



# The Desert Dust



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## New Restoration Initiative Could Lead to Homecoming for Some Familiar Oasis Faces



CHARLOTTE – Oasis has begun a new restoration program for 2016 that is the definition of simplicity. According to Potentate Johnny King, “Restoration for former Nobles who wish to return to full membership should be a very simple process ... with a twist to keep them active.”

The program for this year, allows former Nobles who are in good standing in their Blue Lodges to return to membership in Oasis by paying

this year’s dues (\$82) AND joining a club, unit or committee. Restoration Vice Chairman, Noble John Harder says, “No penalties, no prior year’s dues. In fact, the early news of this program has already led to some Brothers completing the form toward full restoration as Nobles of Oasis Shrine.

This is how it works; each Brother regardless of how long he has been out will be contacted and if interested, will complete the petition, pay this year’s dues, and join any of more than 90 clubs, units or committees. We hope this will draw many to return to Oasis. This is also a great time to update your contact information with us.”

A copy of the RESTORATION form along with a list of clubs and units can be seen on page 10. Do you know of a former Noble who would like to rejoin but may not receive the Desert Dust? Please contact him and get the form into his hands.

## Winston-Salem Shrine Club is Big on Oysters!



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Oyster Roast*

*And so much  
more!*

*Shriners Hot Rod Expo...zoom zoom!*



## Blowing Rock Here We Come!



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# The Potentate’s Message

No, it isn’t an April fool’s stunt....

The new look for our Desert Dust has nothing to do with

the calendar, and everything to do with a ‘back to the future’ change to return our paper to its original purpose - that of a newspaper covering the life and activities of our Oasis family.

I’m happy to tell you that our new editor is very familiar with Oasis and already has an intimate knowledge of our organization and its people. “Welcome back to Edie Wilson, Lady of Noble Marty Wilson!” A few years ago Edie became the first editor in more than a century of Oasis history to claim the coveted Dromedary Award, “The Premier Newspaper” of Shriners International. The first Place honor was presented by the Imperial public relations committee on July 3, 2008, to then Potentate Illustrious Sir, John Elder. Edie has also taught newsletter composition, written for various websites and been published in Society Charlotte Magazine.

“I am honored and delighted to work with Illustrious Sir Johnny King and the nobles of Oasis. We have so much good news to share,” Wilson stated. It did Lady Theresa’s and my heart good when she accepted the position as editor.

So, we now return to “On the Road through Oasis” as Theresa and I continue our visits to our Oasis family’s clubs and units. February 19, Theresa and I headed to Metrolina Shrine Club for a Patrol steak dinner / family night with Patrol Captain, Mashal Chris Hall, and his Lady Laura. They had a large crowd and it was great to see everybody.

On February 20 my aide, Noble Roger Rosenberger and I let Earl (my ’34 Pickup) out, and drove him to the Greensboro Coliseum for the 14th Annual Shriners Drag Racing & Hot

Rod Show (look for photos of this event in this issue of The Desert Dust). This impressive show has been ramrodded since it was begun by Noble Jim Turner, with help from the NASCARTS, Oasis Clowns, the Oriental Band, Noble Jim Rorie and the Shrine trailer, and Noble Butch Stalker for the annual candy sale, in memory of Sam McCall. We were ushered by Noble Danny Swanson and Illustrious Sir John Elder until we were joined by our Ladies; Theresa King, Jean Elder, Linda Rosenberger, and Brenda Beatty, who took over the tour. That evening found us, and 30 others, trailing off to the Cabarrus Shrine Club for a spaghetti dinner. (I think it may have been a ploy to get us ready for Italy later this year.)

February 24 Chief Aide Jackie Wallace and I met 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Tommy Helms at Thermal Belt Shrine Club’s meeting at Forest City Café. Club President Noble Tommy Raye was out for back surgery, and V-P Noble Nigel Hawkins and his beard did a fine job running the show.

On February 26, Theresa and I headed to Myrtle Beach for a Shrine Bowl meeting and Awards Banquet. Greensboro Shrine Club President Leroy Maynard, Nobles John Cable, Jim Church, Jim Coleman from Greensboro were presented five awards for service. Oasis Noble Donnie Wrenn received a service award and Noble David Harvey won the Dave Thomas service award for Oasis. We (as the photos will show) looked great at the Shrine Bowl banquet.

We flipped the calendar to March where we and 600 of our closest Nobles and family (including nearly 150 from Oasis) spent the 11th and 12th at Greenville Hospital’s Shriners Day and Open House. It was also a great get-to-know-you time for the Divan. We brought in Shriners from Catawba and Lincolnton Shrine Clubs, plus Surry, Red Fez and Mecklenburg Shrine

Clubs. Look elsewhere in this edition for quotes from Marissa Weber’s “Be Your Own Hero” speech. This mother of one of our patients shared a moving and personal story of her relationship to the Greenville Hospital.

The Paper crusade is just a few weeks away on April 29 and 30, with a number of clubs and units in need of volunteers for this annual project. Check your schedules and if you and/or your Lady can help, please volunteer. Just phone your local Shrine club and sign up. This effort is a major factor in our yearly contributions to our hospitals and it is acceptable to hold as many of these events over the year as you may want. Just notify your Shrine Center to schedule them and get approval per Shrine law.

It’s time to make your plans for our first Ceremonial of the year with our return to Blowing Rock, June third through the fifth. This weekend is

already shaping up to be a grand one, as our headquarters returns to Chetola Resort. Meantime other hotels will be filling up fast so make your reservations as soon as possible. Check out the back page for more details.

Looking toward the fall, Lady Theresa and I are inviting YOU, all Oasis Shriners, their families and friends to join us on the trip of a lifetime to Rome and Tuscany, with a side trip to Venice. Our excursion is set for September 24 through October 4.

Thank you for everything you are doing to make Oasis Shriners the best we can be. Remember: Membership, Membership, Membership

Keep supporting your clubs and units as they work hard to raise funds for our hospitals

*We are family having fun and working for the kids!*

**Johnny King**

## 2016 Oasis Schedule

<b>April 13-15</b>	Shrine Director’s Springfield, MA	<b>September 8</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>April 14-17</b>	Oasis Provost Guard SASA Meeting	<b>September 15-17</b>	SASA Fall Meeting, Myrtle Beach
<b>April 21</b>	Divan Meeting	<b>Sept. 24-Oct. 4</b>	Johnny and Theresa Trip
<b>April 30-May 1</b>	Public Relations Conference	<b>September 24-25</b>	Grand Lodge NC
<b>April 29-30</b>	Paper Sale	<b>October 1-3</b>	Membership Seminar
<b>May 18</b>	Divan Meeting	<b>October 7-8</b>	Oxford Homecoming
<b>June 3-5</b>	Spring Ceremonial (Blowing Rock)	<b>October 12</b>	Oasis Circus Fletcher
<b>June 16</b>	Divan Meeting	<b>October 14-15</b>	Oasis Circus Cabarrus
<b>June 10-11</b>	NFL Alumni Golf Tournament	<b>October 20</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>June 17-18</b>	Family Fun Day	<b>November 4-5</b>	Fall Ceremonial (Charlotte)
<b>July 3-7</b>	142 Imperial Session Tampa Florida	<b>November 17</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>July 21</b>	Divan Meeting	<b>December 3</b>	Annual Election & Stated Meeting
<b>August 9</b>	Shrine 100 Race Gastonia	<b>December 15</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>August 18</b>	Divan Meeting	<b>December 16</b>	Game Week Shrine Bowl Meeting BOG
		<b>December 17</b>	Game Day Shrine Bowl



## The Recorder's Message

As most of those that know me will attest; my life is ingrained within pop-culture, and the 1970s song

"Changes" by David Bowie comes to my mind – a lot. Late February and early March brought a whirl-wind of changes--some for better, some for not--for our coveted organizations. I won't dwell on anything specifically negative in this article, but it has been a wild roller-coaster ride.

Our first and newest order of administrative business was the filling of a part-time position at our Oasis headquarters office. Lady Linda Wallace, Lady of Noble Jack Wallace, has come aboard to lend her administrative talents. Many of our mature codger members will recall Lady Linda working in the Oasis office several years ago. Her forte then was hospital/patient coordination on the charity side. Some of her new job descriptions are, but not limited to, assisting officers of Oasis clubs and units, Membership team and other committees that require additional support. Lady Linda will not write your Desert Dust article or fill out your annual financial reports but she is in the office a couple days a week to help our officers as required.

