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*Al's Director General
(and former Outer Guard)
Jack English with Hollyn,
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The Potentate's *message*



Spring has finally arrived in Oasis territory, and this time of year displays the beauty of God's work with plants, flowers and trees showing their colors and brightening the earth.

April was a busy time for our Oasis members. I was honored to be invited to attend the Catawba County Shrine Club Membership Unity Night. 7 Blue Lodges were invited, along with a number of non-Masons. Divan member Ken Bowen, Outer Guard, presented the program, and the attendance was fabulous. I encourage all Clubs to present this program. It sends a great message about our Fraternity, and will definitely be a catapult for new members.

I was pleased to attend the

annual Greenville Hospital board meeting with illustrious Sir Rolla Rogers. Our Greenville hospital was once under consideration to be closed, but I'm happy to report that improved efficiencies have reduced the strain on the endowment, even with an increase in patients. In 2012, the Greenville Hospital treated 2,185 new patients and had 13,765 outpatient appointments. Please contact the Hospital to schedule your Club or Unit visit and be sure to invite potential Shriners and their ladies.

It was my distinct honor to attend the Installation of Queen Susan Hamrick, new leader of Daughters of the Nile La Tona Temple #154. They are celebrating their 100 year anniversary, having been founded in 1913. We are proud of our Daughters of the

Nile. They not only contribute more than \$1.5 million annually to our Hospitals, but contribute countless hours of volunteer work. Congratulations to Queen Susan, and all of Daughters of the Nile for supporting our fraternity with their great work.

May is the time to celebrate Mother's Day, and I want to expand this celebration to all of the Ladies. This includes the Spouse, Mother, Daughter, or whatever their relationship might be to Nobles and to our Hospitals. Without the love, support and sacrifices of these Ladies, the Shriners Hospitals for Children would not be the #1 philanthropy in the world.

Each Noble has a story of how a "Lady" has impacted his life, and Shrinedom. I would not be your Potentate today

without the impact of three very special Ladies in my life. As a young boy, I watched my mother, so many times, talk with and comfort the mother of a perspective Shrine Hospital patient, explaining our hospitals, and convincing her that her child would be in the best of hands. My dad was the patient coordinator, and received credit for the child being admitted to our Hospitals, but it was my mom, relating to another mom in a way no man ever could, that made the difference.

My lovely wife, Rhonda, who has supported me through my years on the Divan, and has had to fill the role of mom and dad at times, is another special Lady in my Shrine life. I have been away from home many nights, but she has been there to fill the void that occurs so often in our volunteer

life. I give to her my eternal gratitude for her tolerance, her help, and her commitment to the Fraternity that we both love so much.

And to my daughter, Holland, who has grown up as the daughter and granddaughter of a Shriner. I have seen her love for the Shrine grow from within her, and it makes me want to work harder to be a better Shriner. The impact she is having on our Shrine community through her selfless project, Holland's Hope, is truly amazing.

To all of the Ladies of the Shrine, a simple thank you does not seem adequate in expressing our appreciation for all you do for your Noble, the Shrine, and Shriners Hospitals for Children. You truly are the secret to the Shriners success. Perhaps we do not say it often enough, but to each of you, I extend my eternal thanks for all you have done, and for all you will do in the future.

Our Annual Paper Crusade will take place for most Clubs, and some Units, this month. I wish for each of the

devoted Shriners who work on this, our largest single fund raising effort for our Hospitals, good luck. I know your efforts will pay off for our children.

The Potentates Trip to Punta Cana will take place May 16th through May 20th. We are all excited about this, and I know we will bring back lots of pictures and memories to share.

And of great importance will be our Spring Ceremonial, May 31st - June 1st in beautiful Blowing Rock. A great time is planned for our new Shriners, and our old Shriners, on Friday night and Saturday night. If you have not gotten your reservations yet, please do so quickly. The rooms are filling up fast.

I can't express to you how pleased I am at the progress we have made thus far this year. The enthusiasm I have seen at each Club and Unit I have visited truly warms my heart. All of you are making me proud to be a member of Oasis.

Yours in the faith,
Fred



The Recorder's *message*

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. My topic this month will be donations made to the Shriners' Hospitals. Often, individuals other than Shriners ask about making donations to our hospitals. Sometimes it is desired for these funds to be used at a specific hospital, even for a specific hospital need (example, medical equipment, etc.)

The preferred method of donation is through the local club or unit so that the donation can be accurately tracked, including who gets credit for the donation. **First and foremost, secure the donation, meaning, keep the donor satisfied!** We at Oasis can handle the tracking and accounting of the donation as appropriate behind the scenes. Please make the Oasis staff aware of the situ-

ation as soon as possible, and we will work with you through the entire process including the credit of the donation. I have been trying to develop a good "rule of thumb" for donations, and hopefully it doesn't make the rules more complicated.

Generally, any donations given to Shriners' Hospitals by a Shriner (clubs/units/individuals) generated

through a **hospital** fundraising effort is donated to the hospitals in general, not one specific hospital and/or one specific hospital need. These dollars are used to provide a portion of each hospital's annual operating and research budget.

If it is desired to give to a specific hospital and/or a specific hospital need, the donation must come directly from the donor (ex-

ample, private individuals, corporations, etc.), or from Shriners who have raised the funds through non-hospital fundraisers (fraternal money). **Remember, first secure the donation, then work with the Oasis staff to properly account for the monies.**

This is probably a good time to mention the Shriners' key fundraising rule #1-Fundraising projects must be submitted and pre-approved, including both hospital and non-hospital (fraternal) projects. If during a fundraiser, be it hospital or fraternal, any mention is made to the Shriners' Hospitals, or if any Shriners' Hospital symbol is

used, the fundraiser must be classified (or in some cases, re-classified if the reference is made by mistake, as a hospital project, and all monies must go to the hospitals. None may be subtracted or used for club/unit/individual purposes.

Well, I've rambled long enough. Things are going well here at Oasis, and we would love to have you stop by and visit your temple. Take care until next month, and remember, the work you do for our fraternity and philanthropy is sincerely appreciated and is essential to our hospital kids.

Gary

Decision Points

by John Stanley, P.P.



Most American Presidents write their memoirs when they leave office: Jimmy Carter wrote Keeping the Faith, Bill Clinton wrote My Life, and George W. Bush, Decision Points. President Bush's memoir reflects on decisions he made during his life beginning with his decision to stop drinking, and includes **decisions** about 9-11, Afghanistan, Iraq, and the financial crisis.

And, we, too, make decisions every day! What color shirt? Shall I have Pepsi, Coke or Sun-drop? Should I join the military or attend college?

What job? What career? Shall I get married, buy a house, change jobs? Decision, decisions, decisions. And, The Bible is filled with stories of

people who made crucial decisions. Adam and Eve **chose** to disobey the God's command about the forbidden fruit; Abraham chose to leave the familiar and travel to a new land; Joseph chose to forgive his brothers who had sold him into slavery

And, then we think of **Moses**. Moses made a decision that would help to change history. At first Moses did not feel adequate for the task he was called by God to carry out.

How many of us, like Moses, have felt inadequate and unprepared when called upon to make the decision to move forward? God spoke to Moses. In Exodus 3:7 we read: God said **"I have heard the cries of my people."** It is comfort-

ing to know that God hears our pleas for help and in His time, He intervenes.

But, Moses felt inadequate for the task to which God called him and he made all sorts of excuses as to why he was **the wrong man for the job**.

And, some of these excuses may sound familiar, because they sound a lot like the ones we use today. "I do not have the time!" Or, "I don't have the education", or, "I am not capable" Or, "I feel inadequate. Or, "I am too old", or "I am too young". Or, "This will be too much for me."

God told Moses to go, but the Bible says: **"But, Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and**

bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" In Exodus, God said to Moses (and He says to us), **"I WILL BE WITH YOU.."**

We have the power of God's presence- even though we do not feel adequate for the task. **There's the power- it comes from God. "I will be with you" said the Lord.** The God, who calls, the God who empowers, the God of miracles, will do what needs to be done to work with us and to get His will accomplished.

