DESERT DUST



OASIS INSTALLS 127th POTENTATE









Your Potentate

Happy New Year from Lady Leigh and me. We trust you all have had a great start to 2022 and this communication finds

you all doing well.

A huge thank you to all who helped to make the installation ceremony a success and to those who attended the event. I am so humbled to serve you as your 127th Potentate of Oasis Shriners. We look forward to a great year! We also want to thank and recognize Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms and Lady Kelly. 2021 was a very successful year even during challenging times.

As I mentioned in my installation address, there are nine guiding principles I would like us all to focus on in 2022. Beginning in the March issue of The Desert Dust, we will begin to focus on and enlighten ourselves on each of these principles.

The guiding principles are:

- Friendship
- Morality
- Brotherly love
- Harmony
- Strength
- Support
- Faith
- Hope
- Love

Lady Leigh and I attended the Gaston County Shrine Club, my home club, on January 12th, where I had the pleasure of installing the officers for 2022. Congratulations to these new officers.

We will really hit the ground running in February, with meetings and club and unit visits. We look forward to visiting with you all. As your respective clubs and units have events and fundraisers throughout the year, please make your Potentate and Divan representatives aware of these events.

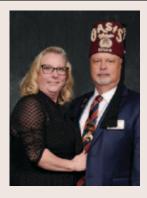
Our first Oasis event is the Club and Unit Officer Orientation, to be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the Oasis Headquarters. I hope all officers made plans to attend with your lady. I would like to congratulate all the Club and Unit Officers and the Divan and Officers on your elections and appointments for 2022.

I also want to recognize and congratulate our beloved fraternity, Shriners International, who will turn 150 years old this year. Our Shriners Hospitals for Children will turn 100 years old this year as well. May we all strive to continue our support for our fraternity and the sole purpose of our fraternity—the children who need our hospital care and services.

Greenville Hospital Days is currently scheduled for March 11th and 12th. We certainly hope this event will occur as planned in 2022. More information will be shared as we receive it.

In closing, Lady Leigh and I look forward to this year, serving with you all, and together, we will all continue to make Oasis the greatest Shrine organization.

Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and Lady Leigh



Oasis Patrol Captain is new Second Ceremonial Master

Oasis Patrol Captain Scottie Cox has been named the new Second Ceremonial Master for Oasis.

Noble Cox was appointed by Potentate Tim Daniels to serve in the position on the

Divan's 'moving line', and in the line's progression could serve as potentate in 2028.

"I have had a passion for Masonry ever since I was raised," Noble Cox said. "It has truly changed my life for the better and I consider it an honor to serve the oldest fraternity in the world however I can.

"I look forward to the journey ahead and the chance to give back to Oasis Shriners for all it has given me," he said. Noble Cox's 'Masonic resume' is impressive, indeed. After his Master Mason degree in 1999 at Stanly Lodge No. 348 in Albemarle he went through the chairs and served as Master in 2003 and 2007.

He joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Charlotte in 1999, where he now holds the position of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH), and joined the Salisbury York Rite Bodies in 2000 and has served a number of positions, including Convent General Knights of York Cross of Honor (KYCH), Order of the Purple Cross in the York Rite Sovereign College, Knight Commander of the Temple in the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, and currently serves as an Officer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina and may rise to the rank of Grand Commander in 2024.

He joined the Oasis Patrol shortly after his initiation into the Shrine in 2015 and has served

Oasis as both Assistant Director and Vice Chairman for Membership since that time.

Noble Cox was the charter president of the Oasis Brewmasters Taproom #16 Club and is First Vice President of the International Association of Shrine Taprooms. He is additionally a member of Hillbilly Clan 13, Past Masters Unit and the Stanly County Shrine Club.

He and Lady Jody are the proud parents of three children, Johnathan, Alicia and Hannah, and have five grandchildren and three 'furry kids', their Westies Morgan and Parker and Junior the Scottish Terrier.

The Coxes are members of First Lutheran Church of Albemarle, where he has served on the church council and other committees.



Your Recorder

Greetings to All Nobles, Ladies, Friends and Supporters. As always, I want to personally thank each of you for being a part of Oasis. Without you, none of this would be possible.

I hope that most of you reading my article this month were able to attend the Oasis January 7th and 8th weekend starting with Friday night's Club & Unit appreciation night. I was proud to be able to announce the totals once again for Oasis hospital fundraising for 2021 amounting to \$1,072,617. What a great job done by all and with the limited COVID restrictions that we started with. Give yourselves a hand.

