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# Your Potentate



Nobles, Ladies and Friends  
  
Lady Charlotte and I want to first thank you for this incredible honor and privilege of serving Oasis for 2018. If the Installation held on Saturday January 6 is any indication,

we are very excited. We hope that the attendance and excitement shown there is an example of what we will experience throughout this year. The Installation went great, the food was excellent and the band really got the crowd involved. We have heard nothing but positive comments about the entire evening. Everyone said that they are looking forward to another successful year for Oasis. To all who helped decorate and set everything up, we sincerely appreciate all you did to make Lady Charlotte's and my night special. Oasis is truly blessed to have so many dedicated Nobles and their Ladies to help in all we do.

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves and Lady Bobbie for sharing the evening with us. We have truly enjoyed being with you both while on the Divan. We wish you the very best and know that you will always be there for us in support of Oasis and the children. You showed us how to W.A.L.K. and to help our children in all that we do.

As we begin a new year for Oasis, let us all remember the reason why we are here. We are here to support the hospitals and the children. So every time you are working a fish fry, BBQ, bake sale, car show, paper sale, or golf tournament stand a little taller and smile - it can be contagious. Remember, *No Man Stands as Tall as when He Stoops to Help a Child.*

Always remember we are Masons and Shriners helping our children.

When you have a function or fundraiser for the children, don't forget to take pictures to share in our award winning Desert Dust. Contact the Editor Edie Wilson and she will be glad to get it in the "Dust."

TEAM 2018 is our slogan this year. I have a fantastic Divan and Aides, along with several committee members who I know will come together as a team to keep Oasis the Number One Shrine Temple in giving. We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated Nobles, Ladies, and friends on Team 2018.

We have a busy year planned and hope that you can attend every function. Remember, this is YOUR OASIS. Come and be part of it and be proud. We are planning four ceremonials. We will have our Spring Ceremonial in Blowing Rock and our Fall Ceremonial in Charlotte. We will also have a one day ceremonial at Ashe County Shrine Club on April 14 and a Black Tie ceremonial on August 25, location to be determined. This will give our prospective candidates choices of where and when to attend. So please talk these up and let's bring in some new Nobles.

Our Potentate Trip will be to San Francisco August 2-6 and we are looking for a great turnout. A flyer is in this issue, so take a look and make your plans to join us. More information will be coming out later as we get near the time.

So as Lady Charlotte and I begin our journey, our only wish is that you come out and share it with us. So Nobles, Ladies and families, let's celebrate 2018 together.

*Yours in the Faith,*  
**John Burgess and Lady Charlotte**



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## Reminder

All ads & articles for the March edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson - Ediewilson7@gmail.com** by February 15.



## The Desert Dust

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*Corresponding photos are left to right on the cover.*

#### EDITOR

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## Your Recorder



I am occasionally asked, "Bob," because that's my name, "what is your favorite thing about being the Oasis Recorder?"

As easy as that question should be, there is no one favorite thing or segment

of duties. It is an all-encompassing thrill to have many layers of responsibility and help to positively represent the largest Shrine Center in the world. But, if I HAD to answer the question as directed, I would use a two-word declaration; "positive people." I am reminded of a slogan from the 1980s that the 3M Corp. had, "The Right Attitude, Pass It On," which is slightly better than the saying about their Scotchloks which just oozes electro-products inside humor.

Alright! A fresh new Shrine year, a changing of the guard so to speak. Now that we have Oasis installations behind us, we can hunker down and tackle our pending Oasis matters at hand. Please help by getting behind and beside our new Team 2018 leader, our Illustrious Potentate, Johnny Burgess and his first Lady Charlotte. Here's looking to a magnificent 2018!

Please join me in welcoming back Lady Edie as the Editor of our Oasis Desert Dust news

magazine. Let her know how she can best keep the Oasis Desert Dust news magazine #1. Bidding a fond farewell to outgoing Editor, Noble Terry Cox, and kudos for the many milestone accomplishments on your watch.

About the same time this February issue is printed and released, Oasis' New Officers' Orientation will take place. It is not just for new officers, but an organizational refresher for all Oasis leadership, even the most seasoned of positions at Oasis, from the Potentate down through the Divan Board of Directors, Committee members, Aides and all of the officers of Oasis clubs and units, the working corps back-bone of Oasis Shriners.

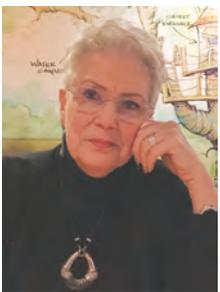
Because our long-time Oasis Treasurer, Illustrious Sir Bill Harward, Potentate in 1998, has not a soap-box to shout from, I shall help spread the following news of financial importance: On February 1, the 2017 financial reports from all Oasis clubs and units are due.

Keep making good choices and thank you ALL for helping to keep Oasis #1.

