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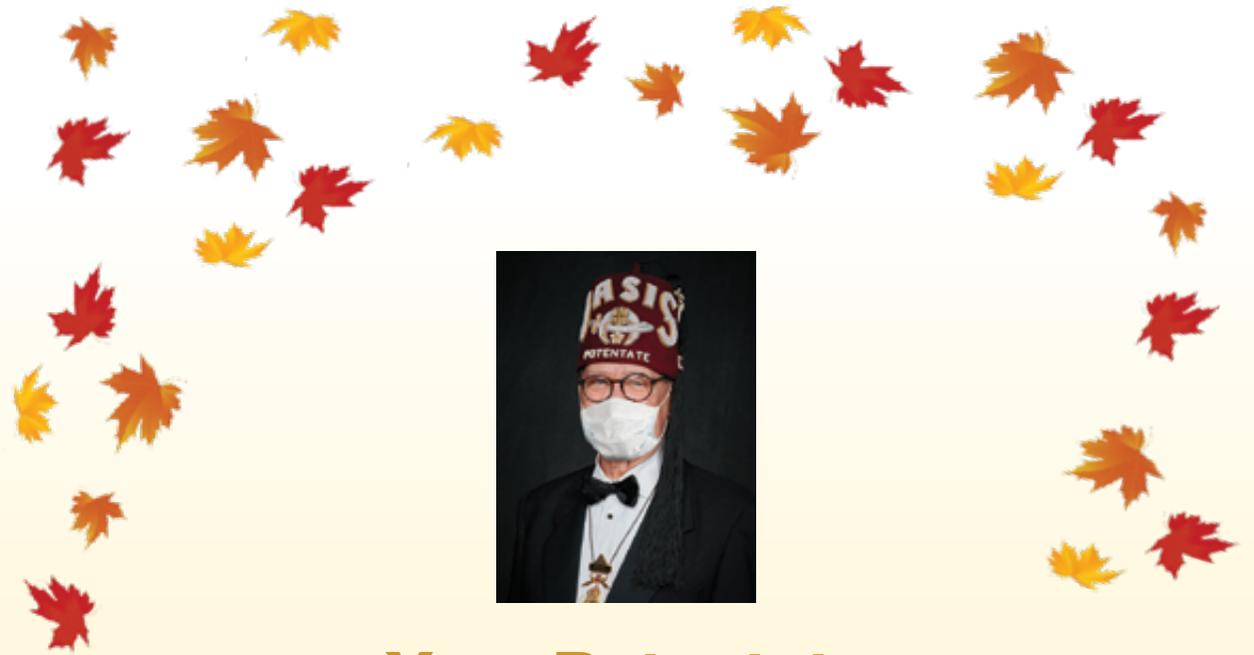
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Your Potentate

Happy Thanksgiving
from Bill, Laurin
and your Divan



Your Recorder

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis

Due to the continuation of COVID-19, by the time this reaches most of you we will have been through another

month of lockdowns and semi-openings under the Governor's 3.0 order that looks exactly like his 2.5 order but with an additional half percent added on the end.

Don't forget about our first annual golf tournament at Woodbridge Golf Course, 1007 New Camp Creek Road in Kings Mountain. The new event date is Friday October 30th starting at 11:00. The field is completely full, but you can become a sponsor for just \$100. If you would like to sponsor a hole or just donate, please contact tournament chairman Jimmy Owen at 919-730-3076 or call the ladies in the Oasis office at 704-549-9600 and they will take your information and payment.

Because of the cancelation of our Hendersonville Ceremonial, the Divan voted last month to hold an "Obligation Ceremony" at Oasis on Saturday November 7th the same day that we were going to be in Hendersonville. This event is being headed up by Nobles Chris Hall and Tim Farris and open to any master Mason who is wanting to join the Shrine. Since we are still under a limited attendance number, select times are being set to conduct this event.

I would like to take a minute to thank all our Clubs and Units who worked outside the normal to conduct their election of officers for 2021 and got those results in to Oasis and Web Fez by October 30, 2020.

Speaking of our clubs and units, each treasurer **must** turn in their financial report into Lori and Ill. Sir Bill Harward P.P. in the Oasis accounting office. These reports must be totaled and sent into International long before now. The Divan has

looked at having to act towards any club or unit that does not submit this report within the time requested and will not accept delays in years to come.

Again, everyone needs to keep up with all the latest changes and cancellations to this year's schedule by email. As we receive the latest updates, we will get them out to each of you as quickly as we can. Again, please check your email that is on file with Oasis to make sure your correct information is in our database.

Remember that due to COVID-19 and all the restrictions that are currently in place, this year's Oasis 2021 Divan elections that are scheduled for Saturday December 5, 2020 are subject to this massive change. Here is the difference that is taking place this year over years past. With the limited number of persons who can attend an indoor event currently limited at 25.