The first few days in March found me down in lovely Tampa, FL at the annual Recorder's Association seminar. I made a few fast friends and learned a few things. A Temple Recorder's primary duty is that of a 'fixer.' It's not always about knowing how to fix something directly but finding out how to help other folks fix things. I'll just brush off my special set of tools and scrub- in to commence to fixing things. There are many policies and procedures most Shriners will never need to be aware of. Again, it is not always a matter of knowing all of the answers, but knowing where to find the anecdotal solutions and

responsibly administering the first-aid.

While I was off dilly-dallying in Tampa most of our Oasis leadership and Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas team made their pilgrimage to Myrtle Beach for the Board of Governor's meeting. I understand Oasis was well represented and made some significant strides as we continue to re-gain our traction with that institutional football game that promotes a fantastic NC-SC rivalry.

The second weekend of March took most of our Oasis leadership to Shiner Days at the Greenville hospital. It is an open house and Board of Governor's meeting for the Area Eight Catch-man Basin of approximately 22 Shrine Centers in the south-eastern United States. Oasis was very well represented judging by the sea of Oasis Fezzes on the heads of our proud members. These trips are what being a committed Shiner is all about.

The third weekend in March had most of the Oasis leadership in Nashville, TN for mid-winter SASA. This is an Imperial regional meeting that encompasses the eighteen Shrine Centers in our South Atlantic Shrine Association's jurisdiction. Again, Oasis was very well represented during this policy and procedural meeting that touched on a broad range of topics. In our spare or off time many of us partook of the Grand Ole Opry and other venues for entertainment and refreshment in and around wonderful Nashville.

We were able to enjoy our Easter weekend away from the direct dedication and commitment of participating within Shrinedom. You only miss it when it is gone. So getting back up to speed we are already heading into April as our 2016 Shrine year is 25% complete. That was FAST!

Looking into our Oasis crystal ball we can see the annual Paper Crusade creeping up the last weekend in April. Going back to the mature

codgers knowing and most of the newer Shriners perhaps not knowing that the Paper Crusade is an Imperial event that Oasis promotes heavily on a designated weekend each year. The paper sale program was founded and first implemented by our Oasis Potentate in 1976, Illustrious Sir Douglas C. Mayes. He kept it low key but was very involved on the national Shrine level, being more about 'The Kids' and less about himself. He is sorely missed by the entire Shrine Fraternity and the hospitals we support.

The first weekend of June we'll be converging on the quaint mountain town of Blowing Rock for our Spring Ceremonial. Does every Oasis Shiner have a candidate or ten on the hook to bring? Our current administrative infrastructure was created for 16,000

members, so if every Oasis member brought two new novices from their Blue Lodge we would be close to break-even. Our headquarters lodging will be at Chetola Resort once more with the Ceremonial held at the elementary school and an afternoon parade down Main Street. Please do what it takes to get involved with a unit, club or committee and make the pilgrimage up the mountain with us. Look for complete information in this issue.

The third weekend in June is Family Fun Day at the Red Fez Shrine Club. The Red Fez folks have one of the most popular Oasis clubs going, at a very scenic location on the banks of the Catawba River just below the Buster Boyd Bridge (S Tryon / Hwy

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# Oasis Shriners to Take Part in Legacy Celebration

As Shriners we are part of an international organization that strengthens us individually and enhances our families. Since 1872, Shriners International has been a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, truth and relief. In keeping with this tradition, and in order to place emphasis on the importance of legacy Shriners within our families, we are pleased to announce our first-ever Legacy Night event for Oasis Shriners. This celebration is scheduled for **Saturday, June 25 at 5:00 pm**. This is a special recognition program for Shriners who have one or more related Shriners, either living or deceased--including through marriage. This event includes a commemorative certificate and a special lapel pin commissioned by Shriners International as seen on the formal announcement also on this page.



*A familiar example of a strong legacy,  
PP Todd Ham and his family.  
His great grandfather was a 33rd degree Mason.*

- Please refer to the notice regarding this upcoming membership event and make your reservations accordingly. Share the news with as many nobles and ladies as possible. When you call or email Noble Joe Burris with your reservation (contact information found on the flyer), be prepared to provide the following information so we can help make this event as organized and memorable as possible for you and your families:
- Full name of Shriner who is making the reservation (required for accurate certificate lookup in membership database)
  - Your Oasis Shrine Member number (found on your card)
  - Full name of Shriner Legacy (There may be more than one; include as many legacy family members as you have/would like.)
  - Oasis Shrine Member number of each Legacy (if you have this information, it will be very helpful when we lookup the certificates to print)
  - Exact relationship of Legacy to self
  - Is Legacy member living or deceased (please indicate for each Legacy)
  - If Legacy is living, will he be present and need a lapel pin and certificate as well?

- Total number of people in your party including self, ladies, children, family, etc. - all who will be in attendance in order to have an accurate headcount
  - Name of your party (for table tent reservations so entire family can sit together)
- For all reservations, please call or email Noble Joe Burris using the information found on the bottom of the flyer.
- For all other general inquiries or if you have questions about the items above or the event in general, please call me. We hope you will participate, bring as many of your legacies and family members as possible, and be prepared to enjoy an evening of celebration at Oasis.

YITF,  
**Chris Hall**  
*Membership Chairman*  
*Divan Marshal*



# LEGACY NIGHT

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**  
**at**  
**OASIS SHRINERS**



**WHEN:** Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm

**WHO IS INVITED:** ANY Shriner who has a male relative, including through marriage, who is or was a Shriner (living or deceased).  
All Ladies and family members are encouraged and invited to attend.

**PURPOSE OF EVENT:** To recognize the importance and legacy of Shriners in our families. Each Shriner present will receive a Shriners Legacy certificate from Shriners International as well as a keepsake lapel pin (shown below). Light refreshments will be served at no cost.

**DRESS CODE:**  
Casual/your choice. A professional photographer will take your family/legacy photo as a keepsake, so please dress accordingly as you wish.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:** Contact Noble Joe Burris, Committee Chairman, at (704) 322-8941 or email [jbarris2647@yahoo.com](mailto:jbarris2647@yahoo.com) no later than June 11



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## Notes from Your Editor

It is a true honor to be working with Ill. Sir Johnny King and the Oasis Nobility as your Desert Dust editor. We have spent much time discussing how we want this paper to perform. We hope the new look makes for easy reading. We strive to include as much information as possible from clubs and units. We aim to make every issue timely and interesting. Look for more pictures...and not just the familiar faces. You can see your cub or unit in this paper by simply sending pictures and facts to my

email address. You don't have to be a writer to send the facts, just be sure to include appropriate captions with photos. You can phone me if you want in-person coverage of an event.

Please note changes to the Oasis Schedule printed on page 2. It no longer includes unit or club events or national holidays. Your meeting or event can be publicized by placing a free ad in The Dust. Contact me for complete details. We will do our best to make this your newspaper and to make it one you can be proud of.  
**Edie Wilson**

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29). Every Oasis Shriner should attend Friday evening and all day Saturday for great comradery, competition and some of the best grub you can find on the far south-west side. Our Oasis Potentate Illustrious Sir Johnny King is promoting this as a Masonic Unity event. Help us get the word out and bring your neighbors, co-workers and friends that have expressed even a slight interest in Masonry or Shrinedom. It will be a wonderful weekend at the Red Fez. Here is an interesting tid-bit of Red Fez Club information on a personal note: In 1987 when Noble Luther Morris put five new central air conditioning units in – yours truly was hired to do the power wiring

and final connections.

I will keep you in suspense for further activities of Oasis and Shrinedom as summertime takes us to our normally busy Fall.

Please reach out to me anytime by email at [recorder@oasisshriners.org](mailto:recorder@oasisshriners.org) or phone the Oasis office at 704-549-9600 if you prefer. Your Recorder and our excellent Oasis Administrative Staff are ALL here to help.

Keep behaving and thank you for keeping Oasis #1 in Membership and Hospital Giving.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Bob Saye**

## DID YOU PLAY IN A HIGH SCHOOL BAND OR COLLEGE BAND? IF SO WE NEED YOU!

### THE OASIS TEMPLE BAND



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THOMASVILLE – 336/313-0346

## 'Ham Day' at Riverside Lodge

Grand Master and Oasis Noble Bryant D. Webster not only attended the annual event but got in on the kitchen action as he and Jake Abernathy III, Master of Riverside Lodge, prepared scrambled eggs for the largest single fund-raising event in North Carolina.

Ham Day is an annual fund-raiser for the Masonic Home for Children, the

Masonic Foundation and Whitestone, put on by Riverside Lodge No. 606 in Catawba, NC. They've been raising money for the Masonic charities with Ham Day since 1964. The event has even been recognized by the North Carolina General Assembly, which passed a special Resolution signifying the achievement.



