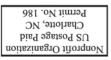
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DESERT DUST

GRAND TOTAL ALL 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHRINERS CHILDREN'S WITH CREDIT TO OASIS SHRINERS

\$2,322,025.00

CONGRATULATIONS OASIS SHRINERS



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Shriners International



Your Potentate

December 2022 has come and gone, and we now embark on a new year and chapter at Oasis. Oasis has had a tremendous year in 2022, and Lady Leigh and I just want to

say **Thank YOU**! Thank you for attending events, thank you for bringing your clubs and units back to life to continue the work we do for Shriners Children's. Because of your support and hard work, Oasis Shriners has once again exceeded any expectations in fundraising with our final number of **\$2.322, 025**. Not only did you exceed expectation, but you also set a record making the 2022 Oasis contribution the largest single year contribution from a Shrine Temple. We should once again be in the running for the number ONE Shrine Temple for fundraising in all of Shriners International. Congratulations to you! Special thanks to Noble Martin Oehler, for your generous gift to Shriners Children's Hospital Greenville in 2022.

Thank you for such an awesome year at Oasis in 2022. We began the year with plans to carry out a full calendar of events after exiting the COVID years; and we did so! Oasis brought in 92 new nobles as well as some new affiliations and restoration of members we had lost. Our loss of membership from non-payment of dues (NPD) was cut to around 100, which was greatly improved over previous years in recent memory. The Oasis Circus was a success as well as our facility rental business, which supports the operation and budget of Oasis. As of December 1, 2022, our financial reports show we operated under budget, or on budget, in all areas. Shriners Children's fundraising went out the roof, and because of all your hard work and support of events, Oasis supported our Shriners Children's - Greenville, our closest and an important facility, in a mighty way. The Illustrious Sir's Grandson's Toy Drive was a tremendous success and was supported very well by our members across the Oasis territory, which certainly calls for a "tip of the Fez" to my grandsons, Levi and William and their parents for being the leaders in this great project. Many of our hospital patients and their siblings and families enjoyed a great Christmas because of your generosity in giving to this project. The raffle of the Scentsy Basket netted \$3,685 which directly supported the Oasis Sunshine Fund for nobles who need assistance. Lady Leigh's project, "Making Memories for Children" for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO) has been a success with an increase in the number of nobles and masons who participate in the recurring gift program as well as the number of gifts given from

our nobles, clubs, and units to support MHCO. Oasis managed to raise \$6778 to support MHCO as it celebrates 150 years 2023. Thank you to those who have set up a recurring gift, your support to MHCO will continue. It is never too late to begin the recurring gifts to MHCO. As you can see there were many successes in 2022, and all thanks to YOU, our nobles, and ladies of Oasis Shriners. Each of you has a mindset of caring, giving, supportive and genuine concern for children in need that no other Shrine Temple can match or exceed. **THANK YOU**!

2023 brings new leadership and new members of the Board of Directors as well as retiring members. Illustrious Sir Bill Harward has retired as our treasurer after 23 consecutive years of service, and he has served us all well. Illustrious Sir Bill is known throughout Shriners International for his impeccable work and integrity. Illustrious Sir Bill was awarded the highest honor a Potentate can bestow on an Oasis Noble, The Oasis Walt Disney Award. Congratulations, Illustrious Sir Bill, on your retirement and thank you for your service.

Noble Recorder John Cable decided not to seek reelection to the position of Recorder and has retired after four years of service. Thank you for your service to Oasis as Recorder. We wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Noble Jimmy Burgess, our Divan Club and Unit Director, has retired from his position after two years of service. Thank you, Noble Jimmy, for your service and countless hours spent interacting with our clubs and units to conduct our business and events in a most orderly fashion. We wish you well and much success.

On December 1, 2022, Lady Leigh and I, along with Oriental Guide Tim Farris and Lady Betty, attended the Oasis Hospitality Team Appreciation dinner in Hickory NC. Oasis truly appreciates all the hard work this group performs at our events and ceremonials. On behalf of the entire Divan, thank you for your tireless efforts. I want to congratulate you all on the wonderful year of hospitality you provided to every noble and his lady in 2022. Thank you, Noble Dennis Grigg and Lady Terri, for your leadership.

December 2 took us to the Annual Oasis Patrol Unit Covered Dish event and awards evening. Thank you, Noble Captain Scottie Cox, for your efforts in keeping this long-standing event and keeping the Oasis Patrol Unit strong.

