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The Potentate's *message*



Nobles and Ladies,

We are off to a great start in 2013. The showing of support and love exhibited by those who attended the Installation of Officers for Oasis Shrine truly warmed my heart. It is a night that Rhonda, the kids and I will never forget.

I would especially like to thank my friends at the Catawba County Shrine Club for the marvelous meal they prepared, and for their support. The task of serving such a great meal for over 500 people was surely a mission of love. For this, we will be eternally grateful.

As you all have already seen, the slogan for Oasis Shrine in 2013 is "Putting Kids First". Your Divan, and the supporting cast of many

volunteers, will focus on the one thing that sets Shriners above all other organizations – the "kids". It will be the mission for all that we do this year to exemplify this motto. It is such an important part of my life, having grown up as the son of a truly dedicated Patient Coordinator who put his heart and soul in to helping unfortunate children live a normal life. This mission became so much more important to me after I became a father of two. Rhonda and I had no reservations about making this our slogan. It truly describes the goal which every Shriner lives for each day.

You will notice that our Desert Dust will have a new appearance this year, thanks to a staff that is dedicated to providing worthy infor-

mation about our clubs, units, and more especially our children. In addition to the monthly Potentate message, you will also enjoy a message from our Recorder, Gary Taylor, highlighting progress at your Shrine Headquarters, and a message from our Chaplain, which I am sure you will find enlightening. Our Membership Chairman, Ken Bowen, will keep you abreast of membership ideas. These additional messages will provide you with insight as to what is going on at Oasis from within Charlotte, and throughout the jurisdiction. Please take a few moments to read these messages, as I am sure you will find they contain very valuable information.

The website has been updated, and a new email

notification system is being implemented which will enable those who wish to receive not only updates as they occur, but to also view the Desert Dust. Please log on to this new and improved website at www.oasisshriners.org to be included in up to the minute information.

To those who were unable to join Rhonda and me at the installation, I am proud to inform you that our daughter, Holland, presented her fundraising idea, from which she hopes to generate \$10,000.00 for our Shriner's Hospitals. (Please read "Holland's Hope" in this issue of the Desert Dust). Following her presentation, I spoke of "Legacy". Her late grandfather, Forrest Laxton, passed away when Holland was

only 5 years old, and only a short 7 weeks after we were installed on the Oasis Divan. He made such a great impression on me, on my family, and on all who knew him, and that passed on to Holland. As a result, his Shriner's Legacy lives on through his granddaughter. I asked the audience to re-

flect for a moment, and to determine what will be their "legacy." To my wonderful and dedicated dad, I now say, "Pop, I hope to make you proud in all I do as Potentate in 2013.

**Yours in the Faith;
Fred Laxton**
"Putting Kids First"



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The Recorder's *message*



Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine,

Well, it has been over five years since we talked last, and I want to say how excited I am to be able to once more share thoughts about our great fraternity in general, and most especially about Oasis Shriners. I want everyone to know that I take my role as Oasis Recorder very seri-

ously and will strive to be the eyes and ears of everyone to provide feedback to and from the leadership team of Oasis. Please let me know of all suggestions you may have on better ways to coordinate the activities of the Shrine, as well as areas that need improvement. There are currently many challenges facing our fraternity, both internal and external, but I

know that in the end, our Shriner family bonds will prevail.

On another note, I am happy to say that I am very impressed with the improvements within our Oasis organization over the last five years. The finances have improved, the front office area is running well, and the management of our necessary rental ac-

tivity is topnotch and considerably more predictable than when I left office as your 2007 Potentate. In closing, I am looking extremely forward to serving all of you this year, and welcome any and all suggestions for improvement.

**Take care until next time,
Gary**

INTRODUCING YOUR POTENTATE

Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton

In a series of articles throughout the year, we would like to introduce you to the members of the Board of Directors (Divan) for Oasis Shrine. We hope these articles will give you some insight into those who are chosen to lead our magnificent Oasis Shrine.

Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, Potentate for Oasis Shrine, was born and raised in Hickory, NC, graduating from Hickory High School. He attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, obtaining a business degree in accounting, and becoming a Certified Public Accountant. He currently lives in Newton, NC, and is the COO of Piedmont Corrugated Specialty Company.

He and Lady Rhonda are the proud parents of daughter Holland, 13, and son Warner, 9. Both of their children are extremely active in sports, and, of course, the apples of their parents eyes.

Noble Fred is a prime example of what many Master Masons wish for in our several organizations. He is that rare individual who became a Master Mason while in College. He was initiated in Hickory Lodge #343, and received his coaching in Greensboro from a Mason who was a resident of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. He would return to his home Lodge to stand proficiency, and in 1995 was raised to the sublime degree of Master

Mason. He immediately became active in his Lodge, and began his quest to become a Shriner.

He was made a Shriner in November, 1995, and became a member of Catawba County Shrine Club, and served as President in 1999. He has also served as Patient Coordinator, and as an Ambassador. His interest in the Shrine began at an early age when he would go with his late father, Noble Forrest Laxton, the Patient Coordinator for Catawba, to visit with parents and patients who were to be referred to our Shriner's Hospitals. He recalls many instances when he would be out in public with his father, and someone would approach them and thank his father for helping to get their child into the Shriner's Hospital. These experiences had a lasting impact on him, and his quest, to this day, is to help the burned and crippled child.