*Photo by Mack Sigmon*



**BMW  
Charity Pro-Am**  
presented by SYNEX CORPORATION



### 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 **2016 BMW Pro-Am Golf Tournament**, held Monday, May 16th through Sunday, May 22nd at Thornblade Country Club, The Reserve at Lake Keowee, and Preserve at Verdade in Greenville, SC. This is a tremendous opportunity to help raise awareness and funds for the hospital.

**Here's how:** For every person who volunteers on the behalf of the Greenville Shriners Hospital, the hospital will receive \$20 per day worked – so if you volunteer for 2 days, your volunteer fee essentially becomes a donation to the hospital! For every 50 workdays, we will receive an additional \$2,000!

**Registration is \$40 which includes a volunteer polo shirt, hat/visor, a Volunteer Credential, Patron Credential, 2016 volunteer pin, meals during your workdays and a volunteer appreciation party at the end of each workday (over \$100 value)!**

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.

**Last year, because of our dedicated volunteers like you, we received over \$15,000 proceeds generated through volunteer participation. THANK YOU!!! Volunteers are KEY to our success at the event and we hope you plan on joining us this year!**

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

# Let's Stock the Joy Prom Closet

*Spring is a great time to edit your closet!*

Ladies, I'm talking to you...about all those cocktail dresses, evening gowns and accessories you don't—or can't—wear anymore. We now have an opportunity to put those clothes to good use and it couldn't be easier.

**Q: What is Joy Prom?**

A: Joy Prom is a full-scale prom for the special needs individuals in our community. Formally attired guests arrive on the red carpet and are escorted by volunteers who help them with make-up, shoe shines and photo opportunities. A dessert buffet is served for all guests and is followed by an evening of dancing the night away with their friends. The experience recognizes the individual guest first and then their disability, while providing a positive environment free of judgment or negativity. Learn more at [facebook.com/JoyfulHeartsNC](https://facebook.com/JoyfulHeartsNC)

Guests are not only invited to the Joy Prom but are also invited to select a formal gown, suit and accessories

from the Joy Prom Closet. All clothing is donated by friends, family and the community. Part of the experience for attendees is the fun and excitement of trying on and choosing a beautiful dress. (We know what that feels like!) Your pieces can now be recycled in a wonderful way.

**Q: How can I get involved?**

A: Alice Weathers, Lady of Potentate Aide Mark Weathers, has volunteered to collect our unwanted dresses, jewelry, shoes, even tuxedos. She will pick them up at Oasis Headquarters or local Shrine clubs and take them to the Joy Prom closet.

**Q: Who do I contact?**

A: Alice can be reached by email: [gmawweathers@gmail.com](mailto:gmawweathers@gmail.com)

"I collect clothing as well as shoes, belts, socks, jewelry, handbags and gloves all year long for the Joy Prom," explained Sherry Peele, Founder and Executive Director of Joyful Hearts.

# Hot Rods for Hospitals



*Submitted by Jim Turner*

The 14th annual Shriner's Hot Rod Expo was held indoors at the Greensboro Coliseum on February 19 and 20. After three years of snow and ice, Mother Nature gave us a beautiful weekend and the show was a great success.

Special thanks to Illustrious Sir Johnny King and Lady Theresa, who came from Charlotte to display his awesome truck. Many Shriners volunteered their time and effort to ensure the success of the show. Among those, were the Oriental Band, NASCARS, the Shrine Clowns, Jim Rorie with the Shrine trailer and Butch Stalker, for the annual candy sale in memory of Sam McCall.

In addition, our brothers from Revolution Lodge made a good presence with their donated time.

It's amazing what can be done when everyone works for a common cause. Overall, a total of \$13,000 was raised for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



# Lake Wylie Classic Golf Tournament



**FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016 - RIVER HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

*ALL NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN*

**9:00 AM Registration – 10:00 AM Shotgun Start**

**Captains Choice format, Gross and Net Awards**

**Cost: \$600 per team**

**Mulligans and buy your team available for purchase**

**Hole-In-One prizes including a car and more**

**Awards Reception after play**

**Thursday Evening, April 14, 2016**

**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**

**For tournament registration and sponsorships call:**

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

**ATTENTION ALL MECKLENBURG AND GASTON COUNTY SHRINERS**

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

*\*Alcohol not included*



# A Message from your Imperial Potentate

Dear Fellow Nobles,  
Somewhere along the way, it's likely that we were all encouraged to take pride in ourselves and/or in our work. And, somewhere along the way, we may have picked up that pointing to our own accomplishments would be self-centered or boasting, and those are generally not considered positive things. And so we learn to be proud of ourselves and our work less publicly, and more personally and quietly. But

being self-centered is not the same as being proud of what we have done – and what we can do tomorrow.

Think about this in terms of being Shriners. Our fraternity has been a premier organization that has provided opportunities for life-long friendships and a chance to be part of something very special for more than 140 years. And we've offered hope and healing to children and families facing extremely difficult, complex medical situations for more than 90 years – always regardless of their ability to pay;

we've funded ground-breaking research that has influenced and changed medical protocols worldwide; we've offered outstanding medical education to generations of physicians. We support a multi-million dollar health care system with locations

in three countries that more than 1.2 million children and families have depended on over time, and thousands depend on annually.

How can we not be proud of what we've done for the world around us, and for our communities? How can we not be proud when our patients routinely overcome challenges and achieve more than they ever believed possible? How can we not be proud when we see our patients have the confidence and self-esteem to pursue their dreams?

I have always been proud to be a Shriner, but as I travel and see more and more of the work we do, my pride in Shriners

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**SHRINE CLUB CHICKEN BBQ**

**Where: At the Cabarrus Shrine Club**

**When: Friday April 8th : 11am-2pm &**

*\*Friday is for delivery only and must call by Monday, April 4th to schedule delivery*

**Saturday April 9th : 11am - Until** *\*Dine-In or Carryout*

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

**1460 Oakwood Ave • Kannapolis, NC**

**704-933-2797**

*Proceeds to benefit The Cabarrus Shrine Club*

**Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps**

**Car & Truck Show**

**May 7th, 2016**

**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 raffle...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 28129



# Imperial Potentate *continued from page 7*

Hospitals for Children and Shriners International continues to grow. Over time, and especially over the last several months as Imperial Potentate, as I've traveled extensively throughout our "world" of hospitals and temples, the pride that I have in being a Shriner and in being part of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children has increased considerably.

Everywhere I go, I meet dedicated nobles, committed staff members and determined patients. At the temples, the clubs, the hospitals and headquarters, everyone is actively participating in an

amazing mission that changes lives and makes a real difference in this world.

I am proud to be part of our two amazing organizations, and I am proud of every single person who does their part to fulfill our missions every day. And you should be, too. What we need is to be proud – and take that pride, that sense of accomplishment, that knowledge that our efforts make a difference – and use it. We need to be proud to share that story of watching a patient tie their shoes independently for the first time, of seeing the first glimmer of hope in a patient's eyes, of

encouraging a brother, or even of just knowing you're never alone – you're part of a worldwide family.

Together, we have changed the world. And together, speaking as one unified force and voice – with the strength of hundreds of thousands – we can make Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children organizations that everyone, everywhere knows.

Again, I am proud to be a Shriner – and I am proud of you.

*Yours in the faith,*  
**Jerry G. Gantt**, Imperial Potentate



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# Oasis Nobles and Ladies on the Move – First, to Shriners Day

## *Shriners Hospital for Children, Greenville, SC*



Lincoln County and Catawba County Shrine Clubs chartered a bus to Greenville for Shriners Day.



While Oasis turned out in force, we made up a fraction of those in attendance.



Ill. Sir Johnny King and his band of brothers.

## And then to SASA in Nashville, TN

*For a mixture of business and pleasure*



Friday night we boarded a shuttle for The Grand Ole Opry. And even made the big screen!



*During the business meeting on Saturday...*



David Johnson, Director draws for Oasis line-up position in the Imperial Parade in Tampa this July. Then learns he's drawn 17th place...out of 18! Not a popular spot.



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**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 321-604-5050  
**Mission:** "It is all about the children in need!"



**OASIS SHRINERS**  
**2016 SPECIAL PETITION FOR RESTORATION PROGRAM**



To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Oasis Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Charlotte, Desert of North Carolina:

I, the undersigned, a former member of your Shrine Chapter, respectfully request that I may be restored to membership under the special 2016 Restoration Program.  
**I understand that my current indebtedness to Oasis is forgiven per this special offer to rejoin,** and that I am allowed to rejoin for **only the current year's dues of \$82** and if my request be granted I promise to conform to the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, together with those of Oasis Shriners. I further declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, A.F. & A.M., located at \_\_\_\_\_.

