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

Mizpah Shrine

1015A Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

January Stated Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th - meal: 6:15pm meeting: 7:00pm

February Stated Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th - meal: 6:15pm meeting: 7:00pm

Fraternally: Rudolph Mahara, Sr., Potentate

Attest: Barry Richards, Recorder

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

Your presence is requested.

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Full Calendar located
in center of Allah Bi

Annual Dues are now overdue to your lodge, temple and clubs/units. Contact the office to pay today!

There is NO Thursday Circus show for kids or evening performance.

Circus Opening Night/Parade of Units: Be at the Coliseum in the mid-deck hallway by 6:45 for the parade of units!

There is no Circus Fair on Sunday night after the 5:45pm show. All those who are able should attend to help clean up

Important Information!

Potentate's Message



Dear Nobles,

Sue and I are humbled by the confidence you have placed in us to help lead our Temple in 2020.

We have a passionate and talented Nobility that can make Mizpah's future one of growth and prosperity while having a positive impact on the lives of people in our community.

We are all bonded together by Masonry. Freemasonry is the core of who we are. As like-minded individuals, with common values, and the desire to do good works, Mizpah can build a great future.

We face many challenges and change is not easy. A few of the challenges we face are to build a strong infrastructure, increase membership, create financial accountability, develop effective communication, and develop future leadership.

As we tackle the challenges, we must not forget what made us all want to become Shriners. We wear funny hats, we help and love kids, and we have fun.

Having fun and enjoying the fellowship of fellow Nobles is the key to our success.

I want to share with you some of the plans and goals our leadership team has set for 2020.

Leadership starts with a vision and mission statement. I have included a copy of our vision and mission statement in this article. I trust that you will all agree that this is our foundation.

To address our challenges:

Infrastructure:

I have asked Noble Sam Winebrenner and the trustees to take an expanded role in managing our facility. They will be empowered to make recommendations on all aspects of the Temple facility, from building maintenance, security, building usage, office equipment, and space allocation.

Financial Accountability:

I have asked Noble Steve Sickafoose, our Treasure and the finance committee to expand their responsibilities to monitor all our Temple finances. This will include monitoring annual budget, monitoring all the Temple's holdings and investments, assisting and monitoring clubs and units, monitoring fundraising and Temple expenditures.

Membership:

I have asked Noble John Runge to be our membership chairman. John will be empowered to create a membership committee. This committee will put together teams to assist in all aspects of membership growth and retention. Mizpah will have a membership table at Founder's Day and Grand Lodge. We will also have a Grand Master Day on April 25th. The Grand Master will be in Fort Wayne at Mizpah to present an Information Session. All our Blue Lodge Masters and Secretaries will be invited to Mizpah for this session.

Noble Jim Olds and the Samsar Unit will have an expanded role in retention and membership.

The Class Directors will start a program on repurposing the Fez. They will encourage Shriners to turn in the old Fezzes to allow them to be used by new Shriners thus lowering the cost of initiation. There will be multiple opportunities for Cold Sands and Initiations. There are also plans to do a one-day class in the fall.

Communication:

I have asked Noble Brooks Taggart to help create a communication advisory team. They will be advising us on how we can make effective use of social media and improve all forms of our communications.

Leadership Development:

I am asking the Divan, clubs, and unit heads to help identify future leaders and mentor them to become more active. We will also encourage future leaders to take advantage of Imperial and Great Lakes leadership training opportunities.

Mizpah is blessed with quality programs with good leadership.

The Circus and Sportsman’s Raffle are the life blood and pride of our fraternity. Both provide the Temple and the community a great service. They have experienced leadership. They have been successful because the leaders have been empowered to manage their committee without Divan direct involvement. That will continue. We all owe Noble Steve Trump and Noble Steve Cowan, P.P. our gratitude for jobs well done.

This month is Circus month, we all need to give the Circus Committee our full support. Your willingness to volunteer and assistance in promoting the circus will ensure our success.

There are a few other Temple activities scheduled for 2020, which I wish to share with you.

The Mizpah Cruise is February 14th -20th. There are still spaces available. You can contact Ms. Beth Didier of Travel Leaders for more information.

In keeping with the great idea that Noble Bill Leedy, P.P. and Lady Kat created, the Night of Inspiration is planned for March 13th.

