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ZAMORA NEWS

From Your Potentate...

Tom Gaskins

From Your Potentate's Desk

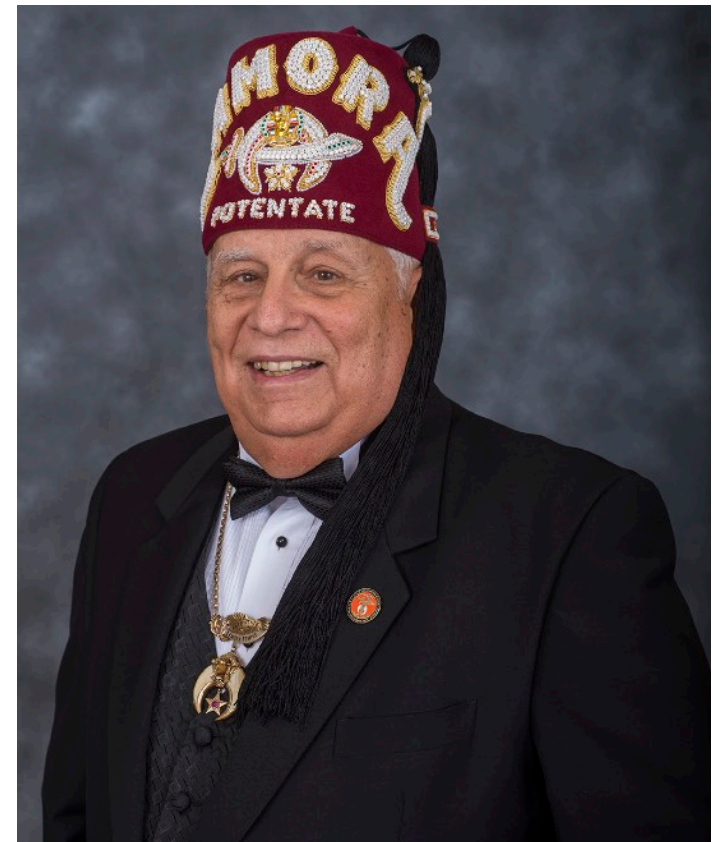
We just had my very first Ceremonial that I was entitled to name a class after. It is with great honor and respect that I named the Spring Ceremonial Class after Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Gene Thompson.

The new Shriners that just joined our ranks are as follows: Edward Tyler Sims from the Center Point Lodge, Billy Chambers from the Sam Thompson Lodge , Zachary Troy Ingram from the Chelsea Lodge, Todd DeStafino from the Chelsea Lodge, Benjamin Keown from the Shades Valley Lodge, Benjamin Scott Keaton from the South Shelby Lodge, John Eaton South Shelby Lodge, Jeffery Ryan Brannan from the Hoover Lodge, Thomas Jason Hallford from the Draketown Lodge (GA) 1 and Alan Scott Callaway from the Locust Fork Lodge. Nobles please extend a warm welcome to these new nobles and get to know them. Remember you were once upon a time a new Shriner so stop and shake their hand and welcome them. We are proud to have them and their Ladies. Hope to see their families at the events at Zamora this year and many years to come.

All the Nobles, Directors and Club Presidents that attended the Dixie this year in Panama City I want to thank you for going and sharing in some wonderful Shrine family fun. I truly can't thank the Nobles enough that came down with equipment and participated in competition and in the parade. I also can't thank those Nobles ladies enough for all the help and support that they gave us. We truly appreciate the ladies and are proud of them. They work right beside the Shriner and help anytime and anywhere we ask them to. Ladies thank you for everything you do and assist in.

The List of the winners is as follows: For the Obstacle Course Zamora's Skat Kats and the Dune Buggies. In the Drill Competition the Motor Corps, Riders, Skat Kats and the Dune Buggies secured some metal wins. The Zamora Dune Buggies were the Big Winners of the Night at the Motorized Banquet. The way they yelled when their name was called out you could tell they were maybe not 100% sure expecting to take home the High Point. So very proud of them and David Weeks I know they are proud of you for stepping up to the plate. The World Famous Zamora Dune Buggies did it again. Nobles I want to thank you each and all for getting enough to go and putting forth all the effort you did. Proud of the Riders too for getting it together so they could go. Heck proud of each one there to help me get my picture taken so many times. That was nice to keep getting up to go be in another picture. We are all proud of you.