**NAME OF CLUB OR UNIT I AGREE TO JOIN AS AN ACTIVE, PARTICIPATING MEMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand this Club President or Unit Captain will contact me.*

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

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Recommendations are not necessary as part of this 2016 Special Restoration Program.*

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**Attach to this petition a copy of your current 2016 Masonic Lodge Dues Card and check for \$82.**  
Questions? Call Membership Vice Chairman for Restorations, John Harder, at (704) 395-0905. Mail to OASIS SHRINERS, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262, ATTN: 2016 RESTORATION

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# Winston-Salem Shrine Club's Oyster Legacy

Photography by George Powers

WINSTON-SALEM - For close to 60 years Winston-Salem Shriners, Nobelles (their Shrine ladies) and volunteers have been cooking up shrimp, oysters, and scrumptious, home-made desserts. This February alone approximately 525 people

consumed 760 pounds of shrimp and 85 bushels of oysters.

Work begins on this mega-event before Christmas each year—then the tickets go on sale. If you've never attended this legendary feast you need to mark your calendar now for the last Saturday in February.

*See you there!*



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

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## Fourth Tuesday of the Month

- Monthly Meeting (Families & Guests Welcome)
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*These photos may be displayed in the Desert Dust*

## Come check out the Cabarrus Shrine Club

Membership meeting is the last Friday of every month  
 Social at 6:30pm – Dinner at 7:00pm – Meeting at 7:30pm

Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC

Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!

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# Oasis Visits Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, SC



## It's where you'll see Love to the Rescue

March is Cerebral Palsy (CP) awareness month. Each year, Shriners Hospital for Children, Greenville cares for thousands of children with Cerebral Palsy. On March 11 and 12 Oasis Shriners were privileged to see the hospital and hear patient success stories. Nobles and ladies not only heard facts and figures but listened as staff and patients explained how miracles take place here every day.

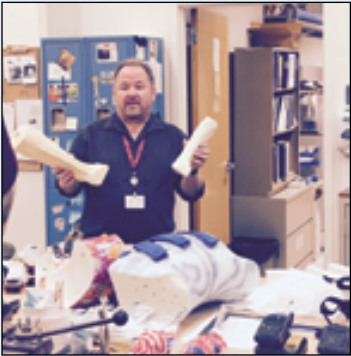
Children with CP have a wide range of impairments and disabilities, and many of them require a wide range of services.. Our teams interface with the child, the family, community-based therapists, and consulting physicians such as neurologists, geneticists and neurosurgeons. But it's our Shriners who bring Love to the Rescue and make it all possible.



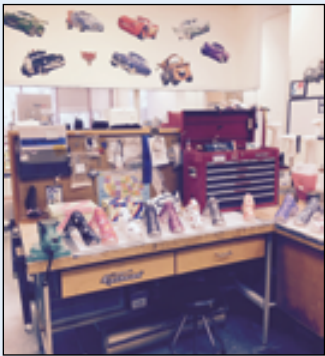
The board room with our familiar symbol on display. "This is where it happens," we're told.

*With the largest full-time staff of pediatric orthopedic surgeons in the United States, as well as a comprehensive team of physical and occupational therapists, we are able to treat each child with a customized approach based on their overall health and medical conditions.*

## The tour takes us through a medical wonderland



Philip Lis, CPO, Director of Prosthetics and Orthotics



*"I take pride in what I deliver," Lis told onlookers.*



PP Fred Laxton's daughter Holland raised funds used to purchase equipment for the operating suite.



*Children wait here for surgery.*



Bill Osborne, RN MSN, Director of Surgery, points the way to the Operating Suite where Michael Mendelow, M.D. demonstrates knee surgery.



"Patients with cerebral palsy often present with some degree of foot abnormality," explains Roy Davis, Ph.D., Director of Greenville's Movement Analysis Laboratory. "Using the new foot model allows our interdisciplinary team to study a patient's pattern of movement as well as better understand the support the foot provides for the patient's lower extremities, a necessary component in addressing the needs of the pediatric patient with cerebral palsy."



# It's Love to the Rescue for Raelyn and her Family

*What follows are portions of the speech Marissa Weber, Raelyn's mother, gave at the Greenville Hospital*

Raelyn was brought into this world eight weeks early after I suffered a fifty percent placental abruption, resulting in an emergency cesarean. The medical team in Concord, North Carolina told me that had we been another five minutes getting into the operating room, she would not have survived. A week later, even though Raelyn had proved her strength and doctors were projecting an early discharge, everything fell apart, as she was diagnosed with necrotizing enterocolitis, just hours after her father called me with news he had been diagnosed with colorectal cancer at just thirty five years old.

For six weeks we lived in the Carolina Medical Center and Jeff Gordon's Children's hospital, four hours away from home. Once discharged, we fought her father's cancer over the next few months, beating it so that to this day he remains cancer free.

With the nightmare of 2009 over, and having just celebrated Raelyn's first birthday, I noticed signs of serious delay, even with the expected two month grace period allowed by her prematurity, and the experiences I had with her older sister being delayed due to her six week prematurity. She could not sit up on her own; she could not crawl; she could not hold her head up for very long while laying on her stomach. Her eyes, once straight, began to drift inward. I took her to the Childhood Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) in New Bern for testing, where they determined that at 15-17 months of age, she was only 7-9 months old developmentally. We then went to East Carolina Neurology, where her new doctor ordered an MRI. The results showed that Raelyn had periventricular leukomalacia moderately spread throughout her brain, meaning the white matter was dead, and that sometime around her birth she had suffered a stroke. At the follow-up, the neurologist confirmed that she had cerebral palsy, later specified as congenital diplegia CP.

We immediately received a referral for physical, occupational, and speech therapy through Onslow Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Center, where Raelyn did her best but could only do so much at nearly two years old. At some point during these appointments, a man approached me, having seen me with Raelyn and Rachael, and handed me a card. On it was a picture of the Shriners hospital. As I was preoccupied at the moment, I placed the card in my wallet, smiled and thanked him, explaining my family's connection to the Masons. I never saw that man again, but I remember him as an angel.

One day, years later, as I was going through my wallet, I came across the card that man had given me. I called, made an appointment, and was welcomed into the family of the Shriners Hospital. The doctors and nurses there listened to every single one of my concerns, answered every question, and never treated me as inferior or ignorant. They partnered with me in ensuring my daughter receives the best, most focused care available. Anything that may have been done incorrectly in the past, they remedied. Despite my

insecurities and fears that I had somehow failed Raelyn, they reassured me that I was doing everything right; that I was a good mother. While a part of me wished I had made the call sooner, I realized that I called exactly when I was meant to.

Raelyn has endured so much: a premature birth, eye surgery, numerous out of town visits to neurologists, ophthalmologists, gastroenterologists, physical and psychiatric therapists, and orthopedists; and yet she has excelled and defied the odds. She has proven every day that, like her two sisters, she is a miracle, and a fighter. From scoring goals in soccer, winning local and state beauty pageants, keeping up with her peers in dance class and school, Raelyn is not "disabled": she is "diff-abled," a term my family came up with meaning "differently-abled." And through it all, Raelyn has maintained her unconditionally loving and compassionate personality. In fact, when asked by the physician assistant at her last appointment at this hospital what she wanted to be when she grew up, Raelyn responded "a doctor...that works here."

"This is our purpose: to make as meaningful as possible this life that has been bestowed upon us,...to live in such a way that we may be proud of ourselves, to act in such a way that some part of us lives on."—Oswald Spengler, German philosopher.

What images come to your mind when you hear the word "Hero"? Some of us have grown up with characters like Superman, who "leaped tall buildings in a single bound." Throughout history, the "Hero" has had a thousand different faces. Mayor Rudy Guillian once stated that "people are looking for heroes and finding them in our firefighters and policemen—ordinary people doing extraordinary jobs!" Even now, young men and women in our armed forces are at war against evil and terrorism in order to protect the freedom we hold dear.

Faith is the common denominator of heroes. A hero is someone who steps away from his own needs to help someone else. Knowing this makes it possible for us to look inward, seeking to find within ourselves those heroic qualities that we admire in others. But with our focus squarely on our Father in Heaven, actively seeking His will as the blueprint for our lives, we can confidently forge ahead being our own hero.

Life is a process of *becoming* BUT everything begins and ends with faith.



