

DESERT DUST



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The Potentate's message



Nobles and Ladies: Our Shrine year is off and running, with activities taking place all over the jurisdiction. It makes you feel good to see the enthusiasm that is being displayed everywhere we go, and the dedication by our members is the envy of Shrine Centers throughout the country.

After installation we headed to Tampa for the annual East/West Shrine game, this game has been in existence since 1925,

and showcases the best college football seniors in the country. It also gave us the opportunity to tour our headquarters in Tampa, and meet some of the people that make our hospitals the best in the world.

The following weekend we had our Officer Orientation, and with nearly 100% participation from our Clubs and Units being represented that morning. Due to the hard work by our presenters and committee

members, it was obvious that our Clubs and Units are now planning to jump into the year with the idea of making 2015 a banner year at Oasis. The morning event was followed by a membership seminar, that was also attended by an enthusiastic crowd of Ladies and Nobles. Yes, I said Ladies.... we were thrilled to have the Daughters of the Nile represented at this meeting, as they are an important part of our membership initiatives this year, their ideas

and input are very important to the growth of our fraternity, and I encourage all of our ladies and nobles to support this fine organization. Our Marshall, Noble Chris Hall did an excellent job of presenting information that could be used at the Unit and Club level to attract and retain new members. Noble Chris would welcome the opportunity to visit your Shrine Club or Unit to make a presentation.

Mary and I were then honored to be invited to the Greensboro Shine club on January 24th to install their 2015 Officer's along with the Nascart's, and Oriental Band parade units. John and Carol Cable did a wonderful job of hosting the event that was attended by a large number of Nobles, Ladies and their friends. Then we had the opportunity to enjoy a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship. The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to meet and hear the story of Dustin Edmonson, one of our hospital patients. I commend those Nobles and Ladies who organized the event, and thank them for giving us the honor of presiding over their Installation.

On January 28th 9 members of the Oasis Divan attended the First District meeting for our Most Worshipful Brother Douglas Caudle at the Sophia Lodge of Traditional Observance # 767 in Salisbury. For those that have never attended a lodge of observance I highly recommend that you do so. It's an experience you won't soon forget. It was an honor to be invited to sit in the East with the Most Worshipful brother, and a great way to start the year for both us. I think it sent a strong message to our brothers and nobles of the importance of working together as "men who can best work and agree". These District Meetings will last all the way thru the month of May, and I encourage you as brother Masons, to find the time to show your support to our new Grand Master.

After 15 years, Oasis Shrine was invited by the other North and South Carolina Shrine Temples

to once again be an active member of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. We are very excited and look forward to once again being a part of the longest running high school All-Star football game in the nation. Our first meeting with the Directors on February 6th was a tremendous success, with Oasis stepping up to the plate to offer any help with organizing this event, which is a piece of Carolina Shrine history. We will again be meeting on February 28th and continue to put everything in place for our next game in December. I would like to invite our Nobles and Ladies to keep in mind, that we will need to tap into your talent as volunteers for this event, which you will hear more about in the coming months.

Lady Mary and I along with other Divan members, were honored to attend the Surry County Shrine Club Valentine Dinner, Dance, and their Installation of Officers on February 14. A special thanks to Noble Donald Hicks and his Lady Tracy for helping organize this event. The people from Surry County know how to have a good time! We can't thank them enough for their hospitality.

On February 21st we attended the Greensboro Car Show, It is a true example of Shriners getting the word out to the community about the contribution our members make to the Shrine Children's Hospitals. Noble Jim Turner has held this event in the Greensboro Coliseum for many years and they have donated thousands of dollars from the proceeds of this car show to the hospitals. Oasis is blessed to have members such as Noble Jim, who are dedicated to our children and who have shown through their actions, the contributions we have all come to appreciate in our members.

More exciting news to start our year, Lady Mary and I were blessed with the addition of Little Lady... Berkley Maryn Ham, born at 12:48 pm on January 29th. She weighed in at 5 pounds 6 ounces and was 18

1/4" long. Also her father and mother, Noble Joey and Lady Lindsey Ham, are quite proud of her as well as Illus. Sir, Billy and Lady Patsy Farris.

It seems like the last week in January was a wonderful week for new "Grands". Noble Terry and Lady Janice Cox were on cloud nine with the birth of their newest Granddaughter, Phoebe Joy Clark Slater on January 26th to their daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany and Ben Slater. Also Assistant Rabban Mike Neaves and Lady Bobbie can't get the smiles off of their faces after the birth of their GREAT Grandson, Terry Joshua Jordan II, born January 27th to Noble Terry and Lady Chasity Jordan. Each of these families is now competing for the cutest grandchild in the world award.

We are all looking forward to the Greenville Shrine Hospital Day Open House on March 13 and 14. Look for the display in this edition of the Desert Dust, and please join us. We have a great visit planned and if you have never visited the Greenville hospital, you are in for a real treat. We hope to see Oasis there in large numbers.

With Daylight Savings Time moving us into longer days and nights, and the weather being more cooperative, outside activities with the Shriners will soon fill every weekend. Please be sure to check your e-blast that comes to you twice a month from Oasis, as well as our Facebook and of course your monthly Desert Dust for these upcoming events that you can attend and support. We are very excited to attend the events scheduled in our region, plus if you have an event that you would like for us to attend? Please don't hesitate to drop me an email and we will do our best to participate. We hope to see many of our members, renew old friendships, and enjoy the fellowship that Oasis Shrine is so famous for in the coming months.

Yours in the Faith
Todd

- A Generous Donation -

Noble Scott McCorkle, owner of Liberty Buick-GMC in Charlotte and Matthews has generously donated a new **GMC Denali SUV** for use by **Oasis Potentate Illustrious Sir Todd Ham** for 2015.

Noble McCorkle has been a very generous contributor to Oasis Shrine and Shrine Childrens Hospitals for many years. Noble Scott is married to Lady Kimberly, and has two children, Hunter, age 21 and Maddy, age 16. He has been a Master Mason and Shriner for 29 years, and in addition has been a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps for 29 years. In addition to owning Liberty Buick-GMC, he is also the owner of Mount Airy Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram, and Mount Airy Toyota-Scion.

As you will note in the photo, this beautiful vehicle has been lettered with the Shrine Hospital logo, and will be proudly displayed throughout the travels of Illustrious Sir Todd throughout the Oasis region, and through his travels to other states, setting a vivid example of Oasis Shrines dedication to our Hospitals.



INTRODUCING YOUR DIVAN

Thomas R. "Tommy" Helms, III

We welcome Noble Tommy Helms as our newest member of the Oasis line, appointed by Illustrious Sir Todd Ham to serve as 2nd Ceremonial Master for 2015.

Noble Tommy was appointed as Director of Clubs and Units by Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton in 2013, and again by Illustrious Sir David Sumpter in 2014. He served a very distinguished term as Director, filling a very difficult role for the membership.

Noble Tommy was born, raised, and currently resides in Mt. Holly, NC with his wife, Lady Kelly. He attended East Gaston High School and Central Piedmont College. He is employed by Airgas National Welders.

Noble Tommy was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1998 in Mt. Holly Lodge #544, where he served as Master in 2005. He was made a Shriner in the Asheville class of 1998. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, and a member of Jesters.

He holds membership in the Red Fez Shrine Club, Metrolina Shrine Club, and Shriners on Bikes. In addition, he is a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps, and has served as Captain of his unit. He is also a member of the Past Captains unit.

As you would suspect, from his membership in the S.O.B.'s, he is a motorcycle enthusiast, and counts among his greatest pleasures riding his motorcycle, and beach trips with family and friends.

He counts as his most memorable experience in Masonry being installed as Master of his Lodge fifty years to the date his Grandfather was raised a Master Mason. What a wonderful tribute to a person who has such a positive impact on your life.

A close second would be his experience on the weekend he was made a Shriner. The comradeship and fellowship will always be implanted in his mind, as will be sharing the stage with his close friend, Cody Williams, who by his antics caused him and Noble Tommy to receive extra attention, to the delight of the Nobility. He cites his membership in the Shrine



as having changed his life, and given him some valued, lifelong friends.

Don't forget to thank Noble Tommy when you see him relaxing after the parades. Don't bother him during the parades. He surely has his plate full due to the inability of many of the unit members to get to the line-up on time, and to be able to read the correct position number for their unit. Stress is an accepted part of his duties.

We are indeed fortunate to have a member with Noble Tommy's abilities serving us in this, one of the most important Divan positions.

Whitley's Wish Come True

How wonderful it is for our young Shrine family members to become involved in our cause to help the charities that we, as Shriners, have adopted and support with our efforts.

