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Your Potentate

June 2023 has been an amazing month. We started the month in Mt. Airy, NC aka, Mayberry. Oasis Shriners and their ladies were welcomed by the local community and local

that this group of nobles will be willing to give back to Oasis in a similar way. Thank you for your service to Oasis.

The members of the Provost Guard, Directors Staff and Ritualistic Cast performed exceptionally at this ceremony. This may have been the best ceremony that I have witnessed. These Nobles are true professionals and are second to none. Thank you to our venders, Shriners and Shrine Clubs who participated in the Shrine Mart. I was so proud to be your Potentate during this ceremony. Everyone worked together to make this event a memorable one. Welcome to our new nobles and ladies! We are so happy to have you and your family join our Oasis family. Lady Leah was very appreciative of the ladies who joined her for brunch on Saturday morning. The event was well attended, and everyone had a great time.

We celebrated our new Shriners by having a wonderful parade in downtown Mt. Airy. Noble Jimmy Owen, Noble Clay McLean, and Noble Rick Garver, along with several Divan members, worked together to ensure the parade stepped off and everyone was ready to roll. Thank you to the Oasis units participated in this parade. The parade was perfect! Thank you to the Kazim Hillbilly's from Virginia who traveled to Mt Airy to parade with us. We were honored to parade with you, and we appreciate your participation.

The day concluded with a Fez presentation. The nobles and their ladies and families were introduced to Oasis. The lady later placed the fez on the head of the new noble and the noble presented the lady with a rose. Later that evening we went to the amphitheater to enjoy the Extraordinaries Band. We later headed to the hotel and met in the hospitality room for fellowship. Thank you to Noble Dennis, Lady Terri, and the entire Hospitality Team for your hard work this weekend. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this event a success. Teamwork always makes the dream work! Lady Leah and I are so very grateful to everyone who had a part in this ceremony. We could not have enjoyed the tremendous success without your love and support. This ceremony was very special, and we ended the weekend with a Sunday morning service led by Illustrious Sir John Stanley. Thank you, Mayberry, for the love we felt while we visited. I will never forget the great times we shared.

We are preparing for the Red Fez Family Fun Day. This event continues to grow each year. Membership is my primary focus for Oasis in 2023. Our membership cannot grow without ceremonies. I have requested the Ritualistic Cast, Provost Guard,

and the Red Fez Shrine Club's help with a Ceremony on Lake Wylie. This is an exciting event as I am not aware of any ceremony happening on a pontoon boat. It is my goal that we have several Master Masons decide to join Oasis on Lake Wylie. I know this inaugural ceremony on the lake will be fun and memorable. Thank you to everyone who is helping make this a successful event.

Happy Birthday America! On July 4, 2023, our great nation will turn 247 years old. Thank you to the many veterans who sacrificed or gave their lives so that Oasis Shriners and ladies can enjoy freedom. This year, Shriners from around the world will be in Charlotte for our Imperial Session from July 2-6. This is a very special time for Shriners as we come together to elect a new Imperial Potentate and Imperial Divan. If you are interested in attending, please make plans to join us. This is only the second time the Imperial Session has been held in Charlotte. All events are open to any nobles who have a current dues card. This is our opportunity to learn more about our beloved fraternity and our Shriners Children's network. Please make plans to join your Oasis Divan in Charlotte for the Imperial Session. Oasis will present a check to the Imperial Potentate for 2022 on Tuesday, July 4. I would love for Oasis to be well-represented with many Oasis Fezzes at this event. You are also invited as Oasis hosts our Grand Master dinner on Monday, July 3, at Oasis Shrine Center. This will be a ticketed event. The Lincoln County Shrine Club has agreed to cook prime rib with sides. The cost is \$75 per person to attend. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or calling Oasis Shrine Center.

Summer is here and we have lots to offer! We are Oasis Shriners! Let's show up and show out at our Shrine events and especially the 2023 Imperial Session. I look forward to an exciting Imperial Session in Charlotte. I also look forward to seeing each of you at our future events! Have a fun and safe July 4th holiday.

