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Zamora's  
Spring Class  
dedicated to

**Bobby  
Crow**

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for details

# From the Potentate...



Our first major fundraiser of the year, the \$10,000 Giveaway, was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who worked hard selling tickets and making things run smoothly at the event. We easily made our budget. Special thanks to Chief Rabban Glen Watson, Noble Jim Crook and his team and Noble Terrell Yates for a fine job well done!

What a great time everyone had at the Kids Easter Party! It was well attended and everyone had a super time! Big kids like Charlie Sherer and the Greeters and Tom and Pat Gaskins and Jim DeMoss helped make it a great day for the little kids!

We all need to say a big THANK YOU to all of the Nobles who came and helped on our Temple Work Day! Our building looks much better due to all the hard work. Even the Divan pitched in! They were seen

pressure washing, painting, spreading pine straw and even replacing ceiling tiles! When we all work together, we can accomplish much! Thanks to First Ceremonial Master Tommy McGhee for organizing the day!

Our Paper Sale Kickoff was held on April 16th, and we had an excellent turnout. Noble Randy Romberger, the administrator of the Greenville Hospital was here and made a moving presentation of why it is so important for us to keep up our work. We also need to thank Noble Miles Huffstutler for the countless hours he has spent working as a member of the Board of Directors for the Greenville Hospital. As you know, we are finishing up on our Onion Sale Fundraiser. Our High Priest and Prophet Rick Vinson has done a fine job of organizing this event. We hope to send our Hospital a check for over \$10,000.00 when all is done. Thanks to everyone who sold and bought our onions!

Noble Ralph Weeks, our Director of Clubs, continues to organize the Divan visits to our clubs. We have now been to every club and are starting to make second visits to some. We hope to see you at your club!

I know many of you are planning your trip to the

Dixie Convention in Panama City May 16-20. We have a great time planned. Come down and join in the fun!

Next on our agenda is our Spring Ceremonial. We hope to have a large group of candidates. With the program for saving on your dues for Top Line signers there should be a real effort to recruit new members. This year we are also doing a Ladies program to help make our new Nobles' Ladies feel more a part of us and what we do. Nobles, bring your Ladies to help make the new ones feel welcome! That night is our Taste of Zamora, come out and eat all you can, sampling the best that our Units and Clubs have to offer!

You will be hearing more soon about our Temple Bus/Bike Trip to the Greenville Hospital. It is scheduled for August 3-4, so put it on your calendar now and plan to join us. The Temple is going to help with the cost of the trip to keep the price of going low! We're going to have two days of fun and friendship while we remember what the Shrine is all about – the Hospitals and our kids!

Have you logged on to

• See **POTENTATE** Page 7

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## 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.**

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## 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



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6 <i>Cullman Shrine Club meets</i>	7	8 <i>Provost meets</i>	9	10 <i>Free State and Gadsden S.C. meet</i>	11 <i>Walker County S. C. meets</i>	12
13 <i>Mothers Day</i>	14	15	16 <i>Dixie Shrine Convention Arab Patrol, Ham Radio, Convertible &amp; Dixie Shrine Club meet</i>	17 <i>Dixie Shrine Convention Dune Buggies, Legends, Skat Kats, Parade, Riders, Photo, West Alabama S.C.</i>	18 <i>Dixie Shrine Convention Clowns &amp; Hillbilly meet</i>	19 <b>Dixie Shrine Convention</b>
20	21 <i>Stated Meeting Flying Fez Greeters Cabiri, Coosa Valley S.C. meet</i>	22	23	24 <i>E.A.S.C., Gadsden S.C. meet</i>	25	26 <b>Spring Ceremonial/ Taste of Zamora</b>
27	28 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	29	30	31		

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10 <i>Cullman Shrine Club meets</i>	11 <i>Ramblers, N.W.A.S.C. meet</i>	12	13	14 <i>Free State and Gadsden S.C. meet</i>	15 <i>Clowns &amp; Hillbilly meet</i>	16
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## 2012 Spring Ceremonial dedicated to Noble Bobby R. Crow

The 2012 Spring Ceremonial has been dedicated to Noble Bobby R. Crow. Noble Bobby has faithfully served Zamora Temple for over half a century and is an inspiration to us all.

He became a member of Zamora in 1960 and has served as a Potentate's Aide for more than 25 years. He is a member of Duke Lodge No. 574 F&AM, and a native of Anniston. Noble Bobby is also

a member of the Gadsden Shrine Club and a long-time member of the club's Classic Car Unit.

