

SHRINE TRAILER GETS A BRAND NEW LOOK









Your Potentate

My hope is this fraternal communication finds you all are doing well and enjoying the springtime and hopefully getting our lives back to normal.

Lady Leigh and I have made several visits in the last month with clubs and units and events. We visited the White Plains Shrine Club annual BBQ along with First Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn and Lady Kim. The BBQ was outstanding and what a great time for the Nobles, Ladies, and the community. We, along with several of our Divan, Chief Aide and Ladies, attended the First Annual NC Masonic Appendant Bodies Leadership weekend in Oxford NC at the Masonic Home for Children. This was a great time of fellowship and networking with our brothers from across the state and to see firsthand the work that goes on with the children at our Children's home. Many thanks to our MHCO Administrator Noble Kevin Otis and his staff for hospitality and dedication to our fraternity.

Taking a break from Shrine functions, I was honored to be attending my home Blue Lodge on April 14 to receive my 25 Year Masonic Service Pin.

The Potentate's Golf trip to Santee SC was well attended with 33 golfers playing a Captain's Choice tournament over three days. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Thanks to the nobles who attended this event.

The Potentate's trip to Washington DC was attended by 19 nobles and ladies and what great time we had touring the House of the Temple, George Washington Monument and many of the other Masonic and historical areas and facilities. Thank you to those attending and making those great memories as well.

Oasis has a very busy spring and summer coming up with the Potentate's baseball event on May 21st in Gastonia; Spring Ceremonial in Blowing Rock NC June 3-5; the MHCO NASCAR event on June 9th and Oasis Family Fun Days,

June 17-18. These events and details are listed throughout this publication.

The Oasis Paper Drive is officially May 6 and 7, and if your club or unit had the opportunity to participate, thank you for your efforts in promoting our fraternity and our purpose. The Paper Crusade can be held at any time throughout the year by a club or unit so there is still time for you to complete this important marketing event for our fraternity.

Your help is needed! Plans are set for our Spring Ceremonial June 3-5 in beautiful Blowing Rock NC. Chetola Resort will be the host facility. Hotel room reservations can be made at any time with any of the local hotels of your choice. We need all Nobles to round up those brother Masons who are not Shriners and get them to Blowing Rock. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Membership has never been as important as it is today, this year and going into the future. Just imagine if every noble brought in one new member per year! More ceremonial information and schedules are printed in this publication on page 8.

Our second ceremonial opportunity will be in Salisbury NC on August 27. We will honor our Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Thompson with a "Black Tie" Ceremonial with dinner to follow at the historic Train Depot Station in Salisbury NC. This is a great opportunity to bring a new Master Mason into our fraternity and have a memorable experience.

Nobles, opportunity knocks at the door. As your Potentate I want to make you aware the Oasis Leadership team (Board of Directors) will have two vacancies, the offices of Treasurer and Recorder, to fill at our December 2022 Election of Oasis Officers. Both positions are elected positions and are open to any Noble of Oasis in good standing. As always, nominations will be openly made "from the floor" at the annual election meeting. In keeping with Imperial By-Laws "electioneering and campaigning is strictly prohibited." Any Noble in good standing may make known their interest themselves but cannot have other nobles campaign or speak on their behalf. If you have interest or would like further information about the duties of each position, you may contact any Divan member

and they will assist you.

Our next guiding principle I want to focus on is "Brotherly Love." While we all have a basic understanding of what brotherly love is with life in general, there are some distinct meanings to this term in Masonry. The 1921 version of the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry states "the virtues of brotherly Love are 'Love' itself, Relief and Truth. These virtues are illustrated, and their practice recommended to the aspirant at every step of our progress; and the instruction, though continually varied in its mode, is so constantly repeated, as infallibly to impress upon our minds the absolute necessity in the constitution of a Master Mason. While we all have this remembrance upon the "Five Points of Fellowship," we can never forget the interesting meanings and explanations; we cannot be at loss to understand our duties and what must be our conduct in relation to the principles of "Brotherly Love." Love one another, do good unto all and especially to the household of the faithful."

