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# The Potentate's message



**N**obles and Ladies: Having participated with the Divan, Ladies, Clubs and Units in the 2014 Festivities at the Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival in Oxford, North Carolina, I am reminded of our combined and noble efforts to serve children and families who we, as Shrine-Masons, support with enthusiasm and appreciation of the generous financial donations by Shriners, Masons and others.

Of particular note is the meeting among the Oasis Temple Divan and Ladies, Noble Chris Hall, Oasis Membership Chairman, Sudan Temple Divan and Ladies, Amran Divan and Ladies and North Carolina's Most Worshipful Grandmaster, Dalton Mayo and his Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies, on Friday night in Oxford, hosted by the Granville Shrine Club.

Having enjoyed a scrumptious Barbecue style dinner, we engaged in discussions about

membership, development and retention, learning from Noble Chris Hall and others about the wealth of experience and knowledge, and the information available from Shriners International to the Grand Lodge Officers who may pick and choose from the litany of materials for their use to crusade to increase and retain Blue Lodge members, some of whom will become Shriners.

Presumably, the Grand Lodge leadership and the joint NC

Shrine Temple Divans will continue to meet periodically with one another to discuss these issues as well as other matters that confront us as Masons who seek to preserve the fraternities by cooperative efforts which benefit our respective Masonic bodies.

The Hickory Ceremonial weekend was a testament to the fun and fellowship the we, as Shriners, enjoy in our quest to support the Shrine Children and their families. We should not forget the enduring benefit to us generated by this community outreach event involving Oasis Shriners, the Hickory, NC area community, and beyond, as was orchestrated by our Public Relations Committee, and highlighted by a civic parade and community

leadership participation.

To increase participation of Nobles of our fraternity's work and fellowship, I urge you to join with your Club Officers, District Representatives, and Divan Members to affect an increase in the membership rolls of Clubs and Units.

My Oasis Potentate's Salutes include: a) Noble Allen Leatherman, and the Oasis Hospitality Committee, who plan and work during Oasis events to provide a place for us to gather and socialize, and to discuss common themes of Oasis between scheduled events: b) Noble Al Clegg and Noble Harold Davis who perpetuate the spirit of Oasis Shriners: c) Noble Tommy Helms and Noble David John-

son for their efforts to organize and direct the Nobles who participate in Shrine Parades: d) Nobles Bill Carter and Ken Jarrett, who organize and facilitate the planning of the Hickory Ceremonial: e) the Nobles who joined the Young Shriners Club: f) the Oasis Clowns, who invariably bring a smile to our faces during Ceremonials and events, e.g., the Shrine Circus.

The remaining months of 2014 will be busy ones as we salute our Veterans, hold Oasis elections, and enjoy the Holiday season. I wish for each of you Godspeed as we finish the year and prepare for 2015.

*Yours in the Faith*  
**David**



# The Recorder's message

**H**ello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. As I have promised you in the past, I will try to keep you as up-to-date as possible with the status of your Shriner's Hospitals For Children by conveying the periodic messages of Imperial Sir Doug Maxwell, PIP, and Chairman of the Board for the Shriners Hospitals For Children. The following is Imperial Sir Doug's fall update conveyed in its original format:

In these past 5 years of the rebirth and revitalization of our philanthropy, we collectively have increased our endowment fund from under \$4.8 billion dollars in 2009 to now over \$8.5 billion.

We now also have total hospital assets over \$10 billion. And during this same time span, we have been increasing the number of children in every

category that we help.

## *So where do we go from here?*

We are continuing to create new affiliations, partnerships and changes in delivery models to become more efficient and to also bring us additional children to help. These referrals will come to us by our new Partners, who will consider Shriners the "Provider of Choice" in our disciplines.

These partnerships will also give us better economies of scale and improve the utilization of our facilities.

Along that line as was mentioned in Minneapolis, we have continued our dialogue with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota to pursue a "National Partnership" with them. If this comes to pass, it will be provide many fu-

ture benefits for Shriners and Mayo.

### • Boston

At our Boston hospital, our relationship with our partner "Massachusetts General Hospital" (MGH) is continuing in discussions about an expansion of roles for both organizations in our building. (*Our hospital is located in downtown Boston in a very prime location. We are across the street and connected to our partner (MGH).* MGH is medically ranked alongside of Mayo in "excellence of care". Most of their doctors are Harvard Doctors, one of America's top medical schools.

### • Philadelphia

Around 50 years ago, our Philadelphia Hospital began doing "outreach clinics" in Puerto Rico twice a year to determine

if children in this American territory could benefit from being flown to Philadelphia for our expert orthopedic care. Through the years, many children have had a much better life due to these efforts and procedures.

These efforts have now evolved to many "*non-surgical procedures*" being initiated right *in San Juan on clinic day*. This has saved both cost and stress to the family to not have to make the long plane ride north and be there for many days. As we found with our new "*Outpatient Surgery*" *medicine in Tijuana*, where we are taking our care to where the children live... it is much better for the family to not have to travel for such time and distance and is also less cost to the system. If we can do more of that type of care in San Juan rather than having to fly the child and mother to Philadelphia, it will also be easier on the family.

*In a meeting* on September 9 with the *Governor of Puerto Rico*, the Chairman of our Philadelphia Board of Governors Ray Goodwin,

our Medical Affairs Committee Chairman Dr. Peter Diaz, and I explored possibilities with Governor Padilla to have a *similar role in San Juan* as we do *in Tijuana*. The Governor indicated that with his "Territory's" medical budget, he may be able to help us put the pieces together. The plan would be to identify a few *Puerto Rican "orthopedic surgeons"* and train them at our Philadelphia hospital in our great Shrine Medical Care and procedures. We would then have them return to San Juan as "*accredited Shrine doctors*" to do our great work at "*their hospital*" in our name. As has been said before, our *Shrine Care*, is our great Shrine trained doctors, *doing the mission...* whether it is in *our buildings* or *in an affiliate's building* where the children live. This same premise is working very well in Tijuana where three Mexican doctors were given "training and rotations" in our Los Angeles hospital for the purpose of learning and implementing our "*Shrine Care*" *in Tijuana*.

### • Tampa

In Tampa, there is a new Dean at USF's Medical School interested in expanding the role of his medical school with Shriner Hospitals/Tampa through our "Endowed Chair" at the school... new horizon's are appearing. These are in the early stages of conversations and if continue to fruition will bring added activity and patients to that facility.

I will end here due to the length of the update and continue with the remainder of the fall SHC update next month. That report also includes a segment on the role of SHC and Former President Jimmy Carter, so stay tuned.

