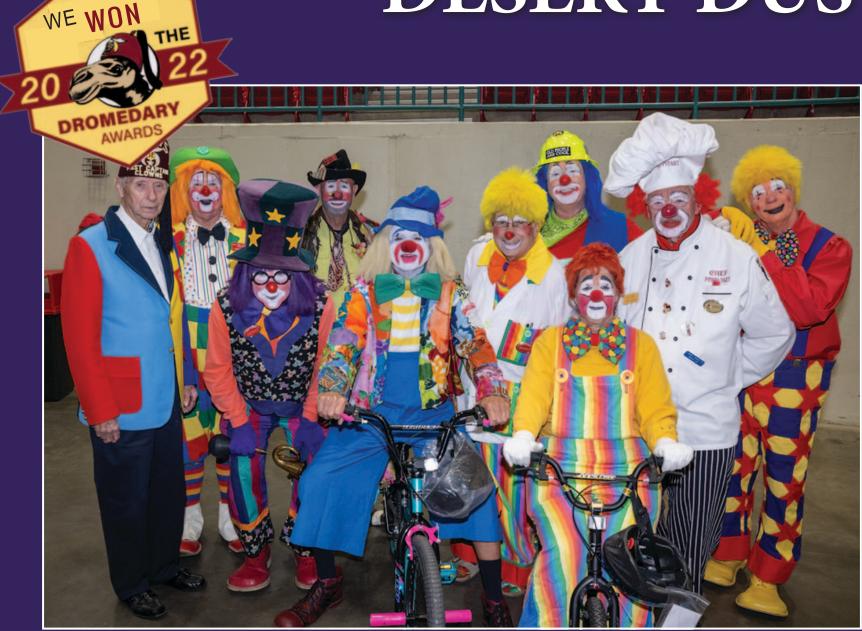
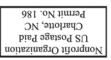
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SHRINE CIRCUS ALWAYS BRINGS SMILES



Charlotte, NC 28262





Shriners International



Your Potentate

The Thanksgiving season is upon us, and I hope you are planning time to spend with family and friends and be able to focus on the things you are most thankful for. As

for myself, I am extremely thankful for my savior Jesus Christ and to be considered a child of His kingdom. I am thankful for my wife Leigh and our daughters and their families we have been able to see grow and expand with wonderful grandsons. I am thankful for our Masonic Fraternity and all the brothers and ladies I have come to know in our Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite and of course the Shrine.

My travels around the Oasis territory over the last month have taken us to several functions and meetings. October ushered in the third annual Crown Rally event in the Asheville NC area on October 3rd with an exotic car rally to the Greenville hospital. This third-party organization raises dollars throughout the year to give to a charity of their choice. For the third year in a row, they have chosen Shriners Children's hospitals in Chicago and Greenville. Noble Oriental Guide Tim Farris and I met this group in Asheville and joined their policeescorted rally to the Greenville hospital which consisted of about 75 automobiles. Once arriving they interacted with patients and staff and enjoyed a great meal. Their contribution to the hospital will be credited to the Oasis Shriners giving for 2022 and we are expecting the final result to be a major gift.

October 7 and 8 the Oasis Divan and many of our members and parading units enjoyed time at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford NC. Great fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all and wrapped up with a great parade with our fellow Shrine temples and Masonic Bodies of NC. The weather was perfect for the activities and events for the afternoon on the grounds.

October 12, 14, and 15 our annual Oasis Circus events were held in Greensboro and Concord NC, respectively. A total of five shows were enjoyed by all the spectators and Shrine families, and our circus venue did another outstanding job on performances. Many thanks to Noble Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace and his team for their excellent work in coordinating this event year after year. This is a major fundraiser for Oasis Headquarters and the success of this event each year is extremely important to the dayto-day operation of Oasis. Thank you to all who assisted, participated, and attended the shows. May the memories of Circus Man Noble Rodney Morgan live on forever!

The third Annual Oasis Golf Tournament was held on October 21 in Kings Mountain NC at the Woodbridge Golf Course. All indications appear to declare this tournament a success as we had over 100 golfers participating. This is also a fundraiser for Oasis Headquarters for our operating budget. Thanks to Noble Marshal Jimmy Owen and his committee for a successful golf tournament.

