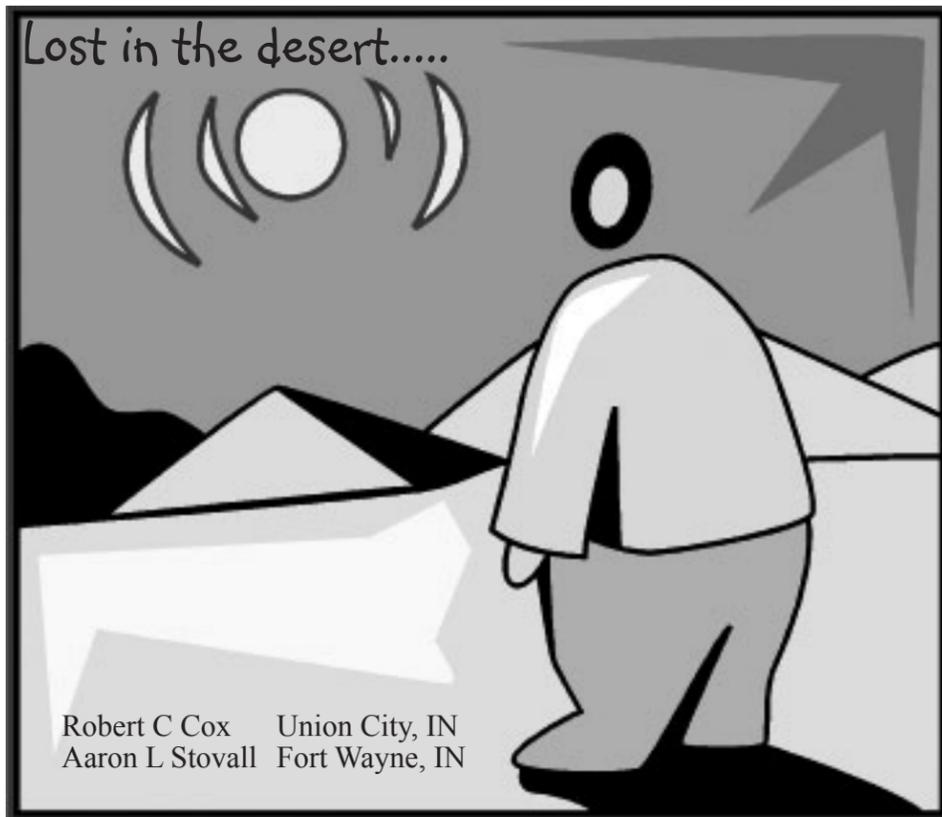
The MIZPAH LOH Americanism Award for 2012 was presented to Mr. Brian Lamb, VA Service officer for Dekalb county, for his outstanding service to NE Indiana veterans and their families. Nominations for the 2013 award are now being accepted up to Sept. 1, 2013. Any Noble of MIZPAH can submit a written nomination for people or organizations in the MIZPAH area. Nominations should include the name of the person or organization, their contact information and reason for the nomination. This award is for service to active military, veterans and their families or public service that improves the MIZPAH area communities and is presented at our annual installation.

The circus is Jan. 24-27, the LOH helps sell the activity books, any help you can provide is appreciated. Once again my goal, which I have never achieved, is to outsell Paul.

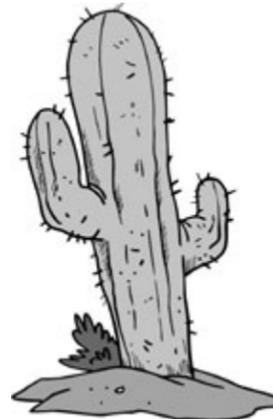
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Greg Towsley