The Annual Election of Officers was held at Oasis for the year 2023, on December 3. Congratulations to Potentate Elect Noble Doug Garland and all the elected officers for 2023. We welcome Illustrious Sir Gary Taylor back to the office of Recorder and Noble Bill DePriest to the office of Treasurer. The meeting was well attended, and much administrative business was taken care of.

Also on December 3rd, Lady Leigh and I attended the Christmas Party and Installation of Officers at the Mecklenburg Shrine Club. It was an honor and a privilege to install the officers for 2023. Thank you Noble Sam Moody for the invitation to attend the party and to install these fine nobles.

Sunday, December 4 was the Potentates Visitation parade in Gastonia NC as part of the annual Gastonia Christmas Parade. A huge thank you to the 18 clubs and units who took their time on a cold, late Sunday evening to represent Oasis. I received many compliments and comments from my hometown about the Shriners and the work we do. Your participation in the parade was a great addition to this year's event. Thank you, Noble Director Jimmy Burgess, for your coordination efforts, and thank you to every noble, club and unit who participated. Once again Oasis was wellrepresented.

On December 5, Lady Leigh, and I were off to Newland NC and Avery County Shrine Club for their Installation and Christmas event. This event was extra special as they also invited area Shrine patients and their families for a Christmas meal and an opportunity to visit with Santa. Noble Outer Guard Tom Bridges performed the installation of officers. Congratulations to the Avery County Nobles and officers with wishes for continued success in 2023.

December 7, we were off to Catawba County Shrine Club to visit the club and the Gator Patrol members for their installation service and dinner. Illustrious Sir Kenny Jarrett performed the installation of officers. The evening was very wellattended by the membership, and I even managed to pick up a membership to the club. Thank you Catawba and Gator Patrol members for a great evening.

On December 9, we visited the town of Stanly NC where the Gaston County Shrine Club and the Stanly Masonic Lodge was hosting a Toy Drive to support the MHCO and the Greenville Hospital. This was a two-day event, and toys were collected for both organizations. Thank you, Noble Dennis Stines, the Nobles of Gaston County Shrine Club, and the Stanly Masonic Lodge for your continued support of our charities.

Saturday, December 10 was a big day. Eighteen nobles and ladies traveled to Greenville SC to deliver all the toys collected throughout the year to the hospital. The Oasis Hospital trailer was packed full of toys. The hospital staff greeted us as we arrived, and we began to unload and stock



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.

First, I want to let all of you know just what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your Recorder for the past four years. I have worked each day to make Oasis one of the best-run Shrine Centers in all of the now 200 centers. I cannot put into words what it has meant to get to know and work closely with all of you. Believe me when I say, I couldn't have done it without each of you. I am so very thankful that Oasis has such a great man like III. Sir Gary Taylor to take on the role of Recorder for a second time. He is



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the right man for the job at the right time. III. Sir, you have my full support.

I do want to take some time, this being my last article as Recorder, to think back on all the persons who have assisted me and Lady Carol in my Shrine journey thus far. I want to thank each of the Potentates that I served directly under--for your friendship, leadership, and professionalism. Lady Carol and I were able to have great conversations with one of the most influential men that helped me along the way in my leadership roles before he was called home. Illustrious Sir Sticky, we miss you, we love you and we know that you will always be a part of what we do.

I am so very thankful to Illustrious Sir Todd Ham for appointing me along with Nobles Donnie Wrenn and French Harvey as Oasis members of the Shrine Bowl Board of Directors and to Ill. Sirs Johnny King and Mike Neaves for their reappointments.

It seems like just yesterday that back in June of 2008, under the Oasis leadership of Illustrious Sir John Elder and Lady Jean, I entered the Shrine. I received a great big welcome from Noble Tim Farris, who set me up to really enjoy the fun of being initiated that hot day in

On the Cover

Cover design credit goes to Noble Chris Hall with our thanks for a brilliant presentation.

Note: Photos in this issue by Genesis Photography, Nobles Les Dix and C. Lee Abernethy. To download or purchase actual printed photos from Oasis events, go to Shrinephotos.com. Just look for the shopping cart icon.

Reminder

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

January and February issues are running late due to Club and Unit Appreciation and Potentate installation. Asheboro, since I was in law enforcement just like he was. Believe me since that first day, I have had a ball and met some of the best people in world.

