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# The Potentate's message



**N**obles and Ladies: This will be my final official message as Potentate of Oasis Shrine. I hope you have found the monthly messages both informative and inspiring. My greatest hope is that the message that I projected, throughout my tenure as Potentate, instilled in each of you the importance of "Putting Kids First". Our hospital patients are the reason for our being, and above all other activities, we must keep their care in our sights.

Please forgive me for using the words "I" and "me" in this message. I am firmly aware that the accomplishments in 2013 have been the results of a TEAM effort. Being Potentate of Oasis Shrine has been my greatest accomplishment, outside my marriage to Lady Rhonda and the birth of my children, Holland and Warner. As I reflect over the past 10 years, I feel both honored and fortunate in having been

able to serve as the youngest Potentate in the history of Oasis Shrine. The opportunities to travel throughout the Oasis jurisdiction, meeting with the finest men and women in our state, or perhaps our country, has provided me with memories and friendships that I will cherish for the remainder of my days. Our family thanks you for enabling us to serve you and the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

There are so many people I would like to thank for their help in guiding me, in providing leadership throughout Oasis Shrine, and for their projection of my theme this year of "Putting Kids First". If I begin to call each by name, the list would likely be larger than the pages of the Desert Dust will allow. From those who assisted with executive decisions, to those who simply patted me on the back or shook my hand and made me feel like one of them, and

everyone in between, I give to you my undying gratitude. The members of Oasis Shrine are absolutely the best.

I would like to congratulate Potentate elect David Sumpter, Chief Rabban elect Todd Ham, Assistant Rabban elect Johnny King, High Priest and Prophet elect Mike Neaves, Oriental Guide elect Johnny Burgess, Treasurer elect Bill Harward, PP, and Recorder elect, Gary Taylor, PP on their advancement. With these fine Nobles at the helm, Oasis Shrine will be represented by a great leadership team. I wish these Nobles the very best in 2014.

Throughout the month of December, I was extremely busy, but greatly honored to attend the Installation of Officers of many of our Clubs. I have traveled many miles from the mountains to the sand hills, and many places in between. The officers of these clubs are

very important to the success of Oasis Shrine. It is a given, though, that the Officers are only as good as the many Nobles and Ladies that compose the clubs and units, and who offer support and participation in their activities. It is my desire that each and every club and unit in Oasis has a successful 2014.

Our 2013 Circus, the #1 Temple Fundraiser, has highly successful under the leadership of Chairman and Captain of the Guard Rodney Morgan and his staff. Due to his efforts, this fundraiser is a major contributor in keeping the annual dues one of the lowest in all of Shrinedom. I had the pleasure of continuing the tradition of the Potentate dressing as a clown and joining the Clown Unit at the Cabarrus Circus. I must say that I bore a striking resemblance to Ronald McDonald, thanks to Noble French Harvey, Captain of the Clown Unit, who provided his expert assistance in applying makeup and clothing. We were joined for the first time by a number of Lady Clowns, who participated alongside the Clown Unit. This new addition to their routine was very much appreciated by the children,

since they made the Oasis Clowns look much better. Were you aware that the Oasis Clown Unit has participated in every yearly Shrine Circus performance since we began many years ago. On behalf of the Oasis membership, many thanks are extended to the Clowns, the supporters of the Mom and Pop program, the many Nobles and Ladies who attended the performances, and the Clubs who provided the food at each location for the workers, and, of course, to Noble Rodney and Lady Rita.

The Laxton family would like to thank each of you for supporting Holland and Warner's fundraising efforts this year. Warner was very successful with his pot holder sales due to the generosity of the ladies who attended Rhonda's brunches. Holland's Hope, supporting the Greenville Hospital, would have never reached such a high level of success without the love and support of the Nobles and Ladies of Oasis. Once again, you have proven why Oasis Shrine is the #1 Shrine Center in the world in contributions and support of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In closing, I would like to take a personal point of privilege. Not as Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton. Not as Potentate of Oasis Shrine, but as Fred Laxton, Shriner. Those of you who were in attendance at the Installation of Officers in January will remember I spoke of "Legacy" and how my deceased father's legacy lives on through Holland, Warner and me. My father is the one person that I wanted to make proud of me in 2013. His life was dedicated to helping our Shrine patients. Therefore, the emphasis in 2013 has been "Putting Kids First". Your leadership team has led this great Shrine Center with the "Kids" being at the forefront of all of our decisions. I have tried to live up to my dad's "legacy", but for which I can say, even as Potentate, I have failed to provide as much for our children, despite my efforts, as he did in his many years of service as patient coordinator. I want to now say, "Pop, I hope I made you proud of me as Potentate in 2013, and I give you my pledge that I will continue to work hard for your kids and mine".

*Yours in the Faith*  
**Fred**

## From the Potentate Elect



**N**obles and Ladies: I am honored that you have chosen me to represent Oasis Shrine as your Potentate for 2014. It is indeed humbling to know that you have placed your trust in me to lead the largest Shrine Center, and a Shrine Center which has a long standing reputation of providing the largest yearly contribution to our Shrine Hospitals of any other Shrine Center in the

world. We truly broadcast to all Shriners our dedication to our children.

Along with me, we have a great team of members in the Board of Directors. We will continue to move Oasis in a direction that will benefit not only our Children's Hospitals, but all of the members of Oasis Shrine.

We will continue to focus on

membership this year. We have some very exciting Ceremonials planned, and our Membership Committee will be asking each of you to step up your efforts to bring new members into our grand Fraternity. We are losing members yearly due to non-payment of dues, and to the Black Camel. We must all concentrate on rebuilding our membership. You will be hearing more from this Committee frequently over the coming year.

In the next issue of our Award

Winning Desert Dust, we will provide information about our upcoming trips and functions. I am sure you will be as excited as I am at the activities which we want each of you to participate in. We have planned something for everyone. We hope that all of you will be able to join us.

The Installation of Officers for 2014 will take place at Oasis Headquarters on January 4th, beginning with a social hour, and ending with a marvelous band playing music for everyone until midnight. As

in the past, this event is free to members and Ladies, and will be a night to remember. Please join us and show support for your incoming Divan members and members of the Board of Directors.

