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**ZAMORA NEWS**



# From Your Potentate...

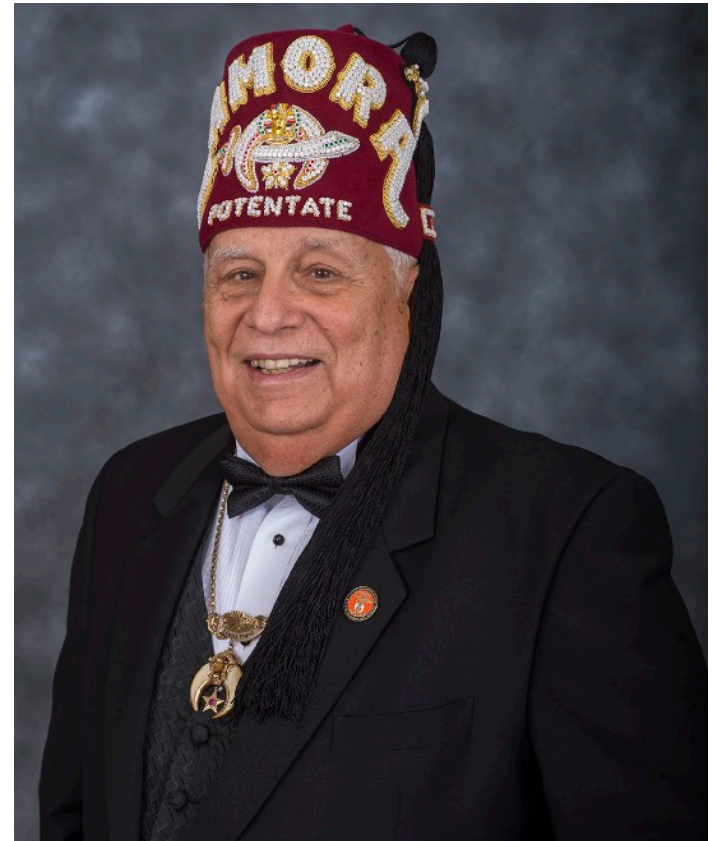
## Tom Gaskins

I have to tell you I saw so many kids with smiles so big on their little faces. The 80+ children that came to the Easter Party at Zamora had such a grand ole time. The laughed, played games, won prizes, jumped in the moon walk, did the bunny hop all over the auditorium, colored a mural, got their faces painted, went around and around in the cake walk, ate ice cream, cookies and left with even a bigger smile when they saw their Easter Baskets. James Vaughn and his Lady Mary readied the project and so many of our fine nobles and ladies jumped right in and helped anywhere they were needed. I'm leaving all the particulars to the Vaughn's to mention, but I want them to know how much I appreciate the fine work they did in putting this together and pulling it off. The kids are why they do what they did and it showed.

James and Mary thank you so much for a wonderful Easter Party. Thank you to all the ones that came out to help them. Zamora members and Units are some of the best Shrine Center people there is.

Don't forget the Talladega Nascar Spring Race weekend is fast approaching. It is May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Dixie Convention is just around the corner. It is May 18<sup>th</sup> thru May the 20<sup>th</sup>. I would like to see Zamora participating in full force. The Dixie Association needs our show of support. You need to go to support your Temple, to support the Units that go to compete for your Temple and to support the Shrine. There we get to spend time together in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy each other's company. That is after the motorized equipment is spit shinned and competition is over. We are staying at the Days Inn, 12818 Front Beach Road, 1-850-233-3333. Billy has made arrangements for us to bring our pets. Call them to make your room reservation but on our website, at the end of my message or go by the office and pick up the registration form so you can register that you are going. This registration form along with your payment needs to be mailed to Noble Mike Odom and his address is on the bottom of the form. Please tend to getting this done as soon as you can.



## **Schedule of Events for the Dixie Shrine Convention:**

Weds May 17th 6:00 PM Welcome Dixie Party, around Pool-Days Inn. This is one of the highlights of Dixie each year.