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland and Lady Leah



Shriners. We began our weekend at the Surry County Shrine Club. President Keith Osborne and members of this club provided a wonderful meal and great fellowship. On Friday, several Shriners met at the Pilot Knob Park for a round of golf. I am not a golfer, but I am told the course was beautiful and everyone who played had a great time. The hospitality team did a great job welcoming our Shrine families. Noble Jeff "Frog" Puckett and his lady, along with the nobles and ladies of the Surry Mini Truckers, welcomed everyone to a relaxing evening at the family farm. The weather was great, and everyone seemed to enjoy the fresh barbecue and homemade desserts made by the ladies. Noble Tyler Easter surprised this Potentate by presenting two corn hole boards especially made for the Spring Ceremony. The boards were painted with the Shriners Children's colors and listed the name of the Potentate, date, and ceremony. The boards were beautiful, and we decided to have a silent auction to offset costs for the event.

Lady Leah and I had a wedding anniversary coming on the following Monday. She placed the bid at \$300, and no one placed a higher bid. I was unaware of who was bidding and was very surprised that my Lady chose to surprise me with the boards. Thank you, Lady Leah, and Noble Tyler! I am very proud of these boards. The band, Silk Groove, did a great job entertaining everyone.

Oasis welcomed 43 new nobles, their ladies, and families on Saturday morning. Illustrious Sir William "Bill" Harward, was presented with the Emeritus Treasurer award and designation. (See photo at right.) He was also named the Class Honoree at this Spring Ceremony. Illustrious Sir Bill is a Past Potentate and spent 10 years in the moving line to become the Potentate of Oasis in 1998. He later served as the Treasurer of Oasis for 24 years. He has served over thirty years as a volunteer leader for Oasis Shriners. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Bill, for serving and being an influential leader of Oasis Shriners for many years. I have learned from you and there is no one more worthy than you to be the example to this class of nobles in how to be an Oasis Shriner. It is my hope



Your Recorder

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and friends of the Shrine.

My items this month will pertain to the upcoming Imperial Session to be held in Charlotte, NC, July 2-July 6. The following items will be voted upon at the session:

- For the “roll call,” the presiding officer can call for a physical roll call, or an electronic roll call.
- For smaller temples (*less than 300 members*)-the number of allowed representatives would increase from one (1) to two (2)
- In the event of a national emergency in the non-host country, representatives would be allowed to attend via video-conference.
- Shriners International per capital tax (*dues that are fraternally collected as part of our annual dues*) would increase from \$30/year to \$60/year. There will be a great deal of discussion on this one, I predict!!!!
- Masonic Lodge Status—a Shrine temple could accept a petition from a Mason (*currently one must be a Master Mason*) for the petition to be accepted.

• A petition may apply to any temple within the United States provided he is a United States citizen. This would dissolve all jurisdictional boundaries, and frankly, has almost no chance of passage (*only my opinion*).

• Temples whose buildings qualify for either state or federal historical status, could incorporate as a 501(c)(3) entity to preserve the building.

• Shriners International would annually be allowed to furnish Shrine Associations with the names, addresses, and email of Nobles within the jurisdiction of that Association’s temples. (*This has been brought forward in the past and rejected. This time may be different, who knows?*)

• Several items involving temple jurisdictions, change of temple address, etc. (*this is the boring part of the session.* ☺)

• Request to form a new temple from the state of Santa Catarina in the country of Brazil.

• Request to form a new temple from Lubnan Shriners, U.D., in the Republic of Lebanon.

Wow, wasn’t that exciting!!!! O.K., that’s probably enough for this edge-of-your-seat learning session. Wow, the time does fly. As I mentioned last month, the 2023 Oasis Shrine Circus telemarketing is in full swing, and I would encourage everyone to contribute to the Moms & Pops Program which should be out, according to our Circus Chairman Jack (the circus man) Wallace in early July. Join Jack and me by contributing at the Ringmaster level this year!

Well, I’ve rambled long enough. Things are going well here at Oasis, and we would love to have you stop by and visit *your* temple. Take care until next month, and remember, the work you do for our fraternity and philanthropy is sincerely **appreciated** and **essential** to our hospital children.

Gary Taylor



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On the Cover

Sherrie Vandergriff is seen here at the Friday-night picnic at Frog’s Farm. Sherrie provides administrative support at Oasis Headquarters, and as Ill. Sir Doug Garland puts it, “she works part-time yet she can still accomplish the work of 10 people!” We salute you, Sherrie, for all you do...and for your ever-present smile.

