

# DESERT DUST



*See page 7 for  
details about  
the bear!*



**Shriners  
International**



# Your Potentate

Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Oasis Shriners,

I trust you have been weathering this

“Lockdown” we are

having to endure in good spirits and hope. I know we look forward to a brighter tomorrow as the country and world move ever-closer to a resolution of this plague-COVID-19. I continue to see the light at the tunnel's end growing brighter with each passing day.

Now, I will continue sharing with you the plans Lady Laurin and I had for our Oasis Shrine Family this year—all of which were canceled due to the pandemic. The Oasis Shriners Family Fun Day was scheduled for June 19th and 20th. This has always been a great Shrine family weekend at the Red Fez Club on Lake Wylie. Friday evening all the cooking team contestants were to show off their best specialty cooked “hors d' oeuvres” for everyone to enjoy while strolling the beautiful grounds of “The Fez” overlooking the wide expanse of picturesque Lake Wylie. The evening was to bring another great time in the Pavilion with Noble Bobby Leatherman DJ, playing all the favorite hit songs and dancing to the oldies we love to hear. He was also going to sprinkle in some Karaoke for those brave enough to show off their singing and dancing skills. A full bar set up would be available and lots of finger foods to enjoy. On Saturday morning bright and early, a big country breakfast was to be served in the historic Club House on the lake. Next, a fishing contest was scheduled that morning for all the children to participate in. Lady Laurin had planned for a giant inflatable water slide down by the beach and two inflatable big bounce houses all for the children to enjoy. The Club pool would be open for all attendees to use as well.

The cooking competition begins! A grilled hotdog lunch was planned under the Pavilion Saturday for all to enjoy, cooked and served up

by the Oasis Divan and Divan Ladies. Plenty of cold drinks would be served thru out the day. As special entertainment for the afternoon, a professional musical comedy act would play out under the Pavilion. Shortly after the show, the BBQ contestant winners would be announced and presented with trophies given in all the listed categories of cooking competition. All the grilled meats, vegetables and special desserts cooked and entered would be placed out for everyone to enjoy. Saturday evening would be another fun filled night in the Pavilion, dancing to our favorite music and again, for the brave, another night of Karaoke entertainment.

The first week in July we were all looking forward to going to Kansas City, Kansas for the Imperial Shrine Session—always a great time to socialize with fellow Shriners from all over the United States and the world. This is a time we hear the Imperial Shrine leadership speak to us about the issues so important to all Shriners. We hear the details of what has been going on with our Shriners Hospitals for Children. We elect officers and vote on issues of importance brought to the floor. We see and meet our Shrine patient ambassadors. We hear interesting reports from committees acting on our behalf and so much more during the week.

In late August a one day Black Tie Ceremonial was planned to honor The Most Worshipful Grand Master of North Carolina Masons, P. Shaun Bradshaw. The event was to be held in Greensboro, the Grand Master's hometown, at the Greensboro Shrine Club. At the beginning of the evening, a special Champagne Toast was to be given by the Potentate and First Lady of Oasis Shriners to honor the Grand Master and his Lady. A steak dinner was to be served that evening to all Nobles and their Ladies attending this special Black Tie event. As an added touch to the fine dinner; wines and beers from around the world would have been served as a personal gift to all the attendees from the Potentate and First Lady, and a cocktail social was planned for after the Ceremonies.

Into the fall month of September, SASA was on schedule to be another historic event in

Myrtle Beach, SC. We looked forward to the fun and fellowship with other Shriners from all the Southeastern states. The parade down Ocean Boulevard was scheduled for Saturday. It is always so much fun seeing all the parade units from the SASA Shrine Centers. Of course Saturday afternoon is lots of fun on the beach when SASA hosts their big band party on the Atlantic Ocean next to the Hilton Double Tree Resort host hotel. Lady Laurin had planned another fun evening Saturday at the Double Tree Resort for our Oasis Shriners family. An evening of fellowship, food, drinks and special entertainment to be enjoyed by all Oasis Shriners and their families.

In the next issue of the Desert Dust we will continue to tell you about the plans for a very, very special evening for all of the Oasis Nobles and Ladies to have been held at the Oasis Temple in Charlotte in the Grand Ballroom. We were to celebrate Oasis Shriners 125th Anniversary with an historical program, a social and a wonderful dinner followed by dancing. Stay tuned for details on this event that was not to be.

