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Your Potentate

This summer is moving quickly. I hope you and your family are enjoying a relaxing summer break. In this issue, I will attempt to recap some of the excitement that has been going on throughout the Oasis Jurisdiction.

was the Director General for this session. He was responsible for all events that took place at the Imperial Session. Illustrious Sir Mike is a hard worker, and all Oasis Shriners should be very proud of the great job he performed. Thank you, Illustrious Sir H. Mike Cook. You served Imperial Sir Kenneth G. Craven very well. It was an honor for me to represent Oasis Shriners and work with you during this event. Thank you to Director Jimmy Owen and all Oasis Parade Units who represented Oasis Shriners in the Imperial parade at ZMax Dragway. You performed very well, and I am so proud of the great job that each of you do.

There were several events hosted at the Oasis Shrine Center during the Imperial Session. I decided to host a dinner to honor all Grand Masters on Monday, July 3, which was open to everyone. I extend my deepest appreciation to the members of the Lincoln County Shrine Club, Mecklenburg Shrine Club, Oasis Divan members and ladies for their exceptional efforts in making the Grand Master Event a resounding success. The North Carolina Grand Master, Most Worshipful Dr. Kevan D. Frazier, graciously welcomed approximately 19 Most Worshipful Grand Masters from around the world to the Oasis Shrine Center. The Extraordinaire's from Hickory, NC were on hand to provide exceptional music for our guests. The dedication and hospitality extended by Oasis nobles and ladies was instrumental in creating a memorable experience for all attendees. Thank you to everyone in attendance. I appreciate your support for this event. Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master Frazier, for your continued support of Oasis Shriners. We are honored that you are a noble of Oasis. You certainly have our support throughout your term.

Oasis Shriners have an array of exciting events lined up for the remaining summer months. On Saturday, July 15, 2023, at The Courtyard at Little Acres in Marion, NC, Oasis hosted a one-day ceremony to welcome new members into the Oasis family.

The Potentate trip, scheduled from July 22 to July 30, will take a group of 18 Oasis members and their families on a captivating journey through Alaska. Exploring Fairbanks, AK, and traveling on trains, boats, and buses, this adventure promises to be an experience of a lifetime. Thank you to the Oasis Shriners and Ladies who will join us on this journey.

Oasis Shriners is also proud to support Noble Dave Linn and Western North Carolina Shrine Clubs on Saturday, August 5, in Franklin, NC. The 80's Flashback weekend is a tribute to 80's bands and aims to raise funds for Shriners Children's. Oasis Shriners will hold a cold sands ceremony during this event. Our goal is to initiate several Master Masons in Western North Carolina as we continue to work to increase our membership. We are Oasis and we love to have fun! What better place to join our fraternity than at the 80's Flashback event. We will have a parade to celebrate this weekend and it is my hope that all Oasis parade units will join us in Franklin for a fun and exciting weekend. Thank you, Noble Linn and all the Shriners who work so hard to make this event so special.

Mark your calendars for the Asheboro fall ceremony, "Getting Wild" taking place from Friday, August 25, to Sunday, August 27. Asheboro, home to the renowned North Carolina Zoo, will provide an exciting backdrop for this engaging weekend. The ladies are invited to register for the Ladies' Experience, which includes a painting session, lunch, and drinks, while the Nobles will gather at the Sunset Theatre for a welcoming ceremony for new members. Oasis Shriners will also proudly march in a parade through Asheboro, showcasing their commitment to the community. Please make plans to join us in Asheboro, NC for an exciting weekend.

Please don't forget to check out the events section on the www.oasisshriners.com/events website for information and updates on all Oasis events. We work hard to keep the events tab updated to allow you to have the information that you need to make purchases for tickets or find a hotel for a ceremony or SASA. Please follow Oasis Shriners on the social media sites for updates.

I want to say "thank you" to each club and unit for your hard work. I am here to support you and your events. If there is anything that I can do to help you this year, please email or call me. My email address is dgarland@oasisshriners.com. My cell phone number is (336) 963-1326. Stay safe and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland and Lady Leah

In an exciting celebration of camaraderie and philanthropy, Oasis Shriners welcomed 11 new nobles and their families at the Red Fez Family Fun Day on Lake Wylie on June 17. The event was the first-ever Oasis Shrine Ceremony to be held on Lake Wylie. Nobles were generous by providing their pontoon boats which were tied together in the cove beside the Red Fez Shrine Club. We extend our warmest greetings to the newcomers and their families, who have joined the Oasis Shriners' noble cause. We hope you will be active and join clubs and units in your respective areas.

