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The Potentate's message



Nobles and Ladies, The opportunities for fun, fellowship and support for our Hospitals is endless with the Nobles and Ladies of Oasis Shrine.

I started the month of September with the Cabarrus County Shrine Club Bikes, Blues and BBQ event, riding my bike with the best of them, until it broke down and had to be towed. Nonetheless, the event was great, and the results were even greater.

It was truly a wonderful experience visiting with the Keystone Kops in Belmont. These dedicated Nobles have a car show every Wednesday night right beside the Greenway Pub, and

have raised over \$14,000.00 for our hospitals this year alone. Please stop by on a Wednesday evening and support these guys. We also had time this month to stop by the Tillery Tradition golf course, for the Stanley County annual Shooting for Cain golf and clay shoot.

The life of a Potentate is never dull. With so many events to attend, Lady Mary and I have to sometimes spread ourselves thin, but we enjoy every minute of our Oasis family trips and gatherings. As an example of our travels we began on Friday night at the 50th Annual Moore County Fish Fry in Southern Pines, where they have raised thousands of dollars over the past 50 years. What a record,

and one that stands at the top of the Oasis longevity list. We then drove back home, and started the next day with meetings at Oasis until noon on Saturday, then off to Murphy, NC for the Western NC. Shrine Masonic Unity Night, where I was presented with a check for \$6,000.00 from the golf tournament they held that morning. Congratulations to Noble Justin Byers and the fine work he's doing in the West. Left Murphy at 8:00 am on Sunday morning, drove to Hickory to participate in the Catawba County Poker Run, luckily the Motorcycle held up this time, as we had many stops along the way. The event ends up back at the Catawba county Shrine Club where we are treated to plenty of food and fixings. Back on the bike at 5:00 and home at 6:00 pm, and was fast asleep on the sofa by 6:15. Mary and I drove over 1,000 miles from Friday at 3:00 pm until Sunday evening

at 6:00 pm. Mount Holly sure looked good Sunday evening.

One of the highlights of our year is, of course, SASA. We are so proud of the large number of units that participated in the night parade this year. It is the first time in recent memory the parade has taken place on Friday, and also at night. The crowd was huge, and Oasis members were everywhere... And even though the sky's opened up and rain and wind were blowing horizontal, we Oasis never missed a beat! A special thanks to the Potentate Guard for marching with me step for step, and are actually do a great job of staying in step with the Drum and Bugle corps guys. The banquet on Saturday night was filled with Oasis family, friends, children, grandchildren and a great time was had by all attending. I was especially proud to hand out so many

trophy's that were won by our units on Friday evening. It is always great to see so many of our members enjoying the beach and the sights of Myrtle Beach. A great time to relax, and rekindle friendships from throughout the SASA region.

Momentum is building for our Fall Ceremonial. The Hotels are filling quickly, which means we may have a record crowd. Although there will not be a parade, many of the Units will be there with their vehicles and information to help get our new Nobles involved in the many great Clubs and Units of Oasis. Friday night will feature a hypnotist from the comedy zone. Ceremonial on Saturday morning, followed by our banquet and costume party on Saturday night will feature a great band (Extraordinaires) this weekend stands to be one of the best weekends of the year for our Oasis Family.

The Halloween Costume ball will definitely be a sight to behold. Hope you are planning your consume now. There will be lots of competition. Keep in mind that we are providing a shuttle service to the hotels from Oasis headquarters. So leave your car keys in the hotel, and let us provide your transportation. We want everyone to be safe.

The end of the year is drawing near, and I must say that Lady Mary and I have been blessed to be at the helm of the greatest Shrine Center in the world. It has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will live with us forever. And we owe it all to you - our Oasis Shrine family. Thank you for this great and honorable opportunity. We love each and every one of you.

Yours in the faith
Todd

The Recorder's message



Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. I hope everyone survived the hot summer intact and is ready to enjoy some cooler fall days and evenings.

This month I would just like to share some information regarding the upcoming Tournament of Roses Rose Bowl Parade, taken directly from Shrinershq.org website. I would encourage everyone to visit this site periodically to keep up with the ever-changing Shrine updates.

TAMPA, Fla. (Aug. 19, 2015) – Shriners Hospitals for Children is proud to participate in the 127th Rose Parade® presented by Honda on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in Pasadena, Calif., for the sixth consecutive year.

This year's float, entitled Fezzy Races to Adventure, is the third

consecutive Rose Parade appearance for Fezzy, the popular mascot and honorary member of Shriners International.

This year's float will feature a gigantic fire truck driven by Fezzy, a 17-foot plush bear. This whimsical representation illustrates the commitment of Shriners Hospitals for Children to the overall health and well-being of their patients. The staff is committed to providing both hope and healing, helping patients to overcome challenges and become as confident and independent as possible. They encourage children them to dream big and "race to the adventures" that the future will bring.

Established in 1922, Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system with 22 locations that provide innovative, expert care for orthopaedic conditions, spinal cord injuries,

burns and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay. More than 1 million children and families have benefited from their unique, generous approach to pediatric health care. At Shriners Hospitals for Children, the ability to provide hope and healing in a compassionate, family-centered environment is based on a foundation of nearly 100 years of medical excellence.

"We are excited to be able to participate once again in the Rose Parade," said Jerry G. Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"Our float, Fezzy Races to Adventure, is a great way to show the public our commitment to providing healing in a way that is fun and child-friendly. I believe the children riding on the float will enjoy it and so will the audience."

Riding on the Fezzy Races to Adventure float this year will be representatives from Shriners International, professional NASCAR driver and Shriner David Ragan, national patient ambassadors Clint Crain and Katharine Koonce, and Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles patients.

And here's something I bet you didn't know-The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that annually hosts the Rose Parade®, the Rose Bowl Game® and a variety of associated events. Nine hundred thirty-five volunteer members act as ambassadors of the organization and contribute upwards of 80,000 hours of manpower each year. For additional information on the Rose Parade, visit www.tournamentofroses.com.

And lastly, a bit of education concerning estate and trust settlement after death. I know, none of us ever wish to discuss this item, but alas, at times we must. The following information is also from Shrinershq.org. When a donor who has made a gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children through their will, trust or other beneficiary designation (such as life insurance, individual retirement account, an annuity, bank or brokerage account, etc.) dies, the person responsible for distributing the bequest or gift

(executor, trustee, attorney, etc.) should contact the legal department located at Shriners Hospitals for Children's International Headquarters in Tampa, Florida. The estate and trust team includes two attorneys, paralegals and support staff and has the experience necessary to assist you in carrying out the wishes of our generous donors. More information is available via the website, so surf away!!