Illustrious David Sumpter announced at his Installation in 2014 that his Granddaughter, Whitley, was so touched by the efforts of her Grandfathers chosen Fraternity that she, also, wanted to do something to help. Whitley's Wish was born, and Miss Whitley went to work soliciting donations immediately.

With the guidance of Illustrious Sir David and Lady Sandy, at the end of the year, a tremendous \$14,736.00 was contributed to her charitable cause. Of these funds, \$5,000.00 was donated for the purpose of training a support dog for a veteran with PTSD. The remaining \$9,736.00 was donated to the Greenville Shriners Childrens Hospital for the purpose of renovating family quarters that are used by family members who remain at the hospital during their child's treatment there.

Our Fez is off to Whitley for her enthusiasm, her hard work, and her wonderful contribution to these charities. We hold her close to our heart, knowing her effort will be a lasting tribute to her love for our veterans and our children.



Summer Ceremonial

The following is a list of motels, with prices and phone numbers, for the June 5 & 6 Ceremonial in Maggie Valley, NC



HOTEL NAME	PHONE NUMBER	GROUP RATE-SHRINERS
A Holiday Motel	877.686.4386	2 Double: Sunday-Thursday \$62.10 Friday and Saturday \$71.10 King or 2 Queens: Thursday \$71.10 Friday and Saturday \$80.01
Maggie Valley Inn	866.926.0201	First Floor: \$89.00 (Double or King) All other Floors: \$79.00 (Double or King)
Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge	828.926.1301	Standard: \$74 2 BR Apt \$129
Comfort Inn	828.926.9106	All Rooms: \$99
Best Western	828.926.3962	All Rooms: \$89
Microtel Inn & Suites	828.926.8554	All Rooms: \$89
Ramada	828.926.7800	All Rooms: \$89
Travelowes	828.944.0700	All Rooms: \$70
Laurel Park Inn	828.926.1700	Two Doubles: \$69 King: \$74
Jonathan Creek Inn	828.926.1232	Standard: \$85 Creekside (private porch) \$110 Creekside (shared porch) \$100 Creekside or Poolside w/hot tub: \$115

Important News About the 2015 Oasis Shrine Circus

The 2014 Oasis Shrine Circus had another record breaking year in revenue. We added a Friday night performance in Concord last year that was a success. We had 200,000 children tickets distributed in Fletcher and Concord three weeks prior to the circus. This made our gate admission quadruple in tickets sold to adults. The five performances had over 10,000 spectators in attendance watching the Jody Jordan World Circus. The Oasis Shrine Circus generated a net income of over \$171,000 last year which goes to help keep our temple maintenance up and our yearly dues down.

Preparations for our 2015 Oasis Shrine Circus is already underway.
This year's circus dates are:

Fletcher, NC - Wednesday, November 18th; show times at 4:30 and 7:30

Concord, NC - Friday, November 20th; show time at 7:30

Concord, NC - Saturday, November 21st; show time at 2:00 and 7:30

This year Oasis will again promote the Moms and Dads program. This is for Nobles and their families only. When you participate your tickets are \$10 each for adults 13 years of age and older instead of \$12. There are three different groups in the program. The Moms and Dads, the Grandparents and the Ringmaster. The Moms and Dads contribution is \$20 to \$40, the Grandparents is \$40 to \$80 and the Ringmaster is \$80 and above. For each \$10 donation you will receive 1 adult ticket. Your name will be recognized in next year's February 2016 edition of the Desert Dust for your contribution to the Moms and Dads program. If you are not planning on attending the circus and would like to participate; you can do that and donate your tickets back to Oasis. We will distribute them, as we have in the past years to people with physical and intellectual disabilities, in addition to church groups, nursing homes and people who cannot afford a ticket or have never seen a circus before.

Our Oasis Shrine Circus' mission is to not turn anyone away from seeing our circus because of their financial situation.



Be proud of your FEZ and wear it to the circus and you will get in FREE.
Let's show the public attending who Shriners are.

More information about the Oasis Circus will be available in the Desert Dust within the next few months. Thanks to all our Nobles for being an Oasis Shriner and caring.

Y.I.T.F.

Rodney Morgan
Oasis Circus Chairman

New Grandbabies!



Berkley Maryn Ham

Born: January 29, 2015

Weight: 5.6 lbs (Tiny)

Length: 18 1/4 Inches long.

Granddaughter of Illustrious Sir Todd

and Lady Mary Ham

Daughter of Noble Joey and Lady

Lindsey Ham



Phoebe Joy Clark Slater

Born: January 26, 2015

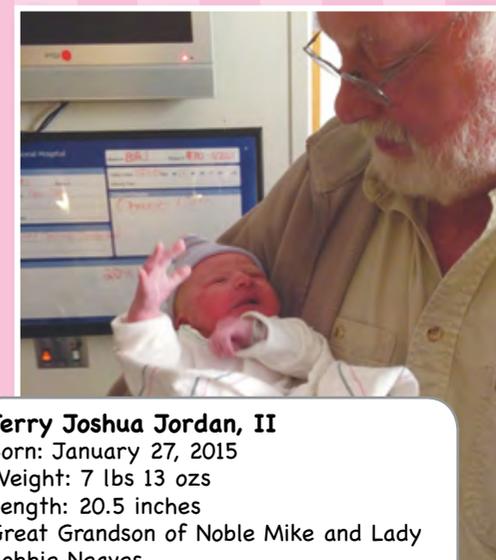
Weight: 6.2 lbs

Length: 19 inches

Granddaughter of Noble Terry and

Lady Janice Cox

Daughter of Ben and Tiffany Cox Slater



Terry Joshua Jordan, II

Born: January 27, 2015

Weight: 7 lbs 13 ozs

Length: 20.5 inches

Great Grandson of Noble Mike and Lady

Bobbie Neaves

Son of Noble Terry and Lady Chasiti Jordan



Latona Temple # 154
Daughters of the Nile

Working together to benefit the
children of Shriners Hospitals

If you are a lady related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile, you are eligible to become a member of this growing organization committed to supporting the important work of Shriners Hospitals for Children. For more information on this dedicated fraternal order for women, contact Sally Saulsbery at (704) 996-5064 or Kathy Southworth, PQ at (704) 262-7739 or e-mail her at kfsouth@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL SHRINER DAYS 2015

All events held at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

5:30 PM Hospitality
sponsored by Hejaz Shriners
6:30 PM Dinner



SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

9 AM – 10:30 AM Hospital Update
10:30 AM – 12 PM Attendees will be divided into groups for guided tours of the EOS Imaging Center, the Prosthetics and Orthotics department, Motion Analysis Laboratory, and mock surgery in the operating room.

12:30 PM Lunch

Adjourn after lunch

Tour Highlights

EOS Imaging Center • Motion Analysis Lab
Prosthetics and Orthotics • Operating Rooms



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Registration for Shriner Days at Greenville Shriners Hospital March 13-14, 2015

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Name: _____

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I would like to attend: ___ Friday and Saturday
___ Saturday Only

History of the Oasis Paper Sale (Crusade)

BY CALVIN GADDY

The Oasis Paper Sale was begun in 1976 by then Potentate Doug Mayes, Ill. Sir Doug, a native of Tennessee, knew about two temples in his home state who had what they called a Paper Sale. Those two were Al Menah of Nashville and Kerbela of Knoxville; both were doing the same thing, printing an 8 page tabloid newspaper with the story of patients being treated at Shriners Hospitals from their jurisdiction. Both left an edition of the paper and an envelope on the front door knobs on Saturday telling the occupants of the home they would be around Sunday morning to pick up their contribution.

Ill. Sir Doug brought the idea to his Oasis Public Relations, a very active committee at the time, to discuss the possibility of having a Paper Sale. His committee thought this idea had merit and recommended that it be started that year. Potentate Mayes and his chairman, Noble Bob Vaughan, who became Potentate in 1989, went to Nashville to learn exactly how Al Menah Temple's operation was run.

On return the two called the PR Committee together to discuss what they had learned. Oasis put a little different wrinkle on their paper sale by standing in front of businesses and offering papers to those customers as they entered. The idea was to just hand them a paper and if they read some of it while they were inside they would want to donate when they exited the store. This worked and was adopted for future sales. By the way, that first year Oasis collected just over \$42,000 for our hospitals.

In 1977, under the leadership of Potentate Shut Hartman, the sale was repeated. Oasis now had a full-time Public Relation Director, yours truly, fresh from the newspaper world. We set up an organization for that year and future years. There would be a Paper

Sale Chairman and first and second vice-chairman. The chairman served a two year term, would be replaced by the first vice-chairman, the second vice-chairman would move up and a third vice-chairman would be selected to come on board.

