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Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

As a trucker, I have logged a great many miles doing my job. As Potentate, I find that I am logging nearly as many miles doing the work of Oasis Shrine, and am enjoying every minute of it.

Lady Bobbie and I traveled to Blue Ridge Shrine Club on February 6th to enjoy a wonderful time with a group of very dedicated Shriners. Then, on to Charlotte on February 9th to join Captain of the Guard Noble Rodney Morgan and Lady Rita at the Installation of Officers for the Keystone Kops.

We were back in Charlotte on February 13th for a meeting with the N.C. Department of Transportation to discuss the plans for the new highway bridge that is to be placed on the border property between the Oasis Temple and Sam's Club. For anyone who would like to review these plans, they are displayed in the Boardroom at Oasis Shrine Center.

On February 18th, we had the pleasure of visiting Greensboro and the Annual Car Show hosted by Noble Jim Turner. This is an exciting event, bringing back the memories of hot rods and vintage automobiles, as well as newer models and motorcycles. This annual event has raised thousands of dollars for Shriners Hospitals for Children through the generosity of Noble Jim.

February 20th found us in Mount Airy visiting with the Surry County Shrine Club and the Mini Truckers, another dedicated group of Shriners working hard for our kids.

On February 25th, we traveled to Burlington, NC for a Shrine Bowl meeting where several of our Oasis members receive much deserved recognition for their work in past Shrine Bowls. This year is on target to be another fantastic event. Plan now to attend.

February 14th and 28th found Lady Bobbie and me back home at the meetings of the Ashe County Shrine Club. It is always good to visit with the friends and supporters in my home club.

One of the highlights of the past month was the Black-Tie Ceremonial at Oasis Shrine Center where we welcomed 18 new members. It was a very fulfilling evening, and we were honored by a visit from Most Worshipful Gene Cobb, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, and Imperial Sir Jim Cane from Imperial Shrine, as well as many other dignitaries from the Shrine, Freemasonry, Scottish Rite and York Rite. A large crowd of about 200 Nobles and Ladies enjoyed a great formal Ceremonial and dinner. Thanks to Outer Guard Noble Joe Burris and his Membership Team for organizing a very successful event.

On March 12th, another road trip took us to Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, SC for their Annual Open House, along with a large group of Oasis Nobles and Ladies. We always look forward to this event where new, innovative procedures are introduced to the attendees, and a tour of the hospital brings an experience that we can never forget. And, as always, we love to see the Shiner patients, because as you all know, We All Love Kids. This is one of the best events of the year in all of Shrinedom. It shows us what we all work so hard for, and makes you appreciate the long hours we all spend making life better for many disadvantaged children.

Looking forward, we will attend the Mid-winter SASA meeting in Columbia, South Carolina on April 1st, which is always exciting and informative. We will report on this in your next issue of the Desert Dust.

We are moving forward at a rapid pace to continue the work of the greatest philanthropy in the world. I want to thank each of you who put in so many long hours to further our cause, raise money for our hospitals, and continue to spread the word about Shriners to your respective communities. It swells my heart to know that so many dedicated members of Oasis Shrine continue to make Oasis the largest and most generous Shrine Center in the world. You have my sincere appreciation for your hard work.

I have pledged to visit as many Shrine Clubs and

Units as physically possible this year. Perhaps I will pop in to your club in the next few weeks. Until next month, keep up the good work, and remember that We All Love Kids, and that is what we are all about.

Yours In The Faith

Mike



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The Recorder's Message

Welcome Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

March was a notoriously busy month for the Oasis leadership. We attended many club and unit meetings, the regional Shrine Bowl Board of Governors meeting, a Black-Tie ceremonial, several seminar schools, Hospital Days in Greenville, St. Patrick's Day parade, a district Rush party and mid-winter SASA. As busy as we all were I can speak for myself, and hopefully all, when I say it was fulfillingly fun. The best part is meeting and making new friends and re-visiting old friends.

The Oasis Recorder has been on many road-trips over the past several months with his Shrine buddies. Inevitably the term 'back in the day' keeps coming up more and more often. I recall 28 years ago, when I began my own Masonic - Shrine journey. I was in my early 20s and most of the men I associated with were more mature. Now my own son, not even 20 yet, is a very involved and active Mason - Shriner. Now it is I that is the old codger, the mature one. OK, 'mature' with me is a bit of a misnomer as lighthearted as I almost always am. I have turned into an old codger that now says 'back in the day' sometimes too much. It is merely a testament to a storied past.

I am very proud of the recent efforts of our Oasis Membership Team and the Black-Tie ceremonial they put on at Oasis in early March. It was an elegant evening as Oasis benefitted by creating eighteen new 'Sons of the Desert'. Kudos as well to the Ritualistic Cast, the Director's Staff, Provost Guard and Patrol Unit for their steadfast participation. It really seemed to go off without a hitch.

