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## The Potentate's message

**N**obles and Ladies: The old adage about March coming in like a lion sure holds true at Oasis Shrine. It is amazing how much activity is taking place throughout our region with our Clubs and Units. Mary and I started our month at the Cabarrus County Shrine Club for their annual Italian dinner fund raiser, served up by the nobles and their ladies, and yes it was a true Italian dining experience, right down to their wardrobe.

Your Oasis Divan was well represented at the Winston-Salem Shrine Club Shrimp and Oyster Roast this month. The food was endless, and we were treated like Royalty during this event. This is one of those "can't miss" events that has been held for a great many years, and the members of the Winston-Salem Shrine Club know how to do it right! Many thanks to them for their hospitality.

Also this month members of the Divan traveled to Dunn, NC for our first official board

meeting to plan the next Shrine Bowl in December. Oasis is not only working hard within these committees, but is also working behind the scenes on some very special activities for this event. Our Shrine Bowl Aide Donnie Wrenn and his Lady Kim are putting together a Package that I'm sure everyone will want to be a part of, so please stay tuned.

Along with my Dad, and Noble Donnie Wrenn we visited Blue Ridge Shrine Club on March 2nd. This club is the epitome of a success story. In 2008, the Club had reached a low point and was considering disbanding. But with the help of some very dedicated Nobles and their Ladies, the Club has jump-started itself, and with a lot of hard work and dedication to our Hospitals, they were one of the top contributors to the Shrine Children's Hospital last year with a donation of over \$50,000.00... Congratulations to these Nobles and their Ladies. And please be on the lookout for their Country

Ham sale ads in the upcoming months of the Dust.

As you are aware in 2015 we are making an assertive effort of getting back to our Masonic roots, in order to remember where we all came from. We are talking to our Blue Lodges about the great work done by the Shrine, and the monies raised for our children. In this issue of the Desert Dust, you will find a wonderful article submitted by Noble Chris Hall. Please read it, and let those words inspire you. Everyone will find an important message there. Noble Chris has done a marvelous job getting these messages out to the Nobility. We are very fortunate to have him on our Divan team, and please remember that we are calling on all Shriners to become Blue Lodge Ambassadors this year. We currently have 195 Blue lodges in our District, and at last count we were up to 112 ambassadors. Please notify Illus. Sir Terry Jones if you have an interest in becoming a BIA.

I hope everyone is looking forward to our Spring Ceremonial in Maggie Valley. Several Oasis members and their Ladies, recently traveled to the Valley to make certain everything is in

order for our June visit. We also met with the Ceremonial team this month to tie up any loose ends in order to make this Ceremonial as seamless as possible. It appears at this point that we might be having a very large attendance to this annual event. Many of the hotels are booking up quickly, so if you do not have your room as of yet, please do not delay any longer. Please refer to your Desert Dust for a copy of all the events, and activities that are planned for this weekend, as well as our website and e 'blast. Many of the businesses in Maggie Valley have agreed to give the Shrine attendees discounts, as well as some of the restaurants. We hope that this trip will serve as not only a great recruiting tool for our Shrine Clubs and units, but hopefully a relaxing weekend to enjoy our beautiful North Carolina Mountains. We hope to see you there.

The Greenville Hospital held their annual Shrine Hospital Days on the 13th and 14th of March. This was one of the most rewarding events we have attended in quite a while. I can't tell you how humbled I was by the number of Oasis Shriners and their lady's that attended this wonderful event. Oasis

Shrine had the greatest number of members, out of the more than a dozen Temples represented. We received excellent information about the new procedures that have been developed at the Hospital. Shrine Hospitals are on the cutting edge of so many experimental procedures. These procedures have become standard practice in hospitals nationwide. We were treated to some mock-surgeries that brought the procedures down to earth for us in their efforts to educate us on the new ways to treat scoliosis and other spinal deformities. It was certainly a benefit to me, and to the members who accompanied Lady Mary and myself. We look forward to more such visits in the future, as it brings home what we, as Shriners, are doing to help the children.

As most of you are aware Family Fun Day is right around the corner! We are already getting reservations for camp sites, and cooking teams. This year's event will be like no other in the past as we have many new things planned for the weekend. A Friday night band, fishing tournament for the kids, pancake breakfast, Dunk the Divan (proceeds to benefit the hospital) Bon fire, just to name

a few. Noble Clay McLean and his Lady Penny will bringing us more information very soon, so please look for it in our upcoming news releases.

April, May and June are packed with lots of fun, fellowship and work for the children by our Clubs and Units. Mary and I have a full schedule of events to attend, and hope to see as many of you as the hours in the day will allow. These few months of 2015 have been the best ever for Lady Mary and myself.

Although I have been a Shriner for several decades now, I can truthfully say that these first few months as your Potentate, is the most rewarding of my Shrine career. The dedication and attention to our cause shown by our members are an inspiration to Mary and me, and I thank each of you for everything you do for the burned and crippled children. This is what makes Oasis Shrine the best in the world, and has shown me and my family the importance and the purpose for the generations of Shriners in our family. You Nobles and Ladies are the best.

YITF,  
**Todd**



## The Recorder's message

**H**ello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. As you know, I frequently review Shrine-related articles for items I believe will be of interest to this article's readers. This month, let's cover an article from the Imperial website for Shriners Hospitals For Children in its entirety regarding burn awareness.

This past Feb. 1-7, 2015, was Burn Awareness Week. During this period, Shriners Hospitals for Children begin its annual burn prevention campaign. This year's effort again

focused on teaching children to "Be Burn Aware," especially at home. The majority of preventable burn injuries occur in residences. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds, fire-related injuries, and even electrical burns. Many of these incidents could have been easily prevented by following and implementing some basic safety tips. A large number of burn injuries, especially those sustained by very young children, are caused by scalds – the campaign emphasized ways to protect youngsters and prevent

these painful injuries.

The campaign included materials for children, as well as general, burn and fire prevention information for parents and other concerned adults. Information and campaign materials can be found on the burn awareness and prevention website, [beburnaware.org](http://beburnaware.org).

"Year-round, Shriners Hospitals for Children works to prevent burn injuries by providing burn awareness education. In 2015, the year-long campaign 'Be Burn Aware,' kicked off again, and continues to focus on teaching children and their parents ways to avoid burn injuries, especially at home. As part of the annual campaign,

there is information on preventing scalds, fire and electrical-related injuries, as well as those caused by other incidents around the home" said Kenneth Guidera, M.D., chief medical officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "We hope to reduce pediatric burn injuries through education, as many of these injuries are preventable."

The campaign again featured two child-friendly characters that showcased and shared key messages. Boots and Brewster – a caped, cuddly bear and a googly-eyed teapot, were featured in activity books for children ages 3-7 and 8-12. The entertaining duo lead the children through the various rooms of a house, pointing out

dangers, and how to easily correct or avoid them. The children's materials are designed in a memorable, age-appropriate manner.

"Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to improving and protecting the lives and health of children," said Richard Kagan, M.D., chief of staff, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati and member of the physician executive team. "Our burn awareness campaign is one element of that effort. Following prevention guidelines can keep children and families safe and help them avoid potentially serious, devastating injuries."

