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# The Potentate's message



## Nobles and Ladies

One of the most exciting aspects of my year as Potentate has been my travels to the different Shrine Clubs and Units to meet with old friends and make new ones.

During May, one of my most memorable visits was to Winston-Salem Shrine Club where I had the distinct pleasure of presenting 50 year pins and certificates to Noble Charlie Prichard and Noble Jim King. Noble Charlie has been an active Shriner for his full 50 years, and is Past President of Winston-Salem Shrine Club. Noble Jim has also contributed throughout his Shrine Career, and has been a Clown for more than 30 years. I would like to

again congratulate them for reaching this milestone in their Shrine travels.

I was given the exciting news that Noble Captain Scott Starnes and the Directors Staff were awarded the First Place trophy for Best Stunt at the Shrine Directors Association meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. I look forward to seeing their new "Hot Sand Stunt" at our ceremonial in Blowing Rock on June 1st.

The largest single event for Oasis, and Shrine International, is the Paper Crusade. It is wonderful seeing so many Shriners doing their best work for the Children. I visited multiple Clubs and Units over a two day period. At each location, Shriners told

of being rewarded by hearing first-hand testimonials of how the Shriners Hospitals for Children have impacted the lives or the life of a family member or friend. One Sam's Club location heard 35 testimonials over the two day period. As for me, spending two days on the road traveling the Oasis jurisdiction, visiting the Nobles and Ladies working the crusade was one of my most pleasurable experiences so far as your Potentate. If you were not able to work the Paper Crusade this year, you missed out on a very unique experience. I sincerely hope you will be able to participate next year.

Which brings to mind one of my most memorable experiences as the son of a dedi-

cated Shriner. I have talked about how I, at an early age, "got it". What do I mean by "get it"? It's simple. I saw, as a child, the results of all of the countless hours and tireless work Shriners and our Ladies spend promoting our great philanthropy. Rhonda and I have done our best to show Holland and Warner what it means to be associated with the Shriners, and I sincerely believe they also "get it". Holland's Hope has been a very successful challenge for Holland, and I can already see that Warner is chomping at the bits to carry the torch that someday I will lay down. I would not be surprised to see Warner's picture displayed some day as a Past Potentate. We have been very careful to not lose sight of why we are Shriners, and lose "it". In our busy lives, we can easily say we have other things to do and cannot participate. Or, we can adopt an attitude that, "I have been doing this so long, it is time for someone else to

take over and participate". Or any number of excuses. But, we have thousands of children who depend on all of us to make a difference in their lives. If you have lost "it", please work the Paper Crusade next year, or help your Club or Unit with one of the many events that they participate in monthly. Hearing the testimonials will certainly put "it" back in your life. Or attend a Ceremonial and watch the fun exhibited by our Award Winning Directors Staff. See them "Create a Shriner". It is bound to move you. Or better still, take a trip to the Greenville Hospital and see first-hand what your efforts, and your fellow Shriners efforts has done to "Put Kids First". The Shriner within our heart is always there. Sometimes we just need a reminder to get the fire started again.

June will be another busy month for Oasis and for Shriners. Of course we will hold the Spring Ceremonial on

May 31st and June 1st. The Shriners Celebrity Golf Classic takes place at Lake Norman on June 8th and 9th. And one of the most fun filled events of the year will take place at Family Fun Day on June 15th at Red Fez Shrine Club on the beautiful Lake Wylie with swimming, games, and excellent barbecue for all who attend. There will be something for kids of all ages. And next month, I know I will be able to report on our great trip to Punta Cana.

In closing, I want to say how heart-warming it has been seeing the members of Oasis Shrine striving to "Put Kids First". Oasis has, without a doubt, some of the most dedicated and hardworking Shriners in all of Shrine-dom. Keep doing the good work, showing the devotion, and helping our kids. That is what makes Oasis the best Shrine Center in the world.

**Yours in the Faith.  
Fred**



# The Recorder's message

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. My topic this month will be comingling of hospital monies and club/unit monies, or more specifically **why this should never be done.**

As everyone knows, we continually have fundraisers for both hospital projects and club/unit/temple projects. The monies from the hospital projects help offset the tremendous cost of owning and operating 22 hospitals in these times of higher and higher medical costs. Possibly even more important is the volunteer work our Shriner family provides for these

hospitals, but this is another topic for another day. Today we are discussing money. As I had began above, money raised for hospital needs are one category, money raised to support the operations of our clubs/units and Oasis Headquarters is the other category. Just remember the phrase "**never the twain shall meet**", meaning "two things which are so different as to have no opportunity to unite".

O.K. you may be asking, where is he going with this since I'm getting bored. Let me use an example for the sake of simplicity-say a club/unit has a very successful

hospital fundraising project and would like to celebrate by having a dinner for the club/unit members. None of the funds raised from the hospital project can be used to pay for the dinner. These monies would need to come from the club/unit having a "fraternal" (non-hospital) type fundraiser, from member donations, or from club/unit savings. It's a good idea to have at least one club/unit fraternal fundraiser per year so that members' dues do not have to be increased to handle ongoing club/unit operating expenses. Likewise and very important, clubs/units should have separate bank accounts for their

hospital versus fraternal fundraising. The account used for hospital fundraising should be associated with tax EIN for Oasis or that club/unit.

There are a couple of key drivers for this rule; first 1 being the IRS severely frowns upon any co-mingling of funds, meaning that they could revoke our 501c3 status, whereby we would be required to pay property taxes on our holdings, donor dollars would cease, little things like that. But the second and most important reason why we would never want to comingling these funds, is that we would never want to betray the trust of our donors by using any hospital monies for fraternal purposes. Remember a few years back when the Red Cross used monies raised from a disaster to offset their operating costs and what a

controversy that revelation caused. I am not sure they have fully recovered the donor trust that was lost.

Just a couple other items and I'll wrap up. The 2013 Oasis Shrine Circus telemarketing campaign has kicked off, and I would urge everyone to actively participate in the Mom & Pops Program. Oasis raises most of our monies used for ongoing operations from dues, building rentals, and circus revenues which are mainly telemarketing monies. The Mom & Pops Programs is your opportunity to contribute to this all-important fundraiser. You may be inadvertently solicited through the telemarketing campaign if you are a local business owner, so if this were to happen, just let them know that you are contributing through the Mom & Pops Program. Join me by

contributing at the Ringmaster level this year!!

Also hot off the press, Imperial just approved our request to purchase three (3), yes I said three new vans to transport our most precious commodity, our Shrine hospital children. These will replace older, higher mileage vans and provide a higher level of safety to both our children and our Tripsters.

Well, I've rambled long enough. Things are going 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 hospital children.

**Gary**

On the Road with

# The Oasis Camping Club

In the May issue of the Desert Dust, Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton recommended that club and units visit a Shriners hospital. So the fastest growing club in Oasis made a trip to Greenville Shriners Hospital. Thanks to Illustrious Sir Rolla Rogers, who is our own Hospital Board Member (and Lady Mary), we were treated to a full tour of the facility, and after lunch were shown a multimedia presentation which showed 'before and after' videos of patients, plus some of the unique challenges the staff faces daily. It is an experience every Shriner and Lady should have...more than once.

I should digress however. Club President Mike Smalley made arrangements for our group to camp a few nights in West Union, SC at Crooked Creek RV Park. It is situated on beautiful Lake Keowee, but cannot be found by any GPS unit. Despite being lost from the time we left the exit on I-85 to the arrival at the campground, the view of a rainbow over the lake when we arrived made it all worthwhile.

In all, 27 campers made the trip. Noble Alan Scott's widow, Gail, joined us, pulling her camper in on Thursday. It was great to see her, and she promised it wouldn't be her last trip with the club.

On Saturday the ladies shopped in downtown Seneca and the guys roamed flea markets. Raeford Myers struck up a conversation at a yard sale and was given a 1915 Masonic ritual code book from St John's #9 in Seattle, Washington. That evening Ron & Judy Valentine cooked and served a great spaghetti dinner, which we ate in the camp store (cold front & rain moved in).

Brotherly love and friendship, loads of laughs, a great group of friends together and, most important, a renewal of the reason we are Shriners. Life is good.

Arriving home Sunday after a day of driving rain we backed the RV into the barn once more.

By the time you read this our club will have camped at Grandfather Mountain during the Spring Ceremonial in Blowing Rock.

The next trip will be to celebrate the club's ten year anniversary in Maggie Valley August 16-17. We'll be camping at Pride RV and Judy & I plan to cook steaks for all the campers on Saturday night. Come join us. Dues are \$20 for the year, so call President Mike (704)482-5775 and send your check.

