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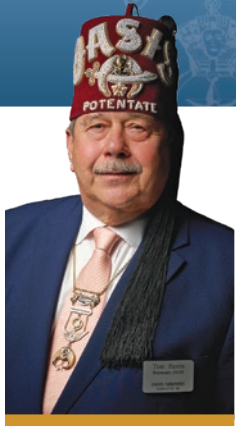
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# From the Potentate



Nobles and Ladies,

As spring reminds us of renewal and hope, Lady Betty and I are grateful for the many blessings God continues to place upon the

Oasis family. Lady Betty and I hope this message finds each of you blessed beyond measure. We certainly are and remain deeply thankful for God's many blessings in our lives. As those of us of the Christian faith celebrate Easter, we are reminded with gratitude of the grace that Jesus gave so that we may all be forgiven of our sins.

Speaking of blessings and fellowship, we have recently returned from our Caribbean cruise, where 55 Nobles and Ladies from Oasis joined us on the 2026 Potentate's Trip. In total, six Shrine Centers were represented, with more than 125 Nobles and Ladies participating in this wonderful journey together. Illustrious Sir Don Nicholson and Lady Lisa of Our Dream Travel did an outstanding job arranging and facilitating the cruise. You will find photos and a few testimonies from this memorable trip beginning on page 6.

Of course, we all know the saying, "What happens on this trip stays on this trip." Well I am going to break that tradition just a little and share one adventure that truly inspired many of us.

Noble Bill Garrett and Lady Joan joined us on the cruise. On the upper deck of the Carnival ship Vista, there are many activities available for guests to enjoy. Several members of the Oasis family accepted the challenge of riding the SkyRide, a bicycle-type vehicle suspended on cables that travels around the outer edge of the ship.

Lady Joan, who has acrophobia (a fear of heights) decided she would challenge herself and participate. Not only did

she ride the Skyride, she also chose to take on the SkyCourse — a ropes course suspended high above the deck with a variety of obstacles. With determination and courage, Lady Joan completed the entire course, much to her own amazement. (See photo below). Special thanks to Lady Heidi Garver who walked alongside Lady Joan to encourage her throughout the course. Lady Joan, you inspired many of us who were fortunate enough to witness your accomplishment. It reminded us that amazing things can happen when we set aside our fears and put our minds to a challenge.



That same spirit of determination and teamwork is something we continue to see throughout Oasis in many ways, including our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser. We still have candy to sell, and each club or unit earns \$20 for every box sold. I want to thank the candy committee and every noble who is participating in this joint effort to support our beloved fraternity.

Another important way we continue strengthening Oasis is through membership. On April 18, we will hold a one-day ceremonial in Marion, NC, at the Courtyard at Little Acres. I encourage each of you to seek out Master Masons who have not yet made the commitment to become a Shriner and invite them to join our ranks.

For those who may not be able to attend in April, there will also be an opportunity to participate in the Oasis Ceremonial Weekend on June 12–14, 2026, at beautiful Lake Junaluska, in Haywood County, NC

Membership truly is the responsibility of each of us. By reaching out to Master Masons, we invite them to become part

of the fun, fellowship, and brotherhood that we enjoy, while also helping support what we proudly call the "World's Greatest Philanthropy"—Shriners Children's.

Speaking of supporting our philanthropy, I was honored to be joined by approximately 60 Nobles and Ladies at Shriners Day in Greenville on Saturday, March 7. During that event, I had the distinct privilege of presenting a check—on your behalf, and on behalf of the many generous men, women, and businesses throughout our Oasis jurisdiction—in the amount of \$110,000 to Shriners Children's Greenville. Oasis, we ROCK!

It is also very encouraging to see clubs and units working together on fundraising projects and activities. As the old proverb reminds us, "Many hands make light work." When we work together, not only do we accomplish more, but we also create the kind of fellowship and excitement that inspires others to want to become part of our great fraternity.

As we continue our work together, I do need to remind clubs and units that 2025 financial reports must be submitted immediately if they have not already been turned in. Oasis has important IRS reporting deadlines, and these financial reports are a critical part of that filing. If your club or unit has not yet submitted its financials, please contact Treasurer Bill DePriest without delay to provide the necessary information and documents. April 15, 2026, is the absolute deadline for all 2025 financial reports.

As "Our Journey Continues," let us continue seeking ways to honor our Heavenly Father by serving others in His name. By doing so, we can help relieve those who have claim to our kind offices while enjoying the fun and fellowship that make our lives richer and more meaningful. There are so many opportunities before us to help those less fortunate.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families.

**Tim Farris, Potentate**

# From the Recorder



Hello Everyone,  
I hope this note finds you well. This month I once again use my article to focus on our hospital kids, and I hope you enjoy reading their stories. This month's focus is on Valery. The following information is readily available on Shriners Children's website, but I am more than happy to bring it to you personally.

## Six-year-old Valery from New Braunfels, Texas, was born without arms.

Still, she has always found her own way to navigate life. She feeds herself. She paints on her own. She even plays with her dolls, skillfully using her feet and mouth to do what most people do with their hands.

Valery has been diagnosed with complete agenesis of bilateral upper extremities, meaning the bones in her upper arms, forearms, wrists and hands did not develop during pregnancy. She does have both clavicles and scapulae, allowing her to move her shoulders freely. "It has not been hard raising Valery because she is very independent," her mother said. "She loves to try things on her own. And she recently learned how to open the door with her foot." Valery enjoys watching movies with her family, playing video games with her older sister and painting pictures of animals. In kindergarten, her favorite subject is math. She loves going to school, the same place that helped connect her family to Shriners Children's Texas.



