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# Your Potentate

**We Are All One in 2021 and Our Shrine Kids are number One!**

Lady Kelly and I missed all of you at this past

Club and Unit Appreciation and Installation night. This is the hardest year for us without the most important people--our friends and family, without hugs and handshakes. We are so proud of all our Nobles and Ladies for raising \$955,770 for our Philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, during this pandemic and challenging year.

This year Lady Kelly's fundraiser will be the joy of sending Shriners Hospital patients to enjoy one-day, specialized summer retreat events at Victory Junction Camp for Kids. Our cover picture features two beautiful quilts. Thanks to Suzanne Roberts, mom Anita Roberts and father the late Noble Bob Roberts for the generous gift

of their time and talent in making and donating these handmade quilts and pillows.

There will be a random drawing along with donations to raise money. Tickets will be sold on the Oasis website and are \$5 each or five for \$20. Oasis will accept donations for the King-sized quilt.

The highest donor will receive special recognition and the winning ticket will be drawn at our Fall Ceremonial, November 6, 2021. Thanks to the Greensboro Ladies Auxiliary -- they have already jumped out front with a \$2,500 donation pledge!

As your Potentate I am so blessed to have served along with a great Divan in the past and I know we will be in great hands for the future. The sacrifices are never known until you step into another man's shoes. So, let us not judge, but Unite! We are all one and let us all have fun. In closing, remember that "Life is a Journey... enjoy the Ride" in 2021!

### Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms and Lady Kelly



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Happy March 2021!

Our theme this year is Boots and Pearls. Guys, wear your boots. Ladies, wear your boots and pearls, or just pearls. We want you to feel comfortable and have fun in 2021!

We are looking forward to keeping our theme together throughout the year. Along with our theme, I wanted to share with you about the meaning of the 2021 Ladies' Pin.

### Grit and Grace

Grit gets into the shell of a Mollusk and irritates it, and over a period of time it becomes a pearl. The same goes for our patients at our Shriners Hospitals.

First, consider the physical pain they have endured, in addition to bullying, etc. before they arrive. Next, the surgery or multiple surgeries and the physical therapy.

Finally, with grit, determination and by the Grace of God they become a pearl. The pearl represents outward beauty that makes our children feel good about themselves inside and out. The confidence they gain helps them to go forward in the world and conquer their dreams without being insecure.

Grit and determination help us face various life challenges and the Grace of God provides

us with kindness that will get us through those challenges.

We look forward to seeing you this year and having some fun as we help raise money for our Shriners Hospitals for Children. "We Are One In 2021!"

### Lady Kelly Helms



2021 Ladies' Pin

### Grit and Grace

# Your Recorder

## Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis.

There have been several firsts in Oasis this past year and moving forward in 2021. Several of you had the opportunity to watch from the safety of your homes the Oasis Memorial Service lead by Illustrious Sir John Stanley, PP 1997 and then Oasis Club & Unit Awards Night on February 5th.



I would like to give a special thank you to every club, unit, noble and lady that helped raise funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children in 2020. Last year during a pandemic, you, the great members of Oasis, gave around \$960,000. Please let everyone know who assisted you this year that all of us at Oasis are thankful and proud of the great job. I believe that raising just short of one million dollars in such a year will once again place Oasis at the top of all 195 Shrine Centers.

Several Nobles were recognized for their service and dedication over the years to Oasis. These recipients are as follows.

### **Potentates Award of Excellence:**

**Noble Larry Payne** – For all his work on the Insurance Committee. Noble Larry has chaired that committee and has saved Oasis countless monies over the course of his leadership.

**Noble Todd Hilderbran**- For all his work on the Real Estate Committee. Noble Todd has chaired this committee and has done great work in dealing with the road expansion near Oasis.

### **Potentates Special Award of Excellence:**

**Lady Edie Wilson** - First Place Winner of Shriners International Dromedary Award. What can we say about this award winner? Lady Edie has taken our monthly newspaper to a whole new level and won the Dromedary Award ahead of 195 other Shrine Temples.

### **Walt Disney Award:**

**Nobles Chad Andrews and Chris Cox** – For the unselfish hard work, dedication and donating of their time and expertise to Oasis as our original Information Technology team.

### **Lifetime Membership Award:**

Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms and Noble Recorder John Cable – This award was very humbling and unexpected for Illustrious Sir Tommy and me. Illustrious Sir Bill Carter thanked us for all the assistance to him, his family, and the Office of Potentate during the trying year of 2020. Illustrious Sir Bill, it was our honor and privilege to serve.