Please take the time to read your Desert Dust for all the many events by our clubs and units and make plans to participate when you can. Our Oasis website and the Oasis phone app have a tremendous amount of information for you to use and guide yourselves through Shrinedom.

Now, go forward and encourage one another to practice and use the virtues of Friendship and Morality and Brotherly Love with all your fraternal nobles and brothers so that we may continue to strengthen our organization.

Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and Lady Leigh



Shrine Trivia

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How well do you know your Shrine trivia?

Questions and Answers can be found tucked in the pages of this issue.

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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.

We have had a couple of busy weeks for several members of your Divan. First, we traveled to North Charleston for our annual winter meeting of SASA. We received great instruction about happenings with our association and the Shrine. Noble Director Jimmy Burgess drew the ninth place for the SASA parade in Myrtle Beach this September. Great Job, Noble Director.

I had to leave the SASA winter meeting a day early to attend the Recorders Seminar in Tampa. This year's training was very informative and filled with new policies and procedures. One such is all fundraising requests **MUST** be approved by our Director and Potentate, but



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now must include approvals from our Insurance and Jurisprudence & Laws Committees before being sent to Shriners International for approval there. All hospital fundraisers, even those by an outside party, must be approved and receive permission from Imperial. When the hospital logo or name is used all monies must be given to the hospital. A true and proper accounting also must be completed immediately following the event. If you learn of any fundraiser that is mentions Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) or now Shriners Children's (SC) please make sure it is approved.

That leads me to another item and that is rebranding as mentioned in my last paragraph. Shriners Hospital for Children (SHC) is now being known as Shriners Children's (SC). As our hospital system is changing and reducing the number of full hospitals in use, while increasing the number of regional clinics, they felt this was a great time to initiate a rebranding. Please let me know if you have any questions and I will attempt to get you an answer.

Oasis Divan held its stated meeting on Wednesday April 13th in the boardroom at Oasis Shrine Center. That meeting lasted for about two and half hours and covered several items of business. Please try to attend one of the Divan meetings whenever possible. We will be on the road for a couple of them. One is on Friday at the Red Fez prior to the opening of Family Fun Day on June 17th, and the next one after that will be in Greensboro on Saturday July 23rd. Again, please come out and see your working Divan at one of these remote locations.

Since the first of the year, I have been shinning a spotlight on Oasis Divan leadership. As we

On the Cover

The Shrine trailer now travels in style with a new wrap featuring the most up-to-date brand images. Noble Sam and Lady Sherrie take care of this rolling advertisement/museum. A tour of the inside informs visitors about our hospitals and the miracles that take place when there's Love to the Rescue.

Reminder

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

move up the table to the next two spots you will find this month's spotlight on the positions of Ceremonial Master. Under Oasis current by-laws, these two positions are appointed, but are the beginning of the moving line.

These two positions rotate each year starting with the Second Ceremonial Master, who was appointed by Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels this past January. Noble Scottie Cox was picked to fill that job and is scheduled to move through the moving line until reaching the office of Potentate in January of 2028.

With that appointment, Noble Donnie Wrenn moved over one seat to the office of First Ceremonial Master. Noble Donnie was placed on the Divan by PP Tommy Helms in January 2021 and is schedule to lead Oasis nobility starting in January of 2027.

Serving in these two positions affords the ability to learn from other, more experienced members of the Divan about how the Divan operates and functions as an administrative body. The Second Ceremonial Master, the newest one on the moving line, has the opportunity to work with the First Ceremonial to gain knowledge of Oasis Ceremonials, events, and outings.

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The Desert Dust

Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels, Potentate

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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

EDITOR

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MAY

5th-7th Paper Crusade **Divan Meeting 12th**

Gastonia Honey Hunters Game -**21st**

Gastonia, NC

JUNE

3rd-5th Spring Ceremonial -

Blowing Rock NC, Chetola Resort

17th-18th Oasis Family Fun Day -

Red Fez Shrine Club, Lake Wylie SC

17th Divan Meeting - Red Fez Shrine Club

JULY

3rd-7th Imperial Session -

Minneapolis, MN

TBD Charlotte Knights Baseball Game -

CANCELLED

23rd Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated') -

Greensboro Shrine Club

AUGUST

12th Shrine 100 50th Anniversary

Race - Gastonia Speedway

12th Divan Meeting - Location TBD

Black Tie Ceremonial -**27th**

Honoring NC Grand Master

Salisbury, NC

SEPTEMBER

15th Divan Meeting - Myrtle Beach / SASA 15th-17th SASA - Myrtle Beach, SC **23rd** Grand Lodge of NC Annual

