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# The Potentate's Message

*Nobles and Ladies,*

Lady Bobbie and I have had an exciting month, traveling to many of our Clubs, and socializing with some of the hardest working and dedicated Shriners in the world.

March 18th found us in Brevard, NC at the newly chartered Pisgah Shrine Club for their Installation of Officers. These Nobles and Ladies are ready to hit the ground running. It is great to have them, and a new Club, on board.

Our month would not be complete without a visit to our Ashe County Shrine Club on March 20th. I thank them for their continued support of Lady Bobbie and me.

On March 23rd, I attended Most Worshipful Grand Master Gene Cobb's District Meeting at Ashler Lodge. What a great time with a huge attendance. I enjoyed seeing a dedicated Mason, and a fellow Noble working the crowd. Noble Gene has a great message for Masons in North Carolina. He is to be lauded for his enthusiasm and work for the Masons of North Carolina.

Oasis was well represented at the Crowning of the Queen of Daughters of the Nile, with Lady Bobbie, Chief Rabban Johnny Burgess, Chief Aide C. Lee Abernathy, Noble Greg and Lady Nancy Key, and former Patient Ambassador Molly Carlson accompanying me to this grand event. Congratulations to this wonderful group of Ladies for their charitable work, and their continued growth in North Carolina.

A great contingent of Oasis Shriners attended the Mid-Winter meeting of the South Atlantic Shrine Association in Columbia, SC. This is the meeting where the Directors of Clubs and Units draw numbers for Shrine Center positions in the Parade at the Fall SASA meeting. Our Director, Noble David Johnson, must have had luck on his side, placing Oasis in the number 5 position. It feels great to be at the front rather than dragging up the rear. Our Parade participants might actually be able to watch the major portion of

the Parade this year.

One of the most exciting parts of our Mid-Winter SASA was the conferring of the Fur Degree by Imperial Sir Jim Cain. We had lots of fun witnessing this spectacular Shrine exhibition.

On a sorrowful note, we had to leave the SASA meeting early to attend the funeral of my good friend and Oasis Noble Bill Badger. It seems like such a short while ago that I had the honor of presenting Noble Bill his 50 year Veterans Pin and Certificate. He was such a fine man, and a dedicated Shriner. May he rest in peace in that House not made with hands.

Looking forward, we are excited about our Annual Paper Crusade, taking place on May 5th. If you have not volunteered with your Club or Unit, please do so now. This is the largest and one of the most lucrative Hospital fund raising event conducted by Shriners worldwide. Let's make it a huge success for Oasis.

Details have been finalized for our Spring/Summer Ceremonial in Hickory, NC, to be held June 2nd and 3rd. It appears that there is a tremendous interest among our members, and we hope to have a large contingent of new Nobles to walk the sands. You will find elsewhere in your Desert Dust a list of Motels that have given us discounts for the weekend. Go ahead and get your reservations now. Friday and Saturday night will be filled with socializing, dancing, and a great time. Hope to see each of you there.

Everyone keep in mind our Las Vegas trip, scheduled for October 1st. This will be a very affordable and fun trip. For reservation information, contact Oasis Shrine Center.

Tickets are selling fast for the drawing for the 2017 Harley Davidson Street Glide motorcycle. Remember that the second place ticket holder will win a 1997 Harley Davidson Wide Glide motorcycle with only 13,000 miles, and other prizes will be awarded also. Each Club and Unit should have tickets. Only a limited number



will be sold. The winner will be announced at the Ceremonial in Charlotte on October 28th. Tickets are only \$100.00. If your Club or Unit does not have tickets, contact me, or Oasis Shrine Center. And keep in mind that the person selling the winning ticket also gets a \$100.00 bonus. If you have sold tickets, please send the money to Brittany at Oasis. Don't miss this golden opportunity to own a great motorcycle.

And, finally, Lady Bobbie and I want to thank each of you for your outstanding support for us, for Oasis Shrine, and for our Shriners Hospitals for Children. I have been a Shriner for more than two decades, and have participated in a great many events for our Children. But as Potentate, I get a first-hand look at the work that is done by our members, and it is indeed heartwarming. I am truly blessed to be able to interact with so many hard-working Nobles and Ladies who sincerely carry the message that We All Love Kids throughout their respective communities. They are fine examples of our Fraternity, and I am proud to be your friend and to have you represent the largest and best Shrine Center in the world.

*Yours in the Faith*  
**Mike**



# The Recorder's Message

*Howdy Nobles, Ladies and Friends,*

It really is great to be an Oasis Shriner. In my travels here, there and yonder this Spring I have had the privilege of meeting some phenomenal folks from nearly all facets of Shrinedom, both on the Fraternal and Hospital sides. It continues to do my heart proud that Oasis Shriners continues to be very well regarded amongst our National Leaders and our Hospital System. After burning up the skies and the highways, it's always good to get back home to our Oasis jurisdiction where we can continue doing the good work that we are well known for.

The Restoration Program implemented for 2017 seems to be working well. In early March, we had a net gain and exceeded 5,000 members after many suspensions in December took us a little below that mark. Kudos to our magnificent Oasis Membership Team and our Oasis office staff for giving that extra effort. The Oasis office staff continues to do 'the best they can with what they have left to work with'. That phrase, which I enjoy using, is an homage to one of my predecessors, Recorder Emeritus, Noble Calvin Gaddy.

Please help us get the word out about our upcoming Oasis Spring / Summer Ceremonial. More information is within this issue. Please hit your Blue Lodges for that captive audience and ask any Master Mason why they are not a Shriner – yet. That question will usually get good traction for inspiring interest in furthering themselves in Masonry as a Shriner. You can offer a Petition for Initiation to any Master Mason prospect you may know or think will be a good fit for Oasis.

