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Vivien Yarbrough Makes a Challenge



Lee and Tenza Yarbrough are no strangers to Zamora. Their beautiful daughter, Vivien, is like many children of Zamora Shriners; she has grown up at our Shrine Center. Vivien does not meet a stranger, as she is a very outgoing and intelligent young lady.

Noble Yarbrough is out of the country working, but Lady Tenza did not want their daughter to miss out on the fellowship with the Zamora family on February 14, 2020. When she found out the Directors Staff and Riders were putting on a Valentine's Day Party, she decided to bring Vivien to the event.

Vivien asked the Potentate, Kirk "Moose" Pearson, if she could hold a

fundraiser for the hospital kids at the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina. Vivien's plan is to collect stuffed animals which will be delivered to the hospital at a later date. With permission from the Pote, she wanted to challenge people to bring stuffed animals and "fill the Potentate's office."

Lady Tenza shared that Vivien has even made plans for her birthday party to ask for stuffed animals for the patients instead of gifts for herself. Her parents have done an amazing job raising such a caring young lady. Please consider bringing stuffed animals to the office and help Vivien meet her goal!

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Bobbi Jo Wright to Speak at Zamora Paper Sale Kickoff

There is not a Shriner that has not seen the famous "Editorial Without Words." This image graces most Shrine clothing as well as statues placed outside most Shrine Centers. The image comes from a picture taken by photographer Randy Dieter in 1970. Dieter had been on assignment covering an annual outing at Hadi Temple in Evansville, Indiana.

The event was for handicapped children at a local amusement park. The photographer was taking pictures using a telephoto lens when he observed a Shriner, Al Hortman, who passed away in 2009, carrying a little girl in one arm and her crutches in the other. By the time he was able to get the couple in focus, they had passed him, and he was forced to take the shot from the back.

The little girl in the photograph is named Bobbi Jo Wright. Wright was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in many orthopedic problems that made her have difficulty walking. She has stated that she has many wonderful memories of the years she was a patient at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital. She recalls all of the fun activities while there.

Zamora Shrine is fortunate to have Bobbi Jo Wright to speak at the annual Paper Sale Kickoff. The event will be March 25 with a meal to be served at 6, and Ms. Wright will speak at 7. You will want to make plans now to be in attendance for this unique opportunity.



West Alabama Shrine Club Reorganized for 2020



After a year off, the West Alabama Shrine Club reconvened to conduct business. The Club went dark because they did not have a quorum at their 2018 meeting when they were scheduled to elect officers at their November meeting of the same year. The club was advised by Illustrious Sir Jerry Wayne Thomas to remain dark.

Immediately following installation of officers, Illustrious Sir Kirk "Moose" Pearson restated the club

with the following officers: Travis Vaughn, President; William Shelton, 1st Vice President; 2nd Vice President, Garrett Pearson; Secretary/Treasurer, Joe Hollingsworth; Sergeant at Arms, Kirk Pearson Sr.

All members of West Alabama are encouraged to be at the next meeting which will be held at Hooters on Oscar Baxter in Tuscaloosa on March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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From the desk of the Potentate

Hail Companions,
It's hard to believe that March is already upon us. Illustrious Sir Tyrone Davis once told me "...when you make Potentate, hold on, the year will fly by." I have to agree. February has been a good month for us at Zamora. First of all, let me tell everyone what I know about the sale of the building. From what I'm told, the sale is still on schedule. The buyer has put up more money to show his interest. This will move the closing date back to late June or July, so we are staying optimistic.

The month began with the Motorized Super Bowl Party. There was a lot of great food and great fellowship. Even though my numbers didn't come up, I had a great time. Three days later we were back at Zamora for a Leadership Meeting followed by Motorized Meetings and then Unit Meetings. I love seeing our brothers together and enjoying one another's company.

The following weekend, I joined several nobles from Zamora in Philadelphia, Mississippi for the annual Dixie Midwinter and DASMC meetings. Congratulations to Assistant Rabban Charley Pope for going on the DASMC line. I know he will continue to make

Zamora proud. We did learn of some changes that will be made at the Dixie Convention in Panama City Beach this May. One thing they have constantly reminded us is to book your rooms early. Zamora only has 30 rooms reserved, so prepare now!

