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## The Potentate's Message

"On the road again. Can't wait to get on the road again". Seems like I wake up every day with this Willie Nelson favorite running through my brain. Lady Bobbie and I have been on the road, visiting events, clubs and units throughout Oasis territory. And we can't wait to move on to the next one. As exciting as our lives have been thus far, Lady Bobbie and I are having the time of our lives, thanks to the members of Oasis Shrine.

Onion season is upon us, and I spent several days in April delivering onions to Shrine Clubs in Western North Carolina. April 24th found me delivering to High Point Shrine Club, then on to Mt City, Tennessee, Avery, Appalachian, Blue Ridge and Ashe County Shrine Clubs winding up in Jefferson to sell.

On a sorrowful note, we traveled to Tampa on May 2nd to attend the last rites for Imperial Sir Jack Jones, who unexpectedly passed away. The crowd that gathered was an indication of how much Sir Jack was loved and respected.

We came back to NC, but traveled back to Atlanta on May 6th for the 2nd Annual Celebrity Shriners Golf Classic, stopping on the way in Mt. Holly for the Drum and Bugle Corps. Classic car show and auction. A great turnout for an annual event. Greg Key and Lady Nancy rode to Atlanta and through Mt Holly with us. We got to visit with lots of old friends, and meet some new ones at the Classic. One highlight of the trip was meeting a Greenville hospital patient named Ellie. She and her mother, father and brother were invited to attend the Saturday night festivities. It was an honor introducing her to a full house of people, and to thank all who came out for their support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Greg and I were the only two in the crowd with an "Oasis" fez, but we proudly displayed it.

It was delightful encountering a new Shriner, who went through the Black-Tie Ceremonial, helping Blue Ridge Shrine Club in their Paper Crusade. Good job, Noble. It is great to see our new Shriners becoming active out of the

starting gate.

Reports throughout the region indicate that Shriners were out in droves to participate in the annual Paper Crusade. Looks like this year might be a banner year for Oasis. Good job, Nobles. We all love kids, and working to raise money for our Shriners Hospitals for Children is one way to show it.

Moving forward, we are so much looking forward to the Spring/Summer Ceremonial in Hickory on June 2nd and 3rd. Friday and Saturday nights will be filled with entertainment, and we expect a large group of Oasis Shriners, families and friends to enjoy the fun. The parade in Conover will be a unique experience, and we look forward to seeing you there. You will find the full schedule in this edition of your Desert Dust.

Then, put on your party shoes and come to Red Fez Shrine Club for the annual Family Fun Day, to be held Friday and Saturday June 16th and 17th. You will find an ad in this issue giving the schedule, and as you will see, there will be fun for everyone. Please join us for the time of your life.

By our busy schedule, you can see that we are out an about frequently, enjoying the fellowship of Shriners in and out of our Region. But the most exciting thing we experience in our travels is seeing the dedicated and loyal Shriners of Oasis helping to fulfil a child's dream of being normal. Things that we take for granted on a daily basis may seem impossible to these kids who are born with abnormalities, or who have accidents that create hardships for them. And then they experience Shriners Hospitals for Children, and they are able to move on with their lives like normal kids do. It makes my heart swell to hear people tell me that, if it was not for our Hospitals, they would not be where they are today. We All Love Kids, and want them to enjoy their lives to the fullest, and I thank every day the Shriners of the biggest and best Shrine Center in the world for their devotion to our Kids. Lady Bobbie and I thank you from the

bottom of our hearts.

Hope to see each of you soon. Keep up the good work.

YITF  
Mike



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# The Recorder's Message

*Hello Nobles, Ladies and Friends,*

The ever-mystical Black Camel of the Shrine. There is never a good time for it to appear, especially for a Noble that still has so much to offer. This past month, as every month, our fraternity lost several good men. Normally when an Oasis member passes on, I'll get a message so they can be removed from our rolls and memorials can be established. Sometimes I am taken back when it is a good friend I may have known for several years, or just a few. One Noble's death in late April hit me a little sideways. I had known of him for many years and gotten to know him personally over the past two (2) years. The illusive Black Camel of the Shrine knelt for our Imperial Recorder, Imperial Sir Jack H. Jones. I recently had the privilege of spending further time with Imperial Sir Jack in early March while at the Recorder's School in San Diego. True, he had been ill for many years and confined to a wheelchair, though that rarely slowed him down, especially in airports. He seemed as healthy as usual in early March to be taken away in late April. Imperial Sir Jack was an invaluable resource for both our National

and Temple level Leadership, especially for a newer Recorder as myself. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him. R.I.P. Imperial Sir. Until we meet again...

Even though there is not a Ceremonial or other big Oasis event occurring regularly, the action continues perpetually behind the scenes. I hope all our Members and their Ladies enjoyed the full page "Meet Your Oasis Staff" article in our May Desert Dust. I did not know the article was being prepared and found out on my own as I opened my own copy last month. I captured an image in my Oasis office last year of Ladies Brittany and Linda wearing their red Superwoman capes that they'll often don while at their busiest or on a Friday afternoon trying to get to their desired stopping point for the week. I kid you not, they truly are indispensable – especially to me.



while representing Oasis and Shrinedom can be easily misinterpreted by some. Also, please post no images referencing alcohol or naughty body parts on social media. Defending posted images and verbiage can be tough and we need not any public relations hiccups.