So, if you have ever felt inadequate or unqualified, or frightened, then you're in good company. **Moses had a major decision to make.** He was called to an incredible task- a thankless task of leading a group of slaves out of bondage in Egypt and to the promise land.

Moses became totally committed. We know people (or,

have known people) who, pour themselves out. People who are totally committed and give "it" their all.

We have been inspired by them. We call them saints, heroes, legends. We put them on pedestals. It's **not** that they are more intelligent or more talented. They simply give more than the average person is willing to give. They are--**or**, they have been totally committed.

And as we think of these people being so committed to great causes we may wonder **"How will I be remembered? Will we be remembered as a person who gave his or her all? Or, will we be remembered as a person who always took the easy way through? What will be our legacy? What will we leave behind? Whose life is better off because you and I were here? Are the people that I associate with, better because I am around them?**

Are my friends better because I am on the planet?

God has placed us here to serve Him by loving and serving one another. It is in giving away our lives that we receive new life. It is in serving that we find greatness.

It is in losing our lives that we find them. It is only in adding to the lives of others that we find value in our lives. TWO QUESTIONS: 1. How will I be remembered? And, 2. Whose life is better because you and I have been here?

You and I have been called to serve God. The Lord said to Moses and He says to us:

You're the person I've chosen. You have a task to do. I've heard all the excuses.

I will be with you- I will empower you: Now, go get it done!

John Stanley, P.P. is Chaplain of McLean Funeral Directors, Gastonia and he is Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia. This year he is serving Imperial Potentate Al Madsen as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached (704) 616-6000 or at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.

2013 Summer Ceremonial

Ladies Brunch @ Chetola Resort's

Evergreen Room

Saturday, June 1, 2013 10:00am – 11:30am

Dress Code: Casual

Cost: \$20.00

Call Oasis Shrine Center to purchase your ticket.

704-549-9600



"Putting Kids First"



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Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, Potentate

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ELECTED DIVAN & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chief Rabban	David Sumpter	Assistant Rabban	Todd Ham
High Priest and Prophet	Johnny King	Oriental Guide	Mike Neaves
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1st Ceremonial Master	Johnny Burgess	2nd Ceremonial Master	Ken Jarrett
Director	Tommy Helms	Marshall	Tim Daniels
Captain of the Guard	Rodney Morgan	Outer Guard	Ken Bowen

EDITOR: Noble Terry J. Cox coxterj@hotmail.com

<http://www.OasisShriners.org>

INTRODUCING YOUR DIVAN

Johnny E. King – High Priest & Prophet

Johnny was born in Asheville, NC, but grew up in Charlotte with his mom, his twin sister and younger brother. Being the “man of the house”, Johnny was never afraid of work. . .in fact, work remains, his #1 hobby. He was part of the first graduating class of Independence High School. He started out bagging groceries and was manager of K Mart Food Store when he left to join Cunningham Wholesale as its first Chain Store Manager. After 25 years there and achieving Sales Manager’s position, Johnny decided to pursue the “American Dream” and opened his first business--a convenience store. Today he has “a chain” of four “King’s Quick Stop” convenience stores with 31 employees.

Johnny met the love of his life, Theresa (“T”) the second time around and they have been married almost 24 years. Together they love a combined “Brady Bunch” of five children (Johnny’s- Johnny Jr and Cindy; T’s- Dee, Daphne and Ken) , ten grandchildren and are awaiting the birth of their great-grandchild this spring. Though work still remains Johnny’s favorite hobby, golf and tinkering on a little 1934 black pickup truck are quickly gaining his attention.

Johnny was raised in East Gate Lodge #692 on August 27, 1979, received his 25 year award in November 2004. He took

is 32 degree in April 1980 and became a Shriner on November 9, 1980 and a member of the Oasis Provost Guard the same day. He was secretary of the PG for 7 years, Captain in 2002-03, Chief of the South Atlantic Provost Guard Association in 2009 and holds the title of Colonel of SASA-PG for life.

He was President of Mecklenburg Shrine Club in 1997 and on its Board of Directors for 12 years. He is also a member of The Red Fez and Union County Shrine Clubs. Johnny has served Oasis as Hospitality Chairman of SASA (2 yrs.), Transportation Chairman (10 yrs.), Ceremonial Class Chairman (8 yrs.), Fund Raising Chairman (2 yrs.), Patient Coordinator (11 yrs.). He received The Service Award from the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, is a Founders Club member of the All Star Shrine Classic, a member of the Royal Order of Jesters Court 109, joined the 100 Million Dollar Club (2005). Johnny received an Honorary Life Membership of Oasis Shrine from PP Billy Farris in 2006, made an honorary member of the Kazim Temple, Roanoke, VA (2008), served District 5 as Ambassador (3 years) and Trustee (2007-2008). Johnny was a Director’s Assistant for Jim Beaty and Roger Rosenberger, and in 2009 became Director of Clubs and Units for PP Mike Downs. He was appointed Market Chairman for the 2013 Imperial Session by Imperial Sir Al Madsen.



In 2010, PP Wayne King appointed Johnny Second Ceremonial Master. He has moved through the appointed positions of 1st Ceremonial Master and Oriental Guide and this January became an Elected Divan Member as High Priest and Prophet. If all goes well, Johnny King will become Potentate in January 2016.

Johnny and Theresa lead a very full life with their large family, many friends, work and traveling that they love. . .they are both “stuck on go”! They enjoy visiting all the clubs and units and being as much a part of all Shrine activities as possible.

In short, they don’t wanna miss a thing!

Rest assured, this “High Priest and No-Profit” (joke), has the full support of his wife, family and friends in all that this journey entails, as he receives Oasis Shriner’s highest honor!



May 25th 2013
BBQ Chicken Dinner: 6:00-6:45pm
Dancing: 8:00-11:30pm

Where: 305 E. Phifer ST.
 Monroe, NC 28110

Dinner & Dancing
 \$35 Couples
 \$20 Single RSVP:
 Just to Boogie
 \$20 Couples
 \$15 Single



James Mills President:
 704-634-3849
 Rusty Robinson V.P.:
 980-328-3875

Oasis Oldies

If you have a classic car or are interested in the old classics come join us for some fun and fellowship

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

Contact one of the following for more info:

Captain: Ron Bailey - 336-769-9780 • Lieutenant: Charles Hale - 336-696-2652
 Secretary/Treasurer: Pat Stanley - 336-240-5728



The Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps recently hosted its annual family bowling night at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville, NC. As the sun was setting on what had been a beautiful Saturday afternoon, Captain of the Corps Dale Morton (AKA "Wino") and Lady Terri were already inside waiting to meet and greet Corps members, their ladies, children and guests. Yes, guests!

At an earlier meeting our Captain had encouraged Corps members to invite lodge brothers who were not yet Shriners, and friends who were not yet lodge brothers to bring their families in a fun attempt to generate interest in the fraternity.

The lanes quickly filled with bowling balls as the bowlers began to roll strikes, pick up spares, and yes even roll some into the gutters. Taking a look around and doing a quick count, we found there were at least 13 families and 16 children. The youngest bowler was Wyatt Abernathy, the 3 year old son of drummer Kenneth and Lady Heather Abernathy. He was having a blast!

Also making the scene was our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, Lady Rhonda, and their children Holland and Warner. In case you wondered, Illustrious Sir Fred did NOT wear cowboy boots. Playing by the rules, our Potentate wore a pair of those always "in fashion" bowling alley shoes. However, they may not have helped his game. While there are not any known photos of the score sheet, we believe Lady Rhonda bowled the high score for their group. But, was anyone really keeping score? When you have 5 lanes full of the smiles and laughter of family, friends and children, everyone is a winner!

The "Beat on the Street" marches into spring and summer by hosting our 3rd annual Drum & Bugle Corps Car and Truck Show on Saturday, May 11 at the big Spring Fest weekend in downtown Mount Holly, NC. Come on out and see us (and the beautiful cars and trucks!) or we'll see you along the parade route on Saturday, June 1st, during the Spring Ceremonial in Blowing Rock, NC.