By the time this article goes to print, most of you will have learned that I have been selected by Illustrious Sir Doug Garland to serve as 2nd Ceremonial Master in 2023 which will lead me to the role of Potentate of Oasis in 2029. It was a great honor to be sworn in on Saturday evening January 7. Lady Carol and I are looking forward to this journey and hope that all of you will be there with us each step of the way.

I always close by remembering to thank GOD for all His glory. Enjoy your family, stay safe, and be thankful every day for what you have and where you are. I hope to see you at Oasis or at an Oasis function soon. But this time it's in a different position.

YITF,

John G. Cable



Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels, Potentate

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2022 DIVAN

Chief Rabban - Doug Garland Assistant Rabban - Shea Fadel High Priest and Prophet - Chris Hall Oriental Guide - Tim Farris Treasurer - Bill Harward (PP-1998) Recorder - John Cable 1st Ceremonial Master - Donnie Wrenn 2nd Ceremonial Master - Scottie Cox Director - Jimmy Burgess Marshal - Jimmy Owen Captain of the Guard - Jack Wallace Outer Guard - Tom Bridges John Stanley (PP-1997) - Chaplain

EDITOR

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	Schedule	14th-15th	Grandfather Mountain - 1-day Ceremony - Linville, NC		
	Schedule	22nd-30th	Potentate Trip - Alaska		
S	UBJECT TO CHANGE				
		AUGUST			
		4th-6th	80's Flashback - 1-day		
JANUARY			Ceremony - Franklin, NC		
28th	Club and Unit Officer Orientation -	11th	Shrine 100 Race -		
	Oasis Shrine Center		Gastonia Speedway		
	-	16th	Divan Meeting		
FEBRUAR		25th-27th	Summer Ceremonial -		
2nd	East-West Shrine Game - Las Vegas		Asheboro, NC		
16th	Divan Meeting (1st Qtr 'Stated')				
18th	20th Annual Hot Rod Car Expo -		SEPTEMBER		
	Greensboro Coliseum	22nd	Divan Meeting		
18th	Potentate Ball - Greensboro SC	21st-24th	SASA - Myrtle Beach, SC		
MARCH		OCTOBER			
16th	Divan Meeting	20th	Divan Meeting (4th Qtr 'Stated') -		
24th-26th	Spring SASA - Raleigh, NC		Oasis Shrine Center		
		13th-14th	150th Masonic Homecoming -		
APRIL			Oxford NC		
20th	Divan meeting (2nd Qtr 'Stated')	20th-21st	Oasis Shrine Circus -		
28th-29th	Oasis Friends and Family Event -		Cabarrus Arena		
	Great Wolf Lodge				
		NOVEMBER			
MAY		10th-11th	Oasis Military Veterans Event		
5th-6th	Paper Crusade		and Black Tie Ceremony -		
18th	Divan Meeting		Oasis Shrine Center		
28th	Charlotte 600 NASCAR Race -	16th	Divan Meeting		
	Charlotte, NC				
			DECEMBER		
JUNE		2nd	Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting		
2nd-4th	Spring Ceremonial -		& 2024 Officer's Elections -		
	Relax in Mayberry, Mt. Airy NC		Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm		
16th	Divan Meeting - Red Fez SC	9th	Cat Sqaure C - 1-day Ceremony		
17th	Family Fun Day / 1-day Ceremonial		Cat Square		
	Red Fez Shrine Club, Lake Wylie SC	14th	Divan Meeting		
JULY		JANUARY	2024		
2nd-6th	Imperial Session - Charlotte, NC	5th	Club & Units Appreciation Night -		
2nd or 3rd	Independence at Oasis Dinner -		Oasis Shrine Center		

Grand Master Dinner - Oasis SC

Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated')

13th

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Installation 2024 Potentate -

Oasis Shrine Center

6th

the "Toy Room" at the hospital with all the toys you so generously provided. Paul Finelli, Director of Hospital Donor Relations, commented on the generosity of Oasis and the fact that we had surpassed their expectations with the number of toys delivered. Oasis was also recognized as going beyond any other temple, club, or unit with our donations of toys and the tremendous amount of financial support from Oasis Shriners and our 50 counties in our NC district. Oasis can be very proud of what you have done to support the great care and services this important facility provides.

