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The Potentate's message



Nobles and Ladies, Winter is coming. The cooler weather is sneaking in on us, and we can see God's hand on all of the beautiful changing leaves throughout Oasis territory. This is one of my most favorite times of the year.

October has been a really busy month for Lady Mary and me and the Divan team. We were honored to be included in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, AF & AM An-

nual Communication. It was truly special to be invited to a dinner with the Grand Lodge Officers, along with the Divan members from all three North Carolina Shrine Centers. The three Shrine Centers have sent a Grand Lodge Officer to the membership seminar in Tampa for the past three years. The Shrine relationship with Grand Lodge has improved tremendously due to the increased emphasis being placed on our Blue Lodge participation by all of

our Shrine Centers. We must remember that although the Shrine is extremely important to all of us, we are Masons first, and the devotion to our Blue Lodges must be shared equally.

We had great fun with Piedmont Shrine Club working at the Cleveland County Fair. Our Nobles and Ladies in Cleveland County do a great job with this event, and promote the Shrine in a great way. We encourage them to keep up the good work.

Dear to my heart was the October 7th Drum and Bugle Corp Golf Tournament. This annual event has been a huge

success for the Corp, and raises a tremendous amount of money for our Shrine.

October 15th through 20th finds Lady Mary and me and a gallery of Nobles and Ladies having fun on the Potentates trip to Aruba. What a wonderful trip to a beautiful resort area. Look for pictures in the December edition of the Desert Dust.

We are so excited about the Fall Ceremonial at Oasis Shrine Center. This year has seen the largest classes of new Shriners in recent history. Thanks to all who have sponsored these men in joining our ranks. Keep up the

good work. We desperately need to increase our membership numbers.

Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon, enjoy the fellowship at the Oasis Hospitality room in the Courtyard Marriott. The Hospitality crew will have snacks and beverages for everyone, and you will see Nobles and friends from all over the Oasis region to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Friday night you can enjoy the tremendous comedy and Hypnosis show conducted by Rich Guzzi. This talented mans show is part comedy, part hypnosis and part motivational speaker. Afterwards, you can dance to the tunes of D.J. Johnny B, who plays music for everyone. Enjoy the libations, and listen to music old and new.

We are so fortunate that the Saturday night event falls on Halloween night. Again, pictures will be posted in the December edition of the Dust of the many members of Oasis and their ladies dressed in unrecognizable, and perhaps recognizable costumes to compete in the Halloween Costume Contest. We are fortunate to have the Extraordinaires band playing until midnight. Thanks to all who have sponsored these men in joining our ranks. Keep up the good work. We desperately need to increase our membership numbers.

We hope each of you will take advantage of the fun and frolicking at the Oasis Shrine Circuses in Fletcher and at the Cabarrus Convention Center. This Circus is one of the highlights of the Oasis year, and I sincerely hope you will come out and

support the Temple fund by attending. This is one way Oasis is able to keep your dues so low. Hope to see you there.

After not participating for several years, Oasis Shrine is proud to be back on board with the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas held on December 19th. At present, we have five buses headed to the Shrine Bowl to transport Nobles, Ladies and friends from Charlotte to the Bowl. Thanks to John Cable from Greensboro and Donnie Wrenn from Charlotte for their help in organizing the transportation for this event. We are so excited to be once again joining the North Carolina and South Carolina Shrine Centers for this event. This joint effort has been a major fund raiser for the Shrine Children's Hospitals. Our presence in this event is a projection of the great work done by Shriners for our Hospitals, and is observed by the entire community that Shriners are one of the most charitable organizations in the world. I sincerely hope you will join us for this important multi-state joint venture.

As always, Mary and I are proud of our Oasis family. You have all shown us so much friendship and love, not only during my year as Potentate, but during my entire Shrine career. The friendships we have gathered over the years will last a lifetime, and will be some of the most important of our lives. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve Oasis Shrine, and thank you for being our friend.

Yours in the Faith;
Todd

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Oasis Schedule

2015

November 6	Rowan County Oyster Roast
November 12	Proposed Divan meeting 4:00pm Oasis
November 18	Oasis Circus Fletcher
November 20	Oasis Circus Cabarrus
November 21	Oasis Circus Cabarrus
November 26	Thanksgiving

December 4	Patrol Covered Dish
December 5	Stated Divan meeting 11:00am
December 5	Oasis 2016 Elections
December 12	Gator Breakfast/Cat Square
December 19	Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas
December 25	Christmas

2016

January 1	New Year's Day
January 8	Proposed last Divan meeting for 2015 Pote
January 8	Club/Unit Appreciation/Awards
January 9	2016 Officer Installation

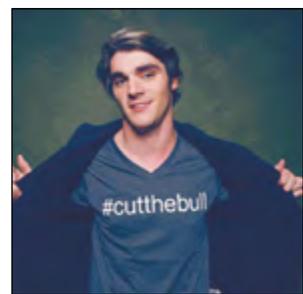


The Recorder's message

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. Well, fall is upon us so I hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to the fall/winter/spring Shrine activities.

This month we'll review a couple of new initiatives being championed by the Shriners Hospitals For Children. The first is an anti-bullying campaign and is taken from the website of shrinershospitalforchildren.org:

Actor RJ Mitte and Shriners Hospitals for Children partner to prevent bullying of kids with disabilities



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Children with physical disabilities are twice as likely to be bullied, impacting their educational, physical and emotional development. *In support of National Bullying Prevention Month this October, Shriners Hospitals for Children and award-winning actor, model and philanthropist, RJ Mitte, are once again partnering to encourage the public to help #CutTheBull.

