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# Illustrious Sir Greg Gregerson Dons the fez as Zamora Temple's 2012 Potentate Potentate shares expecta-

Potentate shares expectations for a year of focus, purpose and fun

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# From the Potentate...



My Fellow Nobles,

By the time you read this we will have already installed our new Officers held our Annual Meeting. At the meeting, we laid out our agenda for the coming year. For those who were not able to attend, I will review some of the major points. Our overall strategy is to "Have Fun With a Purpose!" We have created a new position - a Fun Activities Chairman. Illustrious Sir Milie Avery, P.P., has graciously agreed to work hard to organize a calendar of events at which we can enjoy being together. For the "Purpose" side, we have scheduled a bus/bike trip to our Greenville Hospital on August 3rd and  $_4$ th

Our other main focus this year will be on membership. Garry Wates has come back

as our Membership Chairman and has a team and a plan to stop the losses and actually show an increase from last year. You will be hearing more soon.

We will also be working hard to improve the relations between our Temple and all the Blue Lodges in our jurisdiction. We need a volunteer from every Blue Lodge to be an Ambassador to and from the Temple. Please call the office to volunteer.

We are excited to be hosting the DASMAC meeting here this month. Welcome to all our visiting Shriners!

Our next very important meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be our Membership Kickoff Meeting. We really need all to attend. We will be having some contests this year and will be giving some great prizes to the Clubs, Units and Top Line Signers. We will be giving away everything from watches and jackets to free membership dues. It's going to be a

fun and informative meeting! Please come!

We will only be having one Country Cash this year and it will be on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Let's get those tickets sold early. There will be a Free Sponsor ticket (worth \$300.00) to the Gun Giveaway for the Unit and Club that sell the most Country Cash tickets. Every individual Shriner that sells over 5 tickets will receive a \$100.00 pack of tickets for the Gun Giveaway!

I will wrap up this note by letting you know your Divan has decided to bring back a Shrine Circus this year! It will be the second weekend in October and will be a full blown circus!

Until next month, remember why you became a Shriner! Let's have FUN with a <u>Purpose!</u>

Greg Gregerson

For more information on the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for Children, be sure to visit:

www.shrinershq.org www.shrinersvillage.com www.beashrinenow.com

### NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING TO DIS-CUSS AND VOTE ON 2012 BUDGET AD POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF "PROTECTED FUNDS"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009, IN THE AUDITORIUM OF ZAMORA TEMPLE. SUPPER WILL WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 P.M. AND THE BUDGET MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

As of January 1, 2011, the deadline is the **10th day** of each month for all submitted materials for publication in the next edition of the *Zamora News*. Sorry, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Thank you.

Our Procedure for submitting articles and notices for the Zamora News has changed.

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# Thanks for your support!

The East Alabama Ladies Club, in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the giveaway of the Alabama and Auburn Baskets. All the money from the ticket sales goes to the Childrens Hospital.

The drawing was on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. Mrs. Sybil Brady, of Anniston won the Auburn Basket and Mrs. Janet Andrews, of Lincoln won the Alabama Basket. Pictured with the baskets is Mrs. Peggy Cross, President of the East Alabama Ladies Club, and Mrs. Mary Newman, who sold the most tickets. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the ticket sales.

# **Zamora Transportation Meeting December 2011**

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

I was very happy to see so many of you there, and I hope

and solid difference to come for our Roadrunner group. I it has helped to make a positive am now looking forward to our

> Spring meeting and hope to see all of there, plus some that could not make it this time.

I want to thank Brother Doug Betty Owens for their great cakes. By the they way, were not asked to bake and bring the cakes, they did it on their own. But. they also went right to work getting meal the ready along

with Debbie and Jim Crook. I cannot thank them enough for their help and also Donna and Shea who set the room up for the meal and the meeting. This allowed me to assist in the beginning to set up the meal. I also owe a debt to Crystal who came to my rescue in the workings of our great Lady drivers. Thank you again Crystal!

A thank you to Brother Garry Wates, who stepped in and cleaned up after the meal.

