









Your Potentate

Who's ready for the beach? It's that time of year when Oasis families attend the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) events in Myrtle Beach, SC September 14–25. The city

of Myrtle Beach has welcomed the 20 SASA Shrine Centers for several years. Shrine Units from Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia parade in Myrtle Beach to compete for trophies and bragging rights. The parade lineup begins at 8 am and steps off at 9 on Saturday, September 23. Oasis parade units are positioned 18th in the lineup. Be sure to come out to cheer on your Oasis parade units. Each unit works very hard to be the best, and I am excited to see each one represent Oasis Shriners. If you are interested in more information on the history or upcoming events at SASA, you can visit www.southatlanticsa.org.

In anticipation of Oasis parade trophies, I would like to invite each Oasis Shriner, lady and immediate family to join us in the banquet room on Saturday night. The Divan and I will present the winning trophies to our Units. We will celebrate as an Oasis family with DJ Chad Sain, and will get our party started at 8 pm. We will have an open bar and light snacks available as we dance and socialize. Signs will be posted in the DoubleTree elevators and inside the Oasis hospitality room. This will be a fun filled evening. Lady Leah and I look forward to seeing each of you. Don't forget, the hard-working Oasis Hospitality team will open our hospitality room on Friday and Saturday at the Resort. The times and location of these events will be posted on the walls inside the DoubleTree elevators.

Welcome and congratulations to our 26 new nobles and their families who joined Oasis at the Summer Ceremonial in Asheboro on Saturday, August 26. It was a great day, as Oasis Shriners met at the Sunset Theater in Asheboro. I appreciate the nobles and various Oasis teams who arrived early to set up the theater, play music, register candidates, and help make this event a success. It takes everyone working together to make these events possible. Each of you came together and worked very hard in the heat and humidity. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. I sincerely appreciate each of you.

Congratulations to Nobles Tommy Beeson and Bobby Trantham. These Nobles were selected as the Class Honorees. Thank you to Randolph County Shrine Club President Jaime Trogdon and the nobles and ladies of the Randolph County Shrine Club. Oasis appreciates your kind hospitality. The food and

fellowship on Friday evening while we met our new nobles and ladies was exceptional.

This was the first ceremony in Asheboro since 2008. A special thank you to Noble John and Lady Carol Cable, Noble Harold and Lady Susan Davis, Noble Todd Smith, Noble Bucky Jernigan, and Noble Tommy Beeson for your hard work over the past year. I appreciate each member who attended this event. The City of Asheboro was very happy with the Oasis parade. Director Jimmy Owen, each parade unit and new noble braved the summer heat to put on an excellent parade. It was truly hot sands on the roadway. I hope the event created lasting memories for each of you. Thank you to the Oasis Hospitality Team for being ready to feed and water the crowd when they returned to the hotel.

Another great job by Noble Ben Hamilton, Oasis membership team, Provost Guard, Social Media team, and Oasis Support Staff. You were in communication with our candidates prior to the ceremony. Thank you for ensuring our nobles and ladies were informed and welcomed. Oasis has now created 123 Nobles in 2023. This is very commendable, but I think we can do better. We are Oasis! We are the best Shrine Center in the world. Our clubs and units need new members, and we all need to actively recruit one person to replace us. Let's be proud of who we are as we invite others to join our family.

I have decided to add another one-day Cold Sands Ceremony in Hayesville, NC on Saturday, October 21, 2023. This ceremony will be held at the Clay Lodge, #301, 104 Sanderson St, Hayesville. The event will last from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. This will be prime leaf season in the mountains. I am certain this ceremony will not disappoint. I ask each of you to invite a Master Mason to join Oasis at this ceremony. Western North Carolina Shriners are stepping up their game in 2023. They have asked for this event, and we are excited for this opportunity to create new Shriners.

Coming up, we will have a Veterans Appreciate Black-Tie event at Oasis Shrine Center in November. In December, Lincoln County Shrine Club will host a final Cold Sands ceremony in Cat Square. We will join in on the famous Cat Square parade after that ceremony. Let's work together to motivate Masons to join Oasis in 2023! We have so much to offer.