There is a Maine Mystery Dinner and Lobster Bake planned for Friday, April 17th.

The Grand Master/Shrine event will be held on Saturday, April 25th.

Sue & I look forward to 2020.

This is going to be a fun and challenging year.

A wise man once told me that if you have fun, enjoy your coworkers, and love your job you never work a day in your life.

Let’s have fun.

**Fraternally,
Rudy Mahara
Potentate**

THE MISSION STATEMENT

Mizpah Shriners is proud of its 100-year history of producing leaders for the Masonic fraternity, as well as, our community. We believe that by attracting men of Masonic character to join with us in fun and fellowship, we will continue to have a positive impact on our members’ lives, their families and help improve the communities in which they live. We have dedicated ourselves to these efforts and to the Greatest Philanthropy in the World, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

THE VISION STATEMENT

Mizpah Shriners believe that by creating a great shrine experience of fun and fellowship we will become an organization that is respected by our community and produce leaders who continue to have a positive impact for the benefit of humanity.

Reminder...

Annual dues to your lodge, Mizpah and your clubs and units are due. To pay your dues to Mizpah, contact the office, or send in your dues notice you received in the fall.

Mizpah will receive notice from your lodge in the spring if they suspend you, and your membership at Mizpah may be in jeopardy as well.

If you need assistance in paying your dues, or to request an extension, contact the membership chairman, John Runge for more information.

The Mizpah Shrine Radio Unit lost a valuable member in September Noble Owen Wade and our deepest sympathies go out to his family. We remember his friendship and contributions to our unit.

We also have a long standing member who has become unable to attend our regular meetings due to his health and our prayers go out for an improvement in his health. Mr. Steve Haxby has been a huge asset to our group and participated in many activities.

We held our 2020 officer nominations and elections at our November meeting. Our new President will be Mark Reese. Vice President will remain Ron Stabler. Steve Brunjes will continue as Treasurer and Doug Schwartz will be the Unit Secretary. Mark Reese will continue as out Trustee and operator of record with the FCC. Officers will be sworn in at our Holiday Party on Dec 14th.

Radio Unit dues for all members is due January 1st. Dues remains at \$10 for the 2020 year. Please pay your dues to Doug Schwartz in January.

In the coming year 2020, we would like to grow our active membership. So if you are interested in learning what it takes to get up and running, please contact any radio unit member or ask to sit in on one of our meetings held every third Tuesday at the Shrine at 6:30pm. We gather in Mildred's Lounge starting around 5:45pm for dinner, drinks and good old fellowship. You are invited to join us. We will also meet with you anytime to answer any questions you might have and arrange a short demo.

Fraternally,
Douglas Schwartz
2019 Radio Unit President

Radio Unit



IMPORTANT INFO TO REMEMBER

Ticket Sales: The ticket office is open Monday through Saturday, 10am - 8pm, and Sunday 12pm to 5pm

Circus Fair: There will be NO CIRCUS FAIR after the Sunday evening performance. This will allow us to get cleaned up and out of the Coliseum earlier.

Friday Kids Show: There is no availability for the Friday Show to bring any new groups due to the weather last year. Contact Mike Leedy if you have any additional questions.

Member Coupons: Member coupons have mailed. If you did not receive yours, contact the circus office.

Special Show Transportation Meeting: Monday, January 13th at the Shrine Center.

REMEMBER: THERE IS ONLY 1 ONLINE PLACE TO GET OUR CIRCUS TICKETS, AND THAT IS WWW.MIZPAHSHRINECIRCUS.COM

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE LEADERSHIP AT (260) 422-7122

From the Mizpah Media Unit

While all members, their wives and families are encouraged to enjoy the circus and take pictures, we ask that you follow these simple rules:

1. Do not post any pictures of any persons not directly related to you on any social media platform. This is especially important with our patients, as their privacy is important.
2. Avoid posting pictures of the circus 'behind the scenes' in the basement, backstage, during rehearsal or practice in the arena, or in hallways. This is a request from Tarzan Zerbini Circus for the integrity of their operations.
3. The Mizpah Media Unit will be taking pictures throughout the weekend and will post them to the Mizpah Photo website (www.mizpahphoto.com) the week after the circus. Please use these as your official and authorized photos for any Mizpah-related correspondence for the circus and their activities. These are approved by the legal counsel, our circus committee, and TZ Productions as legal and usable photos, videos and documents.

