DESERT DUST



SURRY SHRINE CLUB









Your Potentate

Nobles and Ladies, I hope you all are doing well and have had opportunities to get out and meet with your respective clubs and units for the

new year. Lady Leigh and I have been busy traveling around and visiting several clubs and units during January/February. We have visited Gaston, Crowders Mountain, Lake Norman, Metrolina and Cherryville Shrine Clubs as well as the Shriners on Bikes and Keystone Kops units. Thank you to the clubs and units for your generous hospitality and warm welcomes.

February was off to a great start with the annual Club and Unit Officer Orientation training session which was a great success. PGM of Michigan Noble Bob Conley and Lady JoNeil joined us for the day and presented a session on changing our mindset as leaders of our organization. To those of you who were in attendance, I hope you enjoyed the day and left with some valuable information and advice. I would like to thank Noble High Priest and Prophet Chris Hall and his crew for executing such a well-planned event.

As noted in my previous article I want to focus on a few guiding principles as we travel through this year of 2022. The first being "Friendship." The 1921 version of the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry states that Friendship is a "peculiar and true Masonic virtue and has been adopted as one of the precious jewels of a Master Mason and descents into brotherly love and personal affection." It is my hope that we will all strive to practice this virtue with all Masons and Nobles as we carryout out our duties and conduct our business and functions.

We have several Shrine functions and meetings coming up soon. Saturday March 19, we will be taking the Divan to The Land of the Sky Shrine Club for our March Divan business meeting. This is an opportunity for nobles in areas away from the Charlotte region to attend a business meeting if they so desire. Meeting will begin at 10:00am.

Your Divan and elected SASA representatives will soon be representing Oasis at the Spring SASA meeting in Charleston SC (March 25-27) where we will learn more about the Fall SASA meeting in Myrtle Beach SC and our position in the SASA parade line up.

We are planning a night with the Gastonia Honey Hunters Baseball game on Saturday May 21. This will be a family fun event where Oasis Shriners will be recognized during the game for the public and spectators to see who we are and promote what we do. Mark your calendars, bring the family and more info will follow in the next edition of the Desert Dust for ticket sales, etc.

Our Spring Ceremonial is being planned for June 3-5 in beautiful Blowing Rock NC. Chetola Resort will be the host facility. Schedule of events will be published soon, and you can now make your room reservations at any time with the local hotels of your choice. Ceremonial and Chetola Resort information are printed elsewhere in this publication.

As we progress through 2022, please take the time to review the calendar/schedule of events found elsewhere in this publication, on the Oasis website and the Oasis phone app.

As we go forward I just want to encourage you all to practice and use the virtue of "Friendship" with all your fraternal nobles and brothers so that we may continue to strengthen our organization.

Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and Lady Leigh



Lady Leigh's Oasis Sunshine Fund Drawing Scentsy Gift Basket

We will have a drawing for a Scentsy Gift Basket on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Fall Ceremonial to be held at the Oasis Headquarters. This basket is valued at \$350.00 and is filled with many Scentsy Home and Body products. Tickets, \$5/each or 5 for \$20, are available at the Oasis Headquarters office, at any Oasis event and from the Divan Ladies. There is also a link on the Oasis Shriners Website at www.oasisshriners.org.

All funds will go to the Oasis Sunshine Fund, which is used to assist Shriners, who may need assistance to continue their membership with Oasis Shriners.





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 several of you reading my article this month were able to attend the Oasis Club & Unit Orientation on Saturday February 12th. This was a mandatory attendance for all officers and their ladies to obtain the latest updates on issues and to receive their booklets and pins. The past Grand Master of Michigan and his Lady gave an uplifting and positive message to all.

The next weekend, we had the pleasure of attending the 19th Annual Shriners Drag Racing



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& Hot Rod Expo at the Greensboro Coliseum. This event is put on by Noble Jim Turner and his team of Shriners that works to bring awareness and raise funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children. The coliseum was filled with classic cars, hot rods, drag cars and auto parts.

Professional auctioneer Jimmy "Big Daddy"
Shore once again donated his time to perform
a live auction that raised an additional \$2,000.
Jimmy has done this every year and goes
around to attendees collecting items to be sold.
This year was another success, and we look
forward to getting the total of money raised.
Great job Noble Jim!

In my last Desert Dust article, I shined a spotlight on Oasis leadership the Captain of the Guard. This month we move up the table one position to the Oasis Marshall. That position is currently held by Noble Jimmy Owen. Jimmy O and his wonderful lady Rhonda came over to Oasis a few years ago after starting his Shrine journey several years ago at Amran Shriners.