Although Valery was born in Ecuador, she now lives with her mom, dad and older sister in Central Texas. The family had been in the United States for several years before learning about Shriners Children's through Valery's school. In December 2025, they made the drive to Galveston for her first appointment with the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) team. There, Valery met Meredith Roehrs, certified and licensed prosthetist, orthotist and POPS department manager, and began the process of being fitted for her new arms. "We are very thankful for Shriners Children's Texas. They have helped Valery so much. It's been a positive experience."



With a limb difference at such a high level, Meredith explained that one of the biggest challenges is simply managing the weight of her new prosthesis. "The hardest thing is to find a place for the weight of the prosthesis to settle," Meredith said. "The prosthesis is heavy and having that weight sit on your clavicles is not comfortable. We try to have the weight sit on the muscles of the neck and back that surround the bones, so we are not placing something hard onto something hard."

Because Valery does not have a sound limb to use as a reference, Meredith calculated the length of her arm prostheses using Valery's height and even the length of her foot. The result is an endoskeletal prosthesis featuring a shoulder joint that moves forward, backward and out to

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# From the Recorder

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the side. The friction in the joint can be adjusted so the arm stays where Valery places it. A small lever on the forearm allows her to bend and lock her elbow into position.

Just a few months after her initial appointment, Valery's new prostheses were ready. Naturally, they were wrapped in a personalized Hello Kitty pattern.



Surrounded by her mom, dad and sister, Valery stood in front of a mirror and saw herself with arms for the first time. A smile slowly spread across her face as she grabbed her sister's hands and began swinging them back and forth. While Valery has already navigated life with remarkable independence, her new prostheses will open a world of possibilities. She's excited to write for the first time, type on a computer, hold a book and paint using her hands. At recess, she said she wants to try the monkey bars. Riding a bike might take a little more courage.

Her family said their experience at Shriners Children's Texas has been overwhelmingly positive. They describe the hospital as

welcoming and kind, and they feel grateful to have found a place that can support Valery's orthopedic care. For a little girl who already learned to open doors with her foot, this next chapter is simply another way of discovering what she can do.

Things continue to go well here at Oasis, and we would love to have your stop by and visit your temple. Take care until next month, and remember, the work you do for our fraternity and philanthropy is sincerely *appreciated* and *essential* to our medical facilities and all our Shriners Children's programs like Valery's, that they serve.

Gary Taylor, Recorder

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

# USA BIRTHDAY

# 250

## Celebration

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Saturday, June 26, 4:30pm

Rowan County Shrine Club  
6480 Long Ferry Rd, Salisbury

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# LADIES Brunch

PLEASE JOIN US ON

SAT | JUNE 13 | 10:00 AM

2026 SPRING CEREMONIAL  
Lake Harrell Center | Upper Level

Tickets must be purchased in advance.  
Deadline to purchase: May 28

OasisSpring2026.eventbrite.com

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### A note from the Desert Dust:

All ads & articles for the May edition of the *Desert Dust* must be submitted to [DesertDust@oasisshriners.org](mailto:DesertDust@oasisshriners.org) by April 10.

# Spring CEREMONIAL



**June 12-14**

**Lake Junaluska, NC**

Reservations for lodging are available at the group rate for stays from June 12 - June 14.

**This special rate is only available for booking until May 21, 2026.**

Lodging reservations require a deposit of the first night's room cost at the time of booking. Check-in time is 4pm, check out is 11am.

*A 2026 dues card is required for admission.*



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## Schedule of Events



### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- 11:00am Lake Junaluska Golf Course.  
Contact Sam Mood for tee time.  
980-722-7951
- 4:00-6:00pm Registration of Candidates,  
Lambuth Inn Room 105
- 6:00-7:00pm Dinner on your own
- 7:30-10:00pm Hospitality with Entertainment by  
Oasis Pickers, Lambuth Room 100

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- 7:30-9:00am Breakfast, Lambuth Dining Room
- 7:30-8:30am New Candidate Registration  
and Shrine Mart, Harrell Center
- 9:00am Ceremonial Opening for Oasis Nobles,  
Candidates and Ladies, Harrell Center

- 10:00am-12:00pm Ceremonial for New Members, Harrell Center
- 10:00am-12:00pm Ladies Luncheon (*Preregistration Required, new Candidate Ladies free*), Harrell Center (*Upper Level*)
- 12:00-12:30pm Lunch (*provided*)
- 12:30-1:00pm Travel to Waynesville for Parade Lineup
- 2:00pm Parade Step Off
- 2:30-6:30pm Shopping and dinner on your own
- 7:00pm Rose and Fez Ceremony (*all new Shriners and their Ladies required to attend*), Harrell Center
- 7:30-10:00pm Entertainment & hospitality, Harrell Center

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 9:30-10:30am Oasis Non-Denomination Worship Service by Oasis Chaplin Team Members, Lake Junaluska Cross and Amphitheater
- 11:00am Check out

# Potentate's Cruise



Dear Nobles,

Thank you to Illustrious Sir Tim and Lady Betty for coordinating a fantastic cruise. Not only did we travel with our Oasis Shrine family, but our travel coordinator Lisa also included Kerbela, Syrian, Al Menah, Jericho, Shaddai, and Sudan Temples on the trip as well. On our first full day at sea there was a private meet and greet at one of the lounges with drinks, heavy appetizers, a lot of fellowship, and a chance to get to know each other. They also coordinated with Carnival Cruises to have all the Shriners sit in the same area for dinner so we could talk about our day and what we had planned for the evening, all while having a great meal. I was traveling as a single but when traveling with your Shrine family there is always something

to do and someone to hang out with. The trip was full of fun and events; whether it was the skyride, dangling about the ships deck on the rope course, hanging out by the pool with a cold beverage, seeing a show, or playing a random game of cards or dice, a good time was had by all. On shore there were plenty of opportunities to spend time with friends or sneak off to explore the islands in a smaller group. I also want to thank everyone for their prayers and concern during my special excursion in Curaçao traveling to Abura; it was a blast!