Teens and adults alike are en-

couraged to visit CutTheBull.org and see how they can help create a more positive, accepting environment for kids living with disabilities. There, Shriners Hospitals will announce "RJ's Heroes", honoring individuals who have helped reduce bullying in their communities. Supporters can also share their anti-bullying stories and purchase #CutTheBull t-shirts, with proceeds going to Shriners Hospitals for Children to provide life-changing care to kids.

Born with cerebral palsy, Mitte was bullied as a child and knows firsthand the effects it can have. The doctors and staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children helped Mitte overcome many of the physical effects of cerebral palsy, which made him stronger and able to succeed despite the bullying. Now a successful actor and model, Mitte wants to help other kids with disabilities who may be experiencing the same thing.

"My disability made me a target for bullies," said Mitte. "I was harassed, knocked down and even had my hand broken. Now I have an opportunity to give a voice to people with disabilities. I want the public to see them for who they are and for what they can do."

Shriners Hospitals provides specialty pediatric care for children with orthopaedic conditions, spinal cord injuries, burns, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay. Shriners Hospitals also offers psychological support, rehabilitation, life skills training and even school outreach programs

that help children with physical differences feel confident.

"Unfortunately, RJ Mitte is not alone. At Shriners Hospitals for Children, many of our patients have physical disabilities or visible scars, which puts them at a greater risk of being bullied," stated Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Shriners Hospitals for Children. "By treating both the physical and emotional needs of our patients, we help them see beyond their disabilities and realize there are no limits to what they can do. We want to stop bullying and create a better environment for all children with disabilities."

A public service announcement featuring RJ Mitte and other Shriners Hospitals for Children patients, speaking about the #CutTheBull campaign is also available at Vimeo.com/139286381.

The second initiative involves advances in orthopedic hip care for children with cerebral palsy and is also taken from the website shrinershospitalforchildren.org:

Shriners Hospital leads collaborative effort for early detection of hip disorders in children with cerebral palsy



Jon Davids, M.D.

There is new hope for children born with cerebral palsy, thanks to work being done at Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California.

Cerebral palsy is a neurological disorder that affects coordination, balance and the ability to walk. It is the most common cause of motor disability in children. Approximately one in every 300 children is born with cerebral palsy, and hip dysplasia is one of the most common causes of pain and disability in these children.

"Up to this point, doctors have only been able to recognize hip dysplasia when it is advanced, yet we know earlier diagnosis and treatment leads to better outcomes," says Jon R. Davids, M.D., assistant chief of orthopaedics and director of the Cerebral Palsy Center of Excellence at the Northern California Shriners Hospital.

Hip dysplasia limits a child's range of motion and may ultimately cause pain. Surgical intervention helps restore mobility and prevents pain later in life. "Earlier surgeries are more successful and eliminate the need for complex surgery typically used in treating those diagnosed as teens," says Dr. Davids.

Medical professionals in Australia and Sweden have integrated hip surveillance programs into their care plans. Work in these countries shows that a schedule of regular physical exams and x-rays in children with cerebral palsy leads to earlier diagnosis of hip dysplasia. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California has pioneered a similar hip surveillance program in California by partnering with key pediatric providers including:

- California Children's Services (CCS)
- Stanford University, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

- University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco

Together they are creating the California Cerebral Palsy Hip Alliance. On Friday, October 2, 2015, medical professionals who take care of children with cerebral palsy will gather at the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento to discuss *The Hip in Children with Cerebral Palsy – Surveillance to Salvage*. The all-day seminar is sponsored by Shriners Hospital in partnership with CCS.

Presenters from Shriners Hospital include Jon R. Davids, M.D., an internationally recognized pediatric orthopaedic surgeon; Vedant Kulkarni, M.D., a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon; and Loren Davidson, M.D., a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist. Joining them are Scott A. Hoffinger, M.D., associate director of pediatric orthopaedics at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital; and Jason Jagodzinski, M.D., assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the UCSF School of Medicine.

The seminar concludes with an in-depth discussion regarding hip surveillance outreach for children with cerebral palsy led by Robert J. Dimand, M.D., chief medical officer at California Children's Services. Dr. Dimand and other conference faculty will engage participants in a discussion of how the care is coordinated through the California Cerebral Palsy Hip Alliance.

"The goal of the California Cerebral Palsy Hip Alliance is to take the first level of screening into the community through CCS," says Dr. Davids. Children identified as candidates for care through the hip sur-

veillance program will be followed by Shriners Hospital and other academic medical centers, where surgeons will partner with pediatricians and other professionals to determine the optimal age for intervention for each child. "The formation of the California Cerebral Palsy Hip Alliance provides a path for early diagnosis and positive outcomes," says Dr. Davids.



Loren Davidson, M.D.



Vedant Kulkarni, M.D.

O.K., once again you're let me take up way too much of your time, but information about our philanthropy and fraternity allows us to share the wonderful medical advancements pioneered at Shriners Hospitals For Children on an international scale.

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

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS AND UNIT CAPTAINS

Please complete all of the information on this form and return to Oasis Shrine in order to be listed in the 2016 directory.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 13TH. Any club or unit not responding by that date will not have officers listed in the directory.

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NOTICE OF 2016 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 5, 2015 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.