Also, on December 10, I had to privilege of installing the officers of the Statesville Shrine Club for 2023. It has always been a pleasure to perform this duty for the nobles of this club. Thank you for your hospitality, great meal, and enjoyable evening. Congratulations to the officers of 2023.

On Monday, December 12 Lady Leigh and I were in Hendersonville NC for the monthly meeting and installation of officers for the Hendersonville Shrine Club. This has always been a special treat for me to install their officers over the past few years. Congratulations to the officers and thank you for your fine hospitality. You folks are first class!

On December 17, we visited the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas in Spartanburg SC. This provided a time to interact with my counter-part Potentates of the Carolinas, and while there, I presented Oasis Honorary Memberships to Illustrious Sir Cleve Woolard of Sudan Shriners, New Bern NC and Illustrious Sir David Oates of Amran Shriners. Raleigh NC. Congratulations to our newest honorary members.

And on December 19, we visited the Past Captains' Club in Mooresville NC for their annual Christmas party and meeting with our ladies. Great fellowship and hospitality. Thank you Noble Peter Schuetz for your leadership and continuing to serve this club as the President for the past four years.

It is my hope that you all had a great Christmas season celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and that you had time to reflect on your accomplishments and be thankful for all we have and enioy. Lady Leigh and I would just simply like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone for the wonderful year of 2022 and for all the support of Oasis Shriners, and most importantly, your support of our hospital charity. Keep up the great work, keep your faith in what we do so we may continue to be the greatest Shrine temple of all!

Finally, nobles and ladies, live in peace and may the God of love and peace, delight with and bless you all!

A night made for presentations and awards

First Place Club and Unit honors

First Place Club Hospital Giving: Robbinsville Shrine Club - \$535,634.

First Place Unit Hospital Giving: Keystone Kops - \$520,244.

First Place Club Plaque Sales: Avery County Shrine Club - \$11,325.

First Place Unit Plaque Sales: Mountain Buggies - \$800.

First Place Club Paper Crusade: Western NC Shrine Club - \$20,000.

First Place Unit Paper Crusade: Mountain Buggies - \$2,384.

Don McAllister Award for Membership: Stephen Trites

Recognition of Desert Dust First Place Winner Shriners International Dromedary Award Lady Edie Wilson – Desert Dust Editor. Third Time winner!

Potentate's Special Awards

3 Oasis Life Membership Awards Noble Michael Fesperman – Lake Norman Shrine Club Past President (x2)

Noble Sam Moody – Mecklenburg Shrine Club President (10 years) and Oasis Hospital Traveling Trailer and Display

Noble Dave Linn – Smokey Mountain Shrine Club/ Former Greenville Hospital patient (80's Flashback events and the activity that is creating in the western part of our district)

2 Walt Disney awards
 Gaston County Shrine Club – 50 Years of successful Shrine 100 Races and over
 2.5 Million dollars to SHC

Oasis Clown Unit – Your long term existence as a unit and your continuous support of Oasis Circus events.



Upcoming Events

February 17th - 18th, 2023 20th Anniversary Shriners Drag Racing & Hot Rod Expo SEE PAGE 12

February 18th, 2023 Potentate Ball SEE PAGE 11

March 25th, 2023 The 20th Annual Outdoorsman's Bonanza SEE PAGE 17

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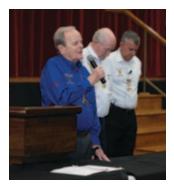
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(L) Shriners Children's Board President Imp. Sir Jerry Gantt P.I.P.



Illustrious Sir Bill Harward has retired as our treasurer after 23 consecutive years of service



Paul Finelli, Director of Hospital Donor Relations with H. Mike Cook, Greenville Hospital board of directors

























Our thanks to the Metrolina Shrine Club cook team for a great meal and excellent service.



Million dollar gift puts Oasis over the top!



Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and Paul Finelli

Mr. Martin Oehler, a longtime OASIS Shriner has made a transformational gift to the hospital. He is making the gift in honor and memory of his late wife, Cris. He also wanted the Oasis Keystone Kops and the Robbinsville Shrine Club to be part of his generous investment in our mission and children.

Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and Paul Finelli, Director of Hospital Donor Relations, performed two ceremonial check presentations with Martin. One was to the Robbinsville Shrine Club for \$500,000 and the second to the Keystone Kops for \$500,000. The Club and Parade Unit will receive credit for Martin's generous gift, as will the Oasis Temple.



