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The Potentate's Message

On the Road with Your Potentate and First Lady

We are winding down to the end of the year, but there is still lots to do before we turn the gavel over to the newly elected Potentate in January.

October was full of unification and tragedy. A large contingent of Oasis Shriners, Ladies and friends attended the Potentates trip in Las Vegas. Everyone has by now heard about the demented gunman who fired on a crowd of concert attendees from the upper floor of a hotel that was very near to the Host hotels for Oasis. We are so blessed that none of the people in our group were injured, or even in attendance at the concert. A few of our group attempted to attend, but were turned away because the concert was sold out. I guess God was looking out for them. It is an experience that will haunt our memories forever. But nonetheless, the trip was a success, with several visits to the surrounding spectacles, and a great time spent with lots of good friends.

October 21st found Lady Bobbie and I in Baker'sville for a Hillbilly Degree, then on to Clemmons for a meeting of the Order of the Amaranth.

We then moved on to Charlotte, where 24 new Shriners walked the hot sands, making our growth in membership exceed 100 for the year. I am proud of our membership progress this year, and hope it continues in years to come. The Ladies Luncheon was a huge success, with Greenville Hospital patient Dustin Edmonson delivering a wonderful tribute to our Hospital and the miraculous treatment he received there.

November found us traveling to Alabama for a Car Show and Swap Meet, with contributions going to our Shriners Hospitals for Children, the on to Lake Norman Shrine Club for a well-attended Installation of Officers. It makes me proud to be a part of their ceremony to welcome the newly elected officers who will lead the way in the coming year.



Lady Bobbie and I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are coming to the end of our year, and by the time you receive your next Desert Dust, we will have all celebrated the end of our winter Holidays. We wish for you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hope you have a grand time with family and friends. We must all know that tomorrow is never guaranteed, and we must treasure the times we have together. Never, ever forget the reason for the season. It is not just a time to give and receive gifts, but a time to celebrate the great gift of our Lord Jesus. Enjoy these times, and appreciate them.

Lady Bobbie and I talk frequently about the special times we have had this year, and reflect on each event that we have been a part of. We have seen, close up and personal, the hard work that is being done throughout the Oasis Region. Each of you are to be commended for your dedication, and you carrying the message that We All Love Kids. You all are special to us, and we treasure our friendships with every one of the members of Oasis Shrine.

Yours in the Faith
Mike



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REMINDER: All ads & articles for the January edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to Terry Cox - coxterj@hotmail.com by December 10.

The Recorder's Message

Merry Christmas Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis Shriners,

By the time this December issue of Oasis' Desert Dust hits the newsstands we'll be coming up fast on or finished with our Annual Meeting and Elections for Oasis' 2018 Officers. With any good luck it shall be reported that all went as planned in the next Recorder's Message. Prior to Christmas, this may likely be the last communication you'll receive from Oasis, hence the emphasized 'Merry Christmas' tiding above. At one time I thought to be politically correct and exude 'Happy Holidays' for the sake of being unoffending. And then I un-thunk it. Let's be honest, it is Christmas-time all around us, up one side and down the other, earlier and earlier each year it seems. I hope everyone can unwind and enjoy time with their family and friends during the weeks leading up to and for days after Christmas and New Year's.

We had a good Fall Ceremonial at Oasis this past month. I spent almost all week at Oasis leading up to the Fall Ceremonial and could feel the momentum begin to slowly rev-up as our Oasis leadership, Nobility and New Candidates began to trickle in. The ladies in the Oasis office did an amazing job keeping everything straight and flowing. This was Debbie's first Ceremonial and she handled things very well with Lady Linda. Our total newly initiated members for 2017 is right at 100. Include the outstanding results of our Membership Team's 2017 Restoration Program, with a month or so remaining in 2017, Oasis may not suffer a significant loss of membership. Other factors come into play to diminish our final roll of members as of December 31st each year; total member deaths, demits granted and suspensions for non-payment of dues (NPD). Nobles, don't become a statistic and become suspended for no apparent good reason as a payment oversight. There are still more than a few members that have yet to pay their 2017 dues, which were to be paid prior to December 31st last year. Those with Oasis dues for 2017 that have yet to be paid are con-

sidered not in good standing and run the very real risk of being suspended for NPD. If there is any doubt, check your Oasis dues card for a '2017' or '2018' sticker that has been sent to all that have been logged as paid. If any further doubt, contact the Oasis office for a quick data-base check.

Current dues notices for 2018 have been sent, and some resent, which are due by December 31st of this year. Just recently, '2018' dues stickers were sent from Tampa, FL directly to those members that have paid to become current, in good standing, prior to November 1st.

Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. On Saturday, December 16th, 2017, Oasis Shriners will be an integral part of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, one of the nation's premiere and oldest high-school all-star games. Our Oasis Shrine Bowl Officers are arranging a special game-day hospitality tent outside of Joe Gibbs Stadium at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. It would be great to fill an entire grandstand with Fezzed-up Oasis Nobles, their family members and friends. Our own Oasis Shriners Patrol Unit's "World Renowned and First Class" Color Guard has been tapped to provide the pre-game on-field flag presentation. Make your plans to attend this all-important event that supports our Shriners Hospitals for Children. Game tickets are available at Academy Sports locations throughout North and South Carolina.

2018 Officers Directory. Many have already, but If you have not yet done so, please let the Oasis office know your Club or Unit's officer line-up for publication in our 2018 Directory. Email to info@oasisshriners.org, or fax to 704-549-9692 or mail to Oasis Headquarters, attention: Bob Saye, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262.