The success of the Red Fez Family Fun Day would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of numerous nobles, their ladies, and families. Approximately 13 cooking teams came prepared to showcase their skills and talents. They were serious about their food and presentations. I was very happy with the quality of food and ideas that came from each team. I personally commend each team for your hard work during this weekend. The food was excellent, and I hope each team will return in 2024. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Red Fez President Steve Trites, and all those who contributed their time, resources, and support to make this family event a success. It certainly was a memorable one. Your dedication and commitment to the Oasis Shriners' mission is sincerely appreciated by the Oasis Divan.

I would also like to extend my personal gratitude to all the Oasis Shriners who participated in the 149th Imperial Session held in Charlotte, NC from July 2 to July 6. This was the second time in 150 years this event was held in Charlotte. It was a grand gathering of Shriners from far and wide. Oasis Shriners represented very well during this event. Your presence and active participation in this esteemed event exemplifies the spirit of Oasis. I also commend Illustrious Sir, H. Mike Cook, who



They call him “Rambo.” No, he’s not Sylvester Stallone, but he is a real-life action hero. His name is Skyler “Rambo” Chaney, and he is the son of Oasis Noble James Chaney.

Skyler has been racing since he

was seven years old and has raced go karts, outlaw wing karts, bandeleros, and limited late models. Currently he drives 580 hp late models. He has over 56 total wins in his career. WOW!

Skyler was the 2022 Hickory Speedway Rookie of the year, and the 2022 NASCAR Division 1 Rookie of the year. He finished third in the Hickory Speedway Weekly Series and finished fifth in the Hickory Speedway Track Championship. Did I mention, he’s only 17 years old?

He lives in Lincolnton, NC and is a senior at North Lincoln High School, where he has been accepted into the National Technical Honor Society. After high school, he will be attending the UNCC Charlotte’s NASCAR Motorsports Engineering Program. He has been awarded the Chancellor Academic Excellence Scholarship and has just won the Alan Kulwicki Memorial Scholarship to attend UNCC. He plans to continue to advance in racing and pursuing his degree in Motorsports Engineering, and one day have a career in NASCAR. See? I told you he was a real-life action hero!

Skyler will put both the Oasis name, crescent and simitar, and the branding “BeAShrinerNow.org and “oasisshriners.org” on his race car for the 2023 season. He says that he is honored to carry the Shriners’ emblems on his race car and realizes the great benefits Shriners and Shriners Children’s provide, and he is proud to be part of such a noble cause.

He will be running on July 22, 2023, at Hickory Motor Speedway for the Inaugural Shrine 100 this year. All the tracks where he will be racing will be aired at FloRacing.com. He has a Facebook page at Skyler “Rambo” Chaney Racing as well an Instagram page at skylerchaney17.H

Here’s wishing you all the best Skyler, and good luck for the 2023 season!!

Gary Taylor / Tim Farris



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On the Cover

Oasis Divan and nobles take the stage at Imperial Session to present a check in the amount of \$2,322,025! Photograph by Noble Leslie Dix.

Reminder

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



Upcoming Events

2nd Sunday of each month
Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In
SEE PAGE 15

August 13 & 14th, 2023
NFL Alumni Queen City Golf Classic

August 19th, 2023
High Point Shrine Club Benefit
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September 10th, 2023
21st Annual Catawba County Shriners' Run
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September 15 - 16th, 2023
Race Works Car Show - Wilkesboro
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October 7th, 2023
Thermal Belt SC Car, Truck & Bike Show
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The Desert Dust

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland, Potentate

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2023 DIVAN

- Chief Rabban** - Shea Fadel
- Assistant Rabban** - Chris Hall
- High Priest and Prophet** - Tim Farris
- Oriental Guide** - Donnie Wrenn
- Treasurer** - Bill Depriest
- Recorder** - Gary Taylor PP
- 1st Ceremonial Master** - Scottie Cox
- 2nd Ceremonial Master** - John G. Cable
- Director** - Jimmy Owen
- Marshal** - Tom Bridges
- Captain of the Guard** - Jack Wallace
- Outer Guard** - Benjamin Hamilton
- John Stanley (PP-1997) - Chaplain