Once more, thank you for putting your trust in me. My door is always open if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

*Yours in the Faith*  
**W. David Sumpter, III**  
**Potentate Elect**

# A Shriner Child's Story of Survival

In 1975, Wayne Alley of Henderson County was severely burned while teenagers were playing with gasoline and caught him on fire. At the young age of five, Wayne suffered from third degree burns over 70% of his body. Wayne was transported to the local hospital, but the medical staff there quickly found that their facility was not equipped to care for a patient with such severe burns.

The Hendersonville Shrine Club was contacted and a plan of care was set into motion for Wayne. The Shrine Club arranged to have Wayne flown to Cincinnati, Ohio to The Shriners Hospital burn unit. Wayne arrived in Cincinnati and was admitted to The Shriners Hospital where he would spend the next 9 ½ months. While there he received countless surgeries and received extensive rehabilitation. Due to the severity of his injuries Wayne's parents were told he would never walk again. The Lord had other plans for Wayne and after a lengthy recovery time, Wayne began to walk again.

Some of Wayne's earliest memories of being at The Shriners Hospital were meeting a Shriner wearing a Fez hat & meeting some Shriner Clowns. After meeting the Shriners and Shriner Clowns, Wayne realized that he wanted to become a Shriner. Being away from his family at such a young age was very hard, but the loving staff at The Shriners Hospital & the Shriners soon became like family to him.



After returning home to his parents and two brothers, Wayne underwent years of rehabilitation. He was able to return to school the next year and went on to graduate from high school. Wayne is now married and has two grown children. He has worked for Windsor Aughtry Construction Company since 2001, as a Senior Field Manager and Quality Inspections Manager.

In 2004, Wayne's dream of becoming a Shriner was set into motion and he was initiated into The Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge, where he is a Senior Steward. In 2012, Wayne

became a Master Mason and in 2013, he became a Shriner and an Oasis Shriner Clown. Wayne is currently a member of The Hendersonville Shrine Club, which is the same club that helped him when he was a child.

Wayne is thankful to the Lord, to his loving wife Chris, his family, Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge and the Shriners for helping him to fulfill his dream of becoming a Shriner and a Shriner Clown. He now plans to pay it forward by helping crippled and burned children in the same loving way that he was helped.



## The Recorder's *message*

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. My message this month will be extremely brief due to the fact that I'm recharging my batteries for 2014. We covered a lot of topics in 2013, and I don't know about you, but I enjoyed every one of them. One of our most important challenges within both Masonry and the Shrine is education. We must continue to educate the public, and even our members, on the great work done by both organizations, and also how it's done. We ourselves also have to be continually educated to ensure that we communicate accurately and effectively.

Well, I hope everyone had absolutely fantastic holidays and I, for one, am looking forward to the

upcoming year filled with challenges, opportunities, and successes. Oh, I almost forgot, I want to thank each and every person that has given me feedback on my little column here in the Dust.

O.K., this time I haven't rambled on very long, but our Noble Editor assures me he has valuable content for the space I didn't use, so edit on Noble Terry, edit on. Things continue to go well here at Oasis, and we would love to have you 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 the children they serve.

Gary

## 2014 Oasis Schedule

Jan. 3	Club/Unit Appreciation Awards
Jan. 4	2014 Divan Installation
Jan. 11	2014 Club/Unit Officer Orientation
Jan. 16 - 18	Shrine East-West All-Stars, St. Petersburg, FL
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day (Divan to support Club & Unit Parties)
Mar. 7 - 8	Greenville Shrine Hospital Shrine Day
Mar. 28 - 30	Spring SASA, Roanoke, VA
Apr. 5	Cold Sands, Hamlet Lodge, Hamlet, NC
May 2 - 3	Paper Crusade
May 30 - Jun. 1	Summer Ceremonial, Blowing Rock, NC
Jun. 6 - 8	Oasis Celebrity Golf Classic, Lake Norman, NC
Jun. 13-14	Family Fun Day, Red Fez Shrine Club
Jul. 6 - 10	Imperial Session, Minneapolis, MN
Aug. 9	Cold Sands, Murphy, NC
Aug. 12	Shrine 100 Race, Gastonia, NC
Sep. 18 - 21	SASA Fall Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC
Sep. 25 - 27	Grand Lodge
Sep. 27 - Oct. 4	Potentate Cruise: 7 Day Canada/New England Cruise
Oct. 10 - 11	Oxford Homecoming
Oct. 31 - Nov. 2	Fall Ceremonial, Hickory, NC
Nov. 15	Oasis Veteran's Appreciation Night
Nov. 20	Oasis Shrine Circus, Fletcher, NC
Nov. 22	Oasis Shrine Circus, Concord, NC
Dec. 6	Oasis 2015 Elections/Annual Meeting

# Membership Update



## Happy New Year, Nobles!

Your Membership Team diligently worked through the end of 2013 to reduce the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. As of this writing, we are pleased to report the number of Nobles who were at risk of losing their membership has substantially declined thanks to these efforts from Nobles in every corner of our jurisdiction. Concerned Nobles wrote emails, made telephone calls, visited their brothers, and encouraged their continued participation in the Shrine. This cumulative drive demonstrates what we can accomplish while working together toward a common membership goal. Thank you for your hard work, Nobles.

Immediately into the new year, our team will focus its efforts toward "Restoration." This process involves different strategies and approaches toward reaching out to Nobles who were just suspended and letting them know we miss their fellowship and participation in the Shrine. We'd like to issue a challenge to all 2014 club and unit officers to consider hosting at least one "Masonic Unity" event before the first ceremonial of the year. The Membership Team is pleased to announce that Noble Mark Abernethy has joined the team as a lead and key contact to help clubs and units plan these events for success as he experienced great results through his efforts last year. Please do not hesitate to contact Noble Mark at ab-world66@yahoo.com or call him at 828-381-5477 to begin planning your Masonic Unity event. You'll want to consider guest speakers representing multiple Masonic organizations and invite Masons who are not yet Shriners. This event can also be a perfect opportunity to

invite a man who has expressed interest to you in learning more about becoming a Mason or a Shriner.

