

DESERT DUST

A Prayer for “Different Times” By NC Grand Chaplain Rev. Mark M. Vickers

*Most Gracious Architect of the Universe,
we come to you in these days of
uncertainty, chaos, turmoil, illness, and
even death.*

*We come to you because it was in you we
first placed our trust.*

*We rely on our brothers to walk with us
through earthly times, as well as you.*

*We miss our conversations with one
another, a friendly embrace, a smile, a
nod, yet in all those missed actions we
know that you are present in our lives.*

*For we first entered alone, then moved to
the reassurance that you, as the Divine
Architect, were beside us all of the way.*

*Keep us mindful that you are still there, in
these “different times” and will continue to
be with us in what may be a new normal.
For it is in you we place our trust and faith.*

SMIB. AMEN.

Stay Safe! With love from:



Shriners International





Your Potentate

Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Oasis Shriners,

Since late February and early March, Oasis Shriners have faced an unprecedented "shut down" in our fraternal

activities. We finished February with an incredibly strong showing of support at our Asheville one-day Ceremonial held at the beautiful "Land of the Sky" Shrine Club. And then things started grinding to a halt with the canceling of our annual pilgrimage to the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children's Open House weekend in March. Suddenly so many Shrine events we all look forward to were being canceled, postponed and moved to later dates because of the rapidly growing spread of the COVID-19 Virus. I, like probably many of you, expected this whole thing to sort of "blow over" in a few weeks. As we now know it only gained momentum by the day turning into a major pandemic griping our country and the whole world at large. Nothing like this have we

seen in over a 100 years; not since the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918, which infected 500 million people worldwide. As of today, we have about 5 million people worldwide who have been infected. At this point, that is 1% of the number of people who were infected in the 1918 pandemic. We have a lot of people to thank for that miracle.

Thank you to our country's and world leaders who have kept the lid on the spread of this terrible disease. And especially thank you to all the doctors, nurses, health care workers and first responders who everyday risk and give their lives helping to keep the spread under control. A "Tip of the Fez" to them all!

Now we are starting to see a light at the end of this long tunnel. North Carolina has instituted a partial re-opening on the State called Phase I. Soon we will see Phase II implemented with more limited activities included, and if things go according to plan with people observing the prescribed behavior and new cases remaining subdued, we will move into a final Phase III. Every day I read about new drugs and treatments showing so much promise that we might all

soon be able to return to something resembling our former lives together. Let us all pray for the pharmaceutical research companies and our wonderful medical university researchers to soon develop that vaccine and treatment we all want so badly for ourselves and the people of the world in order to be rid of this scourge we are having to endure.

I will close with a few of my favorite sayings I call "Bill Carter's Rules of the Road." Some can be ascribed to a person and others are just old sayings. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do.

For every door that closes, two more open up.

Victory has a 1,000 fathers; defeat is an orphan.

I have found that luck is quite predictable. The harder I work, the luckier I become.
- Thomas Jefferson

It's true that hard work never killed anyone, but I figure, why take a chance?
- Ronald Reagan

Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That is where you will find the sweetest and best of fruit. - Mark Twain

He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.
- Mohammed Ali

When you are green you grow. When you are ripe you rot!

Luck favors the prepared mind. - Louis Pasteur

With my very best of fraternal well wishes and good tidings, I am,

Bill Carter
Oasis Shriners 2020 Potentate

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Your Recorder

Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis,

I am hopeful that all of you are doing well. So, where do I begin? In thinking about this month's report, several

ideas came up, but they all lead to the closings we have had to endure.

For the most part we're practicing our social distancing and not holding any meetings, gatherings and fundraisers. Please stay strong as we are turning the corner to complete this historic journey. The State of North Carolina has entered phase 1 of our re-opening and by the time this letter reaches most of you I am hopeful that we will be in phase 2.

Due to the virus, orders have been enacted that result in the cancellation of all of our summer events. I have had conversations with the leadership of SASA about our fall meeting in Myrtle Beach. As of now all is a go. In fact, during a Facebook live drawing, Oasis pulled fourth in the parade! We are planning for a large time September 17-20. This is always a great event for Oasis members, so please plan on attending.