Antique Power

The Antique Power Club would like to congratulate the new Officers of Mizpah. Get out and meet Potentate Rudy Mahara (Lady Sue) and the rest of the 2020 newly elected Divan. I'm sure they have planned a wonderful year.

The 2020 Officers for the Antique Power Club are President Gary "Spanky" Rubrake (Lady Cindy), 1st Vice-President Bill Auer (Lady Laura), Treasurer Justin Klinger (Lady Megan), Secretary Jerry Freewalt (Lady Sherri), and Sergeant-at-Arms Veryl Whaley (Lady Debra). Show your support for these Officers.

The Officers have planned several events for the coming year and need the support of the membership to ensure their success. We appreciate all of the members that have helped through the years, but we need several new faces to share the load.

Our Christmas Party (Eagles Event Center) was a huge success and we were very happy to see the Divan members, our special guests and especially the widows of our members. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The January meeting will be held on Monday the 27th of the month. The location is at the 9 & 14 Restaurant. Dinner is at 6:00 pm and the meeting will follow.

The big news is the Circus is in January and your help will be needed in the basement at the Fair. This year it will run for three days (24th - 26th). Let Spanky know when you can work. Especially let Joe Simon know you want to ride the buses (Nobles and Ladies).

Jerry W Freewalt PP, Secretary

THANK YOU

Your prayers, cards and phone calls have made the healing process go much faster and much more bearable. The Nobles and Ladies have been there for me and they will be for you. The best thing of all, "you don't have to ask". This is true friendship.

Thank You,

Jerry Freewalt PP and Lady Sherri

Khyber

Nobles,

Greetings and welcome to 2020! The Khybers have had some good pistol shooting lately with .22, .38 and 9mm calibers in a variety of makes and models including semi-auto, revolver and military style. Some serious shooting and some plinking but all having fun and beating the winter blues!

No gun, no bullets, ...no problem!!! Most of the Khyber shooters are willing to loan our gear to others to try out. It's a great way to get started and see what you like. Freedom Arms also has a variety of guns and gear for purchase and rent as well.

Fall through Spring, the Khyber's meet at Freedom Arms, 1525 Directors Row, Fort Wayne on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at about 6pm for small-bore shooting. Non members are welcome and encouraged to join us. Range fees are \$15 with a \$5 annual fee. Maximum range distance is 75 feet.

The Khyber's stated meeting takes place in Mildred's Lounge on the 4th Tuesday of the month with social hour beginning at 6 and business meeting following at 7.

Fraternally,
Matt Nodine

CoHo Fishing Derby

Ahoy Fishermen! I hope you are ready for the 46th GLSA Benefit Salmon Derby. The dates for the Derby are May 15 & 16 2020 at Michigan City. Your Registration Fees cover 3 night lodging, Hospitality Room and Banquet. This open to all Masonic Bodies and Guests. We had a record year of fish and are hoping to make it better this year! Good luck with ice fishing and I hope to see you in the Spring.

Fraternally
Sam Winebrenner, Coordinator

Mizpah's Caribbean Adventure

5 Nights on Carnival's *Paradise*
February 14 - 20, 2020



\$739*

inside cabin

\$799*

ocean view cabin

\$250 per person nonrefundable deposit due with reservation

Final payment due by December 1, 2019

On *Carnival's Paradise* you'll find amazing food, exciting nightlife and day life too, spectacular entertainment, comfy accommodations, 24-hour room service and even places to relax and do nothing if you want to.

Grand Cayman - Take in the panoramic sights, lounge on the 7-mile beach, swim with the dolphins and visit stingray city. So many choices!

Cruise to Cozumel, Mexico and unlock shore excursions that take you exploring further and adventuring more. See spots like the Tulum Ruins, Secret River, Chichen Itza Ruins, Xplor and Xcaret.