Sorry, no report from the useless information, quirky pop-culture or quotations file *this* month. Again, have a Very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and we'll see

you out there real soon. Thank you for helping keep Oasis #1.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye
Oasis Shriners Recorder



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Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves Potentate

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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.*



123RD INSTALLATION OF 2018 Oasis Officers

You are cordially invited to
attend the installation of
Oasis Potentate-Elect John D.
Burgess, Sr. and Divan Officers.

**Saturday,
January 6, 2018**



**Oasis Shrine Headquarters
604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte NC**

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Hospitality @ Marriott Courtyard

5:00 pm. Installation begins
followed by Social Hour, Dinner and Dancing

10:00 pm – 12:00am Hospitality @ Marriott Courtyard

RSVP to Oasis 704/549-9600 by Dec. 29, 2017

Attire: Dressy Casual/Coat and Tie preferred

Entertainment: 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 the smooth lead vocals, The Extraordinaires have a sound like no other that will keep you coming back.



Lady Mary Richardson

1995 was a banner year for Oasis Shrine. It was a great year of celebration of the Centennial of our Shrine Center.

And what a year it was!! The Oasis Shrine center was awash with decorations befitting the Capital Building. Lady Mary Richardson, the wife and First Lady of Potentate Illustrious Sir James H. Richardson, Sr., held nothing back. Throughout the year at the many Shrine events, she took charge and went all out to beautify the event, and the Temple she and her husband so loved. Her decorations, and attention to detail, were the delight of all who graced the doors of our esteemed Temple. She worked tirelessly to ensure that no stone was left unturned when it came to creating a festive face for our members, Ladies and guests. It was certainly a year to remember, and for future generations to emulate.

It is with great sadness in our heart to report that Lady Mary went to that celestial home in the sky on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 2nd to celebrate her homecoming. Illustrious Sir James and his family were overwhelmed by the number of Representatives from Oasis Shrine who attended. Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves and Lady Bobby were present, as were members of the office staff. Approximately ten Past Potentates, a number of Past Recorders, and many members of Oasis Shrine attended, there to pay their last respects to a truly honorable Lady who was sincerely dedicated to the Shrine, our Hospitals, and who stood hand in hand with Illustrious Sir James throughout his journey to the Supreme office of Potentate.

Illustrious Sir James and his entire family would like to express their eternal gratitude to all the Shrine Family and friends who shielded them with sympathetic gestures, phone calls, prayers and friendship throughout their time of sadness.

It is times like these that reflect the closeness of the Shrine family.

To all who attended, who called and sent cards. To those who said a prayer, and who continue to keep the Richardson family close to your heart, Illustrious Sir James thanks you, and expresses his love for the tenderness shown to him, his family, and especially his soulmate and best friend, Lady Mary. May she rest in eternal peace.

News Anchors Judge Halloween Costume Contest

For the second consecutive year, anchors from all three local broadcast news affiliates served as judges for the annual Greenville Shriners Hospital Employee Costume Contest.

Participation by judges Nicole Papay (FOX), Fred Cunningham (WSPA) and Alyson Powell (WYFF) resulted in coverage on all three news stations.



Vintage Tin Check Presentation

Michael Blanton of the Vintage Tin Car Club presents Bronny Hamrick, President of the Thermal Belt Shrine Club an annual check from their October Car Show at Rumbling Bald, Lake Lure. Over the past 20 years Vintage Tin has donated over \$65,000 to the Shriners Hospital.

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CLUB & UNIT APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday, January 5, 2018

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SCHEDULE

4:30pm	Memorial Service
5:30pm	Social
6:30pm	Dinner
7:15pm	Awards Presentation
8:00pm-12:00am	Social, Dancing & Entertainment

Dress code: Casual

RSVP by December 29, 2017 to 704-549-9600

HOTEL

Courtyard Marriot

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

Reservation line: 704-549-4888

Block code: Oasis Shriners

Rate: \$89 per night

Cut-off date: Friday, December 15th, 2017

ENTERTAINMENT

Music and Dancing until Midnight!

Katie, A Patient Who Paints

"Now I can even pick-up a Penny!"



Katie Bauer is a 13 year-old 8th grader at Southwest Middle School, Gastonia who loves Spanish, the Sciences, the arts, and who draws beautifully.

She has been treated at Shriners Hospital for Children, Greenville, SC since she was 13 WEEKS old. Her treatment at Shriners was the result of a birth defect. Four years ago, Katie had an operation that would change her life! In Katie's words: *"Doctors at Shriners took my index finger and moved it and now I have a thumb!"*



Katie's mom, Elaine Billips is a nurse who appreciates the care Katie receives at Shriners Hospital for Children, and she says that her family is most grateful for the care Katie receives regardless of her family's ability to pay.

In Katie's words, *"Now that I have my thumb I can do a lot of things I could not do before. I can even pick up a penny off a table, and I can even pinch my mom!"* She goes on to say *"I had the best nurses and doctors in the world. When I was in the hospital (Shriners Hospital) they made me feel special"*.

Katie, as is shown, is a very talented artist. She especially likes drawing pictures of her two favorite bands, *BABYMETAL*, a Japanese idol band, consisting of three teenage girls and their accompanists; and *Lightning Bolt*, an American rock duo from Providence, Rhode Island.



Katie is just one of the miracles performed at the twenty-two Shriners Hospitals for Children every day!

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Chaplain's Corner



“Enter his gates with thanksgiving...”

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and raise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100 NIV).