Saturday night was the elegant installation of Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and Lady Leigh who will serve as the 127th Potentate and First Lady of your Oasis Shrine Center for 2022. The 2022 elected and appointed Divan was sworn in on stage for everyone to see. The installation was followed by



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a fine dinner and wonderful big band music. Oasis was joined by two past Imperial Potentates and several other special guests. Please help me by welcoming and working with our 2022 first family of Oasis over the year. Take a few minutes to review their calendar that is filled with activities.

A couple of very important dates that will be coming up quickly in 2022 are on Saturday, February 12th for Oasis Club & Unit Orientation. This is mandatory for all officers to attend and will involve a pair of guest speakers who are traveling from out of state just for this event along with more important information that each club and unit will need. Illustrious Sir Tim and Lady Leigh are bringing to Oasis guests who speak regularly at Imperial's training schools for Oriental Guide and Assistant Rabban. Again, this event is required attendance for (but limited to) all club and unit officers, and for the first time their ladies. Please let your Divan representative know how many will be attending as soon as possible.

In my last Desert Dust article, I started to shine a spotlight on Oasis leadership. The first highlighted Divan position in my Desert Dust article was the office of Outer Guard Noble Tom Bridges, who oversees and serves as Oasis membership Chairman and is seated at the end on the right side. This month my focus in on the next person at the table who is seated on Noble Tom's right. That position is the Captain of the Guard who is again appointed and is currently filled by Noble Jack Wallace. Noble Jack was appointed a few years ago when Noble Rodney Morgan passed away.

The main function of the Captain of the Guard is to operate as Chairman of the Oasis Circus. The circus that Oasis holds every year is the largest fundraiser for the fraternal side of Oasis.

Noble Jack works with the circus company to determine the type of circus we are going to have; such as dates of shows, how many shows they are going to put on, acts, merchandise. He also works with a separate marketing company that makes telemarking calls throughout the year within the

On the Cover

Potentate's installation prayer. Attending the altar: Chaplain, Ill. Sir John Stanley, PP 1997; Most Worshipful Larry Thompson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina; Ill. Sir Johnny King, PP 2016

Reminder

All ads & articles for the March edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson** at **Ediewilson7@gmail.com** by Feb 10. areas where we hold our circus.

Last year one was at an outdoor venue in Hickory and the other was at our old standby at the Cabarrus Arena. He also put in place the children's bike giveaway in honor of past Captain of the Guard Brother Rodney Morgan. Each year since Rodney's passing Oasis has given away hundreds of bikes to children attending our circus through this program lead by Noble Jack and the Oasis Clowns. He is currently working on the 2022 circus and bike giveaway. This is a large job and if anyone can assist him in any way, or if you would like to know more, please feel free to contact Noble Jack Wallace direct at jwallace@oasisshriners.org or just give him a call at 704-608-2400.

Some may ask "Why does Oasis need to hold a fraternal fundraiser?" I have had more than one conversation with members about this subject, and my answer is always the same. When you look at your dues notice for \$82 it's broken down as follows, \$30 is for Imperial, \$5 is for the SHC and the \$47 is for Oasis.

To answer this question, I will have to give you some information. Oasis is a 501-c3 corporation under the Federal IRS Tax Code; however, Oasis still must pay property tax on our building located at 604 Doug Mayes Place in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. Anyone who lives in that area knows how much taxes are. Our water bill runs around \$1,800

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The Desert Dust

Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels, Potentate

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2022 DIVAN

Chief Rabban - Doug Garland Assistant Rabban - Shea Fadel High Priest and Prophet - Chris Hall

Oriental Guide - Tim Farris

Treasurer - Bill Harward (PP-1998)

Recorder - John Cable

1st Ceremonial Master - Donnie Wrenn

2nd Ceremonial Master - Scottie Cox

Director - Jimmy Burgess

Marshal - Jimmy Owen

Captain of the Guard - Jack Wallace

Outer Guard - Tom Bridges

John Stanley (PP-1997) - Chaplain

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FEBRUARY 2022

12th Club & Unit Officer Orientation -

Oasis Shrine Center

17th Divan Meeting (1st Qtr 'Stated')

MARCH

11th-12th Greenville Hospital Days weekend19th Divan Meeting - Land of Sky Shrine

