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From the Potentate...



2015 is over and my term as your potentate will, to me, come to a "bittersweet" end. The following is my report on the highlights of last year.

We had our usual four events for the Hospital and Shrine Kids; Easter, Kids Day at the Park, Halloween and Christmas. All were great and well attended. The first annual Fishing Rodeo for Kids was held in October and, even though the weather didn't cooperate, it was a huge success. Next year it may be combined with the Kids Day at the Park.

Our responsibility for transporting kids to the hospitals was fulfilled with well over 100 trips made by our dedicated Road Runners. The transportation fund was well supported by donations and fundraisers. We purchased a lift for one of our vans to be used by patients who are in wheelchairs. That lift was paid for by the Shriners who donated their time to work at the Talladega races. We received a special donation from Noble Ray Taulbee of \$43,000 for a

new van and another lift plus \$15,000 for our Paper Sale. The Paper Sale also received a donation of over \$1,700 from a raffle of Fezzy, the stuffed bear mascot of our hospitals. The raffle was a project of our Divan Ladies that was chaired by Pat Gaskins.

On the fun side, we had our regular three great conventions; the Dixie in Panama City, the International in Houston and the Southeastern in Nashville. We had a Valentine's Day party, a Temple Ball, a Christmas party and two Taste of Zamora events. The Z-Lounge sponsored two fish frys, an adult Halloween party and several other weekend parties. The Motorized Units sold football board chances for the Super Bowl and AL-AU game then had parties to celebrate the winners. The two Country Cash fundraisers and the Sportsman's Giveaway culminated with parties to celebrate the winners. The "Little Brown Jug" competition was a fun day at the Pavilion. We participated in the Veteran's Day parade and nine Christmas parades. I may have missed some events at the Temple and am sure that several units and clubs had their own parties. Anyone who says we don't have "fun" things at Zamora is greatly mistaken!

Our financial performance for 2015, although not where we want it to be, did show improvement. All of the bills for 2015 are not in yet, but we estimate that our loss will be about \$50,000, which will be the smallest in the last nine years. All of our fundraisers

were great income producers and our expenses were controlled at a level less than the last three years. I truly believe that we are not far from breaking even; however, selling our present building and "rightsizing" is still the best strategy for our financial well being.

A lot of our financial problems could also be helped by increasing our membership trends. 2015 will probably end with Zamora having 1277 members, a loss of 90 for the year. Our average annual loss for the previous five years is 120 members. All of you should consider yourselves to be part of the Membership Committee, draw a line in the sand and reverse our trends.

I hope that my review of 2015 will convince you that Zamora Shriners can and will be successful in the future. We need to be proud of what we do and look forward with confidence not despair.

Congratulations to 2016 Potentate, Tommy McGhee and the other elected officers. I know that all of you are committed to improving Zamora Shrine in every way.

A special thanks to Shriner of the Year, Lee Yarbrough and the top 10 Shriners of 2015; David Cain, Tom Chastain, Bob Compton, Winston Each, Mike McGlothlin, Johnny Peterman, Fred Slaney, Tim Vaughan and Raloh Weeks.

I appreciate the support that I have received from all of you in 2015. Our successes have truly been a team effort.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