All qualified members' names who are interested in running for a position on the 2021 Oasis Divan have been submitted to the Recorder of Oasis along with the person nominating that member by the end of business, 5pm on Monday November 2, 2020. The following Divan Nobles have been recommended and are nominated to seek office: Tommy Helms for the Office of Potentate, Tim Daniels for the Office of Chief Rabban, Doug Garland for the Office of Assistant Rabban, Shea Fadel for the Office of High Priest and Prophet, Chris Hall for the Office of Oriental Guide, John Cable for the Office of Recorder and William

On the Cover Brent and Bryson Nicolet, a father son team, traveled from Johnston, Iowa with "the panda" to participate in the Crown Rally. Ill. Sir Bill Carter, Assistant Rabban Tim Daniels and Second Ceremonial Master Tim Farris pose with Brent, the Porsche and the Panda.

Harward, PP for the Office Treasurer. Once the nomination process is completed on Monday, November 2, 2020 we will notify the membership of our plan that will be the best and safest way to conduct our elections.

As we head into the holiday season and work at ending our 2020 Shrine year and move into 2021, please make sure to remain focused on the duty at hand. Remember to stay safe and to check on your fellow brothers and their ladies. Stay informed by checking your email for the latest updates from Oasis.

God Bless, stay safe and reach out to each other. Remember that we are stronger together and we always will be.

YITF

John G. Cable



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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

November 6 & 7	Fall Ceremonial & Parade Hendersonville, NC
November 19	Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
December	Installation (TBD)
December	Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting & Officer's Election, Oasis Temple
December 17	Divan Meeting, Oasis Temple
2021	
February 5	Club & Units Appreciation Night Oasis Shrine Temple
February 6	Installation 2021 Potentate Oasis Shrine Temple

Correction

Blake Hall, a family gives back

Last month an article submitted by Terry Cox stated that Mike Williams was Blake Garland's sponsor. While saying that the article was "incredibly well written and well done," Black's father has asked that we print a correction stating that Bob Williams was the actual sponsor.

"My Uncle Bob Williams was a great man and meant a lot to me and helped our family out tremendously...It would mean a lot to me and my family if you would print a correction in the next issue of the Desert Dust.

Sincerely,
Noble Christopher Garland Hall,
Blake's dad... A fellow Mason and Shriner!!
Many thanks!"

The "Beat on the Street"

Living in a spirit of Thankfulness

Submitted by Ned Yates

Hello again to each of you! On behalf of the Drum & Bugle Corps Family, I hope that this issue of the Desert Dust finds you and yours well. As this very different calendar year of 2020 continues on day by day, we have made it through Halloween and now find ourselves in November, just weeks away from the Thanksgiving holiday. At the time of this writing, I cannot say how Halloween worked out. This year the date is on a Saturday and that alone would have been a cause for celebration, not only for children that enjoy going trick or treating, but for adults too. It will be interesting to learn how it all works out.

Thanksgiving Day is around the corner and there is no reason to believe (at this time) that things associated with the holiday celebration and the holiday weekend will not be affected as have so many holidays and events this year. One thing that we *do* have control over is our mindset. We can choose to focus our thoughts on things that we are thankful for and we can work toward living our lives in a spirit of thankfulness. Of course, that may be a lot easier said than done.

Personally, I have already started reminding myself to focus on the things that I am thankful for. My immediate family, my Corps Family and my Oasis family members have experienced the loss of earthly life for someone that we loved or cared about this year. The membership ranks of our Drum & Bugle Corps are smaller now due to visits from the Black Camel. As I said before, I know that I need to start getting my

mind into a spirit of thankfulness now. I am used to certain people being at certain events during the holidays. I know now that this Thanksgiving will be much different for me and perhaps it will be for you as well. It is going to take some work, and I can't be 100% sure that some sadness will not sneak in, but I sure am going to try to keep positive thoughts in my head and be thankful for the time I had with those that meant so much to me.

On another note of thankfulness, I am thankful that our Drum & Bugle Corps is still trying to make it happen. Just like other parade units and clubs, our Captain, Scott Edwards is holding meetings via the internet. We are thankful for those that log in and participate.

We all can be thankful for the continued leadership of Illustrious Sir Bill Carter and the Divan as they have had to make difficult decisions again and again this year. For most of us, we cannot imagine the number of decisions that must be made in a "normal" year by our Potentate much less in a year like 2020. And, let us not forget how thankful we are for the staff at our Oasis Temple office.

Our Corps Family is also thankful for the freedoms that we all have here in America. We hope that you will take a moment to be thankful for all of our veterans as our nation celebrates Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th. We are thankful for the sacrifice made by each veteran and their families in the past and today.

Finally, we are thankful to each Individual Noble, each Club and each Parade Unit that has been able to participate in any type of fundraising during this most difficult of years. That effort is certainly noteworthy as we continue to raise awareness of and monies for our Shriners Hospitals for Children because "*When the Hospitals Win, We All Win!*"

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

Keystone Kops 2020 Grand Finale

Even though our weekly cruise-ins in Belmont have ended for the year, we had one more cruise-in up our sleeve and used it as our 2020 Grand Finale!

