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Your Potentate

Thank you, Oasis nobles and ladies for your hard work and support this year. This summer has been an amazing journey. September is always full of fun activities. We have

several exciting events approaching as we move toward the end of summer. I would like to recap some of the special moments that we have experienced in the past month.

The Oasis Family and Friends Potentate trip to Alaska was an unforgettable adventure from July 22 to July 30. Eighteen people flew into Fairbanks, Alaska, where we embarked on an incredible journey. We visited the iconic Alaskan Pipeline, rode a riverboat, and explored a First Nations village. We rode the Alaskan railroad to Denali, where a thrilling Tundra excursion awaited. We were treated to sightings of a grizzly bear with cubs, moose, caribou, and Dall sheep. Several members of the group enjoyed the midnight sun ATV ride which was quite a thrill. A dinner show and the beauty of the mountains shadowing our hotel added to this memorable experience. We enjoyed a scenic charter bus ride to Anchorage. In Anchorage, we visited a museum, furrier, and shopped while some enjoyed riding a float plane. We enjoyed watching others catch salmon in the river which seemed full of fish. We rode in the Goldstar car of the Alaskan Railway to Seward. We were able to witness breathtaking sights like eagles, mountain goats, lakes, and glaciers. In Seward, we toured the Alaskan Gulf on a six-hour boat ride. We enjoyed the sights and sounds of humpback whales, orcas, sea lions, puffins, Dall porpoises, eagles, and a majestic glacier. With excellent food and wonderful fellowship, this trip was truly a dream come true.

The Oasis Shriners' Cold Sands ceremony in Marion, NC and Franklin, NC were resounding success stories, as we proudly initiated 15 new Shriners in Marion and 28 in Franklin. Additionally, we previously created 11 new Nobles at the Red Fez Family Fun Day and 43 in Mount Airy, bringing the total to an impressive 97 new nobles and their families joining the Oasis Shrine Family in 2023. Oasis is working to ensure that all new nobles who joined Oasis during the cold sand's ceremonies can purchase a fez case and fez stiffener. Oasis will send an email to each of you to determine who needs these items. If you do not receive the email, please email Sherrie at support@oasisshriners.org to order these items.

Noble Dave Linn and his fellow nobles in Western North Carolina created an exciting event for the ninth year. The 80's Flashback Weekend is a dream come true for Noble Dave, who is a former Shrine patient at the Shriners Children's Greenville. Noble Dave wanted to give back and he has done so in a big way. This event occurs in Franklin, NC on the first Friday and Saturday in August. The communities in Western North Carolina have embraced this event and helped make this one of the area's largest community events. The Smokey Mountain Shrine Club has supported this event raising thousands of dollars for the Greenville Hospital. Next year will be the 10th year. I encourage each of you to mark your 2024 calendar now and make plans to attend this giant party. The music, food and fellowship were excellent. I hope that each of you will attend this event next summer.

Congratulations to the Catawba County Shrine Club and the Gaston County Shine Club for working together and creating the 1st annual Shrine 100 Asphalt race at the Hickory Motor Speedway on July 22. I was in Alaska and unable to attend. I understand this event was very successful. The Gaston County Shrine Club celebrated the 51st Annual Shrine 100 at Carolina Speedway on Friday, August 11. This event hosted a large crowd of spectators and several current and former Shrine patients. The race has raised several thousand dollars over the years to support our Shriners Hospitals.

Looking ahead, our next ceremony will take place in Asheboro, NC from Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27. Oasis families will be delighted with an array of activities, such as golf, shopping, visits to the North Carolina Zoo, NC Aviation Museum, and the American Classic Motorcycle Museum. It's an opportunity for our Shrine families to bond and create lasting memories.

An exciting addition to the event is the luncheon and painting party, organized by Lady Leah in partnership with The Preppy Possum in downtown Asheboro. Scheduled for Saturday at 10 am, this experience promises a delightful time for all attending ladies and guests. For just \$40, participants will receive a canvas, paint, supplies, lunch, drinks, and personalized assistance from The Preppy Possum staff to help create a beautiful painting as a memento of your Asheboro experience.