Reminder

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



Upcoming Events

2nd Sunday of each month
Mecklenburg SC Cruise-In
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August 4 - 5th, 2023
80's Flashback Weekend
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August 19th, 2023
High Point Shrine Club Benefit
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August 13 & 14th, 2023
NFL Alumni Queen City Golf Classic
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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

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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

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JULY

- 2nd-6th** Imperial Session - Charlotte, NC
2nd Independence at Oasis Dinner -
 Grand Master Dinner - Oasis SC
13th Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated')
15th 1-day Ceremony in Marion
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
16th Divan Meeting

DECEMBER

- 2nd** Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting
 & 2024 Officer's Elections -
 Oasis Shrine Center at 3pm
9th Cat Square 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

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 Ken Jarrett. IS Kenneth Dewayne Jarrett currently lives in Newton, NC and is Mr. Mac Tools in western North Carolina. His lineage begins just like IS Bill Carter's line with IS Arthur J. Crampton, IS Dr. Richard Jordan Noble, IS Louis Duncanson Sutherland and IS Lee Alphonso Folger. IS Folger made two appointments to the moving line in 1929 due to Noble Thomas J. Harkins leaving the line. The following table lists the IS Ken Jarrett line in its entirety.

IS Claude Allen Cochran was born in Star, NC on January 27, 1884. He attended the UNC School of Law from 1902-1904. He practiced law in Charlotte and became a City Attorney there. He entered the Army in 1917 and obtained the rank of Captain in 1919 while with the 321st Regiment at Camp Jackson. Novice Claude A. Cochran elected to membership in 1917 and was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine for Oasis by Omar Temple, while he was stationed at Camp Jackson. He is listed as a veteran Patrolman. IS Cochran was Potentate when the first issue of the Desert Dust was published, June 1935.

IS Harold Finley Coffey was born March 6, 1898 in Junction City, Kansas. He was a student at Davidson University from 1916-1917. In 1917 he joined the Kent-Coffey Manufacturing Company in Lenoir, NC, which was started by his father Finley H. Coffey and Dr. A.A. Kent in 1907 and began his storied career as an American furniture manufacturing company executive. He was a recipient of the Outstanding Service Award, Free Enterprise Awards Association, 1962, a Meritorious Achievement Award from the National Conference Christians and Jews in 1964 and named Man of the Year American Furniture Mart in 1964. He served on the Board of Governors American Furniture Mart, Chicago, chairman, 1942-1943. He also served on the Board of Governors Dallas Trade Mart and the Advisory Board New York Furniture Exchange. Harold F. Coffey has been listed as a noteworthy furniture manufacturing company executive by Marquis Who's Who. Novice Coffey was created a Noble on December 3, 1919. He was appointed to the Divan in 1935 and was Potentate in 1942.



IS Frank Odell Sherrill was born in Madison, NC in 1894. Novice Frank Odell Sherrill was created a Noble on May 20, 1921 in Asheville, NC. IS Sherrill is known for S & W Cafeteria, which was organized in 1920 by himself and Fred Weber, who had served as mess sergeants together in World War 1. The operation originated at Ivey's Department store which was in Charlotte. The initial restaurant was located at 100 W. Trade Street in downtown Charlotte, as shown in this photograph.

IS Clarence Earl Beeson was a native of Winston-Salem, NC. At the age of 7 his family moved to North Wilkesboro where he remained until moving to Charlotte. Upon high school graduation, IS Beeson started his own re-capping company and operated it successfully for some time. Realizing that college training would be a great advantage to him in his business career, he sold his re-capping business and took an intensive business course at Evans Business College and joined Southern Bearings & Parts Company soon after graduation. In March 1927, IS Beeson purchased an interest in the company, and in November of 1947 was elected President and General Manager. Captain Beeson was Captain of the Oasis Patrol

from 1944 thru 1946. He was active in the Shrine Bowl game from its inception in 1937. He served as General Chairman of the game in 1944-45 and was instrumental in organizing the Board of Governors of the Shrine Bowl Game of the Carolinas, Inc., and was the first Chairman of the Board. It was his idea that the Shrine Bowl Game sell Patron tickets. Novice Beeson was created a Noble on September 20, 1929.

