



ZAMORA NEWS

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Meet Greenville Hospital patient, Khloe Floyd

Editor's Note: Think back to why you joined the Shrine. I have to admit that when I joined in 2007, I had no idea we even had a hospital, let alone 22. It was not until my first convention in Atlanta that I learned what an amazing philanthropy we support. This, gentlemen, is why we do what we do.

Khloe Arelene Floyd is a normal 3-year-old girl. She has doting parents, two protective brothers, and is described by her mother as a "daredevil." While I was interviewing her mother, Khloe was climbing on a table so she could jump onto her bed. However, this was not always the case.

Khloe was born with clubfeet and the ability to just move her arms 20% due to Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, which affects all four limbs. Her family sought medical help locally for her feet, but there were no doctors who could offer help for her arms when Khloe's mother sought out Shriners.

She learned that she should expect an 8-month wait to get into the program when she initially contacted Greenville Shriners Hospital at the beginning of 2018. They directed her to Zamora where the wheels started turning. By June of that year, Khloe was ready to go to Greenville for

testing, and by October, she had her first surgery. The family was taken away by not only the love shown to their family, but by the optimism of medical staff. The doctor promised Khloe she "would not only walk, but run!"

Leaving her daddy and brothers is never easy for Khloe. With her voice cracking from emotion, Khloe's mother, Mrs. Nivens, said, "Everybody is so amazing!" She told about her experiences with the Zamora Road Runners. "I love all the Road Runners," she declared. Mrs. Nivens shared about Noble Lyn Emfinger who remembered Khloe's love for milkshakes. On Khloe's next trip, he made sure to stop at a Steak and Shake for lunch, just to put a smile on her face.

Another Road Runner, Noble Kirk Pearson, Sr., has really stood out. On one particular trip, Khloe asked Noble Pearson to go with her to physical therapy, occupational therapy, and down to the brace shop. While waiting, "she snuggled right up to him and was clinging to Mr. Kirk to the point of bringing me to tears of joy," said Mrs. Nivens.

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After one year with the amazing doctors and staff at Greenville Shriners Hospital, Khloe is taking her own balanced independent steps and has gained 90% movement in her arms. Khloe's mother said, "If it hadn't been for the Shriners, my daughter wouldn't have taken her first step."

Zamora has gained amazing ambassadors with this family. Mrs. Nivens will be speaking at the annual paper sale kick off, currently scheduled for April 15. Make plans now to come out and meet this special family.



Above left: Doug and Betty Owens share a smile with Shriners Hospital patient Khloe Floyd.



Above right: Khloe was born with several health challenges she has largely overcome thanks to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Bottom left: Khloe mugs for the camera with one of the therapists in Greenville.

Bottom right: Khloe and Kirk Pearson wait to receive her braces.



Deadline for the April edition is March 29.

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Letter from an Old Shriner

Since I am elderly, not in a unit or on a committee, in a club, or in charge of anything anywhere, I guess that makes me a member of the General Nobility. So, to all the other members of the General Nobility, I am writing this article to help us all feel more wanted and involved.

I think we would feel more "Shrine Friendly" if we participated in more Shrine events. Zamora hosts things like the Country Cash, Sportsman's Giveaway. We can also attend

business meetings and have fun at Zamora Park.

To help us feel more "Shrine Friendly," please send a letter to Zamora, and address it to me, The Old Shriner. Include your thought and any funny things that has happened to you in the past. This could be at a Shrine class, taking a child to a Shrine Hospital, at a convention, or anything like that.

This is something that happened to me once when I was scheduled to make a trip to a

Shrine Hospital. On my way to the temple, I stopped at a local service station to buy a cup of coffee. The young lady behind the counter gave me a funny look, and her eyes filled with tears. She said, "Mr. Shriner, I can't charge you for the coffee because my daughter is in your Shrine Hospital, and you all are really taking good care of her."

God bless our hospitals, and God bless all of us "old Shriners."

B'ham DeMolay expresses thanks

Dear Sirs:


We, the members of Birmingham Chapter, Order of DeMolay, wish to thank you for your recent generous donation. It will assist us in joining the 100th anniversary celebration in June of 2019 in

Kansas City, Missouri.

It will also aid in the creation of great memories of our youth, as we prepare to assume the duties of leadership in the future. Rest assured that we appreciate your kindness and hope to be able to

pass on, in the years ahead, the message of charity, which you have demonstrated, to us.

