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## Your Potentate

Hello to our Oasis family and friends! I hope you are well and preparing for a fun-filled summer. It is an exciting time of the year for most families. As I write this article, many Nobles have been working

hard to raise money and awareness for our Shriners Children Hospitals. Are you ready for the exciting events that are approaching quickly?

Our annual paper drive is currently in full swing. Thank you to Noble Jason Whitley, Noble Nick Weider, and Lady Edie Wilson for working together to help make this event successful. Thank you to each club and unit who worked hard to distribute the papers. We must spread the word that our Shriners Childrens Hospital network can help children and families. I am amazed at the number of people who need to be made aware of our Shriners Children Hospitals and what we, as Nobles, do to support the hospital network.

Lady Leah and I hope to see you at our Mount Airy spring ceremony. I grew up watching The Andy Griffith Show, like many of you. Mayberry was always a special place. Life was simple, and people made memories that have lasted for many years. When I decided to have a ceremony in Mount Airy, I wanted to recreate the Mayberry nostalgia. I am so excited that we can grow our fraternity by creating new Shriners at the Mayberry Playhouse. The exact location where Andy Griffith attended and graduated High School. The Nobles and Ladies of the Surry County Mini Truckers, Surry Shrine Club, and Elkin Jonesville Shrine Club have come together to help us be able to make memories that should last for years.

If you have time to get away, please plan to visit Mount Airy on Wednesday or Thursday before the ceremony. There are so many beautiful places to visit. Pilot Mountain is a great place to begin your experience. There are several local stores where you can visit to get a taste of the simple life.

The Surry Shine Club will meet on Thursday, June 1st, 2023, at 6 pm. A meal will be provided at 6:30 pm. The cost of meals is \$10 per person. The address for this club is 1029 West Lake Drive, Mount Airy, NC. President Keith Osborne requests that you RSVP to (336)452-2660 for food planning. Nobles and Ladies are invited to attend this event.

On Friday, June 2nd, the Shriners On Bikes (SOBS) plan a motorcycle ride through the community. Oasis is planning a golf outing at 1 pm. We are planning a

golf outing. The hospitality room will open from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Hampton Inn. We will take our party to Jeff "Frog" Puckett's farm in the evening. The address to this event is 1714 Maple Church Rd., Mt. Airy, NC. The event is located approximately 10 minutes from the local hotels. We have rented a large tent for seating and commercial size, air-conditioned toilets.

The farm has a fishpond, and a nearby local creek is stocked with trout if you are interested in fishing. You will need a fishing license if you fish in the local stream. Bring your pole and bait, and spend the day on the farm. The Mini Truckers will cook 16 Boston Butts, trimmings, and homemade desserts on Friday for our evening meal. We also plan to have a fire pit with marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers to make smores! The Surry Mini Truckers have invited the Band Silk Groove for our live entertainment. This event is free but will accept donations to offset the cost. Please bring your lawn chairs, cornhole boards, and plan to attend the events on Friday evening. Oasis will have transportation to and from the hotels to help you attend this event.

Our host hotel, Hampton Inn, is currently booked. We originally reserved 69 rooms which were booked very quickly. Noble Harold Davis, Chief Aide, worked hard to ensure we have enough information to help you find a hotel room. These rooms are on the Oasis website. Please remember, if you need information about events or hotels for 2023, please visit our website, [www.oasisshriners.org](http://www.oasisshriners.org). Go to the events tab, and you should be able to access information for upcoming Oasis events.

The ceremony will begin at 9 am on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, at the Mayberry Playhouse. The doors will open at 6 am for anyone who needs to set up. Parking is at the side of the building, and Oasis will shuttle members from the local hotels. If you know anyone interested in selling items at the Shrine Mart, don't hesitate to get in touch with Noble Keith Osborne at (336)452-2660. Noble Keith is the chairman of the Shrine Mart this year. Set up time will be from 6 am to 7 am. The Shrine Mart will be open from 7 am to 1 pm. We will have tables in Mount Airy available for you to place your merchandise.

Lady Sherrie Vandergriff and the Provost Guard will assist new candidates with registration beginning at 7 am. We will register each new candidate until 8:30 am. The Oasis Divan will meet at 8:40 am to vote on the new candidates.

The ceremony will begin at 9 am and end at 11:30 am. Please encourage new candidates to bring their wives or girlfriend to all events. The ladies are invited to attend the first part of our ceremony. We always welcome our ladies to witness the creation of

a Shriner. It is a special moment when the Directors' Staff creates a new Shriner before our eyes. The ladies will be dismissed at 9:45 am to attend a ladies' brunch. The brunch will be held across the street at the Surry Arts Council Building at 10 am. Lady Leah invites all ladies to attend this special event. Our ladies will be the first public group to utilize this new facility. Ladies who plan to attend should register before May 30th, 2023, to ensure we order the correct number of meals. Silvia's Honey Tree will cater the lady's brunch. Please email [support@oasisshriners.org](mailto:support@oasisshriners.org) to get your name on the lady's brunch list.

Oasis will take a group photo of all candidates at 11:30 am in front of the Andy Griffith Playhouse. Each Noble is invited to join this photo session. 13 Bones will provide lunch for our Nobles at the Granite Masonic Lodge on Franklin Street below the Playhouse at 11:45 am.

The parade lineup will begin at 1 pm in a large parking lot at Independence Blvd and Willow Street. The parade will step off at 2 pm, traveling from Independence Blvd, turning right on Main Street and onto Pine Street to Willow Street. After the parade, the Hospitality room will be open at the Hampton Inn from 3 pm until 5 pm.

