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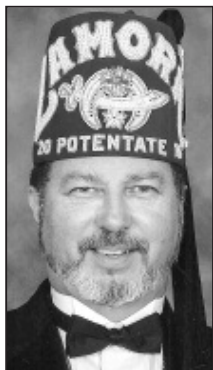


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From the Potentate...



Thanks to the "Z" Lounge for putting on the Annual Fish Fry. As usual a good time was had by all, if you missed it you missed out on some good eating and fellowship. Remember, the shrine was started so Masons would have a way to relax and have fun.

The past several months several dedicated Shriner's have been working on replacing the most used lights and changing them to LED's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank, Tom Gaskins and Mike Lann for all of their hard work. We are trying to reduce

the power bill in the main building. The office lights have been upgraded and many in the front lobby. We are now working on the kitchen and then on to the first Dining room. Within the next month or so we hope to get the Big lights in the auditorium replaced with brighter and much more efficient LED bulbs. This is just one of several ways the Divan is trying to recognize cost savings and help solidify Zamora's financial health.

I would like to invite every shriner who has never had the opportunity to take one of our kids to one of the Shrine Hospitals to call Winston Each and arrange to make a trip. I assure you there is no better way to understand how important our Transportation and Hospital programs are to these children than to become a part of the process. Just call the office and tell them you want to sign up to become a Road Runner and they will put you on the right path. The Zamora Road Runners are a close knit

group who are very proud of what they do by making sure our kids get to and from the hospital safely while getting the best care possible.

It is almost time for our first "Shriners Convention" of the year. The Dixie convention is in Panama City Beach on May 18-21. Hopefully you have made your plans to attend. There is always a fun time to be had by all. Most of Zamora is staying at the "Chateau". While we are not at the host hotel we are fairly close. That way we can come and go as we want and Zamora always has lots of fun. After all, it's what Shriner's do best.

A reminder we will have a stated meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. Please come out and support your temple. In an effort to save money we will not have food at this meeting. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Thomas "Tommy" McGhee
2016 Potentate

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

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 MEETINGS

COOSA VALLEY SHRINE CLUB - 3rd Friday N.W. ALABAMA SHRINE CLUB - 2nd Monday
 DIXIE SHRINE CLUB - 3rd Wednesday WALKER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB - 4th Friday
 EAST ALABAMA SHRINE CLUB - 4th Thursday WEST ALABAMA SHRINE CLUB - 2nd Monday
 GADSDEN SHRINE CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday



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This award is for you

Seeking Shriner Spotlight Award

Nominations - We Want to Hear from You

The newly initiated Shriner Spotlight Award will be taking the place of the former Shriner of the Month Award program. Similar to the Shriner of the Month Award, the Shriner Spotlight Award honors members who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to both their fraternity and philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The nomination process is open to all of our temples and hospitals, and the award will be presented quarterly, instead of monthly. We want to honor the everyday, hardworking, always-there-for-whatever-you-need-him-for Shriner in your temple or hospital. You know who we mean; and we want to hear about him.

Each quarter, one outstanding noble will be chosen for the Shriner Spotlight, with nominations taken throughout the year. To honor these exceptional individuals, each Shriner Spotlight Award recipient will be highlighted in an issue of *Shriner Magazine: Pride and Tradition* and the annual report, and featured on Shriners Village, the Shriners International website and social media. In addition, the honoree will receive a signed plaque from the Imperial Potentate and a commemorative pin.

Personal displays of leadership, consistent participation in temple activities and efforts, dedication to membership initiatives, and/or contributions to the health care system all aid in one's consideration for the award. In short, we want to honor the "unsung heroes" of Shriners International.

Placing a Nomination is Easy

To submit a nomination, please send us the following information, along with a photo of the noble (wearing a fez) and a signed photo consent form, via e-mail to **shrinepr@shrinenet.org**.

**Please note that nobles selected to receive the Shriner Spotlight Award may not be a member of their temple's Divan, and must be actively involved in promoting membership.*



Shriners International

PLEASE INCLUDE your name, title and contact information and the following information with your nomination:



Who are you nominating? (Name and Temple)



Why? Please explain why this noble deserves to be recognized.



Things to Consider



How is this noble active within your temple and/or hospital? (i.e., attends events, assists with fundraisers, involves lady and family, engages in increasing community awareness of fraternity, volunteer work, specific examples of going above and beyond)



Which element(s) of the Shriners International mission statement does this noble most exemplify?

i. Being the premier fraternal organization for men of good character

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iv. Serving mankind through the resources of its philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children



Describe how this noble is a strong advocate of the philanthropy (i.e., gives speeches to community, supports national programs such as Burn Awareness, participates in fundraising efforts, educates community on outreach clinics, etc.).