O.K., once again you're let me take up way too much of your time, but the items above affect each and every Noble and their Ladies.

Things continue to go 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 *essential* to our hospitals and the children they serve.

Gary



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Oasis Schedule 2015

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

2016

January 1	New Year's Day
January 8	Proposed last Divan meeting for 2015 Pote
January 8	Club/Unit Appreciation/Awards
January 9	2016 Officer Installation

Meet Allison

Hello my name is Allison Brooke Monclis. I'm 5 years old now and going into kindergarten this coming fall. When I was about 8 months old I had a doctor visit for a cold and the doctor keep looking at my back. She said she believed I had scoliosis (curve in the spine). They sent me to the doctors with Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem. They sent me for a MRI which showed I had a tethered cord and Srynx (pockets of fluid in the spinal cord). So when I was 10 months old I had surgery to release the cord. The doctors then decided to wait and see what happens but my mommy wanted a second opinion so she talked with the Shriner's hospital in Greenville, SC. My first visit was in February 2012. The doctor told us the curve was at 20 degrees which is board line of having the body cast put on but let's wait three months and see. We also found out it is called Infantile Scoliosis.

When I went back my spine was a little straighter so the doctor said we give it a few more months and check again. My back got down to about 6 or 8 degree curve so the doctors said we will wait and check again. But at my next visit te curve was at 13 degrees so it was time to do the brace. I went on March 27, 2013 to be fitted for my "butterfly" brace. It hurt alot but the nurses were so nice to me and they gave me many gifts, my 3rd birthday was just 4 days later. Mommy and me went back in about 3 weeks and got my new brace. I had to wear it for 23 hours a day after I got use to it. The brace was my special princess outfit.

I had to wear it for about a year and half and then in October 2014 my x-rays showed good results. So doctor said I only have to wear it at night. Which made me very happy. Then much more good news came at my last visit. May 11, 2015 the doctor said my curve was less then 3 degrees and I don't have to wear the brace this summer. I will go back in October for more x rays and praying that the curve is still straight. The doctors have already told my mommy and daddy that as I grow I may have a few setbacks but they will be there to help. I want to thank you all for all you have done for me.

Allison Monclis
(Allison Monclis)



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2015 Fall Ceremonial

Charlotte, North Carolina

October 30 - November 1, 2015



"What are you doing on Halloween, we just have to ask. How about drinking and dancing and wearing a mask.... Come on over for the harrowing fright that Illustrious Sir Todd Ham and Lady Mary are brewing on Halloween Night!"

If you have never been to the temple or it has been awhile since your last visit, well here is your opportunity to do so. The Fall Ceremonial plans to be a fun filled weekend event that you will not want to miss. Here is a quick summary of what's in store. Friday night, features hypnotist and stand up comic Rich Guzzi performing his comedy hypnosis show. He will be looking for volunteers in the audience. Will you be brave enough to be part of his act? After the show, appetizers and refreshments will be served followed by dancing. Musical entertainment for the evening is DJ Johnny B who specializes in current dance and party music including Rock & Roll, Top Forty, R&B, Hip Hop, Country and Beach/Shag. He also hosts the weekly car show in Belmont for the Oasis Keystone Kops as one of their fundraiser for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Saturday morning will start off with the Oasis Keystone Kops serving fresh hot coffee, donuts and biscuits. All new candidates will check in at the temple with Wendy Rosales, Hospital Coordinator. The Oasis Provost Guard unit will be on hand to escort the candidates through the entire ceremonial process. Lady Mary Ham will have a Ladies Brunch that we highly encourage all new candidate ladies (wife, fiancé, girlfriend) and current Shrine ladies to attend. Shrine Mart will be open for those of you needing to purchase Shrine merchandise. Club & Unit Awareness Day is similar to what schools call an "Open House". Here you will have the opportunity to learn a little bit about each Oasis Club & Unit present and what they have to offer. Who knows....you might walk away joining one or two. We will wrap up the day with the Potentate's Halloween Dance. Dress code is Costume, Costume, Costume, Costume, Costume! Have we stressed that enough? There will be a costume contest in four different categories. Best dressed:

Male, Female, Couple or Group. Dinner will also be served. So remember to contact the temple to RSVP. The Extraordinaires are back in their Halloween getup providing the evening's musical performance. Last but not least, shuttle service will be available both nights.

Friday, Oct 30th

2:00pm-5:00pm

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7:00pm-8:30pm

8:30pm-Midnight

10:00pm-11:00pm

Candidate Early Registration @ Shrine Office
Oasis Hospitality @ Courtyard Marriott
Entertainment: Rich Guzzi Comedy Hypnosis Show
Appetizers served at end of show (*RSVP for attendance*)
Oasis Social (Entertainment: DJ Johnny B)
Oasis Hospitality @ Courtyard Marriott

Saturday, Oct 31

7:30am-8:30am

7:30am-9:00am

7:30am-1:00pm

8:35am

8:15am-8:45am

8:45am

8:45am-9:45am

9:45am

10:00am-11:30am

10:00am-11:00am

11:15am-12:15pm

12:15pm-12:30pm

12:30pm

1:00pm

1:00pm-3:00pm

3:00pm-5:00pm

8:00pm-Midnight

Candidate Registration and Check-in @ Shrine Office
Coffee served by the Oasis Keystone Kops
Shrine Mart @ Carolina Room
Divan membership meeting @ Board Room
Oasis Band prelude
New Candidates assembled @ Auditorium
Welcome by Noble George Wilcox | Prayer by John Stanley, PP | Introduction of Oasis Divan | Presentation of Class Honorees | Creating a Shriner | Membership Presentation
Ladies & non-Shriners excused
Ladies Breakfast @ Sands Restaurant (*Ticket Required*)
1st Part conducted by Oasis Ritualistic Cast
2nd Part conducted by Oasis Director's Staff
Closing by Noble George Wilcox
New Candidate Class Photos
Catered Lunch (*RSVP for attendance*)
Club & Unit Awareness Day
Oasis Hospitality @ Courtyard Marriott
Potentate's Halloween Dance @ Auditorium
(Entertainment: The Extraordinaires) (Dinner served, *RSVP for Attendance*)

Sunday, Nov 1st

9:30am-10:30am

Worship Service @ Courtyard Marriott



Host Hotel

333 West W.T. Harris Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28262

Reservation line: 800-321-2211
Block code: Oasis Shriners Fall
Ceremonial Meeting
Room rates: \$89 per night
Cut-off date: October 19, 2015



Reservation line:
800-445-8667

Block Code: Oasis Shriners
Room rates: \$119 per night
Cut-off date: September 30, 2015

Ladies Brunch \$20 per ticket
Check or Credit Card payments
By October 23, 2015
Call : 704-549-9600

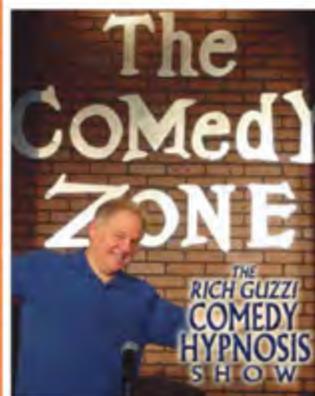
Dress Code: ***Halloween Costume***

Wear your costume either sweet or scary; all are welcome be you ghost or fairy!

