DESERT DUST



SHRINE 100 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS









Your Potentate

Lady Leigh and I hope you all have enjoyed your summer months and managed to spend time with family and friends. August has brought Oasis some

very successful events and fundraisers for our hospitals. The Smoky Mountain Shrine Club 80's Flashback event was a tremendous success with all the activities going on throughout the year and wrapping up on the weekend of August 5-6, in Franklin, North Carolina. A special thank you to event leader Noble Dave Linn, for his dedication in making this fundraiser so successful for the past eight years. Noble Dave is a former patient of the Greenville Hospital and certainly has a passion for supporting them.

The town of Franklin took part in a large way in all the music events and the parade on the final day. Plans are already being made for 2023 in Franklin. Thank you to Noble Alan Leatherman and his family, Noble Chris Hall and Lady Laura and our Desert Dust Editor Lady Edie and Noble Marty Wilson for attending this event as well and showing your support.

The Gaston County Shrine Club held the 50th Anniversary Gaston Shrine 100 Race on August 12, and I must say it was a tremendous success. We provided a public display to thousands of people showing exactly what Shriners do and our main purpose: helping to support our hospitals and provide medical care to children in need. Through the support of news media and social media, this event was well publicized and appears to be the largest attended race in recent memory. The race in-field and pit areas were packed with record numbers of drivers and teams. The figures are not in as of this writing, but all indications are this may be the most successful race event by the Gaston Shrine Club members and all the nobles and fans who supported this event. Oasis nobles and NASCAR Ambassadors/drivers David Regan and Jesse Little were in attendance to greet the fans and bring greetings from Shriners International and Shriners Children's Hospitals. There was also a special appearance by CBS/WBTV news anchor, John Carter of Charlotte, who brought greetings and support for the Shriners. The very first Queen and King of the Shrine 100 from 50 years ago as well as several other former patients were in attendance and recognized during the event. The 2022 Queen and King were introduced and shared their stories and experiences of our

hospitals and staff. Many thanks to the Gaston County Shrine Club for a successful evening.

Our second ceremonial of the year was a "Black Tie" event held in Salisbury on August 27 at the Salisbury Masonic lodge facility. Six new nobles were created and welcomed to Oasis Shriners. A special thank you to Nobles John Harder, Allen Hardy, Tom Bridges, Scottie Cox and Lee Abernethy for coordinating the efforts to complete this ceremonial. Several Past Grand Masters were in attendance as well and took part in the ceremony. The Rowan Shrine Club provided a wonderful time of fellowship and a delicious dinner for the Divan and guests following the ceremonial. Thank you to the Rowan Nobles and ladies!

August 11 took me to the Randolph Shrine Club for their monthly meeting, where Chief Rabban Doug Garland and I gave brief updates on Oasis, Shriners Children's and Shriners International. Many thanks to the Randolph Shrine Club for their hospitality and wonderful meal.

Denton Farm Park Old Threshers' Reunion, where tractors and farm vehicles from around the country gather for a jamboree, wrapped up their 2022 meet with a check presentation of more than \$55,000 to Shriners Children's Greenville. Thank you Nobles Scottie Cox, Jack Wallace and all the nobles from Lexington Shrine Club for attending the check presentation and representing Oasis Shriners.

Stanly County Shrine Club member Noble Scottie Cox presented a check to Oasis for Shriners Children's in the amount of \$45,000. Their efforts with the annual Outdoorsman's Bonanza in Albemarle resulted in great community involvement and produced tremendous results for their hospital giving. Congratulations to Stanly County Shrine Club.

The NFL Alumni partnered with Shriners Children's Greenville and held the Queen City Classic, Monday August 29, at the Pine Island Country Club in west Charlotte. Golf teams were paired with NFL Alumni golfers to play the tournament on a scramble format. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Greenville Hospital with Oasis receiving credit for those donations. A special "thank you" to Paul Finelli, Director of Donor Development/Greenville Hospital.

South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) is coming soon on September 15-18, in Myrtle Beach SC. The Oasis Shriners Headquarters hotel will be the DoubleTree/Hilton Resort (formerly Springmaid). Oasis will have a hospitality room on level three of the Palmetto Building, in our usual place. The SASA parade

will step off on Saturday morning at 9am with Oasis units being number nine in the lineup. Saturday evening on level two of the DoubleTree conference center building, DJ Chad Sain will get the music started at 7:30 pm while we enjoy hospitality and light refreshments. Later on at this event we'll present parade awards to our units.