Alan Marfin





Dear Nobles,  
 Thank you, Illustrious Sir Tim and Lady Betty, for the opportunity to meet many of the Oasis Divan, several other Oasis Shrine members, and members from other Shrine Temples on a wonderful Carnival Cruise gathering. I hope this event inspires us all to look forward to future gatherings that continue to strengthen our community. This was our first large cruise ship trip. We did not know what to expect, nor did we know which Shriners and wives would be going. George and I had a wonderful time and were thrilled with all we met and the Carnival events, food, and drinks provided. The length of the cruise was just right for some relaxation, independent exploring, and fun gatherings. Most of us were sitting together at dinner each night, allowing us to get to know each other. Potentate Tim also called us together on two separate occasions to provide

introductions and share general Divan and cruise information. Overall, this trip resulted in new friendships, fun experiences, and the desire to have such an event continue for years to come. The diversity of events and the "happy, fun" atmosphere provided by Carnival Cruises was exceptional. Strangers greeted strangers. People and cruise staff were just happy and friendly everywhere. I was told Carnival was a party ship. Still, in reality, it became what you made of it, from concert pianists and violin players to country music and comedians, to serene moments just enjoying the sunsets and ocean views. The time of year was perfect, not too hot or cold. I can't think of a better venue.

**George & Debra Jepson  
 of the Moore County Shrine Club**

# 2026 Schedule of Events

A 2026 dues card is required for admission to all Oasis events.



## APRIL

Apr 16 Oasis Divan Meeting (Spindale, NC)  
Apr 18 McDowell County **Ceremonial**  
(Marion, NC)

## MAY

May 1-3 Paper Giveaway (Everywhere!)  
May 21 Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)

## JUNE

Jun 12-14 Spring **Ceremonial** (Lake Junaluska, NC)  
Jun 20 MHCO Gala, Black Tie (Oasis Center)  
Jun 27 Oasis Membership Meeting **Stated**  
(Rowan County Shrine Club)  
Jun 27 250th USA Birthday Bash  
(Rowan County Shrine Club)

## JULY

Jul 12-16 Imperial Session (Tampa, FL)  
July 23 Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)

## AUGUST

Aug 14-16 3 Chapter Joint Black Tie **Ceremonial**  
(Winston-Salem, NC)  
Aug 14 Oasis Divan Meeting **Stated**  
(Winston-Salem, NC)  
Aug 15 Oasis Divan & Ladies' Succession  
Planning Meeting (Winston-Salem, NC)  
Aug 22 Water Buffalo Degree (Oasis Center)

## SEPTEMBER

Sep 10 Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)  
Sep 18-20 SASA Fall Festival (Myrtle Beach, SC)  
Sep 25-26 Grand Lodge Annual Communication  
(Winston-Salem, NC)

## OCTOBER

Oct 9-10 153rd Masonic Homecoming Parade  
(Oxford, NC)  
Oct 14 The Shriners Circus (Greensboro, NC)  
Oct 16-17 The Shriners Circus (Concord, NC)  
Oct 15 Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)  
TBD 7th Annual Golf Tournament (TBD)

## NOVEMBER

Nov 6 Club & Unit Appreciation Night  
(Oasis Center)  
Nov 6-8 Oasis Fall **Ceremonial** (Oasis Center)  
Nov 19 Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)

## DECEMBER

Dec 5 Installation of the Grand Master of  
Masons (TBD)  
Dec 5 Oasis Membership Meeting **Stated** &  
Election of Officers (Oasis Center)  
Dec 6 Potentate's Civic Parade (Gastonia, NC)  
Dec 12 Lincoln **Ceremonial** (Lincoln County SC)  
Dec 12 Cat Square Civic Parade (Cat Square, NC)  
Dec 17 Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)

## JANUARY 2027

Jan 9 Installation of 132nd Potentate of  
Oasis Shriners & the Oasis Divan  
(Oasis Center)



## Oasis Shrine Photos

VIEW PHOTOS OF OASIS EVENTS!

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# Lady Betty's Angel Kids

## Meet Katie

I started as a Shriners' patient back when I was just 13 weeks old, occasionally visiting Shriners Children's Greenville for reasons I don't remember anymore. All I remember is my parents telling me that I was loved by quite a few nurses due to how small I was. I was born with right radial and thumb aplasia, meaning my right hand is small, has only four fingers, and couldn't do most of what other people can do, like grab stuff.

When I was around five, I had gotten a wrist recentralization at the Gaston hospital. That one was a mess, but it led to me getting my first dog, Cutie, so it wasn't all bad. Finally, when I was around nine, in 5th grade, I got asked a crazy question. "Katie, do you want a thumb?" And a few months later, the surgery was scheduled. My surgery was done by Dr. Dan



Zlotolow, where he fixed my initial surgery and made a whole thumb for me. He said my veins and nerves were textbook examples of perfect for the surgery.

A week later, I went home in a cast with a new thumb to surprise my friends with. Once the cast was off, I

could see the thumb, and I had to get physical therapy to learn how to use it. And it led to yearly checkups afterwards.