Noble Fred enjoys, above all, watching his children play sports, and enjoys golf, travel, and especially beach time with his family. He is a devoted family man, and a devout Shriner who sincerely believes that our wonderful Fraternity has an impact on the youth of



today, and ultimately our world.

We welcome Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, and Lady Rhonda, to the helm of Oasis Shrine, and I am sure that you will join with me to lend him all of the help we can muster to make his year as Potentate fruitful and fulfilling.



Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton and Lady Rhonda with their children, son Warner, 9, and daughter Holland, 13.

INTRODUCING YOUR DIVAN

Ken Jarrett

The Divan for Oasis Shriners compose the Board of Directors for one of the largest Shrine centers in the world. It is necessary that all members of the Oasis family know these dedicated men, who make the decisions which have caused our great Oasis Shrine to be one that is envied throughout Shrinedom.

Our newest member of the Divan is **Noble Ken Jarrett**.

Ken was born in San Diego, California, the son of a Navy serviceman. He later moved to Newton, NC, where he currently resides.

He has been married to "The" Vickie Jarrett for thirty-three years, and is the proud father of two daughters, Angie and Reva, and proud would not come close to describing the joy he shares for his 11 year old granddaughter, Harley.

He completed his secondary education at Fred T. Foard High School, and quickly moved into the business world.

Ken is the owner of a Mac Tools franchise, having successfully been employed in this capacity for the past 22 years.

He was raised a Master Mason in Hickory Lodge #343 in March, 1993, and has been an active member of this Lodge for twenty years. He is a member of York Rite. He is one of those rare Shriners who is actively involved in a number of Masonic organizations, as well as being one of those faces that we see at nearly every Oasis function.

He is a founding member of the famous Gator Patrol, a member of Hillbilly Clans #2 and #13. He is a Turtle, a Flea, a member of the Ugga Tribe, and a member of Jesters Court #109. As you can see, he spreads himself through quite a number of our organizations, and is valued in each of them.

As noted by the name of his granddaughter, his hobbies include motorcycle and ATV riding, and he and his family delight in spending time at the beach.

Ken has served as a board member of the Interstate Truckers Association, was featured on the cover of Overdrive Magazine in 1989, complete with an article exploiting his success.

He currently serves on the Cemetery Board, is a member of the Board of Trustees at Plateau United Method-



ist Church in Newton, NC, and serves as a member of the Board at Sands Villas Homeowners Association, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.

Ken says his proudest moments as a Shriner are those he experiences when Shrine patients and families remember our efforts for all of our patients, long after their treatment has ended.

We are fortunate to have members such as Ken Jarrett, and still yet more fortunate to welcome him to the Board of Directors of Oasis Shrine. With his business experience, his dedication to the Masonic and Shrine philosophy, he will be a true asset to our proud fraternity for many years to come. Join me in welcoming him to his new position as 2nd Ceremonial Master of Oasis Shrine.

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Holland's Hope

Many of us have children, or perhaps grandchildren, who have reached that pinnacle in life when they transition from being a child, to the wondrous teen years. When we think of an early teen young lady, we envision a budding person with their world revolving around telephone calls to their girlfriends, make up, lip stick, and boys. Seldom do we find a young lady who is willing to put down the tools of the teen years to endeavor to help those less fortunate than she is.

We have such a young lady in our midst. Holland Laxton, daughter of Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton and Lady Rhonda, who addressed the nobility at her father's Installation and made it her goal to raise \$10,000.00 for our Shriners Hospitals during the 2013 year, and challenged Nobles and Ladies of Oasis Shrine to help meet this goal.

Her idea was hatched prior to her 13th birth-

day, when she approached her parents and asked if she could have a birthday party, but rather than get personal gifts, ask her guests to bring money to donate to the Shriners Hospitals. After a family discussion, it was decided that she would launch an effort during 2013 to make a huge difference – to raise a significant amount of money through the generosity of the Fraternity that her late grandfather and her father hold dear to their hearts.

This is not Holland's first venture into a benevolent cause. She has a long history of fundraising. One very memorable fundraiser occurred when she was only 6 years old. Using her artistic talent, she used paper towels, coloring the bottom 2/3 green, and the top 1/3 different colors, folding her art into a rose, and selling them throughout a hospitality room gathering, donating the money to our Shrine Hospitals.

It is indeed heartwarming to know that Holland, despite the distractions of youth, has achieved this



benevolent attitude by simply observing her late grandfather, Forrest Laxton, and her dedicated father, Illustrious Sir Fred, in their efforts to help those who are less fortunate.

Envelopes are available at the Oasis office, or can be obtained from your Divan representative. Please give generously, and watch for her progress in each month's issue of The Desert Dust.

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East-West SHRINE GAME

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Over 80% of these players will go on to the NFL. And, to a man, the highlight of their week was visiting Shriners Hospital in Tampa.