Yes, we know that Thanksgiving—2017 is just about history, but we wonder: “Why not make EVERY DAY Thanksgiving Day?”

Absolutely, we know and are painfully aware of the major hurricanes, fires in the Northwest, earthquakes in Mexico, the tragic shooting in Las Vegas as well as the horrible attack on the congregation of the small church in Texas. How can we be thankful when so many of our brothers and sisters are left homeless, are grieving, are hungry and are (almost) hopeless?

In the face of unbelievable tragedies, we can be grateful for the memories we have. Memories: weddings, births of children, births and delight of grandchildren. We can keep a daily journal of the memories we have of our loved ones.

Memories. We are grateful for the wonderful times we have enjoyed with our fellow Shriners in our Clubs and Units! Who remembers the fun-filled ceremonials in Asheville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and Southern Pines? Or, maybe the more recently created memories we made in Blowing Rock, Hickory, and Charlotte? What about the memories we have of parades in downtown Charlotte during the Shrine Bowl Week-Ends, or the parades in Oxford. Let us hold those memories precious.

We can thank God for the HOPE we have. A few days after the events of September 11, 2001, during the *Day of Prayer and Remembrance* from the National Cathedral in Washington we heard Rev. Billy Graham say that we can all have hope: Hope for the present, and hope for the future. Dr. Graham concluded his message then by saying:

“My prayer today is that you and I will feel the loving arms of God wrapped around us, and we will know—even with our broken hearts—we will know that He will never forsake us as we trust in Him.”
(End of quote)

When we are truly grateful we come to understand that God's mercies endure forever. This is the central focus of Psalm 100. Let us make EVERY DAY a day of Thanksgiving.

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. He is a past Imperial Chaplain, and currently he is Assistant Chaplain, Shriners International, and Chaplain of Oasis Shriners. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.

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Summer/Fall 2017 Gator Tales

The Gator Patrol met on Saturday, August 12th on the New River Cabin of David & Carolyn Crawley in Lansing, NC ... a beautiful day in the mountains, canoeing, fellowship, sharing burgers & dogs, desserts and stories of past adventures on the New River. Captain Wayne Yoder held a business meeting discussing future parade functions and events in which to participate:

Thursday August 17th ... Old Soldiers' Reunion parade in Newton kicked off at 5 pm ...instructions were to meet and park at the Catawba County Shrine Club at 3 pm to unload Gators and caravan to Newton for the line-up! A Hot weather parade ... lots of crowds ... had a little "newsworthy" hustling at the Confederate statue that was quickly squashed by the local police and sheriff's department ... did not affect the patriotism displayed by the crowds for the proud Soldiers' of all armed services honored at this reunion parade!! Several Gators and Gals gathered at the Charolais Restaurant for food and fellowship after the parade!! Our yellow shirts brought lots of attention and questions about the events at the parade!

Saturday, September 9th the Gator group met at Kenny and Vickie Jarrett's,

Plateau home for swimming, fun and fellowship ... followed by a delicious meal prepared by Kenny, Vickie and the Leatherman's!! A big Happy Birthday party for many of our members!

Sunday, September 10th ... CCSC assisted by the Gator Patrol hosted their annual Poker Run ... good weather, good participation, good BBQ served, good prizes ... Good job, Terri and Dennis Griggs in chairing this event!!

September 15-17th SASA at Myrtle Beach was cancelled the Monday prior to the weekend due to the hurricane's anticipated path into the South Carolina coastline!

October 11th, 2017 ... (postponed one week due to 10 Gators and Gals on the Potentate's Trip trip in Las Vegas ... yes ... we were there during the shooting at the Jason Aldean Concert/ Mandalay Bay ... and thank the Good Lord we were all safe)... the regular meeting was held at the Catawba County Shrine Club with Captain Wayne Yoder presiding, calling the meeting to order with a prayer and Pledge Allegiance to our Flag. Thanks given to all Gators who are participating in the circus event, delivering guests from the parking lot to the arena! Our Gator Patrol schedule is loaded...:

November 18th ... 3 pm ... West Jefferson, NC ... Holiday parade

November 30th ... afternoon parade ... J Iverson Riddle Morganton

December 1st ... 6:30 pm Christmas parade ... Lenoir

December 2nd ... 10 am Valdese parade ... 4 pm Hildebran

December 5th ... 6 pm parade Morganton

December 9th ... Cat Square 9am breakfast & meeting at Allen & Doris Leatherman's ... 2 pm parade

December 10th ... Casar parade ... chili afterward at David & Gail Bumgarner's

December 16th ... Rutherford College parade 1 pm

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

Red Fez Shrine Club Children's Christmas Party



Sunday, December 10th

Lunch: 12:30 - 2:00

Followed by a visit from Santa

Fried Chicken, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls and Dessert

Adults: \$10 / Children 7-11: \$5 / Children 6 and under: Free

***** RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - RSVP by Wednesday, 12/6 *****

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- MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB -

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Contact: Noble Secretary Jack Wood 828-925-9663

Our Shrine club is committed to community service and supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We host the famous Fall Pecan Sale, and participate in the annual Paper Crusade, car shows, parades and many other high profile events to benefit our children. Our annual dues are \$20. **Call for more information!**





Recently, the Oasis Oriental Band and Revolution Lodge in Greensboro honored Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Walter "Sticky" Burch on his 99th birthday with a special award, presented by Past Master and Band Captain Larry G. Gregory. Sir Sticky is Oasis' oldest living Past Potentate, and a Veteran member of the Oriental Band. Sir Sticky served as Potentate in 1975 and remains active today.