O.K., once again you're let me take up way too much of your time. 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**

# News from the Editor

## **Nobles and Ladies:**

We are moving closer to the end of our year, and activities galore will fill these last two months. Veterans Appreciation Night, Our Oasis Shrine Circus, Elections, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and lots of Club and Unit functions will keep officers and members busy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have sent pictures and articles, and have provided kind words and support to the staff of the Desert Dust.

Please take the time in your meetings during these last two months to poll your members regarding their wants and needs as relates to the Dust. We have made every effort to publish every article and picture of interest to our

members, which has been sent to us. It is of vital importance that members throughout our fifty county region stay aware of the doings of their fellow Shriners throughout Oasis territory. The Clubs and Units of Oasis have done a great job of keeping our membership informed.

We are proud of the fact that, out of 195 Shrine Temples, Oasis Shrine Desert Dust received First Place in 2013, and Second Place in 2014 in the Dromedary Award competition. We remain steadfast in our effort to shine once again in 2015, and know the Clubs and Units in Oasis will help us to achieve that goal.

I want to thank some of those who have contributed directly to our Award Winning publication each month. Lexi Eden, our layout person, has done a marvelous job designing our publication each month. Illustrious Sir John Sullivan has been

my mainstay, using his photography skills as only a professional can. Mark Jordan is to be commended for his photographs, which have been viewed monthly on the web site and the Facebook page. C. Lee Abernathy has made numerous contributions of his photography. Each of these members of the Desert Dust staff has made our publication one of the best in the world of Shriners.

And finally, please keep those pictures and articles coming. We all want to know what you are doing. Keep in mind that notification of your upcoming events can get free advertisement directed at more than 6,000 people who have the same interest as you – the burned and crippled child.

And as we move forward, please smile. You never know when a camera is pointed your way.

## **2014 Circus Moms & Dads, Grandparents, and Honorary Ringmasters**



Circus production by:  
Jody Jordan Circus International

NC Agriculture Center, Fletcher, NC  
Thursday, November 20, 2014  
2 shows: 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC  
Friday, November 21, 2014  
1 show at 7:30pm

Saturday, November 22, 2014  
2 shows: 2:00pm & 7:30pm

General Admission \$12.00 – 13 yrs of age & older  
Free Admission – 12 years of age & under

**W. DAVID SUMPTER, III  
POTENTATE**

**RODNEY MORGAN  
CIRCUS CHAIRMAN**

One of the most important aspects of our circus from year to year is our incredible following of Circus Moms & Dads, Grandparents, and the “leaders of them all”, our honorary Ringmasters. Once again our Mom & Dad status is earned with a \$20 contribution, Grandparents with a \$40 contribution, and Ringmaster with \$80 or more. Each \$20 contribution gets you two adult tickets to any circus performance and as many kids tickets as you want. If you can't use your tickets, we will distribute them to children and adults in other non-profit organizations who cannot afford to attend the circus. Send your contributions to:



Oasis Shrine Circus  
604 Doug Mayes Place  
Charlotte, NC 28262

Tickets will be sent to you automatically unless you indicate otherwise. No tickets will be mailed after November 14, 2014. Additional tickets are available at Oasis Temple. All contributions will be recognized in the Desert Dust. Thanks for your continuing support of the Oasis Shrine Circus!



Any questions regarding the Circus can be directed to:  
Rodney Morgan \* Oasis Circus Chairman \* (704) 985-5253

# The Potentate's Cruise



Canada & New England



ATTENTION ALL MECKLENBURG AND GASTON COUNTY SHRINERS

**THE DUNE CATS SAY...  
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BUFFALO WILD WINGS**

Show a current Oasis Shrine Dues card and BWW will donate **10% of your FOOD bill to the Shriners Hospitals for Children!**

*\*Alcohol not included*



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SHRINERS!**

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Address

Phone



**GASTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Smith & Wesson Shield 9 mm Pistol**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 60" LED 1080p 120Hz SMART HDTV**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Winner's Vacation Choice of one (1) below:**

- 2 nights hotel in Williamsburg, VA including tickets to Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens
- 2 nights at Great Wolf Lodge, Concord, including great water park for 2 adults and 2 children
  - 2 nights Biltmore Inn and tickets to Biltmore House
  - 2 nights at Wild Dunes in Isle of Palms, SC
  - 2 nights at Kiawah Island, SC

Drawing – December 12, 2014

\$20 each or 6 for \$100

WINNERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT GCSC



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# Oasis Shriners Veteran's Appreciation Night



For months now, Oasis Shriners has been collecting military service information from its members. This information was not only vital with updating our records at the temple, but was necessary to make sure we don't exclude anyone when we host the Veteran's Appreciation Night on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the temple.

Since this is an Oasis event, it is open to all Oasis Shriners and their spouse/guest to honor and celebrate the 395 Oasis members who are "Military" Veterans.

As a Vietnam War Veteran himself, Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter, III quotes: "I am reminded of the personal, historic commitment of Military Veterans and their families whether during times of peace among nations or, likewise, during periods of war with nations or other nefarious adversaries, being a testament to the resolve of our military families who participate in either the defense of or, otherwise, in the promotion of the strategic interests of our nation.

To attend this event, please RSVP by contacting the Temple at 704-549-9600, no later than Monday, November 10, 2014.

Oasis Shriners - Auditorium  
604 Doug Mayes Place  
Charlotte, NC 28262

Dress Code: Dressy Casual / Military Uniform

## Evening Program

- 5:30pm Doors open / Hospitality / Meet and Greet
- 6:15pm "God Bless the USA" performed by Lady Beth Downs
- 6:30pm Opening Remarks by Noble George T. Wilcox & Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter, III
- Opening Prayer by Illustrious Sir John H. Stanley
- BBQ Dinner prepared by White Plains Shrine Club
- Presentation of Flags performed by Oasis Patrol Color Guard
- "National Anthem" performed by Lady Beth Downs
- Musical performance by The Charlotte Fire Department Pipe and Drum Band
- Charlotte Bridge Home Presentation by Noble George T. Wilcox
- Recognition of Oasis Military Veterans by Noble George T. Wilcox & Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter, III
- "America" performed by Lady Beth Downs
- Closing Remarks by Noble George T. Wilcox & Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter, III
- Closing Prayer by Illustrious Sir John H. Stanley



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## 2014 DIVAN

Chief Rabban	Todd Ham
Assistant Rabban	Johnny King
High Priest and Prophet	Mike Neaves
Oriental Guide	Johnny Burgess
Treasurer	William (Bill) M. Harward, PP
Recorder	Gary D. Taylor, PP
Drector	Tommy Helms
1st Ceremonial Master	Kenneth Jarrett
2nd Ceremonial Master	William (Bill) H. Carter
Marshal	Tim Daniels
Captain of the Guard	Rodney Morgan
Outer Guard	George T. Wilcox

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DESERT DUST**

**WINNER  
AT THE  
2013 & 2014  
Dromedary  
Awards**

# Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Announces New Title Sponsor

Fort Mill, S.C. (October 6, 2014) – The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas (SBOC) and its strategic media rights partner, Scholastic Sports Marketing, announces that OrthoCarolina will serve as the title sponsor of this annual classic. A multi year commitment by OrthoCarolina creates an opportunity for the SBOC to continue their support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

“OrthoCarolina is thrilled to partner with the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas,” said Blair Primis, Director of Marketing for OrthoCarolina. “We have a long history of supporting youth and high school athletics and this partnership is another example of our dedication to the local sports community. We are looking forward to a great game and following the wonderful careers ahead for these great athletes.”