October is approaching and we have many exciting events planned. Oasis will host our fourth annual Golf Tournament on October 6, 2023, at 9 am. This event will be held at the Woodbridge Golf Course in Kings Mountain, NC. The tournament will be a fourperson Captain's Choice with a meal to be served on the course. If you are interested in becoming a hole sponsor or playing in this event, please email

tbridges@oasisshriners.org, jowen@oasisshriners.org or support@oasisshriners.org. This event supports Oasis Shrine Center and is designed to help keep your dues as low as possible. Please consider supporting this event with your time or talents.

The Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. NC turns 150 years old this year. Happy Birthday to our Masonic Home for Children, which happens to be the oldest in the United States. This home has raised and provided an educational experience for many kids. It is such an honor to be a Shrine Mason in North Carolina and see the great progress that has been made in the lives of others because of North Carolina Masons. There will be a Shrine parade in Oxford on Saturday, October 14, at 11 am to celebrate the homecoming. The BBQ pits open at 12 pm, bands begin performing at 12:30 pm. It is my hope that all Oasis parade units will travel to Oxford to show support and parade at this event. We will partner with Amran and Sudan Shrine Centers for this parade. As Shriners, we pride ourselves on taking care of children. It is our Masonic obligation to support orphans. This event is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to support the 150th Anniversary of our Masonic home. We are Oasis strong, and I am looking forward to seeing each Oasis Captain showcase their parade units on October 14 in Oxford.

October means it's time for another Oasis Circus in Greensboro and Concord, NC. Make plans now to bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews to support the Oasis Circus. If you don't have any family that can attend, please consider sponsoring tickets for other families to bring their kids and enjoy the show. It is always a fun time at the circus! Noble Jack Wallace has been working hard during the past year to ensure we have another successful event. I am very excited to see the smiles on the faces of the kids who attend. Don't forget the Noble Rodney Morgan Bicycle Giveaway. Each year the Clown Unit works hard to ensure they have bicycles available to give to kids who attend the circus. Many kids do not have a bike, and this is a great way to provide something special. The giveaway honors the memory of Noble Rodney Morgan, who served for many years as the Oasis Captain of the Guard. Noble Rodney was loved by everyone who knew him. This is a great tribute to a man who worked hard to provide a successful circus. Thank you, Noble Jack Wallace and the members of the Oasis Clown Unit for your commitment to keeping this great program going strong. The dates for the Shrine Circus are Greensboro Coliseum Fieldhouse at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm on October 11; Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC on Friday, October 13 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, October 14 at 4 pm and 7:30 pm. The money raised from the Circus is used to support Oasis Shrine Center and helps to keep your dues as low as possible. As a reminder, Oasis receives \$47



Your Recorder

Hello nobles, ladies, and friends of the Shrine. My message this month will focus on some of the symbolism and history of our great fraternity and philanthropy. If you are aware of this information, just pretend

you aren't so I won't feel I am boring you. Most of my information has been openly "borrowed" from websites. The lambchop sideburns of Dr. Walter M. Fleming, one of the Shrine's founding fathers, deserves to be Googled and seen. They are splendid!! Oh yeah, did I mention that with the help of some of his friends, Dr. Fleming drafted the ritual, designed the emblem and ritual costumes, formulated a salutation, and declared that members would wear a red fez. All information in my article this month is encouraged to be shared with you friends, family, and neighbors.

Speaking of the fez, the red fez with a black tassel, the Shrine's official headgear, has been handed down through the ages. Its name comes from the place where it was first manufactured —

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the holy city of Fez, Morocco. Some historians claim it dates back to about A.D. 980, but the name of the fez, or tarboosh, does not appear in Arabic literature until around the 14th century. One of the earliest references to the headgear is in "Arabian Nights." This iconic headgear even made its way to one of the Andy Griffith TV episodes when Andy attempts to sponsor County Clerk Howard Sprague in the Mayberry Men's Lodge. Howard's meddling mother asks Goober to blackball Howard since "he is allergic to the wool fez that lodge members must wear." O.K., enough Andy Griffith Show trivia.