The following Friday was February 14, Valentine's Day, the day for love, and nothing says love like Mike Allen and his lovely bride, Lenorah, and the Directors Staff. Shortly after taking office, I asked Noble Allen to organize a Valentine's Day Party. He accepted and then told his wife. I think he may have gotten in some trouble. Either way, both stayed in contact as we discussed plans for the party.

But then the Riders decided to step up. The Riders Unit asked if they could help the Directors Staff and actually fund the event themselves. They had simple requests: let them pay for the event, take up donations for the Paper Sale, and not have any talk of fundraisers-- just have fun. My mom didn't raise a crazy man, so I said of course! We had over 100 people who donated over \$500 for the Paper Sale. Way to step up, Riders, and not only help the Directors Staff, but to help your Temple. Makes me wonder

if there is another unit wanting to take over an event?

On February 19, we had a Divan meeting. We had some good discussions and are definitely trying to make the best decisions for Zamora. If you have a concern, please contact someone on the Divan and let us know. Finally, several members attended the SASMC meeting in Panama City Beach, Florida. We had a good time visiting with other Nobles from around our region. I would also like to congratulate President Ralph Weeks for conducting a great meeting.

March looks to be just as busy for us. We will start out with Leadership, Motorized, and Unit meetings on March 4. I plan on leaving after those to attend the SESA Midwinter meeting in beautiful Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Mindy and I will leave that Saturday to come back in time for the Country Cash. As I write this letter, it looks like we will have a sell out this year. I hope you have gotten your tickets.

Next weekend, we will be making the annual trip to the Greenville Shriners Hospital for the Shriner Days on the 13th and 14th. This is always a proud time for Zamora as Noble



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

Winston Each and the numerous workers at the Lineville Car Show will make a donation to the hospital.

Then we will be looking forward to the Wheelz Car Show on March 21. This is a fundraiser for their unit, and they put on a good show. I'd like to encourage you to take part in that if you can. My last planned activity for March is on the 29th. I formed a Remissions Committee. We will be contacting Nobles that have gotten away from our fellowship for one reason or another. Hopefully, we will be able to bring the Zamora membership back up to over 1000 by the end of the year.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to find your place at Zamora. There are many great units and clubs. I know you can find a place to belong!

From the Potentate:

**"No anonymous letters, emails, or other submissions
will be printed in the Zamora News."**

Upcoming events for Zamora Shriners

March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SASMC Midwinter	2	3	4 Leadership Meetings	5 SESA Midwinter	6 SESA Midwinter	7 SESA Midwinter Country Cash
8 SESA Midwinter	9	10	11	12	13 Greenville Shriner Day	14 Greenville Shriner Day
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Divan Meeting	19	20	21 Wheelz Car Show
22	23	24	25 Paper Sale	26	27	28
29 Remissions Meeting	30 Zamora News Deadline	31				

April 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Leadership Meetings	2	3	4
5 Easter Party	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday Office Closed	11
12 Easter	13	14	15 Divan Meeting and Stated Meeting	16	17	18 Ceremonial
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Talladega	25 Talladega
26 Talladega	27 Zamora News Deadline	28	29	30		

Love is in the Air at Zamora

The Riders Unit at Zamora Shrine saw a need at their Temple. A Valentine's Day party was scheduled for Zamora on February 14, 2020. Knowing the financial problems the Temple face, the Riders Unit felt compelled to do something for their fraternity. They decided to sponsor the event as a gift to the Nobility.

The Riders prepared a great meal, manned a cash bar, and provided music at a dance floor all for the low price of free. They only asked

that if guests felt like it, they could make a donation to the Paper Sale. 102 attendees gave just over \$500 for the program.

The group asked that no person sell any raffle tickets from their Lodge, Unit, or Club, simply have fun! This was an amazing act by a generous unit at Zamora. The Riders challenged other units to do the same. So, who knows, perhaps there will be more events in the future.



A Valentine's Day Party, hosted by Zamora Riders, was held Feb. 14. Admission was a donation to the Paper Sale, with over \$500 raised!

More scenes from Zamora's Valentine Party with the Riders ...



Thanks to the Riders and to everyone who came out!



