DESER T DUST

Cherryville Shrine Club Fundraiser
Features Award-Winning Bluegrass Artists

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John D. Burgess, Sr & Lady Charlotte

Team 2018
Your Potentate

Hello from Lady Charlotte and me as we continue to have the time of our lives serving the Nobility of Oasis Shriners. We are so blessed to be able to do this. Since our last Desert Dust we have had numerous opportunities to see what the members of our Clubs and Units do all year long to raise funds for our Shriners Hospitals.

First, we headed to Ashe County Shrine Club for the One Day Ceremonial on April 14th. The members of Ashe County really rolled out the red carpet for Oasis, and their Club looked absolutely immaculate. We had excellent weather for everyone’s’ travel that day. It snowed two days after we were there. The day of the ceremonial it was around 70 degrees, then snow. That’s Carolina Mountain weather for you. We got to welcome 10 New Nobles into Oasis that day and the Ritualistic Cast did a wonderful and meaningful ceremonial. Thanks to all of the Oasis members of Clubs and Units that were in attendance that day. It was my honor and privilege to make Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves P.P the Class honoree. It was definitely a day that I will not forget.

Saturday April 21st, I traveled to Robbinsville Shrine Club along with Marshal Chris Hall and Second Ceremonial Master Shea Fadel to pay tribute to the leadership and community service of the late Noble O.W. Hooper. It was indeed my honor and privilege to be a part of this recognition of an Oasis member that was so dedicated to his family, community and Shriners Hospitals. It was wonderful to meet Lady Mildred Hooper and let her share stories of what O.W.’s life meant to their family. It was evident from the family present that the Hooper Family continues to serve the community in all that they do. The Ladies of the Robbinsville Shrine Club prepared a fabulous lunch for all to enjoy.

Next I headed to Gastonia to participate, along with Most Worshipful Speed Hallman, in presenting Past Potentate (1965) Harry Bryant with his 70-year Masonic award. Along with Lady Ruby, family members, members of his Lodge, Past Potentate Billy Farris, Past Potentate John Stanley Chaplin and others, we enjoyed a great visit. What an incredible legacy PP Harry Bryant and his Lady Ruby have built with our organization throughout the many years of service to our fraternity.

Later that evening, I, along with some members of the Divan and members of District 36 Lodges, attended Most Worshipful Speed Hallman’s District Meeting at Gastonia Lodge # 369. Most Worshipful Speed conducted the meeting and brought us messages from the Grand Lodge, WhiteStone, and Masonic Home for Children and The North Carolina Mason Editor. A very informative meeting for all who attended.

May 4th and 5th brought us the annual Paper Crusade. I got to visit a few locations on Saturday. First I went by the Oasis Band in Fort Mill. They were playing all day at Southern Spirits and were able to raise funds for the paper sale. Then I went to Mount Holly for the Drum and Bugle along with some other members of Oasis to attend the Car Show. This annual event always draws a crowd and it is so great to see all of the classic cars on display. Look for pictures from these events in this issue.

On a personal note, I got the privilege of walking my Daughter Jennifer down the aisle to be wed to Brother Joe Doyle on May 12th. After the wedding we headed to the Red Fez Shrine Club for the reception. The Ladies and the guys really made everything look great for such a special day for Lady Charlotte and our families.

Plans are in place for our Spring Ceremonial in Blowing Rock June 1st and 2nd. We hope to see all of you there as we welcome the new Nobles and their Ladies to Oasis. So come on out and enjoy the weekend in beautiful Blowing Rock. Details are listed in this issue.

Until next time, thanks for all you do to make Oasis number one in all we do. Lady Charlotte and I are so blessed to be able to serve the members of Oasis. Please feel free to contact us anytime and we will try to attend your function. Remember that we are here for you and your TEAM 2018 is here to help you in any way that we can. May God continue to bless us in all we do.

Yours In The Faith, John and Charlotte

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In This Issue
Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis Shriners,

Writer’s Block. Yes, that dreaded term is in full force for the Oasis Recorder this month. As much as our Oasis Nobility and Ladies have accomplished on so many different levels from mid-April to mid-May, there is not much that would be considered Recorder-specific enough for me expound on. Let me start pecking at the keyboard and wait for the creative juices to flow...

Sort of like in the Wizard of Oz movie, we continue to toil behind the curtain at Oasis Temple. Lady Linda, Lori and Claudie are like well-oiled machines that get the jobs done for Oasis Shriners.