The News from Moore County



With their participation in the Aberdeen, NC Christmas Parade, the SAND-Ts turned out a full complement of vehicles and drivers. Missing only the airplane from their "wing's" division, which is currently undergoing an extensive upgrading to make it "air-worthy" again, the unit participated in the last parade of 2012 with no mishaps and "no child left behind". A huge turnout of children was evident from the many floats carrying church and scout groups and an amazing number in the spectator ranks. The Southern Pines Christmas Parade the previous Saturday had the largest turnout of children ever seen locally. Thanks probably to the number of young military families moving into Moore County with the Fort Bragg base re-alignment program.

The weather in Aberdeen was almost balmy as the year's last parade finished and everything was packed up until the March St Paddy's Day parade in Pinehurst, which kicks off a new season. During this past year, the sign trailer, which leads the unit in all our parades was extensively upgraded with a new paint job and repair of wiring for lights and changes to the motor to get the FEZ rotating again. Larry Golley also keeps upgrading his Model-T fire engine with new "bells & whistles" and is looking for an ambulance driver to take over his older vehicle. Is there a Noble who would like to get involved with our unit?

Finally, in December the Moore County Shrine Club held it last meeting of the year. As usual it was a ladies night meeting and also per usual, invited present and past Potentates and Divan members for a fine dinner at the Midland County Club's Table-on-the-Green Restaurant. Bill Parke was installed as incoming President for the 2013 club year, and is anticipating a busy and rewarding time for members.

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Camping Club Installation



The final official duty performed by Potentate-elect Fred Laxton prior to becoming Illustrious Sir was to install officers in front of 40 members of the fastest growing club in Oasis. Celebrating its 10th year of existence, the Oasis Camping Club was honored by illustrious-To-Be at Post Office BBQ (owned by club member Larry Huffman) in Hickory. Outgoing President Don Lee and Lady Mary passed the gavel to new President Mike Smalley and Lady Doris.

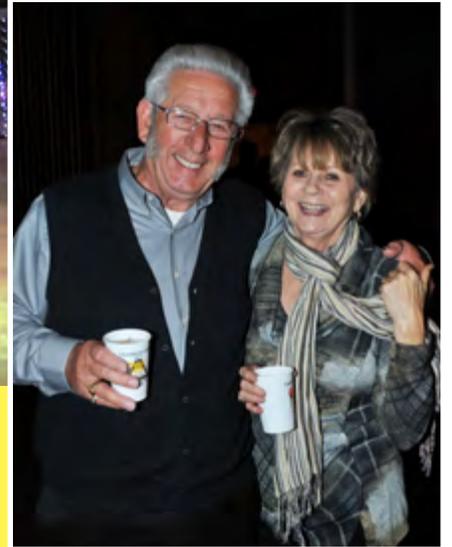
The Oasis Camping Club began with a group of seven couples at Maggie Valley. This year seventy-six (and counting) will

be on the role. The 10th anniversary trip will be a visit to the Greenville Shriners Hospital which will include a private lunch with Executive Director Randy Romburger and a private tour. This takes place April 26. There is still time to join the club and make reservations to join us in Greenville. This is THE BEST way to visit our hospital. Dues are \$20 and only the Camping Club offers a money-back guarantee that you will have fun!

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friday night club & unit appreciation



Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton takes the Helm

On an evening filled with fun and fellowship, Noble Fred Laxton was installed as the 117th Potentate of Oasis Shrine, with Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Paul Hagerty, Jr. serving as Installing Officer and witnessed by a packed house of Shriners, Ladies, and guests. Immediately following his Installation, Lady Rhonda, daughter Holland and son Warner had the honor of adorning Sir Fred with his Potentates fez and jewel.

The Oasis Patrol presented to Sir Fred an honorary membership, as they have done for all Potentates in the past, and presented to he and Lady Rhonda jackets emblazoned with the Patrol logo, a gift he will treasure for years to come.

The Oasis Scooter Patrol presented Sir Fred with a hand made, one-of-a-kind wooden fez box, constructed by members of the Scooter Patrol.

What makes this passing of the gavel unique and historical is the fact that Illustrious Sir Fred is the youngest Potentate in the history of Oasis.

During his installation speech, the Illustrious Sir spoke to the guests about his heritage in the Shrine, his goals for 2013, and encouraged the Nobility to strive to leave a legacy that they would

be proud of—dynamic words befitting a Fraternity such as ours.

His daughter, Holland, also spoke, outlining her project to raise \$10,000.00 for our Children's Hospitals in 2013. It is so enlightening to see a 13 year old girl whose life has become so impacted by her father and grandfather that she has become so devoted to our Children's Hospitals. You can read about her project in this edition of the Desert Dust.

Following a social hour, a delicious meal of prime rib and chicken, vegetables and deserts was served by members of Catawba County Shrine Club. No caterer or fine restaurant could have done a better job of preparing and serving the meal.

The remainder of the evening was filled with music, dancing and fellowship. Those members and guests who attended will certainly remember this evening as one of the best in their Shrine career. You will see by the pictures in this issue that there were only infectious smiles throughout the crowd. I think everyone will agree that this evening was only a small example of the great year planned by Illustrious Sir Fred, Lady Rhonda, and the Oasis Shrine team.



Turn the page for more photos!