The main function of the Marshall for years was to organize Divan members at events and to assist the Potentate and First Lady with functions. When Noble Jimmy O was put on the Divan by Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms, he changed those duties to include heading up all Oasis fraternal fundraising, excluding the Circus. He also assists other Divan members with duties that vary from one event to another.

On the Cover

Surry Shrine Club celebrates Valentine's Day with family and friends.

Reminder

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

Before coming on the Divan, Illustrious Sir Bill Carter asked Jimmy O to head up an Oasis golf outing. That first golf outing under Jimmy's leadership, became an annual event. The two years in this current Divan position, he has run the Oasis Golf Tournament. He is currently working on the Oasis third annual golf tournament, to be held this fall. The past two years have been a sellout giving Oasis even more public exposure. If you feel you can assist in anyway or want any additional information, please feel free to contact Noble Jimmy Owen at jowen@oasisshriners.org or just give him a call at 919-730-3076.

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 our headquarters or at an Oasis function soon. Until next month,

YITF.



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

EDITOR

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MARCH

19th 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 Crusade

12th 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

12th Shrine 100 50th Anniversary

Race - Gastonia Speedway

12th Divan Meeting - Location TBD

27th 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

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

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

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Don't Miss These
Upcoming Events

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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May 7th, 2022

Red Fez Shrine Club Derby Party

SEE PAGE 9

May 7th, 2022

Mecklenburg Shrine Club Derby Party

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May 13th, 2022

Mecklenburg Shrine Club Fish Fry

SEE PAGE 9

June 29th, 2022 2022 Tractor Ride SEE PAGE 23

Officers Orientation focus is leadership: Mindset. Moments. Matter.



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III. Sir with High Priest and Prophet Chris Hall, who kept a tight schedule



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(Far L) Recorder John Cable with Sherrie Vandergriff, support staff

- (L) Director, Jimmy Burgess
- (R) Karl Burrow, keeper of all things technical

(Far R) PIP AI Madsen with III. Sir Tim Daniels





(R) Noble Larry Payne, Insurance Chairman shares important information

(Middle R) Cpt. of the Guard Jack Wallace takes us to the circus

(Far R) PP Bill Harward and Lori Prockup untangle the mysteries of accounting







Photos by Noble Leslie Dix



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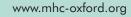
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Simply use the QR code with your smart phone to change the life of a child. *Be sure to check the First Lady Leigh MHCO Memories box*. Thank you for your support.



Oasis Legion of Honor speaks out

Submitted by Noble E. Wrenn, Secretary

As we look out we see the birds fly free and Old Glory waving. For this we thank Harry Truman, Gerald Ford and Ronald Regan. We all know they were past Presidents, but they were also Shriners.

We walk our streets like Buzz Aldrin walked the Moon. John Edgar Hoover walked as well—to raise money for our kids. As some, like Colonel Sanders and Dave Thomas, were in the kitchen, some of us were in training to protect our wonderful country. We know Caleb Bradham, a pharmacist from North Carolina, made Pepsi Cola...and he went to boot camp to make us a strong military to serve our country.

As we served our country, Arnold Palmer was playing golf and serving his Masonic and Shrine brothers. Mel Blanc might ask in his Sylvester the Cat voice, "Where is my military Shriner brother?" And Harry Houdini would reply, "He hasn't disappeared from his Shriner post." Harry would add that the Oasis Legion of Honor has not disappeared! We are a group of veterans formed to support our mission as Shriners. From all branches of service we share one common goal. Not a parade unit, but, yes we do parade, meet once a month, share fellowship and plan a mission to raise money for Shriner Kids. We also keep in touch with today's active military.

Can I call myself a veteran?

Yes, just recently signed legislation allows you to call yourself a Veteran. During the December 2016 transition period, President Obama signed H.R. 6416, a bill that says National Guard and Reserve retirees who had zero active duty time are now eligible to be referred to as Veterans.

It is permissible to be part of another club or unit and be a member of the Legion of Honor. Show your pride in our country and your service -- come and join our band of brothers. Become a member of the Oasis Legion of Honor.



April 22-24, 2022 | Santee, SC

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Summer Ceremonial | Blowing Rock, NC



June 3-5, 2022 | Chetola Resort

Schedule Overview - more details to come

Friday, June 3rd

5pm-6pm Reception for new candidate ladies/Shrine ladies

Chetola Resort main building Evergreen Room

Evening Hospitality and entertainment under the big tent by the lake

Saturday, June 4th

Morning Ceremonial at Blowing Rock Elementary School (*Downtown BR*)

Ladies invited to opening ceremonies. Saturday on your own.