This is a weekend that Shriners from all over the South look forward to. Please plan to join us in Myrtle Beach for SASA. Additional information can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Our next Guiding Principle to focus on is "Faith." Taken from publications on "Faith in Masonry" it is stated that Faith is synonymous with confidence or trust and one of the essential qualifications of a candidate for initiation is that he should trust in God. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. When we see, we no longer believe by faith but through demonstration and the expectation of possession, and faith ceases to exist. Always have faith in everything you do and always place your trust in God as we are taught.

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



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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.

This month's spotlight on Oasis Divan leadership again takes us up the left side of the table one seat to the elected position of Assistant Rabban. This position is held by Noble Shea Fadel.

Noble Shea served on the Oasis membership team in 2004–2006 before being placed on the Divan as Outer Guard in 2010–2012. Shea served as Chief Aides for Illustrious Sirs John Elder, 2008 and Mike Downs in 2009. In 2018 he was appointed to the moving Divan line by Illustrious Sir Johnny Burgess.

For the past three years some of Noble Shea's responsibilities have been to supervise all usage and rentals of the kitchen at Oasis, and work with Nobles Tim Farris and Donnie Wrenn. This is largely due to his expertise in that area having owned a kitchen equipment business. Shea has made sure that all Oasis dinnerware, tablecloths, and all supplies for our dinners are maintained and accounted for. Also, with all his connections in the food industry, he is called upon to assist with getting caterers lined up for most events including family fun day.

Clubs that Noble Shea is directly responsible for are Camping, Lake Norman, Past Captains, Statesville, and Tri County. His units are Desert Rangers, Directors Staff, Oasis Band, and the Provost Guard. If you need his assistance, please reach out to Noble Shea at sfadel@oasisshriners. org or call his cell phone 704-309-5396. He is there to assist you. Next for Noble Shea will be the position of Chief Rabban as he works his way to the office of Potentate in 2024.

Next month we will move up the left side of the boardroom table one more time to the position of Chief Rabban Noble Doug Garland, who will take the helm of Oasis in 2023.

Since my last article we have lost one of the greatest men I have ever known, Illustrious Sir

Walter "Sticky" Burch. He was a man of reason, calm and patience who looked at life with all it had to offer. He was truly one of the greatest leaders, not only in the Shrine, but in the Greensboro Police Department, where he rose through the ranks and served as Assistant Chief. He later became Sheriff of Guilford County and served the citizens for eight years in that position. All this is not counting the numerous civic clubs and boards he served on during his 103 years.

When I was elected to serve on the Greensboro Shrine Club board of directors in 2011 and then as president in 2015, Illustrious Sir was always there to help guide Lady Carol and me. He would joke with us about me riding Lady Carol's coattails.

During my year as president, I wanted to honor a couple of good friends who served our clubs membership with greatness and distinction. If you come to the Greensboro Shrine Club, you will find a plaque in the grillroom dedicated to Noble Robert Warren Sr. for his service. In the main lobby is a photo and plaque honoring Noble Sam McCall reminding us to serve as Noble Sam has served. Hanging over the entrance doors to the main ballroom is the portrait of our 1975 Potentate Illustrious Sir Sticky. In late August 2015, I was able to dedicate our largest room to Illustrious Sir during a ceremony of more than a 150 people honoring his accomplishments.

If anyone reading this article did not have the chance to know this great man, here are a couple of numbers I would like to present. In 2022 Oasis held its spring membership ceremonial in Blowing Rock and brought in 52 new nobles. In 1975 under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Sticky, Oasis held its spring ceremonial in Greensboro at the coliseum and brought in just under 1,000 new nobles. If that wasn't enough, the fall ceremonial that year was in Asheville and brought in another 900 or so. Can

On the Cover

Shrine 100 Race brought to you by Gaston County Shrine Club

Reminder

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

you imagine seeing just under 2,000 new Oasis Shriners in one year? It makes one think!

I would be amiss if I did not tell you that during the writing of this article, I had to stop a couple of times to dry my eyes and collect my thoughts as I tried to get through this. Illustrious Sir, thank you for the great advice and love you have shown Carol and me. I just wish we had more time to ask you more questions and receive the pass.

Illustrious Sir, I know that you have already heard these words on the day you were called home, but I would like to tell you from all of us who loved you so dearly, "Well done my good and faithful servant. Well done." Now rest. We will pick up your working tools and carry on the work of the craft, God Bless!

