

DESERT DUST

OASIS HOSPITAL TRIPSTERS

Fall Ceremonial Schedule Page 4



Photograph by Lady Carolyn Crawley

John D. Burgess, Sr & Lady Charlotte



Team 2018





Your Potentate

Hello to everyone from Lady Charlotte and me. Hope everyone is dried out and recovered from our back to back storms, Hurricane Florence and Michael. So many families were affected by these storms and hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged. Hopefully the Carolinas hurricane season is over. Please let Oasis know if any of our members need help with any clean up from these devastating storms so we can rally our members in these areas for assistance.

On September 12th, I got to stop by the Shooting Fore Caine Clay Shoot and Golf

Tournament at the Tillery Tradition Golf Club. This golf tournament continues to be a great event with over \$ 200,000 raised so far for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Stanly County Shrine Club assists with this event and it gets bigger and better each year. Thank goodness the approaching storms did not prevent them from playing the tournament. Thanks to all that helped with this event and prepared the food for everyone to enjoy.

Then came Florence. SASA was cancelled and it was the right call to do so. My compliments to the SASA Board along with the City of Myrtle Beach on making the right decision. Hopefully next year we will be able to go. Please Mother Nature be good to us in 2019.

Next stop was in Winston Salem for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication the last weekend in September. I along with Chief Rabban Ken Jarrett, Recorder Bob Saye, Marshall Chris Hall and Outer Guard Joe Burris attended the meeting. Several Oasis Nobles were in attendance representing their respective Masonic Lodges. Most Worshipful Grand Master Speed Hallman conducted the meetings and they were packed with a lot of interesting facts and topics related to our organizations. We also heard reports from the several communities that were affected by the recent storms. We were honored to have Imperial Sir Jim Cain and Lady Patsy join us as well. I want to thank First Ceremonial Master Doug Garland for arranging the transportation for Imperial Sir and his Lady to and from the airport. Let's just say that were driven in STYLE. They will definitely not forget their time in Oasis territory. Special shout out for High Point Shrine Club President Duane Tinch for making sure the Imperial Sir was well taken care of.

On our way back, Lady Charlotte and I stopped by Rowan County Shrine Club for their Annual Fish Fry. President Dave Campbell and Lady

Sue made sure our visit was enjoyable. Thanks to all of the members that worked so hard to make this another successful event for Rowan County Shrine Club. The food was delicious.

On Saturday October 6th Lady Charlotte and I along with Most Worshipful Grand Master Speed Hallman attended a celebration at Revolution Lodge in Greensboro for Past Potentate Sticky Burch's 100th birthday. Many were in attendance and it was great to honor him at his home Lodge. We then, on October 21st, attended another birthday celebration honoring Sticky at the Greensboro Shrine Club; this one given by his family. What a blessing this Noble has been to Oasis throughout the years. It was truly an honor and a privilege to be able to share these evenings with such a great man.

The Oasis Shrine Circus was held in Fletcher on October 10th and Cabarrus Arena on



Ill. Sir Puddles

October 12th and 13th. Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace did an excellent job in overseeing this event. Thanks to everyone that came out and helped make this Circus special to all that attended. The bicycle give-away during these events was a huge success. The looks on

those children's faces were priceless. Seven bikes along with helmets were given out at each performance. Thanks to all that donated toward this to make it happen. This event will definitely increase next year.

Until next time, thanks for all you do for Oasis. We enjoy representing all of Oasis in everything we do.

Yours in the Faith,
John and Charlotte



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Your Recorder

Howdy, Oasis Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis,

I sure hope everyone weathered (*no pun*) the

recent storms that played havoc on the Southeastern United States in September and October. Hurricane / Tropical Storm Florence in mid-September was enough of a force to cancel our S.A.S.A. Fall Festival, again. Then Hurricane / Tropical Storm Michael came a-calling. I was at the Oasis Shrine Circus in Fletcher, NC and got a call just prior to the opening of the evening show. It was my little grey-haired Mama calling me from Texas. She was very concerned about the pending bad weather and wanted me to get home safely to far-east Charlotte. I assured her that even though I was no longer her six-pound, six-ounce bundle of joy that my fifty-two-year-old adult self would try extra hard not to end up face-down in a ditch while running down the mountain.

There are so many things to like and enjoy about being your Recorder. Oasis is and has been an important part of my life since the early 1980s. There is not much that affects my enthusiasm for our organization, except...I just cannot get used to taking calls from recent widows to notify us that their dear Noble has been taken away by the proverbial Black Camel. The calls are usually compounded right after annual dues notices are mailed in the early autumn. I realize that call must be very difficult for a recent widow to make and my heart aches with each call.

Member Dues – Your dues payments are pouring in to our Oasis office, thank you. Lady Linda and Lori are doing their level best to process the payments as timely as they can around their other responsibilities. This is something we are noticing as trending; many Nobles that are or were in arrears for their 2018 dues received their Dues Notice for both 2018 and 2019 Shrine years. In most cases the

previous year's balance was paid to leave the current balance unpaid. Just as a reminder, your 2019 Oasis dues are payable by December 31, 2018. Nobles, if you have not yet taken care of paying your 2018 Oasis dues that were payable last December, I encourage you to do so. If you do not, you will be suspended for Non-Payment of Dues (NPD).