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Gary D. Taylor,
PP, Recorder



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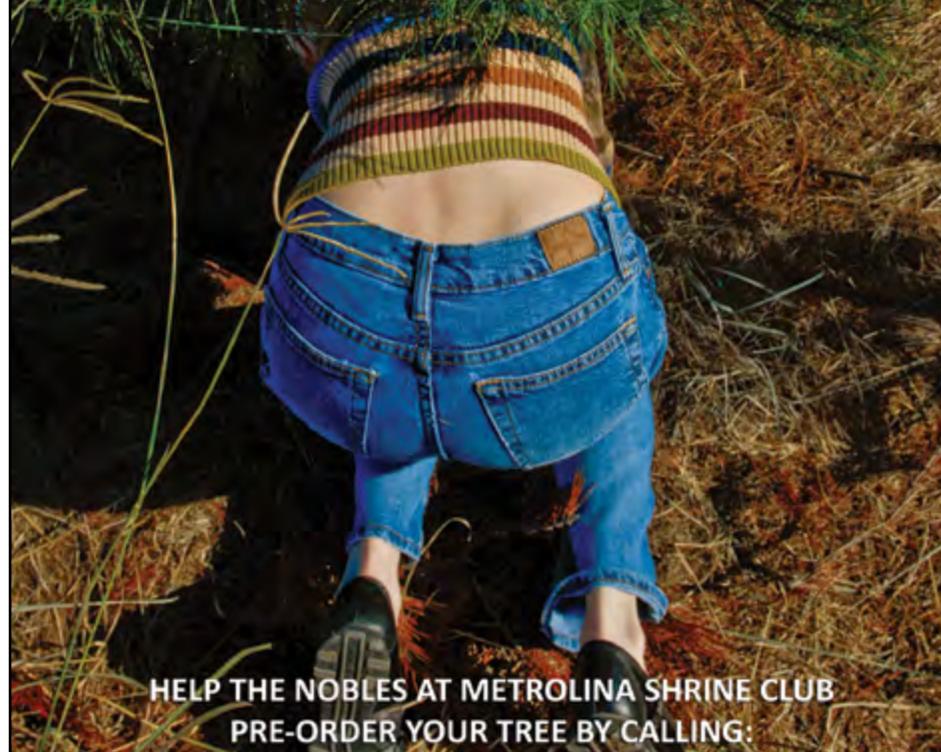
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GATOR TALES FALL 2015



Cooler weather has arrived and the Gators have emerged at several locations lately. Thursday, August 20th at 5 in the afternoon, the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade kicked off in Newton, NC with 19 Gator members, Gals and friends enjoying the festivities. They applauded the seven Gators proudly parading in support for the Old Soldiers from the confederate war to the veterans of the recent history wars... to the ROTC units, to the bands, the beauties on floats and all included in this excellent event. Several from the parade unit extended the evening with dinner at Olive Garden.

Saturday, September 12th, more than 26 Gators and Gals enjoyed fellowship and food at the country home of Kenny and The Vickie Jarrett...Captain Larry Hale called a business meeting to order at 4:30, leading off with the pledge of allegiance to our flag and the Shriner's prayer. Birthday wishes were sung and prayer concerns were expressed. Secretary's minutes were approved as well as a treasurer's report given. New business brought up: CCSC Poker Run on Sunday, September 13th...Dennis Grigg is in charge and his comments: "Need help. Be there!" SASA at Myrtle Beach on the following week-end... Two Gators were going and Al E. Gator also to parade on Friday night...Oxford Homecoming Pa-

rade on Oct. 9th and 10th with many Gators planning on attending and parading on Saturday...Fall Ceremonial in Charlotte at the Temple...two Gators needed to park out front of the Temple....six Gators planning on parading on Thanksgiving at the the Charlotte's Carrousel Parade...next Gator meeting is Wednesday, October 7th at 6 pm at Fred and Judy Medlin's acreage on Robinson Road with a Fish Fry!!!

CCSC and the Gator Patrol hosted their 13th annual Poker Run at the Catawba County Shrine Clubhouse in Newton, NC...300+ bike riders kicked off on a beautiful cool day at 11:30 am on Sunday morning, September 13th from Blue Ridge H-D and proceeded to five stops to draw their lucky card, ending up at CCSC. A delicious BBQ dinner from POBBQ was served beginning at 4 pm to the early birds and continued to be served until all riders were fed. All riders were due in by 4:30. Poker hands were examined and winners were announced. \$1000 in prizes were given to various categories. Best hand was Ace high flush...2nd best...3rd best ...worst hand!! Many door prizes were announced. Dennis Grigg was chairperson of the event...he thanked all the workers and riders who participated.

*And that's the way it was...
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"She had just had her yearly physical not long before, and they had not detected anything," Candy said.

But the mother of three daughters, including 14-year-old Marina who was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis at age 3, knew exactly where to go for treatment of Marissa's condition.

Traveling from their North Carolina home with Marina to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville since 2006, Candy knew scoliosis was among the 80 orthopaedic conditions treated at the hospital. "They offer the best treatment available, and they are so kind and caring," said Marina, who has amassed her own share of wins on the rodeo circuit. "They made it possible for me to not only get out of bed on my own, but to do what I love most - riding horses."

The sisters now return to the hospital every six months for treatment, and both enjoy teaching riding lesson to children with special needs. Meanwhile, the girls also continue to win an impressive number of competitive rodeo championships; but there is another title they've earned that they are also proud to hold - Shriners Kids.

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Oasis Shriners Memorial Announcement

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR CARL DOUGLAS "DOUG" MAYES

Illustrious Sir Carl Douglas "Doug" Mayes, Past Potentate, 1976 passed away October 18, 2015 at the age of 93.

Funeral services were held at 11 AM, Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at Denver United Methodist Church, Denver, NC, with Rev. Jeff Johnsen officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Charlotte.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville.

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**NOBLE BANDSMAN OTIS SIZEMORE -
CLASS HONOREE / MAGGIE VALLEY**

It's been way too long since our last communication. It's time to do some catching up. Our new Director, Noble Patrick Watkins, has had us working hard at every rehearsal. He's bringing out some music that you will not believe we are performing. You'll still hear our marches, but just wait and hear what else. We're really having a ball.