“I am thrilled to have an opportunity to share the name of this long standing game with such a revered corporate partner,” said Ronnie Blount, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shrine Bowl. “This event is one geared toward helping people and OrthoCarolina is in the business of helping people. I think this collaboration is perfect for everyone involved with the game.” The three year partnership includes a presence on the ESPN3 and ESPN3 platforms. The game is broadcast live on ESPN3 with replay airings on ESPN3 on December 26, 2014 at 7pm, December 28, 2014 at 9aE, and January 9, 2015 at 1pm.

**About OrthoCarolina:** OrthoCarolina is one of the nation’s leading independent academic orthopedics practices serving North Carolina and the

Southeast since 1922. OrthoCarolina provides comprehensive musculoskeletal care including operative and non-operative care, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitative therapy. Widely known for musculoskeletal research and training, their physicians have specialized expertise in foot & ankle, hip & knee, shoulder & elbow, spine, sports medicine, hand, pediatric orthopedics, and physical medicine and rehabilitation. Visit [www.orthocarolina.com](http://www.orthocarolina.com) for more information.

#### About the Shriners Hospital for Children:

The hospital network has been treating orthopedic conditions since the founding of the first hospital in 1922. With a large full-time staff of pediatric orthopedic surgeons in the United States, as well as a comprehensive team of physical, oc-

cupational, speech and other therapists, the Shriners Hospital for Children are able to provide customized care to each child. Visit [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org) for more information.

#### About Scholastic Sports Marketing (SSM):

Charlotte, NC based Scholas-

tic Sports Marketing is one of America’s fastest growing high school multimedia and marketing management companies. SSM represents some of the nation’s top scholastic properties including the nationally televised Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, large athletic conferences, and some of the most prominent high schools in the

country. Scholastic Sports Marketing’s mission is to enhance the overall experience for high school student-athletes by developing new revenue streams while fostering the image and awareness level of the athletic events, conferences and institutions in which they participate. Visit [www.ssmlc.com](http://www.ssmlc.com) for more information.

## Nation Ford High School’s Breanna Petrucci Designs 2014 Shrine Bowl Poster, Program and Ticket

Breanna Petrucci, a senior at Nation Ford High School in Fort Mill, South Carolina is this year’s winner for the design of the 2014 Shrine Bowl poster, program cover and ticket. Her design was selected from 21 entries. This year, the Shrine Bowl, has a “Salute to Heroes” theme. Nation Ford High School’s Digital Arts & Design

class, led by Mr. Joe McConkey has been in partnership with the Shrine Bowl for the past 3 years.

The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas had a Press Conference to unveil Breanna’s design on Monday, October 6, at the Marriott Courtyard, in Charlotte.



This year’s game will be broadcast live on ESPN3 with replay airings on ESPN3 on December 26, 2014 at 7pE, December 28, 2014 at 9aE, and January 9, 2015 at 1pm E.ST.

## 18TH ANNUAL SHRINER'S

# OYSTER ROAST

NOVEMBER 14, 2014

6:00-8:30 PM • SALISBURY DEPOT

The menu for the Oyster Roast this year includes a tantalizing and high quality array of Oysters, Shrimp, Flounder, Clam Chowder, Oyster Stew, French Fries, Hushpuppies and Slaw, as well as Beer and Wine.

**\$40** PER PERSON **\$45** PER PERSON  
*in advance* *at the door*

Tickets available at **K-Dee's Jewelers** (112 E. Innes St.),  
or see any Shrine Club member, or by emailing  
**DONLYER@AOL.COM**

## OASIS DUNE CATS



## JUMPING HURDLES FOR CHILDREN

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

# Membership Update



*Fraternal greetings, Nobles!*

Here's a quick look at our "Year in Review" for Oasis membership presented as a 2014 Summary:

**1) Blue Lodge Ambassadors (BLAs):** Ill. Sir Fred Laxton and MW Grand Master Dewey Preslar, Jr. co-signed a letter that was mailed to all 194 Masonic lodges with the request that the Master appoint a willing and capable "Blue Lodge Ambassador." To date, there are 91 BLAs on the roster that is maintained in partnership with the Past Masters Unit. BLAs were invited to a first-ever meeting at Oasis where their responsibilities and expectations were shared.

**2) Membership Packets for Newly Raised Master Masons:** We learned that Tampa provides free informative materials and resources to compile into a "packet" that we created to be presented, with the Master's permission, by BLAs to newly raised Master Masons. The packet contains complete information about the Shrine and how to join Oasis. These packets are available to anyone who would like them.

**3) Membership Survey:** We created an online Membership Survey and advertised for any member to complete the survey. We plan to use feedback to plan some 2015 membership events such as an auction, concealed carry class, First Aid class, picnic, genealogy seminar, and more.

**4) "Please Renew Today" and "We Miss You" postcards:** We learned about professionally made postcard mailers available free from Tampa that are used to send to members who are in danger of NPD at the end of the year as well as those who we just lost to NPD after the beginning of the year. We mailed the cards in an effort to assist with both Retention and Restoration efforts.

**5) Online Payments:** We have made another move into modern times by approving PayPal to be setup to accept quick and convenient online dues payments from members.

**6) Social Media Presence:** We established an online presence on Facebook, a social media platform that has more than 500 million users. This allows us to engage with the public in a popular and ever-growing medium. In addition to Oasis, our other groups such as Shriners International, Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of NC, DeMolay, Rainbows, Daughters of the Nile, local Masonic lodges and many more also have a Facebook page setup. These pages are used to share information about ceremonials, videos from beashrinernow.com, pictures from events, and much more to engage our members, the public, and serve as a recruitment tool.

**7) Phone Tree:** We sent a message to members in arrears for both one and two years in an effort to assist with retention.

**8) District Representatives:** We have extensively worked through our DRs to work on NPD lists through phone calls and outreach. DRs are requested to summarize their findings and present as a report with notes on each member in order to meet needs, create a demit request list, update contact information and more.

**9) Clubs and Units:** We developed a clubs and units packet and invited all clubs and units to submit a one-page description of their group along with a picture. Those who submitted were included in the packet to be presented to new members. These info sheets were also used to create a huge three-panel lighted display that highlights the clubs and units at Ceremonials.