October 22 I visited the Red Fez Shrine Club for their Octoberfest and Oyster Roast. This event brought in folks from the surrounding communities as well as many nobles and their families. Thank you Red Fez Shrine Club for your hospitality and keeping your club alive and well!

October 27 the Lake Norman Shrine Club held a Poor Man's Dinner in Mooresville NC with the proceeds for the event being designated to the Masonic Home for Children Oxford. Lady leigh and I enjoyed being a part of this effort and thank you for your support of her project this year to the MHCO.

By the time you see this publication our November Ceremonial may be history, so if you took part, sponsored a new member, or just attended and enjoyed the festivities, thank you for coming and keeping Oasis #1. More coverage on the ceremonial will be in the December issue of this publication.

On November 19 Oasis will recognize our members who are Military Veterans. We will have a special Military Veterans Appreciation evening beginning with a catered meal by the White Plains Shrine Club followed by a program to honor our Military Veterans. Our guest speaker will be active-duty Army Lt. Colonel Arlin Wilsher of Tennessee. Please make plans to come and help us honor our Military Veterans and show our appreciation. Please see pg. 5 in this publication for schedule, RSVP, and more information.

December 3 will be an important day. Oasis Shriners will meet at Oasis Headquarters at 3:00 pm to conduct our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Your participation in this meeting and election is vitally important and needed. We will be electing a new Treasurer and Recorder for the ensuing year. Illustrious Sir Bill Harward has decided to retire from the position of Treasurer after 23+ years of service and Noble John Cable will be retiring as Recorder after 4 years of service.

Nobles, we have a need of great and urgent importance. Come January 1, 2023, we possibly could have over 250 Nobles 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 2022 sticker, log on to WEBFEZ to check your status or simply call Oasis office to check. Contact Sherrie Vandergriff, 704-549-9600, select the membership option, or send her an email at 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.

Our next Guiding Principle to focus on is "Charity." As found in 1 Corinthians 13, Charity, which is interchangeable with "Love", is the greatest of all three (Faith, Hope and Charity). Other references relate to Charity as the "The friendship of man for God" and vice versa and extends it to "the love of our neighbor". It is a reciprocal friendship and one in which the giver of charity/love sees and imitates the love of God between himself and his fellowman. This kind of love was also known by the Greeks as agape - 'the love of God for man and of man for God.' As we carry out our duties as Masons and Shriners let's always be mindful of being "Charitable" in showing our love for one another.

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



NEWS

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.

Man, what a fast-paced couple of months we have had at Oasis. We had our annual Shrine Circus in Greensboro and Concord along with the third annual Oasis Golf Tournament. Several Oasis members attended the Grand Lodge Annual Meeting. There the membership elected for the second time in a row a Grand Master who is also an Oasis member. We look forward to having Grand Master Kevin at several of our events in 2023.

Members of the Oasis Divan will be attending the Grand Masters Installation at 10am on Saturday December 3rd. We will then travel back to Oasis from Asheville for our own 2023 elections. Please

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consider this official notice that the 2023 Oasis Elections will be held on Saturday December 3rd and will start at 3 pm sharp. All members are encouraged to attend and vote. You must have your current paid dues card that will be scanned at the door. If you can't attend, we are once again going to live stream the elections. Stay tuned for Temple reminder emails with the link and information to attend on-line.

By the time you are reading this all Oasis Clubs and Units will have held their election of officers and reported those names along with all correct information to Sherrie Vandergriff at the office support@oasisshriners.org. REMINDER – No one person can hold the office of secretary and treasurer. The duties must be separated, and office held by different persons. If you have done this, it <u>must</u> be changed. One person--one office. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the office.

This month's spotlight on Oasis Divan leadership takes us to the top of the boardroom table where you will find the elected offices of Potentate and Recorder. This month spotlight is on the elected position of Oasis Potentate. The 2022 position is currently held by Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels and will end December 31.

If you will take a few minutes to look back in several of my articles on the positions of 1st Ceremonial Master, who is appointed by the incoming Potentiate and without any issues goes on to serve for two years as appointed and five years as elected. In 2016, then Noble Tim Daniels was appointed to that position by Illustrious Sir Johnny King.