Shriners Hospitals for Children

encourages everyone concerned with keeping children safe to visit [burnawareness.org](http://burnawareness.org) for important burn prevention tips and information on how to order the free materials, some of which are available in both English and Spanish.

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**

# INTRODUCING YOUR DIVAN

## Chris Hall

**N**oble Chris was born and raised in Robbinsville, Graham County, NC where he graduated as Valedictorian in 1999. After attending Western Carolina University as a North Carolina Teaching Fellow, he began his career in education as a high school history teacher in Gastonia and has resided in Gaston County since 2003. Noble Chris later received his Master's Degree from Appalachian State University and currently serves as the Administrative Technology Manager for Gaston County Schools.

Noble Chris was raised as a fourth generation Master Mason on January 15, 2005 in Robbinsville Lodge #672. He attended Wilkerson College in 2010 and received the Mason of the Year award in King Solomon Lodge #704 that same year. He has served as a Director on the Gastonia Masonic Temple Association since 2010. He served as an assistant tyler at Grand Lodge Annual Communications from 2009-2012. Noble Chris was elected and installed as both Master of King Solomon Lodge #704 in Gastonia and President of the Gaston County Shrine Club in 2013. He was made a Shriner in the Hickory class of 2007 and joined the Oasis Patrol Unit in 2008 where he currently serves as 1st Lieutenant and a proud member of the Patrol Color Guard. He is slated to become Patrol Captain for 2016-17.

He was offered the opportunity to serve as Oasis Membership

Chairman by Ill. Sir Fred Laxton in August 2013 and continues in that capacity. He is a former District 4 Representative. Noble Chris is a member of the Royal Order of Jesters #109 and the 100 Million Dollar Club. In January 2015, he was presented with a Life Membership in the Oasis Past Masters Unit by Ill. Sir Terry K. Jones, Captain. That same month, he was presented with a Life Membership in Oasis Shriners and the Walt Disney Award by Ill. Sir W. David Sumpter III. He was named as a Class Honoree at the Hamlet Ceremonial in 2014.

Noble Chris joined the Scottish Rite in 2007 and received the Knight Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) in 2011. He is an Endowed Life Member of the Charlotte Scottish Rite and currently serves as Venerable Master, Class Lecturer, and Ambassador Program Chairman. He is an emeritus member of the Knights of St. Andrew having served as treasurer as was the Registration Committee Chairman at the Grand Cross Reunion of the Carolinas in 2009.

Noble Chris received the Knight York Cross of Honour (KYCH) in the York Rite. He is a Past High Priest of Gastonia Chapter No. 66 R.A.M., Past Illustrious Master of Gastonia Council No. 15 R.&S.M., and Past Commander of Gastonia Commandery No. 28 K.T. in the Gastonia York Rite Bodies. Noble Chris is also a member of the York Rite Sovereign College, Knight Masons, the Grand College of Rites of the USA, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Masonic Order of Athelstan, and the Operatives.

One of Noble Chris's highlights of being a Shriner has involved annual December toy runs with the Gaston County Shrine Club and Carolina



Camaro Association to deliver toys to the Greenville Shriners Hospital. Another highlight involves the many Shrine patient stories members of the public have shared with him while he has participated with the Oasis Patrol Unit at all Carolina Panthers home games by standing outside the WFNZ Dog House to collect donations for Shriners Hospitals for Children. His greatest Shrine highlight thus far was the distinct privilege of getting to know the wonderful 2013 Shrine 100 Race King and Queen Shrine patients while he served as President of the Gaston County Shrine Club.

Noble Chris is most appreciative to Illustrious Sir Todd Ham for the opportunity to serve as the Oasis Marshal this year. He is extremely thankful to the Great Architect for allowing him an opportunity to serve Freemasonry, the Shrine, and the Rites. He leaves us with a memorable quote from Albert Pike: "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

**POTENTATE TODD HAM**  
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Stated Meeting

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## PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

3RD MONDAY of the MONTH  
6 PM @ BIG DADDY'S  
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336-996-8712

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**Illustrious Sir Todd is welcomed to Blue Ridge Shrine Club.**



**2015 OASIS CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT CLASS**

Oasis Shriners is proud to partner with Carolinas First Defense in Kings Mountain to offer a North Carolina Concealed Carry Permit Holder class for any Oasis Noble, his family, friends, and prospective new members who would like to participate. The class will be held on **Saturday, August 15, 2015** at Carolinas First Defense located at 1334 Phifer Road in Kings Mountain. Here are the details:

- \$80 per person for the class or \$40 per person for a “refresher course” (lunch is included with both)
- The student is to bring a holster, handgun, 50 rounds of ammunition, eye protection, and ear protection (or rent all necessary items from Carolinas First Defense for a fee of \$35)
- The training facility has heat, A/C, and restrooms
- “Training Guarantee” - If the permit holder is ever involved in a situation with proper concealed use, then Carolinas First Defense will provide assistance with legal needs at no cost.
- The trainers are licensed and both serve as North Carolina Highway Patrolmen. They are currently ranked 11th in the world and 4th in the nation in the International Sniper competition (in 2011, they were first in the nation).
- **Those interested in signing up may do so by visiting the website at [www.carolinanfirstdefense.com](http://www.carolinanfirstdefense.com) to complete the necessary registration process and clicking on “Classes” → NC Concealed Carry Handgun Class NC CCW → and then selecting **August 15, 2015 Oasis Shriners** as the class. Make sure to select the correct package you would like and then click “Add to Cart” and proceed to checkout.**



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**Community Yard Sale & Baked Goods**

**Red Fez Shrine Club  
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**April 11th, 2015  
7 am - Noon**

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# Spring Ceremonial IN MAGGIE VALLEY

June  
4-7

## Things to Explore in Maggie Valley

### Ghost Town in the Sky

Ghost Town in the Sky is a Wild West-themed amusement park located atop a mountain which can only be accessed by visitors via a 3,370-foot-long (1,030 m) chair lift. The park is located on a ridge extending from Buck mountain which is in turn an extension of the Cataloochee Divide, border to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Guests can experience a newly installed zip line at the base of the mountain.



### Blue Ridge Parkway

The Blue Ridge Parkway's exit at Soco Gap is the most frequently used access to the scenic road. From here you can go south to the southern end of the road in Cherokee and turn right to visit the Mountain Farmstead Museum at the entrance to the park, or turn left and enter the Cherokee Indian Reservation. If you head north, the whole length of the parkway is in front of you. A short drive will take you to a hikers favorite, Waterrock Knob. From the parking area great sunsets are a daily occurrence. Farther north you will pass some great vistas and hiking locations like Graveyard Fields, Devils Courthouse and Mount Pisgah.



### Wheels Through Time Museum

The Wheels Through Time Museum is home to the world's premier collection of rare American Vintage Motorcycles. Located 5 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, in beautiful Maggie Valley, NC, this All-American motorcycle museum houses over 300 of America's rarest and most historic classic motorcycles, with over 24 marques on display. Western North Carolina's premier museum and tourism attraction features dozens of motorcycle-related exhibits, ranging from board track racers, hillclimbing, and original paint machines to American Dirt Track racing, choppers and bobbers, and one-of-a-kind motorcycles.