Short and sweet his month. Just the way our Editor likes it. Until next month my friends.

"We didn't have a sponsor, we didn't have technology. We were on the cutting edge of redneck." Richard Petty reflecting back to his racing success in the mid 1960s.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Bob Saye**  
Recorder,  
Oasis Shriners



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Illustrious Sir  
Mike Neaves in  
this edition of  
the Desert Dust! Can you find him?**



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# Meet Your Oasis Staff

Many Oasis Shrine members have occasion to contact the headquarters, and when they do, they are always greeted by a wonderfully efficient staff member who fulfills their requests with a smile in their voice. But, by the same token, many of our members never know who these highly skilled ladies are.

The staff member who takes care of your needs in the areas of Membership, Accounting, Fez Orders, Memorials and Donations and Project Requests is Lady Brittany Wright.

Brittany, a native of Albemarle, is a 2015 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she received her Bachelors degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting.

Brittany has a marvelous heritage in Masonry and the Shrine. Her father, Todd Wright, is a Shriner and a member of the Steel Drum Band. Her Uncle, David Campbell, and her cousin, Jesse Campbell are members of Oasis Shrine, as is her boyfriend, Ricky Rhyne, Jr. Thus, she is surrounded by Shriners in her workplace and in her private life.

She currently lives in Charlotte, and to further her expertise in her chosen field, she is currently enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University, working towards her Masters degree in Forensic Accounting.

In her life away from Oasis, Brittany enjoys hiking and camping, loves to go flying with her father, relaxing with her boyfriend and friends, and she also has an open water scuba diving certification.

Brittany is a vital cog in the Oasis wheel. She makes certain that the money that flows in to Oasis is properly accounted for, and credit is given where deserving. She maintains our membership rolls, and coordinates all the project and parade requests with the Director and the Potentate, in addition to ordering our unique Fez's and overseeing the lettering of the Fez for those who request it. We are fortunate to have a Lady with her talent working hard to keep us all in compliance with Shrine International, and all the while, doing it with a smile.

Many of you will remember Lady Linda Wallace, who worked for Oasis from 1990 until 2001. She left to take care of her aging mother and uncle. She returned in 2016 to take charge of several aspects of Oasis Shrine.

She currently is the Shrine Patient Coordinator, Supervises the Plaque and Date Bar program, logs and reports deaths of our membership, and maintains the Memorials for Oasis Shrine Center. In addition, she coordinates the 50 Year Membership program, insuring that our veteran Shriners are properly recognized for their service.

Linda was born in Baltimore, Maryland. She spent her teen years



in Huntersville, NC, and moved to Mint Hill, NC 33 years ago. She has paid her dues in the south, and can truly now be considered a Southern Belle.

Lady Linda is married to Noble Jack Wallace, a Shriner for the past 17 plus years. Many of you know Noble Jack due to his devotion and dedication to the Shriners over the years.

Lady Linda and Noble Jack have two children and five grandchildren, which occupy a lot of their time (and money).

Lady Linda's spare time is spent visiting with her mother, who is now in an assisted living home, where Linda also volunteers. She enjoys reading, playing with her grandchildren, and loves to spend time with her many Shriner friends with whom she has traveled and watched their children grow up over the past years.

Lady Linda's work as Patient Coordinator is an all-important duty for any Shrine Center. She is responsible for not only helping new patients with the process of applying to our Hospitals for treatment, but also schedules the Tripster Unit members who transport the patients and parents to Greenville, Cincinnati, and other appointments that are needed in the process of treatment of their individual health problems. This responsibility is a giant one, requiring a vast amount of knowledge of the application process, appointment scheduling, and overall familiarity of the full scope of the Shriners Hospitals for Children process. She is the go-to person should anyone know of a patient that needs help. She can guide you every step of the way. We are fortunate to have Lady Linda at the helm to promote our cause.

Both of these Ladies perform the tasks that help to make Oasis Shrine Center the well-oiled machine that it is. You may go months without needing them, but when you do, you will know that they are there to help, and to do it professionally and with expertise. The next time you see one of these Ladies, make certain you thank them. They are a big part of making Oasis Shrine Center the best in the world.





# June Ceremonial



Below is the schedule for the weekend, including hotel accomodations. The rates are exclusive for Oasis Shrine, however you should make your reservations immediately since we do not know how many rooms, other than Crowne Plaza, are available for the weekend. Tickets are required for the Ladies Brunch. **Call Oasis Shrine at 704-549-9600 to make your reservation.** Ceremonial will be at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. Dues card is required for entry.

## 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

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**704-549-9600**

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Indoor Pool

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Hickory, NC 28602  
828-323-1150 Phone  
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Complimentary breakfast. Outdoor Pool

### Hampton Inn (Exit 125)

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Hickory, NC 28602  
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828-323-1000 Phone  
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## 2017 SCHEDULE

<b>May 3 &amp; 4</b>	Shriners Public Relations Conference
<b>May 5 &amp; 6</b>	Paper Crusade
<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

# Shriner Day, Greenville Shriners Children's Hospital





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# In Their Own Words ... Injury Care Coming to Greenville Shriners Hospital

By Dr. Michael Wattenbarger

For decades, Greenville Shriners Hospital has been synonymous with expert care for specialized orthopaedic conditions like scoliosis, cerebral palsy, club foot and hip dysplasia. But injury care? It's simply not been our focus – until now.

We are excited to announce that starting Thursday, March 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. we will be receiving our first appointments for injury care.

This expansion of services brings us closer to our ultimate goal of transforming in to a leading source of comprehensive pediatric orthopaedic expertise. By offering injury care, we are answering the call from many of our current patients, as well as local referring physicians, for us to expand our capabilities to regularly attend to this sub-specialty.