I close by thanking 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



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

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SEPTEMBER

15th Divan Meeting - Myrtle Beach / SASA

15th-17th SASA - Myrtle Beach, SC **23rd-24th** Greenville Hospital Days

weekend - **NEW DATE**

24th-1st Fall Potentate Trip -

Disney World, Orlando FL

30th-1st Grand Lodge of NC Annual

Meeting - Winston-Salem, NC

- NEW DATE

OCTOBER

7th-8th Oxford Homecoming - Oxford NC **12th** Oasis Circus - Greensboro, NC

The Field House

14th-15th Oasis Circus - Concord, NC

20th Divan Meeting (4th Qtr 'Stated') -

Oasis Shrine Center

21st Oasis 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Woodbridge GC, Kings Mtn, NC

NOVEMBER

4th-5th Fall Ceremonial -

Oasis Shrine Center

19th Oasis Military Veterans Event -

Oasis Shrine Center

DECEMBER

3rd Grand Master's Installation -

Location TBD

3rd Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting

& 2023 Officer's Elections -Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm

4th Potentate's Visitation Parade,

Gastonia, NC

JANUARY 2023

6th Club & Units Appreciation Night -

Oasis Shrine Center

7th Installation 2023 Potentate -

Oasis Shrine Center

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Upcoming Events

September 10th, 2022

Gaston County SC Toy Drive

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September 11th & 25th, 2022

Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In

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September 11th, 2022

Catawba County SC Poker Run

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October 8th, 2022

Lake Norman Car Show

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October 8th, 2022

Thermal Belt SC Car Show

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October 22nd, 2022

Red Fez SC Oktoberfest

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Lady Leigh's Oasis Sunshine Fund Drawing Scentsy Gift Basket



We will have a drawing for a Scentsy Gift Basket on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Fall Ceremonial to be held at the Oasis Headquarters. This basket is valued at \$350.00 and is filled with many Scentsy Home and Body products. Tickets, \$5/ each or 5 for \$20, are available at the Oasis Headquarters office, at any Oasis event and

from the Divan Ladies. There is also a link on the Oasis Shriners Website at www.oasisshriners.org.

All funds will go to the Oasis Sunshine Fund, which is used to assist Shriners, who may need assistance to continue their membership with Oasis Shriners.



Noble Cline lambert, on behalf of the Hendersonville Shrine Club, delivers a wagon load of can tabs.

Why do you only collect the tabs from cans?

Although the whole aluminum can is valuable, the tab is cleaner and smaller, making it easier to collect in large quantities than whole cans. The tab of a standard soda can is made of high quality, high-grade aluminum. By itself, it doesn't mean much, but when you pull together, pop-tabs add up and become a valuable donation

In Memoriam: Illustrious Sir Walter A. "Sticky" Burch (1975)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Charlotte, North Carolina, July 28, 2022

IN MEMORIAM: ILLUSTRIOUS SIR WALTER A. "STICKY" BURCH OASIS POTENTATE, 1975

It is with regret that we share news today of the passing of Illustrious Sir Walter A. "Sticky" Burch who served with distinction as Potentate of Oasis Shriners in 1975.

Illustrious Sir Burch was the senior and oldest Past Potentate having served in the highest office of Oasis Shriners in 1975. Illustrious Sir Burch was a Life Member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Charlotte Court 109 having joined the Court in 1965 and serving as its Director in 1985.

Illustrious Sir Sticky became a Master Mason in Revolution Lodge No. 552 on June 21, 1950 and was presented with his 70 Year Service Award by the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of North Carolina on February 10, 2021.

Arrangements will be shared once available. We ask that you please remember his son, Oasis Noble Chip Burch, and the entire Burch family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Cards to the family may be addressed to the Chip Burch at 5009 Ellery Court, Greensboro, NC 27407-5241.



Get in touch with our new nobles

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Hot dogs and hot laps...fifty years of "good ole' dirt track racing"

The stands are filling fast, and even a dark gray cloud doesn't dampen the spirits of Shrine 100 race fans. One threatening clap of thunder. And then it passes. A giant rainbow arches over the track and engines start to roar. The 50th anniversary of the Shrine 100 is underway with a blessing from above.

When Gaston County Shrine Club sets out to raise money to support Shriners Children's you can count on a successful event. Race Chairman Dennis Stines and his committee spent months preparing for this night. The right sponsors, volunteers everywhere you turn, Divan presence and all the appropriate celebrities. Shrine Ambassadors and drivers David Reagan and Jesse Little were in attendance along with race kings and queens from the past going back to 1973. WBTV's John Carter spoke in earnest, "Tonight you are doing something that not everyone gets to do. You are making a difference in the lives of so many children."