### Trout Fishing

The Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program was established by the NC General Assembly in 2007 as a means to encourage trout fishing as a heritage tourism activity. Maggie Valley is designated as one of five Mountain Heritage Trout Cities in this pilot program.



### Area Golf Courses

Mountain golf is played in the highlands of Maggie Valley, the perfect setting for this unique style of golf. Here, lush fairways are surrounded by endless mountain vistas, and spectacular scenery greets you around every dogleg. It's like no other game you've ever played, in an area unlike any other.



## Maggie Valley - Here Oasis Comes

The final arrangements have been made, and the folks at Maggie Valley are ready to welcome the Nobles, Ladies and friends of Oasis Shrine to their unique mountain town for the Spring Ceremonial. As you can see from the information in this issue of The Desert Dust, there are dozens of shops, recreational facilities, restaurants and motels to choose from which will fill the weekend of June 4th through 7th with enough fun to keep you busy from sun-up to well after sun-down. There are lots of places to visit, and discounts galore specifically for Oasis Shriners, Ladies and guests. If you have not made reservations yet, now is the time. Many of the motels listed in the Desert Dust are now nearly full, but there are still a few rooms left. Don't miss out on this Ceremonial weekend, which will be a weekend to remember for a very long time. Maggie Valley is waiting for you.



## Hotels in Maggie Valley

HOTEL NAME	PHONE NUMBER	GROUP RATE-SHRINERS
A Holiday Motel	877.686.4386	2 Double: Sunday-Thursday \$62.10 Friday and Saturday \$71.10 King or 2 Queens: Thursday \$71.10 Friday and Saturday \$80.01
Maggie Valley Inn	866.926.0201	First Floor: \$89.00 (Double or King) All other Floors: \$79.00 (Double or King)
Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge	828.926.1301	Standard: \$74 2 BR Apt \$129
Maggie Valley Club & Resort	828.926.4900	2 bedroom: \$215 per night 3 bedroom: \$240 per night
Comfort Inn	828.926.9106	All Rooms: \$99
Best Western	828.926.3962	All Rooms: \$89
Microtel Inn & Suites	828.926.8554	All Rooms: \$89
Ramada	828.926.7800	All Rooms: \$89
Travelowes	828.944.0700	All Rooms: \$70
Laurel Park Inn	828.926.1700	Two Doubles: \$69 King: \$74
Jonathan Creek Inn	828.926.1232	Standard: \$85 Creekside (private porch) \$110 Creekside (shared porch) \$100 Creekside or Poolside w/hot tub: \$115

# 2015 Spring Ceremonial Maggie Valley, North Carolina



## Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00pm-11:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge: Oasis Headquarters (2550 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751)

## Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Golfing @ Maggie Valley Club & Resort (contact Mike Downs, PP at 704-791-3950)  
 2:00pm-6:00pm New Candidate Early Registration @ Smoky Falls Lodge  
 2:00pm-5:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge  
 5:00pm-8:00pm Shrine Club & Unit Hospitality Crawl (shuttle service available, participating clubs & units and locations TBA)  
 8:00pm-11:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge (DJ performance by Noble Kevin Carter)

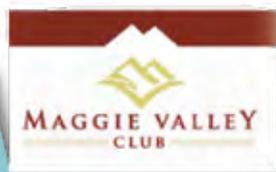
## Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Events below located @ Town Hall Cafeteria or Pavilion (3987 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751)

7:00am-8:30am New Candidate Registration in Cafeteria | Coffee provided by Oasis Hospitality in Pavilion  
 7:30am-1:00pm Shrine Mart in Pavilion  
 8:35am Divan membership meeting in Cafeteria

Events below located at Stompin Ground, unless indicated otherwise (3116 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751)

8:30am-8:45am Oasis Band prelude  
 8:40am New Candidates assembled @ Stompin Ground  
 8:45am-9:45am Welcome by Noble George Wilcox | Prayer by John Stanley, PP | Introduction of Oasis Divan | Presentation of Class Honorees | Creating a Shriner | Membership Presentation  
 9:45am Ladies & non-Shriners excused  
 10:00am-11:30am Ladies Breakfast @ Maggie Valley Club & Resort (1819 Country Club Drive, Maggie Valley, NC 28751) **(Ticket Required)**  
 (shuttle service available to take Ladies to MV Club & Resort, pickup at Stompin Ground)  
 10:00am-11:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Section conducted by Oasis Ritualistic Cast  
 11:00am-12:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Section conducted by Oasis Director's Staff  
 12:00pm-12:05pm Closing by Noble George Wilcox  
 12:05pm New Candidate Class Photos



12:00pm Boxed Lunch Served at Town Hall Pavilion **(Ticket Required)**  
 1:00pm Parade Line-up @ Town Hall Parking Lot  
 2:00pm Parade Step-off @ Town Hall Parking Lot, ends at Stompin Ground  
 3:00pm-5:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge  
 8:00pm-11:00pm Potentate's Dance @ Town Hall Pavilion (Band performance by Reckless)  
 10:00pm-Midnight Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge

## Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-10:30am Worship Service @ Town Hall Pavilion

**Purchase Ladies Breakfast tickets  
 By June 1, 2015  
 Mail check or call the Temple  
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**\*\*\* Dues Card Required\*\*\*  
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**SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

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 Chunk's Hawg Haven, 536 Farragut St., Greensboro, NC  
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Contact Karen Hatchett for additional information – 336-707-7538  
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**OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS**



**Oasis Shrine Wagoneers are currently seeking new members.**

We have 3 very cool antique firetrucks and parade annually at the Oasis ceremonials, Welcome Easter Parade, SASA fall convention in Myrtle Beach and several Christmas parades. Very inexpensive to join, no vehicles to buy, uniform and brass is the only thing needed. \$15 annual dues.

**Please contact Benjie Creasman at 704-860-4976 or ddgl36districtnc@gmail.com if interested.**

*Meetings usually in the Gaston/Mecklenburg area. Family is always welcome and encouraged to attend meetings.*

**NEW Oasis Smartphone App!**

We are pleased to announce that Oasis Shriners now has a free smartphone app available for download from both the Apple and Android app stores! Simply visit the app store on your smartphone and search for **Oasis Shriners**.



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## *A Message from the* **Public Relations Chairman**

**D**ear Fellow Nobles, In 2012, Shriners Hospitals for Children® launched a national branding initiative to raise money for the hospitals, attract more patients, and build awareness of the life-changing work being done in our health care system.

The Love to the rescue® campaign includes direct mail, television ads, online marketing and special events. The idea behind the theme is that the work of Shriners Hospitals for Children is motivated by love. Over time, that theme has expanded – and we now have Love to the rescue ambassadors, the Walks for LOVE™, Wall of LOVE, Game Day for LOVE™ and Shop for LOVE™.

Since instituting the Love to the rescue campaign in such a coordinated, concentrated, over-arching way, we have seen increases in both inquiries via the call center and donations.

