

DESERT DUST



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The Potentate's message

Nobles and Ladies: What a wild ride May has been for Oasis Shrine. Throughout the Oasis region, there seem to be events most every week in a number of locations. Despite the many Shrine events we have attended, we still found time to attend two special weddings and a very special graduation.

The White Plains Shrine Club Golf Tournament in Kings Mountain was a huge success, with a full slate of golfers enjoying great fun, fellowship and fundraising for the White Plains Nobles and their Ladies who continue their hard work for Shriners Children's Hospitals. Great job, Nobles, I look forward to next year.

Traveling back across the region to Lake Wylie, I attended the Red Fez Shrine Club Golf Tournament,

which is always a great event. Once more, a full contingent of golfers, and a very worthy cause to benefit our children and our Hospitals. Unfortunately my golf game has not improved with these recent golf outings.

Oasis put on another great show for our annual Paper Crusade. Shriners were out in force throughout our 50 counties, handing out our attractive newspaper and educating the public about our hospitals. Throughout the weekend, Mary and I traveled from Lake Wylie to Wilkes County, making stops in Charlotte, Mount Holly, Cherryville, Bessemer City and Belmont. Everywhere I went there were Shriners spreading the word. Although we do not have the final totals in, I know this year was a banner year for this annual Hospital fundraising effort. Congratulations to all of the clubs and units who participated in

this important event. Your efforts will not go unnoticed. Also, a special thank you to Paper Sale chairman Don Iyerly and his lady Linda and the rest of the paper sale team. These folks delivered 160,000 papers throughout the Oasis jurisdiction. Noble Don and his lady drove 1,100 miles in three days in the western part of the state. These are the things that we take for granted during the year and these people do not get the credit that they so much deserve. Again, thanks to everyone who spent their time to help with this special event.

Lady Mary and I have been busy visiting many clubs and units and we are not nearly done. We hope to visit each Oasis Club and Unit during the year. Time is our enemy. We find that we have only 24 hours in each day to accomplish more than we would like to, but we will get it done. Be patient and we will be there.

Looking forward to June, we have another packed month, full of great activities for everyone. We start the month out, June 5th and 6th, in beautiful Maggie Valley for the

Summer Ceremonial. The Nobles and Ladies will be pleased with the number of activities planned for this super weekend. Maggie Valley has gone the extra mile to prepare for our exciting weekend. From White Water Rafting to Hospitality Room crawling, the entire weekend will be filled with fun and excitement, and we have a large number of new Shriners that will be joining our ranks. I know each of you will welcome each one of them and their ladies and make them feel at home with the best Shrine Center in the world. Everyone should take special notice that we will have a Brother Mason from Tennessee who will be joining Oasis. The word is spreading far and wide about our great Oasis.

The Oasis Celebrity Golf Tournament takes place on June 12 & 13, which is always a great event. In addition on June 13th, the Shrine Children's Hospitals Motorcycle Ride-in will take place in Greensboro: hosted by Greensboro Harley Davidson and Karen Berckman Hatchett, a Shrine Hospital patient's mother. Looks like lots of fun for everyone mid-month.

One of the most exciting events of the Oasis year takes place on June 19th and 20th at Red Fez Shrine Club on beautiful Lake Wylie. Family Fun Day is one event that every Shriner and Lady looks forward to each year and this year will be even more special. You can for a small donation, see your favorite Divan member soaked to the gills in the dunking booth. All donations go to the Hospitals, but better than that, you get to see those prim and proper guys get wet. There will be many games for the kids and adults, including the jumping houses, basketball, horseshoe, corn hole, fishing contests for the kids, as well as the swimming pool. After enduring the marvelous fragrances from the cooking teams, the afternoon will be filled with some of the best barbecue in North Carolina. You do not want to miss this! Please contact Noble Clay Mclean 704-913-4452 or Clint Myers 704-860-7436 these guys will help you regarding camping and cooking reservations. We will also offer a shuttle service to and from the hotel on Friday evening (Yorkshire Inn 704-588-3949).

As Lady Mary and I travel around, we are constantly reminded of the generosity and devotion of the members of Oasis Shrine. It continues to instill a sense of pride in us to see the many Shriners, old and young, who give of their time and resources to provide a child an opportunity to live a normal life, many of whom would otherwise live a less than full life due to disabilities that are successfully treated at Shrine Children's Hospitals. Although Shriners worldwide work hard for our cause, I can see firsthand the reason why Oasis Shrine is the best Shrine Center in the world, in more ways than one. I am so proud of each of you, and swell with pride when I announce to any group of Shriners that I am associated with Oasis, the Number One Shrine Center in the World.

Lady Mary and I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events. It is still going to be a continuing wild ride throughout the remainder of this year. Ride with us.

Yours in the faith;
Todd



The Recorder's message

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. I hope everyone had a good May and has started summer off well.

As I mentioned back in April, I frequently review Shrine-related articles for items I believe will be of interest to this article's readers. Well, I have been "web-crawling" again and found the following stories I believe may just lift everyone's spirits a bit.

The first one comes from The Rapid City Journal entitled "OUR GOOD DEEDS-Boy, 6, donates raffle prize back to Shriners Hospital-It's a rare 6-year-old who is willing to sacrifice a new bike for the good of others, but that's just what one Rapid City boy did this spring. Cody Stalcup won \$125 to purchase a bike through a raffle held by the Masonic Lodge and local Shriners, according to Roger Horton, a member of both groups. After winning the bike, Cody's father, Brian Stalcup, explained to

him what the Shriners do to help sick children. Cody decided that those sick kids were more in need than him. "Cody's dad called me and said Cody wanted to speak with me about that bicycle," Horton said. "He'd gotten to thinking about these less fortunate kids ... and he thought the money would be better spent being given back to help the kids out."

Horton, who has made 26 trips driving children in need from the Rapid City area to the Shriners Hospitals for Children — Twin Cities, was impressed by Cody's donation. That a child Cody's age could recognize the greater good the \$125 could bring to those special children touched Horton's heart. "In a world full of troubles, it makes you think about your priorities," he said.

This next story comes from Boofish Magazine-Spokane, Washington—"It is heartwarming when a child shares, but when a child shares with those in great need of their

own Christmas money it is remarkable. This is exactly what Ella Adams, from Spokane, did when she got a hundred dollars from her grandmother. The nine-year-old has aspirations to be a pediatrician and has had two close experiences with the Shriners Hospital. Her brother, Evan received treatment for scoliosis at Spokane's Shriners Hospital, and Ella's best friend went to Shriners and is now a cancer survivor. Ella said she "thought it would be the right thing to do." It is amazing that a girl of her would show such maturity and generosity. Ella knew herself well enough to know that she would have just wasted the money on a "stupid" toy, so she thought it would be a good idea to give it to Shriners Children's Hospital. Director of Development, Angelique Heinzen at Spokane's Shriners Hospital said that Ella's gift would be "put to immediate use to provide direct medical care to the children in our Hospital." Ella's gift was a pleasant shock so her and her family got a special tour of the hospital. With Ella's big heart for helping others and her dedication to healthcare she will surely bright future in anything she chooses. Ella should serve as a shining example to the community of Spokane that

there is still kindness and selflessness in this world."

The final story comes from the Deseret News-Utah and involves more than a story related to the Shrine, but I truly believe that it represents the good in all of us, which distinguishes us as good and upright citizens of this country.

"Utahns serving in the Marines will get homemade Christmas care packages. About 400 people needing a better coat got one Friday, and kids hospitalized at Shriners can expect Santa to bring books this year, thanks to area holiday good-deed-doers.

Donations at the 4th Annual Community Coat Exchange in the downtown library plaza Friday were down from last year, but everyone in need who showed up received a coat or was provided a way to get one, said organizer Deanna Taylor.

"I think having fewer donations is a sign of the economic times we're in," Taylor said. "A lot of people who would donate are hanging on to things for another winter rather than donating them. That's just the

way things are right now."

Marines serving with the 7th Battalion will be served Christmas boxes made by the senior residents of Park Lane Senior Residence in Salt Lake.

The effort is new for the residence and is a reminder to servicemen that there are helping hands and willing hearts back home, said Matthew Hope, Park Lane program director.

"In years past, we have participated in the KUTV Angel Tree program, other service projects for soldiers and campaigns for the American Cancer Society, as well as other organizations," said Hope. The Christmas box idea seemed a natural choice this year because one of the residents has a son who has been in Afghanistan for three weeks and just found out his wife is pregnant, he said.