DeForest Maness, 96, a member of the Oriental Band, was also honored with an award.

2018 Red Fez Boards



Left to right: Todd Ham, Joey Ham, Cliff Cole, Dee Wise, Marvin Franks, Mike Wall, Kevin Helms and Alan Marfin



2018 Camelette Board

Della Helms, Kim Wrenn, Mary Ham, Penny McLean
Not shown: Donnas Estes

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The "Beat on the Street" *We were thinking ... it's been a heck of a year!*

We were thinking ... this story may be in your December issue of the award winning Desert Dust. And as Thanksgiving has just past, the Nobles & Ladies of your Drum & Bugle Corps appreciate the opportunity to share with you how thankful we are for the successes that have come to our parade unit during 2017, and for the overall success of Oasis Shriners this year.

We were thinking ... especially at this time of year, that no matter the ups and downs, we are thankful for all that is done for children because of the work of you, the Oasis Shriner!

We were thinking ... It has truly been a year to remember, beginning with the first weekend. We remember that snow and ice began to fall, causing many to miss the Club & Unit Appreciation Night on Friday and the Installation of our Potentate, I. S. Mike Neaves on Saturday. We'll remember that there were some pretty big last minute changes that had to be made in the springtime, that an approaching hurricane named Irma caused the cancellation of the SASA Parade, and yes, the tragedy during the trip to Las Vegas during the fall.

We were thinking... Instead of concentrating on those things that didn't work out as planned, we have much to be thankful for. We are thankful for the leadership of our Potentate and the Divan. This past year provided many opportunities for our leaders to make some tough decisions. We are thankful for a phone tree message that informed us that everyone on

the trip was safe and accounted for. We are thankful that during this past year they rose to the challenges that were put before them and they did what leaders do; lead!

We were thinking ... it sad to learn of the passing of a member of your club or unit. Our Corps family had that experience recently with the loss of Bugler Steve Hager. Noble Brother Steve was a Veteran Member, serving as Captain of the Corps from 1995 thru 1997. It was an honor for our Corps to serve as honorary pallbearers for Lady Gloria and the family. The many Corps members that attended did so in full parade dress uniform. The Corps is thankful to have had the opportunity to serve the family of our Noble Brother and to represent Oasis Shriners.

We were thinking ... if you just became a Noble at the Fall Ceremony, we say Congratulations! We're happy to have you join us as Oasis Shriners. Perhaps this is the first issue of The Desert Dust that has been delivered to you. You'll find it very informative. We invite you to take a look at the various clubs and parade units that have ads or stories herein and begin to visit with the ones that you may have an interest in. These clubs and units, like our Drum & Bugle Corps are always excited to have new Nobles come to a meeting and visit with us. We encourage you get involved as soon as you can and make the most of your decision to become a Shriner. You'll be having fun while being a part of the greatest philanthropy in the world. One of those first opportunities will be at the Annual Election on Saturday, December 2nd at the Oasis Headquarters in Charlotte. We hope to see you there.

We were thinking ... the Drum & Bugle Corps is proud to stand with the many great clubs and units that make up Oasis Shriners! Our D&B family wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

In closing, we were thinking ... our Potentate's motto this year was W.A.L.K. And, it's because "We All Love Kids", that each parade unit, each club, and each individual Shriner goes out and does the things that they do, ... for the children at our 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children! Because, like we always say, "When the Hospitals win, we all win"!

Ned Yates, Drum & Bugle Corps



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For info contact: Captain Darrell "Catfish" Hunt - 704-661-9064 or at Jdhunt3429@gmail.com

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News Worth Sharing from Lexington Shriners Medical Center

Club Feet Internet Search Leads Mom to Seek Care at the Lexington Shriners Medical Center

During her 20-week ultrasound, Dawn was told that her son, Hayden, would be born with club feet. She was terrified, confused and did what most mothers in that situation would do... she researched and researched and researched. She wanted to be as prepared as possible when Hayden was delivered so that he could begin immediately receiving the medical care needed. At this time Dawn was living on Prince Edward Island and the closest hospital treating club feet was located five hours away in Halifax, Nova Scotia. However, after many unsuccessful attempts at casting, Dawn went back to the internet to try and find another solution. Her research led her to the Ponsenti method of treatment, which in turn led her to Vish Talwalkar, M.D., pediatric orthopaedic surgeon at Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center – Lexington.



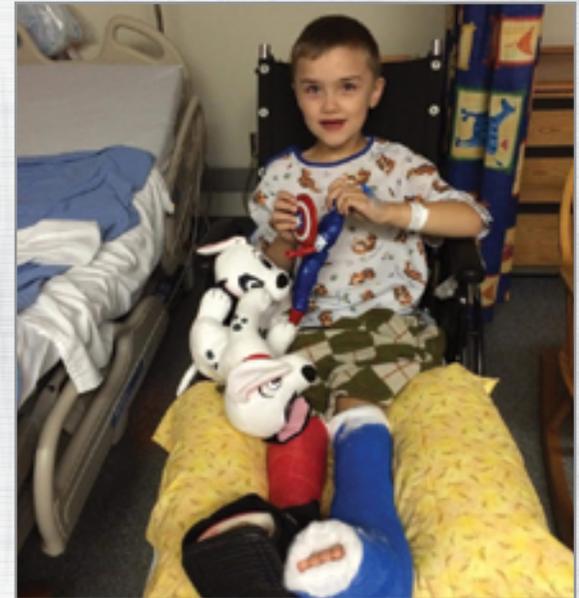
Dawn took a chance and emailed Dr. Talwalkar. "I didn't really expect a reply, but I got one! He was so kind, warm and reassuring," said Dawn of Dr. Talwalkar's email response. "He took the time to explain club feet and what he perceived to be Hayden's condition. He invited me to contact Lexington Shriners Medical Center. Being a Kentucky native, I did just that and he became Hayden's doctor."

