

# ZAMORA NEWS

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## Kirk Pearson Sr. is Namesake for April 6 Cold Class

The April 6th Cold Class has been named for Kirk Pearson Sr. Kirk Pearson Sr. was born in Pontiac, Michigan in 1951 to Bob and Amy Pearson. It was at Pontiac Northern High School that he met his future bride, Betty. Despite many protests by her father, the two were married in June of 1969. They started a family and had three children: Kirk, Chris, and Angel.

Then in 1975, Noble Kirk Pearson Sr. decided to petition Pontiac Lodge # 21. He was very active on the degree teams while there. In 1979, his job with General Motors brought about an opportunity to transfer his family to Alabama. They soon settled in the small town of Moundville just south of Tuscaloosa. Noble Pearson maintained his membership in Pontiac Lodge # 21 until his oldest son was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in December of 1991 at Moundville Lodge #123, where he transferred his membership as well.

Noble Pearson did not follow a traditional route to the Shrine. Where in most families, a father brings his son into the fraternity, Noble Pearson followed his son. Kirk Pearson Jr. petitioned the shrine in the spring of 2007 and convinced his father what an amazing organization he was missing out on. So, on May 31, 2008, Kirk Pearson Sr also became a Shriner.

Now this father and son team traveled together quite often. Both were active members of the Zamora Clown unit where they competed at Dixie and SESCO conventions. They both were active in the West Alabama Shrine Club, a club that Noble Pearson led for two consecutive years as the President. It wasn't until he found the Road Runners that Noble Kirk Pearson Sr. found his place in the Shrine.

He began driving for the Road Runners about 5 years ago, and he immediately fell in

love with the program. He saw first hand the difference the Shrine can make. He has commented more than once about how amazing our hospital kids are. The fact that they can endure so much and still have a smile on their face has melted his self-described "crusty old heart."

In the short time Noble Pearson Sr. has been driving the Road Runners, he has accumulated just under 100 trips, mostly to Greenville. When people talk about the change he makes in the lives of our hospital kids, he is quick to correct them. He says, "No, they have changed my life!" From joining the Shrine and driving for the Road Runners, Noble Kirk Pearson, Sr. has learned many things, but his biggest lesson has been from the kids: appreciate every situation and take setbacks in stride.

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## New class of Nobles at Zamora

The April 6th Cold Class saw seven new Nobles go into the Shrine. The class was named for Kirk Pearson, Sr., shown at the far left. From left to right are Chris Orazine, Jared Stegall, Tommy Wilburn, Michael Wilkinson, Mike Puzak, Garrett Pearson, and Will Shelton. The Cold Class followed a special called meeting.

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*Jerry Wayne Thomas*  
*And Lady Tina*

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**ZAMORA  
NEWS**



## From the desk of the Potentate

Hello, men.

Can you believe it is already April, and we have ended the first quarter of 2019 here at Zamora? Many past potentates have told me that the year will fly by, and I have to tell you, they were right! We have been very busy with the business of your Temple. You should be proud of all the hard work your Divan has done during the month of March, and April doesn't look like we will be slowing down any.

The month started out in beautiful Panama City Beach on March 1 and 2. A large group of Zamora Nobles represented your temple well at the SASMC meeting. We were fortunate enough to vote for our very own Noble Ralph Weeks as President. Congratulations, Ralph... I know you will do a great job and make Zamora proud.

We had our Divan, Directors/President, Motorized, and Club meeting on March 6. I was so happy to see the room full for the meeting. I really think this was a change for the better. We had a large crowd, and everyone seemed to enjoy fellowshiping with their brothers. This is what it's all about!

Just two days later, we had a large group travel to Greenville, South Carolina, for the hospital's annual Shriner Day. We received a lot of information on how the hospital is being run and what changes are being made. Thank you to Illustrious Sir P.P. Greg Gregerson and his fellow Board of Governors for doing such an amazing job. It also was great that Zamora could present a check for \$30,000 raised from the hard work of so many of our Nobles and their

ladies.

