

DESERT DUST

“We’re in this together. We’ll get through this together, and we’ll celebrate together when it’s behind us.”

“We are operational. We’re writing checks, paying bills, reaching out.”

“We’re working through the chaos.”

“We’ll be more united when this is over.”

“Be concerned for the welfare of your brothers and sisters of the Shrine.”



Shriners International



Your Potentate

Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Oasis Shrine,

These are indeed trying times we live in today. Who would have thought

Pandemic of the magnitude and force we are seeing today. Not me! As I have read, nothing like this has happened in our country or the world for over a 100 years. Not since the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918 infected one third of the entire world's population and took the lives by some estimates of fifty million people has anything like this occurred. Today, the COVID-19 Virus, while still quite deadly, has been held down, to date, to less than 2.8 million people infected worldwide

vs. 600 million people infected worldwide with the Spanish Flu.

We are so fortunate to live in the United States. Our government leaders once aware of the immensity of this disease immediately started putting in place safe guards to protect the American people as much as possible from this looming disaster. None of us are real happy at having to put our lives on hold today, but it is a necessary step in stopping the spread of this insidious illness. Our pharmaceutical companies and great university medical research centers are working round the clock on perfecting a vaccine against the COVID-19 Virus, and hopefully medical treatments that will rapidly take the virus away from those infected.

I have faith in America as I am sure you do. We have seen vaccines developed for diseases that took so many lives in years past. Influenza, Tetanus, Pneumonia, Shingles, Hepatitis and Polio all have vaccines today. HIV used to be a death sentence and now look at Magic Johnson. We will see an end to all this. As the old saying goes, "Nothing lasts forever!" We all must stay the course, washing our hands a lot, wearing a protective mask when we have to go out for essentials, social distancing and above all, not touching our eyes, nose or mouth with our hands until we have carefully washed them. And lastly, try to make one new call every day to someone you are thinking about to ask them how they are weathering this storm. Be concerned for the welfare of your brothers and sisters of the Shrine.

Until next month....be careful and most of all, stay safe.

With my very best of fraternal regards to you, I am,

Bill Carter, 2020 Potentate of Oasis Shriners
Laurin Carter, First Lady of Oasis Shriners



**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. This planning was always undertaken with the hope and expectation that the convention would proceed, as long as it was reasonably safe to do so, based upon the trajectory of the Coronavirus and governmental quarantine and/or stay at home orders, actions based upon data and opinions provided by public health professionals.

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.

Imperial Sir and First Lady, Jeff and Cheryl Sowder, are extremely sorry that they will not be able to personally welcome Shriners from all over the world to celebrate fun and fellowship in Kansas City. They have dreamed and planned for more than a decade to have Shriners join them for an incredible experience in Kansas City. While the worldwide pandemic prevents us from meeting in Kansas City and renewing our acquaintances, it does not prevent us from renewing our commitment to the important work of the Shrine.

Additional information related to governance issues for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, in the absence of the respective annual meetings of each corporation, will be provided in the near future.

In spite of our disappointment, Shriners are encouraged to stay safe, stay strong, and stay involved with everything we can do now in preparation for doing more in the future.

Yours in the faith

Jeffrey L. Sowder, Imperial Potentate

Your Recorder

Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis,

I am hopeful that all of you are doing well. Like I have said in last month's

communication, "I place my trust in God. My faith is strong knowing; God is with me and us that will never change." During the month of April as we are still under a stay at home order, we have celebrated a couple of important days in our life's history. We had Good Friday, one of the darkest days known in faith, but next came Easter Sunday, a day of new life joy and redemption and that is were I would like to start.

As we are all still for the most part at home and practicing social distancing, let me remind everyone to stay strong, call each other to check to see how they are doing or just talk for a while. If you need anything, please call on a brother to assist you or your family.

Please remember that this too will pass, stay strong and focused during this time and we will come out better, stronger and wiser on the other end of this wicked virus.

As we are still following the national and state recommendations, the ladies in the office are working to maintain the daily operations and communications. Your Divan is carrying on the business of Oasis and have conducted our meeting by video conferencing. This has been an extremely effective tool and is being more and more recommended by Imperial. I believe that in the near future we will see this feature being used for Shrine Centers around the world to hold meetings.

As of my last writing a couple of things have taken place. First, due to the restrictions with the virus, Imperial Sir Jeffrey L. Sowder has officially cancelled this year's Imperial session that was scheduled for Kansas City. This is the first time

that anyone can remember the Imperial session being cancelled for any reason.