First place unit in giving goes to the Oasis Keystone Kops



First place club in giving goes to Robbinsville Shrine Club

The celebration continues

Friendships, fur coats, flowers, and all kinds of dancing



Levi expresses his thanks



III. Grandsons receive an award



Noble Les Dix presents a family portrait



"She'd rather have roses than a plaque."

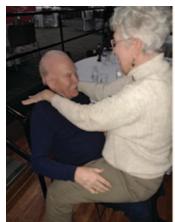




Handshakes and hugs



Lady Linda is the high bidder!



Noble Marty gets his own dance from Edie







Changing of the guard



Metrolina Shrine Club officers installed by PP Bill Harward



Cabarrus Shrine Club officers installed by then 2nd Ceremonial Master Scottie Cox



Dune Cats officers installed by then 1st Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn



White Plains Shrine Club 2023 Officers installed by then 1st Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn



High Point Shrine Club officers installed by then Chief Rabban Doug Garland

Wagoneers installed by then Oriental Guide Tim Farris



Left: Feddie Dellinger (outgoing Captain) presented a plaque by Bill Whiteside (incoming Captain) on behalf of the Wagoneers for serving as Captain of the Oasis Wagoneers for five consecutive years.



Ashe Shrine Club 2023 Officers Installed by PP Mike Neaves



Robbinsville Shrine Club officers installed by PP W. David Sumpter III



Land of Sky the officers installed by Assistant Rabban Chris Hall



The club's Shriner of the year is Noble Paul Gentrey



Drum & Bugle Officers installed by PP Tommy Helms



Pisgah Shrine Club officers installed by then High Priest and Prophet Chris Hall



Oasis Gator Patrol, Catawba County Shrine Club officers installed by PP Kenny Jarrett



Change!

Life is full of change. Everything about us changes. Change is inevitable. We know that changes occur simply by looking in the mirror. We do not look the same as we did two years ago!

John Stanley, Chaplain

Change is a part of life, and change seems to be happening more rapidly now than at any other time in history. (You may remember when you got

your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, all for free? And, you didn't pay for air?)

We're experiencing change in our government, change in our economy, change in our health care, change in our technology. (It's now possible to take a picture of a check with your cell phone and then send that picture to the bank to make a deposit! Wow!) Everything else is changing: our churches, our schools, our government--the world around us is changing.

Most importantly, our relationships grow and change. One of the keys to healthy relationships is our ability to grow. Our relationships can grow and be more enjoyable rather than becoming stagnant. We learn to change to build healthy personal relationships, and solid marriages. And if we

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This truth of changing for the good is also evident in our spiritual growth, our spiritual relationships. Our willingness to let God work, to grow, to change determines what kind of life we will experience, and what kind of impact we will make in the lives of our friends and families for the Lord. We have been given life, and life to the fullest, but we must let God work. We must to be willing to change frequently to experience God's abundant life.

In this 'changing' New Year, may we experience the love and fellowship of our brothers in a new way. Blessings.

John Stanley, is Chaplain of Oasis, and Chaplain of South Atlantic Shriners. He served as Imperial Chaplain when Imperial Sir Al Madsen was Imperial Potentate. John can be reached at: jhstanley1965@gmail.com.

OASIS POTENTATES BALL Black Tie Formal Featuring Kaleb "A GREAT NIGHT TO REMEMBER"



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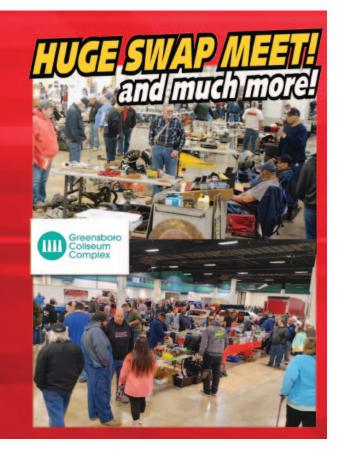
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EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY : 5:30pm - 9:30pm (Open To The Public) SATURDAY : 9:00am - 5:00pm (Open To The Public) FRIDAY EVENT SET-UP (PARTICIPANTS ONLY) 9am - 12 noon (Commercial Vendors & Swap Meet Wall Space) 12pm - 3pm (Swap Meet Floor Space) 2:30pm - 4:00pm (Show Cars & Car For Sale)





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The Illustrious grandson and his team bring on the toys

Santa's Workshop is an annual happening at Shriners Children's Greenville. Throughout the month of December we extend to our Shriners Kids and their families, the joy and blessings of the Christmas season. It has become just another opportunity for us to touch the lives of the children that have entrusted their physical care to our team of clinicians and staff. During the month of December over 2500 children visited the Workshop, and each of them was able to select toys that have been donated to the hospital by gracious groups – such as Oasis Shriners.