Our final planned trip this year is to Marion, NC at the Tom Johnson Resort. This will be October 25-27 and is our traditional time to elect officers.

**Oasis Camping Club, the only club with a money back guarantee! Keep it between the ditches - out.**



The Build a Bear room, where the bears are fitted with casts and other procedures to show our patients what they will experience.



# INTRODUCING YOUR DIVAN

## Illustrious Sir William M. Harward

*The Divan for Oasis Shriners composes the Board of Directors for one of the largest Shrine Centers in the world. It is necessary that all members of the Oasis family know these dedicated men, who make the decisions which have caused our great Oasis Shrine to be one that is envied throughout Shrinedom.*

Perhaps the most familiar face on our Divan belongs to **Illustrious Sir William M. Harward**, Past Potentate and Treasurer for Oasis Shrine since 1999.

Illustrious Sir Bill has a long and storied past. He is a native of North Carolina. Sir Bill graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1963 with a BS degree in Accounting, having received the Outstanding Accountant Graduate scholarship from Ernst & Ernst. He served our country, and received an honorable discharge from the United States Air Force. He began his career as an accountant with Arthur Young & Company as Manager from 1963 until 1974 before founding his own Accounting firm, Harward, Colwell & Company, at which he was managing partner from 1974 until 1988. He moved to BDO Siedman as a partner from 1988 until 1990, after which time he became a financial advisor and tax consultant, and remains in this position today.

Due to his expertise in accounting, Sir Bill has been tapped as Treasurer of quite a number of organizations, including Oasis Shrine, his Church, Scottish Rite, Cabiri, Jesters and others. Despite the

vast number of hours required to carry out his business and his extra-curricular accounting positions, Sir Bill earned Junior Master in American Contract Bridge. He raced in NASTAR snow skiing, and holds 30 Gold Metals. He has participated in 25 Marathons, including NYC, US Marine Corps, Charlotte, and US Masters, winning 3rd place in his age group.

Sir Bill was raised a Master Mason in 1966, and shortly afterward became a Scottish Rite member, of which he is a 33rd degree.

He became a member of Oasis Shrine in 1973, and is a Veteran of the Marching Patrol. He has served in a number of positions with Oasis, and with the Shrine. He was Assistant/Units Director 1986-1988. He was elected Potentate of Oasis Shrine in 1998. After his very successful year as Potentate, he was elected Treasurer of Oasis in 1999, and continues to serve in that capacity.

Due to his exemplary service with Oasis, and with Imperial Shrine, he was honored by being named Class Honoree for Oasis in 2007. He is Past President, Shrine Treasurers Association of North America. He has



served as finance and budget instructor for Imperial Shrine and served on the finance and audit committee for Imperial Shrine from 1996 until 1999. He also serves as Chairman of the finance and audit committee for the South Atlantic Shrine Association, and is Past President of SASPA.

Illustrious Sir Bill currently resides with his lovely Lady Evelyn in Richfield, North Carolina. He and Evelyn are the proud parents of four children, grandparents to 10 grandchildren, and great grandparents to 6 great-grandchildren.

Few Shriners are as devoted as Sir Bill, nor as knowledgeable about the operation and financial condition of Oasis Shrine, and other associated organizations. We are fortunate indeed to have someone of his caliber to keep watch over the funds entrusted to our Fraternity, and to Shrine Childrens Hospitals. Give Illustrious Sir Bill Harward a pat on the back the next time you see him. He is truly a blessing for Oasis Shrine Center.

# Oasis Oldies

If you have a classic car or are interested in the old classics come join us for some fun and fellowship

**We meet the 1st Sunday of the Month - Nobles & Ladies  
Logan's Roadhouse in Statesville at 3 pm**

Contact one of the following for more info:

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# CATAWBA COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

## Holds A Masonic Unity Night

Article submitted and written by  
Noble Bill Carter, Secretary of  
Catawba County Shrine Club

The Catawba County Shrine Club held a "Masonic Unity Night" April 24, 2013 at their Club House on Hwy 10 in Newton. Club President Mark Abernethy lead the way with a great deal of hard work, ground pounding, posting flyers to all the Blue Lodges in Catawba County in organizing this special and most successful event. Over a 100 people of which 40 were invited guests attended this unique gathering. A wonderful and hearty "meatloaf dinner" with all the trimmings and fine deserts was prepared and served by Noble David Bowman, a past President of the club. Officers attending were Potentate Fred Laxton, Ken Jarrett, 2nd Ceremonial Master, Ken Bowan, Outer Guard and Membership Chairman for Oasis Shriners and The District 3 Representative Bill Carter.

President Abernathy gaveled the event to order after the dinner and after a short business meeting, introduced Lady Vivian, wife of CCSC Noble Jerry Johnson as our very own special former Shrine Hospital patient. Lady Vivian, speaking from the podium told the audience about her experience as a Shrine Hospital patient and being a "Shrine Child" for all those years. She told of having 19 operations before the age of 12. She recited the early years of her life in the Shriner's Hospital where she actually lived at the hospital and went home on special occasions. Lady Vivian told of all the Shriner Daddies and Mothers she had and how meaningful these people were in her very early years. In concluding, Lady Vivian said "I am so grateful to have been a Shrine Child and for all that Shriners Hospital did for me, so Nobles! Wear your Fez proudly for the world



Pictured from left to right: Ken Bowan, Outer Guard, Mark Abernethy, President CCSC, Ken Jarrett, 2nd Ceremonial Master, Fred Laxton, Potentate of Oasis Shriners.

Photograph by Noble C. Lee Abernathy

to see as a reminder of all the blessings and good things you do and have bestowed on so many fortunate children. "

President Abernethy next brought the Keller family of Burke County to the podium to tell their story to the large gathering. Father Steve, Mother Lara and son Jacob Keller stood before all there. Steve began by telling us that Jacob as a very young boy had been burned over 30% of his little body by an accidental hot cooking grease spill. The little child was rushed to the Hospital in Lenoir where there was little they could do for him. He was ambulated to Wake Forest- Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and there treated for almost a week. Noble Alan Letterman, a family uncle after learning of the accident told the Kellers the child needed to be immediately sent to a Shriner's Hospital. Arrangements were made right away and Jacob was flown to Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio where he was treated for his burns. There were countless operations and trips. Jacob's Father, Steve said that while he had the best of insurance; the short stay of only a few days at Baptist Hospital; created a bill of over \$250,000. Steve went

on to say that it would have cost him and his insurance company untold millions of dollars had Jacob been treated in any other hospital Burn Center. Steve cited how the Shriners Hospital staff did such a terrific job in restoring Jacob's burned skin. That evening Jacob, a fine looking boy at 15 years old, stood before the meeting with his family and showed us all barely visible scars of that tragedy years before. He is now an "honors student" in High School and earns straight A grades. Jacob is an athlete and has a bright future ahead of him now thanks to Shriners Hospitals. Steve Keller spoke again and said "Thank you, thank you so much! You all have been such a blessing to our family. The Shriners have changed our lives in so many ways and so much more. Again we thank you. " A hearty round of applause with a standing ovation was received by the Keller Family.

Ken Bowan of the Divan and Membership Chairman for Oasis spoke next. He said how he normally could speak for a long period, but so much had been said about The Shriners that he had a hard act to follow. Ken spoke on how we are part of the 300,000 Shriners

worldwide that provide hope for so many. He said we all are Masons and Shriners and we supported 22 hospitals throughout America. He said "We are the clowns you see in the parades, we drive the funny little cars, we are the bands, the marching units and so much more, and..... we wear the fez you see on all Shriners." Ken told us that since 1922 The Shriners have treated over a million patients. We now have over 25,000 new patients every year and each time a patient goes to a Shriners hospital, they are assured of seeing a Doctor. Best of all! There is never a bill! There are never any costs. The Shriners raise the money to support all of our hospitals and the care they provide. In closing, Ken said "We provide hope."

Potentate Fred Laxton spoke to the group next. He thanked President Mark Abernethy for a job well done in organizing this most important event for Oasis Shriners. He then thanked everyone there for attending. He spoke about the Shriners and noted especially to all the guests there that the Shriners are all about families and dedication to our philanthropy. Additionally he proudly noted that the women



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are a very important "key" to the success of all Shriners and Shrine Organizations.

As a result of this event that evening, there were 10 applications asked for and given to potential new Shriners. Additionally there were 6 guests who requested and received petitions to join one of the Masonic Blue Lodges

in Catawba County.

