

DESERT DUST



Shriners International



Your Potentate

Hello from Lady Sandra and me as we continue our journey as Oasis Potentate and First Lady. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for the hospitality they have shown

us as we travel to visit our clubs and sister Shrine temples in the Carolinas.

Before I get started with my article for June, I'd like to share a quick quote about the month of June as it approaches us. **"June is the gateway to summer." - by Jean Hersey. So, "June" is our gateway to fundraising for the months to come,** as Oasis nobles and ladies are doing everything they can to raise money for all our hospitals and patients. What a great fraternity we have.

Where to start, where to start! So many things to do and so many places to be, what a great problem to have. Well, I guess the best place to start is where I left off. So, let's get started.

After presenting a 50-year Service Award the second week of April, we had a long but very productive Divan Meeting on April 11. There was a lot to discuss and plan for our Stated meeting for May 15; as well as the planning and details for our Mt. Airy ceremonial. I'm very grateful for a great Divan Team.

We left the following week for our Potentate's Kentucky Bourbon Trip. We started out early Wednesday April 17 for Louisville. Noble Donnie Wrenn and Lady Kim rode with us on our journey to Kentucky. One of our stops on the way to Louisville was at Buc-ee's in Sevierville, TN. That's where we found numerous other Oasis people stopped there as well. That store had everything; we all must have stayed there for about an hour. We arrived in Lexington where we met up with Noble John and Lady Carol Cable at a beautiful farm that raised horses. The highlight of the visit was seeing the 5-week-old foals in the stables with their mother. What a special time that was. The countryside was so breathtaking with all the endless views of open land. For the next few days, we had our days filled with numerous distillery visits throughout the area. We traveled to Bardstown, Lexington, and a few smaller towns to visit as many as possible. To top the trip off we were able to be there for the special festival that Louisville puts on two weeks before the Kentucky Derby. It's called "Thunder Over Louisville!" The fabulous air show started at 3pm and lasted for hours. Then the 300 drones did a laser show

followed by a fireworks display that was fantastic. What a great time we all had. Every one of us is still talking about the fun we had visiting the distilleries on the bus tour, as well as walking around Louisville and all the fantastic food we ate while we were there. I will definitely make it back again if at all possible.

Lady Sandra and I traveled to the coast for a Festival at Holden Beach. While we were there we drove to Leland, NC on Saturday to present a 50-year Service Award to Oasis Noble James "Dewey" Misenheimer. It was a pleasure and honor to be able to present Noble Dewey with this award. We had a great visit with them. Noble Dewey is still very active in the lodge. As we started to take a picture together, he showed me a very nice Masonic clock that was handmade by a master clock smith in Greensboro, NC area. The clock is one of only three in existence.

Once we returned home, it was time to make plans to visit a few Oasis clubs and units preparing for the paper crusade which started the weekend of May 4. Our first event was The Drum & Bugle Car Show which was cancelled by rain. I know they put a lot of time and effort into the planning of this event. Too bad it was rained out.

The same weekend we headed to Mecklenburg Shrine Club for their Kentucky Derby party on Saturday afternoon. The hospitality and décor were amazing as always. President Sam Moody, Lady Sherrie and all the club members pitched in to make this a wonderful event. From the Mint Juleps to fried chicken, sides and desserts. Then came the Kentucky Derby Race, with all the interesting interviews with the owners and horse jockeys. What a race it was with a photo finish! It was unbelievable how close the race was this year. Job well done, Mecklenburg Shrine Club Ladies.

On May 6, Lady Sandra and I visited Lake Norman Shrine Club with Noble Larry Sanderson and Lady Dawn. Noble Randy Marion Sr. received his 50 Year Service Award as an Oasis Shriner—presented to him by Illustrious Sir H. Mike Cook and me. It was a very special night for Noble Randy and Lady Betty and all his family there in attendance to see him receive his award. His longtime friend H. Mike Cook read the 50 Year Award letter from Imperial Sir Ed Stolze and presented Noble Randy his certificate. I was given the honor to present Noble Randy is 50 Year lapel pin. The top of Noble Randy's cake said, "Thank you for 50 Years of Dedication and Support." Noble Randy, congratulations again! Wishing you many more years!

