

# ZAMORA NEWS

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## Meet Greenville Hospital Patient - Micah Fowler

By Kimberly Davis Fowler

Micah David Fowler was born in September 2013. He was our miracle that the Lord brought to us through adoption. We were a little surprised when we found out that Micah was born without thumbs. Because of the absence of thumbs they chose to do many tests including genetics testing to see if there was a reason why he had no thumbs. Every test came back negative; there was no medical reason why he had the hand issues.

He had a left thumb there, but it was a hyperplastic thumb which meant it had no bone and no joint. His right hand had just the four fingers, no thumb, but he had the first joint there, but no actual thumb.

At 6 months old we were sent to Children's Hospital Birmingham to have Orthopedics look at his hands and see what they would recommend as treatment. There was nothing they could do at that point but wanted to keep evaluating until he was two years old and then possible surgery. I was concerned that he would not be getting what he needed so I chose not to take him back to Children's but see what my baby could do on his own with the Lord training his brain to adapt. He was a very high functioning two year old with the hands God had given him then. I then had someone tell me to reach out to the Shriners!!! Best decision ever!!!

In October 2015 we were in Birmingham to go to Disney on Ice, and we were waiting on Micah to finish a nap so we were sitting on the tailgate talking, and someone mentioned that the Shriners were parking cars right behind us. I said that it was no mistake that God had put us there for that moment of meeting Don Baker, who talked with us and said we needed to be evaluated. We got the number to call, and within two weeks we had an evaluation with Greenville Hospital. That was the first trip, and we were transported by George Stewart and Brian Fason. They were awesome and very helpful when navigating all this with us. Micah immediately took to those two and never wanted to leave Greenville. He cried because we had to go home!

We had another evaluation a month later to see Dr. Timothy Dew. He is the amazing, kind, gentle, and Christian hand surgeon we were blessed to have as Micah's hand surgeon. They explained that, even though Micah was a highly functioning two year old, as he continued to grow, things would be more difficult as he got older - from but-

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## Shriners Take Over Panama City Beach for Dixie Shrine Association Convention



On the third week in May, the tradition continued. The 59th annual Dixie Shrine Association Convention was held in Panama City Beach, Florida on May 16, 17, and 18. Shriners from all over the Southeast, including Imperial Sir Jim Cain, descended upon the sugar white sands to enjoy the friendly competition and fellowship of Brothers from around the region.

On Friday, May 10, one of the key aspects of the Dixie took place at Frank Brown Park at 8:00, the DASMC competition. Under the leadership of 2019 President Chris Key, countless hours of practice came to a head

for these Shrine competitors.

They would have to wait until the next evening to learn of the results. The DASMC dinner and awards was held at Sharky's with the following results:

### Obstacle Course

2-wheel  
2nd place  
Zamora Riders  
4-wheel  
2nd place  
Zamora Bazzarqs

### Competitive Drills

2-wheel  
1st place  
Zamora Riders

Following the presentation of awards, 2020 officers for

DASMC were sworn in. Among the officers was Zamora's High Priest and Prophet Charley Pope, who took the position of Fourth Vice President of the Dixie Association Shrine Motor Corp.

Then at 11:30 on Saturday May 18, traffic on Front Beach Road came to a halt. The Shriners' parade stepped off. Crowds gathered all along the route to enjoy the sights. The parade concluded at the Days Inn where Imperial Sir Jim Cain and several Imperial officers greeted participants.

**See more pictures inside!**

Deadline for the July edition is June 30.

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# Notice to Help Your Potentate

By Assistant Rabban  
Tim Vaughan

## \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

Attention all Nobles:

Due to the high volume of telephone calls to the Zamora Potentate on minor issues, the information to follow should serve in assisting the membership in resolving issues at the lowest levels possible.

The Potentate Jerry Wayne Thomas has appointed various Events Chairmen and Committee Heads to cover the majority of the activities at Zamora Shrine Center. All of those Chairmen and or Committee Heads are listed in the 2019 Zamora Calendar book. If you do not have one of these books, please see the Zamora

Recorder Jimmy Sills, and he will be glad to give you one.

In the event that you have questions prior to receiving your calendar book, refer your question to the Recorder or his office staff during working hours, and they will be glad to assist you. This in no way is to prevent you from communicating with the Potentate, but to assist him in resolving problems and issues as they are first brought to those who are over the perspective areas. If you have a personal issue to discuss with the Potentate, or you do not get resolve on an issue with a Chairmen or Committee Head, please make an appointment with the Potentate to discuss it with him. Let us all be respectful of one another's personal and professional time, and let's work together for a better Zamora.