I also need to acknowledge Zamora's presence at Talladega's spring race. We had a great team of workers to show each day. I didn't get to camp there this year to enjoy all the other fun we have there but maybe the fall race!!



The pool is open at the Zamora Park and been out several times and it's really nice and ready for the summer activities. Get your pool pass and enjoy the pool with your family. Be sure and put on your calendar the Kids Day at the Park set for Saturday June 24th. Please come on out and watch the kids enjoy a wonderful day we have just for them.

The SESA is in Warner Robins, Ga. and the dates are August 23rd –August 29th. You need to call the hotel directly for your rooms. Zamora has contracted to stay at the Quality Inn & Suites on 215 Margie Drive and the phone number is 1-478-953-6866. They are pet friendly and they charge \$15.00 a day more for a pet. When you call them tell them you are with the Zamora Shrine Center to get the Rates of \$70.00 a night plus tax. You will also need to fill out the registration form and send it in with a check for your registration fees and any special tickets listed on the registration form. The hotel surcharge must be included. We had a great crowd in Panama City but this time lets show Warner Robins what the Zamora Shriners are all about. I'll be looking around to see who all is there.....

Daytona is the place to be for the 143rd Imperial 2017 Convention July 9th – 13th. Make your plans now to attend the 2017 conventions. You can go the website to get the forms needed or go by the office. Get your registration forms in and make your reservations to attend. Our Recorder, John Akers is trying his best to get the paperwork to us for the Zamora hotel at the Imperial Convention in Daytona so you can continue to make those plans.

When you go to the Imperial2017.com website you will find all kind of great information about things to do while in Daytona. Motorized Competition is on Sunday and it falls on the 8th this year. Also the Parade is going to be a night parade. That's going to be a treat in itself. Make your plans now as best as you can and hope to see you there.

This upcoming event is always our biggest fundraiser of the year and it's our Sportsman Giveaway and Nobles it's fast approaching. This year it's September 23rd and is headed up by Noble Terrell Yates. He already has the tickets in the office and arrangements have been made with Field and Stream at the Galleria in Hoover for us to there and set up anytime to sell tickets. It makes a great Unit outing to go for several hours and then maybe the Unit stops to have a bite to eat together. My lady even goes with me when I go. We have a good time and sell a few tickets. It allows us as a Shriner at Zamora to present ourselves in public and create public awareness.

Visit your Blue Lodges regularly as we go through this year and always keep your eyes open for new members and for kids that need us to help them have a better life.

The month of June is going to be a busy one for Zamora. As you go forward always I ask you to keep in mind that
“There's A Little Volunteer In Every Shriner”.

Thank you again goes to all those that have Volunteered during the month of May to help in the ways we know
how to help.

Without you we couldn't get it done.



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

I would like to share with you the experience that my unit (The Zamora Riders) had at the 2017 Dixie Convention in Panama City FL. The Riders had not competed in this event for the past three to four years. Prior to the convention there were many hours of preparation and practice. The Riders for the most part were new to the competition scene and newer members had to rely on the teaching of more seasoned members of the Unit. A big thank you to Jason Vest, and Danny Williams for sharing their experience and knowledge of the elements and procedures of the motorized competition. The Riders competition members really came together as a team and overcame many obstacles to get to where they could be competitive at the Dixie.



The reward for the Riders hard work and dedication shown thru while passing the personnel inspection with no discrepancies, as well as the equipment inspection with no hits. Our competitive drill on the field was one of the best runs we have had since we started riding together, and all Riders made a run at the obstacle course. The result for all their efforts was a Second Place in all our category's. The Zamora Riders were proud to represent our Unit and our temple. The members of the Riders Unit opted to have a contribution sent to Shriners Hospital for Children in their name instead of a trophy or a plaque presented to them. I am proud and honored to be the director of this fine unit and look forward to more opportunities to ride with my brother Riders and represent Zamora. We welcome any other riding enthusiast to join us for fun fellowship and supporting the mission of a Shriner. We meet the first Thursday of every month directly after the Motorized Association meeting. Riders coming on the field, and it is a great time to be a Zamora Shriner!