> <u>Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.</u> 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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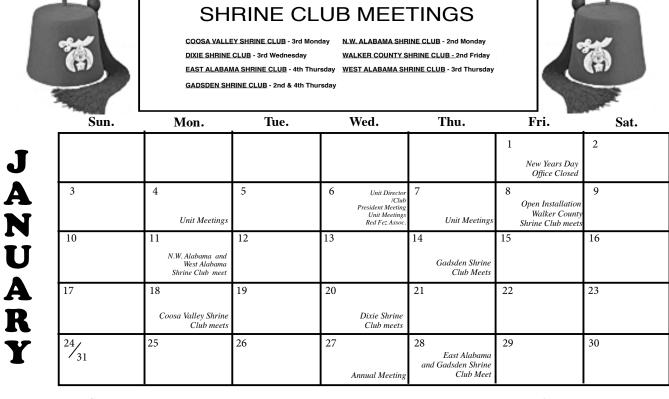
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Motorized Super Bowl Party	N.W. Alabama and West Alabama Shrine Club meet			Gadsden Shrine Club Meets	Walker County Shrine Club meets	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Coosa Valley Shrine Club meets		Budget Meeting Dixie Shrine Club meets		Dixie Mid-Winter	Dixie Mid-Win
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
White Rose Tea				East Alabama and Gadsden Shrine Club Meet		
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Dixie S	hrine Association	* 2016 * * Association						
2016 Convention Registration Form								
May 19th - 21st 2016								
Panam	a City Beach Florida							
(Please fill out 1 per registrant. Make as many copies as needed)								
Representative	Shrine Temple	\$90.00						
	Lady							
(<i>The price of the Dixie President's Ba</i> \$90.00 Registration fee for Representa	nquet Ticket and the Ladies Luncheon Ticket is a atives.)	included in the						
Non Representative	Shrine Temple	\$20.00						
Office Held or Title	Lady	\$20.00						
Dixie President's Banqu	net # Tickets @ 35.00 Each = \$							
Ladies Luncheon #	Tickets @ 25.00 Each = \$							
	Total \$							
Banquet and Ladies Luncheon to No Dix Any Questions Contact; Sa Wednesday Night May 18th, 2010 Beach will sponsor a Welcome P	oble Sam Butler, President tie Shrine Association 2016 135 Oak Place Guntersville, AL 35976 am Butler <u>sam35976@yahoo.com</u> or 256 2 6 the Tourist Development Council of Pane	298 2244						



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. November 1 - November 30, 2015

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County	Temple Abba	Amount
	Abba	
	Abba	
	Alcazar	
	Cahaba	
	Zamora	
Paid to Abba Tran	sportation Fund	\$163.42
	ansportation Fund	
Paid To Cahaba Ti	ransportation Fund	\$146.20
Paid To Zamora Ti	ransportation Fund	\$265.12
Paid To Shriners H	Iospitals	\$2,856.72
Pd. to Hospital Pro	ogram Since 10-1-94	\$815,287.72
Pd. to Transportat	ion Funds Since 10-1-9	4\$158,476.35
Beginning balance	12-1-14	\$29.31
Ending balance 12	-31-14	\$29.31

Transportation Fund December 2015

In Honor of Hospital Transportation Fund – East Alabama Shrine Club, Sherpower, Bobby Van Hooser and Pat Hamilton, East Alabama Shrine Club Ladies

In Memory of:

Fern Creamer

Joe Kines

Ricky Patrick

Pat Alexander's Mother -Gracie Davis

Sara Beth Tittle

Ralph Weeks Sister

Charles Matthews

In Honor of:

Eric Oller

Paul Vaughn

B.B. Pass

By:

Gene & Pat Thompson Frank & Kitty Harper

Bill Leach Kenneth & Judy Sexton Glen Watson Ross Akers

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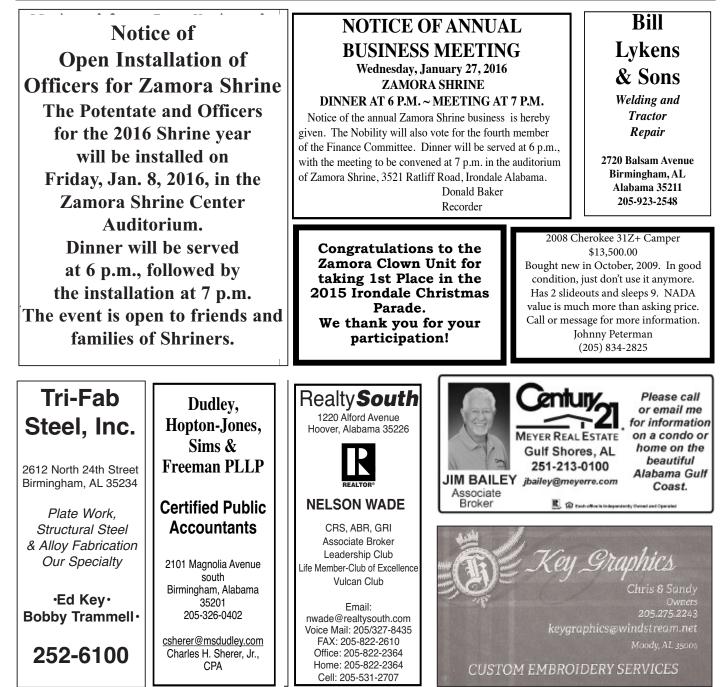
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Sara Baker

Garland Brock



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PAGE 8 Thankful for this year's blessings at Zamora

I sit here thinking as this year draws to a close, with tears in my eyes, of all the blessings we have to be thankful for at Zamora. This year Transportation has so many wonderful people doing things not noticed by others. I hope I don't overlook someone.