Oasis Administrative Office – Things are ramping up for a busy fall and early winter in the Oasis offices. Dues payments, Fall Ceremonial and Annual Meeting to name but a few action items. If you would like to help us by volunteering in the office occasionally to suit your schedule, we'd be happy to chat with you about that.

Annual Meeting – Saturday, December 1, 3:00 p.m. at Oasis Temple. The Official Notification has been recently published. Come out and be a part of the governance of Oasis Shriners to elect the Potentate and Board of Directors / Officers for 2019. This will be a tiled meeting. Your current Oasis dues card will be required for admission.

Happy Thanksgiving! – May you gobble until you wobble. Stay well and make good choices.

Until We Meet Again,

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye
recorder@oasisshriners.org



2018 Schedule

Nov. 2-4	Fall Ceremonial - Charlotte
Nov. 15	Divan Meeting
Dec. 1	Annual Election & Stated Meeting
Dec. 15	Shrine Bowl Spartanburg



The Desert Dust

Illustrious Sir John D. Burgess, Sr. Potentate

604 Doug Mayes Place,
Charlotte, NC 28262-8410
Phone: 704-549-9600
www.OasisShriners.org

2018 DIVAN

Chief Rabban - Kenneth Jarrett
Assistant Rabban - William H. Carter
High Priest & Prophet - Tommy Helms
Oriental Guide - Tim Daniels
Treasurer - William (Bill) Harward (PP-1998)
Recorder - Robert L. (Bob) Saye, Sr
1st Ceremonial Master - Douglass (Doug) Garland
2nd Ceremonial Master - Shea Fadel
Director - Clay McLean
Marshal - Chris L. Hall
Captain of the Guard - Jack Wallace
Outer Guard - Joe Burris

EDITOR

Edie Wilson - Ediewilson7@gmail.com

Per Article 2, Section 5 of the Current Bylaws of



and by Order of the Illustrious Potentate

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Is Hereby Given to the Noble Members of
Oasis Shriners to Elect the Potentate and
Officers for the 2019 Shrine Year during the
Annual Meeting of Oasis Shriners

Day / Date: Saturday / December 1st, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m. At: Oasis Temple

604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262

Current Shriners Dues Card is Required for Entry

Oasis Shriners Fall Ceremonial

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

2:00pm-5:00pm	Candidate Registration	Oasis Headquarters
3:00-5:00pm	Oasis Hospitality Room	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
7:00-11:00pm	Dance Party (<i>Business Casual Attire</i>) Music by DARIN PAGE HENLEY	Oasis Auditorium
9:30-11:30pm	Oasis Hospitality Room	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

SATURDAY

7:00am-8:00am	New Candidate Registration	Oasis Auditorium
8:00am-8:30am	Membership Meeting (<i>vote on petitions</i>)	
8:30am-12:00pm	Oasis Shrine Mart	Oasis Practice Area
8:30am-9:00am	Variety of Music – Oasis Band	Oasis Auditorium
9:00am-9:30am	Welcome by the Potentate (<i>Ladies Welcome</i>) National Anthem – Oasis Band Introduction of Divan Creating a Shriner Ladies Excused for brunch	Oasis Auditorium
10:00am-12:00pm	Ladies Brunch	Sands Restaurant
9:45am-10:45am	Ceremonial – First Section	Oasis Auditorium
11:00am-11:45am	Ceremonial – Second Session	Oasis Auditorium
11:30am-12:15pm	Box Lunches	Oasis Practice Area
12:30pm-2:00pm	Parade Line Up	Union Street – Concord
2:00pm-3:15pm	Oasis Parade	Union Street – Concord
4:00pm-6:00pm	Oasis Hospitality	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
8:00pm-11:30pm	Potentate's Ball (<i>Business Casual Attire</i>) Music by THE TONEZ	Oasis Auditorium
10:00-12:00	Oasis Hospitality	Courtyard by Marriott

SUNDAY

9:00am-10:00am	Worship Service	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
10:30am-11:30am	Chief Rabban Presentation 2019 Schedule and Potentate's Trip Preview	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

LADIES' BRUNCH

Join Lady Charlotte Burgess and her team for Brunch

**Sands Restaurant, Oasis Temple
Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10:30-12:30**

Price is \$20. Ladies can call the Shrine Office for tickets 704-549-9600

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Darin Henley is one the most unique DJ's in the business. His style is to be part of his audience, and his audience part of his show.

Playing all genres of music from Top 40/Dance - Country - Rock n Roll - Disco and Carolina Beach Music, Darin has emceed and hosted night clubs, festivals, and private events, with venues from 100 to over 8000 people.



ON STAGE SATURDAY NIGHT THE TONEZ!

