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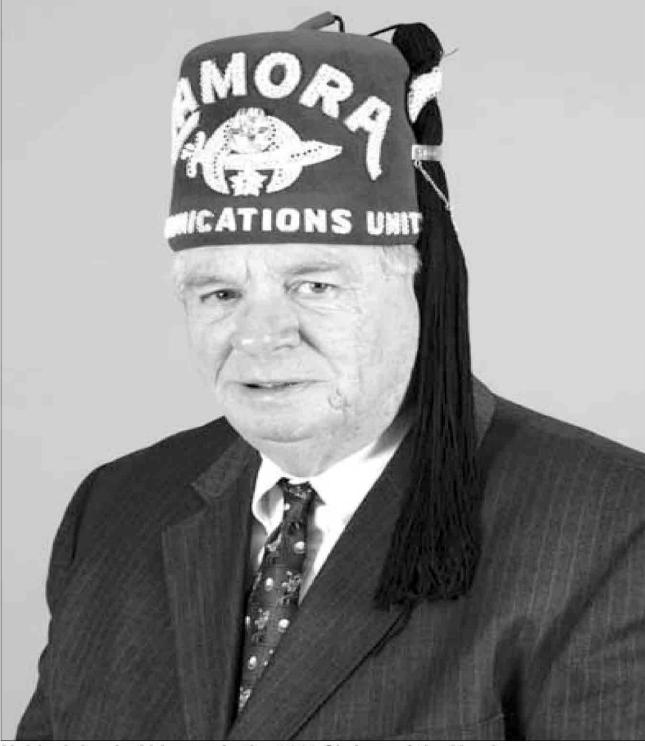
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## **Obituaries**

We are saddened to repot the Black Camel has visited the following Zamora Nobles:

Edward W. Roberts, Jr., F.E. Wofford, John Humphries, Jr., Joe Knight, Reginald Vick, Melvin L. Williams, Jr., Claude Henry Franklin, Hansel B. Payne, Thomas W. Willard, James Ray Harris, Sr., Leon C. Chapman, Jimmie R. Harris, Earl A. Garner



Noble Johnnie Alderson is the 2011 Shriner of the Year!

## From the Potentate...



The last 12 months have passed way too quickly. As I look at my initial list of Zamora goals for 2011, there are still many that have not been met. Possibly I set my ideals to high although I am proud of Zamora, the Nobility and the accomplishments of the last year. The great majority of the Nobility understands that we are Masons first and we need conduct ourselves as such.

Membership is always a major concern of any organization. In the beginning of 2011 the naysayers touted predictions of a six hundred member loss because of the \$38.00 yearly dues increase. The actual number is less than 200 and surprisingly, the 2011 dues are still arriving daily. When the new creations are included, our net loss will be less than 150. This number is far from ideal although many on our list have been visited by the Black Camel and we are unaware of the passing. Others have simply moved out of our area or have been severely impacted by the less than

desirable economic conditions. During my club visits it became very apparent that many of Alabama's rural areas have lost their major sources of employment. Winston County lost two major employers and the reported unemployment there is over 14%. Despite this, The Free State Shrine Club provided over \$9,400 for the Paper Sale which is more than any other Shrine Club or Unit. Those Nobles are serious about making sure the Hospital Children are getting the care they need. Considering all of the adversities the Zamora Nobility faced in 2011, I believe the membership loss is understandable and much less than expected.

Our Temple is in much better condition than it was last January due to the efforts of many but mainly because of Noble John Galbreath. As an example, the largest physical challenge this year that we all knew about was the 25 year old roof. It needed to be replaced but the price was far beyond our monetary ability. John's knowledge and daily on site supervision saved us over \$200,000 below even the lowest bid. We now have a roof that is more waterproof than when the building was new.

The four major fundraising activities for 2011 under the daily control of Noble Terrell Yates were quite successful. The unforeseen economic conditions coupled with the Spring storms that devastated much of Zamora's area of responsibility cut deep into our fundraising potential. Despite these obstacles, the Units, Clubs and Nobility worked hard and dug deep to make sure the fundraisers were successful. The Gadsden Shrine Club was especially active and raised more money for Zamora that was ever

expected and I am very grateful for their efforts.

Now to the Children, our most important challenge and the Shrine mission. If we were able to access the total number of children that Zamora has medically assisted since our Charter was granted in 1890 and the first Hospital was opened in 1922 to today, it would be an astronomical number. Zamora and you as a Shriner, through your personal efforts and monetary giving have provided many children with a useful life, a chance to walk, play, interact with others and in many cases their very life.