If a Shrine Club or Unit in Oasis or elsewhere would like to know more about how this special event was coordinated and presented; you may call President Mark Abernethy of the Catawba County Shrine Club at 828-381-5477 or email Noble Mark at absworld66@yahoo.com.

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# PAPER CRUSADE





# A message from the *Imperial Potentate*

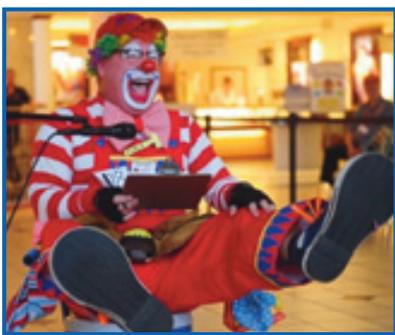
Dear Fellow Nobles,

Greetings from the leadership of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. We thank you for all your efforts to promote your temples, Shrine clubs, units, and Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The 139th Imperial Session is right around the corner - June 30th through July 4th. We hope the voting representatives will be prepared to make decisions on the various legislation changes being introduced for the Iowa and Colorado Corporations.

Appropriately, the session will begin with a church service on Sunday at 1 p.m. followed by the public opening ceremony at 3 p.m.

There will be a night parade on Monday, July 1st stepping off at 7 p.m. The Shrine Clowns and Shrine Clown Ladies will lead the parade in hopes of setting a world record of 851 clowns in a parade! In order to comply with current ByLaws the clowns and clown ladies will be ahead of the Color Guard, and this will be called a Civic parade!



First Lady Jan has planned an extraordinary luncheon for the ladies featuring a Broadway entertainer. The representatives evening will be filled with lots of FUN and a variety of music. You just might be a part of the entertainment. Tickets for the luncheon and the representative's entertainment are available on [www.imperial2013.com](http://www.imperial2013.com)

We thank the various ladies groups – the Daughters of the Nile, Ladies Oriental Shrine and the Shrine Guilds of America – for the millions of dollars they raise for us. They also volunteer thousands of hours for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In an effort to promote more family fun and family activities legislation is being proposed from SBANA for a Shrine bylaws revision to allow ladies to participate with performing units/clubs (Bands) with the approval of the Temple Potentate. The sponsors of this proposed bylaws change are Illustrious Sir Steve Jones (Moslah Shriners) and myself. We hope you will support this change that will strengthen the membership in units.

It is very interesting to note that the percentage of Master Masons who are also Shriners ranges from a LOW of 10.50 percent in Arkansas to a HIGH of 75.32 percent in North Dakota! The average throughout SHRINEDOM is 24 percent. It is no wonder the Shrine temples in North Dakota continue to post positive gains year after year.

The last official action of the immediate past Grand Master of Arkansas, Robert Jackson, was to expel Past Imperial Potentate Gary Dunwoody for participating in Shrine activities! In fact, of the 24 nobles on the Arkansas Grand Lodge expelled list, 13 were expelled for participating in Shrine activities and the others for selling onions, working at the circus and attending the Potentate's Ball!

Please remember to keep MEMBERSHIP the Number ONE priority in your temples, clubs and units by promoting more family fun and more family activities to attract younger members and KEEP them!

Anezeh Shrine Temple is on its way to becoming GOLD this year in membership under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Agustin Martinez!

Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske is Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee for our fraternity. At the Imperial Session he will be presenting a planning program for ALL Shrine Temples to use when setting up a three to five year Strategic Plan. His TEAM has worked very hard with temples showing both positive gains as well as those with large loss percentages.

During our visitation to Tangier Shriners in Omaha, Neb., they celebrated the many years of service of PP and Recorder Donald W. Madsen (40 years since serving as Potentate) and PP Jerome Given (50 years since serving as Potentate). What amazing dedication to our great fraternity! What a wonderful gathering of family guests, nobility and their ladies – there were 16 Past Potentates in attendance.

A video featuring each of the honorees was shown followed by remarks from the Master of Ceremonies Tom Brummett, Illustrious Sir Charles Lovell, and your Imperial Potentate.

The Temple Divan, Past Potentates and invited guests were entertained at the home of Noble Don Perry and his Lady Sharon. It was a fun evening!

Next we traveled to Boumi Temple in Baltimore, Md., where we were hosted by Illustrious Sir Jay L. Block and Lady Gina, with Chief Aide Donnie Seine and Lady Dianne providing transportation. Past Imperial Potentate Raoul Frevel and Lady Rosie also looked after our needs.

While in Baltimore, we visited the U.S. Naval Academy, Fort McHenry, and The Baltimore Basilica (America's first cathedral). We also enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Boumi Temple with the Divan, Past Potentates and Trustees.

Next, we attended the Daughters of the Nile Latona Court #154 installation of officers in Charlotte, N.C. with incoming Queen Susan Hamrick and her new TEAM of officers for 2013-2014. The incoming Supreme Queen Margaret Risk will visit them on October 30th in observance of Daughters of the Nile's 100th Anniversary.

And then we traveled to Panama City, Panama, for a visitation with Abou Saad Shriners. Illustrious Sir Danilo Quesada, Lady Nancy and his Divan TEAM met us at the airport and fast-tracked us through customs.

In addition to touring the recently renovated Shrine Center, we enjoyed a private tour of the Panama Canal, a visit with the First Lady of Panama, Marta Martinelli, and a tour of the Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Center. The tour was conducted by Clinic Director Dr. Marcos R. Salazar.

The Spring Joint Boards meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico was coordinated with the outreach clinic conducted by our Philadelphia hospital at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. While in Puerto Rico, we also visited the Puerto Rico Grand Lodge. Illustrious Sir Rafael Acosta of Al Rai'e Saleh

Shriners and the divan helped with the arrangements.

The Shrine Ladies sent so many books to San Juan Puerto Rico that there will be plenty to distribute at future Shriners Hospitals' outreach clinics. A big hand goes to Supreme Queen Suzie Schumacher for asking the Daughters of the Nile ladies to participate. An estimated 7,000 to 8,000 books were donated. A big THANK YOU to Tato and Elba Carrero for receiving and storing the 173 boxes of books.

The Imperial Divan and Trustee Ladies distributed books to more than 450 children. There were many happy smiles on the children's and parents' faces. Thank you, ladies, for your generous hearts. You did indeed plant seeds for a lifetime of reading.

We are very appreciative of the efforts by the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital medical staff and the volunteers from the San Juan medical community. It was a good day for the children of Puerto Rico.

The Western Shrine Association meeting was held in Albuquerque, under the leadership of President and Potentate Richard Almeter of Ballut Abyad Shriners and Western Shrine Association officers. Other Imperial officers in attendance were PIP Douglas Maxwell, Imperial Sir Bill Bailey, and Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut, along with our Ladies Jan Madsen, Janet Lachut and Deb Bailey.

It was very refreshing to see our Shrine Ladies participating in the band, clowning and the pipe band! The clown competition included balloon designs, make-up and paradability along with the Powder Puff Competition.

The ice breaker on Wednesday evening, Western Cowboy Fiesta dinner and nightshirt parade on Thursday evening, golf outing, poker run and counterparts dinner on Friday, and the parade and presidents dinner on Saturday provided lots of activity. Next year the WSA will hold their meeting in Mexico City, and it will be hosted by Anezeh Shriners.

Lady Jan and I are looking forward to see you in Indianapolis, for the 139th Imperial Session from June 30th through July 4th.

*Next Imperial Potentate's message will include the following:*

1. Public Relations Seminar in Tampa, FL
2. Florida Shrine Association Meeting in Tampa, FL
3. Sudan Temple Ceremonial visit in New Bern, NC
4. 100th Anniversary celebration and ceremony at Al Bahr Temple in San Diego, CA
5. South Central Shrine Association Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA
6. Indy "500" visit sponsored by Murat Shrine Temple
7. Visitation to Hadi Temple in Evanston, IL
8. Russian Shrine trip.....
9. Daughters of the Nile Supreme Installation in Dallas, TX

Yours in the Faith,

*Alan W. Madsen*

Alan "Al" W. Madsen, Imperial Potentate



# NASCAR Victory at Talladega

**STATESVILLE , N.C. (May 6, 2013)** – Front Row Motorsports earned its first NASCAR victory Sunday night at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway when David Gilliland pushed teammate David Ragan to the checkers in a dramatic last-lap surge to cap off a wild and rain-interrupted race. Ragan earned Bob Jenkins' young team its first Sprint Cup Series win and Gilliland finished second for the best – and most dramatic – finish in team history.