Until next month my friends.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Bob Saye**

Recorder, Oasis Shriners



**DESERT DUST**

## Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves Potentate

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## Shriners International Black Camel

Imperial Sir  
Jack H. Jones

Age  
85

Let's have some big-time fun at our Spring/Summer Ceremonial in Hickory early June and at the Red Fez Family Fun Day(s) in mid-June. Please remember, most especially in public, to behave properly. Things you say and do

## 2017 Shrine Circus

Circus production by: Jordan World Circus  
[www.thejordanworldcircus.com](http://www.thejordanworldcircus.com)

**General Admission \$12.00** 13 yrs of age & older

**Free Admission** 12 years of age & under

*Tickets can be purchased at the door.*



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### Wednesday, October 11th, 2017

2 shows: 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm  
NC Agriculture Center,  
Fletcher, NC

### Friday, October 13th, 2017

1 show: 7:30 pm  
Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC

### Saturday, October 14th, 2017

2 shows: 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm  
Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC

# Oasis Family Fun Days - June 16th & 17th

**Red Fez Shrine Club, 16600 Red Fez Club Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278**

It's that time again! The cooking teams have been overwhelming Illustrious Sir Todd Ham with reserving their places and ready to bring down "the Whetstone Cookers". And Todd has added a twist to the "surprise category" for this year, so good luck and look forward to seeing the Great Competition and fellowship! Shea Fadel has the judges lined up and they are looking forward to seeing what masterpieces come into them.



Campers and tents are welcome and encouraged, but only with reservations to Johnny Burgess. He has water hookups for most (if you have a generator bring it) we do have some electrical, but no sewer hookups. Again space is limited so you must call Johnny for reservations. The pool has showers and restrooms for your use also.



## COOKING TEAMS:

**Call Illustrious Sir Todd Ham 704-363-9257**

**Shea Fadel 704-309-5396**

## CAMPING RESERVATIONS:

**Call Johnny Burgess 704-564-2193**

*If you will be participating in the fishing tournament for Family Fun Day, please bring your own Rod & Reel!*

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH

- 6:00 PM BBQ cook team meeting at the clubhouse
- 7:00 PM Stop by the cook teams and sample their specialty h'orderves
- 8:00 PM The band Cadence will be playing at the Pavilion

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

- 7:00 AM Pancake breakfast by the Red Fez Shrine Club  
\$7.00 donation (clubhouse)
- 8:00 AM Fishing tournament begins!  
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0-3 years Register at 8:00  
Dropping hooks at 8:30  
4-7 years Register at 8:30  
Dropping hooks at 9:00  
7-14 years Register at 9:00  
Dropping hooks at 9:30
- 10:00 AM Water slides in front of the Pavilion
- 12:00 PM Hotdog lunch at the Pavilion
- 3:30 PM Awards at the Pavilion and then feast on what these cook teams have prepared!

*The Pool Will Be Open Daylight To Dark.*

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**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.*

*Oasis Shrine Wagoneers are currently seeking new members.*

## The Dude Abides: Hannon Back in the Race, 35 Years Later

BY SCOTT KEEPFER • WWW.GREENVILLEONLINE.COM

**WARE PLACE** – Dude Hannon doesn't remember many details about the last time he strapped himself into a race car some 35 years ago, but rest assured he's fully aware that the need for speed still courses through his veins, much as it has since that day back in 1955 when he experienced his first race at the old Golden Strip Speedway near Fountain Inn.

The then-12-year-old Hannon worked for local farmer Henry Pearson in the summertime, and every Saturday after the work was done, Pearson would go watch the races.

"He asked me to go one time," Hannon said. "And I was hooked from then on."

One thing led to another, as is apt to happen when youth and fast cars collide, and by the mid-1960s Hannon was settling in behind the wheel of a '50 Chevy more oft than not on Saturday nights in Fountain Inn. Hannon also took turns – well, left turns, anyway – in a '52 Ford, a '55 Chevy and finally the car that became his pride and joy, a black-and-orange '56 Ford with the No. 14 emblazoned on the door.

"I loved that car," Hannon said.

After teaming with the late Larry "Steel" Eaton, who furnished the car, Hannon raced consistently at local tracks for the next 15 years or so, regularly going fender-to-fender against drivers such as Franklin Lyons, Bill Abercrombie, Alvin Neighbors and Red Armstrong at Golden Strip and Buddy Howard, Eddie Hawkins and James Chandler at Greenville-Pickens Speedway.

It was the heyday of dirt-track racing, and the "Dude" was simply glad to be a part of the action.

"We never did fight much," Hannon said. "We were good friends."

Eventually, however, the dirt and dust of the local tracks began to give way to asphalt in the 1970s, and the racing game began to change.

"It was starting to get more expensive to race," Hannon said. "And then certain things come around and you just quit. We did a little bit of racing on asphalt, but never did much good."

Hannon ultimately parked that beloved '56 Ford behind his shop, where "she just sat... and kind of went back to the earth," he said.

Time and rust can take a toll on a car, but memories and the affinities of our youth are slow to fade, and no one knows this better than Hannon.

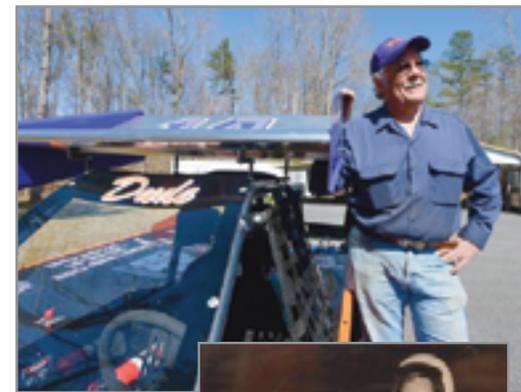
Sometimes in life, things have a way of coming full circle, which might best explain why the evening of March 10 found Dude Hannon – 12 days shy of his 74th birthday – climbing into a race car at Anderson Motor Speedway.

The desire to go fast and steer hard into a turn and feel the power of an engine never left Hannon, and every time he attended the Shrine Race, which is an annual fundraiser for his beloved Shriners, he'd feel the lure of the track teasing if not downright taunting him.

When Hannon could no longer quell that urge, well... let's just say this Dude abides, too.

"As long as I could stay away from it, I was OK. But going to a race is like having drugs in front of an addict," he said, laughing.

Then, one fateful day last year, Hannon saw a for-sale sign on a BM Modified race car. Hannon jotted down the number, pondered it for couple of weeks and finally mustered the nerve to call. The man wanted *continued on page 6*



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SERGEANT AT ARMS - Kenneth Abernathy

ROAD CAPTAIN - Joey Ham

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.**



## Hannon *continued from page 5*

to trade, but recommended another person selling a similar car.