A holiday children's book drive to benefit Shriners Hospital is under way at the Borders store in Murray. The drive runs until Dec. 24. Customers can donate a new book to a child or they can donate a Beckett the Bear teddy bear, said store

general manager Matt Grahl.

The drive not only provides much-needed books for small patients at Shriners, it's also part of the company's goal of helping to foster literacy in families and in the community, Grahl said.

Even in an ever more digitized world, "a good book or cuddly bear will help our patients pass the time and brighten their days in the hospital," said Michael Babcock, Shriners director of public relations.

O.K., once again you're let me take up way too much of your time, but I felt like the goodness in the stories above reflect the goodness that is in each one of us. And, as an added bonus, how many times do you get to read the word "Utahns"?

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 the children they serve.

Gary

Traveling Man for Oasis Shrine and Shrine Childrens Hospitals

The subtle, quiet Shriner gets up long before daybreak. He made sure the truck was ready the night before, and checked all of the connections, reviewing the contents of the trailer, checking all of the tires. While many of us were still snuggled in our beds, this devoted Shriner hits the road to help spread the word about the Hospitals, sponsored by Shriners throughout North America.

His travels have taken him to many locations. He has traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada; Waco, Texas; New Orleans LA; Indianapolis, Ind; Minneapolis, MN; Cincinnati, Ohio; Maryland; Tampa, FL, and many locations throughout the Oasis Shrine Region, to numerous to list. He has traveled more than 16,000 miles in the past two years. Quite an accomplishment.

When he traveled to Indianapolis, he was met with a terrible hail storm. He weathered the storm and made it to the gate of the Fairgrounds. Exiting the truck, he expected the truck and trailer to be destroyed by the huge balls of hail, but to his surprise, there was not a single dent. The only thing shattered were his nerves. He had quite a following on that trip. 20 Shriners and 7 ladies from the local Shrine Temple worked the crowd all day at the Indianapolis dirt track, spreading the word about our hospitals.

Over the past year, he has traveled to more than 30 locations, spreading the word, and helping membership in Oasis Shrine.

He stays booked most weekends, as much as 12 months in advance, but he never falters in his devotion to Oasis Shrine and to our Hospitals.

It is sort of strange that we do not think about these Shrine heroes who give so much of their time, energy and resources to spread the word. We all have seen the Hospital Trailer. We see the beautiful truck that tows the trailer, with never a speck of dust on it. We just never stop to think about how it gets to all of these locations. We never stop to wonder how it can always be so pristine. It is, by no means, magical.

This subtle, quiet Shriner is none other than Noble Jim Rorie, Recorder Emeritus of Oasis Shrine. He has been a mainstay for our traveling trailer, and along with Nobles Rodney Morgan, Bob Burroughs, Tommy Kiser, Lee Abernathy, Donnie Wrenn, Mike Neaves, and so many others has attended events, including parades, that are too numerous to count. He has filled the trailer full of necessities and, along with Noble Rodney Morgan, took them to the Masonic Home for Children, stopping in Chapel Hill for a Child Care event.

So the next time you see the trailer, with Noble Rorie standing quietly in the background, give him a pat on the back. He performs a task of love that not many would do. And he does it all for the Children in our Hospitals. What a hero.



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The Cabarrus Shrine Club has partnered with the Chick-Fil-A located at 1475 Concord Pkwy N. across from CMC Northeast to raise funds in support of the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

Come out to the Concord Parkway store and Join us
May 6th, June 3rd and July 1st, 2015

between the hours of **5pm** and **8pm** place your order to a cashier and tell them you are with the Shriners and a portion of the sales total will be donated to the Cabarrus Shrine club for the

Shriner's Hospitals For Children

So come on out and join us for fun and fellowship on these days and help the children. Come in the dining room and donate \$1 to spin the wheel for food and prizes and have a photo opportunity with the Chick-Fil-A Cow.

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2015 OASIS CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT CLASS

Oasis Shriners is proud to partner with Carolinas First Defense in Kings Mountain to offer a North Carolina Concealed Carry Permit Holder class for any Oasis Noble, his family, friends, and prospective new members who would like to participate. The class will be held on **Saturday, August 15, 2015** at Carolinas First Defense located at 1334 Phifer Road in Kings Mountain. Here are the details:

- \$80 per person for the class or \$40 per person for a "refresher course" (lunch is included with both)
- The student is to bring a holster, handgun, 50 rounds of ammunition, eye protection, and ear protection (or rent all necessary items from Carolinas First Defense for a fee of \$35)
- The training facility has heat, A/C, and restrooms
- "Training Guarantee" - If the permit holder is ever involved in a situation with proper concealed use, then Carolinas First Defense will provide assistance with legal needs at no cost.
- The trainers are licensed and both serve as North Carolina Highway Patrolmen. They are currently ranked 11th in the world and 4th in the nation in the International Sniper competition (in 2011, they were first in the nation).
- Those interested in signing up may do so by visiting the website at www.carolinasfirstdefense.com to complete the necessary registration process and clicking on "Classes" → NC Concealed Carry Handgun Class NC CCW → and then selecting **August 15, 2015 Oasis Shriners** as the class. Make sure to select the correct package you would like and then click "Add to Cart" and proceed to checkout.

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A Story About a Little Baby Boy

Coy Lee Webb was born October 7, 2014. Coy was born with club feet...we didn't know where to go for help or how to help our son. Our little baby was 6 days old when we received a phone call from Shriners Hospital for Children-Greenville. They went ahead and scheduled us to come down to the hospital. On our first visit to Shriners they kindly explained his condition in detail to us and shared how the process would start. They started the casting process...it has been a long 6 months but the results are amazing.

Shriners have truly blessed our lives from the transportation the local Shriners have provided taking us back and forth to Shriners in Greenville and the hands-on care he receives at the hospital. His drivers even love him just as much as he loves them Howard & Randy. Coy just had his first surgery in April. Without Shriners we would be lost they truly are God sent angels and a blessing. My husband and I have had the opportunity to be a part of Coy's journey and correcting his feet we are very fortunate to be a part of such an amazing family-centered facility like Shriners Hospital for Children.

Thank you again from the Webb family!



Membership Update



Nobles,

Our Maggie Valley Ceremonial will undoubtedly prove to be a tremendous success this year. As we welcome new members into our beloved Order, let us remember the words of Noble Edgar Guest of Illinois. I hope you enjoy and share these words from the Shrine poem "The Badge."

"THE BADGE"

by Noble Edgar A. Guest, courtesy of Mohammed Shriners, Peoria, Illinois

By the scimitar and crescent you wear upon your coat,
You proclaim that you're a Shriner. It's a sign for man to note.
It's a symbol that your fellows have abiding faith in you.
They believe that you are worthy and they trust in all you do.
But I wonder, fellow Nobles, as I meet you here and there,
if you've really caught the meaning of that little badge you wear.

Are you mindful of its splendour? Are you watchful of its fame?
Are you careful as you travel, not bring it into shame?
You proclaim that you're a Shriner; every passer-by can see
That you've pledged to do the right thing wheresoever you may be.
But, world-wide, your brothers suffer loss and injury from you
if you do a wrong act which a Shriner wouldn't do.

By the token you are wearing, you're expected to be fine.
We have taught the world it's something to be chosen by the Shrine,
and the man who wears its emblem has his fellows' guarantee
that a gentleman of honour he is known and pledged to be.
And if he shall fail that standard by some thoughtless word or whim.
All Shriners, wide-world over, shall be put to shame by him.

By the scimitar and crescent which so proudly you display,
you are bound to live and travel in a bigger, better way.
You must dignify the emblem, so that none whom you may meet,
be he friend or foe, may whisper that the Shrine is but a cheat.
You must play the man at all times, you must keep your conduct fair
and be worthy of the crescent and scimitar you wear.

YITE, Chris

 **PayPal** is now Available!

PayPal is now available to pay the following:

- Annual Dues
- Initiation Fees
- Mom & Dad Program
- Ladies Tickets

With PayPal, you can use your American Express credit card to pay any of the above items. Just go to the Oasis Shriners website, (<http://www.oasisshriners.org/MEMBERSHIP.htm>) click on Membership and you will see the PayPal link pictured to the right. You don't need a PayPal account to use this new payment method.

Any questions, please contact the Temple at 704-549-9600.



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

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Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions. So easy, even a Shriner can do it.

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www.twitter.com/shriners

"The Beat on the Street" continues Car & Truck Show success!



The cool of early Saturday morning easily melted away into a wonderfully warm Saturday afternoon at the Mt. Holly Spring Fest where, again this year, cars and trucks came from all around to participate in the Drum & Bugle Corps Car & Truck Show for the Shriners Hospital for Children.

