

DESERT DUST

FEATURING OUR TRIPSTERS









Your Potentate

Spring has sprung and I hope you're excited for the new opportunities in our future. I welcome this time of year. The flowers begin to bloom, the birds seem

to chirp louder, and many people are planning their Easter and summer vacation.

The first quarter of 2023 has passed, and it is time for Shriners to prepare for exciting events that await you. When you receive this edition, it will be time for the Oasis Friends and Family event at the Great Wolf Lodge on April 28-30. This event is designed to allow families to enjoy time with friends and family at a discounted price. The Great Wolf Lodge offers family games, activities and events for adults and children. This year, Masons in North Carolina celebrate the 150-year birth of our Masonic Home for Children. I could not think of a better way to begin the celebration than to invite our kids to join our group. I called Noble Brother Kevin Otis, and he was onboard with the idea. The kids are very excited as I have been told they have wanted to go to the Great Wolf Lodge for many years. Please call Oasis Headquarters if you would like to help sponsor our kids for this event. Oasis will provide transportation, food, snacks and lodging. If you can't join us at the Great Wolf, please consider making a financial contribution. IF additional money is received, Oasis will donate to the Masonic Home for Children. I hope that each of you will consider making a personal donation to help celebrate our kids.

Many units have been parading this spring. I want to say thank you to each of our members who are involved in Units. You work very hard to keep your uniforms and equipment in excellent condition. You continue to bring smiles to the faces of children and families when you parade. There is something special about participating in a parade. To see a smile as a child points at a unit or one of our clowns in a parade is priceless. This is why we do what we do. You can't put a price on this reaction. I challenge each of you to consider joining a unit if you are not currently a member of one. The more you get involved, the more you will enjoy being a Shriner.

Lady Leah and I have visited several Shrine Clubs during the first quarter of 2023. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed us. It is such an exciting journey as we try to plan our schedules to visit your clubs and units.

Don't forget our upcoming Paper Crusade during the first weekend in May. Thank you to Noble Jason Whitley, Noble Nick Weider, and Lady Edie Wilson. Each of these individuals has worked hard to ensure our papers will be ready and delivered to each of you who placed an order. Many of you often say that you cannot find a location that will allow you to hand out the papers. I understand that many locations do not allow this type activity. I challenge you to ask your local doctor and pediatrician offices if they will allow you to leave some papers. There are many locations that hand out free papers. Ask to see if you can place a few papers out for others to view. The goal is to spread the message of the medical services offered by our Shriners Children's medical facilities. I appreciate your hard work to share these papers. This is a great hospital fund raiser.

I hope each of you are preparing to attend the ceremonial in Mt Airy, NC. This is our first ceremony and will be held June 2 and 3, 2023. We have a great team in place working hard to prepare a great event. You will want to attend on Friday night as we will have a live band, bon fire, fishing, corn hole and BBQ. This is going to be a country hoedown on a farm. You do not want to miss this weekend. Saturday, nobles will meet at the Andy Griffith playhouse and create new Shriners. Ladies are invited to attend the first section of this ceremony then walk across the street for a luncheon. Nobles will eat after the ceremony, and we will get ready for a great parade. I hope all parade units are ready to show Mayberry who Oasis Shriners are. I know this will be a great event. Please check out the Oasis website for more information on rooms and rates. Saturday evening will be a great time and I hope all nobles and ladies will stay and enjoy the events. The Extraordinaires will be at the amphitheater on this evening. We have a funfilled weekend planned. I hope to see you there.

Don't forget the Imperial Session being held in Charlotte on July 2-6, 2023. This will be an exciting week. All Shriners are invited to attend the events each day. Please call Oasis Shrine Center if you need a room for overnight stay. I need to know your intentions as soon as possible.

I hope our parade units are planning to participate in this parade. This is your time to show the world what Oasis Shriners can do. I am proud of each of you. I hope you and your units will plan to participate at the Imperial Session in July.

