DESERT DUST



OASIS SHRINERS









Your Potentate

Wow, December is already here, the Advent season has begun, and Christmas Day will be arriving soon. As we move in to the close of 2022, I would like to say how thankful

Lady Leigh and I are for each of you and the work you do for Oasis Shriners and Shriners Children's Hospital Network. It is such an honor to represent Oasis. As we all celebrate this Christmas season with our family and friends let us remember the reason we celebrate—the birth of Jesus Christ.

The month of November brought about interesting and enjoyable travels and great Oasis events.

The Oasis Fall Ceremonial on November 4 and 5 was well attended by our membership. We received 31 new nobles in the ranks of Oasis Shriners. This was a very productive weekend with all the activities that were taking place in and around Oasis: a fun time of fellowship in our hospitality room and the evenings of fun and dancing at Oasis.

Saturday morning started bright and early with a full Shrine Mart in place and our tradition of coffee and doughnuts served by the Keystone Kops. The ceremonial began with recognition of Greenville Hospital Patient Ambassador Alice Laws and her aunt Donna. They shared their story and experiences of being a patient and as ambassador and she took part in the "Making of a Shriner" by the Directors Staff. Two nobles were recognized as the "Fall Ceremonial Class Honorees." Oasis Patrol Nobles Bob "Big Daddy" Richardson and Noble Past Captain Jim Newcombe were recognized with this award for their many years of outstanding commitment to our ceremonials, taking part as escorts, tiling doors, presenting the colors and all-around support for Oasis during ceremonials. Congratulations to you both!

The Ladies enjoyed a continental breakfast and special guest, Molly Grantham of WBTV News and her son Hutch. To top off the day, Oasis had the honor of presenting our very own Illustrious Sir and Chaplain John Stanley with his Masonic 50 Year pin and certificate.

November 7, Lady Leigh and I attended the monthly meeting of the Lake Norman Shrine Club, where I had the honor of installing their officers for 2023. It has been and honor and a pleasure to perform this duty the past three years.

November 9, I visited Gaston County Shrine Club for a special night of awards for the 50th Annual Gaston County Shrine 100 Race. Nobles Dennis Stines and Mark Whitten were recognized with Life Memberships for their long-time commitment to this event. Gaston County Shrine Club has raised over 2.4 million dollars for our hospitals over the years with this event. Congratulations to Gaston County Shrine Club and to Nobles Dennis and Mark.

November 10 took me to the Stanly County Shrine Club for a regular stated meeting of the club and opportunity to visit. While there, Noble President Harold Furr and Treasurer Bob Furr surprised me with the presentation of a check for \$5,000 to Oasis for Shriners Children's. A wonderful home cooked covered dish meal was enjoyed by all present. Thank you Stanly Shrine club members for your hospitality and dedication.

November 11-13, the Celebration of the Century took place in Houston Texas. Oasis Shriners was well represented with a total of eight nobles and their ladies. Chief Rabban Noble Doug Garland and Lady Leah, Illustrious Sir H. Mike Cook and Lady Cathy, Noble Don Ray and Lady Wanda of Greensboro Shrine Club as well as Lady Leigh and I attended the celebration to commemorate the 100 Year Anniversary of Shriners Children's. A wonderful meal was provided followed by an auction where around \$200,000 was raised for the hospitals. Entertainment for the evening was a special concert by country singer Dierks Bentley. Thank you, nobles and ladies, for attending this event and representing Oasis Shriners.

November 19, we were back at Oasis
Headquarters for the Oasis Shriners Military
Veterans Appreciation Event. Chief Rabban
Doug Garland and Lady Leah, and Marshal
Jimmy Owen planned a great event where
we recognized our military veterans for their
service to our country. US Army Lt. Colonel Arlin
Wilsher was the keynote speaker and delivered
a message on the similarities of the culture of
Shriners and the Armed Forces. The White Plains
Shrine Club prepared and served a delicious BBQ
meal. Thank you to all the nobles and ladies for
the planning, preparation, and hard work to make
this event happen.