Meeting - Greensboro, NC

23rd-24th Greenville Hospital Days

weekend - **NEW DATE**

Fall Potentate Trip -24th-1st

Disney World, Orlando FL

OCTOBER

7th-8th Oxford Homecoming - Oxford NC

Oasis Circus - Hickory, NC **12th** 14th-15th Oasis Circus - Concord, NC Divan Meeting (4th Qtr 'Stated') -20th

> Oasis Shrine Center Oasis 3rd Annual Golf

Tournament - Location TBD

NOVEMBER

21st

4th-5th Fall Ceremonial -

Oasis Shrine Center

19th Oasis Military Veterans Event -

Oasis Shrine Center

DECEMBER

4th

3rd Grand Master's Installation -

Location TBD

Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting 3rd

& 2023 Officer's Elections -Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm Potentate's Visitation Parade,

Gastonia, NC

JANUARY 2023

6th Club & Units Appreciation Night -

Oasis Shrine Center

Installation 2023 Potentate -7th

Oasis Shrine Center

Santee welcomes Oasis golfers



Thirty-three golfers, mostly Oasis Shriners, sons of Shriners and a few good friends of Shriners, enjoyed beautiful weather at Santee for what is to become an annual golf outing.



III. Sir Tim with Gordie Garrison who is the son of deceased Noble Max Garrison; Maxy Wolfe; and Max Wolfe III. The three nobles announced they are sponsoring a par three contest on our trip for anyone who makes a hole in one. The winner will receive \$500 and a matching \$500 will be given to the Shriners Hospitals. The gift will be given in memory of their fathers, Max Wolfe Sr. and Noble Max Garrison. This will be an annual contest during the group's annual trip to Santee SC.

WANT TO BE A HERO?

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

Join the Oasis Hospitality Team.

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

WE ARE THE OASIS HOSPITALITY TEAM

To learn more, please contact Dennis Grigg at (828) 781-0062. We look forward to hearing from you.



Upcoming Events

May 14th, 2022

Crowders Mountain SC Rodeo

SEE PAGE 5

May 8th & 22nd, 2022 Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In 2nd and 4th Sundays

SEE PAGE 14

May 21st, 2022

NC 38th Masonic District Jam Session Oasis Pickers concert - 11am - 3pm

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June 29th, 2022 2022 Tractor Ride **SEE PAGE 23**

Who was the first Past Potentate of Oasis to serve on the Imperial Divan?

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This year's first ceremonial is scheduled to be in Blowing Rock, June 3rd-5th. You want to make this event if you can and get that Master Mason involved and make him a Shriner. If you can't make that one, our Black Tie Ceremony is scheduled for August 27 in Salisbury. After that, the fall ceremonial will be held on November 4th and 5th at Oasis Shrine Center in Charlotte. I know both Ceremonial Masters, Noble Donnie and Scottie are working to bring great events to you the nobility to enjoy.

They can be assigned other tasks and responsibilities as needed. A few years ago, Noble Donnie was assigned the task of building and grounds, along with vehicle maintenance. Donnie has worked with me to reduce the cost of operations at Oasis and with our fleet of vans for both hospital and fraternal operations. Noble Scottie has been asked to head up the Greenville Hospital open house that has now been moved to the fall.

If you feel you can assist them in anyway or want any additional information about what these positions do, please feel free to contact one or both at the following.

1st Noble Donnie Wrenn at dwrenn@oasisshriners.org or by cell number 980-521-3523

2nd Noble Scottie Cox at scox@oasisshriners.org or just give him a call at 704-467-3677.

Here are the clubs and units under those Divan positions.

Donnie Wrenn has the following clubs: Crowders Mountain, Metrolina, Red Fez and White Plains along with the units of the Carolina Drifters, Dune Cats, Drum & Bugle, Road Runners, Shriners on Bikes (SOB) and Tripsters.