“We opened the trailer door and saw this little car sitting there, and it was the identical color of my old race car: black and orange,” Hannon said. “And boom, it was a done deal. I don’t remember anything else that boy said.”

Hannon maintains a shop and an ironworks business at his home off Highway 8 between Ware Place and Pelzer – “just turn right at the mailbox on the crankshaft,” he says – and this is where he and his son, Rick, have spent the past several months prepping his new car for competition.

Hannon also had to invest in a new helmet, jumpsuit and boots, which collectively cost more than his first race car back in 1965.

“Prices have gone up,” Hannon said.

He took his new four-cylinder machine for several spins at Anderson Motor Speedway in preparation for his full-fledged return to the sport.

“I’ve been getting used to it,” Hannon said. “And letting it get used to me.”

Hannon’s purpose in re-entering the racing world extends far beyond satisfying his inner urge; he’s also intent on raising money for Greenville’s Shriners Hospital, where he serves on the Board of Governors for the children’s hospital.

“I wanted to bring attention to the Shriners Hospital and raise a little money and have some fun while I’m at it,” Hannon said.

Hannon takes a donation bucket to each race and at season’s end will donate all proceeds to the hospital.

***To read the rest of this story, go to [www.greenvilleonline.com](http://www.greenvilleonline.com) and search for “Hannon”***



**What is WebFez?** A powerful data-base program of Shriners International that Oasis Administrative and Leadership has been using for nearly four (4) years to maintain it's membership rolls, dues and communication efforts. The compiled data is mostly based upon information that each Noble / Member furnished on their Petition for Initiation when they joined Oasis / The Shrine.

Prior to WebFez there were other incarnations of data-bases, most recently the RedFez and MOD data-bases, which all current membership data was rolled from to create WebFez in 2013. Prior to our computerized world, the Oasis Staff kept up with it's membership manually with index cards. We still maintain boxes of index cards in the secure vault at Oasis headquarters. Many may remember Oasis had nearly 15,000 members in the early-mid 1980s, three (3) times the membership we have currently.

Let's talk about **INFORMATION** *noun* in for ma'tion, infer'māSH(ə)n  
 1. facts provided or learned about something or someone.  
 2. what is conveyed or represented by a particular arrangement or sequence of things.

Nobles, Oasis Administrative and Leadership has discovered that some of the information Oasis has for it's members is incorrect. Be it attributed to initial data entry or changes over the years in each member's contact information. Incorrect member information is currently hindering Oasis' true ability to effectively communicate with our still rather vast membership of over 5,000.

**What can I do as a member of Oasis Shriners to make things better?** Every Oasis member in good standing has access to their own WebFez page. Detailed registration Instructions are provided in the adjacent promo. Once registered and logged in, your personal information can be checked and verified, and if found to be incorrect can be edited by you. Please check and update information as it pertains to your mailing address, phone number(s), preferred email address, your Lady, Blue Lodge, Club and Unit affiliations, etc. In addition, each member will be able to monitor their dues payments and card or sticker status, even print a full color temporary dues card that will allow access to Oasis events.

It is a pretty easy process if you are even slightly computer literate. We appreciate you taking the time to help increase Oasis' administrative efficiency, thus allowing us to be better enabled to help you. Let us know if you experience difficulties regisering, logging in or editing your information. We are here to help.

Note: Oasis Shriners does not use any information obtained to solicit it's members in any other way and manner except as allowed by the bylaws of Oasis Shriners and Shriners International.



### How to Register for WebFez:

- Type [webfez@shrinenet.org](mailto:webfez@shrinenet.org) in to your browser's address bar.
- Click the **Register** button on the Login page:
- From the Registration page, choose OASIS from the drop-down list and then type in your Member Num-ber and your First and Last names.
- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

**Email**

**Confirm Email**

**Password**

(Passwords must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number)

**Confirm Password**

- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the check-box.
- After the check-box is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.

# June Ceremonial

## SCHEDULE

### Friday, June 2nd

3:00 – 6:00 Hospitality Crowne Plaza  
8:00 – Midnight Dancing at HMCC

### Saturday, June 3rd

7:00–8:00 Candidate Registration  
7:30 – 12:00 Shrine Mart @ HMCC  
8:00 – 8:30 Oasis Band  
8:10 Divan vote on new candidates  
8:30 – 9:30 Introductions by Noble George Wilcox  
Prayer by Ill. Sir John Stanley  
Introduction of Divan  
Class Honoree Recognition  
“Creating a Shriner”  
9:30 – 10:30 1st Section  
10:30 – 12:00 Ladies Luncheon @ HMCC  
10:30 – 11:30 2nd Section  
11:30 – 11:45 Closing by Noble George Wilcox  
Prayer by Ill. Sir John Stanley  
11:45 – 12:30 Box Lunch for Parade Units and Candidates only  
1:00 Parade Line-up – Conover  
2:00 Parade Step Off  
3:00 – 6:00 Hospitality @ Crowne Plaza  
8:00 – Midnight Dancing @ HMCC

### Sunday, June 4th

9:30 Church Service @ Crowne Plaza  
by Illustrious Sir John Stanley

## INSURANCE REMINDER

### Attention All Clubs and Units!!!

Noble Tim Connair (Treasurer of the Oasis Dune Cats) handles the Insurance for the Oasis Temple. Please contact Noble Tim Connair at USI Insurance Services with questions regarding your club or unit's insurance program.

If you could please limit one person per club or unit to contact Tim, that would be greatly appreciated.

Tim wants to make sure Each Club and Unit is covered appropriately to avoid any further losses to any Clubs or Units.