In February, our DRTV (direct response television) ad campaign's theme has been "Love is." The 120-second spots feature patient stories, as well as a fraternal presence, and are being shown on various networks in many different time slots.

If we asked people to finish the statement "Love is," most likely every respondent would have a different answer. While the definition of what love is varies significantly, it has a serious side. Our campaign focuses on the generous, giving side of love, and what that can mean for our patients. Love is commitment, dedication, purpose. At Shriners Hospitals for Children, those qualities can be seen in both our patients' hard work to overcome significant challenges, and in our employees' efforts to help them, to educate others in the medical field, and to improve our treatment protocols

and increase medical knowledge through research.

Those qualities are also present in our Shriners. Each noble has made a commitment to a brotherhood – and to its philanthropy – and is (or should be) purposefully and actively dedicated to the mission, work and goals of both Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International. While the Love to the rescue campaign is a marketing effort for the health care system, the meaning behind the slogan – that we are committed to doing the best we can to improve the lives of every child and family who comes to us for help – also applies to the fraternity. As members of the organization that founded and continues to support the work of Shriners Hospitals, we need to be sure our fraternity is strong enough to provide that love and continue that support. Toward that end, we need to extend our love of these two organizations to those around us, share our pride in this noble work, and do all we can to increase membership and encourage our fellow nobles to be as active and involved as possible.

As Shrine-Masons, we also need to be active participants in our lodges, and do our part to help keep Masonry and the Masonic traditions strong and viable.

Thank you for all that you do for our fraternity and philanthropy. Remember to keep our mission and goals in the forefront of your daily lives.

*Yours in the faith,*  
**Jerry G. Gantt**  
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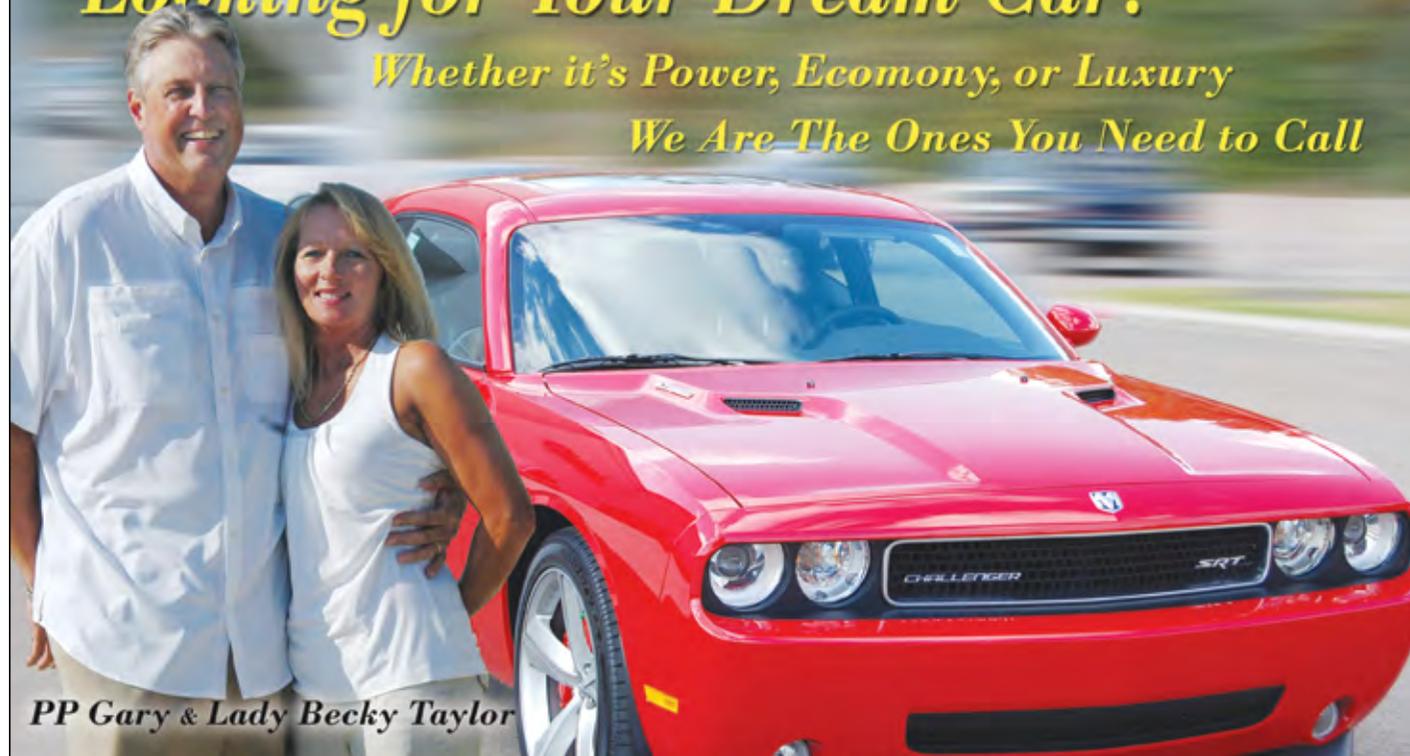
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# Membership Update

**F**raternal greetings, brethren: You'll notice this month's membership article does not provide a greeting addressed to "Illustrious Sirs" nor "Nobles." That's intentional because this month's membership article is focused entirely upon one theme: Masonic Brotherhood, the common bond we all share with one another as well as our brethren who are not members of the Shrine.

Some of us are Past Masters while others may have never sat through the chairs. When I speak with brothers and this topic emerges, some of the common reasons I encounter for someone having never moved through a progressive Masonic lodge line include intensive work and career commitments when a man was younger, family obligations, and no one ever asked or approached if he would be interested, among other explanations. Certainly, there are valid and honorable reasons as to why some of our brethren were unable to devote the necessary time, energy, and overall commitment at some point throughout their lives. We all must prioritize our lives while forever placing the Great Architect, our country, and our families at the pinnacle of those priorities.

My challenge and hope for you is that should your life now permit an opportunity to renew your level of involvement with your Masonic lodge, then realize there is no better time than today. Attend your next Stated Communication. Meet new brethren in the lodge. Participate in a fundraiser. Listen to a Masonic education presentation. Learn who the Blue Lodge Ambassador is for your lodge or volunteer to serve in that capacity. Help your officers with degree work. Stay for the lectures. Make your presence **known**. Rediscover and enjoy the common Masonic bond we all share. Express your interest in becoming a line officer should your time and commitment now warrant your ability to do so. Show up, participate, and have fun through fellowship.

Some brothers express hesitation to attend their lodge because they have not attended in a few years (or decades). Some worry they may not remember everything they need to know. Some hesitate because they wonder what others in the lodge may think. "Who's that brother? Does anyone know him? Is he a member of the lodge?" Brother, I humbly suggest that should this or a similar concern be shared by you, then please consider the tremendous opportunity in front of you. Use your absence to introduce yourself, meet new faces and relearn old faces, and have fun while doing so. I'm reminded of the words repeated by our 2013 Grand Master and Oasis member, MW Brother Dewey Preslar, Jr.: "**Own and deliver your Masonry.**" Brethren, I can think of no better time, no better place, and no better circumstance than **NOW** to reignite your Masonic experience. Remember, for all of us, this is a lifelong journey while we labor in the quarries for years as Rough Ashlar and strive toward Perfect Ashlar and, inevitably, that Celestial Lodge above.