On the fez you will find the front of the Crescent, the official Jewel of the Order. Though any materials can be used in forming the Crescent, the most common are the claws of a Royal Bengal Tiger, united at their base in a gold setting. In the center is the head of a sphinx, and on the back are a pyramid, an urn and a star. The Jewel bears the motto "Robur et Furor," which means "Strength and Fury." Today, the Shrine emblem includes a scimitar from which the crescent hangs, and a five-pointed star beneath the head of the sphinx.

I'll conclude by giving you a bit of insight into the history of the Shriners' Imperial Council. The first Shrine Temple, Mecca, was formed in New York City in 1872. Four years later, and even with a second Shrine temple formed, there were only 43 members, so our great fraternity, and later to be The World's Greatest Philanthropy, was not an instant success in terms of membership. At a meeting of Mecca Shriners on June 6, 1876, in the New York Masonic Temple, a new body was created to help spur the growth of the young fraternity. This governing body was called "The Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America." Dr. Fleming became the first Imperial Grand Potentate, and the new body established rules for membership and the formation of new Temples. The initiation ritual was embellished, as was the mythology

On the Cover

Chief Rabban Shea Fadel, Oriental Guide Donnie Wrenn and IS Doug Garland shown with Shrine Patient Ambassador Alice Laws.

Reminder

All ads & articles for the November edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson** at **Ediewilson7@qmail.com** by Oct. 10. about the fraternity. An extensive publicity and recruiting campaign was initiated.

It worked. Just two years later, in 1878, there were 425 Shriners in 13 Temples. Five of these Temples were in New York, two were in Ohio and the others were in Vermont, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Iowa, Michigan and Massachusetts.

The Shrine continued to grow during the 1880s. By the time of the 1888 Annual Session (convention) in Toronto, there were 7,210 members in 48 Temples located throughout the United States and one in Canada. So, the Imperial Council was initially formed to spur growth in membership and still champions this initiative today.

Well, I've rambled long enough, and you can find much much more of our Shrine history on the Kosair website. Things are going well here at Oasis, and we would love to have you stop by and visit <u>your</u> temple. Take care until next month, and remember, the work you do for our fraternity and philanthropy is sincerely **appreciated** and **essential** to our Shriners Children's network and the children they serve.

Gary Taylor



The Desert Dust

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland, Potentate

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John Stanley (PP-1997) - Chaplain



Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

21st 1 Day Ceremony - Hayesville

The Masonic Lodge, Hayesville, 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

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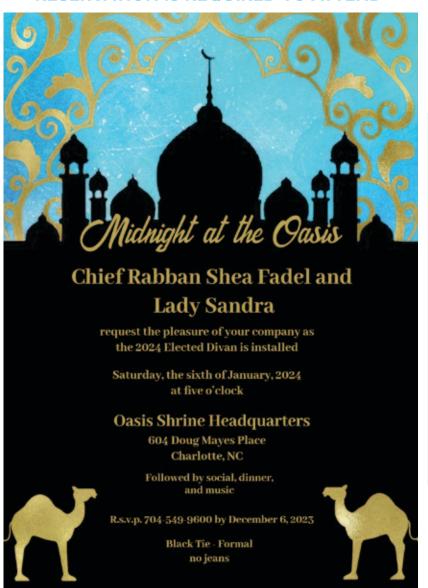
per member in dues. The remaining amount is sent to Shriners International as per capita and hospital dues. The Oasis Divan works hard to keep your dues low. Please help support this event and our golf tournament.

We have so many activities scheduled in the upcoming months. Let's end 2023 strong. Please don't forget to pay your dues for 2024. If you have not paid your dues in 2023, please do so as soon as possible. We need every Oasis Shriner. We are the largest contributor to Shriners Children's of all the Shrine Centers in the world. That is an amazing feat, and we need each of you as we strive to improve the lives of our Shrine patients. Thank you to the Oasis Tripsters who transport our kids to the hospitals. You get up early and your days are long. Your love and compassion are appreciated. May God keep each of you safe as you travel.

Thank you to all our hard-working nobles, ladies, and the members of our communities who partner with our clubs and units. If you need anything, please contact me or your Oasis Divan representative. Together, we are improving the lives of others. May God continue to bless Shriners Children's network and all Oasis Shrine families.