Looking ahead – December 10 will be a day of fun as we deliver a mountain of toys to the Greenville Hospital. We will meet in Gastonia at the Eastridge Mall parking lot at 8:15 am to caravan to Greenville with the toys in tow on the Oasis Hospital truck and trailer; or you can simply join us at the Greenville hospital at 10am. All the toys will be unloaded and presented to the hospital staff; a few patients have been invited to attend as well. Tours of the hospital facility have been organized by the staff for anyone wishing to see the facility

and the work that takes place in Greenville. Come and be part of this wonderful time to share your generosity to the children we all serve. Be sure to bring your fez, as the hospital will be taking lots of photos.

Please make plans to attend the final event of 2022 on Friday, January 6, 2023, as we recognize our nobles and ladies for their hard work in 2022. The annual Oasis Club and Unit Appreciation Event is being planned to recognize every club and unit for your fundraising efforts in 2022. Each club and unit present will have the opportunity to come forward and present your monies raised during 2022 for Shriners Children's. All donations received by the clubs and units as of 12-31-2022 will have a "Check Document" prepared for you to present to the Divan so please make plans to attend and be a part of the celebration to close out 2022. Other awards, presentations and forms of recognition will also be a part of the program. Look further in the Desert Dust for more information.

Nobles, we have a need for you to act! Come January 1, 2023, we have nobles who will be removed from the rolls for non-payment of dues (NPD). It is urgent that you ensure your dues are current for 2022. You can look at your dues card for the 2022 sticker, log on to WEBFEZ to check your status or simply call the Oasis office to verify. Year 2023 dues are also officially due by 12-31-2022. Contact Sherrie Vandergriff, 704-549-9600. select the membership option, or send her an email to check support@oasisshriners.org. Or – contact any Divan member for assistance. Act now and don't delay in keeping your membership current. If you happen to know of a noble who may need help in paying their dues please contact a Divan member to bring this to our attention.

What better time of year to remember and practice the guiding principles we have focused on in 2022, Hope, Faith, and Charity as we celebrate this Advent season and the birth of Jesus Christ.

Finally, nobles and ladies, live in peace and may the God of love and peace, delight with and bless you all!

Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and Lady Leigh





Your Recorder

Greetings to all nobles, ladies, friends and supporters. As always, I want to personally thank each of you for being a part of Oasis. Without you, none of this would be possible.

REMINDER- all-Oasis Clubs and Units were to have held their election of officers and reported those names along with all correct information to Sherrie Vandergriff at the office - support@oasisshriners. org. No exceptions. Even if your club or unit is keeping the same leadership you <u>must</u> have reported that to Sherrie. Directories are being sent to the printer no later than December 12.

Here we go again on another fast-paced month since our last issue of the award-winning Desert Dust. Our Fall Ceremonial on the first weekend of November saw Oasis gaining 31 new nobles. On November 19 Oasis celebrated our veteran's with a free meal and program for anyone who wanted to attend.



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I want to personally thank Noble Chief Rabban Doug Garland who headed up this event. He, along with Noble Jimmy Owen, put together one heck of a great event. Assistance from Nobles Donnie Wrenn, Tim Farris and Jack Wallace and your Recorder should also be mentioned to the Craft. These men and their ladies made sure our veterans were well taken care of along with an award-winning dinner that was prepared and served by the nobles and ladies of the White Plains Shrine Club. Great team effort!

As of the printing of this article we will have inducted a new Grand Master for the State of North Carolina in Asheville at 10am on Saturday December 3. Congratulations to Noble Grand Master Kevin Fraser. We look forward to serving alongside he and his team in 2023 to better support and promote our fraternity.

Also, Oasis will have elected its Officers for the 2023 year on Saturday December 3. I am not seeking re-election for the Recorder position for 2023, so I will be writing my last article as your Recorder in the January edition. I will use that time to say some parting words and thank you's.

During my entire time as your Recorder, I have worked a fulltime job—40 plus hours a week--as the Deputy Commissioner of Insurance for the State of North Carolina in Raleigh. I hope you see a little further in this article, just some of the responsibilities that my office as Recorder requires of me each week. Also, just how much it takes our team to maintain the daily working operations at Oasis. Thank you, Lori, Sherrie, and Karen for being there.