To register and gather more information about this ceremony or painting event, please visit [www.oasisshriners.org/Events/Summer Ceremonial](http://www.oasisshriners.org/Events/Summer_Ceremonial). You can call or text Lady Leah at 336-963-1201 if you have questions. To register for this event, please visit: <https://oasisladies.eventbrite.com> or you can call Oasis Headquarters at 704-749-9600. Space is

limited so please make your reservations as soon as possible. We are planning for a few walk-ins. You are welcome to walk-in, attend and participate however, we would appreciate pre-registration if possible.

A new event is scheduled for September 15-16 at the Wilkesboro Dragstrip in Wilkesboro, NC. Noble Jim Turner, who created the Shriners Hot Rod & Dragster Expo in Greensboro 21 years ago, is working on a special event to raise financial support for the Shriners Children's Hospital. This event, Shriners No-Prep Challenge, is designed to be a family-oriented drag race, and we hope to gain the support of the communities in Wilkes and surrounding counties. We need volunteers to help with this event on Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Noble Dan Swanson at 336-317-4957. We are also looking for sponsors for this event. Clubs and Units that participate in this event will receive credit for the proceeds that are raised. I hope each of you will consider helping with this first inaugural event.

Its time for the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) events to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC on September 21-24, 2023. Oasis Shriners will be staying at the host hotel, Doubletree by Hilton. Oasis has booked all 140 rooms. If you are traveling to SASA, we will post more information on the Oasis website, under the events portion. Come out on Saturday morning to support our Oasis Units in the SASA parade. Oasis parade units will be the 19th Shrine Center in the parade. I am unsure of the step off time, but I suspect it will be closer to 11 am. Oasis will host a hospitality room while we are at SASA. Signs will be posted on the elevators at the hotel. On Saturday evening, Oasis will celebrate our parade units, nobles and ladies with a Beach Party on the second floor in the banquet room. This event will begin at 8 pm with finger foods and a DJ. I encourage all parade units to attend as we will be presenting the SASA trophies to the winning units. This event will be for Oasis members and their families. I hope everyone will make plans to attend the Beach Party.

As you can see, there are many things happening with Clubs and Units in Oasis territory. If you are not a member of a club or unit, I encourage you to get involved. Our goal is to have fun and work together to support Shriners Children's. Share the opportunity with your fellow Master Masons. Be proud and invite others to join our great fraternity. If you have new Shriners in your area, be a mentor and help them to become more active. Together we are stronger. Together we make a difference. Together, we are a family of Oasis Shrine Masons. Let's work together and continue to be the very best.

Illustrious Sir Doug Garland and Lady Leah



Your Recorder

Hello nobles, ladies, and friends of the Shrine. My message this month will be brief so that others may have room for items of significantly higher importance.

Things are going

extremely well here at your headquarters, and generally well throughout our various districts. With respect to financials, our building rentals are on track to complete this year higher than last year with minimal impact to our Nobility, which is always a good thing. Circus revenues from telemarketing are also trending well, which are the two major sources of revenue to supplement our members' due to keep operation going at Oasis. Expenditure demands for our headquarters building continue to grow as the building ages. When you see your local Divan/Oasis leadership members, give them a big hug in appreciation of their efforts to properly manage the financial aspects of our fraternity during these very challenging economic times.

Our membership team, led by Noble Ben Hamilton, is hitting on all cylinders with many

new nobles joining Oasis this year. Every noble who has not paid their 2023 dues (which were due 12/31/22) is being personally contacted, and those who are experiencing financial distress will be considered for dues remittance through the Oasis Sunshine Fund.

On the hospital side of the house, I am pleased to report that the hospital endowment fund is doing well, despite recent financial upheavals. Our hospitals are evolving from what we generally consider a hospital to more out-patient ambulatory care, and increased partnerships with adjoining larger hospitals, with

minimal, if any, overnight stays. Our medical outreach continues to rapidly grow globally. At one time we would fly international patients to a US-based hospital where they would receive world-class Shriner hospital care. They often stayed weeks or months during their surgery recovery and subsequent surgeries. Fast forward to today, we have begun having our doctors go to the international location, set up training clinics, and train those doctors. Then they continue medical reviews with those trained medical personnel remotely. Just this small change eliminates the travel issues associated with bringing children from their homes to the US, away from most family and friends, to have their medical procedures. And this, in turn, results in much higher medical procedure success rates and decreased stress and anxiety to our most precious patients. I will give some specific examples next month, so stay tuned.