If you have not registered for the Potentate trip to Alaska in July, please join us. You need to register by the end of April as we are getting airline tickets. This will be an amazing trip and we are very excited for each of you to join us.

I am so honored to serve you. There are many things happening in Oasis. I encourage each of you to find good people to become Shriners. Live a life so that others will want to be like you. Ask others why they are not Shriners. Membership is my priority this year. Let's work together to grow our fraternity in 2023. You are the best advertisement we have. Be the reason that someone wants to be a Master Mason and a Shriner. May God bless each of you and your families. Please call or email me if I can assist you, your club or unit.

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland and Lady Leah



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Your Recorder

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and friends of the Shrine.

What's the recurring question at this time you might be asking...why haven't I received my 2023 dues card sticker

bar? Shriners International is trying to phase out the hard membership card due to the ever increasing costs. There is an app (of course) entitled "MyFezCard" which, once you enter your Shriner information, will automatically update your dues card for presentation (via your phone) at Shrine events. This card is colored black on the app, and this is the preferred ongoing dues card process. You can also take a picture of the front and back of your older gold dues card, and present those for event entry. We have a limited number of 2023 sticker bars for those cards, so just call the Oasis front office to request one.

As I work with the Oasis front office in the transportation of our most important Shriners' Children's patients, I am reminded of the tireless dedication of our Oasis Tripsters. Please understand that in my monthly messages I am not trying to single out any person or group within Oasis or the Shrine in general, but as I deal with members and friends of our outstanding fraternity, I hope that you will allow me to share those experiences with you. As I was saying, as I have dealt with members of the Tripsters in the past, I was reminded how hard they and all our members work in the support of our fraternity and philanthropy. Practically all this work is behind the scenes where they seek no recognition or compensation for their untiring efforts. Periodically I would like to use this column to express my sincere appreciation for the work our Shrine family does, and this month my "victim" (smile) is the Tripsters. Thank you folks and like those that have gone before you, please remain ever vigilant to your cause. It is greatly appreciated!

Everyone, please feel free to send me examples of other Shriner "acts of courage" that we sometimes take for granted in the service of our Hospital kids, just because we have been doing them unselfishly for so long. There are so many facets to our fraternity and philanthropy that might individually seem small, but when taken

in totality truly do change the lives of those who have been given so many, many challenges.

And finally, things are going well here at Oasis, and, it's that time of year again for all clubs/ units to have submitted their annual financials to Oasis. Any clubs/units that have any outstanding reports needed by Oasis should be contacting our new Treasurer, Noble Bill DePriest, treasurer@oasisshriners.org or Lori Prockup, accounting@oasisshriners.org, as soon as possible. Take care until next month, and remember, the work you do for our fraternity and philanthropy is sincerely appreciated and is essential to our hospital kids.

Gary Taylor

NOTICE:

The Potentate has appointed a committee to study potential future options for the Desert Dust with the goal of increasing efficiency of the publication and distribution of both the traditional hard copy mailings and the electronically available version. The committee will report its findings at the April 2023 Divan Meeting, which will be voted upon in the May Stated Meeting.

On the Cover

Noble Howard Keyes is pictured with one of the hundreds of children he got to know. Over a period of about ten years he made 252 trips carrying precious cargo to Shriners Children's in Greenville, Philadelphia and Cleveland. "When you ride for several hours with a child, you get to know them pretty good. They were all just marvelous children."

Noble Howard and Lady Shirley are members of Land of the Sky Shrine Club. He turns 92 this month. Happy birthday, Howard, and congratulations on your years of service to Shriners and our Shrine Kids.

Correction: The Noble pictured with Kaleb and his Mom on the front of the March issue is Noble Larry Frank from the Lexington Shrine Club. He is the one who provided us with most of the pictures from the Potentate's Ball and the Jim Turner Car show.

Reminder

All ads & articles for the May edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson** at **Ediewilson7@gmail.com** by April 20.