**10) Shriners Village/MMS/Virtual Mentor Program:** We learned in Tampa about the rich resources available online in Shriners Village and the Membership & Marketing System which provides comprehensive, real-time information on our membership including multiple reports on-demand. We also learned about the Virtual Mentor Program which ties directly to the beashrinernow.com website whereby any man can submit his information and interest in joining. The information is directed to Oasis and Noble Johnny King serves as the lead on this important membership recruitment program that pairs Oasis members with prospective members who learned about us online.

**11) Masonic Education program:** We developed a 15-20 minute educational program entitled "An Introduction to the Shriners" which we present in any Masonic lodge upon request/invitation and permission from the Master.

**12) Membership Liaison for Clubs & Units:** We recently announced that each club and unit is requested to appoint a "Membership Liaison" position with their information to be included in the 2015 Oasis Directory.

**13) Young Shriners Club:** We met the Potentate's request to create a new club in Oasis, the "Young Shriners Club." We have 301 members who are under the age of 40. These members have all been invited to attend the inaugural meeting at the end of October for election of officers. We've included an online meeting/webinar option for those who cannot drive the distance to attend in person. We look to this club to raise the bar and challenge all clubs and units with membership initiatives and to HAVE FUN being a Shriner and include their ladies and families in events.

**On behalf of the Oasis Membership Team, thanks to all our nobles and ladies who have provided time, energy, money, and other resources toward membership efforts this year. Stay tuned for the unveiling of our 2015 Club & Unit membership goals as well as a membership incentive program. Please drop me a line or give me a call to let us know how YOUR membership team may be of assistance.**

YITE,

*Chris Hall, Membership Chairman*

## Well. They Have Done It Again

For the fourth time in the last seven years, the Sand T's, which is the small car unit of the Moore County Shrine Club, under the leadership of Jack Hendricks, have again won first place in the Mini Model T category at the 49th South Atlantic Shrine Association Fall Festival parade, held September 20th in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

On Saturday, September 20th, a parade lasting over four hours took place. During this parade, participating parade units were judged on their overall performance and appearance.

In addition to winning four first place trophies in the past seven years, the Sand T's have been awarded three second place trophies. Quite an accomplishment to place and be awarded a trophy in all seven years.

You will see the Sand T's driving their mini model T's in many parades in Moore County, such as the upcoming Veterans and Christmas parades. Their purpose is to bring to the public's attention the Shriners Children's Hospitals, and bring awareness of the work that Shriners do to support our 22 hospitals.



*Latona Temple # 154  
Daughters of the Nile*

*Working together to benefit the  
children of Shriners Hospitals*

**If you are a lady related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile, you are eligible to become a member of this growing organization committed to supporting the important work of Shriners Hospitals for Children. For more information on this dedicated fraternal order for women, contact Sally Saulsbery at (704) 996-5064 or Kathy Southworth, PQ at (704) 262-7739 or e-mail her at kfsouth@yahoo.com.**



**OASIS CABIRI** By: John Elder, PP

As a representative of the Oasis Cabiri, I was proud to receive a framed picture of the Past Potentates who attended a Divan dinner back on February 9, 2013. Ill. Sir Fred Laxton put on a great event as a mixer for us to socialize and fellowship with our Divan and guests. Pictured from left to right are: Noble Dan Swanson (who framed the picture), Ill. Sirs Noble Sticky Burch and Noble Doyle Simmons. The picture can be seen at Oasis, just left of the Potentate's office door.



**Red Fez Shrine Club  
Children's Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 7th**

Lunch will be served from 12:30 - 2:00  
Followed by a visit from Santa

**Fried chicken, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese,  
Green Beans, Rolls & Dessert**  
Adults \$10.00  
Children (7-11) \$5.00  
Children (6 and under) Free

Reservations are Required!!!  
980-875-1257 or [denisepelow@yahoo.com](mailto:denisepelow@yahoo.com)

# 4th Friday of the Month

*"Having Fun - And Helping Children"*

**Swing Dance**  
\$10.00

**4th Saturday of the Month**  
• Lessons from 7- 8 pm  
• Dance from 8-12 pm

**Club Dance Night**  
\$10.00

**1st Friday of the Month**  
Stiletto Band  
Doors Open at 6:00 pm  
• No Club Dance Friday, July 4th •

**Upcoming Events**

- Elvis with Stephen Freeman and other musicians coming in October
- Celebrate New Year's Eve  
Seating starts at 6:00 pm with buffet dinner at 7:15 pm

Additional information on all events on the web site

**Rent The Shrine Club**  
Weddings, receptions, parties, dances, memorial services, family reunions and conferences/meetings.  
Call 336-707-6588

- Monthly Meeting  
Families & Guests Welcome
- Program with meal and fellowship
- Doors open at 6:00 pm with social time
- Dinner with program/entertainment at 7:00 pm
- Reservations end the Wednesday before the 4th Friday of the month

Don't wait. Call today to make your reservations! 336-292-1158

**The Greensboro Shrine Club**

5010 High Point Rd., Greensboro, NC 27407 336-299-5901  
[www.greensboroshrineclub.org](http://www.greensboroshrineclub.org)

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Or contact us at [SMC@NCDeMolay.org](mailto:SMC@NCDeMolay.org)

Visit our website at [www.GoRainbow.org](http://www.GoRainbow.org)

Or contact us at [NorthCarolinaIORG@gmail.com](mailto:NorthCarolinaIORG@gmail.com)

# GATOR TALES WRAP-UP

**Thursday, August 21, 2014** brought eleven Gators and Gals and families to Newton, NC for their annual Old Soldiers' Reunion parade...kicking off at 5 pm on a beautiful afternoon, thousands of families, old and young alike, lined the American flag-decorated streets of the courthouse square and downtown area to watch and honor the military units and our Veteran's proceed with pride and the celebration of their service to America!! It was an honor to be included in the parade of 198 units; the Gator Patrol included our sisters, nephews, grandchildren and "puppy"; along with our unit's membership that was available to parade that day. Fourteen or so of us continued our motto of "When we meet, we eat" and joined together at Olive Garden for an evening meal of fun and fellowship.



**Sunday, September 7th, 2014** – Gator meeting, swim party, cook-out, birthday bash was enjoyed by 30-ish Gators and Gals in the afternoon at Vickie and Kenny Jarrett's home off of HWY 10 in Newton. Delicious food was served by the Jarrett's, desserts were shared by the membership, and a lot of water fun and "yaking" was happening around the tables.