Noble Bobby has long been known for his extraordinary talents in woodworking and cabinet making. One can't walk around Zamora or the Gadsden Shrine Club without seeing some of his pieces. From portable bars to fountains to his leadership in the installa-

tion of the "Editorial Without Words" statue in front of our building, he has proven himself to be a hard-working Shriner throughout his entire career at Zamora.

Zamora Shrine is truly blessed to have him as a Noble, and the incoming candidates should strive to follow his leadership.

## \$10,000 giveaway

## March 23 huge success

If you didn't attend the \$10,000 Giveaway on March 23rd, you missed a night of fun and fellowship. Yellow Bicycle Catering of The Fish Market provided us with an amazing meal with a little bit of something that everyone would enjoy. The Giveaway was a huge success! Thanks to Noble Terrell Yates, as our Fundraising Chairman, and to Assistant Ron Patrick and Chief Rabban Glen D. Watson for being our emcees for the evening. Special thanks to Noble Jim Crook and his stage crew. We know we are in good hands when these Nobles take

charge! The bars were flowing with many patrons. The laughs and conversations were lively and inviting.

For a special group, there is a small token of our appreciation. If you sold more than 5 tickets, you are eligible for a \$100.00 gun giveaway pack. We have compounded the list and are very happy to share the names with you.

Tom & Pat Gaskins

Terrell Yates

Spike & Barbara Howell

Parl Hardin & The Parade Unit

Roy Vest

Tim Vaughn

David Cain

Homer Colvin

Gene Thompson

Glenn Welborn & Bill Turk

Dal Haltiwanger

David Weeks

And to close, one group went above and beyond. The Gadsden Shrine Club outsold everyone and in recognition will be receiving a \$300.00 Sponsor pack for the Gun Giveaway.

Thank you to everyone who participated! We couldn't have done it without you!

## RECORDER'S NOTEBOOK

WOW! 2012 is one-third over. Four months have come and gone. Thanks to some great ideas and lots of support from our Nobility, Zamora is off to a terrific start. The surest way to get somewhere is to know where you are going.

Our leadership has laid out a road map for progress. Our Nobility has rolled up their sleeves. Together, we seem to be on the right track. The direction we are pursuing is – forward.

Thank you all for doing your share. Let's continue down this path – we might just find that we enjoy success. Remember, progress has little to do with speed, but much to do with direction.

## Notice of Stated Meeting

**Monday, May 21, 2012  
Zamora Shrine  
Dinner 6:00 P.M.**

**Nobles,**

**A Stated Meeting has been called for the purpose to vote on candidates, fill any vacancy in elected office and transact such business as may come before the Nobility. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of Zamora Shrine, 3521 Ratliff Road, Irondale, Alabama.**

***Nobles, Remember to support your local Shrine Club all year long!***





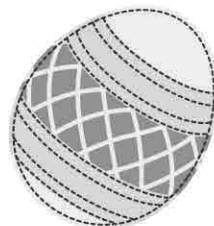
# EASTER PARTY 2012



First Lady Marcy Gregerson and Elizabeth, granddaughter of Noble Jim Demoss share a moment of fun with everyone.



Pictured above and left:  
Zamora Clowns prescribe smiles and laughter for Hospital kids!



Even the big kids took time to have their picture made with Peter Cottontail. From l-r: Chief Rabban Glen D. Watson, Illustrious Sir Greg Gregerson, Assistant Raban Ron Patrick.

# Zamora Clown Unit goes to "Hot" Atlanta

The Zamora Clown Unit headed to Atlanta March 9 - 11, 2012 for the Southeastern Shrine Clown Mid-Winter Convention. Those Red Devils in Atlanta really did it right.

Zamora was well represented by our Kirk "Moose" Pearson, 1st VP of SESCA. Moose did a great job with a "great deal" of help from Clownette (wife) Mindy. Our Director, Fred "Gumpy" Barron and Assistant Director, Tim "CoCo Da Poe Poe" Vaughan, clowned out and showed off. Zamora Clowns sure know how to CLOWN.

38 Clowns from the South East were there to strut their stuff and with only two (2) Zamora Clowns, we still walked off with awards. CoCo Da Poe Poe and Gumpy put together a Unit Skit and won 2nd Place...great fun... Tim Vaughan won 3rd Place Character, Fred Barron won 2nd Place in Individual Skit. It



**CoCo Da Poe Poe, Kirk and Gumpy**

is not all about the winning, but it sure makes the effort more worthy.