As November begins, excitement builds at the hospital and with our longtime patients for Santa's Workshop. What colors will be used? What will the theme be? What toys are popular this season that our patients will want and have on their wish lists?

As you can see, it is quite beautiful and we are fortunate to be able to bring Santa's Workshop to our patients in partnership with our great donors.



Levi and his team of elves delivered a mountain of toys to Greenville on December 10. Thanks to all those who helped make this a successful project.

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.)

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A byline in The Desert Dust

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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

The beat on the street

Some catching up, a new captain, and yes, it's still a Family Thing Submitted by Ned Yates

Hello and Happy 2023 to you and your family from all of us in the Drum & Bugle Corps Family. We hope that your Christmastime was wonderful, and your New Year is off to a great start. For those that attended the annual Club and Unit Appreciation Night, all we can say is WOW and Congratulations! That's a spectacular way to end a great year. Getting to see what all our different Clubs and Units doing what they can all year long and then seeing the total amount raised is always encouraging. Witnessing a memorial donation that pushes the total amount donated to new heights is motivational.

Since our last visit, your Drum & Bugle Corps Family has held its annual Christmas dinner, and we have installed our officers for the years 2023 and 2024. The dinner was held this year at the Mecklenburg Shrine Club. Earlier in the day, the ladies made sure that the tables and fireplace were decorated for the festivities. The decorations around the fireplace provided a perfect holiday background for photos. The meal prepared by the Mecklenburg staff was terrific as were the desserts prepared by our Ladies. We were excited to have a large gathering of members, honorary members and guests. Following the dinner, the installation of officers was held.

Outgoing Captain Joey Ham started the ceremony by thanking everyone and sharing some remarks about the past two years. With his family joining him at the front, he received his Past Captain Fez. The ceremony was turned over to Past Potentate Tommy Helms, also a Past Captain of the Corps who represented Oasis Temple, and Installed the incoming captain and officers. Those Nobles installed were Captain Ryan Eaton; 1st Lt. Cody Williams; 2nd Lt. Casey Ham; Treasurer Hood Dulin, PC; Secretary Ned Yates.

Our new Captain is Bugler Ryan Eaton. We believe Ryan to be the 27th Captain of the Corps which has been a part of Oasis for approximately 80 years. The phrase "it's a family thing" has long been associated with the Drum & Bulge Corps. Also, you often see "Corps Family" typed in our articles. That feeling of being a part of the family was quite evident as Ryan shared a thank you or two and shared some thoughts after being installed as Captain.

We send our best wishes for success to our newest Potentate, Illustrious Sir Doug Garland. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for all of us this year. Opportunities to help the children and the hospitals win, because.... "When the Hospitals Win, We All Win!"

News from the Patrol

What a great time we had at Club and Unit Appreciation night. The Patrol was well represented and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship. I was beyond proud when the contributions to Shriners Children's by The Patrol was shown! A lot of hard work went into The Patrol giving \$10,190 in 2022! Thank you to everyone who played a part in that total!!!

The 2023 Oasis Divan Installation was also a huge success. The Patrol continued our long-standing service to Oasis Shriners by flawlessly performing our duties at Installation, which included presenting the Colors and escorting the Divan to the stage. This year we also had the distinct honor and privilege to escort Past Potentate and Past Captain Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels from the stage and sit him with The Patrol to enjoy the rest of the evening. I would like to thank the Patrolmen who attended and assisted in presenting the Colors, escorting the Divan and providing an escort for IS Tim Daniels.

I look forward to another successful year for Oasis Shriners and The Oasis Patrol. IS Doug Garland has scheduled two regular Ceremonials and five 1-day Ceremonies for the year. We will soon start preparing for the first Ceremonial to be held in Mt. Airy, NC. But before that, the officers are planning The Patrol Ladies Night for February 25, and Past Captains' Night will be held on March 10. More information on these two events will be forthcoming.