*Yours in the faith,*

**Bob Saye**  
Recorder, Oasis Shriners

## Your Editor



It was a first in Oasis history when Edie Wilson and The Desert Dust earned top honors in the Imperial Dromedary Award competition (2008). Edie now returns to The Dust as an experienced editor with exceptional writing

skills. Lady Edie and Noble Marty Wilson have been active members of Oasis for over twenty-five years. She first served as Editor under PP Robert Burroughs in 2001, and has since been

appointed by four more Potentates to manage a paper with a circulation of over 5000.

When asked to comment, Edie made this point, "While winning The Dromedary is certainly an honor, the real reward for me is serving the Nobility by printing articles that are of interest and significance to them."

Edie spent her full-time career as a publication designer, and in addition to her work with Oasis, she has written content for various websites and been published in Society Charlotte Magazine.

Per Section 5 (D) (3) of the Current Bylaws of



And by Order of the Illustrious Potentate

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Is Hereby Given to the Member Nobility to  
**Approve Oasis' Operating**

#### Budget for 2018

**At a Stated Meeting of Oasis Shriners  
on Thursday, March 15th, 2018  
4:00 p.m. at Oasis Headquarters**

Current 2018 Oasis Dues Card is Required for Admission

# Profile of a Potentate



Oasis Potentate John D. Burgess began his Masonic journey in 1979 by being initiated, passed and raised at his father's lodge, Saint Andrew No. 702, in Charlotte.

From there, he and his twin brother Jimmy and brother Gerald would become members of the Scottish Rite of Charlotte's 'Alpha Class' at their new temple on Randolph Road in Charlotte, then join Oasis Shriners as their journey continued.

John would become Master of Saint Andrew in 1982, just a week before his father, Noble F.R. Burgess, would pass away after a brief illness. John was the first of five Burgess brothers who would eventually sit in the East at Saint Andrew, a feat unmatched in the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

On the 'Shrine side' of his ascension in Masonry, John became a member of the Potentate Guard unit, where he would serve as Captain, and also

was an active member of the Red Fez Shrine Club, where he would serve as President.

He also expanded his Masonic affiliation by becoming an associate member of Steele Creek Lodge No. 737, at the time the home lodge of his father-in-law, the late Noble Buck Newsom, another active Mason and Shriner in John's life.



John and Lady Charlotte have two children, John Jr. and Jennifer. John Jr. became a Master Mason at Steele Creek Lodge and joined Oasis, where he has become an active member of the Dune Cats unit.

John actually began his journey on the Oasis Divan in 2009, when Potentate Mike Downs appointed him Outer Guard, then a 'non-moving' position but one with great responsibility in membership and other Shrine activities.

John became a member of the 'moving line' on the Divan in 2012, when Potentate H. Mike Cook appointed him as Second Ceremonial Master.

He then progressed through the ranks until his election in December 2017 as Potentate.

Throughout his years as a Mason and Shriner, John has received numerous awards and recognition, but none greater, he would say, that to be able to serve Oasis as its Potentate.

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# Shriner's Creed

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purpose, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, willing to serve our country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals, we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers, we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners, we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

# Relationships



It is impressive when often we hear Illustrious Sir Mike Cook, P.P. address a group, and he begins with that one great word: **RELATIONSHIP**. We have Relationships in our families, in our communities, in our churches, lodges, clubs and units. Relationships are vital, for as the author has written, "No man is an island." We are not alone.

We read the other day that the word team T-E-A-M, really means Together Everyone Accomplishes More. Indeed, when we "share the load," we can lift higher and go farther. When we are together we can and do accomplish more.

Relationships. The song writer John Lennon talked about building and maintaining relationships when he wrote:

*"We've got this gift of love, but love is like a precious plant. You can't just accept it and leave it in the cupboard or just think it's going to get on by itself. You've got to keep watering it. You've got to really look after it and nurture it."*

We can paraphrase by saying that we cannot just put relationships on the shelf. No! We must maintain and nurture. And, how do we maintain and nurture? We stay in touch. We call, text, e-mail, visit - regularly. We arrange to have lunch - often. We assist and support each other. And, we remember the cement that unites us.

In this New Year, let us commit ourselves to spread the cement of brotherly love. Let us pick up the phone and call the friend we haven't heard from in a while. Let us re-ignite those relationships that, for whatever reason have grown cold. Wishing you a Happy and joyful 2018.

*John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Assistant Chaplain, Shriners International, Chaplain of Oasis Shriners and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. He can be reached at [jstanley1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jstanley1@carolina.rr.com).*



**2018 New River Shrine Club Officers - Sparta, NC**

**(L-R) Noble Michael Ray, President; Noble Randy Williams, VP; Noble Larry Woodie, Treasurer; Noble Mike Sawyer, Secretary; Noble John Miles, Chaplain**



Tom Price PP receives his one-of-a-kind 60-year plaque from Imperial Sir Al Madsen.

