DESERT DUST











Your Potentate

Spring has certainly sprung, and the heat has returned for another Carolina summer. I hope all of you are doing well. The month of May brought

sickness to me and my family and certainly impeded my plans of making several club and unit projects in May. My sincere apologies to the Cherryville Shrine Club, Crowders Mountain Shrine Club, Randolph Shrine Club, and the White Plains Shrine Club for missing your events in May. The Cherryville Shrine Club held a Cruise In, Crowders Mountain Shrine Club completed its first annual Shrine Rodeo and the White Plains Shrine Club held yet another golf tournament to raise monies for our causes. I understand all events were a tremendous success and "Tip of the Hat" to you all for your efforts. As for the Randolph Shrine Club, this was a regular scheduled meeting with Divan attendance, and I will take a "Rain Check" and make a point to attend soon.

Lady Leigh and I were able to visit the Keystone Kops for a Wednesday night May 4th Cruise In, held in Belmont NC. On May 6th we were off to the Union County Shrine Club as they held their last meeting in their current building/location. The Union County nobles are off to a great start to relocate to a more suitable building and location to continue their work for our fraternity. On May 7th we made a visit to the Drum and Bugle Corp Annual Car Show in Mt Holly NC. This event is always well organized and draws some of the most beautiful and well-maintained vehicles. and the D&B reports a successful event. Also on May 7th, we had the opportunity to attend the Mecklenburg Shrine Club Kentucky Derby Party. Thank you for the invitation to attend and be a part of the festivities. This was a great and well-organized event to also raise money for our causes. The Red Fez Shrine Club also hosted a Kentucky Derby Party the same evening and all reports indicate the event was successful, as well. May 19th was our monthly Divan meeting, and we addressed several items including the upcoming Spring Ceremonial in Blowing Rock, NC. This event is shaping up to be very well attended and I hope we can set records for the Blowing Rock area. Thank you to all the clubs, units, Nobles, and ladies who are planning to participate.

The Divan also addressed the ever-growing issues of our HVAC system at Oasis Headquarters and plans are now in place to correct these issues. Many thanks to our Building and Grounds Committee and the Building Rental Committee.

May 20th took us to the Oasis Patrol meeting where these Nobles and ladies assembled to make plans for the Spring Ceremonial in Blowing Rock, NC, and other events. I certainly appreciate the continued support of my own beloved unit.

Saturday May 21st, your Potentate, his Lady Leigh, grandson William, Noble Oriental Guide Tim Farris and Noble Past Recorder Bob Save (with Oasis hospital trailer in tow) attended the inaugural event of our newest unit, The Oasis Pickers in Forest City NC. The Oasis Pickers held a "Bluegrass Jam Session" on Main Street for all the public to see and participate. Several Masonic Blue Lodges participated as well as the Thermal Belt Shrine Club to bring awareness to our fraternity. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and the trimmings were enjoyed while listening to the bluegrass tunes. Please see the additional information provided elsewhere in this publication. Thank you, Oasis Pickers and Thermal Belt, for your efforts in the Forest City area. Job Well Done!

"Wow!" is the word of the day on the next event. The Oasis Potentates Hometown Ball Game with the Gastonia Honey Hunters professional ball team at their new and fabulous facility on the evening of May 21st. Oasis members, ladies and guests attended this event with a great response of 125+. We enjoyed a great ball game (Gastonia won 6 to 4) great food and a fireworks show to cap off the evening. The weather was perfect with clear skies and a refreshing breeze. Many thanks to all who participated and came to represent Oasis Shriners. The management team at the field was most complementary of our members and guests and welcomed us back in the future. Thank you to Noble and Past Recorder Bob Saye for coordinating and displaying the Oasis Shriners Hospital truck and trailer for awareness during the game.

May 24th took us to Greensboro Shrine Club for their annual Ladies Appreciation Night which was also held in conjunction with local Blue Lodges. This was a great event and Lady Leigh and I certainly appreciate the invitation and hospitality shown while in Greensboro.

Our next event was the Jesse Little Appreciation Night with a catered meal and silent auction on May 26th. Jesse Little is our newest Nascar driver to represent Shriners International and Shriners Children's Hospital Network. Brother Jesse recently completed his Master Mason degree in the Oasis territory and will become an Oasis Shriner in July at Imperial Session, Minneapolis MN. Your attending Divan will bestow upon him the requirements and oaths of being an Oasis Shriner in front of the Imperial Session for all Shrinedom to see and witness. NASCAR has two Shriners Children's Hospital drivers in the race circuits, and both will be from Oasis serving

as Ambassadors for Shriners International and Oasis. Thank you to Noble David Ragan for your continued support of SHC and Oasis. You have been a real trooper and supporter of our cause.