IS Ralph Odell Hood was born in Charlotte, NC on April 27, 1905. He attended local schools and signed up for the Navy at the age of 17. He became involved in the Navy athletic program and became quite proficient in boxing. As a pro he boxed on the Atlantic Seaboard from Maryland to Florida and was very successful. In 1926 he took a job as a fireman on the steam locomotive Seaboard, which was backbreaking work but kept him in shape for boxing. In 1930 he opened a filling station, and at the time of his appointment to the moving line in 1956, was Texaco's oldest distributor in points of service, handling the same product. Novice Hood was created a Noble in January 1941. He immediately joined the Drum & Bugle Corps and served there until he was appointed to the Director's Staff. He was appointed Director in 1953 by IS Claude Babington Squires and served in that capacity until his appointment to the moving line by IS Clarence Earl Beeson.

IS William Edward Burrier was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 12, 1905. He was educated in the Baltimore City Schools and Baltimore City College and later attended Johns Hopkins University. He started his first and only job on a part-time basis with the New Amsterdam-United States Casualty Insurance Company, which developed into a full-time position. In 1938, he moved to Charlotte as the Assistant to the Southern Manager specializing in Surety Bonds. His knowledge and experience in this specialized field of insurance led him to share his knowledge by teaching for 10 summers in the extension division of the University of North Carolina and in Charlotte. In 1937, he was created a Noble in Almas Shrine Temple in

Washington DC. The 1960's were quite busy masonically for IS Burrier. In May 1961, he resigned his position as an executive of the Southern Division of the United States Casualty Company to assume the position of Secretary of the Carolina Consistory, for the Charlotte Scottish Rite Bodies. He was then elected to the office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina in 1963, having been appointed as Grand Steward by then GM James Guy Johnston in 1958. Also in 1963, he was appointed Outer Guard of Oasis by IS Ralph Odell Hood, serving as Potentate in 1970.

IS Karl Caldwell "Bill" Miller was born in Huntersville, NC on January 23, 1909. IS Miller was Secretary and Treasurer of Miller & Kerns Funeral Directors. He served as President of the North Carolina State Funeral Directors Association in 1958. He was also a member of the Board of North Carolina State Embalmers and Funeral Directors Examining Board. Novice Miller was created a Noble of Oasis Shriners on October 31, 1953. He served as Vice Chairman of the Shrine Bowl Game in 1956 and as General Chairman of the Shrine Bowl Game in 1957 and 1958. He served as the President of the Shrine Bowl Board of Governors in 1961 and 1962, and at the time of his appointment to the moving line in 1970, he was serving as Secretary of Shrine Bowl Board of Governors. IS Miller served as Potentate in 1978.

IS Marvin Eugene "Gene" Morrison was born on January 7, 1933. IS Morrison is retired as owner of electrical contractor Interstate Electric Company, a company which was started in 1932 by his father, Ernest A. "Ernie" Morrison, Sr. IS Morrison's brother, Noble Ernest Morrison, Jr., served with him on the Oasis Divan as Director in the early 1980's. IS Morrison was Paper Sale Chairman in 1977. He has served SASA as Secretary/Treasurer and was the President of SASA for 1999-2000. IS Morrison is a Past Captain of the Drum & Bugle Corps and is a Past Director of ROJ, Charlotte Court 109. IS Morrison made a change to the Divan his year as Potentate (1986) by adding the office of Marshall to the moving line, making it a ten (10) year line. He made two appointments to the line that year, Noble John T. "Tom" Price and Noble James H. Richardson, Sr. The Marshall continued to be a moving position until 2008. In 2009, the moving line was shortened to seven (7) years by removing the offices of Marshall, Captain of the Guard and Outer Guard.

IS James H. Richardson, Sr., "The Mountain Man", was born on May 20, 1935, and was created an Oasis Noble on January 22, 1966 at Oasis Temple in Charlotte. IS Richardson is retired as President of J & M Richardson Corporation, which operated a nursing home in Wilkesboro, North Carolina and was involved with owning another nursing home along with a group of local doctors. IS Richardson is a Charter Member and Past President of Blue Ridge Shrine Club in Wilkesboro. IS Richardson had the distinct honor of being the Oasis Potentate in 1995, our 100th Anniversary year. Shrinefest '95, which commemorated 100 years of Shrine in the Carolinas, was held on September 8th and 9th. A kick-off Parade began at noon on September 8th in downtown Charlotte. The rest of the events were held at Oasis Shrine Headquarters and included a BBQ Cookoff sponsored by Memphis in May, a main stage of musical groups, a kid's stage, carnival games, an auto show and hot air balloon rides.