- Ned Yates

The "BEAT ON THE STREET" Bowls On



Gaston County Shrine Club

505 Pinkney Road
Dallas, NC 28034



JOIN US!



What: Monthly Club Meeting

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
6:00 pm – Social
7:15 pm – Dinner
8:00 pm – Meeting

Where: 505 Pinkney Road Dallas NC 28034

www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com

"No man ever stood so tall as when he stooped to help a burned or crippled child."



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Cedarbrook Country Club, Elkin, NC

Sponsored by Elkin Jonesville Shrine Club

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH, 2013

Format: 4 Player Captain's Choice

4 Flights Based off 48 Teams

Tee Time: 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Only

Entry Fee: \$220 per team (\$55 per player)

Flight Prizes: Closest to the pin, Long drive

OTHER GREAT PRIZES AWARDED!

Lunch for Players Served from 11:15 until 12:15

Seniors 70 & Over Yellow Marker, Mulligans available
Cedarbrook Members may deduct \$10.00 from entry fee

(Must be included with tournament application)

Entry Deadline: May 16th 2013 at 5:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Cedarbrook Pro Shop 336.835.2320

Allen Moody 336.874.7308 • John Foster 336.835.6232

2013 Summer Ceremonial



BLOWING ROCK, NC • CEREMONIAL LOCATION & HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

– SCHEDULE –

FRIDAY, MAY 31

2:00pm-5:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Appalachian Room

FRIDAY EVENING

8:00pm-11:00pm Party/Reception @ Chetola Tent

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

7:30am-8:30am New candidate registration @ Appalachian Room

8:00am-1:00pm Shrine Mart @ Outside of Chetola Tent (*weather permitting*)

8:30am Membership meeting @ Chetola (*to vote on petitions*)

Candidates assembled @ Chetola Tent

Oasis Band prelude

9:00am Welcome by Potentate

‘Creating a Shriner’

Ladies & non-Shriners excused

9:45am-10:45am First Section of Ceremonial @ Chetola Tent

10:00am-11:30am Ladies Brunch @ Evergreen Room (*Ticket Required*)

11:00am-12:00pm Second Section and Conclusion

1:00pm Parade Line-Up

2:00pm Parade Step-Off, downtown Blowing Rock

3:00pm-5:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Appalachian Room

SATURDAY EVENING

8:00pm-11:00pm Potentate’s Summer Ball @ Chetola Tent

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:30am – 10:30 am Worship Service @ Appalachian Room

Dues Card Required. Dress Code: Casual Attire.
Call Oasis Shrine Center at 704-549-9600 to purchase your Ladies Brunch Ticket. Cost: \$20

Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock

WELCOME BACK, OASIS SHRINERS!



As your host hotel for the 2013 Summer Ceremonial, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to beautiful Blowing Rock and Chetola Resort. If you have not yet made your room reservations, we suggest you call as soon as possible to get your choice of room or condominium. Special rates are being offered for the following rooms:

MAY 30-JUNE 2, 2013

- Chetola Lodge: Hillside and Lakeview Guest Rooms
- Bob Timberlake Inn: Queen and King Guest Rooms
- Condominiums: One, two, three bedrooms

See you this Summer!



For Reservations call: 800-CHETOLA (243-8652) | www.chetola.com

Summer Ceremonial Hotel Accommodations

~ CHETOLA RESORT ~

LODGE

Hillside Guest Room w/2 Queens	\$155.00
Lakeview Deluxe Guest Room w/ 1 King or 2 Queens <i>Some rooms available with balcony & sleeper sofa.</i>	\$175.00
Hillside Suite w/2 Queens, Sleeper Sofa and 2 Baths	\$189.00
Lakeview Crown Suite w/1 King, Sleeper Sofa, Jacuzzi Tub and Balcony	\$200.00

INN

Lakeview w/1 queen, Fireplace and Jacuzzi Tub	\$234.00
Property View and Lakeview w/1 King, Fireplace, Jacuzzi Tub <i>Some balcony rooms available.</i>	\$248.00

CONDOMINIUMS

One bedroom w/King or Queen & Sleeper Sofa	\$155.00
Two Bedroom w/2 Kings or Queens & Sleeper Sofa	\$236.00
Two Bedroom w/2 Kings, 2 twins, Sleeper Sofa	\$236.00
Three Bedroom w/2 Kings or Queens, 2 twins & Sleeper Sofa	\$351.00
Four Bedroom w/3 Kings, 2 twins & Sleeper Sofa	\$466.00

Once again, Oasis Shrine will travel to the beautiful mountains of North Carolina for the **Summer 2013 Ceremonial.**

The host hotel will be Chetola Resort.

You can make reservations by calling
828-295-5500.

The following prices are in place for
May 30 – June 2nd.

Room prices do not include tax.

Mention that you are with Oasis Shrine.

*Prices good thru May 10th for Condos
& May 15th for the Lodge and Inn.*

~ BLOWING ROCK HOTELS AND MOTELS ~

All of the following are within walking distance of downtown Blowing Rock

Alpine Village Inn Sunset Drive	\$89 - \$109 828-295-7206	Hillwinds Inn Sunset Drive <i>10% off of Regular Prices</i>	\$149 - \$229 800-821-4908	Meadowbrook Inn Main Street	\$179 - \$249 828-295-4300
Azalea Garden Inn Main Street	\$119 - \$160 828-295-3272	Homestead Inn Morris Street <i>Pet Friendly</i>	\$90 - \$130 828-295-9559	Mountaineer Inn Main Street 828-295-7991	\$99 Queen \$109 King \$109 2 Double
Boxwood Lodge Main Street	\$99 828-295-9984	Inn at Ragged Gardens Sunset Drive	\$197 - \$300 828-295-9703	Ridgeway Inn Highway 221	\$149 - \$229 800-821-4908
Hemlock Inn Morris Street <i>10% off of Regular Prices</i>	\$129 - \$199 828-295-7987	Royal Oak Condos Ransom Street	\$125 800-438-7803	Village Inn Valley Boulevard	\$149 - \$229 800-821-4908

~ OTHER AREA MOTELS ~

Cliff Dwellers Valley Boulevard	\$99 - \$139 828-295-3098	Gideon Ridge Inn Gideon Ridge Road	\$175 - \$289 828-295-3644	Green Park Inn Valley Boulevard	\$149 - \$295 828-414-9230
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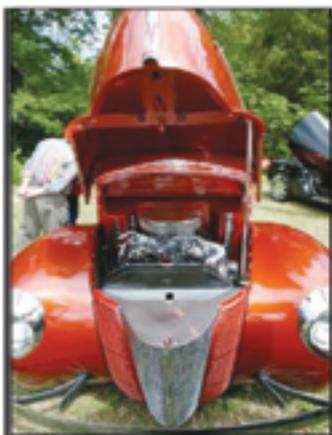
- ATTENTION ALL UNITS - *Imperial Session 2013*



Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps **Car & Truck Show** May 11th, 2013



**100%
Of All Proceeds
Benefit
Shriners Hospitals**



**Mount Holly's
Downtown Springfest**
www.mounthollyspringfest.com



Location: Main Street, Mount Holly, NC

Registration 9:00am - 12:00 Noon

Award Bag for all Entries – Awards @ 3:00PM

Early Registration \$15.00

Registration after May 6th \$20.00

Kids Tent...DJ...Silent Auction...50/50 raffle...Corn Hole

Call: Tommy—704-621-9308

Or Email: tommy.helms@Airgas.com

I, the undersigned do assume all risk associated with my participation, and do release Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps and all sponsors from any claims, damages, and liabilities associated with this event.

Signature: _____ Print: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Make of Car/Truck: _____ Model: _____ Club: _____

Mail form & check to: Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps 703 Lowland Dairy Road Mount Holly, NC 28120

As the premier Shrine Headquarters in all of the Shrine, we are fortunate to have our very own **Imperial Sir Al Madsen** serve as **Imperial Potentate** for the 2012/2013 Session. We enjoyed a wonderful Installation for Sir Al in Charlotte last July.

