

**Museum of Vanning**  
**Director's Blog**  
**03-12-24**

Good evening Vanners.

Well ,today I officially became a senior citizen. Wow!

So, it's time for a few updates for the Museum of Vanning. The celebration garden has finally become a reality. The back of the museum really looks great and is ready for any more engraved brick additions to come, so please keep in mind that you can add to our garden at any time as it really has taken shape. You can find the forms on our website under the Brick Paver program.

So, we just got back from an awesome trip to Las Vegas [Council of Councils] where we had a really great presentation at the Saturday meeting. Larry [Gibson] did an awesome job with the video presentation and we talked quite a bit about the museum and a great bit of its behind-the-scenes going on. We are hoping with these two presentations that people will feel more confident in what the museum is doing and what our future holds, we should have these presentations up on the website pretty soon if you didn't get a chance to see them at council. While at council I was able to cross two things off my bucket list, flying on the zip line at Fremont Street and meeting the Rat Pack. Letting everyone know updates about the museum was really high on our priority list and I hope we got that across.

The next project on our list is to try to find a way to house some of the donations we have been getting and are getting in the near future. So, we are on a run to try to raise a little bit of money to pay for a new shed. This shed will help us store and keep track of these awesome donations. These donations will help us raise funds in the future, and is a great way for us to continue to move onto to raise money to help us with the museum. We hope to be able to bring a bunch of it to the nationals this year in New England for everybody to see and hopefully purchase for your collection.

Doesn't look like we're going to do the tax relief van show this year as we are having trouble securing the date. We have started plans in motion for this year's Christmas party which will be December 12-15, 2024 held here in Hudson Florida.

So that's about it for now, I want to thank all of you for your support. Oh yeah, I just thought about [it,] most of our memberships are coming due April 1st so if you've gotten a notice or would like to renew, we sure could use your help in doing so, If you haven't got a notice an email or anything about it just let me know and I'll send it out and take care of it for you. The new patches this year are going to have the fire stone. I love my stones promotion Van in the artwork.

So once again, thank you to everyone for your support and your belief in the museum and please try to come and see us sometime. I don't know if you have a bucket list like I do and I was very fortunate to be able to scratch a couple of those things off on our recent trip to Las Vegas, so maybe visiting the museum of vanning could be on yours. Keep on Vannin!

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