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The Potentate's Message

Nobles, Ladies and Friends:

Bobbie and I are off to a good start for 2017, with our great Installation of Officers of Oasis Shrine Banquet on January 7th. Lady Bobbie and decorating crew from Ashe County did an awesome job decorating the Shrine Center Auditorium. The music was great, and the assembly of Nobles, Ladies and Friends was exhilarating. Even with the threat of snow, our members weathered the storm to make a really special night. I thank everyone for attending and for supporting Lady Bobbie and me to begin our journey for Oasis, and for our kids.

I have already had a great many promises from our members and ladies to help me to W.A.L.K. the walk to exemplify the fact that We All Love Kids. I know our efforts this year will be a tremendous help to our kids, and it is all due to the work of our dedicated members.

As we look to the new year, I want each of us to reflect on our reason for being. To Shriners, our kids are the most important factor in our Fraternity. It is not all about who is Potentate, or President, or Captain. It is about what we can do to make life as close to normal for those kids who are facing a medical challenge. To Clubs and Units, please share your stories, all year long, with Noble Terry Cox, Editor of the Desert Dust. We know of our own success stories, but would love to hear about yours.

In our last months issue of the Desert Dust,

I thought the most important message was from Chaplain and Past Potentate John Stanley. "What are we, as Brothers and Shriners, without LOVE. Love for one another, and love for our kids. Remember, W.A.L.K.

We plan to have three Ceremonials this year, with the first being a black tie affair at Shrine Headquarters on March 4th. Drag out that old dusty tuxedo, and ladies, this will be a good excuse for you to go shopping for that beautiful formal gown. It will be an affair to remember.

As you will see by the schedule, posted elsewhere in this issue, that we are going to have a busy, but fun, year. The Potentate's Trip to Las Vegas is planned with affordability in mind, and will be a great time to enjoy a good vacation with friends in the city where the lights are never turned off. You will find more information on this trip in this and future issues.

We plan to concentrate on membership the entire year. Our membership roles were decreased by more than 500 members last year. It is necessary that we solicit our Blue Lodge members to become members of the Shrine in order to increase our membership. Our membership team will be working with you to help in this endeavor.

We all must keep in mind our theme of We All Love Kids. It is what we are all about. Let's work together to make this year a banner year to promote the effort that we all must put forth. I know you will be there working hand in hand to help to make this a successful year for our kids, and for Oasis Shrine.

Yours in the faith,
Mike Neaves



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The Recorder's Message

Welcome Nobles, Ladies and Friends to the Oasis Recorder's February Desert Dust effort. A new Shrine year is upon us at Oasis and Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves has us almost up to full speed making preparations for the upcoming Clubs and Unit Officer's Orientation followed by a Stated Divan Meeting on February 4th. Preparations are also being made in advance for a rather busy March as our Membership Team will have their first ever Black-Tie Ceremonial at Oasis on March 4th, see the ad in this issue. Hospital Days at our Greenville Unit is March 11th. Every Oasis Shriner is encouraged to attend. Your RSVP is by purchase of a ticket that includes lunch. Some of Oasis' Shrine Clubs may be planning bus or van trips for that. Later in March, most of Oasis' leadership will attend Mid-Winter SASA which is an Area Imperial meeting that will help us get our footing for the Fall Migration in lovely Myrtle Beach this coming September. Let's hope we get a good, low number in the drawing for the parade line-up.

Let's now take time to welcome back to the "Dust" Noble Terry Cox. Noble Terry has been appointed by Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves as Oasis Desert Dust Editor for 2017. He is no

stranger (*than you might think*) to the ins and outs of our marvelous print communication tool. Please be supportive of him and abide by his dead-lines when placing ad, article or image content.

From the "you get what you pay for" file. I have alluded previously to my family's high voltage business. We would travel near and far to perform splicing and terminating for private sector, non-utility, end users. On one job in the Winston Salem area for RJR we had to work outside on a welded platform scaffold approximately 60' above grade. It was a 24-7 job and working that high up at night wasn't so bad for not noticing how high up in the air we really were. But once daylight poked through it was a little rough, especially for the boss-man's wife. For that job we borrowed a few safety belts from the utility's main electrical contractor. On the return trip in our work pickup truck late on Sunday evening, the boss-man's wife lamented that we do high-reach work occasionally and should consider having our own life-safety belts. Ever the frugal penny pincher one, she continued that they need not be expensive, but cheap safety belts would work just fine. The boss-man and I were

aghast and could not disagree more about the cheap life-safety belts. Nobles, come out to Oasis and get what you pay your dues for. Attend some of Oasis' scheduled events. Get involved. Reach out to Leadership. Make new friends. You will be glad you did.