Take action today. Plan your next lodge visit. Phone a brother and ask him to attend with you. Share this article with someone you may think would benefit and enjoy. To our brethren who are active in the lodge, let's embrace these brethren as they come to us. May we support one another, lift one another up, and strive each day to support our great Craft as we recall who can best work and best agree.

*Fraternally,* **Chris Hall** Membership Chairman Divan Marshal Oasis Shriners



*Catawba County Shrine Club members prepare and serve a memorable meal for the 2015 Installation of Officers at Oasis Shrine.*




## Oasis Legion of Honor Club

Oasis newest club is looking for some veterans to help get this club started. If you want to find out more information contact Jim Glen at (c) 704.379.9214 (H) 704.365.4866



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**Please Join Us!**

**What:** Monthly Shrine Club Meetings  
**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Social-6:30pm, Meal-7:00pm, meeting following.  
**Where:** "Table on the Green Restaurant" Pinehurst NC  
**Contact:** President Bill Loeser 321-504-5050  
**Mission:** "It is all about the children in need!"

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## I will have the Pie, please



One day I had lunch with some old friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type, about 85-years old, came along with them; all in all, it was a pleasant bunch.

When the menus were presented, my friends and I ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "A large piece of home-made apple pie, heated please."

I wasn't sure my ears heard him right, and the others were aghast, when Jim continued, completely unabashed...."along with two large scoops of vanilla ice cream."

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time, but when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy eating mine.

I couldn't take my eyes off of Jim as I watched him savoring each bite of his pie a-la-mode. The other guys just grinned in disbelief as they silently ate their lunches.

The next time I went out to eat, I called Jim and invited him to join me. I lunched on a white meat tuna sandwich, while he ordered a chocolate parfait. Since I was chuckling, he wanted to know if he amused me.

I answered, "Yes, you certainly do, but you also confuse me. How come you always order such rich desserts, while I feel like I must be sensible in my food choices?"

He laughed and said "I'm tasting all that is possible for me to taste. I try to eat the food I need and do the things I should in order to stay healthy, but life's too short, my friend. I hate missing out on something good. This year I realized how old I was. (He grinned) I've never been this old before, so, while I'm still here, I've decided it's time to try all those things that, for years, I've been ignoring."

He continued, "I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead.

"There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I've not laughed at all the jokes. I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and cokes.

"I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace.

"I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast. I want un-timed long distance calls to the one I love the most.

"I haven't cried at all the movies yet, or walked in the morning rain. I need to feel wind on my face. I want to be in love again.

"So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final piece of pie before my life expired."

With that, I called the waitress over.. "I've changed my mind, " I said. "I want what he's having, only add some more whipped cream!"

This is my gift to you - Live well, love much, & laugh often. Be happy and enjoy doing whatever your heart desires. You only go around once on this crazy planet.

Be mindful that happiness isn't based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships with people we like, respect, and enjoy spending time with. Remember that while money talks, ICE CREAM SINGS!

# SHRINE CLUB CHICKEN BBQ



**Where: At the Cabarrus Shrine Club**

**When: Friday April 10th : 11am-2pm &**

*\*Friday is for delivery only and must call by Monday, April 6th to schedule delivery*

**Saturday April 11th : 11am - Until** *\*Dine-In or Carryout*

**Cost: \$8 per plate.** *1/2 chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and a roll.*

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## OASIS HIGHLANDERS

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**Contact Captain Tom Barnhardt**  
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# OASIS SHRINERS PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Suzy has a scoliosis problem, Jimmy has a cleft palate, Johnny has a malformed foot. Shriners Hospitals for Children has excellent treatment for all of these children but how do the parents or grandparents access our services? Our hospital services are currently underutilized so we have plenty of opportunities to help the many youngsters who need our help.

The Oasis Public Relations Committee urges all of our members to get the word out wherever you go to call: **1-800-237-5055** or call Oasis Shriners at **704-549-9600** and talk to Wendy Rosales to access the world's best orthopedic, burns, spinal, cleft lip, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, and other treatment services at Shriners Hospitals for Children. We also are working on getting the word out

to the general public about who Shriners and Masons are. Please have a one minute description of a Mason, a Shriner and why you are both, for your friends and contacts, many of whom have no knowledge about these matters but who may be curious about these topics. The Oasis P.R. Committee is pursuing the following projects to encourage community recognition that can result in more Oasis members, more hospital patients and more contributions to our hospitals:

1. Joint projects with Charlotte Bridge Home, the premier organization to help veterans, including providing service dogs for veterans experiencing the dark problems of post traumatic stress disorder.
2. Joint projects with Speedway Children's Charities to further promote our message to NASCAR personnel and fans.

3. Oasis Billboards throughout our jurisdiction with a new picture.
4. Producing quarterly media releases promoting Oasis. This quarter's will be on Oasis involvement in The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.
5. Creating annual promotional events in key centers of media influence in our jurisdiction through local Chambers of Commerce.
6. Initiating High School performance recognition awards to outstanding students.

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Tournament- Saturday April 4, 2015; 7:00am to 3:00pm

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# Fish Fry Saturday

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## APRIL PATROL NEWS

Spring-time at last! We've covered a little Shrine ground over the 1st three (3) months of 2015. Now it is time to rev-up the Oasis Patrol engines from a mild idle, dump the clutch and burn rubber baby! The Officers, Members and Ladies of our Oasis Patrol Unit are being fitted for the proverbial human cannon-ball act.

As the out-in-front Oasis Unit responsible for caring for and displaying our current seven Shrine 'State' Flags, as required by Imperial Council of Shriners International, our desire to perform comingles with the Illustrious Potentate's will and pleasure. You'll see us marching in Shrine

and Civic Parades, Stage Presentations at Oasis Ceremonials and other Formal and National Shrine Events. We perform 'Door Duty' at Official Oasis Events – kind of like brightly dressed, Fez wearing bouncers. We sell Shriner and Masonic jewelry and accessories at Oasis Ceremonials and Official Events. Most of the time we just have a lot of fun and good time with our friends for life. Hardly ever a dull moment is spent as a committed, dedicated Shriner as our Patrol Unit is on the look-out for Oasis' next Shrine leaders to participate in some first class, almost elite, fulfilling fun Shrining.

Speaking of Oasis Membership;

put on your calendar Saturday April 11th at Oasis Shrine Headquarters for the Oasis Patrol Family Cookout Weiner Roast Open House; OPFCWROH for short. We'll kick out the winter cob-webs and engage our spring gears at 3:00 p.m. until? This event will be our Spring Oasis Membership Initiative; an informal look at local Masonry, Oasis Shrinedom and our Patrol Unit. All are invited, especially Masonic and Shrine prospects and family members.