I want to take a moment to thank Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels for the outstanding service and leadership he has given to Oasis Shriners and The Oasis Patrol. 2022 was a very successful year, due in part to his leadership and the Oasis Team working together for our common cause, The Children!

YITF,

Scottie Cox, Oasis Patrol Captain





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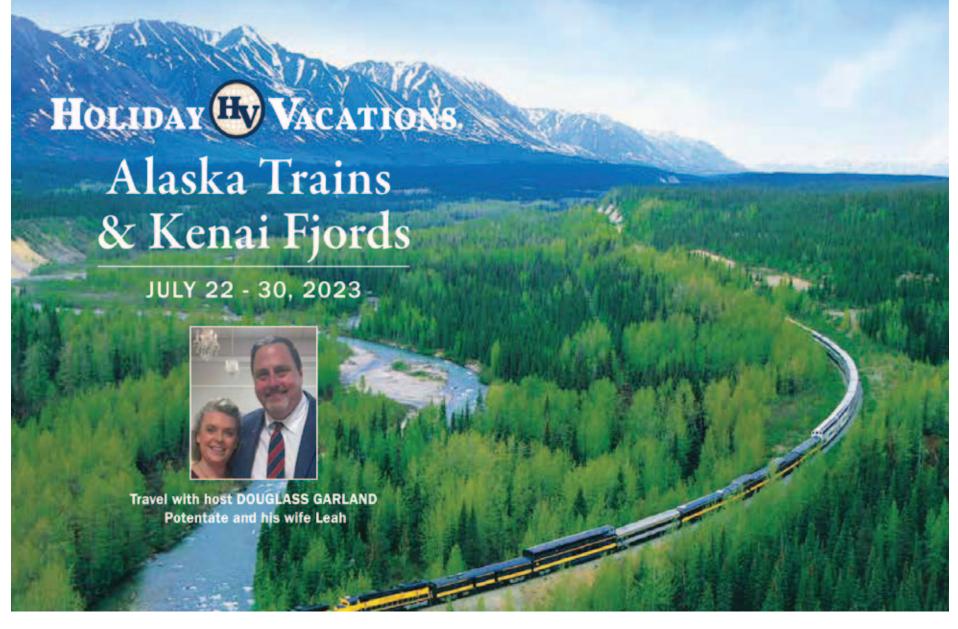
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Union County Shrine Club came together, purchased materials and installed a needed wheelchair ramp for our Brother. Noble Ben Mathis.

Oasis Pickers - 2022 review

The Oasis Pickers started organizing in April with their first public appearance at the 38th Masonic District's Meet-n-Greet/JAM and the members, friends and family haven't slowed down since! As of January, 2023, there are now 22 full members with six nobles who have opted to follow us as special guests. We have members who play guitars, banjos, mandolins and bass (would love to add a lot more + a fiddle or two). We also have members who are in charge of transportation and our stage/parade trailer, as well as sound equipment and other support roles. We have family members who have played with us and most unit members are also club members throughout Oasis!

We laid down a good bit of ground work in starting the unit. For 2023, we are looking forward to EXPANDING the unit! Already on the calendar are plans to pick at the Earl Scruggs Center in Shelby, work the 38th Masonic District's Meet-n-Greet/JAM, and pick at several different club events from Hendersonville to Greensboro with stops at the Red Fez and the Thermal Belt. Hopefully, The Imperial, SASA and the NCMCH will also see us pickin' along the way in 2023! We would love to have at least three to five members from each club in the Oasis territory so that even more events can be covered at the same time!

And did I mention the current Guitar Drawing that were selling tickets for now? YES...YOU could be the proud owner of a "We the People" Guitar that is signed by TED NUGENT! All of the proceeds from this drawing will go to Shriners Children. There's also plans to start giving away some refurbished instruments to kids who would like to learn to pick! I'm telling you, THIS is an exciting time to be a member of the Oasis Pickers!



Go Theo Go!

When Theo was a baby, her parents, Ellie and Lucien, noticed that she often leaned to her right

side, and dragged her left leg a little when she crawled. By the time she was 14 months old, she had a noticeable limp when walking, but, despite regular checkups with her pediatrician, Ellie and Lucien were reassured that there was no cause for concern. When Theo's daycare provider also voiced concerns about



her gait, Ellie and Lucien decided to get a second opinion. They brought her to <u>Shriners Children's</u> <u>New England</u>.

