

DESERT DUST



GASTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB HAS HEART!

John D. Burgess, Sr & Lady Charlotte



**Team
2018**



Your Potentate



Dear Nobles and Ladies, Lady Charlotte and I have hit the ground running. After the Installation weekend, Chief Rabban Ken Jarrett and Lady Vickie joined us as we went to Mt. Pleasant

SC for Omar's Installation of 2018 Potentate Illustrious Sir Ralph Calhoun and Lady Patrice. It was a great time to share with all of the Omar members present.

On January 18, we were off to the East West Shrine Game in St. Petersburg FL. We had a large group go with us. We left the snow in Charlotte and arrived in Florida for cool weekend weather. Some of us attended the Players Banquet on Friday night, and it was one of the largest crowds they have had in a long time for the event. It was really great to see Legendary Quarterback Brett Favre inducted into the East West Shrine Game Hall of Fame. He gave a great speech directed to the players in attendance. You could tell that they were excited to meet him. We also got to meet and see Shrine patient "Bella" who was unable to speak at our installation due to illness. She is feeling much better and really wants to come visit Oasis soon. For her story, see page 14.

The next weekend Oasis had our Club and Unit Orientation on Saturday morning. We had a great turnout and it seemed everyone was excited about the upcoming year. The crowd was so large I was scared that we were going to run out of food for lunch. We had several committee members and Nobles talking about what we have planned for 2018. We were honored to have our own Oasis Noble David Ragan talk about his credit card program that will benefit Oasis. After explaining the program, he made a pledge to match all money raised (by the program) up to \$10,000. Let's go for that \$20,000. WOW!!!

After orientation Lady Charlotte and I took off for New Bern N.C. for the Sudan Installation of

2018 Potentate Teeny Jones and Lady Becky. Again the members of Sudan welcomed us and thanked us for attending. The newly installed Potentates from Acca, Khedive and Amran were also there. We had a great evening of fun and fellowship with our counterparts.

On Saturday Feb. 3rd we joined the Oasis Dune Cats, Drum and Bugle, SOB's, Oasis 500's, and Nascarts for their member appreciation dinner for everyone who helped with the Southern Christmas Show. This is their largest fundraiser and this dinner was a thank you to all the volunteers that gave so much time to make the event successful. It was great to see so many members from different units and clubs come together and make this happen. Oasis is so fortunate to have so many dedicated members that work together for the children. We are Team 2018!

Red Fez Shrine Club looked fantastic for their Valentine Sweetheart Ball on February 10. The club was beautiful, the meal was great, and the music kept everyone on the dance floor. Many thanks to Lady Della Helms and everyone who helped make it a special night for our Ladies, oops, our Valentines.

The following weekend Lady Charlotte and I joined some Patrol members at the Wood Shed in Stanley to celebrate and surprise Noble Max Garrison with his 50 Year Certificate. What a great turnout to celebrate one of Oasis' finest members. I have had the privilege of knowing Noble Max for a long time and was honored to be a part of his surprise.

The next day, we headed to Greensboro Coliseum for the annual car show put on by the Greensboro Shrine Club. There was a large turnout for a great show. They had everything you needed from an antique part to a \$ 100,000 car. I was amazed by the variety of cars there. All makes and models. The Richard Petty built cars and trucks were amazing.

Then we left the car show along with First Ceremonial Master Doug Garland and Lady

Leah to attend Surry County Shrine Club Ladies night. When we got there, we were met by Past Potentate Mike Neaves (PP), Lady Bobbie and John Elder (PP) and Lady Jean. Surry President Mark Sexton and Lady Sherri and there members greeted all of us and made us feel welcomed. After a fantastic meal, we celebrated our Ladies. We Nobles are blessed to have the support of our Ladies in all we do.

So until next time, enjoy your Oasis and remember that TEAM 2018 is here to support you. May God Bless in all that we do.

Yours in the Faith, John and Charlotte



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The Desert Dust

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And by Order of the Illustrious Potentate

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Is Hereby Given to the Oasis 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

Your Recorder



Wow, we're already upon March, the third month of our 2018 Shrine year. Within the month of March there are many regional events and functions on both the fraternal and charitable sides. Your

Oasis Divan is up to the task, as usual, to represent *your* Shrine Center well and keep us in good standing with Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. It remains great to be able to be an Oasis Shriner!

It's already time for the Annual Shriners Days at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville! Have you ever been to our Greenville, SC hospital? If not, here is your chance; if so, go again. On Saturday, March 10 there will be an Open House event. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact mbayles@shrinenet.org or send a direct message for details and to RSVP. Bring your families and friends. Nobles, bring and proudly wear your fez. Attire is Shrine casual.