You will notice in the preceding paragraph that I used the term ‘temple’ when referring to our facility. One of the take-aways for me at the Recorder’s Seminar this past March was the re-embrace of this terminology trying to wean away from the term Shrine ‘Center’ or ‘Headquarters’. So, yes, our building is considered Oasis Temple, but we as members belong to the fraternal organization known as Oasis Shriners. It’s all in the semantics, as we are not members of the building, we are members of the organization. Like many of our Nobility, I was created and became involved as an active, dedicated and committed member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, commonly known and abbreviate as A.A.O.N.M.S, when our local organization and facility were well known as Oasis Temple back in the day. I have been less than desirous in not using the term ‘temple’ as it had been ingrained into my common psyche as such. Let’s be joyous in our ability to re-embrace the term ‘temple’ to reference our magnificent facility.

Over time things change. Our parent, fraternal organization has gone from A.A.O.N.M.S. to Shriners of North America, (when nearly all ‘temples’ were in the USA, Canada and Mexico) to Shriners International. As that name suggests, it is indicative of the many international Shrine Temple locations and members that have joined our ranks over the past twelve years. There are strong contingencies in S.E. Asia, Europe and South America, where Free-Masonry membership is currently soaring. There are 199 sub-chapter organizations of Shriners worldwide with another from Bolivia expected to be chartered at our annual Imperial Session this July.

Most of you may have noticed the resurgence of an Oasis Email Blaster. It is designed to help us get the word out about upcoming events in a timely manner. Unfortunately, and understandably, we only have good email addresses for approximately 2/3 of our members. Please send an email to recorder@oasisshriners.org if you’d like to have your email address added. Email blasts do not replace The Desert Dust as the Official Publication of Oasis Shriners.

After our Oasis Spring / Summer Ceremonial weekend in Blowing Rock, our next big Oasis-wide event is Family Fun Day at the Red Fez Shrine Club on June 15th and 16th. After that we’ll have a slight lull as we, especially our Oasis Parade Units, begin to gear-up in earnest for S.A.S.A. in Myrtle Beach from September 20th to 23rd. Everyone make your plans now to attend.

“In age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.” Mark Twain

Until Next Time My Friends,

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye
Recorder, Oasis Shriners
“Wishin’ and Hopin’”

In the mid 1960’s Dionne Warwick and later Dusty Springfield both recorded the hit tune “Wishin’ and Hopin.” The lyrics are: “Wishing and hoping and thinking and praying, planning and dreaming…."

Obviously, we do not get much done by planning and dreaming. And, sometimes while we are wishing and hoping, we just seem to get in a rut. If, however, we turn in our Bibles to the Book of Isaiah, we read: “but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

When we sit and wish and hope, we may well begin to worry. But, in the Isaiah passage, we believe that worry ceases to be a weight (w-e-i-g-h-t) when we wait (w-a-i-t) on the Lord. Yep. When we WAIT on the Lord, we are no longer dragged down!

Worry. Recently I read a posting (Facebook, maybe?): “Worry is like a rocking chair...it’s something to do but it won’t get you anywhere.”

So, we change our outlook. We change our attitudes. We ask The Supreme Architect of the Universe for divine guidance, while we wait upon His timing. When we are in rut, if we take some action, we find that indeed, there is HOPE, regardless of our circumstances.

According to the author of the wonderful little book, Godwink Stories, Dr. Peale, once said, “Hope! What a wonderful word it is. Write it indelibly on your mind. H-O-P-E. It is a bright word—shining and scintillating and dynamic, forward-looking, full of courage and optimism. With this word, let us begin each day!”

So, let us not be about ‘wishin’ and hopin’, but let us begin each day with the wonderful word HOPE. We have the promise that when we wait upon the Lord, we shall have our strength renewed.

We hope yours is a safe, enjoyable summer.

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Past Imperial Chaplain, (2012-13) and currently Assistant Chaplain, Shriners International, Chaplain of Oasis Shriners and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. Jot him a note at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.
Harry M. Bryant, Sr. Receives 70 Year Service Award from Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina

Submitted by Christopher L. Hall, PM, DDGM

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018 Brother Harry M. Bryant, Sr. was surrounded by friends and family in his home as MWB Speed Hallman, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, presented him with a 70 Year Service Award from the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina. At 97 years young, Brother Harry is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 704 in Gastonia and served as Potentate of Oasis Shriners in 1965. In 1966, Brother Bryant was honored as a recipient of the Joseph Montfort Medal, the most distinguished acknowledgement of service or achievement that may be conferred upon a Master Mason in good standing by a Grand Master of North Carolina.