Club - Asheville, NC

24th-26th Mid-Winter SASA - Charleston, SC

APRIL

14th Divan meeting (2nd Qtr 'Stated') -

Oasis Shrine Center

22nd-24th Potentate's Santee Golf Trip -

Open to Nobility and Friends

29th-3rd Potentate Trip - Washington DC

MAY

5th-7th Paper Crusade12th Divan Meeting

21st Gastonia Honey Hunters Game -

Gastonia, NC

JUNE

3rd-5th Spring Ceremonial -

Blowing Rock NC, Chetola Resort

17th-18th Oasis Family Fun Day -

Red Fez Shrine Club, Lake Wylie SC

17th Divan Meeting -

Red Fez Shrine Club

JULY

3rd-7th Imperial Session -

Minneapolis, MN

TBD Charlotte Knights Baseball Game -

Oasis Corporate Night

23rd Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated') -

Greensboro Shrine Club

AUGUST

27th

12th Shrine 100 50th Anniversary

Race - Gastonia Speedway

12th Divan Meeting - Location TBD

Black Tie Ceremonial -

Honoring NC Grand Master

Salisbury, NC

SEPTEMBER

15th Divan Meeting -

Myrtle Beach / SASA

15th-17th SASA - Myrtle Beach, SC

23rd Grand Lodge of NC Annual

Meeting - Greensboro, NC

24th-1st Fall Potentate Trip -

Disney World, Orlando FL

OCTOBER

7th-8th Oxford Homecoming -

Oxford NC

12th Oasis Circus - Hickory, NC

14th-15th Oasis Circus - Concord, NC

20th Divan Meeting (4th Qtr 'Stated') -

Oasis Shrine Center

21st Oasis 3rd Annual Golf

Tournament - Location TBD

NOVEMBER

4th-5th Fall Ceremonial -

Oasis Shrine Center

19th Oasis Military Veterans Event -

Oasis Shrine Center

DECEMBER

3rd Grand Master's Installation -

Location TBD

3rd Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting

& 2023 Officer's Elections -Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm

4th Potentate's Visitation Parade.

Gastonia, NC

JANUARY 2023

6th Club & Units Appreciation Night -

Oasis Shrine Center

7th Installation 2023 Potentate -

Oasis Shrine Center

to \$1,900 a month. I know what most of you are thinking, there must be a leak, or we need to control our water usage. No, our actual water use runs us around \$300 a month, the rest is taxes such as storm water run off based on the amount of hard surface (parking lot) and roof building size. These are areas out of our control. Then there is our power bill of around \$5,000 a month. Our building is between 30 and 35 years old and operates on the boiler system for heat and air. Noble Donnie Wrenn and I have worked with Duke Energy and have been able to bring that number down from a high of \$7,000 per month.

That puts us around \$73 to \$75 thousand a year not counting internet, phone, office, and accounting staff, outside vendors such and attorneys and accountants that must certify our tax returns. I wont even cover installation, club, and unit events and other Oasis functions that members don't have to pay for. A lot of Shrine Centers have started to charge their members for these events, but Oasis had been able to offset that by our circus and strong fiscal management. You also need to remember that when our building was built, Oasis had around15,000 members on its rolls. Now we are around 4,200.

If you would like more information of this or any other items, please feel free to contact your Divan representative or you can contact me in an email at recorder@oasisshriners.org or Noble Donnie Wrenn at dwrenn@oasisshriners.org for more.

I always like to close by remembering to thank GOD for all his glory, enjoy your family, stay safe, and be thankful every day for what you have and where you are. Hope to see you at Oasis or at an Oasis function soon. Until next month.

YITF,

John G. Cable



Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

February 19th, 2022

Surry Shrine Club Valentine's Dinner

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April 18th, 2022

Red Fez Shrine Club Golf Tournament

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April 30th, 2022

Shriners on Bikes Poker Run

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June 29th, 2022 **2022 Tractor Ride**

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2022 Club and Unit Officers Leadership Orientation

Saturday, February 12th 2022 | Oasis Shrine Center

This event is open only to officers and ladies of our clubs and units

LADIES ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND - DETAILS BELOW

Provide your RSVP for Lunch headcount to the Oasis office no later than Monday, February 7th

Orientation Schedule

8:45 AM: Registration

Club and Unit Officers and their Ladies will locate their assigned tables in the

auditorium by name tent; Potentate pins and Oasis Directories will be available as usual.