This was the 5th year for our 100% Hospital fundraiser which was declared a success once again. Not only a success as a fundraiser, but as a show. Again this year we had more than 50 entries. Just as in past years, we greeted some familiar faces at registration, and thankfully we were able to welcome many first time participants to the show which continued to offer quite the variety of vehicles to look at. The first car arrived right

at 8:00 am. It was a red 1940 Ford Sedan driven by Cliff Grayson. Although recovering from hip surgery, Cliff had promised his friend and our Past Captain Jerry McCorkle he would be there, and sure enough he was. There were 12 different makes represented and as you might guess, were led by the Ford's and Chevy's, each having 19 entrants. The newest was a 2014 Ford Mustang GT and the oldest was a 1930, a Ford sedan. If you're counting, that is an 84 year span. The 1930 Ford was not alone as there were 7 entries from the decade of the '30's. There were vehicles from 9 different decades entered. The decade with the most vehicles entered was the '60's with 14 followed closely by the '50's with 13. Music and Entertainment was provided by Smokey and The Pope, AKA "The Boogie

Woogie Kings" from Belmont, NC.

The Corps was able to add to the entry fees by having a silent auction, bottled water, t-shirts and a 50/50 raffle. Special thanks to our 50/50 winner who only kept a portion of the winnings, asking that the remainder be donated to the hospital. Our Captain, Dave Wallace and show organizer, Past Captain Tommy Helms wanted to make sure to thank everyone that helped make the event a success again. Not only thanks to the members of the Corps, but thanks to the Ladies, families, friends, and judges. Thanks also go to our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Todd Ham for taking time to help set things up before heading out to assume other responsibilities for the day.

Masonic and Shrine Unity abounded again. We were happy to see Recorder Emeritus Jim Rorie come rolling in with the big Oasis Walk Thru Display Trailer and of course the always popular "Fezzie Bear" who spent the day in a lounge chair taking pictures with the visitors. We also welcomed back the Noble Brothers from The Patrol, who spent their time walking throughout the Spring Fest passing out Hospital Papers and collecting donations. Of course we can't fail to mention the Brothers from Mt. Holly Lodge who were at the entrance of the car show with their grills just a smokin'.

During the early afternoon our winners were announced. The award for Best of Car went to Brother Scott Mays for his 1970 Ford "Mustang Mach I", with the award for Best of Truck going to Dennis Hamlin for his 1948 Ford "F-1" pickup, and the Best of Best was awarded to Cliff Morgan for his 1958 MG "A". Congratulations! The Corps thanks each man and woman that made a donation to enter the show and share the beauty of your car or truck.

We look forward to seeing you in Maggie Valley for the spring ceremonial and parade. We remind ourselves once more, *"when the hospital wins, everyone wins!"*

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2015 Spring Ceremonial Maggie Valley, North Carolina



Thursday, June 4th

8:00pm-11:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge

Friday, June 5th

8:30am Golfing @ Maggie Valley Club & Resort
2:00pm-5:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge
2:00pm-6:00pm New Candidate Early Registration @ Smoky Falls Lodge
5:00pm-8:00pm Shrine Club & Unit Hospitality Crawl (shuttle service available)
8:00pm-11:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge

Saturday, June 6th

7:00am-8:30am New Candidate Registration @ Town Hall Cafeteria
(coffee provided by Oasis Hospitality next door @ Town Hall Pavilion)
7:30am-1:00pm Shrine Mart @ Town Hall Pavilion
8:35am Divan membership meeting @ Town Hall Cafeteria
8:30am-8:45am Oasis Band prelude
8:40am New Candidates assembled @ Stompin Ground
8:45am-9:45am Welcome by Noble George Wilcox | Prayer by John Stanley, PP
Introduction of Oasis Divan | Presentation of Class Honorees
Creating a Shriner | Membership Presentation
9:45am Ladies & non-Shiners excused
10:00am-11:30am Ladies Breakfast @ Maggie Valley Club & Resort (**Ticket Required**, shuttle service available to take Ladies to MV Club & Resort, shuttle pickup at Stompin Ground)
10:00am-11:00am 1st Section conducted by Oasis Ritualistic Cast
11:00am-12:00pm 2nd Section conducted by Oasis Director's Staff
12:00pm-12:05pm Closing by Noble George Wilcox
12:05pm New Candidate Class Photos
12:00pm Boxed Lunch served @ Town Hall Pavilion (**Ticket Required**)
1:00pm Parade Line-up @ Town Hall Parking Lot
2:00pm Parade Step-off @ Town Hall Parking Lot, ends at Stompin Ground
3:00pm-5:00pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge
8:00pm-11:00pm Potentate's Dance @ Town Hall Pavilion (Band performance by Reckless)
10:00pm-Midnight Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge

Sunday, June 7th

9:30am-10:30am Worship Service @ Town Hall Pavilion

*** Dues Card Required ***

*** Dress Code: Casual Attire ***

Headquarters Hotel
Smoky Falls Lodge
2550 Soco Road
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

**Maggie Valley
Club & Resort**
1819 Country Club Drive
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Golfing
Contact Mike Downs, PP
704-791-3950

Town Hall
3987 Soco Road
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

**Town Hall
Community Pavilion**
3987 Soco Road
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Stompin Ground
3116 Soco Road
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Ladies Breakfast
Tickets \$20.00 each
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at 704-549-9600

Reckless Band *Country/Southern Rock, Rock/Classic Rock*

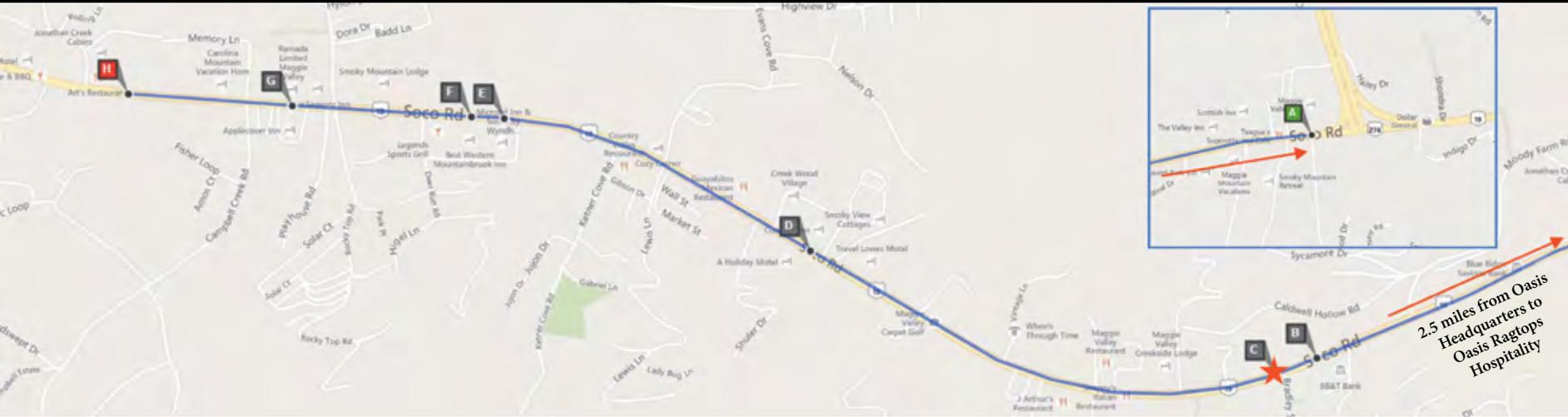
The Reckless Band is widely known for being just that: Reckless. They mix Country, Rock, and Southern Rock covers with unpredictable stage antics, uncharacteristic of a "country" band. Their live performances have landed them in clubs they had only dreamed of playing, such as the War Eagle Super Club in Auburn, Rhythm & Brews in Tuscaloosa, and The Iron Horse Cafe in Birmingham. In addition to their steady club presence, they have entertained scores of Greek and other private parties, such as weddings, birthdays, corporate events, golf tournaments, tailgates, and just about anything else you could think of all over the Southeast. Professional yet unpredictable, The Reckless Band always fills the stage with a rock star presence from down home boys. For this band the party's just getting started, and will for years to come!!