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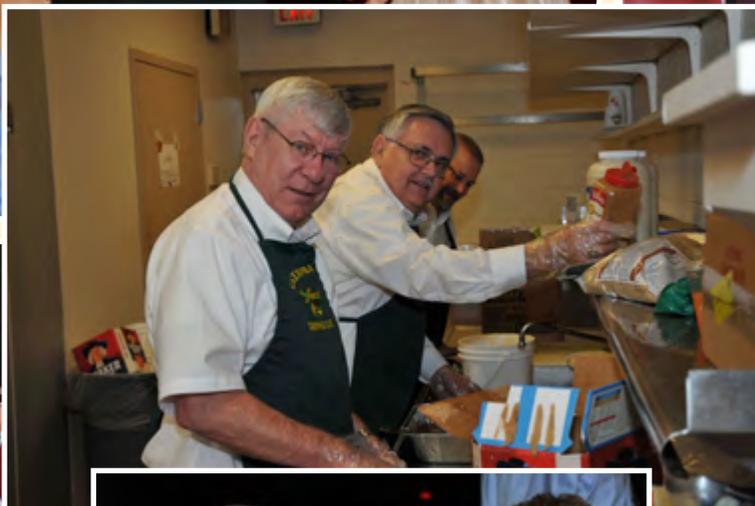
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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS





A message from the *Imperial Potentate*



Dear Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

The December schedule began on Monday the 4th with a stellar performance in the beautiful New York Grand Lodge Auditorium. Donna Kane, whose daughter is a scoliosis patient at the Philadelphia Hospital, and her friends (all Broadway performers) entertained us with their favorite show tunes. Mark the first Monday of December 2013 on your schedule for the next edition of this event.



Attending the Shriners home office employee service awards luncheon confirmed what we already knew...we have a great group of very loyal employees. Forty employees with years of service ranging from five to 30 years were honored for their contributions to our organizations. Combined, their efforts reflect 455 years of dedication and commitment. After the awards were presented, everyone celebrated and had a wonderful time.



Next we traveled to the 76th annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game, held at Wofford College stadium in Spartanburg, S.C. Everyone played a great game; ultimately the South Carolina high school all-stars beat the North Carolina all-stars 23-19. The popular event was attended by more than 7,500 supportive fans, family members, volunteers, high school band members, cheerleaders, Nobles and Ladies. Imperial Sirs Wayne Lachut and Dale Stauss and their Ladies, Janet and Cheryl, attended the weekend events surrounding the game on behalf of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Players Banquet on Friday night had a sell-out crowd. The game's Patient King, Brando Peek, and Patient Queen, Marly Wiseman, were recognized at the Players Banquet and greeted by all the players from both teams.

While in South Carolina, we visited the Greenville Hospital where our

tour was given by patient Marina Hooker. A visit to Santa's workshop was a special place for us and the patients to visit. Hejaz Potentate Ron Kennedy and his lady, Shirley, hosted a dinner in our honor. Former Shriners Hospitals patients Kristian Champion, who is the reigning Miss Wheelchair North Carolina, and Sydney Sill, the current Miss Teen South Carolina shared their stories with those in attendance. It was a good evening with lively conversation.

Our next stop was the Boston hospital for the Board of Governor's monthly meeting, chaired by David McKechnie. We joined hospital employees for their holiday luncheon in the cafeteria that day. Excitement was high as winners of the auction baskets were announced. The themed baskets had been assembled by various work groups. Bidding was intense.

We also attended the annual Board of Governor's Christmas dinner along with hospital management. Imperial Sirs Wayne Lachut and Jim Cain and their Ladies, Janet and Patsy, also attended the Boston hospital events.

The next day we traveled with Imperial Sir Wayne and Lady Janet to the Springfield hospital for a tour and introduction to the staff. Dr. Phillip Stoddard, director of the cleft lip and palate program, and Research Specialist Beth Roscoe explained a new procedure using reverse engineering to prepare an infant for a cleft lip and palate procedure. A patent on the procedure is being pursued. It is a miracle of research. A video is also available explaining the cleft lip and palate procedure to parents and visitors.

Dr. Deborah Rothman, director of rheumatology, shared her passion in caring for children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

A tour of Connecticut Children's Medical Center with Springfield Hospital Board members provided insight into a possible partnership.

After a few days at home for Christmas we headed to Pasadena, Calif., for the Rose Bowl Parade and Rose Bowl game. The Shrine Hospital float in the Rose Bowl Parade featured four patient ambassadors – Hunter Woodhall, Jérémy Gabriel, Carrie Holmstrom and Stephanie Pineda. The float, with its two big teddy bears, won the Judges' Special Trophy, and was especially noted for its "spectacular effects and showmanship." Congratulations to everyone who worked on creating and decorating the float!

The parade lasted two and 1/2 hours and was seen by more than 50 million television viewers, in addition to the 800,000 people along the 5 and 1/2 mile route. What great exposure for Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International! Adding to that exposure was the opportunity to meet and greet people of all ages who viewed the floats on January 2nd. Many knew of someone who had received treatment at Shriners Hospitals or were patients themselves.

A special thank you to the Awesome Shrine Club of Al Malaikah Shriners for hosting an early New Year's Eve at the San Mareno Masonic Lodge for our group. We observed New Year's on EST because our trans-



portation left the hotel the next morning at 5:30 and 6 a.m.