Never fear, Lori is here! Our Treasurer, Illustrious Sir Bill Harward, has made suitable arrangements to have our former bookkeeper, Ms. Lori Prockup, return part-time, after hours and weekends. This is to fill a void left when Ms. Debbie Hammond left Oasis in mid-January. Lori is doing a fantastic job to help get us current for filing our annual returns and subsequent independent audit and do whatever she can to help on the accounting side of our administrative operations. This is a big reason we have had some phone and email snafus over the past couple of months. We have things in motion to smooth-out our administrative issues and look forward to being of better service to the Nobility of Oasis real soon.

Sometimes our office phones get red-hot busy and the voice-mail boxes don't get checked and cleared often enough and become full, unable to accept new messages--certainly, an ominous faux pas on our part. We'd like to encourage the

use of email whenever possible to allow for the better, sometimes quicker, relay of information. The four primary administrative email addresses are listed here. Please email as much, concise information to facilitate a good reply:

accounting@oasisshriners.org - for dues, accounting and any financial related concerns

membership@oasisshriners.org - for hospital appointment coordination, patient transportation and membership related inquiries

recorder@oasisshriners.org - for news of importance, non-financial fraternal, club and unit related issues

info@oasisshriners.org - for general and social inquiries

We may not know all the answers and some inquiries may have to be pushed further up-stream for a good answer. Either way, we will do our best to find out and reply back in as timely a manner as possible.

In honor of the Winter Olympics, this just in from our "Who-Cares?" Magazine correspondent stationed on the east coast of Florida: Frick and Frack were Swiss comedic ice skaters who joined the ice follies in 1937.

Thank you ALL for helping maintain Oasis as the largest in total membership and by far, the most generous of the 199 Shrine Centers world-wide. Keep making good choices and come see us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye, Recorder, Oasis Shriners



Reminder

All ads & articles for the April edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson - Ediewilson7@gmail.com** by March 10.



The Oasis Shriners Patrol Unit

A DIFFERENT KIND OF MARCHING MADNESS



In early December of 2017, Noble Patrol Captain Chris Hall passed his command of The Oasis Shriners Patrol Unit, the very first Oasis unit, founded in 1910, to his First Lieutenant, Noble Brandon Watson. A 'Job Well Done' to our newest Past Captain, Noble Chris Hall with a loud shout-out to our newly installed Captain and his pretty Lady Cheryl.

Though relatively young, Brandon has been an Oasis Shriner for many years and is a Legacy Member under his Father, a member of Omar Shriners who resides with Brandon's lovely Mother in Florence, SC. Going further back, Noble Brandon's grandfather and four great-uncles have all but held up the Omar Provost Guard Unit and one of his great uncles is *still* the Captain of that unit for the **fifth time**. It seems that Noble Brandon's family perpetuates and grooms Shriner leadership.

Our 2018 Oasis Shrine year is already well under-way and the Oasis Patrol Unit's flags are a-waving in the wind at full staff. Noble Captain



L-R: Illustrious Sir Johnny Burgess, Honoree Noble Max Garrison, Noble First Ceremonial Master Tim Daniels and Noble Patrol Captain Brandon Watson

Brandon called his first regular membership meeting in late January at Oasis Headquarters and in attendance was THE Illustrious Potentate of Oasis Shriners, Johnny D. Burgess, Sr. Our Noble Captain took advantage of a good photo-opportunity, in front of an over-flow Patrol crowd, to proclaim Illustrious Sir Johnny a Lifetime Honorary Patrolman by presenting him with a special, framed ritualistic certificate. Illustrious Sir Johnny has been a long-time good friend of the Oasis Patrol Unit. Congratulations, Illustrious Sir!

In mid-February, the Patrol Captain called a special off-site Patrol dinner meeting at the Woodshed Restaurant in Stanley, NC. The occasion was to surprise-honor one of our beloved Patrol Past Captains, Noble Max Garrison, with his fifty-year Oasis certificate and lapel pin. Noble Max made the short trip to attend with some of his family who were in on the surprise. Wow, 52 in attendance. A great night for Oasis Shriners, a great night for The Oasis Patrol Unit. Congratulations Noble Max!

For many years, the Oasis Patrol Unit has been a natural progression to Oasis leadership. In fact, you may be unaware that five full-fledged Patrol members are currently serving as Divan Officers for Oasis Shriners, the largest and most generous Shrine Center in the world.

Do you know your left from your right and like to go on long walks in parades with your friends? Do you seriously enjoy being an Oasis Shriner, not already in a parade unit, have the dexterity to carry a flag and look good in a ceremonial uniform? Membership opportunities abound within the Patrol Unit of Oasis. Contact the Noble Patrol Captain to express your interest directly by email oasispatrolunit@gmail.com or phone 704-707-5189.