As of my last count, we are now providing our healthcare services to over 240 children. Zamora as an entity and you as an individual are providing many children with a chance to end their suffering, be like their friends and participate with society. That, to take advantage of a word, is quite "noble". The Zamora Roadrunners under the direction of Noble Jim Kennedy has had a very busy year. The Roadrunners are a basically a group of Nobles that enjoy their assignment and look forward to their next trip, their chance to help make a difference in a child's

As you read this month's newsletter, you will see many Nobles who have excelled in one way or another and were recognized at the awards banquet on December 12th. It was a challenge to restrict the awards to these Nobles as there were and are many deserving individuals at Zamora. Some work more than others, some play more than others but basically, most all have fun and enjoy the camaraderie. We all enjoy watching the motorized units perform, the clowns act and the parades we attend. We enjoy the parties, Temple functions, the Unit and Club meetings. We enjoy being with people we want to associate with, we have a cause and we have a common bond, we are Shrine Masons.

I thank you for the opportunity you gave me to serve a second term as your Potentate during 2011.

Yours in the Faith, Randall S. Whitehouse P.P. Potentate, Zamora Shrine 2011

## AN OPEN MIND LEAVES SPACE FOR SOMEONE TO DROP IN A WORTHWHILE THOUGHT!



## **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.

Please submit all items to be published to the Zamora Shrine office.

Zamora is on-line at the following address: www.zamoratempleonline.com

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## **Notice of Open Installation of Officers for Zamora Shrine**

The Potentate and Officers for the 2012 Shrine year will be installed on Monday, January 16, 2012 in the Zamora Temple Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the installation at 7 p.m. The event is open to friends and families of all Shriners.

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## Remember why

Many of us start the New Year out with some resolutions. Some of the more popular are "Quit Smoking," "Lose Weight," and "Join a Gym." It seems that generally speaking, we focus on improving our health. That's great, most of us need to do some work to become more healthy.

What about our Masonic/Shrine health? What can we do to improve in carrying out the obligations we have

made in our fraternal organizations? Perhaps it would be a good time to stop and reflect for a few minutes on "Why did I become a Shriner?" Did you want to have the opportunity to spend more time with your fraternal brothers? Was it to help fund the hospitals to care for our burned and crippled kids? Perhaps there was a particular unit you wanted to be a part of. There are no bad reasons for becoming a Shriner.

I think most of us became a Shriner because we wanted to have FUN – With a PURPOSE. When Shriners get together FUN just breaks out! We all know our main purpose is supporting our hospitals and kids, but we want to have fun while we are doing it.

It seems that we spend most of our time and attention on fund raising to pay the bills at the Temple. True, we have a responsibility to do that. But if that is all we do, we miss out on the real purpose of being a Shriner.

Please join me in making a resolution for 2012. "We Are Going to Have Fun - With a Purpose in 2012!" To do that, we must evaluate how we spend our time. We can't spend all our time fund raising to pay the bills at a very expensive and oversized facility. We can't keep taking money from the protected fund to pay the power and insurance bills. We can't continue to raise dues. We don't want to even think about selling the Lake Property. That only leaves one thing my Brothers, we have to downsize our building. We can do it now, or we can do it in five years when we are flat broke.

Your Divan is a united team that is looking out for you, not themselves. There are no free lunches anymore, the Divan pays its own way. We have cut costs to the bone. If you see something with my name on it, know that the Temple did not pay for it, it was paid for out of my pocket.

We have many fun and exciting plans for next year, we want you to be a part of them. Please join us, come to the meetings and event. We want to see you!

Remember Why You Became a Shriner!

Greg Gregerson

In early November we

## Who are the Daughters of the Nile, exactly?

Greetings from Aromaz Dynaty Temple No. 163 Daughters of the Nile

We are frequently asked "Who are the Daughters of the Nile?" We are ladies related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile.

"What do we do?" We raise money for our only charity, the Shriner's Hospitals for Kids! This charity keeps us really busy. We were very honored last year when our temple was recognized as the No. 3 temple for the amount of money we gave to the hospitals! In order to continue our support we are always busy with fund raising.

Our most recent fundraisers were Talladega, a scrap booking CROP, and at Zamora's Sportsman Giveaway we gave away a grill and had pastries for sale.

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from had FUN doing a Pink imple Lodge as a fund raiser for Zamora. I hope you got to help support this one for your temple.

Our biggest fundraiser is still to come. It is our Casino Night and Silent Auction on February 4, 2012. Tickets and Sponsorships are available. Please see a member and get your tickets now for this big event! ALL the proceeds from this event go to the hospitals! So help us make it a huge success!