You loved them in Blowing Rock and now three of their members are Oasis Nobles! Don't miss this great music Saturday night, November 3 in the Oasis Auditorium. **YOUR DUES CARD IS YOUR ADMISSION.**

The Tonez is a 9-piece band with a full horn section and seven vocalists. They are dedicated to keeping crowds on their feet dancing and enjoying live music. With a growing mix of Oldies, Motown, Rock & Roll, Country, Funk, R&B, and beach music, The Tonez are sure to have you on the dance floor.



Vintage Tin Car Show Winner Announced

Shriners' Choice Award Goes to Lois Brown

The 2018 Vintage Tin Car Show to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children was recently held at Rumbling Bald Mountain Resort, Lake Lure NC.

The Shriners Choice Award, presented by Thermal Belt Shrine Club, went to a beautiful 1936 Ford pickup truck owned by Lois Brown of Hendersonville, NC. This lady studied automotive restoration for two years at Blue Ridge Tech. She herself did a complete off

frame restoration with the exception of the painting.

Unknown to us at the time, only finding out later, that Mrs. Brown is a member of the Eastern Star and a Past Worthy Matron. Her deceased husband was a Scottish Rite Mason, and her father was a Master Mason for 50 years. Strange how things "Masonically" come together.



Teamwork Puts the Shrine Trailer Back in Action

Recently Noble Jim Rorie took the Shrine trailer to the Tin Car Club car show in Lake Lure for a Hospital fundraiser. The truck blew a turbo hose on way in. Noble Steve Lovelace from Thermal Belt came to the rescue and found the hose in Rutherfordton.



(L to R) Tommy Helms, Steve Lovelace and Jim Rorie.

Shriners on Bikes Nobles Tommy Helms, Joey Ham and Donnie Wrenn picked up the hose and Wrenn installed it so Jim and the trailer could make it back home!

ROWAN SHRINE CLUB

22ND ANNUAL SHRINER'S

OYSTER ROAST

NOVEMBER 9, 2018

6PM - 8PM • SALISBURY DEPOT

The menu for the Oyster Roast this year includes a tantalizing and high quality array of Oysters, Shrimp, Flounder, Clam Chowder, Oyster Stew, French Fries, Hushpuppies and Slaw, as well as Beer and Wine.

\$60 PER PERSON
in advance

\$65 PER PERSON
at the door

Tickets available at **K-Dee's Jewelers** (112 E. Innes St.), or see any Rowan Shrine Club member, or by emailing

DONLYER@AOL.COM

TIME TO “MAN-UP”

Brace yourself like a man; I will question you (Job 38:3)

It was September 7. Four people were headed for an awesome cruise to Bermuda.

Warnings of Hurricane Florence were abounding. The four enjoyed a great trip to the Bahamas, rather than Bermuda, thus avoiding the hurricane. The ship docked September 17. The cruise was delightful, the trip home was enjoyable, and except for a few limbs all was well with the homes, trees, yards.

How do those who avoided the ravages of Hurricane Florence share joy in the face of those grieving the loss of loved ones. Safe and secure in their homes, how can they stand in the mud, homelessness and debris of those in New Bern, Fayetteville, Lumberton and Wilmington and the other places where Florence hovered for days? A pastor asked, “How can we tell people that God loves them in the midst of this?” And then we ask those same questions anytime calamity strikes: Why?

How could God allow such a thing? Why do these things happen? It is not a new question. It is as old as human existence. In the Bible the book of Job is really one collection of the questions people raise when confronted with catastrophe: Why? Why me? Why him? Why them?

Job’s story is one of a prosperous man, a man whose life had always been right side up, who is suddenly confronted with the destruction of his property, even the deaths of his children, and the loss of his own health. And he and his neighbors raised those questions. Why? Why you?

Finally, after Job and his friends had talked enough, the voice of the Supreme Architect broke in. (Reading from the Book of Job, the Lord asks): “Tell me, Job, where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Brace yourself like a man, I will question you,

and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together, and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?”

One unanswerable question after another!

Job may as well have said, “Gee, Lord, I had better shut up; I guess there is a lot about life I cannot answer.” And the Lord says, “Right. There is a lot you will NOT be able to answer.”

The message of the book of Job is that there are indeed things that we will never know - at least in this life - things that are beyond our understanding. We are not to not lose our faith when bad things happen including earthquakes or tsunamis or plane crashes or whatever is not to our satisfaction.

Amazingly, good has already begun to come out of Hurricane Florence. The expressions of brother assisting brother with outstretched

hands across these United States, is one bright light. Relief organizations say that the support from throughout the nation has been awesome. We pray for the peace and comfort of those who mourn for the storms’ victims; may they find hope in their helplessness. We pray for the homeless, and those in shelters. May they now find enough strength and healing as they gather the scattered pieces of shattered lives.

Let us pray for those volunteers who give of their time and energy. May they be encouraged in their courageous efforts. We continue to pray for those who generously give money and supplies... may they know the deep satisfaction of having made a difference. May we all, in compassionate service and love, show our neighbors what it means to be brothers and sisters as we “Man Up” to give freely of ourselves and resources. Amen!