Our next Guiding Principle to focus on is "Harmony." As Master Masons we should all know the virtue of Harmony and all the good that can come from practicing this great virtue. The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry dated 1921 states, "It is the duty especially entrusted to the Senior Warden of the Lodge who is to figuratively supposed to preside over the craft during the hours of labor, so to act that none shall depart from the lodge dissatisfied or discontented, that harmony may be thus preserved, because as the ritual expresses it, Harmony is the strength and support of all well-regulated institutions." So, to apply this to Shrinedom is the same when we conduct ourselves at our Shrine meetings and functions and to strive to do everything possible to promote Harmony within our organizations. As Oasis Shriners we all need to renew our commitment to this virtue and strive to accomplish the true Masonic meaning of Harmony.

Look to the future!

Thursday June 9th our very own Emeritus Recorder Noble Calvin Gaddy will be receiving his 60 Year Award for Masonic Service at the Wadesboro NC Kilwinning Lodge No. 64. Dinner at 6pm followed by lodge opening and awards. PGM and Oasis Noble Speed Hallman will be presenting the award. Congratulations to Brother and Noble Calvin for his 60 years of service as an NC Mason and Oasis Shriner.

Also, on June 9th, 20 teenagers from The Masonic Home for Children Oxford will be in Charlotte to experience The NASCAR Hall of Fame. This event is open to anyone to come and participate and visit with the children and witness their experience. When completing the Hall of Fame activities, the group will be returning to Oasis Headquarters for a dinner in the Sands, provided by the Brothers and Nobles of two of our Blue Lodges in the area.

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Shrine Trivia

How well do you know your Shrine trivia?

From Noble Allen Hardy

Questions and Answers can be found tucked in the pages of this issue.



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.

Your Divan has had a busy couple of months with all the activities that have been going on at or around Oasis. Several made the Potentate's trip to Washington DC and had some great Masonic and Shrine education. We enjoyed the sites, national history, food, and monuments of our nation's capital.

Oasis hosted a "Meet and Greet" for NASCAR Camping World driver Jessie Little on Thursday May 26th at Oasis Shrine Center. Jessie drives the number 02 Shriners Children's Chevrolet truck. We had several Imperial Officers, Potentates, Shriners, and dignitaries attend this event. Special thanks to our very own Noble Donnie Wrenn and Lady Kim for putting together



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this great activity to benefit our Greenville Shriners Hospital. More to come in our July Desert Dust about this wonderful event.

I want to remind everyone again of the information noted in my last month's DD article that requires "all fundraising requests **MUST** be approved by our Director and Potentate, but now must include approvals from our Insurance and Jurisprudence & Laws Committees before being sent to Shriners International for approval there. All hospital fundraisers, even those by an outside party, must be approved and receive permission from Imperial.

Third Parties can work directly with the great team at Greenville Shriners Hospital. Third Party Fundraiser Request Forms are available on the Oasis website. When use of the hospital logo or name is used all monies must be given to the hospital. A true and proper accounting also must be completed immediately following the event. If you learn of any fundraiser that is saying Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) or now Shriners Children's (SC) please make sure it is approved."

This month's spotlight on Oasis Divan leadership takes us to the other side of the table, or the left side as you walk in the door--and the first of the elected positions. On the end you will find the seat of the Treasurer. This position has been held by Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Bill Harward since 1999. Ill Sir Bill was Oasis top Shriner in 1998 and moved over to the Treasurer after winning that election and has served there ever since. This is Ill Sir Bill's 23rd and last year of service in that position, and he looks forward to enjoying a little less time at Oasis and a little more time with his wife Sylvia and family.

The job of Treasurer is pretty much like it sounds. He is responsible for the accounting of Oasis and all club and units under Oasis span of control. Each year these clubs and units must complete their financial accounting records and send them in to III Sir Bill and Lori. After these are received, and reviewed they put together an overall financial report and sent to Shriners International

On the Cover

Oasis tour includes the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Reminder

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

in Tampa. They also work with our independent outside auditor who looks over all of Oasis accounting and verifies that we are complying and accountable for every penny.

Illustrious Sir Bill Harward, PP 1998 is a CPA and has been keeping the books and doing accounting for countless Masonic bodies for more than 40 years. The next time you see him and Lady Sylvia, please give him a big thank you for all he has done to keep Oasis functioning and operating within its fiscal responsibility.

His position, like the Recorder does not have any clubs and units that he is directly responsible for since all clubs and units fall under his assistance.