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 hospitals and the children they serve.

Gary Taylor

On the Cover

WNC Shrine Club president, Charlie McCowan; Noble Roy Dickey; new Noble Tim Lominac (Murphy NC Police Chief); and PP David Sumpter present a check for \$32,000 to Myra Morrison of Shriners Children's Greenville.

"Our Club, like many Shrine Clubs in the Western North Carolina, although few in active members, is dedicated to the support of the children served by Shriners Children's," reports IS Sumpter.

"Typical solicitations from local merchants and the community, as well as the sponsorship and management of the second annual WNC Shrine Club fishing tournament on Lake Chatuge by the Tri County North Carolina Bass Club, contributed to our success."

Congratulations to these hard-working nobles!

I have always found it to be amazing that year after year, the nobles in Western North Carolina work hard and consistently raise large amounts of money for the Greenville Hospital.

"I certainly appreciate the hard work, commitment, and dedication of the WNC Shriners, ladies and local business partners who donate their time, talents, and financial means for children who depend on the Shriners Children's Hospital network for medical treatment and improvement in their quality of life."

IS Doug Garland

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Reminder

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



The Desert Dust

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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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
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September 10th, 2023
21st Annual Catawba County Shriners' Run
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September 15 - 16th, 2023
Race Works Car Show - Wilkesboro
SEE PAGE 16

October 7th, 2023
Thermal Belt SC Car, Truck & Bike Show
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November 4th, 2023
Red Fez Shrine Club Casino Night
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November 10th, 2023
Veterans Appreciation
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Oasis Shriners Potentate's Lineage

Greetings again from the Oasis Historical Preservation Society. This month we will showcase the last active Potentate line at Oasis, the Potentate's lineage of Past Potentate IS John Burgess. IS John Douglas Burgess and Lady Charlotte currently live in Charlotte. IS Burgess has worked for NAPA Auto Parts for 33 years as a District Sales Manager. He was raised a Master Mason on November 29, 1978 and was created a Noble on November 10, 1979. His lineage is the same as IS Ken Jarrett from IS Arthur J. Crampton through IS Gene Morrison. The following table lists the IS John Burgess line in its entirety.

IS John Thomas "Tom" Price and Lady Jo currently live in Charlotte. He was raised Master Mason on November 20, 1956, and created a Noble of Oasis Shrine on January 17, 1957. IS Price was born in Charlotte in 1933, and graduated from the Old Harding High School in 1951. He was married in 1952, and then drafted for Korea in 1953, where he served for two years in the United States Army. After returning home, he resumed working for Southern Engineering Company as the Vice President of Sales. A few years later, he joined SteelFab, Inc., as Vice President of Sales, a position he held until his retirement from

the steel industry. Many Shriners will recall his Potentate pin which represented a steel beam. IS Price was raised a Master Mason in Phalanx Lodge No. 31 and has received his 60 Year Diamond Jubilee Award. He has also been a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite. He is a member of the Land of the Sky Shrine Club and Red Fez Shrine Club. He was appointed to the progressive line by Illustrious Sir Gene Morrison. He was a longtime treasurer of his church in South Charlotte. "Having the opportunity to serve as Potentate was one of the greatest highlights of my life," said IS Price.

IS William Miller "Bill" Vandresser, III and Lady Robyn currently live in Indian Land, SC. He was raised a Master Mason in Lincoln Lodge #137 in 1978 and was created a Noble on May 19, 1979. He attended Lincolnton High School, Gaston College and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and was employed by Vermont American as Director of International Business Development. He was appointed to the Divan in 1994, by IS Tom Price, but his service to Oasis started before that. He served as president of the Lincoln County Shrine Club in 1982/1983 and was Ambassador in 1984 and 1985.