*With our very best of Fraternal well wishes and prayers for your safety, we are,*

**Bill Cater, Potentate & 1st Lady Laurin**

PS. Remember: The Shrine is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and Masonic principals of brotherly love, truth and relief.

We are the premier fraternal organization for men of good character and standing.

We foster self-improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement.

We provide quality programs and services to our members, their families and friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie.

And above all, we serve mankind thru the world's greatest philanthropy-Shriners Hospitals for Children.

# Your Recorder

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis

Here we are, another month down and another closing and postponement to report. First, On September 11th

we sent out a notice of cancellation for our Fall Ceremonial in Hendersonville that was scheduled for November 6th and 7th. In that memo, I wrote *"It is with deep regret that our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bill Carter has decided to cancel this year's event. Under the current 2.5 restrictive order by the Governor, it is impossible for us to hold such a great event as we had planned."*

I can tell you that Nobles Chris Hall and Tim Farris have put countless hours into the planning of this event. There is much disappointment on the part of those who had hoped to become Shriners.

As if COVID-19 hasn't caused us enough issues this year, here comes Hurricane Sally requiring Oasis to postpone our first annual golf tournament at Woodbridge Golf Course in Kings Mountain. The new event date is scheduled for Friday October 30th starting at noon. The good news is that the field is completely full and there is still time for you to become a hole sponsor for just \$100. If you would like to sponsor a hole, please contact tournament chairman Jimmy Owen at 919-730-3076 or call the ladies in the Oasis office at 704-549-9600 and they will take your information and payment.

We need everyone to keep up with the changes and cancellations to this year's schedule. As we receive the latest updates, we will get them out to each of you as quickly as we can. Again, please check your email that is on file with Oasis to make sure your correct information is in our database.

As far as elections go, I want to personally thank all our Clubs and Units who are working outside the normal to conduct their election of officers

for 2021. Please remember all election results are due to Oasis and must be placed into Web Fez by the Club or Unit secretaries no later than October 30, 2020.

Due to COVID-19 and all of the restrictions that are currently in place, this year's Oasis 2021 Divan elections that are scheduled for Saturday December 5, 2020 are subject to this massive change. Here is the difference that is taking place this year over years past. With the limited number of persons who can attend an indoor event currently limited to 25, Oasis elections limited. We have been in contact with Imperial for guidance and are working to develop a plan. We are requesting any qualified member who would like to seek an office on the 2021 Divan, along with the person nominating that member, to contact the Oasis Recorder at recorder@oasisshriners.org no later than (end of business) 5pm on Monday November 2, 2020, with your intent to seek office. Again, we need the name of person nominating and the qualifications of person seeking office. The following Nobles are qualified, have been recommended and are being nominated to seek office:

Tommy Helms for the Office of Potentate

Tim Daniels for the Office of Chief Rabban

Doug Garland for the Office of Assistant Rabban

Shea Fadel for the Office of High Priest and Prophet

Chris Hall for the Office of Oriental Guide

John Cable for the Office of Recorder

William Harward, PP for the Office Treasure

Once the nomination process is complete on Monday, November 2, 2020, we will notify the membership of our plan that will be the best and safest way to conduct our elections.

On a personal note, I want to thank each Noble, Lady and Friends of Oasis for your patience, love

and devotion to Oasis and our hospitals. I know we haven't had much time together this year, but the little time we did have was outstanding. I look back before the COVID-19, to January at Illustrious Sir Bill Carters Installation and the East / West Game. Followed up in February by the sold-out Potentate's Valentine Ball and then the one-day Cold Sands Ceremonial at the Land of the Sky Shrine Club that brought in almost 40 new Oasis members. Illustrious Sir, as your time is drawing to a close, thank you for your leadership that most members never saw, but that those of us on your Divan have seen and respected.

God Bless, stay safe and reach out to each other. Remember that we are stronger together and we always will be.