The Grand Master was joined by current Oasis Potentate John D. Burgess as well as Past Potentates Billy Farris and John Stanley, both of Gaston County, who were present to help celebrate the occasion.

A successful former business owner and lifelong avid Tarheels fan, Brother Harry resides in Gastonia with his loving wife of 75 years, Ruby, who was by his side as always when he received his 70 Year Service Award. His remarks were those of warmth and sincere appreciation as he looks forward to celebrating his 100th birthday in the near future.

Noble Buck Kirk Receives the Al Madsen Award

Noble Buck Kirk, past president of the Moore County Shrine Club, was presented the Al Madsen award for selfless service in appreciation of his efforts in raising money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Buck is currently residing at the St Joesph rehabilitation facility in Southern Pines NC. He has been fighting a long battle with neuropathy resulting in loss of use in both legs. Buck has been a member of OASIS for over 20 years.

(Pictured Right) Noble Buck Kirk with Outer Guard Joe Burris.

Reminder All ads & articles for the July edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to Edie Wilson - Ediewilson7@gmail.com by June 10.
The “Beat on the Street”

D&B Scores big with Car & Truck Show… Again!

Once again the sun shined on the Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps as car and truck enthusiasts came from all around to participate in our 8th annual show that benefits the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children. The show held within the Mt. Holly Spring Fest on May 5th can now be officially called a successful hospital fundraiser again. While an exact amount was not available at the time of this writing, it is safe to believe that the amount raised at our biggest fundraiser of the year will once again be in the thousands.

This year Corps members saw the number of entries climb to 54. Cars and trucks from so many different eras were there to be seen. Fans were able to get an up-close look at many different makes and models that displayed a variety of colors and paint schemes. Some were customized while others were restored to their original beauty. Lots of hoods were open too, allowing owners to show off some shiny powerful motors. Of course, one of the best parts of the show is the interaction between the fans and the owners. Fans have more than a few questions and the proud owners are always happy to talk about their machines.

In addition to the entry fees donated by the car and truck owners, Corps members and ladies also raised money with a silent auction, water sales, 50/50 etc. In the spirit of Masonic unity, we’d also let you know that the Brothers from Mt. Holly Lodge #544 had their cooking tents located at the entrance to our show where they were serving up their very popular bologna sandwiches. Music was provided by Smokey and the Pope, aka, the Boogie Woogie Kings.

Captain Graylyn Faulkenberry was happy to great our Potentate, I.S. Johnny Burgess as he made time in his busy schedule to come by for a visit. We were also very happy to see the return of our Hospital Trailer.

When you’re having fun, a clock moves quickly and soon it was awards time. They were presented by Captain Faulkenberry and Divan Member and Past Captain of the Corps Tommy Helms who took time to thank everyone there for their participation and for helping us raise funds for the Hospitals.

The winners this year came from four different areas. The winner of the Best Truck Award went to Ronnie Jonas of Belmont, NC for his 1967 Chevy C-10. The award for Best Late Model went to Max Jamison of Mt. Holly, NC for his 2017 SS Camaro. The Plaque for Best Car was won by a 1959 Austin Healey Sprite that was entered by a Noble Brother from the Hejaz Temple. Noble Ned Gregory came from Lancaster, SC to be in the show. The final award, for Best of the Best was presented to Jerry Price from Charlotte, NC for his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

Come by and say hello if you see us at the Spring Ceremonial and Parade in Blowing Rock. Thanks to each of you for all you do in your clubs and units because “When the Hospitals win, we all win!”
Oasis Honors Legacy of Noble O.W. Hooper, Jr.

Submitted by Noble Chris Hall

On Saturday, April 21, 2018 Illustrious Sir John D. Burgess traveled along with Noble Shea Fadel, Oasis Second Ceremonial Master and Noble Chris Hall, Oasis Marshal, to visit with the Nobles and Ladies of Robbinsville Shrine Club in Graham County, one of our clubs located farthest from our Shrine Center Headquarters in Charlotte. Thanks to the efforts of Noble Tom Davis and several other members of the club, Potentate Burgess was able to surprise Lady Mildred Hooper and the Hooper family with a Memorial Plaque Presentation in honor of the life and legacy of Noble Hooper. Lady Mildred graciously accepted the memorial in honor of her beloved husband and our brother, noble, and friend.