Fraternally,
Brody Dunston
Master Councilor

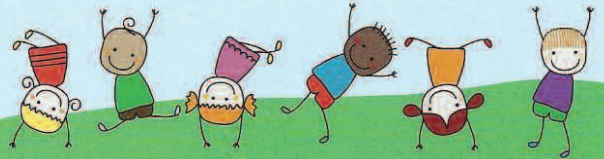


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**Thanks for
reading...
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In the February edition of Zamora News, it was stated that a gift was given to the Transportation fund in honor of First Lady Tina Smith. It should have read a gift was given to the Paper Sale in honor of First Lady Tina Smith.

Zamora News Staff

- **Kirk "Moose" Pearson** - Editor in Chief
- **Debbie Crook** - Zamora Shrine Center Office Manager
- **Travis Vaughn** - Technical Advisor

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From the desk of the Potentate

Hello men,

We've made it one quarter of the way through 2019, and your Divan has been working hard to keep Zamora great! We've had to make some tough decisions, but we know they had to be done to keep our Shrine Center productive.

Since I last wrote to you, I had the opportunity to go with your Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Recorder, and Captain of the Guard to the Dixie Mid-winter. We were all able to ride together, and I really enjoyed this chance to fellowship with a great group of men. While in the business meeting, we heard several presentations from many Imperial officers including Zamora's own Past Potentate and Imperial Trustee Anthony West. The downside to these informative meetings was that we did not get to see Noble Chris Key installed as Dixie Motor Corps President. Congratulations, Chris! You make Zamora proud! See you in Panama City Beach!

One thing I wanted to do as your Potentate for 2019 was to change the number of days we were asked to be at Zamora for meetings. So, I asked our Motorized Association and units to move their meetings to the first Wednesday of each month. They graciously accepted. Now, we are able to all, motorized and non-motor-



Jerry Wayne Thomas and First Dog Ollie

ized, come together one night a month. Hopefully, this is beneficial to you all.

We have several opportunities to get more involved with your temple. First, we have the Shriners Day at our Greenville Hospital on March 8 and 9. The very next weekend, we have the South Eastern Shrine Association Mid-winter on March 15 and 16 in beautiful Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Lady Tina and I sure do love the Smoky Mountains! Lastly, the Wheelz Unit, which is a new unit here at Zamora, will be hosting their second annual car show on March 30. I know you will want to attend some if

not all of these activities.

We are very fortunate to have a great group of young men in our midst here at Zamora. I am talking about the DeMolay. These guys and their sponsors work tirelessly to make sure our amazing fraternity continues into the next generation. I just want to say publicly how much I appreciate this group.

I also want to thank you all for all that you do to keep Zamora great! Until I see you again, remember the three magic words... I Love You.

Jerry Wayne Thomas
Potentate 2019



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Upcoming events for Zamora Shriners

March 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SASMC Trailblazers	2 SASMC Dixie Shrine Club-Turkey Shoot
3 DeMolay	4	5	6 Director Motorized Clubs	7	8	9 Greenville Shriners Day
10	11	12	13 Scottish Rite	14 Gadsden Shrine Club	15 SESA Mid-winter	16 SESA Mid-winter
17 SESA Mid-winter DeMolay	18	19	20 Dixie Shrine Club	21	22 Rental	23 Roller Derby
24	25	26	27 Lineville Car Show mtg 6 p.m.	28 Gadsden Shrine Club	29	30 Wheelz Car Show
31						

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				

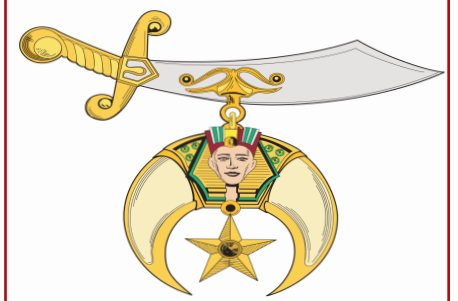
Help support the Zamora News and the work of your temple by purchasing a sponsorship.

Let thousands of readers know you support Zamora Shrine Center while publicizing your business, Club, or Unit.

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- Business card-size = only \$25 per issue.
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- Full page = \$400.00 per issue.

