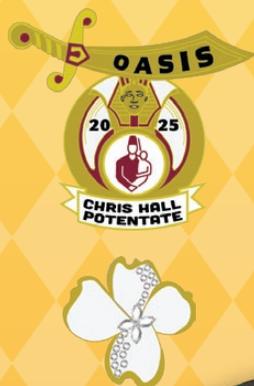


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From the Potentate



Nobles and Ladies:

Thank you for your support during the incredibly busy month of September. Check out the photos in this November

edition of the *Desert Dust* and online!

Last month, Oasis hosted the annual Circus shows, attended the Annual Homecoming at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and had several units participate in the largest Shrine Parade in North Carolina, hosted the 6th Annual Oasis Golf Tournament with 20 teams participating, and rounded out the month with our Annual Memorial Service, Annual Club and Unit Appreciation event, and Fall Ceremonial weekend in honor of Oasis Past Potentates. It is with gratitude that I express personal thanks to Noble Jack Wallace and his team, including our incredible Oasis Clowns, for all they did

to make the circus shows a tremendous success including the Bicycle Giveaway. Thanks to Noble Larry Payne and Noble Gary Ward for helping ensure our Oasis Golf Tournament was fun and successful.

Within the last few weeks, I had the pleasure of visiting the Lenoir York Rite Bodies, the Land of the Sky Shrine Club, and participated in the Charlotte Scottish Rite Fall Reunion. On October 9, it was a particular privilege to attend the 100th Anniversary Gala of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite as Illustrious Sir Terry K. Jones, 33rd degree and oldest living Past Venerable Master of the Valley, proudly delivered remarks to commemorate the auspicious occasion. It remains my honor as Potentate of Oasis Shriners to witness countless dedicated Nobles working hard each day for the betterment of our philanthropy and fraternity.

As this November issue of the *Desert Dust* reaches your hands, please have fun and take great pride representing Oasis

Shriners as several of you will participate in parades around the Thanksgiving holiday. This special time of the year provides members of the public with a unique opportunity to experience the smiles of "the guys in those funny red hats in those little cars." You never know who will be watching you and may inquire about joining the organization - and remember to never pass up the opportunity to share about the incredible work at Shriners Children's that may benefit a family in need who has never heard about who we are and what we support.

Congratulations to Oasis Noble Russell Bridges who has been appointed as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina. Oasis looks forward to supporting you in the years ahead.

Remember, today you are somebody's example when they glance at the ring upon your hand, the lapel pin on your collar, the stitched logo on your shirt, or the decal on your vehicle. In the words of our beloved Oasis Chaplain, Past Potentate John Stanley, "let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

Yours in the Faith,
Illustrious Sir Chris Hall

Per Article 2, Section 5 of the current bylaws of:



And by Order of the Illustrious Potentate

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Is Hereby Given to the Noble Members of Oasis Shriners to Elect the Potentate and Officers for the 2026 Shrine Year during the

ANNUAL MEETING OF OASIS SHRINERS

Day/Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025

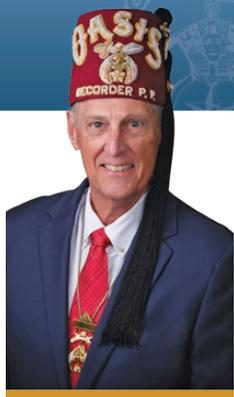
Time: 2:00 p.m. At: Oasis Temple

604 Doug Mayes Place,
Charlotte, NC 28262

Current Shriners Dues Status is Required for Entry

ON THE COVER: At this year's Oasis Circus, longtime Oasis Clown Ted-E met a new friend, honorary Clown Nut'n-Nut'n, who happens to be closely related to Illustrious Potentate Chris Hall. A tip of the Fez is once again in order to Noble Jack Wallace and his team for pulling off another wonderful week of celebration, excitement, and thrilling bicycle giveaways for the children.

From the Recorder



Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you well. As you know, most of my articles focus on the miracles we call our

"Shriner Kids," and the stories of their amazing accomplishments at our medical facilities-- and in their lives.

This month, however, I would like to communicate a couple of extremely important business items. Recent personnel additions to the Oasis front office and accounting areas have allowed us to review the way we do some critical tasks and implement improvements for better efficiency. The first item is contributions made through Oasis including donations and memorials.