Temples: Please describe how this noble has been effective in strengthening temple membership and Freemasonry.

Questions? Please contact the corporate public relations department at **813-281-8162** or **shrinepr@shrinenet.org**.

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From The Recorder's Desk

THE ZAMORA NEWS IS GOING AWAY. Nobles, I regret to inform you that we will no longer be publishing and mailing out to you the "Zamora News". The last issue to be published is going to be the June issue. After that, you will have to go to our website (www.zamorashriners.com) to read the Zamora News. The reason for this is cost and Zamora needs to find ways to save money. We are spending \$15,000.00 annually on the Zamora News. I hope all of our Nobles will understand and appreciate what your Divan is doing in trying to keep Zamora Shrine Temple open.

If there should come a need for a special Called Stated Meeting, you will be notified by a post card.

Go ahead and mark your calendar for the following dates:

May 18-21:

Dixie Shrine Convention

May 25:

Stated Meeting

June 18:

Kids Day at The Park/Kids

Fishing Rodeo at The Park

July 3-7:

Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida

July 21:

Stated Meeting

August 17-20:

Southeastern Shrine Convention in

Warner Robins, Georgia

September 9-10:

Zamora Temple Ball

September 24:

Sportsman's Giveaway

October 29:

Zamora Hospital Kids Halloween Party

November 9:

Stated Meeting

November 12:

Fall Ceremonial and Taste of Zamora

November 19:

Country Cash

December 7:

Stated Meeting and Temple Election of New Divan

December 17:

Zamora Christmas Party and Awards Night

December 18:

Zamora Hospital Kids Christmas Party

2016 Treasurer's Seminar Report

I had the privilege of attending the treasurer's seminar in Tampa, FL, April 1st-4th. This seminar was open to all treasurers within the shrine organization.

At this seminar, we covered the five keys to success (leadership skills, listening to the shareholders, running the temple as a business, understanding compromise and making membership priority number one), the importance of the treasurers roll in the shrine organization, what the treasurer should review each year, understanding the significance of the shrine bylaws and minimizing the risks to the temple through risk management.

One of the main focuses, of this seminar, was the

importance of what the treasurer should review each year.

As treasurers, we are to review the financial information of each unit, club, as well as the temple. To do this effectively, monthly financial reports need to be turned in to the treasurer no later than the last day of every month.

I really enjoyed listening to imperial representatives discuss the importance of protecting our image of how the public perceives us, compromising and coming together as a group as a whole and supporting our main cause, Shriner's Hospital for Children. Another topic that I found very interesting is dealing with trusts, gifts and charita-

ble requests.

In closing, I feel like I learned a lot and found this seminar very valuable. The Shrine Treasury Association has been around since 1985, assisting treasurers and helping them become more effective in their rolls within their temples. I hope to serve in this role for many years to come.

I thank you for your support and your confidence and electing me to serve as your treasurer. I look forward to, hopefully, if reelected, to attending the Shrine Treasury Seminar in 2017.

Yours in faith,
Brian 'Fazo' Fason,
Zamora Shrine Treasurer

Save The Date

Zamora's 125th Anniversary

Celebration and Temple Ball

September 10, 2016

News from Cincinnati



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From Routine to Rare

Our pediatric plastic and reconstructive surgeons can help.

When Liz and Dan Malarkey got pregnant in 2012 the last thing on their mind was that their baby would be born with a craniofacial deformity. At an ultrasound appointment in December of 2012 they were given the news that their baby girl, Lola, would be born with a cleft lip and possibly a cleft palate but they wouldn't know until she was born.

Over the next 4 months the Malarkey's did everything they could to prepare themselves and their families for the challenges Lola might face once she was born. They met with a cleft lip and palate clinic in Jacksonville, FL an hour from their home in St. Augustine. They felt as prepared as they could be. And when Lola was born on April 11, 2013 and doctor's confirmed she also had a cleft palate but they were ready for it. Of course that didn't change the love they felt for their baby girl.

What the Malarkey's were unprepared for was the extensive costs of Lola's surgeries. Liz said, "Even with insurance, we quickly learned that the cost of surgery would wipe out our savings and then some, essentially bankrupting us."