Since our last letter, we've had our Spring Ceremonial. Back in June we went to Maggie Valley. We had a small band that morning, but I think we still sounded fine. After Ill. Sir Todd had a very moving presentation he announced his selections for Class Honoree. One was our very own Noble Bandsman Otis Sizemore. Noble Otis lives in Maggie Valley and is a real help to Oasis whenever we go there. Thanks Ill Todd, we are so proud of Otis. Check out his picture.

Another Bandsman that

we are constantly hearing amazing stories about is our Past Captain (1990-91) Mickey Dorsey. His last news flash was referring to his 90th birthday bash this past July 26th. It was capped off with a resolution from the South Carolina General Assembly. Here is a shortened list of achievements mentioned about him: He graduated from Chester High School in 1942. He then won a statewide scholarship to Clemson A&M College. His sophomore year he volunteered for service in the Army where he served under General Patton's 3rd Army. His group was one of the first to liberate the inmates from Gunskirchen Lager Concen-

tration Camp. Ending the war with many metals, he continued back at Clemson where he graduated in 1949. He founded his company, Lubromation Inc. in 1960. After retirement he went on to be awarded as an Honary Member of the Austrian WWII Veteran's Ass. In 2005. Mickey was also awarded the Israeli Soldier's Medal by their Minister of Defense in 2008 and was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal in 2010. During all this he became the Grand High Priest of North Carolina - Royal Arch Masons. The list of honors ended with his letters of recognition from: Allen Wilson, Attorney General of South Carolina; James Clements,

Pres. of Clemson University and U.S. Congressman from S. C. Trey Gowdy. To top it off, he received a Certificate of achievement from Major General Robert Livingston, Jr., South Carolina's Adjutant General. Wow Noble Mickey, that's amazing.

The Band did pretty well at S.A.S.A. this year. Even though we had a small group, we got First Place. I know you're thinking we were the only band competing. Not so! There were three other Temple bands in the running. We did have a ball.

Enough for now.
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Patrol News ~ November 2015

Every 2nd Saturday in October we North Carolina Shriners are invited to participate in the Masonic Home for Children – Oxford Homecoming Celebration. This year was no different as our Patrol Unit was well represented by a partial compliment Color Guard to lead the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Douglas Caudle in the Civic portion of the Parade. Then in fine Patrol form and fashion we were carted back to fall in front of our Oasis Drum and Bugle Corps to lead the Oasis section of the Parade up the driveway of mighty oaks to the rousing applause and cheers of the dignitaries and spectators in attendance. It was over almost all too soon.

Didn't our Ladies look lovely at our recent Patrol Ladies Night? It's our formal dinner / dance that honors our Ladies for a. all the help they give us, b. allowing us to do the things we do for our beloved fraternity and charity, c. all the help they give us.

Our Unit's primary Hospital fundraiser well under-way and the Carolina Panthers are doing well, as are we. Come join us at the WFNZ Dog-House before home Panthers' games. Any Shriner, Lady, family member or friend can come out to assist. We meet 2 1/2 hours prior to game start / kick-off at a pre-designated close-by place and carpool to the event venue where we collect donations. This is a Patrol Hospital Char-

ity Project so 100% of collected donations are passed through to Shriners Hospitals for Children, *the World's Greatest Philanthropy*. Call any Patrol Unit officer if you'd like to join us for a couple of hours.

We are so looking forward to a gang-busters Fall Ceremonial at Oasis over this Halloween weekend. So far there are many NC Master Masons ready to take the Shrine plunge into Oasis. We will be talking it up with our newest, Novice Oasis members for the proper caliber of man that will make a great Patrolman. Interested? Come see us.

We have a few of our Patrol Unit folks and family members on the mend. Please be mindful of their ailments as well as their caregivers during their trying times.

"If you want people to parade your organization, aspire to have increase" - Sunday Adelaja

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye
Patrol Captain



*Latona Temple # 154
Daughters of the Nile*

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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.

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STARFISH SEASHELL

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a little girl picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the girl, he asked, "What are you doing?" The girl replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Little girl", the man said, "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the girl bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, she said, "I made a difference for that one."

Shriners continue to make a difference in the life of a child

2015 Potentate Lady ~ Mary Ham
Oasis Shriners - Hospital Project



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#CutTheBull

Dear Nobles,

The national anti-bullying campaign #CutTheBull, kicks off Sept. 26th in support of National Bullying Prevention Month. Shriners Hospitals for Children® is again partnering with former patient and Love to the rescue® Ambassador RJ Mitte to encourage the public to join them and help #CutTheBull.



Children with physical disabilities are twice as likely to be bullied, impacting their educational, physical and emotional development. * Many Shriners Hospitals patients have visible scars or disabilities that put them at greater risk of bullying. This annual campaign supports Mitte and Shriners Hospitals' joint efforts to raise awareness of the challenges facing children with disabilities.

Mitte will launch the campaign on Monday, September 28, 2015 during an interview on NBC's "Access Hollywood Live". During the segment, Mitte will share his personal story of how he overcame bullying and how Shriners Hospitals gave him the physical and emotional support to realize there was no limit to what he could do. Please check your local listings for the time and channel.

Mitte will also participate in a nationwide Satellite Media Tour on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Mitte will appear on television and radio shows across the country to raise awareness about the bullying of children with physical disabilities. He will highlight Shriners Hospitals' commitment to providing individualized care and how the hospitals help to create a community that sees beyond a person's disability.

You too can play an important role in helping to stop bullying. Here's how you can #CutTheBull:

- Join the Movement: Go to CutTheBull.org and order a #CutTheBull t-shirt today. Proceeds go to Shriners Hospitals for Children to provide life-changing care to kids.
- Spread the Word: Take a picture in the shirt and post or tweet it with the hashtag #CutTheBull.
- Get Inspired: Go to CutTheBull.org and read about some amazing kids who have helped #CutTheBull in their community.
- Share The News: Share a story of how you or someone you know helped put a stop to bullying.