John Stanley, PP, PM is Chaplain, Oasis Shriners, is Past Chaplain, Shriners International, and he is Minister—Visitation, First Presbyterian, Gastonia. He can be reached jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.

Gary! Gary! Gary!

What Day Is It?

Send to or Make Your Payment in Person at

OASIS SHRINERS
604 DOUG MAYES PLACE
CHARLOTTE, NC 28262



Clyde the Camel Says:

"Don't Wait Until Hump-Day to Pay Your 2019 Oasis Member Dues - Which are Payable Between Now and December 31st, 2018"

2019 Member Dues Notices were Emailed to our Oasis Members from Shriners International in Tampa, FL in Early August and U.S.P.S. mailed in late September. Please Contact the Oasis Office if you have not Received Your Dues Notice for 2019.

Pay Electronically, On-Line through our Smart Phone App. or the Membership Tab of our Oasis' Website

Call the Oasis Office
704-549-9600
Extension # 2

Hospital Tripsters Stay on the Move

Can you even imagine that the children we support sometimes need more than our hospitals can give? With the best medical facilities and staff caring for them, what else could we possibly provide?

Oasis saw a need for transportation in the late 60s and formed the Hospital Tripsters unit. Today Lady Linda Wallace, Hospital Trip Coordinator in our headquarters office, manages logistics for 54 certified drivers spread over six areas with strategically placed transport vans always ready to roll. When Linda gets a call for help, she is able to dispatch the nearest van to provide reliable and safe transport for children and their families.

"It is a joy for me to work with our Hospital Tripsters. They are always pleasant, helpful and eager to be of service. What a great group of guys."

Lady Linda Wallace

These drivers average just over 150 trips per year primarily to the Greenville and Cincinnati hospitals, but occasionally going as far as Chicago or Philadelphia. The picture on our cover shows just how happy these dedicated Nobles are to be such an integral part of the Oasis Team.

If are interested in joining this elite unit of dedicated nobles, contact Linda at the Temple.



Elkin Jonesville Shrine Club annual golf tournament at Silo Run Golf Course



At a recent membership meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Red Fez Shrine Club presented a check for \$6000 made payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children. This sizeable contribution represents the proceeds from their recent Casino Night party. A great example of Having Fun and Helping Kids!



Fellow Oasis Noble Members,

Recently, during the Florence Storms, Oasis reached out to it's Noble Members by our Email and Telephone Blasters. Most of the email and phone messages reached our Noble members properly. According to generated reports to the Oasis Recorder, many of our Noble members did not receive the notifications due to incorrect or out-dated information we have entered in the WebFez database. Many still had entered the assigned call-out number on the Don Not Call Registry or Blocked the number on their phones, making it difficult for Oasis to convey any important information.

Please take a short amount of time, if you have not done so previously, and register on WebFez to manage your personal, Masonic and Shrine information. It almost could not be easier. Just follow these simple instructions:

1. Enter the following web-address into your browser:
<https://webfez.shrinenet.org/Account/RegisterFirstStep>
2. Choose OASIS Shriners from the drop-down menu
3. Enter your five digit Member Number
4. Enter your First Name
5. Enter your Last Name
6. Click on Register



From there you will be able to edit your personal contact, Masonic and Shrine information as only you know it to be correct. You will, as well, be able to obtain and know your Oasis Membership Dues status at any time.

As Alec, our Shriners Hospital Patient Ambassador, says routinely "Easy, Peasy".

Also - be assured that Oasis and Shriners International do not harvest, sell or otherwise provide any of our Noble Member's information retained on the WebFez database system to any outside, third party vendors.

Thank You ALL for Helping to Keep OASIS #1!

Noble Jack Wallace to Serve as Captain of the Guard

Prior to beginning the Divan meeting at Oasis Headquarters on September 20, Ill. Sir Johnny Burgess installed Noble M.W. (Jack) Wallace, Jr. as Captain of the Guard. Jack's wife, Lady Linda, as well as other friends and Divan members were present for the ceremony. Noble Jack and Linda who live in Mint Hill have a son, a daughter and five grandkids in Columbia, S.C. and Atlanta, Ga. Linda previously worked at Oasis and has been back in the office now for over two years working as Hospital Coordinator and Membership. Jack has been employed by CarMax in Charlotte for over 22 years and prior to that was Distribution Manager for National Welders. He served a combination of twelve years of active duty and reserve duty in the U.S. Army.

Jack's Masonic career began 42 years ago when he became a Master Mason in Mint Hill Lodge



Imperial Chaplain PP John Stanley participated in the Imperial Session non-denominational worship service in Daytona this past July. This picture, featured in the September issue of Shriner Magazine, shows him with Kechi, former Galveston Shriners Hospital patient and America's Got Talent top 10 finalist.