After weeks of thinking things over and debating what to do, a family friend told Liz about her father and grandfather who were Shriners. She went on to tell Liz about Shriners Hospital for Children and the expert care they provide for cleft lip and palate repair.

The Malarkey's did their research on Shriners and made their first appointment at Shriners Hospital for Children – Cincinnati with Dr. Pan. They were pleasantly surprised at how welcoming and comfortable the staff, nurses and doctor made them feel.

Dan said they were extremely nervous but after their appointment with Dr. Pan and discussing his plan of care for Lola they were completely relieved. Like any parents, they wanted to best for their child and they finally found it.

Over the next year Lola had two surgeries to repair her cleft lip and palate. She has a slight scar that is often unnoticed on her lip. She's now a vibrant, joyful 3 year old that enjoys the beach and being a princess.

As Children who are born with a cleft lip and palate grow up, they may have issues with delayed speech and their teeth. Shriners will work with orthodontists and dentists to ensure Lola gets everything she needs.

Though she may need additional surgeries in the future, her parents know they are in the best capable hands for Lola's care. "The support system they received from everyone in Cincinnati was more than they could have asked for, especially being so far from home," said Dan.



If you know a child we can help,
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June 9, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

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Brotherhood: the Foundation of Our Fraternity

In Freemasonry we learn the value of giving back and are taught that to better ourselves, we must give of ourselves. If we focus on this principle of Freemasonry, our fraternity will not have a membership problem.

Is your temple focused on brotherhood? Do you know who your brothers are?

I once read about a basketball coach who was stressing the importance of teamwork to his team. Each player claimed that they were part of a team, but when the coach then asked each to share something they knew about each player outside of basketball, no one really could share anything.

The lesson was that they were just a group of men, and it was not until they became brothers—which meant caring more and learning more about each other—that they truly became a team.

Have you taken the time to

find out about your Shriner brothers? Have you provided the brotherly love that is expected? Are your fraternity brothers part of your extended family?

People often hear me say how rich I am. By rich, I am actually referring to my extended family and the many wonderful brothers I have made being a Shriner and Mason. Brotherhood is not limited to Freemasonry; other great examples include police, firefighters and the military.

Recently on our fraternity Facebook page, a young lady's comments about her experience with the Shriners demonstrated how our acts of brotherhood touch families: "When my dad was in Saudi Arabia his Shriner buddies were a constant presence in my life. They were stand-ins at school functions and when I was installed as Honored Queen and in Grand Bethel. They were great!"

Focusing on Brotherhood to Improve Membership

In studying temples that have success with increasing membership, we see some common ingredients. One of the ingredients is having great Masonic relations. These temples have leaders who are active and visible within the Blue Lodge.

As Shriners we should be actively involved with our Masonic brothers at the Blue Lodges. Consider sharing activities like membership dinners, officers' appreciation dinner, Masonic parades, assisting in degree work, etc. Combine calendars so there are less conflicting dates, making it easier for everyone to attend.

Remember, we must be one of them for them to be one of us. If we focus on brotherhood, increasing and maintaining membership will be simple.

Club and Unit Monthly Financial Reports

As we all know financial reports can be time consuming and inconvenient, but they play a vital role in any organization. Due to their importance, Imperial Shine bylaws mandates club and unit records must be retained for a specific number of years to maintain the tax exempt status with the IRS. In addition, well maintained records also aid in protecting units, clubs, and Zamora Shrine from financial fraud.

Since Units operate under the Temple's tax ID# they are required every year to submit a worksheet for all 12 months which reflects deposit sources and disbursements, January - December bank statements, and a year end worksheet. Since Clubs operate under their own tax ID#, each year they are required to submit January - December bank statements and a year end worksheet. Please keep in mind additional bank statements may be requested if there are concerns or discrepancies in the worksheets and/or reports.

For your convenience, you may email your financial requirements directly to me at bigtopfazo@gmail.com. I will be happy to confirm receipt. If anyone has any questions or concerns with Shrine Treasury matters please feel free to contact me. I appreciate everyone's continued support.

Brian "Fazo" Fason
Zamora Shrine Treasurer

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Rainbow Girls participate in St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Saturday, March 12, Birmingham Assembly #82 participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Birmingham.

We were lucky enough to have three Past Grand Worthy Advisors walk with the Assembly.

Along with the Past Grand Worthy Advisors, we were honored to have our Miss Rainbow and January's Rocking Rainbow Girl, Sister Sydney Bodnar and our Miss Service, Sarah Avington. Displaying another part of our great organization, Sister Brooke Austin, Birmingham's Worthy Advisor, walked in her Southern Belle dress.