We're pleased to share the results of our efforts through partnering with the Past Masters Unit to obtain Blue Lodge Ambassadors for Masonic lodges throughout the Oasis jurisdiction. More than 60 Blue Lodge Ambassadors have been designated and the submission of more names is underway. If you would like to check if your lodge has a designated Blue Lodge Ambassador, please contact your lodge secretary or call Noble Gordy Peeler, Past Masters Unit Secretary, at 704-223-1531 and he will be happy to assist. As representatives of Oasis, these Ambassadors serve as lead contacts and resources in our Masonic lodges.

Please remember to plan activities for 2014 to help rebuild the "Sunshine Fund." This fund is a specially designated resource within the temple that serves to assist Nobles who are in need. Club presidents and unit captains are encouraged to contact their District Representative for assistance and ideas to host Sunshine Fund events throughout Oasis. These simple events provide an opportunity to fellowship, enjoy a meal, and raise greatly needed resources to replenish the Sunshine Fund.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Virtual Mentor, please contact Noble Assistant Rabban Johnny King at jking1906@aol.com or call 704-634-2635. This program assigns designated volunteer nobles to new nobles as well as men who have expressed an interest in becoming a Mason. The importance of an effective mentorship program can never be underestimated.

Remember, YOUR Membership Team is here to provide assistance throughout the year. Keep a copy of your 2014 Oasis Directory close by your side and call your District Representative and others as needed. We are only a phone call away and are here to support you and work with you to maintain Oasis Shriners as the #1 temple for membership throughout all shrine temples in the world. Drop an email to our team at oasisshrinemembership@gmail.com and we'll be happy to hear from you.

*Yours in the Faith;*

**Chris Hall, Membership Chairman**



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## Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, Potentate

604 Doug Mayes Place Charlotte, NC 28262-8410 Phone: 704-549-9600

### ELECTED DIVAN & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chief Rabban	David Sumpter	Assistant Rabban	Todd Ham
High Priest and Prophet	Johnny King	Oriental Guide	Mike Neaves
Treasurer	William M. Harward, PP	Recorder	Gary Taylor, PP

### APPOINTED DIVAN

1st Ceremonial Master	Johnny Burgess	2nd Ceremonial Master	Ken Jarrett
Director	Tommy Helms	Marshall	Tim Daniels
Captain of the Guard	Rodney Morgan	Outer Guard	Ken Bowen

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*With our thanks,*

**John A. Cinotto**  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
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Proudly wearing the iconic Shriner red fez, Fezzy made his debut on national television last month with a mission to raise awareness and support for the innovative pediatric care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Because of your support for Shriners Hospitals, we wanted to remind you about the opportunity to help him achieve his goals by purchasing **your very own 4' Fezzy from Vermont Teddy Bear!** And you'll feel good knowing that 20% of the proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Fezzy the teddy bear helps honor the child-centric education methods that have been used for decades to aid in the healing process at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Depending on the child's needs, teddy bears can be used to teach young patients about upcoming medical procedures and outcomes,



## PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

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

*Nobles and Ladies; This message arrived to late for inclusion in the December Desert Dust, however, the effort to help our Filipino Brothers and their families is an ongoing effort. You may send your donation to Oasis Shrine Center with a note designating it for the assistance of our brothers in the Philippines.*

## A Special Message from Your *Imperial Potentate*

**Dear Fellow Nobles,**

Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with all the people of The Philippines as they cope with the overwhelming devastation and destruction wrought by Typhoon Haiyan earlier this month.

This tragedy has also struck our Shriners family. Shriners International is truly a global entity; we have two temples and several clubs in The Philippines, and we are especially concerned for our brothers there, and their families. We have been doing all we can to check on them, and have yet to hear from some clubs that we believe were located in the path of the storm.



To help our brothers in the best and most efficient way possible, we are seeking and collecting contributions to assist the members of Agila and Mabuhay Shriners.

If you would like to help your fellow nobles in The Philippines during this difficult time, please send your contribution (payable to your temple) as soon as you can, preferably by Monday, December 2, if possible. Your temple leadership will collect all the contributions and send the amount in a single sum to Shriners International Headquarters. The money will be divided equally between the two temples and the temple leadership will be instructed to use the contributions to provide aid to individual Shriners and their families who are in crisis.

Thank you for your compassion and your commitment to the Masonic ideals of brotherly love and charity.

Please continue to hold the Philippine people and islands in your prayers.

*Yours in the faith,*

**John A. Cinotto**  
**Imperial Potentate**

# CLUB & UNIT APPRECIATION NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2014

5:00pm ANNUAL MEETING  
6:00pm SOCIAL  
6:30pm DINNER (*Pulled pork w/trimmings*)  
7:15pm AWARDS PRESENTATION  
8:15pm - 11:00pm DJ's MARK & BOBBY

Call the Oasis  
Shrine Center  
To RSVP:

**704-549-9600**  
*by December 30, 2013*

***Dress Code: Casual***

## *Oasis Installation of Officers*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014

4:00PM MEMORIAL SERVICE

5:00PM INSTALLATION

*FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL, DINNER & DANCING*

CALL THE OASIS SHRINE CENTER AT 704-549-9600

**MUST RSVP BY DECEMBER 30, 2013**

**ATTIRE:**  
*Dressy Casual*

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ANNUAL**

# Award Winning Band to Entertain At the Installation of Illustrious Sir David Sumpter

## Mark Roberts Band

### Biography

That band was nominated and the winners of the Carolina Beach Music Award for Best New Artist in the year 2000. Recording such songs as The Way You Love Me, Shaggin With Your Baby, and Dixie Moon. Mark was nomi-

nated for Male Vocalist in 2003 just before his break from the band, Heart and Soul. He soon found a window of opportunity with a well-known musician whom was already established in the today's beach music market. This collaboration went on to claim many Carolina

Beach Music Awards such as Group of the Year, Song of the Year, Male Vocalist, and Entertainer of the Year. Mark was nominated for Male Vocalist in 2007 and winner of Smoothie of the Year for 2005 and 2006 and took home the award for Favorite New Artist in 2008.

