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Nobles, Welcome Your 2013 Zamora Divan



“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way,
and shows the way.” ~ John C. Maxwell

From the Potentate...



Nobles,

Hope you all had a great Valentine's and Mardi Gras Season. As we are now Springing into Spring, many activities have been under way, and our Units and Clubs have been very active. Your Temple has been well represented in social, civic and Shrine activities.

Thanks to our Units for the participation in Meet Your Neighbor Night this last month! It was a success, and many Nobles and their families enjoyed the evening. We will be making plans soon for another fun night at Zamora for ALL. A thank you is also in order to the Z Lounge for throwing an entertaining Valentine's Party for the couples of Zamora. If you were not able to attend, you missed a great evening.

The Talladega Mardi Gras Parade was another one of these events. THANKS to

Noble Mike Lann for his efforts as our Parade Marshall to get us active in this worthy fun filled morning. Zamora had a large number of Nobles and their Ladies there to bring excitement and notice to OUR Shrine. I say THANKS to ALL that were able to be part of this event. Another activity that our Temple was well represented at was the Dixie Shrine Mid Winter held in Mobile. Zamora was represented by the Divan, Clowns, and Motorized Units and general Nobility.

The Dixie Shrine Association has great plans for our convention in May, and I encourage all that can take part in this opportunity to share in the FUN and Fellowship that this offers. As in years past, it will be held in Panama City Beach with a Pre-Convention welcome party for all Shriners hosted by the Chamber of Commerce to show their appreciation of Shriners who attend. This will kick off the convention, and be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. More details to follow! BUT make your plans to attend early. March also brings attention to the Southeastern Clown Association Meeting that will be held at our Temple March 8th and 9th. If you can, please offer your assis-

tance to Kirk Pearson to help make this a successful event that Zamora will Host.

March 22 brings our first fund raiser to Zamora... COUNTRY CASH! Chief Rabban Ron Patrick and Assistant Rabban Ricky Vinson have been working for the Temple to ensure a successful event. If you do not have your ticket, contact the Temple Office. If you need tickets for someone who would like to attend they are available, BUT I have been informed going fast!!

Our Roadrunners held their first meeting of the year and were able to recruit a few good men to join this effort. Nobles Jerry Mulkey and Winston Each had a great program and review of the needed criteria for us to follow. The meeting, food, and fellowship was well attended. I want to remind all to say, "Thanks to these Nobles and their Ladies for their time to help OUR Shrine Kids live Dreams of a better life."

Our Budget meeting has been held. and Zamora Temple needs all OUR NOBLES' help in making 2013 a great year. As our Membership Committee works hard to bring brothers in our order, we all still

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of August 31, 2012, the deadline is the 5th day of each month for all submitted materials for publication in the next edition of the Zamora News.

Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.
Thank You

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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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21	22	23	24	25 <i>Gadsden & East Alabama Shrine Clubs meet</i>	26	27 <i>Motorized Poker Run</i>
28	29	30				



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR NIGHT

Zamora's first ever Meet Your Neighbor Night was a great success, giving Units and Clubs the opportunity to walk around and see other Unit's rooms. The great evening ended in the Z Lounge, with everyone enjoying a cold drink or a cup of coffee. Everyone in attendance really enjoyed the evening, and for those who were unable to come out, another chance to "Meet Your Neighbor" is being planned. Stay tuned!





**Thank you,
Nobles
and Ladies,
for coming!**

2013 Onion Sale to honor Noble Walt Sanderson

We have thousands of children in our Hospital program and, as a group, we provide them with the best medical care possible. We have four Burn Centers and twenty Orthopaedic Hospitals located throughout North America. A portion of all our annual dues is earmarked to help support this fantastic charity, but it is not nearly enough to cover the cost. But, we have several other ways we can contribute to the hospitals. One is by joining the Million Dollar Club, which is basically adding a line item on your will that leaves at least one hundred dollars to our charity.

Another way to contribute and to make a difference is to come together as a local group and engage our members in an orchestrated project. We have contracted with a fellow Shriner in Georgia who is a Vidalia

onion farmer. He has a program where he provides several Shrine Centers with his product to sell to help support our Hospital program.

Our second annual "Onion Sale" at Zamora is underway, and every cent of the profit goes directly to our Greenville Hospital. We need everyone to sell some of these delicious, sweet onions to their friends and family. Because by working as a team, we can make a difference.

This year we are adding a new twist to the "Onion Sale". The donation made to the Greenville Hospital will be made in memory of Noble Walt Sanderson. We lost Brother Walt this past year and wish to acknowledge his dedication to our philanthropy by naming him as the 2013 Honorary Donor.