EDITOR

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 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
- 16th Divan Meeting

- DECEMBER**
- 2nd Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting & 2024 Officer's Elections - Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm Cat Square C - 1-day Ceremony
- 9th Cat Square
- 14th Divan Meeting

- JANUARY 2024**
- 5th Club & Units Appreciation Night - Oasis Shrine Center
- 6th Installation 2024 Potentate - Oasis Shrine Center



Carolinas Chapter



Shriners Children's Greenville

Queen City Golf Classic

BENEFITING

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S GREENVILLE

AUGUST 13-14, 2023

PINE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB

1701 STONEYRIDGE DRIVE, CHARLOTTE, NC 28214

ABOUT SHRINERS CHILDREN'S GREENVILLE

Shriners Children's Greenville is the pre-eminent provider of pediatric orthopedic care in the southeast United States and is home to the largest team of pediatric orthopedic surgeons in the Carolinas. The hospital has expertise in over 85 conditions and in 2022 treated children from 36 states and 20 countries regardless of a family's financial and insurance status. Community partners such as the NFL Alumni Carolina's Chapter enable Shriners Children's Greenville to fulfill its century old promise to care for kids and get them "back in the game".



A Super Bowl of Golf Qualifier

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- Company Executive Inclusion in pre-event media interviews
- 2 Four Person Teams
- 1st Draft Choice of NFL Alumni Member
- Full Page Ad in Player Program
- Logo Inclusion on all social media posts via NFL Alumni and Shriners Children's Platforms
- On Course Advertising
- 8 passes to Draft Party Reception
- Hole Sponsorship

Shriners Children's Greenville will again be partnering with the NFL Alumni Carolina's Chapter on the Queen City Classic scheduled for August 13-14 at Pine Island Country Club. Last year's event resulted in a \$10,000 gift to the hospital with the funds credited toward OASIS' fundraising efforts for the year.

Masonic Home for Children Oxford celebrates 150 years



Masons and Shriners gathered last month to commemorate the remarkable 150th anniversary of The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford!

This momentous occasion is a testament to the vision of two Masonic brothers who dedicated themselves to the noble cause of providing a loving home and support to children in need.



Noble Sam and Lady Sherrie Moody were on hand with the Shrine trailer

Oasis Ragtops fundraiser...

The Oasis Ragtops participated in the Annual N.C. Peach Festival parade in downtown Candor, NC, on Saturday, July 15. Included in the many units in the parade were 48 beautiful horses with one rider on a saddled bull! Following the parade, additional festivities were held in Fitzgerald Park with lots of fresh sweet local peaches, arts & crafts, and, of course, homemade peach ice cream. The parade is a fundraiser for the Ragtops which enables them in their support of the Shriners Children's Hospitals.



The Ragtops cruised to Lefler's Place in Mt. Gilead for lunch and some good country eating along with great Shrine fellowship.

If you have a convertible car and would like to learn more about the Oasis Ragtops Unit, please contact Captain Ken Kluttz at 704-637-6525.

Hendersonville Shrine Club
2023 Drawing
Fire and Ice

We have two items this year for our drawing.
The first ticket drawn is for the ring.
The second ticket drawn is for the shotgun.
 Proceeds support Shriners Children's Greenville

Tickets: \$10/each
or
6 for \$50

Browning 12 GA BPS Field Composite Pump



Black Walnut Stock, Gold -Plated Trigger Finish
List Price is \$772 with \$40 Carry Case. 7 lbs. 11 oz., Full Choke
The winner of the shotgun must receive their prize at the gun shop.

Amethyst Ring

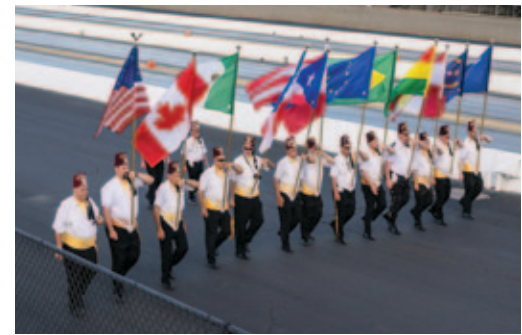
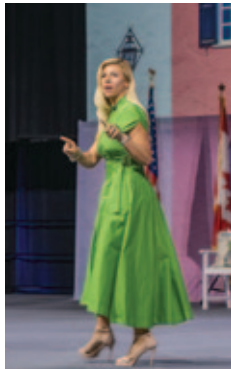


14-karat white gold, 4-carat oval amethyst
 bypass ladies fashion ring with diamond accents.
 Retail value \$2650

Contact Noble Martin Osteen, Drawing Project Chairman, at 828.674.8039 for TICKETS
 Winning tickets drawn December 14, 2023
The name on the ticket is to be the same as the name of the person receiving the prize.