By the way, Norma Barron and Denise Vaughan had a ball watching these clowns while Mindy Pearson worked the competition tally table. Zamora did their job.

We are looking forward to attending the SESCA Convention in New Orleans in

August and seeing "Moose" installed as President of SESCA. Do you think New Orleans will ever forget us!!!!!! I don't think so.

Come join us on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of each month and see how much fun that Clowning can be. We all have a clown hiding in our hearts.

God Bless

## Transportation Fund Donations

### Greeters Unit, Mary Franklin, Tips from the Easter Bunny

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Join the Photo Unit at our  
next meeting...the third  
Thursday of the month at  
the Shrine at 7:00 p.m.



If you can't make it but want to get hooked  
up for information, call the Shrine office at  
(205) 956-3636

## Shrine License Plate Report

The following is an accounting of the funds received from the sale of Shrine auto license plates, how the money is divided and which Temple receives donations to its transportation fund.

### March 1 - March 31, 2012

County	Temple	Amount
Baldwin	Abba	\$256.60
Bibb	Abba	\$42.75
Conecuh	Abba	\$21.37
Escambia	Abba	\$21.37
Mobile	Abba	\$85.48
Washington	Abba	\$106.87
Chambers	Alcazar	\$42.75
Chilton	Alcazar	\$21.37
Covington	Alcazar	\$21.37
Crenshaw	Alcazar	\$21.38
Montgomery	Alcazar	\$64.13
Colbert	Cahaba	\$21.37
Dekalb	Cahaba	\$192.37
Franklin	Cahaba	\$64.13
Jackson	Cahaba	\$128.25
Lauderdale	Cahaba	\$64.12
Lawrence	Cahaba	\$42.75
Limestone	Cahaba	\$42.75
Madison	Cahaba	\$427.50
Marshall	Cahaba	\$149.62
Morgan	Cahaba	\$85.50
Blount	Zamora	\$42.75
Calhoun	Zamora	\$64.12
Cherokee	Zamora	\$21.37
Etowah	Zamora	\$64.12
Jefferson	Zamora	\$149.62
Marion	Zamora	\$42.75
Shelby	Zamora	\$85.48
St. Clair	Zamora	\$277.87
Talladega	Zamora	\$42.75
Tuscaloosa	Zamora	\$42.75
Paid to Abba Transportation Fund		\$123.11
Paid To Alcazar Transportation Fund		\$30.78
Paid To Cahaba Transportation Fund		\$219.30
Paid To Zamora Transportation Fund		\$150.04
Paid To Shriners Hospitals		\$2,383.63
Pd. to Hospital Program Since Oct. 1, 1994		\$695,731.90
Pd. to Transportation Funds Since Oct. 1, 1994		\$138,091.79
Beginning balance March 1, 2012		\$29.31
Ending balance March 31, 2012		\$29.31



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## Potentate...

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ShrinersVillage.com yet? Wow! So much great stuff about who we are and what we do! Check it out!

Have you been to the Temple or a Shrine event lately? You need to come and see how much FUN we are having and how much we are enjoying being Shriners! Remember why YOU became a Shriner!

# 2012 best year yet for Skat Kats

The Kats are off to a good start in 2012. We have turned in some money to Shriners Hospitals paper sale fund. We had a sizable country cash donation. We will have some participation at the Dixie Convention. We have a date to sell truck tickets soon. We are hoping to have a successful fund raiser on our ring giveaway. We are working on the Sportsmen Giveaway. We are working on getting a reinstatement and two new blue lodge members who are coming in the fall class.

This is the best year we have had in a while. We do

have a few hard working members still around. We have our milk jug fund going, too.

Speaking of rings, we are offering to pay any of our brother Shrine units looking for a fund raiser a 25% commission on tickets to our ring giveaway plus a 50% bonus on a sale of \$1,000 or over. This would only be 50 tickets at \$20 a piece. If you are not currently in a unit and would like to make a little money on your own, you can call Charlie by Golly for some tickets at (205) 966-1259. Zamora is also offering a commission on the

Sportsmen, Truck and Circus sales so you could really knock down some funds this year with just a little effort. We would ask that you do not let our raffle interfere with any Shrine fund raiser. Remember, Zamora is the firstest with the mostest!