The ending came in the form of a green-white-checked finish, in which Ragan and Gilliland restarted in 10th and 11th respectively. In two laps, the pair freight-trained through the traffic in their Roush Yates-powered Ford Fusions to emerge at the front of the pack – seemingly out of nowhere and to the surprise and delight of the rain-soaked crowd.

The win is the second Sprint Cup victory for Ragan, and the runner-up finish ties Gilliland's best career result. The milestone event put partners Farm Rich (No. 34) and Love's Travel Stops (No. 38) in the spotlight in their first season working with Front Row Motorsports.

"This is a true David vs. Goliath moment here," Ragan said. "This is special to get Front Row Motorsports their first win. It feels like I've never been in Victory Lane before, I'm so excited. We're a small team. We build our own chassis, our own bodies, and it's such a special moment for our team and all of our partners. This is big."

For Jenkins, whose passion for racing led him to purchase a small NASCAR team in 2004, the Victory Lane champagne was long, and patiently, awaited.

"I've got guys at the shop that have the heart to win races," Jenkins said. "We just haven't always had the resources. So the challenge for me is, as we build cars, to make them better every week and to put ourselves in a position to win a race and that's really what happened (Sunday).

"It's just so satisfying to see that over the last nine years, we've gotten a little bit better every single year, and I felt the progress and I knew it was just a matter of time before we'd win one of these things."

The 1-2 finish almost didn't get the chance to happen. The 500-

mile race was red-flagged at Lap 126 because of rain, and many thought the race would be declared over. Ragan sat in 18th, Gilliland in 24th and teammate Josh Wise in 26th when racing was halted, and the drivers thought their workday was done.

But NASCAR saw clearing skies and the chance to finish the race under green. After a three-hour and 36-minute red-flag period, the track was dry and NASCAR called for drivers to return to their cars. The race saw one more lengthy delay after a multi-car accident on Lap 184, which led to the green-white-checked finish. As dusk fell over the track and a light rain began falling once again, the field went green for two more laps of hard racing.

"My crew chief, Frank Kerr, said, 'You've got to have the restart of your life,' and we had a good one," remarked Gilliland. "It's a huge day obviously for any team to get first and second, but for Front

Row Motorsports and our little team, and what we do it with, we're really proud of that."

Gilliland owned the team's previous best finish, a third-place showing in the 2011 Daytona 500.

Wise earned a commendable finish Sunday in his first full Sprint Cup race at Talladega, bringing home a top-20 finish after crossing the line 19th.

The team will be back at work Monday to prepare for the series' next event at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway on Saturday night.



## Calling All Clowns!

There will be plenty of fun, fellowship and brotherly love at the upcoming 139th Imperial Session in Indianapolis. Our amazing Shrine clowns will lead the parade on July 1st.

We are hoping to set a world record for the most clowns in a parade. To do that, we need to break the current record of 850! Shrine lady clowns are also welcome to participate and help set a new world record!

So temple leadership, please help get your clown units to the parade in Indianapolis... let's give the public a great time and showcase all our hilarious, fun-loving clowns!



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# - ATTENTION ALL UNITS - *Imperial Session 2013*

As the premier Shrine Headquarters in all of the Shrine, we are fortunate to have our very own **Imperial Sir Al Madsen** serve as **Imperial Potentate** for the 2012/2013 Session. We enjoyed a wonderful Installation for Sir Al in Charlotte last July.

The lead up to the Installation of the Imperial Potentate for 2013/2014 will be a wonderful opportunity for Oasis members to show Sir Al our appreciation, and display our pride in having the privilege of enjoying one of our own to serve in this prestigious capacity.

The Imperial Parade, which will be held on July 1st in Indianapolis, Indiana, will be Sir Al's parade. He has specifically requested that Oasis Units make a concerted effort to attend this session to show off our spectacular award winning units to the rest of the Shrine world. He has specifically asked that Clowns from Oasis and from all other Shrine Centers attend, with the Clowns leading the Units, hopefully setting a world record for the number of clowns in a parade.

Being aware that there is some significant cost involved in traveling to Indiana for this event, Units are requested to start now making plans to attend in order to show our support for Sir Al. He is the first Shriner from North Carolina, specifically from Oasis, to serve as Imperial Potentate, and we certainly want to make a huge show of respect and appreciation to him, knowing he will swell with pride to see a large number of Oasis Units performing in the parade. Keep in mind also that Shriners from all over the world will be there to observe.

Information about reasonably priced motels will be posted in the Desert Dust to accommodate those who would like to attend. Please discuss with your members, and let's show our pride and appreciation to Illustrious Sir Al.



The Shriners Celebrity Golf Classic will once again host a fabulous Dinner Gala and Auction. The event takes place on Saturday evening June 8th 2013 located at the Oasis Shrine Center in Charlotte Doors open at 6:30PM.

We are hoping that your schedule will allow you to attend this year as we will have a wonderful performance by renowned artist Jared Emerson. In addition, the event will feature a terrific dinner, open bar, fantastic band and dazzling magician Lance Las-ka. In addition, there will be 50 plus celebrities attending and an unbelievable live and silent auction will be conducted. All entry fees, purchases and donations will go to benefit the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

To purchase dinner gala tickets please call 954-607-3800 or visit the event website <http://shrinerscelebritygolf.com>

Don't miss this great event and fundraiser !!!



## University of Illinois Team of Engineers Visit SHC – Chicago

Four engineers from the University of Illinois recently presented a special program for the medical and rehabilitation staffs of SHC – Chicago, introducing new equipment developed by intelliwheels inc., a non-profit unit on the forefront of orthopaedic engineering in Illinois. Besides unique prosthetic devices, the group introduced the latest in wheelchair design, called “intelliwheels Easy Push.” This development utilizes a set of geared wheels within the wheelchair design that allow wheelchair users to push themselves with half the effort compared to a standard, manual wheelchair. The engineering team was brought here through the efforts

of Mohammed Nobles Delbert Tjarks and Richard Bement, members of the Corn Belt Shrine Club in Gibson City, IL. In the photo above, the group poses following the presentation. In the photo, right, you can see the components of the Intelliwheel wheelchair. Both our medical team and members of the rehabilitation staff were pleased with the introduction of these col-leagues. The U of I team was particularly pleased to visit our Motion Analysis Laboratory, where advanced research is continually being conducted on wheelchair use and its impact on the well-being of patients. There is great promise of collaborative involvements with our new friends.



## Shriners Hospitals for Children® – St. Louis Breaks Ground for New Pediatric Hospital

SHC – St. Louis recently hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate a new, \$50 million replacement hospital on the campus of Washington University School of Medicine. The planned facility, located on 3.75 acres, will replace the current 50-year-old hospital located in Frontenac. This will be the third facility for SHC – St. Louis, having originally opened in 1924. The move is expected to further enhance clinical care and research collaborations with Washington University School of Medicine, with which Shriners has had a long-standing partnership since the early 1920s. Most of the hospital's medical staff—57 physicians, including Chief of Staff Perry L. Schoenecker, M.D.—are Washington University faculty physicians. “The closer Shriners Hospital is to the resources of not only Washington University School of Medicine but also St. Louis Children's Hospital, as well other BJC facilities and services, the more effective we can be in providing care to our children and more fully collaborate in the research and education that is the hallmark of the medical center,” said Ted Dearing, chairman of SHC – St. Louis' Board of Governors. Plans for the new, 90,000-square-foot hospital include 12 inpatient

beds, three surgical suites, and 18 clinic examination rooms. It also features enhanced space for its clinical research center for metabolic bone diseases and more room for same-day surgery patients. Other additions to benefit patients are nine rooms for outpatient family housing, a state of the art interactive and educational activity area and dedicated space for collaborative research with Washington University scientists. “We expect this replacement hospital will provide the nation's leading providers of pediatric orthopaedic care an ideal place to care for their patients, conduct their research, and educate the surgeons of the future,” said John Gloss, administrator. “Ultimately, we want this facility to help us continue to attract the best and brightest physicians and clinic staff in pediatric care, in providing state-of-the-art care efficiently, with a keen eye toward quality, patient safety and patient satisfaction. Officials report that the facility has a 20-month construction schedule and is expected to employ 100 tradesmen with 350,000 man-hours. We congratulate our colleagues in St. Louis, with whom we have a close association and frequent pleasant cooperative initiatives.