The next evening was the formal installation of our 2021 Potentate Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms and Lady Kelly as Oasis 126th Potentate. Illustrious Sir Tommy and Lady Kelly laid out their plans for 2021 and getting us back together as soon as we can. He also presented the Most Worshipful Grand Master, David Wicker and Potentates, Ill. Sirs Thomas Stephenson Sr. of Amran and Coble Wilson, Sudan Temple, with honorary Memberships in Oasis. Congratulations to all.

Oasis Officer Orientation was held for the first time virtually on Saturday February 20, 2021. Members of the Divan and staff were broadcasting from Oasis Shrine Center to over 300 members of our nobility. Great information was given and received during this meeting. We have and will continue to send out email blast reminders to all with the time and links to future virtual Oasis events.

Everyone needs to keep up with all the latest

## On the Cover

Welcome to Oasis Temple and the installation of Ill. Sir Tommy Helms

## Reminder

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

changes and cancellations to Oasis 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 and phone number(s) in Web-Fez that is on file with Oasis to make sure your correct information is in our database.

As we move forward to March 6th and our first of the year Ceremonial at Land of the Sky Shrine Club, please let anyone know who might want to join Oasis of this date and location. Also, if anyone knows of a candidate in waiting in one of our Blue Lodges, please call Oasis membership office and we will work to get them through. Let grow in 2021.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Oasis Recorder. Please remember to thank GOD for all His glory, enjoy your family, stay safe, and be thankful every day. We are stronger together and we always will be. Hope to see you at Oasis soon. Until next month.

YITF

**John G. Cable**



## The Desert Dust

### **Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms, Potentate**

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### **2021 DIVAN**

**Chief Rabban** - Tim Daniels

**Assistant Rabban** - Doug Garland

**High Priest and Prophet** - Shea Fadel

**Oriental Guide** - Chris Hall

**Treasurer** - Bill Harward (PP-1998)

**Recorder** - John Cable

**1st Ceremonial Master** - Tim Farris

**2nd Ceremonial Master** - Donnie Wrenn

**Director** - Jimmy Burgess

**Marshal** - Jimmy Owen

**Captain of the Guard** - Jack Wallace

**Outer Guard** - Tom Bridges

John Stanley (PP-1997) - Chaplain

### **EDITOR**

**Edie Wilson** - Ediewilson7@gmail.com



# Oasis Shriners Schedule

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**MARCH**  
**6th** One Day Ceremony, Land of Sky, Swannanoa, NC  
**Candidates Only**  
**13th** Greenville Hospital Open House - **Virtual**  
**18th** Divan Meeting Oasis  
**25th-27th** Spring SASA, Claremont, KY

**APRIL**  
**15th** Divan Meeting - Red Fez Club  
**16th-18th** Oasis & Sudan Kids' Weekend, Great Wolf Lodge  
**30th-1st** Paper Crusade

**MAY**  
**1st** Paper Crusade  
**13th** Divan Meeting "Stated"  
**21st** Shrine 100 48th Race Gastonia Speedway

**JUNE**  
**4th-5th** Spring Ceremonial Maggie Valley, NC  
**18th -19th** Family Fun Day, Red Fez Club, Lake Wylie  
**18th** Divan Meeting, Red Fez

**JULY**  
**4th-8th** Imperial Session Houston, TX  
**15th** Divan Meeting Oasis  
**31st** Black Tie Ceremonial Greensboro Shrine Club to Honor the Most Worshipful Grand Master of North Carolina Masons

**AUGUST**  
**13th** Shrine 100 49th Race Gastonia Speedway **TBD**  
**19th-23rd** Potentate Fall Trip Copperhead Lodge Blairsville, GA

**26th** Divan Meeting Oasis "Stated"

**SEPTEMBER**  
**16th-19th** SASA Myrtle Beach, SC  
**19th** Divan Meeting Myrtle Beach, SC  
**24 & 25th** Grand Lodge of NC Annual Meeting Winston Salem, NC

**OCTOBER**  
**1st** Oasis 2nd Annual Golf Tournament **TBD**  
**6th** Hickory Circus at Hickory NC Ball Field  
**8th & 9th** Concord Circus Concord, NC  
**15th & 16th** Oxford Homecoming Oxford, NC  
**21st** Divan Meeting Oasis  
**29th & 30th** Rodeo Cabarrus Arena **TBD**