### Description

The Mark Roberts Band plays the best in Variety including Dance, Funk, Blues, Rock and Roll, Motown, Beach Music, and Country.

### Members

Mark Roberts- Lead Vocals,  
Bland Sawyer- Keyboards,  
Ron Zara- Guitar,  
Kevin Mercer- Bass Guitar,  
Jeff Sanson- Drums,  
Roy Harper- Saxophone,  
Joe Stinnett- Sound Engineer.



*David shooting a commercial for his favorite charity at the Snowball Derby for Shriners Hospitals for Children.*

*Photo Courtesy of David Ragan's Official Facebook Page*



## SAVE THE DATE!

April 24-25, 2014

Renaissance International  
Plaza Hotel - Tampa, Florida



## 2014 TEMPLE PUBLIC RELATIONS CONFERENCE



### Thursday, April 24, 2014

- 2 - 5 p.m. Educational Sessions
- 5 - 7 p.m. Cocktail Reception with light snacks
- \*Dinner on your own - there are a variety of great restaurants onsite.

### Friday, April 25, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Educational Sessions
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Closing Dinner Party
- Featuring past Shriners Hospitals for Children patient Dan Caro as guest speaker • Food, drinks, prizes, music and more



Join us at the beautiful Renaissance International Plaza Hotel in Tampa, Florida. We have reserved a block of rooms at the discounted rate of \$129 per night. A complimentary shuttle is available for the short ride to and from Tampa International airport. Please note there is a smaller room block for the night of Wed., April 23 so please book early or arrange to arrive on Thurs. morning.



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# 2013 SHRINE CIRCUS MOMS AND DADS PROGRAM

The 2013 Oasis Shrine Circus is behind us now and the temple fundraising program this year would not have been a success without the help of Oasis Shriners who joined the Moms and Dads Program.

"Without the support of our Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, and Ringmasters, there would just be something missing from the support of the nobility that we like to give to the circus," said Circus Chairman Rodney Morgan.

Any Noble can participate and receive circus tickets for their contribution or we will donate their tickets to underprivileged or handicapped children who may not have ever attended a circus before. These tickets are also given to church groups, nursing homes, scouts, or people who cannot afford a ticket. Our Shrine Circus mission is to not turn anyone away from seeing the circus because of financial reasons.



Oasis will have this program again next year for the 2014 Circus and we hope that you will consider joining the Oasis Moms and Dads Program.

In next month's Desert Dust, we will list the names of the nobility who helped to make the circus a record breaking year. It is always a tradition to name the Moms and Dads in the Desert Dust and here are this year's participants:



## MOMS & DADS \$20-\$39 Contributions

Bob Baker  
John W. Clubb, Sr.  
Jeff Cohen  
David S. Cummings  
Tim & Leigh Daniels  
Mike & Tena Fowler, APP  
William O. Fowler  
James B. Graham  
C. Wayne Harkey  
Cordell Harris  
Jack & Jan Hendricks  
Joseph & Aleene Hicks  
Wilbert C. Hodges  
Lewis & Brenda James  
Greg & Nancy Key  
Howard & Shirley Keyes  
Buck & Dottie Kirk  
James Kirkley  
Robert Kirkley

William Kistler  
Wes & Charlotte Lefler  
William D. Maness  
Sam & Priscilla McCall  
Jerry R. McCorkle  
Willy Melling  
James & Sherri Osborne  
Charles P. Peterson  
Ryan & Lori Prockup  
Charles & Colene Russell  
Mark Shull  
Lewis E. Todd  
Horace Lee Van Hoy  
Ed Wilkerson  
Charles Williams  
J. Earl Wise  
Edward Wrenn  
Ned & Lisa Yates  
William M. York

## GRANDPARENTS \$40-\$79 Contributions

Tommy & Catherine Arakas, PP  
Oren W. Baucom  
TW 'Buck' Carlton  
Clyde Cox  
Harold Davis  
Chuck Doll  
Paul E. Ehrnschwender  
John & Jean Elder, PP  
Sam & Patsy Eudy  
Max Y. Garrison  
Tom Gowan  
Robert Hanks  
Douglas & Pamela Harrold  
Andrew & Gina Hartman  
William & Sylvia Hooper  
Wayne & Kay King, PP  
Ken & Glenda Kluttz  
Folger & Carol Koontz

Ronald & Marcia Lebold  
Darrell & Carol Long  
C Doug Mayes, PP  
Gary & Cathy McDaniel  
Harold & Ethel Peacock  
Tom & Jo Price, PP  
Frank Redies  
Frank Reynolds  
Don & Ann Richardson  
Joe & Deanie Richardson  
T. Clyde Robbins  
Ronnie & Paulette Sain  
Roger L. Rosenberger  
J. Peter & Sue Schuetz  
Malcolm J. Stone  
Ray L. Tilley  
Jack & Linda Wallace  
Kermit H. Wallace  
Paul & Arlene Webb  
George & Betsy Wilcox  
Jack Williams  
Haywood E. Willis

## RINGMASTERS \$80-\$100 Contributions

C. Lee Abernethy, III  
John Bean  
Harry & Ruby Bryant, PP  
James R Bullock, Jr  
Walter Burch, PP  
Jimmy & Debbie Burgess  
John & Charlotte Burgess  
Donald L. Collins  
H. Mike & Cathy Cook, PP  
Tommy & Jeanie Eller  
Floyd & Martha Eudy  
Tim M. Farris  
Clark & Lorene Goodrum  
Chris L. Hall  
Todd Ham

Bill & Evelyn Harward, PP  
Tommy Helms  
Ronnie C. Jaacks  
Kenneth & Vickie Jarrett  
Johnny E. King  
Illust. Sir Fred & Rhonda Laxton  
Dr. & Mrs. J. Ralph Linn, Jr.  
Al & Jan Madsen, PP  
Gene & Becky Marshall  
Jimmy R. Mauldin  
Col. Charlie T. McGugan  
Stimpson McRae  
Rodney & Rita Morgan  
Michael L. Neaves  
Oasis Camping Club  
Robert C. Peeler  
Don A. Ray  
Oasis Big Rigs  
Rolla & Mary Rogers, PP  
Rowan Shrine Club  
George J. Stoklas  
Gary D. Taylor, PP  
Union County Shrine Club



# SHRINE RACE TRAILER

Another Drag Racing rig is on the road thanks to Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton and Noble Jim Turner. Jim's son, Jay is an NHRA Top Fuel Harley Drag racing champion and has allowed Oasis to place our message on four of his trailers to date. The latest is pictured here.



