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Your Potentate

Happy May Everyone...all our Oasis Shriners! A quick quote from an unknown writer about the month of May as it approaches.

"May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities."

So, "May" is our month that Oasis kicks off events all over our area to help the public be aware of Shriners Children's Worldwide. The endless fundraising that our nobles have committed to doing has an everlasting effect on our patients. The possibilities for Oasis and all our clubs and units are endless when we put our minds to it!

Before I begin to talk about all exciting times coming up in the next couple of months, I'd like to tell everyone all about our travels, and any news from our Divan.

First, I would like to thank the Oasis Divan Team 2024 for all their personal sacrifices. Each and every one gives of their time and travels to do the work for Oasis.

On March 13-16, our Oriental Guide, Scottie Cox and Lady Jody, traveled to Tampa, FL for a Leadership Conference. Noble Scottie reports on the many clinics, outpatient centers and our hospitals that are in 28 states in the US, and in 30 countries; the numerous breakthroughs in specialty care, including burn care, spine care, orthopedics, and sports medicine; as well membership development—how to get new nobles and how to get them involved and keep them. Noble Scottie also noted that they talked about fundraising: the importance of the proper way and protocol in recording your fundraising event. Also, you can use "Shrine Fundraising Association" for help and ideals. Thanks, Noble Scottie.

One thing Oasis, and all our clubs and units, can do is to have more events that include the entire family. As Oasis knows, behind an active Noble there is a supporting lady.

Noble Tim Farris traveled to Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference which was held on March 18-20. Assistant Rabban school is a continuing education from Oriental Guide conference. The abundance of information given to you per Noble Tim, **"It's like drinking from a fire hose!"** So much to take in. Meeting and working with your Shrine Temple Counterparts in North Carolina and South Carolina is always awesome. As Noble

Tim put it, **"Fellowship with your counterparts is paramount!"** During the conference they talked about The Divan. Working together is very important. Always keep planning ahead. Thanks, Noble Tim.

Oasis SASA Reps traveled to Richmond, VA for South Atlantic Shrine Association Spring Festival on March 21. There are 20 shrine temples in SASA, and most all of the temples were in attendance. The meetings went very well on Friday and Saturday. The host temple was Acca Temple located in Richmond. They did a wonderful job with all the meals as well as the evening events. Friday night was a Derby Party with awesome hats worn by the ladies and men. Saturday was the President's Banquet at Acca Temple. The entertainment was unbelievable! We heard a high school string band consisting of about 45 member and a piano player. They sounded like professionals. The string band was made up of five different high schools out of the Norfolk, VA area. Each student had to audition to be in the band. The grade point average for all the musicians was 3.9; they were smart AND talented. Oasis Director Rick Garver was on hand to do the honors for pulling our parade position—number 12 for SASA Myrtle Beach in mid-September.

Oasis hosted a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Monday evening, March 25. The meeting was about membership trends, financial statistics, strategic needs, and future plans for Oasis. I'd like to thank Noble Chris Hall and several members of the Divan for all their help and input in putting this presentation together for our nobility. Our membership has had a slow decline, starting in 1985, and we have had a 76% loss over the last 39 plus years. We have been working hard to increase membership over the last 14 years. It's very hard to keep up considering the many Black Camels that affect our organization. We are finally making a little headway, but it is going to take every noble, young or old, to help by always working on membership wherever you are. We also face an increase in dues for Oasis. We haven't had dues increase since 2007. With inflation and the rising cost of goods and services, it's impossible to maintain everything without help.

A big thanks to High Point Shrine Club for working on the Lynard Skynyrd concert to raise money for the hospitals. With seven volunteers Noble Philip Martin was able to sell 458 CD's, at \$5 per CD, to donate to the hospital. Thanks for all your efforts. What a fantastic job.

In my travels lately, I went with Noble Donnie Wrenn to White Plains BBQ fundraiser that they were doing in Kings Mountain on April 6. The BBQ was fantastic! A big thanks to all the nobles and their ladies for the great job on their fundraiser. They also sold numerous sponsorships from all the local

businesses. They must have had over 25 to 30 signs to read as everyone walked up to get in line. Great Job everyone.