With the recent additions of Drs. Keith Gettys and Lauren Hyer, we now have the manpower to successfully respond to this request. Physician Assistant Erin Howell, who managed an injury clinic in Charlotte, NC for eight years, will bring additional depth of experience and knowledge to our patients.



We are setting out on this venture after the successful launches of similar programs within the Shriners Hospitals for Children system. Northern California as well as Spokane have both offered positive reports following the expansion of their services to include injury care.

In addition to this being a fantastic opportunity for us to help more kids, the branded slings and boots that our patients will wear during their treatment – complete with our logo – will be another avenue to help make even more people aware that Greenville Shriners Hospital is here in their community and ready to help.

As we begin, we will only take appointments referred to us by the child's physician. As time progresses, we will adjust the program to best meet the needs and demands of our patients. We are looking forward to injury care being yet another way we honor our commitment to caring for kids.

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# Local Shriners Club Gifted with AED

By Brandy Templeton, O-N-E Reporter

On Wednesday night, the Catawba County Shrine Club was given an automated external defibrillator (AED). The device, donated by Cardiac Science, is a portable electronic device that automatically detects life-threatening cardiac issues. It targets arrhythmias of ventricular tachycardia and fibrillation in people and treats them with defibrillation.

Defibrillation treats the conditions by sending an electric shock to the heart and stopping the irregular rhythm and restoring the normal one.

Kyle Pflugner is a sales representative for Cardiac Science, the company who chose to donate the AED.

They've been around for 25 years and were instrumental in setting the standards for the use of AEDs.

Pflugner has worked with the business for a little over a year, and came to the because it was "a bigger calling." He came Wednesday night from Greenville, South Carolina, to present the AED and demonstrate how to use it.

Pflugner wants for people to find the defibrillators every- where and make them as accessible as fire extinguishers. He said that major stores such as Cabela's and Home Depot are carrying them now.

"There's still a lot of work to be done," Pflugner said.

He said that Trent Davis, second vice president of the club, is someone who is helping get that work done.

Davis' daughter, Kilby, received a heart transplant last summer. He thought it would be a good idea to have a defibrillator at the Shrine Club in case she or anyone else needed it.

"We rent the building out to a lot of people,"

Davis said. "They host parties, receptions, and other events here."

Davis reached out to Plugner through an email last December - he asked if Cardiac Science would donate a defibrillator or two to his cause.

Pflugner recalled the very moment he received Davis' email. He was sitting in a Best Buy parking lot after purchasing a charger for his phone. When he read the email, he felt compelled to do something. He knew what he had to do.

"I sat there thinking, 'What's God telling you to do?'" Pflugner said. "He told me to do the right thing and help this man out."

Pflugner addressed the club and explained how simple it is to use the AED.

"Sudden cardiac arrest doesn't discriminate based on color or age," Pflugner said.

He demonstrated with a working AED how to use it to either regulate or produce a heart-beat. The device "spoke" telling him what to do step by step.

"You can't mess up with this device," Pflugner said. "It's safe and easy to use. The difficult part is just getting people comfortable using it."

He mentioned how it's better to try and save someone instead of just letting them be, and reiterated how people could save lives if they try. He asked the members to think of Kilby and other people who have cardiac issues or have lost their lives because there was no AED around.

Trent Davis teared up as he listened. He spoke of how thankful he is and pledged to continue to reach out for community support.

"I want to give somebody a second chance at life, just like the donor family gave Kilby," Davis said.



**Kyle Pflugner, right, along with Kilby Davis, middle, presented the AED to Trent Davis with the Oasis Shriners, left, on Wednesday night.**

"If you don't have an AED, you can't help someone out."

Bobby Leatherman, current club president, is thankful for the AED. He said that receiving it wouldn't have been possible if Davis wouldn't have reached out.

"Trent is one of the more outgoing people in our club," Leatherman said. "He will stop in the line of duty to do for others. He puts a lot of heart and soul into everything he does. We love him to death."

Kenneth Jarrett, assistant Rabban, called Davis a "major asset" to the Oasis Shrine Club.

"His family is a big part of our organization," Jarrett said. Jarrett is thankful for the AED.

The club is going to mount the device on a wall and place a photo of Kilby over it.

Pflugner said he hopes no one has to use the device.

"I hope it stays there and collects dust," said. "But in the chance that someone needs it, I feel confident that anyone can use it."



# "The Beat on the Street"...Thankful for The Dust, Leprechauns & Hot Rods

May your Drum & Bugle Corps Family greet you by saying how thankful we are to be able to share stories with you via the award winning Desert Dust. Well, we sure are! Thank you to everyone that does all of the work that it takes to put together such a terrific publication.

Spring time is busy with a number of annual activities and events for Corps families and friends to participate in. We have shared with you that one of our family nights is at the bowling alley. Again this year, the event was a big success as bowlers, and would be bowlers of all ages enjoyed plenty of games across 5 lanes, along with lots of wonderful food and fellowship. We were all very thankful for the hard work and planning that was done ahead of time by Captain Graylyn & Lady Jill. The children had a blast with the leprechaun theme, and the treats given out for the ride home.

May we share with you one more time about our Annual Car & Truck Show? Your Corps is thankful to be hosting this event for the 7th time. It is a 100% hospital fundraiser and will be on Saturday, May 6, from 9 AM until noon, with awards at 1 PM. The show is in Mt. Holly, NC (just across the Catawba River from Charlotte) as a part of the Mt. Holly Spring Fest. We will be in a big parking lot on South Main Street with all types of cars & trucks from across the decades, not just the hot rods mentioned up in the story title. Oh, and don't forget, Fezzy the Bear and the Hospital Info Trailer will be there. We'd be happy to snap a picture of you with the lovable Fezzy. There will be a DJ, silent auction, 50/50, bottled water, etc. Do you have a car or truck that should be seen? Do you know of one that should be seen? Please consider entering it in the show. Even if you decide to enter at the last minute, we would be thankful ... and late registration is only \$20.00, even on the day of the show.