<http://crescentmoonentertainment.com/reckless-band/>



OASIS SHRINERS SPRING CEREMONIAL ~ MAGGIE VALLEY, NORTH CAROLINA

SHRINE CLUB & UNIT HOSPITALITY CRAWL ~ FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH



2.5 miles from Oasis Headquarters to Oasis Ragtops Hospitality

- A - Oasis Ragtops
Maggie Valley Inn
70 Soco Rd
- B - Oasis Drum & Bugle Corp
Five Star Inn
2474 Soco Rd
- C - Oasis Headquarters
Smoky Falls Lodge ★
2550 Soco Rd
- D - Catawba County Shrine Club
& Oasis Gator Patrol (combined)
Comfort Inn, 3282 Soco Rd
- E - Oasis Provost Guard
Microtel Inn
3777 Soco Rd
- F - Oasis Patrol
Best Western
3811 Soco Rd
- G - Oasis Keystone Kops
Ramada Inn
4048 Soco Rd
- H - Metrolina Shrine Club &
Oasis Dune Cats (separate)
Jonathon Creek Inn, 4324 Soco Rd

Maggie Valley promises to be an unforgettable 2 day ceremonial event. Friday will start off with a golf outing at the Maggie Valley Club & Resort. For all you golf enthusiasts, if you have not done so, please contact Mike Downs, PP at 704-791-3950 and register to play. New candidates who want to take care of their registration early can see Wendy Rosales, Hospital Coordinator, at Oasis Headquarters: Smoky Falls Lodge from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

Thanks to the Town of Maggie Valley and Haywood County Tourism Development Authority, buses will be available for our exclusive use. Friday two buses will run the Hospitality Crawl route by motels every 20 minutes beginning at 5:00pm until midnight. The buses will also be available all day Saturday starting at 8:30am until midnight. They will shuttle the candidates from Town Hall to the Stompin Ground and to the Ladies Breakfast located at Maggie Valley Club & Resort. To your left is a list of participating Clubs and Units who will open their hospitality doors to the general membership. Please take the time to visit each club and unit and thank them for their participation. Oasis Hospitality will be open from 8:00pm to 11:00pm at Smoky Falls Lodge. DJ performance will be provided by Noble Kevin Carter in front of the lodge under the gazebo. We hope to see everyone there!

Spring Ceremonial

The following is a list of motels, with prices and phone numbers, for the June 5 & 6 Ceremonial in Maggie Valley, NC



HOTEL NAME	PHONE NUMBER	GROUP RATE-SHRINERS
A Holiday Motel	877.686.4386	2 Double: Sunday-Thursday \$62.10 Friday and Saturday \$71.10 King or 2 Queens: Thursday \$71.10 Friday and Saturday \$80.01
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REMINDER:

All ads & articles for the July edition
of the Desert Dust must be submitted by June 10

Kryptonite Kustomz Hosts Pizza Party at PDRA Mid-America Open

PITTSBORO, N.C. - May 28-30, 2015 - the Professional Drag Racers Association will visit Gateway Motorsports Park for the Mid-America Open, the fourth stop on their 2015 tour. On Thursday, Official Wrap Provider of the PDRA, Kryptonite Kustomz, will host a free pizza party for racers and crew from 7pm until the pizza runs out.

Kryptonite Kustomz is known for their head-turning wraps that cover everything from golf carts to semi rigs and race cars of all shapes and sizes, as well as banners and interior walls for corporate offices or race shops. The Oklahoma based company recently moved into a large, state-of-the-art, climate controlled facility that can house any size rig.

Racers can check out the jobs Kryptonite Kustomz has done for Mel Bush Motorsports, Todd Martin and Brandon Pesz of Lethal Threat Racing, Keith Haney Racing, Joey Martin and Neal Wantye, as well as Randell Reid, among others. Chris Davis, owner, invites everyone to join him at the pizza party to learn more about the complete line of services Kryptonite Kustomz offers.

Davis is also partnering with the PDRA to support their Official Charity, Shriners

Hospitals for Children. A donation box will be available during the pizza party and Davis encourages everyone to consider making a donation to an organization that is very close to his heart.

"My son, Christopher, was a Shriners kid and the St. Louis Shriners Hospital is where we went," Davis explained. "We live in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but that was the hospital that took care of his needs. The Shriners Hospital of St. Louis was special to Beth and I. We thought it would be special to encourage donations at the St. Louis race since that was our home away from home for weeks or months at a time. We want to do this in honor of Christopher."

Christopher had a rare bone disease that slowly dissolved his spine. The Shriners worked on his medical research and also installed hardware to hold his spine together.



"They did everything they could to give him the best quality of life he could have," Davis continued. "They would do it all for no charge. They don't accept money. My son did pass away when he was 20 years old, but the Shriners gave us more time to spend with him and helped him have a better quality of life. Hopefully he provided them some medical knowledge that will help someone else."

"When I heard the PDRA had partnered with the Shriners and made them the Official Charity, it struck a chord with me. It rekindled some things with me and I wanted to get involved. The Shriners do so much for children without expecting anything in return. When you're dealing with so much already and already have astronomical costs from other things, it really relieves some of the burden."

Before his son passed away, Davis worked as an engineer, but with the void left behind after Christopher's passing inspired him to do something different. Davis had the facility, know-how and creativity to design custom wraps and so Kryptonite Kustomz was born. Although the company is known for its incredible artwork and first class customer service, the company does

more than just produce eye-catching custom wraps. Kryptonite Kustomz helps keep Christopher's memory alive.

"Eventually the disease caused a paralysis level that made my son a quadriplegic," Davis continued. "He was paralyzed from the neck down, exactly as Christopher Reeve was. This was how he lived the last four years of his life. There are a lot of similarities between my son and Christopher Reeve. My son's nickname was Topher. When we read Christopher Reeve's book we found out that his nickname to his family was Topher also. All the stem cell research indicated they had the same level of injury."

"As my son's life was slowly being taken from him, he never complained. So people started calling him Superman. To this day if I go out to his gravesite there will be a Superman toy lying on his marker, and it's been eight years since his passing."

"Just before he passed his favorite song that was current at the time was the Three Doors Down song, Kryptonite. Nobody has known this until now, but the name of my shop is not just a cool name. It's named after my son. Something just told me to name it Kryptonite, and that would be a way to keep my son's memory alive."

To read more about Christopher's story and learn about the full range of services Kryptonite Kustomz offers visit www.kkwraps.com and stop by Kryptonite Kustomz's display at the Mid-America open for free pizza from 7pm until on Thursday, May 28.

Gaston County Shrine Club

505 Pinkney Road
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What: Monthly Club Meeting
When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
Social - 6:30 PM Meal - 7:00 PM Meeting - 7:30 PM
Where: 505 Pinkney Road Dallas, NC 28034

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MOORE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB & The Sand "T" Parade Unit



Please Join Us!

What: Monthly Shrine Club Meetings
When: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Social-6:30pm, Meal-7:00pm, meeting following.
Where: "Table on the Green Restaurant" Pinehurst NC
Contact: President Bill Loeser 321-504-5050

Mission: "It is all about the children in need!"

Keystone Kops News

The Kops have started off a busy year with a Parade in Welcome, NC where we handed out 1000 Easter Eggs to the kids and folks there. The Parade is one of our favorites and we have another coming up soon which is the Mint Hill Madness Parade on May 23rd. We are also holding our Annual Golf Tournament on May 20th which is a major fundraiser for the Hospital.

Our annual Classic Car Show that we hold in Belmont, NC started off with a bang on April 1st. We hold this Car Show on every Wednesday Night in the Parking Lots behind and beside Friends Sports Bar and Grill, Glenway Premium Pub and Spy Tech. The reason I say we started off with a bang is that a young 13 year old man, Eric Newton that you see pictured helped us raise \$620 for the Hospital that evening. Eric has a malady called Kniest Dysplasia which is a disorder of bone growth. Eric had an operation at Our Greenville, SC Hospital when he was 2 years old and he told me that it was a success and that he was treated wonderfully while he was there. He was also a Poster Child for Ronald MacDonald and is going to have further surgery at Al DuPont Hospital in Delaware, MD. They specialize in the treatment of his malady. Come join us in our selling of 50/50 tickets to raise money for the Shriners Hospital you will find it very rewarding.



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Incentive 1:

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Oasis Director's Staff Swaggers Through Savannah



LEFT TO RIGHT: Nobles C Lee Abernethy III, Past Captain, David Johnson, Oasis Director, Chief Rabban Johnny King, Scott Starnes, Past Captain, Keith Kincaid, Captain, Warren Julian, 2nd Lt., Tim Morgan, 1st Lt., David Wooten, Staff Member, Rodney Paulson, Staff Member and Buddy Ellis, Director Emeritus.

Representatives of The Oasis Director's Staff and our guest, Chief Rabban, Noble Johnny King attended the 2015 Shrine Director's Association (SDA) 97th annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia on April 15th through 18th and again brought home some great information and some "hardware".