Our own Z Lounge is at it again with a Kentucky Derby Race Day Dinner. It will be set up in the dining room away from smoke where the flavor of great food will be savory and delicious. See Preston and Al for reservations. It will be the first Saturday in May. The lounge has a quaint 50/50 giveaway going, too.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Kats Den right after the motorized meeting. Please come by for a visit. We start about 7:30 P.M. We are just good ole boys having a FINE ole time. GO KATS GO!

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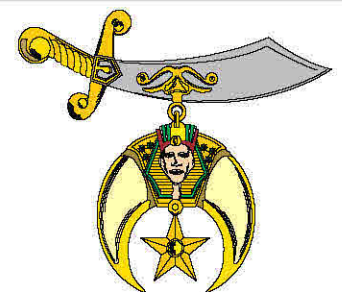
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**Keep in the Faith,  
Zamora Shriners!**



# Convertible Unit represents Shrine in two parades

The Convertible Unit has already represented our beloved Shrine in two parades. The first was the Talladega

“Mardi Gras” parade where we were joined by a Shrine from Georgia. We were welcomed with cheers and laughter during the parade, and after we were fed with great Bar-B-Q and the beverage of our choice (One guess what goes with Bar-B-Q).

Birmingham’s St. Patrick’s Day was the next. Seven cars, two (yes, only two) with Divans, but one was our

Illustrious Potentate. All seven were “Irish” at heart. After the parade the Unit, with their wives, celebrated the demise of Ireland’s snakes with corned beef hash just like Dear Ol’ Mother made.

Country Cash, great time had by all, great food, great bar, great company. Eleven convertible members were present, none of which won....nothing...nada...zilch... but so what, we had a great

time and are looking forward to it next year.

Come to think about it, when we get together, we always have a good time, whether we are working, or just getting together to enjoy each other’s company.

Dave Alberts  
Convertible Director

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## Club and Unit photos needed soon for Picture Directory

Units and Clubs – If you would like to have a picture of your group in the directory please have one taken and submit it to the Shrine office. The

size may not exceed 5 X 7 nor be smaller than 2 X 3.

Be sure all members are shown at least 1/4 inch from the edge to allow for cropping.

Pictures may be portrait or landscape layout.

Time is of the essence – please get any pictures in soon.

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

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# Zamora receives training in Hospital Outreach efforts

On Tuesday, April 10th, Lynn Dunlap, Director of Public Relations at our Greenville Shriners Hospital, gave an excellent training overview and plan for Zamora's Hospital Outreach efforts. Brochures, handouts, a PowerPoint Presentation and Question and Answer session provided those 21 Nobles and Ladies present with either a refreshed or new-found basis for locating and planning for new Shriners Hospital patients. There was a strong attendance by the Daughters of the Nile. It looks like a great partnership is forming.

Illustrious Sir Greg Gregerson provided excellent support and backing for this effort. The Recorder and Office Staff were indispensable in handling the logistics for this session. Noble Jerry Mulkey was asked to be the Chairperson for Zamora's Outreach Committee. This Committee is to be formed with a view towards continuity so that expertise in the Outreach arena will grow and not be lost at the end of each year. Patient confidentiality, intake-form completion, effort coordination with the hospital and all aspects of new-patient



## Thanks to all who attended our first Hospital Outreach Training Session!

processing are those areas that will be solidified in this Outreach Committee. Thank you, Jerry for taking on this

task.

I can say only good things for Zamora's turn out in support of the Hospital Mission and the Outreach effort. With the Zamora Paper Sale (Charitable) fundraising kick-off on the 16th of April, Lynn gave us a great foundation to build upon.

Many thanks to all who took part in making telephone calls, setting up the Divan room with the equipment, providing lunch, and the attendees for proving Zamora's zeal for our noble mission.

Miles Huffstutler, PP

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KIDS

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9th**  
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## Zamora Bus Trip Greenville Hospital

**Depart Friday, Aug. 3 - Return Saturday, Aug. 4**

We need to see how many folks are interested in making this wonderful, fun trip to Greenville. Call the Temple office to let us know if you are interested in going so we can get a count and finalize the plans in the making as several details are yet to be determined.

*Arrive at hospital Friday afternoon and do the tour*

*Working on meal arrangements Friday PM*

*You will be responsible for cost of hotel room and lunch returning Saturday (all to be determined)*

*Your family and friends are welcome to go!!*

*Saturday breakfast location yet to be determined.*

*The cost of the bus will be paid by the Temple.*

*Number of buses going will be determined by our participation.*

*Pick up and delivery at Zamora.*

For questions, contact Tom Gaskins at  
(205) 956-9632 or (205) 527-4356 or the Temple Office  
at (205) 956-3636 or turn this sheet into them.