To keep up with us on social media, may we invite you to check out our facebook page at Oasis Shriners Drum & Bugle Corps.

On a more solemn note, as far as being thankful goes, the Corps Family would like to share with you two important dates that we hope you'll remember during the month of May. We are thankful for all that served and are still serving in the Military and in Law Enforcement. First, Peace Officer Memorial Day is on Monday, May 15th with National Police Week continuing through Sunday, May 21st. Second, in honor and memory of those who lost their life in military service, our nation will celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th.

We are so very thankful for the support that we get from our families and from you, as the various fundraisers and activities are organized and followed through on. Finally, we in the D&B Corps are thankful for all that is done by each of you, your clubs or units for Oasis Shriners and the Shriners Hospitals for Children, because, ..."When the Hospitals win, We all win!"





## Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps Car & Truck Show



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# Gator Tales

Saturday, March 18th was our first public event planned by Captain Wayne Yoder and it was an eventful day for the Gator Patrol !!! Starting out at 8 am at the Grill on 321 in Maiden with a breakfast gathering of 17 Gators and Gals and friends dressed in their bright yellow shirts, ready to travel to Charlotte for the St Patty's Day parade kick-off at 11 am!! The Gator caravan of 5 John Deere Gators plus the Gator "church pew" trailer headed down 321 to I 85 to downtown Charlotte. Parking, unloading and decorating the Gators and doning our green shamrocks, hats, amd beads are all part of the parade preparations... and then we wait for our line-up number 84 out of 120+ units to party through the masses of green decor down Tryon street, amidst green water falls, dogs and

people dressed in green tutus and all kinds of exotic dress ... and loads of smiling, laughing children and adults! What a fun parade and a wonderful beautiful day!!

Larry Hale and his friend Carol Henderson invited the Gators to her home in Matthews for a traditional Irish meal of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and all the trimmings ... It was a delicious and lovely meal...Thanks, Carol and Larry Hale for the sweet hospitality!!

Around noon that same day we got a phone call that one of our sweet Gator charter members, David L. Reep, passed away at his home in Hickory ... David who bravely battled Pancreatic and liver cancer was under the care of hospice and his family, wife Romona, daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Cecelia, and son Jason

Reep. David was an original charter member when the Gator Patrol began in 2005 and was Captain of the Gator Patrol in 2013 - 2014 and thoroughly enjoyed our Shrine and Christmas parade events, Fall, Spring and SASA events from Virginia Beach to Blowing Rock to Myrtle Beach, Red Fez Family BBQ cook-offs, camping trips to the Crawley's mountain house on the New River in West Jefferson area! He loved his family and his Gator family as well. He loved the fun, fellowship, and the friendships that evolved through his participation in his Masonic and Shrine organizations. He was loved and is missed by his Gator family!! Our hearts and friendship will remain with Romona and the Reep family!

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## Keystone Kops Installs 2017 Officers

The ladies and the Keystone Kops held their 2017 Officer Installation at The Sports Page Restaurant in Charlotte, NC at their February meeting. Along with members of the Kops, we had several notable guests in attendance as well.



Noble & Divan Member Rodney Morgan issued the Oath, 1st Lt. Bill Culp, Capt Don Deese, Secretary Brian Wilson, Treasurer Luther Williams and Oasis Potentate Mike Neaves.

A reminder to all, the Keystone Kops will be kicking off our World Famous Weekly Car Show in downtown Belmont, NC on Glenway St, starting the first Wednesday of April thru September from 6-830pm weather permitting, along with live music, food and beverages and not to mention, a lot of fun!. This cruise-in is a WEEKLY event. All money raised goes to our hospitals. This is a huge weekly family event!

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**REMINDER:** Lincoln County Shrine Club will be hosting the grand and glorious Hillbilly degree on May 13th, 2017. The doors will open at 11:30. We will be serving Lunch at noon. This degree is open to all Shriners. We will also be hosting a hillbilly ladies degree, which is open to all ladies of the Shriners (wives, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, nieces or any woman related over 18). Come out and support a great cause and have lots of fun. A Ladies Hillbilly degree is \$15.00 and men's degree is \$40.00. To purchase a Tarheel degree (men only) the cost is \$25.00. There will also be Flea degree and Turtle degree Y.B.Y.S.A.I.A. We hope to see you there!

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact:**

**Gary Patterson (704)-938-3930 or Lee Moody (704)-451-6151**

Lincoln County Shrine Club  
1470 Cat Square Rd, Vale North Carolina 28168

# Greensboro Shrine Club 3rd Annual Masonic Unity Luau

Greensboro Shrine Club held their 3rd Annual Masonic Unity Luau on April 1st, with several cooking teams displaying their abilities to prepare sauce, butts, ribs, chicken, and other delicacies enjoyed by a large contingent of Nobles, Ladies and friends.

Cooking started on March 31st with barbecue chefs using their barbecue

culinary skills to prepare wonderful cuts of meat using a variety of different grilling devices'. Although Judging highlighted winners in the contest, it was the consensus of all who attended that every team was a winner with the wonderful food prepared for all who attended.

In its 3rd year, this event is a Club function with proceeds directed toward community awareness and Masonic Unity. The success of the event has called for the Club to hold a 2nd cook-off in the fall. Organizer Noble Don Rhoney reports that the event has gained in popularity, and they expect even a larger crowd at the next event.