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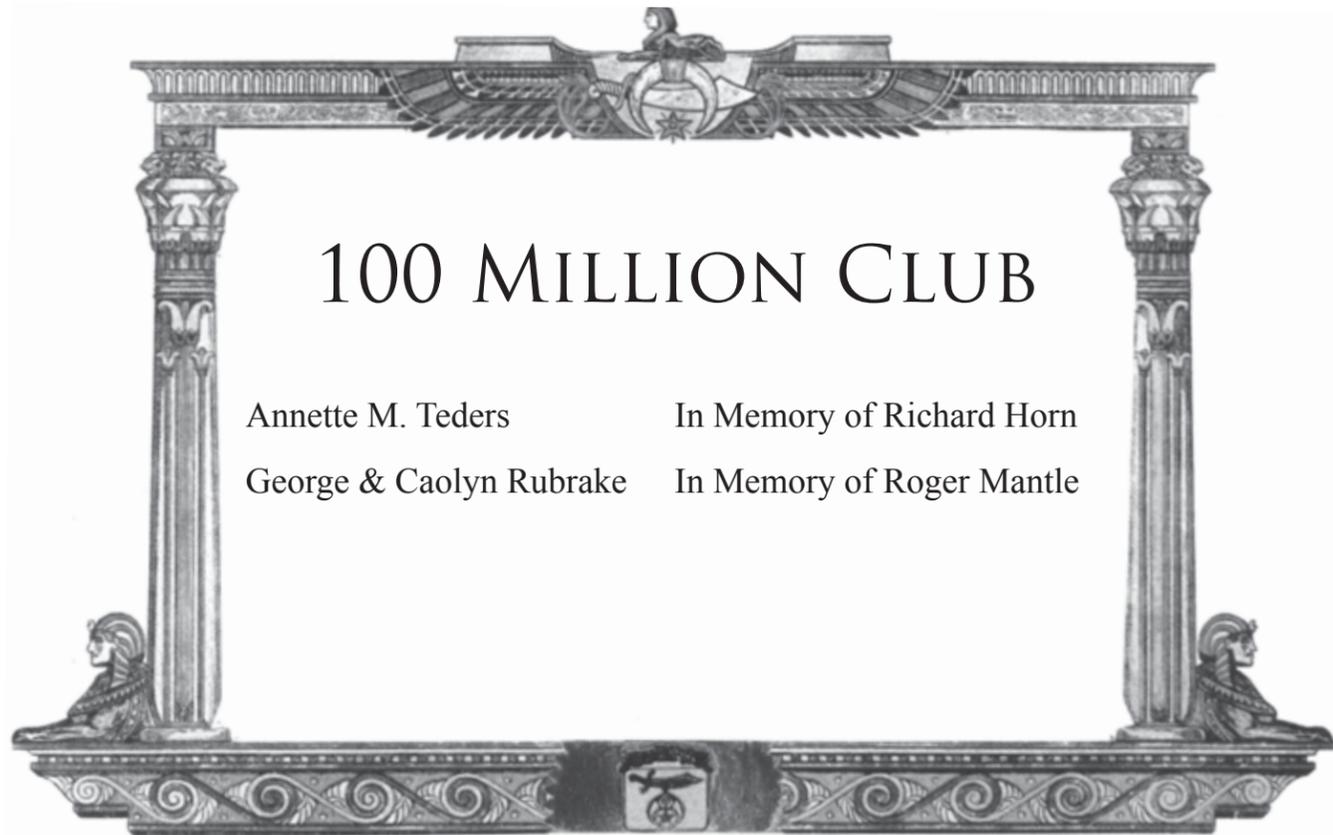
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 Or you can smile because he has lived.
 You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back-
 Or you can open your eyes and see what he has left.
 Your heart can be empty because you can't see him-
 Or you can be full of the love you shared.
 You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for the past-
 Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
 You can remember him only that he is gone-
 Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
 You can cry and close your mind,
 Be empty and turn your back-
 Or you can do what he would want;
 Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

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Jack E. Linn	91	46	
Gerald J. Lybarger	79	35	
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Daughters of the Nile



Ladies of the Household!

Happy New Year! A new year brings us the most wonderful gift of all..the gift of time. It brings us time for laughter, time for memories and dreams, and time for friendship. As the new year begins, I wish everyone best wishes for a year filled with happiness and good health.

The new year starts with our regular Stated Session on January 9. On Friday, January 18 we will have the Bingo Party. This will be in the Shrine Ballroom from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Bring your friends and spouses and enjoy a evening of fun and fellowship. There will be lots of good prizes. The grand prize will be a Nook Tablet. The Northwest Nile Club will be the hostesses.