#742. He has been a member of Oasis for 39 years, participating in our Fall Ceremonial in Asheville in 1979. Jack served for several years as a Coach for Mint Hill Lodge assisting new member with their Degree work and was twice Worthy Patron for the Mint Hill Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Serving on multiple committees for Oasis, Jack was also a 25 year member and Past Captain of our Clown Unit. Mecklenburg is his home Shrine Club where he served as President three different times. Jack had the honor to serve as Chief Aide to Ill. Sir Johnny King in 2016 and has been a member of Royal Order of Jesters Court 109 since 1995.

When asked about his appointment to the Divan, Jack said, "I was very shocked and even more humbled when asked to fill the position held so expertly by my good friend Rodney Morgan. No one can replace Rodney, but I pledge to do my



best for our Temple, our Nobles, our Hospitals and our Children. I am proud to serve our Nobility and thank Ill. Sir Johnny Burgess for this opportunity."

CHRISTMAS PARTY

2018

MECKLENBURG SHRINE CLUB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

5200 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Rd,
Charlotte, NC 28215

Entertainment by "DJ Brian Wilson"

\$25: per person

6:30pm: Social

7:00pm: Dinner

8:00pm: Installation of Officers

Dress: Festive, Business Casual

Please R.S.V.P. By December 1st to Sam Moody
sambo447@aol.com or call 980-722-7951.

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Shrine Club

Send in the Clowns...and the Bikes!



This year, Oasis Shrine Clowns helped make the circus even more special by awarding bikes and helmets to a few lucky boys and girls. Parents registered their children before each show and the winners were drawn during the show.

Imagine getting to go to the circus and going home with a brand-new bike!



(Above) Pictures by Tommy Helms

(Left) Illustrious Sir Puddles

(Right) Puddles with Lady Linda Wallace and Lady Charlotte



Your Oasis Shriners Keystone Kops

This summer has been very busy for the Keystone Kops. We have participated in numerous parades, the Auto Fair, our annual golf tournament and most importantly our almost world famous cruise-in that is held EVERY Wednesday night in downtown Belmont, NC.

The Keystone Kops are one of, if not the, smallest units in Oasis. We have about 15 Kops and the youngest is 50 years old. But we are one of the busiest units also.

The Auto Fair is always very productive for us. Your Keystone Kops show up at Charlotte Motor Speedway early on Saturday and Sunday mornings and stay all day with the Paddy Wagon and in full uniform. We walk Pit Road telling our story about the Shrine and our Hospitals. If you ever come to the Auto Fair, which is held in the spring and fall, you can find us at the East Coast Cruisers lot on Pit Road. The East Coast Cruisers are big supporters of the Keystone Kops and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Our annual golf tournament that is held at Westport Golf Club on the shores of beautiful Lake Norman, is always a huge success and this year was no exception. The weather was great and the golfers had a great time of golfing and fellowship. This is also a big fundraiser for the Kops.

Now for our cruise-in. Many of you reading this have either been to one of our cruise-ins or wish you had been to one. By the time you get this article, our cruise-ins will be over for 2018. Our cruise-ins are one of a kind. The one word that comes to mind is "magical." There are so many moving pieces that make this happen and make it successful. The Kops have been doing the cruise-in since back when it was held at the old Riverview Inn Fish Camp on Wilkinson Blvd. When Riverview closed up, we had the chance to relocate across the river to Belmont. We had no idea at the "ride" we were in for.

The support we receive in Belmont is crazy. Everyone from The Belmont Merchants Association, the City of Belmont, the Downtown Development Association, Friends Restaurant, Glenway Premium Pub, 91.7 FM WSGE, car owners and ALL the people that continuously show up every week. The Keystone Kops also sell monthly sponsorships as well with no lack of sponsors. We have 2 DJ's, Johnny B and Brian Wilson, that keep the music playing and are constantly pushing the crowd to buy 50/50 tickets for \$1 each. We give away door prizes each night as well as a car owner door prize. Noble Bill Poole is always attending to the car owners to make sure they have everything and making sure they come back every week. Each week we have people that will come up and just hand us donations. They aren't the least bit interested in buying any 50/50 tickets. They just want to support our Hospitals. Our cruise-in weekly donations are anywhere between \$500 and \$1,000.

The Keystone Kops also have business owners that collect money on their own throughout the year. One in particular is Ms. Penny Briggs. Penny owns Salon38 in Belmont, NC. Every year she puts a jar in her hair salon

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Oasis Shriners Keystone Kops Charlotte, NC

FROM THE DESK OF THE CAPTAIN

Ms. Penny Briggs,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your longtime support and generous \$4000 donation made to the Oasis Shriners, Keystone Kops Unit. This money along with all of our funds we have raised this year, 2018, will be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children at the end of the year.

As you probably already know, for the last 4 or 5 years the Keystone Kops has been the #1 fundraising unit in the entire Oasis Shrine district. This is monumental for us due to the fact we are one of the smallest units and the most active. We have our weekly car show in Belmont, the Auto Fair twice a year at Charlotte Motor Speedway, the annual Golf Tournament at Westport Golf Club and numerous parades throughout the year. All of our members are over the age of 70 with the exception of 2. Our youngest is 50.