On Tuesday April 9, Noble Donnie Wrenn and I went to present a 50 Year award to Noble Charles Heilig in Mint Hill area. We had a great visit with Noble Charles talking with him for a while. It's a small world, as we kept talking, I found out our path has crossed several years ago at South Minister's retirement community on Park Road. Where Noble Charles worked for about 10 years. Our company over the many years had done work there and he remembered our company. Small world isn't it!

We have a NEW parade unit in Oasis. They will be attending their first parade in Mt. Airy. Please give them a big welcome when you see them. Congratulations!

A lot has been going on in and around Oasis. We have been working on the ceremonial for Mt. Airy, NC for May 31–June 2. With the great efforts from our First Ceremonial Master John Cable, our Chief Aide, PP Mike Downs, and our Ladies we will be having our ceremonial at Mt. Airy High School. Just a few minutes from downtown. We have secured the Cross Creek Country Club for our Golf outing on Friday and the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday. Cross Creek Country Club has offered us a round of golf for \$55 per player. Please get in touch with Noble Sam Moody to put your name into play on Friday mid-morning.

Two weeks later, June 15, we will be hosting the 17th Annual Oasis Family Fun Day at Red Fez Shrine Club. We will have a One-Day Ceremonial "ON THE LAKE" for the second time ever! Our ceremonial team is working on a special twist to this event, so our new nobles won't forget.

Just a week later, June 22, we will be off to the Masonic Home for Children Oxford, (MHCO) where we'll celebrate St. John's Day in the morning with a Black-Tie event that evening at a Country Club nearby.

As we move forward in our calendar, June 29 starts the Imperial Session in Reno, Nevada. Imperial Sir Ed Stolze will be having a big celebration for all who attend. Of course, we will be attending numerous meetings and seminars while there. Reno's nickname is, "The Biggest Little City in the World."

What an honor to serve as your Potentate for this year. Thanks again to our Oasis Team for all you do to support our nobility.

Until next month, May God Bless you in all your Travels.

Illustrious Sir Shea Fadel and Lady Sandra



Your Recorder

Hello Everyone, I hope this note finds you well. My next few articles will focus on our hospital kids, and I hope you enjoy reading their stories. This month's focus is on Kandace. The following

information is readily available on Shriner's Children's website, but I am more than happy to bring it to you personally.

Kandace Stratton, the new nurse manager of surgical services at Shriners Children's Lexington, is a familiar face around the medical center.

She has not only been working at [Shriner Children's Lexington](#) for 15 years, but she started her journey as a patient when she was a preteen.

When Kandace was 11, her pediatrician discovered she had [scoliosis](#) and referred her to Shriners Children's for specialty care.

Kandace had adolescent idiopathic scoliosis. Idiopathic means the cause is unknown. [Idiopathic scoliosis](#) can run in families, affects girls more often than boys, and is one of three types of scoliosis that causes the spine to develop an abnormal curve. This type of scoliosis typically appears after the age of 10.

For two years, Kandace wore a [thoracic lumbar sacral orthotic \(TLSO\) brace](#). A TLSO brace is the most common type of brace worn for scoliosis. The brace is made of plastic and is contoured to conform to the body. Kandace wore the close-fitting brace for 23 hours a day in hopes of correcting her spinal curvature as she grew.

Unfortunately, the bracing was not effective for Kandace, and when she was 14, she ended up requiring [surgery](#) to permanently correct her curve.

Kandace, who had an S-shaped spinal curve, started with an anterior spinal fusion surgery to correct the curve at the lower part of her back in hopes that the upper curve would correct itself. Eventually, she needed a posterior spinal fusion to correct the top of her spine as well.

Just five years after recovering from her own spinal fusion surgery, Kandace came to work at Shriners Children's Lexington as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) in the inpatient unit, helping other kids recover from their own surgeries.

She said her time as a patient at Shriners Children's inspired her career choice.