Scavenger Hunt for all ladies sponsored by the Retailers of Downtown Blowing Rock

Afternoon Oasis Parade 1pm line up of Units / 2pm start time - Main Street BR

Evening Hospitality and entertainment under the big tent by the lake

Sunday, June 5th

Morning Church service at Chetola resort. Time TBD

The host hotel is Chetola Resort with condos and hotel rooms. Deadline for the group block is May 1. Group code is "Oasis".

Other hotels in Blowing Rock are also taking reservations but no group block or code is needed. More information will be published at a later date.



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The Oldest Living Shriners Hospital Patient Turns 103!

Irene Hand Roberts was born on April 28th, 1917, at her grandmother's restaurant and boarding hotel in McLaughlin, South Dakota.

In July 1923, at the age of six, Irene developed what was called infantile paralysis, but is now known as polio. Her polio was treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Twin Cities in 1923, when Irene spent months as an inpatient.

As part of her 103rd Birthday celebration staff and patients from Shriners Hospitals for Children along with Imperial Potentate Jeffrey Sowder put together this birthday message. We love being able to see her reaction as she watched the video on her birthday!

See the video at shrinersinternational.org/en/news-and-events/videos



February 2, 2022

Potentate Tim Daniels 604 Doug Mayes Place Charlotte, NC 28262

Dear Potentate Daniels:

This year our hospitals and the Shriners Fraternity will celebrate two milestones. For 150 years, leaders from throughout the nation have come together as Shriners to invest in their communities. It was a mere 100 years ago when our Shriners took a bold step to create our first hospital in Shreveport, LA. Since that time, over 1.5 million children from around the globe have found compassionate and comprehensive care in our hospitals and medical centers.

As the Greenville hospital begins to contemplate its 100th anniversary coming up in 2027, we want to applaud you and your Nobles for their impact on our hospital in 2021. The pandemic remained a challenge, but the hospital continued to fulfill the century old commitment of caring for kids regardless of a family's financial and insurance status with the support of Oasis. Last year the Nobles from every Temple throughout the six states our hospital serves joined forces and raised \$2,232,040 to care for the children and families who rely on the Greenville Hospital! The Oasis Temple, its clubs and units contributed \$325,200.20.

Here are just a few statistics highlighting your impact here in Greenville:

- Treatment for children from 32 states and 10 countries
- 1,071 life-changing surgeries
- 6,532 custom prosthetics and orthotics
- 855 Motion Analysis Studies
- 20,507 rehabilitation procedures

Thank you for the incredible effort the Temple, its Divan and membership put forth to ensure the Greenville Shriners Hospital provides life-altering care to every child. Thank you for holding fast to the ideal that was the foundation of that first Shriners Hospital 100 years ago. Oasis and its members remain a vital part of our hospital's success and an eternal partner in the legacy of caring at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Sincerely,

William Munley Administrator Greenville Shriners Hospital



John Stanley, Chaplain

A Bit Like Pizza!

Pizza! Pizza may be one of the few foods that almost everyone seems to enjoy. And, there are a variety of Pizzas.

There is a pizza for the

vegetarian, a meat-lovers pizza, Hawaiian pizza, and regular crust, stuffed crust, thin crust as well as deep dish. There are pizzas cut into triangle slices. Wow! So many choices!

Sometime ago we 'discovered' pizza cut into squares—not triangles. We also like a meat-lovers pizza, but without sausage and pepperoni. We don't sit in judgement of those who like their pizza cut into triangles and covered with pepperoni. Nope! Nor do we judge those who like mushrooms on their pizza.

It is a matter of personal choice. What we like depends on a number of factors. No matter our personal choices, pizza is still good. We were with a group of six people recently. Everyone ordered a different pizza. One couple even split a meat lovers and Hawaiian Pizza half and half. Pizza pleases most everyone, regardless of the individual taste.

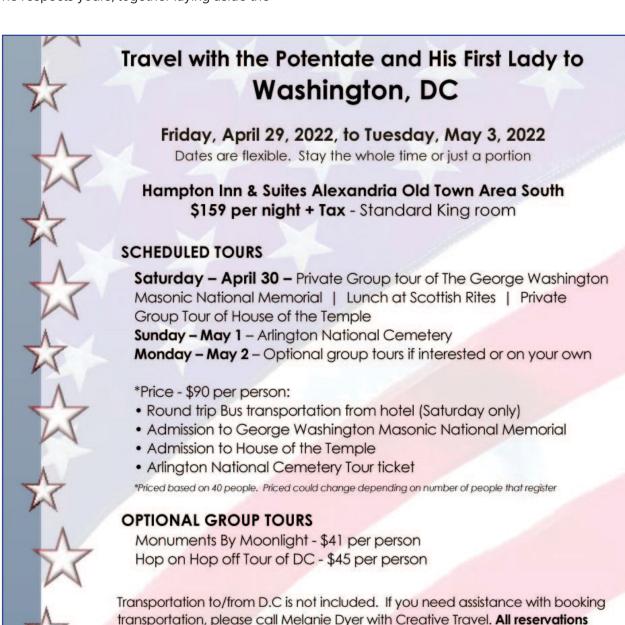
This is what our personal religious belief does with our faith. We accept the individual 'where' he or she happens to be. It may not be our place to attempt to convince another that they should believe what we believe. As Masons, we accept the person 'just as they are'. While we may tell a brother the importance of prayer, we do not tell him how to pray. Nor do we tell him