**NOVEMBER**  
**5th & 7th** Fall Ceremonial Oasis Shrine Center & Belmont NC  
**18th** Divan Meeting Oasis

**DECEMBER**  
**4th** Grand Master's Installation  
**4th** Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting & Officer's Election Oasis Shrine Center  
**16th** Divan Meeting "Stated" 2022 Divan Sworn in **TBD**

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022**  
**TBD** Club & Units Appreciation Night - Oasis Shrine Center  
**TBD** Installation 2022 Potentate Oasis Shrine Center  
**TBD** Club & Unit Orientation Oasis Shrine Center

# 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.)*

**REWARD OFFERED:**  
 A byline in The Desert Dust

**SEND RESPONSE TO**  
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**Or contact C. Lee Abernethy III**  
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**Shriners Village**  
A Private Web Community for Shriners

***If you have not signed up for Shriners Village, do so today.***

Shriners Village is a website designed to keep members of Shrine International up to date on all aspects of Shrinedom.

Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions.

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[www.facebook.com/shrinersinternational](https://www.facebook.com/shrinersinternational)

# OASIS SHRINERS SPECIAL OBLIGATION CEREMONY

A special, opportunity for Master Masons residing within the 50 westernmost counties of North Carolina to become a Shriner and join Oasis Shriners during an obligation ceremony.

**Saturday, March 6th, 2021**

**Beginning at 10:30am**  
(see #4 in "Special Details")

**Land of Sky Shrine Club**  
39 Spring Cove Rd.  
Swannanow, NC 28778

*Oasis leadership desires to receive new members who are Master Masons during these unprecedented times as we are experiencing with the COVID pandemic. This will permit those Master Masons who want to join our ranks this opportunity.*

## DEADLINE TO REGISTER

Due to the nature of COVID-19 restrictions, only pre-registrations for this ceremony will be accepted in order for Oasis leadership to plan accordingly. No walk-in candidates will be permitted. Your petition, copy of current Blue Lodge card, and fees must **ALL** be received and processed in the Oasis office **no later than Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 at 4:00 pm.**

## PETITION

You can download the petition at  
<https://oasisshriners.org/petition-for-initiation-and-membership.pdf>  
Remember to include a photocopy or picture of your current Blue Lodge dues card.

## FEES

\$250, payable by check with your petition or by card by calling the Oasis Office at 704-549-9600.

## SPECIAL DETAILS

1. Current Governor's Order concerning COVID-19 will be in effect.
2. Current Grand Master's Order and guidelines concerning COVID-19 will be in effect.
3. You will need to arrive at Land of the Sky Shrine Club **no earlier than 10am**. In the event crowd size restrictions become an issue, you will be notified of a specific time to arrive at Land of the Sky Shrine Club. This will be based upon how many petitions are received by the deadline in order for Oasis to comply with crowd size restrictions. Oasis will contact you during the week of March 1st, to inform you of your designated time to arrive on Saturday, March 6th, 2021 if crowd size becomes an issue. ***If we don't contact you, be at Land of Sky Shrine Club at 10am.***
4. Due to crowd size restrictions, **ONLY candidates**, the Oasis Divan, and essential Oasis designated individuals will be permitted to attend this Special Obligation Ceremony. Although we understand that top line signers and others may wish to be present to support candidates as usual, this would not allow Oasis leadership to ensure that crowd size restrictions are maintained. In the event the candidate would prefer to have supporters present, then Oasis suggests he consider waiting until next year to enjoy a traditional Ceremonial experience.
5. Following your obligation ceremony, you will be sized for and presented your Oasis fez and receive educational literature and instruction concerning Shrine customs and traditions.
6. Anyone who joins during this occasion will certainly be encouraged to participate in a traditional Oasis Ceremonial experience during 2021.
7. Anyone who wishes to not participate during this opportunity may certainly wait until later in year to join Oasis.