One of the hot button topics that came up at the recent Shrine Recorder's Seminar was the use of our logos for our different charitable interests. Shriners Hospitals for Children, our only charity, is a 501-C3 charity whereby donations are tax deductible. The man carrying girl

'Walking Tall' and newer silhouette of a man holding a child are considered 'Hospital' logos and can only be used for soliciting donations that pass-through Oasis for Shriners Hospitals for Children. When soliciting inner-fraternal donations for your club or unit's use, the scimitar and newer Shriners International Fez are the logos to use. No mention or verbiage of Shriners Hospitals for Children is permitted and a disclaimer on any solicitation or ticket must indicate 'not tax deductible'. Please include as much information when submitting the fundraiser project requests for the Potentate's approval and remember to render all charitable funds to Oasis within 60 days of the conclusion of the fundraiser.

It pleases me as well that Oasis continues to be well admired among other Shrine centers around the world. Often someone on the regional or national level will ask me how many members Oasis has and/or how much our annual charitable contributions are. I get great pleasure out of spouting out, almost braggingly, just over 5,000 members and a little over \$2.2 million in 2016. Both of those figures are leaps and bounds above almost all other Shrine centers. At the end of the day, we are all on the same team and fighting for the same purpose and cause while having a good, fun time doing it. And that's what it's all about.

Until next time...

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Saye

Recorder,
Oasis Shriners

**We've hidden
Illustrious Sir
Mike Neaves in
this edition of
the Desert Dust!**



Can you find him?

***Do you have a special
memory of a Shriners
Hospitals for Children patient,
or an uplifting experience
about one of our Kids?***

If so, we want you to share it with your fellow Nobles. Please send these memories to the Desert Dust, coxterj@hotmail.com. We will publish all that we receive. We All Love Kids, and especially love our special Shriners Hospital Kids.



DESERT DUST

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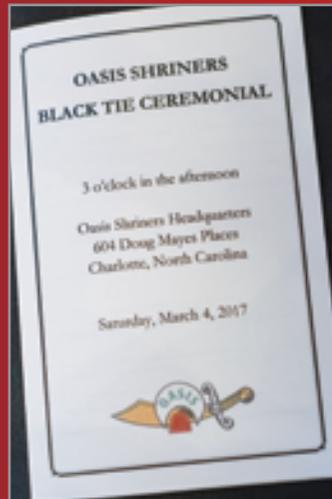
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Oasis Black Tie Ceremonial



Oasis Patrolmen Shine at Black Tie Ceremonial



Patrol Family,

Your Captain would like to express appreciation to the following Oasis Patrolmen who were in Patrol tuxedo dress and made the Patrol Unit shine during Color Guard and escort duties at yesterday's Oasis Black Tie Ceremonial.

Noble Second Lieutenant Brandon Penley
 Noble Sergeant Scottie Cox
 Noble Corporal Rory Justin Byers
 Noble Paul Southworth
 Noble Matt Richter
 Noble Robby Saye
 Noble Jesse Campbell
 Noble Dave Campbell
 Noble Ralph Linn
 Noble Mike Copeland
 Noble Past Captain Peter Schuetz

Your Patrolmen who are members of the Oasis Divan were also present to perform their duties including Illustrious Sir Bill Harward (Treasurer), Noble Past Captain Bob Saye (Recorder), Noble Past Captain Tim Daniels (First Ceremonial Master), Noble Joe Burriss (Outer Guard), and your Captain as Marshal.

Our Patrol Unit continues to remain rooted in the long standing tradition of service for Oasis Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Thank you for your continued participation in our 117 year-old unit.

Welcome to our newest 19 members of Oasis Shriners!

Chris Hall Captain, Oasis Patrol



2017 SCHEDULE

March 31-April 1	Spring SASA Columbia, SC
April 13	Divan Meeting
April 19-22	Shrine Director's Milwaukee, WI. Tripoli Shriners
May 3 & 4	Shriners Public Relations Conference
May 5 & 6	Paper Crusade
June 2-4	Oasis Spring Ceremonial
June 16 & 17	Family Fun Day
July 9-13	Imperial Session Daytona Beach Fla. N.C. Grand Masters Dinner
August 8	Divan Meeting
August 8	Shrine 100
September 14-17	SASA Fall Meeting, Myrtle Beach
September 22-23	Grand Lodge Annual Communication Winston Salem
October 1-5	Potentates Trip to Las Vegas
October 5-7	Imperial Membership Conference
October 11	Shrine Circus Fletcher
October 13	Shrine Circus Concord
October 14	Shrine Circus Concord
October 13-15	Oxford Homecoming
October 27	Divan Meeting
October 27 & 28	Oasis Ceremonial
November 18	Veterans Appreciation Night
December 1	Oasis Patrol
December 2	Oasis Elections
December 16	Shrine Bowl

Congratulations to Our Newest Nobles

Congratulations to our newest Nobles, who walked the Sands on Saturday, March 4th. More than 200 Nobles and Ladies were on hand to witness this exciting event. We are proud to welcome each one to the ranks of the largest and most generous Shrine Center in the world.