Upcoming Events

2nd Sunday of each month Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In SEE PAGE 14

May 6th, 2023 Red Fez Shrine Club Derby Party SEE PAGE 22

May 6th, 2023

Mecklenburg Shrine Club Derby Party

SEE PAGE 4

May 13th, 2023

Bluegrass Jam Meet & Greet

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May 19th, 2023 Catawba County SC Car Show SEE PAGE 17

May 27th, 2023 CMSC Rodeo SEE PAGE 15



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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

APRIL

15th Shriner Days Greenville

20th Divan meeting (2nd Qtr 'Stated')28th-29th Oasis Friends and Family Event -

Great Wolf Lodge

MAY

5th-6th Paper Crusade18th Divan Meeting

28th Charlotte 600 NASCAR Race -

Charlotte, NC

JUNE

2nd-4th Spring Ceremonial -

Relax in Mayberry, Mt. Airy NC

Divan Meeting - Red Fez SC

16th Divan Meeting - Red Fez SC17th Family Fun Day / 1-day Ceremonial

Red Fez Shrine Club, Lake Wylie SC

JULY

2nd-6th Imperial Session - Charlotte, NC2nd or 3rd Independence at Oasis Dinner -

Grand Master Dinner - Oasis SC

13th Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated')

14th-15th Grandfather Mountain - 1-day

Ceremony - Linville, NC **22nd-30th** Potentate Trip - Alaska

AUGUST

4th-6th 80's Flashback - 1-day

Ceremony - Franklin, NC

11th Shrine 100 Race -

Gastonia Speedway

16th Divan Meeting

25th-27th Summer Ceremonial -

Asheboro, NC

SEPTEMBER

22nd Divan Meeting

21st-24th SASA - Myrtle Beach, SC

OCTOBER

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

Oasis Shrine Center

11th Oasis Shrine Circus -

The Fieldhouse, Greensboro NC

13th-14th Oasis Shrine Circus -

Cabarrus Arena, Concord NC

13th-14th 150th Masonic Homecoming -

Oxford NC

NOVEMBER

10th-11th Oasis Military Veterans Event

and Black Tie Ceremony -Oasis Shrine Center

h Divan Maating

16th Divan Meeting

DECEMBER

2nd Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting

& 2024 Officer's Elections - Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm

9th Cat Sqaure C - 1-day Ceremony

Cat Square

14th Divan Meeting

JANUARY 2024

5th Club & Units Appreciation Night -

Oasis Shrine Center

6th Installation 2024 Potentate -

Oasis Shrine Center



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Shriners

Oasis Shriners Potentate's Lineage

Greetings again from the Oasis Historical Preservation Society. This month we will showcase the Potentate's lineage of Past Potentate IS Tommy Helms. His lineage begins with IS Arthur J. Crampton, who was first elected to the Divan in 1907 as Oriental Guide and served as Potentate in 1911. We mentioned in the last article that you would be seeing his name again. Of the six lines at Oasis, IS Arthur J. Crampton is the father of five of them. Of the five, this is the only line that includes IS Dr. Clyde Ellsworth Cotton. The following table lists the Helms line in its entirety.

IS Joseph Sidney Winget made two appointments in 1937 due to his removal of First Ceremonial Master Benjamin Cone from the line. They were Charles F. Shuman and Joe M. Bryan. We cannot find any details of why IS Winget removed Noble Cone from the moving line other than this snippet from the March 1937 Desert Dust:

"To begin with, on this beautifully clear and crispy morning, let us call your attention to the mast head above. You will note a change in the executive committee of DESERT DUST. You will also not a change in the Divan line-up — a stepping up of each appointive officer. These are the doings of our Potentate, Sid Winget, and many are the expressions of entire satisfaction, by the Nobility, regarding the manner in which Sid has grabbed the reins and gone to work."

The change in the executive committee of DESERT DUST refers to the removal of an associate editor, who had been appointed the prior year and who was not a Shriner or a Mason.