# FIRST EVER: Oasis installs 2021 Potentate to an audience under Covid-19 restrictions



*It's a night for Boots and Pearls!*



*Ill. Sir Tommy and Lady Kelly take a moment for a family photo.*



*(L) Noble Todd Wright and Lady Tara*



*(R) Oasis Chaplain III, Sir John Stanley  
PP 1997*



*Imp. Sir Al Madsen and Lady Jan (PIP 2013)*



*Imp. Sir Jerry Gant and Lady Lisa (PIP 2015-16)  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Shriners  
Hospitals for Children*



*Grand Master of NC Masons, MW David Wicker  
with his wife Susan*



*Sudan Potentate III, Sir Coble Wilson  
and Lady Sheryl*

# High emotions as Oasis moves from 2020 to a New Year and a new Potentate



*Congratulations to Past Potentate III. Sir Bill Carter and Lady Laurin.*

*Best wishes to III. Sir Thomas R. Helms III and Lady Kelly.*



*Installing Officer III. Sir Todd Ham PP 2015*

*"I am eternally and profoundly grateful for this opportunity to serve as your Potentate."*



*MC III. Sir Gary Taylor  
PP 2007*

*"The pearl represents outward beauty that makes our children feel good about themselves inside and out."*

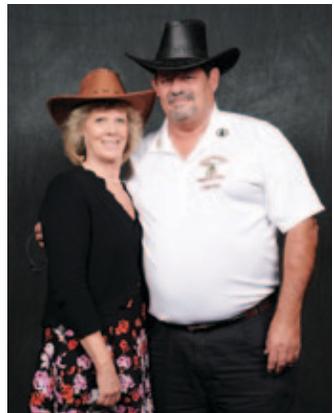
*"We do not have Shriners and Masons. We have Shrine Masons. We work together."  
NC GM MW David Wicker*

*"I rolled in to the Greenville Hospital on my 13th birthday."  
Former Shriners Hospital Patient and current PDRA Top Sportsman Racer Jamie Fowler*

# The presentations, the gifts, the guests and the Boots and Pearls



Sherrie Vandergriff and Karen Henly (Oasis support staff) with Noble Recorder John Cable



2021 Potentate - Elect  
 Tommy Helms  
 and Lady Helms  
 Request the pleasure of your company as he is  
 installed as the 126th Potentate of Oasis Shriners  
 Saturday the 6th of February  
 Twenty - Twenty One  
 Five o'clock Installation  
 OASIS SHRINE CENTER  
 604 Doug Mayes Place  
 Charlotte, NC  
 Followed by social hour, dinner and  
 dancing to "Southside Station"  
 RSVP: 704.549.9600 by January 4, 2021  
 Dressy Casual-No Jeans  
 Boots & Pearls Preferred  
 Dinner \$25.00 Per Person



# Club/Unit Hospital Fundraiser 2020

CLUBS	AMOUNT	UNITS	AMOUNT
Hendersonville	\$215,706	Keystone Kops	\$46,450
Red Fez	\$100,675	Oriental Band	\$10,705
Robbinsville	\$75,221	Drum & Bugle Corps	\$6,875
Stanly County	\$50,155	Piedmont Pistons	\$3,000
Crowders Mtn.	\$41,125	Hillbillies	\$2,970
White Plains	\$33,500	Past Masters	\$2,050
Greensboro	\$30,972	Mountain Buggies	\$1,680
Ashe	\$27,754	Gator Patrol	\$1,655
Blue Ridge	\$24,289	Ragtops	\$1,420
Avery	\$22,883	Nascarts	\$1,000
Winston-Salem	\$21,530	Clowns	\$875
Metrolina	\$16,733	Steel Drum Band	\$820
Mountaineer	\$13,000	Band	\$800
Appalachian	\$12,900	Gospeliars	\$500
Piedmont	\$11,300	Greeters	\$500
Randolph	\$9,599	Ritualistic Cast	\$500
Gaston	\$9,375	Roadrunners	\$500
Lake Norman	\$8,100	Sand T's	\$500
Smokey Mtn	\$8,007	Wagoneers	\$500
Lexington	\$7,650	Dune Cats	\$350
Land Of The Sky	\$6,075	Provost Guard	\$300
Cabarrus	\$3,301	Patrol	\$240
Surry	\$3,103	Director's Staff	\$100
Western N.C.	\$3,080	Scooter Patrol	\$60
Moore County	\$2,800	Hospital Tripsters	\$25
Elkin-Jonesville	\$2,520	Potentate Guard	\$25
Mecklenburg	\$2,282		
Thermal Belt	\$2,233	<b>UNITS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84,400</b>
Catawba County	\$1,900		
Foothills	\$1,800	<b>CLUBS</b>	<b>\$780,533</b>
Union County	\$1,757	<b>UNITS</b>	<b>\$84,400</b>
Sandhills	\$1,650	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>\$92,710</b>
Tri County	\$1,500		
Lincoln County	\$1,180		
Rowan	\$1,040		
Cherryville	\$896		
East Burke	\$725		
High Point	\$681		
Golf	\$563		
Legion Of Honor	\$375		
Brushy Mtn.	\$200		
Mount Mitchell	\$200		
Rockingham	\$200		
<b>CLUBS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$780,533</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$957,643</b>

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## From homeless to a forever home



For those of you who have been following the story of Fezzy, we share big news!

