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2020 Divan Elected

A group of 75 Nobles met on December 18 for the purpose of electing officers for Zamora Shrine for 2020. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Temple. In addition to electing representatives to Imperial Session in Kansas City, Southeastern Shrine Association in Pigeon Forge, and Dixie Association in Panama City, the group elected the following into Divan positions:

Kirk "Moose" Pearson	Potentate
Tim Vaughan	Chief Rabban
Charley Pope	Assistant Rabban
Curtis Walters	High Priest and Prophet
Dan Williams	Oriental Guide
Steve Weldon	Recorder
Tom Gaskins P.P.	Treasurer

**Installation of Officers is
Wednesday,
January 15, 2020**

Meal served at 6:00 p.m.

Ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Kirk "Moose" Pearson elected Potentate of Zamora Shriners

Kirk "Moose" Pearson, center, was elected Potentate of Zamora Shriners for 2020 on Wednesday, Dec. 18. He is flanked by his son, Garrett, left, and his father, Kirk, right, who are both also Shriners. Pearson will be installed as Potentate on January 15, 2020.



Far left: Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas addresses the nobility before the election Dec. 18.

Left: Potentate-elect Kirk "Moose" Pearson talks with Noble Jay Boneysteel.





Decorating for Christmas at Zamora Temple

Noble David Cain joined the 2019 Zamora Divan and their ladies in decorating the Temple on December 1. The group worked for several hours to prepare our Shrine Center for the holiday season. A special thanks goes out to all involved.



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**ZAMORA
NEWS**



From the desk of the Potentate

Hello Men,

As I am writing this, my last letter as your Potentate, I am getting ready to go spend Christmas with my parents. I can't help but look back upon the last year and a half. Now, I will be the first one to tell you that I had to take over under less than ideal circumstances, but I am proud of what we have accomplished here at Zamora. There is not a doubt in my mind that our Divan will continue to look forward and make decisions for the future of our Shrine Center.

As a rule, December keeps us busy with parades, parties, and meetings. 2019 is no different. I was fortunate enough to take part in two parades myself. I was so proud to see so many of our Nobility helping folks see Zamora out in their communities. We officially kicked off the Christmas season on December first when Lady Tina and I met with your Divan, their ladies, and David Cain to decorate the Temple. This was no easy task, but those of you who came to the Temple Christmas or Kids' Christmas parties saw what a great job they all did!

We moved into our annual awards night and Temple Christmas on December 7. I don't know about you, but I had a great time and enjoyed seeing our Nobles at this event. I would also like to congratulate Nobles Dale Cheney and Drew Alexander on being named Zamora's Shriners of the Year. I thought long and hard about this award, and I

decided you will be hard pressed to find two men who have worked longer or any harder than these two men. They don't do what they do for any recognition, but I wanted them to know how much we appreciate their years of hard work.

The very next day, we hosted our hospital kids for their Christmas party. 1st Ceremonial Master Richard Johnson really stepped up. He organized a great party in a very short time. It seemed to me that we had not only more Shriners at this event than we normally see, but we had more hospital kids there. This is a great opportunity to remind our men why we do what we do.

Then on the 18th, we came together again for the purpose of electing officers for 2020. We only had about 75 men come out to decide on the leaders for next year, and this worried me a little bit. I would like to see more Nobles come out and help make decisions for our Temple. I would like to encourage everyone to be more active in 2020. Even with the small numbers, I feel we had a good group of officers elected to lead us into the next year. I would like to congratulate Kirk "Moose" Pearson who was elected Potentate, along with all the other members of the Divan who have devoted so much time and effort this year to work for your Temple. I would also like to thank Jimmy Sills who served as Recorder and congratulate



**Jerry Wayne Thomas
and First Dog Ollie**

Noble Steve Weldon on being elected as Recorder for 2020. Let's get behind these men and encourage them next year.

By the time you read this letter, we will have already had our New Year's Eve party. I know High Priest and Prophet Charley Pope and his lady Debbie have been planning for quite a while to make sure we all have a good time.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for your support for the past year and a half. I also want you to know that every decision I made this year was for what I felt was best for Zamora as a whole. We may have disagreed along the way, but know that I love you. I am very proud of the friends I have made and the job we have done. I would like not only the 2020 Divan, but each Noble at Zamora, to know that if there's anything I can do for you, I'm only a phone call away. On behalf of myself, Lady Tina, and the First Dog Ollie, thank you for a wonderful year, and don't forget the three magic words... "I Love You!"

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Feb. 27-29, 2020 • Panama City Beach, Florida

Contact your unit director for more information.

Upcoming events for Zamora Shriners

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
						4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Club Presidents Unit Directors Meet at Zamora 4:00						11
	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Installation 6:00			East West Shrine Game
	19	20	21	22	23	24
						25
	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Zamora News Deadline		Stated Meeting 6:00			

February 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
	2	3	4	5	6	7
Motorized Super Bowl Party			Leadership Meetings 6:00 6:30 7:00			8
	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Valentine's Day Party 7:00	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Divan Meeting 5:00			22
	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Zamora News Deadline			SASMC Midwinter	SASMC Midwinter	SASMC Midwinter
						29



Zamora Shrine Country Cash



March 7th, 2020

GRAND PRIZE

\$10,000 CASH

PRICE OF ADMISSION

\$125 (admits two)

You Do Not Have To Be Present To Win.

PRIME RIB & OPEN BAR

(NO CARRY OUT PLEASE)

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. - Drawing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Only 360 tickets will be sold and all tickets will be drawn. Every 50th ticket drawn will win \$100. The last 10 ticket holders present will be given the opportunity to auction their ticket or to stay in the drawing or split.