IS Paul L. Hagerty, Jr., was born on January 12, 1950, and was created an Oasis Noble on August 21, 1982. IS Hagerty is retired as owner of Wes-Co Enterprises in Granite Falls, NC, which is a leading provider of shipping and packaging solutions to customers in the southeast US and around the world. After joining Oasis, IS Hagerty has been very active as a member of the Director's Staff and Foothills Shrine Club and is also a member of Catawba County Shrine Club and Greensboro Shrine Club. IS Hagerty has served on the Hospital Board in Cincinnati, which is now Shriners Children's Ohio located in Dayton.

IS Fred Laxton is self-employed as the owner of Piedmont Corrugated for 18 years. His company, which has been in existence for more than 50 years, produces boxes and trays for various industries, predominantly furniture. He has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1998. Illustrious Sir Fred served as President of Catawba County Shrine Club and as an Oasis Tipster. His Shrine journey was heavily influenced by his father who he lovingly calls "a Shriner's Shriner." He is most proud of his wife, Lady Rhonda, and their two children, Holland and Warner, as he recalls during his year of service as Potentate in 2013, the "Holland's Hope" campaign raised about \$130,000 which provided specialized medical equipment for Shriners' Children's Greenville.

Illustrious Sir Kenneth "Kenny" Jarrett became a Master Mason in 1993 and joined Oasis Shriners in 2000. At age 16 when he married Lady Vickie, Illustrious Ken worked as a diesel mechanic for five years before deciding to become a coast-to-coast big rig driver hauling produce for the next 10 years. During that time, he served on the Interstate Trucking Association (ITA) board and was featured on the cover of Overdrive Magazine in October 1989. An opportunity then became available at Mac Tools where he will celebrate 33 years with the company this July 17. Illustrious Sir Kenny co-founded the Oasis Gator Patrol and served as its Charter Captain in 2005. He is also a Past President of the Catawba County Shrine Club. He is a life member of Plateau Methodist Church in Vale where he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees and as its chairman. He is most proud of his greatest accomplishment, the loves of his life, Ladies Vickie, Angie, Reva, Harley, and Sophie.

YEAR	POTENTATE	NAME	OASIS NUMBER
2019		KENNETH DWAYNE JARRETT	37693
2013		FRED WARNER LAXTON	36597
2004		PAUL LEROY HAGERTY, JR.	30624
1995		JAMES HEGGIE RICHARDSON, SR.	18797
1986		MARVIN EUGENE MORRISON	14179
1978	*	KARL CALDWELL MILLER	13674
1970	*	WILLIAM EDWARD BURRIER	8507
1963	*	RALPH ODELL HOOD	8541
1956	*	CLARENCE EARL BEESON	8024
1948B	*	FRANK ODELL SHERRIL	5640
1942	*	HAROLD FINLEY COFFEY	4357
1935	*	CLAUDE ALLEN COCHRAN	3160
1929	*	LEE ALPHONSO FOLGER	2546
1925	*	LOUIS DUNCANSON SUTHERLAND	1629
1919B	*	DR. RICHARD JORDAN NOBLE	173
1911	*	ARTHUR J. CRAMPTON	924

* Deceased

Illustrious Sir Kenneth Jarretts' Potentate's Lineage



OASIS WELCOMES 43 NEW NOBLES IN SPRING CEREMONIAL



Please welcome these new nobles to the Oasis family

Noble Full Name

William R. Adams
 Joshua Nicholas Benfield
 Kenneth Ray Benfield II
 Franklin D. Blevins
 James Monroe Bowden
 Barry W. Boyles Jr.
 James E. Bradley
 Randall Gray Brown
 Nicholas Drew Brown
 Isaac M. Burton
 Justin M. Cagle
 John M. Clark Jr
 Coley William Craft
 James H. Dupree
 Cody A. Durkee
 Anthony E. Evans
 Danny S. Fowler
 Norman K. Goering
 Ryan D. Goins
 Dean R. Gordon
 Gerald L. Handy
 Timothy G. Harris
 Phillip Speight Hart
 Daniel J. Hernandez
 Claude G. Hodge Jr
 Jonathan D. Johnson
 William Rowley Jones
 James C. Leonard
 Ryan A. Love
 Shaun R. McNeil
 Lonnie W. Melton
 Derek A. Osborne
 Cory W. Ours
 John R. Perry
 Tristan L. Phillips
 Corey Bradley Searce
 Eric S. Schenk
 Christopher T. Sherbert
 Dale Bruce Sleight
 Justin C. Thornburg
 Chasen J. Trites
 Travis R. Walker
 Coy Dale Wilson

Lady

Lori
 Lauren

 Tonatha
 T.K.