On Behalf of the Noble Patrol Captain,
Bob Saye
Buck Private



Divan Members; Left to Right are Noble Past Captain, Recorder, Bob Saye; Past Potentate (1998), Treasurer, Illus. Sir Bill Harward; Noble Past Captain, Oriental Guide, Tim Daniels; Noble Outer Guard, Membership Chairman, Joe Burris; and Noble Past Captain, Oasis Marshal, Imperial Membership and Public Relations Committees, Chris Hall



L-R: Illustrious Sir Johnny Burgess, Noble Patrol Captain Brandon Watson



2018 Schedule

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

See How Good and How Pleasant it is for Brothers to Live Together in Unity!



Indeed it is good and pleasant to dwell together in Unity, as it is written in Psalm 133. But it takes time and effort to build relationships. We think, "Get it done!" Yes, we live in a hurry up, express line, 'get it done, and get it done...NOW'

world. Amazon.com will get "it" to us same day, next day or in four days. We have express oil change places where we can wait to have our oil changed as we eat the hamburger we just picked-up at the Wendy's drive-through. And now, even Wal-Mart is getting in the act by advertising that they will deliver the order we placed on-line! It seems that we live in a world of, as the comedian says, "Git'er done!"

But, to build relationships, to live together in unity requires time AND effort! It seems that we must be intentional if we are to live in unity. We must devote ourselves to a one-on-one relationship. How important is it for us to unite as one? In the Book of Ecclesiastes, in our Holy Writings, we are reminded:

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

To live together in unity, we must reconcile with some people. Yes, no question: it is difficult for

us to reconcile. In our relationships with some folks, we might wonder why they act as they do, or say the things that they say. The writer, author, and consultant John Maxwell writes: "Hurting people hurt people and are easily hurt by other people."

And as we are attempting to reconcile with others, we might recall the words of John Maxwell. Some people are carrying very heavy loads around with them, they are burdened by a lost love, they are hurting due to the death of a loved one, or they did not get the promotion or the job that they thought they deserved.

With whom is God calling you to reconcile during this Season? It may well be time for us to surrender any "eye for eye" notions and pray for help in learning to forgive. In our very busy lives, it may be time for us to spend some time alone with The Supreme Architect of the Universe and to go to a quiet place.

Take quite time, listen, forgive, reconcile.

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.

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

Shriners Village is a website designed to keep members of Shrine International up to date on all aspects of Shrinedom.



Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions. **So easy, even a Shriner can do it.**

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Legion of Honor Installs Officers

The 2018 Oasis Legion of Honor officers were installed by our 1st Ceremonial Master Doug Garland at Oasis Temple on Saturday, January 27th.

Oasis Legion of Honor is a club that is open to all Oasis honorably discharged Veterans or active service members. Right now, we are a small club but are wanting to grow and recognize our members who have served our great country. We will be parading in Blowing Rock, SASA, Oxford and several civic parades. Please feel free to reach out to me or one of my other officers for an application or if you have any questions because we would love to have you join our club!

David Johnson Dtcarolina@wilkes.net 336-467-0107



Pictured left to right: 1st Ceremonial Master Doug Garland, Chaplin Jim Glen, Treasurer Ron Valentine, Secretary Eddie Wrenn, 1st Vice Don Greene, President David Johnson. (Not pictured: 2nd Vice Ill. Sir David Sumpter.)

Love Grows Miracles



Anne Bergenske, First Lady of Shriners International, hopes that one day more children with birth disorders will begin to receive treatment before birth. Funds raised through her Love Grows Miracles program will support research being done to ensure healthy births and pave the way for the development of innovative treatments.

“Many of us know the joy of holding a healthy newborn. There are families who experience the unbearable pain of losing a child or the challenge of caring for a child with a birth disorder,” said Anne. “Thanks to innovative research taking place at Shriners Hospitals for Children, we can be optimistic about the future for these families. Our physicians and scientists are creating new procedures that may one day treat or prevent many medical conditions that begin before birth.”

Lady Anne invites you to join her in supporting the innovative research underway at Shriners Hospitals for Children that can make this a reality.

Make a donation at lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program and you'll receive a specially-designed custom tie, limited edition bowtie, bracelet bead, or handmade necklace!



Moore County Shrine Club has collected and donated over \$400 worth of aluminum tabs to benefit our Hospitals!



IS AVAILABLE!

Questions, please contact the Temple at 704-549-9600.