Includes:

- 5 night cruise
- Pre-night hotel stay in Tampa
- Airport, hotel, ship transfers
- Sweetheart dinner in Tampa (2/14/20)
- Pre-paid gratuities
- Government taxes, fees and port charges

Itinerary:

- Feb 14 Pre-night hotel in Tampa, Florida
- Feb 15 Depart from Tampa, Florida
- Feb 16 At sea
- Feb 17 Grand Cayman
- Feb 18 Cozumel, Mexico
- Feb 19 At sea
- Feb 20 Tampa, Florida

PASSPORTS RECOMMENDED



**Cruise only. Price is per person based on double occupancy & availability. Prices for triple/quad rates, cancellation insurance and airfare available upon request. Optional drink packages available onboard ship. Travel Leaders strongly recommends travel insurance.*



For more information:

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Mizpah's Caribbean Adventure February 14-20, 2020

Please mail this completed form along with your payment to: **Beth Didier**, Travel Leaders, 10202-D Coldwater Road, Ft Wayne IN 46825

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 Passport # _____ Expiration Date / /
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 Passport # _____ Expiration Date / /
 Address: _____
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 Check enclosed \$ _____ Make Checks Payable to: **Travel Leaders**
 Credit Card. Travel Leaders will contact you for credit card information to help maintain security.

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Special needs? Explain: _____

I have read and agree to the terms & conditions stated below

Signed: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RATES:

- Rates shown are per person, based on double occupancy. In some cases single, triple, quad or guaranteed share rates are available. Please ask your Travel Leaders agent for details.
- Rates for tours may be based on a minimum number of participants. If the minimum is not met, Travel Leaders reserves the right to cancel or postpone the trip, or offer alternative transportation. The cost of alternative transportation may require an additional expense by you. If the trip is cancelled by Travel Leaders, or alternative transportation is offered and you choose not to accept, any deposit or payment will be fully refunded.
- Rates are based on operating costs, fuel prices and exchange rates (where applicable) at the time of contracting with suppliers. Should these increase, you may be notified and asked to pay these additional costs.

RESERVATIONS:

- Due to limited seating on tours all reservations for trips will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. A completed registration form must accompany deposit or full payment.
- Flight or motorcoach departure and arrival times are not guaranteed and subject to change.

PAYMENTS:

- All Travel Leaders sponsored motorcoach tours require a deposit or full payment at time of reservation (see flyer for details) in the form of cash or check payable to Travel Leaders and are nonrefundable unless the trip is cancelled by Travel Leaders.
- Cash, check and credit cards will be accepted for all other trips. A deposit will be required to confirm reservations. Please refer to flyers/brochures for specific payment and refund information.
- There will be no refunds for any unused portion of the tour.

INSURANCE:

- Travel Leaders encourages you to purchase cancellation insurance to cover any nonrefundable expenditures or single supplement costs you may incur should you cancel your trip in the event of death, injury or sickness involving you, a travel companion or immediate family member. Your Travel Leaders agent can assist you with complete details and cost of coverage.

FIT TO TRAVEL

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experience.

PARKING:

Parking for motorcoach tours is available at departure locations, see flyer for details. C&T will not be held liable for any damaged or stolen property while your vehicle is on the premises.

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Promotional elements of tours, such as advertised participants or events, may be based on a minimum number of participants. If the trip is canceled by Travel Leaders or postponed and you choose not to accept the postponement, any deposit or payment will be fully refunded. However, if the trip is altered by the removal of a promotional element and you choose not to accept the alteration, no deposits or payments shall be refunded.

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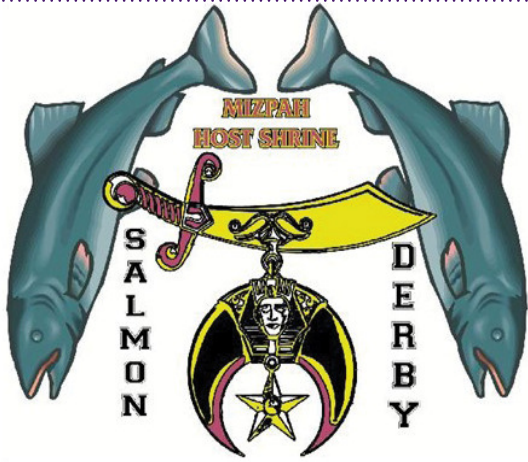
Calendar of Events around Mizpah