Ill. Sir Gene Morrison, who would serve as Potentate in 1986, was the sale's chairman in 1977 and 1978. This was the first year that Oasis set up districts and the committee decided to have district meetings to tell the Paper Sale story and deliver materials for use during the sale. Ill. Sir Hartman brought to the Paper Sale Committee an idea he had picked, that of selling framed certificates for \$25 to individuals and businesses. With this new organization the sale went well in 1977 and the donations increased to over \$220,000.

After using the certificates for several years the idea was presented that we should go to plaques and have them for \$25, \$50, \$100 and over that, a special plaque. This worked well and Oasis was off and running with what would become the largest money maker for the Temple. At the height of the program Oasis made over one million dollars on the paper sale alone.

I think the success of the Paper Sale was the paper itself. It was an eight page paper with stories about the patients, letters from parents describing treatment for their child and a letter from the Potentate. Included in every issue was a coupon inviting whoever read the publication to donate to Shriners Hospitals.

The Paper Sale effort became such a success that Recorder Calvin Gaddy of Oasis and Recorder Glenn Akin of Al Menah, at their request, volunteered to carry the story of meetings around the



US. To name a few, meetings were held in Texas, Florida, Ohio, Alabama and California.

Along the way the Imperial PR Department, under the leadership of Imperial Public Relations Direct Mike Andrews, became very involved and produced a booklet on how to conduct a Paper Crusade. (Note our named changed) The Imperial PR Department furnished materials and slicks for a 4-page publication, so a temple only had to put their name at the top and have it printed.

All in all the Temples received a lot of support to make this a successful Shriners Hospitals fundraising project that, through the efforts of Oasis Shrine, spread to a world-wide project.

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Imperial Sir Al Madsen Addresses ~ The Piedmont Club ~

On **Tuesday, January 13, 2015**, former Chief Executive Officer of Shriners International and Oasis Shriner **Al Madsen** of Cornelius, NC, addressed one of North Carolina's most exclusive clubs, The Piedmont Club, at Charlotte Country Club. Sir Al told the group of approximately one hundred of North Carolina's most outstanding business leaders and professionals that Oasis is the Largest Chapter of the 195 chapters in Shriners International, with nearly 6,000 members. He informed them that Oasis, headquartered in Charlotte, through its many activities and charitable contributions has a major economic impact on the fifty Western counties of North Carolina. He informed them that Oasis, with a nearly 50,000 square foot headquarters in Charlotte's University area off of I-85 was founded in 1895 by such legendary leaders as William Henry Belk and Dr. John Montgomery Belk, the founders of Belk Stores.

Over the years, Oasis members have included such notable North Carolinians as the movie star Randolph Scott, Charlotte Mayor John Belk, insurance magnate Julian Price, Senator Sam Ervin and Charlotte businessmen Herman Blumenthal and Col. J. Norman Pease. Today's Oasis Shriners include former Governor Jim Martin, former furniture executive Paul Broyhill, furniture executive Steve Kincaid and a number of other state leaders, including many members of the US Senate and House, and the North Carolina Senate and House.

Sir Al told the group that Shriners International is composed of more than 280,000 members in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, The Republic of Panama, the Phillipines, Europe and Puerto Rico, and membership includes Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, Golf Legend Arnold Palmer, singer John Conlee, and has included Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Gerald Ford. He informed them that Shriners must first become Masons in order to join the Fraternity. He pointed out that one of the basic beliefs of Masons is to provide charitable support for communities. Sir Al noted that the Shrine was founded in 1872 in New York by an actor and a physician to give Masons an opportunity to enjoy fun and fellowship together.

The former Shrine leader continued by tell-

ing the group that the actor was exposed to a colorful dinner party at a Moroccan Embassy where the guests were inducted into a fanciful, colorful secret society based on stories from the Arabian Nights. The actor, Billy Florence, then wrote a ritual inspired by that experience that led to creation of Shriners International and the use of Fezzes and colorful costumes, symbolism and names from the Arabian Nights.

Sir Al continued to explain that ultimately, Shriners acted on their Masonic charge to help those in need in communities by establishing Shriners Hospitals for Children. Madsen said Shriners Hospitals are currently treating more than 123,000 children aged from birth to 18 years, regardless of their parents ability to pay, for orthopedic problems, burns, spinal conditions, cleft lip and palate, cerebral palsy, and other serious conditions. He urged those attending to call Oasis Shriners and our patient coordinator, Wendy Rosales, if they know of a young person in need of help. He stated that Shriners spent over \$800,000,000.00 last year to benefit patients, and indicated that Oasis Shriners are the most generous contributors to the hospitals of the 195 International Shrine Chapters.

Sir Al, an Air Force Veteran, told the club members he is very proud of a recent initiative by Oasis to help military veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. He noted that Oasis is working with Charlotte Bridge Home, chaired by Charlotte businessman Tommy Norman, to provide specially trained service dogs for veterans who have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. A number of questions were posed from the audience, which included only three Masons and one Shriner, asking Sir Al to define Mason and Shriner whether Obamacare had impacted our hospitals, and questions regarding the decreasing membership in the Shrine. In addition, he was questioned regarding the return of the Shrine Bowl to Charlotte.

Imperial Sir Al took an opportunity to reach out to the business community and spread the word about the wonderful work being done by Oasis Shrine and our Childrens Hospitals. His positive contribution to the community public relations will surely be felt in our Fraternity.



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Contact Captain Tom Barnhardt

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Shriners Hospitals
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Shriners Hospitals Rated One of the Most-Trusted Nonprofits

Shriners Hospitals for Children ranked as one of the top three most-trusted nonprofit organizations in a recent survey of wealthy individuals conducted by the Luxury Institute, an independent research firm.

The New York City-based Luxury Institute conducts a variety of impartial surveys and research to guide and educate extremely affluent individuals and the companies that market to them on trends, net-worth consumer rankings, and ratings of luxury brands and best practices.

This was the first year the institute conducted its Luxury Brand Trust Index survey of nonprofit organizations, said Martin Swanson, the firm's vice president of business development.

Shriners Hospitals for Children ranked third among the most-trusted nonprofits. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ranked first, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ranked second.

"Being recognized as one of the top most-trusted nonprofit organizations demonstrates that the medical care provided by Shriners Hospitals is highly regarded and respected," said Ralph Semb, president and chief executive officer of Shriners Hospitals for Children. "That's a great honor for us."

A sample of 1,666 consumers with an average income of \$348,000 and an average net worth of \$3.7 million was asked to participate in the online sur-

vey. Respondents rated 41 national nonprofit organizations on several factors, including trustworthiness for delivering superior quality, customer service, being innovators and leaders, using the highest legal, ethical and moral standards, and being good corporate citizens. Fourteen of the nonprofits included in the survey were medical institutions or health-related organizations.

"High-net-worth consumers are the largest donors and are expecting – even demanding – measurable results, transparency, lack of conflicts of interest and fiscal responsibility from nonprofits," said Milton Pedraza, the Luxury Institute's chief financial officer.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is dedicated to improving the lives of children through pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. This one-of-a-kind health care system helps kids with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate defy the odds, at no charge.

"We should all be very proud of the fact that Shriners Hospitals has received such a high ranking by this group of individuals," said Semb. "Their trust in our hospitals and our mission reinforces the fact that all our 22 Shriners Hospitals have been successful in honoring our number-one commitment to provide exceptional specialty treatment to children who need it, at no charge."

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Country Ham For Sale

We are selling our packaged, boxed & labeled country ham to any club or unit who wants to have turn key fundraiser for \$15 per box. We can have the label made to include that unit or clubs name or logo on it for the same price. We would like to keep the minimum order at 50 per order.

Blue Ridge Shrine have been selling our boxes for a retail of \$20 with no trouble. We brought this product in this year for the first time just for a single festival, wow, it took off. We are still selling ham, from beauty salons to Nobles selling to co workers and family when we finally shut down this fundraiser will should end up with more than 450-500 boxes of ham sold on our first year, with very little effort from our Nobles.

SPECIFICS ON HAM:

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Attention Members

Oasis Shriners
Stated Meeting

April 9, 2015
at the Temple
Time: 4:00pm
Boardroom

PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

**3RD MONDAY
of the MONTH
6 PM @ BIG DADDY'S
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Noble Lee Maynard,
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Oasis Membership Legacy Honored

In 1996, Oasis Shriners created the Donald A. McAllister Membership Award in honor of Noble Don McAllister, an active member of the Hendersonville Shrine Club. The award is presented annually to the Oasis Noble who serves as the Top Line Signer for the most petitions for membership during the year. For decades, Noble Don was known to bring countless new men into the Shrine fraternity, a reputation which has turned into a legacy throughout the ages. His expertise in recruiting members has been recognized by Imperial Shrine, where he has participated in several Membership Seminars over the years.