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It wasn't Cyntell Logan's curving spine that was pressing on her lungs that hurt her worst. It was the bullying she received at school. At eleven-years-old, Cyntell was diagnosed with scoliosis, a curvature of the spine. "I noticed as she was getting dressed one morning that her back was twisting," said Cyntell's mother, Vonuya. She took Cyntell to her pediatrician who was quite concerned about the curvature and referred her to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Greenville for treatment. When pediatric orthopaedic surgeon Michael Mendelow, M.D., evaluated Cyntell, he discovered her curve had already progressed to a dangerous 103 degrees. In fact, her spine was already curved so much her breathing function was restricted. Dr. Mendelow says, "Without surgery to straighten and fuse her spine, Cyntell's spine would continue to curve more and more, causing progressive restriction on lung function, as well as increasing change in body shape, physical appearance, and self-image."

By the time Cyntell was referred to the Greenville Shriners Hospital, her misshapen back was not just noticeable to her parents; the hump on her right side was also obvious to her peers at school. "I was bullied badly. It took away any positive thoughts I had," says Cyntell. Her mother recalls, "The bullying took away all of my daughter's confidence. She never wanted to do anything anymore."

At the Greenville Shriners Hospital, Dr. Mendelow performed a successful life changing surgery to straighten fifteen-year-old Cyntell's spine. With rods, hooks, and screws in place, Cyntell's curve was straightened to 42 degrees. Following the surgery, physically, Cyntell's shoulders and hips were now even and her back was flat.



The surgery not only made a difference in her appearance; it also made a difference in her outlook in many ways. Cyntell explains, "Before my surgery, I did not have an outlet for my emotions. Through my recovery, I discovered a whole new side of myself. I found out I like writing poetry, music, and singing. "With her newfound confidence, when Cyntell returned to school, she discovered that many other kids at her high school also had scoliosis, but had been hiding it to avoid bullying. "Cyntell began telling the other kids about her journey. She explained what she went through, and the kids began treating her like a celebrity! She's on top of the world now," says her mom.

Poised, articulate, and exuding confidence, Cyntell sums up her experience saying, "Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville and Dr. Mendelow really changed my life. At the hospital I met other children with the same condition, I was healed, and I got my confidence back. Greenville Shriners Hospital is so different from anything you can imagine. They welcome you with open arms. You feel safe. This hospital gives you love."

## ATTENTION CLUBS & UNITS

If you are having a special event and would like photographs, please contact:

**Steve Jordan, Chairman of the Photography Committee at [stevejordan707@gmail.com](mailto:stevejordan707@gmail.com).**

He will be happy to come to your event and take photos. These photos will be displayed on the Oasis Shrine web site, and in the Desert Dust.

Please give as much notice as possible.



### Statesville Shrine Club 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Auction Friday August 16th, 2013

Statesville Country Club, 635 Deauville Drive, Statesville, NC (704) 873-8376

(All Golfers should arrive early to register!)

**Tee Time: 1:00 PM Shotgun Start 64 teams.**  
(Golfer's Briefing at 12:30 pm sharp)

**A limited number of 8:00 am Start Times**  
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*Greetings Fellow Nobles,*

April, the first full month of spring, brings renewed energy as we (usually) can say goodbye to the gray and cold of winter. Plenty is happening – including celebrating groundbreaking for a much-needed new facility in St. Louis, board meetings and getting ready for a public relations seminar later this month. We're also preparing for Imperial Session in July, and International Shrine Awareness Day, which is June 6. We ask that you put some energy and creativity into honoring the founding day of the fraternity – use the materials and websites available to you – and think of ways to showcase your temple, and your personal involvement and commitment to Shriners International.



**John Stanley,**  
 Chaplain

We are all aware of the importance of increasing membership, and we have all been asked to make membership our number one priority. Certainly, efforts need to increase at both the national and temple levels, but individual efforts are equally important. International Shrine Awareness Day might just be the perfect day to renew those individual commitments to put the fraternity and philanthropy at the top of your priority list. What would happen if each of you truly made a concerted, ongoing effort to share your story of why you became a Shriner and why this organization means so much to you and your family? Of course we also need to reach out to our lapsed, inactive brothers, listen to their concerns, rekindle their interest and bring them back in. We are all ambassadors and each one of us must be committed to sharing the story of our great fraternity and philanthropy.

Just as membership numbers are a priority, so is “speaking with one voice” and recognizing the strength of a single, unified organization. We talk a lot about being a single system of health care, but too often the confusing variety of everything from taglines to boilerplates to websites that can be found without any effort at all says otherwise, and weakens both our organization and our message. As we prepare for the upcoming public relations seminar, it's a good time to remember we all have the same goal – a strong health care system that is recognized, remembered and relied on by the public. To get there, we need to work together.

Telling the stories and history of both our great fraternity and our amazing philanthropy whenever and wherever you can, and speaking with a single, positive and unified voice will increase the chance of attracting new nobles to our ranks, new donors to our cause and new patients to our hospitals.

There is much work to do, so let's have some fun and get to it.

**John Cinotto**  
 Public Relations Committee Chairman and Deputy Imperial Potentate

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## *Can We Win Over Worry?*

We worry. We worry about big things and little things. We worry about the future and we worry about the past. We worry about our finances and we worry about our family. Parents

worry about children, and children worry about parents.

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worry causes, among other physical ailments, heart trouble, high blood pressure, stomach disorders as well as colds and the flu. Most of us literally worry ourselves sick over some situation over which we have no control. Worry is a needless burden that keeps us from being all God created us to be.

The late great humorist, author (15 books) and newspaper columnist, Erma Bombeck (1927-1996) said, "Worry is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere"

And, in the Book of Mat-

thew (6:34) in the **Message Translation**, we read: "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Near the end of his life, Mark Twain said, "I am an old man and have known a great many troubles..... but most of them never happened."

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And

the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds.

And, near the end of her life, Erma Bombeck wrote that if she had her life to live over, there would have been more "I love you's" and more "I'm sorry's". . . but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute . . . look at it and really see it . . . and never give it back."

And, how do we live "Worry-Free Lives"? Live in the present. We give our full attention to what God is doing right now. And, we always try to do the right thing.



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**John Stanley, P.P.** is Chaplain of McLean Funeral Directors, Gastonia and he is Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia. This year he is serving Shriners International Imperial Potentate Al Madsen as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached (704) 616-6000 or at [jstanley1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jstanley1@carolina.rr.com).

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The annual Shrine Directors Association (SDA) met in Knoxville, Tennessee April 11, 12 and 13 to once again have the opportunity for information sharing, fellowship and of course, a little competition. Oasis was represented by our Director's Staff Officers and various members of the unit who made the short trek to Knoxville.

For those unfamiliar with the Director's Staff, these are the Nobles who work behind the scenes to insure the various Ceremonials go off with out a hitch. They move and set up the props for the ceremonial and conduct the second section. The Shrine Director's Association is made up of directors from all the Shrine Centers located though out the globe. The SDA meets once per year for all of these directors to have an opportunity to show case their new stunts and skits, compare notes and

# OASIS DIRECTOR'S STAFF TAKES FIRST PLACE!

experience fellowship. These directors also tend to enjoy testing new stunts on other, unsuspecting directors and Imperial Officers.

Rumor has it that two of our Nobles who happen to work together, Darryl Blanton and Rodney Paulson, had something akin to cranial flatulence, and hatched an idea called the "Wheel of Misfortune". Nobles Rodney and Darryl soon enlisted the help and support of numerous Nobles to start the construction of the new stunt. Special mention should go out to Nobles Jerry, Neil and Chris Morris of Morris Scrap Metal of Kings Mountain who supplied the steel for construction as well as Nobles John Grant and Tony Willis who assisted with testing and provided moral support. Tanya Brown, Noble Tony Willis' daughter, provided the professional paint work as well as Hometown Hardware of Kings Mountain discounted the required hardware. The "Wheel" was rolled out in an impromptu meeting at Grant's Automotive on Putnam Lake Road one evening where testing was conducted with the assistance of numerous Nobles from both the Oasis Director's Staff and White Plains Shrine Club. Special thanks go out to these Nobles who possibly risked life, limb and reputation to assist in the testing. Some say they were there for the food and fellowship only, not knowing the ultimate outcome of this meeting.

All of the efforts of these nobles were rewarded on April 12th during the SDA President's Banquet when Oasis Headquarters Director's Staff was awarded First Place for best stunt. Captain Scott Starnes along with Director Emeritus, Buddy Ellis III accepted the award. The rather large and heavy trophy will now reside at the Oasis Headquarters in Charlotte for the next year. This is the first time Oasis has received this distinguished award. Our Director's Staff is excited to add the "Wheel of Misfortune" to their extensive menu of stunts and skits and look forward to having an internationally recognized stunt included on our second section. The only question remaining is who will be Vanna at the June Ceremonial in Blowing Rock? Buddy?