IS John Hasty Stanley, long-time Oasis and Imperial Chaplin, was not the first member of his family to be appointed to the Divan. His great uncle, Noble John N. Hasty, was appointed Outer Guard by IS James Legrand Everette in 1926. Sadly, he passed away in office in March 1932 while serving as Chief Rabban.

Most of the Potentates in this line have Gaston County ties. Two of them, IS Tommy Helms and IS Todd Ham, are members and Past Captains of the Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps. That is a perfect segway into this month's trivia contest. A special prize will be awarded to the first correct answer we receive for the following two-part guestion:

The Oasis Drum & Bugle Corp actually started as the Oasis Drum Corps. What year were the Oasis Drum Corps introduced and who was the first Captain? Bonus question, what year were the Bugles added?

Please send your answers to the following email address: oasishps@gmail.com. * Oasis Shrine employees, Oasis Historical Preservation Society, current or past members of the Drum & Bugle Corps and Oasis Divan members are not eligible for this contest. Good Luck!

Yours in the Faith.

Oasis Historical Preservation Society

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Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms' Potentate's Lineage

















Noble Marty Wilson has been showing up as St. Patrick himself for over 30 years— entertaining at parties and posing for pictures at parades and senior centers. His costume is always unbeatable!









Red Fez changes the game: men decorating tables

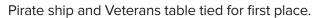
We know we have wonderful Shriners at the Red Fez but who knew they were so creative! Great group of men supporting their Ladies Auxiliary!

























Our thanks to Lady Dawn Sanderson for sharing these pictures of men at play!

Oasis Shriner visits from Alaska

It wasn't just any meeting at James K. Polk Lodge. A large crowd gathered for a meal with Noble Tom Stroozas.

From time to time, Tom and his family come South to get a little sunshine. He left three feet of snow in his driveway back in of Anchorage, Alaska.

Brother Tom spent time with his friends and brought everyone up to date on his Masonic duties in Alaska.

Pictured right Worshipful Master Dale Bruck welcomes Tom to Pineville and James K. Polk Lodge #759 AF&AM.

Tom's Masonic duties in Alaska include the following: Kachemak Bay Masonic Club, President 2014-2020 Kachemak Bay Lodge #UD, Master 2021 Kachemak Bay Lodge #24, Charter Master 2022 Grand Lodge of Alaska Grand Sr. Deacon, Grand Jr. Deacon, Grand Orator, Grand Lecturer Grand Lodge of Alaska DDGM District 2 2023 Grand Lodge of Alaska Photographer

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February 21, 2023

Worshipful Master Dale Bruck, James K. Polk Lodge 759 AF&AM Pineville, North Carolina

Re: Introductory Letter for Lodge Visitation

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of introduction concerning Brother Thomas Stroozas.

Freemasonry in Homer, Alaska began in 2015 when the Homer Masonic Club was formed. Later during that same year, the name of the club was changed to Kachemak Bay Masonic Club. In 2020, Kachemak Bay Masonic Club petitioned the Grand Lodge of Alaska for a Dispensation to function as Kachemak Bay Masonic Lodge UD. On February 3, 2022, Kachemak Bay Masonic Lodge UD received its charter and became known as Kachemak Bay Masonic Lodge No. 24.

Brother Stroozas acted as the President of both clubs and Master of the Lodge not only Under Dispensation, but also when it received its Charter. While under his terms of President of the Clubs and Master of the Lodges, the membership initially grew from 14 members to 34 members.

At the present time, Brother Stroozas is a District Deputy of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and currently oversees lodges within area of several hundred square miles south of Anchorage.