After retiring with more than 40 years of service with International Harvester Company, Noble Don relocated to the area from Chicago in 1983 and joined the Hendersonville Shrine Club that same year. He served as Club President in 1987 and has also served as Club Treasurer. Noble Don's name and membership recruiting legacy spans beyond the Oasis territory and, rumor has it, Noble Don has some very interesting membership stories to share.

On Friday, January 9, 2015 Oasis Shriners was honored to have Noble Don (aged 97 years young) join the nobility and their families at the annual Oasis Club and Unit Appreciation event to help present the award named in his honor to 2014 recipient Noble Roy Dickey of Cherokee County. On behalf of Oasis Shriners, we all give a salute and "tip of the fez" to Noble Don for the decades of unselfish service he rendered - and continues to offer - to Oasis Shriners. May we all aspire to the pinnacle of membership success established by this respected and beloved noble.

YITE,
Chris Hall
Membership Chairman
Oasis Shriners



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Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps

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May 2nd, 2015



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Ham Day at Riverside Lodge 606

Riverside Lodge 606 will be holding its

52nd Annual Ham Day on Saturday March 14th, 2015.

We will serve breakfast from 6AM until 11AM which consists of country ham, eggs, grits, and biscuits. Lunch and Dinner will be served from 11AM until 7PM which consists of country ham, green beans, yams, grits, biscuits, and a desert.

**Adult Plates are \$8.00, Childs Plates are \$5.00,
and Ham biscuits are 5 for \$8.00 or \$2.00 each.**

All proceeds from this charity event will be divided between the Masonic Home for Children, the Masonic Foundation, Whitestone, and Boy Scout Troop #333.

Riverside Lodge is located at 102 Main Street Catawba, NC 28609.

Please come out and support Riverside's Fundraiser and help us make this Ham Day the best ever.

Shrine Trailer Travels for You



Many of you have seen the Shrine Hospital Trailer at our Ceremonials, Circuses, and at many other locations, but did you know it is available for your public fund raising or awareness events?

Noble Jim Rorie, Recorder Emeritus generously agreed quite some time ago to volunteer his time and energy to transport the Hospital Trailer to any location within the Oasis Region in an effort to spread the word about our wonderful Hospitals.

The Trailer is generator powered and is equipped with a flat-screen television which displays information about our patients and the services offered by our Shrine Hospitals. In addition, historical displays throughout the Trailer give testimonials and important information, and pamphlets provided in the trailer are offered to those who visit. Last year, a beautiful new truck was purchased to tow the trailer to each location.

Noble Jim is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice. He can be reached at 704-534-2906, or by email at jrorie@bellsouth.net.

The Hospital Trailer is a wonderful tool to educate the public and those members not familiar with all of the services offered by Shrine Children's Hospitals. It is most likely the best avenue we have to completely display the benefits offered by our Fraternity. And one of the best parts is, it is FREE.

Call Noble Rorie for your next event. He will be happy to oblige.

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Here's how:

- For every person who volunteers on the behalf of the Greenville Shriners Hospital, the hospital will receive \$20 per day worked.
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Visit www.bmwusfactory.com to register online or call Kea Wade in the Development Office at (864) 255-8765 for a paper application. During the registration process, be sure to select **Shriners Hospitals for Children-Greenville** as your charity.

The \$40 fee includes a volunteer polo shirt, hat or visor, a Volunteer Credential, Patron Credential, 2015 volunteer pin, meals during your workdays and a volunteer appreciation party at the end of each workday (over \$100 value)!

Last year, we received over \$11,000 from proceeds generated through volunteer participation. THANK YOU!!! Volunteers are KEY to our success at the event and we hope you plan on joining us this year!

For additional information or to receive a paper application, contact Kea Wade at (864) 255-8765.

“The Beat on the Street” with your Drum & Bugle Corps

With a wonderful winter season almost behind us, the Drum & Bugle Corps is ready to start thinking about and planning for spring. Since our last visit, we have seen our officers attend the Club & Unit Officer Orientation Day and Membership Seminar. Also, there have been two chances to celebrate the Ladies of the D&B. First at the Ladies Social, held at the Metrolina Shrine Club as part of our January meeting and also at a Valentine's Dinner, held at the Riverview Raw Bar. Well, we have said for years, “it's a family thing”!

Our officers appreciated the opportunity to attend the orientation which provided us with lots of information as we look to make 2015 another successful year. We tip our Fez to our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Todd Ham for his enthusiasm and encouragement leading the orientation. We also appreciated that the Keystone Kops came out bright and early with coffee and doughnuts.

A sincere “thank you” goes to the Oasis Membership team for making the after lunch session so informative. We left with a new respect for the old phrase “numbers never lie”. The numbers told us that we need a renewed energy and enthusiasm for new members. Plenty of time and effort went into making the charts that were shared. Those charts sure helped the numbers come to life.

The month of March will provide us with a

couple of more opportunities to learn, and enjoy time together with family and friends of the Corps. In addition to our two meetings and practices, we look forward to the Shriner Days in Greenville, SC at the Hospital. This two day event will be on Friday and Saturday, March 13 & 14. Last year Oasis was well represented during the very informative tour that was lead by the staff. We follow that up with the annual family bowling night on Saturday, March 21st at North Cross Lanes in Huntersville. One last “family” note. Everyone in the D&B would like to congratulate Noble Joey Ham and Lady Lindsey on the birth of their new baby daughter.

Finally, it is never too soon to remind you of our big hospital fundraiser. On Saturday, May 2nd, we will have the 5th annual Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps Car & Truck Show! Held on Main Street in Mount Holly, as part of their Spring Fest activities, the show has grown each year. This is a 100% “hospital event”. All proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children. There is a wide variety of vehicles that enter the show. Do you have, or do you know someone that has a car or truck that should be seen by hundreds of car and truck lovers? If so, we sure hope that you will come out and take part in this fun day. We invite you to visit and “like” us on our facebook page, “Oasis Shriners Drum & Bugle Corps”. Remember, “When the hospital wins, we all win”!

2015 INSTALLED OFFICERS



GREENSBORO SHRINE CLUB

Pictured: Noble John Cable, President; Illustrious Sir Todd Ham, Installing Officer; Noble Leroy Maynard, 1st Vice President; Noble Ken Whitesell, Secretary
Not Pictured: Noble Roy Williams, 2nd Vice President; Noble Bill DePriest, Treasurer



NEW RIVER SHRINE CLUB

L-R: Noble Randy Williams, 2nd VP; Noble Larry Woodie, President; Noble Cliff Phillips, Secretary; Noble Everett Dukes, Treasurer; Noble John Miles, Chaplain; Noble Mike Sawyer, 2nd VP

Gaston County Shrine Club

505 Pinkney Road
Dallas, NC 28034



What: Monthly Club Meeting
When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
Social - 6:30 PM Meal - 7:00 PM Meeting - 7:30 PM
Where: 505 Pinkney Road Dallas, NC 28034

www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com

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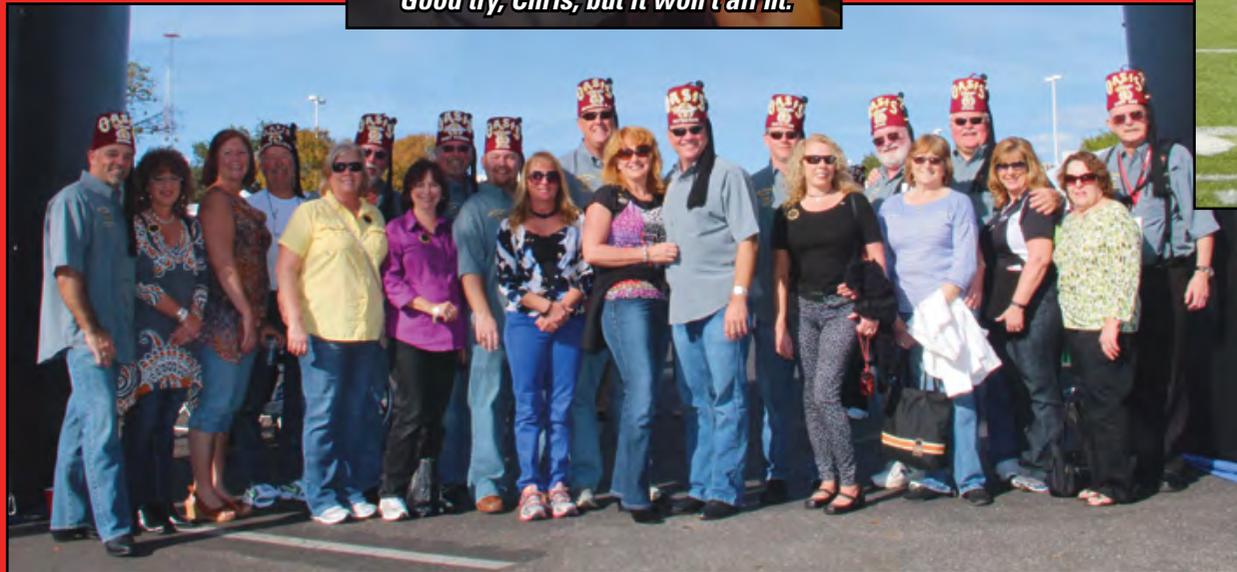
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Complimentary admission for Golf Tournament players