Shriners Hospitals for Children and RJ Mitte want all kids to grow up in a supportive community that accepts them for who they are. Thank you for doing your part to increase awareness about this important initiative.

Yours in the faith,
Chris L. Smith, Chairman,
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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.**

SPECIAL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES



Since 1925, the East-West Shrine Game® has helped support the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Your support is vital to the success of the game. We invite all nobles, ladies, family and friends to the 91st East-West Shrine Game on January 23, 2016 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. We have lots of exciting opportunities to share with you, to make the East-West Shrine Game your favorite group event!

Host a watch-party:

Proven to be a successful membership recruitment event, we encourage nobles who cannot attend the game in person to host a watch-party at your temple for the live broadcast of the game on NFL Network. Fun promotional items are available for your group event, including one-sheets, posters, brochures and East-West Shrine Game trivia!

Advertise in the program:

Place an ad in the 2016 East-West Shrine Game Program to promote your temple to thousands of game fans from across the world! Color, full-page, half-page and quarter page ad space is available.

Earn 20% commission on the purchase of 10 or more Premium Reserved Seating Ticket Packages: Large groups can easily be accommodated with this package, priced at \$30 per person. Included is a reserved seat in a premium section at Tropicana Field, \$10 concession voucher and 2016 game calendar. Advance sale only.

Earn 20% commission on General Admission Ticket sales:

Temples, clubs and ladies groups may request General Admission game tickets to sell, in advance, for a 20% sales commission. General Admission tickets are \$15 each and seating is first-come, first-serve in lower levels at Tropicana Field.

For more information, visit shrinegame.com or contact our game office at 813-281-8686.

Sincerely,

Harold Richardson, Executive Director

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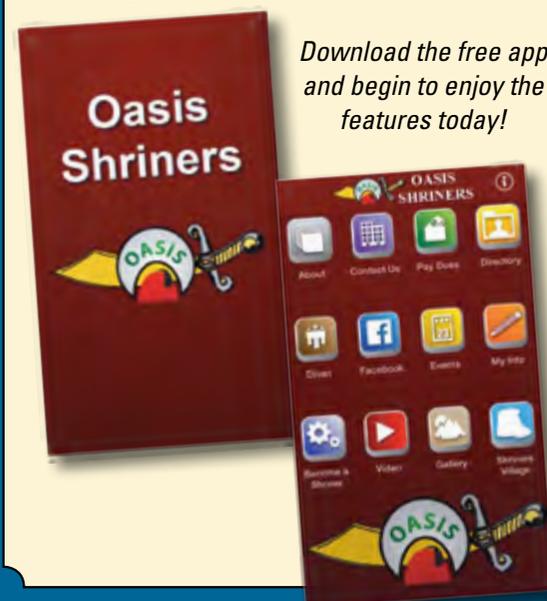
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The Public Relations Voice - A FRATERNAL NEWSLETTER

A Message From Your Public Relations Chairman

Dear Fellow Nobles,

While it may still feel like summer in many locations, according to the calendar it is officially fall. In addition to the promise of cooler temperatures and colorful leaves, fall brings football and the beginning of the holiday season. To many, it seems like the beginning of the busiest time of year.

For us, as Shriners, fall begins the "season" of national signature events: the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in October and the East-West Shrine Game® in January. These events are tremendous opportunities to raise awareness of our two great

organizations. In addition to a highly anticipated, competitive professional golf tournament, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open features our national patient ambassadors in an event called the Hospital Experience, as well as patients from around the health care system serving as standard bearers. We are grateful for our patients' willingness to participate. They are a visual representation of confidence, courage and the difference Shriners Hospitals makes in the lives of children and families every day. We also appreciate the many Shriners who volunteer to assist at the tournament. All the Shriners present – whether attending or volunteering – have a huge opportunity to share their stories and the story of our great fraternity, and encourage new friends to learn more about

both Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Shriners International, and even consider membership. The Open also garners tremendous worldwide media coverage, giving us invaluable exposure and bringing us one step closer to becoming a "household word." The Open will be held Oct. 19-25 at TPC Summerlin. If you can't be in Las Vegas, you can catch it on the Golf Channel. For more information, please visit shriners-hospitalsopen.com. Consider ways you can promote the event – and your temple – in your community.

The East-West Shrine Game, the longest-running all-star college football game in the country, will be held Jan. 23 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. Attendance has been increasing since moving

the game to the Tampa Bay area, which is home to both a Shriners Hospital and our headquarters. This event is also a perfect opportunity to showcase our health care system and our fraternity to both the media and the public. It is also a great time to host allied events at your temples, such as watch parties, and invite the community to join you. Remember to invite your fellow Masons and to always be aware of opportunities to encourage interest in becoming a Shriner.

Your participation in our national events and willingness to share them with your local communities is important to their success. In fact, the success of both organizations depends on you – and your individual and collective commitments to do-

ing all you can – every day – to strengthen our organizations and increase our membership. Consider what being a Shriner means to you and the path that led you to the fraternity. Can you share that path – that story – with someone every day? Our future depends on our nobles having that level of commitment. We appreciate every one of you, and we need you to be as active as possible.

Thank you for all you do for our fraternity and philanthropy.

Yours in the faith,
Chris L. Smith
Deputy Imperial
Potentate Public
Relations Chairman



New Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada Opening Its Doors

On Aug. 20, more than 2,000 people attended the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony in Montreal, Canada. In attendance were patient representatives, Shriners Hospitals for Children administrators and board members, President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dale Stauss, Imperial Potentate of Shriners International Jerry Gantt, and many dignitaries, including Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, Quebec Health and Social Services Minister Ga etan Barrette, M.D., and Mayor of Montreal Denis Coderre.