My last visit to Shriners Children's as a patient was one of those checkups.

I had one around October every year. I was 17 years old, it was during COVID, and my school was back to partially in person. I had always been excited to go because it meant a break from school and a visit to Shriners Children's. For that last visit, I was excited, but it also meant missing art class, and it was a goodbye to being a kid at Shriners Children's and everyone there, so it was bittersweet.

At 22 years old now, I'm still grateful for the doctors and everyone at the Shriners Children's Greenville, even though I probably sounded so crazy to the anesthesiologist. Currently, I'm an artist, a college student working on my Associate's degree, and am working at a quilt shop in Lowell. I've started making clothing for myself, like shirts that are the correct length for my short arm, or pants with one pocket on the left. My right arm, even with the awesome surgery which made it more usable, still can't reach a pants pocket. All of my crazy art endeavors are made easier due to Shriners Children's when I was ten years old. I'm very grateful for everything they've done. It's been a wonderful opportunity in my life!



## Membership Statistics

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026

	MTD	YTD
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Restorations	3	5
Reversals	0	0

**Total Additions YTD - 5**



## OASIS SHRINERS QUILT DRAWING



*Quilt made by Suzanne Roberts*  
Drawing to benefit Oasis Sunshine Fund  
**Drawing will be  
November 7, 2026**

**1 TICKET \$5, OR 5 FOR \$20**

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or purchase at Oasis headquarters*



# Chaplain's Corner

## Do Not Despair

My brother is a retired American Airlines pilot. He likes to tell the story of the day that, with the wheels of the big jet hitting the runway with a jarring thud, he made a particularly bad landing in Chicago.

Afterward, as was his custom, he stood at the door while the passengers exited. He gave each of them a smile and said, "Thanks for flying with us today." The last person to exit was one of our more mature ladies walking with a cane. She approached my brother and asked, "Sonny, I need to ask you a question. Did we land," she asked, "or were we shot down?"

It seems that we all have days like that. Days when it felt like we were shot down. Problems are part of life. Roofs leak, cars stall, people get mad, feelings get hurt, we get rejected, overlooked, unappreciated. And, we get sick, tired, and sometimes victimized.

Chuck Swindoll has written, "I believe that we should be told that loss, pressure and difficulty are part of our daily lives, and no amount of super-victory Bible seminars and intense Bible study will take our hurts away."

Many of us are living as spiritual orphans if we think we are alone in this world. We are not alone, of course. We stand on the shoulders of giants; those who have gone before us have taught us great lessons. The friends who have lost jobs, the marriages that are on the verge, the families left when a loved one dies—they and we need someone to support us. And we have someone who will support and save us.

"Do not despair whate'er betide," says the old Gospel song. "God will take care of you." We are not spiritual orphans. We are not alone in this world. Thanks be to God!

**John Stanley, Chaplain**

*John Stanley is Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of NC and Chaplain of Oasis. He is also Chaplain of South Atlantic Shriners. He is active in Laurinburg Presbyterian. He served as Imperial Chaplain when Imperial Sir Al Madsen was Imperial Potentate, and is retired as Minister—Visitation, First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia. John can be reached at: [jhstanley1965@gmail.com](mailto:jhstanley1965@gmail.com).*

**CROWDERS MOUNTAIN**  
★ SHRINE CLUB ★  
**RODEO**

Proceeds go to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children

Limited Entries will be accepted. Once the event is full you will be notified.

**APRIL 25, 2026**

GATES OPEN 5 PM ★ RODEO STARTS 7 PM

- Mutton Bustin
- Amateur Bulls
- Youth Barrels
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- Open Bulls
- Open Barrels
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MAY 16, 2026

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QUALIFYING: 5:00  
PRE-RACE CEREMONIES 6:45  
RACE: 7:00

TICKETS: \$20

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# McDowell County CEREMONIAL



**April 18, 2026**

Courtyard at Little Acres  
200 Little Acres Dr Drive,  
Marion, NC 28752

This is a One Day Ceremony geared to those candidates who may be rushed for time, but we at Oasis strongly encourage those who go through this ceremony to go to a full Ceremonial to experience the difference.

## AGENDA

- 9:00 am Registration of Candidates
- 10:00 am Welcome all in attendance along with New Candidates
- 10:30 am Ceremony followed by lunch
- 12:30 pm Dismissal

A 2026 dues card is required for admission.

**Download The Petition:**



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# Monthly Roadrunner Highlights

For February, there were a total of 12 Roadrunner trips consisting of 5,689 miles! Congratulations to the following drivers who had the highest number of trips and/or most miles driven in their region in February.

Jim Scarborough (Charlotte) 2 trips, 2,072 miles

George Stoklas (Charlotte) 4 trips, 997 miles

Steve Guidry (Macon) 1 trip, 1,030 miles

Dennis Wilkey (Macon) 1 trip, 1,030 miles

John Latham (Mountain/Avery) 1 trip, 148 miles

Fred Kirkpatrick (Mountain/Avery) 1 trip, 148 miles

Tom Erickson (Triad) 3 trips, 1,198 miles

Neil Johnson (Triad) 3 trips, 1,198 miles



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# SHRINERS DAYS 2026





## All in a Year's Work: Shriners Children's Greenville

At Shriners Children's Greenville, lives are changed through evidence-based treatments and state-of-the-art technology. Home to the largest team of pediatric orthopedic surgeons in the Carolinas, care extends from fractures, sprains and sports injuries to scoliosis, cerebral palsy and limb deficiencies. Our trusted care is provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.