Noble Hooper worked as a bookkeeper, teacher, and merchant before entering politics in 1962 serving two terms as a member of the Graham County Board of Education. In 1966, he was elected Clerk of Superior Court where he served six terms before retiring in December 1990. He was a member of Robbinsville Masonic Lodge where he served as Secretary for 32 years and was a charter member of the Robbinsville Shrine Club where he served as the first President and later as the club treasurer. He was a trustee and ambassador for Oasis Shriners and was invested by the Scottish Rite with the rank and honor of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2003. Noble Hooper was also active in the Robbinsville Lions Club as a Past President and Chaplin. Noble Hooper was a member of Long Creek Baptist Church where he served as Deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Noble Hooper’s life of service and leadership left an impressionable legacy and imprint upon the hearts of all those who had the good fortune to know him. His example of community service coupled with a passion for charity was evident, and our children of Shriners Hospitals for Children always had a special place in his heart.

Special thanks to the wonderful Ladies of the Robbinsville Shrine Club for preparing a delicious luncheon during the memorial celebration. Also, thanks to 2014 Oasis Potentate W. David Sumpter III and Lady Sandra for their efforts to help arrange for the surprise, and traveling from Murphy to join everyone on this meaningful day.

Lincoln County Golf Tournament

April 28th...What a great day for a golf tournament. Pictured left to right are David Jarrett, Duck Hull, John Leatherman, Chief Rabban Ken Jarrett, President Gene Sain, and Mark Miller. Working in the kitchen, as usual, was Noble Larry Ledford.
Chief Rabban checked in with Nobles Johnny Overby, Mike Mullinax, President Clyde Robbins and Noble Lloyd Bridges, all from Foothills SC in Lenoir NC.

Five nobles working Sams Club in Gastonia. One of three locations being worked by the club. (L-R) James Shields, Buck Bryson (President of the Gaston Club), David Carpenter, Gary Queen and Bill Newell.

Chief Rabban Kenneth Jarrett with Noble Danny Parks from Brushy Mountain Shrine Club in Taylorsville.

Chief Rabban Kenneth Jarrett took a quick photo of Nobles Leroy Treadway and Ben Rhoney working the paper crusade in Valdese for East Burke Shrine Club.

Chief Rabban Kenneth Jarrett with Noble Danny Parks from Brushy Mountain Shrine Club in Taylorsville.

2018 Oasis Paper Sale

Paper Sale Delivery
We drove 1,855 miles and it took 46 hours to complete. Don Lyerly and Lady Linda did the Mountain Route. Jason Whitley did the Center Route. Reggie Hall did the Eastern Route. We delivered 119,750 papers, 263 English Posters, 121 Spanish Posters and 1,182 pins. We had a total of 45 stops. We rented 2 trucks. Reggie Hall drove his personal truck.
You Ought ‘a Be in Pictures

Have you ever wondered how to get free advertising for your next fundraiser? Have you ever thought about growing your membership or adding more Nobles to your parade unit? Have you wished to open the newspaper or pull up a website and see a picture of yourself? You can make all these dreams come true! Take a picture, write a caption, send it to me. Your editor is waiting to hear from you by the tenth of the month. If you have an event you’d like for us to cover, send me an email or give me a call.

If possible we’ll attend and do a write-up and make pictures.

Here’s some useful information:

ARTICLES
Words per article: 500-600 is reasonable (300 if there are also photos)
Acceptable Formats: Word (.doc or .docx), web links, email
Not Acceptable: PDF, JPG, any images or scans of words (needs to be typed)

IMAGES/PHOTOS
Color Mode: CMYK, Resolution: 300 DPI
Acceptable Formats: PDF, JPG, PNG (we can grab images from the web as long as they aren’t tiny thumbnail images). If the photo is very small and/or very blurry, it may not work. If you are unsure, we will check the image.

Note: Event pictures cannot include any images of alcohol—no liquor bottles or beer cans.

Free Club and Unit ads run on the Bulletin Board every month. Event ads are usually a quarter page size and run until the event is expired. We are not allowed to use the word “RAFFLE” in any ads. We must use the word “DRAWING” instead.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a Recognized Leader in Burn Care

Since the Shriners Hospitals for Children* specializing in treating burns opened in the mid-1960s, the health care system has provided care for thousands of patients with burn injuries. The interdisciplinary approach used by the staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children ensures each patient receives complete, individualized care.

The range of treatments needed by patients with burn injuries can include surgeries, continuous interscalenic feeding, infection control and procedures to lessen the effects of scarring. In addition, aggressive rehabilitation is typically necessary, including therapy to improve range of motion, and use of pressure garments, splints and other orthotic appliances to improve patients’ ability and appearance. Once patients are able to return to their homes and communities, Shriners Hospitals for Children helps to ensure a smooth transition through its re-entry programs.