We operate/own 22 hospitals across North America, each offering different levels of care. Our closest hospital is located in Greenville, SC. This facility is mainly an orthopedic hospital; however they do handle some other specialties. The families whose children are patients receive care free of charge if they can't pay. No questions asked! And this is all because of fine people like you, who show compassion and have a drive to make a difference in a child's life.

You have no idea what it means to the members of the Keystone Kops to know we have folks like you working behind the scenes raising money. The Keystone Kops are a proud group of men and women doing what they love. We all benefit from donations whether it's the proofs of our labor or just knowing why we do what we do. But in the end, it's the CHILD who benefits and that is enough.

Again, thank you for you continuous support of the Oasis Shriners, The Keystone Kops and The Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Don Deese, Captain of the Keystone Kops

Keystone Kops

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and collects money from her clients. At the end of the year, she totals it all up and gives it to the Keystone Kops to go towards our end of the year donations. Every year Penny has collected more than she did the year before. This year Penny collected over \$4,000 by herself! This is a true



testament to the support the Keystone Kops receive in Belmont. With this article is the letter that was sent to Penny for her support of the Keystone Kops and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

One last note of thanks goes to our Ladies. The Keystone Kops could not do anything we do without our Ladies. They are at every golf tournament and EVERY cruise-in we have. Sometimes there are more ladies than men. Our ladies are the backbone of this unit. If you have ever been to our cruise-ins, you will always see our ladies out walking the parking lot selling tickets, talking to folks, counting money and most importantly, keeping the men in line.

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 • www.twitter.com/shriners
www.facebook.com/shrinersinternational

Reminder All ads & articles for the December edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson - Ediewilson7@gmail.com** by November 10.

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.



Red Fez Shrine Club



Lucky Number Calendar

Benefiting Red Fez Shrine Club • Charlotte, NC

Good for One Year: January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Donation: \$40.00

Your Lucky Number is in the Last Page

Lucky Number Calendar OFFICIAL RULES

1. All numbers are played straight as drawn.
2. All winners will be paid one week after their Lucky Number hits and will be sent their check by mail.
3. The State of North Carolina has bonus days. On those days the first (3) three digit number drawn at 3:00 PM. will be honored.
4. Winning numbers determined by the (3) three digit 3:00 PM. number of the North Carolina Daily Pick 3 Lottery (Monday through Sunday.)
5. ALL CASH WINNINGS will be determined by the AMOUNT OF MONEY indicated on each day of this calendar.
6. Red Fez Shrine Club will determine each winner from the numbered information card attached to this calendar.
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Why Pumpkin is Good for Your Fall Diet

By Julie Swisher, Health Report

These colorful fruits are found everywhere in the fall, and you may be surprised to find out what health benefits are associated with them. Around this time of year, pumpkins can be found in all the local grocery stores and markets. But many would be surprised to know the nutritional benefits that pumpkins can have within their tough outer layer. Kate Patton, RD with the Cleveland, clinic tells us how pumpkins can be a



nutritional part of our fall diet.

“Pumpkin seeds are a really good source of magnesium, so

you can roast those seeds and you can add any spices you might like, or just a little bit of salt and that’s a great snack,” she said.

Pumpkins are an excellent source of dietary fiber, vitamin A, and vitamin C. One cup of mashed pumpkin contains 49 calories and it has 2.7 grams of dietary fiber which can help you feel full for longer. Patton describes how our bodies absorb these vitamins.

“In our bodies beta-keratin is converted into vitamin A which helps increase our white blood cells; the more white blood cells you have, the stronger your immune system which will really keep you healthy this fall,” she said.

Although pumpkins can be categorized as a



squash or gourd, which we usually consider vegetables, you may be surprised to find out that the Farmer’s Almanac says pumpkins are actually fruit. It may be a different way to look at pumpkins, but according to Patton, they’re not only fun to decorate, they’re good for you too.



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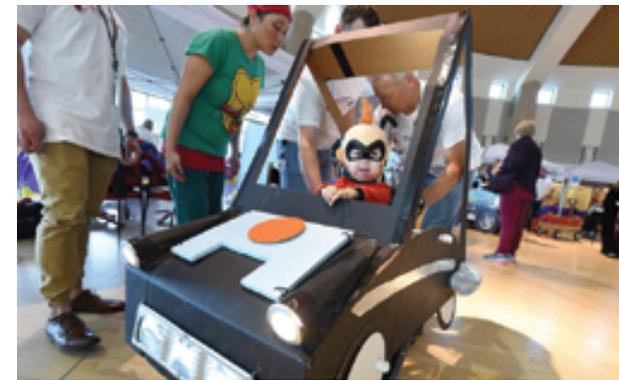
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From Cupcakes to the Millennium Falcon, Volunteers with Shriners in Salt Lake City Turn Kids' Wheelchairs into Elaborate Halloween Costumes

By Francisco Kjolseth

Cooper Baskett embodied Jack-Jack from the movie "The Incredibles 2" as volunteers at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Salt Lake City transformed his wheelchair into the Incredimobile. Mimicking a fight scene with a raccoon from the movie, Cooper, 3, put his fists up as he delighted in the attention.