While at this celebration, H. Mike Cook presented Oasis and Lake Norman a token of appreciation

(from the 2023 Imperial Session which was held in Charlotte) for all our support and help during the Imperial Session in Charlotte. Thank you, Oasis Shriners, for doing what we do best, rising to the occasion and making us #1 in my opinion.

The Oasis Divan was invited to the Greensboro Shrine Club on May 8 along with all the family members for a Celebration of Life to Honor seven members of The Oriental Band that had passed away in the last 18 months. These seven men all played a big part in the Greensboro Shrine Club as well as their community. We celebrated the lives of the following Nobles: Larry Gregory, Illustrious Sir Sticky Burch, Deforest Maness, Bill Portifield, Jim Turner, Ray Anderson, and Vance Neese. Greensboro Shrine Club did a fantastic job honoring these nobles who loved doing what they did for the club, the Shrine patients and, most importantly, The Oriental Band. Several club members spoke and honored these nobles and shared a few rememberable stories. We had a great night honoring them as well as a few laughs too.



There will be a lot going on in the months ahead, please check out the Oasis Website and Desert Dust for upcoming events. We will see you at the Ceremonial in Mt. Airy, followed by Oasis's 17th Annual Family Fun Day and One-Day Ceremonial on the Lake; Saint John's Day June 22, Imperial Session, and many more events.

What an honor to serve as your Oasis Potentate for this year. In closing, I'd like to honor all our branches of our US Military and our First Responders who risk their lives so we can enjoy ours in the freedom we enjoy.

Thanks again to our Oasis Team for all you do to support our Oasis Nobility.

Until next month, May God Bless you in all your Travels.

Illustrious Sir Shea Fadel and Lady Sandra



Your Recorder

Hello Everyone, I hope this note finds you well. My next few articles will focus on our hospital kids, and I hope you enjoy reading their stories.

This month's focus is on Avani. You can read her story in full on Shriners Children's website, but I am more than happy to share some of it with you here.

Belky recalls with clarity the day she and her husband, Ivan, learned that their daughter, Avani, would be born with an isolated left [cleft lip](#).

It was on St. Patrick's Day, and the couple was looking forward to celebrating the holiday after their scheduled ultrasound, performed as part of a

routine prenatal appointment. Belky recalled being "truly excited" that day seven years ago.

Avani's early diagnosis during the ultrasound gave Belky and Ivan the opportunity to plan for her medical care as they anticipated her arrival. As a medical professional, Belky was already familiar with Shriners Children's Boston. She and Ivan decided they wanted to learn more about the [Shriners Children's Boston Cleft and Craniofacial](#) Center, a collaborative program with [MassGeneral Hospital for Children](#). "I knew that Shriners Children's offered specialty pediatric care, but never imagined experiencing it firsthand," she said.

The family met with clinicians at Shriners Children's Boston during Belky's pregnancy. "We walked in with zero knowledge of clefts and were immediately received with such warmth and encouragement. We are forever grateful." You could not be in better hands. The hospital staff embraced us, not only as patients, but also as family.

Avani became a patient when she was born. Her first [surgery](#) to repair her cleft lip was performed when she was six months old. Her current care plan involves yearly monitoring to assess her progress and determine if future surgeries or treatments are necessary.

Through the Cleft and Craniofacial Center, patients like Avani have access to an interdisciplinary team of oral surgeons, orthodontists, [speech therapists](#), dietitians and other clinical specialists. Depending on the scope of a child's diagnosis, they may benefit from the expertise of these specialists as they grow into adulthood.