Again, this is the first of our elected side of the boardroom table. Next time, we move over one seat to the elected position of Oriental Guide that is currently filled by Noble Tim Farris who will be your Oasis Potentate in 2026.

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



The Desert Dust

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

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

Greensboro Shrine Club

AUGUST

12th Shrine 100 50th Anniversary

Race - Gastonia Speedway

Divan Meeting - Location TBD 12th

Black Tie Ceremonial -27th

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

23rd-24th Greenville Hospital Days

weekend - **NEW DATE**

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

Oasis Military Veterans Event -19th

Oasis Shrine Center

DECEMBER

Grand Master's Installation -3rd

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

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Oasis Family Fun Days are upon us in June at the Red Fez Club on Lake Wylie, June 17-18th. Friday June 17th begins the activities with a Divan meeting at 4pm in the main club building. In addition, there will be a BBQ cookers meeting, food to enjoy and entertainment under the shelter by the lake. Saturday, June 18th will begin with breakfast in the Red Fez clubhouse for a nominal fee, and a Youth Fishing Tournament. A hotdog lunch will be provided around noon. At approximately 4pm, we then get to try all the great BBQ and ribs and fixings that have been prepared. The swimming pool will be open both Friday and Saturday. See additional information included in this edition.

On June 29th, the Denton NC Thrashers and Farm Tractor Reunion will be taking place. This event has chosen Shriners Children's Hospital

(Greenville, SC) to be the recipient of charitable donations for 2022. A parade will be taking place around 9am and this organization has extended an invitation for Shriners and their parading units to participate. Please consider attending and/or parading to show our support for their efforts to our Greenville Hospital. See additional information included in this edition for registration and details.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to participate and be active with Oasis Shriners. Make plans to support your clubs and units in their awareness and fundraising efforts.

Finally, Nobles and ladies, strive for harmony in everything you do, live in peace and may the God of love and peace, delight with and bless you all!

Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and Lady Leigh

WANT TO BE A HERO?

Are you ready to get involved? Are you a new Shriner or Shriner who's been around for a while but has not been involved? Would you like to get to know more people? Join the Oasis Hospitality Team.

We are looking for individuals like yourself to join our team.

Husbands and wives are encouraged.

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To learn more, please contact Dennis Grigg at (828) 781-0062. We look forward to hearing from you.



Upcoming Events

June 18th. 2022

Mountaineer SC Car Show

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June 12th & 26th, 2022 Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In 2nd and 4th Sundays

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June 29th, 2022

2022 Tractor Ride

July 14th, 2022

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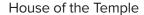
Mecklenburg SC Golf Tournament **Charlotte National Golf Course**

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This Bluegrass Legend has developed several generations of fans and inspired countless musicians. He received a Doctorate in Music and was a Shriner in Kazim Temple.

Oasis Shriners tour Washington, DC







Illustrious Sir rides the Sphinx

During the Supreme Council's session in October 1909, a resolution was passed to enlarge or extend the existing House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., or to erect a new one. This unanimously enacted resolution gave Grand Commander James D. Richardson "full power to do any and all things necessary and proper in connection herewith (that is the building etc..) including the purchase of the necessary real estate and the erection of a suitable building, furnishing the same, etc."

The new House of the Temple, located at 1733 Sixteenth Street, NW in the District of Columbia was completed in October 1915. It is unfortunate that Grand Commander Richardson passed away on July 24, 1914, before he could see his vision fully completed. The honor of conducting the dedication ceremony and officially opening the House of the Temple went to the new Grand Commander, George F. Moore.







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38th Masonic District Meet N Greet & Masonic JAM Forest City, NC 5/21/22

Submitted by Dave Mahan, Oasis Pickers - Captain

It was a beautiful (yet hot) Saturday morning as the Masons and Shriners of the 38 Masonic District came together to have a community "Meet N Greet & Open Bluegrass JAM" session. The Oasis Pickers, the newest unit of the Oasis Shriners, made their inaugural appearance at the event held on May 21st, 2022.

The day started out early as members representing the 38th District's Masonic Lodges and both the Thermal Belt and Hendersonville Shrine Clubs, gathered at the Chiropractic Plus Center on Main Street in Forest City, NC. There was a grand setting of tents, trailers, cook stations, snow cones and corn-hole boards to entertain visitors.



The morning officially kicked off with a prayer from WB Creighton Lovelace, and comments from the Event Chairman, WB Wayne Millis who welcomed everyone and explained what the day was about...giving back to the community. Veterans were recognized for the service they had given to our country, and that we appreciated all their time and sacrifices in the service.