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland and Lady Leah

RESERVATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND



Here is the link to the Hilton Hotel for the nobility to book rooms

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The hotel number is 1-800-HILTONS and Group Code is OAI

We highly recommend that the guests use the website.



WELCOME THESE NEW NOBLES SUMMER CEREMONIAL CLASS AUGUST 26, 2023 | ASHEBORO, NC



Noble Full Name

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Lady

Jamie Kimberly Brandy

Penny Maggie

Amanda

Heather Carolyn

Michelle Dawn

Linda Amy Brittany Mary E. Reiterman Chantel Barbie Donna Sarah



Upcoming Events

October 6th, 2023

Oasis 4th Annual Golf Tournament

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October 7th, 2023

Thermal Belt SC Car, Truck & Bike Show SEE PAGE 22

October 21st, 2023

One-Day Ceremony - Hayesville, NC SEE PAGE 9

November 4th, 2023

Red Fez Shrine Club Casino Night SEE PAGE 23

November 10th, 2023 Veterans Appreciation SEE PAGE 9

Asheboro and Randolph Shrine Club welcome Oasis family, their friends, and candidates









Randolph Shrine Club hosts Friday night dinner.







Candidates await their fate

The stage is set



Potentate recognizes Randolph Shrine Club



Class Honorees Nobles Bobby Trantham and Tommy Beason of Randolph Shrine Club



Noble Steve Lee receives an award to recognize his service as a Tripster



SHOWTIME and "We need a volunteer!"



Shrine Patient Ambassador Alice Laws magically appears with Oriental Guide Donnie Wrenn



Noble Bobby Trantham were honored as the Oasis **Shriners Summer Ceremonial** Class Honorees on August 26, 2023, in Asheboro, NC. Oasis Potentate Doug Garland recognized their outstanding contributions. Noble Beeson, a Randolph County farmer and youth baseball coach, has coached several nobles through their Masonic degrees and served in leadership positions with the Randolph County Shrine Club. Noble Trantham, a military veteran, tirelessly supports the Randolph and Greensboro Shrine Clubs, local non-profit groups, and actively recruits Masons to join Oasis Shriners. Congratulations to these dedicated Nobles!

From painting to parades—there's more fun in beautiful downtown Asheboro









Shrine Ladies and friends have a painting party and delightful lunch

























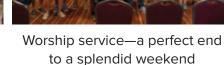












After the parade, new Nobles attend the formal fezzing ceremony with their ladies

The gift of giving

Submitted by Rodney M. Bennett Secretary, Winston-Salem Shrine Club

Who among us has not felt the joy in giving? The giving becomes the gift to those who give.

The following is a remembrance of two special lives that we were blessed to have known.

Charles Edward Gibbs (a 50 Year Mason and a Shriner) was born on July 12, 1926, and passed to his higher calling on May 14, 2018. His loving wife, Marjorie Silver Gibbs, was born on April 19, 1929, and passed to her higher calling on August 6, 2021--two very special people who dearly loved the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, N.C.

Noble Ron Bailey and Lady Shirley Joyner Bailey were contacted by Gibbs sister-in-law, Marilyn Young. She inquired if Ron was a Mason, and if he knew anything about the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCO). Marilyn was the executor of Brother Gibbs' estate and had learned that he had bequeathed a gift to the MHCO. Ron replied that he was a Mason and that he and Shirley had known and loved the MHCO for many years. They knew it was a wonderful organization whose staff was committed to making productive and happy lives for many children. Through the information provided by Ron and Shirley, Marilyn contacted the MHCO administrator, Kevin Otis, to discuss the bequest from the Gibbs, and Kevin set-up a tour of the facility. Marilyn and her daughter, Renee Woody, accompanied by Ron and Shirley drove to Oxford to deliver the check from the Gibbs' estate and take the tour. They met with Kevin and his staff along with Most Worshipful Brothers Speed Hallman and Max Sigmond (both past Grand Masters of the NC Masons and life-long supporters of MHCO). Marilyn and Renee were given a wonderful tour of the facility by Kevin. They had an opportunity to discuss with the CFO, LuAnne Clark, how important financial gifts were to the home. The MHCO facility is totally run through the support of these gifts.