Charlotte welcomes Shriners from all parts of the globe to Imperial Session



III. Sir Doug Garland hosts the Grand Masters' Dinner at Oasis Shrine Center

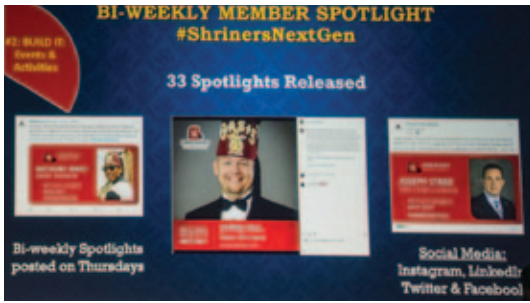
Imperial Parade



Shrine Patients perform



Check presentations



Spotlight on Oasis Assistant Rabban Chris Hall



Brewfest features Oasis 1st Ceremonial Master Scottie Cox



Nothing but net!



Oasis Pickers doin' the "Imperial Jam"



Shrine Marketplace offers all sorts of shopping opportunities



Thank you to photographers Nobles C. Lee Abernethy and Leslie Dix



Director General Oasis PP H. Mike Cook



Newly elected Imperial Potentate Ed Stotz invites you to Reno in 2024

Family Fun Days at Red Fez Shrine Club

The best BBQ on the lake



First Place Pork / Grand Champion

Friday Night Best Cook Team

First Place Chicken

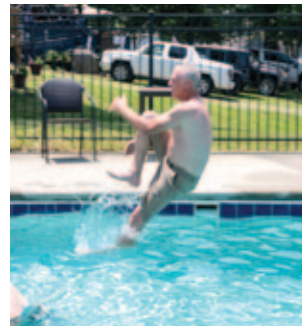


First Place Dessert

Carolina Drifters



Fishing, splashing, fezzing



The Divan makes a splash



"Before"



Crossing the "hot sand"



"After"

"Eleven new Nobles were created on Lake Wylie on this weekend! Thank you to the past potentates, Divan and nobles who supported this memorable event."

Ill. Sir Doug Garland

Photography by Noble Les Dix



Please welcome these new nobles to the Oasis family

Noble Full Name

Justin K. Almond
 James C Eberly
 Joshua D. Gomez
 Patrick Wesley Hepler
 James Parks McManus
 James S. Potter
 Charles L. Quinley
 Matthew W. Reier
 Daryl Edward Swanson
 William Douglas Thompson
 Kyle M. Yandle