Jay's stable of racers crisscross the United States and Canada from January till November. Recently Jay took the time to bring a bike and trailer to Sedge Garden Methodist Church for their annual car show. Showing along with Jay were the Oasis NASCARTS, a crowd favorite.



Thanks to all who participated. Another example of what is right at Oasis!



Pictured is **Noble Al "POPPI" Clegg** with Tess, the Ringmistress of the Shrine Circus. Noble Al is quoted as saying that Tess stated "It was an honor and highlight to work with POPPI, the most handsome and charming Shrine Clown ever". *And then, he woke up!!!!!!!!!!!!*

## 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.**

These photos will be displayed in the Desert Dust & on the Oasis Photo website at [www.oasisshrinephotos.com](http://www.oasisshrinephotos.com).

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**Oasis Shrine Photography**

2014 East-West Shrine Game  
Players'/Hall of Fame Banquet

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Nobles, Ladies an Guests - Join us for dinner with the players, coaches and NFL Alumni and Shriners Hospitals for Children patients!

Friday, January 17, 2014

Cocktails: 5:30 p.m. Banquet: 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$60 per person

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On Monday, December 2, 2013 the Gaston County Shrine Club once again joined forces with the Carolina Camaro Association to deliver toys to the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children. This annual event has transpired for several years and always brings a tremendous amount of enjoyment and holiday cheer as we watch the children's faces light up when the gifts come through the doors. Many thanks to Bob Stephens with the Carolina Camaro Association for supporting the ongoing endeavor. Gratitude is extended to the Gaston County Sheriff's Office for arranging the law enforcement escort to the hospital. Also, thanks to high school senior Tim Pettijohn for donating toys toward the effort as part of his senior project. From all of us at the Gaston County Shrine Club *Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!*

- Chris Hall, Outgoing President



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## Gaston County Shrine Club

505 Pinkney Road  
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**When:** 2nd Wednesday of each month

6:00 pm – Social

7:15 pm – Dinner

8:00 pm – Meeting

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# 2014 INSTALLED OFFICERS



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Not Pictured: Mark Bender, 1st Lt.



## *Installation of Officers,* **UNION COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**

# Shrine Bowl 2013 Queen Crowned

Reprinted from THE GOALPOST A Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Publication

Tyraina Johnson is six years old and attends Oakland Elementary School in Boiling Springs, SC. When she was one year old, Tyraina would walk on her toes like a ballerina and could not stand flat footed or flex her feet. She could not wear shoes or walk without assistance or balance herself. Tyraina was taken to the Greenville Shriners Hospital where the doctors informed her parents she had been born with shortened Achilles tendons and this had prevented her from walking or standing on her own.

The doctors informed her parents that Tyraina would have to be casted in order to stretch her Achilles Tendons gradually to increase her mobility and balance as she grew. Every week for two months Tyraina was casted and then received braces. She visited Greenville Shriners Hospital once a month for three years to chart her progress and now returns to the hospital once a year for a checkup.

Today Tyraina is able to stand, walk, run and ride a bicycle. Tyraina wants to be a female track star and nurse practitioner when she grows up. She enjoys listening to music, reading, spending time with her family, riding her bicycle, and having play dates with her friends.



*Mrs. Tyrone Johnson with local Shriners who presented the queen her crown and robe at Oakland Elementary School.*

## THE PUBLIC RELATIONS VOICE

# Patients Make National Headlines

### Owen Mahan — Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis

When only 6 years old, Owen Mahan has already done something most would only dream of doing – perform the official coin toss at a college football game. On Saturday, September 14th, Owen was featured live on ABC during the broadcast of the Notre Dame versus Purdue game. Although he sustained severe burns covering approximately 98 percent of his body when he was 2 years old, Owen is determined to continue his love of sports, race cars and monster trucks!



### Rion Paige — Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa

Just a few short months ago, 13-year-old Rion Paige stunned the world with her first performance of Carrie Underwood's "Blown Away" on the nationally televised show, The X-Factor. Rion, born with a rare congenital condition known as arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, has become an inspiration to many, including other patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children. To support Rion and her passion for singing, visit [thexfactorusa.com](http://thexfactorusa.com) and click on "Vote."



# A Successful Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

At 24-under par 260, Webb Simpson won the 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open by six shots over Ryo Ishikawa and Jason Bohn. Simpson opened the tournament with rounds of 64-63 and led by four after 54 holes. The three-time All American and 2008 ACC Player of the Year at Wake Forest shot a final round 66 to secure his 4th career PGA TOUR victory and first since his U.S. Open triumph in 2012.



The tournament marked the sixth consecutive year of PGA TOUR event sponsorship by Shriners Hospitals for Children, but the first as part of the FedExCup regular season. From a global perspective, the tournament continues to broaden the awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children by reaching more than 715 million homes in 225 countries. A cleaner brand campaign with a more direct visual tie to the hospitals aided in maximizing the brand awareness via telecast, print, digital, and other mediums of promotion and communication throughout the week.

In addition to all the golf excitement, Olivia Stamps and Brendon Wiseley, our 2013 national patient ambassadors, were also at the event. Both ambassadors had the unique opportunity to participate in a live televised interview with the Golf Channel and truly experience the mission behind the tournament – helping countless children in need. In addition, they were able to take part in two very special events – a backstage pass to Le Reve and a ride-along at the Richard Petty Driving Experience. Visit the Shriners Hospitals for Children's YouTube channel to watch all the excitement, [youtube.com/shrinershospitals](http://youtube.com/shrinershospitals).