Our building is now 30 years old; we have addressed several items that need attention. This time of closure has given us an opportunity to undertake some much-needed repairs on our facility.

One such item is our lighting and switches throughout the building. We worked with Duke Energy and their contractor to complete an upgrade of our lighting and refrigeration system. This lighting upgrade has touchless room entry throughout every room and bathrooms and will save Oasis money each month. This allows for a complete return on our investment within the first 13 months. These are savings that Oasis will see month-to-month for years to come.

A second area that we have addressed is the cleaning of the building. We have contracted with a new service which has been outstanding. They have completed a much needed deep clean of our building and grounds. Once our building is open again this crew is ready to make sure each rental, as well as our fraternal functions, is ship shape! So, once we open again you will see some new faces around Oasis, and they are here to make our facility one of the best in the city.

Thank you all for your wonderful dedication and love of our great fraternity. We are looking forward to the time when we can all be together again. Until then please remember to be safe.

Until next time, let me leave you with a quote of mine that I feel becomes truer every day, "We are strong, we are smart, and we are a nation and

fraternity under God and for that we are blessed and saved."

Please remember to place your trust in God and this too will pass.

YITF

John G. Cable



Shriners International

Dear Nobles,

Based on data and opinions of public health experts and community officials, **Shriners International has cancelled its 2020 Imperial Session, scheduled for July 2020, in Kansas City.** In determining whether the 2020 Imperial Session could be responsibly held, the perspective of Shriners International was to take a global vision with local focus. The Imperial Session is truly an annual international gathering at one physical location. The Imperial Divan, the 2020 Convention Corporation, and the staff of Shriners International closely monitored developments and worked closely with the Kansas City Health Department in planning the 2020 Imperial Session.

Based on the information provided by public health professionals and recent governmental extension of existing public health orders, Shriners International determined that the safety of attendees and the safety of the community could not reasonably be provided on or before the start of the 2020 Imperial Session in Kansas City and therefore cancelled the 2020 convention, due to the impossibility of safely hosting it.

Additional information will be provided in the near future.



The Desert Dust

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ACT OR REACT?

Bitter or Better? Yep. That is the question we are faced with today. We have a choice. We can get bitter or we can get better. In fact that is the title of a favorite book: *You Can Get Bitter or Better!* It is written by Rev. James W. Moore.

Dr. Moore says, "When trouble comes, when disappointment breaks your heart, when sorrow grips your spirit, you have a choice: You can get Bitter or Better!" Dr. Moore continues, "All of us, at one time or another face sorrow, grief, or loss. The question is: How will we RESPOND to those challenges? We have a choice. We can become bitter, or we can ask for God's help to grow into better people.

Many of us have been living under a "Stay at Home" Directive from our Governor for the past five or six weeks. This puts us in close proximity to those whom we love and with whom we live. But not 24/7! Morning to night. No one else. Man, that's close.

In his book, *Everybody's Normal Until You Get to Know Them*, Pastor John Ortberg compares us to porcupines huddled together on a bitter cold winter night. The colder it gets outside, the more we huddle together for warmth; but the closer we get to one another, the more we hurt one another.

So, how are things with you? Are you finding life like the porcupine? The closer we get to someone the more we tend to hurt them? Are we irritated, agitated, ill? Well, as Dr. Moore writes, we have a choice as to how we are to react. We can get bitter or we can get better.

One pastor tells of the 91 year-old lady he visited in the hospital. He stepped into her room, to find her sitting up in the bed, writing notes to the church's shut-ins. She explained that she had come to the realization that the people who could not get out of their homes—the shut-ins—must be lonely. She said, "I write to them to encourage them, to cheer them up." At ninety-one, this lady made a decision that she would do those things to make her get better.

We can maintain that 'thankful journal'. To get better we can write two or three things for which we are grateful at the end of each day. Then, we can pray about those things which disappoint or grieve us. We can get better by making every day a day of Thanksgiving!

We know from our past life-experiences, that we may be suffering now, but the God of grace will restore us *and* our lives. May God hold you in the palm of His hand until we are able to meet together again.

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners, and Chaplain of SASA, a Past Imperial Chaplain of Shriners International, appointed by Imperial Sir Al Madsen in 2012-13, and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian-Gastonia. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.