Henry Allen
Brandon Bishop
Shawn Brown
Jerry Browning
Mark Cobb
John Davis
Brandon Farris
James Gentry
Darren Gibson

Darrell Haynes
James Hopkins
Matthew Hunt
Charles Miles
Daniel O'Kelly
Raymond Owens
Douglas Phillips
Casey Rickard
Benjamin Wallace



2017 INSTALLED OFFICERS



NEW RIVER SHRINE CLUB

L-R: Cliff Phillips, Secretary; Everett Dukes, Treasurer; Larry Woodie, 2nd VP; Randy Williams, President and Sir Gary Taylor who was gracious enough to travel to Sparta to install the officers for 2017. Not pictured were Mike Sawyer 1st VP and John Miles, Chaplain.



DUNE CATS

Captain Jack Gordon, Secretary Eddie Baker, Treasurer Tim Connair, 1st LT Jordan Wrenn, 2nd LT William Smith (3 wheelers), 2nd LT Adam McClean (4 wheelers), SGT Clay McClean (3 wheelers), SGT Fernando Ruiz (4 wheelers), CPL Brandon Mackey (3 wheelers), CPL Johnny Burgess Jr. (4 wheelers)

Donor Relations Presentation Oasis Club & Unit Officers Orientation

by A.J. Morton, Jr.,
Donor Relations
Chairman



"Purpose in Life is Good for Your Health" says Dr. Sanjay Gupta...was opening remarks by Oasis Donor Relations Chairman A.J. Morton, Jr. to club and unit officers attending Orientation, February 4, 2017.

Shriners have noble purpose to "provide service to all children up to age 18 regardless of family's ability to pay". Review of SHC budget and source of income provides insight into ways this commitment is accomplished.

Proposed Operating expense budget for all SHC in US, Canada and Mexico for 2016 was \$810,118,000. This includes all hospital expenses, basic clinic research and other related expenses. Excess of expenses over revenue was \$79,318,000. SHC endowment fund was source of funds to meet excess over revenue. It is of significance to note that withdraw of funds from endowment fund in 2016 has been less than amount in any year since 2011, which was \$164,494,000.

Increase in revenues to SHC which continues to reduce amount of money required from Endowment Fund to operate network of 22 hospitals is due to increased Shrine Temple support, special events and new fund raising ideas implemented by Donor Development Officers at Imperial and all Shriners' hospitals. The operating revenue proposed budget for 2016 was \$730,800,000 as compared to \$538,650,000 in 2011.

Oasis Shrine temple units and clubs were credited for giving \$2,123,859 to SHC in 2016. Annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas event supported by all 6 temples in North and South Carolina in 2016 resulted in a final "score" of \$2,400,320 gift to SHC.

All Shriners are encouraged to take advantage of charitable giving opportunities which will help children in need, reduce taxes and may increase income. For more information, go to Plannedgiving@Shriners.org.

A source of financial support for SHC is from Daughters of the Nile. These dedicated wives of Shriners have increased their level of giving

every year. Since 1924, this organization has contributed \$54 million to SHC.

Source of increased income to SHC to meet hospital expenses was decision to accept third party (health insurance companies) benefits available to children treated at hospitals. First year (2010) income from health insurance companies was \$25 million. Records indicate \$140 million for year 2016 and \$700 million has been received from insurance companies since inception of change.

Increased income to SHC resulted from decision in 2012 to purchase TV ads promoting and soliciting funds to SHC. Ads are carried on top 10 TV networks. Donation growth since SHC started the TV fund raising program follows: 2013 - \$46M; 2014 - \$57M, 2015 - \$69M and 2016 anticipates over \$90M in donations. For more information about this gift giving opportunity, go to www.lovetotherescue.org.

Challenges for all Shriners and Development Officers are to provide services to more children and balance the budget in the near future.

Let's all have purpose in life...send "Love to the Rescue".

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 **Betty Parker, PQ** at (704) 654-7108 or email her at latona154char@gmail.com

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.

For info contact: Captain Darrell "Catfish" Hunt - 704-661-9064 or at Jdhunt3429@gmail.com

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

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“The Beat on the Street”...Has a Question for You

As this April Issue of The Desert Dust arrives, your Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps Family takes this moment to extend to you, your family, club and unit our sincere wish for a very Happy Easter!

In recent weeks we were excited to be able to once more host our annual family & friends bowling night. Held in Charlotte again this year, Corps members not only brought family members, but were encouraged to bring along a friend or more especially a Mason that is not yet a member of Oasis and let them share in some of the fun we have as Shriners.