Beginning immediately, all donations, including honors and memorials, **but excluding hospital donations**, processed through Oasis should be sent to:

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604 Doug Mayes Place
Charlotte, NC 28262
Attn: Sherrie

Email correspondence should be addressed to:
support@oasisshriners.org

For accounting-specific questions, please email correspondence to:
finance@oasisshriners.org

Hospital donations should continue to be sent to:

Oasis Shriners
604 Doug Mayes Place
Charlotte, NC 28262
Attn: Pam



NEWSFLASH!!!!!!!!!!

Recent Divan clarifications of a long-term rule that allows a noble to be a member of only one unit.

A noble can now be a member of one parading unit **AND** a non-parading unit, such as Directors Staff, Past Masters, Greeters, and others, most especially for this article, **Roadrunners**. Everyone has probably noticed over the last few months that there has been increased emphasis on communicating the need for more Roadrunners (formerly Tripsters). The number of transfers of our Shriner Kids to our medical facilities is continuously growing as the economy tightens.

If your schedule permits, even if you are a member of a parading unit, please sign-up to become a Roadrunner. I am personally a member of the Oasis Marching Patrol, but after three ride-alongs, I plan to officially apply for membership to the Roadrunners. It's a wonderful feeling to be able to offer our Shriner Kids an essential service!

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 medical facilities and all our Shriners Children's programs.

Gary

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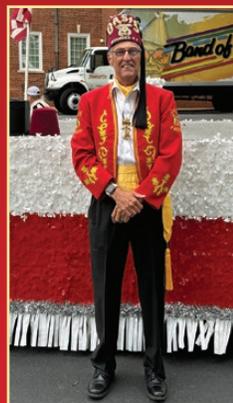
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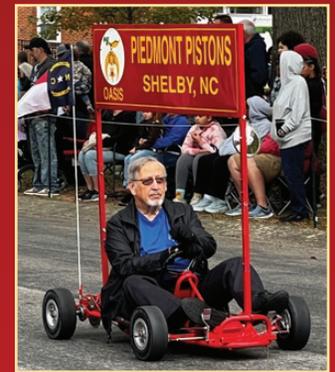
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13TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Oxford Masonic Home for Children





The Oasis Pickers Deliver Music and More

Submitted by Dave Mahan

A few weeks ago, there was an inquiry from the Child Life Department to see if we knew any way that they could get a violin for some patient therapy. It was quickly relayed that we didn't know much about violins, but that we were pretty sure we could come up with a FIDDLE for the patient! So the word went out and within



48 hours one fiddle was donated and another beginner model was purchased. In addition to that one mandolin, four more guitars were also donated.

On Wednesday, October 8, the Oasis Pickers made a trip to Shriners Children's – Greenville to *deliver!* We played some fun music, gave some guitar lessons, donated two fiddles (aka: violins) and played a special "Happy Birthday" tribute to some outstanding staff members. After a few hours, it was time to go...but the patients were still strumming!

It was a GREAT DAY to be an Oasis Picker! Of course, if you'd like more info on the Oasis Pickers, please email: DBMahan@gmail.com.



NOV 8

PRICE \$10

MECKLENBURG SHRINE CLUB

When: November 8, 7:30am - 11:00am
Price: \$10
Serving: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee, FELLOWSHIP

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Oasis Hospitality Team Wants You

*Are you ready to get involved?
 Are you a new Shriner or Shriner who's been around for a while but has not been involved? Would you like to get to know more people?*



We are looking for individuals like yourself to join our team. Husbands and wives are encouraged.

Join the Oasis Hospitality Team.

To learn more, please contact Dennis Grigg at (828) 781-0062.

We look forward to hearing from you.

White Plains Shrine Club 2025 Fall BBQ and Drawing

Saturday, October 4 was a perfect day for the White Plains Shrine Club Fall BBQ. The membership again came together to smoke 166 Boston butts and over 140 chicken halves. Both the spring and fall BBQs put on by White Plains Shrine Club have been staple events through the years in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Everyone in the community knows that when the green, yellow and red tent goes up on the side of Cleveland Avenue (Hwy 161) near the American Legion, the BBQ smoke is soon to follow.