Remember that Oasis is currently, far and away, the largest contributing Shrine Center to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Please help us keep it that way. Please continue to be supportive of all of the Oasis Clubs and Units with their inner-fraternal and Hospital fundraisers. Not a club or unit member - yet? Become one, its easy and rewarding. Just

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Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves Potentate

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The Oasis Shriners Membership Team Cordially Invites You to Join us on **Saturday, March 4th 2017 at Oasis Shrine Center** for a Late Afternoon Ceremonial, Early Evening Social and Formal Dinner. Candidates may Obtain a Petition for Initiation and Membership from the Oasis Web-Site, www.OasisShriners.org, or Call the Oasis Office 704-549-9600 to Request. Fill, Sign and Remit with Payment **by February 18th** to Oasis Accounting 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Gathering of Candidates
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Initiation
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. Formal Dinner \$30. individual / \$50. couple

Initiation Portion is Open to All Oasis Members from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Current Dues Card is Required for Entry
A Special Ladies Program is Planned from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Payment **by February 18th** for the Social and Formal Dinner is Required and is Your R.S.V.P. Send your payment to Noble Joe Burris 721 Mockingbird Rd., Albemarle, NC 28001 to be Added to the Guest List. Call 704-322-8941 or email jbarris2647@yahoo.com Directly if Questions

Formal Attire Please - Men Tux or Suit. Ladies Evening Gown or Dress

2017 INSTALLED OFFICERS



AVERY COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

L-R: Oasis Temple Divan & Installing Official John Burgess, Tony Luther - President, Clayton Harpold - Vice President, Michael Richardson - Secretary, Dean Mcguire - Treasurer



BLUE RIDGE SHRINE CLUB

Installed by Potentate Mike Neaves. President - Dylan Atwood, 2nd Vice President - Paul Pulaski, Secretary - Todd Trivette, Treasurer - David Deal



HIGH POINT SHRINE CLUB

Installed by Imperial Sir Al Madsen



YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB

L-R: Thomas Sumpter, Brandon Penley, Robby Saye & Tim Daniels



SCOOTER PATROL

Installed on January 1st at the 40th Annual Cox New Year's Day Pig Pickin'.
L-R: Lyle Smith - Captain, Ted Cisine - 1st Lt., Joe Mandeville - 2nd Lt., Bill Phillips - Treasurer, Terry Cox - Secretary



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SHRINE CLUB

L-R: Illustrious Sir David Sumpter, PP, Tyler White - Treasurer, Austin Brady - 2nd VP, Scott Helton - President, Rory Byers - Secretary, Tom Ledford - VP

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

for Catawba County Shrine Club,
Catawba County Ladies, and Gator Patrol Officers



Installing
Officer High
Priest and
Prophet
Kenneth
Jarrett was
Installing
Officer.



Newly Installed
President of
Catawba County
Shrine Club Bobby
Leatherman was
presented the Hour
Glass Award.



The Recorder's Message *continued from page 3*

reach out to me and I will do my best to match you based on your location and interests.

"Sometimes I feel like I told you everything I know when I told you my name." and *"Aint that a peach?"* Some things one of my passed Shrine-Patrol mentors, Noble Harry Bryson, used to often say. We call them "Harry-isms".

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye,
Recorder, Oasis Shriners



*Past President Noble Leigh
Upchurch receiving an Alan
W. Madsen Standing Tall
Award presented by Rory
Byers of the Oasis Patrol on
behalf of the WNC
Shrine Club.*

*PICTURED L-R: Rory Byers,
Leigh Upchurch, Illustrious Sir
David Sumpter, PP.*



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

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

Oasis Shrine Wagoneers are currently seeking new members.

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Introducing Your Divan



Douglass Blake "Doug" Garland, by appointment of Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves, is the newest member of the Oasis Shrine Divan, having been selected as 2nd Ceremonial Master for 2017.

Doug was born and raised in Boone, Watauga County, NC. His father retired as the electrical supervisor for Appalachian State University, and his mother worked as a Registered Nurse at the Watauga Medical Center, and later retired with the Appalachian State University Health Care System. He has one sister who currently resides in Boone and works as a Registered Nurse at Watauga Medical Center.

Doug learned the value of hard work early in life, often working during the summer on his grandfathers' dairy farm. The hours were long and the work was tough, but he learned that being rich was not always about having lots of money, but was the ability to build strong relationships with your family, having friends who were quality people that you can depend on, and the satisfaction of doing a good job at whatever you are slated to do.

After beginning school, he became active in the 4H programs in Watauga County. He participated in numerous 4H projects, attended several 4H camps, and continued his participation into high school where he was selected to receive the "I Dare You" Leadership Award by the Watauga County 4H Extension Agent in 1985.

In 7th grade, a teacher encouraged him to participate in a public speaking contest, which helped him to improve his self-confidence and social skills. His participation earned him school, county and district awards over two years.

In high school, he volunteered as a photographer with the "Powderhorn" school newspaper, and was appointed Photo Editor for this publication during his Senior year.

He participated in the Explorer Program, sponsored by the Watauga County Sheriff's Office as a teenager. This began an interest which defined his adult working career as a law

enforcement officer.

After graduation from high school, he moved to Morganton, NC to complete the Criminal Justice Program at Western Piedmont College, where he also volunteered at the Burke County Women's Crisis Center, to serve as an advocate for women who had been victims of violent assaults.

Upon graduation from Western Piedmont Community College, he began a career in law enforcement with the Watauga County Sheriff's Office as a sworn Detention Officer, and later as a Sheriff's Deputy. After working for 2 years, he was employed by the Boone Police Department where he worked as a Police Officer for 2 years. In 1991, he was hired by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, completing the 87th Basic Highway Patrol School in Garner, NC. Between 1991 and 2015, he had the opportunity to serve in a law enforcement capacity throughout most of the counties within the Oasis Jurisdiction.

In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and assigned to work in Guilford County. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of District First Sergeant and remained in Guilford County until his retirement in 2015.