FRATERNALLY,

Tim Vaughan

(ORIENTAL GUIDE & Director Zamora Riders Unit)

30 Years CLAY COUNTY CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

November 5th, 2017 9 am - 4 pm
Always the first Sunday in November!

ADMISSION: \$2.00 Under 12 Free
Car Show - Sunday Swap Meet - Sat & Sun

CASH PRIZES - \$2500+
Home of the Famous Money Tree

The past 29 years we have donated over \$600,000 to the Shrine Hospital. Last year we took them a check for \$30,000. Let's make this year the biggest ever.
Just wanted to let you know where the money goes.



DJ RAY WILL BE BACK SPINNING THE PLATTERS FOR 29 YEARS

Saturday and Sunday - Setup starts Friday
Devotional 10:30 A.M. Main Stage - Sunday

Bring the family
This is more than a car show...
It's a happening - be part of it!

"See Ya'll There!"

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

Bob Steele

PO Box 216

Lineville, AL 36266

Office (256) 396-2058

Tommy Hicks

Phone: (256)354-7732

Sanford Suggs

Phone: (256)354-3139

No Pre-registration

No Judging

All vehicles have your \$20 cash or check made out to: Clay County Shrine Club

There will be 3 fast entry lines when you come in the park (by the airplane)

You will receive your goody bag, dash plaque and registration number.

Having correct change or completed check will help speed the process.

Worked Great Last Year!

The Lineville Recreation Park
Hwy. 9 North in Lineville, Alabama



All show cars and vendors enter and exit park entrance at Hwy 9.

All spectators enter Hwy 49 parking lot. Shuttle transportation will be provided from parking lot to show area.

Tommy and I had always said we would do the show 30 years. This will be our 30th year. Next year we will be showing cars and have a spot in the vendor section. We always said this would be a great show to come to. Next year we are getting that chance. Let's make this year the biggest ever. Passing the torch to insure another 30 years.



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All Vendors - Parts - Arts & Crafts will go straight up to their setup spot.

We will have someone come by to collect your entry fee. Each 10' x 20' spot will be \$20.

Notice to all the Nobles of Zamora we are starting a new phone calling system

This system will allow us to contact you and keep you informed of any events coming up and of any information that pertains to the nobility be it good or bad news. It will be best if the number it goes to is capable of receiving a voice mail or text in case you are not available at that time. It is also capable of just sending an email if you provide us with that information.

I have sent a trial run out to you and if you haven't received a call from One Call please contact Tom Gaskins so we can update your information.

Please call me at 205-527-4356 and leave me a voice mail with your name and phone number you prefer of if your Preference is to opt out from the system. If you prefer you can also text me at the above phone number.

**Tom Gaskins
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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS



Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments and Shrine activity

How to Register for WebFez:

- Go to your browser's address bar and type in webfez.shrinenet.org
- Click the register button on the Login page: **Register**
- From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list and then type in your Member Number and your First and Last names.

- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(Passwords must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number.)

Confirm password

- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox.
- After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.

First Lady's Message...

Pat Gaskins



Nuttin Finer Than A Shriner.....

Ladies we have some wonderful brand new Shrine Ladies.....

I was able to meet with several of them the day of the Ceremonial at Zamora. Past Potentate Lady Pat Thompson, a few other Zamora ladies and I were able to share lunch with some of them over some wonderful conversation. When lunch was over some of us took them to the Zamora Park to show them what a wonderful facility we have out there. We have some super great ladies that have joined the Zamora family. Be sure and introduce yourself and welcome them with a Zamora Hug!