*** Dues Card Required***
Shuttle Service Provided

2015 Fall Ceremonial Evening Entertainment

Costume Contests for the best: Male, Female, Couple and Group



The **Rich Guzzi Comedy Hypnosis Show** is actually three shows in one because Rich is part standup comic, part master hypnotist and part motivational speaker. He becomes the Swiss army knife of the stage every night as he relentlessly tours the country and cutting the crowd to ribbons. The show becomes a rock concert when Guzzi invites people from the audience on stage to participate in the hypnosis part of the performance. "It's not your average comedy show" says Rich "When I did only stand up, the attention was all on me and what I was going to say next, now everyone is focused on their friends on stage. It becomes personal, making it thousands of times more powerful and of course, funny!" Don't be misled, Rich Guzzi is still a standup comic and that is what sets his hypnosis show apart from the rest which is quite evident as soon as he hits the stage. Even his preliminary talk about hypnosis hits the funny bone hard and with all the jokes and facial expressions added throughout the show there is no mistaking his comedy roots. Rich also makes time in his show to bring awareness to the benefits of hypnosis. "In the end, all I really want to do is help people" says Guzzi in his unmistakable New York accent. "I am like a cross between Tony Robbins and Tony Soprano and the show as funny as it is its still only a demonstration of what you can do with this powerful tool." The Rich Guzzi Comedy Hypnosis Show is standup comedy, hard-hitting hypnosis show and self-help seminar with some special surprises. Sounds like an offer you can't refuse. <http://richguzzi.com/>



John Barkley, who is **Johnny B.**, is from Lincolnton, North Carolina and has been in the deejay business since 1982. He has worked for several different radio stations in North Carolina including the very popular WRDX "Beach 106" 106.5 FM in Salisbury. John hosted the "Original Sea Cruise" for the Piedmont Superstations Radio Network. In 1996 that show was nominated for a Carolina Beach Music Award. In 2008 John received an "Appreciation Award" from the Carolina Beach Music Academy for his contributions to the music. In 2009 Johnny B was nominated for Mobile/Club Deejay Of The Year by the Carolina Beach Music Awards Academy. Johnny B was nominated for Mobile/Club DJ Of The Year for many years as well as FM Radio DJ and Radio Show Of The Year. In 2014 Johnny B received a CBMA for Club/Mobile DJ Of The Year. Johnny B is currently hosting the "Carolina Beach Party" on Saturday's "Live" 9 am - 1 pm 91.7 FM WSGE Dallas, Charlotte, North Carolina and online www.wsgo.org

The Mobile Entertainment Service was started by John in 1981. His performances have taken him from Columbus, Ohio to Nashville, Tennessee to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and various locations in North and South Carolina. John has co-hosted such greats as Clarence Carter, Percy Sledge, Sonny Turner (Platters), Archie Bell, Maurice Williams, William Bell, Chuck Jackson, Little Anthony & The Imperials, Candi Staton, General Johnson, The Tams, The Platters, The Clovers, The Embers, Atlanta Rhythm Section, Marshal Tucker Band, Poco, Bad Company and the Little River Band as well as many other great beach and top forty groups. His style of music and entertainment has allowed him to perform for the National Drug Enforcement Association (DEA) in Deerfield Beach, Florida; Federal Anti-Terrorist Conference in Asheville, North Carolina; National Honor Society in Nashville, Tennessee; Eastern Hurricane Conference in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina and has performed at many other corporate events.

The Extraordinaires

Formed in the spring of 2003 from a group of guys who love The Classics/Rhythm & Blues, The Extraordinaires have put together a unique blend of music that is sure to get people out of their seats and on the dance floor. From the powerful kickin' horns to the smooth lead vocals, The Extraordinaires have a sound like no other that will keep you coming back.



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**Saturday
October 3, 2015**

**All
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Country Park
3K Run/Walk Race starts at 8:30 a.m.
5K Run/Walk Race starts at 9:15 a.m.

Information and Registration at
www.shrinersruntotherescue.org
Register early for discounts



For Sponsorship Opportunities please contact

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NOTICE OF 2016 ELECTIONS

In accordance with Article 25, §325.1 of the Bylaws of the Shriners International, notice is hereby given for the election of officers of Oasis Shriners at a stated meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Oasis Shrine Center at 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28262. Elected will be the seven officers of the Divan comprising the Board of Directors, including Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest & Prophet, Oriental Guide, Recorder and Treasurer. In addition, election will be held for four representatives to the Imperial Session and two representatives to the South Atlantic Shrine Association.

Article 25, §325.11 Election Regulations

(a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Amend. 2011

Gary D. Taylor, PP
Recorder



SHRINERS, WEAR YOUR FEZ AND GET IN FREE TO PDRA RACES!

The Professional Drag Racers Association (PDRA) recently announced Shriners Hospitals for Children® as its Official Charity. A family-oriented organization, PDRA hopes to bring greater awareness to our mission of sending Love to the rescue®. The PDRA will host fundraisers for Shriners Hospitals at each of their ten events in 2015. Members of the fraternity, Shriners International and patients from local Shriners Hospitals are invited to attend the PDRA events, interact with drivers and watch cars race at 200+ MPH, all while raising awareness for Shriners Hospitals. Please be sure to check out the upcoming dates for a location near you. Wear your fez to get in FREE and enjoy the day at the race! Here are the remaining race dates and locations:

OCTOBER 1-3

Bradenton Motorsports Park
21000 SR. 64
Bradenton, FL

OCTOBER 22-24

Virginia Motorsports Park
8018 Doydton Plank Road
North Dinwiddie, VA

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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Activities Include:

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**Come and join us and
put a smile on the face
of a child!**

Contact **Captain Mark "Shortcake" Murphy, 336-561-3630**

Poor Man's Supper

Sponsored by:

Stanly County Shrine Nobelles

Date of Event

October 3, 2015

Time of Event

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Address

Stanly County
Masonic Center
230 N. 1st Street
Albemarle, NC

Menu

- Pinto beans
- Fried potatoes
- Corn bread
- Cabbage
- Onions
- Fatback
- Desserts
- Tea

Cost: Adult \$7, Child \$3, 12 & under Free

Eat in or Take Out



Gaston County Shrine Club

505 Pinkney Road
Dallas, NC 28034



JOIN US!