During his tenure with the State Highway Patrol, he had several opportunities to lead motorcades in the Triad for several high-ranking political figures including former United States Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

After his retirement, he enjoyed six months of leisure with his family. In August, 2015, he began his second career working in the Court Services Division of the Guilford County Sheriff's Department.

Doug has been awarded the State of North Carolina's highest civilian award, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, by Governor Pat McCrory, and the Red Cardinal Award by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for his service to the citizens of the State of North Carolina.

Doug was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Asheboro Lodge #699 in 2007. He was created a Shriner with Oasis Shrine in June, 2008 in Asheboro.



Doug has been a member of Randolph Shrine Club, Greensboro Shrine Club, and High Point Shrine Club. He has served in several elected positions in all three of these Shrine Clubs, currently serving as Treasurer in High Point Shrine Club, and is recognized as a Past President of High Point Shrine Club. He also currently serves on the Greensboro Shrine Club Board of Directors.

He is a member of the Oasis Nascart Parade Unit.

He received his 32nd degree in 2010 when he joined the Greensboro Valley of the Scottish Rite.

Doug is married to Leah Johnson Garland whom he met at a Watauga County United Way charity auction. Ironically, it was Doug who was being auctioned. Leah did not submit the winning bid but she won his heart. Their marriage has produced two children, Jackson Thomas Garland, age 12, who is currently an out-patient at the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children, and Lauren Ainsley Garland, age 10.

Doug and Lady Leah have lived and worked in the Greensboro area since 2004. They are members of Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, where they volunteer to serve in the nursery and on the church security team. During summer months, the family enjoys the opportunity to serve in the concessions at the Victory Junction Camp in Level Cross, NC.

Please join together to welcome Doug to the Divan family. He is a true example of the ultimate Shriner, devoting time and energy because "We All Love Kids" (WALK).

The 40th Annual Cox New Year's Day Pig Pickin',

hosted by Noble Terry Cox and Lady Janice Cox



In addition to being a great time with about 80 of Noble and Lady Janice's friends, it was an opportunity for those friends to make a donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

This benefit, given as a fund raiser for our hospitals for the past 21 years, has raised thousands of dollars, and has become the go-to event for New Years Day.

ATTENTION CLUB AND UNIT OFFICERS

2017 Club and Unit Orientation will take place **Saturday, February 4th** at **Oasis Shrine Center at 9:00 am**. This is a **mandatory** orientation for all Clubs and Units. All officers in the Clubs and Units are encouraged to attend.

In addition, there will be a **vote on an Oasis Shrine by-law amendment**. It is vital that you attend this meeting.

Alan W. "Al" Madsen
Past Imperial Potentate
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REMINDER: All ads & articles for the March edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to Terry Cox - coxterj@hotmail.com by February 10.

ATTENTION NOBLES AND LADIES

Shriners Open House will be held **MARCH 10 & 11** at the Greenville Hospital. Details and schedule have not been given to us yet, but will be published in the March Desert Dust. Please note and plan to attend.

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2017 SCHEDULE

February 4	Units and Club Orientation
February 4	Divan Meeting Following Units and Club Orientation
March 4	Black Tie Cold Sands at Oasis
March 9-11	Oriental Guide Leadership Conference
March 10-11	Greenville Shriners Hospital Open House
March 13-15	Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference
March 31-April 1	Spring SASA Columbia, SC
April 13	Divan Meeting
April 19-22	Shrine Director's Milwaukee, WI. Tripoli Shriners
May 3 & 4	Shriners Public Relations Conference
May 5 & 6	Paper Crusade
June 2-4	Ceremonial Blowing Rock
June 16 & 17	Family Fun Day
July 9-13	Imperial Session Daytona Beach Fla. N.C. Grand Masters Dinner
August 8	Divan Meeting
August 8	Shrine 100
September 14-17	SASA Fall Meeting, Myrtle Beach
September 22-23	Grand Lodge Annual Communication Winston Salem
October 1-5	Potentates Trip to Las Vegas
October 5-7	Imperial Membership Conference
October 11	Shrine Circus Fletcher
October 13	Shrine Circus Concord
October 14	Shrine Circus Concord
October 13-15	Oxford Homecoming
October 27	Divan Meeting
October 27 & 28	Oasis Ceremonial
November 18	Veterans Appreciation Night
December 1	Oasis Patrol
December 2	Oasis Elections
December 16	Shrine Bowl

Top Club and Unit Contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children for 2016

BRONZE AWARD

(\$1-\$5000 raised for SHC)

High Point Shrine Club
Hillbillies

SILVER AWARD

(\$5001-\$15000 raised for SHC)

Smoky Mountain Shrine Club
Oriental Band

GOLD AWARD

(\$15001-\$25000 raised for SHC)

Land of the Sky
Mountain Buggies

PLATINUM AWARD

(\$25001-up raised for SHC)

Lake Norman
Piedmont Pistons



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Presentations to Our New Potentate and First Lady

Thanks to the Oasis Patrol for their presentation of an Oasis Patrol front license plate and two Patrol jackets for Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves and Lady Bobbie.

Thanks to Nobles Terry Cox and Rob Yarbrough for the handmade wooden fez box presented to Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves.

Thanks to the Oasis Shrine Scooter Patrol for their presentation of a check for \$1,100.00 to Illustrious Sir Mike as the first donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children for 2017.

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Burn Survivor Establishes Foundation to Help Others

Kilee Brookbank was a typical 16-year-old girl, spending her time going to school, playing soccer and being with friends. But in a split second, her whole world changed.