In my series of articles this year I have attempted to shine a light on all the positions that make up the Oasis Divan. This month's spotlight on Oasis Divan leadership completes all positions and takes us once again to the top of the boardroom table where you will find the elected office of Recorder. The 2022 position is currently held by yours truly and will end January 7 at 5pm.

On the Cover

Photo by Noble Les Dix

Reminder

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

What is it the Recorder really does? Here are a few things that I've written down, but there are several additional duties that the job requires. The duties of the Recorder include:

- 1- Keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Temple.
- 2- Issue notice to the members of each meeting.
- 3- Keep a just and true accounting with each member of the Temple.
- 4- Present his books and papers to the auditor whenever required.
- 5- Keep a register of the members of Oasis Temple showing the names, age, occupation, date of creation and address of each member, and any withdrawal, death, suspension, or expulsion as the case maybe.
- 6- Furnish his facsimile signature to the Imperial Recorder.
- 7- At the Annual Meeting, render a complete report of the finances, investments, membership, and other matters of interest with which his office is concerned.

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The Desert Dust

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2022 DIVAN

Chief Rabban - Doug Garland Assistant Rabban - Shea Fadel High Priest and Prophet - Chris Hall

Oriental Guide - Tim Farris

Treasurer - Bill Harward (PP-1998)

Recorder - John Cable

1st Ceremonial Master - Donnie Wrenn

2nd Ceremonial Master - Scottie Cox

Director - Jimmy Burgess

Marshal - Jimmy Owen

Captain of the Guard - Jack Wallace

Outer Guard - Tom Bridges

John Stanley (PP-1997) - Chaplain

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DECEMBER

3rd Grand Master's Installation -

10am - Asheville Masonic Temple

Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting 3rd

& 2023 Officer's Elections -

Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm

4th Potentate's Visitation Parade.

Gastonia, NC

JANUARY 2023

Club & Units Appreciation Night -6th

Oasis Shrine Center

7th Installation 2023 Potentate -

Oasis Shrine Center

2023 Calendar will be available in next month's issue



Upcoming Events

December 10th, 2022 Illustrious Sir's Grandson's Toy Delivery **SEE PAGE 12**

January 6th, 2023 **Club & Unit Appreciation Night SEE PAGE 4**

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8- Before January 15 each year, transmit to the Imperial Recorder in the form prescribed, the annual returns for the Temple.

9- Arrange to remit to the Imperial Treasurer the annual per capita tax as required by Imperial bylaws.

10- Arrange to remit the initiation fee for every initiate immediately after their initiation as required by Imperial Council.

11- Issue official seal of the Temple to and attest official documents.

12- Report and remit as required by Sub-Section 332.3 (b), (d), €, and (i), 332.4 and 332.5 (b) and (c) of the Imperial Bylaws.

13- Receive all funds accruing to the Temple and promptly deposit them to credit of Oasis Temple in approved depositories.

14- Keep the books of account and records of the Temple.

15- Carefully preserve and file his memoranda or payment of obligations of the Temple.

16- Draw checks, vouchers, or orders for payment of obligations of the Temple, any sums due the Imperial Council, or other authorized disbursements.

17- Countersign checks.

18- Report the amount of all funds received and disbursements thereof as often as the Temple, Potentate or the Divan may require.

This completes my overview of all Divan positions that I have written about. I truly hope these articles have assisted each of you to better understand what the Divan does and how we serve the membership of Oasis, Imperial, and Shriners Children's.

Once again, look for more details in this issue future, but for now remember to make your plans now to attend the Club and Unit Appreciation to be held on Friday evening January 6 and the Installation of Noble Doug Garland and his "Team "23" on Saturday evening January 7. Our host hotel is once again the University Hilton. Come out and say thank you to "22" and hello to "23."

I always like to close by remembering to thank GOD for all His glory, enjoy your family, stay safe. and be thankful every day for what you have and where you are. Hope to see you at Oasis or at an Oasis function soon. Until next month.

YITF.