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

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



FROM THE OAKS

Monthly E-newsletter and Updates SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

MASONIC HOMECOMING FESTIVAL OCTOBER 9-10, 2015 • OXFORD, NC

MAKE PLANS TO BE THERE TO CELEBRATE YOUR MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN!

FIVES YEARS AND COUNTING . . . For the new Masonic Homecoming Festival. Your Home in Oxford welcomes you, your family and friends and all in your Lodge back to your children's home in Oxford. This weekend celebrates not only our fraternity's incredible history of charity for the children of this state, but the history of those children cared for by our Home and our Masons, alumni of this Masonic Home. We hope you can come and be a part of what continues to be a celebration of charity, history, and changing lives!

It starts Friday, October 9, 2015 with an annual charity golf tournament, hosted by our alumni and open to any and all avid golfers. Call or email the Home for an entry form and make plans to play! Return to campus for our Friday Night Yard Party when cooks from around the state (and country) set up their grills and start the competition to see whose BBQ is the best!!! We are in desperate need of participants, and are still looking for teams from your Lodge and the community. Please call Chris for more information and to enter. Hear Oxford Orphanage alumnus and former Administrator Allen Hughes as part of the Cobb Center 10th Anniversary Reception. On Saturday, October 10, 2015 includes a stated meeting of Orphans Lodge, the State's best Shrine Parade, entertainment from The Embers, featuring Craig Woolard, Homecoming Activities, an Open House Tour of Campus, and judging (and eating!!!) from the 5th Annual BBQ Cook-off!

Check for specific details, times, and locations for all activities below or by visiting our website at www.mhc-oxford.org and clicking the Homecoming Link!



MASONIC HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - OCTOBER 9-10, 2015

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30AM TO 2PM	CHIP SHOTS GOLF TOURNEY	KERR LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
5:30PM TO 9:00PM	5th ANNUAL "YARD PARTY" - MUSIC, CORNHOLE, FOOD, & FUND	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
6:00PM TO 8:00PM	MUSEUM OPEN - 10th ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION - OPEN TO ALL	COBB CENTER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10		
8:00 AM to 9:00AM	ORPHANS LODGE NO. 761 MEETING	MASONIC CENTER - MHCO
7:00 AM to 2:00 PM	CHILDREN'S BOOTHS OPEN	MHCO CAMPUS
8:30 AM to 10 AM	BBQ LUNCH - TICKET PRESALES	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
10AM TO 3PM	MUSEUM OPEN	COBB CENTER
9:15 AM	OPENING AND WELCOME	MAIN STAGE AT ST. JOHN'S
9:45AM TO 11:15AM	SHRINE PARADE	DOWNTOWN OXFORD
11:00AM TO 1PM	LUNCH - ALL-YOU-CAN-SAMPLE - \$10 PER PERSON	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
12:00PM TO 1:30PM	ENTERTAINMENT - THE EMBERS FEATURING CRAIG WOOLARD	MAIN STAGE
9:00AM TO 3:00PM	OPEN HOUSE TOURS - <u>SHUTTLE PROVIDED</u> ELLER COTTAGE/PRINT SHOP (1-3PM)	
3:00PM	CAMPUS CLOSED	

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS VISIT:
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WHAT'S NEW AT HOMECOMING 2015??

- A Friday Night Cornhole Tournament
- Saturday Scrap Exchange
- A Game Truck and Inflatables for the Kids
- A Pumpkin Patch

Take part in these new offerings for MHF 2015!

- PARADE INFORMATION NEEDED?
- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS UPDATES?
- PLACES TO STAY?
- EAT IN AND AROUND OXFORD?

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EXCLUSIVE OFFERS FOR SHRINERS



Sales of special ticket packages have officially kicked-off for the much anticipated 2016 East-West Shrine Game®.

We hope that you will join us for the 91st East-West Shrine Game on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. NFL Network will broadcast the game live and kickoff will be at 4 p.m. EST. Special ticket packages for Shriners (and their guests) are now available. See below for package details:

Premium Reserved Seating Ticket Package

Price: \$30 per person*

Package Benefits: Reserved seat in a premium section at Tropicana Field; \$10 concession voucher; 2016 East-West Shrine Game calendar.

Groups of all sizes can easily be accommodated with this package. Plus, your group can earn 20% commission for your temple on the purchase of 10 or more Premium Reserved Seating Ticket Packages!

VIP Hancock Bank Club Ticket Package for Potentates & Divan members

Price: \$50 per person*

Package Benefits: Exclusive access to the VIP Hancock Bank Club at Tropicana Field, which includes premium suite-level club seating, food and refreshments (cash bar available); commemorative lapel pin; 2016 East-West Shrine Game calendar; special recognition for the 2015 Potentate, if attending the game, to include pre-game introduction on the field and photo recognition in the official game program.**

Due to the overwhelming response last year, all packages must be paid for at time of purchase by credit card. Packages cannot be held for payment; packages cannot be refunded or exchanged.

Contact our game office with any questions, and to order your 2016 East-West Shrine Game ticket packages, at 813-281-8686.

Sincerely,
Harold Richardson
Executive Director

WELCOME TO THE 2015

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SPECIAL PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE

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Las Vegas, Nevada

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THE LIGHTS GO DIM, THE MUSIC BLASTS... THE SECOND HALF, OF YOUR
2015 SHRINE CIRCUS, BEGINS AT LAST

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'PRESENTED BY GEORGE HANNEFORD'

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REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP AND DRIVE FRIENDLY
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

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The running order or appearance of the artists in
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RINGMASTER _____ Ari Steeples
MUSICAL DIRECTOR _____ Scott Emerson
STAGE MANAGER _____ Jairo Obando
ADVANCE SERVICES _____ Esteban Faslio

DUE TO THE INHERENT DANGERS OF CIRCUS PERFORMING, THE PROGRAM OF ACTS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE...