We also want to mention that Shriners Hospitals for Children came in first place in the United Airlines 10 Million Charity Miles campaign. Thank you to everyone who voted and helped spread the word. This will be a tremendous benefit to our patients and to our transportation funds.

In February the Shrine fraternity will showcase and emphasize the Legacy program for Shriners. My son and I are proud members and proud of the Shrine tradition in our family. Please take a moment to learn more about the program by visiting Shriners Village or contacting the Membership Development office at membership@shrinenet.org or 813-281-8101.

Efforts are continuing to bring "Peace and Harmony" between Shriners International and the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. The door remains open for additional discussions to resolve these issues with both Grand Masters before they leave office in February and April of 2013. We will keep you apprised of any developments! Thank you for your interest and concern.

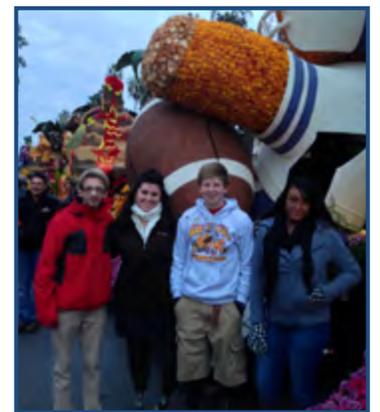


The next message will contain information on the Donor Relations Seminar, 88th East-West Shrine Game (the longest running college all-star game in the country), Leadership Conference, Texas Shrine Association Mid-winter meeting and a visit to Anezah Temple in Mexico City.

Yours in the Faith,

Alan W. Madsen

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Installation of Officers Lincoln County Shrine Club



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December 8th was busy day at Lincoln County Shrine Club (LCSC). Our installation of officers ceremony was set for the same day as the annual "Cat Square Christmas parade". Early in the morning units from across NC, including "The Gators" from Catawaba county, The Shrine Color-Gaurd and Clan #13 Hill-Billys. started to arrive and gather with friends, family and local members for a meet and greet and a good meal before the installation ceremony began. Noble Doug Mayes arrived and spoke to the crowd before

handing the floor over to our Potentate H. Mike Cook who offered words of wisdom to our upcoming officers. Potentate H. Mike Cook offered a few words of advice for our new officers and then began the installation ceremony. Upon conclusion of the installation pictures were taken and everyone was ready, the LCSC float and other units set off for the parade line up and awaited the beginning of the Cat Square Christmas parade. Noble Doug Mayes having been elected as Grand Marshall lead the parade in a red chevrolet corvette. LCSC and

several other units followed behind as well as many other local and state businesses and school organizations. After the parade, folks returned to LCSC and began the process of loading back up. Good-byes were said as friends from units and clubs across North Carolina left out. It had been a very busy day at Lincoln County Shrine Club but we were all left with a huge sense off accomplishment and are looking foward to the upcoming year to do as much work as we can for those that we help.

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Student Raises Donation for Shriners Hospital

A North Surry student's senior project earned \$3,500 to support the work of children's hospitals and her efforts have also been recognized by a Shrine Club Potentate.

"I've been thinking of this project since I was a freshman," said Madison Vernon. "I wanted to give back, to help people."

The idea fell in place for her as she was completing a five-page paper on social work, a topic she chose for the senior project. She remembered growing up and seeing her grandfather, Terry Scott, set an example of service to others as part of his Surry Shrine Club work to support a total of 22 children's hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Vernon approached Scott about using the local Red Fez Club building for a benefit bingo event. He wholeheartedly agreed. Vernon's mother, Tara, also pitched in to help. Madison Vernon said she was mentored on the fundraiser by Sheree Gough, who was her source for Longaberger Baskets for the benefit bingo. Vernon also went out in the community and solicited door prizes for the event.

Her uncle, Earnie Johnson, made two custom Shrine-themed corn hole

boards which were also raffled off. Vernon said she sold 1,000 tickets for the corn hole set. On the night of the bingo, Vernon drew the name of the winner and it was Johnson. He immediately donated the set back to the cause and it was auctioned off for additional funds.

"This was my first time going out and asking for support for something like this," said Vernon. "I was nervous but my family pitched in and helped to make this possible." She said she had previously worked on Special Olympics through North Surry.

"This was my first opportunity to really pay it forward," added Vernon. "Special Olympics opened my eyes on what I could do. This project was the real deal."

Vernon, who is also a National Honor Society member, plans to attend either Appalachian State or The University of North Carolina in Charlotte and would like to major in human services.

"This was great. I feel like I made the biggest impact I could ever have made with this. It warms my heart," said Vernon.

Shrine Potentate Mike Cooke traveled to Mount Airy for the check presentation ceremony on Wednesday.

"This young lady has proved that working together can accomplish so much," said Cooke. "The motto of caring, loving, laughing and sharing when we do things makes it all worthwhile. When I meet a young lady like you I know there are people who care."

Cooke praised the members present that are grandfathers which set an example of community service through the Shrine Club for their families. He said the donation was enabled by Scott's enthusiasm and told the group to keep encouraging nephews and others.