The Assembly was also very excited to our two new sisters walk with us. Although it was raining, the girls of Birmingham Assembly had a lot of fun and can't wait for next years parade.

On Saturday, March 12, Birmingham Assembly #82 initiated two new girls. We are so excited for our Assembly and our great Order to be growing.

The two new girls, Sister Morgan Campbell and Sister Shelby Keith, walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with all of us following their initiation.

All of the girls were so excited for this initiation and



for our new Sisters. We welcome them with open arms and hope to continue growing our Assembly.

If you know a girl between the ages of 11 to 20 who would like to join this organization, please contact

Lisa Armstrong at lisa.armstrong0809@gmail.com or Jennifer Mulkey at luvnsunshine8@gmail.com.



Proposed changes to Zamora bylaws

AMENDMENTS TO THE ZAMORA BYLAWS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NOBLES AT THE STATED MEETING ON MAY 25, 2016. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES: The changes will be presented at this meeting. During the July 21, Stated Meeting, they will be voted on.

1. Added at the end of each item the Shriners International Bylaws paragraph reference.

2. Para 2.7 As read: Life Membership. Life Membership in this temple are governed by the bylaws of Shriners International.

Amend paragraph 2.7 to read:
2.7 Dues and Life Memberships. (332.6)

(1) Dues for members thirty (30) years and under are \$85.00, and thirty-one (31) years and over are \$135.00.

(2) All members who are sixty-five (65) years of age and who have paid dues for a term of thirty-five (35) consecutive years shall become Life Members within the Zamora Shrine Temple with payment of any further dues other than the Shrine International Per Capita and Shrine Hospital Assessment fee.

(3) Any members who are under sixty-five (65) years of age may in accordance with Shriners International Bylaws paragraph 332.6(a)(3)(i) may become a Life Member.

(4) Any members who are over age sixty-five (65) years of

age and has paid less than thirty-five consecutive years may in accordance with Shriners International Bylaws paragraph 332.6(3)(ii) to become a Life Member.

(5) The Potentate shall automatically become a Life Member upon completion of his term in office. He will still be required to pay the Hospital Assessment Tax and the Per Capita Tax.

(6) Any member may purchase a Life Per Capita in accordance with Shriners International Bylaws paragraph 211.5(g).

(7) Any member may purchase a Hospital Permanent

Contributing Membership in the Hospitals in accordance with Shriners International Bylaws paragraph 332.4(a).

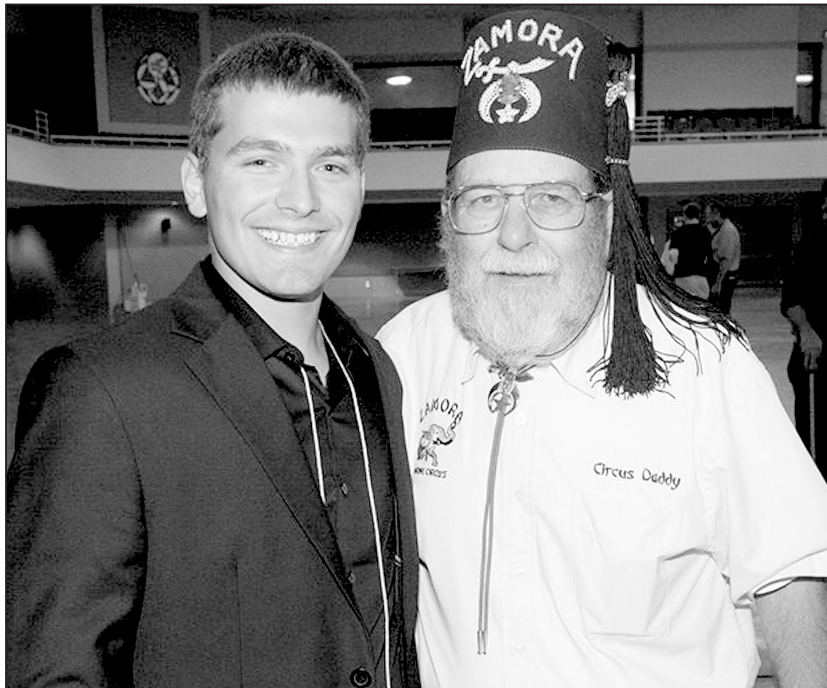
3. Para 3.8 As read: Admission. A Noble may not be admitted to this temple unless he exhibits to the temple an official Shrine card for the current year.