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On the Cover

The ladies of Mecklenburg Shrine Club were the creators, producers, and directors of this lovely event. (Page 7)

Have you hugged your lady today?

Reminder

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



The Desert Dust

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JUNE

- 14th-15th** Oasis Family Fun Day - Red Fez Shrine Club
- 15th** 1-day Ceremonial on The Lake - (Lake Wylie) Red Fez Shrine Club
- 22nd** Saints Johns Day Celebration - Oxford, NC
- 30th-4th** Imperial Session - Reno, NV

JULY

- 12th-13th** Marion 1-day Ceremony - **TBD** Franklin, NC
- 16th-21st** Potentates Summer Trip - Punta Cana, DR
- 25th** Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated')

AUGUST

- 2nd-3rd** 10th Annual 80's Flashback - Hospital Fundraiser - Franklin, NC
- 3rd** Shrine 100 Asphalt Race - Hickory Motor Speedway
- 9th** Shrine 100 (52nd) Gaston 100 Dirt Track Race - Gastonia, NC
- 16th-17th** Franklin/Hayesville & Murphy 1-day - **TBD** - Hayesville, NC
- 24th** Black Tie Ceremonial - **TBD**

SEPTEMBER

- 19th-23rd** SASA - Myrtle Beach, SC
- 27th-29th** NC Grand Lodge - Winston Salem, NC

OCTOBER

- 11th-12th** Masonic Homecoming - Oxford NC
- 16th** Oasis Shrine Circus - The Fieldhouse, Greensboro NC
- 17th** Divan Meeting (4th Qtr 'Stated')
- 18th-19th** Oasis Shrine Circus - Cabarrus Arena, Concord NC

NOVEMBER

- 1st-2nd** Fall Ceremony / Oasis Military Veterans Event and Memorial - Oasis Shrine Center

DECEMBER

- 7th** Grand Master Installation - **TBD**
- 7th** Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting & 2024 Officer's Elections - Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm
- 14th** Cat Square 50th Anniversary Christmas Parade & Potentate Visitation Parade (**highly recommended**)
- 14th** Cat Square 1-day Ceremonial - Cat Square, NC

JANUARY 2025

- 3rd** Club & Units Appreciation Night - Oasis Shrine Center
- 4th** Installation 2025 Potentate - Oasis Shrine Center



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Upcoming Events

June 2nd, 2024 • 1st Sunday of the Month
Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In for the Kids
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June 7th, 2024
Mecklenburg SC Fish Dinner
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June 14th - 16th, 2024
Family Fun Day - Red Fez Shrine Club
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June 22nd, 2024
Rhododendron Festival Car Show
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August 3rd, 2024
2nd Annual Shrine 100 Asphalt Race
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August 17th 2024
High Point SC Bike Show and BBQ
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Belky decided to share her family's story because she believes that parents absorbing a similar diagnosis for their child might benefit from her family's experience and "bring hope to new parents." She had kind words for the Shriners Children's Boston staff, explaining that they always made her family feel at ease."

Belky and Ivan have now become **donors** to Shriners Children's Boston. "After surgery, Avani received recovery gifts. We still have a musical seahorse that was gifted to her. This was such a beautiful personal touch and it inspired us to become donors. We hope this beautiful gesture carries on," Belky said.

Belky describes Avani, now six years old, as a sassy and funny child with a joyful approach to life. As a curious child, Avani enjoys looking at her baby pictures and videos, and loves to point out, what Belky calls, her "magical smile."

Things continue to go well here at Oasis, and we would love to have you 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 hospitals and all our Shriners' children and staff, like Avani, that they serve.

Gary Taylor



Can you Imagine! Moore County Shrine Club collected 500 pounds of can tabs for Shriners Children's. Pictured L to R William Loeser, Secretary; Potentate III. Sir Shae Fidel; Chris Reeves, President; George Jepson, Captain, parade unit; and Rudy Spurlin, treasurer.