The next Stated Session will be moved to Saturday, February 9th at 2:00pm. This is due to the fact that several ladies of the household will be going on the Potentate's Trip.

Ending out the year we will have our March Stated Session on March 13. This is our Election night so everyone please plan to attend this very important meeting.

With Nile Love,
Judy Klemm, Queen

Daughters of the Nile Annual Bingo Party



EVERYONE is invited to come for a fun night of fun, food, and prizes! Bring your husband, your friends, and plan to yell BINGO!!!



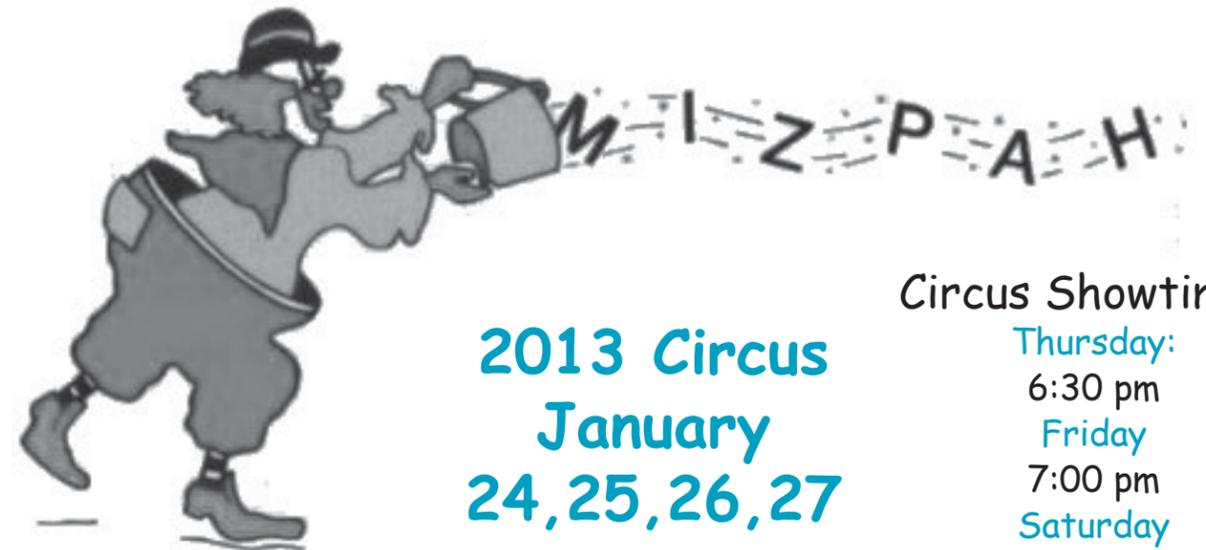
Friday, January 18th
7 - 9pm
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Attn: All Club and Unit Presidents

The Annual Unit Head Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 5th at 8:30am. This is an informational and instructional meeting for ALL Presidents of the Units and Clubs. Your presence is requested and expected. If you are a new President or the President of your group for a few years, please plan to attend this meeting



Participation at this meeting is required for entry of your club/unit in the 2013 Three Rivers Festival Parade



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January
24, 25, 26, 27

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Friday
7:00 pm
Saturday
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2:30 pm
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January 14th
Appreciation Party
February 1st