which Volume of Sacred Law to read, but we do encourage him to find more light by studying.

So, while you may think that a cheese, sausage, pepperoni and mushroom pizza is 'out of this world, another may prefer only the cheese and pepperoni. The key is cooperation. If you and I respect the other person's ideas and he respects yours, together laying aside the

differences and sharing the common, we will find the result pleasing to both. If these things are done you and I will find that it doesn't mater as much what is shared as who you share with.

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.



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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Tribute to the memory of Don Richardson

Submitted by Noble Graham Wilson



There is an empty chair at the Oasis Shrine Center that cannot be filled. Don Richardson died of Covid 19 on January 20, 2022. Don was a 50 year member of Oasis Shrine, becoming a member in 1971. He had been awarded Life Membership and was known and loved by many Oasis members. He is survived by his wife Ann, 2 brothers and daughters Kelly, Amy and Lorrie. His passion was to support Shrine Hospitals and the children we serve. Don was in the automobile industry all of his life. He always owned and enjoyed his pick-up truck and had just purchased a new Toyotal pick-up weeks before his death.

Don held many positions in his 50 years as a member of Oasis. Here are some of the Clubs, Units and activities he participated in: Past Membership Chairman, Past Captain Oasis Raftops, SASA Representative (10 years), Co-Chariman SASA Director General 2013 (Doyle Simmons, President), Director of ROJ Court 109, 2003, member of Past Captains Club and Billiken Club.

On a personal note, he was active in Kwanis Club, Rolling Hills Country Club in Monroe, NC and Central United Methodist Church. Don will be missed by all who knew him.



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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.





Doug Wallace, Wallace Propane and Welding, supports Shriners by positioning our slogan prominently on the tank of his handsome truck.

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wonderful Hospitals.



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

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Oasis Patrol News

Patrol Family, what a great weekend for Oasis and the Oasis Patrol during the Club & Unit Appreciation Night and the Installation of the 2022 Oasis Divan, with our very own Past Captain Tim Daniels being installed as Potentate!

The Patrol has a long history of service and leadership to Oasis Shriners, and it continues in force. I want to congratulate the following Patrolmen who have positions on the 2022 Divan -- IS Tim Daniels, Potentate; Noble Chris Hall, High Priest & Prophet; IS Bill Harward, Treasurer; Noble Captain Scottie Cox, Second Ceremonial Master; and Noble Tom Bridges, Outer Guard and Membership Chairman.

I want to personally thank all Patrolmen who showed up dressed for duty for the Installation:

Noble First Lt. Paul Southworth

Noble Sergeant Brian Clay

Noble Corporal Robby Saye

Noble Past Captain Ben Pigg

Noble Past Captain Jim Newcombe

Noble Past Captain Peter Schuetz

Noble Past Captain Bob Saye

Noble Past Captain Brandon Watson

Noble Past Captain Brandon Penley

Noble Bob Richardson

Noble Dave Campbell

Noble Jesse Campbell

Noble Kevin Bodenheimer

Noble Ryan Payseur



From escorting guest to their seats, presenting the Colors and providing escorts for the Divan Officers and their Ladies, all Patrolmen were faithful in their duties and I could not be more proud to be your Captain.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Patrolmen. Noble Casey Rickard and Lady Ashley, Noble Ryan Payseur and Lady Carley and Noble Outer Guard Tom Bridges and Lady Shela. Welcome to the Patrol Family, we all look forward to working with you to keep the Oasis Patrol Marching with Purpose.

I look forward to a great year for Oasis and the Oasis Patrol. Please contact your Chaplin with any health and happiness updates and feel free to contact me with any questions or needs.