John G. Cable

2022 Oasis

Club & Unit Appreciation Might

Friday, January 6, 2023 Oasis Headquarters 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte NC

> 6:00 Social 6:30 Dinner

7:30 Awards Presentation

All Clubs and Units will have the opportunity to make presentations of their hospital fundraising for 2022 Please RSVP to Oasis, 704-549-9600; Option 8 by December 27th



WELCOME OUR NEW NOBLES

NAME

David Stanton Adams, Jr. Scott Lee Alley Bradley Eugene Dean Daniel Matthew Ferguson Michael Bradlev Fletcher Max Oneal Gunter Ronald Scott Houser Charles Scott Hoyle John Russell Jones William Withers Jones Brahim Kennedy Khoury Michael Benton Ledford David Adams Leslie Creighton Lee Lovelace Scott Kevin McElroy Benjamin Lee McGinn Michael Joseph McMorrow **Brandon Ross McNeely** Steven Christopher Michael Kevin Michael Null Michael Harrison Perkins Darrell Wayne Pickler Stephen Francis Potocnak Steven Ray Pruitt Aaron Joseph Seifer Thomas James Tarris Andrew Madison Tench Augustine Wesseh Weah **Bobby Willis** Austin Tyler Woodward

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Fall Ceremonial celebrates 31 new nobles











PP John Stanley is recognized for 50 years as a Mason while III. Sir celebrates 25 years as a Shriner.



Class Honorees: Oasis Patrolmen Jim Newcomb and Bob Richardson



Director of the Ritualistic Cast Allen Hardy presents a service award to Noble Bob Braswell





The creation of a Shriner brings patient Alice Laws to the forefront. "I want to be a nurse when I grow up."





Photos by Noble Leslie Dix

New Oasis Nobles receive a fez

Molly Grantham: Anchor. Author. Speaker. Mom and so much more







"Uplift, encourage, applaud each other. When one succeeds, we all move forward."



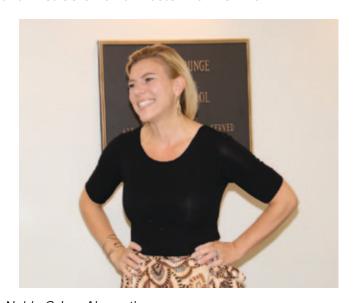




Molly's son Hutch meets III. Sir and First Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn







Photos by Noble C. Lee Abernethy







South Mecklenburg High School Junior ROTC presents the Colors



(R) LTC Arlin Wilsher is a decorated veteran with a meaningful message.

"There's nothing more expensive than freedom."





















Photos by Noble Leslie Dix

A drawing was held for flags presented to a veteran from each branch of the service



Noble Eddie Wrenn, Oasis Legion of Honor, shares important thoughts on membership involvement.





The best BBQ comes from the White Plains Shrine Club Chefs!

Shriners on parade

'Tis the Season Spectacular in Salisbury





Oasis Band

Ashe Shrine Club





West Jefferson Christmas Parade

Ragtops



















Crowds lined the streets of Salisbury

Gators, Gals and pals on Parade in West Jefferson

Bundle up. Baby, it's cold outside.





















Editor's note

If you've ever wondered why the Gator Patrol gets so much press, it's simple—they send me lots of pictures from their events. (*Thank you Lady Carolyn Crawley. I wish I had space enough for all of those great photos.*)

Get yourself a camera or use your phone. And get busy! The next Dust could feature YOUR club or unit.





John Stanley, Chaplain

Choose Joy

During this wonderful season, we sing: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come." And, we say: "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" We have an abundance of food, enjoyable family gatherings, trips, and times of relaxation at home. We have JOY!

We read that JOY comes to those who dream. Maybe our dreams are—not of a "White Christmas"—but rather our dreams may be dreams of a peaceful Christmas, a loving and a forgiving Christmas. Those are powerful dreams! And, it is

not always easy to dream—especially to dream at Christmas.

Annie Johnson Flint wrote a poem a few years ago that goes like this: I've dreamed many dreams that never came true:

I've seen them vanish at dawn.

But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,

To make me want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came,

When my hopes and faith were almost gone.

But answers have come to enough of my prayers,

To make me keep praying on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain;

I've gone many days without a song.

But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life

To make me want to dream on.

Joy comes to those who dream. AND, JOY COMES TO THOSE WHO ARE GRATEFUL.