JUST ONE

Who do you know that would make a good Shrine Mason?

Our Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder has introduced his "Just One" campaign to increase Shriner membership. A simple but powerful idea drives this initiative: If every current Shriner commits to recruiting or restoring "just one" noble to his temple, the ranks of our brotherhood will swell tremendously.

In order to build enthusiasm for the Just One initiative and keep it going, we are instituting a multi-level program for recognizing and rewarding top-line signers in the creation/restoration process for their successful efforts bringing in new members or restoring suspended members. These are:

LEVEL 1 – Upon creation or restoration of one member, the top-line signer will receive a postcard and Just One pin from Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder.

LEVEL 2 – Upon bringing in two members, the top-line signer will be listed in the Shriner Magazine.

LEVEL 3 – With three new creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive a certificate of appreciation and a letter of commendation from Imperial Sir Sowder.

LEVEL 4 – After five creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive a personal phone call from the Imperial Potentate.

LEVEL 5 – Top-line signers responsible for 10 additional Shriner brothers will receive a special invitation to attend a Just One VIP reception with the Imperial Divan at the 2020 Imperial Session.

So just get on board and start referring Masons and non-Masons alike to keep Oasis #1!!!

Cruise-in for the Kids
Mecklenburg Shrine
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Fire Destroys Hejaz Shrine Center

*Reported by Conor Hughes,
public safety reporter with The Greenville News*

MAULDIN, SC - More than 20 firefighters from the Mauldin, Simpsonville, South Greenville and Belmont fire departments responded to the early morning alarm on May 12. No one was hurt in the blaze, but fire gutted the Hejaz Shrine Temple, home to roughly 4000 Shriners.

Firefighters say they were working to extinguish flames on the interior of the building for about 20 to 30 minutes when the roof started collapsing. At that time, Interim Fire Chief Brian McHone with Mauldin Fire Department says they pulled everyone out and went into a defensive mode.

A cause has not been determined, and firefighters say the building is a complete loss.

“They entered the building to fight the blaze from the inside, but left when the roof began to collapse.”

- Chief McHone



Members of Mauldin Fire Dept. Ladder Co. #2 rescue the Hejaz Charter. If you could see the damage, you would recognize this as nothing short of miraculous.

“The Beat on the Street”

No Car and Truck Show... but our Corps Family welcomes a new baby!

Submitted by Noble Ned Yates

Greetings from our Corps Family to you and yours! It is our sincere hope that as early as this month, the month of June, we will all begin to be on the path that will lead us back into our normal routines. We know that there are so many that have been affected, even greatly affected, by the situation that has caused much change these past few months. We are thankful for the leadership of Illustrious Sir Bill Carter and the Divan. We can only guess as to the number of tough decisions they have had to make. Our Corps family appreciates the efforts that have been made to keep us all informed via recorded phone

messages and through the use of virtual meetings.

The June issue of the Desert Dust usually has a story from our Corps about the success of our Car and Truck Show. But, just like your clubs and units, our largest Hospital fundraiser had to be cancelled. Our Corps Family is not going to let that get us down though. There will be a 10th Car and Truck Show and we will be more excited than ever to welcome everyone to it and report back to you on its success!

The happiest news that we can share with each of you is that our Corps Family has grown by one! We are excited to share with you that our

bass drummer and 1st Lt. Noble Brother Joey and Lady Lindsey Ham are proud parents once again. Shortly after Easter, they and big sisters Finley and Berkley, welcomed into the world baby brother Colston!

We often use the word family in these articles. In this case “family” is surely a word that fits. Colston has Uncle and Aunt, Noble Jeffrey Ham and Lady Ashley, Great Uncle and Aunt, Noble Brad Ham and Lady Amber in the Drum & Bugle Corps; and Great Uncle and Aunt, Noble Tim Farris and Lady Betty from the Ritualistic Cast and the Divan. He has a cousin, Noble Brandon Farris in the Drifters. Additionally, his grandparents have served as Potentate and First Lady. Congratulations to Ill. Sir Billy Farris and Lady Patsy and Past Captain of the Corps, Ill Sir Todd Ham and Lady Mary. Past Captain of the Corps and 50+ year Veteran, Noble Joe Ham and Lady Charlotte are proud Great Grandparents. Now that’s what we call FAMILY!