Fraternally

MW Johnny L. Wallace, P.G.M. Grand Secretary

Oasis leadership attends Spring SASA









Oasis will
parade
18th out of 23
temples at 2023
SASA parade

Dring your sunscreen,
advises Director Jimmy Owen



Get ready for the 80's Flashback Weekend

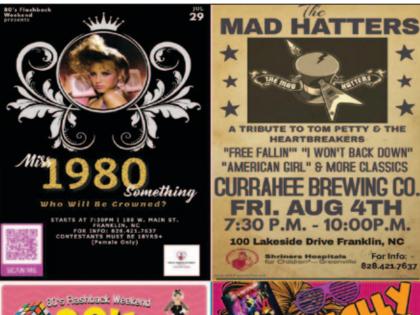
This summer we are planning to have nothin' but a good time for a great cause in Franklin, NC! This year's annual 80's Flashback Weekend, always the first weekend of August, is an annual fundraiser for Shriners Children's Greenville and is going to be the best, yet!

The fundraiser is a two-day event that kicks off on Friday August 4th at Currahee Brewing Company, where we will feature the #1 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers tribute band "The Mad Hatters." There will be a variety of activities for all to enjoy-from dancing to drawings!

Saturday morning August 5 the second event of the fundraiser is the 9th Annual 80's Flashback 5K hosted along the Little Tennessee River of Franklin's Greenway. There will be awards given out for the overall winners and age group winners (Individuals can register through RunSignup.com). After the 5K we will be hosting Oasis Shriners Installation at Junaluskee Masonic Lodge that afternoon (50 Church Street Franklin, NC), please watch for information about the Oasis Shriners Installation in the near future.



Totally awesome Nobles from the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club: President Gregg Jones as the Native American, Treasurer Andrew Norton as the Law Enforcement Officer, Dave "Thumper" Linn as the Construction Worker, Shawn Cobb as the Navy Sailor and Ron Hensley as The American Cowboy





One of the highlights of the annual 80's Flashback Weekend is the Saturday Flashback Parade beginning at 6pm along Main Street. The 80's Flashback Parade is different from many other parades hosted throughout the US because awards are given out to the top three best 80's themed parade entries. This year's parade is going to be even more special because it will include various Oasis Clubs, various Shrine Clubs from the southeast, and the best part will be seeing the newly installed Nobles walking down Main Street for a great cause.

The 80's Flashback Weekend will finish up at Lazy Hiker Brewing Company, where the "Totally Awesome 80's Party featuring 80z Nation" will take place at 7:30pm on the lawn at the brewery. The band 80z Nation will have you dancing and singing and have you feeling like it's 1980 something!

100% of the proceeds raised from the annual 80's Flashback Weekend will be donated to Shriners Children's Greenville from the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club and the residents/guests of Franklin, NC.

To make the 80's Flashback Weekend a successful fundraiser for Shriners Children's Greenville we had to host an early "Kickstarter Campaign" event called "Cabin Fever." This annual event is always hosted the last Saturday night of February at Currahee Brewing Company and for many years was a "Shake Away Those Winter Blues" theme until this year when it became a 70's theme event because you gotta have the 1970's in order to have the 1980's. This year's Kickstarter Campaign was a great time for all who attended—from 70's karaoke to the special appearance of "The Village Idiots" who performed the dance moves to the 70's dance classic "YMCA."

For information about the annual 80's Flashback Weekend please email: bringingit2life@gmail.com or call 828.421.7637 We are looking forward to seeing you this summer! Be there or be square.



John Stanley, Chaplain

God, grant me the Serenity

Praying without ceasing

In the Bible, the Apostle Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing." This doesn't mean we need to have our heads bowed, hands folded, and eyes closed all day while we pray. Instead, we are to think of our talks with God as open-ended conversations. At any point in the day, both of you are welcome to jump back in. In a sense, our prayers have no end.

One of the more popular prayers in our society is known as the Serenity Prayer. Records from Alcoholics Anonymous show that Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary, NYC, composed it in 1932 as the ending to a longer prayer. The longer prayer follows:

To accept the things I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can,
And Wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right

if I surrender to His will.

That I may be reasonably happy in this life,

And supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

The shorter version that is in use today in many of our institutions is:

God, grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can,
And Wisdom to know the difference.