**Tim can be reached at [Tim.Connair@usi.com](mailto:Tim.Connair@usi.com).**

## SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2017

### 7th ANNUAL BENEFIT & RIDE

## SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HELPING CRIPPLED CHILDREN WALK AND BURNED CHILDREN HEAL



### RIDE AND DICE RUN

Registration 9:30 am – 10:30 am\*\*\*\*\* Kickstands up at 10:45 am  
JJ's Watering Hole, 536 Farragut St., Greensboro, NC  
(BBQ Plates will be provided for all riders)  
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### BENEFIT & AFTER RIDE PARTY

JJ's Watering Hole & Greensboro HD Motorcycle Park  
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playing on the big stage 2:00 to 5:00

Contact Karen Hatchett for additional information or to make a donation - 336-707-7538  
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# Membership Minute

*Greetings Nobles and Ladies,*

We are committed to spread the good news about the GREATEST TEMPLE in SHRINEDOM and WE need your help!!! We hope you have enjoyed some of the activities so far this year. Whether it was the Black Tie Ceremonial or one of the 6 Rush parties put on so far.

I will let you in on a secret. WE ARE NOT DONE! With full support of the Potentate and Divan we are planning several activities for your enjoyment. A Summer Ceremonial and Oasis Fun Days are in the works!

The Oasis Fun Days will attempt to bring you a small taste of Family Fun

Day at The Red Fez to an area near you! We are in the planning stages of these events and will get information out to you as soon as possible. This will be posted in the Desert Dust and emails will be sent to all Clubs and Unit Secretaries.

A Summer Ceremonial is scheduled for August 26th, 2017 at Sandhills Shrine Club in Hamlet. We hope to have at least 10 candidates for this Ceremonial, but want MORE! So help us get the word out to all the Blue Lodges across our jurisdiction, especially in the Sandhills area. We will begin at 11 am with a meal followed by the Ceremonial.

Thanks to all who attended the Rush Parties this spring! We did not have the attendance that we had hoped but aren't giving up. Food, fellowship and information was shared across Oasis from the mountains to the Piedmont.

Again if you have any ideas of activities that you would like Membership Team to put on just let us know. We might try to make it happen for you!

YITF,  
**Joe Burris**  
 Membership Chairman  
 Outer Guard Oasis Divan

## OASIS SHRINE CLOWNS



**Accepting New Members** No Experience Necessary  
*Come and join us and put a smile on the face of a child!*

### Activities Include:

- Stars Of The Oasis Shrine Circus
- Shrine & Community Parades
- Social Gatherings that Include Your Wife
- Individualized Instructions on Makeup & Costumes

Contact Captain John "Farris Wheel" Farris at 704-604-5024

## 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

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- Program with meal & fellowship
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# The Greensboro Shrine Club

*"Having Fun - And Helping Children"*

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**2017 SCHEDULE**

<b>June 2-4</b>	Oasis Spring Ceremonial
<b>June 16 &amp; 17</b>	Family Fun Day
<b>July 9-13</b>	Imperial Session Daytona Beach Fla. N.C. Grand Masters Dinner
<b>August 8</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>August 8</b>	Shrine 100
<b>September 14-17</b>	SASA Fall Meeting, Myrtle Beach
<b>September 22-23</b>	Grand Lodge Annual Communication Winston Salem
<b>October 1-5</b>	Potentates Trip to Las Vegas
<b>October 5-7</b>	Imperial Membership Conference
<b>October 11</b>	Shrine Circus Fletcher
<b>October 13</b>	Shrine Circus Concord
<b>October 14</b>	Shrine Circus Concord
<b>October 13-15</b>	Oxford Homecoming
<b>October 27</b>	Divan Meeting
<b>October 27 &amp; 28</b>	Oasis Ceremonial
<b>November 18</b>	Veterans Appreciation Night
<b>December 1</b>	Oasis Patrol
<b>December 2</b>	Oasis Elections
<b>December 16</b>	Shrine Bowl



## Are you ready for a Summer Cold Sands?

If so join Oasis Temple at  
Sandhills Shrine Club  
307 Main Street, Hamlet, NC  
on August 26th, 2017!!!

Look for more information and itinerary  
follow in future Desert Dusts!!!

# Coastal Carolina WINERY

## WINE TASTINGS

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All The Time

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A Week

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**REMINDER:** All ads & articles for the July edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to Terry Cox - coxterj@hotmail.com by June 10.

## The “Beat on the Street”...Sees the Sun Shine on Hospital Fundraiser

When a “Hospital” fundraiser is planned, there are many things you want to happen that will make it successful. Some things you can plan for and control, some you can't. Springtime weather falls into the “can't” column. Forecast, what forecast? Pray for the best and accept what you get. Our Drum & Bugle Corps got a blessing this year.

At the Mt. Holly Spring Fest on May 6th, the Drum & Bugle Corps held our 7th annual Car & Truck Show for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. This show is our biggest Hospital Fundraiser, so when we woke up to the sight and feel of a cold rain still falling, well..... perhaps the forecast of a sunny spring day was questioned. Turns out the forecast would be correct; we only needed patience. As start time approached, the sun came out and dried the roads and parking lots quickly. You can imagine we felt relief when the cars & trucks began to roll in.

We're excited to share that the show continues to be well supported. It was a success again this year as we had 46 vehicles enter the show. We welcomed back the Nobles & Ladies of the “Ragtops” and Recorder Emeritus Jim Rorie with the Hospital Information Trailer. He made sure Fezzie Bear was kicking back in the big chair happy to take pictures with both children and adults. A nice surprise for us was to see our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves and Lady Bobbie visiting the show. Our Potentate seemed to be having a good time meet-

ing, greeting and taking pictures with anyone that wanted to say “hey”. Music was provided by Smokey and The Pope, AKA “The Boogie Woogie Kings”.

Once again, Chevrolet had the most entries with 20. Ford owners (with 16) were runner up, but closed the gap from 2016. Ten different “makes” were represented. The oldest entry was a 1930 maroon & black Ford 4 Door Town Sedan Deluxe. We never know what type of car or truck will help us raise money for the Hospitals. Most are bright and shinning, some are not. This year, one car that had lots of lookers was a huge 1958 Ford Country Sedan Station Wagon. It hadn't been restored and was an eye catcher with its now aged interior and original paint. We're always happy to meet those entering for the first time, and are especially happy to see those who have supported us in previous years. To see pictures of the vehicles that entered the show, we invite you to visit our Facebook page, Oasis Shriners Drum & Bugle Corps.