Along with Imperial being canceled, the Divan has also met as a group in an emergent communication on Monday Evening April 27th for the purpose of assimilating the information that has been received and presented to us about our state's closing and reopening.

It is with a heavy heart that we are going to have to cancel our ceremonial in Blowing Rock that was scheduled for June 5th and 6th.

Here is what I know thus far: as of this writing, we are not completely sure if this ceremonial will be moved to another date in the year or location or combined with another Oasis activity. Until we have a handle on what dates we can fully open our Blue Lodges and Shrine Center, setting any dates would make no sense whatsoever.

There are currently several persons who are on hold from attempting to go through their degree work in the Blue Lodge and therefor unable to join the Shrine.

Once things open up and these men can



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complete their degree work, we will be able to obtain even more members. Nobles Chris Hall and Tim Farris have worked extremely hard on the Blowing Rock ceremonial and once there is any additional information available, we will know exactly where and when we will hold our next great event.

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.

Please look forward to receiving more information by either phone conference calls or email blasts.

Until next time, let me leave you with a quote of mine from last time, "We are strong, we are smart, and we are a nation and fraternity under God and for that we are blessed and saved."

YITF

John G. Cable



The Desert Dust

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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!!!



Remembering...

by Edie Wilson

III. Sir Bill and Lady Laurin have spent years in preparation. Team 2020 has set the stage for a banner

year. The players are still back stage waiting for the curtain to go up.

But, while we continue searching for our place in an alternate universe...

While we find new ways to connect like the first ever Oasis Town Hall meeting via Zoom. (See quotes on the cover page.)

Old Fashioned Country Breakfast Buffet

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While we're missing our friends and thinking about how much fun we'll have when we're once again face-to-face...

We can spend some time reminiscing.

If some of the stories in this issue may look familiar. That's because, for now, we're filling time and space with memories. Articles from the past with truths relevant to the present. Be sure to read our chaplain's message from December 2016 (page 9); somehow the words feel strangely familiar.

Then there's the 2015 “Spring Gator Tales.” This revealing story will bring back memories and a smile. And check out the coincidental reference to toilet paper in John Elder's article from January of that same year.

There may not be much “news” but we still have clubs and units and Nobles and Ladies and creativity and faith and team work.

I wish you good health and peach of mind.

WANTED

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

Action shots preferred.
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A byline in The Desert Dust

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“The Beat on the Street” ...taking time to appreciate and remember

By Ned Yates

Our Drum & Bugle Corps Family sends you and your family our best wishes and we thank you for taking time to read your May issue of The Desert Dust. As we have been asked to limit our activities, perhaps you find that you have time to sit down with your printed copy of the Dust and read through all of the stories.

In previous years, we would have been inviting you to attend our annual car and truck show Hospital fundraiser. We would have had pictures to share from a ladies' night or our popular family bowling night. But as we all know now, our activities, like yours have been put on pause.

Many of us are finding that although restrictions are keeping us from physically running at a hectic pace, we are finding that our minds are still free to come and go as they please. Perhaps more time for prayer or inner reflection, time for helping others where we can, time to appreciate and remember those that are putting themselves at risk as they do their various jobs as health care professionals. Perhaps your spouse, a family member, a friend or acquaintance is one of those professionals. We join with you and pray that they would continue to have energy and sharpness of mind.

While sharing an appreciation for and remembering our health care workers, let's also remember that our nation celebrates Memorial Day on the last Monday of May each year. There are also two other times of recognition during May that you may or may not be quite as familiar with. Our firefighters and police officers are also recognized during May.

In recent years I've learned that firefighters recognize May 4th each year as International Firefighters Day. The fire service also has a memorial time. It is known as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend and is held on the first weekend in October. This year the tribute will be October 3rd and 4th.

Law Enforcement Officers are recognized the middle of May. Back in 1962, President Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as Peace Officer Memorial Day. The week that May 15th is in each year is designated as Police Week. This year, Police Week will be celebrated from Sunday, May 10th through Saturday, May 16th, with the Memorial Day being on Friday, May 15, 2020.

On the last Monday of May, we have Memorial Day. It is a national holiday, and tradition has it that the weekend marks the beginning of summertime. The day is set aside to remember the sacrifice made by those men and women who lost their lives in military service. It is hoped that each of us will take some time during that weekend to be genuinely thankful for the many freedoms we have.

Each of us has so much to be thankful for. Let us never forget those in the military, our firefighters and police officers that have paid the ultimate price to help secure our freedoms. May we also appreciate and remember those in the medical community that continue to serve each day.