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**15,607**

CLINIC VISITS



**7,405**

PROSTHETIC  
&  
ORTHOTIC  
DELIVERIES

**45,657**

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS



**20,783**

RADIOLOGY EXAMS



**29,016**

REHABILITATION  
PROCEDURES



**856**

MOTION  
ANALYSIS  
STUDIES



**1,408**

TELEHEALTH  
VISITS

**486,540**

MILES TRAVELED  
BY OUR ROADRUNNER VOLUNTEERS



*All information based on 2025 data*

**To make an appointment,  
call 866-459-0013**

**To make a donation,  
call 864-255-8771**

**APRIL 18**

WNC Shrine Club  
Fishing Tournament  
*See ad on page 19*

**APRIL 25**

Crowders Mountain Shrine Club  
Shrine Rodeo  
*See ad on page 10*

**MAY 2**

Mecklenburg Shrine Club  
Derby Party  
*See ad on page 19*

**MAY 16**

Catawba County Shrine Club  
Shrine 100  
*See ad on page 10*

**JUNE 12**

Oasis Pickers  
Open Jam at Lake Junaluska  
*See ad on page 16*

**JUNE 13**

Catawba County Shrine Club  
Car, Truck, Bike and Golf Cart Show  
*See ad on page 18*

**JUNE 19-20**

Red Fez Shrine Club  
Family Fun Day  
*See ad on page 15*

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY**

Mecklenburg Shrine Club  
Bingo Night  
*See ad on page 16*

# The Oasis Divan Explained

If you're new to the Shriner organization, you may not be familiar with the Oasis Divan and its various positions. Here is an explanation of how things work.

The Divan is the body of officers that run Oasis Shriners. Some positions are elected and some are appointed. Some are in a progressive line, and some are not. Each December at the annual stated meeting, the Oasis Divan is elected for the coming year. There are thirteen officers with seven being elected and six being appointed. The titles and their seniority are the same in every Shrine Temple, but the way they come to office and their responsibilities will differ.

At Oasis the following officers are elected in a progressive line (meaning they move up one position each year):

- Potentate
- Chief Rabban
- Assistant Rabban
- High Priest and Prophet
- Oriental Guide

Outside of the progressive line but still elected as part of the Divan are the Recorder and Treasurer. As in Blue Lodges and other organizations, though they are elected for one-year terms, the Recorder and Treasurer are usually long-serving nobles who over time have mastered all aspects of their office.

The next members of the Divan line consist of two appointed officers: First Ceremonial Master and Second Ceremonial Master. The Second Ceremonial Master is usually the start of a noble's path to eventually

becoming Potentate. He is hand selected by the incoming Potentate for his experience and potential as a leader. If he serves faithfully in his role, he can expect to be appointed as First Ceremonial Master the next year by the next Potentate. If he serves faithfully and competently in those two positions, he can expect to receive the nobility's vote in open elections to become Oriental Guide and continue his path upwards.

The final members are the Outer Guard, Captain of the Guard, Marshall, and Director. At Oasis, the Outer Guard serves as the membership chairman, the Captain of the Guard serves as circus chairman, the Marshall serves as the Divan coordinator at all the major Oasis events, and the Director serves as the Divan's interface with all clubs and units.

Progress at any level is not guaranteed. There have been countless times throughout shrine history when nobles had to bow out of the line due to health or personal reasons or organizational conflict. Sometimes if the nobility judges that they are not best suited for the job, they are not elected to the next position. At each position along the way, the noble takes on more and more responsibility and gains more familiarity in running the Temple so that when they are Potentate, they will be a well-rounded noble who can take a firm grasp over all aspects of leading the largest Shrine center.



# Family Fun Day at the Red Fez Shrine Club

## June 19-20, 2026



**Location:** Red Fez Shrine Club  
16600 Red Fez Club Road  
Charlotte NC 28278

**All Shriners, their ladies, children or grandchildren are ..... WELCOME!**

### FRIDAY

7:00 pm - FOOD CRAWL Club grounds and shelter  
8:30 pm - "Shrine Games" - shelter  
hosted by "Young Shriners"  
9-11pm - Music Entertainment

### SATURDAY

POOL is open down to dusk - NO LIFE GUARD  
Meal ticket for lunch and dinner \$10 per anyone over 13  
7-9:00am - Hot breakfast at the clubhouse  
- Buffet style - \$10 over 13  
7:30am - **REGISTRATION** Youth Fishing Tournament  
Boat Slips - Camper Side  
10:00am - Water Slide Opens  
10:30am - Kids Activities hosted by Red Fez Club Ladies  
12:00pm - Hot Dog lunch provided by Red Fez Club  
Served at the shelter  
4:00pm - BBQ Cook Off Awards Ceremony at the shelter



### QUESTIONS:

Clay McLean - Director	704-913-4452	lumbermclean@yahoo.com
Johnny Burgess - Campers	704-564-2193	jdbgpc@aol.com
Todd Ham - Cook Teams	704-363-9257	Todd@Hambrothers.com
Shea Fadel - Food & Judge	704-309-5396	shea.fadel@fadelsinc.com

19th Family Fun Day is sponsored by the Red Fez Club

Limited tent and camper sites available - MUST BE RESERVED AND REQUIRE PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR CAMPERS

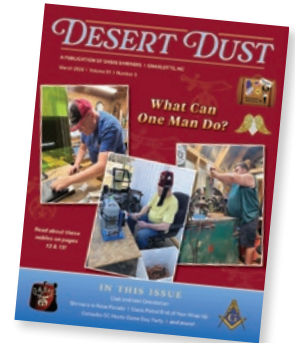


# Special Attention All Nobles and Ladies

We are in the process of cleaning up the Desert Dust hard copy mailing database. Throughout the years, as our beloved Nobles and their beloved widows have passed away, our database naturally becomes outdated.