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3rd	Bob and Bonnie	Bob and Bonnie Myers

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2nd	Stokesdale Smokers	Don Rhoney and Jim Coleman
3rd	Hurry Up BBQ	Phil Farmer and family

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**ANYTHING BUTT**

1st	Stokesdale Smokers	Don Rhoney and Jim Coleman
2nd	Richard and Peggy	Richard and Peggy Murphy
3rd	Hurry Up BBQ	Phil Farmer and family

**OVERALL**

1st	Stokesdale Smokers	Don Rhoney and Jim Coleman
2nd	Bob and Bonnie	Bob and Bonnie Myers
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**Oasis Keystone Kops**

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

**Other Events Include:**

- Meetings the 2nd Thurs. of the month
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- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
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**Contact Captain Don Deese for Information:**  
704-578-8991 • [ddeese48@yahoo.com](mailto:ddeese48@yahoo.com)





# A Message from Your Imperial Potentate

Dear Fellow Nobles,

People look forward to spring for many reasons, especially the promise of warmer weather. For our temple leaders, their ladies and the Imperial officers, spring means seminar season. The Oriental Guide and Assistant Rabban Leadership Conferences, which were a great success, were among the meetings that took place recently. Several topics were covered during the three-day meetings, including membership, leadership, fundraising, and budgets and planning.

These conferences are extremely important to the strength and successful functioning of our temples, and go a long way in preparing and educating temple leaders as they take on new, and more involved positions. I would like to thank both those who attended, and those who organized and led these important meetings, especially Imperial Sir Jim Smith, chairman of the Leadership Conference Committee, and Lady Alice Smith, who led the ladies' sessions, and their committee members for their commitment to these important events. Also, I would like to encourage every temple's leadership to be sure their temple is represented at these meetings in the future – it will make a huge difference in the success of your temple.

In March, the 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic took place at Minute Maid Park, the home of the Astros, in Houston, Texas. This event was a collaborative effort between Shriners Hospitals for Children® and the Astros Foundation.

The College Classic is regarded as one of the top collegiate baseball tournaments in the nation, and continues to draw fans, top-ranked programs and scouts from every major league organization each year.

The three-day tournament featured the University of Mississippi, Baylor University, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University and Louisiana State University. The tournament was televised by the FOX Sports family of networks, and streamed live on FOX Sports GO. Ultimately, TCU was named Tournament Champion, with a perfect 3-0 record.

The attendance total of 53,565 broke the 17-year record as the best attended Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic ever, and that is certainly something to be proud of, and to celebrate.

In my last message, we discussed membership numbers, and the successful efforts to lower the NPD numbers. We need to continue the momentum, and work every day to recruit, retain and restore members. Start working now – and continue working on your temple's membership, especially contacting those who seem to be less active or involved. Don't wait until the end of the year to address these issues. An ongoing, continuous effort to communicate with and be aware of the concerns and needs of your nobles can go a long way to maintaining your numbers. Also, sharing the story of Shriners International – and why it matters to you – at every opportunity can only help with the creation of new nobles.

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

*Yours in the faith,* **Chris L. Smith**, Imperial Potentate



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

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

## Tragedy Strikes An Oasis Parade Unit

The Oasis Shrine Nascart Parade Unit has become known as those daring young men, participating in parades and making their presence known in many community events in their little race cars.

Sometime between Wednesday, April 5th and Saturday, April 8th, the 28' trailer that is used to transport their Nascar look-alike cars to parades and events was stolen from the parking lot of the Greensboro Shrine Club, along with 10 of their highly-decorated cars.

The trailer, pictured here along with their cars is easily recognized. However, the thief (s) was well organized, cutting a very secure lock and taking only one out of three trailers parked there – the one with the cars.

Please keep your eyes and ears open. If you use Craig's list, yard sale sites in the area, and other social media sources, be vigilant to any of the cars that might be offered for sale, and if you see the trailer, please call 911 immediately and give them the location.

This is the second trailer and parade unit theft experienced by Oasis Parade Units in the past 8 years. The Oasis Scooter Patrol had their trailer and 8 motorcycles stolen at SASA in Pigeon Forge in 2009.

Through the generosity of Oasis Clubs and Units, we can help the Nascart Unit come back strong.



## Traveling Scimitar Retrieved!

Gaston County Shrine Club traveled to visit Thermal Belt Shrine Club on February 23, 2017 to retrieve the Traveling Scimitar. We had a great meeting and made new friends.

Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month with Social at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm, and the meeting begins at 7:30pm.

Come out to fellowship and try to retrieve the Traveling Scimitar. This is a great way to visit other clubs and meet new Nobles.



*Traveling Gavel reaches Gaston County Shrine Club*

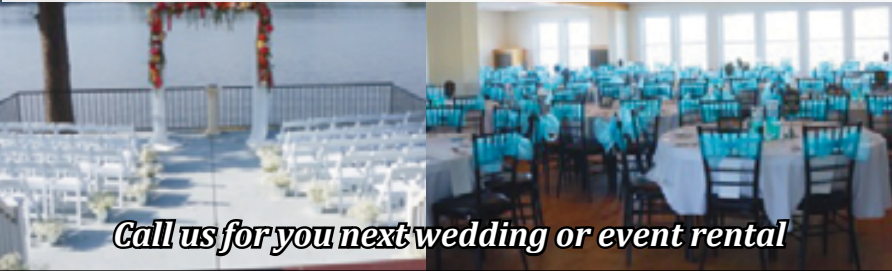
**Gaston County Shrine Club**  
505 Pinkney Road  
Dallas, NC 28034

**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  
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For more information:  
Noble Gary D. Handy, Captain: (336) 416-1323  
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## Shriners Hospitals for Children on the HARRY Show

Dear Nobles,

We are excited to announce that Jackie Macri, a music therapist at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia appeared on *HARRY*, a nationally televised talk show hosted by Harry Connick Jr.