Finally, Noble Brothers and Ladies of Oasis, stay strong. During these different times, remember that your minds are free to think and perhaps come up with new ways to help your club or unit raise awareness of and monies for our Hospitals. Please remember those working at our Hospitals not just as Doctors and Nurses, but the administrators as well during these times of tough decision making. Remember that as Shriners, we offer families the finest care regardless of ability to pay. When we get back on the streets, there will surely be work to do in the area of fundraising. Put on your thinking caps! Your idea may be just the thing that your club or unit needs to kick start a Hospital Fundraiser that turns out to be a big winner! Don't forget, ***“When the Hospitals Win, We all Win!”***



Our Family & Friends Fish Fry. It was a hot day for the cooking team.



Noble Kenneth Abernathy, a drummer, pictured at a Boston Butt fundraiser.



Father & Son; Nobles Jerry & Scott McCorkle at a D&B Golf Tournament. Jerry plays a bugle and Scott plays a drum. Both are Veteran Members of the Corps and Jerry is a Past Captain.



The MHCO parade last fall. We're ready for a parade!



DEALING WITH STRESS “I keep the Lord always before me...”

The term “The Lions’ Den” is often used to describe our conflicts in life. We might say, “They threw him to the lions,” when an unsuspecting person is put into the most difficult of situations.

Or, we may refer to “The Lions’ Den” as a place where we struggle to keep our sanity; where we wage a battle with ourselves as well as with

others. Perhaps even our personal “Lions’ Den” may very well be summed as the most common problem we face today—the problem of stress!

As this article for the Desert Dust is being prepared, multiple cities and states have issued stay-at-home orders. **Stay at home!** With schools

closed, Parents and/or grandparents have instantly become school teachers. A couple of weeks ago I had an appointment with a Hand Specialist to review some pain. I received a call from him, advising we would be using *Telemedicine*. Actually, we used the technology, Zoom, where he could actually see the hand, and provide advice. Stay at home! Is this the wave of the future for teachers, parents and patients? Could be. And where do these changes lead? STRESS. A new way of living.

Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam, Past President and President Emeritus of Asbury Theological Seminary and editor of the Upper Room Fellowship says, “Psychologists and psychiatrists are saying stress is one of our biggest problems. In business, stress is playing havoc with performance and productivity. Medical doctors are telling us that much of the illness they are treating is related to stress. We can’t be healthy unless we learn to live with stress.” Dr. Dunnam provides certain suggestions as we deal with stress (all beginning with the letter “A”):

1. Acknowledge stress;
2. Admit limitations;
3. Assert your will; and
4. Allow God to be God.

Furthermore if we find ourselves overcome with Stress—that is living in our own Lions’ Den—Dr. Dunnam recommends that we pay close attention to certain verses in Psalm 16.

(Verse 5) “*Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. (Verse 7): I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. (Verse 8): “I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*”

And, then in verses 9 and 10, the Psalmist writes: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

We can live in the lions’ den if, as the Psalmist writes in verse one, we pray: “*Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge!*”

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Reminder

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

Lady Theresa Shares Her Survival Story with Luncheon Guests

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Pink is not for sissies!

CHARLOTTE NC – Shrine ladies, family members and guests waited just outside the doors of the Sands Restaurant as Lady T's aides added the finishing touches: pink balloons, pink feathers, pink hats and pink boxing gloves. The battle cry: Fight Like a Girl! In an effort to raise awareness and build hope, Lady Theresa told her personal survival story that started over twenty years ago when she began her own courageous fight against breast cancer.



Lady Laurin Carter preserved 2500 hydrangeas. Many of them were sold to benefit The Sunshine Fund. Others made up the centerpiece arrangements.



Lady T's granddaughter, Katie Wise, greeted guests with selections on the violin.



Ill. Sir Johnny King emphasized the importance of women's involvement in the Shrine.



Sherri Edmondson, mother of Shrine Patient Dustin who was last year's Shrine Bowl King, also shared her story. Dustin's father Gene became an Oasis Shriner at the Fall Ceremonial.



A-One Catering and Events provided an incredible array of food—beautifully presented and delicious!



Three year-old Cincinnati burn patient Remy enjoyed the festivities while his mother, Patricia Linkous, shared her story about how Shriners Hospitals for Children saved her son's life.



Lady Jan Madsen armed and ready! We're with you all the way, Jan.

"Shriners Hospitals are ahead of the game in every way."