Lady

Ashlyn
 Angela
 Katie
 Jo Ann
 Susan
 Amanda
 Anita
 Martha
 Candy
 Amy

News from the Patrol

Patrol Family,

Unfortunately, the Black Camel has given us another visit this year. Past Captain Robert Graham Wilson passed away on June 29, in Burlington, NC, at the age of 89. He was raised a Master Mason in 1971 and was created a Noble of Oasis Shriners on May 15, 1971, at the Charlotte Coliseum on Independence Blvd., in a class of 387 Nobles. In 1975 he joined The Oasis Patrol and was Captain of The Patrol in 1997-1998. He was a South Atlantic Shrine Association Representative for 20 years and he also served as Building and Grounds chairman for Oasis Shriners. Graham was presented The Walt Disney Award for his unselfish devotion and dedication to Oasis Shriners and Shriners Children's. In 2022, he was given the 50 Year Shrine Service Award for a lifetime of service to our children. PC Graham was a great man, Mason and Noble. Please remember to keep Lady Loretta and the Wilson family in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to personally thank all the Patrolmen who attended the 149th Imperial Session in Charlotte and helped The Oasis Patrol in presenting the Colors at the Opening Session (IS H. Mike Cook, IS and NPC Tim Daniels, NPC Dennis Wilson, NPC Bob Saye, NPC Brandon Penley, Noble First Lt. Paul Southworth, Noble Second Lt. Joe Burris, Noble Sergeant Brian Clay, Noble Bob Richardson, Noble Bill Smith and myself), presenting the Colors at the Ladies Luncheon (IS and NPC Tim Daniels, NPC Brandon Penley, Noble First Lt. Paul Southworth, Noble Bob Richardson and myself), and leading the Imperial Parade at Z Max Dragway (IS and PC Tim Daniels, NPC Dennis Wilson, NPC Bob Saye, NPC Brandon Penley, Noble First Lt. Paul Southworth, Noble Second Lt. Joe Burris, Noble Sergeant Brian Clay, Noble Chaplin Elvis Clark, Noble Bill Smith, Noble Dayne Marsh and myself). IS and PC Tim Daniels, Noble First Lt. Paul Southworth and myself also had the honor of assisting the El Zaribah Shriners Legion of Honor present the Colors at the Pageant for incoming Imperial Potentate James E. 'Ed' Stolze, Jr. on Wednesday morning. The Oasis Patrol has again performed at award winning levels.

Please remember our upcoming events. First, we have 80's Flashback Weekend August 4–6 in Franklin, NC. Next, we have our Summer Ceremonial to be held August 25–27 in Asheboro, NC and coming up September 21–24 will be SASA at Myrtle Beach, SC. More information on all these events can be found on the Oasis website, <https://www.oasisshriners.org/events>. I will also send out information on Patrol duties at these events at a later time. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

YITF,
 Scottie Cox,
 Oasis Patrol Captain



Take courage - do not fear

WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF FEAR!

- We fear public speaking.
- We fear being in a car crash.
- We fear having cancer, or of cancer returning.
- We fear inadequate Social Security or of outliving our money.

And to live a peaceful life, we must learn to conquer our fears.



John Stanley, Chaplain

• Bertrand Russell said: "To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom."

• Jesus Christ said: "**Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid.**"

In the storms of life, it is easy to lose our faith. But losing our faith is the worst thing we can do. We lose our faith when we concentrate on the storms, the huge waves engulfing us. That is when we lose confidence.

God reminds us to take courage, to trust in Him.

When faced with the storms of life, when we are afraid, God gives us words to live by when he has his prophet Jeremiah write: "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

And, another writer of the Bible says: "(We are to be) joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Finally, we remember the words of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my Sheppard, I shall not want."

So, armed with such promises from our Lord, we face the world with courage, faith and hope. The option is ours; we can choose to live in fear, or we can live our lives by "Taking courage."

We hope that you have a great month. Blessings, peace and grace.

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!

Oasis Desert Dust "GO GREEN" Campaign is Underway!

At its April 2023 meeting, the Oasis Divan unanimously voted to commence a new "GO GREEN" campaign with the goal of **reducing the number of printed and mailed hard copies** each month. In order to accomplish this shared team goal, the following will occur:

- **Monthly Reminder:** The Desert Dust is **already electronically available** each month on the Oasis Shriners website at <https://oasisshriners.org/connect/desert-dust>
- **Monthly Oasis Email:** To be sent once the new issue of the Desert Dust has been posted on the Oasis Shriners website, making you aware that it is available for your immediate ease of viewing at <https://oasisshriners.org/connect/desert-dust>
- **WHAT YOU MUST DO: To "OPT-OUT" and no longer receive a hard copy in the US Mail:** Just submit your information at <https://forms.office.com/r/XKRM3n27mW> or scan the QR code below with your device, then complete the form. That's it! Oasis office staff will receive your response and monitor submissions each month. Your mailing address will be removed from the list that is sent to our printer, so you should soon no longer receive the US mail version - and, if for some reason you do, please call the Oasis Office to let us know!

Oasis Desert Dust 'GO GREEN' Campaign - OPT OUT OF US MAIL COPY





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Asheboro Summer Ceremonial Itinerary

Friday, August 25th 2023

12pm Golf – Holly Ridge Golf Links located at 7933 US 311 Archdale. Register online using their website at hollyridgegolf.com and indicate you are with the Oasis Shriners group. If you have any issues or need assistance, please contact: Noble Tommy Beason at 336-302-6428

Please make your reservations by noon on August 24, to register your team.