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# The "Beat on the Street" Marches into 2014

**O**n behalf of our Captain, Dale Morton and Lady Terri, everyone in the Drum & Bugle Corps family sends each of you a sincere wish for a wonderful New Year!

Members of the Corps and their ladies wrapped up 2013 at their annual Christmas Party, which was held at The Little Big Horn, just outside of Dallas, NC. The evening was filled with lots of fellowship, laughter, and stories, not only from 2013, but also from years past as many of our "Veteran" Corps members

and their ladies were on hand for the celebration. Before a terrific meal was served, Captain Dale expressed his thanks to everyone for making 2013 such a good one for the Corps. He remarked on how well the parades were attended, and how successful the Car & Truck Show was. He was also able to share that, again this year a donation would be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children in honor of The Ladies of the Drum & Bugle Corps. After dinner, a variety of dance music began for those that wanted to get out on

the floor and shake a leg.

Next up on the calendar were the annual elections at the Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte where one of our drummers, Noble Brother Todd Ham continued his journey in the Divan as he was elected to serve as Chief Rabban for 2014. Everyone in the Drum & Bugle Family sends their best wishes and congratulations to Todd and Lady Mary.

Many of the D&B family will be at the Club & Unit Appreciation Night, as well as the



Officers' Installation Night on Jan 3rd and 4th. We hope to meet and greet you there. We would welcome the chance to talk to anyone that might have an interest in being a part of

the Corps. But, if not us, we hope that this new year will provide an opportunity for you to find your place in one of the many clubs or units within Oasis.

Goodbye to 2013. We have had a great time "Putting Kids First". We welcome the chance to serve again in 2014, because when the "Hospital" wins, we all win!

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# Oasis Clown Antics

## CLOWNS AND CIRCUS...CIRCUS AND CLOWNS!

Several Nobles of Oasis Shine were noticed "clowning around" in Fletcher and Concord during the Oasis Shrine Circus in November. It's okay though because they were all members of the award winning Oasis Clowns. Past Captain French "Patches" Harvey said that he was extremely pleased with the turn out and performance of their unit. The unit had three "firsts" this year; a new circus skit, new members and the participation of their clown ladies.

Their circus skit this year was the "Photographer" which was the idea of Harvey, who also served as the "boss clown of the circus" and written by Harvey and 1st LT. Mark "Shortcake"

Murphy. The unit had also performed the skit as "guest clowns" for the Hejaz Shrine Circus in Spartanburg in April.

It has been a tradition with the clown unit to invite the Potentate or a member of the Divan to be a guest clown each year. Their stint as a "guest clown" is one they never forget! The hugs and smiles from children are precious and never forgotten. Illustrious Sir Fred "Fez: Laxton became a guest clown during the second performance in Concord and got a "face full of powder" during the skit in the circus ring.

Ten members of the unit participated at the Fletch-

er venue: Harvey, John "FarrisWheel" Farris, Jim "T-Bear" Self, Al "Poppi" Clegg, Jim "Sonny" Beggs, Wayne "Mr. Dimples" Alley, Barry "ToYo" Winecoff, Virgle "Mac" McClure, Robert "BoBo" Bickel and Alex "Sax" Bass.

Thirteen members performed at the Concord venue which included: Harvey, John "FarrisWheel" Farris, Jim "T-Bear" Self, Al "Poppi" Clegg, Jim "Sonny" Beggs, Wayne "Mr. Dimples" Alley, Mark "Shortcake" Murphy, Ted "Ted-E" Shiver, Robert "BoBo" Bickel, Charlie "Gummy" Johnson, Joe "Pockets" Neto, Grover "Goliath" Eury and Alex "Sax" Bass.

"Pockets brought his pet pug "Compass" who was a great hit with the children. Noble Joe "Pockets" Neto and his pet "Compass" recently transferred from the Rhode Island Shrine Center and joined the Oasis unit. He has been a shrine clown for over ten years and entertained the children with his juggling and with "Compass".

Noble Wayne "Mr. Dimples" Alley, the newest unit apprentice clown from Fletcher, was a "First of May" clown as a first time performer. Noble Alley was a former patient in a Shriners' burn unit as a child



and always remembered the shrine clowns who came to the hospital to visit the patients.

Five of the clown ladies joined the unit in Concord; Polly Farris, Dawn Neto, Lynn Murphy, Ann Hatley and Rosemary Bickel. This was the first time the ladies have participated and they were a great hit with the audience, especially the children. No one expected to see "girl clowns" but they were a big hit. Captain Harvey had received special permission from Circus Chairman Rodney Morgan and Illustrious Sir Laxton for the ladies to work with the clown unit.

Even with the circus performance schedule in late November the unit was able to have clown unit members perform at the Charlotte Auto Show at the convention center which was scheduled the same week as the shrine circus. Tom "Stickers" Acklam, John "FarrisWheel" Farris, Ted "Ted-E" Shiver, and Jason "Wheels: Whipple made "meet and greet" appearances. Farris Wheel and his wife Polly and Ann Hatley went to the Auto Show

on Saturday afternoon after working at the circus in the morning.

During the month of December the unit had also been invited to participate in several holiday parades in Norwood, Denton and Star in North Carolina. They also performed at the Mecklenburg Shrine Club Santa Day in December.

The unit is one of Oasis Shrine hardest working units that bring joy to children. The unit was formed in 1959. The Clowns are the only unit of Oasis that has appeared at every Oasis Shrine Circus the shrine center has scheduled. For many years when the circus committee scheduled the circus in five to seven venues in Oasis jurisdiction, members of the Clown unit were at every performance. No other unit in Oasis can boast this reputation. Unit members have placed First, Second and Third Place in South Atlantic Shrine Clown Association and International Shrine Clown Association

tion makeup and costume competitions and in circus skit competitions. Past Captains Sam Parks (1976-1978) and French Harvey (2012-2013) are Past Presidents of the South Atlantic Shrine Clown Association. Past Captain French Harvey has also served as First Vice-President, Competition Director and Chief Judge for Clowns of America, Inc. and as Ambassador and judge's instructor for International Shrine Clown Association.