Amended to read: Para 3.8 Admission.

3.8 Admission. A Noble may not be admitted to this temple unless he exhibits to the temple an official Shrine card for the current year and a current Blue Lodge card. (339.1)

4. Para 8.3 As read: Alcoholic Beverages. The consumption of alcoholic beverages during parades and ceremonials is forbidden by those Nobles participating therein.

Amended para 8.3 to read:
8.3 Alcoholic Beverages. The consumption of alcoholic beverages during parades and ceremonials is forbidden by those Nobles participating therein. Also, no alcoholic beverages will be consumed during any events that Zamora Shriners is sponsoring children activities at the Temple or Zamora Park.



Pictured are Nobles Andrew Bolton and Frank Callahan. Noble Bolton was initiated in the Fall 2015 Ceremonial and asked to have his picture made with one of the Roadrunners who transported him to and from the Shriners Hospital for appointments as a child.

I just wanted to take a minute to recognize James “Nick” Nicholas and thank him for all that he is doing for Zamora. From taking pictures to leading up our website, Zamorashriners.com, he’s taken the ball and running with it.



Thank you for all that you do!

Jerry Wayne Thomas,
Oriental Guide

Zamora offers ways to stay informed

Nobles, getting information and announcements sometimes in a timely manner can be challenging.

However, with Facebook and our website, making announcements and getting the word out is a little bit easier.

If there is an announcement or infor-

mation you would like to have on our website or Facebook page, please email the office at zamorashriners@att.net.

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Remembering why I became a Shriner

By Randy Rudge,
Membership Development
Director, Shriners
International

If you were asked, "What does your Shriner membership mean to you?" How would you respond?

A few years ago, I was asked to do a Shriner membership presentation. I worked for months preparing what I would say and do. But, the night before the presentation I realized that it was nothing like I wanted it to be. So I decided I wasn't going to do a presentation at all. I was going to listen.

At the beginning of each workshop I had each member think about and write down why he became a Shriner. Then, I asked each to write his two proudest moments as a Shriner. I realize that for many it was hard to pick just two, but I wanted the first two memories that came to mind.

What the attendees didn't know was that each of them was going to share what he

had written. That became the most inspirational workshop I have ever participated in.

What we heard were the true tenants of Freemasonry and the principles of our Shriners Creed. While there were inspiring stories regarding the children we serve in our hospitals, many of the stories dealt with the brotherly love and fellowship that are only achieved by being a member.

When I think back about my membership, I think about the incredible friends I have made and how they have become my extended family. How they have lent a hand and listened when I was in need, shared a laugh, dedicated their time and made me their friend.

But most of all, I think of my membership as an

incredible bond between me and my father.

I remember the pride he expressed when I became a

Shriner, all the responsibilities I took on, and the endless discussions with our mutual friends.

And the fun we had together.

My dad passed away four years ago on March 6, after a long illness. During his illness, he had not been out of the house for many months, but he decided to attend a Shriners' function. At the event, we sat him in a chair and noble after noble came up to him to shake his hand and say hello.

Dropping him off at his home later that evening, I gave him a hug and said goodnight. I will always remember him looking back

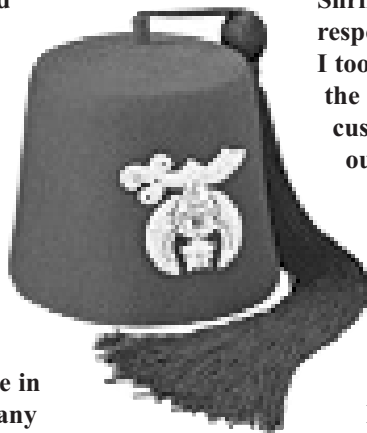
at me with tears in his eyes and thanking me. That was the last time he went out in public.

After listening to many stories similar to mine during the workshop, I asked the attendees what they learned from the exercise. What they said was that they experienced a lot of emotion, pride, love and fellowship in that room.

My message is simple: As Shriners and leaders, it is our responsibility to guide others so that they achieve the same emotion, pride and fellowship we experience as Shriners. When we do, our organization will prosper.

Now, I ask each of you to write down why you became a Shriner and your two proudest moments as a Shriner. If you would like to share your story, please e-mail me through Feztivities.

Thank you all for being Shriners.



**Nobles, always remember
your Blue Lodge and support it all year long!**