Jackie highlighted how the music therapy program is helping patients to recover both physically and emotionally at Shriners Hospitals.

The segment aired on the *HARRY* show Monday, March 20, 2017.

Music therapy is a great example of how the care provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children goes beyond the treatment of just the medical condition. Programs like this one help build a patient's confidence and allow each child to achieve their dreams.

Yours in the faith,

**Chris L. Smith**, Imperial Potentate

## PAST CAPTAINS CLUB



**3RD MONDAY  
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**The Lexington Shrine Club** held its annual BBQ Chicken Fundraiser, along with the Ladies Bake Goods Sale. Thanks to everyone that supported this event, making it a huge success.

## Chaplain's Corner



*"Yesterday is experience. Tomorrow is hope. Today is getting from one to the other as best we can."* – John M. Henry

HOPE. In the Bible, in the Book of Job, we read: *"For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again..."*

In their wonderful little book, Every Morning Brings Promise (A Celebration of Hope), William and Patricia Coleman remind us that we can be hopeful when we ADMIT that life is tough! We are not to pretend troubles do not exist.

But, we can accept the good side of life, when we make a list of what we enjoy, and when we are willing to fight the odds. We fight the odds when we remember that we can fight discouragement.

And, we fight discouragement when we remember God's promise: *For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to give you hope and a future!* (Book of Jeremiah).

In their book, the Coleman's make the point of telling us that hope vanishes if we keep sending discouraging and negative messages (on Facebook?!).

We have choices. As Dr. James Moore entitles his book, We can get Bitter or Better.

*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 as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.*

**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

**Second Friday of the Month - Grill Night**

Members & Guests  
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# The Greensboro Shrine Club

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## Latona Temple # 154 Daughters of the Nile

*Working together to benefit the children  
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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)

# OASIS HIGHLANDERS

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

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

**Contact Captain Mike Avery (704) 279-8076**

# 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  
**1st Vice Noble David Johnson** dtcarolina@wilkes.net 336-467-0107  
**2nd Vice Noble Don Greene** donsgreene84@gmail.com 828-226-6069  
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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.



# 2017 Shrine Circus

**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



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**General Admission \$12.00**  
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*Tickets can be purchased at the door.*



*Oasis Patrol steps off at the Charlotte Saint Patrick's Day Parade.*

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## Oasis Oldies

If you have a classic car or are  
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Captain: Thomas M. Sumpter  
1st Lieutenant: David Stillman  
2nd Lieutenant: Steve Peeler  
Treasurer: Pat Stanley

We meet the 2nd Sunday of each quarter  
3 pm - Lone Star Restaurant  
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## - 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!**





## Donations Helped Shriners Hospital Get ‘Extreme CT’ Machine

**ST. LOUIS (KMOV.com)** – Shriners Hospital in St. Louis has one of only two ‘Extreme CT’ machines in the Midwest thanks to donations.

Michael Butler’s family started a foundation, which they used to collect money and donate \$250,000 to Shriners Hospital.



“The resources that they provide, and the services that they do, and the work that’s done here is second to none, and it’s all about the kids,” Butler, who is also a Shriner, said.

The family knew they wanted to spend the money on the ‘Extreme CT’ machine.

“Here we deal with children with metabolic bone disease, or displaysia, and this state of the art instrument will allow us to look more deeply into the abnormalities of their skeletons and it allows us to go deeply into the bone with low radiation,” said Dr. Michael Whyte, director of the Center for Metabolic Bone Disease and Molecular Research at Shriners Hospital.

The machine the Butler family donated is so rare there is only one other in the Midwest, which is located at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Dr. Whyte said it is an important reminder of the importance of donations.

“Big and small they’re very important to the Shriners Hospital, that has been feasible because of the generosity of people like the Butlers,” Dr. Whyte said.

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## Mr. Paul L. Teem, Jr. Received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award

Paul L. Teem, Jr. received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award at a recent Gastonia Masonic Lodge No. 369, A. F. & A. M. meeting. Victor A. Willis, the past president of the Gastonia Masonic Temple Association, presented the award on behalf of former Governor Pat McCrory. Teem has been a member of the Masonic Order since 1973 and has served on the board of directors of the Masonic Temple Association, Inc., since 1981, including several terms as secretary and treasurer of the board.



*Noble Paul L Teem, Jr. receives Highest Civilian Award from North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory*

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**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY**

**7:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Rain or Shine/ Outside Under Shelter**

**Huge Sale: Multi-families, truck-loads, tables, etc.**



Come find a treasure:

**Something for Everyone!**

To reserve a table contact Charlotte Burgess @ 704-578-8098

*\*Proceeds benefit Red Fez Shriner Club - Camelettes.*

*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



# 2017 Bonanza Winners



## EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS

Early Bird John Deere Gator  
1st-Early Bird \$2,500 CASH  
2nd-Early Bird \$2,500 CASH  
1-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
2-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
3-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
4-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
5-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
6-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
7-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
8-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH  
9-Early Bird \$1,000 CASH

## NAME

Steve Underwood  
Rodney Bell  
Melvin Furr  
Rob Childers  
Bobby Gulledege  
Michelle Crowell  
Tim Wheet  
Dennis Bagby  
Carolyn Baker  
James Leviner  
Harry Farrior  
Phillip Chappel

## GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS

12:05 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic  
12:10 Browning A Bolt III 30-60  
12:15 Patio Custom Grill by BQ  
12:20 \$1000 CASH  
12:25 2017 Kawasaki Mule  
12:30 Remington Versa  
12:35 \$1000 CASH  
12:40 Savage Model M93  
12:45 EZ-GO CAMO Golf Cart  
12:50 \$1,000 CASH  
12:55 Winchester SXP