So, what is the SDA? This is the association formed by the Directors, Director's Staffs and Stagecraft Units of all Shrine Centers throughout North America. The annual meeting is held so that information can be shared from unit to unit across all of the Shrine Centers to keep the ceremonial work on track and, more importantly, share ideas on keeping the Second Section fresh and up to date.

The Alee Shrine Center in Savannah hosted the event this year and did an outstanding job with plenty of activities for all of the attendees and our ladies. Various units of Alee pitched in with one highlight of the meeting being the Low Country Boil and Casino Night hosted by the Alee Pirates on Thursday night.

The Oasis Director's Staff once again entered the Stunt Competition and that is where the "hardware" comes into play. During one of our workdays at Oasis in February, an old stunt was found on the storage trailer. No one was sure who designed it or whether it was ever used but it was decided to drag it out, dust it off and see if it worked. Well the "Oasis Wood Splitter" works like a champ and won "2015 Best New Stunt" during the competition with an overall Fourth Place finish. The darn thing worked so well, the SDA judges even felt the effects of the stunt. Keep in mind, this is a get together of Directors so the joviality and impromptu stunt testing runs amuck the entire weekend!

So be sure to come out to the Ceremonial in Maggie Valley where we will introduce the "Oasis Wood Splitter" to the Oasis Nobility. Better yet, jump in and lend a hand! The Oasis Director's Staff is always welcoming new Nobles to pitch in and more importantly, have some fun with the new Shriners and each other! FYI, raingear is recommended!

- *Tim Morgan, 1st Lt.*



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Lexington Shrine Club held it's Spring Chicken BBQ Sale on March 21, 2105. The BBQ was held at Lexington-Memorial Lodge #473 in the city of Lexington. This is a semi-annual event held on the third Saturday in March and October. Shrine club members, their wives, families and anyone else who wishes, takes part in this event to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals. It's a lot of work, and a long day of serving, but we all have a good time and at the end of it all, we are helping children receive the best care possible at Shriners hospitals. Some of the ladies (and some of us men) donate baked goods, like cakes, pies, brownies and muffins to sell on the side, which brought in an extra \$279.00, With the bake sale and the BBQ, our total for the hospitals is \$3,683.90. Come October, we do it all again. Congratulations to the club and thanks to all who participated. I would like to send out a special thank-you to all those who, through the years, have supported our efforts by buying tickets. God bless you all!

Jimmy Barney, President
Thomas Jolly, Jr., Secretary



OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS



Oasis Shrine Wagoneers are currently seeking new members.

We have 3 very cool antique firetrucks and parade annually at the Oasis ceremonials, Welcome Easter Parade, SASA fall convention in Myrtle Beach and several Christmas parades. Very inexpensive to join, no vehicles to buy, uniform and brass is the only thing needed. \$15 annual dues.

Please contact Benjie Creasman at 704-860-4976 or ddgl36districtnc@gmail.com if interested.

Meetings usually in the Gaston/Mecklenburg area. Family is always welcome and encouraged to attend meetings.

NEWS RELEASE

SHRINERS AUCTION FOR LOVE

The 31st Annual Shriners Auction is taking a whole new approach this year. The Hendersonville Shrine Club will hold a 'Shriners Auction for Love' on Thursday, July 16, at the Grande Ole Hall at Highland Lake Inn and Resort. The new theme is based on the Shriners Hospitals for Children's slogans, "Love to the Rescue" and "Love turns patients back into kids." The newly designed event will include heavy Hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auction, tea cup drawings, music and fun! Opportunities for Sponsors to promote their business while supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children is a new endeavor for the local Shriners.

"We're hoping to hold a first class event which attracts an upscale group of bidders and raises a comparable amount of money, that will be fun for the Shriners to work on," said J.W. Davis, Hendersonville Shrine Club President and 'Auction for Love' Chairman.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Donations of unique items, especially items that cannot be purchased and offer unique opportunities, are welcomed. For more information, call (828)329-5210.

The Hendersonville Shrine Club is pleased to announce five exciting travel packages that will be available for bid at this premiere event.

The travel packages include:

The Hilton Head Island Getaway includes 5 day / 4 night hotel stay, \$200 SpaFinder Wellness Gift Card and round trip Coach Class Air travel for two from any major metropolitan airport in the 48/US or Canada to South Carolina.

The New Orleans Jazz & Cuisine trip for two people includes 4 day/3 night hotel stay, 2 Preservation Hall VIP Tickets to hear the Preservation Hall Jazz Band perform, 6-course dining experience at Commander's Palace, round trip Coach Class service for two from any major metropolitan airport in the 48/US or Canada to New Orleans, plus Complimentary Concierge Booking Service.

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For more details on the travel packages and other items available, visit <http://www.hendersonvilleshriners.com/Auction%202015.html>.

Tickets are available from a Shrine Club member; at ASAP Promotions, 779B Church St., Hendersonville; or by calling (828) 699-5697, through July 9. Seating is limited.

All proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children providing life-changing medical care to children, for pediatric orthopedic conditions, severe burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palette. Approximately 250 local children are currently being cared for with 'Love to the Rescue' regardless of the family's ability to pay. For more information, call (828)329-5210.

31st Annual Shriners' AUCTION



Thursday, July 16, 6:00 PM

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Direct Response Television Initiative by SHC Proving Successful

In February 2014, SHC began a new advertising initiative called Direct Response Television (DRTV), which uses television advertising to raise funds to support our mission, and raise awareness of our hospitals. Specifically, the ad campaign was designed to attract donors who will give on a monthly, sustaining basis, creating a consistent and steady flow of contributions.

The goal of DRTV is to ensure that SHC are able to continue providing expert specialty care to the children who count on us, regardless of their families' ability to pay. At all SHC locations, our patients receive world-class treatment and personalized care that fosters healthy, high-quality, independent lives. The health care system depends on the generosity of donors to carry out this mission of improving the lives of children. Here are a couple of pertinent questions - and answers - about the initiative:

What portion does SHC get after the vendor takes his cut? We get this question frequently because so many people have read in the news about telemarketing (which we don't do thankfully!). For all of SHC's programs we get 100% of the proceeds directly. We pay expenses, of course, but they're invoiced to us separately and don't come "off the top."

What's the net from the program? We understand people's desire to want to monitor Return on Investment (ROI) in this way. After all that's how you would measure traditional ROI (gross - costs = net). However because of the amount we spend in media purchases (i.e. buying that 7pm spot on Fox News), and the fact we're soliciting for donations that are smaller upfront (\$19) but are recurring (they give every month) what we have to look at is lifetime value compared to the cost to acquire them. Otherwise it would look as though the program isn't doing well when it really is!



The following is a summary of the results, to date, of the DRTV initiative:

- number of spots run since inception: 4,629
- Total \$ income from one-time gift revenue (some people opted not to do the monthly gift but gave once only): \$1,128,690
- Average one-time gift: \$179.24
- New monthly donors: 8,259
- Average monthly gift: \$25.78
- Top 10 networks currently airing our spots:
 1. Fox Broadcast
 2. Lifetime
 3. Fox Business Network
 4. Fox News Channel
 5. History 2
 6. Hallmark Movie
 7. AMC
 8. Inspiration Network
 9. Universal HD
 10. CBS
- Current top performing spot: "Love is" (the newest spot with the patients talking about what love is to them.

**In March 2015 alone, SHC received over \$700,000 in online donations!
Great work for a great cause!**

Brody Roybal Named 'March of Dimes Inspirational Athlete of Year'

The 27th annual Comcast SportsNet Sports Awards presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois & Baird, benefiting the March of Dimes, was held on March 4 at the Hilton Chicago. From Paul Konerko to Kyle Long, the night was filled with memorable moments, but none more so than when Brody Roybal (right) accepted the March of Dimes Inspirational Athlete honor. Brody, who is a bilateral amputee, an Olympic gold medalist in sled hockey (photo below), and a life-long patient at SHC - Chicago, urged everyone in the audience to never give up on their dreams no matter what is holding them back.



"No matter what your disability is, you have the ability to achieve great things if you put your mind to it and never let anyone tell you you can't," Brody told the audience. "Every-

one can achieve their dreams. I'm an example of that." Indeed he is! And we're both thankful for and proud of this gifted young man, who represents Shriners hospitals and all of our patients so well.



To see a delightful video of Brody on the ice and on stage, go to: <http://www.csnchicago.com/sports-awards/brody-roybal-named-march-dimes-inspirational-athlete>

A Clown's Life, Full of Ups and Downs



Inky, a Medinah Clown, will vouch for it: A clown's life is a matter of High's and Low's— but mostly High's. Each Wednesday, we at SHC - Chicago are blessed with five or six clowns, who come early in the morning, to cheer our children, enjoy one another's company, and have a hearty breakfast.