Thurs May 18th 7:00 to 9:00 AM Breakfast May 18th 11:00 AM Golf Tournament

6:00 President's Banquet Social Hour (cash Bar), Banquet 6:30 (Casual Dress) Harpoon Harry's

Block Party 8:30 PM Pool Deck at Days Inn

Fri May 19th DSMC Competition 6:30 AM (set up) Frank Brown Park

Breakfast 7:00 to 9:00 May 19th DSMC Competition 8:00 AM Frank Brown Park

Hillbilly Competition 9:00 am Frank Brown Park May 19th 11:00am to 4:00pm Registration Days Inn

Ladies Luncheon (Social) 11:00 AM Lunch 11:30 AM Harpoon Harry's

Dixie Shrine Ass'n Meeting 1:00 PM Seahaven Beach Hotel 15238 Front Beach Road, PC Beach

Dixie Shrine Hospitality 3:00 to 5:00 PM Dixie Hospitality Room Days Inn

Hillbilly Banquet 6:00 pm at All American Diner

Sat May 20th Breakfast 7:00 to 9:00

Clowns Competition 7:45 to 10:30 Seahaven Beach Hotel 15238 Front Beach Road, P C Beach,

Dixie Shrine Parade Line up at 10:30 am Steps Off 11:30am Edgewater Shopping Center

Meet and Greet our Incoming 2017/2018 President "Dorsey Holt" 12:30 to 4:00 Days Inn Pool Deck

DSMC Hospitality 6:00 PM Harpoon Harry's

DSMC Dinner & Awards 6:45pm at Harpoon Harry's

Clown Banquet & Awards 6:00pm at All American Diner

As your Potentate I am looking forward to seeing you at the competitions and banquets at the Dixie in Panama City, FL, the SESA in Warner Robins, Ga and in Daytona for the 143rd Imperial 2017 Convention July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Make your plans now to attend the 2017 conventions. The dates are in your Zamora Calendar / Directory. You can go the websites to get the forms needed or go by the office. Get your registration forms in and make your reservations to attend. Our Recorder, John Akers is trying his best to get the paperwork to us for the Zamora hotel at the Imperial Convention in Daytona so you can continue to make those plans.

When you go to the [Imperial2017.com](http://Imperial2017.com) website you will find all kind of great information about things to do while in Daytona. Motorized Competition is on Sunday and it falls on the 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Also the Parade is going to be a night parade. That's going to be a treat in itself. Make your plans now as best as you can and hope to see you there.

April 13<sup>th</sup> was Bike Night at Zamora. It was a big hit as always. Thank you to everyone that helped on this event. A lot of nice bikes came up the hill.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> of April... WOW! What a COUNTRY CASH!! We don't have the numbers in yet but the room was packed with ticket holders. The Dixie Shrine Club out did themselves with a wonderful steak dinner. Nobles and Ladies my sincere thanks go to each and every one of you that put out the effort to make this a success. Several camped here to be 100% available and they were. They were here working the entire time. Our DeMolay and Rainbow girls were a big help. Thanks go to them for their participation and hope they enjoyed spending the evening with us. I can't thank all of you enough for coming through and selling the Country Cash Tickets. As someone once said: "It keeps the lights burning".

Speaking of the electricity at Zamora and temperatures that are just going to be going up, brings to mind that I want to say a big Thank You to Noble Steve Bell for his help. If you see him it would be appreciated if you would also thank him as he's starting installing the equipment to help further reduce the electrical cost of the ac control system.

Our Sportsman Giveaway for September 23<sup>rd</sup> is headed up by Noble Terrell Yates. He already has the tickets in the office and arrangements have been made with Field and Stream at the Galleria in Hoover for us to there and set up anytime to sell tickets. It makes a great Unit outing to go for several hours and then maybe the Unit stop to have a bite to eat together. My lady even goes with me when I go. We have a good time and sell a few tickets. It allows us as a Shriner at Zamora to present ourselves in public and create public awareness.

Visit your Blue Lodges regularly as we go through this year and always keep your eyes open for new members and for kids that need us to help them have a better life.

The month of May is going to be a busy one for Zamora. As you go forward always I ask you to keep in mind that

**“There's A Little Volunteer In Every Shriner”.**

Thank you again goes to all those that have Volunteered during the month of April to help in the ways we know how to help.

Without you we couldn't get it done.

**Notice to all the Nobles of Zamora we are starting a new phone calling system**

**This system will allow us to contact you and keep you informed of any events coming up and of any information that pertains to the nobility be it good or bad news. It will be best if the number it goes to is capable of receiving a voice mail or text in case you are not available at that time. It is also capable of just sending an email if you provide us with that information.**

**I have sent a trial run out to you and if you haven't received a call from One Call please contact Tom Gaskins so we can update your information.**

**Please call me at 205-527-4356 and leave me a voice mail with your name and phone number you prefer of if your Preference is to opt out from the system. If you prefer you can also text me at the above phone number.**

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# NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS



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## Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments and Shrine activity

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### How to Register for WebFez:

- Go to your browser's address bar and type in [webfez.shrinenet.org](http://webfez.shrinenet.org)
- Click the register button on the Login page: **Register**
- From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list and then type in your Member Number and your First and Last names.

- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(Passwords must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number.)

Confirm password

- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox.
- After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.



## Road Runners Report

April 2017 we had 7 Van trips

5 Trips to Greenville transported  
2 Trip to Philadelphia transported

Furnished 8 Rooms Greenville for

The Zamora Shriners changed 15  
Children's lives.

5 Children

2 Children

8 Children

The Transportation Fund Received Donations in March 2017

Dixie Biker Club

Sherpower

Anon Donation

Gadsden Shrine Club

Greeters

John King

Ralph Weeks

James Nicholas

Ron Patrick

David Weeks

Ham Radio



Special note Hospital Kids Day at PARK will be Saturday **June 24 9:00 to 3:00**



# First Lady's Message...

Pat Gaskins

## Nuttin Finer Than A Shriner.....

Yikes we survived the Easter Party and the Country Cash.....

Can you believe the month of April is over? It was so busy and low and behold I'm not even black and blue from the Self Defense & Survival class... I know from talking to the 16 ladies that came that it was so appreciated. They enjoyed the experience with these instructors and learned things they would never think of. Soke how can I think you enough to where you really know how much we appreciated your time and efforts you gave to us in the shrine family. A few seconds may be all we need to save our lives. You are a true friend and I thank you. Even with the weather not cooperating at all we still had a wonderful class. To all you ladies that had to cancel due to tornado watch and straight line winds going on and to those that came you will get another chance. All of you want another class and I talked with Soke and he promises another class late this summer or early fall. I will let you know very soon. If you would like go to this link and you will be so impressed by this Shriners accomplishments. I feel He truly honored us by coming and bringing some wonderful black and brown belts with him. <http://www.theimss.org/hanshi.htm>





These Divan ladies have Birthdays the month of May. Be sure when you see them to wish them a very Happy Birthday! There are only two in May: May 8<sup>th</sup> Debbie Lann and May 17<sup>th</sup> Laurel Williams. Happy Birthday Ladies..... Remember life gets better with Age!!

I need to say a mega THANK YOU to my Personal Aide Marilyn Sills for her input and help for the Kids Easter Party. I asked her to step in and be me until I could get back and she was Johnny on the spot. Without missing a beat here more mega Thank You's to the Chief Aide, Assistant Chief Aide and Personal Aide Ladies for their support in anything happening. Love and appreciation go out to Rena Chastain, Past First Lady Linda Graves, Vicki Simpson and Linda Sims. All these Ladies are wonderful in helping me with anything we are getting into. Gene Moody I miss you not being able to come.

I want all the ladies of Zamora and Daughters of the Nile to know how much your help is appreciated. Most of you know what your friendship means to me and how much I care about you. It is a deeply appreciated friendship. How's this as an example of ladies at work? Like at the Easter Party I was blown away with the new unexpected ideas that was present and it truly states what I've said so much. The younger member's heads are so full of great ideas and they know how to pull it off. It was wonderful to see the changes and to watch the kids. Great Job Easter Party folks..... My Peter Rabbit I made (20 yrs ago?) was brought out of retirement and the Second Ceremonial Masters Lady Debbie Pope made the cutest egg shaped bean bags that was put in an Easter Basket. The Convertible Unit let them eggs fly as the kids tried to put them in to Peter Rabbits hole I cut in his tummy.

Zamora folks know how to throw a party for the kids! Please forgive me if I leave off someone...A lot of our Nobles are in several units so I hope I don't leave anyone out. Motor Corps Ladies, Clown Ladies, Rider Ladies and Convertible Ladies, Communications Ladies, Girlfriends and family thank you to all of you ..... You made it work again!

I have to share this... At the Kids Easter party I saw Mary Vaughn sitting in the Cabiri room staring at the Easter Baskets and she looked like she was praying for the baskets and kids to work out just right for each age bracket and gender. Mary you and that Noble fella of yours did an excellent job and it worked out just right. I hope you rested up after all was said and done. That's a true Shriner Lady whose heart was beating very fast and hard..... Great job ladies as the kids had a wonderful time !!

I ask all the newer Nobles Ladies that don't know many of us please come and get to know us. We want to get to know you. You are very valuable and have so much to offer. Ideas and new friendship is a wonderful asset. Throw that hand out there and introduce yourself and we'll give you a hug!