"Working at Shriners feels like a full-circle moment for me," she said. "I didn't want to be a nurse until I started coming to Shriners. I hated that I had scoliosis as a kid, but working at Shriners Children's now has brought purpose behind it. Having scoliosis led me to this job and this career that I love. I would not have it any other way."

Kandace changed from being a CNA to working as a registered nurse in the inpatient unit, and when Shriners Children's Lexington moved to its new state-of-the-art medical center in 2017, she switched to working in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) in the ambulatory surgery center (ASC).

In 2021, Kandace became the supervisor in the ASC, and was recently promoted to nurse manager of surgical services, where she also serves as the infection preventionist. In this new role, Kandace oversees all aspects of the ASC, including the operating rooms, pre- and post-operative rooms, and the PACU.

"Being a former patient amplifies the care she can provide as a nurse and a manager," she said.

"Having been in the shoes of our patients makes it easier to relate to them, and makes me more empathetic in my care for them," Kandace said. "When they are in pain, and I say, 'I know how you feel,' I really mean it because I have been there. I have been through the recovery process. I can tell them that I was in their shoes, and they can see where I am now and maybe have a little more hope."

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Red Fez Shrine Club Hoedown.
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Reminder

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



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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MAY

- 4th-5th** Paper Crusade
- 15th** Divan Meeting (2nd Qtr 'Stated')
- 31st-2nd** Mt. Airy NC Ceremonial / Memorial Service - Mt Airy, NC

JUNE

- 14th-15th** Oasis Family Fun Day - Red Fez Shrine Club
- 15th** 1-day Ceremonial on The Lake - (Lake Wylie) Red Fez Shrine Club
- 22nd** Saints Johns Day Celebration - Oxford, NC
- 30th-4th** Imperial Session - Reno, NV

JULY

- 12th-13th** Marion 1-day Ceremony - TBD Franklin, NC
- 16th-21st** Potentates Summer Trip - Punta Cana, DR
- 25th** Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated')

AUGUST

- 2nd-3rd** 10th Annual 80's Flashback - Hospital Fundraiser - Franklin, NC
- 3rd** Shrine 100 Race - Hickory Motor Speedway
- 9th** Shrine 100 (52nd) Gaston 100 Dirt Track Race - Gastonia, NC
- 16th-17th** Franklin/Hayesville & Murphy 1-day - TBD - Hayesville, NC
- 24th** Black Tie Ceremonial - TBD

SEPTEMBER

- 19th-23rd** SASA - Myrtle Beach, SC
- 27th-29th** NC Grand Lodge - Winston Salem, NC

OCTOBER

- 11th-12th** Masonic Homecoming - Oxford NC
- 16th** Oasis Shrine Circus - The Fieldhouse, Greensboro NC
- 17th** Divan Meeting (4th Qtr 'Stated')
- 18th-19th** Oasis Shrine Circus - Cabarrus Arena, Concord NC

NOVEMBER

- 1st-2nd** Fall Ceremony / Oasis Military Veterans Event and Memorial - Oasis Shrine Center

DECEMBER

- 7th** Grand Master Installation - TBD
- 7th** Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting & 2024 Officer's Elections - Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm
- 14th** Cat Square 50th Anniversary Christmas Parade & Potentate Visitation Parade (**highly recommended**)
- 14th** Cat Square 1-day Ceremonial - Cat Square, NC

JANUARY 2025

- 3rd** Club & Units Appreciation Night - Oasis Shrine Center
- 4th** Installation 2025 Potentate - Oasis Shrine Center



Shriners Children's

Leaders in Research

Shriners Children's strives to transform children's lives by providing exceptional health care through high-quality, innovative research in a patient and family centered environment. We are committed to the pursuit of seminal, cutting edge discoveries that result in new knowledge and improve the therapeutic treatment, quality of care and provided outcomes to our patients and their families. Today's research is tomorrow's patient care.