Call Moose at 205-792-7586 or email us at zamoranewsinfo@gmail.com for more information or to place your sponsorship message **TODAY.**



2nd Annual Zamora Wheelz Car, Truck, and Tractor Show



**at Zamora Shrine Center
3521 Ratliff Rd.
Irondale, AL 35210**

Saturday, March 30, 2019

**Registration 8 -11
Judging begins at noon
Awards at 1:30**

**\$20 admission fee per
registered vehicle**

**50/50 drawing, vendors,
food, music, & more**

**Call Todd Destafino
205-365-8192,
Zac Ingram 205-281-5846,
or
Alec Touchton
205-383-9380
for more information**

A message from Past Potentate Anthony M. West, Trustee of Shriners Hospitals for Children



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February 2019

I come to you today to ask for your support and your vote during the next Imperial Session — where you will decide who is elected to the Boards of Directors and Trustees. My position on the Board of Trustees is up for re-election, and I hope you will support me in this endeavor.

It has been my passion for the past 37 years to support the mission and vision of both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. I have been devoted to our mission to care for children with special needs and would like to thank you for your commitment to Shriners Hospitals for Children. As you weigh who you will support during our next Imperial Session, I urge you to consider the following information about myself:

Professional Experience

My professional experience has been long and successful. My business experience started in 1977 when I formed West Contracting, Inc. Though I am now retired, the company is

operating successfully through the leadership of my capable son. Additionally, I was Owner and President of West Alabama Equipment, Inc. from 1994 to 2012 when I sold the company to my son. These professional experiences have allowed me the opportunity to hone my impeccable financial management and decision-making skills, making me a solid choice for re-election to my position on the Board of Trustees.

Fraternal Participation

Throughout my tenure as a Shriner, I have been an incredibly active member of the fraternity. I am a Past Potentate and Life Member of Zamora Temple, Life Member of Scottish Rite and Blue Lodge, Past President of Dixie Shrine Association. Additionally, my two sons are also Life Members of Zamora Temple. We are a Shrine family through and through.

SHC Involvement

My experience within the fraternity has naturally extended to Shriners Hospitals for Children, where I have continued to seek

the best options for children who need our help. I served the Mexico City Hospital Board of Governors from 2006 until I was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2013. During that time, I served as Chairman of the Mexico City Board of Governors from 2010 – 2013 when I was elected to my position on the Board of Trustees.

For the last three years, I have served as Chairman of the Building and Equipment committee for the Boards of Directors and Trustees and currently serve on eight other committees.

Because of the ever-changing landscape of healthcare, I feel my professional, fraternal and hospital-related experience is important. My experiences have helped prepare me to make the very best decisions to ensure the continued success of Shriners Hospitals for Children – especially from a financial perspective to ensure that our services are available to help children for the next 100 years.

So, as you prepare to cast your vote, I hope that you will consider supporting me. Thank you for your support over the last six years, and I appreciate your continued support.

God bless,

Anthony M. West, Trustee
Shriners Hospitals for

Children

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Meetings trimmed to once a month



In an effort to cut back on the number of meetings members of Zamora are asked to attend, Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas moved all meetings to the first Wednesday of the month. February 6 saw the Divan meet at 5:30, the Unit Directors and Club Presidents meet at 6, the Motorized meeting at 6:30, and unit meetings followed at 7. The purpose

is to not only limit the amount of trips required by the nobility, but it allows Zamora to be better stewards with their resources by not having to open the building multiple times throughout the month.

Zamora real estate deal continues in 'due diligence' phase

Plans to sell the current location of Zamora Shrine Center continue as the perspective buyers work with the Shrine to complete the deal.

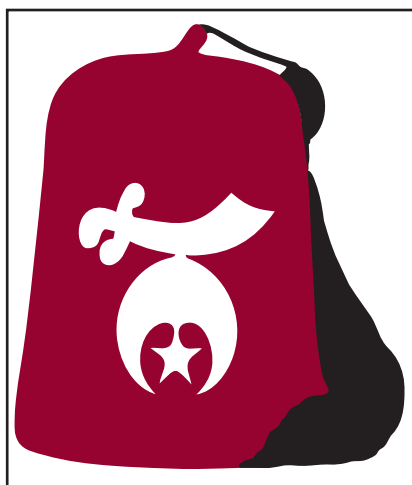
May 30 is the anticipated closing date. The real estate transaction is still in the middle of the 120 days "due diligence" period as representatives of the Birmingham Humane Society analyze how they can utilize the current building. They have architects from Denver expected to give a recommendation to Humane Society leaders in the next few weeks on how best to develop the site, according to Potentate Jerry Wayne Thomas.