# Notes from the Greeters Unit

From Bill Ringler

Greeters are dark for the summer months (June-August).

On Sept. 9, the Greeters dinner meeting is at 6:00 (Ladies Night).

On Oct. 14, the Greeters dinner meeting is at 6:00.

On Nov. 11, the Greeters dinner meeting is at 6:00.

On Dec 9, the Greeters dinner meeting is at 6:00 (Ladies Night).

**Bill & Evelyn Ringler  
Moving to Vero Beach, Fla.**

Bill and Evelyn will be retiring to Vero Beach, Florida early

this summer to be nearer to their daughter and grandchildren.

The Greeter Executive committee and leaders within the unit will need to select a new Director no later than September of this year.

Bill says, "It has been a privilege and an honor to work with the Greeter guys over the past two years. I will miss the fellowship, speakers and the good food at our monthly meetings".

## Special Thanks

• Jack Bacskey & Richard Locke for tending bar at the March meeting

• Richard Locke for conducting our Calling Post telephone calls.

• Gregg Tucker & 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 & Fred Slaney for locking up the Temple after the March Greeters meeting.

• Frank Harper, Don Baker and Mort Stern for tiling the door at the stated meeting on April 24th.

# From the desk of the Potentate

Hello, men. June is here, and summer is in full force. I hope all of you are finding ways to stay cool during these record hot days. I also hope that you are finding ways to make Zamora the best it can be. May has been a busy month, and I would like to take this opportunity to make sure you are aware of not only what has been going on but what is coming up as well!

We started off the month with an impressive number of men at our Divan, Directors/Presidents, Motorized, and Unit meetings on May 1. I really love seeing so many of our Nobles come together at this monthly meeting. There is no doubt in my mind that this was a good decision. Moving all our meetings to the first Wednesday of the month seems to have had the desired effect, bringing more of our members together. I am sure we will continue to get closer as the year progresses.

After that, it was time to head to Panama City Beach for the Dixie Convention. Congratulations to the Zamora Riders and the Zamora Bazzarqs for bringing home victories at the Motorized Competitions. I would also like to thank our own Noble Chris Key for an outstanding convention. Way to go, Chris; you made us proud! Congratulations also to our High Priest and Prophet Charley Pope for going on the Motorized line.

The month ended with Memorial Day. I hope all of you had a great time and enjoyed your family, but more importantly, you remembered the men and women who gave their lives to protect our great nation!

By the time you get this paper, we will have already had the 2019 Potentate's Ball, but as I am writing this article, we are busy trying to get things in order. Thank you to every-



**Jerry Wayne Thomas  
and First Dog Ollie**

one who worked countless hours making sure the ball is a success.

Finally, I want to remind you all that our Kids' Day is approaching fast. In fact, June 15 will be here before you know it. Please make plans now to be there to support this special opportunity to interact with our hospital kids and our friends and brothers.

With that, I will close. Until I see you again, remember the three magic words...I love you.

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*Looking forward to seeing all of you at the  
145th Annual Imperial Session of Shriners  
International in Nashville June 28-July 4!*

*For more information, visit [imperial2019.com](http://imperial2019.com).*

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Upcoming events for Zamora Shriners

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Potentate's Ball Dixie Shrine Club Pool Tournament 11 a.m.
DeMolay			Directors, Motorized, Club Meetings		Trailblazers	
			Scottish Rite	Gadsden Shrine Club		Kids' Day Roller Derby York Rite
DeMolay			Dixie Shrine Club			
			Rainbow Girls Lineville Car Show Meeting 6 p.m.	Rainbow Girls Gadsden Shrine Club	Rainbow Girls	Rainbow Girls
Rainbow Girls						

July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Imperial	Imperial	Imperial	Independence Day	Trailblazers Office Closed	Dixie Shrine Club Pool Tournament 1 pm
DeMolay			Divan Directors Presidents Clubs	DeMolay Gadsden Shrine Club	DeMolay	DeMolay
DeMolay			Dixie Shrine Club			York Rite Roller Derby Deer Expo BJCC
Deer Expo BJCC			Lineville Car Show Meeting 6 pm	Gadsden Shrine Club		

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Scenes from  
Dixie Shrine  
Association  
Convention  
2019



See more photos from Dixie on Page 7-A

Photos by Travis and Isaac Vaughn

## New Shriner Wins Guitar

At the Salty Goat Saloon on Front Beach Road in beautiful Panama City Beach, Florida, the winner was chosen for the autographed Lynyrd Skynyrd guitar. The drawing was held immediately following the parade at the Dixie Shrine Association on May 18.