9:00 AM: Invocation Illustrious Sir Bill Harward, Treasurer

Pledge of AllegianceNoble Tim Farris, Oriental GuideWelcoming RemarksIllustrious Sir Tim Daniels, Potentate

9:10 AM: Finance, Accounting, Reports, Forms, and Deadlines

Illustrious Sir Bill Harward, Treasurer and Ms. Lori Prockup, Oasis Accounting

9:20 AM: Oasis Office - Administration Related Items

Noble John Cable, Recorder and Ms. Sherrie Vandergriff, Oasis Support

9:30 AM: Insurance Policies, Requirements, and Guidelines

Noble Doug Garland, Chief Rabban and Noble Larry Payne, Committee Chairman

9:40 AM: Paper Sale and Plaque Sales

Noble Shea Fadel, Assistant Rabban and Noble Jason Whitley, Committee Chairman

9:45 AM: Parades

Noble Jimmy Burgess, Director

9:50 AM: Oasis Circuses

Noble Jack Wallace, Captain of the Guard

9:55 AM: Oasis Website and Forms

Noble Chris Hall, High Priest and Prophet

9:50 AM: 10 Minute Break

10AM - 12PM: Leadership Orientation - "All New in 2022" - OFFICERS AND LADIES

MINDEST. MOMENTS. MATTER - Dr. JoNeil Conley, RN, BSN, MBA, DM and

Robert Conley, Past Grand Master, System CEO of Michigan Masons

12:00 NOON: Lunch and Adjournment

Closing Remarks, Illustrious Tim Daniels, Potentate Benediction, Illustrious Sir Bill Harward, Treasurer

MINDSET, MOMENTS, MATTER



Dr. JoNeil Conley RN, BSN, MBA DM



Robert Conley Past Grand Master System CEO of Michigan Masons

In a fun and friendly setting, this 2-hour workshop will provide you with the basics of the Outward Mindset philosophy and how it applies to the success of our temple. The Conleys have presented at many Shrine Leadership conferences and have been known to "bring down the house."

Bob has spent many years teaching leadership principles throughout the US and Canada. JoNeil, an RN, spent 10 years consulting and teaching healthcare leaders success strategies and has a coaching practice.

Together they offer a fresh approach to dealing with people and "problems" -- by addressing our mindset, making the most of every moment, so we can do what matters to all of us -- **Helping Kids!**





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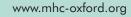
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Simply use the QR code with your smart phone to change the life of a child. *Be sure to check the First Lady Leigh MHCO Memories box*. Thank you for your support.



Flags are center stage for 127th Potentate's installation



Flags surround the portrait of our 2022 Potentate



Oasis Support Admin Sherrie Vandergriff and Lady Kathleen Southworth greet attendees



Flags stand as the table centerpiece



Chaplain John Stanley, PM PP



AND MORE FLAGS Presented by the Oasis Patrol Color Guard



Lady Beth Downs sings the National Anthem



Oasis Highlanders



Patrol Captain Scottie Cox escorts Lady Kelly



First Lady Leigh Daniels escorted by her father, Past Director Noble Tom McCarthy



Master of Ceremonies Noble John Harder looks on while Lady Kelly places a new fez on now PP Tommy Helms



This is what happiness looks like. Congratulations, Tommy and Kelly!



Oasis Celebrates past, present and future leadership



Johnny King, PP administers the oath of office to Timothy Mark Daniels



Levi Dunn places the fez on his Illustrious Grandfather while grandson William Adams looks on from his mother's arms



Congratulations to our 2022 2nd Ceremonial Master, Noble Scottie Cox



2022 Divan takes the oath of office



Noble Charles Grissom recites the Shriners's Creed



Imperial Sir Al Madson, PP 2000, PIP 2012-2013, delivers the installation proclamation



Noble Kevin C. Otis, MHCO Administrator, shares details about Lady Leigh's project: Making Memories for Children



MW Larry Thompson, Grand Master, NC Grand Lodge



Past Grand Master Dwight "Mack" Sigmon

Say cheeeese...











































John Stanley, Chaplain

Rejoice and Be Glad!

In Psalm 118, the writer exclaims, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Each day, says the Psalmist, is a gift from God. Each day is an opportunity to rejoice, to appreciate the gift of life.