On Nov. 10, 2014, Kilee came home from school as usual. She smelled something foul and decided to light a candle. Immediately the force of an explosion threw her to the ground. She was on fire.

Kilee's dog, Digger, barked at her until she regained consciousness. She ran out of the house as a second explosion happened. The neighbors worked to put out the fire and called 911.

CARE AND RECOVERY

Kilee had sustained burns on 45 percent of her body, and she

spent 38 days at Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Cincinnati. During that time, she had multiple surgeries, skin grafts, intense physical therapy – and excruciating pain. She almost lost her fingertips, but her medical team at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital managed to save them.

As a result of her injuries, Kilee had to relearn how to do many everyday tasks, such as tying her shoes and turning a doorknob. After returning home, she continued intense rehabilitation with Cincinnati Shriners Hospital therapists as an outpatient and wore compression garments for more than seven months to facilitate healing and reduce scarring. Despite her challenges, she faced her journey with determination, strength and a positive attitude. Her family offered support every step of the way.

“My stepdad, Wade, always says, ‘Behind every door at Shriners Hospitals, miracles happen,’ and I want to make sure that keeps going,” said Kilee. “I want the Kilee Gives Back foundation to raise as much money as possible, because I feel like it’s my job to help Shriners Hospitals in some way. I want to bring awareness to Shriners Hospitals, too, so everyone can know about it and feel the way I feel about it. Then more people will want to give back, too.”



The foundation started by Kilee (pictured) raised more than \$70,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati in its first year.

GIVING BACK

After her life-changing experience with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati, Kilee decided she wanted to do something for the hospital, so she established a foundation and named

it Kilee Gives Back. All of the money raised is donated to the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital. In its first year, the foundation raised more than \$70,000.

Kilee and her mother, Lori, also wrote a book, Beautiful Scars, about their experiences and per-

spectives. A portion of the proceeds of Beautiful Scars, which is available on Amazon.com, will benefit the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital. Kilee and Lori also donated copies of the book to the hospital for burn survivors and their families.

“My stepdad, Wade, always says, ‘Behind every door at Shriners Hospitals, miracles happen,’ and I want to make sure that keeps going,” said Kilee. “I want the Kilee Gives Back foundation to raise as much money as possible, because I feel like it’s my job to help Shriners Hospitals in some way. I want to bring awareness to Shriners Hospitals, too, so everyone can know about it and feel the way I feel about it. Then more people will want to give back, too.”

Kilee also recently held her foundation’s second celebrity golf tournament and raised more than \$55,000 for the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.

Expert care for burn injuries is provided at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Cincinnati, Ohio; Boston, Massachusetts; Galveston, Texas; and Sacramento, California.

Oasis Oldies

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

Captain: Thomas M. Sumpter
1st Lieutenant: David Stillman
2nd Lieutenant: Steve Peeler
Treasurer: Pat Stanley

We meet the 2nd Sunday of each quarter
 3 pm - Lone Star Restaurant
 700 Sullivan Rd. Statesville, NC



OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB



BRANDON PENLEY - PRESIDENT
THOMAS SUMPTER - VICE PRESIDENT
ROBBY SAYE - SECRETARY/TREASURER

If you are under forty and interested in joining - Contact oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com

We now have Oasis Young Shriners Club bracelets free with membership or for donation.

2016 AWARDS*From Johnny King***Disney Awards**

Donnie Wrenn
John Cable

Doug Mayes Lifetime Achievement Award

Wayne D King

Life Memberships

Marvin W Wallace
Bryant Webster

Award of Merit

James Jordan

Donald McAllister Membership Award

Jason Whitley
Thomas Jones

Special Trophys

Jack Wallace Chief Aide
James R Beaty Personal Aide
Wes Kennerley
Reggie Hall
John Elder PP
Roger Rosenberger
Sam Moody
Mark Weathers

Ladies Special Trophys

Edie Wilson - Desert Dust
Lourin Carter - Decoration
Linda Rosenburger - Nashville trip

Men Special Awards

Allen and Doris - Hospitality Chairman
Steve Jordan - Photography 2016

Special Ladies Awards from Theresa King

Linda Wallace
Brenda Beaty
Anita Kennerley
Ann Hall
Jean Elder
Linda Rosenberger
Sherry Shirey
Alice Weathers

Editorial Without Words

All Shriners are familiar with the statue that adorns many Shrine Centers, is displayed in pins on uniforms, and decals on Parade vehicles, known by many names, but most affectionately as the Editorial Without Words, but do you know the story behind this magnificent Shrine emblem.

On June 11, 1970, Noble Al Hortman was at Meaker Park in Evansville, Indiana, watching children enjoy themselves on the various rides. As he watched, he saw a little girl whose legs simply were not working right, trying to operate a set of crutches that were not being kind to her. All she wanted to do was get closer to the activities so she could see what the "normal" kids were doing. She wanted to enjoy with her eyes the fun they were having, knowing full well she could not participate. She had Multiple Sclerosis, and her legs just did not allow her to run and play like the rest of the children.

Noble Hortman watched as she struggled to get closer, until his heart kicked in. He approached the little girl, spoke very kindly to her, and then gently picked her up, along with her tiny crutches, and carried her to a place where she could see the fun and frolicking. A photographer was on hand, taking pictures of the festivities. He had only one shot left on the film in his camera, and as they approached, he was unable to snap a photo of their faces, and could only take his last shot of them walking away from him, showing Noble Al carrying the little girl, accompanied by his daughter. This photo was published on the front page of the Evansville newspaper the following day.

