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"Farris Wheel" Clowns around at SASA

Your Potentate



Greeting's Ladies and Nobles,

From the absolutely beautiful weather we had in Myrtle Beach for SASA, it is hard to imagine that hurricanes for the past

two years have kept this event from unfolding. We had a great showing of Oasis Shrine Masons and Ladies on hand to enjoy this event. The highlight of the long weekend was the four-hour SASA Parade. Our hard working Director, Noble Clay McLean, had all our participating Units in line, on time, and just having Fun! After the awards ceremony, Oasis

had a total of 14 trophies to bring back home! With only one Temple out of 20 (Sudan) that took home more trophies than Oasis, Lady Vickie and I are extremely proud of the Units that made Oasis Shine! Thank You So Much for your efforts and all that you do!

The next weekend was time for Grand Lodge. Masons from all over NC made the journey to Winston Salem for several days of fun, fellowship, and legislation that will set the course for the ensuing year. I had a bird's eye view of all proceedings as MW Mack Sigmon invited me to sit on stage for this year's pilgrimage. It was quite an honor; thank you MW. After the session closed, about noon on Saturday, Lady Vickie and I travelled to Rowan County Shrine Club on High Rock Lake for their Annual Fish Fry. This is one beautiful facility, and if you have never visited it before it is worth the trip. We then dropped by Catawba County Shrine Club where the Ladies were hosting a Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night as a fundraiser.

We headed home to repack our bags and head out the next day to WV for my second Potentate Trip consisting of a week of trail riding, camping, cooking and just having a blast, leading up to the SxS Giveaway on Friday night. Greg Eller of Newton was the winning ticket pulled! Giving him a call on speaker phone had the crowd of about 200 cheering and congratulating him on his good luck! He was extremely happy and stated he had never won anything like this before! Earlier that week on Monday, Lady Vickie and I, along with about 5 other ATV's, were out scouting the trails and woods to get an idea of planning some trips for the crowd that was coming up later in the week. We had covered about 55 miles when we smelled gas and then saw flames coming out of our SxS! We barely had time to get out before the flames engulfed the machine! I tried unsuccessfully to retrieve our cell phones and my wallet but the heat was too intense. We emptied three fire extinguishers, but to no avail. All we could do was watch it burn to the ground and keep the fire from spreading to the mountain side. The only thing left was a metal skeleton.



We were lucky to not have any injuries and only lost material things! Thank You Jesus!

With the rest of the week in front of us, we were without a SxS to ride. The next day, Noble Roy Norris (Sudan Shriner) had to leave for home unexpectedly for a death in the family. Before he left he parked his SxS at our cabin and insisted that we use it the rest of the week! Now that's a True Brother! Noble Roy, Thank You! LYMI...All Good!

On Wednesday the 9th we had our Circus in Fletcher and Thursday evening the banquet for the Order of Amaranth in Clemmons. This was quite an event! Friday we travelled to Oxford for Homecoming weekend and Grand Master Dinner with the three Temples of NC Divans attending. The homecoming parade had 23 Oasis Units that showed and represented us! (see page 12) Great Job, Guys and Gals! This is what we do! The Children, Staff, and Alumni of our Masonic Home for Children appreciated the love and support of these Unit's!

Wrapping up, Saturday evening we had two Circus shows in Concord, The Greatest Show on Earth! Word on the street is the two new Clowns did a good job! All I can say is Lady Vickie and I had a most memorable evening entertaining the kids and spectators while in costume!

Until next time,
Kenneth D. Jarrett, Potentate 2019 and Lady Vickie



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Your Recorder

Greetings to All Oasis Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Again I want to personally thank each of you for being a part of Oasis and what we are doing.

Center in Imperial. So get with those good men that you know and get them involved in our great fraternity today.

This month, I traveled, along with Noble Doug Garland, to the Rowan County Shrine Club's annual fish fry. This was my first time attending this fine event and I was completely blown away at the number of people who attended and the workers who had this down to a science. Thank you, ladies and guys, for making this such a successful and great-tasting event.

Speaking of fish, a week later, Carol and I along with about 200 others attended the Greensboro Shrine Club Fish Fry. (See page 18) Noble Ben Hamilton, Greensboro Shrine Club President, wanted to bring back the days of old when Greensboro had annual fish fries. I stood in amazement and watched some of our most seasoned members, once again at the helm, cooking fish, frying hush puppies and serving some of the best oyster stew. Butch and the guys, thanks to each of you who brought this great event back to life for those of us who never had the opportunity to enjoy its greatness. We look forward to many more years of this event in years to come.

Several of Oasis faithful along with the other two North Carolina Temples went on a week-long four-wheeling excursion to WV. There were a few mishaps, but everyone seems to have had a great time and most of all the fellowship of all North Carolina Shrine Centers was displayed for everyone to see.