Scottish Rite Visit

As a member of our Fraternal Brotherhood we are sometimes given the opportunity to visit other Masonic Lodges, Shrine Centers and affiliated organizations. Recently the Zamora Recorder, Steve Weldon, visited The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Birmingham, Orient of Alabama. Brother Tim C. Vaughan, General Secretary, gave him a tour of the facility and discussed the various community outreach programs that the Scottish Rite supports. Tim, who is also the Chief Rabban at Zamora, also gave him a tour of the Shoe Room which is used in their program to provide shoes to children. We encourage everyone to get out and visit and get involved with this great Brotherhood we are a part of.



ATTENTION NOBLES OF ZAMORA SHRINE



Are you looking for a way to get involved at Zamora? Do you want to make a difference at Zamora that affects every new Candidate in the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine? If you answered yes to these questions, we want YOU for the Ceremonial Cast. Your assistance and participation will help set the tone in showing new Shriners just how special a fraternity they have chosen to join. For more information contact Zamora's Chief Rabban Tim Vaughan at (205) 792-1835, or email him at coco4fun13@aol.com.

It's a great time to be a Zamora Shriner!

Email your submissions to zamoranewsinfo@gmail.com

Ceremonial Scheduled for April 18

Imperial Sir Jeffrey Sowder has initiated the "Just One" program. The Imperial Potentate has challenged all Shriners to recruit just one member from their local blue lodge. If all Shriners will implement this program, the Shrine membership will double in just one year.

The Zamora Potentate has scheduled a ceremonial for April 18, 2020. The class will be

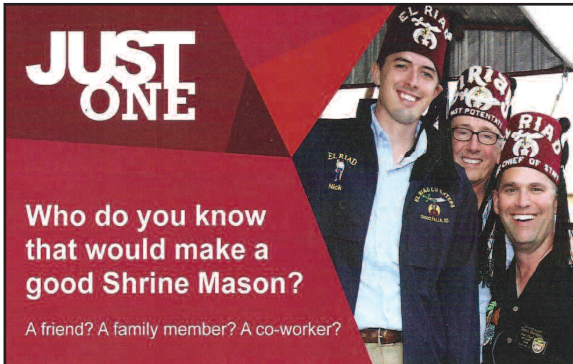
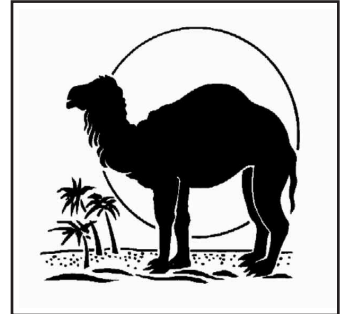
named after Illustrious Sir Milie Avery who was Potentate in 2007. All members of Zamora Shrine are encouraged to submit petitions for the class by the stated meeting which will be held on Thursday, April 16. All applications need to include \$100, a copy of the current Blue Lodge card, and a copy of the applicant's driver's license.

Black Camel Visits Zamora, Yet Again

In remembrance of:

- Robert W. Moore
- Donie D. Todd, Sr.
- Noah H. Flanagan
- Porter D. Bailey
- Robert Warren Smith, Jr.
- Robert Charles Hymer

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



Aromaz Dynasty Honors First Lady of Zamora

On Sunday, February 2, 2020, the ladies of Aromaz Dynasty held a White Rose Tea in honor of First Lady Mindy Pearson.

The tea began at 2:00 p.m. in the Divan room of Zamora Shrine Center with a welcome by Queen Jamie Little. She presented the first lady with a gift on behalf of the local Daughters of the Nile Chapter.

Illustrious Sir Moose thanked the ladies for the

special recognition and hard work they do every day and for the tea. He then introduced the Divan members in attendance. All attendees and guests enjoyed great fellowship and wonderful snacks.

The Aromaz Dynasty Temple No. 163 is the Irondale Chapter of the Daughters of the Nile organization of women related to Shriners who help raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Past Potentate of Scimitar Visits Zamora

Zamora Recorder Steve Weldon writes: "Brother and Noble Tom L. Brown and his Lady Alice Faye were in town recently to visit his aunt Virginia Thompson. He is the past potentate of Scimitar Shrine Temple, North Little Rock, Arkansas. I would like to thank them for the visit."

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 to make this request.