**Sunday, September 14th, 2014**...Poker Run at Catawba County Shrine Clubhouse on HWY 10 in Newton...The Gator Patrol assisted the Shrine Club (Dennis Grigg, Chairperson) with the event that had 160 Motorcycle Riders stopping at 6 stops and ending up at the Shrine Clubhouse for a BBQ dinner and Awards presentations/ Winners announcement. Not the perfect weather day, but a very nice and successful event and good food and fun was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Friday through Sunday, September 19 – 21st, 2014** – SASA at SpringMaid Resort-Beach at South Myrtle Beach...over 30 Gators and Gals attended the festivities on this windy and cool September weekend of Shrine Events. Some of our group arrived on Thursday and others by late Friday night, but nine Gators presented themselves at the 9 am parade kick-off ...likewise, the Gator Gals set themselves up right near the Judge's Stand to cheer and make noise for their guys!!! It paid off too...Gator Patrol was awarded 2nd place



overall in the 4-wheel motorized category!! Afternoons were spent in fellowship in shared rooms or hospitality rooms, SASA Mart, or beaching or walking on the pier and watching the fishing or enjoying the presentations at 2:30!

Friday night the gang that was there ate together at Bubba's Fish Shack in Surfside...special friend and Gator Sam Potter who has moved from Hickory area to "the beach" joined us for dinner. Good to see Sam Potter!! Saturday night was enjoyed by 20 of us at Damon's restaurant right there beside our Spring Maid motel...walking distance and Gator distance away!! Danced the night away!!! Home again on Sunday!!

**"And that's the Way it Was...See ya' later Gator!"**

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**Contact Captain Tom Barnhardt**

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# “The Beat on the Street” with your Drum & Bugle Corps

In the October issue of The Desert Dust, I shared that I hoped to report back to you after the big SASA weekend of our success, in the eyes of the judges. Well, let me be honest with you all. We didn't bring home a trophy this year. I know, I know. It was tough not to win and we were all disappointed but sometimes the wrong thing happens at just the right time. Congratulations to everyone that did bring home a trophy. Before leaving the topic of SASA, everyone in the Corps would like to say thanks to everyone that stopped by our hospitality room. A tip of the Fez to our Captain Dale Morton, and Lady Terri for the time and effort that went into making the room a success again this year. I know Lady Terri would be the first to say that she had a lot of help from many others in keeping the room running smoothly. It was certainly a success and a great time was had by all.

Next was the big Homecoming Weekend at The Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

The Corps bounced back in a big way with a big turnout for the parade and we were able to put on a good show for those that lined the streets of Oxford. The best thing that happened for the Corps was being able to donate all those piggy banks that we had been filling up back to the home. If you remember reading in the March 2014 issue of The Desert Dust we told you the story of how one of our newest members, Scott Edwards and Lady Pam had gotten involved with the Home and had become a cottage sponsor. They are working with the Williams Memorial Cottage, which I might add, was an open house cottage for those that took the tour. One idea that Scott found out about were the piggy banks that the Home asked people to put out in an effort to collect change. A box full of empty banks was soon at one of our meetings. Members and friends of the Corps quickly began to fill the red plastic pigs and it was decided that all of the banks would be presented at the same time at the celebration after the parade. This also allowed the home to



promote the use of the banks during the ceremony. We are glad to report that more than 50 banks were placed into a treasure chest and presented!

Cottage parents, Andy and Tracy Newton were on hand before the presentation with two of the young men from Williams Cottage, Jaheim and Jamarion for a picture with members of the Corps. There are three other young men that were not able to be in the picture. They are Logan, Chris, and Derick.

In North Carolina, there is still great fellowship, teamwork, and respect between The Grand Lodge and the Shrine. We all remember that our journey started in the Blue Lodge. In the Drum & Bugle Corps we say “It’s a Family Thing” and I try to close these stories by typing “when the Shriner’s Hospital wins, we all win!” In the spirit of “It’s a Family Thing” allow me to close this story by saying “when the Masonic Home for Children wins, we all win!”

**Ned Yates**

## ATTENTION CLUBS & UNITS

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## - Our Job Is Not Done When We Sign The Top Line -

We all, as Shrine members, are at one time or another guilty of not doing our duty as relates to our new Shriners.

Many times, we see new faces at our functions, and we do not take the time to drift over and introduce ourselves.

Lots of times, we see new Shriners take that awesome trip across the Hot Sands, and we wonder what happened to them. We don't see them at Oasis functions. We don't see them at local

Shrine Club events. And we don't see them joining parade units. Where are they?????

Although the Provost Guard does an excellent job by mentoring our new Shriners, it takes more than that. It takes each member taking the time to welcome these new Shriners and their Ladies. It should be the goal of each Shriner who signs the top line or the bottom line on any petition to take that Shriner under his wing. Call him and invite him and his Lady to the Oasis events. Invite them to your local

Club events. Let them know they are welcome.

It is a well-known fact that we, as seasoned Shriners, are getting older by the day, and some of the jobs that we have done for many years become harder and harder each year, simply because, even though we do not want to admit it, age has its barriers. What a wonderful opportunity it is to take the new Shriner that you have the distinction of bringing into our ranks and train him to take over when you are no longer able. What a great experience it will be for them to enjoy the wonderful

feeling we all have when we work for our Children.

These young Shriners will never have the joyful experience of helping our Children if they are not invited to do so, and many will not do so if not invited.

Let us all as seasoned Shriners take the time to introduce, invite and make welcome our new Shriners. We were once one too. And we will be forever grateful to the Nobles who took us under their wing and brought us to where we are today.

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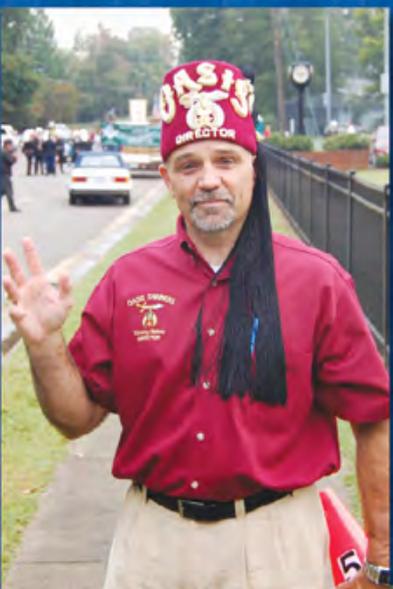


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## **OASIS SHRINE BAND** By: John Elder, PP

Interim Band Director, Patrick Watkins, received his 3rd Degree Saturday, October 4th, at Lee Lodge # 253 in Taylorsville, NC. Pictured left to right are Band Members: Leslie Dix, PM; Patrick; Alan Jones, PM PC; and John Elder, PC PP.

# Oasis Keystone Kops

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I'm so proud to have former patient, award-winning actor, and Shriners Hospitals for Children Love to the rescue® Ambassador RJ Mitte serve as part of this effort. RJ has spoken eloquently about his experiences: "I was born with cerebral palsy, and my disability made me a target for bullies. I was harassed, knocked down and even had my hand broken. But, I was lucky. I had my friends, my family, and Shriners Hospitals for Children to help me become stronger - inside and out."