For show dates & times, see the September issue of the Desert Dust

Join A Winning Team



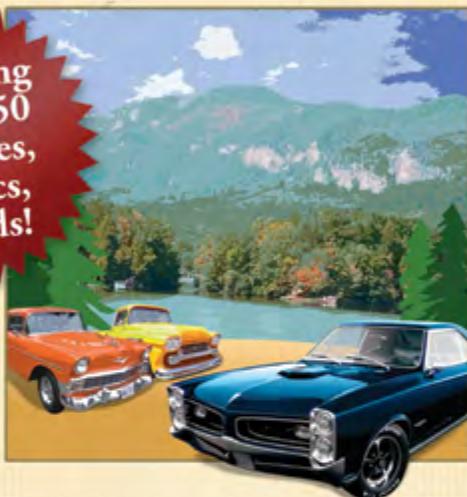
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Register today for the 18th Annual Vintage Tin Car Show hosted by the Vintage Tin Street Rod Association at the beautiful Rumbling Bald Resort in Lake Lure, NC. Show is open to owners of cars and trucks 30 years old or older. **Early registration - \$15 (Now - 9/16/15).** **Day of Show - \$20 (10/3/15 8:00am - 12:00pm).** All proceeds benefit Shriners Children's Hospital.

Overnight lodging is available. Call 877.868.0083 for information.

Cars with trailers please call ahead to make arrangements.

For more information on registration or Association Membership please call 828.245.3383.

Pre-Registration Form *(*Required information)*

*Name _____ Email _____
 Address _____ *Phone _____
 _____ Cell _____
 *Car Make _____ *Model _____

Please mail complete pre-registration form with \$15 payment to:
 Vintage Tin Street Rod Association, 229 Cabin Lake Drive, Bostic, NC 28018

Visit online at RumblingBald.com

Masonic Unity Night

Western NC Shrine Club





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*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.

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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.**

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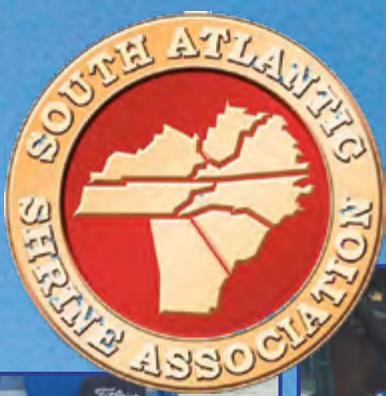
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Scooter Patrol

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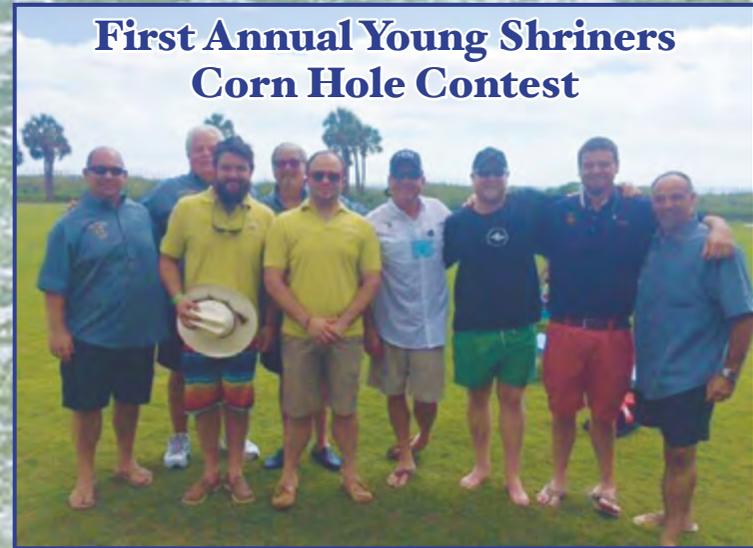


SASA FALL FESTIVAL

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



First Annual Young Shriners Corn Hole Contest





Noble Joe Mandeville held a Rib Fest and collected donations for Shrine Childrens Hospitals. Good job Noble Joe.



OASIS LEADS THE PACK AGAIN

One of the highlights of the SASA yearly meeting is the Parade, and the competition to see which Shrine Center has the best of the best. As usual, Oasis lead the pack. We congratulate the following Parade Units for a job well done. *Keep up the good work, Nobles.*

1ST PLACE

Wagoneers
Patrol
Director Staff
Greeters
Oasis Band
Gator Patrol
Steel Drum Band
Ragtops

2ND PLACE

Drum and Bugle Corps
Surry Mini-Truckers
Oldies
Highlanders

3RD PLACE

Oriental Band
Hospital Trailer (Jim Rorie)
Hillbillies

In addition to the parade trophies, the following Units won trophies in overall competition:

SASPA – Patrol –
1ST PLACE
Obstacle Course – Oasis
500's – **1ST PLACE**



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Oasis Shriners held two extremely successful membership events during the month of August. The concealed carry class and genealogy seminar both proved to be informative and fun for all involved. It would appear that a new Oasis tradition has been started as we are already looking to repeat these popular membership events next year. Thanks to all those involved who worked behind the scenes to make these events a tremendous success.

We hope you and your lady have already made plans to attend the Oasis Fall Ceremonial this year during Halloween weekend. As you have noticed from the ceremonial agenda, the Potentate has arranged for a great weekend full of entertainment for all. Please help us make the Fall Ceremonial a great success by bringing your candidates to enjoy the fun.

Your District Representatives have been hard at work to reduce the list of nobles who are at risk of being suspended at the end of this year for non-payment of dues (NPD). If you know of a noble at risk, please take a moment to reach out to him. Membership is certainly a team effort and we appreciate anything you can do to assist our collective efforts to retain our members. If a lodge is remitting a man's dues as a result of financial hardship or other extenuating circumstances, please let your District Rep or any member of the Oasis membership team know so that we may utilize the Sunshine Fund to assist the noble who is in need.

Have you been to Shriners Village? Sign up today at shrinersvillage.com and begin exploring all the resources available to you.

Thanks for all YOU do for Oasis Membership.
YITE, Chris

OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS



Oasis Shrine Wagoneers are currently seeking new members.

We have 3 very cool antique firetrucks and parade annually at the Oasis ceremonials, Welcome Easter Parade, SASA fall convention in Myrtle Beach and several Christmas parades. Very inexpensive to join, no vehicles to buy, uniform and brass is the only thing needed. \$15 annual dues.

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.

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Can ye play the drum?

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Contact Captain Tom Barnhardt

Home: 704-932-0727 • Cell: 704-796-5762

ROWAN SHRINE CLUB

19TH ANNUAL SHRINER'S

OYSTER ROAST

NOVEMBER 6, 2015

6:00-8:30 PM • SALISBURY DEPOT

The menu for the Oyster Roast this year includes a tantalizing and high quality array of Oysters, Shrimp, Flounder, Clam Chowder, Oyster Stew, French Fries, Hushpuppies and Slaw, as well as Beer and Wine.