YITF

**John G. Cable**



## The Desert Dust

**Illustrious Sir Bill Carter, Potentate**

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### 2020 DIVAN

**Chief Rabban** - Tommy Helms

**Assistant Rabban** - Tim Daniels

**High Priest and Prophet** - Doug Garland

**Oriental Guide** - Shea Fadel

**Treasurer** - Bill Harward

**Recorder** - John Cable

**1st Ceremonial Master** - Chris Hall

**2nd Ceremonial Master** - Tim Farris

**Director** - Clay McLean

**Marshal** - Donnie Wrenn

**Captain of the Guard** - Jack Wallace

**Outer Guard** - Joe Burriss

**John Stanley (PP-1997)** - Chaplain

### EDITOR

**Edie Wilson** - [Ediewilson7@gmail.com](mailto:Ediewilson7@gmail.com)



# Upcoming Events

October 3, 11:00 am  
**Keystone Kops Cruise-In**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**SEE PAGE 9**

October 24, 3:00 pm  
**Bearfootin' Auction**  
**Hendersonville, NC**  
**SEE PAGE 7**



# Oasis Shriners Schedule

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- October 7 Ask... will, NC
- October 9 & 10 **CANCELED** ... Concord, NC
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- CANCELED** ... NC
- October 17 - 24 Potentate's Cruise to Bermuda from Charleston, SC
- October 29 Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
- November 6 & 7 Fall C... ide
- CANCELED** ... NC
- November 19 Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
- December 5 Grand Master's Installation (TBD)
- December 5 Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting & Officer's Election, Oasis Temple
- December 17 Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
- 2021
- February 5 Club & Units Appreciation Night Oasis Shrine Temple
- February 6 Installation 2021 Potentate Oasis Shrine Temple

# OASIS CLUB & UNIT ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

## SPECIAL ATTENTION ALL OASIS MEMBERS

As many of you remember last year, Shriners International implemented a new General Order that all clubs and units shall hold their annual elections of officers and report results in Web Fez prior to October 31 each year.

This year has brought many cancellations and difficult challenges to overcome. For the first time ever, Shriners International had to conduct its election later than planned and used a video conference system.

As a result of the latest COVID-19 extension order issued by the Governor, Oasis Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bill Carter urgently directs all Oasis Clubs and Units to begin developing and finalizing plans for this year's elections so that they will be in compliance with Shriners International's General Orders.

As it has become more and more difficult for some clubs and units to secure committed, qualified Nobles to serve as officers, the Divan is fully aware that several clubs and units elect their officers to stay in line for more than one year and that may be the case this time.

Illustrious Sir, Bill Carter is directing each club and unit to:

**First**, notify its membership by multiple means available that elections and election results along with correct contact information of all elected board members are still due to the Recorder's Office of Oasis by October 31, 2020.

**Second**, ask if a Noble who meets the criteria to serve as an officer of the club or unit is willing to run and serve. If no one wishes to seek office, ask if the current officers are willing to serve another year. Per club

or unit bylaws, Oasis bylaws, and Shriners International bylaws, you must still conduct an annual election of officers this year.

**Third**, determine the best and safest way to conduct your election that will allow all eligible members an opportunity to participate should they wish. Make certain that all eligible members are notified, and that no member feels he has been disenfranchised from the opportunity to participate in the process.

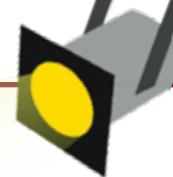
Your Divan understands how difficult this year has been on all of us due to COVID-19, but we also know that we are a strong fraternity and that we will emerge even stronger and better than before.

If you have a question or need guidance, feel free to contact me at the email address [recorder@oasisshriners.org](mailto:recorder@oasisshriners.org) or by phone at **336-880-5790**. Also, you can contact your Divan representative at the following:

- Tommy Helms: 704-621-9308**
- Tim Daniels: 803-417-3488**
- Doug Garland: 336-963-1326**
- Shea Fadel: 704-309-5396**
- Chris Hall: 704-813-4624**
- Tim Farris: 704-718-9603**
- Donnie Wrenn: 980-521-3523**
- Jack Wallace: 704-608-2400**
- Joe Burris: 704-322-8941**

Thank you for serving your club or unit and for being part of the Oasis Shriners family.