In the photo left, Inky, a regular here we're pleased to report, shares his happiness and a few "Love to the Rescue" balloons with guests in the Lobby before making his rounds to our Clinic and children's rooms where he'll share his unique, colorful personality, lifting the spirits of all.

Recent research indicates the patients who are in happy environments - who laugh frequently - heal faster and tend to be healthier. Shrine clowns are a key ingredient to the joyful am-

bience of our hospitals and part of the great successes of our medical teams - nurses, doctors, therapists - with our kids. Thanks, Inky - and your many Shrine clown friends and colleagues in every Shrine Temple and in all of our 22 hospitals across North America. We share your laughter and joy in life!



comply for ourselves, our Fraternity and our Charitable involvements. Every single day we should count our blessings

for the levels of involvement that each of us has perpetuated for this special heritage.

Very shortly, Friday June 5th thru Sunday June 7th, we will be heading west to the Oasis Spring Ceremonial in Maggie Valley, NC. Our Patrol Unit will be hosting a hospitality area / room at our headquarters hotel; Best Western Mountain-Brook Inn on Soco Rd. So come see us on Friday and Saturday evenings.

During the full-fledged Oasis Ceremonial weekend our Patrol Unit has many duties that we integrate with our "Fulfillingly Fun" mind-

set. We will tile the doors at official Oasis events, letting current members, ladies and their guests as applicable, in. So please have and show your current Oasis dues card upon entry. On Saturday morning we will be selling our Masonic-Shriner jewelry and regalia accessories and we should have plenty of everything including a couple of new items. At and during the Ceremonial we will provide our Award Winning Color Guard services and right after lead the Celebratory Shrine Parade with all of our Shrine 'State' flags. A good time to be had by all and we almost cannot wait!

Don't forget Oasis Family Fun Day at the Red Fez Shrine Club on lovely Lake Wylie from Friday June 19th to Sunday the 21st. There is a great amount of Oasis and Patrol history associated with the Red Fez. Every Oasis Shriner should attend this magnificent event and enjoy the food,

fellowship and friendship that will be on tap.

Please keep all of the special thoughts and prayers going for our Unit's un-well and care givers. Send a card, make a phone call and/or pay a visit to cheer them up. They will be glad you did and you will be glad as well – no doubt.

The following excerpt of a hand written note from a young SH4C patient speaks well to our extraordinary Philanthropic and Benevolent efforts: **"SHRINERS, Thank you for everything you have done for me and my family. You have changed my life in so many ways. I love each and every one of you. Brianna"**

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- ALL GUNS CAN BE PICKED UP AT PCC GUNS & AMMO 127 Depot Street, Randleman, NC 27317 336-495-8379
- EACH WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSFER FEE TO ANOTHER DEALER IF DESIRED AND ANY SHIPPING/HANDLING COSTS. (GENERALLY, TRANSFER FEE'S ARE \$20.00 - \$25.00)
- IF AT LEAST 200 TICKETS ARE NOT SOLD BY MAY 1ST, GUN DRAWING MAY BE CANCELED AND WE WILL DRAW FROM TICKETS SOLD FOR GUN STORE CREDIT USING THE FOLLOWING FORMULA (NUMBER OF TICKETS * \$75/30 = CREDIT TO BE GIVEN AWAY PER DAY. ALL NET PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE RANDOLPH SHRINE CLUB.

ALL GUNS ARE AS DESCRIBED AND DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ACCESSORIES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WEAPON. MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD.
ALL GUN PRIZES SUBJECT TO STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

OASIS HIGHLANDERS

*Can ye play the pipes?
Can ye play the drum?
Would you like to?*

The Oasis Highlanders are recruiting new members and would like to hear from you. Experience is a plus, and so is the willingness to learn a rare skill. We also would like to have a drum major...Interested?



Contact Captain Tom Barnhardt
Home: 704-932-0727 • Cell: 704-796-5762

ATTENTION ALL MECKLENBURG AND GASTON COUNTY SHRINERS

THE DUNE CATS SAY...
EAT WINGS FOR THE KIDS AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS



Show a current Oasis Shrine Dues card and BWW will donate **10% of your FOOD bill** to the Shriners Hospitals for Children!

**Alcohol not included*

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WE REMEMBER

"Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning..." (Psalm 30)

SUMMER'S COMING: For many people, Memorial Day, with picnics, barbecues, a long week-end, swimming pool openings and such, marks the unofficial start of summer. For others, Memorial Day is a time of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

the last Monday in May, and with that move, came those who maintain that making the holiday part of a three-day weekend promotes relaxation instead of stressing the holiday's true meaning.

And the true meaning of Memorial Day can be summed up by Lee Greenwood:

"And I'm proud to be an

American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me." (Lyrics from country singer Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American").

There is hope for all, and we are reminded of that hope when we read Psalm 30. When we are sorrowful (weeping), and we wait with



John H. Stanley,
P.P., Chaplain

hope then joy (rejoicing) comes soon ("in the morning").

We hope you have a wonderful, joyous summer, but please remember those who 'gave it all'.

In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day from May 30 to

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. ('97) is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners. He is Chaplain, McLean Funeral Directors (Gastonia), and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. In the fiscal Shrine Year, 2012-13, he served Shriners International Imperial Potentate Al Madsen as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.

PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

3RD MONDAY of the MONTH

6 PM @ BIG DADDY'S

HWY 150 MOORESVILLE

Noble Lee Maynard, PC, President

336-996-8712

Come check out the Cabarrus Shrine Club

Membership meeting is the last Friday of every month

Social at 6:30pm – Dinner at 7:00pm – Meeting at 7:30pm

Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC

Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!

Phone: 704-933-2797

Email: CabarrusShrine@carolina.rr.com

Web: www.cabarrusshrineclub.org

Like us on Facebook: Cabarrus Shrine Club

We also rent out our building for your special events

The Hillbillies are lookin' fer ya!



if interested in joining the Oasis Clan #13 parade unit, please contact jack devine @ 828-464-9886, or gary patterson @ 704-938-3930 or lee moody @ 704-451-6151

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PAST MASTERS

The Past Masters Unit's Masonic Lodge Ambassador Program continues to grow! There are now 130 Blue Lodge Ambassadors; however, there are still 80 Lodges without a Past Master as a Shrine-Mason Ambassador. Remember, Illustrious Sir Todd has a goal of having a Blue Lodge Ambassador in all Blue Lodges in Oasis jurisdiction in 2015!!

District One, under the direction of Sergeant W.B. Noble Donnie Wallace, has 31 Blue Lodge Ambassadors. There are only six Lodges in the District without an Ambassador. Donnie is to be thanked for his continuing hard work and dedication.

The Oasis Spring Ceremonial is almost here! Join us June 5-6, 2015 in beautiful Maggie Valley for a great Shrine week-end filled with countless activities as well as many places to visit and explore. Illustrious Sir Todd and Lady Mary have planned long and hard to make this a most memorable and extremely successful ceremonial!! Feel free to bring in candidates as late as Saturday morning!

The Grand Master and Potentate are expected to attend The Past Masters Unit's meeting during the Maggie Valley Ceremonial. The meeting will be 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 5 at Jonathan Creek Inn, 4324 Soco Road, Maggie Valley 28751. Phone (828) 926-1232. Meeting will be in the room behind the restaurant. All Past Masters are urged to attend.

The Greensboro Shrine Club under the direction of Noble President John Cable has initiated a strong membership program this year. They are contacting past members of their club as well as any past members of Oasis (NPD'S) in Guilford, Randolph, and Rockingham counties. One of their goals is to have a BLUE LODGE AMBASSADOR in all the blue lodges in those 3 counties! What an example to set for us all! Thank you Noble President John!!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Maggie Valley!!

If you are interested in being active in the Unit as a Sergeant, as a Blue Lodge Ambassador, or a Corporal, or if you would like to explore becoming a member of the Past Masters Unit, please do not hesitate to contact: Terry Jones, P.M., P.P., Captain, 5002 White Oak Dr., Lexington, N.C. 27295, Phone (336) 764-5502, e-mail: tkjonespp@gmail.com, or Past Masters' Secretary, Noble Gordy Peeler, P.M., 520 Cantiberry Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146, phone (704) 279-5764. He can be reached by e-mail at gordypeeler@msn.com.