Last but not least by any means, Brother Fred the Man Slaney, who greased the rails perfectly, so everything had a chance to glide along smoothly.

However, I cannot end this article without thanking our incoming new Illustrious Sir Greg Gregerson and also Chief Rabban Glen Watson for their wonderful support of me. I would also like to thank Van Sykes and his team at Bob Sykes Bar B Que in Bessemer for a very good meal and their

help in getting everything done in record time.

Just as an update, Brother Spike Howell is now in charge of the upkeep on the Transportation vans and the Temple van, so be sure to feather foot the accelerator, his magic touch could make them a tad easy to get airborne.

Please remember the transportation department with your donations. We are trying to be conservative in our spending. However, the tremendous escalation of the cost in everything we do is taking so much more than in the past, the money just seems to take wings.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. Jim Kennedy

Have some fun and join one of Zamora Shrine's many Units!





### SHRINE CLUB MEETING DAYS

Coosa Valley: 3rd Monday Cullman: 2nd Sunday Dixie: 3rd Wednesday: East Alabama: 4th Thursday Free State: 2nd Thursday Gadsden: 2nd & 4th Thursday N.W. Alabama: 2nd Monday Walker County: 2nd Friday West Alabama: 3rd Thursday



# FEBRUARY

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			Unit Directors, Club Presidents, Non Motorized meets	2 Motorized, Dune Buggy, Legends, Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats, Directors Staff, Communications meet	3 Clowns, Trailblazers & Hillbillies meet	4  D.O.N. Casino Night
5	6 Budget Meeting	7  Provost meets	8	Free State and Gadsden S.C. meet	10  Walker County S. C.  meets	11
<b>12</b> Cullman S.C. meet.	Ramblers, N.W.A.S.C. meets	14	ArabPatrol, Convert- ible, Ham Radio & Dixie Shrine Club meet	16 Dune Buggy, Legends, Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats, Photo, West Alabama S.C. meet	<b>17</b> Dixie Mid-Winter Clowns & Hillbillies meet	18  Dixie Mid-Winter
19	Flying Fez, Greeters, Coosa Valley S.C. meets	21	22	E.A.S.C., Gadsden S.C. meet	24	25 26
27	28	29				

### M A R C H

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				Motorized, Dune Buggy, Legends, Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats, Directors Staff, Communications meet	<b>2</b> Clowns, Trailblazers & Hillbillies meet	3
4	5 Membership Kickoff	6	7 Unit Directors, Club Presidents , Non Motorized meets	8  Free State and Gadsden S.C. meet	9 Walker County S. C. meets	10
11  Cullman Shrine Club  meets	HAS DE LANCE TO BE REPUBLICATED AND A MANAGEMENT OF COLUMN STANDING STANDIN	13	14	15 <sub>Dune Buggy, Legends,</sub> Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats, Photo, West Alabama S.C. meet	16	17
18	Flying Fez Flying Fez Greeters Cabiri, Coosa Valley S.C. meet	20	Arab Patrol, Convert- ible, Ham Radio units & Dixie Shrine Club meet	E.A.S.C., Gadsden S.C. meet	Country Cash	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			S.D.A.	S.D.A.	S.D.A.	S.D.A.

### Transportation Fund donations

In Honor of Hospital Transportation Fund:

Golf Cart Tips from Talladega Race, Zamora DJ's, Billie Gail Busby, John Galbreath, Sara and Larry Fox

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By:

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Leila Watson

### Zamora's Twelve Precepts May I as a Noble always remember:

- TO help the downtrodden.
- TO administer to the sick and needy.
- TO banish frowns and smile often.
- TO look for the good in all things.
- TO be charitable in word as well as in deed.
- TO respect all creeds and nationalities.
- TO be interested in the work of my Temple.
- TO attend the sessions regularly.
- TO propose only worthy brothers for the pilgrimage across the hot sands.
- TO pay my dues, and wear my fez.
- TO avoid smoking during the first section.

### AND

TO never do anything to make the Mystic Shrine regret my membership.