That's why Shriners Hospitals for Children's care doesn't stop at the hospital door. We go into schools to teach our patients' classmates about how everyone deserves respect. Together, we can #CutTheBull and put an end to bullying. We have the ability to make a difference. We can embrace others for who they are, not who we think they should be.

Visit [CutTheBullNow.org](http://CutTheBullNow.org) to learn more and sign the pledge! Please share this special message with your friends and family today.

Sincerely,  
**Dale Stauss** Chairman of the Board of Directors Shriners Hospitals for Children®



This possum was able to sneak onto a D & B Fez that was positioned to show the treasure chest of "MHCO Piggy Banks" being donated by the Corps.

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# NOTICE OF 2015 ELECTIONS

In accordance with Article 25, §325.1 of the Bylaws of the Shriners International, notice is hereby given for the election of officers of Oasis Shriners at a stated meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at the Oasis Shrine Center at 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28262. Elected will be the seven officers of the Divan comprising the Board of Directors, including Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest & Prophet, Oriental Guide, Recorder and Treasurer. In addition, election will be held for four representatives to the Imperial Session and two representatives to the South Atlantic Shrine Association.

## Article 25, §325.11 Election Regulations

(a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

*Amend. 2011*

Gary D. Taylor, PP  
Recorder



## NEWS RELEASE

**“Honor our youth and veterans”** is the re-sounding theme of Oasis Shriners’ big meeting in Hickory, N.C. Saturday November 1, 2014. More than 1,000 Shriners will convene in and about the Hickory Metro Convention Center in colorful fezzes and costumes to recognize the outstanding youth and veterans of the great Hickory area, to conduct Shrine business including induction of a number of new members, and to stage a highly entertaining parade through downtown Hickory.

Oasis Shriners is the largest of the 195 chapters of Shriners International with nearly 6,000 members from the 50 western counties of North Carolina. Oasis Shriners is also the biggest contributor of the 195 Shriners International Chapters to Shriners Hospitals for Children “the world’s greatest philanthropy”. Oasis Shriners contributed \$ 1,400,000 to the hospitals in 2013 and is on track to make an even larger contribution for 2014. Shriners Hospitals for Children treat 124,000 active patients for orthopedic problems, burns, spinal conditions, cleft lip, cleft palate, cerebral palsy and other serious physical problems. A number of Shriners Hospitals for Children patients live in the Hickory area. Oasis provides, through a dedicated group of volunteer Shriners the Oasis Tripsters, free transportation to children and parents to state of the art specialty hospitals to provide the best possible care.

Shriners Hospitals for Children spent over \$850,000,000 in the past year on treatment and research conducted at 20 national and two international hospitals dedicated to treating young people. Oasis Shriners are also raising money to help the many wounded veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Oasis, partnering with Charlotte Bridge Home is currently providing service “comfort” dogs to traumatized veterans of these recent wars.

The Oasis Hickory meeting will start with a rousing welcoming program at 8:30 a.m. at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. The general public is invited to this stimulating program. Hickory Mayor Rudy Wright, Senator Kay Hagan, Congressman Patrick McHenry, Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives Thom Tillis, and Hickory members of the North Carolina Senate and House have been invited to attend

this program and to participate in the Shriners 2:00 p.m. parade through downtown Hickory. Before the parade Oasis Shriners Chief Executive Officer David Sumpter, a Murphy, N.C. attorney, and notable guests will give brief greetings from a speakers platform on the parade route in downtown Hickory at 1:30 p.m. Sumpter will honor Shriners Hospitals patients and parents on the parade platform. Sumpter will also give special recognition and contributions to Hickory high school students, St. Stephens High School students and Lenoir-Ryne college students on this platform during the parade.

Oasis Shriners has invited the Hickory high school band, football team and cheerleaders, the St. Stephens high school band, football team and cheerleaders, and the Lenoir-Ryne pep band to participate in a blockbuster parade through downtown Hickory.

The parade will star international award winning Shiner units including the Oasis Scooter Patrol, the Sand T’s, the Mountain Buggies, the Oasis Dunecats, the Oasis Nascarts (mini Nascar cars), the Oasis Gator Patrol (lots of gators with steam and flashing eyes ridden by hearty Shriners), the Surry Mini Truckers, the daredevil antics of the Oasis 500’s and the Piedmont Pistons, the madcap antics of the Oasis Hillbillies, the colorful Oasis Patrol and Drum and Bugle Corps, the bagpipes of the Oasis Highlanders, the exotic tunes of the Oriental Band, the patriotic marches of the Oasis Band, the fun of the Oasis Keystone Cops, the Oasis Desert Rangers, the Big Rigs, the classic cars of the Oasis Oldies and the Oasis Ragtops, and the flamboyant Ritualistic Cast.

Many other Shrine leaders, unit and club members will participate in the parade. There will also be colorful participation by local Masonic lodges, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the York Rite of Freemasonry. All Shriners are Freemasons but not all Masons are Shriners.

“Bring in the clowns”. “Let the fun begin.” The wonderful Oasis Clowns will be present throughout the parade giving small tossing small footballs and giving coveted “fezzy bears” to children along the parade route. Oasis Shriners CEO Sumpter enthusiastically states “we plan to make this meeting a great celebration of the courage and strength of our hospital patients and parents and of our veterans and of the steadfast devotion of our members to helping young people and veterans. We also want this to be a great celebration of the Hickory area and our many fine members from this outstanding part of our wonderful state. We hope that many local residents will come out and join the fun of this celebration.”

*The Hillbillies are lookin' fer ya!*



*if interested in joining the Oasis Clan #13 parade unit, please contact jack devine @ 828-464-9886, or gary patterson @ 704-938-3930 or lee moody @ 704-451-6151*

This possum must have taken the cottage tour at the “Homecoming Celebration”. We see it here on a pumpkin on the front porch of the Williams Cottage at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, NC.



# Recognize the Hard-Working Noble in Your Temple or Hospital

## THE SHRINER OF THE MONTH

We are excited to announce that after initiating the Shriner of the Month Award recognition program at the beginning of this year, we are now opening it up to include all of our temples and hospitals! We want to honor the everyday, hardworking, always-there-for-whatever-you-need-him-for Shriner in your temple or hospital. You know who we mean, and we want to hear about him.

The Shriner of the Month Award was designed to honor members who demonstrate a deep commitment to both the fraternity and philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. Personal displays of leadership, especially by example, consistent participation in temple activities and efforts, and/or contributions to the health care system, will all add to one's consideration for the award. In short, we

want to honor the "unsung hero" of Shriners International.