Our annual Shrine Circus took place in Fletcher and Concord and was once again a huge success for Oasis fundraising efforts. Noble Jack Wallace and his team worked tirelessly all year long to bring this event to the public and spread the news about Oasis Shriners and what we do each day. Great Job!

By the time this reaches most of you we will have had our big Fall Ceremonial on November

1-2 in Aberdeen. I will cover more about that in our next issue.

Please mark your calendars for the Temple elections on Saturday December 7th at 3pm. The Divan will be traveling that morning to the Grand Master's installation in Greensboro but will return to Charlotte by 3. Hope to see you there.

Also make plans to attend our annual club and unit appreciation night on January 3, 2020. This is a free event open to all Oasis members, their families and special friends. Please come and enjoy at your Oasis Shrine Center.

Remember, there is something for everyone at Oasis and the more you get involved the more you will see in return.

Until next month and God Bless,
YITF

John G Cable



The Desert Dust

**Illustrious Sir Kenneth D. Jarrett,
Potentate**

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2019 DIVAN

Chief Rabban - Bill Carter
Assistant Rabban - Tommy Helms
High Priest & Prophet - Tim Daniels
Oriental Guide - Doug Garland
Treasurer - William (Bill) Harward (PP-1998)
Recorder - John Cable
1st Ceremonial Master - Shea Fadel
2nd Ceremonial Master - Chris Hall
Director - Clay McLean
Marshal - Donnie Wrenn
Captain of the Guard - Jack Wallace
Outer Guard - Joe Burris
Chaplain - John Stanley (PP-1997)

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What a great and fast-paced month we've had at Oasis. Fall SASA was outstanding with entertainment and activities for all who attended. The parade had us starting fifth, and Oasis brought home enough trophies to win us second place over all out of the 20 Shrine Centers. (See page 11) A special thanks to all those who assisted in putting on this great event. We attended several days of meetings with all the Shrine Centers that make up the Association along with Imperial Officers. Imperial Sir Jeffrey Sowder spoke about the General Order that came out requiring all clubs and units to hold their elections by October 30th of each year, and that each secretary of their club and unit be trained on and given access to Webfez in order to maintain a more current and up to date information system.

Imperial HQ is giving each Shrine Center some additional time to get this requirement done this first year, but after that this will be the new standard for all to follow worldwide. Imperial wants to be able to receive and distribute this information more efficiently and in a timelier manner. When you have your club and unit elections, please contact me and the Temple staff by email with your results. We will assist you this year in getting your information entered in Webfez and getting each of you set up to enter and update this in the future.

The "Just One" program is going strong, and Oasis needs to be part of it. This is a great way to rebuild our membership one member at a time. If all 4,700 Oasis Shriners gets one person to join that would make 9,400 this year and put us well back over the top as being the largest Shrine



Upcoming Events

November 9, 12:00 pm
Hillbilly Clan Degree
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December 7, 8:00 am
Breakfast with Santa
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Oasis Nascarts Ham Sale
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Ashe Shrine Club Coin Sale
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Oasis Band Score

BIG WIN AT SASA!

The Oasis Band participated in the South Atlantic Shrine Band Association meeting on Friday, September 20. Our own Past Captain Doug Teague was re-elected as President of the Association. After a brief concert, we joined members of ACCA Shrine Band and Sudan Shrine Band for a "mass band" performance.



We followed that up by winning First Place in the Riding Band category at the South Atlantic Shrine Association parade in Myrtle Beach on September 21!



Congratulations to our members for a great turnout and outstanding performances on both days!

A shout-out to the Oasis Divan and Nobles for supporting our participation at SASA.

COME JOIN THE HARMONY!

Per Article 2, Section 5 of the Current Bylaws of



and by Order of the Illustrious Potentate

OFFICIAL NOTICE

is Hereby Given to the Noble Members of Oasis Shriners to Elect the Potentate and Officers for the 2020 Shrine Year during the

ANNUAL MEETING OF OASIS SHRINERS

Date: Saturday,
December 7, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm

At: Oasis Temple

604 Doug Mayes Place,
Charlotte, NC 28262

Current Shriners Due Card is Required for Entry

HILLBILLY CLAN #13 DEGREE ON NOV 9

Contact Info.
Larry Sanderson @ 980-613-1267
Mark Adkins @ 828-217-1225
Kevin Helms @ 704-562-2509

Places:
Red Fez Shrine Club
16600 Red Fez Club Rd,
Charlotte, NC 28278



All money raised for this event goes to the Shriners Hospital's

LUNCH SERVED 12-1
MEN'S DEGREE AT 1-2
TARHEEL DEGREE 2-3
WOMEN'S DEGREE 3-4

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\$40.00
MEN'S TARHEEL DEGREE
\$25.00
WOMEN'S DEGREE
\$15.00

It is open to anybody that is a Shriner.
Please come and support this fundraiser.