Sports Page Restaurant, located in the Coulwood/Shuffletown area of Charlotte, sponsored the event that was co-sponsored by Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet located in Newton, NC on October 3, 2020.

ALL proceeds from this cruise-in went to our Hospitals. It was a beautiful day and we had

over 100 cars and trucks show up. This included two Corvette clubs and the world-famous Keystone Kops Paddy Wagon. Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet even sent down one of the iconic #3 Goodwrench cars driven by The Intimidator.

As always, the Kops and our Ladies sold 50/50 tickets and handled the donations as well. Donations are never included in the 50/50 ticket sales. Donations always go straight to SHC.

Throughout the day, we sold tickets, had numerous door prize drawings, a silent auction and the Sports Page wait staff took food and drink orders from the parking lots and then delivered. To say the least it was a GREAT day! When it comes to cruise-ins, the Oasis Shriners Keystone Kops are truly blessed. We might not do it perfect, but we are really close.

We've included a few photos of that day and we hope you enjoy. As always, if you would like to be part of something bigger than yourself, give us a call. We'd love to have you and your Lady. We are very much a family unit.

I almost forgot to mention.....we took in \$2300 (this includes 50/50 and donations) and our 50/50 winner gave all his winnings back!



Crown Rally 2020 Caravans for a Cause

By Edie Wilson

It began at a track event in Joliet, Illinois with the 125 participating vehicles. Crown Rally 2020 was underway.

It takes over 12 hours to travel from Joliet, Ill to Charlotte—for an average driver on an average day. There was nothing average about this convoy-- \$30M of combined German, Italian, domestic, and British machinery. Men and women from all over the USA came together for the thrill of the ride and the joy of giving back. They were on a 1250 mile adventure through the best backcountry roads and scenic checkpoints in the

country. We joined them in Charlotte.

After a full week of Carolina Blue skies, Sunday morning, October 11, arrived with threatening clouds followed by a downpour. Nevertheless with engines roaring and tires screeching, one by one the cars left the shelter of the Kimpton Tryon Park Hotel garage and headed south to Union County Dragway in Union, SC. Due to the weather, the track was off limits, but the catered BBQ (hillbillybbqsteaks.com) was plentiful, and participants lined up in the rain for chopped pork sandwiches, potato salad, beans and slaw.

Within thirty minutes the sky cleared and

everyone moved onto the track for pictures.

These cars helped raise over \$200,000 this Crown Rally Season. And these guys put the fun in fundraising.

Our Greenville Hospital was the ultimate finish line for the Rally. Employees, patients and their families were thrilled to watch 85 exotic and muscle cars roll past.

I had an opportunity to do some Q & A with Brad Hofvander, President, Rally4aCause Foundation. Here's what I learned:

Q When was this organization was formed? Has the Crown Rally always been associated with Rally4aCause?

A The Rally4aCause Foundation was officially formed as a registered

“We worked with the Illinois State Police, the Chicago Police, and Medinah Shriners Motor Corps to completely shutdown 50 miles of the highways out of Chicago—an amazing experience.”

- Brad Hofvander, President, Rally4aCause Foundation

501(c)(3) tax exempt organization in 2019. Prior to that, it was an initiative through Crown Rally to raise money for worthy non-profit organizations, mainly the Epilepsy Foundation of America. We decided to create the Rally4aCause Foundation to be able to expand our reach with the money raised and host events to benefit those we give money to. To date, the Rally4aCause initiative and Rally4aCause Foundation has raised just shy of half a million dollars since 2015.

Q I know there were cars participating from all over the USA. Tell me more.

A Crown Rally has had cars participate from most of the lower 48 states and several provinces of Canada as well. People will either drive or ship their cars to the launch, drive the event, then ship or drive them home.

Q Does each entrant have to pay a fee just to participate in the Rally?

A Yes, the entrance fee varies between \$2,500 and \$4,000+. The standard fee includes basic livery (the vinyl on the car which can be customized and increases cost), shirts, lodging, breakfast and dinner, and an incredible experience on the roads.



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Q I saw some VIP badges, who wore those?

A VIP is an upgrade attendees can purchase that comes with special swag, badging on the car, priority launch each morning, and roped off parking.

Q Tell me about the money you raised.

A We are still working out how much we are allocating to each cause. While SHC-Chicago and Greenville will be our main beneficiaries in 2020, we will also be donating to the Epilepsy Foundation of America, Hear the Cheers which is a part of the Chicago Hearing Society, the Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation and the Chicago Policeman's Benevolent Association which provides support and schooling for the families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. We worked with the Illinois State Police, the Chicago Police, and Medinah Shriners Motor Corps to completely shutdown the highways out of Chicago (over 50 miles) which was an amazing experience. We did the same thing when we did a parade at the Chicago Shriners Hospital.