**Congratulations Nobles!** Now do it again in Mount Pleasant South Carolina next year! To all Nobles, come to blowing rock to see your candidate experience the "Wheel of Misfortune". No candidate? Each Noble should find just one!



## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WHITE PLAINS SHRINE CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT



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## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WHITE PLAINS SHRINE CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT



The White Plains Shrine Club will be holding its 11<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament Saturday June 22, 2013 at the Kings Mountain Country Club. This tournament is held to enable the White Plains Shrine Club to continue its work in helping burned and crippled children. During the tournament, we provide opportunities for advertising for selected businesses. Listed below are the different packages available during this years tournament.

**Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000**

With this package, a Platinum Sponsor you will receive:

- One (1) team entered into the tournament which also includes White Plains Shrine Club BBQ, 1 Mulligan per player, 1 String, and 1 Skirt per team.
- A place at the tournament to showcase your business and product.
- A display banner and a 18"x24" sign with your company name at the tournament and at each of the White Plains Shrine Club BBQ's for one year.

**Gold Sponsor - \$500**

With this package, a Gold Sponsor you will receive a display banner and a 18"x24" sign with your company name at the tournament and at each of the White Plains Shrine Club BBQ's for one year.

**Silver Sponsor - \$100**

With this package, a Silver Sponsor you will receive a 18"x24" sign with your company name at the tournament and at each of the White Plains Shrine Club BBQ's for one year.

Please help White Plains Shrine Club continue its work helping burned and crippled children in our community

Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business card attached or sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of Sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sold By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

White Plains Shrine Club P.O. BOX1306 Kings Mountain NC 28086





**JUMPING HURDLES FOR CHILDREN**

**Captain Donnie Wrenn 980-521-3523**

# Oasis Keystone Kops

Join us and have a fun time while raising money for the Shriners Hospitals!



**Other Events Include:**

- Meetings the second Thursday of the month
- Annual Keystone Kop Golf Tournament
- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
- Antique Car Show Appearances
- **Bring your wife and kids!**

Contact Captain Cal Greene for Information:  
704-578-9396 or cal.greene5@yahoo.com

– DONATION –

## GASTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB



Ms Casey Shirey, advisor for Kings Mountain Spanish Club, presents 31 gallons of can tabs to Gaston County Shrine Club, to be turned in to Shrine Childrens Hospital. Ms Shirey is a former Greenville Shrine Hospital patient.

# SOB - ARE YOU ONE?

## SHRINERS ON BIKES

Got a  
bike and  
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ride for  
Children,  
Prizes,  
and Fun?



**COME JOIN US!**

**Captain Pat Glover 704-634-3025**



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**3RD MONDAY of the MONTH**  
**6 PM @ BIG DADDY'S**  
**HWY 150 MOORESVILLE**  
**Noble Lee Maynard, PC, President**  
**336-996-8712**

## The World Loves A Clown

*Come and join us and put a smile on the face of a child!*

### OASIS SHRINE CLOWNS

*Accepting New Members*  
 No Experience Necessary

#### Activities Include:

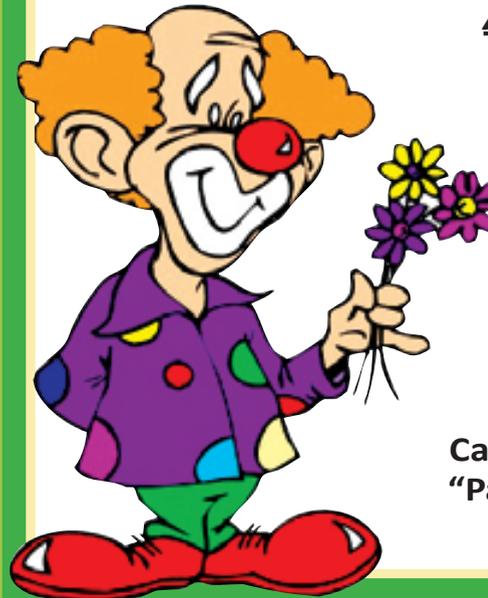
Stars Of The Oasis  
 Shrine Circus

Shrine & Community Parades

Social Gatherings that  
 Include Your Wife

Individualized Instructions  
 on Makeup & Costumes

Contact  
**Captain French B. Harvey**  
 "Patches" for information  
**704-840-8076**



## 2013 METROLINA SHRINE CLUB

### Oasis Roadrunners & Shiners On Bikes Golf Tournament

**Sponsored by SPORTS PAGE RESTAURANTS**

*Dedicated to the Memories of Nobles Eddie Wright and Gary Mull  
 Founders of the Tournament - Missed but not forgotten*

*This year's tournament will be held:*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013 - WESTPORT GOLF CLUB DENVER NC**

**Shot Gun Start at 8:30am and 1:30pm**

**Four Man Captain's Choice - Players \$60.00 Teams \$240.00**

**Mulligans will be sold for \$10.00 (limit two per player)**



We would like to ask for your support of this year's tournament by either sponsoring a hole through a tee advertisement or donating a prize(s).

- By purchasing a tee advertisement, you will have a sign placed at a tee on the golf course recognizing you as a contributor to the tournament.
- By donating a prize(s), you will have your name and prize(s) place on a prize list recognizing you as a contributor to the tournament.

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|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1) Standard Sponsorship | No players | \$ 100.00 |
| 2) Bronze Sponsorship   | 1 player   | \$ 140.00 |
| 3) Silver Sponsorship   | 2 players  | \$ 180.00 |
| 4) Gold Sponsorship     | 3 players  | \$ 230.00 |
| 5) Platinum Sponsorship | 4 players  | \$ 275.00 |



*If you have any questions or need additional information about the tournament, please contact any member of the tournament committee listed here:*

Joe Tarleton	704-634-5402	joetarleton@bellsouth.net
Pat Glover	704-634-3025	brick1rock@aol.com
Randy Tamson	704-763-3658	randytamson@msn.com
Gary Cooke	704-201-2593	Pawcreekcooke10@bellsouth.net

PLAYER 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> choice: Start 8:00AM \_\_\_\_\_ Start 1:30PM \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Metrolina Shrine Club**

**Mail to: Golf Tournament c/o Metrolina Shrine Club, PO Box 781, Paw Creek NC 28130**

**LET US ALL COME TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN.**

*All proceeds from the tournament are used for the benefit of Metrolina Shrine Club to assist them in raising money for needy children. If you know of a child, up to the age of 18, in need of aid contact one of the committee members or any Shriner, we will be glad to help.*

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# OASIS SHRINERS

## PATROL UNIT & COLOR GUARD

PATROL NEWS FOR JUNE 2013 • [WWW.OASISPATROL.COM](http://WWW.OASISPATROL.COM)

**G**reetings and Salutations everyone. Your Oasis Shrine Patrol Unit has let down our kicked up heels for a rather busy Spring and early Summer. Of course we stay a little busy even with heels kicked up.

Between playing in golf tournaments and multi-day outings to running logistic support for local corporate golf tournaments, the Oasis Patrol is nearly golfed out, but that is curable. It is also very true that what many lack in ability we make up for with excessive amounts of enthusiasm, all for the sake of having fun as Brother Masons, Shriners and Good Friends. There were a few ringers on hand but mostly decent to good golfers having fun and raising some dollars – that's what it's all about.

Looking back to May; we had a couple of regular meetings, our

annual Masonic Unity breakfast in conjunction with our fine Brethren at the Mecklenburg Shrine Club where we engage the Dog and Pony show for prospects for Masonry, Shrinedom and The Patrol. Masonic Unity is not a new term but was highly encouraged by Oasis' 2012 Potentate and fellow Patrolman; H. Mike Cook. In 2012 every Oasis club and unit was challenged and encouraged to develop and host a Masonic Unity event. Holding ours three (3) weeks prior to a major Oasis Shriner's Ceremonial is no accident as it conveys the premises bestowed by Shriners International's "Be a Shriner Now" program.

Very recently the Oasis Shriners Summer Ceremonial was held in beautiful Blowing Rock, NC. The locals really come out in force to show their unbridled apprecia-

tion for our visit, especially our headquarters / host The Chetola Resort. They go all out, all the time. To be a dedicated and committed Shriner there is an inbred understanding of the important and significant impact of a time honored Shrine Ceremonial with the pageantry and ritual, a true right of passage to be enjoyed with reverence. Many Master Masons were created as new 'novice' Shriners in Blowing Rock as it is always good to see a few new faces and perhaps having an aspiring Patrolman in our midst.