Now, about that “question” we have for you. We are fast approaching Saturday, May 6th, the date of our 7th Annual Car & Truck Show, our big “Hospital” fundraiser. In addition to the entry fees paid by those that enter a vehicle, there are various smaller things going on throughout the

show that help generate donations. Also, in previous years, we have been blessed to have had a larger item that could be auctioned off, such as a used car, pickup truck, “dirt bike”, etc. In past years, we have always been able to come up a “vehicle” from within the Corps. So far this year we have not. So, our question to you is, ...Do you have a used vehicle that you've thought about donating to charity? If so, we would like to ask you to consider donating it to us. Thank you for thinking about it, and if you think you might be able to join with us and help raise money for the Hospitals in this way, please contact our show coordinator, Tommy Helms via email at tommy.helms@airgas.com and he will be glad to speak with you.

Our Car & Truck Show is one of the most visited areas of the Mt. Holly Springfest. We are easy to find, behind the big tent where our Brothers from Mt. Holly #544 will be preparing those big bologna sandwiches. Also, we understand that Fezzy Bear and the big Oasis Walk Thru Hospital Trailer will be coming back. We hope you'll come join us too!

Along with Easter this year, the month of April also allows the Corps family to get together for our springtime family cookout. We are looking forward to a great afternoon of eating and fellowship. If you're the type of Shriner that enjoys these types of fun activities we remind you that we surely welcome visitors. Come on out and see if being in the Drum & Bugle Corps is for you.

Whether you give us a try or one of the many other wonderful parade units or clubs, we continue to encourage you to get involved and make the most of being a Noble in Oasis Shriners. Like we always say, “When the Hospitals win, everybody wins”!

Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps



Car & Truck Show



May 6th, 2017

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

- MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB -

Meets First Thursday of every month, centrally located in McDowell County

Contact: Noble Secretary Jack Wood 828-925-9663

Our Shrine club is committed to community service and supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We host the famous Fall Pecan Sale, and participate in the annual Paper Crusade, car shows, parades and many other high profile events to benefit our children. Our annual dues are \$20. **Call for more information!**



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After Being Treated for Clubfoot, Patient is Making Strides

When 12-year-old Kylie isn't winning an award at her school for running the most laps in gym, she can be found wearing colorful dresses as she glides across a pageant stage. When she receives feedback from the judges, they are always



sure to note one thing: her beautiful walk.

These words were, at one time, unimaginable. For Kylie, the ability to walk is a tremendous gift.

EXPERTISE IN ACTION

Born with toe-to-toe club feet, or feet that are turned down and in, Kylie became a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Greenville as an infant.

"Shriners Hospital has given Kylie the ability to walk and have the life of a happy child," said her mother, Stacy. "If it were not for the numerous surgeries and treatments, she would not be walking today."

Clubfoot is one of the most common conditions treated at the Greenville Shriners Hospital, so hospital physicians knew exactly what to do to help Kylie. When she was just weeks old, Kylie began treatment with a series of casts, known as the Ponseti method. This process

allowed stretching of her feet while the ligaments, joints and tendons were most flexible. By using a different cast each week, along with movement and massage, physicians were able to make improvements on both of her feet.

REMARKABLE RESULTS

To further release the tightness in Kylie's limbs, a heel cord tenotomy was performed on each heel. The procedure involves cutting the Achilles tendon and releasing or lengthening it to achieve a fuller range of motion. This was followed by the use of Denis Browne bar shoes, which she began wearing when she was 6 months old. The shoes, used to hold the feet and hip in the proper position during sleep, led to additional progress in her ability to walk.

With the many surgeries and treatments behind her, Kylie is now flourishing. Whether lacing up her shoes for gym class or wearing a crown on stage, it is clear that nothing can stop Kylie.

"The joy of seeing my child walk across the stage after all the years we saw her struggle with her club feet is amazing and heartwarming," said Stacy. "Without Shriners Hospital, I do not know what her life would be like today."

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Shriners Patients Take Center Court at SEC Tournament

Patients from Greenville Shriners Hospital are taking center court this week as they pair up with teams from the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament taking place at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. The patients, who have the thrill of throwing out the "first pass" at the games, are helping bring further awareness to the mission of expert pediatric orthopaedic care offered by the hospital through their visible and fun-spirited involvement in the sporting event.



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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

www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com

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

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

- Monthly Meeting (Families & Guests Welcome)
- Program with meal & fellowship
- Doors open at 6pm with social time
- Dinner with program/entertainment at 7pm

The Greensboro Shrine Club

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Second Friday of the Month - Grill Night

Members & Guests
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A Message From Your Public Relations Chairman



Dear Fellow Nobles,

Everyone's calendars should be marked, and travel plans made (or in process) for the 2017 Imperial Session of Shriners International. The annual convention - the biggest and most important event of our fraternity - will be held July 9-13, in beautiful Daytona Beach, Florida.

