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From the Potentate



Nobles and Ladies,
July 4, 2026, marks the 250th Birthday of the United States of America—our Semiquincentennial. As our nation commemorates

the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, this historic milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on our past, honor the contributions and sacrifices of generations of Americans, and look ahead with hope toward the future.

I ask each of you to take time to remember those who have served and those who gave all to preserve the freedoms that have made this the greatest nation the world has ever known.

Last month, we held our Spring Ceremonial at the beautiful Lake Junaluska followed by a parade through downtown Waynesville. Oasis welcomed 12 new nobles who appear ready to roll up their sleeves and go to work for our fraternity and our philanthropy, Shriners Children’s.

The ladies, nobility, and children who attended enjoyed a wonderful weekend filled with fellowship and fun.

I also had the privilege of naming Noble Gary Ward as the Spring Ceremonial Class Honoree. Noble Gary has been a dedicated and hard-working noble for many years. Congratulations, Noble Gary—this recognition is well deserved.



Oasis was also well represented at the MHCO “Time for the Kids” Black Tie Gala, helping raise much-needed funds for the children served by the Home. Later, our Oasis families and friends gathered at High Rock Lake with the Rowan County Shrine Club for an afternoon and evening of fellowship as we celebrated the Oasis 250th Happy Birthday Bash.

As we move further into July, your Oasis delegates will travel to Tampa, Florida to represent Oasis at the 152nd Annual Imperial Session of Shriners International. We solicit your prayers for safe travels and ask that God grant all in attendance the wisdom to do His will and make the right decisions for our fraternity and for Shriners Children’s.

Please mark your calendars for the Water Buffalo Degree on August 15 at Oasis and for the Tri-Chapter Ceremonial on August 22 at the Burlington Shrine Club.

Lady Betty and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our nobility and ladies who have supported and assisted us in so many ways throughout this year. Your friendship, encouragement, and dedication mean more than words can express.

May our Heavenly Father continue to bless each of you and our great fraternity as “The Journey Continues.”

Fraternally,
Tim Farris, Potentate



Oasis Shriners showing off patriotic pride all year round.



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 Donovan. The following information is readily available on Shriners Children's website, but I am more than happy to bring it to you personally.

Donovan, 4 years old, from Ontario, Canada, takes vocal lessons and lines up for karate practice every week with the same ease as his peers.

What people don't see is the routine that surrounds those moments – the careful monitoring, the daily adjustments and the brace he wears almost every hour of the day. It is the result of a medical journey that began before he spoke his first words.

The First Signs

When Donovan was 4 months old, a slight curve in his back caught his mother's attention. At first, medical professionals suggested the curve would likely resolve as he grew and gave reassurance to Donovan's mother, Pamela. But as months passed, the curve continued to increase. Pamela consulted several doctors, but none were able to provide a diagnosis. Instead, they explored different treatment options. Chiropractor appointments became routine, visiting several times a week for nearly a year. Behind those efforts, Pamela sensed that something wasn't right. By the time Donovan was just over a year old, Pamela's urgency grew. A physical therapist recommended immediate hospital care. An X-ray at their local hospital in late December confirmed

Donovan had scoliosis, the curve in his spine measuring 32 degrees.

The Journey to Finding Care

The diagnosis was clear, but what followed was not. Pamela was told she had to be put on a waiting list. She soon received a letter stating that the first appointment was scheduled for April. Pamela made calls and sent emails requesting earlier openings, but each went unanswered. By the end of May that year, when Donovan was finally seen, the curvature in his spine had progressed to 65 degrees. "It's not getting better – this is getting worse," Pamela said, recalling the moment the situation became undeniable. It appeared the waiting had come at a cost.

What came next was unexpected. Through an online support group, another parent suggested Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada. Pamela submitted an application the same day and within weeks, Donovan had an appointment. By July, he was under the care of a specialized team.



The Hardest Part

Treatment began with a brace in August, reducing the curve from 65 to 44 degrees, but the improvement was not enough.