There are indoor golfing simulators too for those who want to beat the heat.

2pm - 5pm Hospitality Room-Hampton Inn (1st floor conference room and outdoor patio)

3pm - 5pm Candidate Registration – Hospitality Room – Hampton Inn

8pm - until Hospitality Room - Hampton Inn

Saturday, August 26th 2023

6:30am Doors Open (Sunset Theatre - 234 Sunset Ave, Asheboro)

7am - 8am Shrine Mart Set up. Contact Noble Tom Bridges prior to August 24 to reserve a space at tbridges@oasisshriners.org or by phone at 704-718-9603

8am - 11:30am Shrine Mart open

8am - 9am Candidate Registration – Sunset Theatre

Keystone Kops - biscuits, donuts, water, coffee, juice – (donation)

9am - 11:30am Oasis Summer Ceremony

10am - 1pm Ladies Luncheon - The Exchange Events Center, 204 S. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro. Tickets are \$40 in advance.

11:30am Candidate Photos – Sunset Theatre

11:30am - 1pm ***Lunch on your own at one of Asheboro's great downtown eateries***

11:45am Candidates private luncheon and instruction at Asheboro Masonic Lodge #699

1pm Civic Parade Line up - Academy and Church St. at Chandler Concrete

1:30pm Civic Parade Step off - Academy and Church Streets

After parade, tour Asheboro and discover all there is to offer!

4pm - until Hospitality - Hampton Inn Conference Room

7pm Oasis Celebration and introduction of new nobles and ladies

Location: Hampton Inn hospitality room and patio areas

Sunday, August 27th 2023

9:30 - 10:15am Sunday Service – Illustrious Sir John Stanley

Please join us at the Hampton Inn Conference Room

10:15am Safe Travels Home!

HOTEL INFO

Host hotel - Hampton Inn Located at 1137 E. Dixie Drive in Asheboro. 336-625-9000

Our overflow hotels: Fairfield Inn & Suites, 920 Executive Way, Asheboro. This is next door to the Hampton Inn. 336-626-9197

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 900 Executive Way (located at the rear of the Hampton Inn)

Catawba County Shriners

21st Annual Shriners Run
Sunday September 10th 2023

21st Annual Shriners Run
\$1,000.00
Cash Prizes

Best Score	\$500.00
2nd Best	\$250.00
3rd Best	\$150.00
Worst Score	\$100.00

And Door Prizes
 Should there be a tie and a draw will off to determine winner
Ride starts at Iron Thunder Saloon (licky off exit 125)

1st Stop John Tavern - Horry
 2nd Stop Jim's - Vahese
 3rd Johnny's Grill - Lincoln
 4th 1st Turn - Denver
 5th Babes Beer Bar - Clamont
 Last Stop Catawba County Shrine Club - Newton

Registration Starts 10:30
First Bike out 11:45am
Last Bike In 4:30
Each Card \$15.00 per Hand or 3 for \$35.00

For more information contact Jimmy Cline 828-409-1995

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

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Shrine Trailer Travels for You

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



Noble Sam is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice.
980-722-7951 sambo447@aol.com

From Basement *to* Rose Garden by Chuck Olson

Book Summary

A story about a young boy growing up who couldn't see out of the basement windows of the house he and his dedicated, single Mother lived in. She was his rock. He experienced racial prejudice at a mainly black school. He learned to persevere through hardships and became a leader early, not knowing he was born with a learning disability.