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# Guitars for Greenville

By Alice Weathers

Forrest Weathers (9), grandson of Noble Mark Weathers, and his two friends Kaycee and Karlee Lyons recently delivered hand-made guitars to Shriners Hospital for Children Greenville. These instruments were made and donated by Rulon Wood Corp. out of Tampa Florida. This company makes and gives these two-string guitars to children in need or those with severe health concerns.

Eighteen guitars were waiting at the admissions desk, and as kids came through they were allowed to pick one out. The greatest moment was when a little boy about 6 years old, who was practicing walking with his

new prosthesis, rounded the corner with his therapist. When he saw those wooden guitars, his eyes got so big and he started into a fast walk with his walker.

The kids and I were then given a tour of the hospital during which they were allowed to examine and touch prosthetics in the lab. One of the most memorable moments was when Forrest watched a young boy with only one arm shoot a really mean game of pool with his father.

A visit to one of our hospitals always opens your eyes to new possibilities.



## Gaston County Shrine Club Noblettes **Valentines Dance**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH  
6PM - 11PM**

**Gaston County Shrine Club,  
505 Pinkney Rd, Dallas, NC 28034**

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided.  
Brown bagging is welcome and set-ups provided.

There will be a DJ to dance the night away.  
This event is open to the public.

**\$30 per couple or \$15 per person**



El Kalah's 2018 Divan Installation held special meaning as PIP Al Madsen installed his son Paul as El Kalah's Potentate in Salt Lake City, Utah. Congratulations to all the Madsen Family.

# Congratulations to Noble Shea Fadel



Congratulations to Noble Shea Fadel on his appointment as 2nd Ceremonial Master of Oasis Shriners. This office places him in line to become Potentate in the year 2024.

Noble Shea Fadel was born in Charlotte and graduated from Myers Park High School in 1976. He attended UNCC and began working in the family business, Fadels Inc. in 1980. In 2007 Noble Shea and his sister, Amina Stewart, purchased the business and he has served as President of Fadels Inc. for the past 11 years.

Noble Shea was raised up in the Oasis Shrine as his father, Chuck Fadel, was a very active member for 61 years.

On his 21st birthday in August of 1979 he petitioned to become a Master Mason and was raised by his father four months later December 17th at Excelsior Lodge #261 in downtown Charlotte. In March of 1980 he became a member of the Scottish Rite and became a Shriner in April of 1980 in Winston-Salem.

Noble Shea began playing the trumpet in 7th grade and continued through the high school marching band and orchestra at Myers Park High School (MPHS). In June of 1980 he joined the Oasis Band in which he is extremely passionate and active. He served as Captain of the band in 2006, 2007, 2014 and 2015. He is proud of the numerous awards presented to the Oasis Band at various Shrine Ceremonials, most notably at SASA.

He served on the Membership Committee in 2005 under Ill. Sir Rolla Rogers, was Chief Aide in 2008 for Ill. Sir John Elder, and in 2009 for Ill. Sir Mike Downs.

In 2007, Noble Shea helped start the Oasis Family Fun Day at the Red Fez Shrine Club, under Ill. Sir Gary Taylor. He continues to co-chair this annual event.

In 2008 at the Imperial Session in St. Louis, Mo., Shea met NASCAR driver David Ragan for the first time, a year after Ragan had chosen the Shriners Hospitals for Children as his "charity of choice." At the urging

of Imperial Sir Al Madsen, Shea began working with Ragan to help him through his degrees as a Master Mason and, ultimately, when the NASCAR ace joined Oasis Shriners. David was raised a Master Mason on May 22, 2012, at Williams Lodge No. 176 in Cornelius, and two months later became an Oasis Shriner during the Imperial Session in Charlotte, where he was named 'NASCAR Ambassador' by Imperial Sir Al.

He was appointed to the Divan as Outer Guard – Membership Chairman in 2010 by Ill. Sir Wayne King. He continued to serve in the same position as Outer Guard 2011 for Ill. Sir John Sullivan and in same position in 2012 for Ill. Sir Mike Cook.

He is a long-time member of Red Fez Shrine Club, Mecklenburg Shrine Club, ROJ Court #109, Director 2017.

He is an honorary member of James K. Polk Masonic Lodge #759 since 2005.

Noble Shea and his Lady Sandra have been married for 31 years. They have two children, daughter Alex and son Shea II. Alex returned home after graduating college to marry her high school sweetheart in 2013 to CMPD Officer Eric Nelson. They were blessed with their first child Maverick on July 28, 2017. Noble Shea and Lady Sandra are "obsessed" with their first grandchild. Our son Shea II played Lacrosse (LAX) at Catawba College all four years and is Project Manager at Fadels Inc.