Updates to the mailing list will be completed in time for the June edition. If you do not receive a June Desert Dust in the mail but would like to continue receiving a hard copy, simply call or email Sherrie at the Oasis office and she will add you back to the mailing list.

If you know of a widow who looks forward to receiving the Desert Dust in the mail each month, please reach out to Sherrie by May 15 with the name of the widow to ensure she does not get removed from the mailing list.



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# A LOOK BACK

**BIGGEST TOM-TOM** Joseph L. Miller of Charlotte, designer of Oasis Temple's "Big Bertha," is shown atop the drum at the 73rd annual Shrine convention at Atlantic City last week. The mobile brass drum is said to be the nation's largest "walking instrument."



## SHRINERS GAPE AT HUGE DRUM

Seven-Foot 'Big Bertha' Designed by Charlottean Causes Stir at Convention.

Biggest stir at the annual Shriners convention at Atlantic City, which ended yesterday, was caused by a seven-foot drum designed by Joseph L. Miller, a member of Oasis Temple, Charlotte.

In an Atlantic City paper, Miller is pictured atop his drum, the largest "walking instrument" in the nation. Ralph Webb, cafeteria executive of Charlotte, had the honor of beating the jumbo drum in a Shriner's parade last Wednesday.

Because of its size—the skin of a full-grown cow was required for each side—the drum cannot be carried. Secret of its locomotion are two rows of hoops around the instrument which permit it to be rolled along rather than toted.

REPRESENTING Oasis Temple at the 73rd Shrine session are 176 members and their families. These delegates are acting in behalf of the Temple's 4,200 members.

"Big Bertha," as the drum is called, is a veteran of six cross-country trips with the Oasis Temple. Carting the dainty little gadget was no cinch for the Charlotte delegates, which made their headquarters at the Ostend hotel. W. H. Palmer of Charlotte, former president of the International Fire Chief's association, and potentate of the Charlotte temple told reporters that a special railroad car was required to bring the instrument to the convention. The doors of a standard-sized car were too small to accommodate it.

## Update Your Contact Info

Do you have a new telephone number or email address?

Have you moved?

Please update your contact information with the Oasis office by calling (704) 549-9600.



**OPEN JAM @ Lake Junaluska:  
Ceremonial, FRIDAY, 6/12.  
Starts Room #100 @ ~6pm!**

# Championship Leadership

## Noble Brandon Coggins Honored for State Titles and Coach of the Year Recognition

Submitted by Douglass B. Garland

Oasis Shriners proudly recognize Noble Brandon Coggins for his exceptional accomplishments in education and athletics, bringing honor to his community and to the fraternity through leadership, dedication, and service.

Noble Coggins, a Master Mason of Thomasville Masonic Lodge # 214 A.F. & A.M., a member of the Randolph County Shrine Club, and a noble of Oasis Shriners, serves as head wrestling coach at Trinity High School. Under his leadership, the Trinity Bulldogs wrestling program has achieved historic success, capturing the NCHSAA 2A Dual-Team State Wrestling Championship in 2024 and the NCHSAA 3A Dual-Team State Wrestling Championship in February 2026, firmly establishing Trinity among North Carolina's premier high school wrestling programs.

Coggins' success has earned recognition at both the conference and state levels throughout his coaching career. He was named Piedmont 2A Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for the 2019–



2020 season. Following Trinity's championship seasons, he was honored as NCHSAA 2A Coach of the Year in 2024 and NCHSAA 3A Coach of the Year in 2026, awards that reflect not only competitive excellence but also his commitment to developing student athletes of strong character, discipline, and integrity.

Under his guidance, the Trinity wrestling program has grown into one of North Carolina's most respected teams, producing numerous state qualifiers, finalists, and champions while maintaining a strong emphasis on academics, teamwork, and personal accountability. His coaching philosophy centers on mentorship and personal growth, helping young athletes succeed both on the mat and in life — principles that closely align with the values of Freemasonry and the Shrine.

Noble Coggins also continues a proud family tradition within Oasis Shriners. He is the grandson of Noble Bobby Trantham and Lady Linda, carrying forward a legacy of fellowship, service, and dedication to others.

Oasis Shriners extend sincere congratulations to Noble Brandon Coggins on his championship seasons and multiple coach of the year recognitions. His leadership and commitment to shaping future generations exemplify the spirit of Shrinedom and reflect positively upon our fraternity throughout the community.

### MHCO

#### TIME FOR KIDS

Join us for a black-tie evening dedicated to giving children the time, stability, and support they deserve. Every moment matters at Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, and your presence helps create life-changing opportunities.

**EVENT DETAILS**  
Saturday, June 20, 2026  
Doors Open: 5:00 PM  
Program & Dinner Begins: 6:00 PM

Oasis Shriners  
604 Doug Mayes Place  
Charlotte, NC 28262

**EVENING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Keynote Speaker: Devante Hicks, MHCO Alumni
- Silent Auction
- Live Auction
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- Recognition at Dinner

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# Another Successful Lincoln County BBQ



Wow 2,500 plates of BBQ served in just two days! We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who makes this event possible. The incredible support from our community and local businesses means the world to us. We truly couldn't do it without you. This event has been a cherished tradition for 32 years. The dedicated men and women who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep it going are nothing short of amazing. Their commitment, along with the continued support of our members and community, is what keeps this tradition alive year after year. If you missed it this time, we hope you'll join us next year to enjoy our famous Shrine barbecue! Be sure to mark your calendars for February 28, 2027. We can't wait to serve you!