# Aromaz Dynasty installs Nan Galbreath as 2012 Queen

On Sunday, April 1st Daughters of the Nile Aromaz Dynasty installed their 2012 officers. We would like to take a moment to congratulate and recognize all of the incoming officers.

Queen- Nan Galbreath  
Princess Royal- Jennifer Mulkey  
Princess Tirzah- Sonja Newman  
Princess Badoura- Anita Williams  
Princess Recorder- Dawn Hill  
Princess Banker- Wanda Bullock  
Princess Marshal- Joy

Odom  
Princess Chaplain- Mary Vaughn  
Lady of the Keys- Catherine Galbreath  
Lady of the Gates- Betty Herren  
Princess Nydia- Jerri Woods  
Princess Zulioka- Sharon Bishop  
Princess Zenobia- Betty Owens  
Princess Zora- Kathy Huey  
Princess Zuliema- Gaile Wood  
Princess Musician- Martha Ann Henry  
Attendant- Patty Vaughn  
Attendant- Kelly DeMoss



Illustrious Sir Greg Gregerson and Queen Nan Galbreath.



Members of the Daughters of the Nile Aromaz Dynasty on installation.



## 2012 Kentucky Derby Party in the Z Lounge

Complimentary Mint Juleps,  
Ladies Hat Contest  
(come on Ladies, show us your style)  
Drawing for the winning horse (winner takes all)

**Party will begin one hour before  
race starts May 5, 2012**



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# Zamora Gun & Truck tickets now available Motor Corps. reports

## Director Tom Gaskins

Your Motor Corps Drill Team is on a roll as we prepare for competition in the Dixie this year. It looks like it is really going to happen. We can be found practicing in the parking lot at Zamora and, as it seems, come rain or come shine.

We are planning an overnight trip in the fall to TN and KY to visit some distilleries. Contact Ralph Weeks (205) 487-4774 to sign up and find out more info and to get in on the fun. If you own a bike you are welcome to go (don't have to even own a bike if you want to join us)!

The Motor Corps members want to thank all the units and individuals that contributed cakes, cupcakes and cookies to the cake walk that we held for

the Kids Easter party. We really do appreciate all the help and support you showed to help us pull this off. There is one Shriner and his lady who always deserve a special thank you because their cupcakes come with a whole lot of love inside them.

Those big ole lucky stars did fall on Zamora as the Motor Corps unit surprised one of our Ladies with a Congratulations & Graduation party. Yep, we now have our very own private nurse. Theresa Weeks, a/k/a Lisa, did it! Congratulations, Theresa! It took a lot of dedication. We are all proud of your newly acquired accomplishment.

We hope to see you at the Dixie this year. Everyone plan on attending? If you haven't

been in a while you need to come to share in all the activities that occur. It's really exciting to go to the competitions and cheer on your Temple.

Both the Zamora Gun & Truck tickets are available. If you need tickets, they are in the office or if you need to schedule taking and using the truck for your unit to sell tickets, contact me at 205-956-9632 and if I'm not at home please leave a message and I will get back with you. The Shrine Temple is paying 10% commission back to the unit for all the gun, truck and circus tickets sold under the unit name.

August 3rd - 4th we are participating in a bus trip to tour the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, SC. and stay overnight and return the

next day. It is truly going to be a fun filled trip and one that will also enlighten and enrich you in regards to the workings of your hospital in Greenville. You are welcome to invite someone who isn't a Shriner to also go with you. I have been on two tours there through the years and looking forward to my third one.

"Dega" is here and hope to see some of you there working for your selected group. Susan Yates said no matter how hot it gets that "It's "Dega" and that you can't have "Dega" without a fire. So I guess we will have the campfire burning! See some of ya there. We'll be in the motor homes and not on the motorcycles.

In 2012 we hope to add ride/tour/eat for all of Zamora's

motorcycle riders. The Motor Corps may truly have something for everyone. Please call the Director, Tom Gaskins, if you have interest in joining the "Eclectic" Motor Corps.

We meet the 1st Thursday of every month after the motorized meeting.

Reminder to each and all: Our Illustrious Potentate Greg Gregerson has a saying: "LET'S HIT THE GROUND RUNNING," and he meant every word of it! Let's all get behind our leadership and let's help have a record breaking year.