In his book, You Can Get Bitter or Better, Dr. James Moore says, "Changes are so risky, so uncertain, so frightening, but there is no escape from change." Dr. Moore reminds us, "The past teaches us that love is better than hate; that forgiveness is better than vengeance; that kindness is better than cruelty; that honesty is better than deceit; that peace is better than war."

We have joy we rejoice in this day when we take time to "smell the roses." As Dr. Moore says, "Jesus calls us to be like little children: to celebrate life, to be aware, to relish the present..."

While we learn from the past, and we live in the PRESENT, we keep our minds open to the incredible possibilities of God's future. As the Gospel songwriter put it, "We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future."

Tomorrow when you face that mirror first thing in the morning, will you SHOUT for all in the house to hear: "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad it!"

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



Mention this Ad and 10% of profits go to Oasis Charities







We will be delivering the toys from the Illustrious Sir's Grandson's Toy Drive to Shriners Children's Greenville. Noble Sam Moody will be taking the hospital trailer loaded with all the toys.

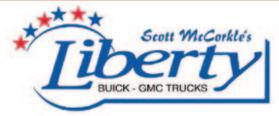
We will meet in Gastonia at the Eastridge Mall parking lot, directly behind the AutoBell Carwash at 8:15am and depart at 8:30 following the Hospital Trailer. You can caravan with us, or you can meet at the Greenville Hospital at 10:00 am. A tour of the Hospital will be provided, so if you have never been this is a great opportunity.

BRING YOUR FEZ and your family & friends! The Hospital staff will be taking lots of pictures!

Eastridge Mall address: 246 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia NC 28054 Shriners Children's Greenville – 950 W Faris Rd, Greenville SC 29605







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The Illustrious Grandson's Toy Drive

My name is Levi and I want to tell you about the Toy Drive William and I will be sponsoring this year. We are asking for new and unwrapped toys or for donations to purchase toys for the entire year. You can bring toys to the Temple, or to your unit and club meetings. We will arrange to get the toys delivered to the hospital throughout the year.

On the Oasis Website we will have more information and also a link you can donate dollars to, and we will purchase the toys for you

Thank you for helping us support the Shriners Children's Greenville.

*Deadline to turn in Toys and/or Donations will be December 3rd, 2022





Referrals: 866-459-0013 GreenvilleShrinersHospital.org SHCGreenville

Current Items Needed

- ▼ New release DVD movies (G. PG. PG-13)
- ♥ Wallets
- ♥ UNO/Phase 10/Skipbo
- Craft kits
- ♥ Baby dolls
- ♥ Remote control cars
- ♥ Super Hero toys/action figures (Marvel, DC)
- ♥ LEGOs large sets (Marvel, DC, Harry Potter, Technic, Lego Friends)
- Fisher Price medical kits
- ♥ Hello Kitty toys/items
- ♥ Gift cards (Walmart, Target, Amazon)
- ♥ Little kids flash lights (in the shape of animals)
- ♥ Fisher Price toys
- ♥ Xbox One games (NO mature rated games)
- ♥ Nintendo DS games
- ♥ Electronic games Football, Yatzee, Simon, Catchphrase, Bop-It, Solitaire
- ♥ Recent Movie toys (Toy Story 4, Secret Life of Pets, Frozen 2, Star Wars, Mulan, Trolls 2)

♥ Blume Dolls

♥ VTech toys

♥ Leap Frog toys

♥ Imaginext toys

- Minecraft toys
- Pokémon toys
- ♥ FurReal interactive pets Shopkins
- Melissa and Doug toys
- ♥ Thomas the Train toys
- ♥ Blimpie
- ♥ JoJo Siwa toys
- ♥ LOL Surprise!
- PJ Masks
- Paw Patrol

Castroom needs:

- Headphones (not earbuds)
- ♥ Bluetooth speaker ▼ Teething toys
- Gripper socks
- ♥ Knee length, thin socks (all sizes)
- ♥ Small light up toys
- ♥ Large toenail and fingernail clippers
- Pacifiers
- ♥ New release DVDs



Baclofen/Tone Clinic needs:

(children that have limited movement)

- Musical toys
- ♥ Toys/cars that make noise
- ♥ Play guitars/keyboards that make sounds
- ♥ Model magic dough
- Lite up tovs