Route:

- 10/7/20: Pre-rally party at Autobahn Country Club
- 10/8/20: Rally from Chicago to Cincinnati
- 10/9/20: Rally from Cincinnati to Nashville
- 10/10/20: Rally from Nashville to Charlotte
- 10/11/20: Rally from Charlotte to Shriners Children's Hospital



Crown Rally is a charity driven event that has raised over \$400,000 for non-profit foundations such as the Epilepsy Foundation of America, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Kars4Kids, and others via the Rally4ACause initiative.

Rally4ACause Foundation

Our Mission Connect automotive enthusiasts with great charitable causes. Create opportunities to give back while enjoying the company of likeminded individuals. Share the joy of automotive culture with today's youth.



Assistant Rabban Tim Daniels; Second Ceremonial Master Tim Farris and Marshal Donnie Wrenn spent time in the hotel garage admiring these amazing machines.



Patients, family and hospital staff lined up to witness the parade of exotic automobiles.



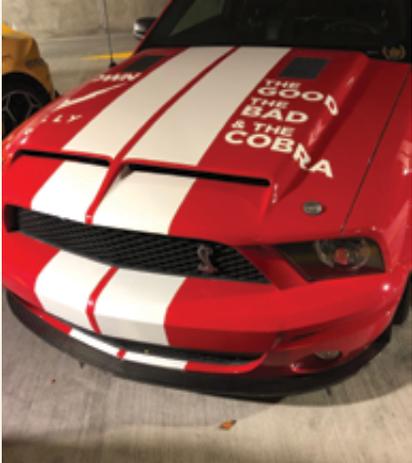
Some pictures courtesy of SHC-Greenville



I've been a lover of fast cars for a long time and was thrilled to attend this extraordinary event.
Your Editor

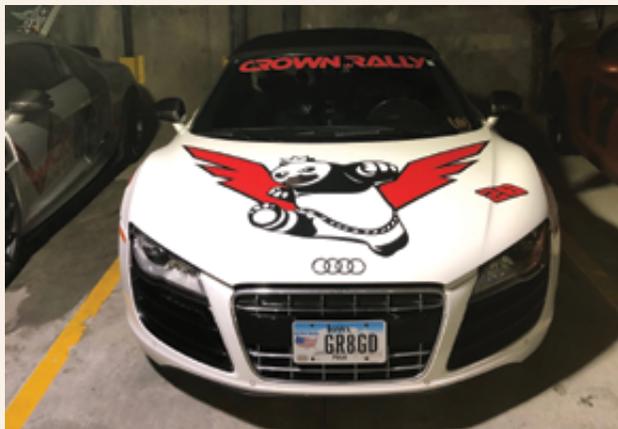


Gaston County Sheriff Deputies provided the escort for Crown Rally. Pictured left to right; Noble and Sgt. Jeff Gantt; Dep. Rodney Robinson; Dep. Tristan Buchanan, and Dep. Ronnie Thomas.





Chicago State Police see to it that the Crown Rally travels the open road.



MEET THE MOUNTAIN MEN: Robbinsville Shrine Club's Finest

Article submitted by Noble Chris Hall, First Ceremonial Master and proud Graham County native

When the four men in the picture accompanying this article come to mind, I always hum the lyrics to George Jones' timeless tune "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes." As the Divan Representative for the majority of Oasis shrine clubs in Western North Carolina, I am often asked "How do they do it? How do those clubs with only a few active, older members consistently raise some of the highest amounts of donations for our hospitals year after year?"

My answer is always the same: When you combine a cadre of men who are dedicated and passionate to our Cause, coupled with a community who understands and values the importance of regularly contributing toward charitable fundraisers, the sky's the limit.

From left to right, meet Noble Ed McCollum, 83, Noble Tom Davis, 87, Noble Billy Clark, 78, and Noble Bill Truett, 88. Allow me an opportunity to provide you with greater insight to the stories behind the faces that will help you understand more about these members who are among the "Statesmen of the Shrine."

Noble Ed McCollum is a Marine. Notice that I did not say a "former" Marine. Noble Ed is a dyed-in-the-wool Marine who remains tough as nails to this day. His enlisted career in the Marine Corps began in 1956 followed by his Commission in 1965. Noble Ed served 12 years as an officer and later reverted rank to Enlisted before retiring in 1988 as a Master Sergeant. He was transferred to the retired list commissioned as a Captain. His military service included seven years in Japan and one tour during the Vietnam War. Within the last few years, Noble Ed has battled cancer and endured radiation and chemotherapy. He became a Master Mason in 1976 and Shriner in 1977. Noble Ed has served as Master of his Masonic lodge and continues to serve as treasurer of the Robbinsville Shrine Club. He is pleased to share that the club has raised just under \$25,000 for our hospitals so far this year, "a little behind" this time last year due to COVID-19.