Eligibility requirements for consideration to become a new Patrolman are as easy as contacting any line officer. The Patrol's web-site is [www.OasisPatrol.com](http://www.OasisPatrol.com) with email links to the officer's email in-boxes or send us a note to [info@oasispatrol.com](mailto:info@oasispatrol.com). If email is not your thing then call



704-622-9574 anytime to discuss the virtues of becoming an Oasis Shriners Patrolman.

We'll have a slight 2 week lull of quiet-time prior to ramping back up hard to head on out to Shriners International Imperial Session 2013 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Have Flags, Will Travel has been our motto this past year as we have enjoyed sharing in the Shrine spot-light with our own Imperial Potentate / Sir Al Madsen. The Patrol wishes to be present for Imperial Sir Al and First Lady Jan's opening ceremonies and represent Oasis Shriners and

Shriners International as one of the best Shrine Color Guards during the evening parade in downtown Indy. It has the makings of a very fulfilling trip.

We are ever reminded how fragile our lives and the lives of those close to us are. Try to know who is not feeling the best and do something as simple and mundane as hand writing and sending a note, pick up the phone and talk in to it to the person on the other side that may not doing so hot. Our lives are often too short and should not be taken for granted. Try to take care of others as you

take care of yourself. Please continue to advise the Captain of any health abnormalities within The Patrol family. Also look for some happiness to pepper in for good measure and keep Shrining.

*"For people like us, In places like this, We need all the hope, That we can get. Oh I still believe!"* Last Verse of the Song I Still Believe (Great Design) as performed by The Call, written by Beppe/Armato Canterelli

Respectfully Submitted;  
Bob Saye  
LT1 Oasis Patrol Unit

## OASIS PAST MASTERS UNIT



Are you a Past Master?  
We are your unit. Join Us.  
For more information:  
Noble Terry K. Jones, PP, Captain: (336) 764-5502  
Noble Gordy Peeler, Treasurer: (704) 223-1531

## Hendersonville Shrine Club 2013 Drawing

*Help Us Support Our 22 Hospitals  
For Burned & Crippled Children*



**Prizes As Follows**

**First Place \$1,000**

**Second Place \$500**

**Third Place \$250**

*Gift certificates redeemable at  
any Sam's Club, Sam's Club  
gas station or Walmart store  
in the USA*

*Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20*

*Drawing at auction July 20, 2013*

*You DO NOT have to be present to win*

For more information contact **Charlie Fairbank** at 828-697-5938.

# BLUE RIDGE SHRINE CLUB

In 2008, Blue Ridge Shrine Club member Todd Trivette came up with an idea for a unique fund raiser. Having a love for riding motorcycles, he started the Marathon 4 Miracles Charity Ride. While most riding enthusiasts are familiar with the poker runs you see all the time, this event was created to be a bit more, shall we say, challenging.

The premise was simple. Ride a route encompassing over 1,000 miles and do it in less than 24 hours. Donors were solicited before the ride to make contributions and that first year over \$3,700 was raised!

The first year Trivette and Noble Lyman Williams were the riders and endured terrible weather but because of the strong outpouring of support from the donors it was decided to make this an annual event.

In 2009 Noble Brent Higgins joined Trivette and Williams in the fun and the trio have to date, through the kindness and generosity of donors, raised over \$42,000.



## 2013 OASIS SHRINE CALENDAR

June 8	Celebrity Golf Classic
June 15	Family Fun Day - Red Fez Shrine Club
June 30 - July 4	Imperial Session - Indianapolis
August 13	Gaston Shrine 100 Race
September 19 - 22	SASA - Myrtle Beach
October 3 - 6	Potentates Las Vegas Trip
November 1 - 2	Fall Ceremonial - Hickory
December 7	Annual Meeting - Elections
January 3, 2014	Club & Unit Appreciation

The 6th annual ride is scheduled for **June 23rd** and donations are being sought now. If you would like to support these three in their endeavors, please make your check payable to: **Shriners Hospital for Children**

and mail to : **Blue Ridge Shrine Club, PO Box 1504, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659**

## Gaston County Shrine Club

505 Pinkney Road  
Dallas, NC 28034



# JOIN US!



**What:** Monthly Club Meeting

**When:** 2nd Wednesday of each month  
6:00 pm – Social  
7:15 pm – Dinner  
8:00 pm – Meeting

**Where:** 505 Pinkney Road Dallas NC 28034

[www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com](http://www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com)

*"No man ever stood so tall as when he stooped to help a burned or crippled child."*



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SPARTA, NC  
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DUCK RACE TICKETS \$10.00 3 FOR \$25.00  
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For Tickets and Info Call:  
336-657-0582 or 336-657-2036

# News of the NEW Past Masters Unit

John Stanley, P.M.

**N**ew? Yep! That is what Illustrious Sir and Past Master Terry K Jones, the new Captain of the Past Masters Unit, has to say! Furthermore, Captain Terry reports that the unit is now up to 80 members and climbing each day.

If you are a Past Master of your Lodge, and you would like to join a needed unit, and growing unit, please do not hesitate to call Illustrious Sir Terry Jones at (336) 764-5502. Also, Past Master's Secretary, Gordy Peel-

er can be reached by e-mail at [gordypeeler@msn.com](mailto:gordypeeler@msn.com). Gordy's telephone number is (704) 279-5764.

Terry's ambitions are great! He says that there are 195 Blue Lodges throughout the Oasis Jurisdiction. And, he and Potentate Laxton would like to have a Past Masters Unit Member as an Ambassador at EVERY Lodge in the jurisdiction—all 195 Lodges!

The new Past Masters Unit Captain exclaims, "Person-

*ally, I am enthusiastic about our new direction, and I am committed to assist our Potentate as well as the Shrine in general, communicating with our roots, our own Blue Lodges".*

Calling all Past Masters! If you

would like to explore becoming an Oasis Ambassador to your Lodge, or if you have questions regarding the unit, please do not hesitate to call Illustrious Sir Terry Jones at (336) 764-5502. Also, Past Master's Secretary, Gordy Peeler can be reached by e-mail at [gordypeeler@msn.com](mailto:gordypeeler@msn.com).

Gordy's telephone number is (704) 279-5764.

There is a needed and wanted place for **all Past Masters**

who are Shriners to cement the brotherly love and friendship. Please consider the Past Masters Unit by calling either W.B. Jones or W. B. Peeler.

*John Stanley was Master of Gastonia Lodge 369 in 1979, and Potentate of Oasis Shriners in 1997.*

## Robbinsville SHRINE CLUB



This last year for the Robbinsville Shrine Club was terrific. We felt the need to inform our brothers throughout the state of some of the unique achievements and acts of generosity by our members and ladies that took place in 2012. The hard work of many helped our club donate over \$20,000.00 to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

One couple that deserves to be recognized for their great work is Billy and Sue Clark. They are the proprietors of Smokey Mountain Amusements and have supported the hospital with their carnival and their donations for over twenty years. Through their generosity directly we have donated over \$7,000.00 to the hospital including checks totaling \$3,100.00 in 2012.

Martin and Christine Oehler have also been special to us. They have been a big part of our annual Bar-B-Q for twenty years at the Robbinsville Shrine Club and are known to the attendees to serve the best baked beans around. The event was founded to honor the memory of Chris' father Floyd Crisp. They have also generously supported the hospitals with donations as well as a rifle raffle in 2012.

All of our members and ladies are so important to our shrine club and we appreciate their hard work. These are just two of the many examples of our wonderful members who helped us achieve success.

Sincerely,  
**OW Hooper Jr.**  
Treasurer, Robbinsville Shrine Club



**NEARLY \$8,000  
IN PRIZES!!!!**

### GASTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER GIVEAWAY

Drawing on October 5, 2013 • Doors Open at 6:30 – Kyle Fletcher's BBQ and Chicken with Trimmings at 7:00

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES FREE BBQ/CHICKEN DINNER FOR TWO (2) WITH SLAW, HUSHPUPPIES, BAKED BEANS, SAUCES, DRINKS, DESSERT



GIFT CERTIFICATE GOOD  
FOR SAM'S PAWN &  
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VALUED AT \$500  
Donated by Sam's Pawn  
& Jewelry Shop



\$500 CASH PRIZE!