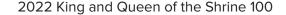
Nobles Davad Reagan and Jesse Little with III. Sir Tim Daniels



Oriental Guide Tim Farris shares the mike with Jonathan



Former Shrine patient T.J. Phillips delivers The National Anthem









Scenes from the pit

Red Fez Shrine Club entertains in style

A beautiful night for a luau by the pool. At least it was until rain forced the party indoors. A quick scene change, palm trees and roasted pig made for a marvelous night.













Also in August, the Red Fez Club Ladies Auxiliary hosted a Parade of tables and luncheon.









And the winner is this stunning peacock

Nothin' but a good time for a great cause

Smoky Mountain Shrine Club brings back that good ole rock and roll

This year's 80's Flashback Weekend (*August 5-6*) was our eighth year of hosting the fundraiser for Shriners Children's Greenville. The 80's Flashback Weekend started as a way to say thank you! to the Greenville Hospital for helping me become "HANDICAPABLE!" and now the weekend fundraiser has become one of the biggest events of the sleepy little town of Franklin, NC. The fundraiser is always hosted on the first weekend of August.

This year's event was our largest yet and we were blessed to have Potentate Tim Daniels and various members of Oasis Divan join us (and we hope it will become a new Oasis tradition). We are hoping that this year we will raise \$20,000 for Shriners Children's Greenville after paying various expenses.

We would like to invite all Oasis members and their families to join us next summer for the ninth annual 80's Flashback Weekend (August 4-5). It's going to be nothin' but a good time for a great cause!

Dave "Thumper" Linn Smoky Mountain Shrine Club



Event chair Noble Linn with Noble Andrew Norton













Main Street, a nationally-known, touring Bob Seger Tribute Band, kept the crowd dancing and singing along to 80s favorites.

Noble Leon Ditch

Noble Chris Wyatt

Maria Moran Miss 1980 Something













Saturday evening's parade was followed by the Totally Awesome 80's Party at Lazy Hiker Brewery featuring 80's cover band Off The Record



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Alan Leatherman is so proud of his grandsons for being the Gators in in the Franklin parade!



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Gator Gals at the Old Soldier Reunion Parade, Newton, NC

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Real stories of love to the rescue

Edie Wilson met Clayton and Alice at the Saturday parade in Franklin, North Carolina

Upon confirming the diagnosis doctors told Jenny and Joe Beaver that three-year-old Clayton would need bracing and perhaps surgery to correct his severe scoliosis, a condition resulting in a sideways curvature of the spine. If left untreated, severe cases can cause life-threatening damage to the internal organs.

At the time, bracing was extremely painful for Clayton and resulted in no improvement. "Clayton would get severe abrasions and we often had to return to the doctor's office, sometimes twice a week for them to alter his brace," said Jenny.

Discouraged, Jenny sought a second opinion. When a friend recommended Shriners Hospital, she decided to make an appointment.

"During our first visit to Shriners Children's Greenville, the physician recommended a new brace. At first, Clayton was terrified to get the new brace because of the pain he experienced previously, but once the process was complete, for the first time in three years, Clayton looked at me and said, 'Mommy it doesn't hurt. It doesn't hurt at all. It's great!"

Bracing with the proper padding provides skin cushioning while also improving and preventing the worsening of a child's curve without surgery. A month after Claytons' first brace, he was showing signs of improvement. "We still have a long journey ahead of us but we could not be happier with the care we receive at Shriners Children's Greenville. They are the best of the best – with real results!"

Now 10, Clayton smiles more than ever before. He enjoys telling jokes, playing with his older brother and finding ways to give back to the place that not only helped him live pain-free, but also gave him back the ability to just be a kid – Shriners Children's Greenville.

- Scoliosis is measurable in terms of degrees. A moderate curve occurs between 25 to 40 degrees; a severe curve is greater than 50 degrees.
- VATER Syndrome (VACTERL association) describes a cluster of conditions that affects various body parts. A child is diagnosed with this condition when three or more body parts are involved.









"I'm very thankful to the hospital for saving my little girl and giving me so much more time with her."

With two holes in her heart and a 115 degree curvature of the spine (Vater syndrome), Alice Laws and her family were in for a battle. Doctors told her mom she wouldn't live till her teens—or she could seek treatment at Shriners Children's Greenville.