W.M.S.

As printed in the 1918 Zamora Ceremonial session program.

### 2012 IMPERIAL SESSION CHARLOTTE, NC JULY 1 - 5, 2012

The beautiful city of Charlotte is awaiting the arrival of thousands of Shriners in ealy July. A national political convention will be competing for available hotel rooms, so we need to get our reservations in EARLY!

If you wish to attend, please let the Zamora office know by February 15th. We will then inform the housing committee of our needs. At this time the room prices are not known. Remember, time is critical. Call the office at 205-956-3636

### **Dune Buggy Unit 2011 in review**

Fellow Nobles,

It has been a amazing year. The Dune Buggy Unit has raised funds for The

Transportation Fund; we road eight buggies in the Dixie and Brown Jug; we forwentfundraising for our unit instead choosing to get back to basics in 2011. We

alleviate ticket buying and selling pressure to concentrate on ourselves.

Each new year we, as Masons, task ourselves to better ourselves and our order. Many

of us lead busy lives and cannot devote the time we wish we had to both Masonry and Shrinery. With a lack of time, we lose sight of Light and our Way.

It is posited in every Zamora News issue, how do we attract more people to our order?

How, by keeping our word and leading lives people wish to emulate. If we lose this

basis, why do we do what we do?

How do we fix our order -from within. How do we become better men -by Light. How

do we lead -by example. The Dune Buggy Unit plans to make 2012 a better year. We

plan to ride 10 buggies and concentrate our group efforts in fundraising for Shriner

Hospitals.

We welcome all to join us, if not by officially joining our unit, by partnering with us aidingus in making ourselves better men.

The Dune Buggy Unit -Roaring Louder in 2012.

### **BITUARIES**

We are saddened to report that the Black Camel has visited the following Zamora Nobles: Harold B. Arnold

William R. Gurley

We are dedicated to helping crippled children. Our membership helps benefit children with orthopaedic problems and burn injuries from all across North America through our contributions and support for the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children. If you know of a child Shriners Hospitals might be able to help, please call our toll-free patient referral line: 1-800-237-5055.

### \$12,000 CASH GIVE-AWAY PARTY

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### World's fastest amputee visits Greenville Hospital

The fastest amputee in the world, Jerome Singleton, Monday morning visiting patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville. Patients, parents, and staff were able to learn about Jerome's experience as an amputee and his trek to Paralympic stardom. Jerome was born without a fibula in his right leg. Throughout his childhood, he was a

patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville where he received expert care including his below the knee amputation and first prosthetics. Jerome, from Irmo, South Carolina, won the 100-meter event at the Paralympic World Championships in New Zealand last January, earning the title ìFastest Amputee in the World.î

While visiting with patients, Jerome spent time with each one, answering any questions, providing some encouraging words and advice, showing off his regular leg and running leg, posing for photos, and signing autographs. Jerome says he took the time out of his training schedule to visit with patients because,

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# Skat Kats recall inspiring tale

This is a Shrine Tale I heard about 34 years ago. It may be true and then again, it may not. There was a bad wreck involving a small car and a big The mother was killed in the collision and the father was OK but hospitalized for a while. A small boy was badly burned in the collision and was rushed to the Shriners Hospital in Cincinatti. In those years,

Runners and Zamora gave cash to the person going with the patient for expenses. This particular time it was the child's grandmoth-

After about a week or two, the child passed away and Elwell Thomas, who was the Recorder at Zamora, met her at the airport to take her home. The grandmother told Elwell that she stayd with friends in Cincinatti and that she had planned to keep the

money he had given to her. She said upon watching how hard and how caring the hospital doctors and staff were in trying to save her little grandchild's life that she was giving back every cent of the money she had received. She felt it was only right. She thinks Shriners are the best people on Earth, even today.