This little girl, Bobbi Jo Wright, was a Shrine

patient, who today credits the Shriners for allowing her a lifetime of mobility that she otherwise would have been unable to enjoy.

She is a successful woman, having lived more than four decades, and, although she must now use a crutch, she graduated from college, became employed, lives on her own, and is a kindred spirit with much love for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

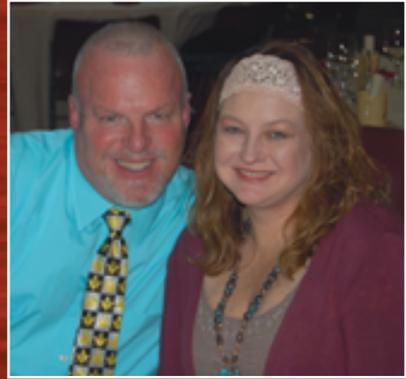
Bobbi Jo joined the Nobles and Ladies of Oasis Shrine, at the invitation of Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves and Lady

Bobbie, to celebrate the Installation of Sir Mike as 122nd Potentate of Oasis Shrine on Saturday, January 8th.

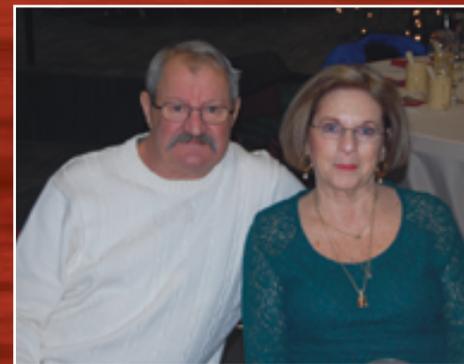
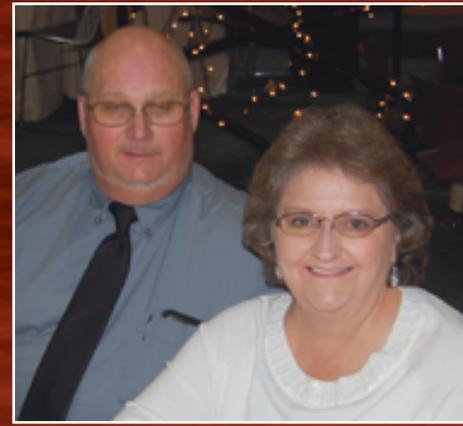
The photo is real, it was not staged, and simply shows that No Man Stands So Tall As When He Stoops To Help A Child. Who would have known that a chance photo of a Noble helping a child would go viral, and would become the symbol of Shriners worldwide.



OASIS INSTALLATION NIGHT



Photos by John Sullivan



Shrine Trailer Travels for You

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



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

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

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

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The Editor's Message

I'm back!!! It is such an honor to be re-appointed Editor of the Oasis Shrine Desert Dust for 2017. As in any transition, you will note some changes in the format, and I want them to be positive changes. As in my previous years, I am as close as your telephone if you have suggestions, complaints or comments that you want to share with me. If you have an article you want published in the Dust, email it to me and I will do my best to place it in the next available edition. If you have events that you want to advertise, let me know. We want all the members of Oasis to participate in as many events as possible. Photos are always welcomed. Just keep in mind that we are only able to use PDF files for photos and articles. Attaching from Word is generally the best.



We want to give you the quality newspaper that won the Dromedary award in 2013, and Honorable Mention in 2014. We are on target to submit another Dromedary award-winning edition this year as well.

Play close attention to our deadlines for submissions. In order for us to deliver the Dust in a timely manner, we must ourselves be timely in submitting the finished product to the printer.

You will see me a lot over the next year. I plan to attend as many events as possible, taking pictures and helping to show all of the Oasis membership the great work being done by our Clubs and Units.

And lastly, I want to thank each of you in advance for your help in making the Oasis Shrine Desert Dust a quality newspaper, delivering information about our fraternity and the wonderful hospitals that we all so dearly love. You folks are the best.

Terry

Come check out the
Cabarrus Shrine Club

Membership meeting is the last Friday of every month
Social at 6:30pm – Dinner at 7:00pm – Meeting at 7:30pm

Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC

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A Special Thank You Letter

It's always nice to be thanked and appreciated. We are grateful to be a part of the lives of all our patients and families. Below is a letter from the father of one of our Shriners Hospitals for Children patients who served as a standard bearer during the 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. We hope you enjoy reading it.

As the saying goes, "What happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas," but when something this good happens the story must be told. During the first weekend of November, I won in Las Vegas – and I won BIG. However, I didn't place one bet. Not one over four days. I won because I realized just how special the people of this country are.

If you heard, "We're so happy you are here with us" what would you think? For me, after attending the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, that series of words will forever remind me of one of the greatest experiences of my life.

A little background: My lovely daughter was born March 1, 2007, a perfect baby with a round head, 10 toes and 5 fingers. Only 5 fingers? That's correct. Audrey was born missing her lower right arm. We knew about the arm before she was born, of course; the ultra sound had discovered it at 20 weeks, so we had time to plan. During that time, we found Shriners Hospitals for Children, and Audrey's first visit was scheduled while she was still in the womb.