The organization Rock-It-Kids works with leading musicians to allow Shriners the opportunity to sell CDs with proceeds going to local Shriners Hospitals. For a \$20 donation, concert attendees receive a CD of the opening act and a chance at an autographed guitar. Following the concert, no one claimed the guitar, and it was donated to Zamora Shrine following a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert at Oak Mountain Amphitheater. It was decided to raffle off the guitar to raise money for the general fund at Zamora.

New Shriner, Chris Orazine from Warrior, Alabama received the call declaring him the winner from Chief Rabban Kirk Pearson. Noble Orazine bought tickets for a chance at the autographed guitar at his cold class ceremonial on April 6. After being notified his ticket was chosen, Noble Orazine explained how Lynyrd was his favorite band as well as the first

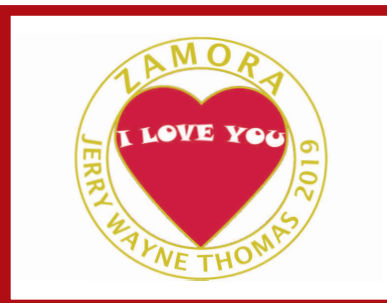


**Above:** Noble Chris Orazine takes possession of the Lynyrd Skynyrd guitar after the recent drawing.

**Below, left:** Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas pulls the winning ticket in Panama City Beach as High Priest and Prophet Charley Pope looks on.

**Below, right:** The lucky winning ticket.

concert he had ever attended, and he closed with, "God bless the Shrine!"



## Lynyrd Skynyrd and Shriners in Tuscaloosa for a Good Cause



Once again, Zamora Shriners joined forces with Rock-It-Kids to raise money for Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville. On May 10, rock legends Lynyrd Skynyrd performed at the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater.

A group of four Shriners, a couple friends, and Rock-It-Kids President Jodi Carson raised

nearly \$1500 for the hospital at this event. Although the numbers were low, the excitement was high throughout the rainy night in Tuscaloosa. A good time was had by all in attendance.

**Above,** from left to right back row, Dave "Big Chief" Saunooke, a friend of the Shriners in attendance, joins Noble Garrett Pearson, Noble Brad Gaskins, Chief Rabban Kirk "Moose" Pearson, Jr., and, in front, Noble Kirk Pearson and Rock-It-Kids President Jodi Carson.

The nobles of the Zamora Shriners Honor Guard Unit represented us all well at the 7th annual Tarrant Mayor's Prayer Luncheon on May 2. The Unit, under the direction of F. Wayne Turner, presented the colors at the event and led the Pledge of Allegiance, held as part of the National Day of Prayer. Good job, men!



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**Zamora Park is locked.**

**Effective May 1, 2019,**

**Noble Bill Turk will be the contact for anyone needing access to Zamora Park. His number is 205-362-2016. Or, please contact the office at 205-956-3636.**



## Did you know? Shriners International Provides Memorial, Burial, and Funeral Protocol Information

### MEMORIAL AND BURIAL SERVICES

#### Circumstances.

A Shrine memorial or funeral service is permitted under limited circumstances, when requested by the deceased noble's family. Neither service should be held in place of a religious service or the traditional Masonic service. They may, under unusual circumstances, supplement the Masonic service, but they should not take its place. Both services are intended as a tribute to nobles who have performed meritorious service on behalf of a subordinate lodge or, more especially, the Shrine.

#### Honor Aisle.

Upon arrival at the church, grave-

side or location where the memorial or funeral service is to be held, uniformed units are used to form the honor aisle (from the curb to the entrance of the building or graveside).

#### Order of Reception.

1. Visiting dignitaries, including Grand Masters, and celebrities (other than those listed below).

2. Visiting potentates, past potentates and divans.

3. Past Imperial officers.

4. Imperial officers in reverse order of their official stations.

5. Imperial Potentate. The escort appointed by the potentate walks at the left of the Imperial Potentate and conducts the Imperial Potentate to the pew or place where the Imperial divan is

seated or in attendance.

#### Fez.

The Imperial Potentate, Imperial officers and nobles should remove their fezzes upon entering the church edifice, funeral home or memorial site (as well as the graveside) and remain uncovered until they return to the street curb.

#### Seating.

The protocol is the same as for ceremonies or receptions.