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From the Recorder

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In October 2023, Donovan began Mehta casting – a more intensive option for early-onset scoliosis. “For Donovan specifically, we had to pivot from our new normal which is using bracing to treat infantile scoliosis. In the past the routine was to use scoliosis casts that were changed in the operating room approximately every three months for 2-3 years. But nowadays, because of our strong partnership with orthotists, we have been managing these patients very well by bracing alone. Interestingly, in Donovan’s case, the brace was just not sufficient, and therefore, we had to pivot back to the method of casting under anesthesia. Fortunately, after numerous casts, we have been able to loosen up his spine and get him back into a spine brace for the time being with very encouraging results. He started with a scoliosis of over 50 degrees, and we have him down to around 20 degrees now,” said Neil Saran, M.D., FRCS(c), Donovan’s surgeon. Each cast covered his torso, staying in place for months at a time. The first was the most difficult. The rigid cast caused severe skin sores that were painful, persistent and serious enough that stopping treatment became a possibility. For any parent, watching a child endure that kind of discomfort brings its own weight: the tension between knowing the treatment is necessary and seeing the toll it takes. A solution was eventually found, and with specialized care and treatment, the sores healed and the casting continued.

Slowly, the results followed as each cast brought improvement. The curve was reduced further, eventually reaching about 36 degrees. Through nearly two years (eight casts in total), progress came one step at a time. “It was hard, very hard, but Donovan is such a resilient little boy, I am so grateful casting made the difference” says Pamela, Donovan’s mother.

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 Donovan’s that they serve.

Gary Taylor, Recorder

Membership Statistics

JUNE 2026

	MTD	YTD
Creations	0	13
Affiliations	0	4
Restorations	3	11
Reversals	0	0
Total Additions	YTD - 28	




Grand Lodge Annual Communication

The 2026 Grand Lodge Annual Communication will take place in Winston-Salem on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26.

The multi-day event—which also commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the USA—will feature several key gatherings and business sessions including the Grand Master’s dinner, annual communication and a 250th Anniversary dinner.

For registration details, schedule updates, or specific venue locations in Winston-Salem, visit the Grand Lodge of North Carolina homepage at <https://www.ncfreemasons.org>.



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A NOTE FROM THE *DESERT DUST*

All ads & articles for the August edition of the *Desert Dust* must be submitted to DesertDust@oasisshriners.org by July 10.

Another Successful Gaston County Golf Tournament

Submitted by Jay Little, President Gaston County Shrine Club

The Gaston County Shrine Club held its Second Annual Legacy Golf Tournament on May 29th, hosting 25 teams and 100 golfers for a day of fellowship, friendly competition, and fundraising.

The Legacy Golf Tournament was created to honor the men whose leadership, dedication, and service have helped shape both our club and Oasis Shriners. It serves as a reminder that the impact of a Shriner's work extends far beyond his years of active service and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations.

This year's tournament honored two remarkable nobles. First, Illustrious Sir Tim Farris, who made history as the 14th Potentate of Oasis Shriners and whose home club is the Gaston County Shrine Club. His leadership, dedication, and commitment to both Oasis and our club have left a lasting impact and made him a fitting honoree for this year's event. The tournament was also held in memory of Noble Jack Wallace, whose friendship, devotion, and unwavering support of Oasis Shriners and Shriners Children's, touched countless lives. Jack's presence, wisdom, kindness, and dedication will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



We were honored to have Illustrious Sir Tim Farris in attendance, along with several members of the Oasis Divan who took time from their busy schedules to join us. Their presence helped make the day even more special.



A heartfelt thank you goes to the many ladies who assisted with organizing the tournament, assembling player gift bags, and managing the silent auction. Their hard work behind the scenes was instrumental to the event's success.



Special recognition must also be given to Nobles Gary Ward and Joe Berry. Their countless hours of planning, organizing sponsors, coordinating volunteers, and handling the many details required to host an event of this magnitude made the tournament possible. Simply put, without their commitment, dedication, and leadership, this event would not have happened.

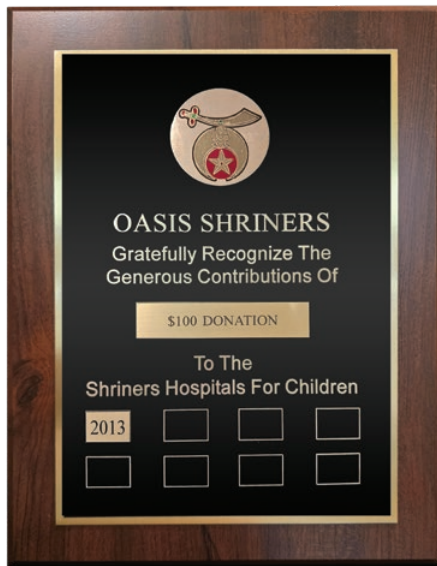
The Gaston County Shrine Club appreciates everyone who participated, sponsored, volunteered, and supported the tournament. We look forward to building on this tradition for years to come as we continue honoring those whose service, leadership, and commitment have left a lasting legacy within our fraternity.