This completes the end of a seven-year process, with the first six years being in other required Divan positions. The Office of Potentate was created to serve basically as a CEO or president of a company does. He plans out a meeting schedule for the year that consists of Oasis functions, budgets, ceremonials, and activities; attends Imperial Session and as many Oasis club and unit functions as possible. The planning for most Potentate's year starts 5 to 7 years in

Reminder

All ads & articles for the December edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson** at **Ediewilson7@gmail.com** by Nov. 10. advance. This is one of the reasons that Oasis has followed the seven-year line rule to better assist those who have been elected to serve.

After the December 3 elections, the current Potentate, III Sir Tim will be holding and attend two more official events of his term. The Gastonia parade on December 4th and the Club & Unit Appreciation Night.

Look for more details in the future, but for now remember to make your plans to attend the Club and Unit Appreciation to be held on Friday evening January 6th and the Installation of Noble Doug Garland and his "Team 23" on Saturday evening January 7th. 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



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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NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

4th-5th

19th

3rd

3rd

4th

Oasis Shriners Schedule

Fall Ceremonial -

Oasis Shrine Center

Oasis Shrine Center

Location TBD

Gastonia, NC

Oasis Military Veterans Event -

Grand Master's Installation -

& 2023 Officer's Elections -

Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm

Potentate's Visitation Parade,

Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JANUARY 2023

| 6th | Club & Units Appreciation Night - |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| | Oasis Shrine Center |
| 7th | Installation 2023 Potentate - |
| | Oasis Shrine Center |



Upcoming Events

November 19th, 2022 Veterans Appreciation Dinner SEE PAGE 5

December 3rd, 2022 Mecklenburg SC Christmas Party SEE PAGE 14

December 4th, 2022 Gastonia Christmas Parade SEE PAGE 5

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



III. Sir Tim Daniels and members of the Divan present Larry Thompson, Grand Master of NC, his plaque for Class Honoree for our Black Tie Ceremonial.



Oasis Gators working at the Freedom High Band Competition Classic in Morganton, NC. Submitted by Ned Yates

OASIS POTENTATE TIM DANIELS REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT OUR

★ VETERANS ★ APPRECIATION DINNER Saturday, November 19, 2022 at

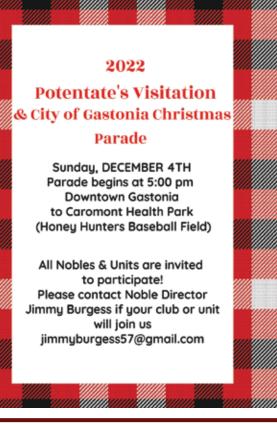
6pm

Oasis Veterans, Nobles and their families are invited to attend as we honor our veterans.

Lt. Colonel Arlin Wilsher will be the guest speaker.*

Please RSVP by 5 pm on Monday, November 14, 2022. Please call Karen at 704-549-9600, Ext #2 or email coordinator@oasisshriners.org.

November 19, 2022*6:00 PM * Oasis Shrine
 Temple, 604 Doug Mayes Pl. Charlotte, NC *



Per Article 2, Section 5 of the Current Bylaws of



and by Order of the Illustrious Potentate

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Is Hereby Given to the Noble Members of Oasis Shriners to Elect the Potentate and Officers for the 2023 Shrine Year during the

Annual Meeting of Oasis Shriners

Day / Date: Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m. At: Oasis Temple

604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262

Current Shriners Dues Card is Required for Entry



Memories for Children



RECENT SUCCESSES

- Four High School Graduates
- Seven VGCC Certificates
- UNC-Charlotte Graduate
- Accounting/Finance Graduation Rate 100%
- Campus Ave GPA 86
- Five in Girl Scouts
- Three in HS Football
- One All Conference
- Three in Band
- Two in JROTC
- One in Karate
- 100% ILP Employed





Making Memories of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is North Carolina's First Children's Home.

The Mission is to provide a safe, nurturing home for children in need with opportunity to maximize their potential. The children often have challenges because of the traumatic situations they have endured. Often they are moved from School to School which makes learning more difficult, affects how they feel about themselves, and leaves them feeling alone.

MHCO programs emphasize the Foundations of Success demonstrated over its storied history; Education, Vocation, Spirituality, Recreation, Responsibility and Respect.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

MHCO offers residential services and additional supports to children and young adults.

DIRECT CARE

House parent couples provide live in care. MHCO co-parents with the guardian and develops individual service plans through child and family teams.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Continuing education, employment, transportation access and ILS development are the primary goals. Individual supports are also provided including academic scholarships.