"You (Madison Vernon) wouldn't have done this if it wasn't important to him (Terry Scott)," continued Cooke. "The Shriners have 22 children's hospitals with a budget of more than \$734 million that treat patients even if they do not have the ability to pay. Without people like Madison we couldn't do this."

He told Vernon her work would touch lives that she would never know.

"We (Shriners) are a family and we can do things together. We have clubs that don't raise this much in a year," joked Cooke. "This accomplishment is huge."



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OASIS SHRINERS PATROL UNIT



Shrine year 2013 has begun in earnest and The Oasis Patrol is already galloping hard on our fine Arab Chargers to serve Oasis Shriners.

Speaking of social networking, Patrol 2nd Lieutenant Chris Hall has created an Oasis Patrol FaceBook page. It has plenty of images, updates and positive feed-back. So visit www.facebook.com/OasisPatrol and 'like' it.

On Friday evening January 4th Oasis held it's annual Clubs and Units Appreciation Night. The Oasis Patrol and some individual mem-

bers picked up some award hardware from out-going Potentate; Ill. H. Mike Cook.

The next evening all of Oasis bid farewell to First Lady Cathy and Ill. H. Mike Cook and by virtue the life-long title of Past Potentate was bestowed upon him. The Patrol 1st Lieutenant became overwhelmed with proud emotion as he escorted the new P.P. from the Oasis stage. Our newest P.P and Lady Cathy rode their ever faithful steed 'Clyde' deep into the Desert to a refreshing point of reclamation as a reward for a job well done by a good and faithful servant.

Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton was installed Oasis Shriners Potentate for the 2013 Shrine Year. Patrol Captain Peter presented gifts and declared our commitment of continued service to Oasis. Since 1910 a principle tenet of The Patrol is "To Serve at the Will and Pleasure of the Potentate". Congrats Ill. Sir Fred.

Next the Patrol officers attended Oasis Clubs and Units Orientation where all new incoming officers of Oasis received the proper processes for managing his Shrine Club or Unit.

After that The Oasis Patrol

migrated to St. Petersburg Florida for a special Color Guard field presentation at the beginning of the East-West Shrine Game. A special shout-out of 'Thanks' to Imperial Sir Al for the stellar opportunity.

The Oasis Patrol is highly endorsing and attending en-mass Oasis' Only Formal Valentine's Dinner Dance to be held at the cozy confines of Mecklenburg Shrine Club on Saturday evening Feb 16th. Make your RSVP reservations with pre-payment as soon as possible. Do it - now.

March will bring an annual Patrol right of passage; Past Captain's Night. This year we will relocate the prop trailers and refreshments back to Mecklenburg Shrine Club where many fine Pa-

trolmen have been the entertainment over the years.

Keep looking to the healthy and happy as we pray for our sick and hurt.

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we are curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

(Noble) Walt Disney; 1901-1966

*Respectfully Submitted;
Bob Saye, 1st Lieutenant*

Valentine's Dance

Live Band

The Real Clays



Dinner Menu

**Fried Chicken
Ham
Green Beans
Potato Salad
Rolls**

Where: Cabarrus Shrine Club
1460 Oakwood Avenue
Kannapolis, NC 28081

When: Saturday, February 9, 2013
6:30 pm until 11 pm

Costs: \$25/person

For Tickets Contact:
Noble David Lovingood @ 704-905-6142
or Gina Hartman @ 704-436-2571

SET-UPS WILL BE PROVIDED

Installation of Officers Becomes a New Year's Day Tradition

The Officers of Oasis Scooter Patrol were once more honored by being installed to their office by the Potentate of Oasis Shrine in the first installation of the year. Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton served as Installing Officer at the Headquarters location during the 36th Annual Cox New Year's Day Pigpickin'. Installed were Captain David Ricketts, 1st Lt. Brian Bailey, 2nd Lt. Ted Cesine, Secretary Vance Sauls, and Treasurer Terry Cox.

Approximately 65 guests attended the Installation, and were later treated to a fine meal of barbecue, pinto beans, slaw, collard greens, corn bread, and a wealth of deserts, and were given the opportunity to make contributions to the Shrine Children's Hospitals, and to the American Liver Foundation. This event marks the 36th year Noble Terry Cox and his family have held this event.



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A message from Ken Bowen, Membership Chairman

Back in the 1970's, Shriners International had over one million members and Oasis had over 15,000. Today, we are dangerously close to falling below 300,000 with Oasis falling below 6,000. So what can we do? The first two lines of the Shriners International Mission Statement might just hold the answer.

The number one goal of Shriners International is to be the premier fraternal organization for men of good character. Brothers, there is no question, we have re-

cruted some great men and we are a great fraternity. So if it's not recruitment, why have 260 Nobles still not paid their dues for 2012?

The Mission Statement continues that we are to provide attractive, quality programs and services for our members, their families and their friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie. Make special note of the inclusion of the family and our friends. How many of our Clubs or Units have gone stale holding the same fundraisers and the same events year after year

- none of which include the families or non-Shriners?

For the past seven years, I have served as a member of the Oasis Speakers Bureau and have met with many great Shriners. It is obvious to me that the Clubs and Units that are growing are the ones that include the families and friends. So why don't more of our Clubs and Units include the families or friends? When was the last time you took your wife to a meeting, involved your kids in a fundraiser or showed your friends why we do what we do by taking them to the Hospital? No-

bles, if we do not find ways to include the family and our friends in this great philanthropy of ours, we will not grow - plain and simple.