Oasis Legion of Honor Club

Oasis newest club is looking for some veterans to help get this club started. If you want to find out more information contact Jim Glen at (c) 704.379.9214 (H) 704.365.4866



SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2015

5th ANNUAL BENEFIT & RIDE

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HELPING CRIPPLED CHILDREN WALK AND BURNED CHILDREN HEAL

**No Man Has Ever Stood So Tall
As When He Stooped To Help A Child**



RIDE AND POKER RUN

Registration 9:30 am – 10:30 am * Kickstands up at 11:00 am

Chunk's Hawg Haven, 536 Farragut St., Greensboro, NC
(Food will be provided for all riders)

\$20 single/\$25 double/\$250 CASH for Winning Poker Hand

BENEFIT & AFTER RIDE PARTY

Chunk's Hawg Haven & Greensboro HD Motorcycle Park
536 Farragut St., Greensboro, NC

**\$6 Plates for non riders * Silent Auction * 50/50 Drawing * Giveaways
Thrillbilly & Southern Bones playing on the big stage 2:00 to 5:00**

Contact Karen Hatchett for additional information – 336-707-7538

All proceeds to go to Shriners Children's Hospital in Greenville, SC

Shriners Hospitals provide FREE orthopedic and burn care for children under age of 18.

Oasis Keystone Kops

Join us and have a fun time while raising money
for the Shriners Hospitals!



Other Events Include:

- Meetings the 2nd Thurs. of the month
- Annual Keystone Kop Golf Tournament
- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
- Antique Car Show Appearances
- **Bring Your Wife & Kids!**

**Contact
Captain Bob
Cowdrey for
Information:**
704-671-8517
robert.cowdrey
@att.net

DID YOU PLAY IN A HIGH SCHOOL BAND OR COLLEGE BAND?

IF SO WE NEED YOU!

THE OASIS TEMPLE BAND



CAPT. NOBLE SHEA FADEL, PC
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HIGH POINT – 336/687-8139

NOBLE ALLEN JONES, PC
THOMASVILLE – 336/313-0346

th Friday of the Month

"Having Fun - And Helping Children"

Rent The Shrine Club
Weddings, receptions,
parties, dances, memorial
services, family reunions and
conferences/meetings.
Call 336-707-6588

**Swing
Dance**
\$10.00

4th Saturday of the Month
• Lessons from 7- 8 pm
• Dance from 8-12 pm

**Club
Dance
Night**
\$10.00

1st Friday of the Month
Stiletto Band
Doors Open at 6:00 pm
• No Club Dance Friday, July 4th •

**Upcoming
Events**

• Elvis with Stephen Freeman
and other musicians coming in October
• Celebrate New Year's Eve
Seating starts at 6:00 pm
with buffet dinner at 7:15 pm

Additional information on all events on the web site

- Monthly Meeting
Families & Guests Welcome
- Program with meal and fellowship
- Doors open at 6:00 pm with social time
- Dinner with program/entertainment at 7:00 pm
- Reservations end the Wednesday before the 4th Friday of the month

Don't wait. Call today to make your reservations! 336-292-1158

The Greensboro Shrine Club

5010 High Point Rd., Greensboro, NC 27407 336-299-5901
www.greensboroshrineclub.org

OASIS PAST MASTERS UNIT



Are you a Past Master?

We are your unit. Join Us.

For more information:

Noble Terry K. Jones, PP, Captain: (336) 764-5502

Noble Gordy Peeler, Secretary: (704) 223-1531



SHRINERS SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA
SPONSORED BY



SAVE THE DATE
THE EVENT



Vital Care EMS has sponsored a fundraiser to benefit **Family Connection of SC** for the past five years raising over \$400,000 for this charity that is so critical to our community and others. This year we are proud to partner with the **HEJAZ Directors Staff** to raise money for the **Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children**. A portion of the money will also benefit the Palmetto Health Trauma Center. Join us on Friday, June 26th at the Greenville Shrine Club, 119 Beverly Rd, Greenville, SC 29609 at 7:00 pm for a fabulous night of music, entertainment, food, and drinks to benefit families and their children with special healthcare needs. Meet sports legends, Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers, former Clemson Tiger's Head Football Coach Danny Ford, NFL players and many others! Join us for a good time to benefit a great cause!

Our mission

Shriners Hospitals for Children has a mission to:

- Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment.
- Provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals.
- Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families.

This mission is carried out without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin or ability of a patient or family to pay.

Our vision

Become the best at transforming children's lives by providing exceptional healthcare through innovative research, in a patient and family centered environment.

www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
www.vitalcare-ems.com

Congratulations to Shriners Hospitals for Children for Receiving PR News Honors

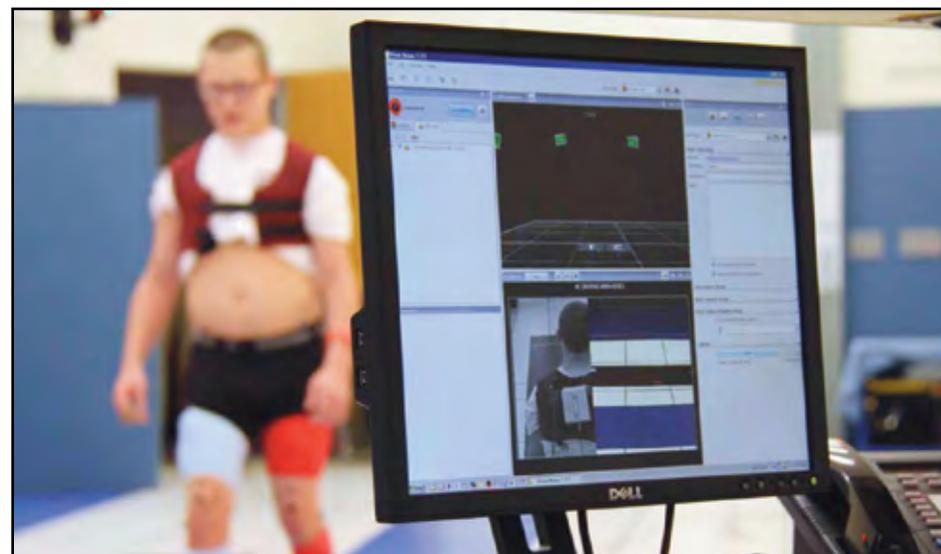
On March 12, PR News announced the winners of its 2015 Nonprofit PR Awards at a luncheon at Washington, D.C.'s National Press Club. The awards recognize the best in nonprofit communications and the creativity and passion involved in promoting positive change with limited budgets and time.

Shriners Hospitals for Children received honorable mentions in three categories; Social Media, for Fezzy Gets His Name; Social Responsibility, On Track for a Safe Summer; and Association/Nonprofit Team of the Year.

Among the winners were the United Nations Foundation, FleishmanHillard, Meet Minneapolis and JPA Health Communications. Congratulations to Shriners Hospitals for Children for being recognized alongside such outstanding organizations.

Philadelphia Shriners Hospital's Movement Analysis Laboratory Receives Full Accreditation

During the Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society's 2015 national meeting, the Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia Movement Analysis laboratory was recognized for achieving full accreditation. Currently, there are only 11 accredited labs in the country, including two others in the Shriners Hospitals for Children health care system.



On Track for a Safe Summer Campaign Kicks Off in May

June is National Safety Month, and the perfect time for Shriners Hospitals for Children to launch its annual On Track for a Safe Summer campaign. This campaign showcases our commitment to keeping kids safe and injury-free. The campaign will continue throughout the summer.

We hope that through national media opportunities and local activation, the On Track for a Safe Summer campaign will help reduce the risk of life-threatening and life-changing injuries to children.

Please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/safesummer to learn more.



