

# ZAMORA NEWS

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## Temple Elections and Awards Night

In an effort to make the best use of the time available at the current location, the Temple elections and awards night were combined. The event was held on December 2 in the auditorium. During the event, the Unit Directors and Club Presidents were recognized and given a certificate of appreciation for their service for the year 2020.

Following the Directors and Presidents, Illustrious Sir Kirk "Moose" Pearson presented two awards to Roadrunner drivers. First, Noble Doug and Betty Owens received an award as "Drivers of the Year." Next, the Potentate recognized his father, Noble Kirk Pearson Sr., with an award for reaching the milestone of 100 trips. Transportation chairman Winston Each presented both awards.

Then, Noble Chad

Houze, President of East Alabama Shrine Club, was awarded the "Shriner of the Year" award for his work not only at his Shrine Club, but his dedication to Zamora Temple as well. Noble Terrell Yates was presented a new award. He received "Shriner of the Decade" for his years of service in both the Country Cash fund raisers and the Sportsman's Giveaway.

Following the awards presentations, elections for the 2021 Divan were held. The following Nobles were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Tim Vaughan, Potentate; Charley Pope, Chief Rabban; Curtis Walters, Assistant Rabban; Dan Williams, High Priest and Prophet; Richard Johnson, Oriental Guide; Tom Gaskins P.P., Treasurer; and Steve Weldon, Recorder.

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## Tommy McGhee is 2020 Fall Ceremonial Namesake



The 2020 Fall Ceremonial was held on November 21. Illustrious Sir Kirk "Moose" Pearson named the class after Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Tommy McGhee. Illustrious Sir McGhee began his Masonic journey on March 19, 1991 at Sam Davis Lodge #661 in Smyrna, Tennessee. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason the following June. He then joined the Scottish Rite in May of 1993 and Al Menah Shrine the following September.

In 1995, McGhee transferred his Masonic membership to Georgiana Davis Lodge #338 in Trussville as well as his Shrine membership to Zamora in April, all in 1995. In 2000 he joined Birmala Lodge #836 where he served as Master in 2007 -2008.

While at Zamora, McGhee served as president of the Motorized Units for two years and Park Director for two years. He joined the Zamora Divan in 2012 and served as Potentate in 2016, the same year Zamora celebrated its 125th anniversary.

Illustrious Sir McGhee and his Lady Jackie are familiar faces around Zamora. Both are always eager to help with any project or activity that helps to strengthen the Fraternity.

## The End of an Era

At 12:01 a.m. on December 3, Zamora Shrine Center no longer holds ownership of the property located at 3521 Ratliff Road. The firm that bought the property officially took ownership. However, they are allowing us to continue to use the office and move out larger items to be placed in storage.

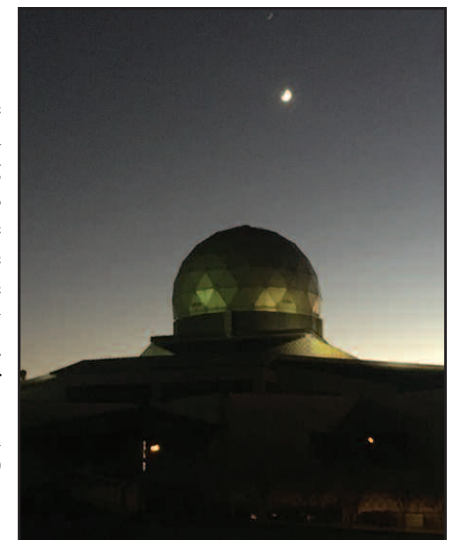
Although we no longer own the building that so

many of us hold dear, we will continue to grow and thrive because the building is not what makes us Shriners. The bond we share as brothers, the love and respect we have for one another and our Fraternity is what makes us Shriners. We all must come together and support the best interests of Zamora so we can continue for another 129 years.



**2021 Elected Divan**

See more pictures from Election/Awards Night and the Temple Party on Pages 5 and 6.