Noble Shea is very honored to serve in his various roles with Oasis Shrine.

He was given Life Time Membership in Oasis by Ill. Sir John Elder in 2008.

He was awarded The Walt Disney Award in 2009 by Ill. Sir Mike Downs.

2010 was given the Potentate's Award of Merit, by Ill. Sir Wayne King.

2012 was given an appreciation award for service as Outer Guard of Oasis Shriners 2010, 2011 and 2012, by Ill. Sir Mike Cook

"Serving the Oasis Divan and Oasis Nobility for the next several years will be an honor as well as a privilege. I look forward to being at as many events as possible to meet all the Nobles and all our future Nobles to be. What a great honor it is to serve Oasis and our Hospitals and children."

# “A Lifetime of Giving”

By Don Deese, Captain, Oasis Keystone Kops



## Mrs. Christine Oehler 1942-2016

Cris came from quite an humble childhood in Robbinsville, NC but went on to graduate from Western North Carolina University and chose a career in teaching. She retired after teaching 34 years in Mecklenburg County.

She was the daughter of Floyd P. Crisp, who was active in the Robbinsville Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Robbinsville Shrine Club, and a Hospital Ambassador.

Prior to their marriage, Martin was introduced to Masonry by Brother Crisp, who proudly took him on Lodge tours while he was dating Cris. Brother Crisp was quite proud of the building he had helped construct during the fifties. His dedication to the Lodge also involved Cris, who in her later years, helped with the decorating and remodeling of the aging Lodge.

Her tireless efforts continued as a wife, mother, teacher, decorator, hostess, and business partner. She enjoyed entertaining family, friends, customers, and the Keystone Kops, during holidays and social functions. She was a great asset to The Keystone Kops, opening her home to host picnics and parties throughout the years.

After retirement, she enjoyed spending time with Martin, traveling with him to conferences, conventions, and entertaining his customers.

As we are taught as Masons, “Charity extends beyond the grave,” this was exemplified by Martin in December through his generous Memorial Donations to The Keystone Kops and the Robbinsville Shrine Club, In Loving Memory of his wife Cris.



## Shriners Hospitals FOR Children

### Moore County Shrine Club

We are back after two years of renovation to our fish fry trailer

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**When:** Saturday--April 14, 2018, Noon and 5:00pm

**Where:** Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge on Hwy 15-501 between Hwy 1 and Bernie's hardware

**Free Food:** finger foods and soft drinks

Fish Fry scheduled for September 7th, discount tickets will be on sale

For more information, call President Bill Loeser at (910) 759-0571

# Winston Salem Shrine Club Shrimp & Oyster Feast

Winston-Salem Shrine Club Annual Feast

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# Shriners Hospital for Children - Greenville: Meet Shelby

Shelby is full of life. She can often be found swinging on the playground, chasing after her sisters in the yard or filling a room with her infectious laughter. To interact with her now, it is difficult to imagine that she was not always a bubbly, energetic little girl, free to run and play.



“A few years ago, my daughter was hurting and missing out on her childhood,” describes Alyssa, 5-year-old Shelby’s mom. “Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville gave it back to her.”

When Shelby was brought to the Greenville Shriners Hospital at age 2, doctors diagnosed her with

juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), a painful inflammatory disease of the joints. While JIA is the most common type of arthritis in children, the symptoms and signs are often different and can vary case by case with each child.

For Shelby, the signs appeared in the form of her inability to straighten joints, pain in her legs and limited mobility.

“When we came to the Greenville Shriners Hospital, Shelby could barely walk. She could only move a few feet at a time and couldn’t straighten her legs,” Alyssa explains.

Although there is no cure for JIA, an aggressive treatment plan can help with controlling the pain and inflammation. For Shelby, physicians chose injections to help quiet the active arthritis in her knee joints, as well as ankle/foot braces for support. Weekly physical therapy sessions also added to her treatment plan, helping to completely restore her mobility.

For Shelby and her family, the expert care she received at the hospital not only meant more manageable symptoms and less pain, it also meant that she was given back the wonder of childhood.

“To me, Shriners Hospitals for Children means a little girl who can walk through the grass and pick flowers,” says Alyssa. “It means a little girl who can climb stairs and run after her sisters; its dancing, jumping and chasing fireflies. It’s even the ability to climb on the kitchen counter to sneak cookies when mommy isn’t looking. Those are all things Shelby could not do before she came to Greenville Shriners Hospital. The hospital took away my child’s pain and gave her back her ability to walk. Those are priceless things and it means so, so much to our family.”

## Cabarrus Shrine Club Spaghetti Dinner



**Where:** Cabarrus Shrine Club  
**When:** Saturday, February 10, 2018  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$10 (13 and over)  
\$5 (6 - 12)  
5 and under eat FREE

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*Proceeds to benefit Cabarrus Shrine Club*



Former Desert Dust Editor Terry Cox was honored last month by Past Potentate Mike Neaves for his service to Oasis at the helm of the newspaper. During Noble Cox’s nearly five-year tenure the paper was cited twice by Shriners International as the organization’s best publication.