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Upcoming Events

May 5th, 2024 • 1st Sunday of the Month
Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In for the Kids
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May 25th, 2024
Cherryville SC Benefit Concert
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June 7th, 2024
Mecklenburg SC Fish Dinner
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June 14th - 16th, 2024
Family Fun Day - Red Fez Shrine Club
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June 22nd, 2024
Rhododendron Festival Car Show
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Connie Wilson, director of patient care services/nurse executive at Shriners Children's Lexington, said having someone like Kandace in a leadership role helps the patients and staff.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Kandace in her new role as ASC manager," Wilson said. "Because she has experienced Shriners care from a patient's perspective, she has firsthand knowledge that is invaluable in guiding the provision of patient care and directing process improvement initiatives that really matter to our patients. She knows better than anyone what we do well and where we have opportunities to improve. Her contributions to quality improvement are priceless."

The mission of Shriners Children's, and the people who work to fulfill that mission, are both special to Kandace.

"Overall, the mission of Shriners is what stands out from other places," she said. "There's just a different feeling here. It's not like any other place. The staff became like family to me and made a scary time more comfortable for me and for my parents."

Now, Kandace plays a key role in providing that very same compassionate, wrap-around care for patients and their families. She even works alongside some of the same people who provided the most amazing care anywhere to her as a child.

"It's surreal sometimes to see where I came from and where I am now," she said. "It's been a full-circle experience for me. I was meant to be here. It feels like part of a greater plan in my life. I take a lot of pride in my job."

Things continue to go well here at Oasis, and we would love to have your stop by and visit your temple. Take care until next month, and remember, the work you do for our fraternity and philanthropy is sincerely appreciated and essential to our hospitals and all our Shriners' children and staff...like Kandace.

Gary Taylor



Food for Thought

Hello, I hope you're having a great day! I'm Sandra Fadel, wife of 2024 Potentate, Shea Fadel. I'd like to share a little with you.

I don't know about you but my surroundings are pretty yellow right now. Spring is my absolute favorite season, but this pollen is next level. Spring brings forth the renewal from a bleak winter. Our sweet little Dogwood tree is blooming. The sight reminds me of the legend of the Dogwood tree.

Each bloom on a Dogwood tree has four petals, symbolizing a cross (as the legend tells it). At the end of each petal, there is a small indentation to remind us of the nails that pierced Jesus' hands and feet. The center of each flower on the tree has a nubby look to it, reminding us of the crown of thorns placed on Christ's head at the time of His crucifixion. And many times on the Dogwood flower, there are colors of red dotted on the bloom when you look closely, reminding us of the blood Jesus poured out for us. Peace to you and your family. May God continue to Bless you.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." John 11:25



Mom's Potato Salad

5 pounds russet potatoes or Yukon Gold
 1- 12 oz jar sweet pickle salad cubes (don't drain)
 1 12 oz jar dill pickle cubes (drain & save liquid)
 1 diced green pepper
 1 large jar diced pimento (don't drain)
 1.5 cups DUKES mayonnaise
 1/2 cup yellow mustard
 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
 4-5 hard boiled eggs, peeled and chopped
 3 - 4 celery stalks, diced
 1 onion, diced
 Salt and pepper to taste

Scrub potatoes and boil in enough water to cover until fork tender. Boil the potatoes whole - trust me .
 Mix mayo, mustard, apple cider vinegar. Add reserved pickle juice 1 tbs at a time until desired taste.

Once the potatoes are very tender, drain off all the water. Remove the loose peels and chop the potatoes into 1/2-inch chunks. It's okay if they are soft and crumbly. Place the potatoes in a large bowl. Gently mix in the dressing until it coats the potatoes well. Then stir in the eggs, sweet pickles (with juice), dill cubes (drained), celery, onions, green pepper, and pimento. Taste, then salt and pepper as needed. Refrigerate. While immediately delicious it's even better the next day.

bon appétit
 Sandra

Oasis Mt. Airy Spring Ceremonial | May 31st - June 2nd, 2024

Friday, May 31st 2024

- 11am **Golf** – Cross Creek Country Club | 1129 Road, Mt. Airy 27030. 336-789-5193.
Cost to play including cart - \$55 | Contact Noble Sam Moody 980-722-7951
- 3pm - 5pm **Candidate Registration** – Hospitably Room – Hampton Inn
- 5pm - 11pm ***Oasis Hospitality Reception & Pig Picking**, 1648 Maple Grove Church Road Mt Airy. This is an open event for all Oasis attendees and the only hospitality for Friday.
***Event is limited to beer and wine only.**