So, maybe we want to memorize the shorter, more popular version, as we go about our day 'praying without ceasing.' We wish you blessings and peace.

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.





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The Oasis Historical Preservation Society is in search of old Desert Dust newspapers to scan and preserve for generations to come. We currently have some of the issues from 1935-1942, no papers from 1943-1965, some papers from 1966-1975, no papers from 1976-2001, and no papers from 2003-2012 with the exception of 2008. We have all papers from 2013 to present.

If you happen to have these issues and would be willing to loan for a short period of time for us to scan, please contact Noble Chris Hall, Assistant Rabban or Noble Scottie Cox, First Ceremonial Master.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

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2022 Van Trips and Mileage:

HOSPITAL	TRIPS	MILEAGE
Greenville	66	19,604
Dayton	8	8,366
Philadelphia	3	3,821

2023 Van Trips and Mileage:

HOSPITAL	TRIPS	MILEAGE
Greenville	8	2,499
Dayton	2	2,109

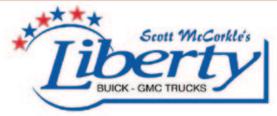
There are 5 current areas for active Tripster drivers:

Charlotte area	19 drivers - 3 hospital vans
Avery/Mountain area	10 drivers - 2 hospital vans
Macon area	4 drivers - 1 hospital van
Catawba area	9 drivers - 1 hospital van
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Tripsters on the move

Submitted by Noble Tripster Dave Mahan

Well, it's 4am and Tripster Wayne Millis is pulling into Tripster Dave Mahan's driveway. Wayne quickly (although still half asleep) grabs his jacket and crawls into Dave's truck with a cup of coffee and an early morning greeting.

Dave starts driving the first leg of their semi-monthly trip to Charlotte and then to Green-ville to transport a Shriners Children's patient and their mother (and often siblings) for the appointed doctor visit at the hospital. The first leg is about 76 miles and generally involves beating the traffic through Shelby and Gastonia before too many wrecks occur. Once we get to the Oasis Shrine Center, we than have to go through the exercise of remembering the code to get in the building and collect our clipboard with patient info and the all-important van keys. After closing up properly, we go to the van and start the paperwork...milage at start, time, etc. After loading up the patient's address in our phone's Google maps, we're off to pick them up.

Sleepy kids usually come running out to meet us with Mom locking up behind. After a short meet and greet, the van is loaded and now the second leg of the trip begins as we head back down I-85 through Gastonia, never-ending road construction and Greenville's heavy traffic. Around 115 miles later, we are walking into Shriner's Greenville. Mom looks a little worried but the kids are ready to go. They know where they're going and it's not long before they are checked in and off to their appointment. We also check in with the desk and turn in any can tabs we've collected for the hospital.

This is when Wayne and I find those local biscuits then go up to the Road Runner Lounge (Most other temples call their transportation units Road Runners) where an easy chair, a snack or two and the computer awaits us for our check-in. Of course, ALL of this time, Wayne and I are enjoying the banter and side cracks that we often express to each other during these trips.

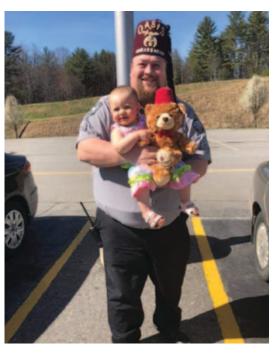
Often we'll talk with other Road Runners from different Shrine Centers and trade Potentate pins--and a few stories about what we've been up to. The comradery is pretty cool and so are the Nobles we get to meet. Then the phone rings and we are summoned to the front as our patients are done with their visit and ready to head back home. We generally stop for lunch then and get the family whatever they'd like to eat. However, I must say that Chick-Fil-A seems to be our patients' number one choice.