From a chilly street corner in Hendersonville to the prime real estate of Greenville Shriners Hospital! This bear has found a home.

He is a star player in the lobby and poses for many a photo with staff, patients and their families.

Thank you, Hendersonville Shrine Club for bringing this story to life.

**HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB**



John Stanley, Chaplain

# “You will cry for help, and He will say: here am I..”

In the Bible, in the Book of Isaiah, we read: *“Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.”*

As this is being written, millions on our planet have been affected by the COVID-19 Virus, unknown to us just a year ago. This virus has changed us in ways we are just discovering. Many are apprehensive about being in restaurants, others are worried about gathering in groups, such as worship services, theaters, athletic events. Sadly, many in our number have experienced deaths of loved ones.

And, in our beloved fraternity, words such as “Cancel,” “postpone,” “Zoom,” and “Virtual”

have become normal ways of communication. We are not able to gather in our lodges, clubs, units, or temple. We aren’t able to hug, shake hands, and we must wear masks when we are around others. Very strange times.

But, one day we will break “forth like the dawn.” A new way of life will emerge. In many Psalms we read David promising us a new way of life. In the midst of David’s personal struggle, when things seemed darkest and most uncertain, he wrote in Psalm 30: *“weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.”*

In thinking of our time, I was reminded of something Donna Fargo wrote several years ago. She said, “I believe all of us have a built in compass to help us get to wherever we desire to go. Don’t forget to trust the compass, and refer to it often, for with that trusting will come

the strength to bear whatever life deals you.”

Every day the Lord provides us a compass that points us back north. And, that compass that points us north, is the principles we learned as Masons: love, fairness, integrity, honesty, human dignity, service, quality, excellence, patience, and encouragement.

Each day let us remember that our principles point us back north as we remember: *“weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.”*

*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](mailto:jstanley1@carolina.rr.com)*

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# Moore County Shrine Club finds a way

*Excerpts from an interview with Nobles Loeser and Puckett featured in the Pinehurst Gazette and written by Rebekah King.*

To Be a Mason, Ask One reads the sign out front of the Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge 550 in Aberdeen. From this Masonic Lodge, the Moore County Shrine Club meets once a month and serves as another opportunity for Masons to give back.

Making good men great, the Moore County Shrine Club seeks to honor God, family and country as they encourage their brothers and help others. With the primary focus of their philanthropy being children, the Shriners through their network of hospitals are quite possibly the world's greatest philanthropy organization ever! As their tag line states, "We Care, We Share," the Moore County Shrine Club gathers men of all walks of life to unite under a singular cause of serving others.

With five Masonic lodges serving in Moore County, the influence of the Masons in our community is broad. In opening the dialogue of this fraternal international organization, Loeser and Puckett share some of the mystique behind the lodges that crisscross our neighborhoods. Finding encouragement in their numbers, the men share a camaraderie of the brotherhood as the Shriner's Creed states, "As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles."

The journey to become a Mason for Loeser followed his international career as he worked with the Department of Defense as a high-risk safety manager which included working on the NASA space shuttle. Upon growing up in the Midwest farming community of Muncie, Indiana, Loeser graduated from Ball State University, joined the Air-force and met the Masons upon

his first assignment to Maine. While stationed in Loring Air Force Base as a young man, Loeser did not know anyone. Working with his Chief Master Sergeant and getting to know all of the buddies who hunted and fished together, Loeser remembers, "They were just a bunch of really cool guys with their hearts in the right place. They were always helping people, and I asked them, 'How do I get to become one of you guys?' I filled out an application, and they took me in. We are still lifelong friends."

With Loeser's next assignment to Germany, the first thing he did was inquire about the local lodge. Upon getting connected, the Masons helped him get settled into his new surroundings. Loeser testifies of the care he received as he grew along with the Masons. In affirming the practices of the Shriner's Creed to uphold "integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable; our relations will be trustworthy; our spirits forgiving of each other." One Mason will never take advantage of another," assures Loeser. A Mason for fifty-two years, Loeser has been a Shriner for 33 years since he joined in 1987, in Dayton, Ohio.