***"I called, made an appointment, and was welcomed into the family of the Shriners Hospital."***

*Some people never get to meet their heroes. I gave birth to mine...all three of them.*



*Ben Carpenter – another gifted speaker, college student and former patient – made a powerful speech about how the care he received from Shriners Hospitals for Children had an extraordinary impact on his life.*

*If only I had a time machine...*

My brother was born 60 years ago with CP. When I hear stories like these and see the miracles performed at Shriners Hospitals for Children my personal passion for this work grows even stronger.

*Your Editor*

# Spring Fashions Tempt Camelettes and their Guests

Submitted by Lori Myers

LAKE WYLIE, SC - The Red Fez Shrine Club brought in spring with a splash of fashion. Nearly 90 women gathered for our spring fashion show organized by the Camelettes in partnership with Gigi's Fine Boutique, a local consignment shop featuring fine things.

Models strutted a red-carpeted catwalk to display fashions while guests enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Select seating and swag bags added to the glamor. After the show it was time to shop the styles!

Warm temperatures and the backdrop of beautiful Lake Wylie provided a great atmosphere for



fellowship and fun.

Congratulations to the Camelettes. They put the FUN in fundraiser and cleared over \$2000 to benefit their club!

# Thank You, Shriners!

Patricia W. Matthews

On November 6, 2001, Mason, my grandson was born. He was a beautiful and healthy baby born with cleft lip and palate. Thanks to our good friends Graham and Loretta Wilson, we were introduced to the great work of the Shriners. Mason was sent to Boston Shriners Hospital for Children shortly after his arrival into this world. He has experienced many successful surgeries thanks to the skillful physicians and clinicians involved in his specialized care. The amount of research and new technology available in these facilities is remarkable.

We were simply amazed at the

wonderful gift the Shriners offered our family. We never received a bill for any of Mason's healthcare. Mason's surgeries were performed by one of the leading cleft lip and palate surgeons in the country. Mason and his mom's flights, meals, and lodging were paid in entirety by the Shriners. The hospital was a beautiful and serene facility. The staff obviously loved their jobs and treated their patients wonderfully. Mason was in Boston for surgery on his 11th birthday. It had been a rough day for him. He was waking up late in the day from the anesthesia, but the nurses and staff went out of their way to make his day special with presents, a cake, and balloons.

I could never thank the Shriners enough for the help they have given to Mason and our family. Graham and Loretta have given us love and moral support the entire journey. Mason is now 14 years old and may endure another surgery or two before his process is complete. I know that he will look back when he is older and think of all of you who have participated in his miraculous recovery process and be as grateful as I am for each of you.

Please continue your hard work as you may never know how many lives you touch.



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## Oasis Legion of Honor Club

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## 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 Don Deese for Information:**  
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# Shrine Bowl News

## *Shrine Bowl Board of Governors Elects Raleigh, North Carolina's Connie Altman as its new Chairman of the Board*

Connie Altman, of Amran Shriners in Raleigh, North Carolina was unanimously elected Chairman of the Shrine Bowl Board of Governors on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Altman, a native of Raleigh was long time General Game Chairman of the Shrine Bowl and was named to his new position at the annual Board of Directors meeting held in North Myrtle Beach South Carolina. He replaces Ronnie Blount of Fayetteville whose successful term as Chairman had ended.



Connie Altman

**About the Game:** This year's game will take place on December 17, 2016, at Gibbs Stadium on the campus of Wofford College. The rivalry between the top senior high school football players of North Carolina versus the best in class from South Carolina will renew for the 80th time – the longest standing all-star game in America. General admission Tickets will be available at all **Academy Sports and Outdoors** in North and South Carolina and from the Shrine Bowl Office. Stop in your local Academy Sports and Outdoors, or call for your tickets at **1-800-648-2695**, or go to **www.shrine-bowl.com**.

**About the New Logo:** A new event logo was approved at the meeting as well.



"OrthoCarolina serves as the title sponsor of this annual classic and is thrilled to partner for yet another season with the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas," said Blair Primis, Vice President of Marketing for OrthoCarolina. "The evolution of the game, the day's events and even the new logo are just some of the reasons we are proud to be in a supportive role."

"Given our history and the commitment by OrthoCarolina for our future, we felt it was the right time to put a new shine on an old familiar logo," explained Altman.

## Scooter Patrol



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## Shriners on Bikes

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**SERGEANT AT ARMS - Kenneth Abernathy**

**ROAD CAPTAIN - Joey Hamm**

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.*



# Oasis Scores Big on Awards Night

MYRTLE BEACH - On Saturday February 27, several Oasis members attended the annual Board of Governors of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas meeting and elections of officers. The day started with Ill Sir Johnny King, Chief Rabban Mike Neaves, Assistant Rabban Johnny Burgess, Recorder Bob Saye, Nobles John Cable, Donnie Wrenn and French Harvey being elected or re-elected to serve as general members. Todd Ham PP was re-elected to serve as 3rd Vice President and Noble Henry Long was re-elected as treasure.

Ill Sir Johnny King spoke to the more than 70 members attending about the large part that Oasis played in last year's ballgame by bring \$1.3 million of the \$2.5 million total funds raised by the six participating Shrine centers.

"Three busloads of Oasis Nobles and Ladies from all over North Carolina came to show support. They enjoyed our first ever tailgate party, but we're coming back even stronger this December," declared Potentate King.

Later that night at the awards dinner the Oasis wave continued as the following Nobles were recognized and awarded:

### Shrine Bowl Service Award

Jim Church  
Jim Coleman  
Leroy Maynard  
John Cable  
Donnie Wrenn

### Large Service Award

The Greensboro Shine Club

### Dave Thomas Award

David Harvey

### Game Chairman Award

Henry Long

Just when we thought it was all over, Noble Mike Stanford was called up for induction into the Shrine Bowl of the Carolina's "Hall of Fame."

Congratulations to all those listed and to the others who worked so hard to make Oasis shine.



Oasis celebrates successful return to The Shrine Bowl

## *Latona Temple # 154 Daughters of the Nile*



*Working together to benefit the children  
of Shriners Hospitals*



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



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# Luke Aldridge *a Shriners Success Story*

Luke Aldridge has been seen for years at both our Greenville and Lexington Shriners Hospitals for Children. After all the treatments, he now rides in the Annual Shriners Benefit Horse Show and in competition with the Macon County Horse Association. But his success story doesn't end there - he plays the guitar, and has rebuilt a vehicle from ground up. Luke along with his parents very much appreciate the care he has received.

The Smoky Mountain Shrine Club Horse Show has become so popular that net earnings contributed to Shriners Hospitals for Children increased 203% in just one year!

"We are the only ones in the state of North Carolina that sponsor a Horse Show to raise funds for the hospitals," explained Joe Ripley, President, Smoky Mountain Shrine Club.

See complete information about this event on page 22 and watch for Luke in the Annual Shriners Benefit Horse Show this year in August.



Photo by Joe Ripley



# News From the Oasis Patrol

What a great start to the year! More than 60 Patrolmen, Ladies and children drifted along the enticing essence of sizzling steak to enjoy Metrolina Shrine Club's February 19 steak dinner and family night. Ladies Monie Bean, Sue Campbell, Jane Cowan and others snared out hearts with mouthwatering desserts to top a beautiful meal (Lady Monie further sweetened the deal with special Valentine treat bags for all the ladies). It was so nice to see five of our beloved Patrol Widows in attendance. Ladies Betty Allen, Kitty Bryson, Helen Crawford, Lucille Moss and Vivian Kiser ... you are ALWAYS at home with us!

Ding! Ding! Ding! We have a newly approved Patrol hospital fundraiser being spearheaded by Noble Chaplain Michael "Elvis" Clark. Here it is; Noble Elvis is leading the charge to sell a \$100 certificate in honor and appreciation of an individual of your choice. The "Alan W. Madsen Standing Tall Award of Excellence" is aptly named in honor of Patrolman, Past Potentate, and Imperial Past Potentate Al Madsen and his lifetime contributions toward Shriners Hospitals for Children. The limited edition, numbered certificates have images of our Shrine children, an Oasis gold seal, and are signed by the 2015 Potentate and by Imperial Sir Al. Contact Noble Elvis today at (336) 880-0880 to secure your certificate before they are gone! Thank you to: Noble Elvis, Past Captain and Recorder Noble Bob Saye, and Imperial Sir Al Madsen for their work with this project.

The calendar rolled to March and several Patrolmen were in fine form at the Annual Shrine Days event at Greenville Shriners Hospital, then it was off to Nashville for the 43rd Annual Spring Festival (Mid-Winter) SASA meeting.