Donation money is also raised via a silent auction, bottled water and t-shirt sales and a 50/50 raffle. This year the 50/50 provided a nice surprise. The winning number was purchased by a lady that couldn't stay. She returned the tickets with a request that if her number was called, her share could be donated back to the Hospitals, which turned the 50/50 into 100%.

Just before presenting the awards, our Captain



Graylyn Faulkenberry and Past Captain Tommy Helms took time to thank everyone for their support.

As the crowd gathered, our volunteer judges turned in the results. Winning Best Truck was David Watts of Belmont for his “White” '72 GMC 1500 Super Custom. Best Car Award went to Art Cochrane of Charlotte for his '66 “Speedway Blue” Chevelle SS. The award for Best of Best was presented to Robert McDonald of Gastonia for his 1951 “Orange Pearl” Chevrolet Deluxe.

In closing, we ask you to remember the Nobles of the “NASCARTS” as they work to recover from their recent losses that were highlighted as the cover story in the May issue of The Desert Dust.

See you at the Spring Ceremony in Hickory and the parade in Conover June 2 & 3, and remember, “When the Hospitals win, we all win!”



*Winner of Best of Best for the 1951 “orange pearl” Chevrolet Deluxe entered by Robert McDonald of Gastonia.*



*Winner of Best Truck for the 1972 “white” GMC 1500 Super Custom entered by David Watts of Belmont.*



*Winner of Best Car for the 1966 “speedway blue” Chevelle SS, entered by Art Cochrane of Charlotte.*

## A Call for Help for One of Our Oasis Units

As most of you are aware, the Oasis Nascart Parade Unit was the victim of theft in April when persons unknown stole their 28-foot transportation trailer with ten of their parade go carts inside.

Fortunately, the trailer was insured and can be replaced with the insurance money, however none of the cars were insured. It is difficult, if not impossible, to find a company that will insure our parade vehicles, and if found the cost is generally prohibitive. In this case, the loss to the Nascarts is a huge \$33,000.00, or \$3,300.00 per car.

These dedicated Unit members have worked for years to raise the money to maintain the cars, and proudly display them at several municipal parades, spreading the word of Oasis Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The members have paid out-of-pocket for their cars in most cases, and this loss cannot be easily rectified without undue financial hardship on these Nobles.

In 2009, the Oasis Scooter Patrol fell victim to a similar loss when their trailer and eight motorcycles were stolen from Pigeon Forge, TN during S.A.S.A. At that time the members, Clubs and Units stepped up and made generous donations that helped to get the Patrol back in action. It is hopeful that our vast membership, and the Clubs and Units of Oasis will react similarly to the devastating loss experienced by the Nascarts.

We can help to get these loyal members back on their feet, and on the street by making as generous a donation as you can possibly make. If able, send any donation to:

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## TELEMARKETING FOR OASIS CIRCUS

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.

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## Chaplain's Corner

***"When you squeeze an orange, orange juice comes out – because that's what's inside. When you are squeezed, what comes out is what is inside." –Wayne Dyer***

Do they enter our lives for a Reason or a Season? The other day I attended a farewell party for a friend who retired. We met at work over fifteen years ago and have been friends since. When her mother died, I officiated her funeral, and later when her dad died, I served her family with a memorial service, and the same for a sister.

Over these last years there have been good times such as the career her son started, the joyful retirement of her husband, and his recovery from an illness. Since we will not see each other daily, I wonder if we will stay in contact.

Thinking of this friendship, started me thinking of the moving around our family did growing up. It seems that my dad was always starting a new enterprise, or he was going into one business or another that required our

moving from one town to the next. I was always leaving friends. It was never easy. Sure, many times we kept in contact for awhile and then one day one of us just stops writing. There was no fight, no reason, you both just stopped.

It seems that friends come and go, and our lives go on. We make new friends, and sometimes those there are those friends who remain. We wonder about friends, and it was in this wondering that I came across some verses I would like to share with you written by "Unknown":

*Some people come into our life for a SEASON,  
because your turn has come to share, grow or learn.  
They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh.  
They may teach you something you have never done.  
They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy.  
Believe it. It is real. But only for a season.*

A thought for today: **The only way to have a friend is to be one.**  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Oasis Chaplain John Stanley served Shriners International as Imperial Chaplain during Imperial Sir Al Madsen's terms as Imperial Potentate. He is Chaplain, McLean Funeral Directors–Gastonia, and he is Minister–Visitation, First Presbyterian, Gastonia.*

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# Senator Sam and Eternal Life

*By Paul Whitfield*

More than two thousand North Carolina Masons crowded the Cow Palace at the state fairgrounds. It was standing room only to hear from one of its own, Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., of Morganton.

Most people knew him as “Senator Sam,” one of the few people in our state history who was well-known without a full name to properly identify him. Charlie “Choo Choo” Justice was one in the late 1940s and early ‘50s. Richard “The King” Petty was another from the ‘70s and ‘80s.

But they had come to hear Senator Sam. It was the early 1980s. Sam had retired from the U.S. Senate after twenty years of service and after earning a national, if not international, reputation as a “Defender of the Constitution.” His Senate committee had been largely responsible for bringing down Senator Joe McCarthy and, later, his Watergate committee led to the downfall of Richard Nixon. Senator Sam was selected to chair the Watergate committee because he was deemed by the Majority Leader to be the only man on either side who had “the respect of the Senate as a whole.”

Senator Sam had held about every important public job Burke County and North Carolina had to offer. He served in the state legislature in 1922, '24 and '30. He was a local judge in the '30s and early '40s. Governor Umstead appointed him to fill an unexpired term on the Supreme Court before his election to the U.S. Senate.