Please let us know ASAP if you plan on coming. Just want to make sure we accommodate everybody's needs for degree and food prep.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, Children of All Ages...

By Edie Wilson

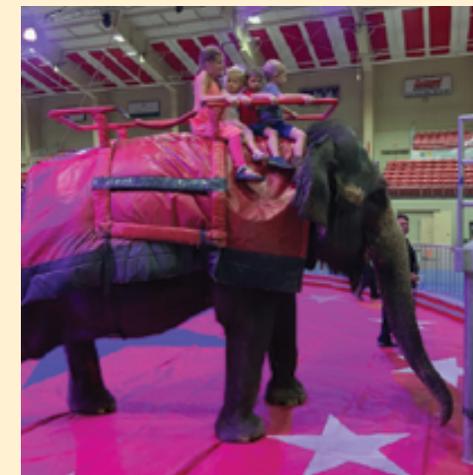
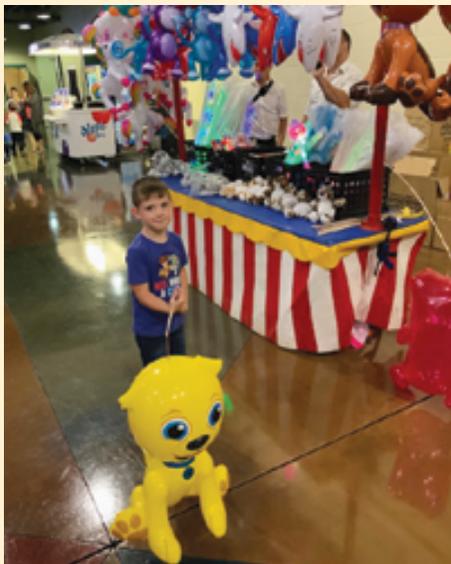
The lights go down and the music goes up. All over the arena children pierce the darkness as they wave their magic light-up sabers and scepters.

Jordan World Circus is about to begin. Three rings of spectacle. A breathtaking display of unbridled felines in their exotic beauty. Beautiful women suspended high above our heads in dangerous aerial exploits. Oasis Clowns trying to manage their laundry. And all the while, vendors hawk cotton candy to wide-eyed kids in need of a sugar rush.

If you've never attended an Oasis Circus you've missed a great opportunity to revisit your childhood. And the chance to watch the Human Cannonball sail from one end of the arena to the other. But, don't worry—there's always next year.



Oasis Divan, Nobles and Clowns work the Fletcher Circus.



Doing the Best, We Can

“Build Houses, Live in Them” – Jeremiah 29

The author of the book *Three Steps Forward and Two Steps Back* says that we live in a pressure-cooker world. In our world today: Jobs require high-performance levels. Tempers flare, stomachs turn, nerves unravel, ulcers bleed, hearts break, and, then when we are running a few minutes late for an important meeting, we jump into our car and the BATTERY IS DEAD!

The Children of Israel are living well contented in Jerusalem. Then suddenly Jerusalem is invaded by King Nebuchadnezzar's Army of Babylon traveling over 500 miles. This enemy—these Babylonians took the citizens of Jerusalem captive and marched the Jewish People 500 miles to a strange land!

Babylon was a bad scene for the Children of Israel. They found themselves there, not as willing tourists, but as the unwilling captors. And, what does that have to do with us living in the year 2019?

Well in our world today we have aches and pains, people get mad, feelings get hurt, we get rejected, overlooked, unappreciated. We get sick, tired, and sometimes victimized. Our family members lose jobs, our friends and family members get sick, sometimes seriously.

Angelou may have been writing to many of us living in the year 2019 when she wrote: *“My mission in life is not merely to survive—but, to thrive!”* If we find ourselves in a situation in this life that we don't want to be in, but there is nothing we can do about it, then God—through Jeremiah— is speaking to us. This is what God—through Jeremiah has to say to us:

Wherever we find ourselves, (from Jeremiah 29):

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

In short, wherever we find ourselves, we are to be at peace, we are to THRIVE, and we are to Pray for that community.

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners, Assistant Imperial Chaplain, and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. He was appointed Imperial Chaplain by Imperial Potentate Al Madsen in 2012. Stanley can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.



John Stanley, Chaplain

It seems that we have all been in places and in situations which we did **not** like—places from which we wish we could exit. And that was the situation of the Children of Israel over 2,500 years ago.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at the Cabarrus Shrine Club



**Saturday,
December 7
8:00 to
11:00AM**

The cost is \$5 per person. Children under the age of three eat free.

Families get a visit with Santa and his elves, a pancake breakfast, arts and crafts projects, letter writing to the North Pole, and goody bags.