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January</h1>						
			1 NEW YEARS DAY	2 Horse Patrol	3 Installation of Officers - 7pm	4 Unit Head Mtg Van Driver Training
5	6 Director's Staff Foot Patrol Car Club	7 Class Directors Mizmur SC	8 Stated Mtg Bagpipers Flying Shriners Kosciusco Co LaGrange Co Randolph Co	9 Legion of Honor Vette's	10	11 Hillbilly Clan 95
12	13 Circus Transportation Dinner Yoshi	14 Scottish Rite Std Radio Unit Khyber Shoot	15 Nile Stated Bagpipers Hospital Unit Jay Co Pokagon SC Grillmasters	16 Elkhart SC	17	18 Blackford Co
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MIZPAH SHRINE OFFICIAL WEBSITES

Imperial Website: www.shinersinternational.org
Hospital Website: www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
Temple Website: www.mizpahshrine.com
Photo Website: www.mizpahphoto.com
Circus Website: www.mizpahshrinecircus.com
Sportsman's Raffle Website: www.mizpahshrinesportsman.com
Private Facebook Group: Mizpah Shrine (open to verified Mizpah Shriners only)
Public Facebook Facility Page: The Mizpah Shrine Center of Fort Wayne

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 If you require any content from the Mizpah Shrine, contact Public Information Officer, Michael Hardiek, PP
 or the Mizpah Shrine Media Unit.*



46th

Great Lakes Shrine Association

Benefit Salmon Derby

On Lake Michigan

Michigan City, Indiana

May 14, 15, & 16, 2020



*Open to Members of all
Masonic Bodies & Their
Guests*



Registration fee of \$200.00 includes 3 nights hotel lodging, Orientation Bash on Thursday night, King Neptune Banquet on Saturday night, a chance to win prizes, and great hospitality. Phenomenal prizes include fishing gear and cash prizes.

Mizpah Shriners, Host

Shiners Derby Unit

1015 Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1332

Sam Winebrenner, Coordinator

Proceeds from this event are for the benefit of **SHRINER'S HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN.**

Shriners Benefit Salmon Derby

GLSA Salmon Derby Advertising

Book Ads

1/8 Page	2.25 x 3.75	\$50.00
1/4 Page	5 x 3.75	\$75.00
1/3 Page	3.3 x 8	\$100.00
1/2 Page	5.25 x 8	\$150.00
Full Page	8 x 10.5	\$300.00

Shirt Ads

Shirt Sleeve		\$75.00
Back of Shirt		\$300.00

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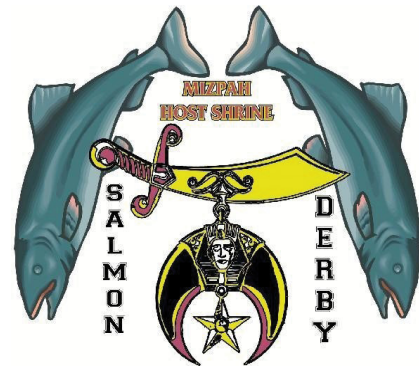


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Contact Name _____



Make Checks payable to GLSA Salmon Derby.

Check mark the Ad Size above , enclose check and send to

GLSA Salmon Derby
1015 Memorial Way
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

This is a 1/3 Page Ad.

Receipt

Thank you for your contribution to the Mizpah Salmon Derby. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a fully qualified 501(c)3 charitable organization under IRS regulations. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

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Greeting from the Horse Patrol, where has the time gone? Wow what a great year we had too. As we roll into the New Year our 2020 officers are President Trent Smith, Vice President Denny Dewitt PP and Sam Winebrenner as Vice President Elect. All others will hold their positions. Military Officers are Captain John Vanvoorst, Lieutenant Jeff Wooley, Sergeant Steve Scott, and Quarter Master Jerry Jenkins.

We had a great turn out at our Friday fall fling night. Thanks to every one who came out and supported the horse patrol!

Our Christmas Party was December 14, and all the money raised from the silent auction was donated to the Shrine kids for Christmas gifts at the Chicago Shrine Hospital.

Our new bar is almost done with just a few finishing touches to do. We would like to thank all those who came out and helped make the new bar a reality. If you haven't already you should stop by and see all the improvements that every one has worked so hard on.

Not much is happening at this time, just a few maintenance items. Other than that we are sitting idle for now waiting for spring to show up so we can begin practicing for the Imperial session in Kansas City Missouri in July. We will begin to have our ladies night out again in January continuing once a month until April.