SUPPORTS PROVIDED

Safe Living Environment Family Style Care with Houseparent Tutoring and Academic Supports Vocational Counseling Networking and Referrals Transitional Planning After Care Recommendations for Deferrals

REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CARE

Parent Physical Health Family Mental Health Domestic Violence Violent Neighborhoods Bullying at School Parental Substance Abuse Homelessness Poverty Kinship Care Failed Adoptions

Your Gift provides wonderful opportunities for the children. Because of your gift the children often have their first bed, own room, birthday party, and successes in school. Children can play sports, be in scouts, are in the band, and can make friends. Your gift allows children to be children—often for the first time in their lives.

YOUR \$10/month RECURRING GIFT PROVIDES:

- Birthday Party and Gift
- Movie Night for Cottage
- New Shoes for School
- One pair of Eyeglasses
- Welcome Basket for Kids
- Six hours of Tutoring
- Five hours of Vocational Counseling
- Band Camp for one Child
- Six Hours of Swim Lessons
- One Year Girl Scout Membership
- Prom Dress/Tux Rental
- Sports Team Participation
- JROTC for two Youth
- Haircuts for a year

Make a recurring or annual gift today for memories a child will have for a lifetime.

Scan the QR code or visit **mhc-oxford.org** and hit donate button. Set up your account information and make sure to check the First Lady Leigh MHCO Memories box OR Complete this form with your check and send to:

MHCO | 600 College St., Oxford, NC 27565

Name: ______Address: _____



Phone: _____ Amount: _____

Masonic Home for Children Oxford hosts homecoming

THANK YOU FROM MHCO!

The 10th Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival was a huge success! We so loved having everyone back on campus to celebrate our Alumni and our Masons! We had a great crowd, beautiful weather, and lots of new food options. Too Much Sylvia was awesome!

Be sure to make your plans NOW to be here next year as MHCO celebrates turning 150!



Thank you to Noble Leslie Dix for his gift of exceptional photos

Circus success story

Submitted by Noble Jack Wallace, Circus Chairman



Our 2022 Oasis Shrine Circus was simply wonderful. Everyone in attendance left with a smile on their face and a "Thank You" to every Shriner present. It's very gratifying to see the kid's excitement during the Circus but more specially the 56 kids who each won a new bike this year.

Yes, the Oasis Clowns again hosted and sponsored the Rodney Morgan Bike Give-away this year, providing 56 new bikes and helmets. Clown Captain Bob Dye and Bike Chairman Wayne Alley express their gratitude to all the clubs, units and individuals who contributed. Speaking of the Clowns, they did a fabulous job performing their "Candy Store" skit at all five shows. By the way, I think I recognized the "two suckers on a stick."

On the other hand, our attendance in Concord was even better than last year. Our three shows at Cabarrus Arena brought in over 2,000 excited people.

I must give a big shout out to Cabarrus Shrine Club who made our 2:00 pm Saturday Circus a club event, bringing 22 members and ladies to support our Circus before all going to lunch together.

I want to personally thank everyone who assisted me this year in putting all this together. A special thanks goes to my go-to guy, Noble Bill Poplin. Thank you, Bill, for all the road trips, phone calls and meetings you attended with me. Also, a big thank you to the Oasis band and the Patrol.

Our final numbers will not be available for a few weeks as we are still receiving pledge money from our telemarketing company, souvenir sales and animal rides. We are all aware that prices are rising on everything, including some aspects of our Circus. Even with that, our Circus is the largest fraternal Temple fundraising event we hold every year, and I look forward to presenting the numbers to our Divan and Nobility when I have them.

Have you Inherited a Coin Collection?

And don't know what to do with it.....

Give us a call and we can help you navigate your options



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

- Appraisal of the collection
- Buying outright
- Selling via online auction (NCAL#10247)
- Private Sale
- Appraisal for Insurance or Estate Purposes

Visit our Coin Store 865 North Center Street Statesville, NC 28677 Douglas@DCaudle.com www.CaudleCoin.com 704-380-3010

One other important part of our Circus is our Circus Mom and Dad Program. Thanks to our supporters this year: \$935.00 total

H.C. Knief

Lewis and Brenda James Scottie and Jody Cox Tim and Betty Farris Robert Anderson Peter and Hilda Schuetz Jack and Linda Wallace Jimmy and Debbie Burgess Tim and Leigh Daniels Herman Weinberg Samuel Fulp Sam and Sherrie Moody Scott and Pamela Edwards



Come one, come all. The Shrine Circus is in town!