# Nascarts Announce Unit Expansion

By Bobby And Bonnie Myers, Greensboro Shrine Club

As most Oasis members know, somewhere on or about April 10, 2017, our trailer carrying ten NASCAR-style go-karts (NASCARTS) was stolen from the Greensboro Shrine Club at 5010 High Point Road. The total estimated value of the stolen trailer with tools, support equipment and NASCARTS "Go-Carts" is around \$45,000. An investigation by the Guilford County Sheriff's Department is ongoing.

Needless to say the OASIS NASCARTS members were all shocked and crushed. These criminals didn't hurt the NASCARTS Unit nearly as much as they hurt the Children of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Most of the NASCARTS are purchased and built by the individual club members. Just prior to the theft, several unit members had begun an addition to the unit by building some of the earlier NASCAR replicas - more in line with the beginning of NASCAR and racing as we know it today. With ten planned "Legend Shriener" NASCARTS we refuse to let these criminals take the wind out of our sails. These new units (older model 34/35 Ford NASCARTS) were designed, engineered and built by our members: Tony Ramsey and Bobby Myers at Tony's R&R Car Care Center in Greensboro; and Everett Jarrett at Jarrett Builders Inc., Reidsville, NC. We were choosing our NASCAR favorite drivers from back in the day and will try to emulate those cars to honor them.

Everett has chosen #8, Leroy #3, and Tony, being a former NASCAR owner/driver, will surprise us all. I didn't really know where to start until my wife surprised me by researching NASCAR drivers to determine if any "Myers" were ever drivers. She said to me, "You aren't going to believe this, there were Billy and Bobby Myers NASCAR Drivers from NC." Her research proved exciting yet sad. Come to find out, Bobby Myers had driven #6A back in the early days. Without hesitation I said "there

we go, 6A it will be in honor of Bobby's early NASCAR days."

Unfortunately, Bobby is no longer with us and I would like to share a news report telling of the circumstances surrounding his last race:

*"Final, Fateful Dance with the Lady in Black"*

*"With the eighth annual Southern 500 coming up on Labor Day 1957, Herb Thomas asked Fonty Flock to drive his Pontiac in the race. Having won the event in 1952, Flock jumped at the chance, but Darlington's fickle blacktop held a trump card.*

*Flock wrestled with the ill-handling car for the first few laps. On the 28th lap, the car escaped his control and spun at the entrance of turn three. Split seconds later, Bobby Myers and Paul Goldsmith smashed full-bore into the idle Flock. Flock and Goldsmith were seriously hurt. Bobby Myers was killed instantly.*

*It was the final NASCAR start for Fonty Flock. He announced his retirement from a hospital bed."*

This report spurred me on to honor Bobby Myers and let some of the old timers see my car and remember Bobby.

To construct a type of car from that time frame Tony, Everett and I researched to find go-carts of that style; none were to be found. Then we came upon US Legend Cars out of Charlotte, NC, and decided we would go with their 1934/35 Ford bodies; however, these were full racing cars that would crank out at about 150 MPH, a little too fast for a Shrine parade. We located a source for two-seat dune buggies with the complete power train and braking safety requirements needed for our parades. To put these two items together took many hours of discussion, planning, and engineering as well as



**Bobby Myers and Jim Coleman with "The New 6A"**

major frame structure modifications.

When the new 6A was complete I still needed to contact the family to get their approval to the use number 6A on my parade car. I set out to contact Danny "Chocolate" Myers, Bobby Myers' son. As busy as he is, this was a challenge; however, his wonderful wife Caron took the time to make contact with me. I told her all about the replica 6A and that I would like to meet Chocolate some day and show him what Tony and I had accomplished in honor of his father. We talked about the purpose of Shrine parades, to generate donations for the Hospitals which resulted in a meeting at the replica garage that Chocolate had built in honor of his father. This was a very important day for me, my wife Bonnie, and several of the NASCARTS Unit members, Tony Ramsey, Jim Coleman, and Everett Jarrett.

I cannot express the joyful smiling faces of Chocolate and Ms. Caron when I drove the "New Bobby Myers 6A" up to his garage.

We hope this will bring more excitement to our Shrine parades, more donations to the Shriners Hospitals, and happy memories of "The" Bobby Myers.

Thank you Danny "Chocolate" and Ms. Caron Myers for your interest and support.

# 2018 Installation



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# Club and Unit Appreciation Night



James Richardson PP is honored for 50 years of service to the Shrine.



For a complete list of award winners see page 14.