Nursing Unit needs:

- Gripper socks
- ♥ Small pillows to go under casts
- Give away bed pillows
- Drawsheets (48" x 64")
- Colorful pillowcases
- ♥ Surgical gowns with snaps/ties in back (small adu
- ♥ Small tape measures (8ft)
- Harmonicas
- CVS and Walgreens gift cards

Teen Items Needed

- ♥ Bluetooth dancing water speakers
- ♥ Headphones over the ear, padded
- ♥ \$10 \$15 gift cards: Amazon, Walmart, Target, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Subway, Burger King, Starbucks, Chil-fil-a, Wendy's, etc.
- Jewerly
- Jewerly organizers
- DVD players
- ♥ New Release DVD's PG or PG13
- ♥ Wireless Karaoke Microphone
- ▼ Toiletry bags/Cosmetic bags
- Kayu bags
- ♥ Bath and Bodyworks products (hand sanitizer/holders)
- ♥ Hair chalk brush applicators
- Art sets
- ♥ Adult coloring books
- ♥ Markers (fine tip)
- Colored pencils
- ♥ Electronic games Football, Yatzee, Simon, Catchphrase, Bop-It, 20 Questions, Solitaire
- Memory Maze game
- ♥ Wallets
- Yeti cups
- Airpods with case
- Gel pen sets
- Calligraphy markers (dual tip)
- ♥ Slime kits





WANTED

Local newspaper is seeking amateur photographers from Clubs and Units in every district to take pictures at Shrine events.

Action shots preferred. (Beer cans prohibited.)

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A byline in The Desert Dust

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Shrine Trailer Travels for You

Did you know the Shrine Hospital Trailer is available for your public fund raising or awareness events? Noble Sam Moody has generously agreed to volunteer his time and energy to transport the Hospital Trailer to any location within the Oasis Region in an effort to spread the word about our wonderful Hospitals.



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

980-722-7951 sambo447@aol.com

This letter to Nobles Larry Hale and Danny Bean was sent to Catawba County Shrine Club President Jimmy Cline by a Shrine patient's family.

-Thank You -

Dear Larry and Danny, I would like to express my many thanks for spending a day with us and being able to put up with Minns the entire time. We both loved having you two there. I reasy can't find the words to thank you both enough for the service you gave me, you made a big difference even if you didn't notice it. Getting in the car, I was nervous and scared mostly because of what the Dr would tell me but you made jokes and really lit up my mood. Yall made sure I was comfortable as possible. And thank you for the gift of making me smile and laugh the whole way up there and the whole way up there and the whole way back, it means more to me than I can put into words. I deeply appreciate yalls support and reassurance during the time, that will always hold a special place in my heart. You both the amazing in all that you are and in everything you do. Thank you Pawpaw Larry and Joe... Cops, I meant Danny. For everything.

Grant Laughter donation

Club president Carl Hinderer of the Hendersonville Shrine Club presents a plaque to Grant Laughter. Grant is a proud supporter of Shiners Children's through his contributions with the Club's Business and Commercial program. He has generously contributed a beautiful diamond ring (over one-caret) for the benefit of our Fire and Ice program fund raiser, along with a \$500 check to the hospital. All proceeds from the program have gone to the hospital.

Grant Laughter's Jewelry is located at 1800 Hendersonville Rd. Asheville NC 28803, (828) 274-5770, and is an excellent source for all Masonic and Shrine jewelry custom made to your choice. If you have an idea for something special, he is your man and will work with you to have your own unique piece of jewelry.



News from the Patrol

Our Family suffered a great loss in November with the passing of Veteran Patrolman Charlie Walker. Charles Hugh 'Charlie' Walker was born on September 24, 1933 and passed on November 2, 2022. Charlie was raised a Master Mason on September 23, 1968 in East Gate Lodge #692, and was created a Noble on October 26, 1968. Rest in peace, Charlie, your Patrol Family misses you very much.

I want to personally thank all the Patrolmen who stepped up to help make the Fall Ceremonial a success. From presenting the Colors to selling jewelry, to tiling doors, the Patrolmen present made my job as Captain a lot easier. It was great seeing all the Past Captains who attended the Ceremonial on Saturday, five of which were in uniform and assisted with Patrol duties.