Tom Gaskins  
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## Vagabonds hold first meeting

Brother Vagabonds, we had our first meeting and got a lot of business taken care of. Our officers were put into place and we enjoyed the friendship and fellowship from all. We had to change our meeting night to the

third Wednesday of the month, so we will see you then. We are going to eat at six with the meeting to follow at seven.

Yours in the Faith  
George Drummond

### SHRINERS VILLAGE

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# Shriners live up to camaraderie definition

Camaraderie/Camraderie: Merriam Webster: The spirit of friendship; a spirit of friendly good-fellowship

I must say that my particular description of the word Camaraderie/Camraderie is somewhat the same as our historical old friend Mr. Webster. I find the description to mean the following: Stated Meetings, Club visits, Unit meetings, Outreach Training, Country Cash, Mid-Winter, Steak Night, and Fish Frys,

Kids Parties, Z Lounge, Unit Practice, Clowns a Clowning, Work day and many more descriptive elements of Zamora.

We have our first fund raiser in the record book, and I would like to thank all that helped to make \$10,000 Giveaway a success. Another example of Camaraderie in use. Our Dixie Mid-Winter was another show of the Spirit among us as Shriners. Work Day at Zamora Coached by our Illustrious Sir

Greg Gregerson and his Asst. Coach Tommy McGhee brought a great turn out and a lot of work and fellowship shared! Coach Gregerson's "draft picks" showed up to help our own "A" team. Their help and craftsmanship were much appreciated.

Paper Sale kickoff was another success teamed by Illustrious Sir Miles Huffstutler, P.P. Let's take Miles' words from his January, 2012 article and put in full

effect "change for children" practice this campaign, just a dime a day makes a huge difference as we work as a team!

Our first annual Onion Sale was a big success. For everyone that participated, we thank you. As everyone knows, the profits from this fundraiser were to benefit the Shriners Hospitals.

In closing I will reflect to two different items that both seem to go hand in hand. The first being the front cover of

our April News with the original photo that has become to be known as "Editorial Without Words" and our Illustrious Sir's words for the Year "Remember why You became a Shriner." I think if we all keep these two in our focus our task as being Comrades will be stronger than ever before.

In Faith  
Glen D. Watson  
Chief Rabban

## Kirk Pearson winner in Shriners International first Personal Essay Contest

Shriners International is pleased to announce the winners of our first Personal Essay Contest. All essays that met our qualifications were reviewed anonymously by a team of judges comprised of both Shriners and non-Shriners. There were many interesting and inspirational essays submitted and the final decision was difficult. Congratulations to the following Shriners on their award winning essays:

**Guy Parker Hamilton**  
Medinah Shriners  
Naperville, Illinois

**Jonathan A. Karalekas**  
Araba Shriners  
Naples, Florida

**Kirk Pearson, Jr.**  
Zamora Shriners  
Moundville, Alabama

**Jerry S. Smith**  
Midian Shriners  
Newton, Kansas

The winners will all receive plaques and pins for their achievement. Excerpts of the winning essays are posted on [www.shrinersvillage.com](http://www.shrinersvillage.com). The full version of the essays will be featured in the Shriners International anniversary coffee table book which will be available at Imperial Session and online in July for a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children®. They will also be recognized during the Public Relations Report at Imperial

Session on July 4, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Temples of the winning essay writers will also receive a plaque acknowledging the winner and their Temple.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of you who took the time to reflect upon your life as a Shriner by writing an essay. By doing so, you are helping to preserve the rich history of our fraternity. We encourage you to participate in our Second Annual Shriners International Personal Essay contest for which we will begin accepting submissions in late August. More details will follow in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Jack H. Jones

## Ladies to witness a portion of the Ceremonial of Initiation for the first time

LADIES! What does your man go through when he becomes a Shriner? Whether he is about to enter Zamora's membership or has been a Shriner for years, would you like to see the ritual that is presented at an installation? If so, please join us at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 26, 2012. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

Yes, for the first time, ladies will be invited to witness this portion of the ceremonial of initiation. You will find it most enlightening. At noon, the ladies will move to the York Rite building across the street, for a luncheon about how you may share in the many activities associated with the Shrine.

Then at 5:00 P.M. we will all gather at Zamora to enjoy a "Taste of Zamora". During this event, the various units of our temple will offer food and beverages. A large assortment will guarantee something for every taste. New Shriners and their ladies will be introduced – What a great way to meet and make new friends. WELCOME LADIES AND FAMILIES!

**We are dedicated to helping our hospital 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.**