The MHCO is the oldest orphanage in the state of NC. It is located in Granville County. The Masonic Home was founded as St. John's College around 1850 by the Masons. Later it opened as the Oxford Orphan Asylum in 1873. This year the MHCO is celebrating its sesquicentennial (150 year) anniversary. Ron expressed how grateful they all were that they could be a part of this extraordinary event. We all are so thankful that people like the Gibbs care enough for our children to make this donation to their MHCO home. By the way, the gift was for \$687,000.

If you are interested in giving to the MHCO please visit their website: mhc-oxford.org.

This inspiring dedication was provided by Noble Ron and Shirley Bailey.



Kevin C. Otis - Administrator (carrying the front section of the oversized check) and Ron Bailey (carrying the back section of the check).



Kevin C. Otis - Administrator (holding the check on the front); Shirley Joyner Bailey; Ron Bailey; Marilyn Young; Renee Woody.

A one-day Ceremony will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Hayesville, NC on Saturday, October 21st

Calling all Master Masons in Western North Carolina. The Potentate of Oasis Shriner, Douglass Garland, invites you to become a member of Oasis Shriners at this one-day event. You may register online by completing an online petition by clicking the link below. If you have questions, please email membership@oasisshriners.org.

Bring your lady and join us at the Masonic Lodge in Hayesville, NC on October 21st at 8:30 am to learn how we can improve the quality of life for children. Shriners primary object is to have fun as a masonic family while supporting the Shriners Children's Hospital Network. Together, we make a difference in the lives of children who are being treated by Shriners Childrens.

AGENDA

8:30 am – Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:15 am – Registration of Candidates

9:15 am – Oasis Divan meeting

9:30 am - Ceremony begins.

9:30 am – Ladies meeting

10:45 am- Fez Ceremony

11:00 am - Lunch

12 pm - End of Ceremony



Scan the code or visit our website, complete the online petition, and join us on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Oasis Shrine Masons and our ladies look forward to meeting you and your family.

Why the Shrine?

Wondering what Shriners are all about? It's simple. Being a Shriner is a life choice foremost to have fun and stand for integrity, upholding our Masonic tenets and service to others. Commitment to your brothers, to fun and our philanthropy is central to lifelong fellowship as a Shriner.





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High Point Shrine Club holds 13th Annual Benefit for Shriners Children's Greenville

Submitted by Philip Martin Secretary, High Point Shrine Club

Karen and Scott Hatchett organized another great benefit to support Shriners Children's. Having first had experience when her son Blake needed medical attention, they have given back to the hospital for the past 13 years. Blake was born with limb deficiencies, and had his foot amputated at the age of 11 months. He was treated by the staff at the Greenville Hospital until the age of 18. Blake, who is now 30, was able to come from Raleigh and join in the day.

This year was no exception to the hard work she and volunteers put forth. Over the years Karen and Scott have raised over \$130,000 which they donate directly to the Greenville Hospital.

The High Point Shrine Club was there to assist since this benefit was held as a third-party fund raiser. The club helped sell tickets for a drawing for a Harley Davidson Fatboy bike and guns. The Double D Burnout Saloon in Kernersville, NC graciously provided the premises for the day, and owner Dave Thompson handled the auction of donated items. Lincoln Infield from The Carolina's Full Throttle Magazine supported by promoting the event as well as taking tons of photos. TV personality, Ed Matthews of WFMY News2, Greensboro, graciously gave his time and drew the winning tickets.

Music was provided by Wishful Thinking and the Dalton Davis Band who donated their time and talents. It was a fun-filled day where all proceeds--\$15.670--went to Shriners Children's Greenville.

As Karen stated, "anyone can hold a benefit, but success comes from all who volunteered, donated and showed up," The High Point Shrine Club thanks the Hatchett's and all those who helped make this a success. We can't wait for next year!



Greg Key, III. Sir Mike Neaves, Lady Leah, Philip Martin, Bobbie Neaves



High Point Shrine Club members, Philip Martin, Edd Little, Bill Phillips



Dalton Davis Band



Harley Davidson Fatboy winner Niki Thompson with Karen Hatchett



John Stanley, Chaplain

Shriners care!