In addition, many community organizations donate generously of their time - last year we had the Kannapolis Police Department with patrol car and SWAT vehicle, the Kannapolis Fire Department fire truck, Cabarrus Pet Society, the NC Department of Agriculture, the NC Wildlife Association, and an NC State Highway Patrol car, among others. David Ragan's race car was here as well, along with an array of “mascots” including Sharky from Sea Life Aquarium, Lug Nut from Charlotte Motor Speedway, and many more!

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

Shrine Patient and Master Musician Entertains Greensboro Shriners

Submitted by Noble Bobby Myers

On the evening of September 24, 2019, the Greensboro Shrine Club was honored to have as our guest speaker and entertainer, Mr. Chris Cloud.

Chris is the Owner, Master Musician, Senior Instructor, and CEO of the Cloud Music Academy, 5411 Unit C, W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27410. He employs five instructors who teach guitar, drums, keyboard, bass, banjo, mandolin, voice, and recording, theory, songwriting and more. He has studied performance and pedagogy, receiving a Bachelor of Music in Classical Guitar from Guilford College.

Chris is a Shriners Child, who over many years, underwent multiple surgeries on his right leg at several Shriners Hospitals for Children throughout the United States. Chris was diagnosed with a rare bone marrow cancer at a very young age, which prevented the normal growth of his right leg and required



“ I felt and saw how honest and heartfelt this was for him. It was a total redirection for me and the Nobles present as to why we do what we do for the Children. ”

many surgeries. During his early childhood and teenage years, as the surgeries progressed, he often had to relearn to walk. He remarked at how much he came to dislike the pain and suffering he endured, but how the hospital felt a bit like home. With the love and encouragement from his mother, Shriners doctors and staff, he pushed through all the hard times. Often restricted to a wheelchair, he taught himself to play guitar. The days in and out of the hospitals, as he told us, were often difficult and drew him to dark places in his heart. He commented on how it was difficult at times to deal with the ridicule of classmates and other children for being “handicapped.” Strongly encouraged by his mother, he never gave up.

Chris expounded on the trials and tribulations of his journey through his early life and as he talked you could feel his pain and could have heard a pin drop in the club. He noted that each surgery made him stronger and determined to push forward. Unfortunately, the bone graft had not completely healed and other complications followed. In conjunction with other issues, at the age of 19, Chris was given three options to proceed. After much soul searching, Chris decided on the most extreme of the options and that was to have his right leg amputated and fit for a prosthetic leg. Again, the dark times and the need to learn to walk all over again.

Chris weathered the storm and rose above the challenge despite the hard times that followed. He went on to college, first enrolling

in a business degree program, only to find that wasn't his thing and changed his major to music. He taught guitar through college and continued to pursue teaching after graduation. Fate and hard work placed him in position to team up with others to create the Cloud Music Academy. In the addition to owning and managing the academy, Chris currently teaches music at Bishop McGuinness High School in Kernersville and at an after-school program covering the Guilford County School district.

In a very emotional expression of his sincere appreciation for all that the Shriners Hospitals and Shriners families have provided, Chris entertained the club members with an eloquent private classical guitar concert.



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

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Catching up with “The Beat on the Street”

Parades, Piggy Banks and Rubber Ducks

By Ned Yates

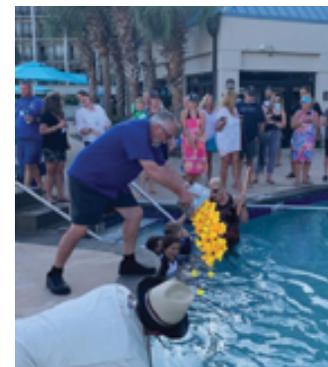
The summer of 2019 has been hot and so has our schedule. We've enjoyed an active pace since our last visit and are eager to share a bit about those experiences with you here.

Most recently for the Corps, and perhaps for you, was the parade in Oxford to celebrate Homecoming at the Masonic Home for Children. All three Temples in North Carolina participated along with local civic and school groups and bands from the town of Oxford. The Corps family was happy to present a number of the MHCO piggy banks filled with change for a seventh year in a row.

Only ten days earlier we had our annual Golf Tournament. This Fraternal Fundraiser had a full field again this year. Many golfers come back each year because the Corps Family has worked hard over the years to put on a top-shelf tournament. Members of our cooking team prepared Boston Butts to perfection. Corps Ladies made sure the dining room was set up

nicely. Our Ladies also ran the serving line as the players came in for a post tournament meal, complete with a variety of desserts. After making sure everyone was full, the golfers were treated to one last token of appreciation...Door Prizes!