Oasis Shriners Schedule

May 1 & 2	Shrine Paper Sale
May 21	Divan Meeting
June 5 & 6	Resort
June 19	Blowing Rock, NC 3:00 P.M. Divan Meeting at Red Fez Shrine Club
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 Tie One Day Ceremonial to Honor The Most Worshipful Grand Master of North Carolina Masons Brother Shaun Bradshaw (Greensboro Shrine Club)
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



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SPRING GATOR TALES 2015

On Wednesday, April 1st, the Gator Meeting at the Catawba County Shrine Club brought 26 Gators and Gals out for the monthly meeting...A most delicious meal was served by David and Judy Bowman followed by a brief business meeting led by Captain Larry Hale. Prayer requests were presented, Happy Birthdays were shared...Secretary's report was approved, Treasurer's report was announced...David Bowman shared the Hillbilly Degree events with the group..there are 8 more Hillbillies and 5 more Lady Hillbillies plus 5 more Master Hillbillies in the area now!! It apparently was a successful Clan 13 meeting at the CCSC building on February 21st!!! Dennis Grigg reported on his attending the Greenville Hospital's open house and how professional and first class these facilities are. He encouraged all to visit our hospital.

June 5,6,7...Summer Ceremonial in Maggie Valley.. All Gators,call to make reservations under Gator Patrol @ 828.926.9106

July meeting...@ Crawley's Mountain house at Lansing...date chosen for the Gator meeting and meal is Saturday, July 25th. Campers are welcome to come on Thursday, July 23rd and camp until Sunday, July 26th...We have requested NO RAIN this year!! SASA at Myrtle Beach... discussion was presented about availability of attending Friday night parade...

New Business: *Motion made, seconded and voted "yes" to purchase the Gator Mascot Costume as an additional feature for the Gator Patrol parade unit. The Gator costume has been ordered and has been shipped...approval was given by the Temple...The FEZ worn by the Costumed Gator must be plain with a tassel but no lettering! Discussion was made to ask permission to set up a tent at SASA and cook picnic style on the grounds of Springmaid...Captain Larry Hale to contact Springmaid for permission.

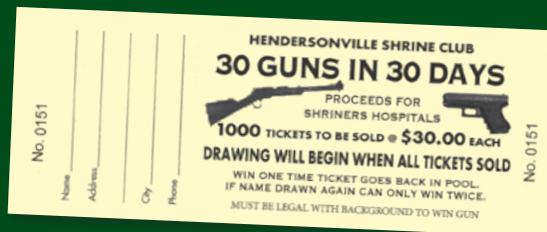
New Business: Upcoming events for the Gators:

Paper sale is May 1 and 2...Zane Stillwell is in charge and has permission for the Shriners to be at Walmart in Conover on Friday and Saturday, Walmart in Hickory and West Hickory on Saturday, and J&S Cafeteria on Friday, and SAM'S Club on Friday and Saturday.

"And that's the way it was...See ya' later Gator"

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Victory Junction's Summer 2020 schedule is out! Contact us, or visit our website to learn more.

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WAITING IS DIFFICULT!

"Riding the Winds of Change"

In this day of uncertainty and change, waiting is indeed difficult! What about my health, what about the leadership in Washington? What about my money—will there be enough? And, so it goes.

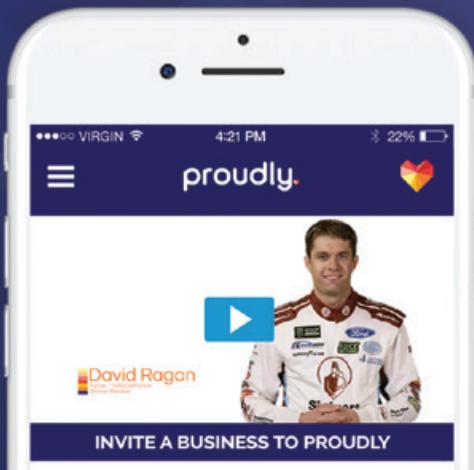
Following a particularly difficult time in our nation a few years ago, my Baptist-Minister-cousin wrote the following: "Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and WAIT for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, the eagle sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm!"

When the storms of life come upon us—and all of us experience those storms—we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm!

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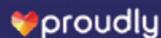
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Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them; how we react.

In the Book of Isaiah (40:31) in the Bible, we read: "But those who hope in (wait upon) the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

We wish for you and your family a Very Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and joyous Holiday Season.

White Plains Shrine Club ANNUAL SPRING BBQ

Saturday, April 11, 2020
Serving Dinner at 10 am
CANCELLED - WATCH FOR OUR FALL BBQ

Located at the corner of Gold Street & Cleveland Avenue.