Noble Tom Davis became a Master Mason in 1954 and joined Oasis in 1973. During his professional career, Noble Tom served as a Superintendent for Phillips & Jordan, Inc. and was later President of Robbinsville Contracting Company. He also owned and operated the Graham Ford vehicle dealership for a number of years. During the 1980s, Governor Hunt appointed Noble Tom to serve on the North Carolina State Highway Commission. In his own words, Noble Tom is grateful he has been able to serve and give back to his community and calls his work as a Shriner "the most important thing I've been involved with." He is a Past President of Robbinsville Shrine Club and always stands ready to assist.



Noble Billy Clark left home at age 15 to join the carnival. Little did he realize, this decision would result in a lifetime of adventure with his future wife, and his ability to give back to his community. In 1957, Noble Billy began his humble journey making \$3 per night, Monday through Friday, for setting up milk bottles in a carnival game. He rolled in a whopping \$5 for Saturday work. His fun continued into 1958 when a man asked how much he made and offered Noble Billy \$35 per week instead of \$20 per week if he would come work for him. Following the "rule of the carnival" at the time, he returned home for two weeks and then signed on with his new boss. In the early 1960's, Noble Billy bought his first carnival equipment and married the love of his life in 1961. The following decade during the 1970's saw Noble Billy purchase his first carnival ride and some new adventures in his life when he became both a Master Mason and Shriner in Florida in 1975. By 1994, he had bought his first carnival company from a gentleman in Ohio and later purchased another carnival, operating both simultaneously. Noble Billy lived in Florida for more than 25 years before returning home to Graham County where he has resided the last 20 years. During the last six years, Noble Billy and his wife decided to travel the world which has included four visits to the Holy Land, a highlight of his life's adventures. However, the untold generosity of Noble Billy's kindness is the thousands of dollars that his local carnival raised when he brought it back to his hometown of Robbinsville and made certain that financial assistance went to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Perhaps many in the community may be unaware of not only the children he helped be able to enjoy the carnival but also the children who needed and received treatment thanks to his hospital referrals. As Noble Billy smiles and shares, "I love the kids. It's the best feeling in the world to think you might have helped them in some way."

Noble Bill Truett became a Master Mason in 1956 in Tennessee and later relocated to Atlanta and joined the Yaarab Shriners becoming an active

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member and officer of the South Clayton Shrine Club. Noble Bill enjoyed several years of “clowning around” and was a member of the Southeastern Clown Association. Following a career involving cabinetry and later working with AT&T to construct portable classrooms, Noble Bill and his wife decided to retire to her native town of Robbinsville. As he approaches 90 years young, Noble Bill continues to serve as President of the Robbinsville Shrine Club. His craftsmanship resulted in the handmade raffle display seen in this picture which the men use when they raise funds for “their kids.”

I wish I had more to offer these men than a few paragraphs, a thank you, a handshake, and a pat on the back for a job well done. The only feeling of proper acknowledgement and appreciation that comes close is seeing their eyes light up when they learn of a Shrine Kid that has been helped in some way. Countless Shrine children and their families from Graham County and the surrounding mountain counties have traveled to Greenville Shriners Hospital and beyond for decades to receive expert medical care. Meanwhile, these men have never, nor do they now, wish to seek recognition for their work.

Yet, there’s more. There is a special bond that this picture does not adequately convey. Within the last few weeks, Noble Billy endured an unexpected health crisis and was admitted to the hospital for several days. In his own words, “I wasn’t sure I was going to make it, but I guess the good Lord isn’t through with me yet.” Until Noble Billy was back home, recuperating, and able to make the trip to join his three fellow Shriners, the other men did not want to have their picture made without Noble Billy. The exemplary character shown among these men requires no words to evidence how they respect one another and the Cause their teamwork represents.

In the words of two of my great friends and brethren, our 1985 Oasis Potentate Terry K. Jones of Florence, SC and 2014 Oasis Potentate W. David Sumpter III of Murphy, these are the type of men who **“keep on keeping on.”**

One raffle ticket at a time.
One Shrine newspaper at a time.
Countless children helped along the way.

It is the solemn duty of those of us who know these men and attempt to follow in their footsteps to bring their stories and good works to Light for all to hear and enjoy.

Please join me in thanking these men for their lifelong commitments and ongoing support to OUR great cause, The Greatest Philanthropy in the World, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Chris Hall, *Gastonia, NC by way of Robbinsville, NC*

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Greenville Staff Honored with Two Awards

Greenville Staff Praised for 2020 Press Ganey Inpatient Guardian of Excellence Award

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville announced that, for the sixth time in seven years, the hospital was honored by Press Ganey with the Inpatient Guardian of Excellence Award. Press Ganey helps health care organizations improve safety, quality and experience of care through performance analytics and strategic advisory solutions.



The Inpatient Guardian of Excellence Award is presented to hospitals achieving high standards on a survey measuring patient satisfaction. Only the top 5% of all comparable hospitals in the nation receive this level of recognition.