This event was made even more memorable as a drawing was held for a 2004 Cadillac XLR, with 100% of the proceeds, over \$11,000, going directly to the Shriners Children's! Special thanks to Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms and Assistant Rabban Donnie Wrenn for stopping by.



INSTALLATION OF OASIS OFFICERS

Chief Rabban Tim Farris and Lady Betty request the pleasure of your company for a social, dinner, Oasis Divan Installation of Officers and entertainment.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

Oasis Shrine Center
604 Doug Mayes Place | Charlotte, North Carolina

Attire: Coat and Tie preferred (no jeans), Semi formal for Ladies

Hotel Reservations: bit.ly/2026InstallationHotel

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Oasis Receives Dromedary Award

Oasis received a 2025 Honorable Mention Dromedary Award for the Oasis Shriners' website.



2025 Schedule of Events

NOVEMBER

November 1-2 Oasis Past Potentates "Homecoming"
Ceremonial - Oasis Headquarters, Charlotte

November 20 Oasis Divan Meeting

DECEMBER

December 6 Oasis Divan Meeting (**STATED**)

December 6 Oasis Annual Election of Officers

December 13 Lincoln **Ceremonial** - Lincoln County
Shrine Club, Vale & Cat Square Parade

December 18 Oasis Divan Meeting

JANUARY 2026

January 3 **Installation** of the 131st Potentate of
Oasis Shriners & the Oasis Divan

Monthly Roadrunner Highlights

The Roadrunners are as busy as ever transporting patients to and from the hospital. And even though Summer is a busy time with kids being out of school, Fall is turning out to be just as busy. UPDATE. Did you know that nobles can now be a member of a parade unit AND ALSO be a Roadrunner? That's right. Because the Roadrunners are not a parading unit, you can be a member of both.

There was a total of **ten Roadrunner trips in the month of September consisting of 2,831 miles!** Congratulations to the following drivers who had the highest number of trips in their region in September:

- Larry Hale (Catawba) 3 trips, 913 miles
- Eric Morabito (Catawba) 3 trips, 913 miles
- Charles Stubbs (Charlotte) 2 trips, 753 miles
- John Latham (Mountain/Avery) 1 trip, 171 miles
- Bill Krause (Mountain/Avery) 1 trip, 171 miles
- Stan Presley (Mountain/Avery) 1 trip, 171 miles
- Tom Erickson (Triad) 1 trip, 524 miles
- Neil Johnson (Triad) 1 trip, 524 miles



Would you like to become a Roadrunner? Please contact Danny Bean at (828) 302-8908 or beandanny9@gmail.com to get more information on how to be a member.

CORRECTION: The number of Roadrunner trips and for July and August was previously reported incorrectly. The correct number of Roadrunner trips for July is 10 with 4,827 miles, and August is 11 trips and 3,569 miles.



Walk, Trot or Roll!



Saturday, November 15, 2025
Trailblazer Park, SC

Support Shriners Children's Greenville one step at a time by participating in our annual **Turkey Trot and Roll**.

Come walk, trot or roll with us at Trailblazer Park in Travelers Rest. There is something for everyone! Join your family, friends and the community for a stroll around the track in our Family Fun Walk, strap on your sneakers for the 5K road course, or enjoy all the activities at the Family Fun Fest!

All proceeds from the Turkey Trot and Roll benefit Shriners Children's Greenville.

Sign up, fundraise, or donate today at
SCTrotandRoll.org

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

Petals of Hope: Shrine Patient Monthly Story

A Bloom of Determination, Forbes' Story

Like the delicate yet enduring dogwood blossom that flourishes even in rocky soil, Forbes' journey is a story of strength rooted in challenge—and beauty born from perseverance. Each petal of the dogwood, often said to symbolize rebirth and resilience, mirrors the milestones Forbes has reached in his young life.

Diagnosed with Russell-Silver syndrome, a rare condition marked by growth differences and orthopedic challenges, Forbes has faced more than his share of obstacles. But just as the dogwood tree finds a way to bloom each spring, Forbes has continued to

rise—steadied by expert care, unwavering support, and his own fierce determination.