Improve Treatments and Saving Lives

The medical staff at our burn hospitals is renowned for their expertise in critical care, particularly in techniques that may help save the life of a patient with severe burn injuries – such as fluid resuscitation, early excision and skin grafting, management of increased metabolism, medication responses and post-burn care.

Since Shriners Hospitals for Children entered the burn care field, the survival rate for children with burns over more than 50 percent of their body surface has doubled. In addition, today, patients with burns over 90 percent can survive, and go on to lead full, productive lives.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is clearly a respected leader in the field of burn prevention and treatment. For example, at various times staff from all four of our hospitals providing burn care have served as president of the American Burn Association.

In order to provide the best, most innovative treatment to patients with burns and burn-related injuries, Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to research in burn care. In 2017 the health care system funded more than 45 basic and clinical research studies involving different aspects of burn injury and treatment.

Shriners Hospitals for Children shares its expertise in burn care and research through academic affiliations with noteworthy institutions and through different medical outreach programs. In addition, the hospitals offer residency and fellowship programs, as well as opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers interested in this field.

Specialized Services

Shriners Hospitals for Children provides critical, surgical and rehabilitative care for varying degrees of pediatric burn injuries. Each state-of-the-art hospital that provides pediatric burn care is staffed and equipped to provide treatments for:

- Acute, recent burns
- Healed burns
- Scarring that has caused contractures or limited mobility
- Smoke inhalation
- Facial scarring or deformities
- Congenital hairy nevus
- Port wine stains and hemangiomas
- Complex skin conditions
- Congenital ear deformities

For more information, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
### Honoring Gene Bracewell

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Past Imperial Potentate Gene Bracewell of Yaarab Shriners. Imperial Sir Gene served as part of the Imperial Divan for 11 years; as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 10 years; and as Imperial Treasurer for 15 years, dedicating 36 years of service as a member of the Joint Board.

Please join us as we keep Lady Katharyn and the Bracewell family in our thoughts and prayers.

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On April 21, East Burke Shrine Club held an auction for the UTV that was advertised in the DD. Officers and members were on hand for this Hospital fundraising event. The new proud owners are also Oasis members, Allen and Doris Leatherman... A good time was had by all.
Oasis Band Score

A BIT OF HISTORY

The Oasis Band has a one-hundred-year plus tradition of being one of the finest bands in America. For years they led Charlotte parades and even marched in the Presidential Inauguration for Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, DC.

In the early 1900’s the Band traveled far and wide by train—as far away as Portland, Oregon and Los Angeles, California, to perform. As they traveled they would set up the band at train stations and play for folks along the way.

From the 1940s through 1960s the Oasis Band grew in numbers and performances. A large portion of the band members took leave to go to war at a time when the nation needed its best men. Many served in combat and many in service bands.

Fraternally,
Chuck Reed

MEMBER CADENZA

Each month, we will feature one of our instrumentalists so that everyone can get to know us better.

This month, we salute the promotion of one of our own, Noble Shea Fadel! Congratulations to Noble Shea on his appointment as 2nd Ceremonial Master of Oasis Shriners, which places him in line for the opportunity to become Potentate in the year 2024.

Noble Shea Fadel was born in Charlotte and graduated from Myers Park High School in 1976. He attended UNCC and began working in the family business, Fadels Inc. in 1980. In 2007 Noble Shea and his sister, Amina Stewart, purchased the business and he has served as President of Fadels Inc. for the past 11 years. Noble Shea grew up in the Oasis Shrine as his father, Chuck Fadel, was a very active member for 61 years. On his 21st birthday in August of 1979, he petitioned to become a Master Mason and was raised by his father four months later December 17 at Excelsior Lodge #261 in downtown Charlotte. In March of 1980 he became a member of the Scottish Rite and became a Shriner in April of 1980 in Winston-Salem.

Noble Shea began playing the trumpet in 7th grade and continued through the high school marching band and orchestra at Myers Park High School (MPHS). In June of 1980 he joined the Oasis Band where he is extremely passionate and active. He served as Captain of the band in 2006, 2007, 2014 and 2015. He is proud of the numerous awards presented to the Oasis Band at various Shrine Ceremonials, most notably at SASA.

He is a long-time member of Red Fez Shrine Club, Mecklenburg Shrine Club, ROJ Court #109, Director 2017. He is an honorary member of James K. Polk Masonic Lodge #759 since 2005. Noble Shea and his Lady Sandra have been married for 31 years. They have two children, daughter Alex and son Shea II, and one grandson, Maverick.