PayPal is available to pay the following:

Annual Dues • Initiation Fees • Mom & Dad Program • Ladies Tickets

Just go to the Oasis Shriners website,

(<http://www.oasisshriners.org/MEMBERSHIP.htm>)

click on Membership and you will see the PayPal link pictured to the right. You don't need a PayPal account to use this payment method.

Randy Romberger's Vision



"Randy's Celebration Bell" will now ring out at as an acknowledgment of major milestones and successes. Whether we are recognizing the first time a 10-year-old has taken steps on his own or honoring a 21-year-old patient who is receiving her last prosthetic, our hope is that each time the celebration bell rings – we will all recognize its meaningful sound.

The vision came from former Greenville Shriners Hospital administrator Randy Romberger after

he witnessed a similar ceremony during his recent cancer treatment – and made it a reality. Now, all employees, patients, families and visitors of Greenville Shriners Hospital are invited to be a part of these celebratory occasions.

The bell will ring for any of the following five reasons:

- Last appointment
- Last surgery in a series
- Last Mehta cast
- First steps
- Major milestone, as defined by a hospital employee

"Randy's Celebration Bell" is a wonderful way to bring us all together to witness first-hand the miracles achieved by our patients, and to cheer for the victories we work toward each day.



III. Sir Johnny Burgess and Lady Charlotte attended the Valentines Day Dance at Red Fez Club. Pictured with them are Lady Brenda and Noble Jim Beaty; Lady Teresa and PP Johnny King; newly weds Lady Sherri and Noble Sam Moody, President Mecklenburg Shrine Club.

UNION COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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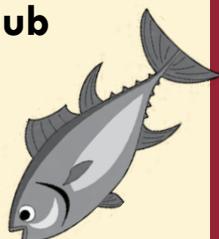
WHERE: Union County Shrine Club

WHEN: Friday, March 30, 2018

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$10.00 Eat In

\$9.00 Carry out



305 E. Phiffer Street, Monroe, NC 28110

704-283-8866

*Proceeds to benefit the Union County Shrine Club
and the Shriners Childrens Hospitals*

RED FEZ SHRINE CLUB EASTER LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 1st

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Luncheon

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Congratulations to Noble Chad Delp, recipient of the 2017 Oasis Shriners Donald A. McAllister Membership Award, dedicated in memory of Noble Donald A. McAllister of the Hendersonville Shrine Club for securing the most new members for Oasis Shriners from 1987-1990. The award is presented annually to the Oasis Shriner who follows in his footsteps by being responsible for the most new members who join during the year.



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Notes From The Band



OFF TO A GREAT START!

Wow, a whirlwind beginning to a new year starting with the Installation of our Potentate for 2018, Illustrious Sir Johnny Burgess. The Band was well represented and played an energetic full warm-up set for the festivities. Illustrious Sir Johnny has been a long time supporter of the Band and we look forward to a great year supporting him in all of his efforts!

Icing on the cake was the announcement of the appointment of our very own Past Captain, Shea Fadel, to the position of Second Ceremonial Master! Bravo, Shea and well deserved! The Band formed an honor line to welcome Shea and Lady Sandra to the stage for their formal introduction.

The night closed out with a nice plated dinner and dancing to the music of a great group

reminiscent of Earth, Wind & Fire playing a lot of 50's and 60's Motown. What a night!

January drew to a close with Oasis Orientation and the Band was well represented by Captain Hans Haas, 1st Lieutenant Allen Jones, 2nd Lt. Chuck Reed, Treasurer Brent Wilson and Band Members Rich Hartman and Earl Beckham (who were actually there representing other clubs/units, but we won't hold that against them!).



Installation of Band officers (L to R) - Illustrious Sir Johnny, Captain Hans Haas, 1st Lt. Allen Jones, 2nd Lt. Chuck Reed, Secretary, PP John Elder, Treasurer Brent Wilson.

Ashe County Cold Sands Oasis One Day Ceremonial

When: Saturday, April 14th. 11:00 a.m. Lunch, Shrine presentation and Ceremonial

Where: Ashe County Shrine Club
117 Morphew Lane, Jefferson, NC 28640

By the order of **Illustrious Potentate John D. Burgess, Sr.** Oasis Shriners will hold a One Day, Cold Sands Ceremonial at Ashe County Shrine Club on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Many Oasis units will participate to bring this One Day Ceremonial to Ashe County. A formal request is further made for at least one uniformed representative from each Oasis unit to be in attendance. All Oasis Past Potentates are

respectfully requested to attend as they are able.

Please render all Petitions for Initiation with a copy of current Masonic dues card and payment directly to Oasis Shriners Headquarters, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262 prior to April 10 to allow proper advanced preparation of candidate packets. Candidates, accompanied by their sponsor(s) may bring their Petitions with their current Masonic dues card and payment to register as early as 9:30 a.m. the day of the Ceremonial.