In the midst of the joy of a newborn child, our Corps family, just like you and your family, have those on our prayer list. We continue to remember each of them.

We recently had an Officers meeting via the internet and as it was a success, Captain Scott Edwards has called for a virtual unit meeting. We are excited to see how it will work out and hopefully we’ll remember to tell you about it in a future Desert Dust story.

As we continue to go through this time of social distancing, please allow yourself to think about ideas for possible fundraisers. You never know. That thought might be just the thing to kick-start a Hospital Fundraiser when our clubs and units get things fired up again. We would love to read (in a future Desert Dust) about how your idea was a real winner because ***When Our Hospitals Win, We All Win!***

WANTED

Local newspaper is seeking amateur photographers from Clubs and Units in every district to take pictures at Shrine events.

Action shots preferred.
(Beer cans prohibited.)



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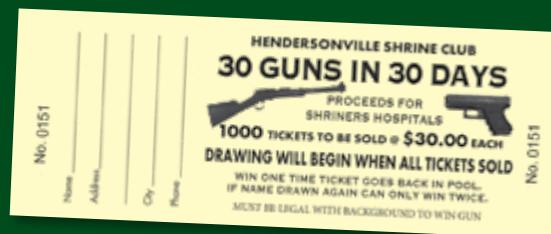
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Oasis Spotlight on Tom Stroozas

By Noble Marty Wilson

Homer, Alaska is a long way from Charlotte... 4,550 miles to be exact. It's a small fishing village 200 miles south of Anchorage with a population of just over 5,000. It boasts an abundance of brown bears, bald eagles and lots of snow. In Homer, the summers are cool and mostly cloudy and the winters are long, freezing, wet and windy. But you can amuse yourself with glacier hiking, remote camping or a harbor tour. Brrrrrrrrrr!

After retiring from Piedmont Natural Gas in 2006, Tom Stroozas took his sense of adventure, and an impressive list of Shrine Mason accomplishments, and ventured north to Alaska with his wife Debbie.

Stroozas and his wife started visiting Alaska in the mid 1990s to go fishing. They liked it so much they came back five years in a row. In 2001 a friend suggested visiting Homer. "We drove down from Anchorage and we crested Baycrest Hill on a nice sunny day," he said. "We had that



Tom's view of the Grewingk Glacier from his yard.

proverbial 'aha' moment. Debbie and I looked at each other and said, 'We should be here.'"

In 2004 they built a vacation home on Skyline Drive. After he retired in 2006, Tom and Debbie Stroozas moved there full time. Tom's not a person to sit back and do nothing, he bought a license for a local version of AmericasCuisine, The Culinary Encyclopedia of America.

The ever-busy Tom joined the Homer Elks Lodge #2127 and was elected Exalted Ruler, then Trustee, followed by State Trustee for 2020. Well-known for his friendly personality, Tom easily won the respect of the citizens of Homer. He was elected to the office of Planning and Zoning and also served as a City Councilman.

While he is still a member of James K. Polk #759 and an Oasis Noble, Tom's search for a connection with Masonic brothers led him to the Kenai Masonic Lodge #11. He recently conferred a 3rd degree there. "The work is a little different in Alaska. I had to learn all over again."

With that new knowledge came new opportunity. Tom has been named Charter Master of the Kachemak Bay Lodge #24; UD pending 2020.

He has made a place for himself and a name for himself. When he's not *"doing the work,"* you'll find him reeling in a giant fish. After all, Homer is the Halibut Fishing Capital of the World.

Tom can be reached at tstroozas@americascuisine.com.



Tom's view of a 150 pound Halibut!

Masonic Resume

James K Polk Lodge #759; raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in September 1985. Worshipful Master 1992.

Charlotte Scottish Rite; 32° October 1985. Received KCCH in 1995. Venerable Master in 2004. General Secretary 2007- 2008.

Oasis Shriners; crossed the "hot sands" in November 1985. Captain of Oasis Photography 1996. Public Relations chairman 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001.