## Congratulations and Gratitude to the Following Clubs and Units

### PLATINUM AWARD

*Raised and Contributed \$25,001 to \$100,000.*

CLUBS		UNITS
Blue Ridge		Dune Cats
Western NC	Stanly	Mountain Buggies
Gaston County	Robbinsville	Keystone Kops
Randolph	Hendersonville	
Crowders Mountain		

### GOLD AWARD

*Raised and Contributed \$15,001 to \$25,000.*

CLUBS		UNITS
Land of the Sky		Drum & Bugle
Cherryville	Lake Norman	
Appalachian	Avery	
East Burke	White Plains	
Brushy Mountain	Rowan	

### SILVER AWARD

*Raised and Contributed \$5,001 to \$15,000.*

CLUBS		UNITS
Tri County		Lexington
Catawba	Piedmont	Mount Mitchell
Greensboro / Oriental	New River	Smokey Mountain
Winston Salem	Statesville	
Thermal Belt	Metrolina	UNITS
Rockingham	Elkin Jonesville	High Point
Lincoln County	Union County	Scooter Patrol
Ashe	Moore County	Oriental Band

### BRONZE AWARD

*Raised and Contributed \$1 to \$5,000.*

CLUBS	UNITS	
Mecklenburg	Oasis Oldies	Directors Staff
Burke	Greeters	Patrol
Cabarrus	Ragtops	Piedmont Pistons
Mountaineers	Potentate Guard	Light Brigade
Surry Co.	Hospital Tripsters	Wagoneers
Foothills	Ritualistic Cast	Nascarts
Red Fez	Provost Guard	Clowns
Mystic	Gator Patrol	Hillbillies
Sandhills		

## TRAVEL WITH THE POTENTATE ELECT JOHN BURGESS & HIS FIRST LADY



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Francisco  
The City by  
the Bay*

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# Catawba County Shrine Club and Gator Patrol Install Officers

## CATAWBA COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

President – Bobby Leatherman  
 1st Vice President – Edward Ray  
 2nd Vice President – Allen Davis  
 Secretary – Edward Peak  
 Treasurer – Allen Leatherman

## GATOR PATROL

Captain – Wayne Yoder  
 1st Lieutenant – Danny Lyle  
 2nd Lieutenant – Monty Dobbins  
 Secretary – Bruce Bumgarner  
 Treasurer – Danny Bean

## MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

Bobby Leatherman

## LADIES OF THE SHRINE

President – Chrissy Leatherman



Alfred Keller with Catawba Shrine Club President Bobby Leatherman



David And Judy Bowman



Dennis And Terri Grigg



Gator Patrol Officers



Danny Bean



Ladies Of The Shrine, President Chrissy Leatherman



Catawba County Shrine Club Officers

# Oasis Launches Membership Restoration Program

Effective for the 2018 year, Oasis Shriners has introduced a Membership Restoration program whereby inactive Nobles can rejoin for only \$117.

**Q. Who can take advantage of this special opportunity?**

A. Any inactive Oasis Shriner who is still a "member in good standing" in his Masonic Lodge (current 2018 dues paid.)

**Q. Does it matter if I was NPD at Oasis last year or five years ago or how much I owe in unpaid dues?**

A. No. This Membership Restoration program is open to any and all inactive Oasis Shriners in good standing with their Masonic Lodge.

**Q. How much do I owe Oasis in order to become active for 2018 and receive my dues card?**

A. Only \$117. There is no additional cost as this is a special program aimed at those members who wish to become ACTIVE members.

**Q. What must I do in order to proceed and restore my Shrine Membership under this special offer?**

A. Complete the 2018 Special Oasis Restoration Form. Include a photocopy of your 2018 Masonic Lodge dues card and your check for \$117 and mail it to:

Oasis Shriners  
2018 Special Restoration  
604 Doug Mayes Place  
Charlotte, NC 28262

Once your paperwork is processed, you will receive your 2018 Oasis Shriners due card in the mail.

**Q. What happens for the year 2019? Will I have to pay my dues to remain a member?**

A. YES. Toward the end of the 2018 year,

membership dues notices will be mailed to all members. This includes any Noble who takes advantage of this Special Restoration offer.

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## OASIS SHRINERS 2018 Special Restoration



To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Oasis Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Charlotte, Desert of North Carolina:

I, the undersigned, a former member of your Temple, respectfully request that I may be restored to membership under the Special 2018 Restoration Program.

I understand that my current indebtedness to Oasis is forgiven per this special offer to rejoin, and that I am allowed to rejoin for only \$117.00 and if my request be granted I promise to conform to the Constitution, Resolutions and Edicts to the Imperial Council, together with those of Oasis Shriners. I further declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, A.F. & A.M., located at \_\_\_\_\_.

PRINT YOUR FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Profession or Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

	Street	City	State	Zip
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Home)	(Business)	(Cell)
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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have served in the Armed Forces:  Yes  No Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of This Petition: \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ .

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attach to the petition, a check or money order for \$117 and a copy of your current Blue Lodge Card.**  
 ANY questions call Joe Burris, Membership Chairman, at 704-322-8941. Mail to OASIS SHRINERS, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262, ATTN: Membership

## Membership

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**Q. What does Oasis Shriners hope to gain by offering this Special Restoration program and incentive to inactive members?**

A. YOU! Quite simply. It is the hope of the Divan and membership program to regain your fellowship in the World's Greatest Philanthropy! AND renew your commitment to OUR children!

This offer expires April 30, 2018, after which you will be required to use the regular restoration process. NO exceptions.

If you have previously used any Special Restoration Project of Oasis Shriners, then you are NOT eligible for this offering. If you use this offer, then you will NOT be able to use any future Special Restoration Project of Oasis Shriners.

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## Al Rai`e Saleh Hurricane Relief

Dear Nobles,

I'm writing you regarding a very serious and ongoing situation involving Al Rai`e Saleh Shriners, our temple in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

On September 20, 2017, the island was devastated by Hurricane Maria. After this intense category 4 storm passed, the island was 100 percent without power. Obtaining food, clean water and many requirements of day-to-day life quickly became a real struggle.

As Imperial Potentate, I felt compelled to visit our nobility in Puerto Rico during this ongoing crisis, and share our compassion and concern. I traveled to the island recently, spent a day with our brothers and personally witnessed some of the terrible damage caused by this storm. Our fellow nobles and their families continue to cope with the loss of homes, businesses, comfort and safety. As you can imagine, the obvious, visible physical destruction is only part of the story. The emotional toll and effects of this horrible, powerful storm will last a lifetime.

While conditions on Puerto Rico have improved since the hurricane made landfall, a full return to normalcy will take months, or even years, to accomplish. Basic transportation, utility and communications services remain compromised. In speaking with our nobles during my recent trip, I learned that as much as 50 percent of the power has been restored, mostly in the cities,



with rural areas coming on-line at a slower pace. Internet service has been inconsistent and cell coverage spotty and unreliable. Many roads and bridges have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Fortunately, the temple largely escaped the ravages of the storm. However, many of its members were impacted significantly. The current situation makes it functionally impossible for the temple to obtain dues revenue. Without that revenue, the temple will exhaust its available funds and struggle to meet its operational financial obligations.

The leadership of Shriners International has had numerous discussions regarding how to financially assist Al Rai`e Saleh. We know that many nobles would appreciate an opportunity to contribute and provide help, especially if they were aware of the extent of this ongoing crisis. It was determined that fraternal contributions to the temple would be the best way to provide operational assistance.

Shriners are known for their generosity and compassion. Please consider making a donation to help Al Rai`e Saleh during this difficult time. While the financial needs of this temple are not enormous, they are urgent. If even 1 percent of our nobility responds to this emergency call for relief, Al Rai`e Saleh will be able to get back on its feet and continue its work.

Please make your checks payable to Al Rai`e Saleh Shriners and note "Hurricane Relief" in the memo field of the check. Mail your check to:

**Al Rai`e Saleh Shriners**

**P. O. Box 361120**

**San Juan, PR 00936-1120**

A first class U. S. Mail stamp is all that is required for a standard business envelope.

This appeal is strictly for purposes related to the operational needs of the temple. If you wish to provide financial relief to individual Masons and Shriners who need assistance, please visit the Masonic Services Association website, [msana.com/msappeals.asp](http://msana.com/msappeals.asp).

Shriners International, in cooperation with the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico and the Masonic Service Association has provided more than \$200,000 for the relief of Masons in Puerto Rico. However, the need remains.

Contributions made to the Masonic Service Association are charitable. Please be reminded that contributions to Al Rai`e Saleh are not charitable, but are a true expression of brotherly love.

Thank you for your help and concern. We appreciate all that you do for our brotherhood.

*Fraternally,*

**Gary J. Bergenske, Imperial Potentate**





## 2018 Schedule

<b>February 15</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>March 8-10</b>	Oriental Guide School Tampa
<b>March 9-10</b>	Shriners Greenville Hospital Open House
<b>March 15</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>March 22-25</b>	Mid-Winter SASA New Bern NC
<b>April 14</b>	One Day Ceremonial Ashe County Shrine Club
<b>April 19</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>May 4-5</b>	Oasis Paper Sale
<b>May 17</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>June 1-3</b>	Spring Ceremonial Blowing Rock
<b>June 15-17</b>	Oasis Family Fun Day Red Fez Shrine Club
<b>July 14-19</b>	Imperial Session Daytona Beach
<b>July 26</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>August 2-6</b>	Potentate Trip San Francisco
<b>August 14</b>	Shrine 100 Race Gastonia
<b>August 16</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>August 25</b>	Black Tie Ceremonial
<b>September 13</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>Sept. 19-23</b>	SASA Myrtle Beach
<b>Sept. 28-29</b>	Grand Lodge NC
<b>October 12-13</b>	Oxford Homecoming
<b>October 10</b>	Oasis Circus Fletcher
<b>October 12</b>	Oasis Circus Cabarrus Arena
<b>October 13</b>	Oasis Circus Cabarrus Arena
<b>October 25</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>November 2-4</b>	Fall Ceremonial Charlotte
<b>November 15</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>December 1</b>	Annual Election & Stated Meeting
<b>December 15</b>	Shrine Bowl Spartanburg