The lead up to the Installation of the Imperial Potentate for 2013/2014 will be a wonderful opportunity for Oasis members to show Sir Al our appreciation, and display our pride in having the privilege of enjoying one of our own to serve in this prestigious capacity.

The Imperial Parade, which will be held on July 1st in Indianapolis, Indiana, will be Sir Al's parade. He has specifically requested that Oasis Units make a concerted effort to attend this session to show off our spectacular award winning units to the rest of the Shrine world. He has specifically asked that Clowns from Oasis and from all other Shrine Centers attend, with the Clowns leading the Units, hopefully setting a world record for the number of clowns in a parade.

Being aware that there is some significant cost involved in traveling to Indiana for this event, Units are requested to start now making plans to attend in order to show our support for Sir Al. He is the first Shriner from North Carolina, specifically from Oasis, to serve as Imperial Potentate, and we certainly want to make a huge show of respect and appreciation to him, knowing he will swell with pride to see a large number of Oasis Units performing in the parade. Keep in mind also that Shriners from all over the world will be there to observe.

Information about reasonably priced motels will be posted in the Desert Dust to accommodate those who would like to attend. Please discuss with your members, and let's show our pride and appreciation to Illustrious Sir Al.



The Shriners Celebrity Golf Classic will once again host a fabulous Dinner Gala and Auction. The event takes place on Saturday evening June 8th 2013 located at the Oasis Shrine Center in Charlotte Doors open at 6:30PM.

We are hoping that your schedule will allow you to attend this year as we will have a wonderful performance by renowned artist Jared Emerson. In addition, the event will feature a terrific dinner, open bar, fantastic band and dazzling magician Lance Laska. In addition, there will be 50 plus celebrities attending and an unbelievable live and silent auction will be conducted. All entry fees, purchases and donations will go to benefit the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

To purchase dinner gala tickets please call 954-607-3800 or visit the event website <http://shrinerscelebritygolf.com>

Don't miss this great event and fundraiser !!!



2013 OASIS SHRINE CALENDAR

May 3 & 4	Paper Crusade
May 16 - 20	Potentates Punta Cuna Trip
May 31 - June 1	Summer Ceremonial-Blowing Rock-Parade
June 8	Celebrity Golf Classic
June 15	Family Fun Day - Red Fez Shrine Club
June 30 - July 4	Imperial Session - Indianapolis
August 13	Gaston Shrine 100 Race
September 19 - 22	SASA - Myrtle Beach
October 3 - 6	Potentates Las Vegas Trip
November 1 - 2	Fall Ceremonial - Hickory
December 7	Annual Meeting - Elections
January 3, 2014	Club & Unit Appreciation

OASIS PAST MASTERS UNIT

Are you a Past Master?
We are your unit. Join Us.
For more information:

Noble Terry K. Jones, PP, Captain: (336) 764-5502
Noble Gordy Peeler, Treasurer: (704) 223-1531

Annual Farmer's Market and Flea Market

Presented by:

Mecklenburg
Shrine Club



\$25 per Spot
\$5 Rent a Table!

Open on SATURDAYS!!

7am until 2pm...

May 18th

June 22nd

July 20th

August 17th

To reserve your SPACE please Contact:

Sam Moody, 1st Vice President

mobile: 980-722-7951

email: sambo447@aol.com.



Where? 5200 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Rd

A message from the *Imperial Potentate*

Dear Fellow Nobles,

It is almost time to "SEND IN THE CLOWNS" at the 139th Imperial Session in Indianapolis. Our Shrine clowns will lead the parade, and provide great fun for the crowds. We hope to set a Guinness World Record with the most clowns in a parade! The Lady Shrine Clowns will also be participating to help set the RECORD!



We've attended several meetings and seminars lately – here are some highlights:

The Sports Seminar, held March 3-6, featured guest speakers Hunter Cannon and Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham. Hunter is featured in some of our promotional materials and is a patient at our Northern California hospital. His remarks proved to us, once again, that obstacles placed in our way are merely challenges to be met. Imperial Sir Dale Stauss, Chairman, and his TEAM presented an inspiring program, enjoyed by everyone in attendance. If your game/event wasn't represented, make sure the manager or leader attends next year.



Next we attended the Oriental Guides and Assistant Rabbans seminars, which were held at the Airport Marriott in Tampa, Fla., March 7 - 14. This training program has evolved considerably since the first one I attended some ten years ago, and has become a premier leadership conference. Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder, Chairman, and his TEAM provided training for the many nobles and ladies in attendance. If you're AR or OG was unable to attend, sign them up for next year. This training has been proven to strengthen temple operations time and time again.



Next on our agenda was attending Hejaz' Potentate's Ball in Greenville, S.C., which gave us a great opportunity to socialize with Hejaz nobles and ladies. Also attending were the divan members of Jamil and Omar Shriners, and their



ladies. It was wonderful to see so many South Carolina Shriners supporting one another. We thank you, Gary Parsons and Lady Barbara, for the invitation.

Next on our travels was a return to the Sunshine State.

Florida Shriners have a unique opportunity to extend hospitality to "snowbirds" enjoying a respite from the cold weather. Sahib nobles and ladies welcome many northerners to their Thursday luncheons in Sarasota. Our visit on March 7 was no exception. We were welcomed warmly by Illustrious Sir Bill Zurlo and his lady, Stacey Lee, the divan and their ladies, along with club and unit representatives. The 250 people in attendance enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and brotherly love.

The Potentate of Egypt Shriners, Tom Robinson, and his lady, Trish, also welcomed us warmly to their Oasis in Tampa. We noticed a few fezzes from northern jurisdictions around the room at the Egypt temple, too. Some came down to visit for a few months and decided to stay. Isn't it wonderful to have the opportunity to continue your Shrine activities when you move to a new area?

You've heard me speak of partnerships with many transportation providers throughout my years of service on the Imperial Divan. Southwest Airlines has a special place in my heart as my son, Paul, is a SWA pilot. Another noble, Martin Tennant, a Nemesis Shriner, also flies for SWA. We may have other SWA pilots in our midst that we are unaware of – we thank all of you for the work you do! On a recent visit with SWA CEO and President Gary Kelly, the four of us explored other partnership options. Hopefully, we'll have more to report in a future message.

A second partnership opportunity is being explored with the Disney organization. On March 18, Imperial Sir Doug Maxwell, Gary Bergenske and I, along with staff from Leo Burnett, met with Disney World representatives to explore possible options. We are hopeful it will lead to a positive outcome for all parties.

It is exciting to be part of a groundbreaking ceremony, especially when the children who have received treatment and/or are receiving treatment at that respective hospital are involved. About 12 Patient Ambassadors from the St. Louis Shriners Hospital took the stage, and the microphone, and acted as the emcees during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new St. Louis hospital at 2 p.m. on March 20. It was a cold, windy day, but the children's enthusiasm warmed our hearts. Imperial Sir Doug



Maxwell and Lady Patricia, Imperial Sir Dale Stauss and Lady Cheryl and Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and Lady Lisa accompanied Lady Jan and myself to the event.

That evening, our group of officers and ladies was hosted by the Moolah divan and their ladies. The auditorium was filled with nobles and their ladies from various clubs and units. We were especially impressed with the monies given to Potentate Patrick Hensley for the temple's transportation and hospital funds. We learned this is a normal occurrence at their stated meetings.



Our visit included a tour of the facility, which is a remodeled former junior high school that was purchased by the temple in 1988.

Members of the South Atlantic Shrine Association met in Greensboro, N.C., on March 22 and 23 for their mid-winter meeting. North and South Carolina officers of Rotary International also happened to be gathering in the same hotel. A chance meeting with Rotary International President and CEO Ron Burton presented an opportunity to share ideas on membership growth and retention.