*YITF*  
**John G Cable**  
Recorder, Oasis Shriners  
Charlotte, North Carolina



# Spotlight on “Trip” Harder

*Submitted By Noble Marty Wilson*

To say that John “Trip” Harder is colorful would be a gross understatement. From his antics on the studio set to his often hilarious selection of bow ties, John’s presence always lights up a room. Is it any wonder he enjoys his role as a Ritualistic Cast member for Oasis. Does it come as a surprise that his parade uniform is a kilt and his bass drum sets the pace for the Highlanders. Who would doubt that after choosing a major in business and a minor in Russian, he would decide to fashion a career for himself in radio and television.

John’s career in journalism began in 1979 when he walked into WKOR in Starkville, Mississippi and announced to the manager that he wanted the reporter’s job because he was better at it than the reporter they had. The manager laughed and invited John to give it a go. “Come in tomorrow, kid, let’s see what you got.” Thus began an expedition that led him to Knoxville, Memphis and finally Charlotte where he joined WBT as a traffic reporter in the sky broadcasting from a Cessna 172 Skyhawk as Jeff Pilot. “I was on six stations at one point with cue cards for each one.”

For the past 12 years, his title has been traffic anchor for Channel 18 WCCB in Charlotte. A daily news and events show, the program allows John to showcase his talents as a robust reporter.



John’s Masonic journey began when one of his station managers asked him to do some investigative reporting on “the Masons and their secrets.” John started his research close to home by talking to his



grandmother to see if there were any Masons in his family. He soon learned that his grandfather and many others before him were Masons. A trip to the family cemetery was more than enough confirmation. After more research he returned to his boss and said he would be unable to complete his assignment. When asked to explain, he replied, “because I’m going to become one of them.” Since then he has grown into a model Mason.

John is a three-time Master of Phalanx Lodge #31—the oldest lodge in Charlotte—formed in 1797. He holds the position of Treasurer and acts as a degree coach. Active in Scottish Rite as well, where he was awarded the 33rd Degree, John proudly and competently serves as Degree Master.

John shared more about his experience as an Entered Apprentice. “The First Degree got me. There I saw more respect and honor than I’d ever seen in a church.” John knows the history, loves the pageantry, and lives by The Code.



## OASIS ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE COIN



The Membership Team will be selling coins to celebrate the **125th Anniversary of Oasis** and raise money to send a child or children to Victory Junction.

**THE COST WILL BE \$20.00 EACH**

Coins can be purchased through the Temple office or from Divan representatives.

**SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!**



# Blake Hall—a Family Gives Back

*Submitted by Noble Terry Cox*

Infant Blake Hall was born with a debilitating deformity. He was born with no fibula bone in his right leg with only three toes on his foot. With one leg being a little shorter than the other, the growth of the right leg would be much slower than his left leg. In addition, his left hand had three fingers with two fused together.

While driving home from the hospital where Blake was born, his father saw a Shriners Hospitals for Children advertisement on the back of a truck. Blake's paternal great uncle, Mike Williams, was a Shriner. Mike sponsored Blake and he was immediately accepted for treatment. He was only a couple of weeks old when he made his first visit to the Greenville Hospital. The family was told there were three choices: do nothing and make a shoe with a lift and adjust as he grew; amputate and fit Blake with a prosthetic; or perform surgery to stop growth on one leg followed by numerous surgeries throughout his growth to stretch the short leg. The third choice was not an option. Doctors would not do it because it would put him through too much pain. Their suggestion was that the foot be amputated, and a prosthetic leg attached. At that moment Blake's mother knew this was where Blake needed to be and that the doctors, nurses and staff truly cared.

At only a few weeks of age, preparations were made, and when Blake was 11 months old surgery was performed to remove his foot and separate his fingers. A prosthetic leg was

made by the Greenville hospital and little Blake learned to walk with his new leg, living the life of a normal kid, running, playing and participating in sports. Like so many other kids, Blake considers SHC-Greenville to be his second family.

In 2011, when Blake was a senior in High School, he needed a senior project. At first he had no idea what he wanted to do. His mother, Karen, suggested to him that they do a Motorcycle Ride-in, and donate the money to SHC, where he had been a patient for 18 years. Blake agreed that it was a great way to give back for all that Shriners had done for him, so planning began.

Year one was a great success, with 60 riders participating in the ride, and a total of \$1500 raised. The ride was such a success it was decided to make it a yearly event.

Each year since Karen and her husband, Scott Hatchett, have continued that tradition. Each year the event has gained momentum - both in participation and increased donations. A meal was added with food plates sold to non-riders. A silent auction was added, then a live auction, and then vendors were invited to sell their wares resulting in more and more donations for SHC.