A Number of years ago a newspaper reporter asked an Imperial Potentate to define a Shriner. The Potentate replied that a Shriner is, "A citizen young enough to enjoy fun and fellowship—but, mature enough to know that he has a responsibility to others."

Thus, we are young enough to enjoy each other's company at ceremonials and, through our association with each other in our clubs and

units, AND, we are mature enough to know that we have a responsibility to those children being treated at the Shriners Children's network. In fact, our Shriners Creed states, "We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling."

Shriners, as a fraternity, has been in existence for over 150 years. And, then some 50 years after the formation of the Fraternity, by 1920 — THINK OF THAT OVER 100 YEARS AGO — the Imperial Representatives felt that they needed a focus: a cause around which they could embrace. Thus, the idea of Shriners Hospitals was born.

The first hospital opened in 1922 in Shreveport, Louisiana. By the end of the decade 13 more hospitals were operational. Since then Shriners have created a network of clinics and hospitals treating children regardless of payment by patients or parents.

Remember, the first sentence of our Shriners Creed states: "Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name."

And, the Bible, in the Book of Deuteronomy 15, God says: "I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent, and means.

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

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



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Chief Rabban Shea Fadel recently presented Noble Bob Hunter with his SASA Representative Emeritus Award given to him by Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels.

Bob was unable to attend the Club and Unit appreciation night in January earlier this year. Shea was recently in Holden Beach and was able to see Bob and present the award.

"I was surprised to see PP Tom Price at the same time. It was a great visit with both of them and our ladies.

Congratulations Noble Bob Hunter!

Spotlight on Catawba County Shrine Club and Gator Patrol









Catawba County Shrine club met on August 23 at their clubhouse in Newton. After a delicious meal prepared by Chrissy Leatherman with help from Scott Houser and Bobby Leatherman, the meeting was called to order by President Steve Drum. Special guests were presented at the meeting: Illustrious Sir Doug Garland and his Divan. Recognitions were given to Fred Medlin representing Hickory Wholesale Cars, and David Lusk representing Honda. Both businesses have been extremely generous in their donations to our club and to Shriners Children's. Gary Ward, representing Gaston Shrine Club, accepted a check for their part in co-sponsoring the first annual Hickory Shrine Race. Illustrious Sir Doug Garland spoke about club membership and especially thanked CCSC and the Gator Patrol for their tireless efforts to support Shriners Children's.





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Submitted by Robert Britton Treasurer, Robbinsville Shrine Club



























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Late Model Car Late Model Truck

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Classic Car

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Local newspaper is seeking amateur photographers from Clubs and Units in every district to take pictures at Shrine events.

Action shots preferred. (Beer cans prohibited.)

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A byline in The Desert Dust

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Shrine Trailer Travels for You

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



Noble Sam is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice.

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From Basement to Rose Garden by Chuck Olson

Book Summary

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

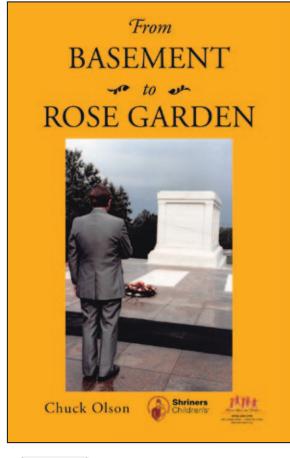
This boy learned to adjust in setting and achieving many goals as he was challenged at every turn. He excelled in sports, the military, being a provider, and experiencing how politics are handled in Washington, DC. He learned to communicate at all levels. He founded and co-founded, over twenty businesses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

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Shrine Clubs in the news



Mecklenburg Shrine Club Cruise-In for the Kids at Moochies Tavern in Matthews. Submitted by Captain of the Guard Jack Wallace









In a time when many Shrine clubs are struggling, congratulations go out to Union County Shriners as they break ground at the site of their new clubhouse. These hardworking men and their ladies show courage and perseverance. We salute you! Submitted by Club President Noble Bill Cox





East Burke Shrine Club recently held a drawing for chances on a 9mm pistol and some cash prizes at the Valdese Waldensian Festival with proceeds going to Shriners Children's. Pictured above are Nobels Bill Chapman and Cliff Becktel along with the young ladies who drew the winning tickets. Submitted by Noble Lynn Lail