Congratulations are in order for two of our Veteran Patrolmen. Noble Bob Richardson and Noble Past Captain Jim Newcombe were named as Class Honorees for the Fall Ceremonial by Illustrious Sir, and Past Captain, Tim Daniels. It was my honor to escort them to the stage and to have them as fellow Patrolmen. The Patrol says thank you for your tireless service!

The upcoming events for the Patrol include the annual covered dish, Oasis Elections, Club and Unit Appreciation Night and the 2023 Oasis Divan Installation. Thank you again for working together to keep The Patrol and Oasis successful. I wish all of you Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas.

YITF,

Scottie Cox, Oasis Patrol Captain





Shriners Children's - the first 100 years



Thank you is in order to Nobles H. Mike Cook/Lady Cathy, Doug Garland/Lady Leah and Don Ray/Lady Wanda for attending the Shriners Children's Celebration of the Century in Houston Texas. It was a great event to mark the 100th Anniversary, and Oasis was well represented.



Oasis representatives plus the Potentate and his lady from Jericho Shrines

The Thermal Belt Shrine Club & Oasis Pickers TOGETHER for year-end banquet

The Thermal Belt Shrine Club and the Oasis Pickers came together at Cliffside Lodge # 460 for their year-end banquet. They held their 2023 officer installations with Oriental Guide, Tim Farris officiating and had a ton of awards to hand out for all of the hard work the nobles had done in 2022.

The nobles and ladies present enjoyed the introduction of our own club secretary's grandson and past president's son, Reagan McCranie who has been selected for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. Reagan has also been awarded a full Scholarship to Duke University and the Thermal Belt Shrine club is EXTREMELY Proud of Chase High School's #74!

We awarded nobles who had built the Oasis Pickers with charter member plaques and recognized the new unit members who had achieved their levels of our Crown of Honor Awards. In addition, we had three members who had become \$100 Million Club members and those certificates and tassel holders were presented. The CLIMAX of the evening came with the drawing for the Little Martin Guitar. The winner was Bill Yelton of Rutherfordton, NC. The call was made with speaker phone and Mr. Yelton was extremely happy. When asked if "a good looking blonde had sold him the ticket," he quickly replied: "No, it was the OLD guy at the car show!" For some reason, laughter erupted from all present. The guitar was presented to Mr. Yelton on November 13.

After a wonderful meal the evening ended up with a few of the Pickers playing an impromptu mini-JAM. Club President Michael Blanton and Unit Captain Dave Mahan couldn't have been more pleased with the event. Thanks to all of our ladies who worked behind the scenes to make the banquet a huge success.

Although the year-end banquet celebrated 2022, The Thermal Belt Shrine Club held their yard sale the next morning to benefit the Shriners Children's...they just couldn't stop! If you'd like to know more about the Club or the Pickers, Contact: DBMahan@gmail.com



Oasis Charter Members Present: Bronny Hamrick, Daniel Elliot, Michael Blanton, Wayne Millis, David Leslie, Don Lookadoo, Nigel Hawkins, Weldon Poling, Dave Mahan, Creighton Lovelace and Gary Yandle.





2023 Thermal Belt Shrine Club Officers (Wayne Bumgardner, Wayne Millis, Michael Blanton and Bronny Hamrick) and Oasis Pickers Officers (Wayne Millis, Dave Mahan & Gary Yandle) all installed by Outer Guard Tim Farris.



Award presentations started as Nobles Nigel Hawkins and David Leslie received awards from Captain Dave Mahan and 2nd LT. Gary Yandle.



Noble Wayne Millis, Oasis Pickers 1st Lt has to "straighten up" for Captain Dave Mahan.



Newly made Nobles David Leslie and Creighton Lovelace waste no time as Captain Dave Mahan presents them with their Charter Memberships.





The Oasis Pickers Unit's Crown of Honor Award recipients for 2022. Nobles Don Lookadoo, Weldon Poling, Wayne Millis, David Leslie, Nigel Hawkins, Dave Mahan and Gary Yandle.