Please reach out to Noble Joe Burris, Oasis Outer Guard and Membership Chairman if there are any questions.

- SEE PAGE 10 FOR PETITION FOR INITIATION FORM -

Are You Ready for a Cold Sands???

April 14, 2018

Ashe County Shrine Club

117 Morphew Lane, Jefferson, NC 28640

Lunch served at 11am

and to be followed by Ceremonial!!!



Contact the Temple Office for more information or call Joe Burris, Membership Chairman at 704-322-8941.

Patient Kechi Finds Therapy in Music

After suffering severe burns in a plane crash that killed all but two passengers, Kechi was treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Galveston for five years. During that time, she had more than 100 surgeries including skin grafts and reconstruction.

Treatment and care go far beyond surgeries at Shriners Hospitals for Children. For Kechi, music therapy was also a big part of the recovery process. Her first-ever singing performance was on the stage at the Galveston Shriners Hospital

in front of fellow patients, staff, and family. Kechi has since gone on to sing for a national talent show with millions of television viewers. Judges were moved to tears by her performances and she made it all the way to the final live rounds!

The Shriners Hospitals for Children family is proud of Kechi and congratulates her on this momentous achievement. We know that there is no limit to what this young woman can accomplish.





OASIS SHRINERS
PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



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

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____
 Lodge No. _____ Located at _____, _____
City State

Which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six (6) months as required by the bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order and a member of Oasis Shriners. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and ceremonies of Oasis Shriners.

Have you previously applied for admission to any Shrine Temple or Chapter of the Order? Yes No
 If so, where? _____ When? _____
 Were you ever a DeMolay? Yes No If so, what Chapter? _____
Name & Location

PRINT YOUR FULL NAME: _____
 PREFERRED NICKNAME: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
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 Served in the U.S. Armed Forces: Yes No Branch: _____ Hat Size: _____
 Residence: _____
Number & Street City / Town Sate Zip-Code
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Number & Street City / Town Sate Zip-Code
 Telephone: _____
Home Business Cell
 Email: _____
 Date of this Petition: _____ Your Signature: _____

This candidate recommended and vouched for on the honor of:
 Noble _____ Shrine # _____ Club/Unit _____
 Noble _____ Shrine # _____ Club/Unit _____

Attach to this petition, a check or money order for \$250.00 and a copy of your current Blue Lodge Card. Credit Card and PayPal payments are accepted as well. Call 704-549-9600 if assistance is required. This payment includes current year's dues, your Oasis Fez and lapel pin. Mail to OASIS SHRINERS, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262 ATTN: Membership

FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: Card Type: MasterCard / Visa / Discover
 CARD # _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

Rowan Shrine Club Spring 2018

Fish Fry Saturday

April 28, 2018
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM





Hot Dogs Also Available

\$12 Advanced Adult
 At the door \$13 Public is Welcome

Fish Plate with all the trimmings and a drink

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For more information, contact Don Lyerly - 704-213-6775 • donlyer@aol.com

Clowning Around in Asheville

Scenic Asheville, NC was newly-elected Clown Captain Joseph Neto Jr.'s choice for the 2018 Oasis Clown Sweetheart Get-a-Way weekend. Clowns and their ladies began arriving at the hotel on Friday evening

to a wonderful hospitality suite organized and decorated by Al "Chef Poppi-Tart" Clegg and Lady Joyce. Laughter and brotherhood was enjoyed throughout the evening along with a large variety of snacks, drinks and pizza.

On Saturday morning, attendees were free to explore Asheville at their own pace to discover the wide variety of restaurants, shopping and attractions that "Keep Asheville Weird." This led a large group to visit the grand Biltmore Estate where they toured the house and gardens before enjoying a light lunch and wine tasting at the Biltmore winery.



Joseph "Pockets" Neto Jr., John "Farris Wheel" Farris and Jim "Sunny" Beggs enjoy fellowship in the hospitality room.

Everyone reunited for much needed refreshment at Outback Steakhouse before trekking a short distance into downtown Asheville for even more fun. The Oasis Clowns and their ladies boarded LaZoom's bus for a Haunted Comedy tour to explore Asheville's strange, sometimes sordid past. The spooky guide could barely control a bus full of Clowns as we laughed and joked our way through chilling tales of scandal and murder, but fun was had by all.



Biltmore tour group left to right: Misti, Nathan and Alex "Sax" Bass; Al and Joyce Clegg; Jim Beggs, Joe and Dawn Neto, Malon "Jolly" and Donna Rogers

The Land of the Sky Shrine Club served as gracious hosts for a fantastic breakfast on Sunday morning. Eggs, sausage, stewed apples, as well as biscuits and gravy played backseat to the cloudy but wonderful views of the North Carolina mountains as our Oasis Clowns and their Ladies discussed the upcoming parades and circuses planned for 2018 to raise money for our Hospitals for Children.