Hayden was 3 months old when he and his mother arrived for his first appointment at Shriners Medical Center with Dr. Talwalkar. Dr. Talwalkar diagnosed Hayden with bilateral atypical club feet. Clubfoot is one of the most common birth defects and boys are affected with clubfoot twice as often as girls. Clubfoot is when the foot tilts inward and upward at the ankle. A small number of clubfoot cases can be classified as atypical or complex, and are more difficult to treat.

Dr. Talwalkar has performed four surgeries on Hayden to date. Soon after arriving for his first appointment, Hayden had his first surgery. Two years ago, he experienced a relapse and had to undergo a series of three additional surgeries. "He is the most resilient kid I have ever met. He has been through so much. Each part of the journey has had its own unique set of challenges," said Dawn.

At the age of 9, Hayden has been through every department at Lexington Shriners Medical Center as he continues to receive regular and specialized medical care. Throughout Hayden's life, he has received casting; X-rays; studies performed in the

motion analysis center, including foot pressure analysis and physical therapy; and several ankle-foot orthoses (AFOs) from the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) – Midwest, LLC department located within Lexington Shriners Medical Center. Hayden wears AFOs full time and has been instructed to do so for the foreseeable future as Dr. Talwalkar continues to monitor his progress in hopes that the club feet will not relapse again.



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SHRINE BOWL NEWS

Reprinted from *THE GOAL POST*,
*The Electronic Newsletter of
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2017 Shrine Bowl King

Tyler was born with Arthrogryposis. He is a very sweet and smart 7 year old. He goes to Ballentine Elementary and will be going into the 2nd grade. He loves to read and play with his siblings. He has a twin brother named Thomas and 11 year old brother (Graham) and sister (Olivia). He has been going to the Shriners Hospital of Greenville since he was 1 years old. He has had 2 surgeries. Both of his heels have been clipped and also a release on his left elbow. His family is so grateful for everything the Shriners has done. Without the hospital, doctors and all the wonderful people that work there, Tyler's life would be a lot harder.



2017 Shrine Bowl Queen

Ellie Caroline Long was born on September 29, 2010. At nine months old Ellie was diagnosed with hypotonia and began physical and occupational therapies at Lenox Baker Children's Hospital in Durham, NC. This is where Ellie was fitted with her first pair of AFO leg braces and was given a pediatric walker. While doctors and therapists were unsure if Ellie would ever be able to walk, Ellie worked hard in therapy daily to strengthen her core and improve her coordination. Throughout the many medical procedures and uncomfortable therapy sessions Ellie kept a positive attitude and had a fighting spirit which has taken her very far.



Eventually at 28 months old, Ellie was finally able to crawl and got stronger and stronger. Just days before her third birthday, Ellie took her first steps and hasn't looked back since. Soon after Ellie began walking her family was approached by a Shrine member who made them aware of the hospital and all of the amazing services they offered. After signing up through the Amran Shrine Temple of Raleigh, NC, Ellie made her first of many trips to the Shriners Childrens Hospital of Greenville, SC.

Her parents have said that Shriners Children's Hospital of Greenville is an amazing place. The staff goes above and beyond to make you feel at home and comfortable during your appointments. The doctors, nurses, technicians, and therapists provide you with the best care and are always so kind and caring to the patients. To date, Ellie has received four pairs of SMO braces from the Greenville hospital.

The trips to the hospital are always so easy because Ellie and her family are driven from NC to SC by the Amran Shriners Road Runners. The Road Runners provide transportation, lodging, and meals for Ellie and her family during each of the trips.

Today Ellie is entering the first grade in Timberlake, NC. She loves dancing, singing, playing dress up, and reading. She is very active and is making such great progress that it is believed she may no longer need braces in the future.

Her parents said, we are truly grateful for the Shriners and will never be able to repay them for all they have done for our family.

Important Dates

November 17th	Last Day for Program Adds to be turned in
December 9th	Players & Coaches Report to Spartanburg for Game Week
December 15th	Shrine Bowl Banquet in Spartanburg Marriott Hotel
December 16th	NFL Play 60 at Gibbs Stadium, Wofford College
December 16th	Youth Shrine Bowl 6th Grade game Gibbs Stadium Wofford
December 16th	Shrine Bowl Game Gibbs Stadium at Wofford College 2pm
December 30th	Youth Shrine Bowl 7th and 8th grade game at Matthews

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SHRINE BOWL GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

Headquarters Hotel and Game Week Office: Spartanburg Marriott Hotel, 299 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC

Saturday, December 9, 2017	Sunday, December 10, 2017	Monday, December 11, 2017	Tuesday, December 12, 2017	Wednesday, December 13, 2017	Thursday, December 14, 2017	Friday, December 15, 2017	Saturday, December 16, 2017
<p>Volunteer Staff Reports 11:00 am</p> <p>Staff Meeting Shrine Bowl Office 11:30 AM</p> <p>Players Report 2:00 - 3:00 PM Spartanburg Marriott Hotel Spartanburg, SC</p> <p>5:45 PM Leave hotel for First Baptist Church</p> <p>Adopt-A-Player Dinner and Program 6:00 - 9:00 PM First Baptist Church 250 E. Main Street Spartanburg, SC Speaker: To be determined</p> <p>Country Store Open 8:30-10:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast and Worship Service 8:30 - 10:30 AM First Baptist Church 250 E. Main Street Spartanburg, SC</p> <p>Shriners Hospital for Children Visit and Lunch 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Greenville Unit Shriners Hospital 950 West Farris Road Greenville, SC</p> <p>Player Medical Exams 2:00 - 3:30 PM at Virginia College of Medicine 350 Howard St.</p> <p>3:30 PM Return to Hotel</p> <p>Equipment Issues Team and Individual photos 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM - Leave for dinner Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 PM Spartanburg Shrine Club 1450 Fernwood Glendale Rd.</p> <p>Country Store Open 8:30-10:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast 7:30 AM Buses LV for Breakfast Spartanburg Shrine Club 1450 Fernwood Glendale Rd Compliments of Oasis Shriners</p> <p>Team Practices 9:30 - 11:30 AM Dorman High School</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Dorman High School Compliments of Holmes' Hot Dogs</p> <p>Team Practices 2:00 - 4:00 PM Dorman High School</p> <p>6:00 PM - Leave for dinner Dinner 6:30 - 9:30 PM Pizza Part at Bowling @ Paradise Lanes 469 East Blackstock Rd.</p> <p>9:30 PM Return to Hotel</p> <p>Country Store Open 8:30-10:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast 7:30 AM Buses LV for Breakfast Spartanburg Shrine Club Compliments of FCA Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 - 9:15 AM Speaker: TBD</p> <p>Team Practices 9:30 - 11:30 AM Dorman High School</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Dorman High School Provided by Zaxbys</p> <p>Team Practices 2:00 - 4:00 PM Dorman High School</p> <p>6:00 PM - Leave for dinner Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 PM Wades Restaurant Compliments of Ted Conrad Family</p> <p>7:30 PM Return to Hotel</p> <p>Country Store Open 8:30-10:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast 7:30 AM Buses LV for Breakfast Spartanburg Shrine Club</p> <p>Team Practices 9:30 - 11:30 AM Dorman High School</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Dorman High School Compliments of Sudan Shriners Subway Sandwiches</p> <p>Team Practices 2:00 - 4:00 PM Dorman High School</p> <p>6:00 PM - Leave for dinner Dinner, Games & Entertainment 6:30 - 8:30 PM First Baptist Church Hangar 250 E. Main Street Spartanburg, SC</p> <p>8:30 PM Return to Hotel</p> <p>Country Store Open 8:30-10:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast 7:30 AM Buses LV for Breakfast Spartanburg Shrine Club Compliments of Jamil Shriners</p> <p>Team Practices 9:30 - 11:30 AM Dorman High School</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Dorman High School Compliments of Ike's Restaurant</p> <p>Free Afternoon</p> <p>6:00 PM - Leave for dinner Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 PM Spartanburg Shrine Club Compliments of Hejaz Shriners</p> <p>7:30 PM Return to Hotel</p> <p>Country Store Open 8:30-10:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast 7:30 AM Buses LV for Breakfast Spartanburg Shrine Club Compliments of Amran Shriners Shrine Bowl Board of Governors Meeting 10: AM</p> <p>Spartanburg Marriott Hotel Team Practices 9:30 - 11:30 AM</p> <p>Dorman High School Coaches' wives, officials and wives visit Shriners Hospital and lunch 9:00 - 1:00 AM Meet in hotel lobby at 8:30 AM</p> <p>Lunch 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM Spartanburg Shrine Club Catered</p> <p>Team Meetings 2:00 - 4:00 PM Spartanburg Marriott Hotel</p> <p>Players' & Coaches' Awards Dinner 6:00 - 9:30 PM Spartanburg Marriott Hotel 299 N. Church Street Spartanburg, SC Speaker: Guest Speaker Travelle Wharton</p> <p>Country Store Open 9:00-10:30 PM</p>	<p>Breakfast 9:15 AM LV for Golden Corral Restaurant Pre-Game Meal 9:30 - 10:30 AM Compliments of Golden Corral HWY 29 near Westgate Mall</p> <p>Stadium Gate Open - 9:00 AM</p> <p>Youth Shrine Bowl Football Game 10:00 AM</p> <p>Players Leave for Stadium 11:30 AM Team Warm-up on Field 1:00 - 1:45 PM</p> <p>Pre-Game Activities 1:00 - 2:00 PM Gibbs Stadium</p> <p>After Game Players return to hotel to check out and return home</p>

ALL DATE, TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Gates Open: 9:00 AM - Pre-Game Activities: 1:00 PM - Kick-off: 2:00 PM at Gibbs Stadium, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC



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On September 30th, the Oasis Mountain Buggies held their 31st annual Coon Hound Hunt with local Coon Hunt Clubs. The event was held at Mars Hill Recreation Park. I am proud to say it was the best Hunt we have had in 31 years. With only ten active members we raised \$28,532.00 for The Shriners Hospitals for Children. We would like to thank our auctioneer, Hank, for the great job he did, and his wife, Teri, for raising \$8,100.00 through her quilting club. Also Forks of The River Coon Club for their donation of \$8000.00 from their barbeque and auction that we helped with. I would like to thank all our members for their hard work.

Tommy Wilson

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Portland Shriners Hospital Physician Honored with Prestigious Award



On Sept. 15, at the 71st annual meeting of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine (AAPDM), Michael Sussman, M.D., of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Portland, was awarded the prestigious 2017 AAPDM Mentorship Award for his work in cerebral palsy.