Sam, Jr., completed UNC-Chapel Hill in 1917, just in time to enlist in the Army. Commissioned a lieutenant, he was assigned to the First Division, the “Big Red 1,” and participated in combat at Contigny, France, our first battle engaged in and won by U.S. Forces. He distinguished himself in combat, was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Service Cross and earned two Purple Hearts.

The Distinguished Service Cross citation read, “Pvt. Ervin called . . . volunteers . . . and led them in the face of direct fire in a charge upon the machine gun nest until he fell . . . wounded in front of the gun pit, but two members of the party reached the machine gun, killed the crew and seized the gun.” Contigny might have crystallized his belief that we are all “travelers to the tomb.” The Army wanted to send Sam home, but he resigned his commission and returned to the battlefield as an enlisted man.

After the First World War, he enrolled in Harvard Law School, and, as he put it, went through “backwards.” He took third year classes first, second year next and first year classes last. He was admitted to the bar in 1919 while he was still in school; in those days you could take the bar without a law degree if you “read law” under a senior lawyer and were judged to be ready. He practiced law in Morganton for thirty years and reared three children with his wife Margaret.

Back at the Cow Palace, Senator Sam started his remarks by telling the crowd that as a young man he had questioned this business of eternal life. If you could not see the evidence, touch it, and offer it to the court he tended to doubt. But, he said after long consideration he came to the realization that eternal life was no more difficult to believe than life itself, because, as he said, “they were both miracles of God.”

Most of Sam’s biographies focus on his political life and few note that he was a devout Presbyterian layman. He and his family were stalwarts in the church. One of ten children born in 1896 in Burke County to respected attorney Sam Ervin, Sr., and his wife Laura Powe Ervin, Sam Ervin was a descendant of first-generation American, Colonel James Ervin, of Scots-Irish extraction, who fought under “Swamp Fox” General Francis Marion during the American Revolution. Colonel James Ervin was an elder in the Presbyterian church who married into the South Carolina Witherspoons, who sailed from

Belfast, Ireland in the 1700s. Senator Sam’s family also descended from a passenger on the Mayflower, so the Calvinist tradition of Scottish Covenanters, French Huguenots and English Puritans informed his Presbyterian faith. Sam Ervin, Sr., was Morgantown (as it was then called) School Board Chairman and an elder in First Church, founded as early as 1790. Laura Ervin trained young Sam in the way he should go, using Bible memory flash cards that exist to this day. Sam, Jr., read voraciously, taught the men’s Bible class, and served as deacon and elder in his Morganton church.

As were most politically active movers and shakers of his day, Senator Sam was active as a Mason and a longtime member of Oasis Temple. He was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason as well. Shortly after his Cow Palace appearance, Oasis Temple honored him by holding its ceremonial in his hometown of Morganton and named him as class honoree.

After retiring, Senator Sam wrote a couple of books, the most noteworthy of which was *Humor of a Country Lawyer*. That is the way he always identified himself. And he was one of those who, when in Rome, did as the Romans did. On the hustings, he would prop his foot on a fence post and converse with a farmer in language the farmer understood. At the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, he talked to Highway Patrol recruits like a college professor. Like so many successful politicians, he could communicate with anybody at any level. And always did.

Asked at his eightieth birthday if he had any advice, Sam Ervin, Jr., quipped that he had given a million dollars’ worth of advice, but only fifteen cents’ worth had been taken. The Senator Sam Ervin, Jr., Library and Museum, dedicated in 1990, reopened in the fall of 2016 and gives tours to the public. It is located at 1001 Burkemont Ave., Morganton, NC 28655.



## Dominic Cummings' Patient Story

Dominic Cummings has always been a very energetic child. Like most kids he loved to run around the yard and be outside. Dominic especially loved to do yard work and cut the grass with his grandpa and plant flowers with his grandma. On June 8, 2007, our family learned very fast just how dangerous a lawnmower can be to a small child.

Four-year-old Dominic was cutting grass with his grandpa. When they were finished, Dominic was placed on the porch while his grandpa went to put the lawnmower back into the building. Deciding to play a game with his grandpa, Dominic went off the porch and hid behind the lawnmower where his grandpa could not see him. As his grandpa went to back up and park the lawnmower, it accidentally ran over Dominic. Dominic's left foot was completely severed, he had a huge blade cut to the upper right thigh, and multiple cuts to his small body.

Dominic went into shock. The paramedics acted quickly and he was rushed to one hospital and then life-flighted to another. What was amazing to me, was that within minutes of us arriving at the hospital I was told

that a Shriner had contacted us and would ensure Dominic was taken care of by Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville.

Dominic stayed in PICU for 11 days where he underwent 10 surgeries. During the stay, we were able to tour the Greenville Shriners Hospital. The staff was amazing and greeted us with open arms. Dominic has been a patient at the Greenville Shriners Hospital since that time. Now at age 12, he visits the hospital every six months where they check his limb, hips and his stability on his prosthesis.



The Greenville Shriners Hospital is a remarkable place that provides emotional support to the family as well as the child. They show their patients that there is nothing they can't overcome. As a small child who had just gone through a tragedy, Dominic needed people like that in his life.

The lawnmower accident was very upsetting to me because I was so worried about what was going to happen to Dominic in the future. Now I know that Dominic will be fine. He has his family and friends and the support of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville.

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*Randolph Shrine Club hosted the Randolph County Emergency Services Chiefs Council April 20th, to thank them for their hard work and protecting the citizens of Randolph County, also to share with them useful information about Shriners Hospitals for Children.*

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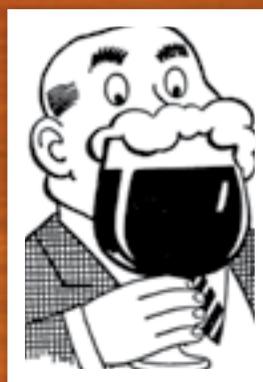
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### A Time to Honor and Celebrate Our Rich Heritage

On June 6, Shriners International asks all nobles to publicly display their pride in their fraternity by wearing a fez (when appropriate), hat, shirt, lapel pin, or other item with the Shriners International logo.