The leader at a seminar for clergy got up in front of the group the first day and said, "*This is the day that the Lord has made - don't blow it.*"

Now get the picture: You have just awakened. Your hair is all a mess. Your face hasn't been washed. Your eyes are still half shut. You just yawned. You swing to a sitting position on the side of the bed, and you look into the dresser mirror. And, you say, "This is the day that the Lord has made, **don't blow it**." Now that will get your day started, will it not?

We must remember: Every day is a day laden with opportunities, a day to live, to love, to serve, a day to create.

But, how do we start each day "rejoicing" when everything nailed down is coming loose? How do we keep going when everything we have believed in is coming apart?

The point is, that each day that we face is **not** a day ready made to bring us happiness. Stuff happens, terrible stuff. And, the question is, how do we make the most of where we are, and make the most of the changes that have occurred in our lives, and of the changes that are yet to occur?

The Rev. James Moore who wrote the book You Can Get Bitter or You Can Get Better, states: Always and everywhere the biblical message is the same. We must not lie down. We must move on. We must not be a prisoner to some old world, lest we never find the new world. We must move beyond nostalgia or die."

In his letter to the church in Philippi the Apostle Paul says, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what

is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal."

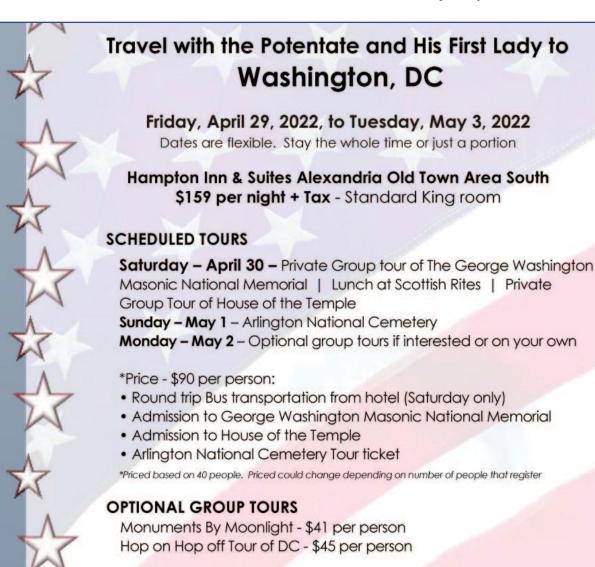
But, that is hard, isn't it? To forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead. How do we strain toward what is ahead When Everything Nailed Down is coming Loose? One way is to live each day to its fullest.

In the Book of Matthew, Christ said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you

will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

And, here is the real question for us in this New Year: Jesus Christ said: *Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

John Stanley, is Chaplain of Oasis, and Chaplain of South Atlantic Shriners. He served as Imperial Chaplain when Imperial Sir Al Madsen was Imperial Potentate. John can be reached at: jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.



Transportation to/from D.C is not included. If you need assistance with booking

must be book by Monday, February 28, 2022. Space is limited. To reserve your spot please contact: Melanie Dyer with Creative Travel at 704-825-1865 or by

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Drop-off Location:
Any Oasis Shrine Clubs
or Units

For more information: visit: OasisShriners.org



The Illustrious Grandson's Toy Drive

My name is Levi and I want to tell you about the Toy Drive William, Ryan Jr. and I will be sponsoring this year.

We are asking for new and unwrapped toys or for donations to purchase toys for the entire year.

You can bring toys to the Temple, or to your unit and club meetings. We will arrange to get the toys delivered to the hospital throughout the year.

On the Oasis Website we will have more information and also a link you can donate dollars to, and we will purchase the toys for you

Thank you for helping us support the Greenville Shriners Hospital.



We **y** our Tripsters



Hospital Tripster Charles Stubbs received his hat and patch from Greenville Shriners Hospital when he made his 100th trip.



Illustrious Sir Tim's grandson Levi Dunn is an Official Aide with an official uniform.

Celebrating a milestone

"It's important to understand that what we offer is not 'charity care' but rather state-of-the-art treatment with tremendously positive outcomes."

Trana Pittam, Marketing and Communications Director Shriners Children's Greenville.

ince 1922, Shriners Children's has assisted in the life-changing treatment of over 1.4 million children. First established to make an impact on the 20th century's polio epidemic – over the 10 decades that followed, care extended nationwide to not only pediatric orthopedic concerns, but also cleft lip and palate as well as burn injuries. However, at the Greenville location, treatment has always solely focused on the original expertise: orthopedics.