Pictures by Noble Leslie Dix

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Noble Marty Wilson catches Levi in a face-paint situation.









Lonely?

At a civic meeting the other day, a person at our table told of a Peanuts Cartoon. It seems that Charlie Brown is sitting up in bed, and his bedside clock shows 1:00 a.m. The cartoon caption reads "<u>When you can't sleep at night, have you ever</u> <u>thought maybe it's God saying: "We need to talk,</u> and now you have time."

John Stanley, Chaplain

So how about us? In these times when we seem shut-off from the rest of the world, how are you sleeping? As with Charlie Brown, can we use that time to pray?

And, then the next day, if we have some extra time on our hands, can we drop someone a note, or perhaps give someone a call we haven't heard from in a while?

Is it important for us to stay in touch? We read the other day that almost 25% of people said they had NO close friends. Yes, we may very well have another epidemic among us—that of Loneliness!

During these past months, we have missed being connected personto-person in Church, at the Rites, in our Masonic Lodges, Shrine clubs and units.

Of course, we can be connected through Facebook, livestream, phonetree, and other social media—but, would it not be wonderful to be with to be in the presence of each other?

Being connected is important to our health and general well-being.

God said in the creation story that it was not good for us to be alone. Obviously, God intends for us to be CONNECTED with one another.

Thank you for staying in touch one with the other — especially those who we know are lonely.

We surely look forward to seeing you real soon at a Masonic or Shrine function. How about dropping by and picking-up a brother on the way? May God bless you.

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.

OASIS ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE COIN



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

THE COST WILL BE \$20.00 EACH

Coins can be purchased through the Temple office or from Divan representatives.



SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!







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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

Shriners Hospitals

for Children[®]— Greenville



Referrals: 866-459-0013 GreenvilleShrinersHospital.org 0 SHCGreenville

Current Items Needed

New release DVD movies (G. PG. PG-13)

- Wallets
- UNO/Phase 10/Skipbo
- VCraft 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)
- Vintendo 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)
- V 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.)

REWARD OFFERED:

A byline in The Desert Dust

SEND RESPONSE TO Edie Wilson. Editor ediewilson7@gmail.com

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



Two Families Celebrating Together

Boppers Shag and Mecklenburg Shrine Clubs joint Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd 2022

Mecklenburg Shrine Club 5200 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Road Charlotte, NC 28215

Benefit for Shriners Childrens: Bring a boxed, unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals)

5:30 - 6:15 pm Doors open and Social 6:15 pm Awards and installation (MSC & BSC) 7:15 pm Banquet line begins All guests seated for dinner then DANCING

Bistro Steak Marchand de Vin Petite Shoulder Tenderloin "Teres Major" Marinated in Olive Oil, Sherry Wine, Shallots, Fresh Garlic and Herbs, Grilled and thinly sliced. Served with a side of Sauce Marchand de Vin.

Chicken Marsala

Italian-American Classic, Pan Seared Chicken Breast Cutlets Braised in a Rich Sauce of Marsala Wine and Mushrooms

Mashed Red Skin Potatoes Santéed Vegetable Medley Creamy Parmesan Romaine Salad Homemade Yeast Rolls with Whipped Butter Individually Plated Holiday Cakes and Pie Assortment

Deadline for reservations: November 22, 2022

□ \$30 For everyone!

Name:

DJ: Johnny B

Name:_____

Total: Paid:

Make checks payable to Bopper's Shaq Club and mail to Dina Delevie, P.O. Box 141 Harrisburg, NC 28075 (704-293-2887) To pay electronically- 1) Zelle App and send the payment amount to Monica at 704-607-7287. 2) Go to Mecklenburg Shrine Event and pay on Eventbrite