The new Ladies are Rosemary Eaton, Terri Chambers, Crystal Ingram, Susan Schultz, Cathy Sims and Amy Hallford. Heather Shaddix is going to be a Mrs. Heather Key, new Shrine Lady of the Motor Corps director Chris Key later this month. Welcome all these New Shrine Ladies to our midst. They are extremely nice, have great families and will be a true asset to Zamora. Extend your friendship to them and get them involved. They want to be a part of their new home too.

Can you believe the month of May is over? We had a great time in Panama City even though I couldn't get in the heat or sun. Tried to get them to move it to Alaska but no one listened for a second.

I did have some fantastic steamed shrimp at Hunts there in Panama City. I ate a ½ pound and it was soooo good. Better than that folks it was totally awesome. I think that's about all I did was eat while I was down there. At Uncle Ernie's I ate grilled grouper with a sauce on top that was to die for. I even ate some steak at the Presidents banquet that was really good. Yep I ate some steak! We had a great time and everyone seemed to enjoy the new arrangements and the time spent with each other.

These Divan, Assistant Chief Aide, and Personal Aide ladies have Birthdays the month of June. Be sure when you see them to wish them a very Happy Birthday! There are only three in the month of June: June 6th Amy Peterman, 14th Linda Graves and the 25th Linda Sims. Happy Birthday Ladies..... Remember life gets better with Age!!

The host hotel for the October 7th ball is the Holiday Inn Express located next door to Sam's Club in Irondale. The rates are for Zamora Shrine Center and can be made at any time now. All functions will be at Zamora and host hotel only used for sleeping arrangements and continental breakfast. They do allow pets.

The pool opened May 25th at the Zamora Park. That is a great place to take the kids during the summer or even the whole family. If you haven't gone out there lately please go check it out. We take the motorhome out and camp there for a month or so at a time or 3 or 4 months and longer if we can. You can even buy a pool pass and I've got to tell you they make a really great cheeseburger out there.

Reminder: Don't forget about the Smile Amazon. Don't forget if you order something from Amazon go thru Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) to order.

Last month I typed: "*Ladies after we have an event if you could just stay around a few more minutes as we jump in and help clear the tables, etc and get it all cleaned up in a hurry. We could use a few more hands to help us*". That's what I asked for and I got it..... Ladies thanks so much. It was wonderful to see all the help that was extended. It helped some tired folks get home a little sooner and allowed us to enjoy a little better.

Remember to text, email or call me if you need to get a hold of me.

That's it for now ladies.... remember "Nuttin Finer Than A Shriner"..... Unless He's your Shriner!!

First Lady Pat
2017





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On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

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What if my selected charity does not register to participate in the AmazonSmile program or becomes ineligible?

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Please see complete AmazonSmile [program details](#).

Save the Date

October 7, 2017

**Zamora's Shrine Potentates Ball
is just around the corner.**

**Host Hotel is
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
811 Old Grants Mill Road
I-20 exit 133
Irondale, Al 35210
1 (205) 957-0555**

**Call to reserve your room now or soon and
ask for "Zamora Shriners Rate".**

**(This will allow us plenty of time to know if we need more rooms blocked for us at
our rate or not)**

Cut-off date is September 22, 2017

and yes it is Pet Friendly.

10 EASY WAYS TO WRECK OUR TEMPLE

1. Don't attend stated meetings.
2. If you go be sure to be late.
3. If the weather is bad - don't even think about going.
4. When you do go to a meeting - be sure to find fault with the elected leaders.
5. Never accept an office, that way you will be able to criticize those in office.
6. If you are appointed to a committee - avoid attending it's meetings.
7. When asked to offer your opinion or constructive criticism - tell them that you have nothing to say.
8. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary - but when someone else tells you that only a few are doing the lion's share of the work - that is your opportunity to say - " The Temple is run by a clique".
9. Don't worry about paying your dues on time - let the other members worry about paying the bills.
10. Don't bother getting new members - again, let those "others" worry about membership.

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE ANYONE YOU KNOW? PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO WHISPER COUNCIL IN HIS EAR - OR LOOK IN A MIRROR.