Kenai Lodge #11 Soldotna, Alaska; affiliated 2014

MW Grand Lodge of Alaska – F & A M; appointed as Grand Senior Deacon 2018; Grand Junior Deacon 2020.

Kachemak Bay Masonic Club; 2014 to present.

Kachemak Bay Lodge #24; UD charter pending 2020 – Charter Master.



Oasis Noble Helps Others through the Covid Crisis

Submitted by Noble Terry Cox

Noble Joe Mandeville, a member of Oasis Shrine and the Oasis Scooter Patrol, who is owner of Rio Grande Kitchen and Cantina in Greensboro, NC, has been a constant contributor to Shriners Hospitals for Children for several years. Due to his generosity, thousands of dollars have been collected by him and donated to the Hospitals.

The Coronavirus has been hard on Noble Joe and his restaurants. As with all restaurants in North Carolina, he has had to close to all in-house dining, but through it all Noble Joe has promised to continue to pay his employees. He has provided take-out and delivery service, utilizing his employees for delivery rather than outside delivery services. This has been at great expense to his business.

But despite the financial burden he is experiencing,

Noble Joe stepped up to the plate and provided 100 meals, free of charge, to the medical staff at the COVID-19 medical facility on Green Valley Road in Greensboro on Wednesday, May 6th. He asked for no news coverage or free advertisement. Rather he, out of the kindness of his heart, felt the need to provide nourishment to the front line workers at the COVID-19 center. Several of the workers who are front and center with active Coronavirus patients, are themselves quarantined and have been unable to be with their families for weeks. Due to these circumstances, their meals are mostly cold sandwiches, salads, and not the type of food most of us enjoy every day. A hot meal provided by this honorable man was a bonus.

Noble Joe defines the generosity of a dedicated Shriner and contributing member of our community. We are proud to have Shriners of his caliber as a member of our great Fraternity.



The Rio Grande team just finished delivering 100 fajitas to the incredible people at the Green Valley COVID-19 hospital site! "We're thankful for this opportunity to give something back to those who are going above and beyond every day."

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“We have to let our light shine.”

Reprinted from the October 2018 Edition of *The Desert Dust*

An interview with North Carolina Grand Master Speed Hallman

By Edie Wilson



I recently had the pleasure of meeting Grand Master Speed Hallman. Our conversation led to the following interview.

Q Could you describe “the line” that leads to becoming Grand Master.

A We have a Grand Lodge officer line, or grand line, as we call it. It mirrors the chairs in a subordinate lodge, but with the addition of a Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Master. So the line is nine years, with two stewards, a marshal, two deacons, two wardens, the deputy GM and the GM. I went through in eight years and skipped the Senior Grand Warden position, because we had an officer drop out of line.

Q I know that Masonry has a very long history and is steeped in tradition. Have you seen any changes in the last few years that have made a difference in how you gain/retain members?

A One difference is that we’re less hesitant to talk about our Masonry and how it works. I’ve heard a lot of stories about sons waiting to be invited to join by their fathers, and having hurt feelings when the invitations never came. Masons today don’t mind telling their sons and friends and co-workers that we don’t recruit, and that you have to ask if you want to join. That’s a good change. We also have men contacting the Grand Lodge through its website and asking how to join. In those cases the Grand Secretary refers them to a local lodge. I’ve preached all year that plenty of good men are all around us, and they want what we have to offer, but they don’t know who and what we are. We have to let our light shine. If lodges are active and visible in their communities, good men will find them.

Q What part, if any, does social media play?

A It’s very valuable as a way to learn about events around the state. Facebook is probably the best way to learn about local lodge happenings as well as special events with a broader appeal like the Quarry Degree and the Battleship Degree. It’s also a way for brethren to keep up with one another on a personal level. You see birthday notices, and hear about illnesses and deaths, and you can reach out to a brother if you know these things. Also, lodges can gain visibility in the community if they’re adept at social media. The darker side is that brethren sometimes do not subdue their passions or remember their obligations, and will lash out at one another and say things they’d never say face to face. I’ve heard them called “keyboard cowboys” and I think that’s about right.

Q In your opinion, what changes might need to take place in the future to preserve the fraternity and see it prosper?