The first Saturday in May our Patrol Unit will participate in the Oasis Paper Sale. Every Oasis Shriner should participate in this worthwhile combination Public Relations and Fundraiser for our Charity; Shriners Hospitals for Children. If you are unaffiliated

with a Club or Unit and want to help, just reach out to a Patrol Unit Officer and we'll help reel you in.

We're gearing-up for our Oasis Early Summer Ceremonial in Maggie Valley first weekend of June. Come see us at the Patrol Hospital-ity Room and socialize while you Jail-Break yourself. If you are unaffiliated with an Oasis Club or Unit and wish to participate, bring a candidate and reach out to a Patrol Unit Officer. We are here to help.

*"Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails. What puts man in a higher state of evolution is that he has got his laugh on the right end"* Max Eastman

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Bob Saye**, Patrol Captain



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## Meet Adrienne

At ten months old, Adrienne's parents, Misty and Rob Dear, noticed her shoulders were not level when she was sitting up straight. A visit to the doctor determined her spine had already curved to 40 degrees.

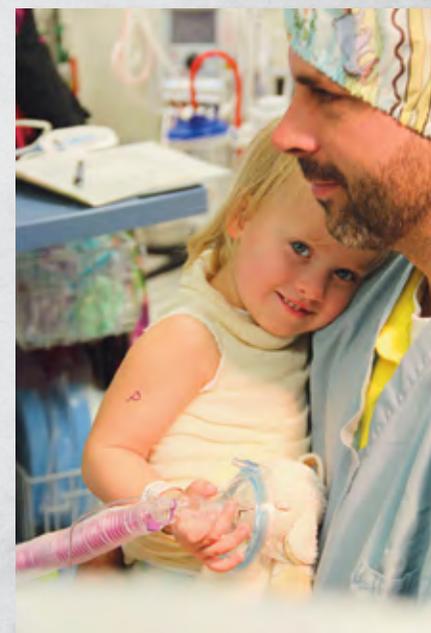
The Dears' say, "As soon as Adrienne was diagnosed with progressive infantile scoliosis, or a curvature of the spine, we immediately began researching her condition. We discovered the Greenville Shriners Hospital offers a non-surgical approach called Risser casting. We found that Dr. Pete was the best doctor and the casting option made the most sense of how to correct our daughter's spine."

At a year old, Adrienne was placed in her first Risser cast (a plaster cast applied from the patient's collarbone to the bottom of the spine to hold the spine in a correct position). Subsequent casts, applied every two to three months, progressively straighten the spine.

Now three years old, Adrienne has had twelve Risser casts and her spine is completely straight! Misty says, "As we began casting we were told the words "thank you" a lot. The staff was thanking us for allowing them to treat Adrienne! The real "thank you's" should be given to Dr. Pete, the nurses, the staff, the volunteers, the donors, and to everyone at Shriners Hospitals for Children."

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## 2015 OASIS GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Oasis Shriners will host a genealogy seminar on **Sunday, August 16, 2015** at Oasis Headquarters. Have you ever been interested in researching your family history and lineage but do not know where to begin? Have you ever heard of ancestry.com or thought about using it to explore your family heritage? Come join us at Oasis to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

More information will be forthcoming about this event in future editions of the Desert Dust as well as on the Oasis website at [oasisshriners.org](http://oasisshriners.org) and the Oasis Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/oasisshrine](http://www.facebook.com/oasisshrine).



## Golf Tournament

All net  
proceeds to  
benefit:



Shriners Hospitals  
for Children®  
Love to the rescue.™

Friday, April 17, 2015

River Hills Country Club, Lake Wylie, SC

11:00 AM shotgun start, Shambel format,  
Gross and Net Awards

Cost: \$500 per team

Mulligans and buy your team available for purchase  
Hole-In-One prizes including a car and more  
Awards Reception after play

For tournament registration and sponsorships call:

David Nichols – 803-417-1258  
Steve Phillips – 704-905-3894

Thursday evening, April 16, 2015

Opening Reception at

The Red Fez Shrine Club

<http://www.redfezshrineclub.com>

Live and Silent Auction from 6:00 – 10:00 PM

A Taste of the Lake light buffet and discounted cash bar

Complimentary admission for Golf Tournament players

All others: \$20.00 per person cover-charge

See March Desert Dust for Registration Forms



## 2015 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES



Incentive 1:

If an Oasis Noble is a top-line signer for three (3) or more men who join Oasis in 2015, then Oasis will pay the signer's 2016 Oasis dues.

Incentive 2:

If a new 2015 Oasis Noble joins a club or unit in 2015, then Oasis will pay his 2016 club or unit dues.

Questions? Contact Membership  
Chairman Chris Hall at 704-813-4624.



*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*



# Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps Car & Truck Show May 2nd, 2015



**100%**  
**Of All Proceeds**  
**Benefit**  
**Shriners Hospitals**



Mount Holly's  
Downtown Springfest  
[www.mounthollyspringfest.com](http://www.mounthollyspringfest.com)



**226 S. Main Street, Mount Holly, NC**

Registration 9:00am - 12:00 Noon

**Award Bag for all Entries - Awards @ 1:00PM**

Early Registration \$15.00

Registration after April 25th \$20.00

*Kids Tent...DJ...Silent Auction...50/50 Drawing...Corn Hole*

**Call: Tommy - 704.621.9308**

**Or Email: [tommy.helms@Airgas.com](mailto:tommy.helms@Airgas.com)**

I, the undersigned do assume all risk associated with my participation, and do release Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps and all sponsors from any claims, damages, and liabilities associated with this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Car/Truck: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form & check to: Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps 703 Lowland Dairy Road Mount Holly, NC 28120

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## "WISHIN' AND HOPIN'"

A generation or so ago, Dionne Warwick recorded the most popular hit tune "Wishin' and Hopin'". In the tune, the female is proclaiming to the world that *wishin' and hopin' and thinkin' and prayin, plannin' and dreamin' each night of his charms...* will NOT catch the guy, because--according to the song--some action must be taken for a successful conclusion in the relationship.

The writer George Mueller does not necessarily agree, with Hal David, the writer of "Wishin And Hopin". Mueller says, *"Even when our situation appears to be impossible, our work is to hope in God. Our hope will not be in vain, and in the Lord's own timing, help will come"*.

Wow! Did you hear what

Mr. Mueller says? "...in the Lord's own timing, help will come".

The Prophet Isaiah writes in Chapter 40, "Those who WAIT upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint".

Waiting on the Lord's timing. But, we must do something while waiting, and that is where one of my 'heroes' in the faith comes in. Once when I complained about a low attendance at a function in the Church, he said, "John, you continue to show up and you continue to do be consistent. You see, God calls us to be FAITHFUL not successful."

So, it seems if we keep on keeping on with whatever



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

God has given us to do, and we wait upon His good timing, we will—one day—soar on wings like eagles'. That is the Good news. We wait, we hope, we work, because God calls us to be faithful!