Only twelve days prior to that, we were in Myrtle Beach for SASA 2019. After cancellation in 2017 and 2018 due to weather, we were excited to parade on Saturday with our fellow Noble Brothers from Oasis Temple. And, after a three year wait, you might also imagine that we were excited to open our always popular Drum & Bugle Corps Hospitality Room! On behalf of our Captain Scott Edwards and Lady Pamela we send out a huge thank you to everyone that pitched in to do a lot of little things and to do the dirty work that is done to keep a hospitality room clean. The room filled quickly on Friday night and remained active throughout the weekend. Plenty of food, fellowship and rubber ducks.



Wait a minute - rubber ducks? Yes, rubber ducks, you know for the duck race at the lazy river! Okay, maybe more info is needed for those that weren't there. This year, First Lady Vickie Jarrett, along with the First Ladies from Amran and Sudan Shriners are raising money to send Shiner kids to Victory Junction Camp in Randleman, NC. Our own Lady Pamela, along with the help of other Corps Ladies, took time at the Spring Ceremonial in Maggie Valley and at SASA 2019 to help with this effort. The Ladies accepted donations from many Nobles and Ladies. Each duck had a number on it and that number was assigned to the donor. The ducks are set free in the lazy river and the first duck across the finish line wins. Everyone involved had lots of fun and more than \$1,300 was raised.

You have read in these stories before about how various clubs and units have different ideas on how to raise money. As Shrine Masons may we continue to be motivated to work hard so that we can help the children at the Home and the patients at the Hospitals. With Thanksgiving drawing near, we are reminded of how thankful we are to be just a small part of this great fraternity.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanks for all that each of you do, because, ***When the Home and the Hospitals win, everyone wins!***

SAVE THE DATE!
- 2019 -
**OASIS CLUB & UNIT
APPRECIATION NIGHT**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

Please join us in recognizing all Oasis Clubs and Units that have made tremendous strides in their ongoing fundraising efforts for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Potentate's WV Trip Includes Dirt, Fun AND Fire!



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(Left) All that's left of the Potentate's SxS is a metal skeleton.














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2019 Schedule

- Nov 1 & 2** Fall Ceremonial at Aberdeen/
Southern Pines
- Nov 21** Divan Meeting at Temple
- Dec 7** Grand Master Installation,
Location TBD
- Dec 7** Oasis Elections at Temple
- Dec 14** Cat Square Parade (Civic)
steps off 1:00PM
- Dec 19** Divan Meeting at Temple
- Dec 21** Shrine Bowl Game



JUST ONE

*Who do you know
that would make a
good Shrine Mason?*

Our Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder has introduced his “**Just One**” campaign to increase Shriner membership. A simple but powerful idea drives this initiative: If every current Shriner commits to recruiting or restoring “just one” noble to his temple, the ranks of our brotherhood will swell tremendously.

In order to build enthusiasm for the Just One initiative and keep it going, we are instituting a multi-level program for recognizing and rewarding top-line signers in the creation/restoration process for their successful efforts bringing in new members or restoring suspended members. These are:

- LEVEL 1** – Upon creation or restoration of one member, the top-line signer will receive a postcard and Just One pin from Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder.
- LEVEL 2** – Upon bringing in two members, the top-line signer will be listed in the Shriner Magazine.
- LEVEL 3** – With three new creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive a certificate of appreciation and a letter of commendation from Imperial Sir Sowder.
- LEVEL 4** – After five creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive a personal phone call from the Imperial Potentate.
- LEVEL 5** – Top-line signers responsible for 10 additional Shriner brothers will receive a special invitation to attend a Just One VIP reception with the Imperial Divan at the 2020 Imperial Session.

So just get on board and start referring Masons and non-Masons alike to keep Oasis #1!!!

Vintage Tin Car Show

Vintage Tin held their twenty-second annual Car Show on Saturday October 5 at beautiful Rumbling Bald Resort. Over the past 22 years Vintage Tin has been able to present more than \$100,000 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We at the Thermal Belt Shrine Club are so thankful that Vintage Tin chose our Club and the Shriners Hospitals to be the recipient of their funds.



**Shriners Choice 2019
1949 Chevy Tin Woody
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Oasis Brings Home 14 Trophies from SASA!

A Beautiful Weekend of Shrine Mason Fellowship



Ninth Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival is Weekend Event

Oxford Orphanage was established in 1872. Now known as The Masonic Home for Children in Oxford (MHCO) it is the **oldest home for children in North Carolina**, and exists for one purpose – to help children who need a stable, caring and loving home.

Nobles, Ladies and friends from three Temples gathered on a beautiful weekend in October to enjoy music, food and, of course, a parade. Thank you to all who participated in this Masonic tradition.



“ We do not replace a family – we provide. We teach, guide, nurture, and share, focusing on life both at and after MHCO, so we can help a child determine his or her own path for the future. ”



Lady Kelly Helms, First Lady Linda Sigmon and Lady Vickie Jarrett attended the Grand Master's Dinner in Oxford.