## NAME

Mike Nifong  
Brent Shoe  
Tim Hartsell  
Allison Nance  
Scott Williams  
Randy Cline  
Ed Pressley  
Frankie Fraley  
Keith Efird  
Sean Anderson  
Jim Funderburk

1:00 \$1000 CASH  
1:05 John Deere Gator  
1:10 \$1000 CASH  
1:15 Remington 870  
1:20 \$2,500 CASH  
1:25 2017 Harley Davidson Softail  
1:30 Rugar American  
1:35 \$1,000 CASH  
1:40 Henry Goldenboy Rifle  
1:45 EZ-GO Golf Cart  
1:50 \$1,000 CASH  
1:55 Tikka T3 270  
2:00 2017 Honda Rancher  
2:05 \$1,000 CASH  
2:10 Remington 700  
2:15 \$1,000 CASH  
2:20 John Deere Z435 Zero Turn  
2:25 Winchester SX3  
2:30 \$1,000 CASH  
2:35 Weatherby SA-08 Ga  
2:40 2017 Starcraft ar One Maxx  
2:45 Mossberg Intl Silver Reserve II Field  
2:50 Patio Custom Grill  
2:55 \$1,000 CASH  
3:00 2017 Chevrolet 4x4 Crew

David McCranie  
Wanda VonCannon  
Keith Hill  
Traci Gledhill  
Leamond Braley  
Tony Gathings  
Scott Ryan  
Gerald Boysworth  
Elmer Corriher  
Lane Barbee  
Marie Andrews  
Brian Miller  
Frank Poppiti  
Wayne Ritch  
David Foster  
Billy Furr  
Jacob Juvinall  
Shirley LeHue  
Butch Gentry  
Charles Herlocker  
David Rector  
Douglass Garland  
Dennis Brown  
Gary Herlocker  
Terry Simpson

## SPLIT THE POT WINNERS:

Martha Eudy, Donald Richmond & Herman Brantley

## Shriners on Bikes

PRESIDENT - Trent Oates 704-412-0120  
VICE PRESIDENT - Steve Trites 704-517-2876  
SECRETARY - Gary Taylor 704-507-3693  
TREASURER - Tim Morgan 704-634-8476  
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.*



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

### THE OASIS TEMPLE BAND



CAPT. NOBLE SHEA FADEL, PC  
CHARLOTTE – 704/309-5396  
LT. NOBLE DOUG TEAGUE, PC  
TAYLORSVILLE – 828/381-8415  
SEC. NOBLE JOHN ELDER, PC PP  
HIGH POINT – 336/687-8139  
NOBLE ALLEN JONES, PC  
THOMASVILLE – 336/313-0346

## MOORE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB & The Sand "T" Parade Unit

# Please Join Us!

**What:** Monthly Shrine Club Meetings  
**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Social-6:30pm, Meal-7:00pm, meeting following.  
**Where:** "Table on the Green Restaurant" Pinehurst NC  
**Contact:** President Bill Loeser 910-759-0571

**Mission:** "It is all about the children in need!"

Be sure to "LIKE" our Moore County Facebook page to see many photos!

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

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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.

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.

### Shrine Trailer Travels for You

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](mailto:jrorie@bellsouth.net).



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



# A Message From Your Public Relations Chairman

*Dear Fellow Nobles,*

If you look into the history of our fraternity, you will find names of many great men who were members. For example, many presidents of the United States, heads of other countries, athletes, astronauts and inventors were Shriners. These men joined because of the reputation of this amazing organization. Later, men joined because of our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®, which was seen as a noble cause. Our rich heritage of members is like looking at a who's who of yesterday. These men promoted, inspired, and welcomed new members, and helped each one find a home in our organization. I'm sure those nobles knew they belonged to something great and valuable that would add meaning to their lives. Our numbers flourished as the Shriners fraternity became the one men wanted to join.

Forty or 50 years from now, how will our members look back on the heritage this and recent generations left behind? I believe we will be looked upon as the generations that took children's health care to a new level, and be remembered for our dedication to our philanthropy. On the fraternal side, we have some work to do if we want to leave our beloved fraternity as strong as it was when entrusted to us. I have no doubt we can leave both a premier organization for men to join, be part of and enjoy, along with a strong health care system, which is a source of pride for each of us. We will, however, need to work as a team to increase our numbers. Let's support each other, our Shrine Centers and Shriners International on this mission of increasing our membership.

## *Come check out the* **Cabarrus Shrine Club**

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

Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC

Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!

Phone: 704-933-2797

Email: [CabarrusShrine@carolina.rr.com](mailto:CabarrusShrine@carolina.rr.com) • Web: [www.cabarrusshrineclub.org](http://www.cabarrusshrineclub.org)

Like us on Facebook: Cabarrus Shrine Club

*We also rent out our building for your special events*

## Union County Shrine Club

305  
E Phifer St,  
Monroe, NC

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • Full service bar • Live music by The Rock Bottom Band**  
Playing all of your favorite country & southern rock tunes

Supporting each other means participating. Our most important event of the year is coming up fast. We are looking forward to seeing each of you in Daytona Beach, Florida for the 2017 Imperial Session. Visit the website, **Imperial2017.com**, for transportation needs, hotel and restaurant information, and, of course, all of the activities that will be taking place at the "World's Most Famous Beach."



*Yours in the faith,*  
**Gary J. Bergenske**  
Imperial Chief Rabban  
Public Relations Chairman

## *Did You Know...*

- In 1888, the 14th Imperial Session was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada – the first one to be held outside of the United States.
- The first Walk for LOVE™ was held in 2014 at the Imperial Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- At Imperial Session, members meet to discuss and vote on business matters of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- In 1917, due to the United States' recent entry into the first World War, the 43rd Imperial Session in Minneapolis was dedicated solely to business. Many temple units that had raised funds for their trip turned them over to various war relief societies.
- The largest Shriners parade of the year occurs during Imperial Session.