From his first pair of orthotics at Shriners Children's Greenville to taking home trophies in gymnastics and discovering a passion for golf, Forbes lives a life in full bloom. The compassion and innovation of his care team have not only helped him walk taller, but have given him the freedom to dream bigger.

Forbes' story reminds us that even in life's most uncertain seasons, hope can take root—and with the right care, it can blossom into something extraordinary.



Forbes

During a routine check-up, Forbes' pediatrician recommended that he visit Shriners Children's Greenville. Diagnosed with Russell-Silver syndrome, a rare condition characterized by growth restrictions affecting approximately 1 in 100,000 people, Forbes has faced various skeletal challenges, including scoliosis and a leg length

discrepancy. Despite these complexities, his mom describes his journey as one of resilience, strength, and a little bit of luck.

Forbes, now almost 9 years old, has been a patient at Shriners Children's Greenville for most of his life. With his grandfather being a dedicated Shriner, his family had long supported the hospital system—never expecting that one day, they too would benefit from its life-changing care.

"I've always had a soft spot for Shriners Children's, but I never thought I would need them," his mom, Jamie, shared.

Born with a need for specialized orthopedic care, Forbes was fitted with orthotics at an early age. At just 2 years old, he

faced a challenge many take for granted — finding shoes that fit over his orthotics. "When we came to get his first orthotics, we didn't even think to bring shoes that would be big enough to fit over them." Fortunately, Shriners Children's had the perfect pair, marking a small but significant milestone in his journey. "It was just another way Shriners Children's has always been there to help." Over the years, Forbes has worn a total of three sets of orthotics, including supramalleolar orthoses (SMOs) and ankle-foot orthoses (AFOs), each carefully designed to support his mobility and growth.

Under the care of his medical team, Forbes continues to be monitored for his scoliosis and leg length discrepancy. His treatment, combined with the assurance and expertise of his care team, has given him the confidence to pursue his many passions — golf, karate, gymnastics, and now basketball — without fear. Forbes discovered his love for golf two years ago and hasn't looked back. Off the course, his competitive spirit shines in gymnastics, where he competes in the USAG HUGS program, designed for athletes with unique complexities. During his first competition, Forbes proudly took home three trophies, a testament to his determination and skill.

Forbes' family remains deeply grateful for the care he has received and continues to support Shriners Children's. "We feel lucky," Jamie shared, "knowing that with the hospital's expertise and compassion, Forbes will continue to thrive in every aspect of his life."

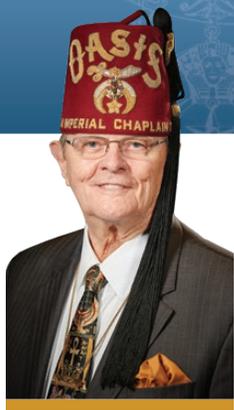


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Chaplain's Corner

Changes—Yep, They are Coming

Today we hear and read so much that is negative about our elected officials and elections we wonder if our government can function with any credibility and effectiveness. And, then names such as 9-11, World Trade Center, Sandy Hook, Margaret Stoneman/Parkland, Santa Fe, Thousand Oaks, Las Vegas, and shootings in the Charleston Church, and the Jewish Synagogue are forever more etched into our minds.

And, then we wonder what is happening with the decline of membership in the mainline church, the decline of interest and thus membership in those organizations that contribute to a wonderful way of life such as Rotary, Lions, Masons and Shriners.

And, here we are during a time-consuming, very busy holiday season, with the New Year looming ahead, and with the New Year

come changes and challenges in our lives that test our hope. Such challenges can cause us to be totally perplexed and sad about what is happening in and around us, with major doubts about what God is doing.

But the Bible gives us **hope**. Hope in the present and hope for the future. Hope is a quality of the spirit, an elusive gift. And, when we think of HOPE, we remember the Scripture from the Book of Jeremiah:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Recently, we baptized a baby in our church. What does his future hold? We obviously do not know. But this we do know: his future will be full of joy but full of challenges, too.

And, two weeks after baptizing the baby, we had the wonderful privilege of baptizing a 71-year-old woman. She had never been baptized, and at this point in her life she felt a very special calling to be active in the church, to be a part of the church, and to be baptized.

What does the future hold for her? Like the little baby, we do not know, but we know that her remaining years will be full of joy and some challenges along the way.