The Unit looking forward to a comedy ghost tour.



Compass accepted the party challenge and showed the Unit how it should be done!

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Gaston County Shrine Club Celebrates Valentine's Day

"It's been seven years since we had a dance," recalled Club President Buck Bryson. When I became president I decided it was time we brought this club back to life."

"We want these doors open. We want a crowd in here!"

With the help of the Noblettes (ladies' auxiliary) Gaston County Shrine Club is back in business. Saturday night, February 10, members with their families and guests celebrated Valentines Day on the dance floor. Noblettes provided an outstanding array of food including sandwiches, dips and tempting desserts. Who can resist a chocolate fountain?

Music was provided by DJ Noble Tim Boggs and the Boogie Woogie Kings.

Lady Misty Love, fiancé of Noble Charlie Harbin (Waggoneers), played a major role, along with Noblettes President Denise Bryson (pictured). "We plan to have more dances and more family involvement," Misty explained.

The club has it's sites set on the 20 Masonic lodges in Gaston County with hopes to attract more Masons into our fraternity.

Congratulations to all who supported this successful event.



(Above) Three generations of Shriners: Daryl Bryson (front), Grandson Alex and Club President Buck Bryson.



(Above) Noblettes President, Denise Bryson with Misty Love.



Gaston County Shrine Club Celebrates Valentine's Day *continued*



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Free to be Me: Isabella's Story – 2017-2018 National Patient Ambassador

Shriners Hospitals for Children announces 2017-2018 National Patient Ambassadors in Daytona Beach Patients from Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, and Erie, Pennsylvania, selected as ambassadors.

Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children selects two National Patient Ambassadors to represent the health care system's patients. The ambassadors spend the year telling their stories of perseverance in the face of adversity and the ways Shriners Hospitals for Children has made a dramatic, life-changing difference in their lives. The new national patient ambassadors were introduced during the premiere of their documentary called Free to

be Me as part of Shriners International's annual convention, known as Imperial Session.



Isabella Rose

From birth, Isabella had difficulty feeding and sleeping. Her parents, Roselyne and Tim, went from doctor to doctor seeking answers, but no one could identify a cause.

As she grew, her

parents became convinced that something was seriously wrong. Isabella's speech sounded like she was whistling and she had ear and sinus infections constantly.

Searching for answers

For five years, Roselyne and Tim sought answers for their little girl but continued to be unable to obtain even a cause or a diagnosis. Some professionals thought Isabella was cognitively impaired; others thought she was deaf. One day a family friend in the Chicago area heard about the issues Isabella was facing and suggested the family apply for treatment for Isabella at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago. The family did not know at the time that their friend Dick Anderson was a member of Medinah Shriners and, at the time, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital in Chicago. Anderson was glad to be of help. He has said that helping Isabella and her family find the help they needed was life-changing, and that he wished all the Shriners understood the impact they can have on the health care system's patients and families.

At their first appointment, an interdisciplinary team of professionals assessed Isabella and,



within minutes, provided a diagnosis. Isabella had a submucous cleft palate, a form of cleft palate that is not easily identifiable, as the palate is covered by a thin membrane. "It felt like the whole world came down on us; we finally knew the diagnosis," said Roselyne. Isabella was scheduled for surgery to repair the cleft and subsequently received speech therapy for two years.

Finding her own voice

Isabella, now 14, lives in Florida with her family. She has gone from struggling to be understood to becoming a gifted vocalist and hopes to perform professionally one day. Isabella volunteers at a local veterinary hospital, pet sits and babysits. She enjoys painting, poetry and outdoor activities. She also actively seeks ways to give back to Shriners Hospitals for Children.



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Patient Dad Shows Gratitude

Last month, patient Paisley Rutherford's dad became the newest noble in Hadji Shrine, Pensacola FL. Paisley's family says, "Our Shriners Kid can now say her daddy is a Shriner!" Kendall Rutherford began this journey

two years ago and it was his way to pay back what all the Shriners organization has done for his family. "Without the Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville, Paisley would not have been able to receive the care that she has needed. We cannot wait to start paying back to this wonderful organization!"



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A New Life for Saviour: Orphan from Ghana Finds Friendship and Healing

By Allyson Crowell

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For his entire life, 10-year-old Saviour Mbamba only crawled, pulling himself on his battered hands, while his friends at the orphanage in Ghana played soccer around him.