I hope each of you will consider staying Saturday evening. We will return to the new Arts Council Building across from the Mayberry Playhouse. The Extraordinaires Band will be playing at the amphitheater this evening. Oasis will provide heavy snacks, water, and soft drinks. We are required to purchase adult beverages from the Arts Council, which will help offset the band's cost. Hospitality may open for a while during this evening. There are also several local bars that members may want to visit. We are planning a special event to honor our new Nobles & Ladies! I encourage all new candidates to bring their ladies and Fez to the new Arts Council Building on Saturday night.

We will end our weekend on Sunday morning with a service in the hospitality room. Illustrious Sir John Stanley will lead us as we come together for a bonding time. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this special service.

As Barney Fife often said on the Andy Griffith Show, "This is Big Andy"! I hope each of you will make plans to attend. I hope each of you will bring at least one Master Mason to join our wonderful fraternity. We cannot grow without you. We can do great things together! Welcome to our new Nobles and Ladies! We are excited to meet you and want you to be an active part of this great fraternity.

I look forward to seeing you in Mount Airy in June.

**Illustrious Sir Doug Garland and Lady Leah**





# Your Recorder

**Hello Nobles, Ladies, and friends of the Shrine.**

My topic this month will be co-mingling of hospital monies and club/unit monies, or more specifically **why this should never be done.**

As everyone knows, we continually have fundraisers for both hospital projects and club/unit/temple projects. The monies from the hospital projects help offset the tremendous cost of owning and operating 22 hospitals in these times of higher and higher medical costs. Possibly even more important is the volunteer work our Shriner family provides for these hospitals, but this is another topic for another day. Today we are discussing money. As I began above, money raised for hospitals needs are one category, money raised to support the operations of our clubs/units and

Oasis Headquarters is the other category. Just remember the phrase **“never the twain shall meet,”** meaning “two things which are so different as to have no opportunity to unite.”

O.K. you may be asking, where is he going with this since I’m getting bored. Let me use an example for the sake of simplicity. Say a club/unit has a very successful hospital fundraising project and would like to celebrate by having a dinner for the club/unit members. None of the funds raised from the hospital project can be used to pay for the dinner. These monies would need to come from the club/unit having had a “fraternal” (non-hospital) type fundraiser, from member donations, or from club/unit savings. It’s a good idea to have at least one club/unit fraternal fundraiser per year so that members’ dues do not have to be increased to handle ongoing club/unit operating expenses. Likewise, and very important, clubs/units should have separate bank accounts for their hospital versus fraternal fundraising. The account used for hospital fundraising should be associated with tax EIN for Oasis or that club/unit.

There are a couple of key drivers for this rule; first one being the IRS severely frowns upon any co-mingling of funds, meaning they could revoke our 501c3 status, whereby we would be required to pay property taxes on our holdings, donor dollars would cease...little things like that. But the second and most important reason why we would never want to co-mingle these funds, is that we would never want to betray the trust of our donors by using any hospital monies for fraternal purposes.

Just a couple other items and I’ll wrap up. The 2023 Oasis Shrine Circus telemarketing campaign has kicked off, and I would urge everyone to actively participate in the Moms & Pops Program. Oasis raises most of our monies used for ongoing operations from dues, building rentals, and circus revenues which are mainly telemarketing monies. The Moms & Pops Program is your opportunity to contribute to this all-important fundraiser. You may be inadvertently solicited through the telemarketing campaign if you are a local business owner, so if this were to happen, just let them know that you are contributing through the Moms & Pops Program. Also consider donating 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 your 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 hospitals and the children they serve.

**Gary Taylor**



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On April 15, Shriners Children’s Greenville opened its doors to nobles from across the district. There were patients who made our hearts sing, stories that brought tears, and lots of food and fellowship. We are truly blessed to participate in such a powerful and meaningful cause. Words are inadequate to describe the joy we know just from having opportunities to witness these miracles. Thank you Noble Les Dix, Oasis Chief Photographer, for capturing this event in photos.

## Reminder

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



## The Desert Dust

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### 2023 DIVAN

- Chief Rabban** - Shea Fadel
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- 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
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# Oasis Shriners Schedule

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- MAY**
- 5th-6th Paper Crusade
- 18th Divan Meeting (2nd Qtr 'Stated')
- 28th Charlotte 600 NASCAR Race - Charlotte, NC
- JUNE**
- 2nd-4th Spring Ceremonial - Relax in Mayberry, Mt. Airy NC
- 16th Divan Meeting - Red Fez SC
- 17th Family Fun Day / 1-day Ceremonial Red Fez Shrine Club, Lake Wylie SC
- JULY**
- 2nd-6th Imperial Session - Charlotte, NC
- 2nd or 3rd Independence at Oasis Dinner - Grand Master Dinner - Oasis SC
- 13th Divan Meeting (3rd Qtr 'Stated')
- 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



# Upcoming Events

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

May 27th, 2023  
**CMSC Rodeo**  
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June 2nd - 4th, 2023  
**Mt. Airy Spring Ceremonial**  
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June 16 - 17th, 2023  
**Family Fun Day - Red Fez Shrine Club**  
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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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September 15 - 16th, 2023  
**Race Works Car Show - Wilkesboro**  
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## 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 Bill Carter. William Henry Carter currently lives in Blowing Rock and is the Owner/Broker-in-Charge of The Carter Land Company. IS Bill currently serves as the fifth vice president of the South Atlantic Shrine Association. His lineage begins with IS Arthur J. Crampton, who was first elected to the Divan in 1907 as Oriental Guide and served as Potentate in 1911. He made three appointments to the moving line, two of which became Potentate. IS Arthur J. Crampton fathered five current Oasis lines, four of them include IS Dr. Richard Jordan Noble, who also served as Grand Master of Masons in NC in 1889. The other included IS Dr. Clyde E. Cotton, who is in the IS Tommy Helms lineage. The following table lists the IS Bill Carter line in its entirety.