"Over the seven years I've worked at Shriners Children's Greenville, I can't tell you how many times I've mentioned my job to a stranger – and then their face lights up and they tell me how they or someone they love benefitted from what began 100 years ago," said Trana Pittam, Marketing and Communications Director, Shriners Children's Greenville.

Since 1927, when the South Carolina location was first established, Shriners Children's Greenville has claimed countless awards – most recently, repeated recognition by the Press Ganey organization for patient experience and the Zero Harm Award from the South Carolina Hospital Association. Today, it is home to the largest team of pediatric orthopedic surgeons in the Carolinas. The team of seven has over 150 years combined experience.

"I would say one of the greatest challenges in my role is educating not only the public, but Shriners as well, regarding our payment structure; it's important to understand that what we offer is not 'charity care' but rather state-of-the-art treatment with tremendously positive outcomes," Pittam said. "Prior to the 2010s, our care was more widely referred to as 'free.' Now, we gladly accept insurance and it is important that Shriners help us by adopting the phrase 'regardless of ability to pay' or 'regardless of insurance status' to better reflect our high standards and payment structure."

At Shriners Children's Greenville, over 85 different orthopedic conditions are treated — with care for spine, hip, cerebral palsy and limb differences among the many sometimes-complex cases for which the hospital offers specialized treatment. Injury care, including sprains, strains and fractures, is an offering that many children may utilize the hospital for on a one-time basis.

Plans to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the hospital system include many internal festivities – including recognizing 100 staff members across the system as "Employee Ambassadors." These employees will not only be featured in a system-wide e-newsletter sharing their story with Shriners Children's, but those selected will also serve as "cheerleaders" for celebrating employee pride. A large celebration at the first hospital in the system in Shreveport, Louisiana, is in the planning stages and will be accompanied by localized celebrations at many other locations.

"Celebrating a milestone this sensational during an ongoing pandemic makes it trickier to plan an event fitting the occasion while also being mindful of the health and safety of our patients, staff and the community," Pittam said. "But we've never been afraid of a challenge, and we are looking forward to a wonderful 100th anniversary!"

The official anniversary date is in September 2022, and hospital officials say supporting temples will be notified regarding when and how Shriners Children's Greenville will mark the momentous occasion in the coming months.

Oasis raises over \$1 million for Shriners Hospitals

Appreciation, awards and applause mark the night



2021 CLUB/UNIT HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

TOP FIVE CLUBS			
WHITE PLAINS	\$54,500		
GASTON	\$53,004		
STANLY COUNTY	\$52,467		
GREENBORO	\$48,345		
CROWDERS MTN.	\$48,000		

TOP FIVE UNITS			
KEYSTONE KOPS	\$53,100		
DUNE CATS	\$12,000		
MOUNTAIN BUGGIES	\$11,734		
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS	\$8,386		
GATOR PATROL	\$7,950		



The Lake Wylie Classic benefiting the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, in 2021 raised \$175,000. Since 2010 they have donated \$1,082,350 and were placed on the Million Dollar wall at Greenville hospital in 2021. Past President Noble David Nichols and Board member Noble Steve Trites accept the award



The 2021 First Lady Kelly's Quilt projects allowed Oasis Shrine Patients to attend The Victory Junction Camp. These quilts were made by Miss Suzanne Roberts (*not pictured*) who was granted the Potentate's Award of Excellence. The Total raised was for this project came to \$8,677.50. The queen quilt winner was Lady Katrina Wade, and high donor for the king quilt was the Oasis Hospitality Team.



A Potentate's Award of Excellence went to Divan members Donnie Wrenn and Tim Farris for their diligence as Oasis Watchmen seeing over our Headquarters facility and property.



Noble Baxter Hugh Phillips was presented an Oasis Lifetime Membership for his work as a Hospital Tripster who celebrated his 100th trip to SHC.

Photos by Noble Leslie Dix

It's all about the fish...or is it?

By Edie Wilson

It's a small club—around 25 members. But it was all hands on deck for Union County Shrine Club's Annual Fish Fry. It takes more than half the members to put on this huge fundraiser, so the Ladies play a big part as you can see from the photos. On a chilly Saturday in January, Marty and I set out for Monroe, NC. Before we even got out of the car we could smell the French fries.