Photo above from Charles M. Setzer Lodge #693 A.F. & A.M. website



Lexington Shrine Club in the News

When you step out of the car, there's no mistaking the aroma of sizzling steaks, and when the Nobles of Lexington Shrine Club gather round the grill to prepare dinner for over 165 people, that come-and-get-it smell fills the air for a long time.

On a beautiful Saturday in October the Lexington Shrine Club held its Third Annual *Night Out for the Children* to support Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The ladies held a very successful bake sale with cakes, pies, and cookies of every description. Congratulations on a successful event.



In other Club news, President Wayne Hilliard presented Thomas Jolly a service award for his 12 years of service as club secretary. Thanks Tommy for your dedication to Shriners Hospital's and Lexington Shrine Club.



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Creating a Legacy of Generosity. Noble and Board Member, Mike Cook stands with Thomas Eller and his family at the unveiling of the Jeanie Eller Patient Suite at SHC - Greenville. Mr. Eller made a generous gift in honor of his late wife Jeanie Eller. His love for his wife touched our hearts and his generosity will be such a gift to our patients.

Greenville Shriners Hospital Wins South Carolina Hospital Association Zero Harm Award

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville has been recognized for clinical excellence and an unwavering commitment to quality and patient safety as they were named a Zero Harm hospital for 2019 by the South Carolina Hospital Association.



“This is a testament to the dedication of our clinical staff and the facility’s commitment to the highest quality of care,” said Bill Munley, administrator. “In particular, this award recognizes that our hospital has not had a case of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus – or MRSA – infection in 36 months. Studies have shown incident rates of this infection have increased in recent years, so reaching the three-year mark without incident is quite commendable.”

The Certified *Zero Harm Awards* is a unique statewide program established by SCHA in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). For each award, hospitals must experience no preventable hospital-acquired infections of a specific nature over an extended period of time. The data is independently verified by DHEC.

“This unique third-party verification process provides exceptional legitimacy to these awards that result in real lives saved,” said Karen Reynolds, director of innovation and acceleration, SCHA. “Zero patient harm is possible only if physicians, clinical and support staff members work together to support a culture of high reliability.”

Reynolds said that Zero Harm Award winners are an inspiration to all hospitals across the state striving to provide measurably safe care for every patient.

The SCHA began the *Zero Harm* program in 2014 to acknowledge hospitals that are on the forefront of preventing medical errors. The awards are part of an effort to guide and support the state’s hospitals in adopting best practices and implementing cultures of high reliability.

To read more stories like this, go to www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org



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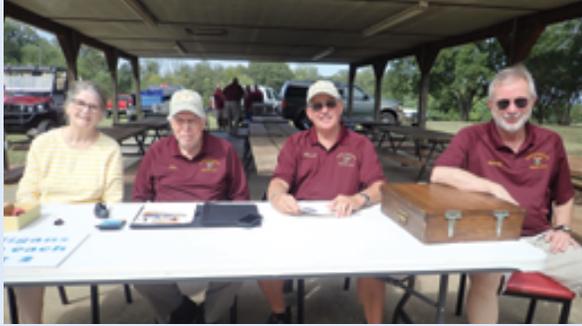


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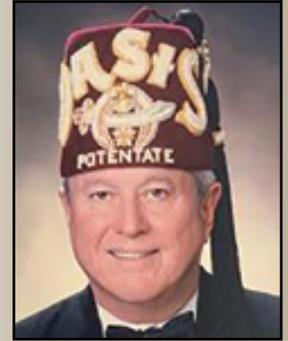
Elkin Jonesville Shrine Club

Submitted by David and Tammy Johnson

The Elkin Jonesville Shrine Club had a great turn out of Nobles and Ladies helping out with their annual golf tournament on September 27 at Silo Run Golf Course in Boonville. The charity tournament was a success and a good time was had by all who attended.

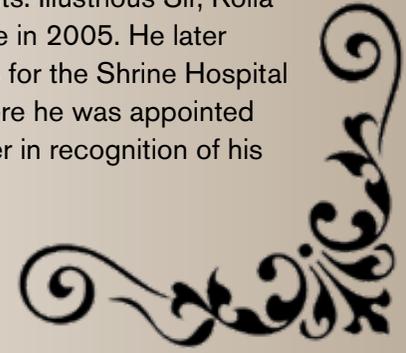


**Ill. Sir Rolla E Rogers, Jr.,
86, of Flat Rock, passed
away October 9, 2019.**



Rolla was charitable with his time and talents. He was a member of Oasis Masonic Lodge No. 416 A.F. & A.M. and Oasis Temple. Rolla was a member of the Hendersonville Shrine Club as well as numerous statewide clubs and units. Illustrious Sir, Rolla was honored to serve as Potentate in 2005. He later served on the Board of Governors for the Shrine Hospital for Children in Greenville, SC where he was appointed to the position of Emeritus Member in recognition of his many years of dedicated service.