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*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](mailto:Jdhunt3429@gmail.com)**

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

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



# Hillbilly News



Hillbilly Clan #13 would like to thank Darrell “Cat-fish” Hunt and the Gaston County Shrine Club for hosting the Hillbilly degree on March 25th. The great meal and hospitality was more than we could have asked for! We had a fabulous turnout. 15 men and 11 women went through to receive their Grand and Glorious Hillbilly Degree. Thanks to all of the

men and women that also came and hollered for their people going through. Last but not least, we would like to thank everyone for helping the Shriners Hospital continue to do the great work that they do for the children! Don't forget to HONOR THE COB!



Hillbilly Clan #13 would like to welcome our newest cousins that received their Hillbilly Degree at the Gaston County Shrine Club!



Friday, June 16 & Saturday, June 17

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10TH ANNUAL

Everything Is FREE!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Plus

BBQ Cook-off Championship

Bring a Friend • Games & More Games

Pack A Cooler • Music

Location

The Red Fez Shrine Club

16600 Red Fez Club Rd.

Charlotte, NC 28278

Friday & Friday Night

7:30am - 3:00pm Cookers & campers set up

6:30 - until Fun starts

Specialty cooking by the cooking teams - music and more

Sample each team's signature dish

Boogie til you drop

Saturday

Pancake breakfast at Red Fez Clubhouse

Fishing contest for the kids

Water slide and games

Hot dog lunch

Awards for cooking, Friday night cooks, decorations and more

Everybody eats barbecue, ribs and chicken

Bring your dancing shoes

Additional Questions? Call:

Todd Ham: 704-363-9257 [todd@hambrothers.com](mailto:todd@hambrothers.com) • Johnny Burgess: 704-564-2193 [jdbgpc@aol.com](mailto:jdbgpc@aol.com)

Shea Fadel: 704-309-5396 [shea.fadel@fadelinc.com](mailto:shea.fadel@fadelinc.com)

Shriners Hospital Telethon a Huge Success!

St. Louis KMOV Cares:  
Heroes 4 Kids Raises Nearly \$95,000

The KMOV Cares Heroes 4 Kids Telethon was our best yet! We raised nearly \$95,000 for our hospital once all the money came in - at 27% increase over last year! Thank you to everyone who generously donated and especially to those who donated their time.

“It was a great day that allowed Shriners Hospital to tell our story of who we are, what we do, and why we are so committed and compassionate about our mission,” said John Gloss, administrator. “KMOV viewers are incredibly generous and we are so grateful for their support and contributions.”



In addition to the KMOV viewers, our support from the community was outstanding, including our friends at Jersey Mike's, who doubled their donation this year to \$20,000, and our great neighborhood, the Central West End. CWE businesses donated more than \$3,000 as a result of their CWE Gives Back Day on March 8.

Of course, the real stars of the day were our patients, and 9-year-old Patient Ambassador Connor Maine summed it up for his fellow “Shriners Kids.”

The biggest surprise of the day came from an anonymous individual donor who contributed \$10,000 to the telethon.



## Memorials

### DONOR

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Vickie Ritchie  
Rose Fore, Ricky Wilson  
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## Honors

### DONOR

Fairview United Methodist Church  
Speed & Susan Hallman  
Terry Jones  
Winston-Salem Shrine Club

### IN HONOR OF

United UMW-Fairfield UMC  
Joe Burris  
Mr & Mrs James Richardson  
Billy & Betty Holbrook

## Passed Within the Unseen Temple

**May 2017**

NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
Lewie Berrier	Lexington, N.C.	5/30/81	3/15/17
Clyde Earley	Caroleen, N.C.	4/1/89	3/21/17
John Mims	Aberdeen, N.C.	11/7/98	11/27/16
David Reep	Hildebran, N.C.	4/2/90	3/18/17
Lewis Buckner, Jr	Harrisburg, N.C.	11/4/81	2/17/17
Robert Parker, Sr.	Greensboro, N.C.	11/5/88	3/7/17
Shirley Sandridge	Salisbury, N.C.	6/12/92	1/25/17
Virgil Wyatt	Lexington, N.C.	11/8/80	1/31/17
Hoy Stirewalt	Faith, N.C.	6/7/86	2/18/17
Virdie Ritchie	Salisbury, N.C.	10/26/74	4/5/17
Arthur Machen	Ocean, N.J.	11/2/96	1/22/17

## Donations

### AMOUNT

\$136.00  
\$310.00  
\$109.00  
\$6,500.00  
\$50.00  
\$200.00  
\$200.00  
\$150.00  
\$600.00  
\$50.00  
\$25.00  
\$25.00  
\$1,000.00  
\$250.00

### DONOR

Stokesdale Masonic Lodge #428 James Phillips  
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Winston-Salem Shrine Club  
Oasis Hospitality  
Donald & Judy Tucker  
Darrell Lee  
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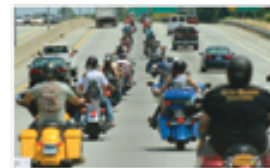
### SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2017 7th ANNUAL BENEFIT & RIDE SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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)  
\$20 single/\$30 double / \$250 CASH for Highest Dice Roll



### BENEFIT & AFTER RIDE PARTY

JJ's Watering Hole & Greensboro HD Motorcycle Park  
536 Farragut St., Greensboro, NC  
\$6 Plates for non riders \* Live Auction \* 50/50 \* Raffle \* Giveaways



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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