Next, we attended the Treasurers meeting. There is a difference between attending the OG/AR Leadership Conference and attending the Shrine Treasurers Association annual meeting. The Oriental Guides and Assistant Rabbans are new to their positions. Many of the treasurers have been in their positions for a year, or two, or more. They are just as eager for new ideas and have an interest in learning what is on the horizon. IS John Cinotto assisted me with the Installation of Officers. IS Doug Maxwell, IS Jack Jones and IS Jim McConnell also addressed the Treasurers. First Lady Jan presented an update on her program, "The Miracle of a Single Seed," and information on the upcoming Imperial Session to the ladies in attendance. From the laughter coming through the dividing walls, she must have shared a story or two.



Our next report will contain visits to Tangier, Boumi, and Abou Saad temples, MASA meeting, Spring Board meeting, PR Seminar, FSA meeting and a visit with Sudan Shriners and their ladies.

Please continue to keep Membership as the "TOP Priority" for your temples, clubs and units. Remember the best way to recruit from Blue Lodges and the general public is by telling your stories and being willing to listen. Also keep in mind that mentoring those who join us will keep them with us.

Yours in the Faith,

Alan W. Madsen

Alan "Al" W. Madsen, Imperial Potentate



Family's Indomitable Spirit Trumps 'Osteogenesis Imperfecta'

The following is the testimony of Jennifer Doloski regarding her son Joshua, who walked, with the assistance of a walker, to the podium when Jennifer gave these remarks at a recent Divan seminar here. "We first learned about Joshua in July 2011, when we saw his photo and read his profile on Reece's Rainbow's web site. Reece's Rainbow is a non-profit adoption ministry that helps to raise funds for the adoption of children with special needs throughout the world. We were told Joshua had arthrogyriposis. We knew of several families whose children have received excellent care through Shriners hospitals. However, these families all travel to Philadelphia, and we knew that Chicago was home to its own SHC. Our path was not yet clear. The day we met Joshua, we were told that, besides arthrogyriposis, his bones were 'very soft' and 'did not heal well.' It was not until we got home with Joshua and had his medical records translated that we read the words *osteogenesis imperfecta* [brittle bone disease].

We arrived home on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Four days later, Joshua broke his right femur. We were taken by ambulance from our small-town hospital to the University of Chicago. I asked the pediatric orthopaedist there if Joshua would ever walk; he said he didn't think so. He took Joshua into surgery to set and cast his break on a Thursday afternoon,

and arranged for us to see Dr. Peter Smith at SHC - Chicago the following Monday. Clearly, God knew what He was doing when He placed this boy in Chicago.

We came to Shiners hospital on Monday, March 5. My husband and I marveled at what happened that day: In that room, at any given time, were the three of us and at least five Shriners hospital staff members. We saw two occupational therapists, a physical therapist, a social worker, Dr. Smith, his intern, his amazing nurse Jennifer Joy, and they even brought in the one doctor on staff who spoke Russian because Joshua, at that point, still spoke very little English. His first surgery—to put a rod in the broken femur—was scheduled for Thursday, March 8. Dr. Smith's diagnosis—verified with genetic testing—gave a name to Joshua's interesting collection of medical conditions: *Bruck Syndrome*, a rare condition of which there were only 40 documented cases in 2008.

Joshua is now a 'regular' at Shriners. He visited the hospital/clinic more than 20 times in the last year. He has endured eight broken bones, two surgeries, serial casting, and various other tests and procedures. We know so many of the staff by name—it feels like 'family' here, which is good because we know there will be more surgeries in Joshua's future, and we

cannot imagine having anyone but Dr. Smith and the Shriners hospital staff managing his care."

This marvelous story raises a question Dr. Smith posed recently: "What kind of people would travel halfway around the world to bring into their home a child with so many unknown medical issues?" The answer, of course, is very good people — people fulfilling in a beautiful manner ethical imperatives of the highest order. Because of the care given here and Joshua's extraordinary mental and spiritual strength, Dr. Smith says, "Joshua has a long and productive life ahead of him." We at SHC - Chicago are honored, of course, to be part of a grand family bringing health and well-being to this remarkable child and to participate, with his kind and loving parents, in helping make that promise a reality.



*Dr. Peter Smith and Joshua
(always a 'thumbs-up')*

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Oasis Clown Antics



FUN!...FUN!...FUN!...Fun is normally what the Oasis Clowns bring to all who are around them. During the weekend of March 9,10,& 11, they turned the tables on themselves and they had ALL the FUN! The clown unit enjoyed their annual "Sweetheart Weekend" to honor and thank their ladies for supporting them while they "clowned around" the previous year. This year Captain French "Patches" Harvey and his lady, Julie, scheduled the weekend in Greenville, SC. to take advantage of a tour of the Shriners Hospital for Children. Many of the clowns and their ladies had never had an opportunity to visit the hospital.

The weekend started with several couples arriving Thursday afternoon. After dinner at the hotel, a rousing game of "Mexican Train" dominos ensued, with much laughter and fun in the hospitality room. The game was new to some but enjoyed by all.

Friday morning Captain French, Past Captain John "Farriswheel" Farris, Al "Poppi" Clegg and Past Captain Robert "BoBo" Bickel had a hilarious round of golf at the Hejaz Shrine Center golf course in Mauldin. Captain French said that Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson had been invited to play with them but they were



in Miami at the Doral tournament. The real reason was that they did not want to be seen playing with a "bunch of clowns"! The four clowns had a great round with plenty of laughs and fellowship. They did, however, have a bit of trouble on the way to the first tee, they discovered they couldn't drive a golf cart wearing their big clowns shoes!



The afternoon event was a tour of the BMW plant in Greer, SC. Eleven of the clowns and their ladies enjoyed the tour. They were fortunate to get a tour, as the tours will be discontinued in April for about a year during a changeover of model at the plant. The tour was very interesting; it was amazing to see the right part, the right color to arrive on the assembly line at the right time. They learned that the models shipped all over the world. Tom "Stickers" Acklam was very upset at the end of the tour when he found out that they did not give anyone any free samples. An inspiring part of the tour happened at the beginning when a supervisor of the tours greeted the group and complimented Shriners for the work that they do. He had played in the Shrine Bowl in 1961 and has had a soft spot in his heart for our philanthropy. The group dined at California Dreaming Restaurant and returned to the hotel for more hospitality and games.



On Saturday morning the unit and ladies had a very informative tour of the Shriners Hospital. The guides from Hejaz Shrine Center were very accommodating and knowledgeable. They showed three inspirational DVDs about the hospital and the "kids" and then conducted a tour of the facilities.



After the tour, the ladies went to a luncheon at The Lazy Goat, a Mediterranean Bistro, located along the Riverwalk in downtown Greenville. The men returned to the hotel for their March unit meeting. At the meeting the members approved funding of an engine overhaul of their golf cart, voted in Noble Jason Whipple as an apprentice clown and reviewed the upcoming events. The clowns then put their "funny" minds together and worked up a new skit to be used at the next circus. The "Photographer" gag will be tried out in April when the unit will be "guest clowns" for the second time at the Hejaz Shrine Circus in Spartanburg in early April. They also discussed a social and dinner in Newland, NC after the Blowing Rock parade in June.



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For Saturday night, Lady Julie planned an evening at a local dinner theatre called Café and Then Some, where they enjoyed a hilarious musical reading called The Miserables, a parody on the "southern locals" of the area. Although the show only had four performers, it was wonderful entertainment and everyone laughed until their sides hurt. Food portions were generous and delightfully delicious.

After dinner, the group returned to the hospitality room at the hotel for the annual unit awards. Captain French thanked Lady Anne Hatley for making all of the hotel arrangements. He told the group that all of the planning of the weekend was Lady Julie's doings and he thanked her for taking on the task. Ladies Julie, Anne Hatley, and Polly Farris went to Greenville several weeks before the event to scope out all of the restaurants and hotel. Captain French presented Jim "Sunny" Beggs with the annual Red Nose Award and Tom "Stickers" with the Clown of the Year Award and trophy. The Tommy Nelson Circus Clown trophy which is voted on by the unit members, who participate in the Oasis Shrine Circus each year, was presented to Mark "Shortcake" Murphy.