Many of your fellow nobles and ladies have been hard at work for months - work which will continue right up to the opening - to ensure that this will be a spectacular Session, with plenty of that particular brand of Shriner fun and fellowship that we all know and appreciate. We are all looking forward to welcoming you - and your family to Florida's beautiful east coast, and to our annual "family" gathering.

Many special events that will be fun for everyone are being planned, including a concert on the beach, a golf tournament and a cigar and whiskey event. To keep up to date on the latest details, please remember to visit our Session website, imperial2017.com, where new information is posted on an ongoing, regular basis. You can also visit and join our Facebook page where new posts are available daily.

One unique event we know everyone will enjoy is the opportunity to drive on the iconic Daytona International Speedway track during the Walk, Ride or Drive for Love. And of course, this is Daytona Beach, a town famous for allowing vehicles right on the beach.

Don't miss out - and don't miss this amazing chance to spend time with your global and extended family, have experiences that will become unforgettable memories, and support your fraternity and philanthropy. If you have any questions or concerns, please go to the "contact us" section on imperial2017.com.

We look forward to seeing all of our fellow nobles and their families in Daytona.

Yours in the faith,

Gary J. Bergenske Imperial Chief Rabban, Public Relations Chairman

Did You Know...

- The first Imperial Session was held on June 6, 1876, at the Masonic Hall in New York City.
- In 1949, at the 75th "Diamond Jubilee" Imperial Session in Chicago, Illinois, President Harry S. Truman, a Shriner, spoke to the crowd about foreign policy.
- In 1888, the 14th Imperial Session was in Toronto, Ontario, Canada - the first one to be held outside of the United States.
- The largest Shriners parade of the year occurs during Imperial Session.
- Shriner units such as horse patrols, clowns, bands, chanters and motor corps take part in friendly competition every year at Imperial Session.
- In 1920, at the 46th Imperial Session in Portland, Oregon, Past Imperial Potentate Freeland Kendrick proposed that the Shriners build a hospital for children.

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Oasis Oldies

We meet the 2nd Sunday of each quarter
3 pm - Lone Star Restaurant
700 Sullivan Rd. Statesville, NC

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



Captain: Thomas M. Sumpter
1st Lieutenant: David Stillman
2nd Lieutenant: Steve Peeler
Treasurer: Pat Stanley

Rowan Shrine Club Spring 2017

Fish Fry Saturday

April 29, 2017
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Fish Plate with all the trimmings and a drink

Hot Dogs Also Available

\$12 Advanced Adult

At the door \$13 Public is Welcome



Children
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Shrine Hospital Still Helping, After 80 Years

Reprinted from the November
2013 Edition of the Desert Dust

The 1930's were tough times. The United States was at the threshold of the Great Depression. Money was tight, and health insurance was nearly non-existent. Parents hoped and prayed their children would not be affected by the dreaded polio. Orthopedic surgeons and specialists were scarce. Lots of children were relegated to braces, crutches and wheel chairs.

Mary Allen Johnson was born in 1930 into a working class home. Her father, Jacob Allen Johnson, traveled extensively, building roads and runways in the far reaches of the world, as far away as South America. With minimal education, a common occurrence in that day and age, he worked hard to provide for his family. His wife, Ines Roberts Johnson, stayed home with the children, teaching them the values so prevalent in those days.

As an infant, it was very plain that her legs were defective. One leg was shorter than the other, a condition that for many children would mean never walking. In fact, the Doctors all told her parents she would be in a wheelchair all of her life. There was no hope. There was even talk of amputation.

FOLLOW UP:

Noble Lyle Smith, a member of Oasis Shriners and Captain of the Oasis Scooter Patrol, reported after the interview of Mary Allen Johnson Smith, and article was published in the Oasis Shrine Desert Dust that his grandmother was so excited by the article, and stated that she felt like a celebrity. She requested more copies of the Desert Dust, and Noble Lyle said she carried a copy in her purse, showing it to her friends in church, and would occasionally show it to strangers in the grocery store. She, throughout her life, promoted the Shriners, and spoke lovingly about them when she talked to Noble Lyle.

On January 19, 2017, at the age of 87, Mary Allen passed into the arms of her Lord, surrounded by her loving family. To the very end, even while in failing health, she spoke about the difference the Shriners made in her life, and how a little girl who longed so much to walk and dance was given that opportunity by the courageous physicians and staff at Greenville Shriners Hospitals for Children. Rest in peace, Miss Mary.

came one of the luckiest days of her life. The salesman told them about this new hospital, built by the Shriners to treat orthopedic problems, and it was free. Mary's father, as best he could in that day and age, investigated the Shriners, and was soon convinced that they may be able to help.