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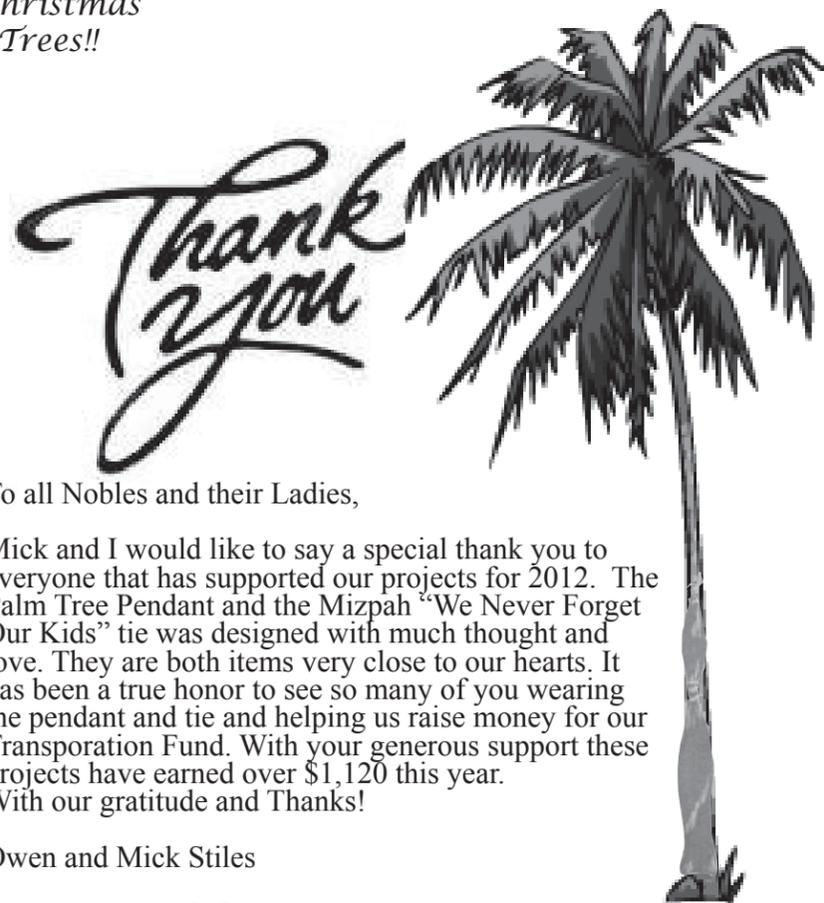
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 Steve Maxwell

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To all Nobles and their Ladies,
 Mick and I would like to say a special thank you to everyone that has supported our projects for 2012. The Palm Tree Pendant and the Mizpah "We Never Forget Our Kids" tie was designed with much thought and love. They are both items very close to our hearts. It has been a true honor to see so many of you wearing the pendant and tie and helping us raise money for our Transportation Fund. With your generous support these projects have earned over \$1,120 this year. With our gratitude and Thanks!

Owen and Mick Stiles



Notice of Election

January Stated Meeting

There will be a Special Election at the January Stated Meeting, January 2, 2013, to fill the vacated seat on the Finance Committee previously held by Owen Wade. This position will complete the unexpired term until 2016. To be eligible to attend the January meeting and vote, you MUST have your 2013 dues card.



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS



“Play Like A Champion Today”

Yes, I'll admit, I have cheered for a few “evil empires” in my day. The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are equally loved and reviled. I'll spare you the self-indulgent oratory on them as a team, their history, and their traditions. Instead I wanted to briefly focus in on their slogan (as well as that of Oklahoma's) “Play Like A Champion Today.” I believe these words reach beyond one's conduct/performance on the football field. To me, they speak to the soul and ask that, today, you give of yourself your very best. If I asked you to choose a word in the place of the word “Play,” what would it be? Would you “Live Like A Champion Today” and treat each day as a very special gift? You might choose to “Give Like A Champion Today” and lend some much needed assistance to a friend or Brother. You might even decide to “Laugh Like A Champion Today” and not let life's bumps in the road get to you. Perhaps you would “Love Like A Champion Today” and overlook the faults of yourself and others. When I think back to the lessons taught to us about the rough/perfect ashlar, it drives home the point for me that from the very beginning of our journey as Freemasons, we were instructed to Live, Give, Laugh, & Love like a Champion EVERYDAY.