Food for Thought

Hello, I hope you're having a great day! I'm Sandra Fadel, wife of 2024 Potentate, Shea Fadel. I'd like to share a little with you.

I hope all of you enjoyed Mother's Day. I felt very special at our family gathering which included our children and their mothers-in-law. We are very fortunate to live close to each other to lessen the stress on holidays.

Both mine and Shea's mothers are in Heaven. We miss them dearly, but this year on Mother's Day we felt a sense of peace instead of sadness. We are their legacy and pray we continue to make them proud. I chose a butterfly for my ladies pin this year in honor of our mothers. My mother loved butterflies. Her garden not only had butterfly bushes but also a butterfly house. Since her passing I'm reminded of her passion every time I see a beautiful butterfly. I am now able to smile and say "hey mom" instead of weeping. I wish for each of you to find joy in simple reminders as well. Peace to you and your family. May God continue to bless you.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." Proverbs 31:25



Taco Casserole

2 C – cooked cilantro lime rice or plain white cooked rice with taco seasoning

1 can - black beans rinsed

1 can - whole kernel corn rinsed

1 can - fire roasted diced tomatoes - do not drain juice

1 Tbs - ground cumin

2 C - taco meat - beef, chicken, or turkey

1/2 C - chicken broth

1 C - shredded Mexican cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a medium sized casserole dish. In a separate bowl mix together the beans, corn, tomatoes, & cumin. Layer rice in the bottom of casserole dish. Next layer seasoned bean, corn, tomato mixture. Next layer meat. Pour broth over the top to add needed moisture. Layer cheese on top, and bake for 20 - 30 minutes until heated thru. This dish can be heated in the microwave to speed readiness. 5 - 8 minutes on High.

bon appétit
Sandra

Tours, tastings and Chihuly Glass

Kentucky didn't disappoint anyone!



\$800,000 horses, birthday celebrations, and White Tower burgers

Old friends and new faces gather at Mecklenburg Shrine Club

Derby Day festivities featuring fellowship, feathers, and flowers



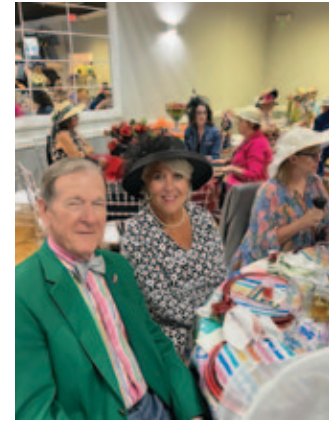
Pretty ladies all in a row



Competition was fierce for “best table, best men’s hat, best woman’s hat, best couple.”
And the prize goes to...



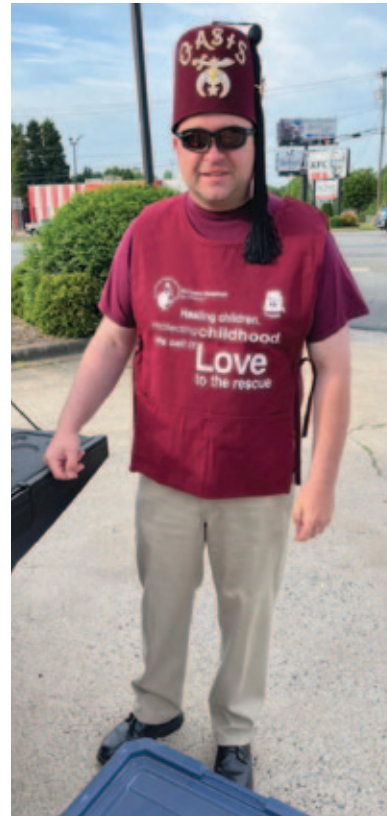
A little wager perhaps?



A somber tribute

Photos by Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace

Oasis nobles support Annual Paper Crusade



Oasis Pickers and Thermal Belt Shrine Club



Oasis Band

The Red Fez Shrine Club in the news



The Red Fez was thrilled to be selected as the hosting site for the 2024 Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Fishing Tournament.