Highlights included music from local pickers who gathered for an impromptu OPEN JAM Session with the Oasis Pickers. There was food from the Lodges/Clubs and Fellowship that continued throughout the day. Current patients and her families shared stories of the awesome care they receive with Shriners Children. A past patient shared his story of the care he received as a child recovering from extensive burns. As an adult, he is now "paying it forward" as a Mason AND Shriner due to the care he received as a child.

The 38th Masonic District's Golden Trowel was given to non-mason Bill Austin from the Hendersonville Area for his EXCEPTIONAL community service to local youth programs.

Special appearances by Potentate Tim Daniels and Oriental Guide Tim Farris along with the Oasis Shriners Children's Trailer were absolutely outstanding. Generous Donations were received for both the North Carolina Masonic Home for Children AND The Shriner's Hospitals. It was a great day for our combined Masonic/Shrine Families!







The Oasis Pickers...The Newest Unit of Oasis Shriners. III Sir Tim Daniels, Event Chair Wayne Millis and Weldon Poling awarding the 38th Masonic District Golden Trowel Award to Bill Austin (a non-mason) who had given exceptional community service to youth in the Hendersonville area. Thermal Belt Shrine Club President & Oasis Picker Michael Blanton, playing w/ Western Star #91 Chaplin, Josh Waters and Entered Apprentence Josh Gomez. (Top- R) OG Tim Farris w/current patients.

Shriners enjoy food and fellowship at the ballpark



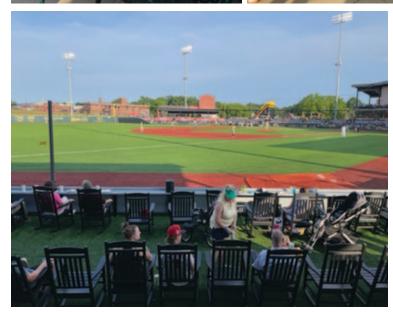












"Thank you to everyone who attended the baseball event on Saturday. It was certainly a successful event with over 125 members, friends and family attending enjoying the game, the great food and the fireworks show afterwards."

Ill. Sir Tim Daniels

outstanding job as the Potentate's Personal Aide for this event.

III. Sir with Noble Gary Ward of

Gaston Shrine Club. Gary did an



The Gastonia Honey Hunters are a professional baseball team based in Gastonia, North Carolina. They play in the South Division of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, a "partner league" of Major League Baseball, at CaroMont Health Park in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Derby Party held at Mecklenburg Downs







The club was decked out for a Run for the Roses. Over 100 members and guests enjoyed a social hour complete with mint juleps. (Who was that tilting the jug to drain that last drop?)

A traditional Southern spread followed. Bets were placed, TV sets were tuned in and turned up, and everyone watched the unbelievable victory. Rich Strike's spectacular win in the Derby, in which he surged out of mid-pack to win at 80-1 odds, created a somewhat unforeseen scenario. The horse was not even listed to participate in the race 24 hours beforehand. It was a party and a race that will not soon be forgotten.





Party Basket Winner, Patti Glover, pictured with IS Tim and Lady Leigh



Nick Wieder: Best Gentleman's Hat



Lady Linda Wallace takes it for Best Lady's Hat



Fourteen tables were decorated

Q2. This Noble of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple was a Comedian whose hobby was painting pictures of Clowns. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and has a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He always ended his top rated television show with these words (Goodbye for now an May God Bless).





Just exactly what is an Old Thrashers' Reunion, and how do I get to ride a tractor?

Denton Farm Park has been home to fly-ins, hundreds of campers and thousands tractor rides for a very long time...beginning 52 years ago. It now boasts as one of the top five tractor shows in the nation.

In 1970, Denton Farm Park's owner, Brown Loflin, was driving and came upon a local rescue squad member who was having problems with a lighting generator. A conversation ensued about where the funds for fixing the generator were located, and an idea was hatched in the mind of Brown Loflin. He's a lifelong resident of the Handy community, an entrepreneur and the consummate hobbyist. He's been involved in driving race cars, flying, politics, restoring old machinery and building the park. He's the organizer and director of the Southeast Old Threshers Reunion.

As a flying enthusiast and the co-owner of an airplane he had the idea of having a "Fly-In" to help the rescue squad buy some much needed equipment. Together with the other co-owner of the airplane, Howard Latham, Joe Graves, and other pilots, the first Fly-in was held on July 4, 1970. They offered airplane rides for a price along with a meal of chicken pie and green beans for sale. It was a Smashing Success! The lines for the plane rides became so extremely long that another idea was to add a demonstration of wheat threshing to ease the impatience of people waiting for the plane ride. The name of the event was changed to the "Fly-In and Threshers Reunion."