Each year, the Mentorship Award is given in recognition of an active member of the AAPDM who has demonstrated outstanding leadership mentoring trainees and colleagues in the field of childhood-onset disabilities. Dr. Sussman was nominated by his peers for his dedicated and enduring work in the field of developmental difficulties. Dr. Sussman, who has been practicing in pediatric orthopaedics for more than 40 years, has a special interest and expertise in cerebral palsy and neuromuscular disorders, and conducted several clinical and research projects that focus on examining the efficacy of treatments for children with developmental difficulties.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is very proud of Dr. Sussman, and is grateful to have him on our team. To learn more, please visit [shriners hospitalsforchildren.org/news/POR_MentorshipAward](http://shriners.hospitalsforchildren.org/news/POR_MentorshipAward).

LEGION OF HONOR CLUB



Nobles, the Legion of Honor Club has been formed! Here is a list of your current officers.

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If you or know of someone who would like to become a member of this new club please contact any of the Nobles above.

The Oasis Legion of Honor now has a Facebook page!
Search Oasis Shriners Legion of Honor.



If interested in joining the Oasis Clan #13 parade unit, please contact Jack Devine @ 828-464-9886, or Gary Patterson @ 704-938-3930 or Lee Moody @ 704-451-6151

In their own words ...

Press Ganey Honors Greenville Shriners Hospital with Guardian of Excellence for Ambulatory Surgery

By Allison Windas

It has been a banner year.

After receiving the Pinnacle of Excellence award from Press Ganey in 2016 for ranking in the top five percent of all comparable hospitals three out of the last four years in inpatient patient experience, our next goal was easy to identify: we wanted our ambulatory surgery patient satisfaction scores to reach the same elite level. We knew this would show a true picture of how the entire hospital works together.



Allison Windas, Mary Peterson, Jennifer Griffin and Valerie Owen (left to right) traveled to Orlando, Florida to receive the prestigious award.

Last week, Shiners Hospitals for Children – Greenville was recognized for achieving exactly that, as we accepted the Guardian of Excellence in Ambulatory Surgery award.

Achieving this gold standard in patient experience meant recognizing that the check-in process for surgical patients was cumbersome and needed to improve. We then identified how to make the experience less complicated for our patients and their families. Instead of navigating their own way through the hospital upon arrival, they would now be greeted by the familiar face of a member of the Child Life team; instead of patients waiting in the clinic, physicians and physician assistants worked together to complete the patient's physical and history to eliminate an avoidable wait; and instead of multiple locations, pre-op procedures were all conveniently completed on the third floor. Finally, "communication" became an active verb – as we worked to keep families consistently informed regarding delays or any other news that may impact their visit.

It was a shift in the workday flow for many, and change is rarely easy – but the challenge was tackled as everyone embraced this new protocol with a positive attitude. Ultimately, the hard work to which we committed ourselves resulted in a more convenient and seamless process for our patients.

As is the case for every award, this is truly for all of us. Each person in every department contributes to the overall patient experience in some way – and with that in mind, we will celebrate this victory together! On December 7 at 3 p.m. in the Cafeteria we will mark our "Banner Year" with a reception. We will enjoy a well-deserved mid-afternoon refreshment break, and will each sign a new banner that will soon hang for all entering the hospital to see. That banner will be a reminder that this accomplishment was achieved because of our work "together, doing the right thing, the right way, every time, for every patient."

Latona Temple # 154 Daughters of the Nile



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Saturday, December 9, 2017

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Good News from SHC – St. Louis!

Former St. Louis Cardinal Trevor Rosenthal Visits with Basket of Hope

On his last day as a St. Louis Cardinal, pitcher Trevor Rosenthal and his wife Lindsey visited our hospital with Basket of Hope to deliver goodies to our patients! Little Mark was acting fussy after not being able to eat or drink before his surgery but Trevor soon calmed him down! Patients loved receiving the baskets, which are specially created with toys for each age group. We are so fortunate to partner with Basket of Hope to bring local sports celebrities to cheer up patients at our hospital!



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A Message From Your Public Relations Chairman

Dear Fellow Nobles,

It's a very busy and exciting time for our Shriners organizations. Signature events are coming up soon, PR campaigns are underway, and many membership events and initiatives are taking place.

Our signature events are very important to the success of both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®, helping to raise funds and increase public awareness and name recognition in an exciting and engaging way. These events always generate tremendous media coverage, and also provide an opportunity for Shriners to gather and share the fraternity's story with potential new members.

The 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 5 at TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas. Several of the leading names in golf will be participating. In addition, several of our patients will be on hand to share their remarkable stories, and act as standard bearers. We are grateful for their invaluable contribution to this event. We also want to acknowledge our remarkable volunteers, including the many Shriners and their family members, for dedicating their time and energy to the tournament year after year. Your commitment helps ensure the success of this important event.

The East-West Shrine Game® is also coming up soon, and is another great opportunity to raise awareness of our fraternity and philanthropy. What could be better than all-star college football in January – in Florida? We look forward to seeing everyone at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg on Jan. 20.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month; our #CutTheBull campaign is part of that effort. While bullying is a problem facing all children, those with disabilities are said to be twice as likely to be bullied, and our program seeks to raise awareness and provide resources to help stop this painful societal problem. Our Greenville hospital took a noteworthy, innovative approach this year, creating a book, *Cut it Out!* The book tells the stories of nine Greenville hospital patients, using their own words, and was illustrated by local elementary school students. It's available for pre-order on amazon.com at <http://amzn.to/2gDCuLI>.