Ladies we are on the fast track into a busy time for all of us. It's Shrine Convention's, Kids Day at The Park, Talladega Race time and on top of that summer is around the corner. Plan on bringing a child or grandchild to the Kids Day at The Park too. They really have a great time. It's Saturday on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you can come out to the Park and we can use your help here too. I think we get a lot more out of it when we dig in and help. I know I always have. It's really heartwarming to watch the kids beam when they catch a fish. Some have never fished before. Come out to YOUR Park and share in the fun we have. Donnie Foust has done a wonderful job there and Turk has helped keep things looking good and better.

Reminder again about the Smile Amazon. Don't forget if you order something from Amazon go thru Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)) to order.

Last month I typed: *"Ladies after we have an event if you could just stay around a few more minutes as we jump in and help clear the tables, etc and get it all cleaned up in a hurry. We could use a few more hands to help us".* That's what I asked for and I got it..... Ladies thanks so much. It was wonderful to see all the help that was extended. It helped some tired folks get home a little sooner and allowed us to enjoy a little better.

Remember to text, email or call me if you need to get a hold of me.

That's it for now ladies.... remember "Nuttin Finer Than A Shriner"..... Unless He's your Shriner!!

First Lady Pat  
2017







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# 10 EASY WAYS TO WRECK OUR TEMPLE

1. Don't attend stated meetings.
2. If you go be sure to be late.
3. If the weather is bad - don't even think about going.
4. When you do go to a meeting - be sure to find fault with the elected leaders.
5. Never accept an office, that way you will be able to criticize those in office.
6. If you are appointed to a committee - avoid attending it's meetings.
7. When asked to offer your opinion or constructive criticism - tell them that you have nothing to say.
8. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary - but when someone else tells you that only a few are doing the lion's share of the work - that is your opportunity to say - " The Temple is run by a clique".
9. Don't worry about paying your dues on time - let the other members worry about paying the bills.
10. Don't bother getting new members - again, let those "others" worry about membership.

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE ANYONE YOU KNOW? PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO WHISPER COUNCIL IN HIS EAR - OR LOOK IN A MIRROR.



## Zamora Staff Sends Very Special Thank You.....



Yes, A Very Special **Thank You** needs to go out to quite a few different people. You see it truly takes a lot of people and hands to put such a big event on, (referring this time to the Zamora Spring Country Cash), and if not for all these people working together we are just convinced it would not be a success.

**Thank You** to all that worked tirelessly though out the whole time frame. Working hard at selling the tickets to those that handled all the paperwork from the Shriners and their ladies and then to the office staff.



**Thank You** to the Recorder for going to get all of the alcohol, which in itself is no easy task.

**Thank You** to the Dixie Shrine Club for cooking and working as a team with the servers (as always).

**Thank You** to the Skat Kats for their tirelessly help setting up the tables and chairs, which by the way was a huge relief and Thank you to the bartenders and the bar runners.

**Thank You** to the DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls, the young men and women for all their help. It is always such a pleasure to work with them.



Last but certainly not least, **Thank You** to all the Divan members, their ladies, the Potentate & First Lady, plus their Aides & Assistants and family and friends.

**So Thank You** to each and all of those that stayed around and chipped in on cleaning down all the tables after the event; If not for all this help we, the Kitchen Staff would have been here until about 1:00 AM.

People sometime just don't realize how much work goes into an event such as Country Cash and we just want each one of these people to know, they are all truly appreciated. If by any chance we forgot someone please forgive us cause we appreciate each of you. When we help each other, it makes us all a stronger family and this isn't just a work place.

**A Sincere Thank You From Donna & Shea**



## 2017 Kids Easter Party

The Easter Bunny has hopped on down the bunny trail. The Zamora Shrine Center Kids Easter Party was a success as evidenced by the large turn out and smiling children. Thanks for the support of the Divan and several units including Communications, Riders Unit, Convertible Unit, Clowns, Motor Corps, and Road runners..





And a special thanks to First Lady Pat Gaskins for laying a solid foundation for us to build on. Pat's worthy assistant Marilyn Stiles was also a big help in getting things ready. The Demolays and Rainbow Girls also came and helped with several activities which greatly helped make things run smoothly. These young people showed there is a bright future for Masonic groups. The Daughters of the Nile contributed too by filling Easter Baskets and doing face painting. Special thanks to Dawn Hill, Daughter of the Nile, who graciously provided the Easter Bunny and pictures and who made and donated large murals for the kids to color. You should attend a Shriner Kids party to witness the success of our hospitals in the faces of the smiling kids who will put a smile in your heart/ Thaaaaaats all folks  
written by James & Mary Vaughn Easter Party Chairmans













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