Scooter Patrol

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE THUNDERING SCOOTER PATROL:

CAPTAIN DAVID RICKETTS 336-613-5173 P.C. TERRY COX 336-509-6545

Donations

CLUBS/UNITS

\$2,486.31	Appalachian Shrine Club - Fish Fry	Freeman Gas (Gaston County Shrine Club)
\$16,000.00	Crowders Mtn Shrine Club - Gun Raffle	Greene Services Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
\$500.00	Foothills Shrine Club - Donation	H David Reese (Catawba County Shrine Club)
\$1,050.00	Mt Mitchell Shrine Club - Plaque/Year Bar Sales	Hair Quarters (Catawba County Shrine Club)
\$3,690.00	New River Shrine Club - Paper Sale/Year Bar Sales	Iron Horse Motorcycles (Union County Shrine Club)
\$1,400.00	Oasis Highlanders - Donation	Jill J Hogan/Bank of American match (Avery County Shrine Club)
\$1,550.00	Oasis Hillbilly Parade - Donation	Kari V Photography (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
\$620.00	Oasis Roadrunners - Donation	Larry Carl (Rowan Shrine Club)
\$250.00	Oasis Scooter Patrol - Donation	Lawn & Landscape by AJ (Gaston County Shrine Club)
\$935.00	Oasis Scooter Patrol - Paper Sale	Marie Hemenway (Union County Shrine Club)
\$907.20	Red Fez Shrine Club - Paper Sale	Mountain Creek Baptist Church (Robbinsville Shrine Club)
\$325.00	Robbinsville Shrine Club - Donation/Year Bar Sales	Mtn View Home Garden (Catawba County Shrine Club)
\$3,376.40	Robbinsville Shrine Club - Paper Sale	Norman Armfield (Union County Shrine Club)
\$2,500.00	Smoky Mountain Shrine Club - Donation from Shrine Gem	Norman E Beck (Rowan Shrine Club)
\$1,085.52	Thermal Belt Shrine Club - Donation	Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 284 (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)
Abernethy's Garage (Catawba County Shrine Club)		Palmer Blankenship
Alfred Keller (Catawba County Shrine Club)		Patrick A Day (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Archie Ellis Sunday School Class (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)		Quick Way Cleaners Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Ariv N Abernethy (Catawba County Shrine Club)		Recore Electrical Contractors Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Black's Barbecue Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)		Richard A Bass
Bo Peep Grill (Catawba County Shrine Club)		Rick Crowder (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Clark Family & Obstetric Care, PA (Avery County Shrine Club)		Robbie Huggins (Union County Shrine Club)
Cyclecrazy LLC (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)		Ronald Steelman (Rowan Shrine Club)
David & Rosemary Bramigk (Lake Norman Shrine Club)		S&G Interiors (Gaston County Shrine Club)
David G Brown (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)		Sign Connection Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
David Whitener (Catawba County Shrine Club)		T&W Group LLC (Catawba County Shrine Club)
Dianne H Cable		Texlon Plastics Corp (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Distinct Beat Auto (Gaston County Shrine Club)		The City Restaurant (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)
Edmund Hemenway (Union County Shrine Club)		Trac Plastics Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Elizabeth S Morgan		Walter A Hill, Sr
Elizabeth W Pierce/Adventure Landing		Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
Ernest Mathis (Union County Shrine Club)		Wilkes Family Pharmacy (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Floyd M & Dorothy M Burton Donor Advised Funds (Rowan County Shrine Club)		William B Kennington (Union County Shrine Club)
Flynn's Auto & Alignment Inc (Union County Shrine Club)		Yadkin Valley Seafood Inc (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Foothills Auto Spa (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)		
Franklin Health & Fitness Center LLC (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)		

PASSED WITHIN THE UNSEEN TEMPLE

— JUNE 2015 —

MEMBER#	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
30310	Ronnie L Candler	Asheville, NC	11/14/81	3/9/15
15776	Maurice C Keyes	Lenoir, NC	5/23/59	4/6/15
24080	Furman L Bennison	Flat Rock, NC	9/15/73	4/11/15
32895	Larry D Upright	Kannapolis, NC	6/7/86	4/13/15
30186	Ted McMahan	Burnsville, NC	11/14/81	4/17/15
33573	Marvin D Gobble	Greensboro, NC	11/7/87	4/18/15
27346	Benny L Link	Thomasville, NC	5/28/77	4/20/15
37986	Charles O Meador	Amherst, VA	6/16/01	4/26/15
27107	Ronald C Cranford	Salisbury, NC	1/29/77	4/26/15
33115	Kemmitt L Price	Dallas, NC	11/8/86	4/27/15
33648	James E Reddish	Monroe, NC	11/7/87	5/2/15
19073	Aubrey J Elam	Charlotte, NC	10/15/66	5/2/15
30397	Joseph J Beam	Rutherfordon, NC	11/14/81	5/2/15
14040	W G Baldwin	Greensboro, NC	10/23/54	5/5/15
39456	Charles E Southerland	Lexington, NC	2/27/08	5/10/15

OASIS SHRINE CLOWNS

Activities Include:

Stars Of The Oasis Shrine Circus
Shrine & Community Parades
Social Gatherings that Include Your Wife
Individualized Instructions on Makeup & Costumes

Accepting New Members
No Experience Necessary

**Come and join us and
put a smile on the face
of a child!**

Contact **Captain Mark "Shortcake" Murphy, 336-561-3630**



ATTENTION CLUBS & UNITS

If you are having a special event and would like photographs, please contact:

Mark Jordan
828-231-3880
mark5.jpg@gmail.com
PO Box 632 Weaverville, NC 28787-0632

These photos may be displayed in the Desert Dust

Shriners on Bikes

Shriners on Bikes met in early November 2014. The SOB's were recharter as a riding club vs a motorcycle club. Our purpose is for Shriners with motorcycles to come together ride and have fun while supporting other clubs in units when possible. We will meet quarterly and weather permitting ride. There will be other rides scheduled based on the interests of the Riding Club. If you own a motorcycle and want to ride and have fun with other Shriners contact one of our Officers below.

President Tommy Helms – 704-621-9308
VP- Dennis Grigg – 828-781-0062
Treasure P.P III Sir Gary Taylor – 704-507-3693
Secretary Tim Morgan – 704-634-8476

OASIS SHRINERS



JUNE 19 & 20, 2015

LOCATED AT: RED FEZ SHRINE CLUB 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC 28278

Shriners throughout the Oasis region are preparing for one of the most fun and exciting weekends of the year. FAMILY FUN DAY, at beautiful Red Fez Shrine Club, June 19 & 20, stands to be one of the most fun events you will experience in 2015, second only to the Maggie Valley Ceremonial. A very close second.

Illustrious Sir Todd Ham, with the assistance of the Divan members, have so much excitement planned for these two days, you will truly be a loser if you miss it. It is an event we look forward to every year.

If you have a camper, now is the time to reserve your spot. Contact Noble Johnny Burgess at 704-564-2193 now to reserve. Camper spots are limited, so you can't delay.

For those who prefer to stay in a hotel, rooms are being held under the name of The Red Fez Shrine Club at Yorkshire Inn. 704-588-3949. Make certain you use the Red Fez name to get a super deal.

Just looking at the schedule will convince you that there will be a full weekend of fun, entertainment and fellowship. Illustrious Sir Todd, Noble Johnny Burgess and Noble Shea Fadel never disappoint us with their expert planning of this event. The judging of the food prepared by the teams, once again by three 4 Star Chefs under the supervision of Noble Shea, doing their best to determine who is the best cook.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

6:00pm - Barbecue Cooking Team Meeting - Red Fez Ballroom

8:00 - Midnight - The Band Cadence will entertain in the Paillion area. *(There will also likely be special treats, prepared by the teams, for everybody to sample)*

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

7:00am - 9:00am - Pancake Breakfast, prepared by Noble Billy Joe Estes and his team. \$7.00 Donation

9:00am - 11:00am - Youth Fishing Tournament *(If you don't have a pole, we will supply one. Must be accompanied by an adult. If you don't have an adult, we will try to supply that too!)*

12:00 - 1:00pm - Hot Dog Lunch sponsored by Oasis Shrine

1:00pm - 3:00pm - Dunk the Divan. Illustrious Sir Todd Ham has decreed that ALL Divan Members must participate. Each Divan Member is required to raise \$100.00 in order to be exempt from the booth. All proceeds go to Shrine Children's Hospital. Donations can also be collected to bribe the Divan Members to be dunked, but it might take more than \$100.00.

1:00 pm - 3:00pm - Slip 'n Slide, Sno Cones and boat

rides for the kids. *(Life Jackets will be required, and are available if you do not bring one with you)*

3:30pm - Fishing Awards and Barbecue Contest Awards presented.

Immediately following the awards, EVERYBODY EATS. Pulled pork, ribs, chicken, and other goodies, all prepared by the super cooking teams Oasis Shrine is famous for.

8:00 p.m. - Movie Night

The pool will be open from daylight to dark. There will be corn hole, basketball, horseshoes, and other activities for the kids (and adults).

As in many years past, Desert Dust Editor Terry Cox and Lady Janice, along with Noble Al Clegg & Lady Joyce, and Noble Harold Davis and Lady Susan will be at their usual location, under the tents and trees. Stop by and enjoy a snack and some great conversation. You might want to bring a chair.

Don't miss this fun event. Bring friends and family. If you have never attended before, you are missing out. If you have been there in the past, we know you will be there this year. ***Oasis and Red Fez knows how to do it right.***