The impressive 207,000 square-foot facility includes 22 single-patient rooms, four surgical suites and an education center that seats 200. The new hospital is welcoming, friendly and bright with soothing skylights, murals and themes throughout. It even houses an ambulatory clinic designed to resemble a hockey rink. The new Canada Shriners Hospital will provide services and support for patients needing pediatric orthopaedic care or reconstructive hand or plastic surgery. The hospital staff will begin seeing patients at the new location on Oct. 5.



Shriners Hospitals for Children Featured on Fox & Friends



On the morning of Aug. 21, patient Alec Cabacungan appeared on the television show *Fox & Friends*, sharing his story of the ways Shriners Hospitals for Children has helped to improve his quality of life. Born with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), also known as brittle bone disease, 13-year-old Alec is a patient at our Chicago Shriners Hospital, and has captured hearts across the nation through his appearance in our latest Love is TV commercials. During his *Fox & Friends* interview, Alec said, "I love helping Shriners 'cause they've helped me so much." Thanks to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Alec has also already begun living out his dream of becoming a sports anchor, having had the opportunity to interview NFL draftees in April as part of the 2015 NFL Draft week. Grateful for everything Shriners Hospitals has done for him, Alec was glad to have the opportunity to share his story. "It's the least I could do," he said.

We are thankful for all our patients who voluntarily help us increase awareness about our health care system. Widening our recognition will directly and positively impact our donations, patient referrals and membership efforts, strengthening both Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International, and ensuring our continued success in the future.

To watch Alec's interview on *Fox & Friends*, please visit <http://insider.foxnews.com/2015/08/21/alec-cabacungan-face-shriners-hospitals-children-visits-fox-and-friends>.

Philadelphia Hospital Featured in Children's Hospitals Today

Anterior vertebral body tethering (VBT), a surgical alternative for patients with scoliosis who meet specific criteria offered at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia was featured in recent print and online editions of *Children's Hospitals Today*.

This procedure allows for correction of the curve while the patient maintains spine flexibility. Surgeons place a screw in each vertebral body of the scoliotic curve in the spine, and then they attach the screws to a flexible cord with the spine in a straighter position. This stops the progression of scoliosis and realigns the spine so it can continue to grow and maintain flexibility. As the child continues to grow, the procedure works in a way that halts curve progression and the spine remains straight.



To learn more, please visit childrenshospitals.org/newsroom/childrens-hospitals-today/summer-2015/articles/a-new-treatment-for-progressive-scoliosis.

Story of Shriners Patients and Siblings Brought Together for First Time Featured on People Magazine's Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children made the *People* website once again last month after Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie pitched a heartwarming story about their 17-year-old patient with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), Jordan Noland, uniting with his 2-year-old sister, Genesis "Genny" Alecza Baide-Munoz, who also has OI and is being treated at our Tampa hospital, for the first time.

To read the entire story, please visit people.com/article/siblings-finally-meet-united-by-disease.

Shriners Hospitals for Children Surgeon Featured in Plastic Surgery News

Pirko Maguina, M.D., a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Northern California, is featured in the September 2015 issue of *Plastic Surgery News*, the official magazine of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.



Dr. Maguina is profiled in the magazine's Surgeon Spotlight, where he says the best part of being a plastic surgeon is "the ability to help others." Dr. Maguina has participated

on more than 30 medical trips to underserved countries to operate on children with burns, cleft lips and other conditions requiring reconstructive surgery. Congratulations to our Northern California Shriners Hospital and Dr. Maguina for their hard work and excellent media coverage.

To read the whole story on our website, please visit shrinershospital-sforchildren.org/news/NCMaguina.



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) 704.379.9217 (h) 704.365.4866 or Noble Don Greene at (h) 828-885-8212 (c) 828-226-6069 (email) donsgreene84@gmail.com



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News from Cincinnati



Specialty care beyond a burn

Georgia Shrine Club Gets the Word Out

By early August 2015, Alee Shriners' Quint Shrine Club, in Lyons, Georgia, had referred 30 children and families from their area to Shriners Hospitals for Children hospitals in Cincinnati, Greenville, and Tampa, exceeding the number of referrals they accomplished in 2014 in the same period. By the end of 2014, the club referred 70 children and families to the three hospitals.



What is their secret? The promise that Noble Ramon Powell made to himself when he learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children after he joined the Alee Shriners in Savannah, Georgia.

"I made it my personal mission to learn as much I could," said Noble Powell. He began to call the hospitals in Greenville, Tampa and Cincinnati to ask questions about conditions treated and along the way, he made some regular contacts at those facilities.

"One: You need to know your business for people to trust your business, and, Two: We need to be able to recognize the conditions treated by the hospitals, so that when we see a child who can use our care, we can talk to the parent intelligently about the care we can provide," he added.

"When I started talking to everyone I knew about Shriners Hospitals for Children, I realized the public didn't know about our great hospitals. So, I started going to the local schools to share information about the hospitals," said Noble Powell.

They attribute most of their referral success to Social Media.

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"We use Facebook a lot to find these children," Nobel Powell said, including combing Facebook pages from the local news, local hospitals, and families and friends they have in the community. Their visibility and outreach efforts have made such a positive impact in their communities that many families are reaching out to the Shriners before the Shriners can reach out to them. According to Noble Powell, "It spread like wildfire!"

The Quint Shrine Club has seen another benefit from their hospital outreach: Increased membership and increased donations.

"You have got to have the love, the heart and the passion for the children. They are what it's all about. Don't be afraid to approach families!"