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38 SPECIAL +P  
5 SHOT REVOLVER  
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Donated by Sheriff Alan Cloninger



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Courtesy of Biggerstaff Furniture



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VALUED AT \$1,100

Courtesy of Bill Cease



WEEKEND GETAWAY  
WINNER'S CHOICE  
MYRTLE BEACH OR GATLINBURG  
2 NIGHT STAY; NOT VALID AT  
HOLIDAYS OR SPECIAL EVENTS;  
VALID ONE YEAR FROM EVENT  
VALUED AT \$500

Courtesy of Travel Services



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EZ BREATHE VENTILATION SYSTEM  
VALUED AT \$1,800

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**TICKET PRICE:  
\$100**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GASTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

MAIL TO: GCSC CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER 2013

PO BOX 550475 GASTONIA, NC 28055

[www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com](http://www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com)

**ONLY 300 TICKETS  
TO BE SOLD!!!!**



Appalachian Shrine Club - Fish Fry  
 Avery County Shrine Club - Various Plaque/Year Bars  
 Cherryville Shrine Club - Paper Sale/Variou Plaques & Year Bars  
 East Burke Shrine Club - Various Year Bars  
 Lake Norman Shrine Club - Fishing Tournament  
 Lake Norman Shrine Club - Paper Sale  
 New River Shrine Club - Various Plaque/Year Bars  
 Oasis Bobtails  
 Oasis Clowns - Paper Sale  
 Oasis Keystone Kops - Paper Sale  
 Provost Guard - Paper Sale  
 Robbinsville Shrine Club - Paper Sale/Variou Plaques & Year Bars  
 Surry Shrine Club - Paper Sale/Variou Plaques & Year Bars  
 Associated Tax Service (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Ben A Fox, Sr (Appalachian Shrine Club)  
 BG Daughtry (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Biggerstaff Furniture Co (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Bill R Barringer  
 Bill Rufty (Rowan Shrine Club)  
 Bob Lackey (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Bridges Plumbing (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Burns Pet Food Inc (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Byrds Auto Sales (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Car Far (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Carothers Funeral Home (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Charles E Cathey, Sr  
 City Barber Shop (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 clifford G Becktel (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Condrey Plumbing, Heating & AC (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Connelly Springs Electric, Inc (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Country Market (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Countryside BQ (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 David & Joy Miller (Ashe County Shrine Club)  
 Davids Jewelers (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Edward C Seegers  
 Fire & Ice Jewelry(Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Forrest G McBryde, Jr  
 Gary M Grindstaff, DDS (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Gary M Pace  
 Green Acres Mobile Home Park Inc (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Hawkins Lumber Company (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Industrial Electric of Hickory, Inc (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 James B Graham (Appalachian Shrine Club)  
 James Gaskill (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Jeff Ethridge (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Jim Cook GMC (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Joe Davis Financial Associates (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 John & Reba Rogers  
 Johnson Roofing Concepts (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 L & R Knitting, Inc (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Leigh Upchurch (Western NC Shrine Club)  
 Little Sienna Restaurant (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Low Country Dinner (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Maple Springs Laundry, Inc (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Marion Pharmacy (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Mary Jane Voeltner  
 Mary P Enroth  
 Melody Johnson (Western NC Shrine Club)  
 Miller Insurance Agency (Ashe County Shrine Club)  
 Mountain Recycling (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Mt View Mulch LLC (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 New Hope Greenhouse (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
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 Parkwood Dental (Elkin-Jonesville Shrine Club)  
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 Quiktron (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 R Jason Deal DMD, PLLC (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Randy Vines (Appalachian Shrine Club)  
 Rebecca H Clarke (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Recore Electrical Contractors (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Reliable Appliance (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Rick's Body Shop (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Robet A Yancey (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Roland Lawrimore (Randolph Shrine Club)  
 Scott Jenkins (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Sheets Brothers, Inc  
 Sign Connection (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Smokey's Inc (East Burke Shrine Club)  
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 Thomas A Jenkins  
 Thomas W Danner, Jr  
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 Tom Johnson Camping Center (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 Traditions Woodcarvings & Frames (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Unifour Finishers (East Burke Shrine Club)  
 Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign  
 Westmoreland Funeral Home (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)  
 William C Hooker  
 Wink's Front End (Gaston County Shrine Club)

## PASSED WITHIN THE UNSEEN TEMPLE

### JUNE 2013

MEMBER #	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
13125	Robert L Honbarrier, Jr.	High Point, NC	10/18/52	8/17/08
19192	Ernest E Tucker, Jr.	Charlotte, NC	10/15/66	3/20/11
17455	Jack W Mock, Sr.	Charlotte, NC	10/19/63	10/11/11
23164	Charles E Jordan	Harrisburg, NC	5/20/72	10/20/11
17967	Frank C Lupo	Charlotte, NC	10/17/64	12/25/11
25542	George N Finch	Charlotte, NC	5/24/65	1/18/12
24818	James A Atkins	Mount Airy, NC	6/1/74	3/14/12
33481	Fred W Watts, Jr.	Denver, NC	8/29/87	4/14/12
38555	Roy A Huse	Rock Hill, SC	5/15/04	4/5/13
32719	Hugh O Wentz, Sr.	Charlotte, NC	11/9/85	4/15/13
27296	James L Faulk	Charlotte, NC	5/28/77	4/16/13
33985	Thomas F Edwards, Jr.	Charlotte, NC	11/5/88	4/20/13
21478	Kenneth R Smith	Cherryville, NC	5/2/70	4/23/13
35027	William V Whitley	China Grove, NC	6/1/91	4/23/13
37506	James N Helgreen, Sr.	Black Mountain, NC	11/6/99	4/23/13
24102	Frank B Gasaway	Bryson City, NC	9/15/73	4/25/13
38722	John C Owen	Pinehurst, NC	4/2/05	4/27/13
18199	Thad G Bolin	Gastonia, NC	5/8/65	4/28/13
16719	William L Goforth	Albemarle, NC	1/27/62	4/30/13
17675	James D Tomberlin	Asheville, NC	1/18/64	5/4/13
28192	Floyd L Brooks	Clyde, NC	11/11/78	5/11/13

### Reminder:

All ads & articles for the July  
 edition of the Desert Dust  
 must be submitted by **June 10**



## Making a World of Difference

As **National Volunteer Week April 21-27, 2013** approaches, thoughts turn to the many volunteers at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Cincinnati and the incredible contributions they make each and every day. On Tuesday, April 23 volunteers at Shriners Cincinnati, who individually and collectively, "Make a World of Difference," will be recognized at a dinner and honored for their continued efforts to serve and improve the hospital.



Volunteering at Shriners' is a unique mission and many people give of their time and talents in various capacities. For instance, there are the hospital hosts who act as tour guides; some who are drivers transporting patients and families to and from the hospital, and still others who are distributors of miscellaneous materials and the interoffice mail. The Cincinnati hospital is fortunate to have a wonderful group of sewing ladies who make surgical caps, toy bags and pillow cases. The Happy Service group gets creative making tray favors and crafts for the patients. Volunteer office assistants can be found in administration, development and the volunteer office, as well as the outpatient clinic and at the information booth – the first stop when all visitors

enter the hospital. All are quite involved in the hospital's numerous endeavors.

Shriners Cincinnati is fortunate to have dedicated pet therapy volunteers, human and canine, who recently celebrated a 20th anniversary of service at Shriners Cincinnati; and, of course, Shriners' infamous clowns, the comic performers and leading authorities in patient and family entertainment.

This is just a sampling of the many responsibilities the volunteers undertake at the Cincinnati hospital. Every member of the volunteer team who does anything from "fun" raising to filing is a valued and appreciated part of the organization and keeps the hospital moving forward.

The volunteers are the heart and soul of the hospital. They offer their time and effort year round in service to others, dedicating their skills, talent, time and energy making a difference at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Cincinnati and in the world.

### Conditions Treated at the Cincinnati Hospital

#### BURN CARE

- Burn injuries
- Inhalation injuries
- Burn reconstruction & rehabilitation

#### PLASTICS & RECONSTRUCTIVE CONDITIONS

- Congenital ear deformities
- Congenital hairy nevus (large birthmarks)
- Cleft lip and palate
- Brachial plexus injuries (nerve damage affecting upper extremities)
- Congenital hand malformations
- Gynecomastia (abnormal breast development in teenage boys)
- Congenital breast deformities
- Hidradenitis (chronic sweat gland disorder)
- Post trauma deformities (treadmill injuries, dog bites, lawnmower accidents)

#### COMPLEX WOUND & SKIN CONDITIONS

- Purpura Fulminans
- Necrotizing skin infections & Necrotizing Fasciitis
- Stevens-Johnson Syndrome
- Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis
- Port wine stains

All Services Provided Regardless of the Families' Ability to Pay

**If you know a child we can help, please call:**

#### Burn Services

(a burn injury, possibly requiring admission to hospital)

**866-947-7840**

#### Non-burn Services

(non-emergency burns and non-burn conditions)

**855-206-2096** or [helpachild@shrinenet.org](mailto:helpachild@shrinenet.org)