 Ann

 Desiree

 Sherry
 Sandra
 Donna
 Meagan
 Rebecca Gwyn Gordon
 Sudonna McManus
 Elizabeth
 Diane
 Baylin
 Sherri

 Angie

 Jamie
 Kym
 Jennifer
 Sarah
 Robin
 Adrianna
 Nicole

 Amanda
 Brenda
 Holly
 Aly
 Alisha
 Charlene

Membership Minute

We had a very successful Spring Ceremonial in Mt. Airy, initiating 43 new nobles; by the time you read this, we will have had our second ceremony of the year, a One-Day Ceremony at the 16th Annual Family Fun Day at Red Fez Shrine Club. Our third ceremonial of the year is a one-day ceremony in Marion on July 15th. We are also excited to announce our fourth ceremonial of 2023, another one-day ceremony in Franklin, NC, that will take place during the "80's Flashback" weekend. These events will be a lot of fun and an excellent opportunity for a Master Mason to become a Noble Shriner.

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland has given the Oasis Membership Team a "Net 100" goal. This goal means; after loss by deaths, suspension for non-payment of dues, creation of new Shriners, and restoration, that we show a net gain of 100 nobles. Membership is everyone's job, and we ask you to share our fun and fellowship with a Brother Master Mason by giving them an invitation and petition to join. All candidates and new nobles at our ceremonials will be wearing a yellow lanyard with name tag. Please stop and speak to these candidates and new nobles, welcome them to our noble fraternity, and most of all, make sure they feel welcome and have fun.

YITF,
 Noble Ben Hamilton
 Outer Guard/Membership Chair
 Oasis Shriners

Saturday in Mayberry



More fun in Mayberry



THE 149TH IMPERIAL SESSION SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

JULY 2-6, 2023

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Get ready for the 149th Imperial Session of Shriners International, July 2-6, 2023 in Charlotte, North Carolina. All nobles, ladies and their families are invited to join Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and Lady JJ for the fraternity's biggest event of the year.

ENJOY "THE QUEEN CITY!"

Charlotte, known for its Southern charm and tradition, has had an interesting history from the start. The city, one of the fastest growing in the nation, was named after Queen Charlotte, the queen consort of British King George III, when the city was founded in 1768. While it was named after the queen and nicknamed "The Queen City," Charlotte was the first governmental body in America to declare itself independent from the Crown.

EXPLORE CHARLOTTE

For family fun, there's one place to start: the NASCAR Hall of Fame. First, it's attached to the convention center by a walkway. Second, it's NASCAR! The cars that defined the excitement of racing are right there as you enter, with the Dale Jr. Glory Road Champions exhibit, which includes 18 premier series championship cars from some of the most significant races in NASCAR history. These are cars from Dale Earnhardt, Richard Petty, Bobby Allison, Jimmie Johnson and many others. Maybe you'd like to try NASCAR racing for yourself on the racing simulator that lets you experience what it feels like racing on NASCAR tracks. Your simulation is broadcast on a 15-foot overhead video screen. You'll also get the feel of the big races in the 278-seat High Octane Theater where you get to see NASCAR's history – from Daytona Beach to the present day – projected on a 64-foot screen with surround sound. Check it out at nascarhall.com.

Just 13 miles from the convention center, you'll find Carowinds amusement park, with nearly 60 world-class rides, including fourteen roller coasters with thrill levels ranging from kiddie to crazy. There is also Camp Snoopy, which is filled with rides for the little ones. The park's Carolina Harbor claims its place as the best

waterpark in the Carolinas, with everything from Blackbeard's Revenge to Kiddy Hawk Cove. Visit carowinds.com.

For those interested in an inspirational experience, visit the Billy Graham Library. This museum and library documents and commemorates the life and ministry of Billy Graham. It looks like a barn, reminiscent of the farm where Graham was raised. The exhibit even has an animated, talking cow to welcome visitors, and profiles Graham, his wife, his ministry and his impact. Graham and his wife are buried in the prayer garden at the library.