Order forms are available

at the office, from your Unit Director or Club President. Please get your order forms filled out and returned to the office before April 10th. These onions only harvest once a year and we have to get our order in on time to ensure we get all of the onions that we can sell to help support our hospital children.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Zamora Office: (205) 956-3636, Jim DeMoss: (256) 592-4201, or myself (205)

641-0858.

Thanks for all of your help and support, Tommy McGhee
Oriental Guide

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting will be combined with the Unit Directors Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

TO VOTE ON CANDIDATES

Transportation Fund Donations

Greeters Unit, Springville Cafe` Walker County Shrine Club

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(Joan Sanderson's Stepson)

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Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the National debt.



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must make every effort possible to be good stewards of our funds. Our annual Kids Easter Party will be held March 24. The Clown Unit will be hosting this event, and Pat Gaskins has

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agreed to give some professional guidance for this event. I would like each Unit to make a small monetary contribution to offset these expenses. Giving a little brings many smiles to these children's faces. Come out this day and enjoy this time of seeing Our Kids Living a Dream. Thank You to the Units and also Z Lounge for the generous contributions to our General budget. I was presented a check this last week from Z Lounge for \$600.00 to be placed in our general operating fund. Please, support their effort to give back. It's a great place to meet and share fellowship at Zamora. Also, I would like to express my appreciation to those Nobles who volunteer their time to help the profitability of Zamora. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

In closing I am very proud to inform you that

Illustrious Sir Anthony West, P.P. is a candidate for Board of Trustees for our hospitals. Illustrious Sir West has served not only Zamora but as Chairman of Mexico City board of Governors since January of 2010. Again, Zamora Shriner's making a difference. Find YOUR place at YOUR Temple and let's continue to work as one to make our Fraternity well known of the work we do. I'll see you soon, at YOUR Temple!

Our Kids Living a Dream
2013

Fraternally,
Glen D. Watson

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RECORDER'S NOTEBOOK

This month I plan to share a few reminders with you. If your Unit or Club plans to conduct a fundraiser this year, there are procedures which must be followed. If you will have one for the benefit of your Unit or Club, it must be approved by the Potentate and state on the ticket and promotion "Proceeds are for the benefit of _____ (Club/Unit) activities. Payments are not tax deductible as a charitable donation."

If it is planned as a charitable fundraiser for our Hospital system, it must state on the tickets and promotional material "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriner Hospitals for Children." This type of fundraiser must be approved by the Potentate and by Shriners International. Please allow sufficient time to arrange for these approvals.

On another front, Zamora Shriners will accept petitions for membership at any time during the year. Although we plan only one ceremonial this year, a "cold class" may be arranged upon request. If you have a potential candidate, please get him signed up. We can expedite his initiation if he prefers not to wait until the August ceremonial. Let's not let him get away!

Zamora Temple 2013

*Membership Chairman - Garry Wates
Membership Assistant - Paul Ledger*

NOBLES' GREAT INCENTIVES

When you bring in a new candidate, you will be given:

- \$50 discount on your
2014 Zamora Shriner dues!
- \$25 discount for 2nd new candidate
- \$25 discount for 3rd new candidate
- Zamora Shriner jacket for 4th new candidate
- Membership trophy to Club or Unit
with the most new members

*Make it your goal to bring in at least one new
candidate. Don't let anything stop you!
Get out and bring in a new Shriner!*



Nobles,

By the time you read this our Temple's annual budget meeting and the decisions made by the Nobles present will be part of our Temple's history. Historical knowledge is valuable for many reasons, but I shall for the sake of this article mention two of them. First, it provides us with a roadmap linking our origin and current location. Second, it provides the benefit of hindsight or knowledge our predecessors didn't have so we may learn from their successes and avoid their failures.

The principles of our fraternity are timeless. However, we must never allow ourselves to become complacent, but rather dedicate ourselves to increas-

ing our knowledge and understanding of these principles and their application.

In 1952, long before the self-help craze swept America, a member of our fraternity wrote a book about the importance of a positive attitude. I believe his words are just as timely today as they were over 60 years ago.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale was a fellow Noble and prolific writer; *The Power of Positive Thinking* is by far his most widely read work. First published in 1952, it stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for 186 consecutive weeks.

In a February, 1993 article for the Southern Jurisdiction's Scottish Rite Journal, Dr. Peale responded to religious criticism of the fraternity by offer-

ing his views on the importance of Freemasonry: "To me, Freemasonry is one form of dedication to God and service to humanity. I am proud to walk in fraternal fellowship with my Brethren. Why am I a Freemason? Simply because I am proud to be a man who wants to keep the moral standards of life at high level and leave something behind so others will benefit. Only as I, personally, become better, can I help others to do the same."