"This is something he gets to have all his own," said his mother, Tonya Baskett, as they got their first look at his Halloween costume. Cooper, who has skeletal dysplasia, doesn't get to run around like his cousins, which usually makes the holiday difficult. However, this year the whole family plans to dress up as characters from the same family of superheroes.



For the third year in a row, Shriners put on a costume clinic to trick out and transform the wheelchairs for kids. In its first year, the volunteers helped eight children. On Wednesday, it was 28.

Volunteers tried to cater to the desires of each kid, crafting costumes out of cardboard, fabric, PVC pipe, paint and foam.

Gathered under seven canopies, crews worked on the chairs of four kids throughout the day, with a two-hour window for each transformation.

With a little bit of advance planning, the teams were ready for each kid turning their chairs into Batmobiles, monster trucks, cupcakes, princess carriages, Millennium Falcons, pirate ships and fighter jets.

Employees with Spirit Halloween, a costume retailer, volunteered during last year's event and saw the need for wheelchair costumes. This year, the company helped craft four costumes.

One of those was a monster truck assembled around Jonathan Clark, 6, who has cerebral palsy. His dad, Jeremy, who's in the process of adopting his fourth child with special needs from Bulgaria – was excited to watch his son's

eyes light up. Jonathan, who is part of a special needs baseball league in West Jordan, will get to move around in his new wheels for the upcoming showcase indoor baseball game. Clark said: "It will be cool to see him run the bases in a monster truck."



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The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina placed an appeal through the Masonic Service Association of North America

(MSA) for disaster relief. In response, the MSA established a disaster relief fund for North Carolina, with all donations received to be transferred directly to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for distribution to those in need. You and I remember the obligation we share related to relief of a distressed worthy brother. However, I hope you will contribute to this relief effort more as a result of brotherly love than from a sense of duty. The way you and I respond to the needs of our brothers and their families defines what we believe “fraternity” means.

major damage to its building. They are currently working with restoration crews, contractors and their insurance company and have moved temporarily to another location. Sudan Shriners are not currently operating but are working hard to get back on their feet. The photos below show some of the damage that Sudan Shriners experienced.

Shriners International leadership remains in contact with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and the Potentates of the temples impacted by the storm and asks that you please keep your fellow brothers and nobles in your thoughts and prayers.

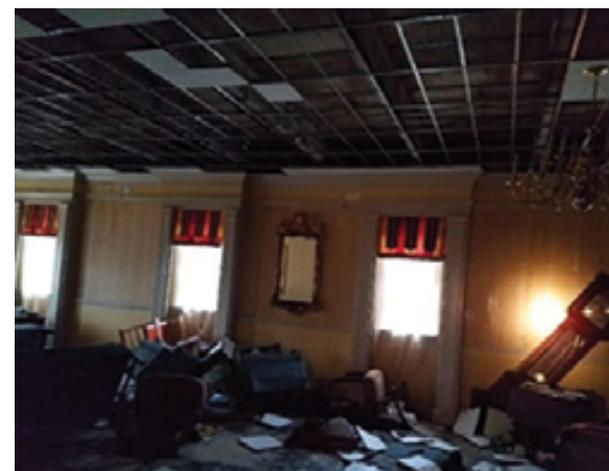
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I called the Grand Master of North Carolina and expressed our concerns about the well-being of North Carolina Masons and pledged to work cooperatively with him in supporting his efforts to bring relief to those in need. Please donate generously today.

Sudan Shriners temple of New Bern, North Carolina took a direct hit from Hurricane Florence and experienced severe flooding and



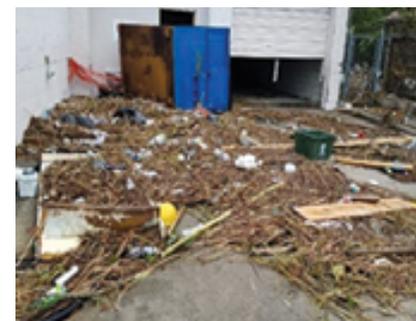
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A Spina Bifida Journey:

A Parent Perspective



Cami became a patient at the Portland Shriners Hospital in August of 2017 after her family moved to Portland from Durham, North Carolina. She currently receives treatment at the Portland Shriners Hospital for both scoliosis and the orthopaedic complications that accompany spina bifida. Cami undergoes physical and occupational therapy, receives back and leg braces, and participates in recreational therapy

programs including gymnastics, music, tennis and horse-assisted physical therapy.