If you and your family are looking for adventure and an adrenaline blast, head to the U.S. National Whitewater Center, about 16 miles from the convention center. Here you can raft the world's largest manmade whitewater river, testing rapids from class II to IV with a professional guide. Decide between family rafting, adventure rafting, "big water" sessions (where the water flow is twice as much and twice as intense), or even "rodeo rafting" on a smaller raft. You can also try ziplines, rope courses, climbing, flat-water kayaking, yoga and more. Visit center.whitewater.org for a preview.

Charlotte Convention Center Imperial Session will take place in the convention center, located in the middle of everything! The public opening, pageant, marketing and communications report, All Nobility Evening and business sessions will be held in the 40,000 square-foot Crown Ballroom. The center is steps away from attractions, every kind of food and fanfare, and nightlife. It is located seven miles from Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

The 2023 Imperial Session will be one of fun, fellowship and celebration. Imperial Sir Kenny Craven, Lady JJ and Oasis Shriners look forward to hosting our nobles, families and friends in Charlotte. Come enjoy The Queen City with us while celebrating the fun, fellowship and philanthropy that makes Shriners International the greatest fraternity in the world.

[Learn more at imperialsession.com](http://imperialsession.com)

Don't miss a minute!

MONDAY, JULY 3rd

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Charlotte Convention Center

Imperial Session of Shriners International

Location: CCC, Hall C

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Times vary

Charlotte Convention Center

Marketplace and The Shriners Zone

Location: CCC, Hall B

MONDAY, JULY 3rd

TBD

Charlotte Convention Center

Cornhole Tournament

Location: CCC, Hall B

TUESDAY, JULY 4th

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Charlotte Convention Center

Ladies' Luncheon Social

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Location: CCC, Crown Ballroom

TUESDAY, JULY 4th

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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.

A life free of fear: 30-day challenge

"Those who plot evil go astray. But, those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness" - Proverbs 14

For the last two years we have been living in much uncertainty, in fact some of us are living in fear! We fear getting sick, we fear running out of money and we fear for our loved ones. In these strange times the question becomes: **"HOW CAN WE LIVE A LIFE FREE OF FEAR?"**

Well, the Book of Proverbs in the Bible provides us a constant reminder of God's love for us, profound insights and exceptional wisdom on how to live a joyful and peaceful life. John Maxwell is a popular speaker, author and pastor who has written over fifty books. A year or so ago he challenged an audience with the same challenge I pass on to you. Here it is:

The challenge is to take about two or three minutes each day and read a chapter of the Book of Proverbs. "A chapter a day!" you might say. Yes. The chapters in the Book of Proverbs are really short chapters, and Maxwell promises that it will take only two or three minutes a day to read an entire chapter. And, guess what else? There are only 31 Chapters in the entire book, and, there are 30 or 31 days in a month. A chapter of Proverbs a day, 31 chapters—31 days, two or three minutes a day. Wow!

Hey, what have you and I to lose in applying the **30-DAY PROVERB CHALLENGE?** Nothing, except a couple of minutes a day.

So, will you accept the challenge to take about two or three minutes each day and read a chapter of the Book of Proverbs? We are promised that we will gain one or two thoughts or new ideas every day.

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Let us know how it is going for you. Drop us a note at jhstanley1965@gmail.com. Tell us how the challenge is going for you. Thank you.

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

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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!

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The pictures below tell the story of a night to remember. As Ill. Sir Doug Garland puts it, “I asked for something, and they made it happen.” Surry County Mini Truckers and Elkin-Jonesville Shrine Club came together to provide a party that will be talked about for a long time. There was nothing missing. There was even a full moon suspended low in the sky. Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful...so memorable.



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A Super Bowl of Golf Qualifier

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.

Shrine 100 - July 22nd | Hickory Motor Speedway

Join your Oasis Shrine Family at Hickory Motor Speedway on July 22 for an exciting night at the races. The Shrine 100 has long been a favorite outing. Preliminary races begin at 6 pm. For more information contact Noble Bryan Petzold at blpetzold@bellsouth.net



SHC Greenville Patients Luke White and Patient Ambassador Alice Laws seen here with race car driver Skylar (Rambo) Chaney, His dad is Oasis Shriner, Noble Buddy Chaney



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New master mason and shrine candidate Josh Gomes wins the 'We the People' Guitar!