Noble Shea has served Oasis in many important positions including Chief Aid, and Outer Guard. He was given Life Time Membership in Oasis by Ill. Sir John Elder (another loyal Band member) in 2008. He was awarded The Walt Disney Award in 2009 by Ill. Sir Mike Downs, he was given the Potentate’s Award of Merit, by Ill. Sir Wayne King in 2010, and in 2012 was given an appreciation award for service as Outer Guard of Oasis Shriners (2010, 2011 and 2012), by Ill. Sir Mike Cook.

“Serving the Oasis Divan and Oasis Nobility for the next several years will be an honor as well as a privilege. I look forward to being at as many events as possible to meet all the Nobles and all our future Nobles to be. What a great honor it is to serve Oasis, our Hospitals and children.”

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Hickory Lodge #343 hosts an annual pancake breakfast each year before the paper crusade. This year an electrical fire put a damper on the event, but it didn't keep Shriners from hitting the streets for our cause.
Cherryville Shrine Club Brings Bluegrass to the Stage - all for our Hospitals

Life in the Carolinas Executive Producer Carl White interviews Oriental Guide Tim Daniels. “These are good people doing things that really matter. We want to share your story with our audience,” White explained. The show will air in late June.

Brooke Aldridge was named IBMA 2017’s Female Vocalist of the Year.

Carley Arrowood at the tender age of 21 received a special 2017 Instrumentalist of the Year Award from the International Bluegrass Music Association.

“Darin & Brooke Aldridge are clearly music stars.”
Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine

During one of the band’s numbers - Lonely Ends where Love Begins - Dillon Shull made the moment count when he proposed to Jenna Parker. Congratulations!

While their music has become increasingly broad and far-reaching, Darin & Brooke Aldridge & Friends have remained true to their earliest commitments, offering uplifting songs of hope, aspiration, and love.

Noble Pete Craft, Secretary Cherryville Shrine Club, shares a moment in the spotlight with Cherryville native and Oasis Noble Darin Aldridge.

Carly White with Noble Pete Craft.

Special guest recording artist Mo Pitney turned on the charm.
Anything is Possible

Eddie Warren refused to let a difficult situation keep him from following his passion.

Eddie was born with two deformed legs that would prevent him from ever being able to walk. His great-grandmother suggested that Eddie and his mother, Wanda, visit Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Springfield because of the hospital’s expertise in prosthetics. Eddie and his mother met with David M. Drvaric, M.D., chief of staff at the hospital and were taken away by the personal care and attention they received.

“The environment at Shriners Hospital was truly incredible,” said Eddie’s mother. “When you walk into the building, you get the feeling that everybody genuinely loves what they do.”

When Eddie was 11 months old he had surgery to amputate both of his legs so he could be fitted for the prosthetics.

Eddie always had a strong passion for sports, but was hesitant to participate in them. His mother inspired him to believe anything was achievable in life, which led Eddie to start playing football at the age of ten.

It proved to be good advice. By his junior year at Sacopee Valley High School in Maine, Eddie played defensive end and kicker for the football team, shooting guard on the basketball team and was a first baseman and pitcher for the baseball team. All of Eddie’s teammates looked up to him because of the hard work and resilience he displayed every day in practice.

In July of 2010, Eddie’s proudest moment occurred when he was selected to the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic to play the kicker position. The game not only features the best high school football players in the state of Maine, it also benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Eddie would be playing for the same organization that helped make it possible for him to play the sport he loved.

With five minutes left in the game, Eddie’s team scored a touchdown and he was brought in to kick an extra point to tie the score. Because of three straight penalties called on his team, the extra point would be kicked from 40 yards. Right before Eddie was about to kick the ball, the whole stadium began chanting “Eddie, Eddie, Eddie!”

“The situation was so intense, I was practically brought to tears,” said Eddie. “I couldn’t even look after I kicked it.”

The football went through the uprights and the whole stadium erupted. According to Eddie, even the coach from the opposing team rooted for him. The kick would be one for the history books – it was the longest extra point in any Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl game.

“The game wasn’t about winning or losing,” said Eddie. “It was about the kids and helping the organization that means everything to me.”

Eddie, 19, currently plays on a semi-pro New England football team. In addition, after seeing first-hand as a patient the life-changing work Shriners do for children, Eddie plans on joining the fraternity along with his step-father.

As for his future, Eddie plans on having a career in sports where he can inspire kids and let them know that despite obstacles, anything in life is possible.