On April 2 Past Patrol Captain and Recorder Noble Bob Saye's son, Robby Saye, Jr. was raised to the Sublime Degree at Phalanx Lodge #31 in Charlotte...on his birthday! We appreciate the devotion Robby has already shown the Patrol through

his hard work and positive attitude over the past several years.

Hey, two of our provisional Patrolmen are about to bloom. Noble Sergeant Scottie Cox and Noble Corporal Rory Byers are completing their one-year provisional service to the Patrol and will enjoy their full-fledged initiation into the Patrol. Noble Cox is also Assistant Director for Oasis Shriners as right-hand man for Noble Director David Johnson. Noble Byers serves as the Oasis Membership Team's Vice Chairman for Masonic Relations. We have two more petitions under wraps and 'in progress' as they begin their one-year provisional service, and it looks like we may be looking at two MORE. We might wind up with six new Patrolmen within a two-year period!

Our next official Patrol outing is our annual "Patrol & Friends Cookout" Saturday, April 16 at 4:30 at Oasis. Remember to bring a potential Mason and Shriner!

Please remember Noble Howard Prevette (health issues), Noble John Suddreth III (the passing of his father, Noble John Suddreth, Jr.), Patrolman and Past Potentate H. Mike Cook, Lady Cathy and their families (the passing of Illustrious Sir Mike's sister, Mrs. Denise Cook Ramsouer), and Patrol Past Captain Dennis Wilson (the passing of his mother, Lady June Wilson). A few moments of your time to call, write or pray for members of our Patrol family who need our thoughts, prayers, and encouragement, would surely make their day.

Thank you to each Patrolman and Lady for your support, helping make my service as your Captain a most memorable experience as a Shriner. I could not ask for a finer group of members and ladies who love their Unit, love our hospitals, and appreciate one another.



YITF,  
**Chris Hall,**  
Captain, Oasis Patrol

## Oasis Oldies

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

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**Lieutenant: Thomas Sumpter**

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HWY 150  
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Blowing Rock Hotels

Oasis Shrine Summer Ceremonial

See the back page for more Blowing Rock information

LODGING	DESCRIPTION
<b>Alpine Village Inn</b> • Sunset Drive 828-295-7206 • www.alpine-village-inn.com	In the heart of the Village. All nonsmoking rooms recently updated. Standard queen, king, and two queen size beds. Deluxe rooms with fireplaces and Jacuzzi baths. Two suites with kitchenette, fireplace, Jacuzzi bath. Charles & Katherine Smid, Innkeepers.
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<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> Valley Blvd • 828-295-4422 www.holidayinnexpressblowingrock.com	Newly-renovated rooms include two queen beds, one king bed, as well as deluxe rooms all with flat-screen HDTVs, microwaves and refrigerators. Available every day, the breakfast bar offers our world famous cinnamon rolls, eggs, bacon, gravy biscuits and more! We also have an indoor heated pool, fitness center and business center available to our guests.
<b>Hillwinds Inn</b> • Sunset Drive (800) 821-4908 • www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	Located in the heart of the Village of Blowing Rock. Accommodations include guestrooms, suites and cottages, some with fireplaces, full kitchens, Jacuzzis. Some rooms are pet friendly. Complimentary continental breakfast and a wine & cheese reception served daily.
<b>Homestead Inn</b> • Morris Street 828-295-9559 • www.homestead-inn.com	Sunday-Thursday discount. Located 1/2 block off Main St. Quiet, extra clean, comfortable rooms. All rooms with refrigerators, microwaves, vcr. Some rooms include fireplaces and/or Jacuzzis. Morning coffee, tea, and cider. Very affordable rates. Robert and Caroline Valet, Innkeepers.
<b>Inn at Ragged Gardens</b> Sunset Drive • 828-295-9703 www.ragged-gardens.com	Eleven rooms, each with distinct features including fireplaces. Several rooms offer shared garden terraces while some have private balconies. Complimentary wine and hors d’oeuvres are served each evening in the lobby. The Best Cellar Restaurant is located within the Inn, and offers dinner service year round.
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<b>Ridgeway Inn</b> Highway 221 • (800) 821-4908 www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	Located in the heart of the Village of Blowing Rock. Only a short walk to Main Street. All rooms have color televisions, refrigerators, microwave ovens, coffee makers, and hair dryers. Accommodations include suites and cottages, some with fireplaces, kitchenettes, Jacuzzis and 36” flat screen televisions.Complimentary continental breakfast and a wine and cheese reception daily. Open year round. The Ridgeway Inn is owned and operated by The Village Inns of Blowing Rock.
<b>Village Inn</b> Valley Boulevard • (800) 821-4908 www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	Only a short walk to main street. Totally renovated guest rooms, suites and cottages, some with fireplaces, kitchenettes, Jacuzzis and 36” flat screen televisions. All rooms have private decks, some with hot tubs. Pet friendly rooms available. Complimentary continental breakfast and a wine and cheese reception daily. Open year round. The Village Inn is owned and operated by The Village Inns of Blowing Rock.



# Chaplain's Corner

## How Good and Pleasant it is When Brothers...

A few months ago, Imperial Sir James Smith (he'll be our Imperial

Potentate in just a few years!) sent us an article written by the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. In the article the Chaplain compared us as individual brothers to a pizza when we come together.

Pizza. Some like thick crust, some like thin, some of us like vegetables, some like more sausage. It is all a matter of personal choice. Some like their pizza cut into squares, others into triangles.

No matter what the choice, the pizza is still good!

So, what does pizza have to do with our Fraternity? As Shriners, we take the best and common aspects of all our faiths, our cultures, our beliefs, what we share and what we can agree upon and mix these into one terrific fraternity. As the Wisconsin Grand Chaplain points out, as a fraternity, we do not tell a member what or how to pray, but we do remind him of the importance of prayer. We do not tell a member which volume of the Sacred Law to read, but we do teach him to find more light and instruction in the Great Light.

Pizza. When we mix good things together we have an awesome product. Shriners. Mix good things from good people, and that mixture results in an awesome fraternity dedicated to sharing brotherly love and fellowship, and supporting the greatest philanthropy on the planet: Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Grand Chaplain (Wisconsin) Rev. David Ritchie says, "While you may find a pepperoni, green pepper, olive, with extra cheese, the ideal combination and the other person likes shrimp and pineapple, remember that a cheese and sausage pizza done well can be very good. The key is cooperation. If you respect the other person's ideas and he respects yours, together laying aside

differences and sharing the common, you will find the result pleasing to both. If these things are done you will find that it doesn't matter as much what is shared as who you share with."

As we read in Psalm 133 in the Great Light, and as we hear in our Masonic Ritual: **"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity..."**

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016



6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
Tommy Elledge  
MEMORIAL  
**GOLF**  
TOURNAMENT

- **Hole In One Contest:**  
Hyundai Sonata valued at \$26,000!
- Trophies and Prizes will be awarded (closest to the pin on all Par 3's)



**What:** Golf tournament with all the proceeds going to Shriners Hospitals for Children™ and Samaritan's Kitchen of Wilkes (Back Pack Program)

**When:** Wednesday, May 11, 2016

**Where:** Cedarbrook Country Club, Elkin, NC



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**DETAILS:** 4-man Captain's Choice Format. Price is \$60.00 per player. Mulligans available for \$5.00 (limit 2). Lunch will be at 11:30 am. Shotgun start at 1 pm. Trophies will be awarded. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Team names must be submitted no later than April 30, 2016 to: Keith Huffman at (336) 667-7388, or email to [lfs137sm@lowesfoods.com](mailto:lfs137sm@lowesfoods.com) or Steve Mahaffey (336) 984-0417.

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**Fish Fry  
Saturday**

April 23, 2016  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



**Hot Dogs Also Available**

Fish Plate with all the trimmings and a drink

**\$12** Advanced Adult

At the door \$13 Public is Welcome

Children  
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# A Message from Your President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Dear Fellow Nobles,

It is important to always remember that it was the vision, compassion and generosity of nobles like each of us that created Shriners Hospitals for Children®. This amazing, unique health care system that has changed the lives of countless children and families, and has grown from one single hospital to a global presence, is our responsibility.

I want to again thank you for the

opportunity to serve you, and our staff, patients and families as president and chairman of our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is an honor and privilege, and something that we approach with hope, resolve, dedication and a deep sense of responsibility. Our goal is simple and clear – to do the best we can every day for every patient and family who comes to us for help. Accomplishing that goal is complex and requires an

ongoing, consistent commitment, and the cooperation of everyone who is part of Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International.