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c/o Steve Phillips
78 Honeysuckle Woods
Lake Wylie, SC 29710
- Questions?
Contact: Steve Phillips_704-905-3894

Friday, April 17, 2015 - River Hills Country Club - Lake Wylie
10:00am Check-in and Lunch (included), 11:00 am Shotgun, *Shambel Format*

Player #1 - Captain		
First name	Last name	
Home address		
City	State	Zip
Email address	Handicap	
Phone #	Shirt Size	

Player #3		
First name	Last name	
Home address		
City	State	Zip
Email address	Handicap	
Phone #	Shirt Size	

Player #2		
First name	last name	
Home address		
City	state	zip
Email address	Handicap	
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Benefits include: • 1 team entry (for four players) in the Lake Wylie Classic; • (4) tournament logo visors and 1 dozen Pro V1 balls; • recognition in all publicity before and after the event; • signs at both the reception and tournament; • hole sponsorship with special **Gold** signage; • recognition during the Opening Reception and the Awards Reception after the tournament; • recognition in *The Desert Dust* newsletter

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Oasis Membership Team Update and New Member - Vice Chairman for Masonic Relations

Illustrious Sirs and Nobles,

In keeping with the Roadmap to Membership Success document shared by Shriners International as well as the ongoing strengthening of our Oasis Membership Team, I have been in the process of scheduling individual meetings with select Oasis nobles to fill new key positions on the Membership Team.

In 2014, we built a strong, core team that includes our 8 District Reps and 91 Blue Lodge Ambassadors. We've also asked for the name of a noble from each club and unit who will serve as the "Membership Outreach" position for their respective clubs and units. These nobles will serve as a critical communication and membership component of our overall strategies moving forward (adding about another 80 nobles to the Team). These nobles will be invited to the Oasis Membership Seminar on Saturday afternoon, January 24 (to be held following the Club and Unit Officers' Orientation).

Noble Jack English once suggested to me that if we can create a Membership Team that is 200-300 strong, then the force would be unstoppable. I agree - and we continue to work toward such a vision. Our membership numbers after this year are the best they have been in quite some time thanks to countless hours of work from many dedicated nobles not the least of which are our District Reps.

As part of the Roadmap to Membership Success and as one of my long-term goals as Membership Chairman, I will soon be filling the roles of four (4) Vice Chairmen - Masonic Relations, Recruitment, Retention, and Restoration.

I'm pleased to share that I had an outstanding meeting with Noble Rory Byers during the holidays and he has accepted the position of Vice Chairman for Masonic Relations. Noble Rory brings youth, energy, zeal, novel concepts, and diligence to the team. He is an active Endowed Member of Cherokee Lodge 146 in Murphy. Noble Rory is the Charter Secretary of the newly created Oasis Young Shriners Club. He has served as both secretary and treasurer of the Western North Carolina Shrine Club and will serve as its president in 2015. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Noble Rory's communications with his fellow officers of the Young Shriners Club have been nothing short of stellar. I have had the pleasure of observing his positive interactions with members of our fraternity for several months and have full confidence in his abilities to serve the Membership Team with great passion. Noble Rory is aware of the excellent relationship we experience in North Carolina between our three temple Divans and our Grand Lodge and how fortunate we are in this regard.

A wise, elder Shrine-Mason once told me, "*When you need something done, look around you and find the busiest person - then go ask him.*" There's truth in those words.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Noble Rory to the Membership Team in this new capacity.

YITE,
Chris



2015 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES



Incentive 1:

If an Oasis Noble is a top-line signer for three (3) or more men who join Oasis in 2015, then Oasis will pay the signer's 2016 Oasis dues.

Incentive 2:

If a new 2015 Oasis Noble joins a club or unit in 2015, then Oasis will pay his 2016 club or unit dues.

**Questions? Contact Membership
Chairman Chris Hall at 704-813-4624.**



2015 OASIS GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Oasis Shriners will host a genealogy seminar on **Sunday, August 16, 2015** at Oasis Headquarters.

Have you ever been interested in researching your family history and lineage but do not know where to begin? Have you ever heard of ancestry.com or thought about using it to explore your family heritage? Come join us at Oasis to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

More information will be forthcoming about this event in future editions of the Desert Dust as well as on the Oasis website at oasisshriners.org and the Oasis Facebook page at www.facebook.com/oasisshrine.



Shrine Bowl News



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Oasis Shrine Rejoins Shrine Bowl

The membership of Oasis Shrine in Charlotte, NC overwhelmingly approved a resolution presented by Potentate David Sumpter at their Annual Meeting and Election of Officers in December to rejoin the event(s) of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

The Board of Governors of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas unanimously approved the resolution which was brought before their meeting prior to the 2014 Shrine Bowl game in Spartanburg, SC. Several amendments to the Shrine Bowl's bylaws were submitted to incorporate the Oasis Shrine and will be voted on at their annual meeting in February. Oasis Shrine incoming Potentate, Todd Ham, and Recorder Gary Taylor, PP, were at the meeting and expressed their pleasure in rejoining the association. Several members of the Board of Governors and of the game committee are members of Oasis Shrine. Over the past five years members of the Oasis Shrine Divan have been attending the game.

Noble Todd told the board that watching his father cross the field at Memorial Stadium in Charlotte as a member of the Oasis Drum and Bugle Corps inspired him to

become a Mason and a Shriner. Todd eventually crossed that field as a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps. He is please that Oasis Shrine will be a part of the Shrine Bowl again. Hopefully we will see Illustrious Sir Todd, his father, brother and two sons participate in the 2015 Shrine Bowl parade with the Oasis Drum and Bugle Corps.

Several members of the Oasis Shrine came up with the idea of an All-Star high school football game in 1937. Oasis Shrine, along with the other shrine centers in the Carolinas, formed a non-profit corporation to produce the annual game which was conducted at Memorial Stadium in Charlotte until 2001. The game was moved to Rock Hill, SC in 2001 when the leadership of Oasis Shrine pulled their support of the game due to a difference of opinion in the management of the game. In 2004, the game was moved to and currently remains in Spartanburg, SC.

Upon approval of the bylaws amendments by the International Shrine Headquarters in Tampa, FL, Oasis Shrine will become an equal sponsor along with Sudan Shrine, New Bern, NC; Amran Shrine, Raleigh, NC; Jamil Shrine, Columbia, SC; Hejaz Shrine, Mauldin, SC and Omar Shrine, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Board of Governors Meeting

The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Board of Governors met on December 19th, 2014 at the Marriott Hotel in Spartanburg, SC. All Shrine Centers were represented. Also in attendance was Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss, Kem Shrine; Jerry Gantt, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Arabia Shrine; and Kenny Craven, Imperial Outer Guard, Omar Shrine. The board voted unanimously to accept the resolution that Oasis Shrine rejoin the association. Several bylaw changes were read regarding the addition of Oasis Shrine and they were laid over to the Annual Meeting on February 28th, 2015. Illustrious Sir Jerry Hicks PP, Recorder, Omar Shrine reported that he had been contacted by the Mayor of Myrtle Beach, SC about moving the game to Myrtle Beach. The request will be sent to a Site Selection Committee.



East-West Shrine Game

Several members of the Shrine Bowl attended the East-West Shrine Game in St. Petersburg, FL on Saturday, January 17th. The game is the oldest all-star football game in the nation and includes college senior all-stars coached by NFL coaches. Chairman of the Board Ronnie Blount and Lady Jocelyn, President Jamie Smith and Administrator French Harvey and Lady Julie represented the Shrine Bowl.

Shrine Bowl Alumni, University of South Carolina Dylan Thompson, was a quarterback on the West squad. Dillon played in the 2009 Shrine Bowl from Boiling Springs High School. His brother, Daniel, was a quarterback on this year's Shrine Bowl also representing Boiling Springs High School.

At the game they met up with representatives of Oasis Shrine.