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the Scottish Rite class in which I was a candidate in the spring of 1977. And that is why I am a Shriner

Helping kids and having fun is a motto that the Skat Kat Unit honors to this very day. Let's not let the Shrine die on the vine. The Kats want the Shrine to survive and do well in spite of the difficulties of the times and petty jealousies that seem to arise every now and then. Won't you please help us to keep our commitment to the kids? The Kats are. We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Kats Den at Zamora Shrine Center in Irondale, around 5:30 p.m.

Oh yeah, we could use a few new members and we desperately need some new riders to buy a golf cart and compete in the several contets throughout the year. Go Kats Go!

> Greg Hanvey, Director Charlie Spain, Secretary

### **Clowns having fun – working**

accomplished some great things in 2011. We added quite a few Clowns to our group ... now totaling 19 Clowns. WOW. And we acquired a new home to meet in. If you have not been by our new headquarters, we invite you to visit. We are now located in the room on the left of the stage (was a storage room) and we are so proud to have more space.

The Clown Unit was responsible for the Kid's Christmas Party and it was a huge success ... thanks to all the Units who pitched in and made it happen. We believe we had one of the largest groups of Hospital Kids to attend in a long time. That says a lot for our Transportation Unit and the bond that has been made with these families.

It looks like 2012 will be a BIG Realty South

ONE for h e Clowns. We start

The Zamora Clown Unit off with a bang since the Shrine Dixie Association will be in Birmingham on Feb 17 -18. Our Past Director, Jim DeMoss, is President of the DSCA and we will help host the Dixie Shrine Association Mid Winter at Zamora on that date. Then we will travel to Atlanta for the SouthEastern Shrine Clown Association Mid Winter on March 9 - 10. Our Past Director, Kirk Pearson, is 1st VP of SESCA and we will be in Atlanta helping in any way we can. We certainly are excited to have these 2 Past Directors taking leading roles to help promote Zamora Shrine.

> If you want to have some fun and put smiles on faces, then find that Clown hiding in your heart and come join us. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday nights in a great room at Zamora.

Fred Barron, Director Tim Vaughan, Asst. Director

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### **Christmas parades** were great in 2011!

The 2011 Christmas Parade season kicked off with a bang on Saturday, Dec. 3, in Alabaster. Zamora was well-represented by the Communications Unit with "Conductor" Johnnie Alderson, "Brakeman" Don Baker and "Engineer" Kenny Calhoun driving and working their world famous train. Others in attendance were the Mobile Nobles, Dune Buggies, Convertible Unit and the Director's Staff with the shiny and always fun Leapin'

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he put education first. He says, "I know I won't be running forever, so I had to have something in place." Jerome went to Morehouse College where he double majored in mathematics and applied physics before transferring to the University of Michigan to complete his dual degree with Morehouse, adding an industrial engineering degree.

For more of his special visit to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville, log on to the hospital's brand new blog site, to watch a video where patient ambassador, and double amputee, Pam Reynolds interviews Jerome.

### Howdeeee! from the Hillbillies

Well, another year has come and gone and us Hillbillies are still hanging in there. We've had a good year of food, fun and fellowship while working for our Shrine Kids and for our Temple.

The Hillbillie Unit is made up of Shriners and their gals who love to have fun, eat and show off at parades. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 6:30 for food and fellowship and 7:30 for the meeting. We have an open invite to anyone that would like to come out

and join us for a meal.

If you have been to a Taste of Zamora, you know how Hillbillies can cook. Just picture fried taters, dumplins, corn bread, butter beans, greens, fried pies, chicken dressing...yum, yum.

Everyone knows how much a Hillbillie loves a parade. We like to attend just as many as we can. With our ol' red truck, outhouse dragging behind, overalls and hats, we make a beau-ti-ful spectacle in every parade.

So, if you're looking for a unit or a 2<sup>nd</sup> unit to join, where FUN is always on the menu, please check us out.

Mike Lann - 205-965-6624

### Recorder's Notebook

A month has passed in this new year. We are now able to report on the membership changes for 2011.

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We still have a strong base of active Nobles. Let's continue to have fun and support our mission of helping children. We certainly could use help in recruiting new Nobles to share in this commitment. Can YOU find one during 2012 to add to our roles?