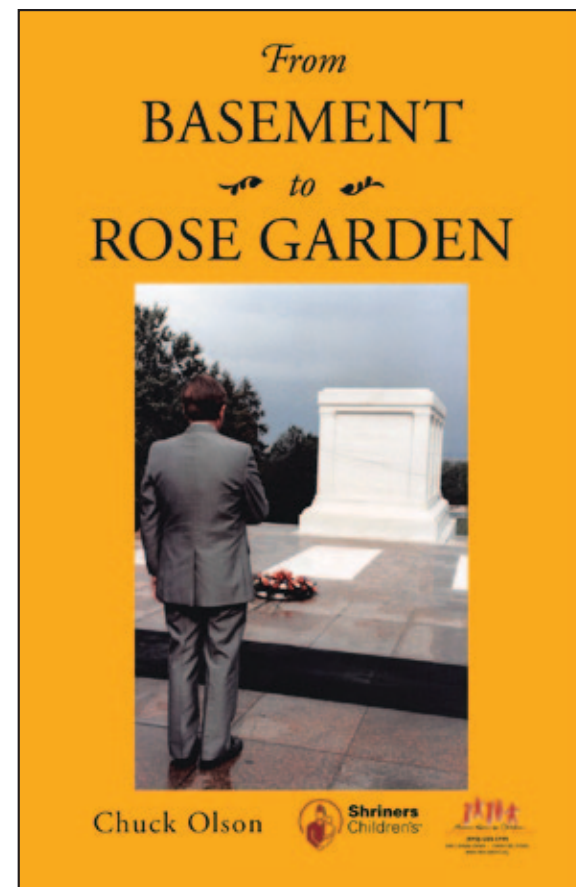
This boy learned to adjust in setting and achieving many goals as he was challenged at every turn. He excelled in sports, the military, being a provider, and experiencing how politics are handled in Washington, DC. He learned to communicate at all levels. He founded and co-founded, over twenty businesses – one of which produced 3.4 billion in international business last year.

In 1988, during Small Business Week in Washington, DC, this man was honored by President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George H Bush in the Rose Garden. He was selected out of 18 million small business owners in the United States to do what?

Over the past few years, he has concentrated on sharing what has been learned and giving back to others.

A Word From The Author

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Spotlight on High Point Shrine Club

The High Point Shrine Club held its monthly meeting June 22, with guest speakers Scott Spencer and Steve Miller who gave an interesting talk on DeMolay and what the club has done in the area. Two members of the club, Edd Little and Bill Phillips, were past DeMolays and were able to be in attendance.

After the talk, guest Steve Spencer pulled tickets for the gun drawing and other prizes:

1. Golden Henry 22 Rifle – Alfred Armstrong
2. \$100.00 gift Card to Sportsman's Warehouse: Chai Vang
3. Spyderco Tenacious Folding Pocket Knife- Perry Mittler

Proceeds of the gun drawing went to the Shriner's Children. We thank all who bought a ticket to help the children and appreciate the support of Sportsman's Warehouse for help with the gun and gift card.

President Tim Nall recognized Noble Edd Little for his work on the recent paper drive. Noble Edd knocked on the doors of over 35 businesses in the High Point area requesting that the club could hold the paper drive in front of their business. For his efforts and the success of the paper drive, he was given a plaque of recognition for his work.



Noble Edd Little with President Tim Nall



Alfred Armstrong winner of the rifle along with Bill Phillips Treasurer of the High Point Club and Chairman of the Gun Drawing



Noble Edd Little, Noble Bill Phillips, Scott Spencer with Steve Miller who gave the presentation on DeMolay and President Tim Nall

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"This is very special," said Illustrious Sir Terry. "I thank the good Lord for letting me live this long and belong to this great organization which I dearly love." Illustrious Sir Terry was presented with a letter from Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven along with his framed 50 Year Certificate and his 50 Year lapel pin.

To view the recording of the presentation which was livestreamed on the Internet, visit our Oasis Facebook page.

Congratulations, Illustrious Sir Terry!



On Monday, July 10, 2023, Gastonia area York Rite Masons gathered at Covenant Village to honor Companion and Sir Knight Paul Lloyd Teem, Jr. upon the occasion of his 50 years of dedicated service to Freemasonry in general and the York Rite in particular.

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Chris Hall brought greetings on behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina and proceeded with the public ceremony for 50 Year Service Award recipients. Each member present recounted fond memories shared with Companion and Sir Knight Teem throughout their many years together.

Brother Teem's sister and brother-in-law were also able to join to witness this most special occasion. Companion and Sir Knight Teem was presented with his 50 Year Service Award attested by D. Allen Surratt, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder.

Pictured L-R: Clyde Cox, Victor Willis, Joe Waller, Bob Erwin, and Chris Hall with the guest of honor, Paul Teem.

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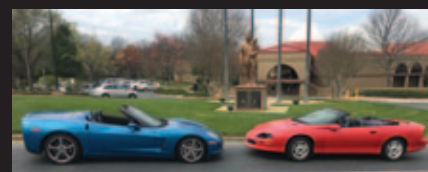
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