Orthopedic specialist <u>Adam Iwanski, PA-C</u>, identified an issue within minutes of his examination of Theo. The X-rays showed exactly what Adam had suspected, a clear dislocation of Theo's left hip. Known as <u>developmental hip dysplasia (DDH</u>). Adam immediately consulted with pediatric orthopedic surgeon Rubini Pathy, M.D., and introduced her to Theo's parents. "It was difficult to understand how this was missed before. We were so overwhelmed, but I will never forget the kindness, patience and reassurance that was shown to us that day. I knew we brought Theo to the best place to help her."

One week later, Dr. Pathy performed <u>surgery</u> to shorten Theo's thighbone to properly fit the bone into the socket.

Almost a year to the day of Theo's hip dysplasia diagnosis, she and her family finally had a sense of relief. She only needs to wear her brace at night, giving her the added freedom to run, play and move as she pleases. Although there is still a chance of needing additional surgeries in the future as she grows, Theo remains on the go and continues to show the strength of her spirit – all thanks to Shriners Children's.

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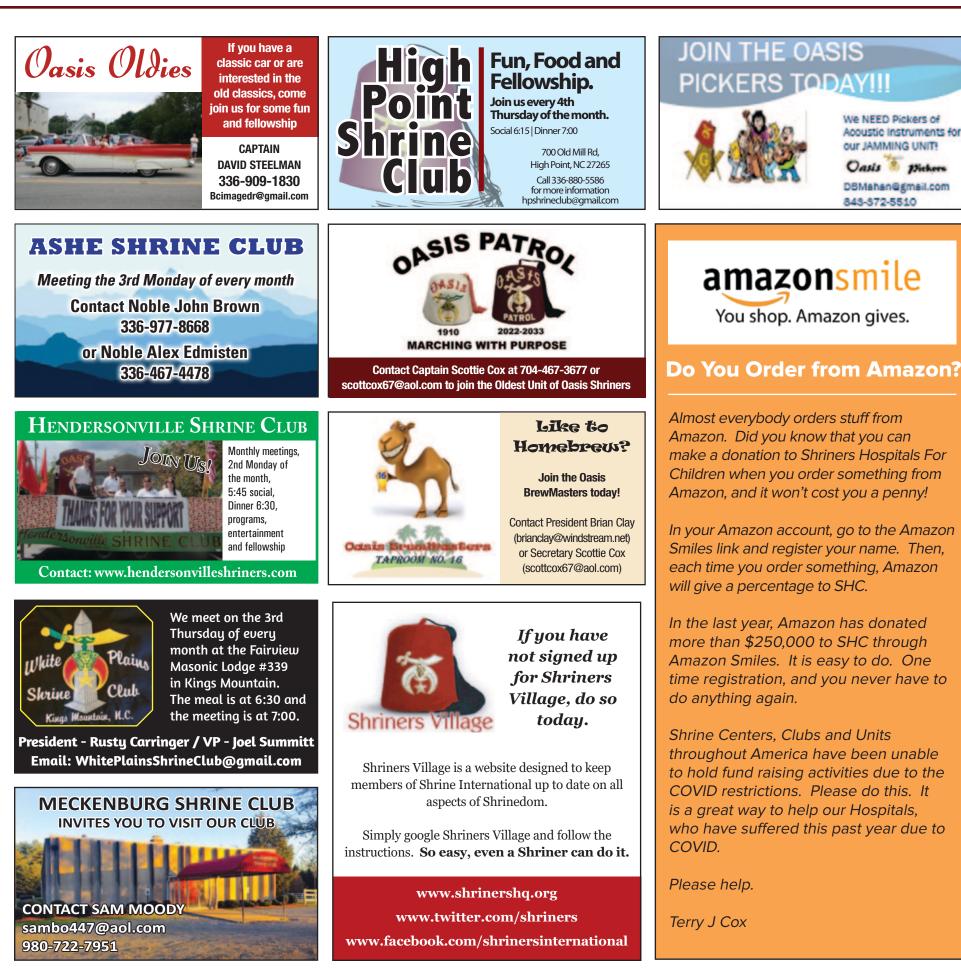
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