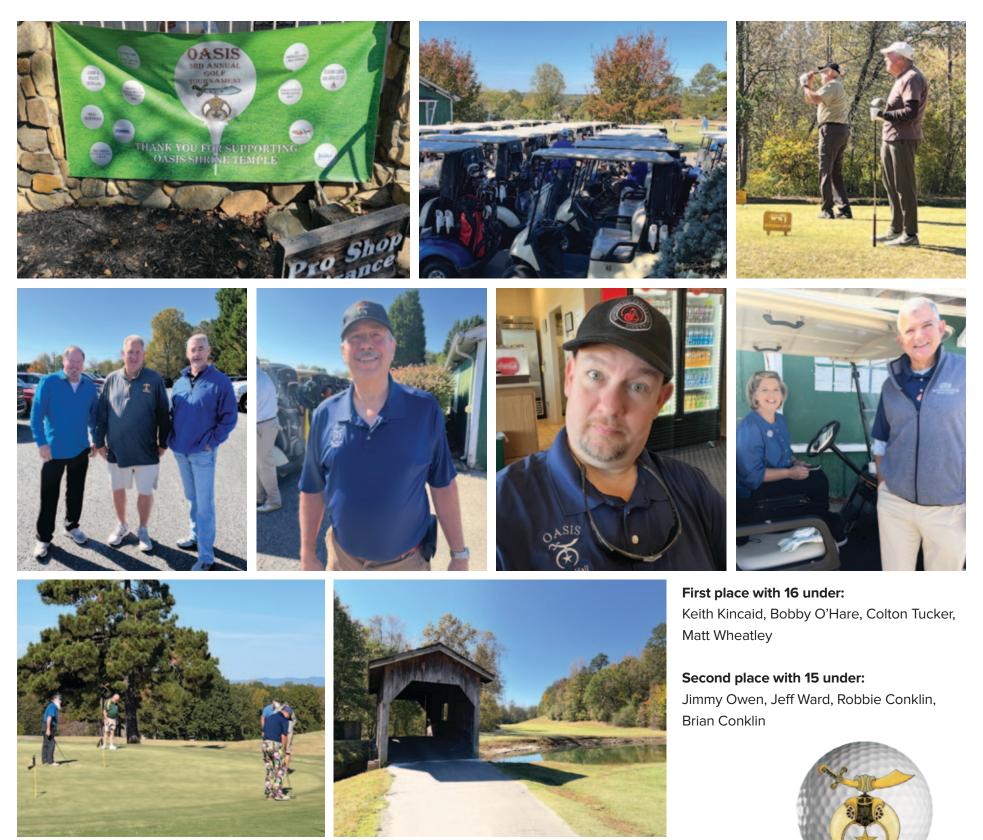
Note: BYOB; no coolers Wine, Beer and Set-ups

available for minimal charge & NO cork fee

for the evening!



A perfect day for Oasis Third Annual Golf Tournament



Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated!

The "birth of a unit"

In April of 2022 (8 months ago), a new unit concept was presented to the Thermal Belt Shrine Club and Divan members of Oasis Shriners. After review of the concept, recruitment of a few members to start and creation of the by-laws, both the Club AND Divan approved and supported the creation of the Oasis Pickers Unit.

This unit was to be one that Shriners, family members and potential members could easily enjoy and grow through impromptu public and private JAM sessions using traditional Appalachian musical instruments. We're NOT really "a BAND" that would be paid for preforming a set or entertaining as a "lone act" Yet (Ha!). We're more of a "background type of group" that is willing to set up, learn from each other and just enjoy picking/playing/singing simple tunes that folks can enjoy....and having some FUN! We don't charge anything to be a member (no annual dues, etc.).

Since April, Unit members have participated in the 38th District Masonic JAM, the Paper Sale, the Thermal Belt Car Show, The Red Fez' Oktoberfest and a local Fall Festival. We've acquired the old Steel Drum Band Stage/Parade Trailer that we are presently refurbishing. Fund-raising projects are underway and planned for both Fraternal and Hospital needs. Having representation in the Spring and Fall Ceremonials is important to us. Of course, we plan on participating in Shrine and community parades as our trailer becomes more "road ready" too!



We've grown from 0 to 17 members with a guest list that's also growing! String Musicians, "Roadies", Support roles are ALL open and available. Unfortunately, we had some opportunities presented to us that had to be turned down due to inexperience and conflicting dates. Please don't hold that against us... as we continue to grow, we'd like to visit with lots of Clubs and attend some of their projects when possible!

With all of this said, please look over the Concept/Future Plan below and accept the Invitation by contacting Dave Mahan. DBMahan@gmail. com and/or 843-372-5510. We look forward to hearing from AND pickin' with you!!!!