Zamora Members Visit Kennedy Lodge #467

Members of the Zamora Membership Committee, joined by Illustrious Sir Kirk Pearson and Second Ceremonial Master Travis Vaughn, visited Kennedy Lodge #467 on Monday, January 27, 2020.

Membership Committee Stays Vigilant

Last year, the Membership Committee set a goal of reaching out to every Masonic Lodge in the Zamora jurisdiction. As of now, they have roughly 30 lodges they still plan on visiting. The goal is in sight!

On February 3, the distinguished group visited Metro East Lodge #932. The Worshipful Master Larry Beck along with Grand Lodge officer Winston Each welcomed the membership committee with a fine meal. The brothers in attendance were presented with information as to the true reason for being a Shriner, that being the kids!

February 6 saw the Zamora Membership Committee at Talladega Lodge #261. The Worshipful Master Bruce Collins welcomed members Richard Johnson, Todd Destafino, Steve Blair, and Assistant Rabban Charley Pope. The event was declared a great night at a very unique lodge.

Also, the Membership Committee visited "that Lodge up the Road", Gadsden on Tuesday, February 18. Worshipful Master Larry Underwood welcomed committee members Richard Johnson, Zac Ingram, Alec Touchton, and Tim Holland. Upon the presen-

tation, a brother filled out a petition for membership in Zamora Temple.

Finally, the hard working group visited Attalla #383. They were met by a large receptive group including Worshipful Master Richard Coffman. Membership Committee Members Zippy, 1st Ceremonial Master Richard Johnson and Assistant Rabban Charley Pope shared with the group the benefits of being a Shriner. They were joined by Cahaba Shrine's High Priest and Prophet Brian Anderson. How good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!
Check out the resources in shrinersvillage.com.



Please Support This Year's Paper Sale

Greetings,

The members of Zamora Shrine are proud of their efforts to help children at Shriners Hospitals for Children, and we are asking for your help with our Paper Sale.

As you may know, all funds donated to the Paper Sale go directly toward activities that benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children, such as research, treatment, and transportation for patients.

The 22 locations of Shriners Hospitals, located throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, provide treatment for children suffering from a variety of debilitating medical issues, including spina bifida, loss of limbs, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip or palate, and burns. Our hospitals provide life-changing treatment to children – without regard to economic background or the family's ability to pay.

Your contribution, whether small or large, makes a significant difference in helping our brave kids receive world-class, specialized treatment from some of the best physicians, nurses, and specialists in their fields.

Accompanying this letter you will find the 2020 Paper Sale contribution form. If you have contributed to the Paper Sale before, I thank you on behalf of all of us at Zamora Shriners and ask you to continue to support us by renewing your Paper Sale plaque for \$100. If you are a first-time contributor, we ask you to purchase a Paper Sale plaque for \$125. You can display this handsome plaque in your home or office and show your support for Shriners Hospitals for Children. A smaller or larger donation will also be much appreciated, of course.

With your help, we can give hope to children and assist them in achieving their fullest potential as they live happy lives without being held back by their conditions.

On behalf of the Nobles of Zamora Shrine, I thank you in advance for your contribution to the 2020 Paper Sale.

You are also invited to our kickoff event for the 2020 Paper Sale, which will be held at Zamora Shrine Center on Wednesday, March 25. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. and then meet at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



Travis Vaughn
2020 Paper Sale Chairman



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Frequently Asked Questions - Paper Sale

What is Zamora's Paper Sale?

The Paper Sale is an annual fundraiser that Shriners International undertakes for support of our hospitals, with 100 percent of funds raised forwarded to Hospital Headquarters in Tampa.

How does this benefit local children?

Zamora may be directed to use a portion or all of the funds raised to help

our Hospital Transportation Fund, which covers the cost of transporting local children to their scheduled hospital appointments and of keeping up our Hospital Transportation vans.

2019 Facts:

Trips in 2019: 64
Miles: approx. 48,530

Fuel costs: \$5,732.95

Lodging: \$13,885.44
Meals: \$8,246.70
Van maintenance: \$1,759.59

Zamora Shrine Center's area includes the following counties: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cullman, Etowah, Fayette, Jefferson, Lamar, Marion, Pickens, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston. Members of Zamora Shrine also come from adjoining counties.

If you need more information about the Paper Sale, please call Travis Vaughn at 205-394-1658 or email gtravisvaughn@gmail.com .