Saturday, June 1st 2024

- 7am **Doors Open - Mt. Airy High School** located at 1011 N South Street, Mt. Airy.
Parking is in the rear of the school. Handicap in front of the school.
- 7am - 8am Shrine Mart Set up.
- 8am - 11:30am Shrine Mart Opens
- 8am - 9am **Candidate Registration** – Mt Airy High School cafeteria rear entrance.
Biscuits, Donuts, Water, Coffee, juice – (Donation)
- 7:30am Band set up.
- 8am Band starts to play.
- 9am - 11:30am **Oasis Summer Ceremony** at Mt Airy High School Auditorium
- 10am - 1pm Ladies Luncheon - Cross Creek Country Club located at 1129 Road, Mt. Airy 27030.
***Tickets are \$25 in advance, call Sherrie or Karen. Must have a ticket to attend.**
- 11:30am Candidate Photos
- 11:30am - 1:30pm **Lunch on your own at one of Mt. Airy's great downtown eateries**
- 1:30pm **Civic Parade Line up** – Trust Bank, 541 N. Main Street Mt. Airy
- 2pm **Civic Parade Step off** - N. Main Street & E. Independence Blvd.
Travel up N. Main Street and turn right on W. Pine Street and conclude.

After the parade, tour Mt. Airy and discover all there is to offer!
- 7pm - until **Hospitality** - Location: Hampton Inn Conference Room
- 7pm - 7:30pm Oasis Celebration & Introduction of New Nobles & Ladies
Location: Hampton Inn hospitality room and patio areas.
- Floating** ***There are several bars & brewery's downtowns with Shrine specials and entertainment.***



HOTEL INFO

Host hotel - Hampton Inn Located at 2029 Rockford Street in Mt Airy. 336-789-5999

*We were unable to negotiate an agreement with a nearby hotel for overflow.

There is a Holiday Inn Express & Suites about two blocks away located at 1320 Ems Drive, Mt. Airy 336-719-1731.

Sunday, June 2nd 2024

9:30 - 10:15am **Sunday Service** – Speaker: Illustrious Sir John Stanley

Please join us at the Hampton Inn Conference Room

10:15am Safe Travels Home!

From: Oasis Headquarters

Re: Monthly Hospital Donations

We have recently been receiving much appreciated calls concerning setting up recurring monthly donations to our Childrens Hospitals.

Currently, Oasis office is not set-up to draft/charge recurring monthly donations from your banking/credit card accounts.

We would like to suggest the following options that may be helpful, and again, always feel free to contact us here in the front office.

Sherrie Vandergriff
Support/Membership

Karen Hensley
Hospital Coordinator

1. Nobles can set up an automatic recurring monthly draft from their checking account to be sent to: Oasis Shriners, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, N.C. 28262.

2. You can contact the Donor Relations Department at Shriners Children's (lovetotherescue.org) and talk with them about setting up your account for monthly donations. You will be able to specify that Oasis Shriners will get the credit for your donations, and you can either specify a designated hospital for the funds to go to /or/ it will be used to benefit all hospitals.

Their Contact Information: Telephone #: 844-739-0849 or Email Address: donorrelations@shrinenet.org. Available Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM EST.

3. As always, you are more than welcome to contact the front office during regular business hours to make a one -time donation or memorial.