Fast forward a bit: Audrey has become a beautiful little girl, now, at 9 years old, she does everything an able-bodied kid would do. She's still a patient at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Twin Cities, where she receives the best health care available.

Last September, an old friend of mine, Adam Sperling, who is the executive direc-

tor of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, let us know of a program the tournament had started, the patient ambassador standard bearer program. One patient from each of the 22 Shriners Hospitals is selected to serve as a standard bearer during final two days of the tournament. A few weeks later we learned that the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital had selected my little Audrey to be their ambassador for the 2016 event.

Shriners Hospitals has provided my baby with excellent physicians, prosthetic arms and hands, and emotional support. But last week they provided us with an experience I had never imagined. I have worked in and around professional golf for nearly 10 years. I have been to hundreds of tournaments and am a true believer in Golf, the power of the PGA TOUR and all the good the game does for charity, however never had I witnessed what I did during the SHC Open event. Every person on that golf course was there for one reason, dedicated to one cause, supporting one mission: children like my daughter Audrey.

Last week I watched my Audrey be a standard bearer in the final group of a PGA TOUR event. I watched her carry that sign with her one hand for 9 holes (she had a partner that carried the other 9) and have the biggest smile a kid that age can have.

I watched Rod Pamplig, Lucas Glover and Brooks Koepka introduce themselves to her with warm handshakes. I heard Rich Lerner introduce her live on the Golf Chan-



nel coverage as she walked down the 18th fairway. I watched the eyes of spectators follow her in admiration and more times than I can count I witnessed men in those iconic fezzes – the Shriners – come to her and say, "We are so happy you are here with us."

These men – and their families – of Shriners International amaze me. Their unyielding love for my child is palpable. It's intoxicating. It's overwhelming! All of you out there who support the Shriners Hospitals for Children, please know how much good your donations do. For the PGA TOUR Players that played in the event, those of you who worked at the tournament, those of you who attended and watched on TV, please know how much good this amazing organization does. And to the men and women of the Shriners International, as you put on your fezzes and change the world, I take my hat off to you and say THANK YOU. Thank you from the deepest part of me. Thank you for all that you do for my Audrey and all the other children that need your help. Keep it up!

Steve Crowley,
Grafton, Wisconsin

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Incoming High Point Shrine Club President presents a plaque to Past President Ed Hurley for the highly successful Motorcycle Ride In, sponsored by the High Point Shriners. The Ride in will now be a yearly event, and has been named in honor of Noble Wayne Hurley.

Be Burn Aware Campaign Featured on The Steve Harvey Morning Show

Shriners Hospitals for Children is determined to decrease the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by raising awareness. Burn Awareness Week officially kicks off in February, but Shriners Hospitals works year-round to promote burn awareness and prevention, especially during the holiday season.



Actor Joe Minoso of NBC's hit show Chicago Fire has teamed up again this year with Shriners Hospitals for Children to promote the Be Burn Aware campaign. On Friday, Dec. 9, Minoso appeared on The Steve Harvey Morning Show and shared holiday fire safety tips while highlighting Shriners Hospitals for Children's expertise in pediatric burn care.

For more information, please visit steveharveytv.com/s5-shriners-hospitals-for-children/.

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OASIS HIGHLANDERS

*Can ye play the pipes? Can ye play the drum?
Would you like to?*

The Oasis Highlanders are recruiting new members and would like to hear from you. Experience is a plus, and so is the willingness to learn a rare skill. We also would like to have a drum major...Interested?



Contact Captain Mike Avery (704) 279-8076

Gaston County Shrine Club
505 Pinkney Road
Dallas, NC 28034



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

www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com

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



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

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Noble Gary D. Handy, Captain: (336) 416-1323
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6 PM @ BIG DADDY'S
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Born For A Storm *by Paul Whitfield*

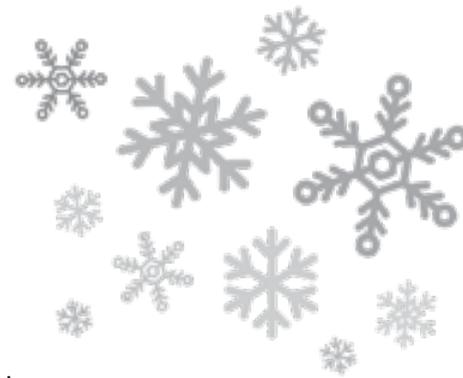
Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, was born down the road from Charlotte in what was then called the Waxhaw Settlement. It was a collection of recent Scots- Irish immigrants who settled the Piedmont of North Carolina and upstate South Carolina. The area called The Waxhaws was geographically much larger than today and included several modern counties in the Old North State and upstate South Carolina. The boundary was not clearly marked at the time of his birth. The story is that Jackson's mother and father lived in North Carolina and his mother had a sister who lived a few miles away in what is now South Carolina. Andrew, it is said, was born while his mother was visiting her sister. South Carolina then wrongfully claims Andrew. He was a resident of North Carolina and studied law in Salisbury before moving to Tennessee. A born fighter, as Scots of that time tended to be, he said of himself that he was "born for a storm."