IS Lee Folger was Oasis Potentate in 1929. He was appointed to the moving line in 1925 by IS Louis D. Sutherland to replace Eugene B. Graham, who had to resign from the Divan due to health issues. On October 1, 1937, IS Folger founded the company that would later become Folger Buick and was awarded an exclusive Buick franchise for the city of Charlotte. IS Folger made two appointments to the moving line, Noble Claude Allen Cochran and Noble Roy Frances Ebbs.

This lineage has the distinction of producing some Potentates who hail from the farthest reaches of Western North Carolina.

IS Roy F. Ebbs of Asheville was elected to serve as Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina in 1934.

IS Dr. Maxwell E. Hoffman was a practicing dentist from Dallas who served as Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina in 1948.

IS John Y. Jordan, Jr. was born in 1896, and at the young age of 22 served as the American vice-consul to Brest, France according to a 1918 Asheville Citizen-Times article. He was in line to receive the peace party as the First World War had just concluded that same year, and young Jordan had just concluded his first year of studying law at the University of North Carolina. In the 1950s, he served as one of Buncombe County's representatives in the NC General Assembly.

IS W. Fleming Talman operated Talman's Office Supply in Asheville and served on the NC ABC Commission.



IS Robert I. Presley of Asheville was appointed by the governor to serve on the NC National Parks, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission. He was also elected in 1953 to serve as president of the NC Bottlers Association.

IS William D. Whitaker, a native and lifelong resident of Cherokee County, is buried in Andrews and served in the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division during the First World War which began in 1914 when he was 19 years old. He later served as both secretary and president of the Wildcat Division Association several times during his life as indicated on his military grave marker.

IS Charles O. Van Gorder II served as a Major in the United States Army during the Second World War. He received the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster. As a physician, he participated in D-Day as a 31 year old Captain in the Army Medical Corps. Dr. Van Gorder set up a MASH-like medical facility in the middle of battle. He was taken as a Prisoner of War on December 19, 1944, his 32nd birthday, and later escaped from German Prisoner of War Camp in Poland having reached the American lines near Bastogne by the spring of 1945. The story of his service was featured in Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation." In 1966, he joined with two fellow soldiers and physicians from the Second World War to establish the Valley River Clinic in Andrews in Cherokee County. Dr. Van Gorder practiced medicine in Andrews and at District Memorial Hospital and helped form the backbone of providing medical treatment to the citizens of Western North Carolina counties. On October 6, 2005, the NC Department of Transportation dedicated a bridge on U.S. 19-74-129 in the vicinity of Andrews to honor his dedication and service to the citizens of his community, state and nation.

IS Tommy Arakas began his long career in the restaurant business beginning with Plaza Café in Biltmore Village from his father, then later co-owning and operating Wink's Drive-in on Tunnel Road. Following Winks, he operated Rak's Airport Restaurant for more than two decades, and after his retirement, he operated Rak's Downtown Café. While continuing to operate his restaurant, he and his longtime friends, the Zourzoukis brothers, founded Asheville Catering Service.

IS Gene Shope was born in Asheville and spent his entire life in the Buncombe County area. He founded Arden Equipment Company and was president for 35 years. He served on the J.I. Case Company Dealer Council Engineering Committee, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Carolina Dealer of Equipment Association.

IS Rolla Rogers was a self-employed business owner in Henderson County for 42 years and served with distinction on the Greenville Shriners Hospital Board of Governors until he was honored as an Emeritus Member. He served as state president of the Ohio Jaycees.

IS W. David Sumpter, III and Lady Sandra reside in Murphy where III. Sir David has maintained his law practice for many years. He is a proud Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Air Force. He served the NC State Bar as a counselor and served as Chairman of Cherokee County Board of Commissioners as well as Chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections. In 2011, while serving Oasis as High Priest & Prophet, he was awarded the Citizen Lawyer Award by the NC Bar Association. The Citizen Lawyer Award was established to recognize and thank lawyers who, in addition to their legal work, exemplify the ideals of a citizen lawyer by volunteering their time for worthy community or civic causes to improve the quality of life of those in their local or statewide communities. He is a Past Master of Cherokee Lodge, Past President of the Western North Carolina Shrine Club, and Past President of the Murphy Rotary Club.

We would like to thank all the Nobles who have mentioned to us how much they are enjoying this series of articles. It is our honor and pleasure to research and present this Oasis history to you, as a learning tool and hopefully a means to keep it preserved for our current and future Nobles.

Yours in the Faith,

Oasis Historical Preservation Society

YEAR POTENTATE	NAME	OASIS NUMBER
2020	WILLIAM HENRY CARTER, III	39367
2014	WILLIAM DAVID SUMPTER, III	37182
2005	* ROLLA ELMER ROGERS	32181
1996	* CHARLES EUGENE SHOPE	25255
1987	* TOMMY ISODORE ARAKAS	15146
1979	* DR. CHARLES OSCAR VAN GORDER II	17678
1971	* WILLIAM DECATUR WHITAKER	5688
1964	* WESLEY FLEMING TALMAN	8629
1957	* ROBERT INMAN PRESLEY	8882
1949	* JOHN YATES JORDAN, JR.	8332
1943	* DR. MAXWELL ELLIS HOFFMAN	3508
1936	* ROY FRANCES EBBS	2598
1929	* LEE ALPHONSO FOLGER	2546
1925	* LOUIS DUNCANSON SUTHERLAND	1629
1919B	* DR. RICHARD JORDAN NOBLE	173
1911	* ARTHUR J. CRAMPTON	924
	* Deceased	

## *Illustrious Sir Bill Carters' Potentate's Lineage*



# Mount Airy Ceremonial Itinerary

## Thursday, June 1st 2023

- 6am - 5pm Fishing (Pond or Creek) Bring your pole & bait. Need a fishing license for the stocked creek.  
  