We will have Butts, Plates, and Sandwiches.

Come early as we sell out fast!

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



Oasis Shrine Band

Reprinted from the January 2015 Edition of The Desert Dust

By John Elder, PC PP

Another Shrine year is ending and another is cranking up. Happy New Year from us to you. We hope you had a great Christmas Season. 2015 should be an exciting year with our new Potentate III, Sir Todd Ham and First Lady Mary.

As far as the Band is concerned, Noble Tim Daniels chaired an outstanding event this past November 15. The "Oasis Shriners Veteran's Appreciation Night" was one of those special events that you were glad you did not miss. The entire evening was very well done and one we were proud to have been a part of. Our newly created Noble and Director Patrick Watkins did an outstanding job of building us a band. He called on all of his connections and friends to help us out. Our "Ringers" were from: The Sigma Beta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia from UNC

Charlotte, The Rho Tau Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia from Appalachian State University and various band directors and volunteers from the area. A few were his previous students. They were an amazing group of very talented young people that could not have been nicer. We kept them longer than they had been told. The only comment I heard was "call me any time". When you add to the mix bringing in Past First Lady Beth Downs to sing, we knew we were part of something special. Thank you III, Sir David for this memorable event.

The very next weekend found the Band at its largest fund raiser of the year. Friday through Sunday (11/21 - 23) were the dates for the Charlotte Auto Show at the Convention Center. Our band performs Friday and Saturday. Our sister band, a jazz band (big band style) that two of our members are in, played on Sunday. We have a great time involving the patrons of the

show and keeping the mood up-beat and fun. We need to make a special "plug" for the Band. If you have played an instrument and feel like you'd like to get back to it, NOW IS THE TIME. Our new director is a high school band instructor. You'll never meet a more patient and easy going person. He will work with you and before you know it you'll be enjoying that special feeling that comes from playing an instrument. Check our AD in this newspaper for the nobles and phone numbers to call.

One more thing: {Three simple rules in life}
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**Noble Peter Schuetz
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rohartman48@gmail.com



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Union County Shrine Club

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Where: Junaluskee Lodge,
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When: 2nd Monday of each Month
Time: 6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Lodge

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ASHE SHRINE CLUB

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336-977-8668

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HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB



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

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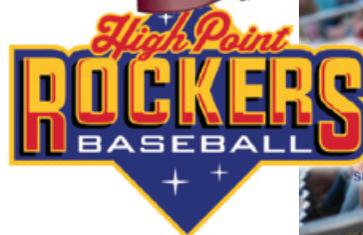
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By May 6th



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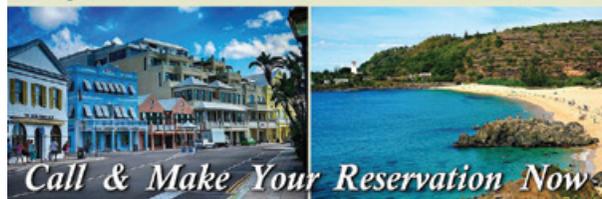
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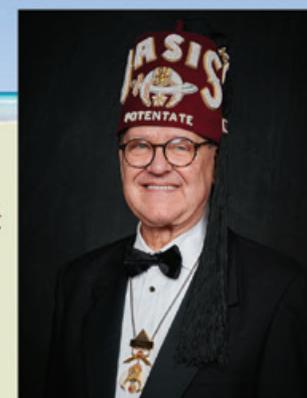
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NEW DATE: 9-24-20

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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*
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50/50 Drawing
Race Betting Pools
Awards For
Best Men's Hat
Ladies Fascinator
Best Table Decor
Corn Hole
Horse Shoes

Saturday, May 16th
3PM - 5PM Social/Appetizers
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5PM - 6:30PM Dinner Buffet
6:30 PM RACE TIME

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Ronald Girtman	Jefferson, NC	7/23/2015	3/11/2020
Robert Lee Reid	Wilkesboro, NC	11/2/1991	3/8/2020
Gerald Lee Jennings	China Grove, NC	11/4/1995	3/13/2020
Jerry W. Fogle	Gastonia, NC	1/24/1970	12/27/2019
William B. Riggins	Laurinburg, NC	1/23/1965	1/8/2020
Rickie B. McFalls	Tryon, NC	8/29/1987	12/27/2019
Larry Barnwell Huggins	Gastonia, NC	10/29/1977	4/1/2020
Charlie Edward Jones	Mooresville, NC	1/25/1992	3/28/2020



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