In addition to wearing Shriner apparel, Shriners International also encourages all temples and Shrine clubs to organize special events at their temples and in their communities to honor our fraternity's incredible history and achievements, and invite others to participate, as well.

Shriners International Awareness Day is the perfect opportunity to showcase our pride; share information about our fraternity and the benefits of becoming part of an organization dedicated to fun, fellowship and philanthropy; and highlight the different ways our organizations impact the world around us.

On this day, we ask you to honor our history by sharing both our heritage and your own unique story of being a Shriner, as well as our philanthropy's mission to improve the lives of children and make the world a better place.

## Shriners Hospitals for Children Helps Guatemalan Children Injured in Fire

As Shriners, we should all be proud of the level of commitment our philanthropy's medical and clinical staff have for responding to emergency situations when they occur. Recently, Shriners Hospitals for Children's executive team and medical staff worked together to send Rapid Response teams from our Galveston and Cincinnati hospitals to Guatemala to help in the aftermath of a fire that occurred on March 8 at a youth home there.

Within 24 hours of the disaster, Shriners Hospitals deployed an emergency medical team to provide onsite evaluation and care. The team worked with Guatemalan and U.S. officials to secure approval to transfer those who required further treatment at Shriners Hospitals in the United States. A second team was also sent to Guatemala to provide additional support, and Shriners Hospitals for Children stood ready to help other Guatemalan children if needed.

Our medical professionals helped several patients, and facilitated the transport of nine children to our burn hospitals for care. As difficult as the situation in Guatemala is and has been, our teams demonstrated tremendous compassion, skill and teamwork during this effort, and we commend every one of them.

## IPRC Member Mark Leo of Aloha Shriners Honored in Pacific Business News

Congratulations to 29-year-old Mark Leo of Honolulu, Hawaii.



The Aloha Shriners Chief Rabban and Imperial Public Relations Committee Region 2 representative was named to the Pacific Business News 40 Under 40 Class of 2017. **To view a slideshow of all the honorees, please visit [bizjournals.com](http://bizjournals.com).**

## We Look Forward to Welcoming You to the 2017 Imperial Session in Daytona Beach

The 143rd Imperial Session of Shriners International will take place **Sunday, July 9, through Thursday, July 13, in sunny Daytona Beach, Florida.** Shriners International invites all nobles, ladies and their families to please join us for the 143rd Imperial Session in Daytona Beach.

### *Have You Arranged for Your TRANSPORTATION from the Airport to the Hotel?*

Pre-arranging your seat is easy, just visit the [Imperial2017.com](http://Imperial2017.com) website and go to the "Airport Transportation" page. Options are available for the airports in Daytona Beach, Sanford and Orlando, one way or round trip.

### *Is Your Temple Signed Up for the PARADE?*

The Imperial Session Parade will be on Tuesday night, July 11. The parade will travel along the beach and will end at the Daytona Beach Bandshell and Boardwalk area, where music and fireworks will take place, and food and drinks will be available. We hope to have every temple in the parade, so sign up now at [Imperial2017.com](http://Imperial2017.com).

***For more information about our fraternity's largest and most exciting event of the year, please visit [imperial2017.com](http://imperial2017.com).***

We've hidden *Illustrious Sir Mike Neaves* in this edition of the *Desert Dust*! **CAN YOU FIND HIM?**



## BENEFIT CONCERT

**Shriners Hospitals for Children** 

\$20 All proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children

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## Meet SHC Greenville Patient Brittany Apgar

She's the only girl in her entire baseball league and at just 12 years old she can already throw a 75 mph fastball. But those aren't the only things that set Brittany Apgar apart. The pitcher is also missing part of her right arm. "I love the challenge of playing baseball. I enjoy trying to figure out how to catch and hit quicker and better," Brittany describes.



Three years ago, Brittany began coming to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville to get arms to help her play better. "I wanted to be able to swing the bat with both hands, instead of just one. I knew it would give me more power and make the ball go farther," Brittany explains. Pediatric Orthotic Prosthetic Services (POPS) – Southeast, LLC, located inside the Greenville Shriners Hospital began experimenting and making devices for Brittany to use. "My prosthetist, Crissy, would make me a device, I'd take it home and use it till it would break then mail it back to POPS. Crissy would fix it and make adjustments and then mail the device back to me." All the hard work paid off and Brittany's wish came true. "The first time I was at bat with the device, I hit what should've been a triple, but I was in such awe that I forgot to run! I was shocked at the power I had with two hands. I did start running and ended up just barely making it to first base!"

Recently Brittany beat out 120 boys from across the country to be named as one of the 10 players on the American Classic travel ball team. When asked if the boys accept her as part of the team, Brittany replies, "Most of them do, until I beat them. I mean it's bad enough getting struck out by a girl, but a girl with one arm, man that's embarrassing for them!"

### *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](mailto:latona154char@gmail.com)



**PayPal is available to pay the following:**

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**IS AVAILABLE!**

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

Questions, please contact the Temple at 704-549-9600.



## BBQ AND CONCERT to Benefit Shriners Hospital For Children



**Saturday, June 10th, 2017**

Come out to Blue Ridge Harley Davidson and enjoy an afternoon with Mitch Clark and friends from 2:00 to 6:00.

Catawba County Shrine Club will be serving BBQ plates from 12:00 to 6:00 for \$10.00 per plate.

### Entertainment Schedule

Maiden Shine (Rock) 2:00 to 3:00  
Chad Triplett and Two Lane Black Top (Variety) 3:30 to 4:30  
Butternut Squash with Mitch Clark (Variety) 5:00 to 6:00

**Proceeds go to Shriners Hospital For Children**

**For additional information or tickets  
call Dennis Grigg at 828-781-0062**

## Shriners Hospitals for Children Attains Highly Coveted 4-Star Charity Navigator Rating

**Rating showcases organization's commitment to  
transparency and fiscal responsibility**

Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charitable organization evaluator, has awarded Shriners Hospitals for Children with its prestigious Four Star Charity award. Such distinction recognizes Shriners Hospitals for Children for its sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only 25 percent of the evaluated charities have received the coveted 4-star award, thus signaling that Shriners Hospitals for Children outperforms the majority of charities in America. The Four Star rating is Charity Navigator's highest possible rating, indicating that Shriners Hospitals for Children adheres to best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way.