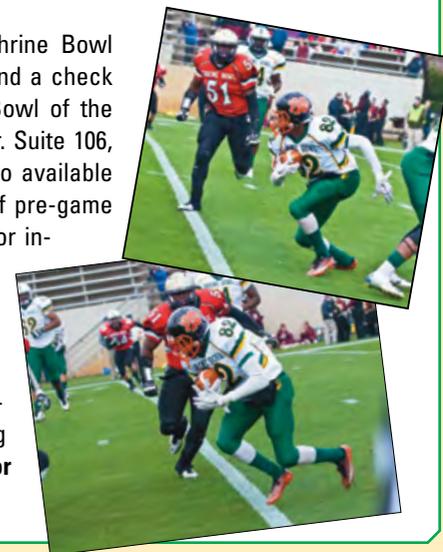


Shrine Bowl Game DVDs & Photos

DVD's of the ESPN broadcast of the Shrine Bowl Games are available for sale. To order, send a check for \$15.00, made payable to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and send to 377 Ruben Center Dr. Suite 106, Ft. Mill, SC 29708. Game Programs are also available - \$5.00. There are also a limited number of pre-game videos available. Call or email the office for information.

DVD'S OF THE 2014 GAME WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 2015.

The player portraits and game photos are also available by contacting **Carolina Sports, Inc. at sportsbanner.com or 800-951-3686, ext. 4.**



Freemasonry's Obsession With Empty Chairs

by *Midnight Freemasons Founder, Todd E. Creason*

Here's a little known fact about Freemasons—they are obsessed with empty chairs. You don't have to talk very long to just about any group of Masons, and the subject of all those empty chairs comes up. "We've got to fill those empty chairs in our Lodges!" they'll exclaim. The Blue Lodges are worried about empty chairs. The Scottish Rite is worried about those empty chairs. The York Rite is worried about empty chairs. The Shrine. Amaranth. Order of the Eastern Star. "We've got to fill those blessed empty chairs!"

Grand Lodges come up with plans to increase membership. Here in Illinois, just since I've

been a Mason we've had several different ideas about how to fill those chairs. We went from 2B1ASK1 to being able to ask somebody if they'd like to join our Fraternity. We still have empty chairs. One of our Grand Masters, a good friend of mine, had a great plan. Every member should add a member to their Blue Lodge. He was known to always have petitions in his pocket. We did add members, but we still have empty chairs. My York Rite Chapter back when I joined came up with a magic number of new members they'd like to add that year, and they worked tirelessly, putting on degrees, and putting guys through the Chapter. They add-



ed a large number of new members. I was one of those guys that went through then. Guess what? They still have empty chairs!

The problem is, we're asking the wrong question. The question isn't how can we fill those chairs—the question is why are those chairs empty to begin with?

When I joined the Lodge, it was because I was looking

for something. I wanted to improve myself. I wanted to learn new things. I wanted to gain new skills. I wanted to be more active in my community. I wanted to be a

part of something traditional and something ancient. In an ever changing world, I wanted something in my life that remained steady and consistent. And I've found all those things, but not entirely within the walls of my Lodge. Much of what I've gained has been through my own explorations and studies into the Craft. If it hadn't been for my own initiative I'm not sure I would have found that greater meaning that makes my

Lodge attendance and participation so fulfilling.

Our chairs are empty because so many of our Lodges have gotten so involved with the business of Freemasonry, they've forgotten the purpose of the Craft—to make good men better by constantly working to improve ourselves. We spend so much time reading minutes, and reciting committee reports, we forget that we're supposed to be learning something as well. The expectation of our membership versus the reality of our meetings is the reason so many of our chairs are empty.

The world is a busy place, and very few men are willing to waste a couple hours of their time once or twice a month to sit through

a meeting when the only thing they might learn in that meeting is that the Lodge's building insurance went up 8% from last year, and somebody needs to make sure we have enough pancake mix by Saturday's breakfast.

There's no sense in worrying about how to fill those chairs in your Lodge if you aren't willing to figure out why they are empty to begin with. We must do better. Like it was said in that famous movie "Field of Dreams"—if you build it they will come. Your Lodge will start seeing fewer and fewer empty chairs when you start giving your members, old and new, the thing we promised them in the beginning.

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OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS



Oasis Shrine Wagoneers are currently seeking new members.

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Please contact Benjie Creasman at 704-860-4976 or ddgl36districtnc@gmail.com if interested.

Meetings usually in the Gaston/Mecklenburg area. Family is always welcome and encouraged to attend meetings.



2015 OASIS CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT CLASS

Oasis Shriners is proud to partner with Carolinas First Defense in Kings Mountain to offer a North Carolina Concealed Carry Permit Holder class for any Oasis Noble, his family, friends, and prospective new members who would like to participate. The class will be held on **Saturday, August 15, 2015** at Carolinas First Defense located at 1334 Phifer Road in Kings Mountain. Here are the details:

- \$80 per person for the class or \$40 per person for a "refresher course" (lunch is included with both)
- The student is to bring a holster, handgun, 50 rounds of ammunition, eye protection, and ear protection (or rent all necessary items from Carolinas First Defense for a fee of \$35)
- The training facility has heat, A/C, and restrooms
- "Training Guarantee" - If the permit holder is ever involved in a situation with proper concealed use, then Carolinas First Defense will provide assistance with legal needs at no cost.
- The trainers are licensed and both serve as North Carolina Highway Patrolmen. They are currently ranked 11th in the world and 4th in the nation in the International Sniper competition (in 2011, they were first in the nation).
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The Oasis Camping Club

2015 Oasis Camping Club Itinerary

APRIL 23-24-25

Anchor Down RV Resort @ Dandridge, TN--
-Phone: 877-784-4446---Sites 110 thru 123.
Sites are \$49.00 with a 25% discount weekdays and a 15% discount on Friday and Saturday. Sites must be booked by Nov 1st to lock in for Campout. There will be a Steak & Potato Dinner served on Friday April 24th At 6 pm. anyone wishing to add a dish/dessert to this meal is encouraged to do so. Takes at least 10 to be considered a group and get the discount so "Get-em-Booked" This Is "The Cadillac" of Campgrounds We have been to.

JUNE 4-5-6

Pride RV Resort @ Maggie Valley---Phone 828-926-1645---- Sites on G Row are Creek side. Creek side Rate is \$35.00 per night. Non-Creek side Sites are \$30.00 per night. This will be in conjunction with The Spring Ceremonial which will be held in Maggie Valley. The Club will have access to The Pride Center on Friday Night at which time we will have one of Our "Good 'ole" Pot Luck Dinners.

JULY 16-17-18

Mayberry Campground @ Mt Airy, NC....
Phone: 336-789-6199 Sites 18 thru 31 will be available to a first serve basis. Rates will be \$30.00 per night. They would like these books as soon as you can to ensure availability. We will also be able to use the pavilion and the large fire ring in this area.

SEPTEMBER 17-18-19

Ocean Lakes Family Campground @ Myrtle Beach, SC--- Phone: 877-510-1413 ----Sites are "somewhat" in the same area we have been at Ocean Lakes. They are all Concrete Slabs with Pull-Thru parking and are in the 2050's, 2060's, 2080's & 2090's. They are a short walk away from a Beach Entrance Gate. We will get the lowest possible group rate yet to be determined as there is a possible increase for the 2015 season. These Sites are on a first come first serve basis.

OCTOBER 22-23-24

Tom Johnson Camping Center @ Marion, NC---Phone: 800-225-7802-----Sites are all in the paved area with concrete slabs. Nightly rate will be \$28.00. This will be our last Campout of the year and our annual business meeting. The Up-Stairs Meeting Room at The Service Center has been set aside for our use along with the use of the Lobby area after hours.

NOTE: All sites are Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. Most sites will be open to come early or stay late; these arrangements must be made when booking for camp-out. Meals and other functions will be discussed as we go into this 2015 season. Thanks for your support. If I can be of assistance please feel free to email dawwhite@bellsouth.net or call 828.234.1293.

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David White, President 828-234-1293 dawwhite1@bellsouth.net

~ GOOD NEWS FROM THE PAST MASTERS ~

The Oasis Past Masters Unit is "on the grow"!

Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the Oasis Spring Ceremonial, June 5-7, 2015 in beautiful Maggie Valley! Now is the time to secure those petitions for Oasis. Illustrious Sir Todd and Lady Mary are planning a great week-end for all in the mountains of Western North Carolina. You do not want to miss this!

Also, we will have a Past Masters Unit Meeting during the ceremonial week-end. Please watch your e-mail and your 'snail mail' boxes for the times and places.

Do you know a Shrine-Mason who has completed his year as Master? Would you ask him to join The Past Masters? . If you need an application for the unit contact Captain Terry Jones or Secretary Gordy Peeler. Their contact information follows:

If you are interested in being active in the Unit as a Sergeant, as a Blue Lodge Ambassador, or a Corporal, or if you would like to explore becoming a member of the Past Masters Unit, please do not hesitate to contact: Terry Jones, P.M., P.P., Captain, 5002 White Oak Dr., Lexington, N.C. 27295, Phone (336) 764-5502, e-mail: tkjonespp@gmail.com, or Past Masters' Secretary, Noble Gordy Peeler, P.M., 520 Cantiberry Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146, phone (704) 279-5764. He can be reached by e-mail at gordypeeler@msn.com.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

AMBITION: A GOOD THING?