How Are Your Plaque Sales Going?

Are you all caught up with your plaque sales for the year? If so, send in the collected money and paperwork now. Don't wait. The end of the year is very hectic at the Oasis office so mail in your plaque money as soon as you have it to alleviate the end-of-year rush.

If your club needs a refresher on the ins and outs of the program, reach out to Noble Larry Frank (lfrank0697@yahoo.com or 336-250-8930). He has spoken with many clubs and helped them revive their plaque program. If you come across a business that needs past year bars, contact Vani Brown at the Oasis office (coordinator@oasisshriners.org or 704-549-0926) and she can send you the year bars you need.



SHRINE TRAILER Travels for You

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.

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1ST ANNUAL

RANDOLPH SHRINE CLUB CAR SHOW



*Submitted by Jaime Trogdon,
Randolph Shrine Club Secretary*

On June 6, Butler Farm Park hosted the 1st Annual Randolph Shrine Club Car Show in Level Cross, NC. It was a huge success. Over 260 cars, trucks, tractors, rat rods and motorcycles entered the car show. Noble Butch Stalker chaired the event.

The event was MC'd by Uncle Benny Huff. Breakfast and lunch were offered by several food vendors, including Bojangles of Randleman and Providence Grove High School FFA Alumni.

Notable folks that were present supporting the event were Past Potentates, Tim Daniels, Doug Garland, and Chris Hall. Current Shrine child Harlynn Hamby and her family were also in attendance. Harlynn is a Randolph County resident and has been a Shriners Children's Greenville patient for the last few months.

A special thanks from Randolph Shrine Club goes out to everyone who made this event very special, including Russ and Don Butler, all the food vendors, Uncle Benny and Carol Huff, Tommy Whitesell, Noble Butch Stalker, all who sponsored the event and especially, all entries and spectators.



2026 Schedule of Events

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



JULY

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

AUGUST

- Aug 14 Oasis Divan Meeting **Stated** (Winston-Salem, NC)
- Aug 15 3 Chapter Joint Black Tie **Ceremonial** (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)



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(Fees listed here are valid through December 2026)

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Lady Betty's Angel Kids

Leyah's Story

Leyah was born on September 16, 2017 in Northport Alabama with her gums attached to her lips, tongue tied in three places, and unilateral cleft hard palate and cleft lip. She was confined to NICU until early November 2017. Initially she was in the care of physicians who did not want to attempt any surgeries for at least two years. She could not take a bottle unless it was equipped with a special nipple and she had to be supported upright so that the milk would not come out of her nose.

Leyah's grandparents, Shon and Betty Sandlin, are related to Noble Tim and Lady Dianne Morgan and when hearing of Leyah's condition, they reached out to see if they had contacted the Shriners Children's. With the help of C. Lee Abenathy, the family was put in contact with Shriners Children's just over five months after her birth.

Leyah first visited Shriners Children's Houston in March 2018 at which time her first scheduled surgery was planned for May. Due to a case of bronchitis, her initial surgery was delayed until September 2018. This surgery was for the insertion of tubes in her ears.

Her next surgery was in January 2019 when her tongue was loosened, and soft tissue transferred to under her tongue to replace the loosened tissue. The palate repair started with the movement of soft tissue to repair the hole, and her pharynx muscle was repaired with subcutaneous tissue.



She returned for her third surgery in September 2019 for cleft lip repair procedures that were started including the transfer of facial muscle with skin and subcutaneous tissue via open approach as well as upper lip transfer, release of facial skin, both via an external approach.

It is now time to let her grow into these treatments as well as start orthodontic treatment as her molars come in, which will require a visit to a Shriner supported orthodontist every two months. At some point more surgeries will be needed to do final repairs of her cleft palate by either a further repair procedure or the insertion of a palate plate.

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Chaplain's Corner

The Ten Commandments

Recently I attended a Sunday school class. The lesson was from the book of Nehemiah. And that lesson was centered upon one of our commandments: keeping the Sabbath holy.

And as we study the Ten Commandments, we learned that the Ten Commandments are divided into two tables: Commandments 1-4, have to do with our relationship to God.