Scottie Cox has Brewmasters, Cabarrus, Cigar Club, Moore, Sandhills, Stanley and Young Shriners. He has the following units: Buccaneers, Patrol and Sand T's.

Again, you can look these and all club and unit Divan representatives up on page 25 and 26 of this years Potentate's Directory or on the Oasis app or the Oasis website.

This completes my series on the positions and job duties of the offices of appointed Divan members, or the right side of the table when you enter the boardroom. WE as Divan members are here to serve the nobility and take that responsibility with great pride, so if you have a question, please ask one of us. Next time I will move to the elected side of the table and start on the end with PP Bill Harward, your Oasis Treasurer.

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

Letter to the Editor

Your article in the March 2022 edition of the Dessert Dust, stated that Ronald Reagan was a Shriner. He was not a Shriner and furthermore was not a Freemason either. Please print a retraction correcting this error.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Chesley M. Greene, 55 year Shriner and 60-year Mason as of April 13

Ronald Reagan has often been referred to as a Freemason. President Reagan was not a Freemason although he was an honorary member of the Scottish Rite and of the Imperial Council of the Shrine. President Reagan was on numerous occasions involved in Shrine and Masonic functions throughout his career.

The confusion as to his membership arises from a ceremony held in the Oval Office of the White House on February 11th, 1988, when a group of Freemasons presented President Reagan with a certificate of honor from the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C., then he was made an Honorary Scottish Rite mason. The title of Freemason can only be conferred by a Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Reagan's case this was not done, probably because the ceremonies would have taken a full day to confer and the president's time was limited; therefore, President Reagan should only be referred to as a Shriner or Scottish Rite mason. The Shrine and Scottish Rite are concordant bodies and cannot confer the title Freemason on any person.





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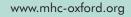
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Simply use the QR code with your smart phone to change the life of a child. *Be sure to check the First Lady Leigh MHCO Memories box*. Thank you for your support.



Spring Ceremonial Weekend | Blowing Rock, NC



June 3-5, 2022 | Chetola Resort

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, June 3rd

2pm – 5pm New Candidate Registration; Chetola Resort

2pm – 5pm Hospitality Room open – Embers Room @ Chetola Resort

5pm – 6pm Ladies Social – Evergreen Room @ Chetola Resort

Open to all Shriners Ladies, New Candidates Ladies - \$10/person

Contact Oasis Office to reserve by Monday, May 23, 2022

6pm - 7:30pm Dinner - On your own

7:30 pm – 11pm Music/Hospitality – Chetola Resort by the lake

Saturday, June 4th

8:00am – 4:00am **Trolley** – will make a continuous loop dropping off/picking up at Chetola, other hotels and downtown Blowing Rock.

(Please email thedaniels1990@gmail.com, if your club/unit will be staying at hotels, other than Chetola, so we will

know where to have trolley to pick up)

9am – 9:30am New Candidate Registration; Blowing Rock Elementary School

9:30am – 12pm Ceremonial for Oasis Nobles and New Candidates

Ladies invited to attend opening; will be dismissed

after opening ceremony

Ladies have a free morning for shopping, sightseeing, attractions, lunch. Blowing Rock Retailers are sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt for the ladies.

12:00 pm Lunch for Parading Units and New Nobles

1:00 pm Parade line up2:00 pm Parade steps off

2pm – 5pm Hospitality Room open – Evergreen Room @ Chetola Resort

5pm - 7:30pm Dinner – On your own

7:30pm – 11pm Music / Hospitality – Chetola Resort by the lake

Sunday, June 5th

9:30 am Church Service w/Oasis Chaplain, PP, John Stanley

Chetola Resort – Evergreen Room



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The Getaway 828-237-1925 | www.thegetawaybr.com

The Manor 828-414-2800 | www.blowingrockmanor.com

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The host hotel is Chetola Resort with condos and hotel rooms. Deadline for the group block is May 1. Group code is "Oasis".

Other hotels in Blowing Rock are also taking reservations but no group block or code is needed.