Noble Powell ended the interview with this sentiment, "I wish I could do this for a living."



Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org website. Every page has a Schedule an Appointment and a Contact Us feature; both are easy forms that families can complete and submit online directly to the hospital.

Referral Cards

Referral cards are also a great resource that Nobles can use. These cards allow families easy access to hospital information and services. The cards provide hospital contact information to assist in scheduling appointments. On the back of each card is space for the Shriner's name and Temple. Please stop by the Business Development office to pick cards up, or call 513-872-6391 to have them mailed to your temple.

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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

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What: Monthly Shrine Club Meetings

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Social-6:30pm, Meal-7:00pm, meeting following.

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Generous Medinah Noble and Lady Honored for Legacy to SHC . . .



James and Tina Bittler joined the Board of Governors recently to honor Ernest and Henrietta Bittler, long-time Medinah Shrine couple, who left \$1,521,395 to SHC, divided equally between Chicago and Galveston. In the photo, James, grand-nephew of Ernest, places the Bittler plaque on our Philanthropic Society Wall.

Ernest Bittler was for many years the Chief Surveyor of Cook County. With a passion for children and charity, the Bittlers left their estate to SHC, the Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and their church.

"Tina and I wanted to honor the elder Bittlers' generosity and thoughtfulness to others," James said as we gathered at a ceremonial luncheon before placing the plaque. "They were people distinguished for their kindness to others, as demonstrated by their wide-ranging philanthropy to so many important organizations."



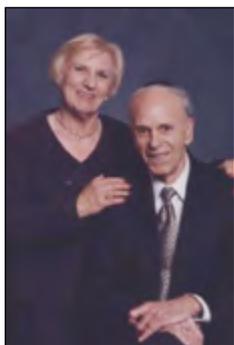
Chief of Staff Dr. Jeffrey Ackman, Administrator Mark Niederpruem, and Chairman of the Board Bill Kuehn, along with others from the Board, posed with Tina and James Bittler on their visit with us.

Philanthropic Society ceremonies honoring kind donors like the elder Mr. and Mrs. Bittler permit us to recognize the extraordinary depth of commitment by our donors to children and to our hospitals—more than a million-and-a-half dollars' worth in the Bittlers' case.

But it does much more: It introduces us to their family - like the young James and Tina - who become friends for another generation - and we delight in celebrating the past and the present, made possible through such an event. We salute the Bittlers - young and old - and cherish their friendship.

3rd Annual Irma and Larry Sturm Memorial Lecture Held

Eric Kodish, M.D., director of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Ethics, Humanities, and Spiritual Care and the F. J. O'Neill professor and chairman of the department of bioethics, lectured on "Hot Topics in Pediatric Ethics." This annual "Irma and Larry Sturm Memorial Ethics Lecture" is funded by Judith and Peter Sturm, former Chief of Staff, SHC - Chicago, in honor of Dr. Sturm's parents.



Becoming a valuable tradition here, it reminds us of Dr. Sturm's time with us—his continuing presence through this annual lecture series. We thank Peter and Judith Sturm for their testimony to family love and for the valuable enrichment to the medical culture of this hospital, which they provide, to improve and enhance pediatric medicine in this setting. Our thanks to the Sturms.

Donations

CLUBS/UNITS

\$25.00	Ashe Shrine Clube - Plaque Sales	Donnie Wallace (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)
\$4,020.64	Avery County Shrine Club - Plaque & Year Bar Sales	Donnie Wallace (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)
\$14,000.00	Blue Ridge Shrine Club - Marathon 4 Miracles	Dwight M Sigmon
\$9,511.90	Cabarrus County Shrine Club - Bikes, Blues & BBQ	Elbert F Graybeal (Ashe County Shrine Club)
\$6,550.00	Catawba County Shrine Club - Donation, Plaque & Year Bar Sales	Ennis Hardware, Inc. (WNC Shrine Club)
\$2,812.68	Gaston County Shrine Club - Paper Sale	Farley Insurance Service (Robbinsville Shrine Club)
\$25.00	Moore County Shrine Club - Year Bar Sales	Farley's Custom Carving, Inc (Catawba County Shrine Club)
\$364.00	Oasis Big Rigs - Donation	George Phillips
\$1,670.06	Oasis Nascarts - Donation	Harry M Bryant
\$6,000.00	Oasis Patrol - Donation	Higdon Construction Company (WNC Shrine Club)
\$2,000.00	Red Fez Club, Inc - Donation	Honeycutt Jewelers (Moore County Shrine Club)
\$575.00	Robbinsville Shrine Club - Year Bar Sales	Jack E Hendricks (Moore County Shrine Club)
\$2,000.00	Rowan County Shrine Club - Donation	James C. Bengie (Catawba County Shrine Club)
\$4,587.10	Smoky Mountain Shrine Club - Horse Show	Jesse Hayes (Stanly County Shrine Club)
\$1,100.00	Smoky Mountain Shrine Club - Plaque & Year Bar Sales	McRae Woodtreating, Inc (Stanly County Shrine Club)
\$9,133.86	Statesville Shrine Club - Golf Tournament & Auction	Mike Willey (Surry Shrine Club)
\$300.00	Surry Shrine Club -Plaque & Year Bar Sales	Monk's Glass (Surry County Shrine Club)
\$6,000.00	WNC Shrine Club - Golf Tournament	National Transmission Center (Catawba County Shrine Club)
\$350.00	WNC Shrine Club - Plaque & Year Bar Sales	Patricia J Ritt (Oasis Hillbilly Parade)
	Ace Clearing & Construction (Robbinsville Shrine Club)	R.J. East (Surry Shrine Club)
	Allen Leatherman (Catawba County Shrine Club)	Randy & Connie Curtis (WNC Shrine Club)
	Anne C Rose Insurance Agency (WNC Shrine Club)	Rental Centers USA (Stanly County Shrine Club)
	Arnder Electric Inc. (Surry Shrine Club)	Richard A Bass
	Arnold & June Wilson (Oasis Patrol)	Roger Heavner (East Burke Shrine Club)
	Blue Ridge Lodge No 435	Shirley S. Carpenter (Robbinsville Shrine Club)
	Calvin Gladden (Robbinsville Shrine Club)	The Club Shoppe (WNC Shrine Club)
		Thompson & Son Inc (Stanly County Shrine Club)
		Willene P Conner (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)