Since that time yearly events are held to raise money for non-profit organizations. Last year \$20,000 went to our Masonic Home for Children—Oxford. This year's proceeds will benefit our children's hospitals.

Sponsor contributions this year amount to over \$30,000. Another \$20,000 is expected from ticket purchases. For the small sum of \$25 you get a tractor ride, a T-shirt, and your choice of BBQ ribs or chicken, cooked right on the premises. There's also a parade and a charity auction if you want the full Thrasher experience.

There are 500 campsites at the park. Haul your camper or RV to Denton, NC on June 29 and join in the fun while you support our Hospitals.

"You'll see the love and passion of the people who attend."



This story comes from an interview with Tim Loftin, a Master Mason who will become part of the Oasis Family in Blowing Rock. Congratulations, Tim, on many years of success—with many more to come.

Edie Wilson

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John Stanley, Chaplain

the Outer Banks.

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Recently we have been reading much about the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, in Buxton North Carolina. That lighthouse was first constructed over 150 years ago in 1870, and it stands 197 feet above the Atlantic Ocean off

lighthouse on shore. God's Word will bring us home. Living in brotherly love and harmony, as we have been taught, is as beautiful as a lighthouse in the dark, as beautiful as the dawn. Let us be about loving one another.

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: jhstanley1965@gmail.com.

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The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is the tallest brick light tower in the United States. Threatened by coastal erosion, the lighthouse and associated buildings were moved inland 2,900 feet to a new site in 1999. Approximately 500,000 people visit the Cape Hatteras Light Station annually and approximately 1,500 people climb the lighthouse daily between April and October!

In reading about this lighthouse we are reminded of the passage from Isaiah 58: "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn." As we think of that passage of scripture and the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, we can just imagine a small sailboat nearing the coastline of North Carolina after dark. Naturally, the boat isn't equipped with modern satellite technology. Steering depends on the light from the lighthouse and on the skill of the sailor. How welcome a sight that guiding light would be! And, we wonder how many sailors have kept a night watch and looked with yearning for the dawn. And, as Isaiah's passage indicates, dawn's light came as a welcome relief for eyes that were on duty in the dark.

And how many mothers and fathers have soothed a frightened child on a stormy night? Dawn's light comes with a blessed reassurance that we have a new day to live, to be together and be well.

The Psalmist writes in 119: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." We may not be in a boat guided by a lighthouse, but we may be on a lonely trail in the dark of night. How valuable a flashlight! We know the confidence that flashlight can provide.

The Psalmist knows well that God's Word moves with us like a light along our path, like a



8pm: Picnic shelter Music by Cadence

SATURDAY

7-9am: Pancake breakfast at Clubhouse - \$7 9am: Youth Fishing Tournament Noon: Hotdog lunch provided by Oasis Scavenger Hunt - Details to be Announced! An afternoon of games and swimming

4pm: BBQ cook off awards ceremony followed by food, fun and fellowship...and more music!

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Check out those socks!



Noble Bobby Cranor, a member of Catawba County Shrine Club and former Oasis Clown, shares a picture of the Clown unit that he believes was taken around 1974. Thank you Noble Larry Hale for sharing.

Row 1 L-R: Bobby Cranor, Ted Furr, Runt Austin, Sam Parks, Don Boozer, Red Dixon; Row 2: John Hopkins, A.G. Green, C.L. Abernethy, Howard Bogle, Clyde Robinson; Row 3: Lewis James, Bob Miller, Jim King, and Ray Fraizer







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More 50-year awards



Noble Richard Roberts receiving his 50 year pin

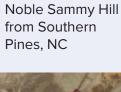


Garland, John Cable, Jimmy Owen we're on hand to present this award.

Nobles Doug



Noble John Belk receiving his 50 year pin





Noble Vern Pike receives his 50 year award at the April meeting of the Moore County Shrine Club.

From L to R - Noble Bill Loeser, President Moore County Shrine Club, Noble Vern Pike, and Noble Second Ceremonial Master Scottie Cox

Back to car cruisin' with The Kops

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and friends from your Oasis Shriners Keystone Kops!

We are finally glad to be able to be back to "normal" and doing what we do best, and that is raising money for our hospitals and having FUN. That's right, the Keystone Kops have a lot of fun. Our first few months have been very busy planning another year of great fundraising, and boy has it been busy.

We kicked off our first cruise-in at The Sports Page Restaurant in Charlotte back on April 23 and what a successful day it was. The weather was fantastic with lots of cars/trucks and some great music. Over 100 cars were on display. We thought because of a lot of folks would be down at Ocean Drive, SC for SOS that it might hinder our attendance, but we were pleasantly surprised that it wasn't the case. We raised a lot of money and gave away some cool door prizes throughout the day. There was even a silent auction held for some NASCAR memorabilia. Our winner of the 50/50 gave back the majority of his winnings. A huge THANK YOU to our sponsors that day: Charlotte Scale, Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet, Sports Page Restaurant and WSGE 91.7 FM.