In 1934, the trek from Elizabethtown, NC to Greenville, SC was like a cross-country road trip. It was an all-day affair. After that first visit to the professionals at Shrine Children's Hospital, the rest is history. There was finally hope for their little girl. Hope that they could fix her, and let her enjoy a normal life, free of braces, and wheel chairs, and crutches. Free to run and play, the way little girls are supposed to do.



For the first four years of her life, she either crawled, or was carried everywhere she went. Her older brother, David, took it upon himself to assist, as best he could, to insure that she was never left behind. But times were hard. Work had to be done on the farm. Mary spent a lot of time looking out the window.

Years later, big brother, David Earl Johnson, became a Mason and a Shriner, due in large part to his love and appreciation of those great men who helped his baby sister.

One day, at the age of three and a half, Mary Allen and her parents traveled to Wilmington to buy her a pair of shoes. That day be-

Because of the constraints of travel, common in that day, Mary soon found that Shriners was to be her second home. Spending months at the time there, often without seeing her parents for long stretches, the Doctors and Nurses of Shriners became her family. They not only treated her malformed legs, but they taught her. They were her constant companions. They played with her, and most of all, they loved her. To the point that, when it came time to leave that home and travel back to her other home in North Carolina, she cried, not wanting to leave the family she had grown to know and love.

Mary Allen married Robert Dexter Smith, and from this union was born a son, Robert Allen Smith, who would, in later years, also make a contribution to Shriners; his own son, Lyle, who is a now a member Oasis Shrine.

Today, at age 83, Mary remembers her days, weeks and months at Shriners with a marked gleam in her eye. Despite the painful experiences created by multiple operations, the love that she received from those unique professionals that were her surrogate mother, father, aunt and uncle became a part of her life that she does not remember as painful, but as a wonderful transformation from the ugly duckling to the beautiful princess. From the pitiful crippled toddler, to a productive woman. A woman who would, fifty some odd years later, become the grandmother of Lyle Smith, a young man who was so inspired by his grandmothers many, happy tales about Shriners Hospitals, he took that leap, and is now a proud member of Oasis Shrine, the Oasis Scooter Patrol, and counts these memberships as some of the most important steps in his life. He is convinced that, had it not been for Shriners Hospitals, he would not be alive today. His grandmother would have gone through life as an invalid, and he and

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the world would have missed out on one of the most beautiful and loving grandmothers God ever created.

In Mary's adult life, the Doctors at Shriners Children's Hospital have not forgotten her. She has been invited back in order for them to reexamine

their work, to keep tabs on their procedure, and to help them to make adjustments in their current procedures.

Shriners Children's Hospital in Greenville makes a difference. Thanks to the efforts of

Shriners throughout the world that are dedicated to making dreams come true for hundreds of thousands of children, stories like this have become fairly commonplace. Shriners worked miracles in 1934. And they continue to work miracles today.

Shrine Trailer Travels for You

Many of you have seen the Shrine Hospital Trailer at our Ceremonials, Circuses, and at many other locations, but did you know it is available for your public fund raising or awareness events?

Noble Jim Rorie, Recorder Emeritus generously agreed quite some time ago to volunteer his time and energy to transport the Hospital Trailer to any location within the Oasis Region in an effort to spread the word about our wonderful Hospitals.

Noble Jim is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice. He can be reached at 704-534-2906, or by email at jrorie@bellsouth.net.

The Hospital Trailer is a wonderful tool to educate the public and those members not familiar with all of the services offered by Shrine Children's Hospitals. It is most likely the best avenue we have to completely display the benefits offered by our Fraternity. And one of the best parts is, it is FREE.

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This is to inform the Nobility that we have contracted with Etsell, Inc (Shrine Services) to handle the telemarketing for our circus again this year. The telemarketers will start in April and we have sent them an updated listing of Oasis Nobles and their telephone numbers so they would not call our members. If you have multiple telephone lines or run a business, then you may be called by the telemarketers. If you do receive a call, politely inform the caller that you are an Oasis Member and that you will be contributing through our Circus Mom & Dads Program which is for Oasis Shriners and their family.

We have had several people contact local Shriners to see if this is a legitimate operation. This is very much supported by Oasis and was approved at the stated membership meeting at the beginning of the year. If you are asked about this, please let the interested party know that this is an Oasis Fundraiser and that Etsell (Shrine Services) sends runners out to collect the contributions from participants after they agree to contribute to the circus project.

If you have questions, please contact **Noble Rodney Morgan at (704) 985-5253**. If you need to leave a message we will get back in touch with you.