Now, ten years later, the event is the talk of not only the motorcycle riding community, but Shriners and residents of the local area looking forward to the event. In the past ten years more than \$83,000 has been raised, with one hundred percent of the donations being contributed to SHC-Greenville.

In 2020, the donations and auction proceeds more than doubled, with more than \$23,000 raised for the Shriner Kids. Added to the event was a drawing for an enclosed trailer. The winner of the trailer generously gave it back to Karen and Scott, and it was auctioned for \$3500. Several items, including the money won in the dice roll, were returned to the event as donations,



*The trailer was won by a Georgia Shriner who then gave it back to Karen to auction. It was purchased for \$3,500 by the daughter of a long time Oasis Shriner, Ron Reid, who is now deceased.*

or to resell in the auction. The huge crowd was generous to a fault, and this year set the bar for years to come bringing a total raised of more than \$25,000 for the 2020 benefit. The Oasis Scooter Patrol has assisted for eight of the ten years and this year, assistance was also rendered by members of Mystic Shrine Club and Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves, PP. It is an inspiration to be a small part of this wonderful event.

Blake, Karen and Scott have never asked for recognition. Karen says that she is not in it for a trophy, but to give back to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Year 2021 is already in the planning, with bigger and better auction items and riders already announcing their plans to participate. Karen and Scott's effort gives hope to the Clubs and Units of Oasis Shrine for raising money for the Hospital. Their continued effort for the past ten years is to be applauded by all of the members of Oasis Shrine and by Shriners International. It gives real meaning to Love to the Rescue.



*Blake in front of SHC-Greenville at the age of three.*

## Greetings from the Oasis Clown Unit

Dear Nobles & Ladies,

It is with heavy hearts we report that the circus was canceled due to the Pandemic for 2020. We wanted to update everyone on the status of the Rodney Morgan bicycle give away for the circus. Currently, the balance of our bicycle fund is \$1002.54. We would appreciate any club or unit that would make a contribution of \$100 towards purchase of a bike and helmet for a child. The goal for the 2021 give away is 100 bikes and helmets. Please reach out to Wayne Alley at 828-490-0785 or email [mr.dimples1970@icloud.com](mailto:mr.dimples1970@icloud.com) or Mark Murphy at [mark84uaa@gmail.com](mailto:mark84uaa@gmail.com) with contributions towards this most rewarding event.



Finally, remember that this event has touched many children as well as families and created many smiles. We as Shriners and clowns have been touched to watch as these families receive this gift. If it were not for our clubs and units, this would not have been possible. Past and future donations are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, **Mr. Dimples, Wayne Alley**



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2021 *Illustrious Sir Tommy and Lady Kelly Helms*  
Invite you to join them in

# ARUBA

May 20 thru 24, 2021

Registration is open to secure your rooms for the 2021 Potentates trip.

This will be at the Riu Palace Antilles Aruba All Inclusive – Adult Only Resort located on Palm Beach.

Cost of the Ocean Front junior suite is \$1170.24 per person (limited number available) Ocean View junior suites are available for \$1015.20 Double Occupancy

Single JOV \$1455.84 Single JOF \$1680.24

***Air fare is not included in the price***

**\$100 Deposit is due by Nov 15th 2020**

**Final payment is due by Jan 15th 2021**

**Last day of cancellation will be Jan 15, 2021 for full refund**

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REQUIRED**

Contact Lori at **501-747-1217** for details

Contract Number: 70120 Helms Group

## Bearfootin' Auction

Saturday, Oct. 24 • 3pm - 7pm

Main Street, Hendersonville, NC

Each year, the downtown program hosts a live auction to raise funds for the Bearfootin' Art Walk and the many non-profits that the bears represent. Winning bids up to \$3,000 are split evenly between the downtown program and the winning non-profit, while bid amounts that exceed \$3,000 are directed to the non-profit in their entirety.



*The Hendersonville Shrine Club is participating in the Bearfootin project this year as an opportunity for exposure and donations. Fezzy will be auctioned off this fall and the hope of the Hendersonville Shrine Club is that Fezzy will bring the highest amount ever raised for one bear!*

Visit <https://www.hendersonvillenc.gov/events/bearfootin-art-walk> to learn more!