"For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." - James 3:16

In the Bible, in the Book of James, we read about "selfish ambition". We know that if our ambition is energized by our desire to do good, then people will be helped, people will be employed, and positive progress will be made.

We also know if our ambition is energized by a lust for power, by envy, greed and selfishness our ambition is a negative force that can create disorder and wickedness.

In his inspirational book, Something to Smile About, the late, great motivational speaker and author Zig Ziglar, quotes Henry Van Dyke (a Presbyterian Minister!) as saying:

"There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high

in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher."

And, later Zig quotes George Matthew Adams as saying, *"He climbs highest who helps another up"*.

Reading these words, reminds us of our Shriners Hospitals for Children "tag line" of a few years ago, *"No man ever stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child"*. We can use these inspirational words in our day-to-day life. As Shriners, we may very well say, "We stand taller when we stoop to lift our brother higher".

And, how do we lift our brother higher? Simple: an encouraging word, a smile, saying, "I do not know how you



John H. Stanley,
P.P., Chaplain

feel, but I am certainly sorry that you must go through "this valley". How can I help?"

In the closing paragraph of the chapter on Ambition, Zig Ziglar writes: *"From my perspective, people who have ability, and do not use that ability represent one of the real tragedies of life. The old saying that you either "use it or lose it" is true. In a nutshell, ambition, fueled with compassion and direction, can be powerful force for good."*

John Stanley, P.M., P.P ('97) is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners. He is Chaplain, McLean Funeral Directors (Gastonia), and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. In the fiscal Shrine Year, 2012-13, he served Shriners International Imperial Potentate Al Madsen as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.

Rowan Shrine Club Spring 2015

Fish Fry Saturday

April 25, 2015
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Fish Plate with all the trimmings and a drink

Hot Dogs Also Available

\$11 Advanced Adult

\$12 at door Public is Welcome



Children
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Any questions, please contact the Temple at 704-549-9600.

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\$15 donation

All proceeds benefit
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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 2nd Sunday of each quarter
3 pm - Lone Star Restaurant
700 Sullivan Rd. Statesville, NC

Captain: Charles Hale

Home: (336) 696-2652 • Cell: (336) 902-9090

Lieutenant: Thomas Sumpter Cell: (828) 361-8532

Secretary-Treasurer: Pat Stanly (336) 775-0620



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

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@ 1:00 p.m.

Awards
@ 3:00 p.m.

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Gator Tales

WINTER 2015



The Gator Patrol Unit of Oasis Temple have met monthly in this new year with Larry Hale presiding as new Captain. Noble Ken Jarrett was representing the Divan; Kenny was recognized as the organizer of the Gator Patrol which is celebrating its 10th year in 2015. At each meeting, after the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer, the group gathers to enjoy a meal prepared by David and Judy Bowman before the business meeting. Sick reports/prayer requests are presented and Happy Birthday singing to those who share this month's birthday...Secretary and Treasurer's report shared, and approved. Old business... thanks were given by Larry Huffman for all the 29+ Gators and Gals who participated in the meal preparation/ serving for the Installation Dinner for 750+ in Charlotte ...special thanks to the ten Hickory Sam's Club volunteers who helped us pull this off along with the Catawba County Shrine Club. Club Manager, Danny Beam thanked all who were present for their help in celebrating Cordell Harris' 60th anniversary dinner/party recently at the Shrine Club building in Newton... Thanks were also given for all who helped at the recent 21st annual Game Day Party held on Sunday, February 1st at the American Legion Building in Hickory. Recognition was given to Sadie Ellenburg, Dennis Grigg and Brenda Huffman for the embroidered Gator Picture installed in the lobby of our Shrine Club building.

NEW BUSINESS: UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 21st...HillBilly Degree at our Clubhouse...12 candidates possibly.
 March 13-14...open house at the Shriner's Hospital in Greenville, SC...One will be able to view and visit all of the facilities...surgery rooms, etc...This doesn't occur often because of the sterility cleaning required after an open house.
 March 27-28...Ceremonial in Pigeon Forge, TN
 June 5,6,7...Maggie Valley Spring Ceremonial...Captain Hale has booked us a block of rooms...Gators should call 828.926.9106 to book their rooms.

Gators were invited to the Crawley's mountain house for their July meeting...actual date to follow...no rain requested!!

Motion was made to proceed with possibility of adding a costumed Mascot or two with each a trailer to enhance the Gators' Straight Line unit's parade performance. Proposal will follow at the next meeting.

John Deere Parade unit Gator FOR SALE...with or without trailer...First option given to the Gator Patrol unit...Inquiries to Larry Hale.

"And that's the way it was...See ya' later Gator"

Shriners on Bikes

Shriners on Bikes met in early November 2014. The SOB's were recharter as a riding club vs a motorcycle club. Our purpose is for Shriners with motorcycles to come together ride and have fun while supporting other clubs in units when possible. We will meet quarterly and weather permitting ride. There will be other rides scheduled based on the interests of the Riding Club. If you own a motorcycle and want to ride and have fun with other Shriners contact one of our Officers below.

President Tommy Helms – 704-621-9308

VP- Dennis Grigg – 828-781-0062

Treasure P.P III Sir Gary Taylor – 704-507-3693

Secretary Tim Morgan – 704-634-8476

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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 2nd Thurs. of the month
- Annual Keystone Kop Golf Tournament
- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
- Antique Car Show Appearances
- **Bring Your Wife & Kids!**

Contact

**Captain Bob
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 Information:**

704-671-8517
 robert.cowdrey
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OASIS HILLBILLY DEGREE

Hosted by Metrolina Shrine Club

5930 Brookshire Blvd. CLT NC 28216

Phone: 704-393-5881 PO Box 781 Paw Creek NC 28130

Saturday April 11th

**Doors open at 11:00 AM, Lunch at Noon,
 Men's degree at 1:00, Ladies around 2:30**

Poor man lunch:

(Pinto Beans, Chili Beans, Slaw & cornbread)

Homemade desserts also provided.

Please RSVP and/or Register by 4-3-2015 with
Noble Steve Chachoff 704-392-3848

2015 OASIS SCHEDULE

March 4-8	Oriental Guide School (Kenny Jarrett)
March 8	Day Light Savings Time Starts
March 8-12	Asst. Rabban School (Mike Neaves)
March 12	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm. Oasis
March 13	Patrol Past Captains
March 13, 14	Greenville Shriners Hospital Open House
March 27, 28	Spring SASA Pigeon Forge, Tn.
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 9	Stated Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
April 15-18	Shrine Director's Savannah, Ga. Alee Shriners
April 24-25	Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
April 25	Rowan County Fish Fry
April 30 - May 1	Public Relations Conference
May 1, 2	Paper Sale
May 10	Mother's Day
May 14	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
May 15	White Plains Golf Tournament
May 25	Memorial Day
June 5-7	Spring Ceremonial (Maggie Valley)
June 11	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
June 12-13	NFL Alumni Golf Tournament
June 19-21	Family Fun Day
June 21	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 5-9	Imperial Session Houston, Tx.
July 16	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
July 18	Shrine's Awareness & Auction Day (Oasis)
July 25-26	Piedmont Shrine Club Golf Tournament
August 11	Shrine 100 Race, Gastonia
August 13	Stated Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
August 15	Conceal Carry Class
August 16	Genealogy Class (Oasis)
September 7	Labor Day
September 10	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
September 16	Shooting For Cain (Golf Tournament)
September 17-20	SASA Fall Meeting, Myrtle Beach
September 25-27	Grand Lodge NC
September 26	Rowan County Fish Fry
October 1-3	Membership Seminar (Johnny Burgess)
October 7	Drum and Bugle Golf Tournament
October 8	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
October 9,10	Oxford Homecoming
October 15-20	Potentate Trip (ARUBA)
October 23-24	Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
October 24	Patrol Covered Dish (Sand's Restaurant)
October 30-31	Fall Ceremonial (Charlotte)
November 6	Rowan County Oyster Roast
November 12	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
November 18	Oasis Circus Fletcher
November 20	Oasis Circus Cabarrus
November 21	Oasis Circus Cabarrus
November 26	Thanksgiving
December 4	Patrol Covered Dish
December 5	Stated Divan meeting 11:00am
December 5	Oasis 2016 Elections
December 12	Gator Breakfast/Cat Square
December 19	Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas
December 25	Christmas