Oasis has its own "born for a storm." Bob Vaughan, one of the most talented Potentates we ever had, was born in upstate South Carolina, very near the Waxhaws. He served a term and a half. In 1988, he acted as Potentate while Jim Fulghum was ill and served a full year in 1989. We had an ice storm on the day of Bob's election. Some 40 or 50 hardy souls showed for the election, notwithstanding the ice storm. We had a second ice storm on the Saturday of his installation. The same hardy souls showed for that as well. And, on the Satur-

day of orientation, we had a third ice storm. But that was not all. SASA was scheduled for Virginia Beach that year. The weatherman (how often is he right?) said Hurricane Hugo would track I-95 inland. Hugo was offended by the weatherman's prediction and headed north on I-77, making parts of Charlotte look like Beirut.

All of the Divan and most of our clubs and units dutifully drove the six hours or so to Virginia Beach. We all drove with the weather reports on the radio, which continued to say the storm would track I-95. When we got to the hotel, Bob called a Divan meeting and reported that the latest weather report was that Hugo had changed course and was headed straight for Charlotte. He called off the SASA weekend before a single event was held and ordered clubs and units back home. We turned tail and drove another six hours back home to find Charlotte literally devastated. Many streets were impassable, especially old neighborhoods like Myers Park, where there were so many ancient oaks that were about to die of old age anyway.

But there was another storm that year. We called it the operating budget. We had just moved into the new Temple at University Place. No disrespect to the committees that planned the move, but we horribly underestimated the operating costs of this monstrous new building. The electric bill was \$5,000 per month, for example. Per diems were done away with. Past Captains' fezzes were no longer awarded at Temple costs. Everything was cut to the bone. Through it all, Bob was a true master of the lodge. He was a businessman first and foremost. He trimmed the budget. He trimmed the costs, and cut everything that could be cut. Thanks to his business acumen, we managed to make it through the year. No matter the weather, Bob was steadfast. Like his Waxhaw-area presidential counterpart, he was "born for a storm."



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Chaplain's Corner

*"Therefore do **not worry about tomorrow**, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

Having **not** been in Rome on New Year's Eve, I cannot affirm this, but, someone has said that in Rome, on New Year's Eve, if you are out walking, you best be looking up. You see, there is a tradition of **literally** throwing old things right out the window, to start the New Year free from the past.

This tradition seems to come from a deep human need to throw out the old, to start the New Year free of old resentments, old fears, old prejudices, old sins.

Of course, living in the year 2017, there seems to be much in life to fear. It may be fear of failure, or fear of ridicule. It may be fear of places, or fear of people. It seems that everyone is afraid of something.

The problem begins when we allow our fears to overwhelm us.

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.

Fear can do amazing things with our minds when we lack Faith. Faith. The Bible is filled with Scripture regarding faith and fear. "Fear Not". "Let not your hearts be troubled". "I shall not fear". My personal favorite: comes from Matthew Chapter 6: **"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."**

As Rev. Patricia Farris, the editor of a well known Devotional Book, says: "Speaking of resentment, prejudice, **sin, and anger**: Throw them out . . . smash them against the strong fortress of faith and be done with them. God is ready to offer healing and new life."

We wish you a most Happy and prosperous 2017. Blessings.

The Nobles of Randolph Shrine Club recently paid a visit to the Shrine Hospital in Greenville.



Cabarrus Shrine Club Spaghetti Dinner



Where: Cabarrus Shrine Club
When: Saturday, February 18, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10 (13 and over)
 \$6 (7 - 12)
 6 and under eat FREE

1460 Oakwood Ave. - Kannapolis, NC
(704) 933-2797

Proceeds to benefit Cabarrus Shrine Club

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

- Monthly Meeting (Families & Guests Welcome)
- Program with meal & fellowship
- Doors open at 6pm with social time
- Dinner with program/entertainment at 7pm

Second Friday of the Month - Grill Night

Members & Guests
 Grill opens at 5:30pm to 8pm

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Shriners Hospitals for Children – Lexington Opens New Medical Center

For 90 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Lexington has brought hope and healing to children and teens at their iconic spot on Richmond Road. In April 2017, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Lexington will return to its downtown roots and open as Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center. The complex will be located on South Limestone across from the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital. The new facility will be a state-of-the-art ambulatory care center, owned and operated by Shriners Hospitals for Children and designed to better meet the orthopaedic needs of children and their families well into the future.

Achievements and advances in orthopaedic care for children have changed since the current Lexington Shriners Hospital was built in 1988. Fewer children require inpatient care while the number of children receiving outpatient care has increased significantly. This year, 80 percent of the hospital's surgical cases have been performed without the child requiring an overnight stay.

In 2016, approximately 11,000 children from Kentucky and the surrounding states will come to the Lexington Shriners Hospital to see their physician specialist and receive related services. The new facility will expand capacity to over 13,000 children.

The pediatric orthopaedic surgeons currently on staff at the Lexington

Shriners Hospital are also on staff at Kentucky Children's Hospital. Children who require inpatient hospital care will be admitted to Kentucky Children's Hospital and cared for by the same physicians they are familiar with and trust.

The estimated cost of the new Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center – Lexington is \$47 million. The top two floors of the five-story building will be leased to the University of Kentucky for ophthalmology services. The new Lexington Shriners Hospital facility will include a motion analysis center (one of only three in the state), 20 patient exam rooms, two surgical suites, a rehabilitation gymnasium and therapy rooms, and interactive artwork.