I would like to thank all members that participate in parades and all the competitions for 2019. It would not have been such an amazing year without all of our members who take the time away from work and family to make the Horse Patrol the great group that it is. Not only are we thankful for our riding members but we are also very thankful for our members that help at the grounds, whether its mowing or pouring concrete, cleaning toilets or volunteering evenings to do projects around the building, or supporting our riders by dropping off a beer, we hope you know how much everything you do means, it enables us to keep horses on the streets and money coming in for the children!

Hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays,
Justin Smith



Ill. Dennis DeWitt, PP of Mizpah and Ill. Bob O'Brien, PP of Moslem Shrine pose with a Shriner's Hospitals For Children patient. For story, turn to page 19.

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

October

Chicago: 12 trips, 20 patients
Cincinnati: 1 trip, 2 patients

Drivers

Henry Biancardi	Jerry DeLeon
Ellis Ryan, PP	Doug Brouwer
Jake Dermott	Dennis Schebig
Jesse Brown	Fred Diehl
Dewey Senger	Gene Caryer
Phil Hoopengartner	Don Shiveley
Tom Culler	Chuck Notter

Jerry Willman

November

Chicago: 10 trips, 12 patients
Cincinnati: 3 trips, 3 patients

Drivers

Jeff Baumgardner	Jerry DeLeon
Nub Lowry	Doug Brouwer
Hal Harting, PP	Chuck Notter
Jesse Brown	Phil Hoopengartner
DennisSchebig	Gene Caryer
Ray Hoover	Dewey Senger
Bob Davis	Bill Leedy, Potentate

Jerry Willman

Noble County

October

Chicago: 11 trips, 13 patients

Drivers

Robert Evers	John Harlan
David Darry	Dewey Senger
Dennis Paternoster	Larry Lant
Jake Dermott	Rick Miotto
Don Mort	Jerry Babb
John Hall, PP	Sam Fryback
Rodger Allen	Terry Dermott
Jim Boone	Bob Brooks
Brett Anderson	

LaGrange & Steuben

October

Chicago: 12 trips, 12 patients

Drivers

Ray Hoover	Larry Lant
Ed Tutwiler	John Wilhelm
Jay Smith	Gary Soblotne, PP

November

Chicago: 11 trips, 10 patients

Drivers

Ray Hoover	Don Shively
Ed Tutwiler	John Wilhelm
John Tchinski	Jeff Brill
Gary Soblotne, PP	Jay Smith
Jim Boss	Chuck Miller

Larry Lant

Elkhart County

No report submitted

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September

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Cincinnati: 1 trip, 1 patient

Drivers

Roger Beck	Benita Beck
Daniel Moss	Bob Surber

October

Chicago: 2 trips, 2 patients

Drivers

Roger Beck	Benita Beck
Daniel Moss	Kip Worrell

October

Chicago: 1 trip, 1 patient

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Mizpah Hospital Unit News, January – February 2020

New Year Greetings from your Mizpah Hospital Unit. Our primary mission is
“To promote Shriners Hospitals for Children by providing education and information.”

Please support the Hospital Unit. Your \$10 membership will contribute to fulfilling this mission. Whether or not you attend our meetings, we need your help and backing. Please join us. Contact our secretary, Doug Brouwer, for details: brouwerdr@aol.com or 260-413-1537 cell or text.

Thank you to our drivers! Brett Anderson shares this slogan, “We Drive So Kids Can Thrive!”

A Sincere Thank You. The Hospital Unit, on behalf of all Mizpah Nobles, wishes to thank and acknowledge our Mizpah Van Schedulers for all you do and your dedicated effort on behalf of our patients and their families. As drivers, we see the result of your hard work. Our sincere thanks goes out to JERRY WILLMAN, BOB EVERS, NEIL PITTINGER, ROGER BECK, and DON SHIVELY!!



Thanks to Bob Evers for moving his idea forward. Actually, this is a quote from a Shriner kid. This bumper sticker is being made available to all our patients. The idea may be used well beyond our Mizpah territory. Atta boy, brother Bob!!!

What our patients and families have said about Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children.....