A Masons need to be Masons and represent our fraternity positively in their communities, workplaces, houses of faith, schools, everywhere. We are the world’s greatest fraternity and the finest philosophical and self-improvement organization ever conceived. We have within our grasp the tools to illuminate our minds. Our social and charitable dimensions are important,

but our precepts set us apart. We must first practice Masonry. If we do that we’ll be fine. It’s also up to each lodge to engage and involve its new members, offer educational and enrichment opportunities, involve families and hold meetings that brothers want to attend. We all have options for how we spend our time. As one Past Grand Master said, “There’s only one thing you can make a Mason do, and that’s stay home.” Make them want to come to lodge instead.

Q Where do you see Masonry in 10 years?

A Smaller, with declining membership leveling off at some point. I’m seeing energetic and highly motivated men, young and not so young, joining and remaining active. I believe we’ll have fewer but more highly engaged members, and that’s good. There’s a big difference between a Mason, who understands and lives his Masonry, and a member, who’s just a guy with a dues card in his pocket. I’d rather have 10,000 Masons than 100,000 members.

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June 19 & 20	Family Fun Days Red Fez Club Lake Wylie
July 5 - 9	Imperial Session Kansas City, Kansas
July 23	Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
August 14	Shrine 100 Race Gastonia Speedway
August 20	Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
August 29	Black Ties Dinner Oasis Shrine Temple
Sept 17 - 20	SASA Myrtle Beach, SC
September 18	Divan Meeting, Myrtle Beach SC
Sept 24-26	Grand Lodge of NC Annual Meeting
October 7	Asheville Circus Asheville, NC
October 9 & 10	Concord Circus Concord, NC
October 9 & 10	Oxford Masonic C. Home Homecoming Oxford, NC
October 17 - 24	Potentate's Cruise to Bermuda from Charleston, SC
October 29	Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
November 6 & 7	Fall Ceremonial & Parade Hendersonville, NC
November 19	Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
December 5	Grand Master's Installation (TBD)
December 5	Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting & Officer's Election, Oasis Temple
December 17	Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
JANUARY 2021	
January 8	Club & Units Appreciation Night Oasis Shrine Temple
January 9	Installation 2021 Potentate Oasis Shrine Temple

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Reprinted from the December 2016 Edition of *The Desert Dust*

Oasis Nobility Celebrates Buccaneers Revival

By Edie Wilson

The Fall Ceremonial drew an unusual looking crowd to the Friday night dance. Some would even say they appeared to be a bit unsavory. Odd costumes, long hair, swords...and not a fez in sight.

In celebration of the rebirth of the Buccaneers Unit, Ill. Sir Johnny King proclaimed it Pirate Night. The giant pirate ship was berthed just outside the Oasis Shrine Center and looked to be a bonny frigate indeed. But she was not always such. The Buccaneers and their pirate ship float struggled from 1996 until 2008 then gave up the fight. The float was docked in Past Cpt. Ronnie Baucom's back yard for eight years.

It's now 2016 and Ill. Sir King began making inquiries about the unit's demise and the whereabouts of the float. He contacted a number of Shrine Clubs hoping to stir interest in reviving the unit. Then he met with Brian Heintz, President of Cabarrus Shrine Club and Deputy Sherriff of Cabarrus County. He presented

the challenge and was met with enthusiasm. Thirteen eager club members became Buccaneers and Ronnie Baucom agreed once more to lead the charge as Unit Captain.

The synergy between the club and the unit is priceless. One supports the other and both began to grow and prosper. Cabarrus Shrine Club now has 60 members. Once again, a single person stepped up and the rest followed.

A great deal of work went in to bringing the Buccaneers' pirate ship back to life, but now she appears in parades with her band of brothers and sisters armed not with cannons but with pride and joy.



Reminder

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

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

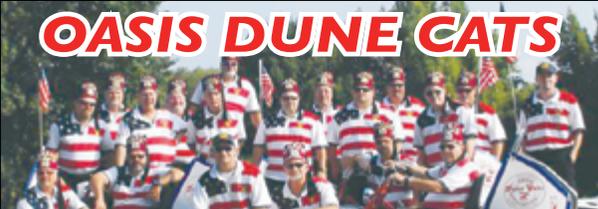
PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

Meeting 3rd Monday at 6pm
Big Daddy's in Mooresville



Noble Peter Schuetz
PC, President - 704-543-0695

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Jordan Wrenn, Captain • 704-579-3453
jordanwrenn85@gmail.com

LEGION OF HONOR CLUB

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Golden Corral
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Don Greene • 828.226.6069
dongreen84@gmail.com

Search Oasis Shriners Legion of Honor on Facebook!