Some "Famous Bands" had names like Lester & Earl, Rich & Kenny...even Porter and Dolly. But the Oasis Pickers only have "Dave & Gary." They're not as famous, but they have a great time pickin' together!





The beginning AND end of the THERMAL BELT Shrine CLUB'S Yard Sale!

Stanly County Shrine Club in the news



Stanly County Shrine Club Treasurer Bob Baker presents III. Sir Tim Daniels a check for Shriners Children's in the amount of \$5000



Harold W. Furr was re-elected as President of Stanly County Shrine Club. Harold was raised a Master Mason on Jan. 22, 1962 in Albemarle Lodge #703 and received his 60 Year Masonic Service Award earlier this year. He was created a Noble on March 21, 2009 and can be seen parading as a Hillbilly in parades in and around Stanly County. Congratulations, Noble President, and thank you for your service to the Craft.

Oasis Pickers on a roll

Wow! The Oasis Pickers were hittin' "Hot–Licks" at the 2022 Fall Ceremonial Shrine Mart and gaining new members!

The Pickers' team brought two candidates with them Friday afternoon. By the time they left on Saturday, they had picked a few tunes in their mini-jam, sold a few more tickets for the Little Martin Guitar while adding two more members and a special guest to their musical family.

Special thanks to Gary Yandle's Lady Judy for the table decorations and to Gerry "Thumper" Boykin for his continued dedicated search for sound equipment. Of course we extend a special welcome to our new members: Nobles David Leslie, Creighton Lovelace, Ron Bowers and Jay Little. We'd also like to thank Thomas Cook for stepping in as a special guest to pick with us!

Need more info on the Oasis Pickers? Send an email to DBMahan@gmail.com.







The "making" of two Noble Pickers...from beginning to end!











David Leslie and Creighton Lovelace "rolling" from candidate to NOBLE and then welcomed as Oasis Pickers.

Lexington Shrine Club



Officers are (L-R) Tim Campbell; President, Martin Holder; 1st VP, William Fulbright; Treasurer, Thomas Jolly; Secretary, Thomas Jolly; (not Pictured Chaplin, Johnnie Leonard) Installing Officer; Jimmy Owen, Special guests Past Potentate John Elder, and Recorder John Cable.



A Prime Rib Dinner was in order as the Lexington Shrine Club puts the finishing touches on a Great year. Divan Marshal Jimmy Owen swears in our 2023 Officers.

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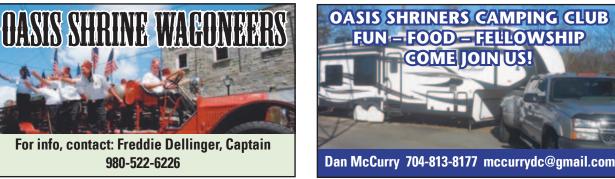


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President - Rusty Carringer / VP - Joel Summitt Email: WhitePlainsShrineClub@gmail.com





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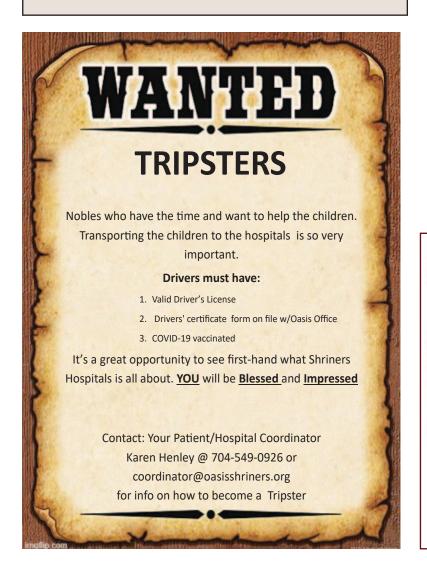
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First "paying" gig for Oasis Pickers



The Oasis Pickers have adopted the float previously used by the Steel Drum Band. They recently had the fortunate experience of picking at the Daniel Town Baptist Church's Fall Festival.



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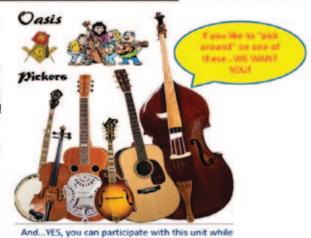
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