After the heartbreaking and tragic shooting which occurred last month in Charlotte, the Red Fez wanted to take the opportunity to honor our heroes. During the event a check was presented to CMPD Police Chief Johnny Jennings for \$2000 to go towards the Help Our Heroes fund. The fund will allow employees of all the local public safety, first responder agencies impacted by the events to receive mental health care.

(Pictured L-R) PP Johnny Burgess, Second Ceremonial Master Larry Sanderson, Police Chief Johnny Jennings, and Ill. Sir Shea Fadel.

In addition, the club hosted a wonderful luncheon honoring their Past Presidents and widows. It was a heartfelt occasion, celebrating their contributions and memories they share. The guest speaker was a local Shriners patient: Noah, who shared his touching and inspiring story.



Submitted by Lady Dawn Sanderson

Spotlight on Union County Shrine Club



Members of the Union County Shrine Club enjoy their weekly breakfast gathering. Additional photos show the progress on their new building.



AUGUST 3RD, 2024

2ND ANNUAL

SHRINE 100 ASPHALT

HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY

TICKETS: \$20

GATES OPEN: 4:45
 QUALIFYING: 5:00
 PRE-RACE CEREMONIES: 6:45
 RACE: 7:00

RAIN DATE SET FOR AUGUST 10TH

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The Union County Shrine Club is becoming a reality. If anyone would like to help us by donating an ice machine we would be very grateful.

Hurting, hungry people

Why did the Supreme Architect of the Universe bring us as Brothers and Shriners together? Was it to provide homes for children and our older citizens? Was it to provide care and support for children with orthopedic problems and those who have been burned a well as those with cleft lips or palates? Did our Lord bring us together to teach children to read and to support the blind?

John Stanley, Chaplain

Could it be that we are all together to strengthen our call as individuals to honor “every creature”? We are called to love one another, and what better way can we show that love than to aid and to support children?

We must continue to seek ways to raise the funds that support our philanthropies! We must continue to look around and see

folks who as yet have not asked to be a member of our fraternity. Yes, and encourage those Masons who have yet to ask about becoming a Shriner.

What would it look like if we attempted to enlarge our circle of friends to include “more and different creatures”? Can you think of one who needs a little encouragement?

John Stanley, is Chaplain of Oasis, and Chaplain of South Atlantic Shriners. He served as Imperial Chaplain when Imperial Sir Al Madsen was Imperial Potentate. John can be reached at: jhstanley1965@gmail.com.

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1st Sunday of each month

May 5th thru October 6th

- DJ David Beaury (The Big Dog)
- 50/50 Drawing at 7pm

Metrolina Shrine Club Fundraiser

Blackstone Grill Giveaway Drawing - June 15th

Blackstone Grill Giveaway!



Ticket purchase or questions concerning the Blackstone Grill Drawing, the point of contact is Jason Woodward, 704-507-5645.

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The Membership Team will be selling coins to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Oasis and raise money to send a child or children to Victory Junction.

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Oasis nobles receive 50 Year Service Awards



Noble Tom Davis

As Oasis Shriners Chief Rabban and Divan Representative for the Robbinsville Shrine Club, it was my distinct pleasure to present Noble Tom Davis with his 50 Year Service Award from Shriners International. It was personally rewarding to be with so many familiar Graham County Shriners and their ladies. Special thanks to Oasis Noble J. David Cashion, Junior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of North Carolina, for joining us during this auspicious occasion.

Submitted by Noble Chris Hall

Noble James Misenheimer

IS Shea Fadel with "Dewey" Misenheimer. In the background you can see his handmade Masonic clock made by a master clocksmith in Greensboro area.



Noble Randy Marion Sr.