After many assignments all over the world, Loeser and his wife Carolyn returned from Germany to live in Greensboro. Over time, golf kept calling them back to Moore County. Before leaving for their last duty in Saudi Arabia, the Loeser family bought some land in Southern Pines in 2000, and built their home in 2012. From loving the legendary golf to discovering the local legacy of Carolyn's ancestors, the Loeser's came home to Moore and to the Moore County Shrine Club.

Serving as President of the Shrine Club, Loeser shares the responsibility with David Puckett, VP, as they send out dues' notices and coordinate phone messages, email blasts and such to keep everybody informed. "With this Coronavirus, we've really scaled back this season with our normal activity," tells Loeser. Although they cannot gather as desired, the Shriners make it a priority to stay connected. Loeser continues, "When all this COVID-19 started, the first thing the Master did was divide up our membership list and start making calls to check on our guys. We keep the contact going and never let anyone feel that they are alone."



*Nobles Bill Loeser and David Puckett shown with Rebekah King, writer for the Pinehurst Gazette.*

*The setting is the scenic Pinehurst Golf Resort Hotel*

## *Spotlight on Moore County Shrine Club continued...*

As Loeser and Puckett work together as a united team, Puckett remembers, “The day I became a Mason is the day I met Loeser.” He walked up and said, ‘Hey, my name’s Bill Loeser. If you want to become a Shriner, then just call me.’ I saw the fun things that Bill was doing, and I was hooked. With the Shriners, we get to have fun as we laugh and joke with the kids. From the Veteran’s Day Parade in Southern Pines to parades in Ellerbe, Aberdeen and Pinehurst, the Shriners participate in fourteen parades each year and drive the San T’s, Model T cars.”

Born and raised in Moore County, Puckett knew he wanted to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) during his high school days. Earning his EMT degree from Sandhills Community College, Puckett took the state test three days after he turned eighteen and recently retired with thirty years in EMS service. Retiring this May of 2020, Puckett knew he wanted to continue helping others with the Masons and now Shriners. He shares, “The reason I joined the Roman Eagle Lodge in Aberdeen emanates from having a career in Public Safety. Knowing most of the police

officers, fire fighters and highway patrolmen who are members at the Lodge, I wanted to be a part of this great group of guys!” While serving with EMS as a career choice, Puckett thrives in his involvement with the Shriners.

Requiring Masons to complete three degrees before they can advance to a Shriner. Puckett explains, “The degrees stem from the original trade masons who built the big cathedrals in Europe. The masons did not want someone to say, ‘Oh, I know how to build a building’-and not truly be a skilled master. The secretiveness of the Masons actually developed with the true masons who did not share their partial secrets of the geometry with a novice.”

In addition to the degrees, the masons’ primary tools of the square and compass were also implemented around the capital “G” by the Masons. And the meaning of the “G”? The letter “G” has two meanings with the first being “Geometry” which was necessary in building the archways, and secondly, but most importantly, the capital “G” stands for God. A Mason cannot be an atheist, and the Creed assures, “Shriners

believe in GOD and that HE created man to serve HIS purposes, among which is service to others in HIS name.”

Once a Mason becomes a full-fledged Master, then he can petition to become a Shriner. “The Shrine is the fun side of Masonry,” smiles Puckett. “When I joined the Shrine, my wife came along with me that same morning. This is the part about the Shriners that my wife loves because they incorporate both the husband and wife in fellowship.”

In the serving comes the giving for both the Masons and the Shriners. The two primary outreaches supported by the NC Masonic lodges include the Whitestone Senior Living facility in Greensboro, which cares for retired Masons, and the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, in Oxford, NC. Loeser informs, “Any printed material like business cards, fish-fry tickets and posters and such are ordered from the Oxford Children’s Home Printing Office as we seek to support their services.”

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*Books-A-Million in Aberdeen NC donated over \$3000 worth of books for Greenville Shriners Hospital.*

*Shown here are Nobles David Puckett and William Loeser with Store Manager Benji.*



## Spotlight continued...

In addition to supporting the Oxford Children's home, the Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge helps local children at the Moore County Academy Charter School in Aberdeen by awarding four scholarships each year to deserving students. Recognizing 4th and 5th graders who have demonstrated academic progress during a term, eight winners per year receive scholarships.