He is a Past Captain of the Oasis Dune Cats, was co-chairman of the Candy Sale in 1993; member of Centennial Task Force Committee in 1994-1995; Chairman of Centennial Cookbook and served on the Shrinefest Task Force in 1995 and 1996. In 1997 and 1998, he served on the Heritage Wall and on the Shrine Bowl Distinguished Guest Committee. He is also an Honorary Life Member of The Oasis Patrol, as well as a Life Member of Lincoln Lodge #137 and Indian Land #414 in South Carolina.

IS Hubert Michael “Mike” Cook and Lady Kathy currently live in Mooresville. He was raised a Master Mason in Mooresville Lodge #436 in 1976 and was created a Noble on May 6, 1995. He started working at Cavin Funeral Home in high school and by 1973, had accepted a full-time position there. In 1990, IS Cook partnered with James V. Houston to acquire Cavin Funeral Home. Five years later he became sole proprietor, and the name was changed to Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. American Funeral Director magazine awarded H. Mike Cook as Funeral Director of The Year for 2019. This was a very special award for IS Cook as he also celebrated his 50th anniversary in the funeral business. IS Cook is an active member of the Lake Norman Shrine Club, serving as president in 2000, 2001 and 2002; The Oasis Patrol and attends all the Past Captain’s meetings. He is currently in his third year as a member of the Board of Directors for Shriners Children’s Greenville, of which IS Cook states, “This opportunity is one of the highlights of my Shrine career.” In 2019, IS Cook was asked to serve as Director General of the 149th Imperial Shrine Session to be held in Charlotte NC in 2023 by Imperial Sir Kenny Craven. They had served together as Potentates in 2012, IS Cook for Oasis and IS Craven for Omar. We wonder if IS Cook has saved all the outfits he wore in 2012.

IS John Douglas “Johnny” Burgess and Lady Charlotte currently live in Charlotte. He is a member of Saint Andrew Lodge #702 where he was Master in 1983, and currently serves as Treasurer. He is a member of Red Fez, Mecklenburg and Gaston County Shrine Clubs and is no stranger to leadership roles. He was the Oasis Shrine Mart Chairman for 15 years; is a Past President of the Red Fez Shrine Club and a Past Captain of the Potentate Guard. He has stated that his year as Potentate (2018) was the most fun he has ever had in his Shrine career. He says, and I quote “Having a twin, I could be in two places at once.” He stated further that “It was an honor and a privilege to serve Oasis and its members. We are truly blessed to have all of the dedicated members that help us support Shriners Hospitals for Children.” He also noted that it is fitting to have IS Louis Duncanson Sutherland in his line, since he grew up at the Red Fez Shrine Club and IS Sutherland was instrumental in the founding of the Red Fez at Lake Wylie.

We hope you have enjoyed this series of articles about the current Potentate lines at Oasis.

Yours in the Faith,

Oasis Historical Preservation Society

YEAR POTENTATE	NAME	OASIS NUMBER
2018	JOHN DOUGLAS BURGESS, SR.	28819
2012	HUBERT MICHAEL COOK	36362
2003	WILLIAM MILLER VANDRESSER, III	28675
1994	JOHN THOMAS PRICE	14969
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 Johnny Burgess’ Potentate’s Lineage





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 Karla
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 Cynthia

 Susan
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 Nancy

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 Megan Leah

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 Rose

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 Linda

It's 80's-style fun in Franklin



Smokey Mountain Shrine Club hosts dinner at Junaluske Lodge



"I seldom put my own picture in the paper, but I love this one of Marty."

It's Back to the 80's with the Mad Hatters Band at Currahee Brewery

*Photography by Noble Les Dix,
Oasis Chief Photographer*

Saturday, and the hits keep comin'





America's Most Famous Short Track



Hickory Speedway hosts Shrine 100's first asphalt race

More than 1500 fans ventured out for the first Shrine 100 Asphalt Race. Catawba County Shrine Club along with the Gaston County Shrine Club (President Bryan Petzold and Race Chairman Noble Gary Ward) were very pleased with the success of this event.