Our Temple needs Nobles like Peale that believe in the benefits and power of being positive. We need positive men dedicated to our success and firmly determined never to concede defeat. I am proud to be a Freemason and Shriner, and I hope you are, too. The

history of our organization can be studied but not changed. We will write our future together. Its possibilities are endless, but

its success depends on you.

Fraternally yours,
Noble Bradley Overton
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County Cash tickets available from Skat Kats

We have become ticket hawkers this month. We have readily available tickets to the Country Cash party. We are offering to sell these tickets to anyone wishing to go. Ask any Skat Kat member for one. This party has it all...food, fun, booze, and lots and lots of money. The price is right, too. A mere \$125 will let you and one other person in. Now that's cheap!

Being Motorized and all like that, we are practicing for competition in the upcoming year. We invite you out to watch and

even critique us if you like. It is fun watching us turn left instead of right, running over toes, and hitting head on. You have got to be tough to be a Skat Kat rider.

The ole' Black Camel came by for a visit last month. One of our storied and better Shriners, Ron Meade, a Past President of the Motorized Units, left with him. Knowing Ron, he is telling God all about how to compete. Telling him about airplanes, trains and automobiles. He will be missed by all of our Motorized

Unit family.

We are still looking for a few good men who would like to be riding around on a golf cart. Some, who like to eat, drink, laugh, cry, brag, joke, and just have a good time. We meet the first Thursday at the Zamora Shrine Center in the Kats Den at 7:30 P.M.

Oh, by the way, welcome back Clyde Gaines. We missed you while you were away. Once a Kat, always a Kat. Go Kats Go!

Nobles, Remember your Blue Lodge!



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Greetings, Nobles,

In Webster's Dictionary, the word "embers" is defined as smoldering coals or dying remains. However, embers are preventable. You only need to add one thing to change this word and its meaning forever. By adding the letter *M*, embers becomes members who are essential for success. Nobles - the time for action is now.

Whether you reinstate or create, it is imperative that we, the current Nobility of Zamora Temple, hasten to meet this challenge.

We, the current Nobility of Zamora, are living our Legacy right now. This is the same Legacy that has been passed down for over 100 years in our Temple. The same Legacy we are charged with passing on to

future generations.

My pledge to Zamora is to have a candidate in the 2013 Ceremonial Class. Will you make the same pledge? If only one tenth (1/10) of our current Nobility met this goal, there would be approximately 150 members in our upcoming Ceremonial Class in over twenty years. Just imagine this class with 150 candidates being forever known as the year of the Noble, and you were part of it.

Printed within this issue of *Zamora News* you will find four numbers that stand alone. If the last four numbers of your membership number matches up, go to the Temple Office for verification. You will be eligible to win a prize from Membership Chairman Garry Wates. Remember, you must possess a current Shrine card. If you don't, just renew yours.

Garry Stamps
Membership Committee

EASC Shriner of the Year



Noble Terrell Andrews was selected as East Alabama Shrine Club's Shriner of the Year for 2012. Terrell is a Past President of the East AL Shrine Club and currently serves in the capacity of Club Secretary. Pictured above are outgoing President for 2012 Gary Isenhour, left, presenting Noble Andrews with his award.

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A message from the Imperial Potentate



Dear Shrine Masons,
Our fraternity was founded as an organization where Master Masons could share fun and fellowship, while still adhering to and promoting the Masonic ideals of brotherhood, relief and truth.

So we ask you to please promote more family fun, more fellowship and more brotherly love in your Temple activities and in your relationships with your local Masonic lodges and fellow Masons.

Speaking of fun and fellowship, don't forget to sign up for the cruise to Russia; we would love to have you join us for the

Shrine Russian trip starting on May 30th. On the home page of Shriners Village (on the right side) there is information and a link to the Grand Circle Cruiseline website, where you will find all the details.

Membership continues to be our number one priority, and needs to be the top priority at all 195 Shrine temples!

We have too few Temples showing positive gains, and many with membership decreasing below 1,000. We can turn this decline around, but it will take extra effort, with each one of us focusing on recruiting, retaining and men-

toring both the Nobles and the ladies.

It is very upsetting to see our membership numbers drop below 300,000, as they have this year.

It also makes me very sad to report that, so far, we have not been able to bring amity to the situation with our Masonic brothers in Arkansas and South Carolina.

We want to assure you this is not due to a lack of trying to negotiate with the Grand Masters of these two states by the leadership of Shriners International.