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

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

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Bring your dancing shoes

Additional Questions? Call:

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Shea Fadel: 704-309-5396 shea.fadel@fadelsinc.com

From Exceptional Children To Other Exceptional Children

56,109 Aluminum Tabs

The children of Farmlife Elementary School in Carthage have recently donated to the Moore County Chapter of Shriners Hospitals International the results of their semi-annual drive.

The collected aluminum has been forwarded to the Regional Center in Charlotte which will deliver them to the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, S.C. The Hospital will sell the tabs for scrap. 100% of the receipts will be added to the general fund of the Hospital.

Our deepest thanks go to the parents, grandparents, school officials, and the exceptional children all, for continuing to think of their friends in need.

In the picture, right to left: William Loeser, President of the Moore County Shriners, Mrs. Nora McNeill, Principal of Farmlife Elementary School, and Felice Schillaci, Shriner.



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- 2:00 AM: Depart home
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- 2:55 AM: Depart Oasis with hospital van
- 4:15 AM: Arrive at patient's home in Wadesboro
- 4:25 AM: Leave patient's home
- 7:15 AM: Arrive at Greenville hospital
- 7:40 AM: Check-in
- 9:40 AM: Depart hospital for clinic
- 9:50 AM: Arrive at clinic
- 10:35 AM: Depart clinic
- 12:00 PM: Lunch on road
- 1:00 PM: Depart lunch
- 2:30 PM: Arrive at patient's home in Wadesboro
- 2:40 PM: Depart for Oasis
- 3:50 PM: Arrive at Oasis and return hospital van
- 4:00 PM: Leave with personal vehicle to return home
- 4:45 PM: Arrive home

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Oasis Clowns Install Officers And Recognizes Outstanding Service

Oasis Captain of the Guard, Noble Rodney Morgan installed the 2017 officers of the Oasis Clowns at their January meeting. Installed were Gerald "Doodlebug" Loftin, Captain; Joe "Pockets" Neto, 1st Lieutenant; Rick "Rags" Bean, Secretary; and Steve "Squeezebox" Chachoff, Treasurer. 2nd Lieutenant Jason "Hot Wheels" was not present and will be installed at the next meeting.



Outgoing Captain John "Farriswheel" Farris presented Veteran Clown certificates to Past Captain Mark "Shortcake" Murphy and to Ted "Ted-E" Shriver recognizing over 20 years of service to the clown unit.

Captain Loftin and his lady Sandy hosted the clown unit at the annual Clown Lady Sweetheart Weekend in Raleigh, NC in February. During the weekend those in attendance visited local attractions including a tour of the North Carolina Governor's mansion.



At a banquet several clowns were awarded for their service to the unit. Al "Poppi" Clegg was presented the Red Nose Award for his service during 2016.

French "Patches" Harvey was presented the Circus Clown of the Year Award, voted on by the clowns who had performed in the 2016 Oasis Circuses. This is the third time he has received this award. He has been the "Boss Clown" of the circus directing the unit's skit which is performed at the shows.



Jim "T-Bear" Self was proclaimed the 2016 Clown of the Year for his service. Jim supports the clown unit as a representative in the NC Mountains.



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Thursday evening, April 20, 2017
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REMINDER: All ads & articles for the May edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to Terry Cox - coxterj@hotmail.com by April 10.

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
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Contact Captain Don Deese for Information:
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A Message from Your Imperial Potentate

Dear Fellow Nobles,

We want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We hope yours is off to a great start. Even though the New Year began a few weeks ago, I think those are things that we can wish for throughout the year. We also hope that everyone is beginning the New Year with a renewed commitment to our fraternity and philanthropy.

In addition to snow and ice (for most of us), January also brought about new elections and appointments of temple leaders. We congratulate those in new positions and we encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available to assist you in your new roles and endeavors. Leading a temple can be both exhilarating and challenging, and if I could give you one or two pieces of advice, it would be to strive to ensure that every noble and their lady know that they are welcome, valued and important, and to never lose your sense of humor.

We want to especially encourage our new temple leaders to support their temple's clubs and units. Remember to visit your outlying clubs, and be sure those nobles know they matter to their temple. It makes a great difference when temple leaders are willing to be present at the clubs, and not always expect the club members to be the ones to travel, and come to the temple. Also, please make the effort to participate with the various units by attending their events. Everyone likes to know that their efforts are noticed and appreciated, and making an effort to acknowledge nobles' participation can only strengthen your temple.

We are starting this year on a very good note. The hard work done over the last few months at both the national, regional and temple levels to reach out to nobles at risk for suspension really paid off. Because of your consistent efforts, and your diligence, we were able to retain approximately 6,000 nobles who otherwise might have been suspended for non-payment of dues. That is really great news!