\$40 PER PERSON
in advance

\$45 PER PERSON
at the door

Tickets available at **K-Dee's Jewelers** (112 E. Innes St.), or see any Rowan Shrine Club member, or by emailing

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

SHRINE CLUB CHICKEN BBQ



Where: At the Cabarrus Shrine Club

When: Friday Oct. 9th : 11am-2pm &

**Friday is for delivery only and must call by Monday, October 5th to schedule delivery*

Saturday Oct. 10th : 11am - Until **Dine-In or Carryout*

Cost: \$8 per plate. *1/2 chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and a roll.*

1460 Oakwood Ave • Kannapolis, NC

704-933-2797

Proceeds to benefit the Cabarrus Shrine Club



News of the PAST MASTERS UNIT

Join in the Celebration: 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 30! The Past Masters Unit will celebrate its 30th birthday in the Board Room of Oasis Headquarters! The Grand Master M.W. Doug Caudle and Potentate Illustrious Todd Ham are scheduled to be with us. Cake will be served, and a short history of the unit will be presented.

Prior to the celebration, we will have our brief business meeting. This, of course, will be held in conjunction with Oasis' Fall Ceremonial. The Unit is sincerely grateful to 2nd Lt. Bob Erwin, Secretary Gordy Peeler, and Chaplain Ed Becton for serving on the committee for our 30th Anniversary! Join in the celebration!

Potentate Todd and First Lady Mary certainly have a fabulous week-end planned for the Oasis Fall Ceremonial October 30-31, 2015 at the Oasis Headquarters. The schedule and all events are in this issue of the Desert Dust. Bring in candidates as late as Saturday morning!

The Oasis Past Masters Unit is alive and well and membership in the unit continues to grow. Speaking of new members, the unit is pleased and proud to welcome our newest member Grand Master-Elect Bryant Webster. R. W. Bryant will be installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in January, 2016. We are extremely proud to have him as one of our own and pledge our total support to him and the Grand Lodge of N.C.

Our Blue Lodge Ambassador Program continues to make positive progress. There are only 47 lodges that are without an Ambassador!! Our newly appointed Blue Lodge Ambassador Coordinator, Chad Delp would love to hear from you if you would be interested in serving Oasis and your Lodge as an Ambassador. You may reach Chad at 336-413-8200 or chaddelp@chaddelp.com.

Brethren, it is that time of the year when we are reminded that it is dues time. Dues for the PMU are just \$15.00 for 2016. (There are a few who are in arrears for 2015). If you have any questions, please contact our Secretary, Gordy Peeler.

If you would like a shirt with the Oasis PMU logo, please contact Corporal Danny Hedrick at 336-391-8353 to order your beautiful PMU shirt. Danny will be glad to assist you.

Hopefully, we will see YOU at the meeting and 30th Anniversary Celebration October 30, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

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

"CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE - TODAY?"

How important is timing? Ask any athlete. Ask any comedian. Ask any musician... most will tell us "Timing is everything!"

Timing is especially true in faith.

The poet Edgar Guest put it best in his poem called "Tomorrow." A portion of that poem follows:

**"He was going to be all that a mortal should be – Tomorrow.
No one should be kinder or braver that he – Tomorrow.
It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way:
More time he would have to give to others, he'd say – Tomorrow.
The greatest of workers this many would have been – Tomorrow.
The world would have known his had he ever seen – Tomorrow.
But the fact is he died and he faded from view
And all that he left here when living was through
Was a mountain of things he intended to do – Tomorrow."**

We can make a difference TODAY. What about that letter planned to write, or the call we planned to make, or even the person we planned to visit? Yes, we can make a difference TODAY.

We look forward to worshipping with you, November 1 at the Marriot Courtyard, at the conclusion of the Charlotte Fall Ceremonial.

John Stanley, P.M.,P.P. 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.



**John H. Stanley,
P.M., P.P., Chaplain**

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Reprinted from Shriners Philanthropy e-Newsletter

Grateful Patients Paying it Forward

Greenville

Grateful Patient Hosts Walk & Raises Awareness on Bullying

Dominique was born with cerebral palsy and has been a patient at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Greenville ever since. Now 18 years old, Dominique is a senior at Great Falls High School. Because of her love for Shriners Hospitals for Children® and as a way to say thank you for changing her life, she chose Shriners Hospital as beneficiary for her senior project. In March, Dominique hosted a school-wide walk to not only raise funds for the Hospital, but to also raise awareness and teach her fellow students about her experiences with cerebral palsy and bullying. On May 7th, Dominique presented the Hospital with a donation of \$207 from her senior class project - she also received a grade of 97% on her project at school.

Dominique's work on behalf of our Greenville hospital is indicative of the human compassion and advocacy for inclusion we often witness from our pediatric patients. We are grateful to you for being part of our lives and for your generous donation that will help others in need.



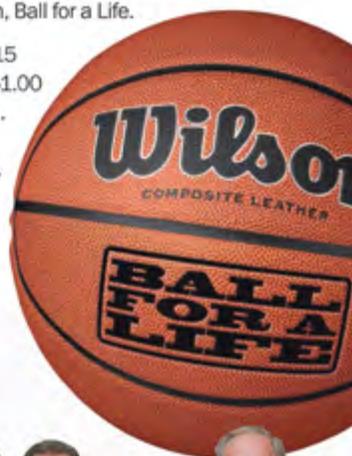
Philadelphia

Ball for a Life - Grateful Patient Starts Basketball Tournament & Foundation

Patients like **Joseph Heery**, 17, from Lehigh, PA, are often living reflections of gratitude after treatment by the dedicated staff at Shriners Hospital for Children® - Philadelphia.

Joseph, whose father **Chris Heery** is head coach for the women's basketball team at Wilkes University (Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania), decided to show his appreciation for the help granted him. Joseph, a scoliosis patient, decided to organize a 3-on-3-basketball fundraiser for boys and girls grades 6 through 12 at Wilkes University. Joseph even took it one step further, by forming a foundation, Ball for a Life.

Joseph's March 2015 tournament yielded a \$1,251.00 contribution to our hospital. A visit from **Fran Dunphy** coach of Temple University's men's basketball team was a terrific surprise for Joseph at the check presentation.



Dr. Amer Samdani, Neurosurgeon accepts a check from Shriners Hospital for Children® Philadelphia patient Joseph Heery. Joseph raised \$1,251 by hosting a 3-on-3-basketball tournament to benefit our Philadelphia hospital.

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 Cowdrey for Information:
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Noble Lee Maynard,
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www.twitter.com/shriners

Your Oasis Temple Children's Hospital Public Relations Display trailer, under the capable direction of **Noble Jim Rorie**, was the invited central attraction at the recent celebration event at the RSC - Radiator Specialties - GUNK, Indian Trail plant, The all hands Safety Fair honored the employees' working over 2 million accident free hours. Nearly 200 associates toured the trailer and admired our Giant Teddy Bear. North Carolina State Department of Labor Commissioner, **Mrs. Cherrie Berry** was key note speaker who emphasized the importance of watching out for one another's safety. **Mr. Stuart Kerkhoff**, facility Safety Manager, expressed his appreciation of the Nationwide Shriner's Hospitals for healing work with burned and crippled children. Assisting Jim in making arrangements and serving as co-host was Red Fez Club's Community Ambassador, **Noble Fred Freiberger**.