It has always been a goal of mine to ensure that every noble knows that they are a part-owner of Shriners Hospitals for Children. And that means every noble is responsible for the life-changing work that happens in our hospitals, medical centers and clinics every day. As nobles, we are responsible for the child who was told they would never walk, but does, and for the child who participates in sports for the first time, and for the one who speaks clearly for the first time. These amazing accomplishments are ours to celebrate, right along with the patients, families and medical staff.

As members of Shriners International, we should be very proud of what we have established, and of what happens in our hospitals, each and every day. We have done far more than change the lives of 1.2 million children. We have changed the lives of entire

families, giving them hope, knowledge and understanding. And actually, we really can't put a definitive number on how many people we have helped. In addition to caring for patients in our 22 locations, we conduct hundreds of outreach clinics, our medical staff shares its knowledge through countless seminars and conferences, and our researchers have made discoveries that have impacted treatment protocols worldwide.

As proud as each of us should be of those accomplishments, we can't rest on that. We need to do more, and we can. We know that every year, thousands of children are born with or contract the conditions we treat. We need to reach more of these children and give them the level of care, compassion, hope and healing that only Shriners Hospitals can provide.

Every noble can help reach out to families to increase our patient numbers.

Earlier this year, detailed, specific information on implementing screening programs for potential patients, including

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## Paper Sale Teams Prepare

OASIS – Teams have been finalizing their plans for the annual Oasis Paper Crusade, one of the most productive fund raisers for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

*"This effort is a major factor in our yearly contributions to our hospitals."*  
- Ill. Sir Johnny King



## CABARET NIGHT!

Winston-Salem Shrine Club  
4909 Hampton Rd., Clemmons, NC

Friday, April 15, 2016  
7:00 pm Until!

**Open to the Public!**

Light Hor D'oeuvres  
Beer, Wine, Sodas available for purchase!

DJ Richard Brewer providing  
Beach, R&B and a little bit of Country!

ADMISSION \$10.00 per person/\$15.00 per couple



## OASIS HIGHLANDERS

*Can ye play the pipes? Can ye play the drum?  
Would you like to?*

The Oasis Highlanders are recruiting new members and would like to hear from you. Experience is a plus, and so is the willingness to learn a rare skill. We also would like to have a drum major...Interested?



Contact Captain Mike Avery (704) 279-8076

## OASIS PAST MASTERS UNIT

Are you a Past Master?  
We are your unit. Join Us.  
For more information:

Noble Gary D. Handy, Captain: (336) 416-1323

Noble Gordy Peeler, Secretary: (704) 223-1531





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policies and processes, was provided to temple potentates and recorders. These clinics are easy to conduct, and can make a significant impact on our numbers. We strongly encourage each of you to discuss this with your fellow nobles and with your temple leadership, and make this effort. Assisting with screening clinics is an excellent way for Shriners to be actively involved in their philanthropy and in helping reach more children and families. Also, whenever possible, we need to be introducing ourselves, and our organizations, to school nurses, day care centers, and social service and assistance offices. I'm sure you can think of even more opportunities and possibilities.

Of course, we are also using every medium available to raise awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children, which, indirectly, can also lead to increasing

patient numbers. We are continuing our ad campaigns that feature patients sharing their enthusiasm and gratitude for Shriners Hospitals, and we have again been featured on a story line of the iconic television program General Hospital, and on Who Wants to be a Millionaire during their charity week event. Also, beginning in April, we will be running digital display ads on Medscape that will encourage physicians to visit our website, and hopefully that will also strengthen referrals. I hope that every time you see one of our ads or other media items, you are reminded of how special and important Shriners Hospitals for Children is, and are proud to belong to an organization that changes lives and gives families around the world hope for the future. One parent said it simply, and best: "You wrap us in hope – and hope is everything."

*Look for the continuation of this message in our next issue.*

**REMINDER:** All ads and articles for the May edition of the *Desert Dust* must be submitted by **April 15**

### Still need to have your taxes prepared? H&R Block will donate to Shriners Hospitals for Children— Greenville!

H&R Block has once again graciously volunteered to raise funds for SHC-G through their Non-Profit Referral Program. They will donate **\$20.00** to **Shriners Hospitals for Children—Greenville** for each new client that has their tax return prepared and presents this coupon. (A new client is defined as one that did not have their taxes prepared in the prior year).

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

### RAISE MONEY FOR Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville BY HAVING H&R BLOCK PREPARE YOUR TAXES.\*

- 1 Take this referral form to a participating H&R Block office and give it to your tax professional. To find your nearest H&R Block office, go to [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com).
- 2 If you're a new client, our organization will receive \$20.
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**The Hillbillies are lookin' fer ya!**



If interested in joining the Oasis Clan #13 parade unit, please contact Jack Devine @ 828-464-9886, or Gary Patterson @ 704-938-3930 or Lee Moody @ 704-451-6151

**Union County Shrine Club**

**305 E Phifer St, Monroe, NC**

**SHRINE DANCE - 2nd & 4th Friday of every month**  
**Starting @ 7pm. \$10 admission.**




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**All proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children**

**Gaston County Shrine Club**  
**505 Pinkney Road**  
**Dallas, NC 28034**

**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

**JOIN US!**

**www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com**

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

# Student Shares News about Shriners

Grace Chastain, President of the Christian Fellowship Program and senior at Tri-County Early College High School in Murphy, NC, has been diligently working on her senior exit project- Shriners Awareness. She attended Shriners Day 2016 in Greenville, SC on Saturday, March 12 as a guest of Illustrious Sir Johnny King and the Western North Carolina Shrine Club. She was able to interact with several Nobles, Ladies and patients during the event and take a tour of the hospital.

With assistance from members of the WNC Shrine Club, Illustrious Sir David Sumpter PP, Noble Tom Ledford and Noble Rory Justin Byers, Grace spoke with a group of fifth grade students at Murphy Elementary School covering burn care and Shriners Hospitals. She will be visiting Peachtree Elementary School later this month.

Grace will present her senior exit project portfolio to both Tri-County



*PP David Sumpter, Rory Byers and Tom Ledford with Grace Chastain*

Early College High School and to the WNC Shrine Club in May. Noble Rory is Grace’s mentor at TCEC as he is the College & Career Readiness Coordinator at the school and is a past president of the WNC Shrine Club.

The WNC Shrine Club welcomes all Nobles and Ladies to the May meeting to hear Grace’s presentation. For more information contact Rory at [rory.byers@mac.com](mailto:rory.byers@mac.com)



**ANNUAL  
SHRINERS BENEFIT  
HORSE SHOW**  
MACON COUNTY FAIRGROUND  
FRANKLIN, NC

**August 21, 2016**  
*with rain date of August 28, 2016.*  
**Start time: 10:00 a.m.**

 is now Available!

**PayPal is now available to pay the following:**  
Annual Dues • Initiation Fees  
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*With PayPal, you can use your American Express credit card to pay any of the above items.*

Just go to <http://www.oasisshriners.org/MEMBERSHIP.htm> click on Membership and you will see the PayPal link. You don't need a PayPal account to use this new payment method.

Questions? Contact the Temple at 704-549-9600.

**SUPREME ASSEMBLY 2024**

The Grand Assembly of NC is raising funds and taking donations in order to host the biennial international convention of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG). Donations may be tax deductible as the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you are interested in donating or in helping us raise the needed capital to host this convention, please contact the Committee Chair at [NorthCarolinaIORG@gmail.com](mailto:NorthCarolinaIORG@gmail.com).