“When a team or organization wins frequently, they may start to lose perspective regarding how truly significant another victory is ... I want to remind you: This win is HUGE,” said Bill Munley, hospital administrator, in a letter to employees. “This is a testament to the important contributions of each and every employee.”

Munley reminded the staff that the honor is not an accomplishment achieved exclusively by clinical services, medical staff or the nursing team, saying, “Nutrition, environmental services, engineering, registration, security and all others play an equally vital role. A delicious meal, clean bed, comfortable room temperature, efficient check-in, safe stay and all other details – big and small – are necessary in the total patient care experience.”

The Press Ganey survey seeks ratings from parents and guardians of patients, and includes categories like “Likelihood to Recommend,” “Teamwork” and “Overall Rating.”

The award will join the six others on display in the hospital's lobby.

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Highest Safety Honor Awarded to the Greenville Shriners Hospital

South Carolina Hospital Association Announces Zero Harm Awards



Achieving “crystal status,” the highest honor bestowed by the South Carolina Hospital Associations (SCHA) for a Zero Harm Award, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville was recognized for achieving 84 months without a hospital onset case of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). The hospital was also bestowed with “acrylic” status for 12 months without a hospital onset of Clostridioides difficile (C. diff).

“This honor speaks directly to the ever-present priority and emphasis we place on ensuring the safety of all of our patients,” said Bill Munley, hospital administrator. “We also know that, perhaps now more than ever, patient families are equally mindful of the importance of recognition – just like this – that speaks to an organization’s commitment to safety.”

The Certified Zero Harm Awards is a unique statewide program established by SCHA in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). For each award, hospitals must experience no preventable hospital-acquired infections of a specific nature over an extended period of time. The data is independently verified by DHEC.

“We are exceptionally proud of the 18 hospitals achieving crystal status, or the maximum months in a specific category, for Zero Harm,” said a statement from the South Carolina Hospital Association. “We are excited to announce that 59 hospitals earned one or more awards this year, and South Carolina hospitals collectively earned 239 awards across the seven categories.”



The SCHA began the Zero Harm program in 2014 to acknowledge hospitals that are on the forefront of preventing medical errors. The awards are part of an effort to guide and support the state's hospitals in adopting best practices and implementing cultures of high reliability.

Greetings from the Oasis Clown Unit

Dear Nobles & Ladies,



It is with heavy hearts we report that the circus was canceled due to the Pandemic for 2020. We wanted to update everyone on the status of the Rodney Morgan bicycle give away for the circus. Currently, the balance of our bicycle fund is \$1002.54. We would appreciate any club or unit that would make a contribution of \$100 towards purchase of a bike and helmet for a child. The goal for the 2021 give away is 100 bikes and helmets. Please reach out to Wayne Alley at 828-490-0785 or email mr.dimples1970@icloud.com or Mark Murphy at mark84uaa@gmail.com with contributions towards this most rewarding event.

Finally, remember that this event has touched many children as well as families and created many smiles. We as Shriners and clowns have been touched to watch as these families receive this gift. If it were not for our clubs and units, this would not have been possible. Past and future donations are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mr. Dimples, Wayne Alley



OASIS CLUB & UNIT ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021 SPECIAL ATTENTION ALL OASIS MEMBERS

As many of you remember last year, Shriners International implemented a new General Order that all clubs and units shall hold their annual elections of officers and report results in Web Fez prior to October 31 each year.

This year has brought many cancellations and difficult challenges to overcome. For the first time ever, Shriners International had to conduct its election later than planned and used a video conference system.

As a result of the latest COVID-19 extension order issued by the Governor, Oasis Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bill Carter urgently directs all Oasis Clubs and Units to begin developing and finalizing plans for this year's elections so that they will be in compliance with Shriners International's General Orders.

As it has become more and more difficult for some clubs and units to secure committed, qualified Nobles to serve as officers, the Divan is fully aware that several clubs and units elect their officers to stay in line for more than one year and that may be the case this time.

Illustrious Sir, Bill Carter is directing each club and unit to:

First, notify its membership by multiple means available that elections and election results along with correct contact information of all elected board members are still due to the Recorder's Office of Oasis by October 31, 2020.

Second, ask if a Noble who meets the criteria to serve as an officer of the club or unit is willing to run and serve. If no one wishes to seek office, ask if the current officers are willing to serve another year. Per club

or unit bylaws, Oasis bylaws, and Shriners International bylaws, you must still conduct an annual election of officers this year.

Third, determine the best and safest way to conduct your election that will allow all eligible members an opportunity to participate should they wish. Make certain that all eligible members are notified, and that no member feels he has been disenfranchised from the opportunity to participate in the process.

Your Divan understands how difficult this year has been on all of us due to COVID-19, but we also know that we are a strong fraternity and that we will emerge even stronger and better than before.