His family didn't understand his medical diagnosis of cerebral palsy, and his village banished him as evil. Saviour arrived at the Nazareth Home for God's Children in the care of a nun named Sister Stan when he was 4 years old. He doesn't remember life before that.

To keep Saviour and another 56 children clothed and fed in a safe home, Sister Stan makes fundraising trips to the United States, where she speaks at churches. When she visited her cousin's parish in North Charleston a few years ago, she met a couple who would change Saviour's life.

After listening to Sister Stan's presentation, retired nurse Joan Tucker knew she wanted to serve those children. "I told her, 'I can help you with a contribution, but I can help you physically, too,'" Joan remembered. She talked with her husband, Bill, and he agreed to stay home and plan Sister Stan's future visits to the United States, while Joan worked in Ghana.



Saviour laughs with Joan Tucker on her porch in late December. Photos by Sarah Pack

Joan first visited the Nazareth Home in January of 2015. She spent her days making medical files for each child and accompanying children to a clinic in town, a facility without air-conditioning, where the Sahara wind blows sand into exam rooms and onto operating tables, and where having a sink does not mean available water. Whenever Joan returned from those trips, little Saviour would wedge himself into a gutter to sit up and greet her – waving and flashing his wide smile.

Joan recognized that surgery could correct Saviour's legs enough for him to sit comfortably in a wheelchair. A specialist in limb deformities at Shriners Hospital in Greenville agreed to perform the operation this past summer, and Joan and Bill arranged for Saviour to travel to Charleston to recover with them.

Administrative problems with his visa delayed his trip to the point that a scheduler called to confirm Saviour's surgery, but Saviour was still in Africa. "I said we'll be there," Joan recalled. "I knew in my heart God would get him here."

Saviour touched down at 6 p.m. in Charleston one June evening and underwent the procedure to correct his legs in Greenville the next day at noon. Despite a leg break in two places, Saviour declined medication and never complained, as he learned to navigate life for six weeks in casts in a strange country.

Suzanne Cherry, an MUSC graduate and director of rehabilitation at Shriners Hospital, reached out to Dr. Cindy Dodds in the physical therapy division at the MUSC College of Health Professions to see if Dr. Dodds could help Saviour work on his movement back in Charleston.

Dr. Dodds and her students helped Saviour strengthen his legs during visits to the college several times a week for months. Saviour worked with students in the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Lab, a play-as-therapy space at the



College of Health Professions students play games with Saviour as part of his occupational therapy session.

College of Health Professions funded through private gifts. Local company Floyd Brace donated orthotics and bracing for Saviour's shoes to help make him as comfortable and as mobile as possible.

Dr. Patty Coker-Colt, Dr. Dodds' colleague in occupational therapy, arranged for students to visit the Tuckers' home to work with Saviour every day for weeks, providing constraint-induced movement therapy, a rehabilitation technique designed to improve upper extremity function.

The two groups of therapists helped Saviour practice using his wheelchair, brushing his teeth and eventually standing on his own. Then, one day, as Bill remembered, "He just decided he was going to walk."

Saviour was supposed to return to Ghana in October, but because of his success in therapy, the Tuckers extended his visa until the new year.

By October, Saviour not only could stand up on his own; he put on a Halloween costume and went trick-or-treating. He dressed as Chase, a German shepherd police dog and his favorite PAW Patrol character, and visited his buddies from the College of Health Professions in the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Lab.

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Bill Munley Named New Administrator for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville



Bill Munley has been named administrator of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville, bringing over three decades of local health care experience to South Carolina's only freestanding pediatric hospital.

“The mission of Greenville Shriners Hospital is beyond compare, and I am honored to serve as the next administrator,” said Mr. Munley. “For the past 30 years, I've worked in a local hospital system, which has allowed me to form relationships both within the immediate health care community, as well as Greenville, in general. My goal is to use this experience and familiarization to further the hospital's mission.”

Greenville Shriners Hospital's mission is to provide treatment to children with over 85 different orthopaedic conditions, regardless of

the family's ability to pay.

As administrator, Mr. Munley will provide direction, advice and oversight to department leadership, as well as spearhead the hospital's collaborative executive leadership team. Serving as a thought leader and seeking high performance across all care categories, Mr. Munley is also charged with operational strategies, achieving fiscal goals, establishing best practices and driving cross-hospital synergies. Previously, Mr. Munley served as vice president, orthopaedics, general surgery and professional services at Bon Secours St. Francis Health System. There, he was responsible for both inpatient and outpatient surgeries, as well as rehabilitation for all orthopaedic services.

“We were immediately impressed by Bill's commitment to excellence, as well as his proven experience in orthopaedics and the greater health care arena,” said Ron Mitchum, chairman,



Board of Governors. “There was a consensus of immediate confidence in Bill as a leader. We are looking forward to his meaningful contributions to this organization – devoted to the well-being of all children.”