*Those who can't be in town can use a proxy bidding option. For more information, contact Meredith Friedheim at 828-233-3205 or [mfriedheim@hvlnc.gov](mailto:mfriedheim@hvlnc.gov) by Oct. 17.*



# THE PATIENCE OF JOB

*“A person’s wisdom yields patience...”*

Wow! There is so very much going on in our world today. There are wildfires, storms, and, of course, the COVID-19. The challenges we face today are awesome when we couple these challenges with our work pressures and usual daily activities.

Many ask the question: *“When are we going to get back to normal?”* And, then we hear someone tell us that we should be patient!

PATIENT? We want what we want and we want it NOW! We lose our temper, we become irritated, and then in our 30-day Proverbs Challenge we

read from Proverbs 19:11: *“A person’s wisdom yields patience.”* This scripture seems to be telling us that we are wise to be patient.

In the Bible we read of Job. Job experienced numerous types of suffering and great loss, but Job showed great perseverance, great faith, and great patience. That is the story of Job. Even today, we hear that someone has the *“Patience of Job.”*

The restrictions imposed during the pandemic are testing our patience. When we become frustrated or impatient, let us remember the words of Ecclesiastes: *“patience is better than pride.”*

STRESS: makes us believe that everything must happen RIGHT NOW...

FAITH: Assures us that everything will happen at the right and perfect time, IN GOD’S TIME!

And what is God’s timing? In Psalm 90 we read: *“One thousand years in God’s Sight are like a day that has just gone by. Wow! One day in god’s sight is like 1,000 years to us.*

May God bless you.

*John Stanley, Chaplain of Oasis, is Minister–Visitation, First Presbyterian, Gastonia. Also, he is Chaplain, SASA, and he served as Imperial Chaplain when Imperial Sir Al Madsen was our Imperial Potentate. John can be reached at: jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.*

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# Keystone Kops at Work

The Oasis Shriners Keystone Kops had a fantastic cruise-in on August 26. This was the night we did our memorial to one of our longtime supporters and lifelong resident of North Belmont, Ronnie Jonas.

Ronnie passed away earlier this year from complications related to lung cancer. He was a friend to many and rarely missed a Keystone Kops cruise-in. Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions that were in place, a lot of Ronnie's cruise-in friends couldn't attend his funeral. So, with a little planning, we held a memorial service for Ronnie at our Wednesday night cruise-in.

The crowd was HUGE and there were cars/trucks everywhere. There was a huge attendance by the Jonas family. Ronnie's brother, Kevin, who is the father to the Jonas Brothers singing group and the owner of Nellies Southern Kitchen, was there and sang "Angel Flying to Close to the Ground" in his brothers' memory.

Just before Kevin finished singing, Penny Briggs released several doves. Looking around the crowd, there wasn't a dry eye to be found. The doves that were released also included the memory of several Keystone Kops members that have gone on before us.

Once the memorial portion was over, we then proceeded to do our normal fundraising. The weather was fantastic and everyone in attendance had a great time as always! Hey, it's a Keystone Kops cruise-in, what else would you expect? It was a magical night. The world-famous Paddy Wagon was there, and the Kops were working the lot. People just kept coming up and handing us money all evening. There were so many people that donated money just because they know that all the money raised goes to support our hospitals. Even though Ronnie Jonas wasn't a Shrine Mason, he loved kids and supported our hospitals. The best part of the night was at the end

when we totaled up the donations and 50/50 ticket sales. We brought in over \$5300 just that night!

Sports Page Restaurant is the home to the Keystone Kops. This is where we have our monthly meetings and coming up on October 3 (rain date Oct 10) from 11a-4p, Sports Page Restaurant located at 8400 Bellhaven Blvd in Charlotte, will be having an Oasis Keystone Kops Classic Car Cruise In. The flyer is attached. There will be door prizes, no entry fee, donations welcome and ALL proceeds will go to benefit Shriners Children's Hospitals. Our DJ for this event is a former patient at one of our hospitals.

We are always looking for new members to join our jolly bunch. Yes, we are busy, but fundraising will not happen by sitting on the couch. You must get out and work it. So, if you want to be part of something bigger than yourself, get in touch with any member of the Kops and make the commitment. We are very family oriented, and our Ladies are a HUGE part of this unit. We could not do what we do without our Ladies.