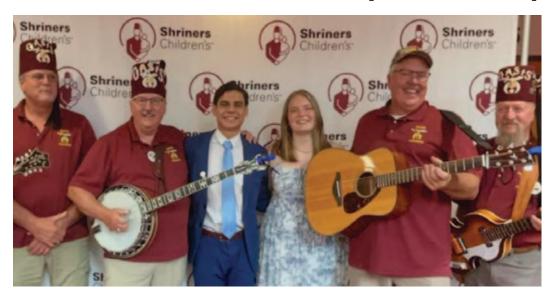




Catawba County Shrine Club welcomes Noble Eric Morabito and his Lady Kathleen. Eric is a new OASIS ASSOCIATE and a new-comer to Catawba County Shrine Club. He is a member of Cyprus Shriners in New York.

Eric has done a walk for Shriner Children's for the past nine years raising thousands of dollars for Shriners Children's. This year's 160-mile walk began on September 15 in Highland, NY and ends on Wednesday, September 20 at the Springfield hospital. Submitted by Noble James Cline

A small shout out to three special noble pickers



David Leslie, Dave Mahan, 2023 Patient Ambassadors, Gary Yandle and Gerry Boykin.

Pictured (L) Noble Pickers Gary Yandle (Guitar/Treasurer); Dave Mahan Banjo, etc. (Captain); Gerry "Thumper" Boykin (Bass); and David Leslie (Trailer/Transportation).

The Oasis Pickers have three "Special Nobles" in their midst, and I want to take a minute to celebrate their success!

First, Noble Picker David Leslie. Although only being a Shriner since the fall of 2022, he has single-handedly taken on the responsibilities of refurbishing and maintaining our parade/stage trailer. The awesome new wrap is the most visible, but his dedication to getting it licensed, painted, and basically rebuilt is VERY MUCH appreciated! He has also jumped into fundraising activities by participating in our Paper Sale support, helped with the Southern Christmas Show AND has led our ticket sales on our unit drawings.

Next up, Noble Gary Yandle. Gary plays a guitar and has done a ton of work by going to different JAMs/Practices to keep ALL of the pickers literally on the same sheet of music. Appalachian music is traditionally learned and passed on by ear... not by written music, and Gary has been going between our practice groups to help us all improve and play many tunes with his lead singing and rhythm guitar. He has also helped us with acquiring trailer parts and keeping track of our unit funds.

Finally, Noble Gerry "Thumper" Boykin. Gerry has been playing music for a long time but mainly guitar. When it became obvious that we really needed a bass player, he stepped up, bought a bass (or two) and has been pushing to improve our sound ever since. Gerry seldom misses a practice JAM and has supported our unit almost since day one.

Needless to say, these three Noble Pickers have become a huge part of our unit success ,and I'd like to publicly give a little shout out to say THANK YOU from ALL of our Noble Pickers for their leadership and hard work! It is sincerely appreciated!

Of course, there are many other GREAT Noble Pickers, and as they continue to push our unit's success, we'll also recognize their contributions.

If you'd like to join or get more information about the Oasis Pickers, email: DBMahan@gamil.com or call/text @ 843-372-5510.

Thanks, Dave Mahan (Oasis Pickers, Captain)



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Each \$25 contribution gets you two adult tickets to any circus performance and as many kid's tickets as you want. If you can't use your tickets, we will distribute them to children and adults in other non-profit organizations who cannot afford to attend the circus. Tickets at the door are \$15 for 13 years old and over, 12 years old and under are free.

Again this year, we will be represented by a telemarketing company--Shrine Services. Please understand they are to omit all Oasis Shriners from their calling list. If they call you, **tell them you are an Oasis Shriners member and have them remove your name from their list**. Explain that you will contribute directly to your temple through the Mom & Dad Program.

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Circus Chairman

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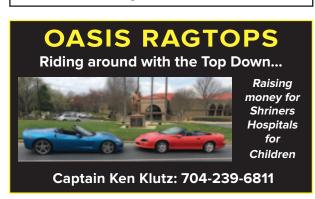


















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We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Fairview Masonic Lodge #339 in Kings Mountain. The meal is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00.

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