Cabarrus Shrine Club

Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC
Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!
Phone: 704-933-2797



Email: cabarrushrineclub@gmail.com

Web: www.cabarrushrineclub.org

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CONTACT:

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Meet 1st & 3rd Monday,
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Contact Rich Hartman
cell (814) 746-0466
rohartman48@gmail.com



The Greensboro Shrine Club

510 Gate City Boulevard (Formerly High Point Rd.)
Greensboro, NC 27407

Check us out at www.greensboroshrineclub.org
or call 336-707-6588 for information.

Gaston County Shrine Club
505 Pinkney Road
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Captain
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MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB

Centrally located in
McDowell County

Contact:
Noble Secretary
Jack Wood
828-925-9663



Oasis Keystone Kops

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

CONTACT
CAPTAIN
BILL CULP FOR
INFORMATION
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billwculp@gmail.com



Club and Unit Bulletin Board

Union County Shrine Club

305 E Phifer St, Monroe, NC

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

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



Contact President
Bill Loeser
910-759-0571

Be sure to "LIKE" our Moore County Facebook page
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FOR MORE
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OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS



For info, contact: Brad Spelbring, Captain
spel44@yahoo.com

OASIS SHRINERS CAMPING CLUB FUN - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP COME JOIN US!



Dan McCurry 704-813-8177 mcurrydc@gmail.com

The Hillbillies are lookin' for ya!



If interested in joining, please contact Jack Devine
@ 828-464-9886, or Gary Patterson @ 704-938-3930
or Lee Moody @ 704-451-6151

Winston-Salem Shrine Club

Meeting 1st Thursday of every month.
Meal at 7pm followed by meeting.
4909 Hampton Rd Clemmons, NC 27012
Contact: Noble Benton Williams 336.392.2449
Or Noble Brian Huffman 336.408.9718
Wsshrineclub@outlook.com
We'd Love to have you!

Scooter Patrol



CAPTAIN GREG KEY 336-468-7358
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SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

You are invited to attend our
monthly meetings of the Scottish Rite

Where: Junaluskee Lodge,
50 Church Street, Franklin, NC
When: 2nd Monday of each Month
Time: 6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Lodge

Current Dues Card required for admission

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Contact Sally Saulsbery at (704) 996-5064 or Betty Parker,
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Oasis Oldies



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CAPTAIN
DAVID STEELMAN
336-909-1830
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ASHE SHRINE CLUB

Meeting the 3rd Monday of every month

Contact Noble John Brown
336-977-8668
 or Noble Alex Edmisten
336-467-4478

HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB



Monthly meetings, 2nd Monday of the month, 5:45 social, Dinner 6:30, programs, entertainment and fellowship

Contact: www.hendersonvilleshinners.com



We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Fairview Masonic Lodge #339 in Kings Mountain. The meal is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00.

President Phil Farmer
 Email: WhitePlainsShrineClub@gmail.com

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020
BAKERSVILLE, NC
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, DRINK
 DOOR PRIZES

NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Boys' Life School Football Field
 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM
 Robbie Morgan - 467-0014 • Calvin Lunsford - 230-6751

PRESENTED BY MOUNTAINEER SHRINE CLUB
 FOR MORE INFORMATION,
 CONTACT ROBERT MORGAN (828) 467-0014
 OR LELAND RIDDLE (828) 467-9204
Music By Michelle Leigh

Rowan Shrine Club Spring 2020

Fish Fry Saturday

April 25, 2020
 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

For more information, contact Don Lyerly
 704-213-6775 • donlyer@aol.com

Old Fashioned Country Breakfast Buffet

Hedrick's Grove Reformed UCC
 5687 E. Old US Highway 64
 Lexington, NC 27292

Saturday, June 13, 2020
6:30 am - 10:00 am

All proceeds benefit



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Menu

Eggs, sausage, bacon, country ham, biscuits, toast, grits, milk gravy, stewed apples, juice, homemade jams & preserves, orange juice, milk, tea & coffee

Shrine Trailer Travels for You

Did you know the Shrine Hospital Trailer is available for your public fund raising or awareness events? Noble Jim Rorie, Recorder Emeritus generously agreed quite some time ago to volunteer his time and energy to transport the Hospital Trailer to any location within the Oasis Region in an effort to spread the word about our wonderful Hospitals.