Construction on the new medical center is scheduled to be complete in January. The Lexington Shriners Hospital will begin seeing patients at the new facility on April 17, 2017. The dedication ceremony will be held on May 21, 2017, at 1 p.m.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children Medical Center

DEDICATION CEREMONY

of the NEW Lexington Shriners Hospital

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 21, 2017 ♥ 1 – 5 p.m. Formal invitation to follow!



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NOBLE ALLEN JONES, PC
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- MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB -

Meets First Thursday of every month, centrally located in McDowell County
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!**



LEGION OF HONOR CLUB



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

President Noble Jim Glen J-Glen@att.net 704-379-9217
1st Vice Noble David Johnson dtcarolina@wilkes.net 336-467-0107
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Secretary Noble Eddie Wrenn chev1995@hotmail.com 704-579-8149
Chaplin Noble Dick Gardner dpgard32@att.net 704-918-3399

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.



Shrine Bowl Honors



North Carolina awards went to quarterback Jack Davidson (Myers Park) and inside linebacker Christian Dixon (Butler). Davidson passed for 174 yards and two touchdowns, while Dixon had four tackles.



Jackson Williamson from Westside was named South Carolina's Offensive Most Valuable Player and Brad Johnson from Pendleton who led all players with seven tackles, including six assists was named South Carolina's Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Reprinted from *THE GOALPOST A Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Publication*

Howdy from Hillbilly Clan #13!

Submitted by *Chrissy Leatherman*



Howdy from Hillbilly Clan #13! We hope everyone had a wonderful and Merry Christmas! The past couple of months has been really busy and we've kind of gotten behind on things! Here's an update on how 2016 ended for us Hillbillies. In November, we started up the parades with Salisbury, Spencer and Marion and the Veterans Parade in Catawba.

In December, we ventured out to Lincolnton's Catsquare Parade and Waxhaw's Christmas parade. We had 2 of our cars to make the newspaper (Mark Aiken in the Salisbury Post and Marcus Moss in the Lincoln Times). Hats off to all of the Ladies and Men who participated. We also had our annual Christmas party at O' Charley's in Mooresville. That's where we announced the new officers and said goodbye to our 2016 Opossum Queen, Diane Orr and welcomed our 2017 Queen, Hilda Stalker. She's the wife of Butch Stalker and we know that she'll do a great job! Also, we had a Hillbilly degree at the Greensboro Shrine Club. We had 9 men and 6 women to go through. We would also like to give a big thank you to our Potentate Johnny King Sr. & Roger Rosenberger for being there for this degree.

We're so proud of the team for doing a wonderful job. The Hillbilly Clan #13 wants to welcome our new members, Danny and Lisa Shuller, to the parade unit! We would also like to give a big congratulations to this unit who was awarded the 1st Place Bronze Award for contributions and donations up to \$5000.00 for 2016 and the installation in Charlotte on January 6, 2017.

Lets make 2017 the best year ever. Remember We All Love Kids, and always Honor the Cobb. Happy New Year to Everyone!

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!"

Be sure to "LIKE" our Moore County Facebook page to see many photos!

If you have not signed up for Shriners Village, do so today.

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www.facebook.com/shrinersinternational

Oasis Patrol News

Patrol Family, We enjoyed a great weekend of celebration for the Oasis Patrol during the Club and Unit Appreciation Event and the Installation of 2017 Oasis Potentate Mike Neaves and Lady Bobbie. Patrolmen and their ladies braved the winter weather and came

out with a strong showing at Oasis Headquarters to support the weekend's Festivities.

On Friday evening, the Patrol was recognized at the Silver level of hospital fundraising for 2016. Noble Patrolman Paul Southworth was presented with an Award of Merit from 2016 Potentate Johnny King for services rendered

to Oasis Shriners.

On Saturday evening, the Oasis Patrol was honored to present the Colors during the Opening Ceremony for the Installation of the 2017 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves and Lady Bobbie. Following the Presentation of the Colors, Patrolmen provided escorts for each member of the 2017 Divan and their ladies as well as Illustrious Sir. Johnny King and Lady Theresa, Outgoing Potentate, and Noble Douglass Garland and Lady Leah, Incoming Second Ceremonial Master for Oasis Shriners (progressive line appointment of Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves). Congratulations to Noble Past Captain Tim Daniels who has advanced on the Oasis progressive line and will serve as First Ceremonial Master in 2017. Also, congratulations to Noble Past Captain Bob Saye, Sr. who will continue to serve as Oasis Recorder in 2017. Illustrious Sir and Patrolman Bill Harward will once again render his selfless service as Oasis Treasurer during 2017. Congratulations are also in order to Noble Patrolman Joe Burris who has been appointed as the 2017 Outer Guard on the Divan and new Membership Chairman for Oasis Shriners, replacing your Captain in this capacity who will remain on the Divan as Marshal during 2017. Indeed, the Patrol proudly continues its legacy of decades of service, duty, and leadership for Oasis Shriners with five (5) members serving on the Divan.

Special thanks to the following Patrolmen who were in uniform and faithfully performed Patrol duties Saturday evening:
 Noble First Lieutenant Brandon Watson
 Noble Second Lieutenant Brandon Penley
 Noble Sergeant Scottie Cox
 Noble Dave Campbell
 Noble Jesse Campbell
 Noble Robby Saye, Jr.
 Noble Paul Southworth

Stay warm and stay safe. Please inform the Chaplain with any health and happiness updates and let me know if you have any questions or needs.

YITF, **Chris Hall**, Captain, Oasis Patrol



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