And, we know that God has plans for this baby and for this woman's future — even during great catastrophes in our lives. We wish you a most joyful and peaceful holiday season as we remember God's promises: *plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*"

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners, and Chaplain of SASA. He retired as Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian-Gastonia as well as Laurinburg Presbyterian. He is a Past Imperial Chaplain of Shriners International (2012-13, Al Madsen). He can be reached at jhstanley1965@gmail.com.

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Ashe Shrine Club Golf Tournament

Ashe Shrine Club's Annual Golf Tournament was a great success. The weather was beautiful, along with being a great day for golf. The fellowship was great, and the food was delicious. We would like to thank Philip Shepherd and Mountain Aire for hosting it. Thanks to all the Nobles and Shrine Ladies for their help in making this year's tournament a great success.



UPCOMING CLUB AND UNIT EVENTS



NOVEMBER 8

Mecklenburg Shrine Club
Rise and Shine Breakfast

See ad on page 6

NOVEMBER 13-23

Dune Cats - Help Needed at
The Southern Christmas Show

See ad on page 18

DECEMBER 6

Mecklenburg Shrine Club
Christmas Party

See ad on page 10

DECEMBER 13

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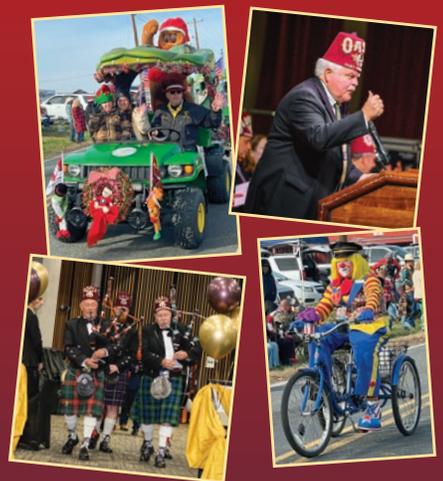
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Oasis Shrine Circus 2025

Submitted by Jack Wallace, Circus Chairman

Our 2025 Oasis Shrine Circus has come and gone again with all the excitement and fun you can imagine over a period of three jam packed days. Two shows in Greensboro both had great attendance while our four shows in Concord produced our best attendance on record at that location. Nearly 6,000 total people of all ages attended our circus this year. Your award-winning Clown Unit created more smiles than we could count by again sponsoring the Rodney Morgan Memorial Bicycle Give-a-Way. With the generous donations of our nobility, they were able to

give 107 bikes to lucky kids ages 3 to 12. Our circus is always great fun for the family, and there is no better way to see first-hand just how much fun it is for kids of all ages than to attend one of our six performances.



I personally wish to thank our circus promoter, Jody Jordan and his staff, for the very entertaining variety of acts provided this year. Also, a big shout out to the staff at The Novant Fieldhouse in Greensboro and Cabarrus Arena and Events Center for their hospitality and support at their individual facilities.

We appreciate your continued support of our Oasis Shrine Circus. While it is always an enjoyable event for us to have each year, it's also very important in helping toward our operational expenses at Oasis Shrine Center.

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to seeing you at next year's Oasis Shrine Circus.

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Smoky Mountain Shrine Club

At the September meeting of the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, Illustrious Potentate Chris Hall accepted a ceremonial check from the club from a recent fundraiser success. He was accompanied by the club's Divan Representative and Second Ceremonial Master, Noble Tom Bridges as well as Noble Rick Patton who currently serves as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina.

Also in attendance were Potentate's Aide Andrew Norton, club treasurer, and Potentate's Aide J. David Cashion who also serves as an officer in our Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina.

During the club meeting, Noble Donnie Wallace also referred a new member to Oasis Shriners who had decided to become a dedicated Oasis Roadrunner. Congratulations to the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club for their continued hard work and dedication.



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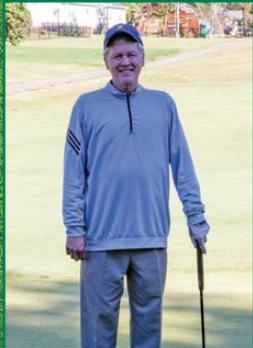
Be on the front line of helping children by driving them to their doctor's appointments, surgeries, and physical therapy.