Shopping, visit local wineries, Pilot Mountain-hiking. Mt. Airy Museum of History, Andy Griffith Museum. Siamese Twins Museum, (Surry Arts Center), Squad Car Tours, Trolley Tours, Haunted House Tour
- 6pm Surry Shrine Club Meeting – 1029 West Lake Drive, Mount Airy, NC. \$10
- 7:30pm **THE CATALINAS** - Blackmon amphitheater. People are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket to spread out on the grass with friends and family. \$16.50

## Friday, June 2nd 2023

- 6am - 5pm Fishing (Pond or Creek) Bring your pole. Need a fishing license for the creek. Stocked Shopping, visit local wineries, Pilot Mountain-hiking.
- 1pm Golf – (Location: TBD)
- 2pm - 4pm Hampton Inn -Hospitality Room (1st Floor Conference Room) -
- 5pm- 11pm Gettin’ Down on the Farm at Frogs Place –, (Address: 1714 Maple Church Rd., Mt. Airy, NC) Featuring entertainment by SILK GROOVE. (Food provided by the Surry Mini Truckers).

## Saturday, June 3rd 2023

- 6am Door Open (Andy Griffith Playhouse)
- 6am - 7am Shrine Mart Set up.
- 7am - 1pm Shrine Mart Open
- 7am - 8:30am Candidate Registration (Front of Andy Griffith Playhouse)
- 7am until Biscuits, Donuts, Water, Coffee, juice – (Donation)
- 8am Oasis Band (stage)
- 8:40am Divan Vote on Candidates (Side Room)
- 9am Ceremony Begins
- 10am Ladies Luncheon (Surry Arts Council Building)
- 11:30am Candidate Photo (Andy Griffith Playhouse)
- 11:45am Candidate and Parade Unit Lunch- Masonic Lodge
- 1pm Parade Line up – (Downtown)
- 2pm Parade (Civics)
- 3pm - 5pm Hospitality Hampton Inn
- 7:30pm **THE EXTRAORDINAIRES** - Blackmon Amphitheatre (Oasis to provide Tickets for this event.)

## Sunday, June 4th 2023

- 9:30am Sunday Service – (Illustrious Sir John Stanley) Hampton Inn - Hospitality Room.
- 10:15am Safe Travels Home!



The Surry Arts Council presents another great line up of live music and entertainment all summer at the Blackmon amphitheater. People are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket to all shows which begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Children under twelve are admitted free at Blackmon Amphitheatre events when accompanied by guardians with tickets or Annual Pass. Beer and Wine from Thirsty Souls Community Brewing and hot dogs, chips, candy from the Dairy Center are sold at selected events. No coolers are allowed. Oasis Shriners will have access to the Surry Arts Council.



# Derby Day at Red Fez Shrine Club



**“It was all things derby at the Red Fez. Beautiful ladies and dapper gents!”**

*Lady Dawn Sanderson  
RFLA president*





# Derby Day at Mecklenburg Shrine Club



The Winning Table



The Winning Hats

Photos by Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace





# White Plains Shrine Club Spring BBQ

First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to my wife, to each member and their wives, the many volunteers and every one of you who attended this event. Please know that your support means the world to us.

From my grandfather, who was a charter member of this club, to my father and now me, serving as president, the White Plains Shrine Club has been a part of our family for decades, a legacy that we hold close to our hearts. As a third-generation member, I have had the privilege of being around this club since I was a kid. I can remember helping or getting in the way of putting up the tents, chopping BBQ, and putting signs up for the sponsors at the annual golf tournament.

Over the past few months, our dedicated members have worked tirelessly to ensure that this year's spring BBQ is a great success. From gathering wood and sawing it, seasoning 1500lbs of BBQ and 500lbs of chicken and all the coals gone through.

Chopping the meat and watching it work its way through the tent until it leaves. These members and wives are the best a club can have. The amount of time and love that has gone into its preparation is truly remarkable.

But our work doesn't end here. In addition to the annual spring BBQ, the White Plains Shrine Club holds a variety of events throughout the year, all in support of our fundamental mission. Our team is always focused on promoting Shriners Children's and providing the necessary funds to continue their significant work. Again, thank you, and let's make this our most successful year.

Submitted by Oriental Guide Donnie Wrenn

## Rowan Shrine Club frying up fish

*Photos by Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace*





# 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](mailto:bringingit2life@gmail.com) or call 828.421.7637 We are looking forward to seeing you this summer! Be there or be square.



## Month of May

*We hope you have a magnificent month of May!*

The Month of May is a very busy time for many of us. It is a time of blooming flowers, warmer temperatures, and fresh beginnings of summer. It is a time of getting ready for graduations, weddings and the other changes in our lives that occur. During May we are called to concentrate on others. Specifically, it is Mental Health Month, Foster Care Month and on May 4, we observed

*John Stanley, Chaplain*

National Day of Prayer. On May 14 we celebrate Mother's Day and on May 29 we observe Memorial Day.

During the month we are called upon to reach out to others through Galatians 6: "Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Traditionally, on Mother's Day, we attend church with our mothers on this special Day. And, we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service to these United States. We honor all who served in the Armed Services on Veterans Day (November 11); however, on Memorial Day we honor those who have died.