Then on March 15, Lady Tina and I joined Chief Rabban Kirk "Moose" Pearson, Lady Mindy, Recorder Jimmy Sills and Lady Marilyn for the Southeastern Shrine Association (SESA) Midwinter in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We had a good time of fellowship with our friends from around the south-east on Friday night and spent all day Saturday at the business meeting. I don't think they could have a convention in a prettier location.

Congratulations to the Wheelz Unit on another successful car show. We had a great time looking and enjoying the company of our brothers. I only hope I didn't make anyone mad with the Potentate's Choice Award. Y'all need to know, Charley made me pick one!

The month of April started off busy, too. We had another great meeting of your Divan, Directors/Presidents, Motorized, and Units on April 3. I also want to thank many of you for all the birthday wishes. I felt very loved! Then on April 6, I called a special meeting for the purpose of voting on candidates. We voted to receive several good men into our fraternity. I decided to name the class after Noble Kirk Pearson Sr. Even though he hasn't been in the Shrine all that long, he has made a big impact transporting our kids. I also want to congratulate Chief Rabban Kirk "Moose" Pearson on being able to put a fez upon his son's head. I know it was a proud moment, and I am so glad I got to share it with your family. Thanks to all who showed up to make this a spe-



**Jerry Wayne Thomas  
and First Dog Ollie**

cial day for our new nobles.

As this paper is being printed, we are making plans to attend the open installation of officers of Aromaz Dynasty Temple Number 163 so we can congratulate Jamie Little as she is crowned Queen and all the Princesses as they take their positions for the ensuing year. Then, we will head back to Zamora for our Spring Country Cash. Assistant Rabban Tim Vaughan and Oriental Guide Curtis Walters have worked hard on this event, and I know it will be a huge success.

The month will end with our Kids' Easter Party on the 14. I hope you are making plans to be there. It is always a good time, and our kids love it. Then I will get to celebrate the birthday of my lady, Tina, on the 20th. I bet she thinks I forgot, but I didn't! Finally, we will have a stated meeting on April 24. You will want to be there as we discuss what's going on at YOUR temple.

We have been busy for quite a while, and just think, Dixie is just around the corner. Until I see you again, remember the three magic words...I Love You!



Upcoming events for Zamora Shriners

April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Director Motorized Clubs	4 Happy Birthday, Ill. Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas	5 Trailblazers	6 •Called Meeting 8 a.m. •Dixie Shrine Club Turkey
7 DeMolay	8	9	10 Scottish Rite	11 •Gadsden Shrine Club	12	13 •Country Cash
14 •Kids' Easter party	15 Paper Sale Kickoff	16	17 Lineville Car Show mtg and Dixie Shrine Club	18	19 Office Closed Good Friday	20 York Rite and Happy Birthday, Tina Smith
21 Easter	22	23	24 Stated Meeting	25 •Gadsden Shrine Club	26 •Talladega Race through 4/28	27 Talledga
28 Talledga	29	30				

May 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Directors, Motorized, Club Meetings	2	3 Trailblazers	4 Dixie Shrine Club Pool Tournament
5 DeMolay	6	7	8 Scottish Rite	9 Gadsden Shrine Club	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Dixie Shrine Club Dixie Convention	16 Dixie Convention	17 Dixie Convention	18 Dixie Convention
19 Dixie Convention	20	21	22 Lineville Car Show Meeting 6 p.m.	23 Gadsden Shrine Club	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

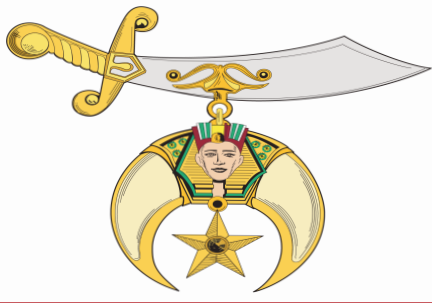
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## Meet Greenville Patient Blake Hale

*By Mallory Hale*

Blake was diagnosed with infantile scoliosis at six months old. We began treatment in Birmingham, Alabama, and we were referred to Shriners Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina in April of 2017. Without the help of the Shriners, this journey would be very difficult. Thanks to your financial assistance with our room expense, we are able to give our son the best chance for a full recovery.