Fifty years of service



Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace recently presented Captain Frank Casey of our Oasis Greeters with his 50 year certificate. Lady Beth is shown beside him as she has been throughout his Shrine activities. Thank you Noble Frank.



Illustrious Sir Bob Burroughs (PP 2001) is presented his 50 year Shrine certificate and pin by Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace. Thank you for your service to Oasis Shriners

Mecklenburg Shrine Club Cruise-In off to a roaring start

It was a bright Sunday afternoon on the patio at Moochies Tavern in Matthews. There was a party goin' on! Mecklenburg Shrine Club showed up in full force for their first cruise-in of the season. Over 17 cars claimed a spot in the vast parking lot and were now sparkling in the sun.

Tickets for the half-and-half drawing were the hottest item however. Between ticket sales and donations, Mecklenburg collected over \$1100 for our Hospitals. Congratulations to all those who participated.









Ladies Teresa King and Sherrie Mondy sold a bucketful of tickets











Q1 Answer: Jacob Thomas Barron. He was the second Potentate of Oasis and was High Priest and Prophet in the Imperial Divan at the time of his death in 1910. PIP Alan W. Madsen was our first Imperial Potentate 2012-2013



John Stanley, Chaplain

ANGER OR JOY

The Rev. Lee Stocks once wrote: A wise, elderly grandfather is telling his grandson about a fight that is going on inside himself. He said it is

between two wolves. One is evil: anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other is good: joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The grandfather simply replied, "The one I feed"!

In today's world, it is far too easy to feed the Evil Wolf. Sometimes we do it by destructive choices. Destructive to ourselves to the very relationships we say we value. We feed the evil wolf when we pass harsh judgements. We feed the evil wolf by placing excessive demands on life, ourselves or others. And we do it by blaming. These behaviors feed the Evil Wolf. The BIG problem is that the Evil Wolf never gets full! His appetite is never satisfied!

We feed the GOOD WOLF when we learn to live day by day in the awareness of God's grace. God's Grace comes to us daily. God's grace is for the asking. God's grace is for the accepting. For in the asking and the accepting, we are more likely to see the face of The Supreme Architect in our struggle against sin.

So, the question for us today is," Which wolf do you and I feed?"

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.

SATURDAY

7-9am: Pancake breakfast at Clubhouse - \$7

9am: Youth Fishing Tournament
Noon: Hotdog lunch provided by Oasis

Scavenger Hunt - Details to be Announced!

An afternoon of games and swimming

4pm: BBQ cook off awards ceremony followed

by food, fun and fellowship...and more music!



Questions? Contact Todd Ham: 704-363-9257 todd@hambrothers.com Johnny Burgess: 704-564-2193 jdbgpc@aol.com (CAMPING)

Shea Fadel: 704-309-5396 shea.fadel@fadelsinc.com

We're going topless!

Submitted by Noble Marty Wilson

Hi, Nobles. It's spring and it's time to put the top down and ride. If you have a convertible or need a good excuse to buy one, you must read this. We are the Oasis Ragtops, a unique unit whose primary purpose is to transport the Oasis Divan in the many Shrine parades throughout the year. What fun it is to be able to lead each parade into the hundreds of fans that line up to see all the Shrine units that follow us.



We are proud of our cars and love to show them off. You too can join in on the fun. If you are young or older, if your car is new or older, it matters not. You can bring along your lady and join us for a great time. The dues are inexpensive as well as the uniform.

So what are you waiting for? Shine up that four-wheel baby and come join the Ragtops. Contact our Captain Ken Klutz at 980-239-6811 or myself, Marty Wilson, Secretary at 704-620-5471 or come talk to us at our next Shrine parade. Let's all go topless!







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THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRANDSONS'



THE THE GRAP

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for Shriners Children's Hospital patients for the 2022 Christmas season!

Drop-off Location: Any Oasis Shrine Clubs or Units

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The Illustrious Grandson's Toy Drive

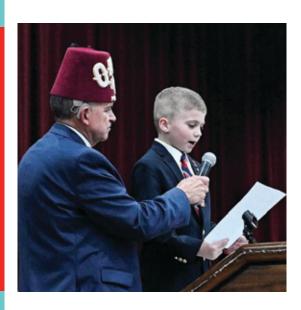
My name is Levi and I want to tell you about the Toy Drive William, Ryan Jr. and I will be sponsoring this year.