"We are honored to have attained Charity Navigator's highest distinction. This four star designation is so coveted because it distinguishes Shriners Hospitals for Children from more than 1.5 million American charities," said John McCabe, executive vice president, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "Charity Navigator differentiates charities like ours for being an efficient and transparent organization. This gives donors greater confidence in the charitable decisions they make."

This is the third recognition that Shriners Hospitals for Children has received in the past year in the philanthropy category. Shriners Hospitals for Children was ranked the 91st largest charity in the world by The Chronicles of Philanthropy and the 53rd largest charity in the U.S. by Forbes magazine.

"Receiving this rating gives Shriners Hospitals for Children even more credibility among our donors and displays our commitment to living our mission and helping transform the lives of as many children as possible," McCabe said.

**For more information about Charity Navigator, visit  
[CharityNavigator.org](http://CharityNavigator.org).**

## 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

## PAST CAPTAINS CLUB



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## LEGION OF HONOR CLUB



Nobles, the Legion of Honor Club has been formed! Here is a list of your current officers.

**President Noble Jim Glen** J-Glen@att.net 704-379-9217  
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**Chaplin Noble Dick Gardner** dpgard32@att.net 704-918-3399

If you or know of someone who would like to become a member of this new club please contact any of the Nobles above.

The Oasis Legion of Honor now has a Facebook page!  
Search Oasis Shriners Legion of Honor.

# East-West Shrine Game News



Your East-West Shrine Game All-stars are one step closer to joining more than 265 fellow alumni on NFL rosters this fall. The hard work continues this week in Philadelphia, and your players are determined to represent why they were selected to represent the East-West Shrine Game. The upcoming 93rd East-West Shrine Game will be played on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. NFL Network will televise the game live at 3 pm EST.

informed: visit Shriners Village and ShrineGame.com for new player updates and to find out more about the East-West Shrine Game All-star Experience.

This event is a Shrine legacy, meaning that for 93 years your national college All-star East-West Shrine Game has represented classic football tradition at its best by challenging top athletes in a true gridiron experience. The game's founders, in 1925, ensured that this event would represent the best of Shriners. Upholding the motto of "more than just a game", we are dedicated to supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Much has changed since 1925, but the classic love for football and the core mission of the East-West Shrine Game continues. Stay

## NFL Teams Sign Over 100 East-West All-stars: Next Step, Training Camp

In the past week, all 32 NFL teams have been working non-stop to secure the best prospects in professional football for the 2017 season. Our East-West All-stars have continued to shine in the professional football world, ranking amongst the top rookie prospects for this year's NFL season. In the past week, more than 100 All-stars from the 92nd East-West Shrine Game have been signed by NFL teams.

Our Shrine Game players have made the transition to the final stage in becoming a NFL player: training camp. Once the NFL teams finalize their top picks, they will pack up and head to training camps working round-the-clock to develop our All-stars into the new, premier athletes in the NFL.

Are you following your East-West All-stars? Show and share your support as they fight to represent the best of the East-West Shrine Game and become the next NFL greats!

#SHRINEGAME [facebook.com/shrinegame](https://www.facebook.com/shrinegame)



## CARIBBEAN CRUISE *More To Explore*



### 7-DAY WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE | SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

Extend your East-West Shrine Game experience, exploring tropical paradise aboard Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas sailing from Tampa with stops in Key West, Cozumel, Belize City and Costa Maya.

Pricing is per person, double occupancy, includes taxes and port fees; subject to availability\*:

**Inside Cabin** - \$684.19

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**Balcony Cabin** - \$1,253.92

For reservations and information, call 727-896-7161 or email [Tania@hillstravel.com](mailto:Tania@hillstravel.com).

(\$250 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due by October 23, 2017.)



\*Pricing and promotions offered by Hills Travel. Hills Travel is a full service travel agency servicing travelers since 1930.

## 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:

704-578-8991 • [ddeese48@yahoo.com](mailto:ddeese48@yahoo.com)



## Memorials

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## Passed Within the Unseen Temple

**June 2017**

NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
Arnold Garrison	Mars Hill, N.C.	11/9/02	4/11/17
Benjamin Keziah	Monroe, N.C.	5/14/91	4/16/17
Herman Brown	Charlotte, N.C.	9/16/72	1/27/17
Tony Helms	Salisbury, N.C.	11/16/16	4/20/17
Robert Miller, Jr.	Black Mountain, N.C.	10/27/73	4/19/17
Lloyd Brock	Monroe, N.C.	11/8/80	3/18/17
Charles Beshears	Wilkesboro, N.C.	6/5/76	2/25/17
John Badger	Jefferson, N.C.	1/11/73	3/30/17
T. A. Miller	Candler, N.C.	10/29/77	4/28/17
John U. Lowe	N. Myrtle Beach, S.C.	6/1/85	10/6/16
Wayne Gries	Charlotte, N.C.	5/12/82	4/4/17
Lloyd Flythe, Jr.	Homosassa, FL	10/25/47	4/30/17

## OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB



**BRANDON PENLEY - PRESIDENT**  
**THOMAS SUMPTER - VICE PRESIDENT**  
**ROBBY SAYE - SECRETARY/TREASURER**

If you are under forty and interested in joining - Contact [oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com](mailto:oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com)

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

Get your copy of our inspirational book, *Our Stories*

Order online at <http://support.shrinershospital.org/OurStories>



**\$15 donation**

All proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children



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

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

Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions.

So easy, even a Shriner can do it.

[www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)

[www.twitter.com/shriners](https://www.twitter.com/shriners)

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