So, while we are very busy during the month, and as we are headed into summer, let us remember to continue our participation and activities in our clubs and units, AND Church services! Two scriptures come to

mind when we consider worshipping: in **Philippians 2:9-11**, we read: "Therefore God has highly exalted him [Jesus] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

And, from **James 4:8** we are told: "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you..."

We wish you a most active and enjoyable (but, restful) Month of May. God bless you most abundantly!

*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](mailto:jhstanley1965@gmail.com).*

## Inherited a coin collection?

Let us help you navigate your options!



# CAUDLE

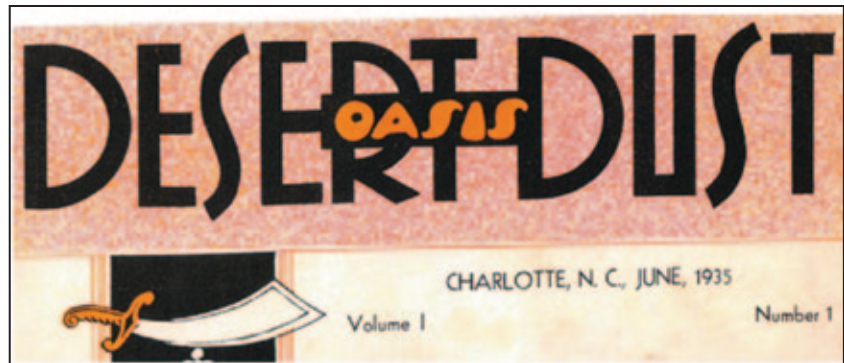
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Mention this Ad and 10% of profits go to Oasis Charities



## SEEKING OLD DESERT DUST NEWSPAPERS TO SCAN!

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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# A picture's worth a thousand words

Special thanks to Oasis photographer Noble Les Dix for telling this important story from Shriners Days 2023.



## ALL IN A YEAR'S WORK: Shriners Children's Greenville

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**14,839**  
CLINIC VISITS



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&  
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**43,224**  
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

**18,769**  
RADIOLOGY EXAMS



**20,622**  
REHABILITATION  
PROCEDURES



**855**  
MOTION  
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STUDIES



**2,209**  
TELEHEALTH  
VISITS

**431,998**  
MILES TRAVELED  
BY OUR ROADRUNNER VOLUNTEERS



Dedication of the auditorium. Noble Martin Oehler provided this donation in memory of his late wife Cris.





# 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  
ediewilson7@gmail.com

## 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



# JUNE 16-17

## 16th ANNUAL - 2023

**FREE FOOD!**

# FAMILY FUN DAY

## PLUS BBQ COOK-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP

Bring the Family • Games & More Games • Pack a Cooler • Music

### LOCATION:

The Red Fez Shrine Club  
16600 Red Fez Club Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28278



### FRIDAY

**6pm** Youth Activities meet @ Basketball court  
**7pm:** Club grounds Food Crawl  
**8pm:** Picnic Shelter Music and dancing

### SATURDAY

**7-9am:** Pancake breakfast at Clubhouse - \$8/person  
**7:30am:** **REGISTRATION - Youth Fishing tournament**  
**ALL AGES!** Bring a Fishing Rod  
**FISHING FROM 8am - 9am**  
**10am:** Water Slides open  
**10:30am** **Scavenger Hunt** - start @ Red Fez Club Front Porch  
**12pm** Hot Dog lunch provided by Oasis Temple  
An afternoon of games and swimming  
**4pm** BBQ Cook Off Awards Ceremony followed by food fun and fellowship...and more music!

Questions? Contact Todd Ham: 704-363-9257 todd@hambrothers.com  
Johnny Burgess: 704-564-2193 jdbgpc@aol.com (CAMPING)  
Shea Fadel: 704-309-5396 shea.fadel@fadelsinc.com

## Mecklenburg Shrine Club Presents CRUISE-IN FOR THE KIDS

Bring your Cars, Trucks, Bikes, and Friends!



**Where: Mochies Tavern (Back Lot)**  
**15060 Idlewild Rd,**  
**Matthews N.C. 28104**

**Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Each Month**  
**March to September 2023**

**Time: 5 PM to 8 PM**

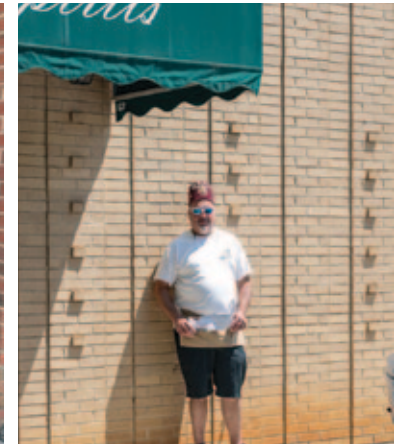
• **DJ David Beaury (The Big Dawg)**  
**will be there the whole time!**



# Oasis annual Paper Crusade: Shriners spreading the word



Thank you Oasis Photographer Noble Les Dix and High Priest and Prophet Tim Farris



**CROWDERS MOUNTAIN SHRINE CLUB** **SEBRA**  
 PROUDLY PRESENTS  
**CMSC SHRINE RODEO**  
**SATURDAY MAY 27**  
**PRICES ARENA**  
 4856 DALLAS CHERRYVILLE HWY. BESSEMER CITY NC

Advanced Tickets Available at North Gaston Gun Shop

All proceeds benefit the Shriners' Hospital for Children

ADMISSION  
 \$20 ADULTS  
 \$10 CHILDREN (7-12)  
 6 & UNDER FREE

Join us for a great night watching some of the southeast finest athletes while helping raise money for the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Sponsored by Cloningers Inc.  
 Gates Open at 6, 8PM Start