## Supreme Queen Visits Aromaz Dynasty



The Aromaz Dynasty Temple #163 of the Daughters of the Nile held a banquet on December 9. Her Majesty Queen Beverly Burkett and the Princesses hosted the Supreme Queen Heather Krastins Lambert. A delicious meal was enjoyed by those in attendance. The Supreme Queen was on a trip visiting each of the Daughters of the Nile Temples in the United States.

## From the desk of the Potentate

Hail Companions

As I am typing this article, we have two weeks and two days left in 2020. This year has been anything but typical, but I can honestly say it has been a pleasure serving as your Potentate this year. I would not take anything for the experience. It has been an honor!

Since the last paper, we have been quite busy mostly trying to clean out the Temple before the December 2 deadline. However, we were able to work a little fun into the mix! We were able to present outgoing Grand Master Mike Taylor his Grand Master's Fez at a ceremony at Grand Lodge on November 9. At the end of the week, we were able to visit with our Brothers at the Fall Country Cash. As usual, we need to congratulate Past Potentate Ron Patrick on winning! I would also like to thank those that made our Country Cash a huge success.

One of my favorite activities is a Ceremonial. We had our Fall Ceremonial on November 21. We brought in five new Nobles into the Shrine that day.

Congratulations to them, and I am looking forward to spending more time with each of you in the near future. I would also like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Tommy McGhee, the namesake for the class. If you spend any time at all around Zamora, you've seen Tommy and his lovely lady, Ms. Jackie, working around the Temple. Congratulations, Illustrious Sir.

I decided to change up the Ceremonial a little bit this year. The past few Tastes of Zamora have lacked attendance. To remedy that, we held the first and second sections back to back with a Temple party to follow immediately after the second section. I think it was quite a success. I would like to thank the Dixie Shrine Club for the delicious meal, Lady Diane Johnson and her crew for the beautiful decorations, and sweet Aly Roberts for agreeing to serve for us. I would also like to thank each of you that came out.

You also will want to know that Chief Rabban elect Charley Pope is working on a New Year's Eve Party. I am sure you



**Kirk "Moose" Pearson and the First Moose**

will be getting an all call about it very soon. With that, the year comes to an end. I'm sure you are like me and have questions as to what the future holds in store for Zamora. Obviously, we don't know, but we do know we have a good group of men leading our Temple through this transition. I would like to thank each of the members of your Divan for their service, and wish them the best of luck as we move to Have Fun in '21!

I hope each of you have a great Christmas and New Year!

Moose

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## From the Office of the Recorder

**Installation for the elected officers of Zamora will be held at Metro York Rite building Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Special thank you to the Brothers of Rising Virtue #4 and the members of Clara Blackman #165 OES for their donation of 315 toys for the Shriners Hospital in Greenville.**

## Transportation Chairman Coordinates Event

Due to COVID-19 restraints, the annual Christmas Party for our hospital children had to be cancelled. Noble Each became quite concerned. Noble Winston Each serves tirelessly as Zamora's Transportation Chairman. He knows firsthand how the children and families look forward to this event. Instead of complaining, he did

something.

He wanted the children to have something from Zamora so they would know we were thinking about them. Noble Each decided something as simple as a gift card for a fast food restaurant would make the kids smile. Securing \$400 from the Children's Activity Fund, he knew he was still lacking funds.

Wheelz to the rescue.

At a Leadership Team meeting, Winston Each shared his concern. He told the group he needed that much more. The Wheelz Unit graciously stepped up and matched the \$400 in the account. Shown below is one of our children "enjoying" his Christmas gift from Zamora.



**Above:** One of our kids enjoys a Christmas gift meal provided by Zamora donations.

**Right, top:** Winston Each and Ben King deliver toys to the Greenville Shriners Hospital Santa's Workshop.

**Right:** Winston Each and Ben King present a \$25,000 check to the Greenville Shriners Hospital. The funds were raised by the Lineville Car Show.