Noble Jim is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice.

704-534-2906 jrorie@bellsouth.net

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John Stanley, Chaplain

Lodges, Temples, Clubs – Not Something You Go To

Our Masonic Temple/Lodge, The Shrine Temple, our Shrine Club, our Shrine Unit is not a place or a building we go to. Our Temple, Club, Unit is a FAMILY that we belong to. The Temple or Club is not a place, but a FAMILY. It's easy to lose sight of the fact that we aren't just going to a Temple or Club we **are** the temple or the Club.

A family? Well, we do call ourselves 'Brothers'. We say, *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell in unity!"*

Indeed, it is good and pleasant to dwell together in Unity, as it is written in Psalm 133. But it takes time and effort to build relationships, to become a family.

To build relationships, to live together in unity requires time AND effort! It seems that we must be intentional if we are to live in unity. We must devote ourselves to a one-on-one relationship. How important is it for us to unite as one? In the Book of Ecclesiastes, in our Holy Writings, we are reminded:

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

Build relationships, yes! But what about those broken relationships? As we attempt to reconcile with others, we might recall some people are carrying very heavy loads around with them, they are burdened by a loss of love, they are hurting due to the death of a loved one, or they did not get the promotion or the job that they thought they deserved.

With whom is God calling you to reconcile during this Season? A building does not make a family. Our Temple, Club, Unit is a FAMILY that we belong to. A family loves one another, supports one another. We have a responsibility to serve and help others in need. Caring for each other.

It is our hope, Brothers, that the Supreme Architect of the Universe pours out a double portion of grace and peace upon you and your family in the New Year. May the Lord bless you!

Donations

CLUB & UNIT DONATIONS

AMOUNT	DONOR
\$170.00	Oasis Hillbilly Parade
\$200.00	Robbinsville Shrine Club
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\$ MONEY DRAWING

NEW DATE: 9-24-20

Greensboro Shrine Club

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5010 High Point Rd.
Greensboro, NC, 27407
(336) 707-6588

Is hosting a Reverse Money Drawing on Saturday 04/18/20 at the Greensboro Shrine Club, Doors open at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00 followed by Reverse Drawing. Only 200 tickets.

Prize Schedule

1st ticket drawn is held until the "final 5 tickets remain"

Then put back in for a total of "6 Tickets"

- 25th ticket drawn wins \$100*
- 50th ticket drawn wins \$200*
- 75th ticket drawn wins \$300*
- 100th ticket drawn wins \$425*
- 125th ticket drawn wins \$575*
- 150th ticket drawn wins \$650*
- 175th ticket drawn wins \$750*

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Additional steak dinners are \$20.00

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Honors

DONOR	IN HONOR OF
Larry G. Rabb	Frances P. Rabb on her Birthday with Love

Passed Within the Unseen Temple

NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
Richard W. Barnes	Advance, NC	6/1/1974	8/28/2019
Charles David Millson	Hamlet, NC	5/6/1995	2/19/2020
John R. Litaker	Charlotte, NC	10/17/1964	3/25/2020
Clay Roosevelt Beeson, Jr.	Clemmons, NC	11/14/1981	4/24/2020
Clontz Lee Curlee	Charlotte, NC	1/27/1962	4/26/2020
James Dalton Beckom	Hickory, NC	11/6/1982	5/05/2020

18TH ANNUAL

WHITE PLAINS SHRINE CLUB



GOLF TOURNAMENT



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\$300 per team

Captain's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

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50/50 Drawing
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Awards For _____ Social/Appetizers
_____ with free pour of the official
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5PM - 6:30PM Dinner Buffet
6:30 PM RACE TIME

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