The clown unit is always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining a truly fun group should contact **Captain French at 704-840-8076**, or at fbharvey@pinevillecl.net. No experience is necessary, only a love for children and a desire to "Put a Smile on a Child"!



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News of the **NEW** Past Masters Unit

John Stanley, P.M.

New? Yep! That is what Illustrious Sir and Past Master Terry K Jones, the new Captain of the Past Masters Unit, has to say! And, Illustrious Sir Terry says, “*I am excited to tell you our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, has asked our unit to assist him in the Oasis membership Program.*”

Terry’s ambitions are great! He says that there are 195 Blue Lodges throughout the Oasis Jurisdiction. And, he and Potentate Laxton would like to have a Past Masters Unit Member as an Am-

bassador at EVERY Lodge in the jurisdiction—all 195 Lodges!

The new Past Masters Unit Captain exclaims, “*Personally, I am enthusiastic about our new direction, and I purpose to assist our Potentate as well as the Shrine in general, communicating with our roots, our own Blue Lodges*”.

If you are a Past Master of your Lodge, and you would like to investigate the possibility of becoming an Oasis Ambassador to your Lodge, or if you have questions regarding the

unit, please do not hesitate to call Illustrious Sir Terry Jones at (336) 764-5502. Also, Past Master’s Secretary, Gordy Peeler can be reached by e-mail at gordypeeler@msn.com. Gordy’s telephone number is (704) 279-5764.

There is a needed and wanted place for all Past Masters who are Shriners to cement the brotherly love and friendship. Please consider the Past Masters Unit by calling either W.B. Jones or W. B. Peeler.

The unit hopes to have a large representation at the meeting at the Blowing Rock Ceremonial. Details on that meeting will follow very soon.

John Stanley was Master of Gastonia Lodge 369 in 1979, and Potentate of Oasis Shriners in 1997.

SAND-TS *are on the move!*

With the start of a new year, a bigger, better, and more practiced Shrine unit in the Sandhills region of OASIS has begun their season of parades and fund raising activities.

For fun, the unit held their first ever LADIES NIGHT. Feeling it was high time they did something for the better half of their family unit, and to coincide with their February meeting, the party room at VALENTI’S Italian Restaurant in Vass, NC, was the favored spot. A delicious meal and some favorite stories left all in attendance ready to mark their calendars for the next bit of merry-making, which happened to be St. Patricks Day.

Those living in Pinehurst usually answer their telephones with the greeting, “it’s a beautiful day in Pinehurst”, no matter the weather. That can get a little irritating to some who call over that way frequently from other towns, but, as luck would have it, the ST. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 16th turned out to be a rather nice day in spite of the clouds and wind, and as always “the check is in the mail” for our participation. Next up on the agenda . . . The Badin Parade. See ya.



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OASIS DUNE CATS "Moving Forward"

Several parade Units from Oasis Shrine have experienced the highs and the lows of membership and participation in the past. Due to the limited number of members in most Units, it is inevitable that top positions require the recycling of those who have served before. Dedication to Putting Children First sometimes takes its toll on these Units.

The Oasis Dune Cats is a prime example of a Unit that was recently on the verge of folding, but through the work and devotion of those who were intent on keeping one of the most popular Units in Oasis alive, the Oasis Dune Cats are now "Moving Forward".

In October, 2012, at a time when most Units are electing new officers and preparing to display themselves in the various Christmas parades, the Dune Cats found themselves in a quandary. Not only were they having a problem finding members who were willing to fill the top positions, some of their equipment was in poor mechanical condition. The attendance at their regular meetings had decreased to a level that made it difficult to make decisions, and participation in parades was suffering also. So, after lots of soul searching, the Dune Cats decided to toss in the towel.

Prior to disbanding, contact was made with Oasis Shrine Center, explaining the probable collapse of the Dune Cats. Noble Johnny King, Divan representative for the Dune Cats initiated action to attempt to salvage the Unit. Members were notified of a mandatory meeting by Illustrious Sir H. Mike Cook in an effort to keep the Dune Cats up and running. Twelve members of the Unit attended the meeting, along with Illustrious Sir H. Mike, Illustrious Sir Wayne King, Noble Johnny King, and Noble Buddy Ellis, Director of Clubs and Units.

And the rest is history. It was determined through discussion that the members did not, in fact, want the Unit to fall by the wayside, but due to some complacency, found that interest had waned,

but saving the Unit was worth the effort needed to move forward.

With several new members in training, today the Dune Cats have rebuilt. With the assistance of several mechanically inclined members, equipment has been repaired and is available to new members. The Dune Cats are actively recruiting new members, and a new perspective has pulled this Unit from the edge of disaster to a totally new life. Enthusiasm has increased many fold.

As many of us in Clubs and Units eventually realize, the Dune Cats have involved the Ladies. The wives of new members were, naturally, in the dark as far as Unit functions were concerned. Older member's wives have now taken them under their wings and mentored them, making them more aware of the importance of the Units work.

On March 13, 2013, at the regular meeting of the Dune Cats, Captain Donnie Wrenn invited Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, the members of the Divan, Potentate's Aids and Assistants to a Meet and Greet. A great Barbecue dinner with all the fixings was prepared by Captain Wrenn, assisted by his Lieutenants, Jack Stallings and Jack Gordon. The enthusiasm for progress was apparent through the attitudes of all present.

Let the Oasis Dune Cats be an inspiration to other Clubs and Units that find themselves stale, with lack of participation, attendance problems, and complacency. They were one meeting away from turning in the keys and turning off the lights. But the theme of Putting Children First dragged them back from the edge of that cliff, and they are now a unit to be proud of.

Look for an exciting new piece of equipment that has been added to their stable of vehicles. It is assured that they will be the only Unit, not only in Oasis, but perhaps in all of Shrinedom, to display a vehicle that will stand out this much in a crowd. Congratulations from every member of Oasis Shrine for weathering the storm.



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All organizations around us are suffering from the same disease. It is called lack of attendance.

As witnessed by our recent election of officers at Oasis Shrine, there is a serious lack of interest in an organization that is one of the finest, and most generous, in the world. With nearly 7,000 members, it is truly a shame that less than 150 made it to Charlotte for one of the most important votes of the year for our fraternity.

Our Blue Lodges are experi-

encing the same bleeding. My Lodge, with 200 members, sees less than 10% of the members at each meeting.

Let's put our responsibility into perspective. Perhaps some math will open some eyes, and cause members to return to their Lodges and Temples more often.

Our world evolves around the working tools that we are given in life. One of the first working tools we are given as an Entered Apprentice is the 24 inch gauge.

Our day is divided into 24 equal parts., our week into 168 equal parts, our month into 744 equal parts, and our year into 8,760 equal parts. An average Blue Lodge meeting lasts 2 hours, and occurs twice a month. This means Masonry is asking you to devote a grand total of 24 hours a year to Blue Lodge meetings. Try to do that math, and you will see that you are asked to give less than 1/4 of 1% of your time to an organization that is rich in history, and in which not every man can be a member.

The same equation exists for each of your Masonic memberships. The Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite. Each of these organizations is experiencing a tremendous absence of members at their stated meetings.

There are legitimate reasons for some absences. We have members who have reached an age where they are unable to drive at night. Have you ever thought about calling these members and volunteering to pick them up and take them to Lodge?

Brothers, our organizations need our participation in order to remain viable. It falls on a very few to carry out our mission. Your help is needed.

In particular, Oasis Shrine has a history of being number one in the world in donations to our Hospitals nearly every year. How much have you contributed in order to boast to your friends that you are a member of such a generous organization? It is not necessary to be rich, or to donate lots of money. Your time and energy is vastly

needed. There are jobs for everyone. If you can't stand for a long time, there are jobs that allow you to sit. If you can't participate because you are unable to drive, someone will pick you up. By all means contribute something. You are needed.