Our Temple has two very active units, the Clowns and the Hillbilly Band. We do events for children and we also entertain at Nursing Homes and other community events.

A bit of trivia. Do you know from where our temple name came? AROMAZ is ZAMORA spelled backwards. Dynasty means, "bright future". We thought this was a perfect name for our new temple!

## DO YOU LIKE TO SHOOT?

Photos, that is! Zamora Photo Unit is looking for a few good men.
There are many events and social occasions held at Zamora each year. Our archives, Potentate's year book and Zamora News require a vast number of pictures. No expense necessary and an instruction class will be given.

If you would like to become a part of Zamora's "Candid Camera" team, please call the Shrine office at 205-956-3636.

## **LOOKING FOR HELP!**

Zamora is looking for someone to assist our web master with maintaining and updating our web site. If you have a few minutes a month and a desire to help us, please call the Shrine office at 205-956-3636



## 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



## JANUARY

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
New Years Day	<b>2</b> Office Closed	3	4  Unit Directors, Club Presidents, Non Motorized meets	5 Motorized, Dune Buggy, Legends, Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats, Directors Staff meet	6 Clowns & Hillbillies meet	7
8  Cullman S.C. meets	9  Ramblers meets	Provost meets	11	12	13	14
White Rose Tea	16 Installation of Officers Flying Fez, Greeters, Photo Unit meet	17	18 ArabPatrol, Communications, Convertible, Ham Radio & Dixie Shrine Club meet	19 Dune Buggy, Legends, Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats meet	Clowns & Hillbillies meet	21
22	Annual Meeting	24	25	E.A.S.C., Gadsden S.C. meet	27	28
29	30	31				

# FEBRUARY

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>1</b> Unit Directors, Club Presidents, Non Motorized meets	<b>2</b> Motorized, Dune Buggy, Legends, Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats, Directors Staff meet	3 Clowns & Hillbillies meet	4  D.O.N. Casino Night
5	6 Budget Meeting Ramblers meet	7	8	9 Free State and Gadsden S.C. meet	Walker County S. C. meets	11
12	Ramblers, N.W.A.S.C. meet	14  Provost	Arab Patrol, Communi- cations, Convertible, Ham Radio units & Dixie Shrine Club meet	16 Motorized, Dune Buggy, Legends, Motor Corps, Parade, Riders, Skat Kats, West Alabama S.C. meet	Dixie Mid-Winter Clowns & Hillbilly meet	18  Dixie Mid-Winter
19	Flying Fez Greeters Photo Unit, Cabiri, Coosa Valley S.C. meet	21	22	E.A.S.C., Gadsden S.C. meet	24	25
26	27	28	29			

## Zamora Motor Corps Did It and Still Doing It!

By Director, Tom Gaskins

Your Motor Corps has had a banner year...... We have worked hard for Zamora and have had a great time. We have 2 new members that joined our group during the year. We welcomed Ralph Weeks and his lady Teresa (whew glad I got

that one right) and a brand new member Roger Shirley. We are glad to have them and hope you help us make them feel welcome. We are looking forward to 2012 and all the good things that are going to happen.

We want to thank member Ed Graves for letting us have a great fall party at his lake house. Roy cooked out steaks and our ladies made other goodies to make it all one great big meal. His lady Linda was a gracious hostess and we appreciate her.

We want to thank all the units and clubs that have helped us with the cake walks that we take responsibility for during the year. We have them several times during the year for the hospital and shrine kid's parties and look forward to doing them. We have the success we have due to your help. Thanks for the support.

In our plans for this brand new year coming are some rides to various places that allow our bikes to come to a stop so we can eat and eat some more. Maybe even do an overnighter or two.

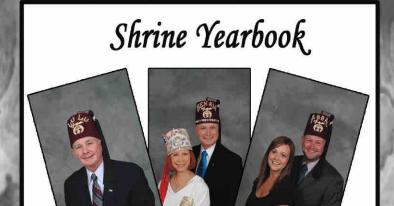
As always things are never the same year to year. We are not exempt and have had changes among our membership and member's lives which have brought some really sad tears and some really good laughs. We appreciate those good times and look forward to the future. Our own Roy Wilson got his 50 Year Pin and we congratulate him. We had two couples celebrate being married 50 years. 50 was a busy number for us.

We have kept our same officers and they think I am now seasoned. They say I should now be on top of the eight ball. So we'll see.........

Eclectic Motor Corps ??