It took months of hospital visits and x-rays to determine that the Halo traction program would be a good fit for 4 year-old Alice. Ninety-three days later her spine had gone from 155 to a 70 degree curve.

"We were treated like family by doctors and staff. I wouldn't change a thing," explained Alice's mom Jessica.

Alice returns to the hospital every two months to be fitted in a new Mehta cast. Like the serial casting techniques used to address joints by gently stretching to provide correction, Mehta casts slowly straighten the patient's spine further also using a series of casts. Each cast is applied from below the arms to just below the waistline; sometimes, it may also go over the shoulders. When she has grown sufficiently, Alice will be able to receive a growing rod in her spine to provide lasting improvement.



John Stanley, Chaplain

"To Have a Friend, Be One!"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Psalm 133 says it all!

"How very good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) dwell together in unity!"

And, not unlike it, the author of Proverbs writes in Chapter 18:

We wonder if the poet was thinking of churches, of lodges, of clubs and units when he wrote: No man is an island; no one stands alone; each man's joy is a joy to me, each man's grief is my own.

When times are hard and life gets us down - when we are active in our churches, clubs and units - we are not alone. We have each other. When sadness and grief are overwhelming, we are not alone; we have each other. When we have joy, we have others with which to share it!

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers [and sisters] live together in unity." Thank God, we are not alone.

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.

"Some friends play at friendship, But a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin."

Recently we read in a newsletter: "Friends sustain us when we are down, comfort us when we are sad, and offer counsel when we are confused."

We need each other. We are made to be in community, to need one another, and we are encouraged to be a 'team player,' however, in our society today our heroes seem to be the Lone Rangers of the world, the Most Valuable Players, and the individuals.







NASCAR Race Day at Shriners Children's Greenville

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S GREENVILLE - August 23

Oasis Shriners Divan member Scottie Cox represented Oasis Shriners at an event to unveil the commemorative paint scheme in celebration of Shriners Children's 100th Anniversary. Our Imperial Potentate and NASCAR Xfinity Series standout driver Ty Gibbs, were also on hand.







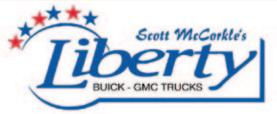


Imperial Sir Kenny Craven pictured with NASCAR driver Ty Gibbs and Shriner patients.

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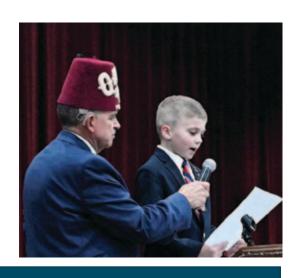
The Illustrious Grandson's Toy Drive

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 Shriners Children's Greenville.





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



(children that have limited movement)

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

Nursing Unit needs:

- Gripper socks

- Colorful pillowcases
- ♥ Small tape measures (8ft)

- Baclofen/Tone Clinic needs:

- ♥ Small pillows to go under casts
- Give away bed pillows
- Drawsheets (48" x 64")
- ♥ Surgical gowns with snaps/ties in back (small adu
- 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
- ♥ 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.)

REWARD OFFERED:

A byline in The Desert Dust

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On May 21, four Ladies from Latona Temple 154, Daughters of the Nile, were delighted to be able to be part of the first post-covid tour group to visit Shriners Hospital in Greenville. The trip was to present over \$950 in electronic games, headphones and related items, plus \$1000 in gift cards.

Jennifer Pearson, Development officer, was our wonderful guide. She was thrilled to accept our gifts. It is always rewarding to help the hospital and the precious children they serve. We are already planning our next surprises for them!

We have an exciting opportunity for any noble, club or unit!

Do you have any Remote Control experience? Willing to learn?



Earlier this year I was contacted by Bill Loeser, President of the Moore County Shrine Club. He had been contacted by a non-Mason from Pinehurst who had robotic equipment he wanted to donate to the Shriners. Bill gave me his contact information and I reached out to Mr. Mike Robeano about what he had to offer. Now before I spoke with Mr. Robeano, I must admit I had a picture in my mind of about how I thought the robots would look. But after just a brief conversation that changed. He then directed me to the manufacturer's website and I was able to see for myself what he was offering to Oasis. My mind immediately started thinking about how these robots could be used

to interact with our Shrine Children. This is the address for the website, check it out for yourself - proboticsamerica.com

Mr. Robeano said he had used these robots to travel to schools, hospitals and special events to speak with children on a variety of subjects like fire safety and crime prevention. He said the children really interact well with the robots. Yes, I said interact. These robots are equipped with cameras, microphones and speakers. They are mounted to RC vehicles and drive around the room talking to the children and answering their questions. It would be a great tool for any noble, club or unit to use to interact with our Shrine Children, use at fundraising events to engage the crowd or even at Ceremonials to greet people or help instruct the Candidates.