PASSED WITHIN THE UNSEEN TEMPLE

MEMBER#	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
26169	Cecil M Starnes	Granite Falls, NC	11/1/75	5/26/15
30171	Bobby E Little	Taylorsville, NC	11/14/81	6/25/15
24320	Jimmy O Helms	Monroe, NC	10/27/73	9/8/15
21605	James W Flowe	Williamsburg, VA	9/19/70	9/11/15
23848	Jacob E Fisher, Jr.	Salisbury, NC	5/12/73	9/15/15
27440	John D Younts	Lexington, NC	5/28/77	9/15/15
13620	William G Dover	Asheville, NC	10/31/53	9/22/15
36798	Willie B Beaver	Landis, NC	11/2/96	9/23/15
22878	Charles B Buchanan	Newland, NC	1/29/72	9/23/15
27533	Charles W Bankhead	Rockingham, NC	10/29/77	9/25/15
37167	Raymond Cress	Randleman, NC	11/7/97	9/25/15
8547	Edward Pascal	Valdese, NC	6/6/41	9/27/15
31934	Charles A Curtis	Lenoir, NC	11/3/84	9/29/15
34933	Robert H Waddell	Salisbury, NC	8/24/90	9/29/15

— NOVEMBER 2015 —

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JORDAN WORLD CIRCUS

Las Vegas, Nevada

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RINGMASTER... THE ELOQUENT 'ARI STEEPLES'

MAJESTIC MONARCHS OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM...
AWE-INSPIRING, GIANT JUNGLE CATS
PRESENTED BY "PREMIERE AMERICAN TRAINER"
'ADAM BURCK'

HERE THEY COME...
THE JORDAN CIRCUS CLOWNS!

DEMONSTRATING A DYNAMIC DISPLAY OF IMPRESSIVE ACROBATIC EQUILIBRIUM IN ALL THREE RINGS.
CHINESE HAND STAND - ROLA BOLLA - UNICYCLE

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CARDEN MIXED ANIMAL REVIEW
PRESENTED BY 'KARIN HOUCKE'

3 RINGS RING AMAZING DISPLAY...
SWORD BLANCING - CUBE BALANCE - HULLA HOOPS
'RUBY' - 'JONATHAN' - 'IKA'

FROM MAINLAND CHINA...
WE BRING YOU THE UNIQUE AND ANCIENT ART OF VASE BALANCING
PERFORMED AND PERFECTED BY THE MASTER HIMSELF...
THE INCOMPARABLE GUIMING!

PERFORMING AMAZING ACROBATICS...
SKY MAN!!!

SUSPENDED HIGH ABOVE YOUR HEADS, BEAUTIFUL WOMEN OF THE CIRCUS...
PERFORMING "SNOW FLAKES WEB DISPLAY"

THIS NEXT AMAZING ACT WAS INVENTED IN THE MID 1800'S
BY AN AMERICAN FROM NEW JERSEY...
RICHARD RISLEY CARLISLE WAS THE FIRST TO ATTEMPT TO
JUGGLE ANOTHER HUMAN BEING... WITH HIS FEET!
HENCE, THE "RISLEY" ACT WAS BORN!

**LEAVE IT TO THE LEGENDARY ACROBATS OF CHINA,
TO TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL. PREPARE TO BE BLOWN AWAY!!!**



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We invite you to visit our arena floor for unsurpassed family fun:
Photos, balloons, souvenirs, circus snacks, pony rides moon bounces, and of course elephant rides!

THE LIGHTS GO DIM, THE MUSIC BLASTS... THE SECOND HALF, OF YOUR
2015 SHRINE CIRCUS, BEGINS AT LAST



3 RINGS RING AMAZING DISPLAY
BODY-CONTORTIONS - HAT JUGGLING - BODY-CONTORTION
'VERONICA' - FROM BEIJING, CHINA - 'FROM CHINA'

HAILING FROM YOUR HOMETOWN...
THE HILARIOUS 'OASIS' SHRINE CLOWNS!

BEAUTY COMPLIMENTS GRACE HIGH IN THE AIR
LIRA - TRAPIZE - LIRA
'CLAIRE' - 'YULIA'

ANIMAL FUN IN ALL 3 RINGS...
CARDEN TERRIFIC TERRIERS - PONIES - CARDEN TERRIFIC TERRIERS
'TAY' - 'KARIN' - 'LILIANA'

GET READY TO LAUGH...
THE JORDAN CIRCUS CLOWNS!

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THESE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED, ANIMAL PERFORMERS ARE FINALLY BACK FROM THEIR FOUR YEAR
TOUR, WHERE THEY WERE FEATURED ON THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!!
THE SHRINE CIRCUS PERFORMING ELEPHANTS!!!
'PRESENTED BY GEORGE HANNEFORD'

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SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

NC Agriculture Center, Fletcher, NC

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

2 shows: 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC

Friday, November 20, 2015

1 show at 7:30pm

Saturday, November 21, 2015

2 shows: 2:00pm & 7:30pm

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$12.00

13 years of age & older

FREE ADMISSION

12 years of age or younger

Tickets can be purchased at the door