Back in the mid 1950's when the Motor Corps was

founded; riding a motorcycle only brought thoughts of Marlon Brando on a Harley in the movie "The Wild One." In 2011, the Motor Corps is a lot more eclectic or diverse than that. Although our members are motorcycle enthusiasts, the Motor Corps is now also known for the Cake Walk at the Kids Easter, Halloween and Christmas Parties, for Italian Food and Wine Tasting at the Taste of Zamora, for the "Booze Wagon" raffle and for our annual Golf Tournament. We are diverse enough to ride Harleys, Hondas and even Trykes! In 2012, we hope to add a ride/tour for all of Zamora's motorcycle riders. The Motor Corps may truly have something for everyone. Please call our Director, Tom Gaskins, if you have interest in joining the "Eclectic" Motor Corps!



Nobles and Ladies: Have you ever seen someone at a Shrine event and not known their name? We want to help by creating a yearbook with all of the members of our Shrine. The yearbook will also include pictures of leadership, units, and various events. Summerfield Studios will be photographing our Nobles and Ladies and they will publish our yearbook. Call Summerfield Studios at 1-877-764-4535 ext. 210 to schedule your appointment. Please plan to participate. We want the yearbook to be as complete as possible.



Ladies of Zamora,
You are cordially invited
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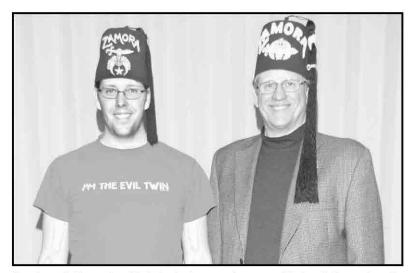
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Luke Marshall (right) and son Eric Marshall





Zamora Hospital Children Kelsey Moore (top photo) and Michael Taylor (bottom photo) are pictured with Zamora's Potentate, Illustrious Sir. Randall Whitehouse and Daughters of the Nile, Supreme Queen Laura Richardson.



Mike Key (left) and his son, Chris Key.



Benny Hood (right) and his nephew, Chris Smith.

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## Notice of Annual Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2012 Zamora Shrine

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## Recorder's Notebook

The best way to appreciate something is to imagine yourself without it. Most of us have plenty to eat – but imagine if we did not. Hunger is not very pleasant. Most of us have a warm place to sleep – but imagine if we did not. Cold is also very unpleasant. We have these things because we work to earn them.

If we do not work to support ourselves and families they may not continue to be warm and well fed. That simple fact seems to motivate us. We feel that obligation and respond to it.

We all enjoy the fellowship, friendship, sociability and philanthropy that we share as Shriners. Being a member fills a need within us. Imagine for a moment that there was no longer a Zamora – would

you feel the loss? Would we lose contact with unit or club members? Would we miss the social activities and the opportunity to help children with medical needs?

This could happen if you fail to participate as an active Shriner. Without volunteers to support our mission, helpers at our events and social activities, and new members to fill the void left by older or deceased brothers, Zamora might cease to be a viable fraternity. We cannot allow that to happen! What role can you play to keep us moving forward? Each of us can do something. THINK about it, then ACT upon it.

Thank you Noble.

## Making Change for Children

Remember your Pledge of Support in your Shrine Obligation

Coach Lou Holtz (Dr. Lou) says something to this effect in a motivational talk to the team: "One can't do everything, but everyone can do something. Find out what you're supposed to do, and then do it to the best of your ability. If everybody does the one thing that each is supposed to do, then you win the game."

Our game can be simple. Each January, put a jar on the counter. Each night put all of the change from your pocket(s) into this jar. By the end of the year you will have, at least, \$125.00 in the jar. If the Potentate wishes, we can have a iMakeChangeforChildrenî day at Zamora and turn in the collected change.

We have approximately 1,600 members. Multiply 1,600 by \$125.00 and you will see that by the simple act of Making Change for Children, Zamora will have a very nice sum for the Potentate to present to the Chairman of the Hospital board

(Greenville & Cincinnati) at the end of each year. It is never too late to get started.

This will still leave your other hand free to write your checks to the transportation fund, buy tickets, pay dues, etc. etc.

SO, DO "YOUR THING" AND MAKE CHANGE FOR THE CHILDREN.

Yours in the Faith,

Miles Huffstutler, PP, Member Board of Governors, Greenville

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If you are interested in joining our group we would like to hear from you. We meet the 1st Thursday of every month after the motorized meeting.

Our Divan will be ready to rock and roll and as our new Potentate says "LET'S HIT THE GROUND RUNNING" as this brand new year takes off. Let's all get behind our new leadership and help them have a record breaking year.

The Motor Corp members hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tom Gaskins

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