We have finally kicked off our weekly cruise-in over in Belmont, NC. We elected to start a little later this year mainly because the weather in April is so unpredictable and there are so many events goings on during this month. It just made better sense to wait. We will be in downtown Belmont every Wednesday, weather permitting, starting around 5:30pm and going to 8-8:30pm. We are located in the parking lot of Bearded Buffalo and Glenway Premium Pub. There is never an entry fee, and we give away door prizes and sell 50/50 tickets all night. Both restaurants have their patios open that overlook the parking lots. Music is provided on a rotating basis by Carolina Beach Party DJ's Johnny B and Brian Wilson. Entertainment is provided by everyone else, because you just never know what is going to happen in that parking lot. We must give a mention as well to our sponsors for this weekly event: Bearded Buffalo Restaurant, Glenway Premium Pub, Two Rivers Shag Club, Perrigo Heating & Air, WSGE 91.7 FM, Riptideradio.com, Beachtripradio.com, Charlotte Scale and Terry Smith & Penny Briggs. All these businesses donate financially, provide door prizes, provide advertising and the parking lots for us to have the cruise-in. The Keystone Kops can't do it without the businesses and individuals mentioned above.

By the time this issue of the Desert Dust gets in your hands we will have just finished up another fantastic cruise-in over in downtown Mount Holly, NC. This is being sponsored by Traust Brewing and Jack Beagles Restaurant. This will be the first time the Keystone Kops have had a cruise-in on the "other side" of the interstate in Gaston County and it's sure to be a hit. Look for a follow-up story in the next edition.

In the meantime, if you'd like to be part of something bigger than yourself come join the Keystone Kops. You won't be disappointed. We are a busy unit and a very family-fun unit. Our Ladies are very much an active part of our unit as well and we couldn't do it without them.

Brian Wilson, Capt of The Keystone Kops

Oasis Patrol News

Summer is almost here and I am ready. The Patrol attended our Oasis Spring Ceremonial in force, presenting the Colors, tiling the doors, selling jewelry at the Shrine Mart and marching in the parade. We enjoyed a wonderful weekend filled with duty, fun, fellowship and memories made.

Oasis Family Fun Days will be June 17th and 18th at the Red Fez Shrine Club. I invite all members of the Patrol Family to attend and participate in the fun. The Patrol cooking team, the Oasis Pork Patrol, will be there and prepared to compete in the BBQ Cook-off. Come out to support them and enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship.

The 2022 Imperial Session is scheduled for July 3rd – 7th in Minneapolis Minnesota. The Patrol will be represented by IS and Past Captain Tim Daniels; High Priest & Prophet and Past Captain Chris Hall; International Association of Shrine Taprooms First VP and Captain Scottie Cox, Second Ceremonial Master; and and 2023 Imperial Session Director General H. Mike Cook, PP.

Patrol Family, please join me in welcoming our two newest Patrolmen, who were elected at our April 22, 2022 meeting. Noble Josh Bristol is a member of Hibriten Lodge #262, Foothills Shrine Club, Oasis BrewMasters and is the current Vice Chairman for Membership. He joined the Shrine in 2011 and is employed by the VA in Hickory. Josh and his wife Brittany currently live in Taylorsville. Noble Bill Smith is a member of Steele Creek Lodge #737, Red Fez Shrine Club and the Oasis BrewMasters. He joined the Shrine in 2013 and is employed by Shutterfly. Bill currently lives in Rock Hill, SC. Again, welcome to the Patrol Family.

Shrine Trailer Travels for You

Did you know the Shrine Hospital Trailer is available for your public fund raising or awareness events? Noble Sam Moody has generously agreed to volunteer his time and energy to transport the Hospital Trailer to any location within the Oasis Region in an effort to spread the word about our wonderful Hospitals.



Noble Sam is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice.

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Also at our April 22, 2022 meeting, Noble Past Captain Dennis Wilson gave a presentation about the 1923 Imperial Session that was held in Washington DC. The Shrine paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue, held a massive concert at American League Park and had a special invitation from then President of the United States, Noble Warren G. Harding, to tour the bottom floor of the White House, if in possession of the password of the Mystic Shrine. The Shrine made history with a concert of nearly 6000 Noble musicians from all over the country. The conductor of that concert was Noble John Philip Sousa. Noble PC Wilson stated that a souvenir from that Imperial Session, a metal replica of the Capitol Building with a Fez resting on the Dome, was given to him by Patrol Veteran Heath Eudy. He then presented it to me as Captain of the Patrol. Thank you Noble PC Wilson for the presentation and the honor of having a piece of Shrine history in my possession.