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# Catawba County Shrine Club's 4th Annual

CAR, TRUCK, BIKE, AND GOLF CART SHOW!

## IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH DRUM

**SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2026**

**RAIN DATE JUNE 27, 2026**

**\$20 REGISTRATION**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SHRINERS CHILDREN'S**

**8:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**AWARDS AT 1:00 PM**

- FOOD & DRINKS
- GAMES
- MUSIC
- SILENT AUCTION
- DOOR PRIZES
- 50/50
- VENDOR SPOTS (\$30)

**CLASSES:**

<b>TOP 25 OVERALL</b>	<b>JEeps/BIKES/IMPORTS/</b>	
<b>CARS</b>	<b>GOLFCARTS</b>	
1949 AND BELOW: TOP 3	ALL-TOP 3	
1950-1959: TOP 3	<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>TRUCKS</b>
1960-1969: TOP 3	CLUB PARTICIPATION	1949 AND BELOW: TOP 3
1970-1979: TOP 3	PRESIDENT'S CHOICE	1950-1969: TOP 3
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2000-PRESENT: TOP 3		

**INFO: (704) 930-8819**

**(STEVE DRUM)**

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# Invitation to Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN

Oasis Nobles & Ladies, a gracious invitation has been extended to all Oasis nobility from the Kerbela Shrine Temple in Pigeon Forge, TN to attend their annual Fun Fest, May 7-10, 2026. Thanks to Kerbela Potentate Dennis Rose and Recorder Eddie Everhart for their invitation. While this is not an Oasis event, many Oasis nobles are planning to attend. And, rumor has it that Dolly Parton herself has been known to attend Fun Fest in the past!

For registration and housing information, please reach out to Parade Marshal Bill Plavis at [billpavlis3@gmail.com](mailto:billpavlis3@gmail.com) or Fun Fest Housing Chairman Roger Ricker at [rodger23\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rodger23_2000@yahoo.com).

## Thursday, May 7

12:00-7:00 PM Registration Booth (Convention Center)  
 12:00-6:00 PM Market Place (Convention Center)  
 8:00-11:00 PM Kerbela Hospitality (Music Road Inn)

## Friday, May 8

9:00 AM-5:30 PM Registration (Convention Center)  
 9:00 AM-7:00 PM Market Place Open (Convention Center)  
 9:00 AM Clown Competition (Convention Center)  
 2:00 PM Clown Competition Awards (TBA)  
 4:00 PM Parade Marshal's Meeting (Convention Center)  
 4:00-6:30 PM Kerbela Hospitality (Music Road Inn, poolside)  
 5:00-6:30 PM Pizza Party\*\* (Music Road Inn, poolside)  
 7:00-9:00 PM Water Buffalo Degree\*\* (Convention Center)

## Saturday, May 9

8:00 AM Parade Line-up (Pigeon Forge)  
 9:00 AM Parade Step-Off (Pigeon Forge)  
 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Market Place (Convention Center)  
 11:00 AM-12:30 PM Nobles & Ladies Luncheon\*\* (Music Road Inn, poolside)  
 1:00-2:30 PM Fun Fest Ceremonial (Convention Center)  
 1:00-3:00 A Classy Clutch Ladies Social\*\* (Convention Center)  
 3:00-4:30 PM Kerbela Hospitality (Music Road Inn)  
 3:00 PM Parade Awards (Music Road Inn)  
 4:00 PM Presentations to Potentate (Music Road Inn)

## Nobility Ball (Music Road Convention Center)

6:00-6:30 PM Social time  
 6:30 PM Grand March & Welcome  
 7:00 PM Dinner  
 8:00 PM Presentations & Potentate's remarks  
 Music by Second Wind to follow until 11:00 PM

## Sunday, May 10

Check out by 11:00 AM

\*\*Ticket Required. Email for ticket pricing information.

## 5TH ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

WNC SHRINE CLUB • TRI-COUNTY BASS CLUB



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**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

**7:00am - 4:00pm**

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2ND	\$500	BIG SPOT	\$200
3RD	\$400	SMALL FISH	\$100
4TH	\$300	TOTAL PAYOUT: <b>\$3,500</b>	
5TH	\$200	ADDITIONAL SIDE POT	
6TH	\$150	PAYOUT: <b>\$20.00</b> per team (optional)	
7TH	\$150	<i>Registration starts at 5:00am at the ramp or you can register early with a member of WNC Shrine Club or a member of Tri-County Bass Club.</i>	
8TH	\$100		
9TH	\$100		
10TH	\$100		

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### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Perry Graves 828-557-0885  
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The ladies of Mecklenburg Shrine Club invite you to join us Saturday, May 2nd, 4:00 - 8:00 PM for our 4th Annual Derby Party @ "Mecklenburg Downs"



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Brown Bag; Wine and Beer available for purchase

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5200 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Rd, Charlotte NC

# Monthly Club Meetings



## 1st Monday of the Month

- Blue Ridge Shrine Club, 7-9pm, Cagney's Kitchen of Wilkesboro, 1200 Central St, Wilkesboro
- Lake Norman Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 494 E Plaza Dr, Mooresville

## 1st Tuesday of the Month

- Mecklenburg Shrine Club, 6:30-9pm, 5200 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Rd, Charlotte