If you have a question or need guidance, feel free to contact me at the email address recorder@oasisshriners.org or by phone at **336-880-5790**. Also, you can contact your Divan representative at the following:

Tommy Helms: 704-621-9308

Tim Daniels: 803-417-3488

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Thank you for serving your club or unit and for being part of the Oasis Shriners family.

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Recorder, Oasis Shriners
Charlotte, North Carolina



Serving and Serving Wholeheartedly!

It seems many times over these past months we have heard: ***"We are all in this together."*** And, in these months of being isolated from each other, indeed, we are suffering, laughing and sympathizing one with another—without seeing each other—but, attempting to extend brotherly love to our brothers as we have learned.

John Stanley, Chaplain

Speaking of extending brotherly love to others, we are reminded of the words of one writer who said, *"Help the life of one person and you can help the community."* And, isn't that the truth! *Help the life of one person and you can help the community.*

In the Bible, in the Book of Ephesians, we read, *"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."* Serving others is a fundamental part of the obligations we take when we become members of our beloved Masonic Fraternity. Also, service to others is a commitment we make when joining a Church or Synagogue.

And, how do we *Serve WHOLEHEARTEDLY?* Well service, support, and assistance to others is a commitment we make to God and an obligation we

take as Masons. Serve others! How you may ask in these times of isolation do we extend the "right hand of fellowship"?

- We are given unique and wonderful gifts by God. Unique TALENTS, and we can use those talents to reach out to others in unique ways.
- While we may not be able to visit in person, we can pick up the phone to encourage brothers that we may **not** have thought of in a while. Especially those who are ill or bereaved.
- During this time of COVID-19 we can deliver food to our local food pantries for their distribution to people less fortunate.
- So, we question ourselves, how can we use our God-given time and talents to serve others, to brighten another's day.

One simple way is to pick up the phone and call someone as we remember the words of the Apostle Paul writing to the church in Ephesus: ***"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."***

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord cause His face to Shine upon you and grant you His peace now and forever more. Amen.

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

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Three Common Phrases Born from Freemasonry

With origins dating back to the stonemasons and cathedral builders of Medieval times, the history of Freemasonry is a long and storied one. In the United States, the values of the fraternity have resonated with men throughout the country since its founding. Today, Masons gather in virtually every town and city across the country to welcome new men into the brotherhood and help each other live by the values of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Considering the generations of men that have attended lodges in the U.S., the influence that Freemasonry has had on our culture is immeasurable. Monuments to the fraternity surround us – and not just ones made of stone either. In fact, many Americans use words all the time that have their roots in Freemasonry. These terms did not become commonplace overnight, and the stories of their integration into the everyday American’s vocabulary further illustrate the influence Masonry has had on our culture.



“On the Level”

Today, when someone refers to someone as “on the level” they probably mean they are trustworthy, sincere and balanced. In other words, to be “on the level” means having integrity. This notion of being “on the level” is also among the most basic ideas put forth in Freemasonry. It is a reference to the level, a tool

used by the operative stonemasons (and still used by carpenters today) to ensure a house or structure will stand and that its floors are even and not sloped.

In Masonic ritual, the level is symbolic of equality, a concept that resides at the core of the fraternity. Residing “on the level” is a core teaching to Freemasons; regardless of position or title in life or within the fraternity, brethren must treat each other and those in their community as equals. It is for all these reasons that most lodges will end their meeting with everyone standing on the same surface. It symbolizes that we are all standing together equally and no one, no matter their position is exempted from standing shoulder to shoulder with their Brothers. An example of this can be found in the installation ceremony, in which it is stated, “From the ranks you have risen and to the ranks you shall return.”

“Third Degree”

Today, when someone is “getting the third degree” it means they are being thoroughly questioned about something. While this American idiom rose to prominence in the 20th century primarily through crime novels, its meaning can be directly tied back to Freemasonry.

When Freemasonry first formed during the 1700s, it was quickly met with some resistance from the ruling class. A place for the free exchange of ideas and information, it was often outlawed or considered heresy. At Masonic meetings, it was practice to ask questions on a wide range of topics as a way to ensure that those in attendance could be trusted to hear the discussions. Furthermore, the questions were a method of testing new initiates to ensure they had attained a satisfactory understanding of Freemasonry before welcoming them as a full member.

Traces of this probing practice can be seen today in the ceremony of the Master Mason – or the third degree – which involves some question and answer by the candidate. By the 1900s, the concept was adopted by the authors of crime fiction and ultimately made its way into popular slang.

“Cornerstone”

A cornerstone – also known as the foundation stone or setting stone – is the stone that forms the base of a corner of a building, joining two walls together. It is the crucial, foundational stone of a building, integral to maintaining its structural integrity. As the figurative descendants of the operative stonemasons of medieval times, Freemasons have traditionally held special ceremonies to honor the laying of the cornerstone for noteworthy buildings. In these ceremonies, the stone is checked, using ancient tools, to be certain it is square, its edges straight and level to ensure the building has a strong foundation.