Under Health and Happiness, I have a few items I would like to report. On March 16, Chester Franklin "Frank" Clark, father of Patrol Chaplin Noble Elvis Clark, passed away in Asheville NC. On April 22, Patrolman Noble David Braswell passed away in Wilkesboro. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please keep Noble Charlie Walker and Noble Kevin "Bodie" Bodenheimer in your prayers as they deal with health issues. On the Happiness front, please join me congratulating Patrolman Noble Jesse Campbell and his wife Lady Lauren Selby Campbell who were married on May 6, 2022 at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC. If you have any Health and Happiness updates or reports, please contact our Patrol Chaplin Noble Elvis Clark.

MARCHING WITH PURPOSE

As always, thank you all for being an integral part of The Oasis Patrol. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needs.

Scottie Cox, Oasis Patrol Captain

A health crisis, prayers, and a meeting with a music legend

Young Kilby Davis received a heart transplant in 2015 and has been doing GREAT. However, last fall, cancer was discovered in her body. It's labeled Post Traumatic Lymphoma Disease. Any single-organ recipient stands a one percent chance of getting this disease. Kilby fell into that one percent. Through the Grace of God, prayers, support from people all over the world, along with my lodge, Catawba Lodge # 248, and my Catawba County Shrine Club, Kilby is in remission.

This past March our family was gifted with a vacation to Pigeon Forge. Yes, we had our own private meet and greet with DOLLY---Kilby's idol. And of course I took my Fez!

Attached are just a few pics from the trip and a family photo from last December when I retired after 31 years of Law Enforcement Service in Catawba County. I have a beautiful family and I am very blessed. I proudly served as Master of Catawba Lodge # 248 in 2018 and President of Catawba County Shrine Club in 2019.



Noble Trent Davis with Kilby



"I have a beautiful family and I am very blessed."

On the left is a family photo from last December when I retired after 31 years of Law Enforcement Service in Catawba County. Pictured L-R Chloe (daughter), me, Kilby, Hayden (son), Hank (grandson), Pat (my mom) and Kim (my lovely wife).













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Oasis still Top Dog

Submitted by Paul Whitfield (PP 1992)

For most of its history, certainly all modern history, Oasis has been pre-eminent in the Shrine realm in terms of charitable giving to our kids' hospitals. Based on what I have seen personally over a period of almost half of our hospital history, I estimate that Oasis could have given over 100 million dollars to treat kids.

And we kept that up almost as well in membership. We are presently second in terms of membership. And for all of the modern era we have been either second or third in terms of total membership. Usually trailing Los Angeles and Indianapolis. Los Angeles has a huge geographical and numerical base. I don't know the secret of Indianapolis but I suspect strong leadership.



Prior to World War II most American boys had not been five miles from their birthplace. The war took them over the face of the globe. They learned patriotism, camaraderie, and team work. They flooded Masonic lodges all over America when they returned. The huge membership increases continued for two decades until the late 60s. Then slowed. In the late 70s and early 80s membership declined slightly. The WW2 crowd were now seniors. All across the Shrine realm memberships declined yearly. During all that time Oasis had no net membership loss. As a matter or fact, I believe Oasis was the last Temple in North America to have a membership loss. When I was Chief Rabban we had our first loss in history. Very small, almost a token, but a loss nevertheless. From that time on the losses were fairly regular. I was active in the Scottish Rite at the time. Our secretary told us that we had lost about 400 members per year for 20 years. Yes, 20! Three-hundred to NPD and 100 to the Black Camel. Amazing that the number each year for 20 years was almost the same. I then discovered that the Shrine, the York Rite and NC Freemasons had lost the same amounts in terms of percentages. Ditto my Rotary Club. Kiwanis too, and Civitan. and Moose. There was published at the time a book entitled "Bowling Alone." A Princeton sociologist said the reason was that we were no longer living in "community." And until we learned again how to enjoy "community" those loses would continue. And they have.