- At Shriners, I feel like I'm at home. We don't go to a hospital. We go home. They are heroes to us. They're our heroes in life.
- For me, it's the confidence I've gotten.
- I couldn't do what I do today without Shriners Hospitals.
- Shriners have never diminished anyone. They've always wanted to raise people up.
- Whenever you say, 'It's the ability to be the best me,' you are the best because Shriners has given you the confidence you need.
- I was able to walk for the first time in my life and it felt amazing.
- Being encouraged by them constantly is amazing. It's helped me with everything.
- Now I know that feeling of helping. And it feels good.
- It's just really cool knowing that you are a part of something bigger than yourself.

CHILDCARE



Friday, October 25th, the end of a workweek and looking forward to the weekend when everything changed. Sitting down for dinner, I get a call from Denny DeWitt, Past Potentate of Mizpah Shrine, Ft Wayne, IN about a 16 year old girl that was severely burned in a home explosion and fire. After several calls to the people I was asked to contact I hit a dead end. Not to be discouraged, I reached out to the journalist who did the original story and asked for his help in contacting the family. Contact them he did.

On Monday, October 29th, I spoke with the father, Jerry West and he told me what a beautiful girl Summer is and how shocked that he is that Summer survived the explosion / fire. Summer was four (4) feet from the center of the explosion yet a wall thirty (30) feet away was blown out. "Her whole room was consumed with flames and she literally had to run through the flames to get upstairs, to get out of the house," said her father, who was out of town on business when he got the call that no parent wants to get.

Over the next several days I had several conversations with Dad, explaining what Shriners Hospital for Children can do for Summer and his family. The West family is a family of deep religious faith and their faith was being put to the test. Through tears Jerry told me of Summer's unselfishness, her love of doing for others and her deep believe in God. As proud parent, Jerry told me of her beautiful smile and a heart as big as Texas. A varsity golfer and one "heck" of a dancer – four different classes at the same time along with being a 4.0 student. Her caring side is enormous – she could have easily won as Homecoming Queen but on her own stepped aside as she had won Homecoming Princess the year prior and she wanted to give someone else a chance. In return, I told Jerry that Summer's work is not done and that she survived for a reason.



I also had several calls with Bill Leedy, Potentate – Mizpah Shrine. Illustrious Sir Bill and Lady Kat made the trip to St. Joseph Hospital to visit with the West family. This three hour visit expressed the compassion that Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children have, it was at that point that the West family was put at ease with the difficult choice of making the transfer from St. Joseph Hospital to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati.

Early in our conversations, Dad asked me about our Doctors at SHC – Cincinnati it was a very easy answer, they are the BEST at what they do and that many Doctors that are in burn field have been trained at SHC. Sure enough, the Doctor treating Summer, Dr. Brown – trained at SHC – Boston.

Summer is being treated for third degree burns to parts of her arms, legs, and hands. She covered her face with her hands as she ran through the flames, which spared her face from the most severe injuries.

On, Thursday, October 31, Summer went through her first skin graft performed by Dr. Brown, On Friday, Nov 1st, Dr. Brown made the call to SHC – Cincy making the transfer official, Summer will continue her care at SHC – Cincinnati beginning, Thursday, November 14th.

The outpouring of support from friends and family is lifting her spirits. The job of re-building the destroyed family home must be confronted at some point, but for now, there are more important issues to take care of.



If you look closely at the photo on the left, this is the firefighters fighting the fire. Please notice the rainbow – a sign of faith just like the shirt that Summer is wearing above.

In closing, this will be my last Child Care article as I will not return as Child Care Director in 2020 as I was not asked. I would like to thank Illustrious Sirs Mike Dib, Bob Lee, Mike Spensley, Chuck Baer, Bob Pate, Larry Leib and Jeff Geske for allowing me to serve as Child Care Director. It is a position that I held in high honor and always did my best fighting for children in need. It is not good-bye.

Until we meet again,
Bob O'Brien, Past Potentate
Child Care Director - 2019



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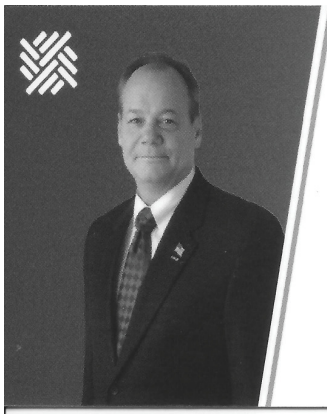


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We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.