After the circus the Clown Unit had their traditional unit holiday party, this year it was at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club. During the dinner Lady Polly Farris, read an original poem about the clowns which was a take-off on the Night Before Christmas. The following week Captain's wife, Lady Julie, delivered nearly 3,000 toiletry items collected throughout the year by the Clown Ladies as a service project to the USO at the Charlotte-Douglas Airport, in support of our veterans.

The unit is always looking for new members. No previous experience is necessary; one of the talented members of the unit gives personal attention to each new clown to help them with their makeup and costume. Those interested can call or email the unit Secretary, Rick Bean (rickbean@windstream.net/980-581-0401) for information and a petition.



# Oasis Oldies

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

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## OASIS SHRINERS PATROL UNIT AND COLOR GUARD - A LEGACY SINCE 1910

### PATROL NEWS FOR JANUARY 2014

First and foremost: The elusive Black Camel has struck the Veteran ranks of The Patrol Unit hard and with quick succession this past Fall and Winter. We lost three expert Shrine – Masons in the form of Bill Allen, Gene

Crawford and Past Potentate George McDonald. There is well over 150 years of Patrol Unit service within those 3 good men. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Shifting the Patrol hot-

rod's gears... WOW! What a celebration of Shrinedom at the Patrol Unit's Annual Covered Dish and Officer Installation where a new Captain was installed and other Officers advanced accordingly. It is an energetic and forward thinking Patrol Officer Line that will keep

things fresh and stand on the hot-rod's accelerator stem to stern. The Covered Dish Dinner was well attended by the Oasis Divan as our Illustrious Potentate Fred Laxton Installed the new Captain and Officers with some very able assistance from our Past Imperial Potentate Al Madsen serving as Marshall and Issuing the Proclamation. That night we had it all: Faith, Family, Friends, Food, Flags and Fezes.

Our recent contribution to "Holland's Hope", one of our Hospital Projects this year, may have been what it takes to break the barrier for a specific piece of imaging equipment that has been on our Greenville, SC Hospital's wish-list for a while. The "Holland's Hope" foundation

has such a great back-story that just makes us feel real good and right about doing all we can to contribute. Very good job Oasis Patrol Unit.

The recent Oasis Annual Elections went smoothly. Our new Potentate and Divan Executive Board members all advanced. The Patrol Unit maintains a solid presence on the Divan / Executive Board as they all continue to work hard as a cohesive group to operate our Fraternal enterprise and stay in front of the fund-raising opportunities for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton made some excellent closing remarks that spoke volumes to why our Fraternity seems to be in a holding pattern for total membership.

With Christmas and New

Year's / aka 'the Holidays' swirling around us we'll try to reacquaint ourselves with our families for a week or two without too much Shrining activity. Please try to be supportive of your Clubs and Unit's events for dances, parties and social gatherings. Most of all BE SAFE!

The Oasis Memorial Service, Clubs and Units Recognition and Installation of Oasis Officers weekend is quickly approaching so please make your arrangements to join us at Oasis Shrine Center.

Let's celebrate a new beginning as we usher in yet another Shrine year; 2014. The Oasis Patrol is sitting on ready for some serious Shrining this upcoming year. As a reminder; All Nobles, please have your 2014 Oasis Dues Card with you and ready to show any Patrolmen performing Door Duty at the various Oasis Shrine Center's functions.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Bob Saye**

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**Thank you!**



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## A Special Message from Your *Imperial Potentate*

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The charity miles campaign is an online public vote for select charities to receive air miles for use in carrying out their mission. The miles allocated by United Airlines are based on the final percentage of votes received—the more votes for Shriners Hospitals for Children, the more miles donated to our organization! For the past two years, our health care system has placed first in this online vote! Let's make it three in a row!

Shriners Hospitals for Children uses these air miles to transport children and a parent/guardian to our hospitals so they can receive the specialized medical care they need. Supporters can vote for their charity from all of their devices: computers, tablets, smartphones, iPads, etc. Please support Shriners Hospitals for Children with your votes, so that we can help even more children in 2014!

Be sure to visit the website shown above and vote, and continue to vote throughout the campaign. Voting ends 12/31/13.

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*Yours in the faith,*

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



**John H. Stanley,**  
P.P., Chaplain

## *A Hug A Day Keeps The Doctor Away*

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Sometime ago there was a commercial that asked the question: **"Have you hugged your kid today?"**. And, we can ask have you hugged your spouse today? Or, if they are still on this earth, have you hugged your parents today?

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They had become mortal enemies. After many years of being apart in bitterness and anger, when they came back together we read in Genesis: **"But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced (HUGGED)him.**

Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers. He had kept his identity hidden from them when he was the Prime Minister of Egypt; but, when he finally revealed that he was their long lost brother, the Bible says in the Book of Genesis: **"Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck (HUGGED) and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.**

Modern research in the

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is being hugged, as well as the hugger.

For more information on how you can bring warmth into a loved one's heart by hugging, read ***The Hug Therapy Book*** by Kathleen Keating or, ***The Gift of Touch*** by Helen Colton. Would you like to lower your husband's or your wife's blood pressure? (Most of us spend our time raising it anyway). Would you even like to add up to two years of your own life?

There is a way. In an article

in the American Journal of Nursing, it was reported that a UCLA Study revealed that just to maintain emotional and physical health, men and women need eight to ten meaningful touches every day.

**Eight to ten HUGS A DAY. HAVE YOU HUGGED ANYONE LATELY?** "We need 4 hugs a day for survival. We need 8 hugs a day for maintenance. We need 12 hugs a day for growth", according to Virginia Satir, family therapist. Have a Happy 2014! Go hug someone!