Drivers - their desires to care for our kids.

Clown - donations from Mercedes event.

Drivers who pay forward the blessings as they have donated time and make personal donations to fund their trips.

Gardendale Lodge - donation of a special wheelchair

Jerry Wayne Thomas and Terrell Yates for 2 portable DVDs for vans.

Gadsden Shrine Club - Disney DVDs for vans.

Jimmy & Stephanie Spark - for Disney DVDs for Vans.

Doug & Betty Owens - DVD cases to store DVDs.

Motorized Wheelchair refurbished by Z Lounge.

Jimmy & Stephanie - coloring books and colors for Vans.

All the Nobles and folks who have worked the kids events at Temple and Zamora Park.

The televisions and DVD players for the lobby, a dream to let outside visitors learn our mission at Zamora and our care for our kids, by three Past Potentates: Illustrious Sir Greg

Gregerson, Illustrious Sir Glen D. Watson, and Illustrious Sir Ron Patrick.

Hunter Hutson - 4 New First Aid kit for vans.

Amerex Corporation for 4 new extinguishers for vans

Donations from Vagabonds, Communication and Riders for winter travel kits for vans.

The Car Show in Lineville turned in money for 2015 turned in to Greenville Hospital.

Noble Ray Taulbee and Lady Dorothy Taulbee for their donations to Transportation, and a lift chair for transportation, and Paper Sale Crusade. Nobles Lee Yarbrough and Jimmy Sills for installation of TVs and DVDs in Lobby.

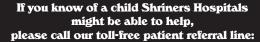
Goodyear Tire And Rubber Gadsden Plant for tires on our vans.

A brand new Mason, Brother Sam Sanfilippo with "Skidmore Signs", for donating the decals " Our kids ride on Goodyear Tires".

My very sincere Thanks to all the wonderful Nobles, Ladies and others

In all their Special ways of "Paying it Forward", we thank you very much

Winston Each **Hospital Transportation Chairman**



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Good times in 2015



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Divan Christmas party



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Unit Directors/Club Presidents Christmas Party











Donation from East Alabama Shrine Club Iadies

Congratulations to the 2015 Shriner of The Year Noble Lee Yarbrough

Lee Yarbrough was born December 8th 1957 in Mobile. He grew up in Trussville. He attended Hewitt Trussville High School where he was on the wrestling team. After graduating in 1976, he was offered a full wrestling scholarship to Ohio University, but opted instead to attend school in Alabama to be closer to his friends and family. Here at home he attended Jeff State and the University of Alabama.

Noble Yarbrough has three children—Christopher (wife Laura), Justin (wife Carina) and Vivien, and two grandchildren—Ben and Jake. He is the youngest of four children of James and Nellie Yarbrough (both deceased). He provided for his family as a sheet metal worker with Local 48 for 27 years, working all over the south for many years at Nuclear power plants. He also owned his own heating/AC/refrigeration company for several years. Lee retired from Callahan Eye Foundation, where he was Assistant Director of Plant Operations.

Lee belongs to Huffman Masonic Lodge. His hobbies include hunting, bowling and football. He enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends. Never meets a stranger, loves being a Shriner and doing for others, especially children.

He currently lives in Moody with his wife, Tenza, and their youngest child.

DeMolay "UNCLE" Program

Dear Noble,

Zamora Shrine is the proud sponsor of the Birmingham Chapter Order of DeMolay. DeMolay is an organization of young men between 12 and 21 years of age. It teaches seven cardinal virtues to the young men: Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanliness and patriotism. These are things our society and school systems may not emphasize.

DeMolays are advised by a group of volunteer men called "Dads". These dads are usually Masons. You may not have the time to spend with our DeMolay members, but you may assist them in another important way. It takes money to run a chapter and take these young men to sporting events, fun trips, and their annual conclave (Annual state meeting).

You may join other Masons by donating ten dollars to the DeMolay "UNCLE" program. Please send your check, made payable to Zamora DeMolay, to:

DeMolay "UNCLE", 3521 Ratliff Road, Irondale, AL 35210

I SUPPORT DEMOLAY: Name

Address

An "UNCLE" card will be sent by return mail