STATED MEETING

Subsequent to the Oasis Virtual Town Hall Meeting-Dues held on March 25, 2024

THERE WILL BE A STATED MEETING
FOR ALL NOBILITY ON
MAY 15th at 7:00 pm

Oasis Shrine Center

We will vote on the amount of the 2025 dues increase.
We will vote on the initiation fee increase from \$270 to \$300

Please plan to attend to help determine the future of your Shrine Temple

Day / Date: Wednesday, May 15th 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m. **At:** Oasis Temple

**604 Doug Mayes Place,
Charlotte, NC 28262**

Current Shriners Dues Card is Required for Entry

OASIS GOLF OUTTING @ MT. AIRY CEREMONIAL 2024



Location: Cross Creek Country Club, 1129 Greenhill Rd, Mt Airy, NC 27030

Date: Friday, May 31

Tee Times Start @ 10:30am, 10:40, 10:50, 11:00, 11:10, 11:20 and 11:30

Oasis Contact: Sam Moody – 980-722-7951 or email – sambo447@aol.com

Cost: \$55 per person



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Red Fez Shrine Club vs. the Wild West!



*Submitted by Lady
Dawn Sanderson*

Yeehaw! At the Red Fez Corral, we roped in the fun and let loose! It was a night where cowboy boots met the dance floor, and hats waved high in the air. Amidst the laughter and foot-tapping tunes, we found a slice of the Wild West on Lake Wylie at the Red Fez Shrine Club!

Follow up lesson for the patients!

Last the month the Oasis Pickers went down to the Shriners Childrens to give a few guitars away, give some quick lessons and JAM a bit with the kids.

So this month, we went down and introduced Noble Picker Gary Yandle to the hospital and to some of the Child Life Staff. Well, it wasn't long before Gary and Dave were having a "follow Up" lesson.

It was short, chords were taught again and some solid strumming action definitely took place! We also delivered a small care package that included extra packs of strings and chord charts for the patients.

Ms Courtney Pace (Child Life specialist) had already built a "guitar repair bag" with the tuner, strings, string winder & wire cutter, so adding more strings was appreciated!

Of course, If anyone is interested in becoming an Oasis Picker, Please, call/text Dave Mahan @ 843-372-5510 or e-mail: DBMahan@gmail.com



t's with GREAT PLEASURE that I announce our newest member of the Oasis Pickers...

PLEASE WELCOME Noble Don Greene to the unit

Noble Don will be joining the unit as one of our Support Team Members! He has a passion for restoring jeeps and we need a parade support vehicle to get members back and forth from parking lots and to follow us in the parades. So take a look at what he's bringing to our unit:

OASIS ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE COIN



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

THE COST WILL BE \$20.00 EACH

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

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!



Relationships - hurting people

From an early age we are told to love our enemies, to pray for those who persecute us, to turn the other cheek. Oh yes, and we are told: "Do not judge" and, most importantly, "Do to others as we would have done to us."

And many of us question: Is it possible to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, to be merciful, and treat others as we would like to be treated?



John Stanley, Chaplain

Indeed, it is possible. In the Old Testament, we read of a young man by the name of Joseph. You remember Joseph who had the coat of many colors. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him—resented him and devised a plan to get rid of him. Ultimately, they sold him into slavery. BUT Joseph attracted the attention of the powers in Egypt, and he became the second most powerful person in the country.

Finally, Joseph had the opportunity to extend mercy to his brothers by supplying food to them. No judgment, only forgiveness. And, in the 50th Chapter of Genesis Joseph ultimately tells his brothers: "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good..."

And, we question, "how hard is that?" Here he forgives his brothers for attempting to do away with him. Here we live in an "I don't **have** high blood pressure — I **give** high blood pressure" world, a pay-back, get-even, "what goes around comes around" world.

John Maxwell is a nationally-known teacher, a pastor and an author. His books primarily focus on leadership. In speaking about **RELATIONSHIPS**, John Maxwell says: *Hurting- people, hurt other people and are easily hurt by other people.* Once more, *Hurting-people, hurt other people and are easily hurt by other people.*

If we know that people who hurt us may themselves have hurts that are causing them to act in hurtful ways IT MAY HELP US WITH OUR RELATIONSHIPS. Perhaps they do not intend to hurt—they are much like a lion with a thorn in his paw. They just hurt all the time.

Let us remember: ONE: Hurting-people hurt people and are easily hurt by other people; TWO: We can hurt others when we are hurting. And THREE: In our prayer time, ask God if there someone for whom we need to pray to re-build a broken relationship.