Blake is now three years old and will be four in June. He is making great progress and continues to improve. Our family greatly appreciates your support, and we will be forever grateful! Winston Each has been such a blessing and encourages us every time we have the opportunity to speak with him.

May you always know that you are making a difference, and I pray you are truly blessed for your kindness.





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## Shriner Day Held in Greenville

On Saturday, March 8 and Sunday, March 9, Greenville, South Carolina was flooded by Zamora Shriners! The hospital held their annual Shriner Day celebration. A reception was held Friday night with numerous presentations on Saturday. Hospital leadership informed all in attendance about the success and advancements of the Shrine Hospital.

Patient ambassadors spoke about how not only Greenville Hospital but also the active Shriners that support it changed their lives in positive ways. This was followed by a parade of checks presented to the hospital by several Shrine centers and organizations. Zamora did not miss out on that opportunity, either. A host of Zamora's nobles along with their ladies

and families presented a \$30,000 check for the hospital to use in their diligent research efforts.

Not only was Shriner Day an opportunity to visit old friends and support a world class hospital, it was also an opportunity to be reminded of why those members became a part of the world's greatest philanthropy.





## DeMolay in Alabama Grows Again

On Saturday, January 12, the members of Birmingham Chapter Order of DeMolay traveled to Montgomery. There, they participated in the annual midwinter meeting. This event usually features learning workshops, socializing, and of course- food. This year, our chapter was represented by eleven DeMolays and advisors. We would like to thank Zamora for allowing us to travel in the temple van. It was a great help.

In addition to the normal agenda, this year was very special because the Montgomery Chapter (which has been dor-

mant for many years) was reactivated due to the efforts of several old and new advisors. Four new DeMolays received their initiatory and DeMolay degrees. They are now full fledged DeMolays. Three others are pending. The enthusiasm displayed by the new DeMolays will ensure that this chapter will grow and thrive.

Each chapter in the state would welcome new members. Masons and Shriners, such as yourself, are able to recommend young men aged 12-21 for membership. If you know a young man who might benefit

from the virtues taught by DeMolay (love of parents, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness, and patriotism) please call "Dad" Fred Slaney at 205-862-7888. This young man might be a son, nephew, grandson, or even the young man who mows your lawn. If you feel that exposure to an organization that teaches the seven precepts of DeMolay and builds the productive citizens of our future would benefit that man- YOU ARE CORRECT!



## DeMolay Gains Support

Illustrious Sir Past Potentate Tom Gaskins presented a check for \$1000 to Noble Fred Slaney who is chairman of the advisory board for the DeMolay. The check was donated by Mr. Bill Parsons, owner of Mainsail Asset Management company, and was to be given to our DeMolay for the development of Zamora's young men. Thank you, Mr. Bill Parsons.

## From the Old Shriner...

This is for the general Nobility. Did you know that you don't have to be a member of a Unit or Club to have a fine old time in the Zamora Shrine? You can attend all the fun things such as the Taste of Zamora, the Little Brown Jug, or even the Shrine Conventions. All you have to do is show up. The office can

tell you how to make hotel reservations for the conventions, and you can stay in the same place as everyone else. At the Dixie Convention, you can enjoy the sand, swim in the pool and ocean, visit the hospitality rooms, watch the competitions and parades, go to the banquet, and just have a fine old time. I just thought

you might like to know we want you there.

You can even help with fundraising. Brag to your friends about having fun and raising money for our hospitals. Heck yea, it's fun to be a Shriner! Besides, you may even meet a new best friend.

### Announcement

**We hope you are enjoying your printed copy of Zamora News. However, if anyone would like to be removed from the mailing list, please email the editor at [zamoranewsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:zamoranewsinfo@gmail.com) to make this request.**

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**Effective May 1, 2019,**

**Noble Bill Turk will be the contact for anyone needing access to Zamora Park.**

**His number is 205-362-2016**



## Three generations of Shriners

Kirk Pearson, Sr., Garrett Pearson, and Kirk "Moose" Pearson, Jr. enjoy the festivities of the April 6 Cold Class at Zamora Shrine. Garrett became one of our newest Shriners and joins his father and grandfather as legacy Shriners. Garrett's great-grandfather Albert J. Traweek was also a Shriner at Zamora.