Our sympathy goes out to Lady Mary and the family.



Radiology and Physical Therapy Equipment Tagged for Purchase with Funds from the Lake Wylie Classic Golf Tournament

In 2018, The Lake Wylie Classic Golf Tournament surpassed the \$695,000 mark in collective funds donated to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville as they presented a check for \$135,000 from the annual tournament. This year, funds raised during the April 26 event sent the all-time total to a new record, surpassing an original goal of \$100,000 and resulting in a check totaling \$160,000.

“This is an incredibly important fundraiser for our hospital, and the money we receive is used for the most noble cause I can imagine: providing children with life-changing care,” said Paul Finelli, director, donor development.

The tournament raises proceeds not only through the tournament played at River Hills Country Club in Lake Wylie, South Carolina, but also through a live and silent auction held the evening before tournament play. Additionally, generous sponsorships – from \$100 for a hole sponsorship to \$2500 for an underwriting sponsorship – help ensure success.

Henderson County Farm City Day



Gerry Boykin and
Gordon Carpenter

Farm City Day is a long-standing tradition in Hendersonville. It is coordinated by Henderson County Parks and Recreation and Henderson County Cooperative Extension. This event is dedicated to promote local farming, history, talent, produce, music, nonprofit organizations, and free family fun. This year the weather was cool and damp but people always like a good hamburger so the Hendersonville Shrine Club was on duty to make some more money for the hospitals.



Matt Alexander, Gerry Boykin, Martin Osteen, Weldon Poling, and Wayne Hall with Lady Mary Poling.

Greetings to all Oasis Nobles. Oasis' new photo web page is up and running! It is a work in progress and I hope you enjoy!

The web address is www.shrinephotos.com

I am working on getting our Oasis Photography Committee up and running. We want to add Nobles to this committee to help it grow. My vision is to have Nobles from throughout our jurisdiction who will take pictures at events near you so we can get them uploaded to our web page and published in The Desert Dust. **Please feel free to contact me if you are interested or have any questions.**

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2019 Fall Ceremonial

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30 am Golf Outing at Legacy Golf Links
2:00 pm - 11:00 pm Oasis Hospitality Room
Hampton Inn & Suites Ballroom (Azalea, Magnolia, & Dogwood) 200 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30 am Golf Outing at Legacy Golf Links
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Candidate Registration, Hampton Inn & Suites
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Oasis Hospitality Room (Hampton Inn & Suites Ballroom)
6:00 pm - midnight Entertainment by The Extraordinaires
200 Beulah Hill Road South, Pinehurst

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 am - 8:30 am Candidate Registration, Roman Eagle Lodge #550
Candidate Fez Sizing, Roman Eagle Lodge #550
7:00 am - 9:00 am Shrine Mart (kitchen area)
Roman Eagle Lodge #550,
11611 US Hwy. 15-501, Aberdeen
8:30 am Divan Meeting, Roman Eagle Lodge #550
8:30 am - 8:45 am Oasis Band, Roman Eagle Lodge #550
8:45 am - 9:00 am Videos - SHC Patient and Shriners' Ladies
9:00 am - 9:30 am Welcome, Prayers & Presentations
Roman Eagle Lodge #550
9:30 - 9:45 am Creating a Shriner, Oasis Director's Staff
9:45 am Ladies Brunch at Hampton Inn & Suites Ballroom
10:00 am - 11:00 am First Section of Ceremonial by Ritualistic Cast,
Roman Eagle Lodge #550
11:00 am Ceremonial Class Photo, Roman Eagle Lodge #550
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Lunch, Roman Eagle Lodge #550
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Parade Line-Up
1:00 pm Parade Step-Off
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Second Section of Ceremonial by Oasis
Director's Staff, Roman Eagle Lodge #550
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Membership Team Presentation
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Dinner on your own
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Rose and Fez Presentation, Hampton Inn & Suites Ballroom
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm Entertainment and Dancing with DJ Bobby,
Hampton Inn & Suites Ballroom

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30 am Worship Service, Hampton Inn & Suites Ballroom
Rev. John Stanley, Past Imperial Chaplain and
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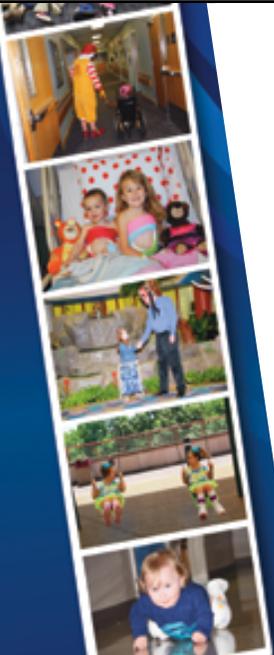