We have good relationships with the majority of the Grand Masters. In fact, at last year's Imperial Session we had 24 Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters on the stage with me when I asked the representatives to table item #6 on the call, which was a request by Arkansas Shriners to separate from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. The Grand Masters

present at last year's Imperial Session all promised to work with Shriners International to solve the issue in Arkansas, which has, apparently, been festering for over a decade. Of course, we will continue to work toward a solution, but we are concerned that the issue could become a serious problem at the 139th Imperial Session in Indianapolis.

The reality is that these disputes - and this one is complex - basically centers around which organization's bylaws (Shriners International or the local Grand Lodge) must be followed in specific circumstances involving members - damage both organizations.

The base of Master Masons that Shrinedom has to draw from in these two states continues to decrease at an alarming rate:

1. Arkansas: 1990 = 38,929 - less loss of 24,500 2012 = 14,429 members (loss of 63%)
2. South Carolina: 1990 =

67,576 - less loss of 27,649 2012 = 39,927 members (loss of 42%)!

In fact the number of Masons has declined, just like the number of Shriners. We might all do well to focus on strengthening one another, and on our positive missions and goals for the sake of the future.

We talk a lot about our bonds of brotherhood; we suggest that be our main focus as we work to solve our differences and increase our memberships. Remember that "failure is NOT an option" to bringing peace and harmony to ALL Grand Lodges!

There will be plenty of fun, fellowship and brotherly love at the 139th Imperial Session in Indianapolis. Our amazing Shrine clowns will lead the parade on July 1st. We are hoping to set a world record for the most clowns in a parade. To do that, we need to break the cur

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Chief Rabban Glen Watson installed as Potentate of Zamora Temple



Preparing to take the Oath.



Illustrious Sir Greg Gregerson, left, steps down as Potentate, welcoming Chief Rabban Glen Watson as the new Zamora Potentate.



Chief Rabban Glen Watson takes the sacred Oath.

A Message...

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rent record of 850! Shrine lady clowns are also welcome to participate and help set a new world record! So Temple leadership, please help get your clown units to the parade in Indianapolis - let's give the public a great time and showcase all our wonderful clowns!

Of course, we continue to travel extensively to be on hand for the many important events involving our great fraternity and philanthropy. After the Rose Bowl parade in California, we traveled to the donor development seminar in Tampa, Fla. Committee Chairman Gene Bracewell and Vice Chair Jeff Sowder, along with Home Office staff H. Stroth and Jenna Taylor put on an outstanding seminar for the Temple and Hospital representatives. This was followed by the 88th East-West Shrine Game, held at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. on Saturday, January 19th. If you did not attend the game or watch it on the NFL Network you missed an outstanding event. We want to again thank the coaches, players, staff and volunteers for their months of hard work that ensured such a successful weekend.

We also want to recognize PP Bob Burr, aka "Nickels the Clown," for attending his 26th consecutive Shrine Bowl game dressed as a football player.

Our two Patient Ambassadors, Hunter Woodhall and my Gabriel, represented us well in their interactions with the general public, as well as with the Nobility and their Ladies.

Lady Jan and I were also very proud of the Oasis Shriners Patrol Color Guard's presentation of the flags of the countries with a Shriners presence. The color guard was led by Captain Peter Schuetz and First Lieutenant Bob Saye.

The Leadership Conference, attended by chairmen and vice chairmen of the Hospital Boards of Governors, chiefs of staff, administrators, directors of patient care services, directors of fiscal services, Joint Board members, and executive vice presidents and vice presidents from home office was held in Tampa, following the East-West Shrine Game. There was great discussion and teamwork as we worked toward important decisions for our organizations.

Next, we attended the Texas Shrine Association mid-winter meeting on South Padre Island. President Richard McNabb did an outstanding job. Imperial Sirs Jerry Gantt and Jim Smith were in attendance, along with their Ladies, Lisa and Alice. The Oriental Guides provided a lot of entertainment and raised hundreds of dollars for the hospitals.

Finally, we traveled to Mexico to visit our

Mexico City hospital, which means so much to the families in that area, and to attend the installation of the 2013 Divan of Anezah Shriners, including the newly elected Potentate, Agustin Martinez.

Our next message will include information about:

The Midwest Shrine Association meeting in Duluth, Minn.; Pacific Northwest Shrine Association meeting in Spokane, Wash.; the Conference of Grand Masters in Kansas City, Mo.; International Shrine Clown Association meeting in Huntsville, Ala.; and the Records Seminar in New Orleans.

Yours in the Faith,

Alan W. Madsen
Imperial Potentate

Dixie Shrine Convention
May 15-19, 2013
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Florida

It's that time of year again!
Will you be there for the
Fun & Sun?
More information in next
months newsletter!