It was a very special night for Noble Randy and Lady Betty and all his family who were in attendance to see him receive his award. His longtime friend PP H. Mike Cook read the 50 Year Award letter from Imperial Sir Ed Stolze and presented Noble Randy his certificate.

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

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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. 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.
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OASIS **JUNE 14-16, 2024**
17th ANNUAL

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FRIDAY

6pm Youth Activities meet @ Basketball Court!

7pm: Club grounds Food Crawl!

8pm: Picnic shelter Music and dancing

SATURDAY

7-9am: Pancake breakfast at Clubhouse - \$8.00/person

7:30am: REGISTRATION - Youth Fishing Tournament

ALL AGES! Bring a Fishing Rod

FISHING FROM – 8:00AM until 9:00AM

10:00am: Water Slides Open

10:30am: Scavenger Hunt – Start @ Red Fez Club Front Porch

12:00pm: Hot Dog lunch provided by Oasis Temple

An afternoon of games and swimming

4pm: BBQ Cook Off Awards Ceremony followed by food, fun and fellowship ... and more music!



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

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July 16 – 21, 2024
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A culture of excellence

One hundred thirty years ago, the Matthews Masonic Lodge #461 was given their charter from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. They made their home in the old post office building, but later relocated to the second floor of the Matthews General Store. In 1947, when the General Store moved out, the Lodge was able to buy the building.

Year after year the brothers found ways to improve and beautify the property. They added their cornerstone, gave the building a facelift, and brought the interior to life with historical memorabilia—safely framed and proudly displayed—including original architectural drawings. This is all very impressive, but the true value of Matthews #461 comes to light when you see their degree team in action.

My experience with this lodge began with my own lodge, James K. Polk # 759 in Pineville, NC. At a recent degree team practice, our coach P.M. Dale Bruck, told us about an upcoming third degree ceremony being held at the Matthews lodge. He said we could consider it one of our practice sessions if we all went to see their degree team in action. So twelve of us traveled to 184 S. Trade Street in Matthews to fellowship with our brothers and witness a third degree. We were warmly welcomed, fed a delicious meal and led to the Lodge Room upstairs.

The long flight of stairs (usually a deal-breaker for a stroke-survivor like me) was a non-issue. I climbed aboard the lift chair and found myself motoring up the stairs.

The room was spacious and comfortable. I was stunned to see such a beautiful room in this old building. Nice, comfortable chairs, great Masonic furniture and antiques—very impressive indeed. After we were seated, WB Dave Smith, Master of the Lodge, came by and presented each of us a beautiful ball point pen with the lodge name printed on it. Yet another touch of class.

The degree team was dressed in white tie and tails, the work was performed flawlessly with dignity and precision. The long lecture given to the new Master Mason was delivered by D.D.G.L. Brother Ed Steel along with WB Brian Turner who is a Past DDGM and Past DDGL.

In my travels before retiring, I have visited many lodges across the country, and I have seen quite a few degrees. Never have I been so impressed with a degree team as I was with the Matthews team.

My brothers, do yourselves a big favor. Plan to visit this wonderful old lodge in downtown Matthews to see a Masonic degree as it should be performed. You will not be disappointed. They meet the second Thursday of each month with dinner at 6 followed by a 7:00 meeting. For more information contact Lodge Secretary Dutch Wermuth (dutchwermuth33@gmail.com) or visit the website at <https://matthewslodge.net>.



*"I've never been prouder to be a Mason."
Noble Marty Wilson*

Clowns and bikes

Greetings nobles and ladies, the deadline for the bicycle donations will be September 1, 2024. Anyone buying a new bicycle or helmet or wanting to make a donation needs to have it in by September 1.

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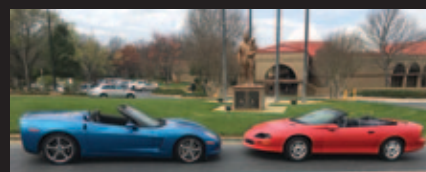
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