## 1st Thursday of the Month

- Crowder's Mountain Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Mt. Mitchel Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge, 163 S Main St, Marion
- Surry Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 1029 Westlake Dr, Mt Airy
- Winston-Salem Shrine Club, 7:30-9pm, 4909 Hampton Rd, Clemmons

## 1st Friday of the Month

- Red Fez Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 16600 Red Fez Club Rd, Charlotte

## 2nd Monday of the Month

- Hendersonville Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Tenango's Restaurant, 712 Upward Rd, Ste B, Flat Rock
- Land of the Sky Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 39 Spring Cove Rd, Swannanoa

## 2nd Tuesday of the Month

- Appalachian Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Applebee's, 2036 Blowing Rock, Boone
- Foothills Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Lexington Shrine Club, 6:15-8:15pm

## 2nd Wednesday of the Month

- Gaston Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 505 Pinkney Rd, Dallas

## 2nd Thursday of the Month

- Randolph Shrine Club, 6-9pm, 2134 Henley Country Rd, Randleman
- Brushy Mountain Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Stanly County Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, 35731 City Lake Dr, Albemarle

## 3rd Monday of the Month

- Ashe Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 117 Morphew Ln, Jefferson

## 3rd Wednesday of the Month

- Pisgah Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Pisgah Fish Camp, 663 Deavor Rd, Pisgah Forest
- Cherryville Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, American Legion, 215 N Pink St, Cherryville

## 3rd Thursday of the Month

- Lincoln County Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 1470 Cat Square Rd, Vale
- Statesville Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm
- White Plains Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Fairview Masonic Lodge #339, 803 Landing St, Kings Mountain

## 4th Monday of the Month

- Avery Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Carolina BBQ, Newland

## 4th Tuesday of the Month

- Greensboro Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 5010 High Point Rd, Greensboro
- Metrolina Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 5930 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte
- Mountaineer Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Lee's, 262 Bakers Ln, Bakersville
- Union County Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 7307 Pageland Hwy, Monroe
- Western NC Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Julie's Place, 30 NC-141, Murphy
- Sandhills Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Hamlet Masonic Lodge, 307 Main St, Hamlet

## 4th Wednesday of the Month

- Rowan Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 6480 Long Ferry Rd, Salisbury
- Catawba Shrine Club, 7:30-9:30pm, Catawba Shrine Club, 1488 Hwy 10 W, Newton
- Moore County Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Roman Eagle Lodge #550

## 4th Thursday of the Month

- East Burke Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 833 Bethel Church Rd, Franklin
- Thermal Belt Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Barley's Taproom, 123 W Main St, Spindale
- Rockingham Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Shrine Club Drive, Reidsville
- Elkin-Jonesville Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 5003 Swaim St, Jonesville
- High Point Shrine Club, 6-8pm, High Point Elks Lodge 1155, 700 Old Mill Rd, High Point
- Piedmont Shrine Club, 7-9pm, Fisherman's Feast, Shelby

## 4th Friday of the Month

- Cabarrus Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Cabarrus Shrine Club, 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis

Please email any updates or changes to the above listing to [DesertDust@oasisshiners.org](mailto:DesertDust@oasisshiners.org). Your update will be made here as well as on the Oasis web site.

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Rowan Shrine Club                      Foothills Shrine Club

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## Passed Within the Unseen Temple

NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
William Furman Bowman	Franklin, NC	11/9/1985	12/21/2025
John Raley	Mooreville, NC	6/13/2023	1/29/2026
C. Doug Harrington	Taylorsville, NC	10/26/1974	2/5/2026
Jerry Wayne Riddle	McLeansville, NC	5/30/1981	2/9/2026
William Alfred Keller	Hickory, NC	11/9/1985	3/2/2026
Joel Hester Eller	Stella, NC	11/4/2006	3/6/2026

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Did you know the Shrine hospital trailer is available for your public Shriners Children's hospitals fund raising or awareness events? Noble Sam Moody has generously agreed to volunteer his time and energy to transport the hospital trailer to any location within the Oasis region in an effort to spread the word about our wonderful hospitals. The trailer unfortunately cannot be used for fraternal (non-hospital) fundraising.



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

**980-722-7951 sambo447@aol.com**

# Club and Unit Bulletin Board

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 Meeting the 3rd Monday of every month  
 Contact Noble Shannon Worley 336-877-6629  
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**Cabarrus Shrine Club**  
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 Nobles, Ladies & Guests Welcome!  
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 except July & August  
 Hibriten Lodge #262  
 602 Wilkesboro Blvd. NE  
 Lenoir, NC 28645  
 Contact: Shaun McNeil - President  
 828-228-0577  
 foothillsshineclub@gmail.com



**Gaston County Shrine Club**  
**505 Pinkney Road Dallas, NC 28034**  
 Meets 2nd Wed of each month  
 Social @ 6pm | Meeting @ 7pm  
  
**CONTACT INFO FOR RENTALS: 704-215-7172**  
[www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com](http://www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com)

**GREENSBORO SHRINE CLUB**  
 5010 HIGH POINT ROAD, GREENSBORO, NC 27407  
 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FAMILY NIGHT  
 DINNER RESERVATIONS: 336-587-5720  
 CLUB RENTALS: 336-209-3230



**HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB**  
 Join Us 2nd Mondays at Tenango's Restaurant  
 712 Upward Rd. Ste B, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731  
 Dinner @ 6:00 PM  
[HendersonvilleShriners@gmail.com](mailto:HendersonvilleShriners@gmail.com) | 828-280-4909

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**Fun, Food and Fellowship.**  
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