## Greeters Unit Shares Important Dates, Thanks

*Submitted by Bill Ringle*  
May 13th is Our Next Meeting (2nd Monday) – LADIES NIGHT.

- 6:00 refreshments in the 1st floor dining room
- 6:30 short business meeting in the dining room
- 6:45 dinner in the 1st floor dining room for those members who RSVP to Eric Oller at [oller@bellsouth.net](mailto:oller@bellsouth.net) or 223-4988.

- 7:15 entertainment in the dining room

Entertainment: Shalom  
Dinner: steak, all the fixin's and desert provided by the

Dixie Shrine Club (your RSVP is essential).

### IMPORTANT GREETER DATES:

- May 13th - Greeters dinner meeting @ 6:00 (Ladies Night). Entertainment provided by "Shalom".

June - Greeters are dark for the summer months.

July - Greeters are dark for the summer months.

- August - Greeters are dark for the summer months.

- Sep 9th Greeters dinner meeting @ 6:00 (Ladies Night).

- Oct 14th Greeters dinner meeting @ 6:00.

- Nov 11th Greeters dinner meeting @ 6:00.

- Dec 9th Greeters dinner meeting @ 6:00 (Ladies Night).

### PRAYERS AND CONCERNS FOR OUR SICK & DISTRESSED BROTHERS & THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS:

- Dal Haltiwanger
- Mary Pat Kutschke

### SPECIAL THANKS & RECOGNITION TO:

- Jack Bacskey & Richard

Locke for tending bar at the March meeting.

- Richard Locke for conducting our Calling Post telephone calls.

- Gregg Tucker and Eric Oller (our executive officers).

- Paul Vaughn for offering the opening prayer at the March meeting.

- Gene Thompson for taking the lead on selling Country Cash tickets for the Greeters.

- Don Baker and Fred Slaney for locking up the Temple after the Greeters meeting.



### Illustrious Sir finds a tall friend

Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas made a tall friend at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville during the Southeastern Association of Shrine Motor Corps midwinter meeting in Panama City Beach, Florida on February 28- March 2.



**Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number or email address?**

**If so, please contact the office at 205-956-3636 if any of your personal information has changed so we can keep your records correct.**

**You can also read the Zamora News online at <http://zamorashriners.com/zamora-news>**

## Did you know? Shriners International Fundraiser Checklists

### Charitable Fundraiser Checklist

- ☐ Has written permission been obtained from the Temple Potentate and chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees?
- ☐ Has the Temple Potentate reviewed and approved any necessary contracts?
- ☐ Has the appropriate insurance been obtained?
- ☐ Has the Temple Potentate examined all solicitation and promotional material to assure compliance with Shrine law?
- ☐ Have federal, state/province and local laws been complied with?
- ☐ Has there been compliance with The Revenue Act of 1987 (if the Temple is located in the United States)? (See General Order No. 1)
- ☐ Has a "Statement of Purpose" been included on all tickets, solicitation material, programs and all other promotional material?
- ☐ Has the Charity Activity Form been completed and returned to Shriners International Headquarters within 60 days of the activity to avoid an interest penalty?

### Fraternal Fundraiser Checklist

- ☐ Has written permission been obtained from the Temple Potentate?
- ☐ Has a copy of the approval been sent to the Executive Vice President – Shriners International?
- ☐ Has the Temple Potentate reviewed and approved any necessary contracts?
- ☐ Has the appropriate insurance been obtained?
- ☐ Has the Temple Potentate examined all solicitation and promotional material to assure compliance with Shrine law?
- ☐ Have all federal, state/province and local laws been complied with?
- ☐ Has there been compliance with The Revenue Act of 1987 (if the Temple is located in the United States)? (See General Order No. 1)
- ☐ Have a "Statement of Purpose" and "Disclosure" been included on all tickets, solicitation and promotional material, including Temple publications?