**John Stanley, P.M.,P.P.** is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners. He is Chaplain, McLean Funeral Directors (Gastonia), and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. In the fiscal Shrine Year, 2012-13, he served Shriners International Imperial Potentate Al Madsen as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached at [jstanley1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jstanley1@carolina.rr.com)

Happy New Year!! During 2014 would you like to increase your energy level, become more lively, and improve your memory past the age of 70? Is it possible during the New Year that you and I could feel better about ourselves, while being pain-free? Is it possible that we can watch a dramatic improvement in our children or grandchildren's language skills and IQ?

According to author, nurse and hug expert Kathleen Keating in ***The Hug Therapy Book***, "Hugging is a very special form of touch

## Good News From the Past Masters

The Past Masters Unit, with an enthusiastic and energized leadership and membership, continues its positive impact upon the Masonic Relations between Oasis Shriners and North Carolina Masons.

We are up-to-date! At the most recent meeting of the Past Masters, held December 7, 2013 at Oasis Shriners Headquarters the revised by-laws of the unit were presented by Noble Ed Becton, P.M., and were passed.

At that meeting Captain Terry Jones, Past Master and Past Potentate, and Noble Gordy Peeler reported that membership in the unit is now 215 Past Masters! Also, it was reported that forty-two (42) members had been added during 2013, and that there are 62 Past Masters who are actively serving their Masonic Lodges as Ambassadors.

In addition to the Captain and Secretary, the unit has as its 1st Lt., Noble Gary Handy, P.M.; 2nd Lt., Noble Bob Erwin, Jr., P.M.; treasurer, Noble Mark Shores, P.M., and Chaplain, Noble Edwin Becton, P.M.

At the Annual Meeting of Oasis Shriners which followed the Past Masters Unit, Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton, Potentate recommended to the Membership that our very own Chaplain, Noble Ed Becton, P.M., be made a Life

Member of Oasis Shriners. Obviously, this passed! We congratulate Noble and Brother Becton on this wonderful recognition.

The membership of the Past Masters Unit congratulates RW Brother Douglas L. Caudle of Statesville Masonic Lodge 27, on his election as Deputy Grand Master. Noble and RW Brother Caudle is the newest member of the Oasis Past Masters Unit! Welcome, Brother Caudle!

Membership in the Oasis Past Masters Unit is open to all Shriners who have served their Lodges as Master. The mission of the Past Masters Unit is to be a communications link between Oasis Shriners and the Masonic Lodges within the jurisdiction. Of course, the VITAL link in the communications effort are the Blue Lodge Ambassadors.

If you would like to explore becoming a member of the Past Masters Unit, or if you have questions regarding the unit, or please do not hesitate to contact: Terry Jones, P.M.,P.P., Captain, 5002 White Oak Dr., Lexington 27295, Phone (336) 764-5502, e-mail: [tkjonespp@gmail.com](mailto:tkjonespp@gmail.com). Also, Past Masters' Secretary, Noble Gordy Peeler, 520 Cantiberry Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146, phone (704) 279-5764. He can be reached by e-mail at [gordypeeler@msn.com](mailto:gordypeeler@msn.com).

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## PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



**To:** The Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Oasis Shriners, situated in the City of Charlotte, State of North Carolina:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge, No \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_,  
which is a \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)  
Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months as required by the bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order and a member of your Temple. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and ceremonies of your Temple.

Have you previously applied for admission to any Shrine Temple or Chapter of the Order?  Yes  No

If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever a DeMolay?  Yes  No If so, what Chapter? (name & location) \_\_\_\_\_

Profession/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Have served in the Armed Forces:  Yes  No Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City/Town State Zipcode

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City/Town State Zipcode

Your Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City/Town State Zipcode

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Business) (Cell)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT YOUR FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of this Petition: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This candidate recommended and vouched for on the honor of:

Noble \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine # \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Noble \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine # \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach to the petition, a check or money order for \$200 and a copy of your current Blue Lodge Card.** Call if you have questions. This payment includes current year's dues, your Oasis Fez and lapel pin. Mail to OASIS SHRINERS, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262, ATTN: Membership

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## JANUARY 2014

MEMBER#	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
26990	Billy C Poplin	Mt.Gilead, NC	10/30/76	12/18/11
34860	Harry E Mitchell	Hickory, NC	8/24/90	12/21/12
21271	Pruett L Black	Belmont, NC	5/2/70	11/6/13
16983	Raymond E Crawford	Charlotte, NC	10/20/62	11/24/13
18265	Harold A Kessler	Charlotte, NC	5/4/65	11/25/13
30612	Albert M Sullivan	Charlotte, NC	5/28/77	11/25/13
17402	Benson S Futrell, Jr.	Denton, NC	10/19/63	11/27/13
33484	Jimmy E Whitley	Charlotte, NC	8/29/87	11/27/13
33515	Gurney M Richardson	North Wilkesboro, NC	2/5/69	11/29/13
14916	Samuel R Buie	Salisbury, NC	1/17/57	12/4/13
37053	Graham C Johnson	Elkin, NC	11/7/97	12/7/13
38370	William T Harrelson	Charlotte, NC	6/7/03	12/7/13
15225	George, T McDonald, PP.	Charlotte, NC	10/19/57	12/8/13
18095	James C Green, Jr.	Greensboro, NC	1/23/65	12/9/13
36468	Roger A Smith	Locust, NC	5/6/95	12/10/13



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Unlike a traditional X-ray that captures one small area of the body, the EOS Imaging System is able to provide a life-size picture of the patient's full skeleton. With the patient in a weight-bearing standing or sitting position, the EOS system uses two beams to simultaneously take both a frontal and side view. The scan takes between 5 and 20 seconds to complete and captures the patient with their natural posture and joint orientation. The high-resolution image of the patient provides the orthopaedic surgeon with over 100 clinical parameters for pre- and post-operative surgical planning. "Being able to have this technology is very exciting," said Pete Stasikleis, M.D., chief of staff at the Greenville Shriners Hospital. "Before the EOS system, surgeons had to 'stitch' together multiple, smaller two-dimensional images to see an entire area. With these 3D images, we will better understand where the problem is and its complexity before we operate, thus bettering our ability to correct the problem."



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