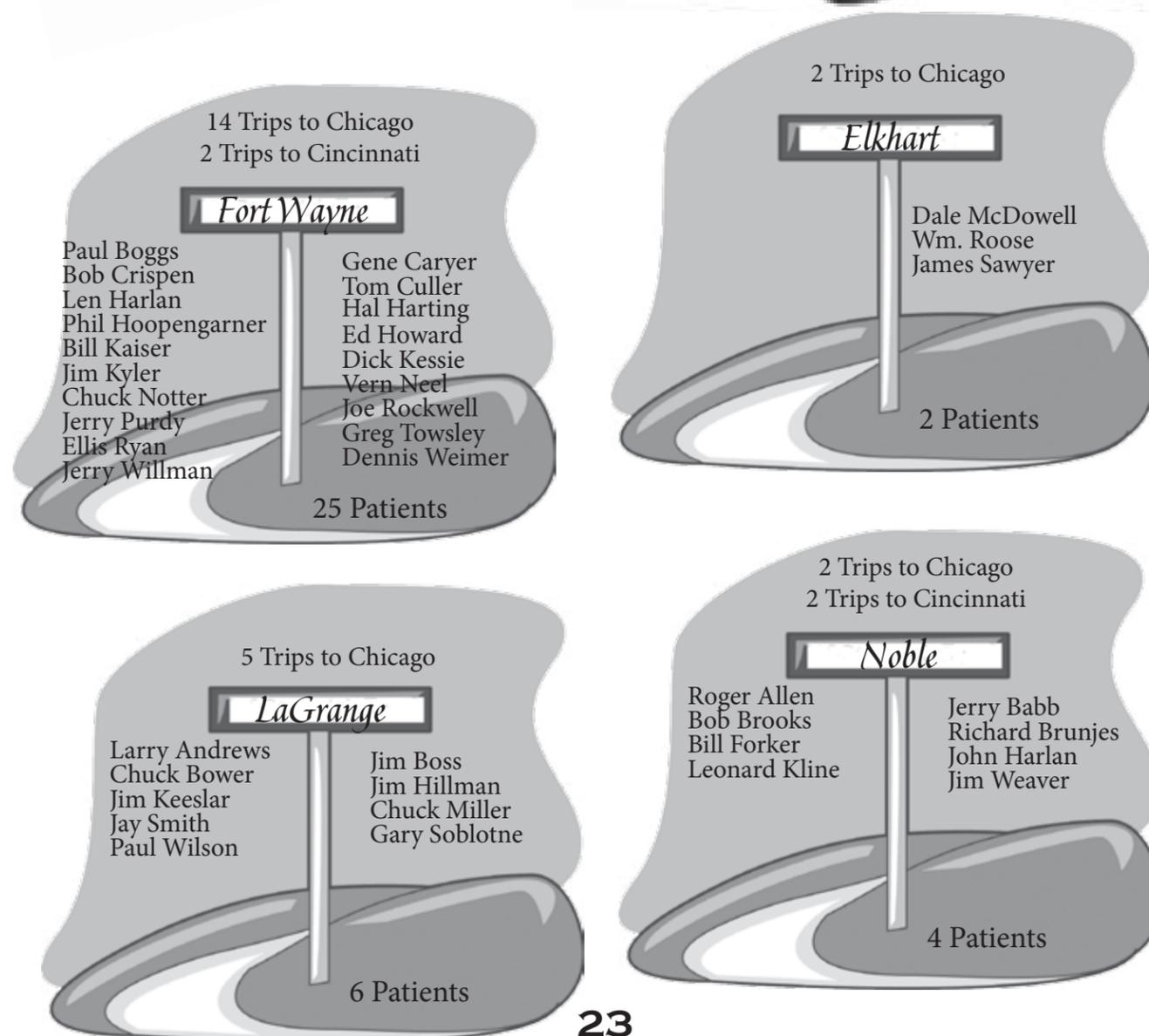
On an unrelated side-note, we were also taught that the Tide ebbs and flows twice in 24 hours. Let's keep our fingers crossed in the hope that such is the case on January 7th in Miami.

- Upcoming Events:
- January 5, 2013 – Scottish Rite Mad Ants Night
- January 18, 2013 – Scottish Rite Comet Hockey Night
- February 22, 2013 – Wine Tasting
- March 23, 2013 – Arena Dinner Theatre

To learn more about these events, please visit our website, www.aasr-ftwayne.org, and click on the “Events” tab. If you want to sign up to receive our monthly e-newsletter please email us at news@aasr-ftwayne.org.

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