1. Put God first
2. No idols
3. Do not use God's name in vain
4. Remember to take a Sabbath and to keep it holy.

Commandments 5-10, have to do with our relationship to our neighbors.

5. Honor your father and mother
6. No murder,
7. No adultery,
8. No theft,
9. No false testimony,
10. No coveting what belongs to your neighbor.

And as we study the commandments, we realize that the commandments are so structured to form a cross: Our relationship to God, and our relationship with each other.

Sometimes we find the commandments confusing. But as the late great motivational speaker Zig Ziegler said, "I'll just bet that you knew that God did not call them His ten SUGGESTONS."

A little boy was trying to recite the 23rd Psalm one morning in Sunday school. He didn't get it quite right. Rather than saying "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," he said "The Lord is my shepherd; that's all I want." Or perhaps he did get it right!

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.



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Piedmont Shrine Club Golf Tournament



Pictured are the winners from the Piedmont Shrine Club's 59th Annual Golf Tournament, held May 23, honoring Mr. Bill Ledford.



First Place Winners: Kelly Leonhardt, Bill Ledford, Jim States



Second Place Winners: Dylan Ramsey, Bill Ledford, Matthew High

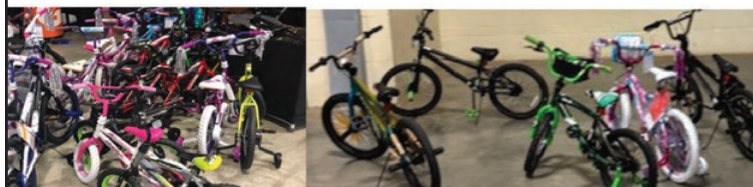


It's time to start collecting for this year's

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Monthly Roadrunner Highlights

For May, there were a total of 14 Roadrunner trips consisting of 6,470 miles! Congratulations to the following drivers who had the highest number of trips and/or the most miles driven in their region in May:

Dale Sleight (Mountain/Avery) 1 trip, 901 miles

Brenda Sleight (Mountain/Avery) 1 trip, 901 miles

Rick Patton (Mountain/Avery) 2 trips, 353 miles

Tom Erickson (Triad) 4 trips, 1,787 miles

Feddie Dellinger (Charlotte) 1 trip, 872 miles

Danny Howell (Charlotte) 3 trips, 733 miles

Jim Scarborough (Charlotte) 1 trip, 872 miles

Mike Matty (Catawba) 3 trips, 1,585 miles

Eric Morabito (Catawba) 3 trips, 1,585 miles



Celebrating 50 Years of the OASIS SHRINERS DUNE CATS



Submitted by Scott Edwards, Secretary, Oasis Dune Cats

In 2026, the Oasis Shriners Dune Cats proudly celebrate their 50th anniversary, marking five decades of fellowship, service, competition, and dedication to the mission of Shriners International and Shriners Children's.



The story of the Dune Cats began in 1976 when Potentate Shutt Hartman authorized the formation of what was then known as the Mecklenburg Shrine Club Dune

Cats. Under the leadership of Noble Jay Biggers, the new unit consisted of 20 nobles and their four-wheel cars. The cars arrived in August of that year, and the unit quickly established itself as a force to be reckoned with.

In 1977, the Dune Cats participated in their first competition with the South Atlantic Mini-Motors Association in Virginia Beach. Their debut was nothing short of remarkable, as they won all but one of the trophies offered. This early success set the stage for a tradition of excellence that would continue for decades.

The popularity of the unit grew rapidly, and in 1978 Potentate Karl C. Miller authorized an expansion to include 20 three-wheel parade units. The new vehicles immediately proved successful in competition, earning a second-place

trophy in their first year which began a long tradition of award-winning performances. Over the years the Dune Cats became one of the most decorated parade units in Oasis Shrine history, earning countless awards through the South Atlantic Mini-Motors Association and at the annual South Atlantic Shrine Association conventions in Myrtle Beach.



An important milestone was reached in 1984 when the Mecklenburg Shrine Club Dune Cats officially became the Oasis Shriners Dune Cats. Membership was opened to all Oasis nobles, broadening the unit's reach and strengthening its future. Throughout the 1980s, 1990s, and into the 2010s, the Dune

Cats remained a familiar and beloved sight at parades and Shrine events throughout the region.

The Dune Cats' contributions extended far beyond parade competition. Through dedicated fundraising efforts, the unit demonstrated its commitment to supporting Shriners Children's. In the early 2000s, the Dune Cats received recognition from the Imperial Potentate for raising more than \$400,000 for Shriners Children's within a four-year period—an accomplishment that reflected the generosity, dedication, and hard work of its members.