What will make the biggest difference in recruiting and retaining members? You - the Noble working so hard in your Club or Unit. But, it will be our Ladies and our families supporting us in the work we do. Find a way to get the Ladies involved. Find a way to include your family and friends. I look forward to visiting your Club or Unit and sharing in your success.

Send your membership success stories to me at ken.bowen@att.net. Then, keep watching this article for ideas and stories about the successes of our Clubs and Units in growing their membership. Maybe you will find something here that may just turn your Club or Unit around. And your idea might just be the one that stops that Brother from demitting or keeps that Club or Unit from turning in its charter. Here's to a great 2013!

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edition of the
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must be
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February 15



Shriners Hospitals
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News from Greenville

Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Greenville

Love to the rescue

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville would like to recognize the Road Runners for their dedication to helping children in 2012. Each Shrine Temple has a special unit of transporters who have driven millions of miles bringing children to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville. For each trip, they pick up a local child and their family, drive them to the hospital for treatment, and then return with them back home. The transportation is free of cost to the child's family, but the Road Runners say they are paid with smiles from the child.

In 2012, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville's Roadrunners drove a total of 1,540,330 miles. That's enough to circle the globe 61.85 times ... or ... they could have gone to the moon 6.45 times!
(Calculated as a round-trip from Temple to Hospital)

Total Trips in 2012:

- Acca - 70
- Al Sihah - 131
- Alcazar - 175
- Alee - 54
- Alhambra - 2
- Amran - 90
- Cahaba - 77
- Hejaz - 198
- Jamil - 55
- Jericho - 305
- Kazim - 378
- Kerbela - 434
- Khediye - 127
- Oasis - 341
- Omar - 406
- Sudan - 224
- Yaarab - 238
- Zamora - 101

Total Trips: 3,406



Conditions Treated:

Foot and Ankle Disorders

- Clubfoot
- Flat feet
- Tarsal coalition
- Congenital foot deformities

Hip, Knee, and Leg Disorders

- Knock knees and bowlegs
- In-toeing
- Leg length discrepancy
- Developmental dislocated hip
- Legg-Perthes disease
- Trauma to the hip, knee, or leg
- Sports injuries

Limb, Hand, and Toe Disorders

- Constricting bands
- Duplicated or extra digits
- Syndactyly of fingers
- Absence of limb, partial or complete
- Upper and lower extremity prosthetics

Spinal Deformities

- Scoliosis
- Post-traumatic spine disorders
- Congenital spinal disorders

Other Orthopaedic Conditions

- Cerebral Palsy
- Spina Bifida
- Myelodysplasia
- Metabolic bone disease
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta (brittle bone disease)

If you know a child we can help, send your love to the rescue by calling:
(864) 271-3444 or (866) 459-0013

The Tenth Annual Outdoorsman's Bonanza

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

The tenth annual Outdoorsman's Bonanza will be held Saturday, March 23, 2013. The prize package is the largest ever with over \$162,500 in prizes to be given away. The event will be held at Market Station (West Main Street) and will draw a crowd for the entertainment, food, and the cash and prizes to be given away the day of the event.

There will be special early-bird drawings at noon for those who purchase tickets before February 14. The early bird drawing includes a John Deere Gator, two drawings of \$2,500 each and ten drawings of \$1,000 each. The thirteen (early bird) winning tickets will go back in the drawing for the grand prize drawings starting at 12:35 pm.

The grand prize drawings will include an additional John Deere Gator, a 2013 Honda TRX, EZ-GO Mossy Oak camouflage golf cart, a 2013 Harley-Davidson Softail Deluxe, a 2013 Harley-Davidson Softail Fat Boy, a 2013 Tahoe Pontoon, a 2013 Chevrolet 4x4 Crew Cab, eight guns, a gun safe and 12 cash prizes. The 2013 Chevrolet 4x4 Crew Cab truck is on display at Friendly Chevrolet Buick in Albemarle.

Doors will open the day of the event at 11:00 am and ticket holders do not have to be present to win. Only 3,200 tickets will be sold for this year's Outdoorsman's Bonanza and tickets sold out last year in February. Bonanza tickets are \$100 each (cash or check only) and may be purchased in Albemarle at Friendly Chevrolet Buick, Quality Equipment (John Deere), God's Country Outfitters, RPM Cycles and the Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation. They are also available in Norwood at Cadillac Sign and in Troy at Friendly Chevrolet Buick or from a member of the Outdoorsman's Bonanza planning committee. Members

The Tenth Annual

OUTDOORSMAN'S BONANZA

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Market Station (West Main Street)
Albemarle, NC

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Cadillac Sign (Norwood)
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Only 3,200 tickets to be Sold! Winners need not be present to win!

Purchase your tickets before/thru February 14, 2013 and be eligible for the Early bird Drawings!
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Visit www.outdoorsmansbonanza.com or call 704-982-3888 for more information about this event.