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 Greenville Shriners Hospital.



Where was the first Shriners
Hospital scheduled to be built?

Noble Ben Harkey receives recognition

April 11, 2022 - Today Lady Betty and I had the honor and privilege of meeting and presenting a 50 year certificate from Shriners International to Noble Benjamin Clyde "Ben" Harkey. Noble Ben and his Lady Joann were an absolutely delight to sit and chat with. Noble Ben was created a Shriner with Oasis on September 18, 1971. He stated he became a Master Mason in 1961 followed by becoming a Scottish Rite Mason. Noble Ben is 95 years young, being born on Valentine's Day 2/14/1927, and I must say he and Lady Joann are full of Vim and Vigor. Both Noble Ben and Lady Joann give all the glory to their Lord for giving them the longevity in this life. They have been married for 70 years.

Noble Ben joined the Navy Seabees when he was 17 years of age in 1944, serving during WWII He was proud to say that his tour of duty was State side. He was proud to serve but even prouder when the War came to an end and he was discharged from duty and able to get back to his native Mt. Holly, NC where he still resides. He owned and operated Harkey's Well Drilling until he retired in the mid 90's.

Lady Joann and Noble Ben are honored to have been affiliated with the Masonic/Shrine fraternity for all these years.



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





Submitted by Oriental Guide Noble Tim Farris with pictures provided by Lady Betty



Catching up with the Clowns

Submitted by Noble Bob Dye



The Oasis Clown Unit has been busy since pandemic restrictions began to lift allowing them to get out among 'em.





February was a busy month with nine clowns participating in the Greensboro Car Show which is always a highlight and enjoyed by all.





A Valentine dinner to honor our ladies for their support was held at the Trio American Grill in Charlotte. Our honored guests included Assistant Rabban Shea Fadel and Lady Sandra; First Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn and Lady Kim; and Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace and Lady Linda.

Awards were presented to several clowns. Wayne Alley was presented Clown of the Year for 2021. Thomas Livingston was presented the Red Nose Award. Gerald Loftin was presented Circus Clown of the Year for 2021. A special Certificate was presented to former Clown Jack Wallace for his support of our unit.



On October 6-9 five Oasis circus events were held between Hickory and Concord NC. The events were well attended even with the rain in Hickory's outdoor arena. The Clown Unit gave away 85 bicycles with helmets to children between the ages of 3 and 12. We were blessed to see so many happy faces, some receiving their first bicycle.



Oasis Clowns in the Norwood parade were greeted by many happy faces to see us out once more interacting with children and adults alike.





May 21, 2022

Carolina Chiropractic Plus of RUTHERFORDTON Co 152 W. Main St. Forrest City, NC 28043

Jam Session is FREE & OPEN to the public! From 11am-3pm

Food, FUN, Fellowship! Donations accepted for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children and the North Carolina Masonic Children's Home! Sponsored by the NC 38th Masonic District.



Announcing a <u>NEW UNIT</u> in **OASIS!**

The Oasis Pickers are accepting new members who are interested in Appalachian Acoustic Music!

If you pick, play, listen or simply enjoy Jam sessions of Bluegrass, Old Time and or Americana Music AND want to have a ton of FUN, this unit is for YOU!

Next Meeting is MAY 21st in Forrest City @ 11am-3pm (Open Jam)!

Contact Dave Mahan to get added to the roster TODAY!

> DBMahan@gmail.com Cell: 843-372-5510





And...YES, you can be a member of this unit while remaining a member of your present units & clubs!

YES! I want to be a member of the Oasis Pickers

Please Print!