From this original definition, Americans have adopted a somewhat expanded definition of “cornerstone” beyond the literal stone itself to mean the “essential element” of something. Some common examples you may have heard include: “Trust is the cornerstone of a strong relationship” and “Vegetables are the cornerstone of a healthy diet.” It has become a versatile, regularly used word to describe something that is structurally essential.



Mister Mason

By Paul Whitfield, Past Potentate

There are Masons and then there are Masons. Some wear their pins, caps, costumes or uniforms and put symbols on their cars. And that is OK. Some quietly live the life of a Mason. Past Potentate Warren Jefferies was one of those. Jeff was president of Mill Power Supply, a Duke Power subsidiary. He traveled frequently in his job and it seemed you could not stop at any crossroads in western North Carolina where he did not know the Masonic and Shrine community there as well as the local movers and shakers.

He was a stalwart at Calvary Methodist Church on Charlotte's west side, which during his day was a working class white community. On Sunday he was there with teacher Sam Hinson whose class of Masons numbered as high as 150 husbands and wives. Sam had taught the same

class for 67 years...yes, 67 years. On a given Sunday you might run into John Tanzy, ritualist extraordinaire, or future Grand Master Rick Moore, but more importantly the Masonic and Shrine family of the whole west side.

Unknown to all but a very few who knew Jeff intimately were Jeff's activities in his off-time and after he retired from Mill Power. If you were a member of his church or if you were a Mason or Shriner either known by him or made known to him, and if you were hospitalized, Jeff was there to provide support and encouragement. He made the rounds of all local hospitals on a daily basis. But never a word spoken of his schedule. He considered it his job to conduct visitations with people who were suffering. Jeff never did anything for show.

For many years Jeff was the Scottish Rite almoner. He made it his job to raise funds to buy wheelchairs for kids. Never a word spoken by him or about him regarding his charitable work. The

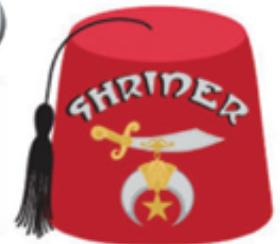
sole exception was that at almost every Scottish Rite meeting he would be telling the members about the new kid with a wheelchair courtesy of the Rite members' gifts.

Mathew 5, 6 and 7 are commonly called the "Sermon on the Mount." Chapter 6 begins as follows: "Examine your motives to make sure you are not showing off when you do your good deeds, only to be admired by others. Otherwise you will lose the reward of your Heavenly Father. When you give to the poor don't announce it and make a show of it just to be seen by people, like the hypocrites in the streets and marketplace... But when you demonstrate generosity do it with pure motives and without drawing attention to yourself. Give secretly and your Father in Heaven will reward you openly." Verses 1-4 (The Passion Translation).

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The Fulkerson Method: Procedure Addresses Teen’s Chronic Knee Pain

As an active child, Alexis was involved in as many sports as she could fit on her plate at one time. From basketball to Taekwondo, 12-year-old Alexis’ life was fast-paced and she was always on the go. It wasn’t until she noticed a debilitating knee pain in Taekwondo class that she questioned what could be wrong.



Over the course of several years, treatment for Alexis would consist of multiple knee surgeries to attain the best outcome. At 18, Alexis reached skeletal maturity, which made her a candidate for the Fulkerson osteotomy, a surgical procedure.

The first time she heard a “pop,” Alexis fell to her knees in pain. It appeared her kneecap had popped out of place. Little did she realize then that this would be the start of an ongoing issue. Her mother empathized with her daughter’s pain; the experience was all too familiar. She knew just where to take Alexis for the best care, a place where she too had been a patient: Shriners Hospital for Children – Greenville.

In December 2019, Alexis underwent the operation, performed by T. Whitney Gibson, D.O. “Using the Fulkerson method, we cut the tibial tubercle, which connects the patellar tendon that runs on the bottom of the kneecap to the tibia (shinbone),” explained Dr. Gibson. “We then are able to move it upward and medially.”

Shortly after her first visit to the Greenville Shriners Hospital, a diagnosis was clear – patellofemoral instability. Alexis’ inner growth plate in her knee was outgrowing her outer knee growth plate, causing her knee to pop out of place on occasion. Patellofemoral instability is the most common cause of knee pain in active individuals, especially girls.

The Fulkerson method was a success for Alexis, as she explained that her pain has improved each day. Alexis has since moved from Taekwondo and basketball to drag racing – a sport her entire family enjoys together. Alexis is able to continue to live her active lifestyle with ease since her operation.

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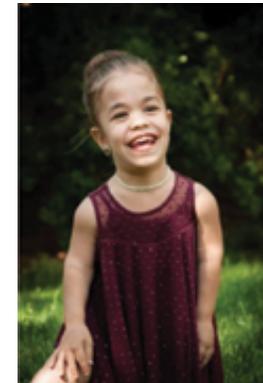
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