The two Shrine Clubs worked well together in raising over \$17,000 for Shriners Children's. Track promoter Kevin Piercy said, "the track was honored to be part of this inaugural Shrine 100-Asphalt, and we look forward to hosting this race in years to come."

Submitted by Noble Gary Ward with photos by Gardner Street Photography



Steve Drum,
Catawba County
Shrine Club
President





August 11, 2023
For Immediate Release:

Hickory Motor Speedway would like to take a moment to thank all of our fans, sponsors, competitors, staff, Speedway Womens' Club, and everyone involved, for helping make the Inaugural Shrine Race at Hickory Motor Speedway a great success. We count it an honor and a privilege to have had a small part in this special event that raised \$17,686 for the Gaston and Catawba County Shriners to use toward providing for the children served by Shriners Children's.

We have already discussed a second year for this event, and with more time to plan it for 2024, hopefully it will continue to grow.

*Thanks again,
Hickory Motor Speedway Management*



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To decline, to whine, to recline, to shine!

Dr. Richard Morgan, an honorably retired Presbyterian Minister, served several churches in N.C.; was Professor of Religion at Peace College, Raleigh, NC, and Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC; and Professor of Religion/Psychology at Mitchell College, Statesville, NC, passed away at the age of 93.



John Stanley, Chaplain

During a most active and fruitful life he authored or co-authored twenty books. In one of those books, *Light of the Setting Suns: Reflecting on Realities and Mysteries at Ninety Years of Life* he says that the three temptations of older people are

TO DECLINE, TO WHINE, AND TO RECLINE

But, Dr. Morgan continues to note that there is a fourth option, a worthwhile one: **TO SHINE!**

Thus, we all, regardless of our age, have the option to Decline, Whine, Recline or SHINE. We shine when we are involved with our brothers in our clubs and units. We shine when we enjoy the Shrine Ceremonials, when

we parade, and we really shine when we are involved in raising funds for the network of Shriners Children's Centers.

Must we wait until we are in our 90's to Shine? I think not. We have the option to shine at any age, especially when we recall the Biblical quote from Philippians: "*Rejoice in the Lord Always.*"

Or check out 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 : "*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*"

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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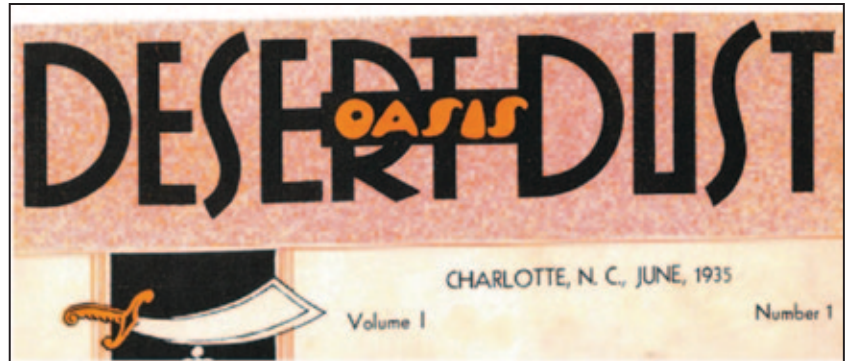
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The Oasis Historical Preservation Society is in search of old Desert Dust newspapers to scan and preserve for generations to come. We currently have some of the issues from 1935-1942, no papers from 1943-1965, some papers from 1966-1975, no papers 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>
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51st Shrine 100 Race draws hundreds of fans



Photos by the ever-faithful Noble Les Dix



High Priest and Prophet Tim Daniels makes everyone welcome and performs introductions



Matt Aldridge and three of his children have all been treated by Shriners Children's. They're pictured here with the Oasis Divan and teenage MMA champions Bridget Costner and Landon Weaver.