(L-R) **Jim Rorie**, OASIS Shriner's (Charlotte) Children's Hospital Display Trailer Host
Fred Freiberger, Shrine Red Fez Club, Community Ambassador
Mrs. Cherrie Berry, Commissioner, North Carolina Labor Department
Stuart Kerkhoff, Manager, RSC - GUNK Safety-Environmental Manager

ATTENTION CLUBS & UNITS

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

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 828-231-3880
 mark5.jpg@gmail.com
 PO Box 632 Weaverville, NC 28787-0632

These photos may be displayed in the Desert Dust

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



Oasis Legion of Honor Club

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The Public Relations Voice - A FRATERNAL NEWSLETTER

A Message From Your Public Relations Chairman

Dear Fellow Nobles,

As we move forward in this new Imperial Year, perhaps the single most important message is the importance of working together, of presenting a united stance, especially publicly.

We can certainly discuss issues, and disagree, but publicly, we all need to be on the same page and speaking with one voice. Anything less causes confusion, and gives the media opportunities to question, which can take the focus away from what we are trying to showcase and accomplish.

In the simplest terms, all of our efforts – one way or another – should be meant to increase membership numbers or patient volumes. In terms of media and exposure, two of our most important events – the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and the East-West Shrine Game – are coming up soon. These are tre-

mendous opportunities to showcase the stories of our two amazing organizations to new audiences, and generate interest. We need to be sure we take advantage of every chance we have to introduce Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children® – and make sure that introduction to who we are, what we stand for, and what we do is as positive and clear, and even as concise, as possible. We can do this every time if we use the phrases, cautions and message points that have been provided to us. (For example, always remembering that the care offered by our health care system is provided *regardless of the families' ability to pay*, rather than saying it is free.) How we are perceived and understood by the media and in our own public pages and appearances can directly impact our donations, patient referrals and membership efforts.

Speaking with one voice and being united in our missions, while critically important at large events where media presence is a given, is important every day – in every instance. Please be sure to consider the impact of the words you use

on behalf of both the fraternity and the philanthropy, whether they are spoken, printed or delivered electronically.

We are all part of two great organizations, with connected missions, values and goals – and serious challenges. We must work together – as a brotherhood – to successfully address these challenges. We ask that everyone resolve to focus on our main issues of membership numbers and patient volumes, and work with and support the efforts of your temple and temple leadership. Working together, we can achieve great things. I look forward to working with you on our mission to make the world a better place.

Thank you for your commitment to both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Chris L. Smith
Deputy Imperial Potentate
Public Relations Chairman



One Look, One Voice: Be Aware of the Words You Choose

"He was all crippled up and stuck in a wheelchair."

A Shriner recently shared this description of a patient with us. He clearly cared a lot about this child, but his words were so awkward and painful to listen to that any compassion or consideration he might have been trying to convey was lost.

It is important to remember that language, like society, evolves. And as people with disabilities have become more able to fully participate in society, they have expressed their preferences for the language used to describe their situations, and rejected certain terms as not appropriate or accurate.

One of those words is crippled. It has a negative connotation and should be avoided. We use the AP styleguide in order to have a framework of consistency in our basic communications, and the guide says this about the word crippled: Considered offensive when used to describe a person who has a disability.

Also, please consider the person who uses a wheelchair before assuming a wheelchair is a negative thing. Certainly having to use a wheelchair for mobility is not ideal – but, if a person needs one, a wheelchair is a godsend – a way to have mobility. Consider what it would be like for that person if they didn't have a wheelchair. That would be a negative, and something to be upset and concerned about.



We want to emphasize positive outcomes and possibilities to our patients and families – and help them become self-assured and confident. The language used to describe them can either help or hinder reaching that goal.

The Importance of Media Attention

Receiving positive media attention is an excellent way to increase awareness. Shriners Hospitals for Children - Galveston has been in the spotlight recently, both nationally and internationally, and we congratulate them on their excellent work. Our Salt Lake City hospital has also attracted attention throughout the nation. Remember to share the great things your hospital or temple is doing with your local media; you never know how far the story will reach, or the impact it could have for both our organizations.

Galveston Hospital's Metabolism Research Featured by TIME Magazine

Researchers at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Galveston and the University of Texas Medical Branch have discovered, for the first time in humans, that widely-reviled, energy-storing white fat can be turned into an energy-burning brown fat that uses excess calories.

The study, led by Labros Sidossis, Ph.D., researcher at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Galveston, has been published in the journal Cell Metabolism and featured on TIME's website, attracting a wide national audience to Shriners Hospitals' ground-breaking research.

To view the article on TIME's website, please visit time.com/3981057/body-fat-that-burns-calories-more-quickly

Salt Lake City Brothers with Spina Bifida Profiled on People.com

At the beginning of the month, an inspiring story about Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City patients Camren and Murray Glad was featured on People's website. The brothers, who both have spina bifida, are determined to enjoy full and productive lives, and 12-year-old Camren writes a Super Wheelchair Adventure Blog with the help of their dad. The incredible work of Shriners Hospitals for Children and Jacques D'Astous, M.D., pediatric orthopedic surgeon at the Salt Lake City hospital, who performed a life-changing 12-hour operation on Camren, are mentioned in the article, bringing attention to the expert care our health care system provides each day.

To read the article online, please visit people.com/article/utah-brothers-spina-bifida-adventures.

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STARFISH SEASHELL

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a little girl picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the girl, he asked, "What are you doing?" The girl replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean.

The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Little girl", the man said, "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the girl bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, she said, "I made a difference for that one."

Shriners continue to make a difference in the life of a child

2015 Potentate Lady ~ Mary Ham
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Fall Frenzy

Sunday, October 25th

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Mary Kay	Twice Designs	Nikki's Cakery	Custom Glass Design	Thirty One
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REMINDER:
All ads & articles for the November edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted by October 10



MOORE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB
& The Sand "T" Parade Unit

Please Join Us!

What: Monthly Shrine Club Meetings
When: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Social-6:30pm, Meal-7:00pm, meeting following.
Where: "Table on the Green Restaurant" Pinehurst NC
Contact: President Bill Loeser 321-604-5050
Mission: "It is all about the children in need!"