Recorder Jimmy Sills said the due diligence period was originally 90 days but Zamora officials gave them an extension to 120 days.

We will update this story as it develops.



SPECIAL NOTICE



**Special
Notice of a
Called
Meeting on
Saturday,
April 6th at
8 a.m. for**

**the purpose of voting on
candidates for a cold
class to be held at 9:00
a.m., pending approval.**

Zamora Membership Committee attends Master Mason degree



Billy Dan Bolen, a 25 year veteran, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 19 at Lodge #446 Leeds. Past Grand Master Frank Little was in attendance during the degree along with Zamora Membership Committee members Richard Johnson, Zac Ingram, and Todd Destafino. This shows how an individual, through determination and perseverance, can overcome at any age. The Membership Committee are also scheduled to be at Leeds Lodge #446 on February 26, Chelsea Lodge #886 on February 28, Hoover Lodge #664 on March 4, and Center Point Lodge #872 on April 4. Hope to see you soon at a Blue Lodge near you.

Respectfully,
Richard Johnson
Membership Committee Chairman

**We need your stories, photos, & events!
Help us make the new
Zamora News even better!**



Autographed Lynyrd Skynyrd guitar to be raffled

An Epiphone guitar, signed by the members of legendary rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, will be raffled off at the Dixie Convention in Panama City in May.

Tickets will be available at February's Directors' meeting.

Contact Kirk "Moose"

Pearson at 205-792-7586 for more details or to reserve your tickets.

The guitar was donated by Rock-It Kids, an organization that works with concert promoters around the country to sell performers' CDs at their shows to raise money for Shriners Hospitals.

Sales are conducted by local Shriners and their families, who volunteer. Zamora recently participated at the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert in October at Oak Mtn. Amphitheater.

Meet the staff of your Zamora News

Several years ago, the Zamora Divan was in a continuous battle to save money. An area that was cut was the Zamora News. With costs in excess of \$15,000, the Divan felt that it would be more cost-effective to utilize social media to communicate with its membership. Despite protests from several members who did not like the "new paper", the Zamora News remained in an online format.

When a new noble, Travis Vaughn, joined Zamora in December of 2015, wheels started turning. Noble Vaughn works in the newspaper business. He began talking to then-Oriental Guide Kirk "Moose" Pearson about how to reinstate the print copy of Zamora News. For the next three years, the two worked on a proposal to bring to the Divan.

At a Divan meeting in 2018,

interim-Potentate Jerry Wayne Thomas told the committee of two to pursue the project. With Chief Rabban Pearson serving as Editor in Chief and Noble Vaughn filling the role as Technical Advisor, they quickly enlisted Zamora's Office Manager, Debbie Crook, to come on board.

The first edition was published in January of 2019 at a cost of \$560.

The February edition was delayed in publication due to the passing of

Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas' brother and issues with postage with the Birmingham Post Office, but that edition was published for just over \$400. When problems arose as to finding the most cost-effective way to get the paper into the hands of the Nobility, Office Manager



Debbie Crook stepped up to assist in putting on stickers for the February edition.

The current edition is expected to be mailed on time, and the committee continues to search for ways to cut costs. At the current rate, this year's twelve issues will cost around \$5000, a

savings of approximately \$10,000 from the last time Zamora News was printed. Along with the Potentate, the staff of Zamora News feels that a print copy of the paper is the best way to keep the lines of communication open at the best Shrine Center in the world!

Zamora Shrine Center TEMPLE FUNDRAISER Drawing for an autographed Lynyrd Skynyrd guitar. Drawing: Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Dixie Shrine Convention. Proceeds to benefit Zamora Shrine. Donation: \$5.00 Per Ticket or 5 for \$20.00 Winner need not be present to win. Proceeds are not tax deductible.	
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**Thanks for reading...
Zamora News**

**Country Cash is Sat.
April 13!**

**Get your tickets from
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\$125 admits two.

Did you know? Fez etiquette for every Shriner

Shriners International has adopted the fez as the exclusive type of head covering to be worn by all nobles when appearing as such. This means all nobles must wear their fezzes at stated meetings, ceremonies, Shrine parades, caravans, special Shrine events, and any other Shrine-related activities.