Proceeds benefit Zamora Shrine and are not a deductible donation.

Country Cash tickets have arrived and are available for purchase in the office or through any Shriner. Prime rib will be served, and we have gone back to the original price of \$125. We can take debit/credit cards over the phone, so give us a call today at 205-956-3636.

Zamora Honor Guard raises new flag at Springville Burger King



Being a regular customer at the Burger King in Springville, I brought it to their attention that their flag was in bad condition and needed to be replaced. A while later, they did remove it, and then after a couple of weeks I asked why they had not put up a new flag. They said they had a new one but had lost the key to the security box on the pole and could not access the rope. I asked if I could fix it, and they said that would be great. I was able to replace the lock. I then asked if the Zamora Shriners Honor Guard could raise the new flag and have a small ceremony. The Burger King area manager said that would be great.

So, on December 11, Bro. Gary Stamps and I arrived at the store. I had also called David Atchison with the St Clair Times newspaper, and he said he would be glad to do an article, so he was there also. We readied the new flag, and before we raised it I said a few words about the flag and what it stood for, and I thanked Burger King for their support of our men and women in uniform. (They offer a 10% discount to all active and ex-military.) The meaning of their support means more than they can imagine.

On the order "Hand Salute." Gary Stamps stepped back, came to attention, and rendered the hand salute. The flag was then raised to



the top of the pole with full honors. The wind was blowing, the flag was waving, and it was beautiful.

I want to thank Burger King Area Manager Donnita Strohmeier, Rebecca Owens Assistant Mgr., Razhell Jones Assistant Mgr., my daughter Tracy Hyde (who took pictures), and David Atchison for their help.

"For God and Country"

F. Wayne Turner

Zamora Shriners Honor Guard Unit Director

AmazonSmile Quarterly Donation Received by Shriners Hospital for Children

AmazonSmile recently made a quarterly donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children of \$14,173.03 thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com .

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of: \$173,236.88 to Shriners Hospitals for Children and \$156,109,909.51 to all charities.

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Nolan Sills donates piggy bank money to Shriners Hospitals for Children

Nolan Sills, seven-year-old grandson of Recorder Jimmy and Lady Marilyn Sills, counted all the change in his piggy bank and told his father, Nathan Sills, that he wanted to donate it to the children's hospital. His dad asked him if he meant Children's in Birmingham, where Nolan went for his broken arm. Nolan said, "No sir, I want to give it to the Shriners Children's Hospital." Nathan called his dad and told him that Nolan wanted to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals. Nathan brought his daughter, Kennedy, and Nolan to Zamora along with the \$55 in piggy bank money. Nathan matched his son's donation, and Jimmy accepted the coins and will send the funds to Greenville Shriners Hospital.

"We are so very proud of our grandson for wanting to donate his savings to help others, especially children that he has met and seen at the children's parties at Zamora. Hopefully, this apple will not fall far from this tree, and he will become a fourth generation Shriner," said Lady Marilyn.

Awards Night, Christmas Party Held

The Zamora family came together to celebrate the accomplishments of 2019 at the annual awards ceremony. The event was held on December 7 at the Temple. A delicious meal was enjoyed by those in attendance. Following the meal, Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas presented certificates of appreciation to Club Presidents and Unit Directors. Howard Newman was awarded the Bobby Stone

Memorial Award for his many years of loyal and dedicated service.

The Potentate then prepared to announce the prestigious Shriner of the Year. He explained that Zamora was blessed to have so many hard working Nobles, and he had a difficult time deciding on just one. He said he, in fact, was not able to decide on just one. He chose two.

Noble Drew Alexander and Noble Dale Chaney were called upon to share the honor. The work of the two men was shared with the members as Illustrious Sir Thomas presented them with plaques declaring each man "Shriner of the Year."

Noble Alexander and Noble Chaney were joined by their wives, Loretta and Patti, respectively to receive the honor.



Above: Noble Drew Alexander, left, and Noble Dale Chaney, right, were named "Shriner of the Year" by Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas at the awards event on Dec. 7.

Left: Howard Newman received the Bobby Stone Memorial Award.





DeMolay Chapter Makes Donation to Zamora

Several members of the Zamora Divan were in attendance at the Potentate's Ball at Cahaba Shrine in Huntsville on November 23. While there, representatives from the Twickenham-Milford Chapter of DeMolay sought out Zamora's Potentate Jerry Wayne Thomas to make a financial presentation. Chapter Dad Kerry Stanley, Master Councilor Dale Lagrone, and State Master Councilor Wesley Stanley expressed the influence Emeritus Recorder and long time supporter of Masonic youth programs G. Fred Slaney had upon their chapter of DeMolay. The group then presented Illustrious Sir Thomas a check to the Zamora Transportation Fund in memory of Noble Slaney.

Zamora Hosts 2019 Kids' Christmas Party



First Ceremonial Master Richard Johnson organized a successful party for the children in the Zamora family. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you, Richard, for your hard work!

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More Temple Awards, Christmas Party



Chili Cook Off Raises Funds for Transportation

The Hangar Bar and Grill, located at the Bessemer airport, hosted a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Dec. 7, to benefit the Zamora Shrine Transportation Fund. The event was co-sponsored by WK Media and Yates Cylinders.

Team Em was declared the winner of the competition, with two teams of Shriners among the other participants.

The real winners, though, were the kids served by Zamora's Transportation unit. The event brought in \$705.00 in cash donations for the Transportation Fund and also netted about \$200 in toys.

For the Shrine, John Akers headed up the efforts, with the aid of Ross Akers and many members of the Divan and Nobility.