## NOW HIRING

### Oasis Hospitality Team Wants You

*Are you ready to get involved?  
 Are you a new Shriner or Shriner who's been around for a while but has not been involved?  
 Would you like to get to know more people?*

**Join the Oasis Hospitality Team.**



We are looking for individuals like yourself to join our team. Husbands *and* wives are encouraged.  
**WE ARE THE OASIS HOSPITALITY TEAM**

To learn more, please contact Dennis Grigg at (828) 781-0062.  
*We look forward to hearing from you.*



# INAUGURAL SHRINERS NO PREP CHALLENGE

WILKESBORO DRAGWAY  
SEPT. 15-16, 2023

PRESENTED BY: **Scarlet's PERFORMANCE**

TO BENEFIT THE SHRINERS HOSPITAL IN GREENVILLE, SC



**BIG TIRE!**  
ALL NO PREP RACING!  
**\$3,000**  
GUARANTEED PURSE!  
DOOR CARS ONLY!  
ANYTHING GOES!  
PURSE GUARANTEED w/ 8 CARS & MORE!  
ENTRY FEE: \$200



**SMALL TIRE!**  
ALL NO PREP RACING!  
**\$3,000**  
GUARANTEED PURSE!  
NO WHEELIE BARS!  
10x28.5 ARE ALLOWED! (NO W's)  
PURSE GUARANTEED w/ 16 CARS & MORE!  
ENTRY FEE: \$100



**TRUE STREET**  
ALL NO PREP RACING!  
**\$1,500**  
GUARANTEED PURSE!  
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Fiberglass Hood OK, Rear Seat Delete OK,  
Current Registration, Passenger Seat Required  
PURSE GUARANTEED w/ 24 CARS & MORE!  
ENTRY FEE: \$75

**ALL PURSES GUARANTEED BY SCARLETTE'S PERFORMANCE!**

ALL NORMAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED - ALL CLASSES

<b>FRIDAY - SEPT. 15</b>	<b>SATURDAY - SEPT. 16</b>
GATES OPEN: 4pm	GATES OPEN: 8am
Test-n-Tune: 5pm - 9pm	CHIP DRAW: 11am
FREE BEER Party 9pm! <small>(for all tech card entries &amp; crew)</small>	

**GENERAL ADMISSION:**  
Weekend Pass: \$30  
Friday: \$10  
Saturday: \$20



**.400 PRO TREE!**  
**NO TIME SHOWN!**  
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**WIN LIGHT FINISH!**

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0-8.49  
**FREE ENTRY!**

**\$1,500 GUARANTEED TO WIN!**  
w/ 50 Cars or More / Pays 16 Places  
2 MULLIGAN'S (\$35 Each) ALLOWED per ENTRY (up to Rnd. 5)  
NO DOUBLE ENTRIES!  
Time Slips OK for Footbrake Racers!  
No Delay Boxes / Transbrake & Electric Shift OK




## HUGE CAR SHOW!

FEATURING THE CORVETTE CHALLENGE!  
FOOTHILLS CORVETTE CLUB!  
GENERATIONS CORVETTE CLUB!

CAR SHOW SATURDAY! 1pm - 4pm  
REGISTRATION: 11am - 1pm  
AWARDS! 4:30pm

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BEST OF SHOW // BEST CUSTOM // BEST CLASSIC  
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BEST CUSTOM PAINT // MOST ORIGINAL  
LONG DISTANCE & PEOPLE'S CHOICE

**ALL GRASSY AREA FOR PARKING!**  
SPECIAL THANKS! PAUL & CINDY from WILKESBORO DRAGWAY FOR THEIR HELP & SUPPORT!



## Generosity is the expression of compassion

If you were at the Club/Unit Appreciation dinner back in January, then you should remember the \$1 million donation that Noble Martin Oehler made. 50% was credited to the Keystone Kops and 50% was credited to Robbinsville Shrine Club. Martin wanted it done this way to honor his late wife Cris, who was from the Robbinsville, NC area, and has many family ties to that area. Up until Cris's untimely passing, she was a staple within the Keystone Kops and always with a smile on her face.

Cris was a retired schoolteacher and loved children, not just the children she taught, but ALL children. And because of this, Martin wanted his kind donation to be put where it would best be used, and the decision was made for it to go directly to Shriners Children's Greenville. So, after a few months of planning, members of Robbinsville Shrine Club, The Keystone Kops and very close friends and family, loaded up the buses and made the trip down to Greenville, SC on April 15 for the dedication. Once we arrived and got a tour of the facility, we were taken over to the auditorium where the dedication was announced. The auditorium at SCG is now known as the "Cris and Martin Oehler Memorial Auditorium." We enjoyed a beautiful, joyous and sometimes tearful story from one of the hospital ambassadors and her grandmother about her journey with SCG. Our patients and their families are some of the most wonderful people in the world, and it's safe to say that Cris Oehler would be proud knowing that they will benefit from Martin's donation.

Cris and Martin spent their life raising a family, working, and running a very successful business. Cris always put everyone else in front of her and Martin. Anytime there was a party to be had, whether they were hosting a Christmas party at their home or a BBQ at Charlotte Scale or an event at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, it was always first class. Cris handled everything, as Martin likes to say. She decorated, cooked, cleaned and anything else that needed to be done. If you ever attended one of the Keystone Kops Christmas parties than you know at how much work Cris put into decorating. To say that Cris was a giver is probably an understatement.

When Noble Martin was thinking about where to send his kind donation, it really wasn't a hard decision. He did what his late wife Cris would have wanted him to do and that was to make a difference in a child's life and their family.