During her time receiving treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Portland, Cami has improved her physical capabilities, and her progress has exceeded her expectations. “Cami has grown and developed in remarkable ways since receiving treatment at Shriners,” said Cami’s mother, Margaret. “Her independence and confidence have grown with the increased strength, mobility and fine motor skills she has developed in large part because of Shriners. She walks longer distances with her walker and even asks to use her walker, whereas before, she was very reluctant to walk and relied more on her wheelchair. Her fine motor skills have progressed to the point that she needs little additional support in that area. And the recreational therapy programs have given her an outlet for discovering her love of movement and music.”

Spina bifida is a rare condition and can be difficult for families to navigate without adequate support. “Having a community at Shriners of other parents and families experiencing spina bifida has been absolutely critical for us,” said Margaret. “Parenting a child with spina bifida can be very overwhelming, given the sheer number of appointments, therapies, and surgeries, not to mention the constant change inherent in the condition. Just know that you don’t have to go through it all alone. We’re very grateful that we have a Shriners Hospital in our community. It makes such a difference in so many people’s lives.”



Happy Halloween!

Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville celebrated Halloween with fun activities in their spooky lobby.



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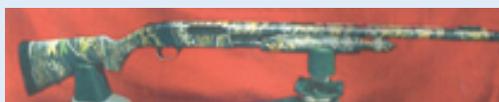
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Skye Sets Her Sights on the Paralympics



When Paralympic hopefuls gathered on an Oklahoma college campus this past August to train in sitting volleyball, 13-year-old Skye was excited to be among the youngest members

of the group. Skye, who was unexpectedly born with only one hand, has been breaking barriers her entire life. This Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago patient was recruited by USA Volleyball at an elite qualifying tournament in Chicago. Skye came to the tryout to play as a setter in the traditional form of the game, using only one hand.

USA Volleyball's Sitting Volleyball Manager Elliot Blake said a friend at the check-in desk called him over to meet Skye's parents. "I was very intrigued to get Skye involved in sitting volleyball because she is already playing the standing game, and having previous volleyball experience is a huge benefit in learning how to play the sitting game," Blake said.

The family knew their daughter was good at volleyball and an inspiration to others. "She trains with a former Olympic setter. She made the Madison Elite club team for 13-year-olds as a setter and her team voted her captain," Daniel, Skye's father, said. But they were pleased and surprised when the Paralympics team asked if Skye could join their training program. "We were on cloud nine, to tell you the truth. We didn't expect it," Daniel said.

Early adopter of prosthetics

Skye's parents, Daniel and Renee, brought her to the Chicago Shriners Hospital from Wisconsin when she was an infant. Daniel learned about our hospital staff's expertise in

working with children with limb differences from his uncle, who is a member of the El Zaribah Shrine Club. Skye saw Jeffrey Ackman, M.D., a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in limb differences and prosthetics. He prescribed a prosthetic hand. "She was an early adopter of prosthetics at 5 months," Renee said.

Skye grew up with a typical childhood despite her difference. "Anybody that gets to know her, she's an inspiration," Daniel said. "My wife and I never treated her any differently. We always treated Skye like she had two hands."

Their daughter participates in volleyball, basketball and running, and is a Girl Scout. Skye wore a prosthetic lower arm until fourth grade. "Then she decided she didn't need one," Renee said.

"Patients wear prosthetics and sometimes reject them," Dr. Ackman said. "If a child has a missing leg, they need one to walk. If it is upper limbs and they are functional, sometimes patients choose to go without one." This past year Skye told her parents she would like to have an arm to wear to church or special events. The Paralympic team also suggested she get a prosthetic "volleyball arm" to create a larger blocking area and help her mobility while scooting around the court. The family came to see Dr. Ackman and he prescribed the type of device she would need. The family then worked with Bill Craggs, manager of the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services – Midwest, LLC, team at the Chicago Shriners Hospital. In June, Skye received a prosthesis that can be used with a hand attachment or a volleyball scoop attachment.



Training for 2020 or 2024

Skye has already attended two camps as part of USA Volleyball's High Performance Sitting Volleyball Athlete Development Program. She plans to continue working, with her sights set on making the 2020 or 2024 U.S. Paralympics Team. "We spend a lot of time working on the fundamentals of the game, teaching team strategy utilized by our



national teams and working to prepare athletes for future national team consideration. So for Skye, getting her involved in our program now, we can continue to improve her volleyball skills while teaching her the subtle differences in the sitting game, and continue to encourage her to train towards the national team if that is the path she wishes to pursue," Blake said.

"She was moving and grooving and had an absolutely wonderful time. It was the first time she was with people that all had limb differences. They could talk about things that happened at school and things people say to them about their difference," Renee said. "It is a very fast game. They use a pickleball-sized court. It is the same size net, just on the floor. She loves it."

To read more inspiring stories like Skye's, visit the "News & Events" page at www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org



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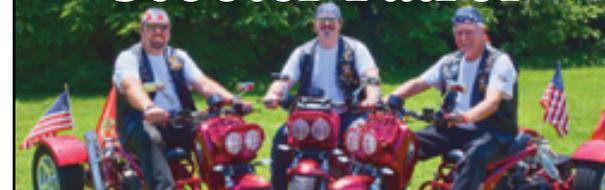
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