The OASIS 🚀 Pickers' Concept/Future Plan:

- Recruit "String Musicians" in all districts/clubs in Oasis' Jurisdiction. Family members welcome & encouraged to participate in JAM sessions!
- Develop "sub-jam bands" in these districts & club areas.
- ALL levels (Beginner, Semi-Experienced, even PRO) are WELCOME!
- Come together from ALL areas of Oasis and have "mega-JAMS" @ Oasis events either/or...ie: Like Friday night JAM sessions @ SASA or prior/after Parades or late afternoons of a Ceremonial or Hospital Days. Participate in Parades (both Shrine and Community as by-laws allow).
- Each "sub-jam band" could have impromptu practices/jams within their areas, visit nursing homes, play prior to lodge & club meetings, local festivals, etc. "Divide AND PLAY"!
- Raise \$\$ for Shriner's Children via donations/tip jars/etc.
- HAVE FUN PLAYING APPALACHAIN Acoustic Music!

Thermal Belt car show success

Submitted by Dave Mahan - Captain, Oasis Pickers

On October 8, 2022, the Oasis Pickers supported the Thermal Belt Shrine Club's Car Show held at the Isothermal Community College (ICC) in Spindale, NC. By ALL accounts...perfect weather, great cars and motorcycles and lots of FUN for folks!

There were 11 members of pickers present who helped with registration, ticket drawings, t-shirt sales, entry fee collection and of course...a small JAM session!

The Pickers will be Jammin' at coming events NEAR you! If you'd like to join in the FUN, Please contact Dave Mahan @ DBMahan@gmail.com or 843-372-5510.















Invitation to Join NEWEST UNIT 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!

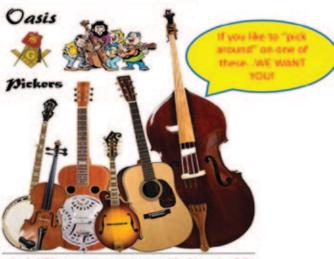
FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME!!!

Contact Dave Mahan to get added to the roster TODAY!

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And...YES, you can participate with this unit while remaining a member of your present clubs!

The beat on the street In all things give thanks

Submitted by Noble Ned Yates

On behalf of the Drum & Bugle Corps Family best wishes are sent your way as we continue through this beautiful fall season. We are thankful for this opportunity to share with each of you once again.

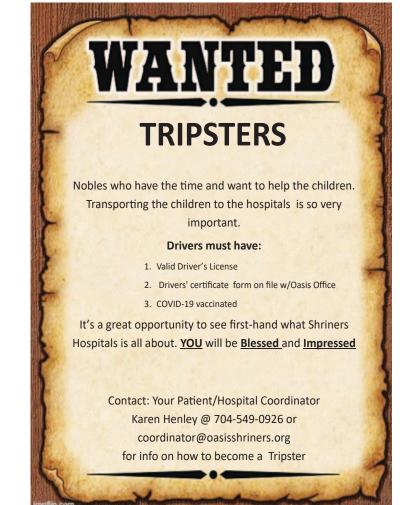
Our summer season started winding down after the big SASA weekend and parade in Myrtle Beach. For those that were able to attend and participate, we hope you enjoyed those few days of fun and fellowship. As always, the Drum & Bugle hospitality room was a popular place to visit. On Friday night, as the preparations were completed and the rooms opened, folks got checked in to their rooms and settled. A slow stream of friends and visitors came by to enjoy light refreshments. Saturday was quite a bit busier. After the parade, Noble Brothers and Ladies from various parade units and clubs came by in bunches throughout the afternoon. On behalf of our Noble Captain Joey Ham and Lady Lindsey, a long table was filled with a variety of lunch foods, snacks and desserts. We were very happy to greet so many and enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship. And, it would be hard to imagine that anyone left hungry. Our Corps Family is thankful to each of those Nobles and Ladies who put in the extra effort to ensure the hospitality room was a great success!

By the time you receive this issue of the "Award Winning" Desert Dust, Halloween will be behind us and we'll be headed into the Thanksgiving holidays. Congratulations are in order for our Editor, Lady Edie Wilson as the "Dust" was recognized again this year during the Dromedary Awards ceremony. We are thankful for the time and effort that it takes to publish a fun and informative newspaper each month. We are also thankful for those nobles and ladies who take the photos and write the stories that share the happenings in their club or unit.