We have a robot body and three interchangeable heads consisting of a boy, a girl and Al, who looks very much like Einstein. All of them have their own wardrobe of clothing to choose from. The RC vehicles they can choose from are a tricycle, a pink corvette and a yellow corvette. The RC vehicles and the robots are controlled from a single main console.

So, if you think you or your Club or Unit would be interested in taking ownership of these robots, please contact me anytime!

YITF,

Scottie Cox scottcox67@aol.com scox@oasisshriners.org 704-467-3677





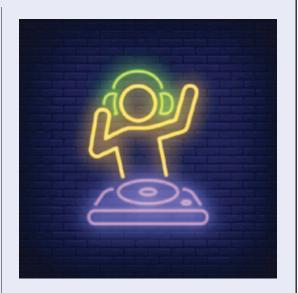


South Atlantic Shrine Association

September 15th - 18th, 2022 | Myrtle Beach, SC

- Nobles who are members of Units and Clubs who will actually parade in Myrtle Beach will be contacted by their Captain or President to complete the registration process.
- Any Oasis Noble/Lady attending SASA, AND who is not parading on Saturday will be responsible for registering themselves/ladies.
- Nobles and ladies who are not participating in any official SASA functions (parade, Luncheon's, dinners, etc.) are not required to register.
- Oasis will have a hospitality room/suite beginning Thursday, September 15th thru Saturday, September 17th

Please makes plans to attend SASA in 2022 and complete the registration process by the required deadlines included in the link provided. | www.southatlanticsa.org/sasafall2022.htm



Join us on Saturday evening for a post-parade awards party featuring DJ Chad Sain.

News from the Patrol

To our Patrol Family,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. I am, and I definitely had a great time at our Patrol Picnic/Pool Party, hosted by Patrolman PP H. Mike Cook and Lady Cathy with the help of their son Michael and his wife Sherry and their nephew Jon Young. Everyone enjoyed the hamburgers, hotdogs and the fellowship we shared. Again, thanks to everyone who attended and who helped make the event a success.

On Monday August 8 I had the honor of attending a surprise birthday party for III. Sir H. Mike Cook and his mother Doris. Doris turned 90 years young on August 4, and Mike turned 70 on August 16. They were really surprised when they entered the room and saw the large crowd that had gathered to honor them both.

I look forward to getting back in the swing of our Patrol meetings in preparation for SASA. As always, thank you all for being an integral part of The Oasis Patrol. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needs.

Scottie Cox,
Oasis Patrol Captain









TO: All Nobles

FROM: Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven, Imperial Potentate,

Shriners International

Jerry G. Gantt, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Shriners Children's

RE: New Affiliation in Florida

Dear Fellow Nobles,

We're extremely pleased to tell you that we are set to have a new Shriners Children's presence in Florida.

Jackson Health System, UHealth – University of Miami Health System, and Shriners Children's have a new affiliation to create Shriners Children's Orthopedic Center at UHealth Jackson Children's Care.

Shriners Children's Orthopedic Center will include a dedicated, signature space; new endowed chairs for pediatric orthopedics and pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation; and a framework to advance world-class care for children with traumatic injuries and debilitating conditions.

In this setting, pediatric orthopedic clinicians will be working alongside other UHealth Jackson Children's Care signature pediatric services, which include organ transplant, cardiac care, neonatology, cancer treatment, neurosurgery, and more.

The commitment includes a new, state-of-the-art facility. Scheduled to open in 2025, the new building will be located steps from Holtz Children's Hospital.

The opportunity to connect more kids in more places to the specialty medical care they need, closer to home, is an important part of our organization's mission. With this agreement, children in South Florida and beyond will have a new and trusted option for their medical care.

Yours in the faith,

Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven

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Jerry G. Gantt

Shriners Children's

Shriners Children's Greenville Best of the Upstate Awards sponsored by The Greenville News



Dr. Wattenbarger was in attendance to accept the honors as Shriners Children's Greenville was announced the WINNER in THREE categories!