This was one of the best and best planned efforts to reduce the NPD lists in recent memory. The many different elements in this campaign – the postcards, the automated message from our beloved “superstar” patient Alec and the individual contacts with the nobles – all combined to produce outstanding results. We commend every one of you who was part of this push to retain our brothers. It's not too early to work on the retention and restoration of nobles for 2017. This must be an ongoing effort that continues throughout the year. Our fraternity's future depends on sustaining this type of effort; and on every member being committed to making an effort to encourage current nobles and to invite potential nobles to learn more and begin the membership process.

There seems to be a renewed sense of both the importance of our fraternity and the difference it makes in the lives of its members, as well as to the patients of Shriners Hospitals. We also see an increased appreciation for the expenses of our international office, as evidenced by the fact that the per capita increase, which went into effect in January 2016, had essentially no effect on membership numbers. That is also great news!

And we must remember to encourage our ladies – they are extremely

important to the life of the fraternity, and can have a tremendous impact on the success of the temples, and even of membership efforts.

In other news, the 2017 East-West Shrine Game is now in the books. This signature event generates massive exposure and interest in both Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International, and is one of our most important traditions. The game was played in front of a crowd of 22,198 inside Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was broadcast nationally on NFL Network. We thank everyone involved in the 2017 East-West Shrine Game, including all our staff, volunteers, players and coaches. Your hard work made the event a memorable success. We also thank all of those who either watched the game from the stands or at home.

We also want to thank everyone who gave up their time to travel to St. Petersburg, to be part of this special event, and share it with your fraternal family. Of course, not everyone can travel and attend in person, and we thank and congratulate the temples that had watch parties and other events to bring their nobles and local communities together and support the East-West Shrine Game. It really is quite an honor for us to host the country's longest-running college all-star football game. If you were not able to attend in person this year, consider coming next year. It's a great event, and lots of fun, with opportunities to watch the practice sessions and enjoy both an amazing pre-game tailgate party as well as an exciting football game. If the game isn't enough of an incentive, consider this: it's held in Florida in January. Who wouldn't want to be there?

As we look to the future, please consider your role in our fraternity and philanthropy, and resolve to be as active and involved as possible. You will be better for it, and so will the organization.

Thank you for all that you do.

Yours in the faith,

Chris L. Smith, Imperial Potentate





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EVENT DATES and LOCATIONS:

April 1, 2017 for District 1 & 2 at Smokey Mountain Shrine Club, 833 Bethel Church Road, Franklin, NC 28734

April 8, 2017 for District 5 & 7 at Foothills Shrine Club which meets at Hibriten Lodge, 602 Wilkesboro Blvd. Lenoir, NC 28645.

April 8 for District 12 & 13 at Roman Eagle Lodge, 11611 US 15-501, Aberdeen, NC 28315

April 15, 2017 for 3 & 4 at Land of the Sky Shrine Club, 39 Spring Cove Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778



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Chaplain's Corner



Is it Time to Revise Those Resolutions?

Well, here it is April, and we wonder how many of us are keeping those New Year's Resolutions we made over 12 weeks ago? Frankly, I am not doing too well, but I surely hope you are keeping yours. In many traditions, the weeks of March-April are a time that we are encouraged to give up something that we enjoy eating or something that we enjoy doing.

Some years ago, someone asked Rev. Craig Gates, Pastor in Jackson, Mississippi what to give up during this season. He said:

"GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not healthy.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Get up earlier. Instead, of a couple of extra winks, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. Many are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: **your time!**" (End of Quote)

We hope that your 2017 is going well, and that you consider re-visiting and revising those resolutions to include one or two named above. And, in this season, give up a couple of more on the list. May the Lord bless you most abundantly.

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.

Shriners on Bikes

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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.**



No Fooling

The 3rd Annual BBQ Cook Off and
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If you have any questions, please contact Drew DeLuna at deluna@shrinenet.org.

Thank you for everything you do to support the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Yours in the faith,

Chris L. Smith

Chris L. Smith, Imperial Potentate



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Billy Shermer	Cary, N.C.	1/26/74	2/22/17
Jack Sullins	Spruce Pine, N.C.	11/5/83	2/25/17
Fredrick Titus	Port Charlotte, FL	10/6/87	2/15/17
Howard Greene	Tryon, N.C.	10/31/70	2/13/17
A Olin Rummage	Lexington, N.C.	5/13/78	10/20/16
Charles Peterson	Charlotte, N.C.	5/23/59	3/1/17
Cecil Cantrell	Asheville	6/8/63	2/21/17
Edward Hurley, Jr.	High Point, N.C.	10/19/63	11/10/17
Edward Eppinger	Hendersonville, N.C.	6/1/91	2/14/17
Gail White, Jr.	Chapel Hill, N.C.	6/21/46	11/29/16
Donald Payne	Boone, N.C.	6/1/85	10/23/16
Harvey Snider	Lexington, N.C.	1/29/83	3/9/17
Neil Marcum	Granite Quarry	11/5/05	3/11/17
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