Like many organizations, the Dune Cats faced challenges as the 2010s approached. Membership declined, equipment began to age, and new Shrine clubs and units attracted the attention of prospective members. The future of the Dune Cats became uncertain, and the unit faced the very real possibility of disbanding.

Fortunately, a new chapter was about to begin.

In 2014, Captain Bill Kennington welcomed a newly initiated Shriner named Donnie Wrenn





into the unit. Bringing extensive experience in automotive repair and a passion for the organization, Donnie quickly became a driving force behind the Dune Cats' revival. Under his leadership, membership increased, parade units were restored and refurbished, and the unit's signature fundraising efforts expanded significantly. His vision, leadership, and dedication helped transform a struggling unit into one that was once again thriving.



While the Dune Cats are among the oldest motorized units within Oasis Shrine, they continue to embrace modern equipment, improved logistics, and a commitment to excellence. Their exciting performances and precision driving routines remain crowd favorites wherever they appear, delighting parade spectators of all ages. The unit owns and maintains its parade vehicles, as well as two trucks and

trailers for transporting equipment to events. This setup eliminates the need for members to own or haul vehicles themselves, making participation easier and supporting the unit's long-term sustainability.

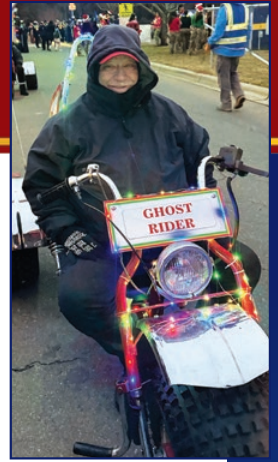
In 2024 the Oasis Shriners' Dune Cats received the Oasis Shriners Walt Disney Award in recognition of their outstanding service and dedication during Hurricane Helene recovery efforts in Western North Carolina.



The Walt Disney Award is one of Oasis Shriners' highest honors, recognizing exceptional contributions that make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. The Dune Cats were selected for their leadership, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to serving communities during a time of crisis. Following the devastating storm, members of the Dune Cats volunteered countless hours assisting affected communities, helping deliver supplies, support relief operations, and aiding families in need. Their commitment exemplified the Shriners' mission of compassion, service, and community involvement.

As the Oasis Shriners Dune Cats celebrate their 50th anniversary, they honor the vision of their founders, the dedication of generations of members, and the countless hours of service that have benefited Shriners Children's and the communities they serve. The trophies, awards, and accomplishments tell only part of the story. The true legacy of the Dune Cats is found in the fellowship they have fostered, the children they have helped, and the traditions they have preserved for future generations.

For 50 years, the Dune Cats have proudly represented Oasis Shrine with skill, dedication, and brotherhood. As they look toward the future, they remain committed to the principles that have guided them since 1976: supporting Shriners Children's, promoting fellowship among Nobles, and bringing smiles to communities wherever they perform.



Pickers Bring Music and Quilt To Greenville

Submitted by Noble Dave Mahan,
Oasis Pickers Secretary/Past Captain

On June 3 the Oasis Pickers took another trip down to Shriners Children's – Greenville to give away some goodies and give guitar lessons to many of the patients. We are especially thankful that the Child Life Department continues to invite us back to help "our" kids get a chance to learn some music and receive their own guitar. This brings us up to 38 instruments donated so far. A special thanks to Oasis Pickers Captain Gerry Boykin, Ron Sounders, and Deb Mahan for their help this trip.

And a very special thanks to master quilter Gwen Moore, wife of Brother Tom Moore. They live in Rutherford County and are tremendous supporters of the Oasis Pickers. Gwen made the quilt pictured here "youth size" for use on twin beds or as an easy throw. It is truly a high-quality piece. Brother Tom is our semi-official luthier and continues to donate guitars to us to take down to the kids at the hospital. He recently got a special left-handed guitar to help a wonderful patient who will be at the hospital for several months. To say they are great folks is an understatement.



16TH ANNUAL SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BENEFIT SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2026 2:00 - 6:00

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53RD ANNUAL SASA FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026

FROM OASIS **Hotel and Parade Info**

It's that time of year – time to register for the SASA Fall Festival. As of this printing, there are still rooms available, but we all know they go fast!