**“When you're a Shriner, you have already identified yourself as a giver.”**

With the primary charity of the Shrine Clubs being the Shriner's Hospitals, Moore County Shrine Club has given \$400-500,000 to the Shrine Hospitals over the years. “We have a 4-star rating because 86% of every dollar goes to the hospitals. With twenty-two hospitals in Canada, Mexico and the United States, the Shriners are saving lives. Primarily, the Moore County Shrine Club supports the Orthopedic Hospital in Greenville, SC, and the Burn Center in Cincinnati, OH. If you have a child who is born with a cleft lip, clubbed feet, or orthopedic injuries of that nature—we cover the expenses no matter what the family can contribute,” tells Loeser.

From the children to the widows, the Shriners also look out for their brothers. “If one of our guys is down on his luck, then our Sunshine Fund helps our brother in need. We keep our members close,” shares Loeser.

“When you're a Shriner, you have already identified yourself as a giver,” continues Loeser. “The thing that stands out in my mind is that the children who received care through the Shrine Hospital are now becoming Masons. They're also becoming Shriners because the Shrine Hospital exemplified selfless giving, and the children, who are now adults, want to give back.”



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# Catawba County Shrine Club and Gator Patrol install 2021 officers



## GATOR PATROL OFFICERS

Captain,	Allen Leatherman
1st Lt.,	Joshua Burris
2nd Lt.,	Danny Lyle
Secretary,	Larry Hale
Treasurer,	Danny Bean



## CATAWBA COUNTY SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS

President,	Monty Dobbins
1st Vice Pres.	Mark Teague
2nd Vice Pres.	Jimmy Cline
Secretary,	Lance Carswell
Treasurer,	Randy Rosenbalm

Installing officer III. Sir Ken Jarrett (PP 2019)



Nobles Allen Leatherman and Monty Dobbins



Past Cpt. David Crawley



Cpt. Allen Leatherman

# 2020 - A good year for the Ragtops -- almost

*Submitted by Captain Ken Kluttz*

Despite the lack of opportunity to participate in parades during 2020, the Ragtops turned in a total of \$1,420 for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In other Ragtop news, Illustrious Past Potentate Sir Bill Carter recognized Edie Wilson for her huge contribution as editor of the Desert Dust and he said we are indebted to her for the work she has done. He then presented her with the Potentate's Award of Excellence. Lady Edie won the very prestigious Dromedary Award from Shriners International and was chosen as the top winner for the Best Newspaper category out of a field of almost 200. It was a red carpet moment for Edie and we are so proud of her. Lady Edie is the wife of Ragtops member, Nobel Marty Wilson, past Captain and long-time member of the Oasis Steele Drum Band.

Ragtop member Noble Todd Hildebran was also a recipient of the Potentate's Award of Excellence. Nobel Todd served as Chairman of the Oasis Real Estate Committee in 2020. Illustrious

Sir Past Potentate Bill praised Nobel Todd for the great job of steering that committee with all that is involved with the Northbridge development being built adjacent to our Headquarters property. Nobel Todd is in line to be Captain of the Ragtops and we look forward to his leadership.

Another one of our members, Buddy Ellis, past Captain of the Ragtops, was just recently installed as Potentate of Omar Shrine Temple. We congratulate Illustrious Sir Buddy and Lady Wanda and wish them well. He has worked hard and we're sure he will have a great year.

Even with Covid, the Ragtops had a great year...well, almost. We did miss the opportunity to enter our beautiful cars in parades and to enjoy the fellowship and get-togethers that make the Ragtops so special. But we are looking forward to 2021 and are anxious to get back to what we enjoy doing – having fun, participating in local and regional parades and raising funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Bring your convertible and come join us.



## Oasis Memorial Service

III. Sir John Stanley (PP) reads out the names of those Nobles who were called by the Black Camel.

High Priest and Prophet Shea Fadel and Oasis Band Past Cpt. Hans Haas closed the service with the Taps bugle call.



# A time for celebration as Oasis clubs and units raise over \$960,000 in spite of Covid-19

## “It’s been an odd year!” proclaims Ill. Sr Bill Carter

While most recipients could not be present to receive recognition or accept awards, their hard work and success continues to be celebrated as we enter a new year with hope. For a complete listing of awards, see the Recorder’s article. Club and Unit contributions are detailed on page 9.



*“If I were Johnny Carson,  
Tommy would be Ed McMahon.”*



### III. Sir Bill and Lady Laurin host “Thank You” dinner for Divan members

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Thank you from the members at the Winston-Salem Shrine Club for your support every year at our annual feast.