Shriners: A History of Fellowship and Philanthropy Books Available

Last year we introduced a new book that charts the history of the Shriners International fraternity and its official philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, from their beginnings to approximately June 2017.

The history of Shriners International is the story of individuals who, in 1872, came together in the spirit of Masonic values, fellowship and fun. These inspired, passionate men formed a worldwide fraternity of brotherhood and later established a globally recognized pediatric health care system that has since helped many children enjoy healthier, more productive lives.

Thanks to the unwavering determination, dedication and hard work of millions of Shriners and supporters over the years, these two organizations have made a lasting impact on humanity. And with the help of new generations who share this passion for enjoying life and helping others, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children will continue making a difference for decades to come.

These comprehensive history books are great to keep at home, make wonderful gifts, and are perfect for ceremonials, new nobles or anyone who wants to learn more about the history of the Shriners organizations.

PRICES:
Single book: $10
10 books: $90 (savings of $1 per book)
25 books: $200 (savings of $2 per book)

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8pm: Picnic shelter Music by Cadence

SATURDAY
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Youth Fishing Tournament
Noon: Hotdog lunch provided by Oasis
An afternoon of games and swimming
4pm: BBQ cook off awards ceremony followed by food, fun and fellowship...and more music!

Questions? Contact Todd Ham: 704-363-9257  todd@hambrothers.com
Johnny Burgess: 704-564-2193  jdbgpc@aol.com • Shea Fadel: 704-309-5396  shea.fadel@fadelsinc.com
Nearly everything we do in some way touches our efforts to gain more members, increase donations and reach more children and families in need of the care and services provided by our health care system. All of those efforts are most successful when we are all energized, and enthusiastically working together. I know that it’s sometimes hard to maintain enthusiasm, and to believe what we each contribute individually truly makes a difference. One way to regain or just increase your commitment is to attend Imperial Session. It’s our biggest event of the year, and it’s the time we come together from around the country, and the globe for that special brand of Shriner fun and fellowship. Of course, important decisions regarding the future direction of the fraternity and philanthropy are also made during this special event, but the opportunities to spend time with your fellow nobles and Shriner families are equally important. I personally invite you to be part of the 144th Imperial Session July 15-19 in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Jim L. Cain Sr.
Imperial Chief Rabban
Public Relations Chairman

Shriners International invites all nobles, ladies and their families to join us for the 144th Imperial Session in Daytona Beach.

For the schedule and more information, visit imperial2018.com.
Celebrate Shriners Celebrate “Spokespatient” Alec’s 16th Birthday

Imperial Sirs Jeff Sowder and Bill Bailey were on hand at the Chicago Shriners Hospital today as we dedicated the basketball court there in the name of our amazing “spokespatient” Alec! Generous donors contributed $1 million in Alec’s honor - and we chose his 16th birthday to reveal the new court. Happy Birthday, Alec and thanks for all you do for Shriners Hospitals for Children!

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Noble Dick Weinberg and his lady Ellen, of Oasis Shriners, recently met NASCAR Driver and fellow Shriner David Ragan and toured the FrontRow Motorsports shop with him in Statesville, NC. Thank you, David!

Photos courtesy of Shriners International
Focus on Care

Greenville Shriners Hospital’s Injury Care Program

Climbing trees, jumping into the pool, trampoline bounces and bicycle races – activity levels of children increase as the weather heats up. In turn, so does the number of pediatric injuries. At Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville, physicians are applying the same trusted orthopaedic care they provide in complex cases to common kid-acquired injuries that happen day-to-day.

In March 2017, Greenville Shriners Hospital’s injury care program was launched in response to a number of factors.

“We had families of children with special needs who also wanted their typically developing children to receive orthopaedic care through Shriners,” said Lauren Hyer, M.D., orthopaedic surgeon. “There were also outside hospitals wanting to refer children with injuries to us.”

In its first year, the Greenville Shriners Hospital’s injury care program treated approximately 200 patients. That number continues to rise as children with stable orthopaedic injuries that are not serious enough for the emergency department, yet require prompt evaluation and care, increasingly access the hospital’s program. Children with strains, sprains, stable fractures or sports injuries are seen within 48 hours of referral, and new patients have the benefit of being evaluated by one of Greenville Shriners Hospital’s pediatric orthopaedic surgeons.

“Unlike adults, children have growing bones and it is important to have someone who knows what the growth plates are supposed to look like when examining an injury,” said Dr. Hyer. “Many of the fractures we see are subtle, but we are able to offer the careful eye of an orthopedic surgeon, all within the comfort of a children’s hospital.”