Use the QR code to book your room now or use this link:

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Oasis will once again continue our reimbursement policy for nobles who participate in the SASA parade:

- Oasis units are responsible for handling their parade registration
- At the parade, Oasis Director Rick Garver and his team will confirm each unit's participants with the unit captain
- After the event, Oasis will issue a reimbursement check for each unit in the amount of \$25/unit member who participated in the parade

If you have any questions regarding the above procedure, please email the Oasis Recorder at recorder@oasisshriners.org.

FROM SASA

Registration For 2026 Fall SASA In Myrtle Beach

As our 2026 Fall SASA convention approaches, the Credentials Committee would like to highlight the following:

- Registration opens **July 1** and closes at the end of business **September 10**. Once open, the registration portal will be located on the SASA website, <https://southatlanticsa.net>. The cost is \$25 per noble; your ladies and guests are free. Tickets to various events can be added when completing your registration.
- Late registration will be available onsite at the registration desk upon arrival for \$45.
- Be sure to indicate on your registration the total number of people in your party and also indicate if you are a SASA representative, otherwise you will not be allowed to vote.

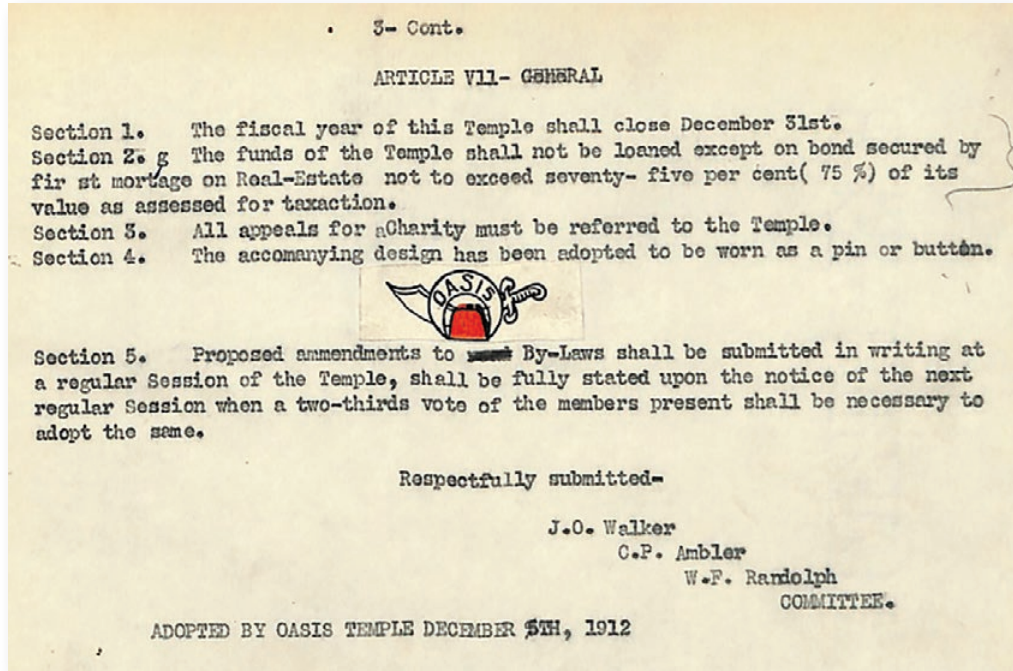
We encourage nobles to register early to speed up the registration process upon arrival, and to save money. Your event tickets will be noted on your registration identification card you receive at check in and must be with you at all events in order to enter. Events that are not sold out can be added at the registration desk upon arrival.



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A LOOK BACK

An Oasis document from December 1912.



Our Oasis history is long and rich. Each month we celebrate our past with A Look Back. If you have photos you'd like to be considered for this feature, please email them to DesertDust@oasisshriners.org. Include a write up about the photo.

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Submitted by Bryan Petzold

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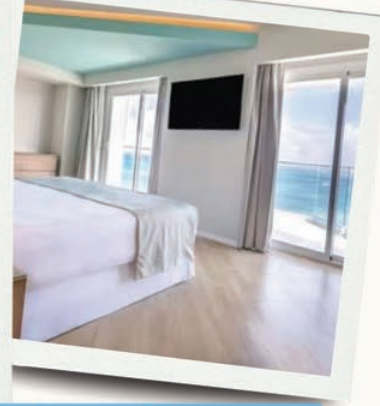


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1st Monday of the Month

- 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

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