So the third leg of the trip sends us back to the patient's house. The kids are out and Mom is just trying to unload and corral them. All are pretty happy to be home by this time and we help where we can and then bid them a good day. Back to the Shrine Center where, if we get back in time and after we gas up the van, we turn the paperwork and keys back in to the office.

We have a pretty good system as Wayne does most of the paperwork and navigation while I do most of the driving. As soon as we clear the Shrine Center we head back home. When we are close to home, we generally have a sigh of relief as we are closing in on finishing another great trip for the kids and a good time and fellowship with our noble partners. It's usually a 12-14 hour day for us but it's all worth it as we get to see first-hand how our patients are treated and how much they appreciate Shriners Children's. I wouldn't trade the experience for the world!







WANTED

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Oasis, Amran, and Sudan Shriners FRIENDS AND FAMILY SPRING TRIP | APRIL 28-30, 2023



Calling all Kids! No matter how young or old! Lady Leah and our Oasis family are excited to spend a weekend with the Nobles and Ladies from Amran and Sudan. We will come together as one big family for a weekend of Adventure at The Great Wolf Lodge located in Concord, NC on April 28-30, 2023.

Get ready for a weekend of family and fun events. Invite other Masons, Shriners, or friends and family for this event. We have blocked 40 rooms on Friday night and 60 rooms for Saturday night. These rooms are standard rooms and we expect them to go quickly. Take advantage of this special group discount rate of \$229.99 per night, plus resort fees & taxes. This is an excellent rate for this water park facility. We have also reserved four cabanas inside the water park for our families to rest and relax. Pick up the phone and make your reservations today! Don't miss out on this exciting weekend of fun and fellowship! Reservations may be made at www.greatwolf.com or by calling (866) 925-9653. Mention Block Offer Code is 2304OASI.

We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

Doug, Leah, Jackson and Lauren Garland Oasis Potentate 2023





Celebrating 50 years!

Congratulations to Noble Clarence Foster of Salisbury, NC, on being a Shriner for 50 years! Noble Foster was Created a Shriner on January 29th, 1972. He is a Korean War Veteran and will celebrate his 92nd birthday this April. Noble Foster is a member of the Oasis Ragtops Unit and is very proud to drive his red Ford Thunderbird convertible in parades.

The Certificate and letter from Imperial Sir Kenny Craven was presented to Noble Foster by High Priest and Prophet Tim Farris and the lapel pin was pinned on him by Lady Glenda Kluttz. Also present was Ken Kluttz, Captain of the Oasis Ragtops, who stated "Noble Foster is one cool dude who rides around with the top down!"

Photos by Lady Glenda Kluttz









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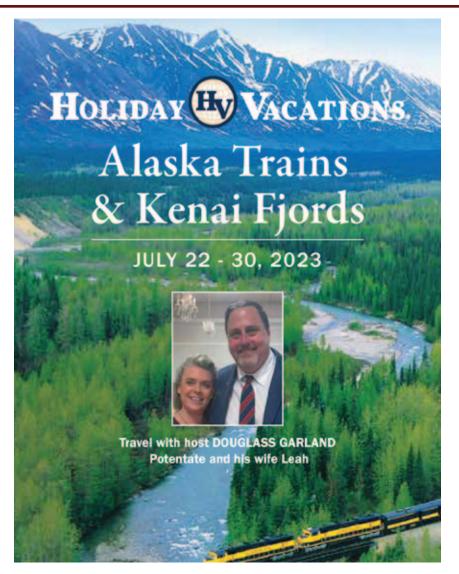
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We are looking for individuals like yourself to join our team. Husbands *and* wives are encouraged.

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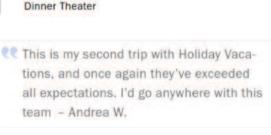
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THE COST WILL BE \$20.00 EACH

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

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!



The Oasis Pickers JAMMIN' at clubs and units near you

On February 25, the Oasis Patrol held their Ladies night and invited the Oasis Pickers to come and "JAM." Pickers came from Etowah, Salisbury, Rutherfordton, Concord, Forest City and Mooresboro to play some old tunes, as members of the Patrol arrived for the evening.