We are reminded of the Apostle's writing in Romans 5: *endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.*

**John Stanley, P.M., P.P.** ('97) 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).

## Oasis Keystone Kops

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



### Other Events Include:

- Meetings the 2nd Thurs. of the month
- Annual Keystone Kop Golf Tournament
- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
- Antique Car Show Appearances
- **Bring Your Wife & Kids!**

**Contact  
Captain Bob  
Cowdrey for  
Information:**  
704-671-8517  
[robert.cowdrey@att.net](mailto:robert.cowdrey@att.net)

## ~ GOOD NEWS FROM THE PAST MASTERS ~

**I**t was wonderful to receive expressions of gratitude to the entire unit from Illustrious Sir Todd Ham, Potentate and Most Worshipful Doug Caudle, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina during the past few weeks. They expressed their appreciation for having been made Life Members of the Past Masters Unit.

Hopefully you have marked your calendar for the week-end of June 5-7, 2015 for the Oasis Spring Ceremonial in Maggie Valley. Our Blue Lodge Ambassadors are busily seeking candidates through their respective Blue Lodges. The membership of the Past Masters Unit (PMU) is being asked to make a special effort to bring candidates, and to make this a most successful ceremonial! Details as well as housing information is in the Desert Dust.

To quote Oasis Noble Jack English, (Imperial Membership Advisor) *"to have a successful membership program you should have 200-300 involved in the membership program"*.

The PMU now has 104 Blue Lodge Ambassadors. Good News! But, there are about 90 Blue Lodges who are without an Oasis Ambassador from the PMU. If your Blue Lodge is without an Ambassador, please refer to the contact information at the end of

this article and we will assist you in obtaining one.

In collaboration with the Oasis Membership Team, the PMU is attempting to find successful solutions to the Oasis membership dilemma and demise!! Due to our extensive geographic jurisdiction, your leadership is in the process of breaking our seven districts into smaller areas such as zones to assist our sergeants. Going to smaller zones will require more Past Master/Nobles willing to support the Temple Membership Program. Naturally, if you have suggestions, please contact the Captain of the PMU.

Has any of your contact information, especially your email address, changed? Please advise the Unit Secretary.

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).

# THE OLB Cruise-In

hosted by



Saturday, May 9  
10:00 AM Until  
Main Street, Grover, NC  
Concessions Will Be Available

Contact Keith Clark (704)473-4582  
or Austin Durham (704)477-0628  
For Further Information

## BMW Charity Pro-Am

presented by SYNEX CORPORATION



Shriners Hospitals  
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Volunteer and Raise Money  
for Shriners Hospitals for  
Children - Greenville!

The Greenville Shriners Hospital has once again been chosen as one of the charities for the **2015 BMW Pro-Am Golf Tournament**, held **Monday, May 11th – Sunday, May 17th** at Thornblade Country Club, The Reserve at Lake Keowee, and Green Valley Country Club in Greenville, SC. This is a tremendous opportunity to help raise awareness and funds for the hospital.

**Early Bird Registration is \$40 through April 17th.**

Visit [www.bmwusfactory.com](http://www.bmwusfactory.com) to register online or call Kea Wade in the Development Office at (864) 255-8765 for a paper application. During the registration process, be sure to select **Shriners Hospitals for Children-Greenville** as your charity.

For additional information or to receive a paper application, contact Kea Wade at (864) 255-8765.



## OASIS DUNE CATS



**JUMPING HURDLES FOR CHILDREN**

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

~ WINSTON-SALEM SHRINE CLUB ~  
*Shrimp and Oyster Roast*



**REMINDER:**

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

**GET OUTDOORS...SEE NATURE CLOSEUP...  
 JOIN THE OASIS CAMPING CLUB!**



**WWW.OASISCAMPERS.US**

David White, President 828-234-1293 dawwhite1@bellsouth.net

**Shriners on Bikes**

Shriners on Bikes met in early November 2014. The SOB's were recharter as a riding club vs a motorcycle club. Our purpose is for Shriners with motorcycles to come together ride and have fun while supporting other clubs in units when possible. We will meet quarterly and weather permitting ride. There will be other rides scheduled based on the interests of the Riding Club. If you own a motorcycle and want to ride and have fun with other Shriners contact one of our Officers below.

**President Tommy Helms – 704-621-9308**

**VP- Dennis Grigg – 828-781-0062**

**Treasure P.P III Sir Gary Taylor – 704-507-3693**

**Secretary Tim Morgan – 704-634-8476**

**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**

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

50/50  
Drawing  
&  
Door Prizes

Vendor Spaces  
Available  
\$15  
No Food or Drink  
Vendors Allowed

(2) \$ 50 cash drawings  
for pre-registration

(2) \$25 cash drawings  
for day of show  
registration

Food  
&  
Drink  
&  
Entertainment

Gates Open  
@ 9:30 a.m.

Registration Deadline  
is promptly @  
12:30 p.m.

Judging begins  
@ 1:00 p.m.

Awards  
@ 3:00 p.m.

# Taylorsville

## The Apple City

Street Rodders

www.applecitystreetrodders.com

### 22nd Annual Classic Car & Truck Show

May 9, 2015

Proceeds Go To Shriners Children's Hospital

Rain Date May 16, 2015

## Welcome All

Hot Rods ... Street Rods ... Muscle Cars ... Street Machines ...  
Antiques ... Originals ... Pro-Street ... 4 X 4's ...  
Mini-Trucks ... Full Size ... Motorcycles ... Rat Rods  
General Admission

Adults - \$2 Children 12 & Under - Free with paid Adult  
Location: Alexander Central High School Taylorsville, NC

Pre-Registration - \$10 Day of Show - \$15  
Deadline for pre-registration is May 4

## Awards

Top 100

Best Interior President's Choice  
Ladies Choice Farthest Distance  
Best Club Participation Best Paint  
Best Original Car or Truck Best Rat Rod  
Best of Show - Driven Best of Show - Traveled  
Dash Plaques to the First 150 Entries

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Special Appearance  
by:

**Rex White**  
1980 NASCAR  
Grand National  
Champion

Voted into  
NASCAR's  
Hall of Fame.



Make Checks Payable to: Apple City Street Rodders Mail to: Roy Bentley 695 Piney Grove Rd. Taylorsville, NC 28681  
For More Information Call Roy Bentley 828-244-1842 or Jerry Ray Fox 828-495-8700

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Miles Driven to show: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to release all liability from all personnel for any damage, loss, or injury incurred from this event

\*\*\* No Alcoholic Beverages and/or Drugs Allowed \*\*\* No Radios or Boom Boxes On During Show \*\*\*  
(Follow Signs)

## Join A Winning Team



# NASCARTS

Captain John Cable 336-880-5790

H&R Block will donate **\$20.00** to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Greenville for each new client that has their tax return prepared and presents this coupon.

**\*For Greenville Shriners Hospital to receive the donation, just print off this coupon and take it to your tax appointment!\***



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## RAISE MONEY FOR

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## PayPal is now Available!

PayPal is now available to pay the following:

- Annual Dues
- Initiation Fees
- Mom & Dad Program
- Ladies Tickets

With PayPal, you can use your American Express credit card to pay any of the above items. Just go to the Oasis Shriners website, (<http://www.oasisshriners.org/MEMBERSHIP.htm>) click on Membership and you will see the PayPal link pictured to the right. You don't need a PayPal account to use this new payment method.