When I was Potentate I had a good working relationship with the editor of the Desert Dust and I wrote about a third of the Dust each month (but left my name out). One article was on membership. I suggested a couple of very different ideas. First, that we focus on women (I was politically ahead of my time). Shrine wives often labor with their husbands; they stand outside shopping places during paper sales, they keep records of club and unit activity, they write checks and they otherwise support their husbands. So why not honor them as "Associate" members. No vote. No holding office but recognizing their proper role and doubling our membership base. Very modest dues but some extra income. Doug Mayes said over the years that many of our hospital doctors asked how they could become Shriners. When Doug explained Blue Lodge, Scottish and York rites, doctors always said "I don't have time." We could make the entirety of the hospital staffs "allied" members with modest dues. Then we could concentrate our membership efforts with police and fire and EMTs who already know about fraternity, camaraderie, and team work. And finally concentrate our efforts with college frat boys whose ritual is patterned after that of the Blue Lodge. This was mailed to the homes of about 50,000 Shrine families and to all potentates in North America. How many people commented on the article? Two--the Alaska Pote and one of our brothers in SC.

No one wanted a change. No one wanted this to be anything less than a men's organization. No taint of womenfolk.

I shared many of the same ideas with the Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite. He said he liked the ideas and would refer them out to his committees.

Total response: zero.

Q3. These two Nobles were Singing Cowboys.

One rode a horse named Champion and the other rode a horse named Trigger.



The 'Beat on the Street' 11th Car & Truck Show...Springtime is Here!

Submitted by Noble Ned Yates

As this June issue of the Desert Dust arrives, we are excited to share with you once again about our Annual Car & Truck Show. Held on the first Saturday in May each year within the Mount Holly Springfest, this 11th edition of our show was once again a wonderful success, raising thousands of dollars for the Shriners Hospitals.

The weather in early spring can sometimes be unpredictable, even early in the morning. Our show officially opens at 9:00 am, but as the weather was just perfect, entrants began arriving before 8:30. Drum & Bugle Corps Nobles and Corps family members were there to greet them and offer each a goodie bag as they registered. As the morning moved along, the cars and trucks kept coming and by our count we had 79 entries! Chevrolet led the way again with 37 cars and trucks entered. Ford was next with 18. There was quite a variety of makes, among them Studebaker, Mercedes and Rolls Royce to name a few. With the Springfest back in full swing there was no shortage of people that took the opportunity to come in and have a look around. If you would like to see all of the entries, we invite you to click on our Facebook page, Oasis Shriners Drum & Bugle Corps. Just scroll down to May 10th or look into the photo section and click on the album about the 11th Car and Truck Show. There are more than 100 photos to look at.

Speaking of people enjoying the show, we were honored to have Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and Lady Leigh come by and spend some time with the Corps Family and our entrants. As always, we were very happy to have the "Ladies of the Corps" putting in a lot of work at the silent auction table, selling t-shirts and sharing with everyone about the 50/50 drawing. As this event continues to grow, we continue to appreciate that it takes the entire Corps Family to help make this a successful fundraiser.

The morning eased into afternoon with everyone enjoying the sounds from our DJ, Noble Brother "Smokey" Craven from the Belmont Boogie Kings and before long and before any rain arrived, it was awards time. The winning plaques from four categories were handed out by the event organizer, Tommy Helms PP and Past Captain of the Corps along with our current Captain Joey Ham. After sharing words of thanks and a bit about the hospitals, awards went to Kyle Patty of Belmont, NC for Best Late Model. The plaque for Best Truck went to Mike Szkirka from Monroe, NC. Jim and Robin Gruelish of Belmont were awarded the Best Car plaque and the Best of Best award went to Deborah Walton from Lincolnton, NC. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Don Deese of the Keystone Kops. Noble Brother Don donated his winnings back to our fundraiser!

We always try to end our story by reminding everyone that "When the Hospitals Win, We All Win!" We believe all 79 entrants are winners as well as everyone that took a chance in the 50/50, bought an item from the auction or one of the commemorative tee shirts. This show continues to be a success because of the efforts of so many behind the scenes. Thanks again to everyone involved and we look forward to see you next year. Now...On to Blowing Rock for the Spring Ceremonial and Parade!







IS Tim along with Oasis candidate
Jerome and Judy Poole















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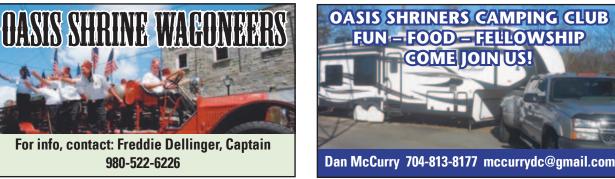


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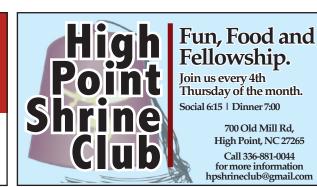






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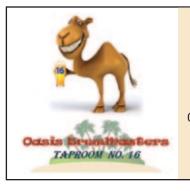
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Terry J Cox, Secretary
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