Name:	
Shrine #:	Oasis
Lady's Name:	
Lady's Name: Mailing Address:	X
E-Mail:	
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Instruments that you play OR Job Interest in Unit:	

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MECKLENBURG SHRINE CLUB **GOLF TOURNAMENT** 2022



Charlotte National Golf Course

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Cost includes: Round of Golf Cart Fee Dinner 3 Beverages

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Check in: 11:00AM / Shotgun start: 12:00 NOON

Make checks payable to Mecklenburg Shrine club and mail to the attention of: Scott Edwards. 9615 Fir Knoll Court, Charlotte NC 28227

Contact Information: Hood Dulin (704) 361-0975 or Dave Wallace (980) 825-2408

*Need a full registration form? You can find one on page 16 of the April Desert Dust



Oasis Baseball Event in the Potentate's Hometown

Gastonia Honey Hunters

Caromont Health Park; 800 W. Franklin Blvd, Gastonia NC

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Gates open at 5:30pm; First Pitch at 6:15pm

\$25 per person includes:

All You Can Eat Buffet

begins at 6:15pm for 90 minutes

General Admission Seating

Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting the Oasis Headquarters at 704-549-9600 option 8, by Thursday, May 12th

Bring the family and enjoy a night of baseball!

Q2 Answer: St Louis was selected as the site for the first Shriners Hospital but because of delays and bogged down negotiations for land, Shreveport was selected because they had secured property, building materials, and raised funds. They also secured the services of an Orthopedic Surgeon from Shreveport Medical Society. The Society would provide his services for the first year at the Hospital at Shreveport.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET INCLUDES:

ENTREES

- Pulled pork sliders w/house made Sundrop BBQ Sauce, crispy onion straws and Hawaiian slider rolls
- Gas House cheeseburger sliders
- Sabrett's hot dog

SIDES

- Homestyle Mac & Cheese with Carolina Red Sauce and crispy onion straws
- Baked beans with bacon and brown sugar
- Peach coleslaw
- Kettle chips

BEVERAGES

 Sweet tea, water, and lemonade











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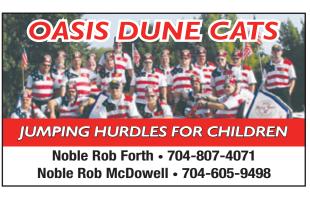
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This notice was sent in by Noble Terry Cox.











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If you are under forty and interested in joining Contact oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com

Cabarrus Shrine Club Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC

Phone: 704-933-2797
Email: cabarrushrineclub@gmail.com
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Contact Robert Dye with The Oasis Shrine Clowns at 336-596-2006 or bobpdye@gmail.com

The Greensboro Shrine Club

5010 High Point Road Greensboro, NC 27407

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MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB

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Contact: Noble Secretary Mike Pritchard 828-442-9170



PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

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Gaston County Shrine Club 505 Pinkney Road Dallas, NC 28034



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Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month Social @ 6pm | Meeting @ 7pm

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CONTACT
CAPTAIN BRIAN WILSON
FOR INFORMATION

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Club and Unit Bulletin Board







Contact President Bill Loeser

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Shrine Centers, Clubs and Units throughout America have been unable to hold fund raising activities due to the COVID restrictions. Please do this. It is a great way to help our Hospitals, who have suffered this past year due to COVID.

Please help.

Terry J Cox, Secretary
Oasis Shrine Scooter Patrol



We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Fairview Masonic Lodge #339 in Kings Mountain. The meal is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00.

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



WANTED

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Tim Loflin, Denton Farm Park Tractor Ride Coordinator, shown here with NC **Grand Master Most** Worshipful Larry Thompson.

Tim spoke recently to a group about the upcoming Tractor Ride on June 29, 2022 which will benefit Shriners Children's.

Submitted by Noble Larry Frank, Lexington Shrine Club

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David Carl Bass	Hayesville, NC	6/3/2006	3/24/2022
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Shriners Hospital for Children

2022 Tractor Ride Benefits

June 29, 2022 at 9:00 am

(Registration starts at 7:30 am)

\$25 per person/tractor or "Ghostrider" \$35 per person Tram Rider

Each rider will receive a t-shirt, goody bag & lunch.

Auction will be Thursday June 30, 2022 at 6 pm in the Music Hall during the Reunion

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Tractor Ride is in memory of P.L. Thompson

Auction Donation____

Ghost Rider (\$25)______(Shirt will be mailed to you)

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Oasis Shriners / Lexington Shrine Club



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