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## Passed Within The Unseen Temple

- APRIL 2016 -

MEMBER #	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
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27892	Lewis E Phifer	Mt. Holly, NC	1/28/78	2/4/16
28654	William T Rothrock	Winston Salem, NC	5/19/79	2/11/16
37662	Johnny W Tate	Charlotte, NC	6/5/00	2/17/16
24392	Charles W Murray	Charlotte, NC	10/27/73	2/23/16
26215	William P Whitley	Kannapolis, NC	11/1/75	2/23/16
32808	William K Threadgill	Burlington, NC	6/9/84	2/24/16
36946	Charles B Stafford	Black Mountain, NC	11/2/96	2/26/16
13694	Robert B Roach, MD	Lenior, NC	10/31/53	3/6/16
28072	Richard G Teeter	Lexington, NC	5/13/78	3/6/16
26640	John H Suddreth, Jr.	Charlotte, NC	5/22/76	3/5/16

## OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB



**PRESIDENT - BRANDON PENLEY,  
VP - JESSE CAMPBELL,  
TREASURER - CODY GUSTAFSON,  
SECRETARY - RORY BYERS**

**If you are under forty and interested  
in joining - Contact  
young.shriners@gmail.com**

*We now have Oasis Young Shriners Club bracelets free with membership or for donation.*

## 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**

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

### RANDOLPH SHRINE CLUB GUN DRAW 2016

**DRAWING JUNE 4th - 2:00pm**

at PCC GUNS & AMMO - 127 Depot St., Randleman, NC 27317 - 336-495-8379

**EARLY BIRD APRIL 1st - BUSHMASTER AR 5.56**

**EARLY BIRD MAY 1st - SIG SAUER M400 AR 5.56**

\$100.00 donation per ticket - Proceeds go to RANDOLPH SHRINE CLUB

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| 14. MARLIN XT 17 HB      | 29. SIG 238                |
| 15. BROWNING BUCKMARK    | 30. KELTEC PMR 30          |

1. AN EARLY BIRD BONUS GUN DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 1st and MAY 1st FROM ALL TICKETS PURCHASED UP TO THE DRAWING THAT NIGHT. IF THE GUN LISTED CANNOT BE OBTAINED A SUBSTITUTE CAN BE SUBMITTED OF EQUAL VALUE\* (AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF PCC GUNS & AMMO)
2. ALL WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED BY PHONE & POSTED AT PCC GUNS & AMMO 127 Depot Street, Randleman, NC 27317
3. IT IS THE WINNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO: ACQUIRE ANY PERMITS REQUIRED AND PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK TO RECEIVE A FIREARM. IF THE BACKGROUND CHECK IS DENIED, THE WINNER MAY FORFEIT HIS/HER RIGHT TO CLAIM THE PRIZE, WITH NO ALTERNATE PRIZE BEING OFFERED. (SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS OF FFL DEALER WHERE GUN IS PICKED UP)
4. ALL GUNS CAN BE PICKED UP AT PCC GUNS & AMMO 127 Depot Street, Randleman, NC 27317 336-495-8379
5. EACH WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSFER FEE TO ANOTHER DEALER IF DESIRED AND ANY SHIPPING/HANDLING COSTS. (GENERALLY, TRANSFER FEE'S ARE \$20.00 - \$25.00)
6. IF AT LEAST 200 TICKETS ARE NOT SOLD BY MAY 1ST, GUN DRAWING MAY BE CANCELED AND WE WILL DRAW FROM TICKETS SOLD FOR GUN STORE CREDIT USING THE FOLLOWING FORMULA. (NUMBER OF TICKETS \* \$75/30 = CREDIT TO BE GIVEN AWAY PER DAY. ALL NET PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE RANDOLPH SHRINE CLUB.

ALL GUNS ARE AS DESCRIBED AND DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ACCESSORIES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WEAPON. MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD. ALL GUN PRIZES SUBJECT TO STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.



**Johnny King & his Lady Theresa  
invite fellow**

**Oasis Shriners, their families  
and friends to join them on a  
fabulous trip to**

## ROME & TUSCANY

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 2, 2016**

NINE DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS,  
DAY TRIPS AND AIRFARE FROM CHARLOTTE, NC



**For more details and reservations  
contact Adam Greis**

**E-mail:  
infocentralholidayswest.com  
Telephone: (201) 228-5262**

**Or contact Oasis Shrine Center at  
704-549-9600**

**Reservations can also be made at  
www.centralholidayswest.com/  
booking.**

**The group booking code is:  
B001916**

# Oasis Shrine Summer Ceremonial



**Friday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 5, 2016**

**Blowing Rock, North Carolina**



## TENATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*finalized schedule will be published in the May issue*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD

- 7:30-10am **Breakfast available – Special Shriners Price - \$10 per person**  
Timberlake's Restaurant
- 8:00am **Golf Outing**
- 2:00-5:00pm **Oasis Hospitality @ Chetola Resort**
- 3:30-5:00pm **Early Candidate Registration @ Chetola Resort by Hospitality room**
- 8-11pm **Oasis Hospitality @ Chetola Resort**

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH

- 7:30-10am **Breakfast available – Special Shriners Price - \$10 per person**  
Timberlake's Restaurant
- 7:00-8:30am **New Candidate Registration** - Blowing Rock School – Classroom #'s 213 & 209 on 2nd Level Near Cafeteria
- 7:30am-1pm **Shrine Mart** - Blowing Rock School – Cafeteria
- 8:30am **Membership Meeting (to vote on petitions)**  
Blowing Rock School - Auditorium
- 9:00am **Welcome by Potentate** - Blowing Rock School - Auditorium  
"Creating a Shriner" Ladies and non-Shriners excused
- 9:45-10:45am **First Section of Ceremonial** - Blowing Rock School – Auditorium
- 11:15am-Noon **Second Section and Conclusion of Ceremonial**  
Blowing Rock School – Gym
- 10:30am-12:30pm **Ladies' Tea (Cost \$20, Ticket Required)** Chetola Courtyard Tent
- Noon-12:45pm **Box Lunches (Ticket Required)** Blowing Rock School - Cafeteria
- 12:45-1:30pm **Fez Presentation & Membership Presentation**  
Blowing Rock School - Auditorium
- 2:00pm **Parade Line-up**
- 3:00-4:00pm **Oasis Shriners Parade** - Downtown Blowing Rock
- 3:00-5:00pm **Oasis Hospitality @ Chetola Resort**
- 4:00-5:00pm **"Oasis in the Park" Post Parade Activities**  
Memorial Park – Downtown Blowing Rock
- 8:00-11:00pm **Summer Ball** - Chetola Courtyard Tent

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

- 7:30-10am **Breakfast available – Special Shriners Price - \$10 per person**  
Timberlake's Restaurant
- 9:30-10:30am **Worship Service @ Chetola Resort**  
Appalachian/Blue Ridge Room, Chetola Main Level

\*\*\* Dues Card Required \*\*\*

\*\*\* Dress Code: Casual Attire \*\*\*

**Ladies' Tea Ticket: \$20.00**

**Purchase your ticket  
by May 20, 2016**

**Call 704-549-9600 or  
mail payment to the Temple**

**Participating Parade Units to  
call the Temple at  
704-549-9600 to RSVP  
for a Boxed Lunch  
by May 20, 2016**

## CHETOLA RESORT ROOM RATES

**Ceremonial Weekend: June 3-June 4, 2016**

**Special Group Rates available June 1-June 4, 2016**

*Rates are per room, per night*

### CHETOLA LODGE

#### Room Type

	<b>Wednesday Thursday</b>	<b>Friday Saturday</b>
Hillside Guest Rooms, 2 Queens	\$142	\$155
Lakeview Guest Rooms, 2 Queens or 1 King	\$157	\$175
Hillside Suite, 2 Queens, Sleeper Sofa & 2 Bathrooms	\$167	\$189
Lakeview Crown Suite, 1 King, Sleeper Sofa, Balcony	\$178	\$200

### BOB TIMBERLAKE INN

#### Room Type

	<b>Wednesday Thursday</b>	<b>Friday Saturday</b>
Lakeview, 1 Queen, Fireplace, Jacuzzi Tub	\$212	\$234
Property View, 1 King, Fireplace, Jacuzzi Tub	\$212	\$234
Lakeview w/1 King, Fireplace, Jacuzzi Tub and Balcony	\$225	\$248

### CONDOMINIUMS

#### Room Type

	<b>Wednesday Thursday</b>	<b>Friday Saturday</b>
1 Bedroom, King or Queen, Sleeper Sofa	\$155	\$155
2 Bedroom, King or Queen, 2 Twins or Queen, Sleeper Sofa	\$224	\$236
2 Bedroom, 2 Kings or Queens, Sleeper Sofa	\$224	\$236
3 Bedroom, 2 Kings or Queens, 2 Twins, Sleeper Sofa	\$301	\$351
4 Bedroom, 3 Kings, 2 Twins, Sleeper Sofa	\$401	\$466

*Above rates do not include tax. Reservations can be made for 2 nights or more from June 1-June 4, 2016.*

## We're Having a Tea Party!

The Ladies' Brunch this year will be a very special event. This is not your everyday spinach quiche kinda' brunch. Lady Theresa has invited us to tea! Whether or not you've been a loyal follower of Downton Abbey, it's for sure you've heard about the elegance of this bygone era. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy a trendy tea party on the beautiful grounds of Chetola Resort. Tea tastes even better with a Bloody Mary or Mimosas...right?

Here's your chance to dress up if you like. Hats are optional but why not? They're stylish, fun and in demand. You can find them everywhere from department stores to consignment boutiques. Shopping for one can be an event in itself. So get with the girlfriends, make your reservations for this party and come have tea.