# OASIS KEYSTONE KOPS

## Classic Car Cruise In

**HOSTED BY: SPORTS PAGE FOOD & SPIRITS**  
*SPORTS PAGE (COULWOOD)*  
 8400 BELLHAVEN BLVD., CHARLOTTE, NC 28216

**OCTOBER 3, 2020** (RAIN DATE OCTOBER 10)  
**SATURDAY 10/3/20** 11:00 - 4:00

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY #3 DALE EARNHARDT CHEVROLET**  
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# Mister Commitment

By Paul Whitfield, PP

One of our own helped Noah Webster define the word “commitment” - Past Potentate Ed Austin (1966). When the doors of the Temple were open, Ed was there. Always. At an earlier time it was the custom of the Cabiri (of Greek origin, in this case meaning a group of past Potentates) to attend all Temple-wide functions. They all sat together as a group to indicate their continuing support of the Temple, its current Potentate and Divan. They were always introduced as a group, and it was clear in the minds of all the nobility that the PPs were there in active support of all Temple activities. That custom is in some disrepair. A couple or three years back, I went to the annual meeting; there were 3 PPs in attendance.



**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 special recognition.

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

Ed Austin was always there when the doors were open. Ed was that way about all he did. He was a mainstay with the Scottish Rite as well. When I joined the Rite in '69, John Herschleb, former Captain of the Potentate Guard, was a deputy sheriff assigned to court duty as bailiff in Superior Court. One morning as I arrived in court John grabbed me by the scruff of the neck and asked: “Where are you going to be Tuesday morning?” John wore a sidearm and I did not hesitate to respond, “Wherever you say sheriff.”

He told me to be at the old Temple downtown on Third and Tryon at 7:30. I asked him what I was going to do there. He said you are going to be a marshal and work for Ed Austin. I asked John what a marshal did. He said I would find out when I got there. And sure enough I was assigned to Ed Austin head of marshal group one. In those days the classes were 400 and there were six or seven marshals teams who shepherded them. Ed was the senior man. He didn't talk much. He reminded me of my grand pop. He would look at you and with a minimum of words tell you precisely what to do...and you better do it his way. Austin was with the Rite as he was with the Shrine. When the doors were open Ed was there. Totally reliable and totally committed. He was in fact the paradigm of what a Rite member and Shriner ought to be. Everybody had a sense of that and he had everyone's respect.

I joined Rotary in about '73 and was surprised to see PPs Ed Austin, Bill Isenhour and Bob Vaughan were members. Ed was just as committed to Rotary where he was past president and kept perfect attendance for many, many years. As he advanced in years he kept the same commitment to Rotary as with the Rite and the Shrine. Even though he had a chronic health issue that affected memory Ed was there. I remember his last Rotary meeting. I was walking up the drive to the YWCA on Park Road as Sig (Ed's wife) dropped him at the stairs leading to the front entrance. Ed got out the passenger door, and as Sig drove back down the drive toward Park Road, Ed walked down the drive towards Park Road as well. I doubled my pace, caught up with him, took him gently by the hand and walked him back to the meeting--his last--but he was there, just as he was always there, health notwithstanding. He was still committed.

I did not know Ed in his church, but I was informed that he was as committed there as he was everywhere else. As an officer of the church it was his duty to be there when the doors were open. And he always was they say.

He defined the word “commitment.” Ed Austin, Past Potentate, exemplar of the brotherhood and what its commitment ought to be.

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

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## MSC Cruise-In For the Kids

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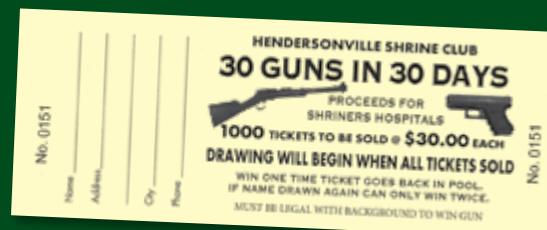
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Thomas R. Choat	Rockwell, NC	6/8/1996	8/16/2020
Truman B. Doggett	Summerfield, NC	11/14/1981	8/18/2020
Carl W. Champion	Gastonia, NC	11/14/1981	8/28/2020
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