Proud! Proud! Proud! A Patrol Captain is when our Unit garners a PERFECT SCORE, FIRST Place during our annual SASPA (South Atlantic Shrine Patrol Association), a sub-part of SASA, Competition; Inspection section. A beautiful Friday morning it was as our Shrine State flags were flying just right in the ocean breeze as we had ten (10) of our unit's finest participating and representing Oasis very well. Past Captain Noble Tim Daniels was our Drill Master de-facto with the following Patrolman: (preface with Noble) John Suddreth III, 1st Lt. Chris Hall, Rory Byers, Scottie Cox, 2nd Lt. Brandon Watson, 1st Sect. Sargent Brandon Penley, David Campbell, Chaplain Elvis Clark and Capt. Bob Saye. Our Illustrious Potentate Todd Ham and his Oasis Divan showed up just prior to our inspection to root us on to certain victory.

Later that same day, mid-day, our fellow SASA members ACCA Arab Patrol Unit held the 2nd Annual SASPA Pool Party where our own Brandon Watson was installed President for 2015-2016 and Brandon Penley was installed 3rd Vice President. Congratulations to our two (2) Patrol Brandon's for conquering SASPA for our Unit.

Later that same day, early evening, our Unit stepped off to lead the SASA parade. Immediately upon completion we performed a ceremonial escort of our Imperial Potentate to the review stand before being whisked back to fall in front of the Oasis section of the SASA Parade stepping off 11th. Past



Captain Peter Schuetz stepped up and in for our dual parade efforts. If you haven't ever paraded with 3' x 5' flags on 9' poles in a monsoon rain storm, well you're just not parading right. The Oasis D&B played on in constant rhythm as we marched through the rain, past the review stand with an "eyes right" salute to our Imperial Potentate at the review stand. Our SASA Parade double-feature earned us a 1st Place trophy for our efforts.

So break out the broom, we have a 1st place sweep for our Patrol Inspection and Parade Color Guard. So much accomplished in a full day of Shrining. Also congratulations to all of the other Oasis Clubs and Units that participated in association competitions and the SASA Parade. Of note there are eighteen (18) Shrine Centers within the jurisdictional parameters of SASA.

Proud! Proud! Proud! On top of the world a Patrol Captain is and shall be.

In the end, on dreams we will depend. That's what love is made of.

By E. VanHalen, S. Hagar

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Saye
Patrol Captain

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Dear Illustrious Sirs and Nobles,

We would like to offer your temple and/or business the chance to purchase an advertisement in the game day program for the 2016 East-West Shrine Game®. The game will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. The 2015 game program was distributed to 5,000 people including fans, players, sponsors and potential members, which means great exposure for your temple and/or business. We are offering a 20% discount to all Shriners who purchase an ad by November 18, 2015.

ADVERTISING FEE SCHEDULE

- Full page color ad - \$800 (discounted from \$1000)
- Half page color ad - \$600 (discounted from \$750)
- Quarter page color ad - \$400 (discounted from \$500)
- You can purchase an ad by calling Amanda Seaman, Director of Events and Education at 813-281-7190.



All advertisements must be paid in full by November 18, 2015 in order to guarantee ad space. You must submit your advertisement that follows appropriate ad specs no later November 18, 2015. If your ad is not received by this date, it may not appear in the program. Please click here for detailed ad specs. If you prefer, we have also created sample templates for your convenience. These templates are available upon request.

Please email aseaman@shrinenet.org with any questions.
Thank you for your support of the 2016 East-West Shrine Game.



	MEMBER#	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
- OCTOBER 2015 -	16631	Billy L Rinehart	Salisbury, NC	10/21/61	9/2/15
	23708	Harold L Moss	Greensboro, NC	1/27/73	8/20/15
	37792	Buddy L Lunsford	Andrews, NC	11/4/00	8/27/15
	31617	George B Hughey	Highpoint, NC	1/28/84	7/27/15
	26445	Gerald A Abshire	Morganton, NC	6/22/76	9/2/15
	15707	W.E. Cauthen	Belmont, NC	5/23/59	8/29/15
	18550	Fred P Clarke	Statesville, NC	10/16/65	8/20/15
	15622	Frank A Dusch, Jr.	Concord, NC	1/16/59	8/25/15
	32765	Max H Garner	Lincolnton, NC	3/22/86	9/3/15

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News from Cincinnati



Specialty care beyond a burn

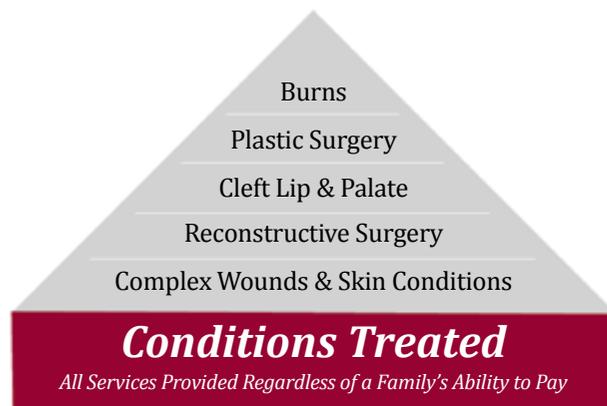
Alee Shriners Sends Dog Bitten Child to Cincinnati

Recently, thanks to Alee Shriners (Savannah, GA) and the Quint Shrine club, a four-year-old girl suffering from a vicious dog mauling accident was referred to Cincinnati.

Ramon Powell from the Quint Shrine Club saw the story about the girl's accident on Facebook and immediately contacted the family to meet with them. Powell told the family about the conditions and type of care available at the Cincinnati hospital, and its pediatric plastic surgery expertise. "The children are what it's all about," Powell said.

"Knowing that we can play a role in getting this child under the care of some of the world's best pediatric plastic surgeons is extremely important to us and our members. To know that in some small way we are helping improve this child's life gives all our members a huge sense of pride. It is important for people to know the expertise we have in Cincinnati goes well beyond burns"

"You can't imagine how scary this is," said the girl's mother. "It was an awful accident and I thank the Shriners for their support and prayers."



Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org website. Every page has a Schedule an Appointment and a Contact Us feature; both are easy forms that families can complete and submit online directly to the hospital.

Referral Cards

Referral cards are also a great resource that Nobles can use. These cards allow families easy access to hospital information and services. The cards provide hospital contact information to assist in scheduling appointments. On the back of each card is space for the Shriner's name and Temple. Please stop by the Business Development office to pick cards up, or call 513-872-6391 to have them mailed to your temple.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Cincinnati is one of only four freestanding hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians' experience and expertise in pediatric burn treatment, cleft lip and palate, complex wound and skin conditions, and plastic and reconstructive surgery makes Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati a first choice for care.

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