Catawba County Shriners

21st Annual Shriners Run
Sunday September 10th 2023

21st Annual Shriners Run
\$1,000.00

Cash Prizes

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

And Door Prizes

Should there be a tie there will be a roll off to determine winner

Ride starts at Iron Thunder Saloon (kick off exit 125)

- 1st Stop John's Tavern - Hickory
- 2nd Stop Ram's Ramms - Vicksburg
- 3rd Johnny's Bar and Grill - Litchington
- 4th 1st Turn - Denver
- 5th Babes Beer Bar - Claremont
- Last Stop Catawba County Shrine Club - Newton

Registration Starts 10:30
First Bike out 11:45am
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Marion Ceremony welcome 15 new nobles



Class of new Nobles - Marion, NC



IS Doug Garland thanks Mickey Williams for sharing his Courtyard at The Little Acres



High Priest and Prophet Tim Farris strums with The Pickers



Mt. Mitchell Shrine Club presents IS Doug with a plaque



Ladies from Mt. Mitchell Shrine Club



A colorful lunch buffet

High Point Shrine Club presents award

High Point Shrine President Timothy Nall and Paper Chairman Edd Little present a plaque of appreciation to Joe Mandeville of Rio Grande Mexican Kitchen for allowing the club members to hold the Oasis Paper Crusade at his restaurant.

Joe has allowed the club for the past years to hold the paper drive at his establishment. As it gets more difficult to find locations to hold the paper drive, the High Point Club appreciates that Rio Grande Mexican Kitchen allows us to promote the Shriners Children's. Joe is a Shriner and understands how important the paper crusade is to Oasis Temple.



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Refer a patient to be seen virtually or in-person by calling **866-459-0013** or fax a referral form to **864-240-3111**.

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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.
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To learn more, please contact Dennis Grigg at (828) 781-0062.
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March to September 2023

Time: 5 PM to 8 PM

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Oasis Past Potentate 2022

PP Tim Daniels to serve on Greenville Hospital Board of Governors

Imperial Sir, Illustrious Sirs and Nobles, I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you for all your support and encouragement as I sought the position of Associate Member for the Greenville BOG to represent Oasis. I am happy to report that as of July 24, I was elected to serve.

I certainly pledge to represent Oasis well as I begin this journey. I attended my first meeting as a guest and sat and listened to all the reports, I was so proud of Oasis and what we do to support Greenville and all of our care facilities. Oasis is number ONE out of all 15 Shrine Headquarters that are designated as host headquarters. Thank you for what you do for our fraternity and SHC, and thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Fraternally yours,
Tim Daniels

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!



RED FEZ SHRINE CLUB PRESENTS

CASINO NIGHT

Ticket price- \$50
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SATURDAY, NOV 4
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Dear Nobles and Friends of Oasis Shriners

It is circus time again and we have planned another great Oasis Shrine Circus with Jordan World Circus. As in past years we are again asking you to be a:

Circus Mom & Dad: For a \$25 contribution, this entitles you to 2 free adult tickets.

Circus Grandparents: For a \$50 contribution, this entitles you to 4 free adult tickets.

Circus Ringmaster: For a \$80 contribution, this entitles you to 8 free adult tickets.

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.

No tickets will be mailed after October 1, 2023. Additional tickets are available at Oasis Temple. All contributions will be recognized in The Desert Dust. Thanks for your continued support of the Oasis Shrine Circus!

The Fieldhouse - Greensboro, NC

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Cabarrus Arena - Concord, NC

Friday, October 13th at 7:30pm

Saturday, October 14th at 4:00pm and 7:30pm

Fraternally yours,
Jack Wallace
Circus Chairman

Oasis Shrine Circus Mom & Dad Program

Name: _____

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Choose One:

- \$25-\$49 Mom & Dad
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- \$80 or more Ringmaster
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of Tickets needed:

- _____ General Admission equivalent to my contribution
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 Contact oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com

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LEGION OF HONOR CLUB

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The Greensboro Shrine Club

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Call 336-707-6588 for information.

Gaston County Shrine Club
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 Social @ 6pm | Meeting @ 7pm

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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



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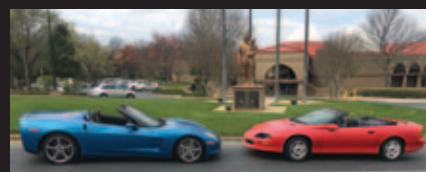
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Monthly meetings,
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Please contact:

Barry Winecoff @ 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



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
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John Michael Cline	Lincolnton, NC	11/5/1983	7/20/2023
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