Contact Danny Bean at (828) 302-8908 or beandanny9@gmail.com to receive more information on becoming a Roadrunner.

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

GOLF TOURNAMENT





Is Your Shrine Club or Unit Looking for a Fundraiser?



The Dune Cats are looking for extra help with our holiday fundraiser:
The Southern Christmas Show held from Nov 13-23.

Show Hours are 10-6 Sunday - Wednesday and 10-9 Thursday - Saturday.
 Help is needed during show hours.

Please contact Eddie Baker at
(704) 575-4718 if you are interested.
 Nobles and Ladies welcome.

2025 Bar and Plaque Money Due

Do you have money needing to be collected for 2025 year bars? Just a reminder that all money should be collected and sent in before the end of the year. Let's close out the year without any outstanding money left on the table.

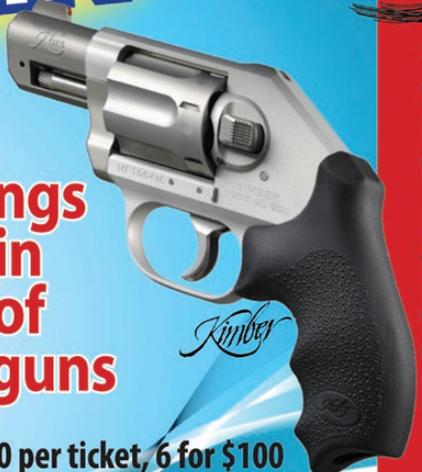


WIN

Drawings to win one of 3 handguns

Donation: \$20 per ticket, 6 for \$100
Drawing: December 18, 2025

High Point Shrine Club Fund Raiser




1st Prize: Kimber K6XS 38 Special +P Stainless Revolver
2nd Prize: Hellcat Micro-Compact OSP 9mm Luger Melonite Black
3rd Prize: Taurus 856 38 Special +P Stainless Revolver

All proceeds to benefit High Point Shrine Club. Donations are not tax-deductible.
 Must be 21 or over. Must be North Carolina Resident.
 Must pass background check at pickup at our generous sponsor: SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE
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OASIS SHRINERS
Having Fun & Helping Children

ATTENTION: Restoration Special!

Do you know any Oasis Noble Shriner currently Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues?

OASIS SHRINERS RESTORATION PROGRAM

SPECIAL: Pay 2025 Dues \$155, complete restoration petition and copy of current Blue Lodge Dues Card.

SEE FORM ON PAGE 19

Or download the form:
<https://www.oasisshriners.org/images/forms/membership/petition-for-restoration.pdf>

This Special will run until the end of 2025!

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OASIS SHRINERS

PETITION FOR RESTORATION



To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Oasis Shriners,
Situated in the Oasis of Charlotte, Desert of North Carolina:

I, the undersigned, a former member of your Shrine Chapter, and now under sentence of _____ NPD _____, respectfully request that I may be restored to membership.

I have liquidated all indebtedness to Oasis, and if my request be granted I promise to conform to the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, together with those of Oasis Shriners.

I further declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____, A.F. & A.M., located at _____.

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2026 Potentate's Cruise

Submitted by *Tim Farris, Chief Rabban and Lady Betty*

Lady Betty and I are thrilled to share information with you regarding the 2026 Potentate's trip on a Cruise to the



Southern Caribbean in February 2026. Several of our counterparts from other Shrine Centers and their members will be joining us on this cruise.

The cruise will sail from Port Canaveral on February 21, 2026, and will return to Port Canaveral on March 1. This trip promises to be a fun and exciting eight days, cruising with Shrine families from other Shrine Centers.

Lady Betty and I want to thank Lady Lisa and Past Potentate (2017) Illustrious Sir

Don Nicholson (Kerbela Shriners) for putting this trip together for us, they are standing by to assist you in booking your cruise. Illustrious Sir Don and Lady Lisa have worked hard to secure a great price for this trip-\$2650 per couple for a balcony room, WOW!

Lady Betty and I sincerely appreciate Illustrious Sir Chris Hall for allowing us to share this information with you so you will have ample time to plan for this trip. We are looking forward to traveling with you in 2026!

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