Is there someone coming into your mind right now?

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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1st Sunday of each month

May 5th thru October 6th

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Metrolina Shrine Club Fundraisers

Two separate opportunities to take home the goods!

Reverse Drawing with Cash Prizes

Only 175 Tickets to be Sold! \$5,000 Cash Giveaway and other cash prizes

Ticket #100 to be raffled at \$10 each. Place back in reverse drawing at #162.

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All Tickets to be Drawn
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Firm Date - Sat, May 18 2024

Doors Open at 5:00pm
Food at 6:00pm
Thank you for your support

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174 _____	\$2000
175 _____	\$5000

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Darin and Brooke Aldridge, Jimmy Fortune to headline Shriners Children's Benefit Music Fest

Cherryville Shrine Club to Host May 25 Event at Woodmill Winery

Cherryville, N.C. – April 9, 2024 – Multi-award-winning music duo [Darin & Brooke Aldridge](#) will team with Country Music Hall of Fame member [Jimmy Fortune](#) and special guests on Saturday May 25 for the **Shriners Children's Hospital Music Fest**, an afternoon of music and stories to benefit Shriners Children's Greenville.

The Cherryville Shrine Club is working with the Oasis Pickers and Lincoln County Shrine Club to bring the 4 p.m. show to [Woodmill Winery](#) in beautiful Vale, N.C. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, with children 12 years old and under admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://ticketstripe.com/events/2205104759043096> or scan the QR code.

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Darin Aldridge and Jimmy Fortune know from personal experience that Shriners hospitals provide essential care for children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries, and other special healthcare needs. Fortune's son once received care from a Shriners Children's, while Aldridge has been a member of the Cherryville Shrine Club for several years. 100% of the proceeds from the **Shriners Children's Hospital Music Fest** will directly benefit Shriners Children's Greenville.

The Aldridge's and Fortune have performed together regularly in recent years, notably on the single, "Every Time You Leave." Brooke Aldridge is a four-time winner of the International Bluegrass Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year award, while Darin was named the IBMA's Mentor of the Year in 2017. These North Carolina natives have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry over 50 times and were named Bluegrass Artists of the Year in 2023 by the Absolutely Gospel Music Awards. Aside from Fortune, Darin and Brooke have appeared onstage alongside Vince Gill, Emmylou Harris, The Oak Ridge Boys, John Cowan, and many others. Their current single, "Price I Pay" (featuring John Jorgenson of The Desert Rose Band), is from their upcoming collection Talk of the Town. The new release will be available on April 19, and may be pre-ordered at DarinandBrookeAldridge.com.

Fortune, a native of Nelson County, Virginia, has carved an enduring career over the past 40+ years, first as tenor vocalist and songwriter for The Statler Brothers. He wrote several of the Statlers' hits, including the number one song, "Elizabeth." When The Statler Brothers retired, Fortune launched his successful solo career in 2003. Along with the Aldridges, he has collaborated with bluegrass stars Dailey & Vincent, and continues to write, record, and delight audiences across the country.