Each month, one outstanding noble will be chosen as the Shriner of the Month. To make it easier on our nomination board, we will be taking nominations quarterly. This round, your nominations will be considered for the months of November, December and January. To recognize this individual and his ex-

traordinary contributions, a personal profile will be highlighted on Shriners Village, the Shriners International website and more. In addition, the winner will receive a signed plaque from the Imperial Potentate and commemorative pin.

For more information and details on how to submit a nomination for Shriner of the Month, please visit Shriners Village.



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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## "WE CAN BE AS EAGLES"

*"Those who hope (or wait) on the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles..." Isaiah 40:43*

The other day as I purged files, I came across some thoughts that a cousin of mine, Rev. Lee Stocks, had shared with the congregation of First Baptist, Kernersville when he served

as an interim pastor there some years ago.

Lee reminded the congregation that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks.

The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift

it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it.

The eagle does not escape the storm! It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When the storms of life come upon us—and all of us will experience them—we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storms that bring sickness, tragedy, failure, and disappointment in our lives. We, too, can soar above the storm.

Lee reminds us that it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we react to them. As Rev. James W. Moore reminds us in his book: "When trouble comes, when disappointment breaks your heart, when sorrow grips your spirit, you have a choice..., "You can Get Bitter or Better" (© 1989, Abingdon Press, Dimensions for Living, Nashville, TN. Will we allow God to lift us above the storms of life?

The Bible says: "Those who hope (some versions state: "Those who WAIT on the Lord...") will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."

**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)

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

## NEWS OF THE PAST MASTERS UNIT

A very special THANK YOU and "tip" of the Fez to our very own Kermit Nash. W.B. and Noble Kermit is providing a Army deuce and a half complete with a trailer to showcase the Past Masters Unit in parades! No one can miss the PMU now, as Sgt. Mike Kerhoulas has had large OASIS PAST MASTER BANNERS made. The banners fit really well on both sides of the deuce and a half.

Illustrious Sir and W. B. Terry Jones, Unit Captain said, "Kermit and Mike did a fabulous job in designing and manufacturing these banners. These banners are truly second to none."

Congratulation to the PMU's ever-faithful secretary, W.B. and Noble Gordy Peeler who has been appointed DDGM for the 28th Masonic District.

Also, congratulations to our own R.W. and Noble Brother Doug Caudle who is now GRAND MASTER-ELECT of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina!!!!

Brethren, please keep our Captain, Terry Jones and Sgt. Jeff Main in our prayers as they contend with health issues.

By the time you receive this "news", The Past Masters Unit will have had its October 31, 2014 meeting (4:00 p.m.) in the Conover Room at The Holiday Inn in Hickory. More on this meeting next time.

If you are interested in being active in the Unit as a Sergeant, as a Blue Lodge Ambassador, or a Corporal, or if you would like to explore becoming a member of the Past Masters Unit, please do not hesitate to contact: Terry Jones, P.M., P.P., Captain, 5002 White Oak Dr., Lexington, N.C. 27295, Phone (336) 764-5502, e-mail: [tkjonespp@gmail.com](mailto:tkjonespp@gmail.com), or Past Masters' Secretary, Noble Gordy Peeler, P.M., 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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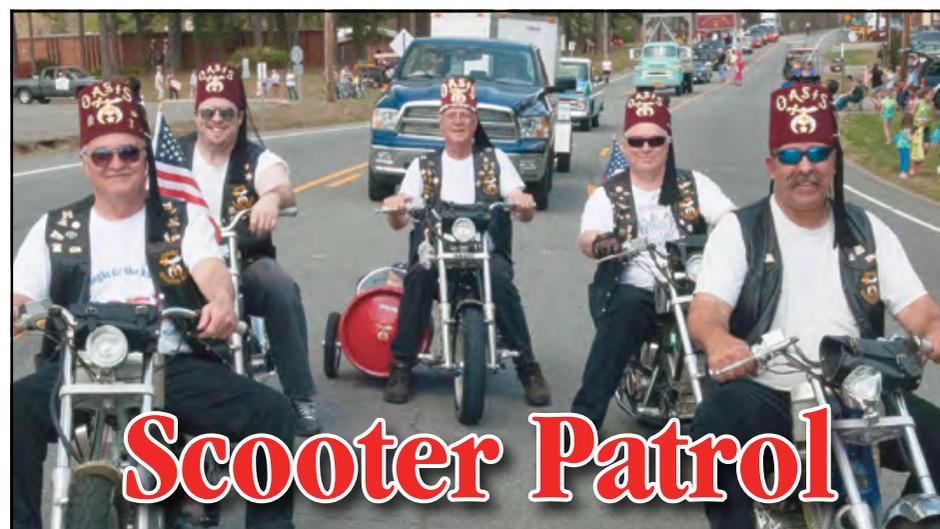
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*"You just need to have a positive attitude, have fun, and not worry about missing a shot," says Conner.*

Some of his biggest cheerleaders are his doctors, nurses, and the staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Greenville, who cared for him during his multiple surgeries as a very young child.

Shriners Hospitals for Children doesn't just help kids survive they help kids like Conner thrive! **And support from people just like you makes it possible.**

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*Sincerely,*

**Dale Stauss**

Chairman of the Board of Directors  
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# PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

**3RD MONDAY of the MONTH**

**6 PM @ BIG DADDY'S • HWY 150 MOORESVILLE**  
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We've hidden Illustrious Sir David Sumpter  
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Desert Dust!

**Can you find them all?**



# Charlotte Bridge Home

## Recognition on Fox News

### Interview of George W. Bush

**F**riends - Charlotte Bridge Home, our partner in providing service dogs for veterans, received some excellent recognition this week in the subject interview. The interview took place at a veterans' golf tournament in Texas to benefit wounded veterans. This effort has the strong support of the former President. We plan to present two service dogs, provided by Oasis shriners fine fundraising efforts to veterans within the next month. One will be presented at the Oasis Veterans Program next month 11/15/2014 at Oasis Shrine Center.



**ATTENTION NOBLES:** The Shriners on Bikes "Riding Club" aka SOB's has been re chartered and will have a meeting November 8th to Elect & Vote on Officers. If you are interested in casting a ballot for office please come out or if you cannot be present you may email Tommy Helms Oasis Director @tommy.helms@airgas.com giving your full information and which office you would like to be nominated. Regardless if you would like to be an Officer please come out to fellowship with other riders and learn more about this Club.