YITF,

Scottie Cox, Oasis Patrol Captain

Memories Take Flight

Reprinted from Shriner Magazine

After Six Decades, a Noble Continues To Serve Others

Noble James Edward "Jimmy" Howell Jr., a member of Khedive Shriners in Chesapeake, Virginia, for more than 60 years, has had a memorable life as a volunteer helping children who need the specialized services our philanthropy provides. An instrument-rated, licensed commercial pilot, the Virginia native made many trips flying patients to our Greenville and Cincinnati hospitals.



A Pilot's Life

Howell recalled how well he was treated by air traffic controllers on those trips. "They designated us as Angel Flights and always gave us preferential sequencing during the flight," he said. "They often would give us their blessings and their prayers."

Now 87, Howell voluntarily stopped flying when he reached his 75th birthday. He had flown for 53 years and recognized that it was time to put his flight jacket in storage. He's not afraid to admit he shed a tear when he sold his plane and watched the proud new owner fly away in his beloved Cessna Skylane.

Howell, a native of Southampton County, Virginia, served in the Virginia National Guard for 13 years and graduated from the first Virginia National Guard Officer Candidate School in 1959. He graduated from United States Army Air Defense School in Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1965, and was honorably discharged at his request as a First Lieutenant in 1966. He is a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. His careers included farming, entrepreneurship and work in the telecommunications field. He has been married to Martha Hardee Howell for more than 60 years, and the couple have three sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Howell remains active in church and enjoys writing books and articles.

Looking back, Howell is appreciative of the ways the fraternity enabled him to serve children and families. "I have been remiss in thanking Khedive temple for this amazing opportunity that I had been given," Howell said.

Jimmy's Memories

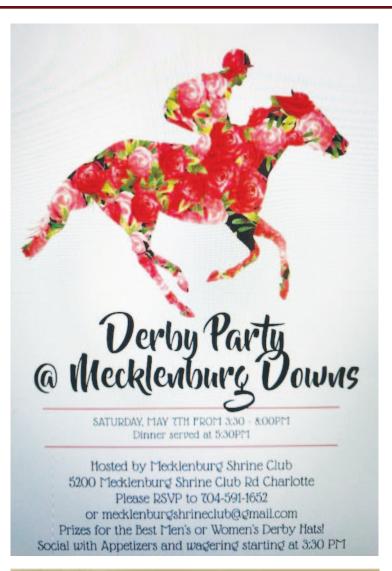
"I was browsing through my coat closet and came across my old flight jacket that I wore most all the time during the late 1990s and early 2000s. This was the time I was most active flying patients from the Tidewater area of Virginia to and from the Shriners Hospitals in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Greenville, South Carolina. Suddenly my mind was flooded by a host of wonderful memories. That was a time that brought such joy to my life that it is hard for me to adequately describe it," Howell said.

"One little girl had been born with twisted feet and legs. From infancy to the time I met her, she had been in full casts on both legs. I was privileged to meet her when she was about 8 years old. She would sing to me while going to and from the hospital.

"On the last trip that I took her to Greenville, the doctors changed the casts to ones that were open-toed. As we boarded the plane for the trip home, she exclaimed to me with great gusto, 'Look Mr. Howell! I can see my toes!' For the first time in her remembrance, she could actually see her toes, and her legs and feet were straight as they should be. Suddenly my mind was flooded by a host of wonderful memories."











Noble Cline Lambert, Hendersonville Shrine Club, presents over six feet of tabs to Andrew Flory, Development & Volunteer Coordinator at the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Greenville. Flory expressed his appreciation for this significant tab donation and stated that the tab program brought in just over \$10,000 to the hospital last year.



Fezzy was glad to see his ole friend from the Hendersonville Shrine Club. Both Fezzy and Cline enjoyed the visit as Fezzy continues to bring joy and excitement to the children treated there each day.

Surry Shrine Club: Calling all sweethearts

By Edie Wilson

When you see Mt. Pilot in the distance you know you're nearing Mayberry. There's the Snappy Lunch and Barney's squad car, but tonight's feature isn't on Main Street. Westlake Drive is where you'll see the Surry Shrine Club. Step inside and you'll find you're both an honored guest and an old friend. The warmth of this crowd makes you feel welcome, and you're glad you drove a couple of hours to join the party. Guests include Mike Neaves (PP 2017) and Lady Bobbie, Chief Rabban Doug Garland, and visitors from the Brushy Mt. Shrine Club.

Club President Noble Keith Osborne and Lady Stephanie host while Vice President Mark Sexton alternates between bartender and chef.





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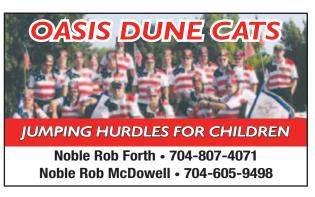
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