Talledega

Another successful Talledega race is in the books spring 2017 race is over. Friday was wet and cold but the volunteers from the Zamora nobility stood tough and transported The handicapped where they need to go, Saturday brought much nicer weather with sunshine and nice breeze and Sunday was a perfect Alabama day. Back in 2003 the legends unit started transporting the handicapped with Howard Newman, Terrell Yates and Don Griffin it has since grown to over 50 nobles and friends. For those of you who don't know the proceeds from the Talledega race go to the paper sale which is our contribution to the Shrine hospitals and this year will generate in the upwards of \$20,000 for this noble gesture. A special thanks goes out to all the nobility and friends that participate in this event. The Talledega weekend proves that Shriners can have a great time and contribute to a noble cause and an extra special thanks goes out to Michael Johnshon and Steve Horton for spending their birthdays with us helping our kids.





2017 SESA REGISTRATION FORM

August 23 - 26, 2017

Southeastern Shrine Convention

August 23rd - 27th, 2017

Cut Off Date August 7th, 2017

**Call to make your own reservations at the hotel and
ask for Group Name of Zamora Shrine Center**

Quality Inn & Suites

215 Margie Drive

Warner Robins, Ga. 31088

1-478-953-6866 or 1-478-953-6868

Rates are \$70.00 a night plus tax

Noble: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Temple: _____ Unit/Club: _____ Office/Title: _____

I will be staying at: Hotel ☐ Home ☐ Other ☐ Name: _____

		Noble	Lady
SESA Registration	\$12.00 per Adult	\$ _____	\$ _____
Hotel Surcharge (\$6.00 per Night)	\$6.00 X _____ Nights	\$ _____	N/A
Wednesday Ga Fish Fry (Cut-off date Aug.4)	\$15.00 per person	\$ _____	\$ _____
Thursday President's Evening (Cut-off date Aug.4)	\$30.00 per person	\$ _____	\$ _____
Friday Ladies Luncheon (Cut-off date Aug.4)	\$35.00	N/A	\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **Al Sihah – S.E.S.A. 2017**

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to: **Al Sihah Shrine, P.O. Box 3147, Macon, Ga 31205-3147**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1. Notice to ALL:** There will be **NO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS** issued for Representatives.
This change is effective January 2016 for all future SESAs.
- 2. No Refunds** will be issued for cancellations after **August 4, 2017**.
- 3. You must be REGISTERED and DISPLAY your CREDENTIALS** in order to participate in any S.E.S.A. Function.
- 4. Hotel Surcharge MUST** be included in Registration Fee for all Nobles and Guest attending S.E.S.A.
- 5. Wednesday Night Georgia Fish Fry** will be held at Al Sihah's Activity Building.
- 6. First Lady's Luncheon** will be held at the Headquarters Hotel (Courtyard by Marriott). •
• (IMPORTANT INFORMATION: LIMITED TICKETS (200 Tickets) on first come basis) •
- 7. President's Evening** will be held at Al Sihah Shrine Temple and includes Dinner and Entertainment.
- 8. President's Evening** has Limited Seating of tables for 8. All tables are open seating.

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KIDS DAY AT THE PARK

Come and join us for a full day of fun at the Shriners Zamora Park. There will be fishing for the kids, as well as a water slide, plenty of food, and the pool will be open for swimming. We will have the rods and reels and plenty of fish in our freshly stocked lake.

Hope to see you there!

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH

10 UNTIL 3



ZAMORA PARK

9276 Cedar Mountain Road

Pinson, AL 35126



Directions: Exit Deerfoot Parkway from I-59. Go north towards Clay. Turn right onto Old Springville Road. Go aprox. 1.95 miles and turn left onto Mack Hicks Road. Go 1.6 miles to the entrance to Zamora Park.

Greetings Nobles, Directors and Club Presidents!

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits! We are having a great year here at Zamora! Attendance at our meetings has been excellent and we have had some special evenings where fellowship and fun was had by all!