The Patrol was kind enough to allow the Pickers to sell drawing tickets for the "We The People" Guitar signed by Ted Nugent and within a few minutes over \$400 was raised for the Shriners Children's! A BIG "THANK YOU" goes to the ladies and nobles of the Oasis Patrol for their support! It was a "Banner Night!"



We were checking with the Shriners Children's in Greenville to see if any patients would be interested in learning to play a guitar. Turns out there were two young men who really wanted to learn, so details were worked out and after a small lesson on their basic chords, they were given the guitars. You should've seen the look on their faces when the Pickers asked if it would be OK if they just kept them! We left two happy kids JAMMIN' in the play room with their new guitars!

Then it was on to Hendersonville Shrine Club. Boy did they have a crazy night as the JAM started prior to their meeting! Notice that when the club president pulls out a traditional mountain instrument to play with us it has a distinct size and shape to blow out the bass notes! Also special thanks to Hendersonville Shrine Club as they were kind enough to give the pickers \$200 for the Shriners Children's in addition to allowing us to sell some more guitar tickets!

WE STILL have room for MORE Nobles in the Unit! If interested, email: DBMahan@gmail.com or call Dave Mahan@ 843-372-5510 for more information!

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Pictured Top Left: seated Nobles, David Zalinsky, Gary Yandle, Dave Mahan (Western Star), Gerry humper" Boykin (Kedron) and Nigel Hawkins (Cliffside). Standing, Bella Lookadoo. Not Pictured: Noble Don Lookadoo (Cliffside).

Pictured Bottom Left: Oasis Patrol gathering as the Oasis Pickers JAM is "in session"...a good time by all at our Oasis Shrine Center!

Next up, some of the Oasis Pickers showed up at the Red Fez Club's meeting night and held in impromptu JAM. This netted another \$250 for the Shriners Children's AND helped us gain another new member AND a special guest! This has our unit membership at 27 full-time members and seven Special Guests! It was a fun night for those involved and a special thanks to the Red Fez Club for all of their support since we started this unit!













OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB

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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

Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!

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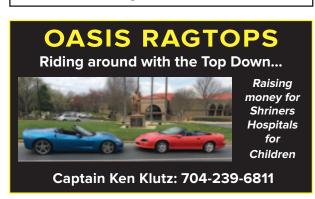
















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or Noble Alex Edmisten 336-467-4478



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

Bike donation

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HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB



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Contact: www.hendersonvilleshriners.com

Like to Homebrew?



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

Please contact:

Barry Winecroft @ 704-517-0014 or toyoclown@gmail.com

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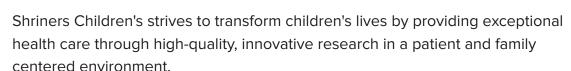
We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Fairview Masonic Lodge #339 in Kings Mountain. The meal is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00.

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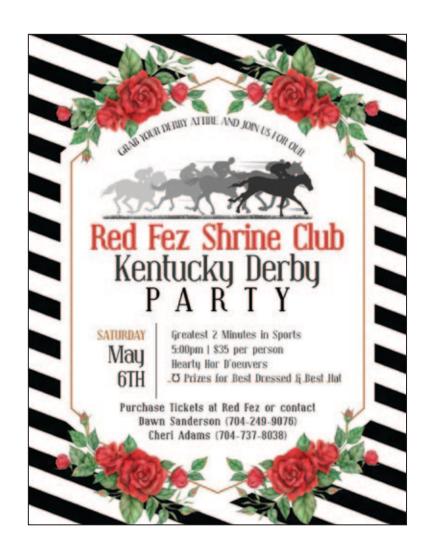
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Charles A Grigg	Shelby, NC	8/20/2011	1/26/2023
John Lee Bean	Charlotte, NC	4/2/1990	1/28/2023
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