As October and November roll around each year, we continue to be thankful for the success of the various fundraisers that we are involved with. Our Golf Tournament enjoyed beautiful weather and a great time was had by all. Looking toward the middle of November, we will have the opportunity to help the Dune Cats at the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte. Giving golf cart rides, selling the big shopping bags and assisting in the Santa photo booth: these are just some of ways that each of us can help out. If you or your club/unit would like to join in on this fundraiser, we encourage you to contact the Dune Cats and they will be happy to include you in the fun.

We never want to forget that Veterans Day is observed each year on November 11. This year that date is on a Friday. While most of us will be able to enjoy a long weekend doing any number of activities, we hope that you will take a moment a reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and be thankful for those who have served and are still serving around the world today. Our Corps Family sends a sincere thank you to each Veteran and their family. Help us celebrate our Veterans at Oasis on November 19. (See page 5)

As we conclude this time with you, please know that our Corps Family is thankful for each of you along with the clubs and parade units that you represent. The effort put out by each of you individually gets funneled into the larger effort being put in by everyone else to create a winning formula for hospital fundraising and...



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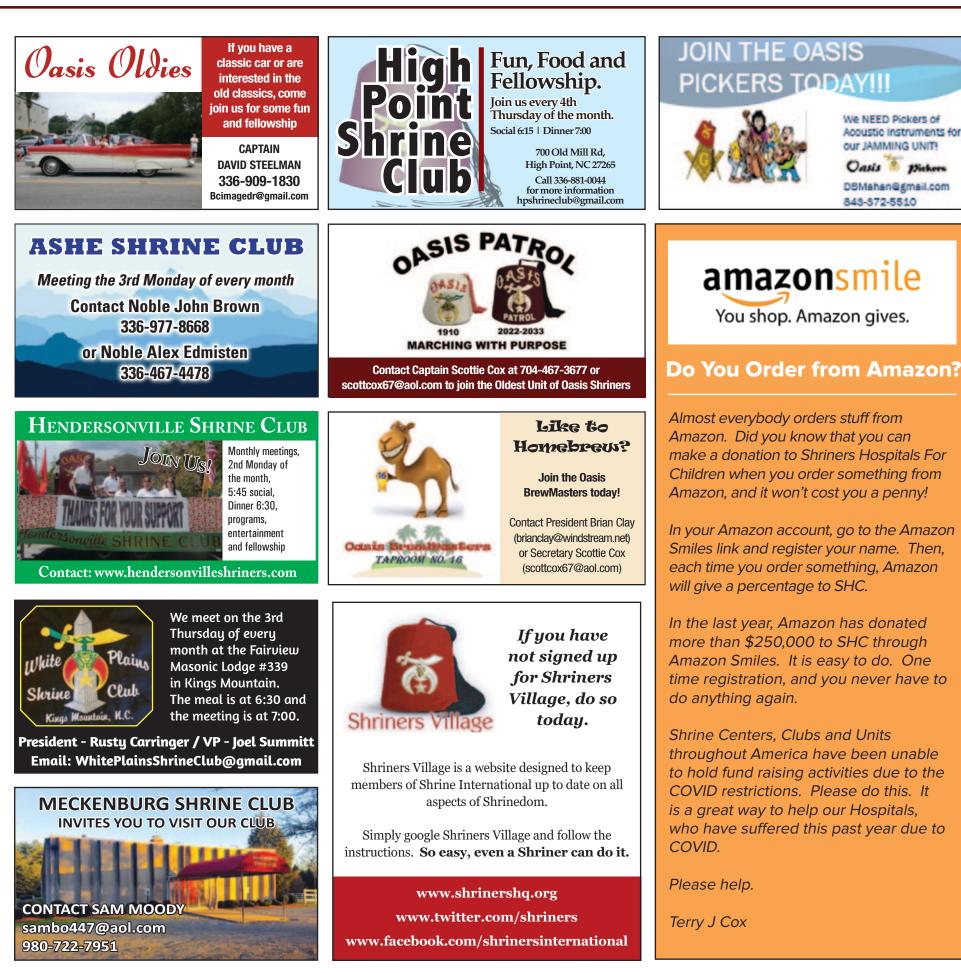
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Is your Club/Unit looking for a fundraiser?

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