Turning to membership, there is a lot to discuss. The 31st annual member-

ship seminar was held earlier this month, and was quite successful. If your temple did not send representatives, please consider attending next year. Representatives from 97 temples, 14 Masonic Grand Lodges, the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, Daughters of the Nile, Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America and DeMolay International participated in several activities, including networking exercises and structured presentations. Topics included improving Masonic relations, prospect relations with the MDS and I AM R U programs and strengthening membership efforts. We congratulate Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder, his committee and the membership development staff for a tremendous meeting.

The I AM R U membership referral program, which depends on each of you to provide names of prospective candidates, is off to a great start. Ninety temples have participated, providing more than 800 referrals. We thank everyone who is working to improve our membership numbers, and ask you to continue your efforts. The strength of our fraternity and philanthropy depend on the commitment of every one of our fellow members.

In terms of membership success, I want to especially acknowledge some efforts of our international temples and Shrine Clubs. Mabuhay Shriners of the Philippines had 284 new creations at their recent ceremonial. Also, representatives from nine countries attended a ceremonial in Cyprus (Emirat Shriners) for 10 new nobles, which was held following the annual outreach clinic on the island, bringing together both aspects of our organization and illustrating the global reach of both our fraternity and philanthropy. This year, 285 children were seen in the clinic over a four day period. I also want to acknowledge the El Salvador Shrine Club (Abou Saad Shriners), which recently held a charity run for hundreds of participants to benefit efforts to help local children, especially those with burn injuries. Their efforts were acknowledged by a local government official.

Great things are happening – thank you for all you do to support Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Yours in the faith,
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Public Relations Chairman

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- December 1 Oasis Patrol
- December 2 Oasis Elections
- December 16 Shrine Bowl

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Is hereby given to the Membership of Oasis Shriners to Advise of the **Oasis Annual Business Meeting** to be held: **Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 at 3:30 P.M.** On the agenda will be the Election of Oasis Potentate, Board of Directors, Imperial and SASA Representatives and Ammended Bylaws for the Governance of Oasis Shriners (copy within this Desert Dust issue), as well Discuss and Approve Oasis' 2018 Operating Budget(s).

Carolina / Units Room at Oasis Shriners Headquarters

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Caiden's Patient Story

Caiden and his mother moved to the rural community of Arcade, New York when he was seven years old. Now at 13, he has the demeanor of a smart, independent teenager, with a gift for learning things quickly. That includes musical instruments like the saxophone, piano or even the new ukulele which he has recently taught himself to play.

That same independent spirit led Caiden to try cooking french fries for himself one Saturday night while his mother Kimberly was out. As soon as she arrived home, Kimberly could smell the odor of hot grease coming from the kitchen.

"I could tell right away he had the oil too hot," she said, but by the time she got to the kitchen, Caiden had spilled the grease up his arm and chest.



Caiden with the new ukulele which he recently taught himself to play

Kimberly rushed Caiden, who was wearing nothing but shorts and bare feet, also leaving her purse behind, to the local emergency room where they spent two hours with no treatment. Once seen, Caiden and his mother were dispatched almost immediately to Shriners Hospital for Children—Cincinnati for treatment of 2nd and 3rd degree burns on 16% of his body.

The next days were a whirlwind – "I remember riding this weird lift thing," Caiden said of the receiving dock where he was brought into Cincinnati Shriners Hospital. His mother has a clearer memory of spending the first two nights in acute care rooms, then moving to one of the family care units. She is also grateful for the help they received with clothes and spending cash after arriving here with next to nothing.

As he waited to see Dr. Petra Warner, now on his way to full recovery, Caiden entertained the staff in the Family Care center with a song on his ukulele. At his appointment, Dr. Warner determined that he would not need surgery, just a return visit in two to three weeks for an assessment of one possible graft site.

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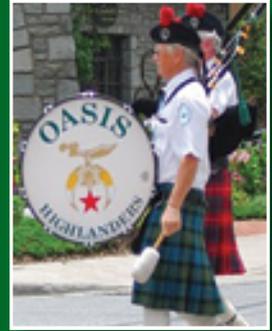
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What: Monthly Club Meeting

When: 2nd Wednesday of

each month

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Meal - 7:00 PM

Meeting - 7:30 PM

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John Drew	Gold Hill, N.C.	1/29/1977	10/13/2017
Brown Sides	Rockwell, N.C.	1/29/1977	10/27/2017
Jerry Patterson	Shelby, N.C.	3/18/2006	11/1/2017
George Stevens, Sr	Henderson, N.C.	10/23/1971	10/31/2017
Charles Brown	Harrisburg, N.C.	1/20/1968	10/21/2017
J. B. Osteen	Henderson, N.C.	6/11/2005	10/22/2017
Arlie Culp	Asheboro, N.C.	6/8/2002	10/18/2017
Mell Summerville	Charlotte, N.C.	10/31/1970	10/9/2017
Paul Caldwell	Asheville, N.C.	10/23/1971	10/5/2017
Barry Greene	Belmont, N.C.	10/3/1984	9/30/2017
Joe Andrews	Concord, N.C.	5/30/1981	9/26/2017
John Severs, Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	10/23/1971	9/17/2017
Curtis Shoff	Candler, N.C.	11/5/1994	9/22/2017
Charles Myers	Gibsonville, N.C.	1/20/2005	3/16/2017
Terry Henderson	Indian Trail, N.C.	10/30/1976	9/17/2017
James Gibson	Hendersonville, N.C.	1/24/1976	8/29/2017
William Whiteheart	Lewisville, N.C.	3/17/2007	9/5/2017

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