On June 5, during the Oasis Shrine Ceremonial in Mt. Airy, the drawing tickets for the "We The People" guitar (signed by Ted Nugent) were gathered all together into a pouch and mixed up in order to have a fair drawing. The Oasis Pickers requested a last call for ticket purchases which was announced, and then right before the first section of the ceremonial began, the winning ticket was pulled.



Oasis Pickers Captain Dave Mahan held the pouch while the ticket was pulled by the ceremonial MC, and when he read out Josh Gomez as the winner, it was a total surprise. Dave knew Josh wasn't present in Mt. Airy as he was scheduled to go into the Shrine during the Family Fun Day at the Red Fez on June 17. So, he went outside the venue and called Josh to let him know that he had won and would be receiving the guitar at his upcoming Lodge Meeting.

To say Josh was happy, would be an understatement. When it was suggested that he might use it as a "wall hanger" he said "oh no...I'm gonna play the hound outta that guitar?" All proceeds from this drawing went to support Shriners Children's.



Noble John Fisher recently received his 50 year membership certificate and pin as an Oasis Shriner. Long time friend Noble Reggie Hall made the presentation. Congratulations and thank you Noble John.

OASIS ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE COIN



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

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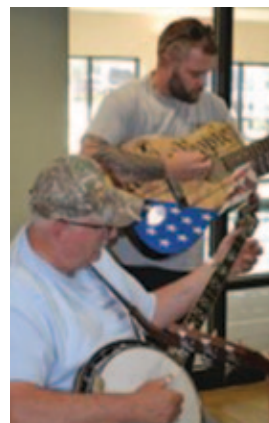
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Oasis Pickers show off new wrap/color scheme at Mt. Airy Ceremonial

The Oasis Pickers took their Open JAM sessions on the road on the traveling to Mt. Airy, NC and “oh my, Andy...was it BIG...REALLY BIG” !

Members trickled in on Thursday, Friday and Saturday almost immediately pickin’ their instruments while other members chose to do some sight seeing and shopping. We had members get “locked up” in Otis’s cell while later dinning out with great food and tons of laughter. Some members enjoyed the great set up at “Frog’s Farm” and then the pickin’ sessions at the Hampton Inn.



Noble Picker Wayne Millis checking out Otis’s cell. Dinner at 13 BONES. Noble Pickers Jay Little and Dave Mahan making sure the “We the People” Guitar is ready for the give-away. *(This Guitar was won by Josh Gomez, Rutherfordton, NC.)* And just some of the Pickin’ at the Hampton Inn on Friday.



Oasis Pickers pickin’ at the Shrine Mart before the Ceremonial and selling the last few tickets for the Guitar Drawing.



After pickin’ at the Shrine Mart, we enjoyed our pre-parade lunch at the Lodge and then spent the next hour getting the trailer opened up and the sound working... then it was time to roll down the road!!! Thanks to all who came out all who supported us! Best summed up: “We had a Ball!!!!”



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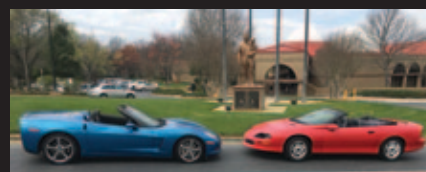
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Pres. - Chandler Champion / VP - Charles Bullock
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Ed's Little Dragon

Imperial Sir James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr. of Peoria, Arizona, is serving his ninth year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's™. He is in line for being elected Imperial Potentate for Shriners International during the 2023 Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC. Two years ago when Imperial Sir Ed was teaching an Oriental Guides training class, he introduced a toy dragon as the Oriental Guides' pet. The class was asked to name the pet dragon, and they chose "Ed's Little Dragon". As the class closed,

Imperial Sir Ed said he wanted L.D. to travel to as many Temples as possible before the 2023 Imperial Session in Charlotte NC. As you can see from the picture, L.D. made it to Oasis.



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Shrine patient Destiny Greer with her sister and her mom Debbie. When Lady Linda Wallace (above R) was Patient Coordinator for Oasis, Destiny was just a baby, and Linda was Debbie's first contact with Shriners.

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