In addition to providing focused care that is tailored to a child’s body at the time of the injury, the program offers a range of treatment options, including therapy, bracing and casting, all under one roof. Should an injury require surgery, it is possible to have the child in the operating room the same day.

“It is unique to be able to provide the services from initial visit to surgery all in one convenient location,” said Dr. Hyer. “If a child with a routine injury is seen in an urgent care center and needs surgery, they would have to be referred to an orthopedist. At the Greenville Shriners Hospital we are able to remove a step from the process.”

Children can be seen at the injury clinic Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Patients can call the referral line at 866-459-0013, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to schedule an appointment.
Shrine Trailer Travels for You

Many of you have seen the Shrine Hospital Trailer at our Ceremonials, Circuses, and at many other locations, but did you know it is available for your public fund raising or awareness events? Noble Jim is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice. He can be reached at 704-534-2906, or by email at jrorie@bellsouth.net.

The Legion of Honor Club is holding a drawing for a 835 Mossberg Shotgun & a Remington 380 model 51 pistol with an Anchor on it.

Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. All proceeds go to Shriners Hospitals.

Drawing to be held on 12/15/18. Please see any of our officers or members for tickets. Also we can mail them to you!

Questions? Contact David Johnson  Dtcarolina@wilkes.net  (C) 336.467.0107

OASIS SHRINERS 2018 Special Restoration

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Oasis Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Charlotte, Desert of North Carolina:

I, the undersigned, a former member of your Temple, respectfully request that I may be restored to membership under the Special 2018 Restoration Program.

I understand that my current indebtedness to Oasis is forgiven per this special offer to rejoin, and that I am allowed to rejoin for only $117.00 and if my request be granted I promise to conform to the Constitution, Resolutions and Edicts to the Imperial Council, together with those of Oasis Shriners. I further declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _______________ Lodge No. ______, A.F. & A.M., located at ________________________________.

PRINT YOUR FULL NAME: ________________________________

PREFERRED NICKNAME: ________________________________

Birthplace: ________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________________________

Wife’s Name: ________________________________

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E-mail Address: ________________________________

Have served in the Armed Forces: □ Yes □ No  Branch: ________________________________

Date of This Petition: ________________________________, 20__

YOUR SIGNATURE: ________________________________

Attach to the petition, a check or money order for $117 and a copy of your current Blue Lodge Card.

ANY questions call Joe Burris, Membership Chairman, at 704-322-8941. Mail to OASIS SHRINERS, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC  28262, ATTN: Membership
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Shriners Hospitals for Children Recognized as Brand of the Year

Shriners Hospitals for Children is honored to share the news that it has been named 2018 Health Nonprofit Brand of the Year, based on the Harris Poll EquiTrend® Equity Score. In addition, Shriners Hospitals ranked Highest in Trust in its category.

The annual survey of brand equity, now in its 30th year, compares the brand health of thousands of brands from hundreds of categories, including eight for nonprofit organizations, based on consumer responses. These responses measure a range of knowledge and connections, including familiarity, quality social and environmental impact, brand momentum and attachment, and trust, that indicate the health and strength of a brand.

“Being chosen as the top Health Nonprofit Brand by such a respected and reliable study is truly an honor. Receiving the Harris Poll award is indicative of the tremendous dedication and commitment our employees, donors and volunteers have for our mission of improving the lives of children every day, worldwide. The efforts of each of you are reflected in this award,” said John P. McCabe, executive vice president, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

“Since opening our first location in 1922, Shriners Hospitals has become a world-renowned, respected and unique health care system with locations in three countries that continues to put the needs and concerns of our patients first, regardless of the families’ ability to pay.”

In addition to being a leader in pediatric specialty care, especially in the areas of orthopaedics, burns, spinal cord injury, and cleft lip and palate, Shriners Hospitals for Children is known for conducting innovative research that has added to the worldwide body of medical knowledge and led to the development of treatment techniques and protocols that are now recognized standards of care. Shriners Hospitals for Children is also committed to providing excellent educational opportunities for medical professionals, thereby helping to shape and guide the future of patient care.

While Shriners Hospitals for Children has locations in just three countries, the health care system’s reach and impact is global. We are committed to reaching as many children who could benefit from our services and our unique, generous approach to health care as we can, wherever they may live. Our compassionate health care system has treated children from more than 150 countries and conducts more than 100 medical outreach clinics outside the U.S. every year – from Guam to Panama.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is privileged to be among the charities recognized by the EquiTrend study, and we congratulate all those who were also recognized for their important work.

To learn more about the study, please visit theharrispoll.com/equitrend.

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