With a drive-up window, delivery service and dine-in option, fish were fryin' and flyin' out the door. With more than ten years experience, it's easy to see why this event is a big draw...and a big money-maker for this small but mighty club.

When they're not serving up plates that include the best hushpuppies you'll ever eat, they're planning their next fundraiser. Whether it's the every-Friday breakfast or their famous chicken 'n dumplings, Union County Shrine Club guys and gals are always hard at work raising money for SHC. Congratulations on another successful event.





L-R: Rick Mercer, Secretary; Larry Cole, Treasurer; Bill Cox, President







POTENTATE 2022 Golf Outing

April 22-24, 2022 | Santee, SC

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Captains Choice Format

Teams Drawn each day by average score

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

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Mail Check / Make Check payble to:

(Include Name, Average Golf Score and Cell Phone Number

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OASIS ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE COIN



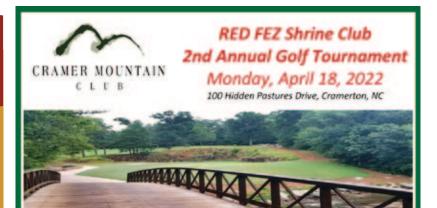
The Membership Team will be selling coins to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Oasis and raise money to send a child or children to Victory Junction.

THE COST WILL BE \$20.00 EACH

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



SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!



TEE AD - \$100 · GOLD SPONSOR - \$250 · PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$640

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8:00am REGISTRATION 9:30am SHOTGUN START Captain's Choice Format

Drawings & Awards Following Tournament

Prizes for: 1st and 2nd Place Closest to the Pin on all Par 3s

For more information, call Clint Myers - 704.860.7436



Zoey's Story

On the soccer field, Zoey exudes confidence. At 15 years old, she is an elitelevel athlete who plays midfield for both her high school and premier soccer clubs. She knows when to attack and when to defend. She's fit, fierce and in control



"I no longer had any limitations with my knee."

One fateful fall day, however, Zoey's confidence was shaken when, during a game, she planted her left leg and turned to avoid a collision with an oncoming player. Instantly, Zoey collapsed to the ground.

When her knee began to swell, Zoey's pediatrician referred her to Ahmad F. Bayomy, M.D., medical director of the Sports Health and Medicine Program at Shriners Children's New England for further evaluation. Dr. Bayomy confirmed that Zoey tore the ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) and meniscus in her left knee.

"Our shared goals included returning Zoey to her previous level of function, avoiding long-term pain and stiffness and decreasing the risk for ACL injury in either knee."

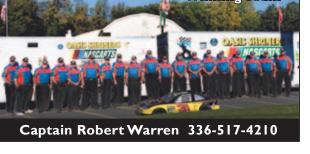
With the aid of a minimally invasive surgical technique called arthroscopy, Dr. Bayomy used two of Zoey's hamstring tendons to prepare and secure a new ACL in a way that respected her open growth plates. He also performed a meniscus repair to fix the tear in the cartilage.

Zoey was amazed by the results. "It was like the injury never happened," said Zoey. "I no longer had any limitations with my knee."

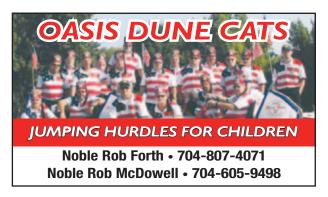
"I'm confident that I can play soccer at the collegiate level," said Zoey. "Thanks to Shriners Children's New England I'll have the opportunity to achieve that."

Read Zoey's story in full at shrinerschildrens.org. Here you'll find other patient stories that tell you WHY.













OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB

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Oasis Keystone

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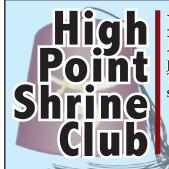






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Contact: www.hendersonvilleshriners.com



We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Fairview Masonic Lodge #339 in Kings Mountain. The meal is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00.

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Please help.

Terry J Cox, Secretary
Oasis Shrine Scooter Patrol

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DISBANDMENT

To all Nobles of the Oasis Shrine Center

This notice is to advise any and all members of Oasis that the Oasis Scooter Patrol is wanting to disband and turn in their charter.

Said request will be made at the April 14th stated meeting of the Oasis Divan beginning at 6pm in the Boardroom of Oasis Shrine Center located at 604 Doug Mayes Place Charlotte, NC.



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