Check your Zamora News each month at www.zamorashriners.net for upcoming events and fun nights and then please plan on joining the festivities.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching. Our Annual Sportsman Gun Giveaway will be held at the Zamora on September 23. 2017. This is the event that our Temple depends on to keep the lights on and pay the bills! We need ALL of the Shriners to do their part to help. You may not be able to attend many events, or to participate in many activities, but this is YOUR chance to help your Temple. We are sending you our \$100.00 Ticket Pack. If you want to buy all five white tickets, that's great! If you want to buy one and sell four, that's great too! The superb bonus for you, are not just two, but three blue tickets that will put you in the drawing for an additional 40 guns plus when you return your check for the pack we will add your name to the Zamora Website on the Silver Sellers Listing. We need you to send us the stubs and \$100.00.

A Gold Sponsor Pack is \$300.00 and it allows you access to the VIP room. If interested please let us know and we can explain it in detail and send you what you need. This will list you as a Gold Sponsor.

Where else can you have a chance to win over 100 guns in one afternoon, for just \$20.00? And we'll feed you too! It's a really fun day, come out and have a good time with your fellow Nobles. Bring a friend; let them see how much fun Shrining can be! Please send your money in soon, and then come and join us for a great day!

Sincerely,

Illustrious Sir Tom R. Gaskins
Potentate

The Zamora Spring Ceremonial class named for Illustrious Sir Wm Gene Thompson, P.P.

In 1960, the Illustrious Sir Wm Gene Thompson was honorably discharged and completed his active service in the Air Force and moved to Birmingham, Alabama at the invitation of an uncle who worked at Baggett Transportation Company. His uncle helped him go to work in the Parts Department at Baggett and he started his life as a civilian. He soon met his future wife, Pat, and they were married in April of 1962. They were blessed with two children, Paige and Rusty. Gene had entered the Air Force directly after high school graduation in Rockingham, North Carolina. After he settled in Birmingham, he started night classes at Samford University and while working during the daytime and classes at night, he graduated from Samford University in 1968. After getting his degree in Business, he started work at New York Life Insurance Company and continued there until he retired.

In March of 1971, Illustrious Sir Gene Thompson became a Mason at the Gardendale Lodge. He immediately went through the York Rite and joined Zamora Temple during the Fall Class of 1971. The Dune Buggy Unit had just been formed and Noble Thompson joined the unit and started driving on the drill team. After a couple of years, the unit members bought the new dune buggies and started to participate in motor corps competition. His apricot buggy was one of the first four buggies delivered to Birmingham from the builder in Daytona, Florida. The next several years were dominated by competitions at Dixie, Southeastern, and Imperial conventions. Almost all of the weekends were usually spent practicing the drill or working on the buggies.

In 1980, Illustrious Sir Potentate Don Hart started a group known as the Potentate's Staff. Gene was asked to join the group and he did although he still remained on the Dune Buggy Drill Team. In 1981, Illustrious Sir Potentate Larry Allred appointed him to be Chief of Potentate's Staff and he accepted the appointment and remained in that position until he was appointed to the Divan in 1990 by Illustrious Sir Potentate Gene Lanier. He advanced on the Divan and was elected Potentate in 1997.

Illustrious Sir Gene Thompson has always been an active Shriner and received Top Shriner Awards in 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984 and awards for Paper Sales and Fund Raising in 1994 and 1995. He was named Shriner of the Year in 1980.

After his year serving as Potentate, he took a brief recess of a couple of years which enabled him to spend more time with his family and grandchildren, Travis and Logan. Once they had outgrown him, he joined the Greeters Unit and has once again become active in Zamora Temple. He served as Director of the Greeters in 2015 and enjoys the fellowship and opportunity for service to the Temple and the Shrine charities.



Edward Tyler Sims
Centerpoint Lodge



William "Billy" Chambers
Sam Thompson Lodge



Zachary Troy Ingram
Chelsea Lodge



Todd DeStafino
Chelsea Lodge



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Shades Valley Lodge

Zamora 2017 Spring Class



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John M. Eaton
South Shelby Lodge



Jeffery Ryan Brannan
Hoover Lodge



Alan Scott Callaway
Locust Fork Lodge



Thomas Jason Hallford
Draketown Lodge

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