#### Presiding.

The potentate can preside if he so desires or appoint another noble or request a clergyman to conduct the service. Shrine musical organizations and soloists can be used to good effect. To avoid any embarrassing conflicts

with religious rites or traditional Masonic services, the following simple program is offered as a suggestion:

1. Organ or band in processional music.

2. Prayer.

3. Scriptural reading, such as the 90th Psalm.

4. Biographical sketch of deceased noble.

5. Hymn.

6. Address by clergy person or guest speaker.

7. Hymn.

8. Benediction.

9. Recessional.

#### Retiring.

The same protocol is used as in the entrance.

## More Micah ... from front page

tons, to writing, to zippers and other tasks that would cause him frustration. Dr. Dew was going to take the index finger on each hand and create Micah thumbs.

Micah's first surgery was then scheduled for July 2016. Dr. Dew removed the hyperplastic thumb and moved Micah's index finger over, shortened it, rotated it, and made him his first functioning thumb.

What followed was four weeks of casting and three weeks of splint, and he healed so well and so quickly. We were so blessed. He healed and was ready to get the right hand done. It was the same process, just the other hand. It was scheduled for March of 2017. He did well and had no problems with either surgery. Now, we go once a year for Dr. Dew to make sure all is well. We go this month for our second yearly check up.

We have been so blessed to have many transporters and to become part of the Shriner family, and we love being so loved and able to love y'all back! We have made so many new friends and will have a lifetime of joy being around our Shriners. Thank you for doing all y'all do! Thumbs up for Micah!!!



## Membership Committee Hard at Work

The membership committee visited Lodges 493 Mt. Pinson and 633 Huffman on Monday May 13 (**above, left**). Worshipful Master Wayne Wise welcomed us with dinner. Several Shriners were present for our program. Positive response from all that were there. Always good to be in Lodge with Brothers! Membership Chairman and Alec Touchton, committee member, were present.

The membership committee also visited Lodge #486 in Morris and #722 Mulga (**above, right**) on Tuesday May 21. Worshipful

Master Jerry Goodwin welcomed us with a fine dinner. The program was presented with a good response. The Shriners, who were members, gave heart warming stories of hospital experiences. High Priest and Prophet Charley Pope along with Nobles Alex Touchton and Richard Johnson represented the membership committee.

Thanks for your help!

Information and pictures submitted by Richard Johnson


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### *Membership Committee Receives Much Needed Break*


In an effort to reward his committee for months of hard work, Membership Committee Chairman Richard Johnson took them out to the ball game. At no cost to Zamora, the membership committee attended the 23rd annual Rickwood Classic. The members had a great time enjoying each other's company and celebrating a successful first half of 2019 membership year! Alec Touchton, Zac Ingram, Stephen Blair, Todd Destafino, Richard Johnson and Charley Pope are shown in the photograph.



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### *Ventures Travel, Shriners Join Forces for Special Day at Talladega*

Ventures Travel and Shriners recently crossed paths at the NASCAR Talladega Superspeedway in April. The Shriners volunteers at the track were incredible with our group and always happy to help us get where we needed to go.

Ventures Travel, is a program of True Friends, a Minnesota-based nonprofit agency providing life-changing experiences to enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities. Ventures Travel is a program that offers a variety of year-round vacation destinations for individuals with disabilities. We believe everyone deserves a vacation!

The adventures that our travelers experience are undeniably impactful for them as individuals, but it's also amazing to witness how our travelers can bring together communities in unique ways on their trips. One of the most special, and unpredictable, aspects of travel are the people you meet along the way. For us, meeting people like the Shriner volunteers who engaged with our travelers and helped make their experience memorable, is priceless. We often reflect on those unexpected moments that take the vacation experience to the next level and really drive home our mission to provide life-changing experiences.

From the rancher who helps a traveler mount a horse for the first time, to the flight attendant who cracks a joke to distract a nervous first-time flyer, to the friendly Shriner volunteer who drives our travelers around for their very first NASCAR race, Ventures Travel is appreciative of the individuals who help to enhance our travelers' experience. To learn more about Ventures Travel visit [www.venturestravel.org](http://www.venturestravel.org), call 866.692.7400, or like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/VenturestravelMN](http://www.facebook.com/VenturestravelMN).

*Information and photo provided by Kayleen Pfizer, Manager of Ventures Travel (Thanks to Charley Pope for submitting this!)*

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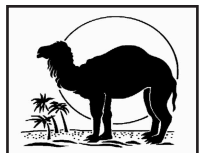
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*"Death is a black camel that  
 kneels unbidden at every  
 gate."*







**Scenes from Dixie Shrine Association Convention 2019**



**Coming soon: details about the Southeastern Shrine Association Convention, August 14-17**



# Thumbs Up for Micah!



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