Gator Tales



FALL 2012

"How does the time fly by go quickly?" is not an excuse for not writing an article, it's just that the older we get it seems the busier that we are...especially since we are retired and can't seem to say "no" to many requests for help... including keeping grandchildren and cooking at church, traveling, movies, walking, and all that fun stuff. But, back to the article...

October 6th brought the Gators to Fred and Judy Medlin's acreage on Robinson Road in Hickory for the Eating Meeting Fish Fry with more kinds of fish than this writer has heard of...most furnished by Fred and Judy Medlin from their fishing trip to Alaska....YUM... YUM!!

October 27th ...bunches of Gators and friends of Kenny and "The" Vickie Jarrett and Allen and Doris Leatherman gathered at the Jarrett's home for their annual

haunted trail and wiener roast.

November 2nd- 4th ...the Fall Ceremonial was enjoyed at the Oasis Shrine Center in Charlotte...

Tuesday November 20th...several Gators paraded in the Christmas Parade in Mooresville.

Saturday, December 1st...Most of the Gators and Gals met at Valdese at 8:30 am to unload and decorate their Gators and begin their day of Christmas parades for a 10 o'clock kick-off in Valdese...followed by an outdoor PO BBQ Barbeque dinner at the home of Robin and Mark Abernathy in Burke County...jumped back in the Gators and converged at Hildebran for a 1:00 pm Christmas parade...jumped back in the Gators and headed east on I-40 for a 3 o'clock kick-off parade in Claremont...we

ended the Merry Christmas waving and "gatoring" around 5 pm...but it was beautiful weather and a fun day for us and (we hope) for those who viewed the parades.

Saturday, December 8th... 80+ Gators, Gals and friends found their way to the annual gathering at Allen and Doris Leatherman's man cave garages

in Plateau for 9 am breakfast dining of cubed tenderloin and gravy, scrambled eggs and biscuits, coffee and other juices. Captain David Bowman and Judy welcomed the Gators and guests. Special guests were the Shriner's patient Jacob and his parents...his Dad spoke and we were reminded so tenderly of what the Shriner's hospital and Shriner's mission is about ...Potentate in waiting (2013) Fred Laxton and his wife were welcomed and were presented with a Gator wind "chime" and were embraced with the support from his local Shrine Club.

Saturday, December 8th also continued with the Cat Square Christmas parade line up at 11:30 ish and while we waited, can you believe we ate again?? Allen Leatherman's trailer showed up and we set up tables of PO BBQ Barbeque, buns, slaw and we had a little snack to hold us over until the 2 pm parade ...candy was opened and stuffed animals were shared (cleaned and refurbished by Mark's Robin and her daughter Jennifer) for throwing out at the parade...Gators and Gals were ready for the ride again...It was a gorgeous, warm day and estimated 10,000 people enjoyed this "country" parade. Many of the Gators returned to the Leatherman's for leftovers and vegetable soup after the parade.

And that's the Way it Was...See ya' later Gator!

We hope you all had the Merriest of Christmas and have a Happy New Year in 2013!!

- Brenda Huffman

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We meet the 1st Sunday of the Month - Nobles and Ladies
Logan's Roadhouse in Statesville at 3 pm

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Captain: Ron Bailey - 336-769-9780 • Lieutenant: Charles Hale - 336-696-2652
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News from Cincinnati

Shriners are now more important than ever!

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children, and now, it has become even easier. Gone are the days when patients had to complete a complicated two-page application form in order to be considered for treatment at Shriners Hospitals.

It's easy for families to refer a child to Shriners Hospitals for Children

A new referral card has been developed and is a great resource that Nobles can provide families, allowing them easy access to hospital information and services. These new cards provide hospital contact information to assist families in scheduling an appointment. On the back of each card there is space for the Shriners' name and Temple. The referral cards also have the following website where patients and families can locate the phone number for a Shriners Hospital in their area: <http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org>.

We need your participation now.

This is the quickest and most convenient way for patients to get the care they need.



With the valuable work of our Shriners and the distribution of our new referral cards, we will now be able to reach even more patients and families who are searching for specialty care.

Do you have any questions?

Please feel free to contact Cincinnati's hospital resource, **Debbie Harrell, Director of Professional Relations at 513-872-6277** or at her email address dharrell@shrinenet.org with any questions you might have.

If you know a child we can help, please call:

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(a burn injury, possibly requiring admission to hospital)

866-947-7840

Non-burn Services

(non-emergency burns and non-burn conditions)

855-206-2096 or helpachild@shrinenet.org

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BURN CARE

- Burn injuries
- Inhalation injuries
- Burn reconstruction & rehabilitation

PLASTICS & RECONSTRUCTIVE CONDITIONS

- Congenital ear deformities
- Congenital hairy nevus (large birthmarks)
- Cleft lip and palate
- Brachial plexus injuries (nerve damage affecting upper extremities)
- Congenital hand malformations
- Gynecomastia (abnormal breast development in teenage boys)
- Congenital breast deformities
- Hidradenitis (chronic sweat gland disorder)
- Post trauma deformities (treadmill injuries, dog bites, lawnmower accidents)

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- Purpura Fulminans
- Necrotizing skin infections & Necrotizing Fasciitis
- Stevens-Johnson Syndrome
- Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis
- Port wine stains

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