**PLACE:** Metrolina Shrine Club 5930 Brookshire Blvd Charlotte NC 28216

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M

**CONTACT:** Tommy Helms: tommy.helms@airgas.com or 704-621-9308

## REMINDER:

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

## Gaston County Shrine Club

505 Pinkney Road  
Dallas, NC 28034



# JOIN US!



**What:** Monthly Club Meeting

**When:** 2nd Wednesday of each month  
Social - 6:30 PM  
Meal - 7:00 PM  
Meeting - 7:30 PM

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

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



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# OASIS PAST MASTERS UNIT

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## ~ 2014 ~ OASIS SCHEDULE

Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 Fall Ceremonial, Hickory, NC  
 Nov. 15 Oasis Veteran's Appreciation Night  
 Nov. 20 Oasis Shrine Circus, Fletcher, NC  
 Nov. 21 - 22 Oasis Shrine Circus, Concord, NC  
 Dec. 6 Oasis 2015 Elections/Annual Meeting  
 Dec. 20 Shrine Bowl

## ~ 2015 ~ OASIS SCHEDULE

Jan. 9 Club/Unit Appreciation/Awards  
 Jan 10 2015 Divan Installation  
 Jan 16-17 Shrine East-West All-Stars,  
 St. Petersburg, FL  
 Jan 24 2015 Club/Unit Officer Orientation



## Shriners Village

A Private Web Community for Shriners

If you have not signed up for Shriners Village, do so today.

Shriners Village is a website designed to keep members of Shrine International up to date on all aspects of Shrinedom.

Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions. So easy, even a Shriner can do it.

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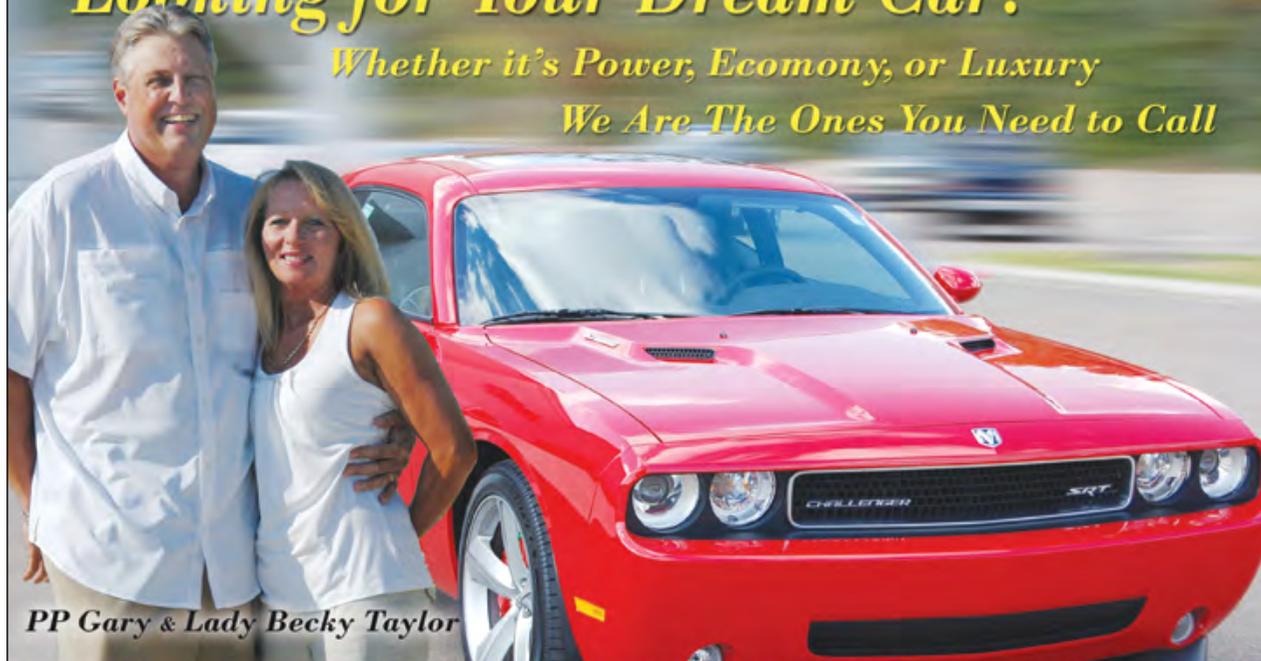
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 \$375.00 East Burke Shrine Club - Plaque & Year Bar Sale  
 \$570.00 Nascarts - Donation  
 \$1,500.00 Robbinsville Shrine Club - Guitar & Other Raffle  
 \$177.31 Smoky Mountain Shrine Club - Donation  
 \$3,500.00 Smoky Mountain Shrine Gems - Donation  
 \$2,500.00 Tri County Shrine Club Ladies - Donation  
 \$8,000.00 Western NC Shrine Club - Golf Tournament

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— NOVEMBER 2014 —

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22441	Billy R Varner	Lexington, NC	5/15/71	8/30/14
35141	Owen J Kent	Fletcher, NC	11/2/91	9/19/14
27226	Samuel M Wilson, Jr.	Huntersville, NC	1/29/77	9/21/14
25525	James R Dick	New London, NC	5/24/75	9/22/14
17304	Billy F Love	Concord, NC	6/8/63	9/23/14
27995	Benton N Gooch, Jr.	Winston Salem, NC	5/13/78	9/24/14
35010	James D Crowe, Jr	Salisbury, NC	6/1/91	9/30/14
21822	Thomas W Danner, Jr.	Catwaba, NC	10/31/70	10/2/14

## Cincinnati Shriners Hospital Cleft Lip & Palate Program: TEAMWORK & CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

**Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Cincinnati** has been repairing cleft lips and cleft palates for more than 20 years. In 2011, the hospital was awarded official designation as a Cleft Lip & Palate Team by the Cleft Palate Foundation and the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) on its first application.

Oro-facial clefts occur in nearly one out of 600 births in the United States and is one of the most common birth defects treated by pediatric plastic surgeons. Clefts of the lip and palate are complex conditions which affect not only the child's appearance and self-esteem but also his or her function: The child's ability to breathe, speak, hear and eat properly. Because of this, treatment involves the close cooperation of a number of medical and dental specialists.

No two facial clefts are ever the same. Depending on the type and severity of the problem, a child may need the help of a variety of specialists including:

- Audiologists
- Nurses and nurse practitioners
- Ear, nose and throat surgeons
- Pediatricians
- Pediatric dentists
- Pediatric plastic surgeons
- Psychologists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Social worker/care coordinators



Collaboration among team members is vitally important, as is stringent record keeping ensuring continuity of care.

The application process for this designation is rigorous. A lengthy application must be completed and several exhibits are required, including medical records, examples of hospital policies, current member continuing education credits, and specific assessment and documentation records.

Cleft lip and palate is a common and serious condition. Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati is committed to improving care for children with this condition through a comprehensive, coordinated program of clinical excellence, education and research. To schedule an appointment for cleft lip and palate care, call 855-206-2096, or visit our website at [www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) and complete the **Schedule An Appointment** form.

If you know a child we can help, go to  
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