The fez is never worn at a Masonic lodge communication or meeting. At non-Shrine functions where an Imperial officer is representing Shriners International, or a temple officer is representing a Shrine temple, he may wear his fez. However, other Shriners in attendance are not to wear their fezzes.

As a noble, you are particularly admonished never to wear your fez in any company or place in which you would decline to introduce your mother, wife, sister or daughter. Never forget this.

No other person is ever allowed to wear a noble's fez.

The fez is not a display case or bulletin board. The Imperial Chaplain, potentates, divan members, past potentates, and Grand Masters may have their titles embroidered in small let-

ters in gold or silver bullion, silk or rhinestone jewels on one line beneath the emblem on the fez.

Active members of official uniformed units or official clubs

of a temple may likewise have the names of their units or clubs on one line beneath the emblem on the fez.

Any official appointee of an Imperial Potentate or potentate may have his title beneath the emblem as above for the term of his appointment.

The fez shall be worn in its

proper shape without crushing, creasing or alteration; and no device, ornament, title, wording or adornment other than allowed by Article 13 of the bylaws of Shriners International shall be permitted. Not more than two pins or clasps, without supplemental embellishments, may be used to secure the tassel in place. It is advisable that temples adopt a procedure whereby all fezzes are ordered through the office of the temple recorder. This will assure the purchase of proper fezzes, as many nobles are unaware of the legal restrictions.

Thanks to Shriners International for this valuable information.



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Dixie Shrine Association 2019 Convention Registration Form May 16th, 17th & 18th 2019 Panama City Beach Florida

(Please fill out 1 per registrant. Make as many copies as needed)

Representative _____ Shrine Temple _____ \$90.00 + Lady

E-Mail Address _____

Office Held or Title _____ Lady _____ \$20.00

(The price of the Dixie President's Banquet Ticket and the Ladies Luncheon Ticket are included in the \$90.00 Registration fee for Representatives plus Lady \$20 - Total \$110.00)

Non Representative _____ Shrine Temple _____ \$20.00

E-Mail Address _____

Office Held or Title _____ Lady _____ \$20.00

Dixie President's Banquet # _____ Tickets @ 35.00 Each = \$ _____

Ladies Luncheon # _____ Tickets @ 25.00 Each = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Special Instructions for Food Allergies: _____

Please mail your Convention Registration Forms and Payment, including the President Banquet and Ladies Luncheon to:

William Sistrunk
Dixie Shrine Association
140 Holmer Dr. Brandon, MS 39047

Any Questions Contact; William Sistrunk 601 937-1052
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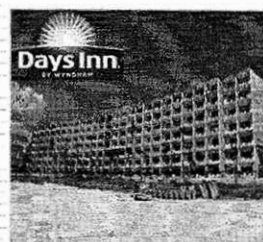
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Special Rates For Sunday - Wednesday \$84.00 plus tax Convention Rate For May 16-18 \$139.00 plus tax

All Reservations are on a first come, first serve and are to be made by each individual not the Temples.

The cut off date will be Sunday April 15, 2019 for all Temples.
(No Exceptions)

Wednesday Night (May 15) will be a Welcome Party around the pool deck at Days Inn.



Our Dixie Shrine Association Convention Host Hotel will be the Days Inn 12818 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32407.
Call (850) 233-3333 to make your reservation.
Please only use this number.
2 night minimum including Friday night.



SeaHaven Beach Hotel 15285 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL 32413. Phone (850) 636-8552
This gulf front hotel is a short drive from Days Inn Host Hotel.



Divan Attends Dixie Midwinter

Left: Past Imperial Sir Chris Smith, Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas, and Past Potentate and Trustee for Shriners Hospital for Children Anthony M. West.

On February 8, seven members of your Zamora Divan attended the Dixie Midwinter in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Prior to the legislation at the business meeting the following day, several Imperial officers, including Zamora's own Trustee Anthony West made presentations. Congratulations to Noble Chris Key as he was installed as the President of the Dixie Motorized Association.

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.

Zamora represented at Talladega Mardi Gras Parade as Convertibles, Riders, and Dune Buggies ride



Zamora Shriners and their Ladies participated in the Talladega Mardi Gras parade on Sat., Feb. 23.

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