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1 BEST PLACE TO WORK

1 BEST HOSPITAL

Annual Shriners Days 100th Anniversary Celebration September 23 - 24, 2022 Shriners Children's Greenville

All events held at Shriners Children's Greenville

Friday, September 23, 2022

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Annual Program

During our program, we will welcome attending temples, recognize donating groups, learn how you can educate your community about Shriners Children's Greenville's services and become acquainted with the hospital's signature services.

11:30 a.m.

Tour

A self-guided tour provides the opportunity for you to explore the hospital and learn more about individual departments.

1:00 p.m.

100th Anniversary Celebration

If you are unvaccinated, thank you in advance for wearing a mask while inside the hospital building.

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Westin Poinsett

120 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 421-9700 www.westinpoinsettgreenville.com



1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for the Shriners Children's 100th Anniversary Celebration!

Shriners

Children's

Attention: Casey Green 950 West Faris Road Greenville, SC 29605

Crown Rally travels to Greenville Hospital



On Monday morning, October 3, a multi-million dollar caravan will depart the Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville headed for Shriners Children's Greenville.

Put on by the Rally4ACause Foundation, this event is on track to bring in thousands of dollars for the causes they support. Last year this group gave \$45K to Greenville and 60K to Chicago.



For additional details, contact Tim Farris at tmfarris@bellsouth.net

Registration for Annual Shriners Days at Shriners Children's Greenville

September 23 - 24, 2022

Please return this form with your \$25 payment included by September 2

Your \$25 ticket includes the Friday night reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres and Saturday presentation with lunch.

*There are no Friday only or Saturday only ticket options.

Please make checks payable to the Shriners Children's Greenville

Name(s):	Shrine Temple:		
Email Address:	Phone Number:		



Dear Nobles and Friends of Oasis Shriners

It is circus time again and we have planned another great Oasis Shrine Circus with Jordan World Circus. As in past years we are again asking you to be a:

Circus Mom & Dad: For a \$25 contribution, this entitles you to 2 free adult tickets. Circus Grandparents: For a \$50 contribution, this entitles you to 4 free adult tickets. Circus Ringmaster: For a \$80 contribution, this entitles you to 8 free adult tickets.

Each \$25 contribution gets you two adult tickets to any circus performance and as many kid's tickets as you want. If you can't use your tickets, we will distribute them to children and adults in other non-profit organizations who cannot afford to attend the circus. Tickets at the door are \$15 for 13 years old and over, 12 years old and under are free.

Again this year, we will be represented by a telemarketing company--Shrine Services. Please understand they are to omit all Oasis Shriners from their calling list. If they call you, tell them you are an Oasis Shriners member and have them remove your name from their list. Explain that you will contribute directly to your temple through the Mom & Dad Program.

No tickets will be mailed after October 1, 2022. Additional tickets are available at Oasis Temple. All contributions will be recognized in The Desert Dust. Thanks for your continued support of the Oasis Shrine Circus!

The Fieldhouse - Greensboro, NC

Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 at 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Fraternally yours, Jack Wallace Circus Chairman

Cabarrus Arena - Concord, NC

Friday, October 14th at 7:30pm Saturday, October 15th at 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Oasis Shrine Circus Mom & Dad Program				
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WELCOME	Friday, Oct. 14th - 7:30pm Saturday, Oct. 15th 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Our Award Winning, Oasis Clowns performance and will again be spon Memorial Bicycle Giveaway". Last yea new bike and have set a goal this	soring their "Rodney Morgan or they surprised 85 kids with a
I encourage everyone to donate too donation will purchase a bike and a Contact Oasis Office to learn how yo	helmet for some lucky child.











OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB

BRANDON PENLEY - PRESIDENT

THOMAS SUMPTER - VICE PRESIDENT ROBBY SAYE - SECRETARY/TREASURER If you are under forty and interested in joining -Contact oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com

Cabarrus Shrine Club

Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC

Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!

Phone: 704-933-2797 Email: cabarrushrineclub@gmail.com Web: www.cabarrusshrineclub.org

Like us on Facebook: Cabarrus Shrine Club

OASIS SHRINE CLOWNS



Accepting New Members No Experience Necessary Come and join us and

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

Call 336-707-6588 for information.

MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB

Centrally located in McDowell County

Contact: **Noble Secretary** Mike Pritchard 828-442-9170



PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

Meeting 3rd Monday at 6pm Big Daddy's in Mooresville



Noble Peter Schuetz PC, President - 704-543-0695

Shriners on Bikes



CONTACT:

STEPHEN TRITES STRITES@ ROCKETMAIL.COM 803-610-7876

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PIPES & DRUMS

Contact Rich Hartman cell (814) 746-0466 rohartman48@gmail.com





Oasis Keystone Kops

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

CONTACT **CAPTAIN BRIAN WILSON FOR INFORMATION**

704 221 9751

musicsolutions21@yahoo.com



Club and Unit Bulletin Board



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CONTACT **CHIP BURCH**

336-430-5779 FOR MORE



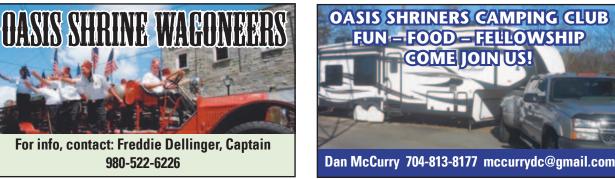


Contact President Bill Loeser

910-759-0571

Be sure to "LIKE" our Moore County Facebook page to see many photos!

























Club and Unit Bulletin Board



If you have a classic car or are interested in the old classics, come join us for some fun and fellowship

CAPTAIN
DAVID STEELMAN
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ASHE SHRINE CLUB

Meeting the 3rd Monday of every month

Contact Noble John Brown 336-977-8668

or Noble Alex Edmisten 336-467-4478



Contact Captain Scottie Cox at 704-467-3677 or scottcox67@aol.com to join the Oldest Unit of Oasis Shriners



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In the last year, Amazon has donated more than \$250,000 to SHC through Amazon Smiles. It is easy to do. One time registration, and you never have to do anything again.

HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB



Monthly meetings, 2nd Monday of the month, 5:45 social, Dinner 6:30, programs, entertainment and fellowship

Contact: www.hendersonvilleshriners.com



Like to Homebrew?

Join the Oasis BrewMasters today!

Contact President Brian Clay (brianclay@windstream.net) or Secretary Scottie Cox (scottcox67@aol.com)



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

OASIS 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 21st, 2022 | starts @ 12pm

WHERE: Woodbridge Golf Course Kings Mountain, NC

FORMAT: 4-Person Captain's Choice

*Meal will be served on the course

COST: \$75 per player

\$300 per team

\$100 - Hole Sponsor



REGISTRATION: Oasis Center: 704-549-9600 or 800-226-2747

Credit cards accepted for pre-register and sponsorship

QUESTIONS: Brad Spelbring 704-689-4572 | Jimmy Owen 919-730-3076

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July 26 was a big day for the Lexington Shrine Club and Shriners Children's as Tim Loflin of the Denton Farm Park Foundation along with the Lexington Shrine Club and Oasis Divan Members, present a check in the amount of \$55,187 to Greenville Hospital Representative Christie Waters. Scarlett Strickland, a former patient was also in attendance. The Lexington Shrine Club would like to say "Thank You" to all those that helped make this event a huge success.

Passed Within the Unseen Temple

NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
James R. Smith	Browns Summit, NC	10/28/1972	7/6/2022
Walter "Sticky" A. Burch, PP	Greensboro, NC	6/9/1956	7/28/2022



Is your Club/Unit looking for a fundraiser?

The Dune Cats are looking for extra help with our holiday fundraiser The Southern Christmas Show from Nov 11-20. Show Hours are 10-6 Sun- Wed and 10-9 Thur- Sun. Need help on weekdays during day and some weekend help. Please contact Rob Mc-Dowell @ 704-605-9498 if you are interested.

Nobles and Ladies welcome

Update from the clowns

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

As the 2022 Circus is going to be upon us before we know it, we would like to give an update about the Rodney Morgan Memorial Bicycle give away. With your help and support we hope to give away as many bikes as possible this year.



With every \$100 donation, we can purchase a bike and helmet. If your

club or unit would like to purchase a new bike with a helmet for a girl or boy you are welcome to do so; however, please let us know so we can adjust the count towards our goal for the year. All checks should be received by the clown unit no later than September 23. The checks should be mailed no later than September 15 due to delays with the postal service. Please make all checks to the Oasis Clown Unit and in the memo write, Bicycle Give Away. These need to be mailed to Mark Murphy Unit Secretary, PO Box 936 Conover, NC 28613.

We are looking forward to being able to make this happen for the children this year. Please direct any questions to Wayne Alley at mr.dimples1970@ icloud.com or phone 864-706-6282. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful opportunity to make a child smile. We at the Oasis Clown Unit look forward to another successful event!

Sincerely, The Oasis Clown Unit **RANDY MARION OASIS SHRINER**

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