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Shriners Hospitals for Children to Participate in 131st Rose Parade



For the tenth consecutive year, Shriners Hospitals for Children will participate in the iconic Rose Parade on New Year's Day. Eight representatives will ride on the float entitled *Hope*

Knows No Limits. The float expresses the hope that can be seen in every aspect of the work and the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Our float depicts one result of the presence of hope: joy and acceptance – seen through the carefree exuberance of children sharing a day at the playground. Hope gives them the freedom to enjoy their childhood. Our mascot, Fezzy®, marks his eighth appearance on our Rose Parade floats by joining the children in the playground – the ones who are part of the float design, and four patients whose lives are a showcase for hope every day. Madelyn and Cristian, our National Patient Ambassadors, are joined by patients and local residents, Monserrath and Gianna. Also riding on the float are Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder and First Lady Cheryl, and Imperial Chaplain Bobby Simmons and his wife Nancy.

Our entry, *Hope Knows No Limits*, celebrates the joyful, carefree spirit of childhood that is born of



hope. For our patients, hope guides everything – from the ability to enjoy and participate in what are typically everyday experiences, to believing in the future and the ability to contribute to society, from endless resilience and perseverance, and even being accepted and welcomed. Hope is a strong current underlying everything we do at Shriners Hospitals for Children – including offering care for complex medical conditions, conducting research to discover answers and create new and better treatments, and offering medical education opportunities to share knowledge that extends our reach to even more children.

The parade's theme of *The Power of Hope* is illustrated throughout our float. In fact, even our title, *Hope Knows No Limits*, can be seen as a description of the parade theme. Hope is present in the joyful abandon of the characters of the float itself, and in the hearts and minds of the patients riding on the float, who demonstrate the power and the limitless nature of hope in their lives every day, as they go on to dream big and achieve more than even they can imagine. Shriners Hospitals for Children are places where hope and healing meet, and lives are changed.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children float will be on display for pre-judging, and float riders will be available for media interviews starting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019 at Phoenix Decorating Co., Rose Float Plaza South, 5400 Irwindale Ave., Irwindale, California.



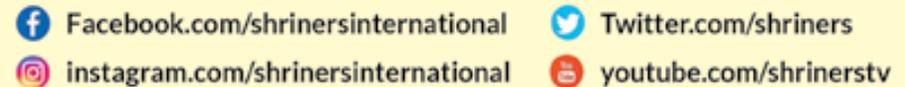
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William Thomas Rhew, Jr.	Asheville, NC	11/9/1985	9/4/2019
Harry W. Rice	Charlotte, NC	1/21/1967	3/4/2019
William Lee Comer	Salisbury, NC	11/13/1982	9/7/2019
Jerry Wayne Furr	Monroe, NC	11/3/1984	10/19/2018
Philip J. Forlidas	Charlotte, NC	5/21/1955	8/31/2019
C. V. Thornburg	Cherryville, NC	5/15/1971	6/3/2019
Curtis Eugene Deese	Marshville, NC	8/29/1987	6/2/2019
Daryl D. Bryson	Belmont, NC	6/6/2009	2/9/2019
William Cone Carpenter	Cherryville, NC	11/7/1987	9/18/2019
Carl B. Barr	Gastonia, NC	4/30/2009	9/14/2019
Rickey Lee Hill	Bessemer City, NC	8/23/1997	8/22/2018
Lawrence Eugene Williams	Gastonia, NC	1/16/1982	9/10/2018
Rolla Elmer Rogers, Jr. P.P.	Flat Rock, NC	1/2/1971	10/16/2019
Charles D. Cregg	Zionville, NC	1/29/1983	7/28/2019
Brett Taylor Summey	West Jefferson, NC	11/8/1980	5/16/2019
Curtis E. Deese	Marshville, NC	8/29/1987	6/2/2019
Glenn J. Holshouser	Woodstock, Ga	9/16/1967	7/10/2019
Alexander J. White	Winston Salem, NC	9/25/1965	1/7/2019
James P. Brock	Denver, NC	10/15/1966	8/20/2019
Bobby L. Pearson	Kings Mountain, NC	11/8/1986	6/29/2019
John Charles Payne	West Jefferson, NC	11/8/1980	4/1/2019
Robert J. Keen, Jr.	Hudson, NC	9/15/1973	4/2/2019
James T. Taylor	Monroe, NC	1/22/1966	3/13/2019
Joseph A. Lytle	Black Mountain, NC	1/27/1973	3/24/2019
Felton B. Sudderth	Montezuma, NC	10/17/1964	2/16/2019
James C. Jacobs	Franklin, NC	10/23/1971	9/15/2019
Lewis Joe Gallman	High Point, NC	11/7/1987	10/4/2019
James F. Hughes	Linville, NC	9/23/1961	7/18/2019
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