## Membership Committee Stays Busy

Your membership committee from Zamora Shrine have been out in full force. Under the leadership of chairman and 2nd Ceremonial Master Richard Johnson, the committee has visited numerous lodges in our area, sharing the

benefits of becoming a Shriner. March 4 saw the committee visit Hoover Lodge #644. They traveled to Gardendale #907 on March 11. On March 19, not only did they make their presentation, but they also enjoyed a great barbecue dinner with

the brothers from Central Lodge # 70.

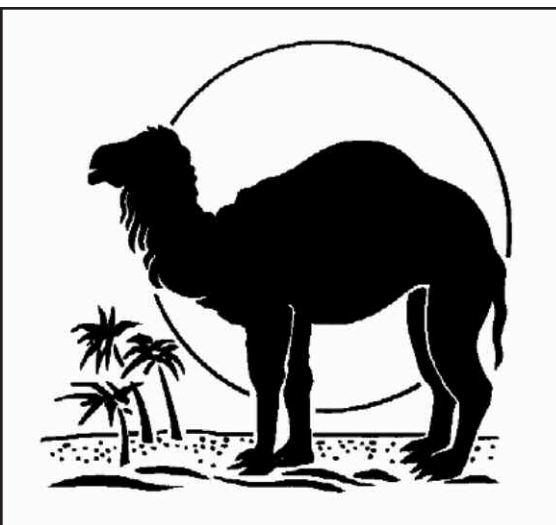
You haven't seen the Membership Committee's presentation? Don't worry. They will be coming to a lodge near you very soon.



**Top** - At Montevallo: Shown are 2nd Ceremonial Master Richard Johnson, WM Daniel Robitalle, and committee member Alex Touchton.

**Above** - At Hoover: Steve Blair, Chairman Richard Johnson, Todd Destafino, High Priest and Prophet Charley Pope, WM Josh King, Zac Ingram, Alec Touchton, and Jacob Hepp.

**Remember to support your Blue Lodge throughout the year!**



## Black Camel Visits Zamora Shrine

In remembrance of:

- J.R. Lann
- James Elliott
- Hubert E Wolbach
- Robert C Grigsby
- Dan Edgar Douglas
- Sammy Campbell

## Panama City Beach Hosts SASMC

The Southeastern Association of Shrine Motor Corps held the midwinter meeting in Panama City Beach, Florida on February 28- March 2. With 10 representatives, Zamora had one of the largest delegations in attendance at the SASMC. Prior to the business meeting on Saturday, the

group of nobles had an opportunity to enjoy the company of Shrine family from around the southeast. The highlight of the meeting was voting for Noble Ralph Weeks as President for the ensuing year. He has already begun making plans to help ensure the growth and financial

stability of this group. Noble Weeks will be sworn in at the annual meeting to be held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee this summer on August 15-18 during the annual meeting for the Southeastern Shrine Association. Make plans now to attend.



Zamora representatives enjoy the sunshine prior to the SASMC business meeting.



## SESA Midwinter Held in Smoky Mountains

Beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee was the site for the midwinter meeting of the Southeastern Shrine Association. The convention was held on March 15-18. The main topic addressed was improving membership not only within the SESA, but improving membership within our respective temples and thus the Shrine as a whole. Representatives were encouraged to get involved in the Committed to Membership Resolution from Imperial.

An informative presentation

on the status of our Shrine Hospitals was presented by Imperial Second Ceremonial Master Richard Burke. He informed the group that the goal for our hospitals is to have specialized "Centers of Excellence" by 2035. The group learned that the hospitals have made radical changes in the areas of partnerships, outreach physicians, physician groups, and telehealth as all were forced to evolve. The Twin Cities, Cincinnati, Spokane, Boston, and Tampa hospitals have all downsized in an effort to remain the best

healthcare facilities in the world. Imperial Oriental Guide Kenny Craven presented on the sports events of Shriners International. Shriners International is involved in the East West Shrine Game as well as the College Classic, which highlights college baseball. The attendees also learned about the work NASCAR driver David Ragan has been involved with, all in the name of Shriners Hospitals for Children.



From left to right: Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas, Imperial Oriental Guide Richard Burke, Recorder Jimmy Sills, Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Kenny Craven, and Chief Rabban Kirk Pearson Jr.

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