Any questions, please contact the Temple at 704-549-9600.



# Donations

## CLUBS/UNITS

\$500.00 Blue Ridge Shrine Club - Year Bar Sale  
 \$150.00 Elkin-Jonesville Shrine Club - Plaque Sale  
 \$500.00 Land of the Sky Shrine Club - Plaque Sale  
 \$52.00 Moore County Shrine Club - Donation  
 \$5,817.78 Mt Mitchell Shrine Club - 2014 Paper Sale  
 \$950.00 Oasis Drum & Budge Corp - Plaque & Year Bar Sale  
 \$1,310.00 Oasis Hillbilly Parade - Donation  
 \$500.00 Oasis Nascarts - Ham Fundraiser  
 \$1,189.00 Winston-Salem Shrine Club - Shrimp & Oyster Roast Dinner

Ashley Farms, LLC (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)  
 Benny Wellborn (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)  
 Blue Ridge Lodge No 435 (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)  
 Bob Hackett (Western NC Shrine Club)  
 Bobby W Craig  
 C Spence (Western NC Shrine Club)  
 Chile Verge Mexican Restaurant (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)  
 Dallas Feed (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Dallas Paint and Glass (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 David Deal (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)  
 David W Drum (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Dean Carpenter (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Diamond Electric Supply Co, Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Freeman Container Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)

Import Auto Tech (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
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 Pro Motion Rehab Inc (Western NC Shrine Club)  
 Quality Machine & Gear Company (Gaston County Shrine Club)

# Donations

Reids Lawn Care (Gaston County Shrine Club)  
 Richard A Bass  
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## OASIS HILLBILLY DEGREE - Saturday, April 25, 2015

**RANDOLPH SHRINE CLUB • 2134 Henley Country Road, Asheboro, NC**

**Lunch 12:00 • Men's Degree 1:00  
 Ladies Degree 2:00 • Tar Heel Degree 3:00**

**Initiation Fee: Men \$40.00 • Ladies \$15.00 • Couples \$55.00  
 Tarheel Degree (Men only) \$25.00**

***Wear yer overhauls and come down for a great time of fun and fellowship***  
**For more info, contact Butch Stalker - 336-674-8119 or 336-508-7407**

## PASSED WITHIN THE UNSEEN TEMPLE

— APRIL 2015 —

MEMBER#	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
26282	David E Casper	Indian Trail, NC	1/24/76	3/17/14
19708	R Fred Langford	Indian Land, SC	10/21/67	12/16/14
33499	Jerry N Davis	Auburn, AL	3/30/68	1/12/15
33157	Richard L Tuttle	Kernersville, NC	11/8/86	1/20/15
21702	James J Putman	Charlotte, NC	9/19/70	1/26/15
35335	Robert F Helms, III	Gastonia, NC	1/25/92	2/11/15
35982	Glenn H Ingold	Randleman, NC	11/6/93	2/14/15
33836	Wiley J Watson	Lexington, NC	6/4/88	2/14/15
30601	James A Wallace	High Point, NC	5/29/82	2/15/15
21618	Edgar W Grant	Charlotte, NC	9/19/70	2/15/15
28156	Douglas R Waldrop, Sr.	Beaufort, NC	8/5/78	2/16/15
23229	Parks D Roberts	Belmont, NC	5/20/72	2/21/15
30765	Edward L Keller	Indian Trail, NC	11/6/82	2/22/15
29031	James M Rose	Shelby, NC	11/10/79	2/22/15
19319	William W Perry, Jr.	Concord, NC	1/21/67	2/26/15
21090	D Douglas Barnes, Jr.	Asheboro, NC	1/24/70	2/26/15
15252	Arthur J Price	Hickory, NC	10/19/57	2/27/15
20622	James R Gabriel	Mooresville, NC	5/24/69	2/28/15
38507	William P Donkel	Hickory, NC	5/9/64	2/28/15
34115	Wilbur C Edgar	Hendersonville, NC	12/14/63	3/1/15

4<sup>th</sup>

# Friday of the Month

"Having Fun - And Helping Children"

Swing Dance

\$10.00

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month  
 • Lessons from 7- 8 pm  
 • Dance from 8-12 pm

Club Dance Night

\$10.00

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

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

Rent The Shrine Club

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

Additional information on all events on the web site

- 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## From Trauma to Hope

### Treatment Options Following Traumatic Injury

**Almost everyone has a scar somewhere on their body** and nearly all are harmless and unnoticeable. However, in other cases, scars can significantly impact a person's life. Scars resulting from dog bites, burns, traumatic injuries, infections, prior surgery, lawn mower accidents and other injuries can cause disfigurement, hair loss, functional limitations and residual deformities.

After a child has sustained such an injury and initial treatment is complete, the experienced specialized team at **Shriners Hospitals for Children® -- Cincinnati** can provide further treatment to enhance the child's quality of life. Treatment options can range from noninvasive cosmetic consultations to multistage skin grafts and other surgical interventions.

"Our well qualified plastic surgery team has changed the lives of thousands of children who have come through our doors," said Richard Kagan, M.D., chief of staff.

#### USING LASER TECHNOLOGY

One advancement in scar treatment is the use of lasers. Laser therapy was previously used only to treat congenital birthmarks such as port wine stains and hemangiomas, however research revealed that laser therapy can be effective for burn scars. Surgeons at Cincinnati Shriners Hospital have used the laser to minimize scar thickness, change the color and appearance of old scars, reduce the color of new scars, eliminate both light and dark hair growth, and more.

#### RESEARCH TO FIND A SOLUTION

Researchers at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati continue to investigate how keloid scars form. Keloids are thick, raised scars resulting from an excess growth of scar tissue at the site of a healed skin injury. The cause is unknown.

Dorothy Supp, Ph.D., associate investigator at Cincinnati Shriners Hospital has been studying keloids for five years. Dr. Supp's laboratory studies cells from keloids and analyzes the tissue to obtain genetic information to better understand what starts the process of keloid formation so better, more effective treatments can be developed.

#### SHRINERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our Nobles are the eyes and ears of Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati, and referring a child for treatment is easier than ever! Families can be directed to the hospital's website at [shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) for more information and to schedule an appointment. Nobles can also stop by the business development office or call us at 513-872-6391 to obtain referral cards.

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati is one of only four freestanding hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians' experience and expertise in pediatric burn treatment, cleft lip and palate, complex wound and skin conditions, and plastic and reconstructive surgery makes Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati a first choice for care.



Burns

Plastic Surgery

Cleft Lip & Palate

Reconstructive Surgery

Complex Wounds & Skin Conditions

**CONDITIONS TREATED**

All Services Provided Regardless of the Families' Ability to Pay

If you know a child we can help, go to: [shrinershospitalcincinnati.org](http://shrinershospitalcincinnati.org) or call:

**Burn and Emergency Services 866-947-7840**

**Plastic Surgery Services 866-206-2096**