*Brian Huffman,  
President*



## The beat on the street *Putting on our Boots and Pearls*

*Submitted by Ned Yates*

Hello again from the Drum & Bugle Corps Family. As we were reading our March issue of the Desert Dust a year ago, we had no idea that by the middle of the month we would all be affected by a government shut down due to the corona virus. After being shut down briefly, many club and units adapted to new things, like having virtual meetings via the computer. Recently, Oasis Shriners held the annual Club and Unit Appreciation Night followed the next night by the ceremony to install our Potentate for 2021. Both events were available via the internet because of restrictions that are still in place.

We watched with pride on Friday night, February 5th, as we learned that our fellow Clubs and Units did not give up on the year, but instead forged ahead, (within the rules) creatively coming up with ways to have Hospital fundraisers. Listening to the various amounts, no matter the size, can be an encouragement to us all. In spite of the challenges that 2020 presented, hearing Ill. Sir Bill Carter share that almost one million dollars was raised, proved to be a proud moment. We are excited to be a small part of Oasis Shriners and are ready to get to work to make 2021 another successful year. If you and your Lady are not active in a club or unit, we hope you will make 2021 the year that you start to visit and find the place that is right for you. As always, if you even think you can play a bugle or a drum, we would hope to see you when meetings begin again.

On Saturday, February 6th, you can bet we watched with pride as one of our own was installed as the 126th Potentate of Oasis Shriners. We congratulate Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms and Lady Kelly. We have seen first hand how this couple puts in the time and effort to help ensure that our D&B fundraisers and family events are successful. Ill. Sir Tommy is one of many Corps members from Mt. Holly #544 where he served as Master of the Lodge in

2005. We would guess the Nobles and Ladies from the Shriners on Bikes Club are proud too, as I.S. Tommy is a member and served as President of the SOB's in 2015. He also served Oasis as the Director in 2013 and '14. We believe that he was the 21st Captain of the Corps in 2011 and '12, and has also served as the Treasurer. We also believe that he is the fifth member of the Corps to become Potentate. He follows in the footsteps of Illustrious Sirs Ralph Hood, PP 1963; Gene Morrison, PP 1986; John Miller, PP 1991; Tommy Price, PP 1994; and Todd Ham, PP 2015.

Our Corps family is also very excited for Lady

Kelly. During the Installation Ceremony she shared that her program this year will work to raise monies so that patients of the Shriners Hospitals will be able to attend camp at Victory Junction. She also spoke about her pin, a shell and a pearl, and shared the story of how a small piece of grit becomes a pearl.

As this is our first article of the year, we send to each of you, your club and/or unit our best wishes for success. May we remember that "We Are All One In 2021" and that "Our Shrine Kids are #1!" Let's put on our Boots and Pearls and work together to ensure a winning year because... "When the Hospitals Win, We All Win!"

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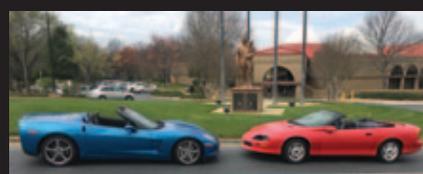
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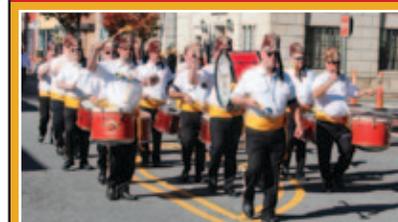
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# Club and Unit Bulletin Board

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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*Terry J Cox, Secretary  
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Gary Therrell Lemmond	Indian Trail, NC	11/7/1997	12/12/2020
George Wayne Faulkner	Asheville, NC	5/15/1971	12/18/2020
Joseph C. Moore	Morganton, NC	5/30/1981	1/6/2021
Harold R. Brown	Pine Knoll Shores, NC	5/24/1969	1/8/2021
Donald Thomas Lyerly	Salisbury, NC	11/7/1998	1/10/2021
Michael R. Whitley	Greensboro, NC	5/31/2014	1/11/2021
Melvin Leigh Upchurch	Murphy, NC	3/12/1994	1/12/2021
Floyd J. Boling	New London, NC	5/8/1965	1/21/2021
John Crawford Jackson	Asheville, NC	5/2/1970	1/23/2021
Ralph Junior East	Mount Airy, NC	11/8/1999	1/26/2021
Ray Chester Goins	Mount Airy, NC	11/5/1983	2/4/2021



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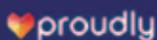


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