So, the next time you are at Shriners Children's Greenville, take a walk over to the Cris and Martin Oehler Memorial Auditorium.

In faith and fellowship,

Brian Wilson

Past Captain '21-'22  
Keystone Kops



Noble Bobby Knight was presented his 50 year certificate at his home in Indian Trail by Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace.

## 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.

**THE COST WILL BE \$20.00 EACH**

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

**SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!**



# The Oasis Pickers enjoying the hospitality (and Low Country Boil) of the Greensboro Shrine Club!

The Oasis Pickers enjoying the hospitality (and Low Country Boil) of the Greensboro Shrine Club!

The Oasis Pickers believe in having FUN with family and friends so when Noble Jim Coleman invited us up to the Greensboro Shrine Club we were all in....but when we discovered it was a Low Country Boil, tongues were hanging out and smiles around....well there was just no stopping us!

As soon as our meal was over, Ill. Sir Doug Garland and Noble Jim Coleman had a few greetings and announcements including an opportunity to support the North Carolina Masonic Children's Home, a great short devotional and the presentation of the newest \$100 Million Dollar Club recipient, Noble Picker Daniel Elliott. There were also T-Shirts for the Masonic JAM night and drawing tickets available at the Oasis Pickers "Merch Table."

Then it was on to the OPEN JAM where Noble Bobby Myers had taken the time to set up sound and arrange chairs inviting all attendees to join in the FUN. Songs ranged from Bile (Boil) Them Cabbage Down and Cripple Creek to Whiskey River and several Willie Nelson songs. Fellow JAM participants got to learn a little about each other and new friendships were made on the spot!

The Oasis Pickers would like to THANK the Greensboro Shrine Club for inviting AND supporting us as \$350 was raised in Mech Sales, ticket sales and donations. As an added bonus, the Pickers also received Noble Tony Ramsey into the unit as our 30th Full Member and Nobble Bobby Myers as a Special Guest. We have also added potential candidate Anthony Russo to our Pending Special Guest List.

If you'd like to find out more about the Oasis Pickers, please contact Dave Mahan 843-372-5510 or [DBMahan@gmail.com](mailto:DBMahan@gmail.com).



**YOUR CHANCE TO OWN THIS GUITAR AND HELP OUR SHRINERS CHILDREN!**



**HURRY, HURRY!**



The **Oasis Pickers** are selling tickets for this BEAUTIFUL "We The People" Guitar...

**SIGNED BY TED NUGENT**

**ONLY \$5/ea! ... 5 for \$20**

Drawing will be held at the Oasis 2023 Spring Ceremonial...If you win, it will arrive JUST in TIME for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July too!

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This guitar is valued over \$1000!

The Oasis Pickers JAM each month, E-Mail [DBMahan@gmail.com](mailto:DBMahan@gmail.com) or call 843-372-5510 for more information! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**



# Club and Unit Bulletin Board

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Captain Robert Warren 336-517-4210


**OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB**

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 Contact [oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com](mailto:oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com)

**PAST CAPTAINS CLUB**

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



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

**OASIS PAST MASTERS UNIT**

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 For more information:  
 Noble Matt Peeler, Captain  
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**Cabarrus Shrine Club**

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Contact Barry Winecoff with The Oasis Shrine  
 Clowns at 704-517-0014 or [toyoclownd@gmail.com](mailto:toyoclownd@gmail.com)

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PIPES &  
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Contact Rich Hartman  
 cell (814) 746-0466  
[rohartman48@gmail.com](mailto:rohartman48@gmail.com)



**LEGION OF HONOR CLUB**

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Golden Corral  
 1053 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd SE Hickory, NC 28602



Eddie Wrenn • 704.579.8149  
[chev1995@hotmail.com](mailto:chev1995@hotmail.com)

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**The Greensboro Shrine Club**

5010 High Point Road  
 Greensboro, NC 27407

Call 336-707-6588 for information.

**Gaston County Shrine Club**  
 505 Pinney Road Dallas, NC 28034

**JOIN US!**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month  
 Social @ 6pm | Meeting @ 7pm

CONTACT INFO FOR RENTALS: 704-215-7172  
[www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com](http://www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com)

*"No man ever stood so tall as when he stooped to help a burned or crippled child!"*

**Carolina Drifters**

Captain  
 Trent Oates  
 704-412-0120



**MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB**

Centrally located in  
 McDowell County

Contact:  
 Noble Secretary  
 Mike Pritchard  
 828-442-9170



**Oasis Keystone Kops**

Join us and have a fun time while raising  
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CONTACT  
 CAPTAIN JERRY WILLIAMS  
 FOR INFORMATION  
 704 536 5628  
[jerryw571936@gmail.com](mailto:jerryw571936@gmail.com)





# Club and Unit Bulletin Board

## Union County Shrine Club

305 E Phifer St, Monroe, NC

## MOORE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB & The Sand "T" Parade Unit



Contact President  
Bill Loeser  
**910-759-0571**

Be sure to "LIKE" our Moore County Facebook page  
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## Red Fez Shrine Club

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Call us for your next wedding or event rental

## OASIS ORIENTAL BAND



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INFORMATION

## OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS



For info, contact: Bill Whiteside, Captain  
**980-295-3294**

## OASIS SHRINERS CAMPING CLUB FUN - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP COME JOIN US!



Dan McCurry 704-813-8177 mcurrydc@gmail.com

*The Hillbillies are lookin' fer ya!*

If interested in joining, please contact Jack Devine  
@ 828-464-9886, or Gary Patterson @ 704-938-3930  
or Lee Moody @ 704-451-6151



## WINSTON-SALEM SHRINE CLUB

WELCOME EVERYONE!