Donations

CLUBS/UNITS

\$1,635.00	Appalachian Shrine Club - 2014 Fundraisers	House of Vacuums (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
\$377.21	Appalachian Shrine Club - Donation	Joshua Johnson (Oasis Drum & Bugle)
\$7,620.00	Crowders Mountain Shrine Club - 2014 Fundraisers	Kayren S Brantley (Oasis Clowns)
\$50.00	East Burke Shrine Club - Year Bars	Kevin R Dennis (Rowan Shrine Club)
\$775.00	Lexington Shrine Club - 2014 Year Bars	Lacy H Thornburg
\$8,640.43	Lincoln County Shrine Club - 2014 Fundraisers	Merritt C Fouts (Smoky Mtn Shrine Club)
\$900.00	Oasis Hillbilly Parade - Donations	Mountain Creek Baptist Church (Robbinsville Shrine Club)
\$13,000.00	Rowan Shrine Club - 2014 Oyster Roast	Mountain Creek Baptist Church (Robbinsville Shrine Club)
Arnold & June Wilson (Oasis Patrol)		Myron L Corets
Blue Mountain Coffee Grill (Western NC Shrine Club)		Ray J Hough
Buford E Fannon		Richard A Bass
Charles D Millson		Robert L Saye, Sr
Clyde N Wagoner		Roland S Napier
David E Wulfhorst		Samuel E Leftwich
Don Rhoney (Oasis Scooter Patrol)		Teresa Wolfe (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Duncan E Vaughn		Thomas W Johnson
Edmund B Cook		Timothy S Gosey
Edmund G Tubel		Tony B Brooks
Edward & Carol Nitzsche (Western NC Shrine Club)		Willie L Ervin, Jr
Greater Charlotte Automobiel Dealers Inc (Oasis Clowns)		
Heritage Motors (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)		

PASSED WITHIN THE UNSEEN TEMPLE

— MARCH 2015 —

MEMBER#	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
27155	Orman D Key	Cherokee, NC	1/29/77	3/7/14
15429	James I Miller, Jr.	West Jefferson, NC	5/23/58	9/12/14
35684	Henry W Ware	Beaufort, NC	11/7/92	9/17/14
19644	Bobbie J Butler	Elkhart, IN	10/21/67	11/21/14
17889	Carl A Bufflar, Jr.	Asheville, NC	10/17/64	12/24/14
38558	Winfred L Waite	Mount Holly, NC	5/9/69	12/25/14
29843	Haywood M Cope	Salisbury, NC	5/30/81	12/30/14
29121	Clifford O Stoutz	Greensboro, NC	11/10/79	1/2/15
38633	Richard L Rozzelle	Hickory, NC	11/6/04	1/6/15
32475	James T Bruce, Jr.	Candler, NC	11/9/85	1/7/15
39817	John A Phares	Hickory, NC	3/20/10	1/8/15
21371	Jimmie C Hill	Gastonia, NC	5/2/70	1/17/15
31436	James H Mixson, Jr.	Timmonsville, NC	11/5/83	1/18/15
29066	Rex R Stilwell	Lenoir, NC	11/10/79	1/19/15
25069	Lucius A Elrod, Jr	Salisbury, NC	10/26/74	1/20/15
22364	Rufus B Overcash	Waxhaw, NC	5/15/71	1/22/15
19471	Jack L Presler	Rockingham, NC	5/27/67	1/26/15
19510	David C White, Jr.	Greensboro, NC	5/27/67	1/27/15
14944	Robert W Huntley	Wadesboro, NC	1/17/57	1/30/15
32395	Perry M Jones	Charlotte, NC	8/24/85	2/2/15
19097	Max L Gouge, Sr.	Spruce Pines, NC	10/15/66	2/5/15

Dear Nobles,



**Shriners Hospitals
for Children®**

We are excited to announce the kick-off of our annual Love to the rescue® campaign this month as part of our on going commitment to raise awareness for the hospitals' mission to provide advanced medical care to children with special health care needs regardless of the families' ability to pay.

New to the campaign this year our patients share what Love is to them through a national advertising initiative. In the ads, we demonstrate how Shriners Hospitals for Children® sends Love to the rescue every day through the eyes of our patients. The ads, which encourage supporters to call or go online to make a donation, will air nationally on broadcast stations.

To accompany the national advertising initiative, we are distributing new Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for radio and television stations to educate the public about the care and services available regardless of the families' ability to pay. The PSAs remind the public that Shriners Hospitals for Children's advanced medical care could help a child they know. Each PSA features local contact information for the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children and are available in English and Spanish.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Watch the PSA. Please go online and watch what Love is to our patients. Share this with friends and family members so that others may know the importance of sending Love to the rescue.

Visit the Wall of LOVE. At the Wall of LOVE you can send a message to a patient, or share a story of how Love came to the rescue for you. These messages and firsthand accounts of how Love has touched lives, give hope and inspiration to our patients and families.

Shop for love. This Valentine's Day, when you remember the ones you love, send them flowers or gifts from our partners at Shop for LOVE™. For every order placed, \$10 will be contributed to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Thank you for your help and support. We couldn't do it without you!

Yours in the faith,

Dale Stauss, Imperial Potentate

REMINDER:

All ads & articles for the April edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted by March 10

4th

Friday of the Month

"Having Fun - And Helping Children"



Swing Dance
\$10.00

4th Saturday of the Month

- Lessons from 7- 8 pm
- Dance from 8-12 pm



Club Dance Night
\$10.00

1st Friday of the Month

Stiletto Band

- Doors Open at 6:00 pm
- No Club Dance Friday, July 4th



Upcoming Events

- Elvis with Stephen Freeman and other musicians coming in October
- Celebrate New Year's Eve

Seating starts at 6:00 pm with buffet dinner at 7:15 pm

Additional information on all events on the web site

Rent The Shrine Club
Weddings, receptions, parties, dances, memorial services, family reunions and conferences/meetings.
Call 336-707-6588

- Monthly Meeting
Families & Guests Welcome
 - Program with meal and fellowship
 - Doors open at 6:00 pm with social time
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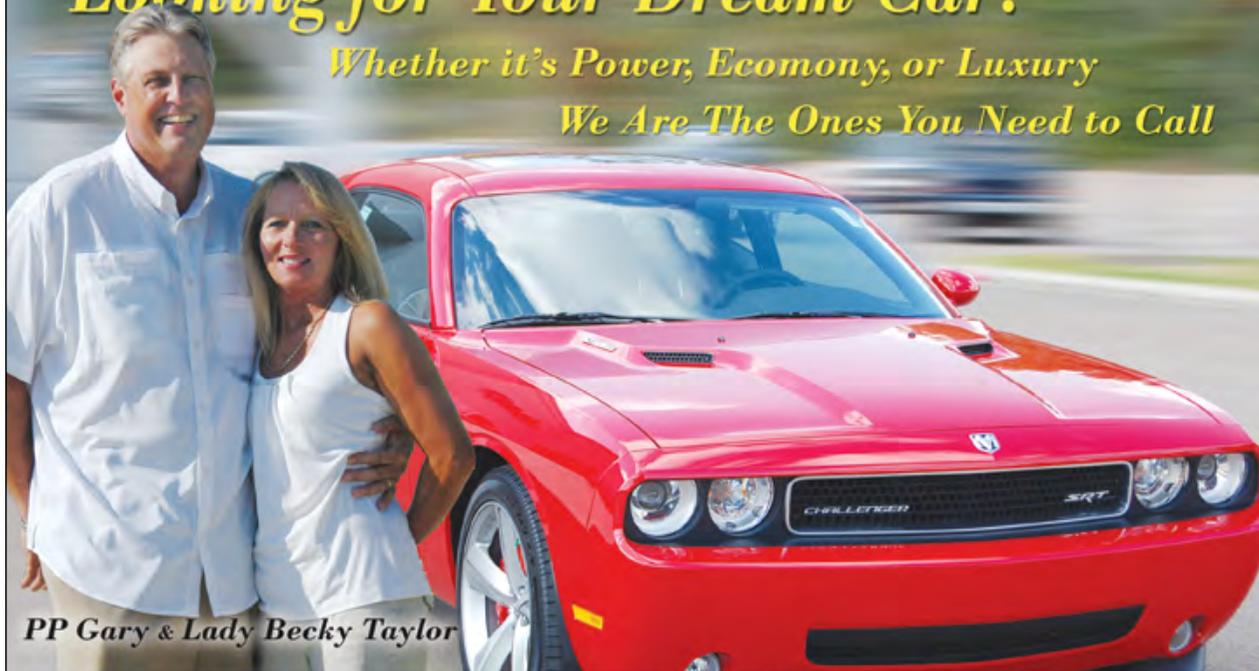
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