Mr. Munley will report to the hospital's Board of Governors, and is the eighth administrator in the hospital's 90-year history.

A New Life for Saviour

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There Dr. Coker-Bolt's pediatric occupational therapy class played games with Saviour – writing letters on mats in shaving cream, drawing PAW Patrol characters, hitting balloons -- all with the purpose of making him even stronger on his



Bill Tucker walks with Saviour to the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Lab in the College of Health Professions.

weakest side. Bill watched and smiled. “This is a guy doctors said would never walk,” he said. “But he'll go home today and practice, practice, practice everything they did.”

In the six months he spent in South Carolina, Saviour grew five inches and gained seven pounds. He celebrated his first Thanksgiving and learned that Santa Claus says “ho ho ho!”

He watched a Charleston Battery soccer game and skated at the Carolina Ice Palace. He swam in the Tuckers' pool and at the beach. He joined the Tuckers for a family trip to the North Carolina mountains.

Bill and Joan's daughter printed photos from their vacation on dog tags that wouldn't get lost as easily back at the orphanage. On one side of the dog tag Saviour, Joan and Bill give a thumbs-

up on his first train ride, and on the opposite side they smile against a backdrop of yellow fall leaves.

Right before he left Charleston, Saviour had an opportunity that proved rare for even local children: a chance to make snow angels after this January's winter storm.

Joan and Saviour flew back to Ghana a few days later. Joan will stay for several weeks to help Saviour readjust, and he returns to Charleston in the summer for Camp Hand to Hands at the College of Health Professions, a yearly program to help children like him, also made possible through the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Fund.

Saviour wasn't sad about returning to the orphanage. He missed his friends, and now he can play soccer with them.

The Shriners Emblem

The emblem on the front of the fez, the crescent and scimitar, is an important part of the fraternity's theme, and is representative of the characteristics embodied by the Shriners.

The scimitar stands for the backbone of the fraternity, its members.

The two claws are for the Shriners fraternity and its philanthropy.

The sphinx stands for the governing body of the Shriners.

The five-pointed star represents the thousands of children helped by the philanthropy each year.

The emblem also bears the phrase "Robur et Furor," which means "Strength and Fury."



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Andrew Haraghey – Setting an Example on the Slopes



When Andrew Haraghey was a baby, he developed viral encephalitis and his development seemed to slow even after his recovery. When he still was not walking at age 2, Andrew’s parents brought him to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Springfield, where he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

After the stunning diagnosis sank in, Andrew and his family got to work. Over the next 19 years, Andrew went through physical therapy, leg braces and surgery. “Everyone at Shriners

Hospitals worked together as a team to give me the best opportunities possible,” he said. “They taught me that there’s always a way to adapt to the abilities you have in order to succeed.”

Andrew found one of his first successes on the ski slopes. His mom came up with the idea after seeing how frustrated Andrew got trying to keep up when walking with his peers. When 7 years old, Andrew began skiing by holding on to one of his mom’s poles. Suddenly, speed was not an issue. The rush of the blades on the snow offered a freedom Andrew could not experience on foot. He was determined to ski on his own. Three years later, he let go of his mom’s pole and has not stopped since.

Andrew soon began not only skiing solo, but racing. By the time he was 14, he knew he wanted a shot at the Paralympics. Today, he is almost there, with just a few races left to officially make it onto Team USA as a downhill skier.

Besides training seven hours each day, Andrew also finds time to study public health at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah. “My goal is to work in a field where I can help people. I want to give back and show

someone else the opportunity that I’ve been shown.”

Andrew and his mom also advocate for people with disabilities. They give talks and demonstrations to school kids about disability awareness. Andrew’s mom also

wrote a children’s book about her son’s success called, Andrew Can Ski. It is designed to inspire anyone who may have obstacles to overcome. She has also become an official adaptive ski instructor, helping others along the same journey Andrew has taken.



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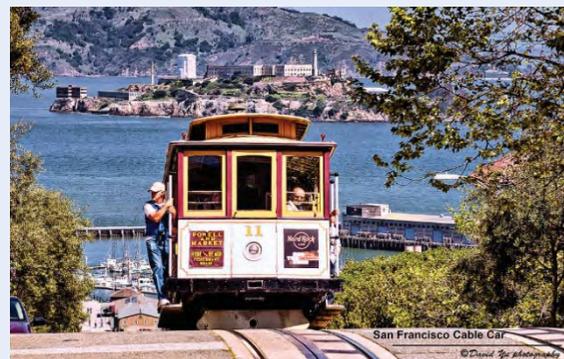
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