# Shriners Hospital for Children - Greenville: Meet Brittany



It's one of the most painful diseases known to mankind and 16-year-old Brittany is conquering it every day.

"It could sometimes feel as if someone poured gasoline all over my foot, lit it on fire and wrapped

CRPS/RSD is a chronic pain condition most often affecting one limb and usually occurs after an injury or trauma to that limb. CRPS/RSD causes the sympathetic nervous system, which controls your touch and feel nerves, to associate every touch, no matter how light, as pain. Even a slight breeze or soft clothing can set off the affected nerves.

Greenville Shriners Hospital's doctors immediately began aggressively treating the condition with a series of epidurals to help control the pain, surgery on her ankle, and Botox injections in her muscles. Casting and bracing on her ankle have also played an integral role.

Brittany now continues an intensive physical therapy program, where the strides she sees and the support she feels help make her pain more manageable.

"When I began physical therapy, my goal was to just set my foot on the floor and tolerate it," said Brittany. "I never dreamed I'd ever walk again. After one week, my therapists had pushed me so far that I was actually taking steps."

Brittany says her treatment at the Greenville Shriners Hospital has helped her achieve goals she never thought were possible, and without the hospital's assistance would not be walking today.

"They've taught me to never give up and to keep pushing myself," Brittany says. "I know they believe in me; they see potential in me that I never saw in myself. That has made all the difference."

barbed wire around it," describes Brittany. An undiagnosed heel fracture at age 9 left Brittany with a chronic condition that requires daily pain management. "The heel fracture caused me to walk on my toes. I couldn't put my heel down and this made my ankle stiffen. Eventually I couldn't walk at all," says Brittany.

Visiting many doctors and not finding a diagnosis, Brittany's mom brought her to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville. "The doctors at the Greenville Shriners Hospital finally gave me an answer to what was causing my pain. This changed my life."

Doctors told Brittany her undiagnosed and untreated heel fracture had caused her to develop a pain syndrome called complex regional pain syndrome/reflex sympathetic dystrophy (CRPS/RSD).

## 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 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.**



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 Jack Wood  
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Contact Captain  
 Don Deese for  
 Information:  
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# Club and Unit Bulletin Board

## Union County Shrine Club

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



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April 14, 2018

## Ashe County Shrine Club

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## Donations

AMOUNT	DONOR
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\$300.00	Hillbilly Parade Unit
\$200.00	Benny & Elizabeth Mabrey
\$2,000.00	Foothills Shrine Club
\$50.00	Thomas Jenkins
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\$500.00	C Caruso Jr
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\$100.00	J. Kerry & Dean McLawhorn
\$50.00	James (Otis) Sizemore Jr
\$399.00	Rowan Shrine Club
\$9,500.00	Oasis Drum & Bugle Corp
\$8,000.00	Union County Shrine Club (Huggins)
\$200.00	Robbinsville Shrine Club
\$100.00	Sue & John Loving
\$100.00	Tommy & Annie Greene
\$25.00	Robert Meece
\$400.00	Sandhill Shrine Club
\$75.00	Rowan SC (Kevin Dennis & George Hunt)
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\$200.00	Timothy Glenn
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\$100.00	Oasis Temple Greeters

## Donations

AMOUNT	DONOR
\$500.00	Community Foundation of Henderson Co (Perry N Rudnick Endowment)
\$8,000.00	Smokey Mtn Shrine Gem
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\$250.00	William & Linda Hodges (Edwards Racing)
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\$100.00	John & Judy McRorie
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\$500.00	Catawba County SC (Plateau United Methodist Men.)
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Elkin Jonesville Shrine Club wins the Grand Scimitar Award for securing the most candidates for a Oasis Ceremonial. This was presented during Club & Unit appreciation on January 5th by membership chairman Noble Joe Burriss to Past President David Johnson.

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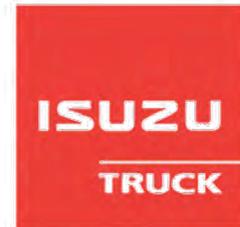
## Passed Within the Unseen Temple

NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
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Orville Hooper, Jr.	Robbinsville, N.C.	5/15/1971	12/15/2017
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