Meeting: First Thursday of Each Month at 7:30pm  
4909 Hampton Rd. Clemmons, NC 27012

Contact: Main Phone Number: 336.955.1375

Danny Wingo, President (336) 403-2047 | Rodney Bennett, Secretary (610) 805-3482



Oasis Gator Patrol  
Captain Allen Leatherman



3547 Persimmon Tree Rd.  
Newton, NC 28658

(C) 828-244-3622  
Email: dleatherman@charter.net

## THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Valley of Franklin

All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend our monthly meeting!  
Junaluskee Lodge #145  
50 Church Street, Franklin, NC 28734  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 PM



www.ncritecare.org



## Latona Temple # 154 Daughters of the Nile

Working together to benefit the children  
of Shriners Hospitals

Contact Betty Parker, PQ at  
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[www.daughtersofthenile.com](http://www.daughtersofthenile.com)

## DID YOU PLAY IN A HIGH SCHOOL BAND OR COLLEGE BAND?

**THE OASIS TEMPLE  
BAND**



IF SO WE  
NEED YOU!

CAPTAIN - NOBLE  
CHUCK REED  
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Racing for the burned and crippled children



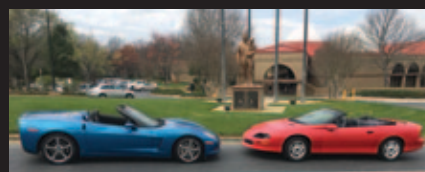
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Shriners  
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Children

Captain Ken Klutz: 704-239-6811

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(574) 312-0713 ryan Eaton79@gmail.com



# Club and Unit Bulletin Board

**Oasis Oldies**



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

**CAPTAIN**  
**DAVID STEELMAN**  
**336-909-1830**  
 Bcimagedr@gmail.com

**High Point Shrine Club**

**Fun, Food and Fellowship.**  
 Join us every **4th Thursday** of the month.  
 Social 6:15 | Dinner 7:00

700 Old Mill Rd,  
 High Point, NC 27265  
 Call 336-880-5586  
 for more information  
 hpshrineclub@gmail.com

**JOIN THE OASIS PICKERS TODAY!!!**



We NEED Pickers of Acoustic Instruments for our JAMMING UNIT!

**Oasis Pickers**  
 DBMahan@gmail.com  
 843-372-5510

**ASHE SHRINE CLUB**

*Meeting the 3rd Monday of every month*

Contact Noble John Brown  
**336-977-8668**  
 or Noble Alex Edmisten  
**336-467-4478**

**OASIS PATROL**



1910 2022-2033  
**MARCHING WITH PURPOSE**

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

**Bike donation**

As a reminder We are taking donations of a \$100 for a bike and helmet from any clubs, units, or businesses. With thanks for all the smiles on our kids' faces.



**Please contact:**  
 Barry Winecroft @ 704-517-0014 or  
 toyoclaw@gmail.com

Tom Livingston @ 336-452-4600 or  
 tlivingston1963@yahoo.com

Wayne Alley@ 864-706-6282 or  
 Mr.dimples1970@icloud.com

**HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB**



JOIN US!

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

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
 Hendersonville SHRINE CLUB

Contact: [www.hendersonvilleshinners.com](http://www.hendersonvilleshinners.com)

**Like to Homebrew?**

Join the Oasis BrewMasters today!



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

**Oasis BrewMasters TAPROOM NO. 16**




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

**Pres. - Chandler Champion / VP - Charles Bullock**  
 Email: [WhitePlainsShrineClub@gmail.com](mailto:WhitePlainsShrineClub@gmail.com)

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We are committed to the pursuit of seminal, cutting edge discoveries that result in new knowledge and improve the therapeutic treatment, quality of care and provided outcomes to our patients and their families. Today's research is tomorrow's patient care.

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# WANTED

## TRIPSTERS

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Transporting the children to the hospitals is so very important.

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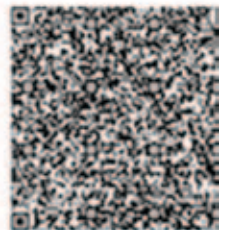
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David W. Hoyle	Dallas, NC	5/28/1966	3/29/2023
Dewey R. Preslar	Albemarle, NC	9/19/1970	4/9/2023
Bailey Gillespie	Spindale, NC	5/25/1968	4/11/2023
David Lee Arey	Salisbury, NC	1/17/2011	4/18/2023
Ralph Lee Weddington	Charlotte, NC	5/2/1970	4/21/2023
Durham S Austin	Charlotte, NC	1/31/1981	4/23/2023
Leon Jesse Jackson	Shelby, NC	11/2/1996	4/24/2023
Dewey M Duncan	Belmont, NC	11/8/1980	4/24/2023
Thomas Charles Clark	Newland, NC	6/2/2012	4/27/2023
Sanford Erastus Peek	Franklin, NC	11/8/2008	4/30/2023
Wayne Waitzelle Starnes	Granite Falls, NC	10/30/1976	5/9/2023



## The Thirteenth Annual Santee SC Golf outing was held in mid-April for nobles, friends and family of Oasis Shriners.

During the outing this year \$2,000 was donated for Shriners Children's in memory of Noble and Oasis Patrol Past Captain Max Garrison and long time golf group member Max Wolfe Sr.

Pictured are III. Sir Tim Daniels (PP 2022), Max Wolfe Jr, Max Wolfe III (son and grandson of Max Wolfe Sr.), Gordy Garrison (son of Max Garrison) and Chris Klos (long-time friend and family of Max Garrison). Thank you for your generous gift in memory of such fine gentlemen.



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