## Road Runners Remain Busy

*By Winston Each*

We've had quite a time in the last few months. I am very grateful for the donation of 40 certificates for Chick-fil-A gift cards purchased through the Children's Activity fund. Then they were matched by the Wheelz Unit. I've seen pictures of our patients enjoying these cards! We truly made a difference.

Drivers Ben King and Kirk Pearson Sr made a trip to Shreveport on Tuesday, December 8 and delivered pillow cases, masks, and bed covers from the Daughters of the Nile. The items were made by Sue Campbell Henry for the patient's Christmas.

On December 15, 200-300 colorful masks were made by Sue Campbell Henry from the Daughters of the Nile. They were delivered to the Greenville Hospital. We were also able to deliver 315 toys collected by Rising Virtue Lodge #4 and Clara Blackman Chapter of the Eastern Star. They were placed in the "Santa's Workshop" for parents to visit and select a gift for their child before leaving the hospital.

I was especially proud to get to present a check for \$25,000 to the Greenville Hospital. This check was the result of a lot of hard work by Zamora Nobles and their ladies at the Lineville

Carshow which was held earlier this year. The car show has raised a lot of money for the hospital throughout the years, and I am very fortunate to work with such a dedicated group of individuals.

As many of you know, we had a patient that was flown to the Galveston Hospital a few weeks ago. The child continues to improve each day. We were also able to provide a special Christmas gift which was purchased with donations from Zamora Members.

I want to thank all of the Road Runners for their hard work and commend them for a job well done.



## Zamora Noble Publishes Book



Noble Jared Stegall joined Zamora Shrine in 2019 and currently serves as Master of Livingston Lodge #41. With all that he has going on, he has found time to write and publish a book, *Wayseekers of Om*. Noble Stegall who used the pen name J. Solomon sought out an old friend, Jim White, to collaborate on the project.

The book takes place in a fictional world that contains mythical creatures. It tells the tale of six friends who have found themselves trapped in a strange world and desperately seek a way out.

The book is available on Amazon.

## Eastern Star and Rising Virtue Make Donation of Toys for Shriners Hospital

On December 11, 2020, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Rising Virtue Lodge #4 and Clara Blackman Chapter #167 Order of Eastern Star completed a toy drive competition between the two organizations. This was done

in efforts to benefit the children of Shriners' Hospital in Greenville. In total, over \$3200 in toys were collected so that Children in need would have a heartfelt gift during this holiday season. Rising Virtue members

gathered 165 toys while Clara Blackmon members accumulated 150. This made the grand total 315 toys collected. Recently, the staff at Shriners Hospital Greenville prepared a "Santa's Workshop." The hospital is

expecting 1000 children to visit the area. The donations by Rising Virtue #4 and Clara Blackman # 167 will go a long way in making Christmas brighter for those visiting.

## Van Stolen From Zamora Property

Sometime during the hours of 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. on December 1st/2nd, the diesel van was taken from the Zamora parking lot. Keys were removed from the office at some point. A police report was made the morning of the theft. A few days later, a Zamora Noble was traveling on I-20 and noticed the van on the side of the road. Police were notified and the van was returned. The vehicle is not driveable at this time.

**Right:** Illustrious Sir Kirk "Moose" Pearson investigates the scene of the crime on Wednesday, December 2 after the Temple's diesel van was stolen. Irondale Police came and took a report. The van was recovered after being spotted by a Noble traveling on I-20 later in the week.



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# 2020 Elections and Awards



# 2020 Temple Party



## Country Cash Held November 13



### *Ill. Sir Tommy McGhee Class of 2020*

Illustrious Sir Tommy McGhee, PP, fourth from left, poses with the members of his namesake class before they became Shriners on November 21.

#### *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 staff at [zamoranewsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:zamoranewsinfo@gmail.com) to make this request.



### *Taking down a piece of history*

Illustrious Sir Tommy McGhee, PP, takes down one of the Shriner emblems from the auditorium over the Thanksgiving holiday, assisted by Lady Jackie. Crews worked hard the last weeks of November and the first few days of December to make sure Zamora's history was preserved and moved in preparation for the transfer of the building.

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# Trussville Christmas Parade



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