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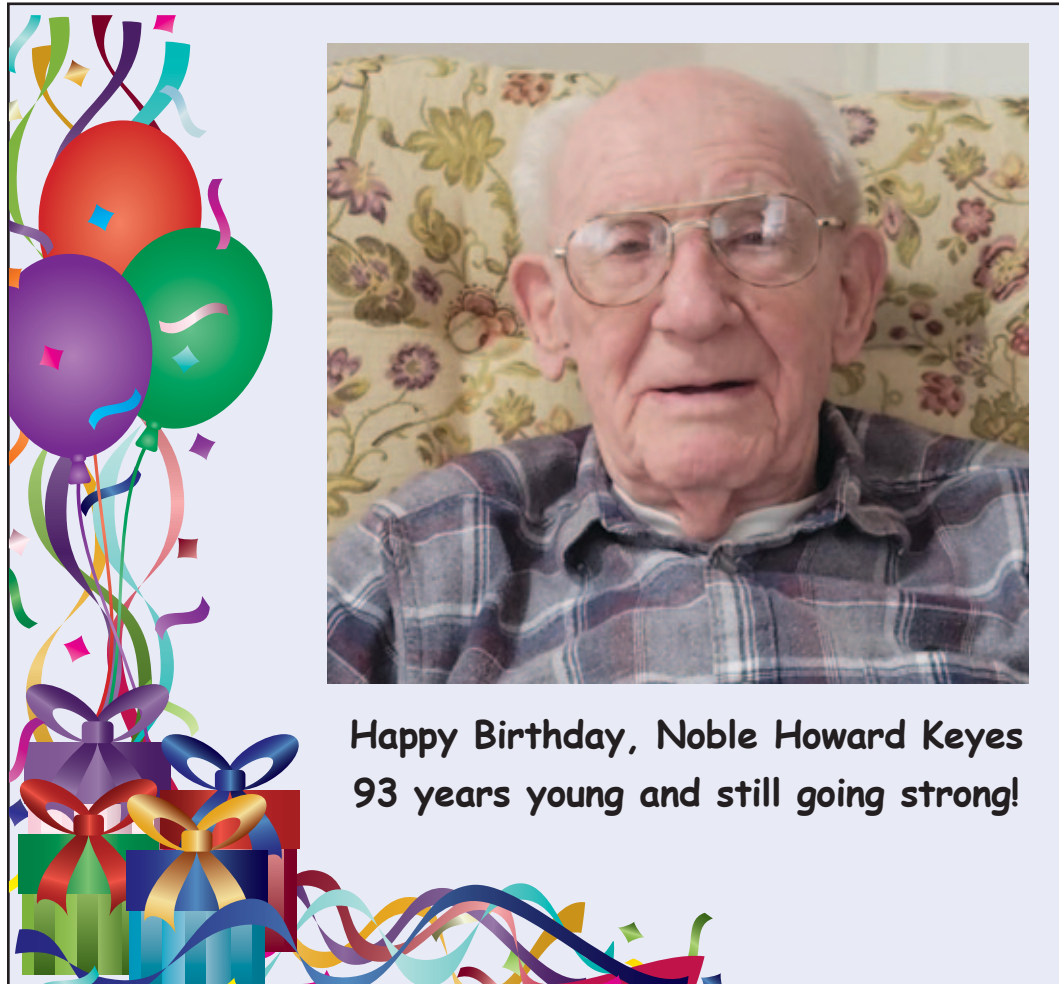




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High Point Shrine Club in the news

The High Point Shrine Club supported the recent Lynyrd Skynyrd Concert with ZZ Top and Black Rock Cherry. The concert was held at the Greensboro Coliseum and Shriners and Ladies sold Skynyrd CDs with a portion of the proceeds going to the Shriners Children's Greenville.

The club sold close to 500 CDs and raised over \$2,000. Tickets were sold for a chance on a guitar signed by Lynyrd Skynyrd.



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Rob Yarbrough



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Instructions from Rock-it Kids promoter
Jody Carson



Editor's note:

These High Point Shrine Club officers were installed in January. This picture was unintentionally left out of that issue.

Congratulations to these Nobles.

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Bill Phillips, Treasurer

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Greg Key, First Vice President

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Clowns and bikes

Greetings nobles and ladies, the deadline for the bicycle donations will be September 1, 2024. Anyone buying a new bicycle or helmet or wanting to make a donation needs to have it in by September 1.

Contact Wayne Alley, Barry Winecoff or Tom Livingston so that we can order the rest of the bicycles for this year.

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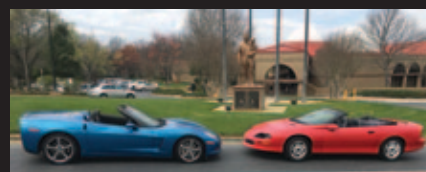
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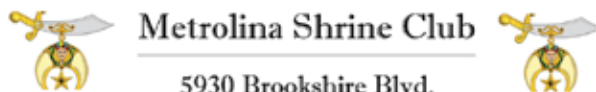
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