I challenge all Shriners who have not attended a Blue Lodge meeting in at least a year to make the effort to attend your next Stated Communication. I guarantee you will be welcomed, and no matter how small, a job will be waiting for you.

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If you are having a special event and would like photographs, please contact:

Steve Jordan, Chairman of the Photography Committee at stevejordan707@gmail.com.

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Please give as much notice as possible.



2013 METROLINA SHRINE CLUB Oasis Roadrunners & Shiners On Bikes Golf Tournament

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This year's tournament will be held:

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013 - WESTPORT GOLF CLUB DENVER NC

Shot Gun Start at 8:30am and 1:30pm

Four Man Captain's Choice - Players \$60.00 Teams \$240.00

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Joe Tarleton	704-634-5402	joetarleton@bellsouth.net
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Mail to: Golf Tournament c/o Metrolina Shrine Club, PO Box 781, Paw Creek NC 28130

LET US ALL COME TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN.

All proceeds from the tournament are used for the benefit of Metrolina Shrine Club to assist them in raising money for needy children. If you know of a child, up to the age of 18, in need of aid contact one of the committee members or any Shriner, we will be glad to help.

PATROL UNIT

PATROL NEWS FOR MAY 2013 • WWW.OASISPATROL.COM

Using the words of an esteemed Patrol Past Captain, "I'll be brief".

Earlier in April many attended the 3rd annual Friends of The Patrol Golf Outing in Santee, SC. Thirty-two men teed it up and went round and round for the 3 day, 2 night golf sabbatical. Some of us even had an opportunity to confuse a Eutawville, SC policeman. As usual the camaraderie prevailed and everyone was a winner on that tee-box. A big hearty Thank You to Tim Daniels (Patrol PC / Divan Marshal), Tom McCarthy and Dan McCurry for their tireless efforts putting this event together year after year.

Also in April we had the annual

Board of Governor's meeting at Greenville Orthopedic Unit / Shriners Hospital for Children, a regular Patrol meeting and assisted WENZ Sports Radio with their golf tournament.

Patrol Captain Peter Schuetz and the First Lieutenant are steadfastly trying to get The Patrol aligned for several important events this Spring and early Summer. Emails are flying and the phone-tree has been lit up in our efforts.

Saturday May 4th The Patrol will participate in the Oasis Paper Crusade. Our locations have yet to be firmly determined though consensus is we may spread-out and have many smaller groups at different

locations throughout our Oasis jurisdiction.

Saturday May 11th The Patrol in unison with The Mecklenburg Shrine Club are having our 2nd annual Masonic Unity Pancake Breakfast. Come help set-up and cook, bring a prospective candidate to put an Oasis Shriners petition in their hand. Stay to help clean up.

May 31st and June 1st we will be ringing the Oasis Ceremonial bell as many new 'Sons of the Desert' are created at Oasis' Western NC Spring Ceremonial in lovely Blowing Rock, NC. The Chetola Resort is our Headquarters for lodging and hospitality. We'll be tiling the



Ceremonial doors, hocking our Masonic-Shrine Regalia Jewelry and leading the Oasis Shriners' Parade in town on Saturday afternoon.

June 29th to July 2nd we are taking a Patrol group by large van / small bus to The Imperial Session in Indianapolis, IN. Our emphasis will be to have a full compliment

Color Guard as this is 'our own' Imperial Sir Al Madsen's Imperial Session and we must be in full form as a cohesive Color Guard while we represent Oasis Shriners once more on the International stage as The #1 Color Guard in ALL of Shrinedom.

Please continue to be mindful of all our Patrol family's health and

loss concerns. Reach out, it is easy to let someone know you care. Continue to let Captain Peter know of any Health and Happiness reports.

"We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by."

Respectfully Submitted;
Bob Saye, 1st Lieutenant

Hendersonville Shrine Club 2013 Drawing

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Oasis Keystone Kops

Join us and have a fun time while raising
money for the Shriners Hospitals!



Other Events Include:

- Meetings the second Thursday of the month
- Annual Keystone Kop Golf Tournament
- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
- Antique Car Show Appearances
- **Bring your wife and kids!**

Contact Captain Cal Greene for Information:
704-578-9396 or cal.greene5@yahoo.com



Annual Burn Awareness Campaign Begins

Feb. 3-9 was Burn Awareness Week, and during this week, Shriners Hospitals for Children began its annual burn prevention campaign. This year's focus is on teaching children to "Be Burn Aware," especially at home. Campaign materials include items designed specifically for children and general awareness and scald prevention materials for adults. Scalds are one of the most prevalent and preventable types of burn injuries occurring in homes.

Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds and fire-related injuries. Many of these incidents could have been easily prevented by following and implementing some basic safety tips.

"At Shriners Hospitals for Children, preventing burn injuries and providing burn awareness education is a concerted, continuous effort," said Kenneth Guidera, M.D., chief medical officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "In 2013, our campaign, 'Be Burn Aware,' focuses on teaching children ways to avoid burn injuries at home, with a particular emphasis on scalds. Scald injuries account for a large percentage of pediatric burn injuries, and many of them are preventable."

The campaign again uses two popular and child-friendly characters to showcase and share our messages: Boots and Brewster – a caped, cuddly bear and a googly-eyed teapot. In the materials, the pair leads children through the various rooms of a house, pointing out dangers, and how to easily correct or avoid them.

Both the hospital and temple PR personnel were provided with additional materials to assist with promoting the campaign, including press release and proclamation templates, and a list of suggestions of ways to involve the local community.

In terms of media, the initial campaign activity generated 152 news clips, and more than 2 million overall media impressions, according to our report from Vocus.

Kerbala Shriners of Knoxville, Tenn., is an example of a temple with an active and successful Burn Awareness Week effort. On Feb. 6, the temple distributed materials to local schools and residents, in partnership with local fire departments, reaching more than 2,500 students. They also received great media coverage of their efforts.

Article from THE PUBLIC RELATIONS VOICE, March 2013 issue.

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Denver, NC 28037

Check-in: 12:00 PM (Complimentary Lunch Served)

Tee Off: 1:00 PM

Two Man Captain's Choice Format

Trophies for First, Second and Third Place

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\$ 500 - 4 Players, 2 Tee-ads \$ 60 - Each Additional Player

Golfer 1: _____ Golfer 2: _____

Golfer 3: _____ Golfer 4: _____

RSVP by May 18, 2011

Questions Please Contact:

Don Deese - 704-578-8991

ddeese@hubgroup.com

Mail Entry To:

Oasis Keystone Kops - C/O Don Deese

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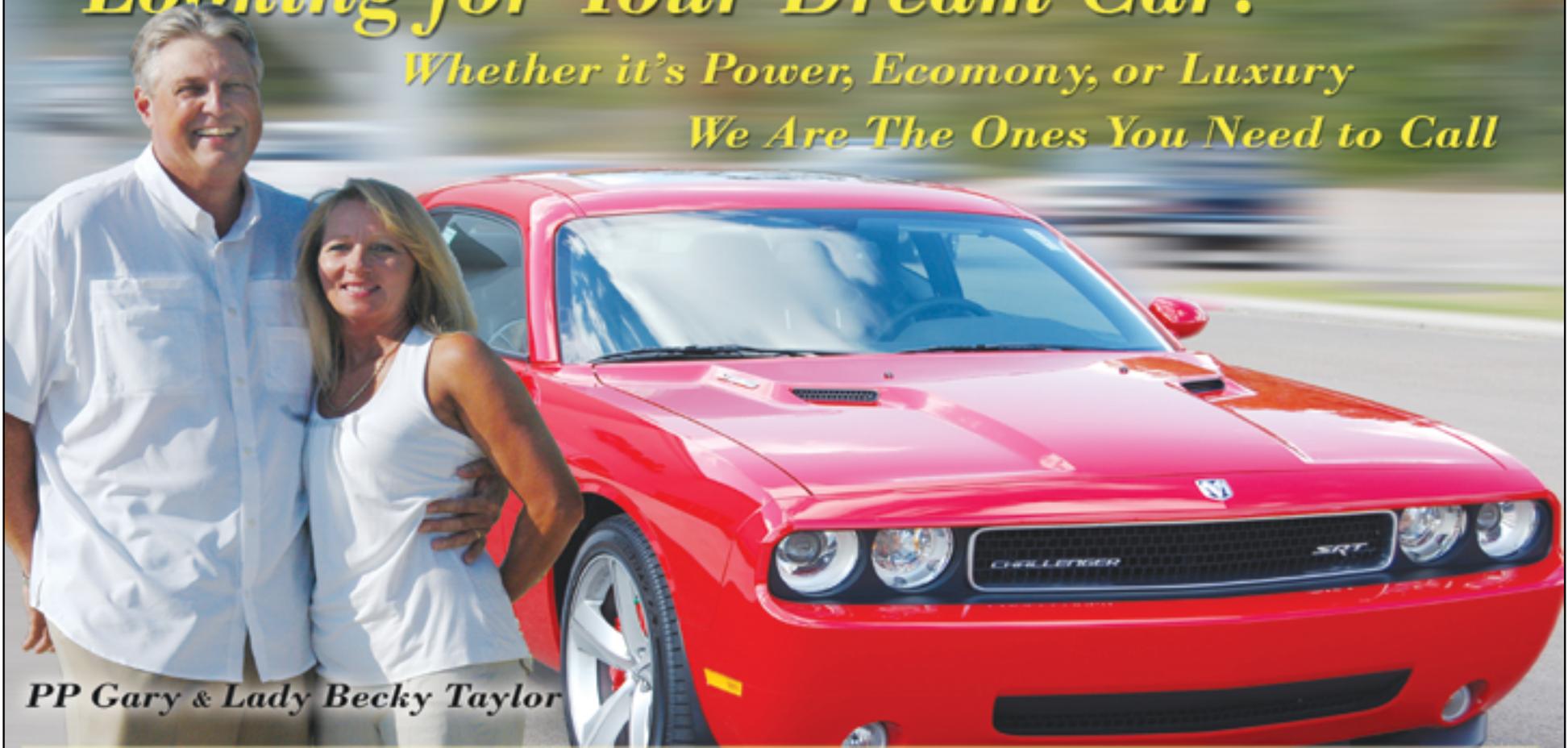
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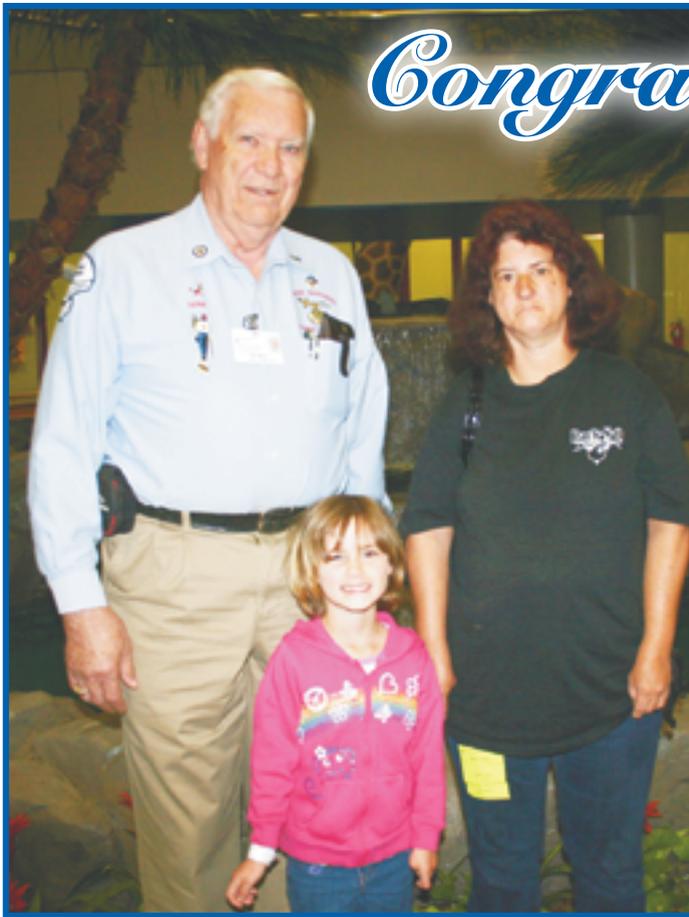
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 Fred W Laxton - *On the occasion of My Birthday*
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Congratulations



Congratulations to Noble Gene Howard, who has recently completed his 125th trip to our Greenville Hospital. This represents a minimum of 825 hours of driving time. He is to be commended for his dedication and devotion to our children. He brings home the true meaning of "Putting Kids First".

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16340	Robert S Nanney	Charlotte, NC	1/21/61	5/15/12
39859	Rudolph C Barrington, Jr.	Greensboro, NC	6/5/10	12/2/12
37208	Kenneth L Wright	Wagram, NC	12/2/72	3/9/13
33620	William L McCall	Fort Mill, SC	11/7/87	3/11/13
32548	Jack C Hall	Candler, NC	11/9/85	3/13/13
32285	Alvis L McAlexander	Mount Airy, NC	6/1/85	3/15/13
31524	Jack G Timmons	Lincolnton, NC	11/5/83	3/16/13
34993	Wallace B Snuggs	Mount Gilead, NC	2/15/91	3/16/13
14443	Benjamin F Sims	Hendersonville, NC	10/22/55	3/17/13
24793	Daniel A Swindell	Asheboro, NC	4/27/74	3/20/13
33338	Albert E Davis	Shelby, NC	8/29/87	3/20/13
19526	Silas J Walker, Jr.	Greensboro, NC	9/2/50	3/21/13
24353	James H Kirksey	Charlotte, NC	10/27/73	3/21/13
30362	Michael F Simmons	Mount Airy, NC	11/14/81	3/24/13
23663	Paul L Dellinger, Jr.	Gastonia, NC	1/27/73	3/25/13
25308	Arnold B Webb	Asheville, NC	10/26/74	3/28/13
32157	Lonnie R Willford, Jr.	Fort Mill, SC	11/3/84	4/1/13



A Princess's Future

With two impossibly deep dimples framing an impish grin that reveals two missing front teeth, six-year-old Ke'Aisa Moore looks every bit the princess she aspires to be one day. The diminutive young lady who adores all things pink is presently passing the time before her follow up appointment at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville by challenging her mother Angela to a one-sided game of find-me-if-you-can. Ke'Aisa delights in playing just out of her mother's line of vision as if to assert a princess's right to independence. Her mother, wise to Ke'Aisa antics, just keeps a low key watch on the area where her daughter disappears and will just as surely reappear once she tires of her game.

That budding independence—and confidence—will serve Ke'Aisa well. In addition to being a princess in her own kingdom, Ke'Aisa is also a person of short stature. Angela is as well. Ke'Aisa tops the height chart at 37 inches; Angela is a few inches taller. Their similarities end there, however, and Angela has brought Ke'Aisa to Shriners Hospital for Children - Greenville because she has been diagnosed with kyphosis, or what is commonly described as a “hunchback” appearance.

Ke'Aisa's vertebrae are not shaped correctly, resulting in a kyphotic curve that, unless treated will eventually result in a “hunchback” appearance. She began wearing a body brace two years ago for 24 hours a day. A year later, the kyphosis was corrected though Ke'Aisa continues to wear the brace as much as possible to prevent regression. Today,

Angela's report from Ke'Aisa's physician Peter Stasikeles, M.D., is all good news. Ke'Aisa will need to be monitored closely and return to the hospital periodically for evaluation, but her spine is no longer curving and she will soon be out of a brace completely.

“I'm thankful for that,” notes Angela, watching as Ke'Aisa once again wanders out of sight just past a large plant. “I can't thank Dr. Pete and Shriners Hospital enough for the care Ke'Aisa received here. It changed her life.”

No one can promise what the future will hold but this little princess is well on her way to living happily ever after.



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