

# DESERT DUST

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# From the Potentate

Nobles and Ladies:

Happy New Year!  
Thank you for the  
incredible honor  
and trust you have  
placed in me to

serve as your Potentate in 2025 and the 130th for Oasis Shriners. As with any elected office, we are merely stewards of the chair but for a brief moment, entrusted to help steer the ship and safely land the plane at the conclusion of another year, leaving her in the capable hands of another team while offering our continued support to the institutions we cherish. I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton for appointing me as Oasis Membership Chairman beginning in 2013, Illustrious Sir Todd Ham for appointing me to the Oasis Divan as Marshal in 2015, and my "Shrine Dad" Illustrious Sir Ken Jarrett for appointing me as Second Ceremonial Master in 2019. What a ride it has been to 2025!

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Shea Fadel and Lady Sandra for a successful year for Oasis Shriners in 2024. It has been a privilege to serve with him on the Oasis Board of Directors, and I will certainly miss sitting beside him at Divan meetings. Through the dedication and hard work of our Oasis members and ladies, we were able to once again make an incredible contribution to Shriners Children's in 2024! We will continue to set the bar high in 2025 through the same efforts from our clubs, units, and Shrine families.

Lady Laura and I were humbled by the turnout and support shown at this year's Installation of Officers. A special thanks to the Oasis Patrol for their continued participation in the event. I was beaming with pride as they escorted guests, the Divan and ladies, and presented the Colors. A special thanks to the Oasis Highlanders for piping us into the auditorium and to Lady Beth Downs for performing our National Anthem. I am

particularly grateful to the clubs and units that I have had the privilege to serve these past ten years as their Divan Representative since I was first appointed as Marshal in 2015. You made a special effort to attend this event by driving long distances from the farthest reaches of western North Carolina and this gesture was most appreciated.

I want to thank everyone who helped with preparation for this event, especially the Aides, Divan and ladies, and the special friends who helped Lady Laura. Our Shrine Center looked incredible for this year's theme which is simply "Shriners Children's" with our Shrine children and their families as our primary focus. Special thanks to our Oasis office staff for helping the weekend go so smoothly, Jackson's Catering in Clover for preparing the wonderful meal, and the Extraordinaires for bringing down the house like always. Our hard working Hospitality team deserves a huge pat on the back as well. We are fortunate to have such a great team led by Dennis and Terri Grigg. I have enjoyed the great opportunity to install multiple club and unit officers during the past several weeks. I wish each of you a most successful and memorable year. We look forward to seeing all club and unit officers at our Annual Club and Unit Officer Orientation to be held this year on Saturday, February 8.

Some exciting plans have been made for 2025. We plan to build on the momentum that has been established to continue our mantra of "Having Fun and Helping Children." You will notice that our beloved *Desert Dust* has undergone a modern transformation with design and layout. The first edition of the *Desert Dust* was printed in June 1935. As several of our members may recall, for decades the *Desert Dust* was a magazine-style layout as we have once again returned to that format. This reminds me of the adage "there is nothing new under the sun." Special thanks to Lady Edie Wilson, Editor of the *Desert Dust*, and Lexi Eden,

guru designer extraordinaire, as we "go for Gold" during this year's Dromedary Awards competition. We plan to continue using the *Desert Dust* as a primary means of communication in conjunction with social media, text messaging, smartphone apps, email blasts, phone trees, snail mail, word of mouth, carrier pigeon, the Pony Express - whatever it takes to get the job done.

Lady Laura and I are excited about our scheduled "Annual Shriners Day" at Shriners Children's Greenville on March 8. We are planning to have record attendance from Oasis as we endeavor to highly publicize this event for all nobles and ladies. For various reasons, so many of our nobles have yet to have an opportunity to visit Greenville in our own backyard. This is a wonderful time to visit, meet Shriners and ladies from other Shrine centers throughout the Southeast, learn the latest and greatest updates during informative presentations, and enjoy a special tour of the facility. Please make plans to join us and make sure to register using the form that will be available online and found elsewhere in the *Desert Dust*.

Aloha! Lady Laura and I are thrilled that more than 30 people have already booked to join us for this year's Potentate and First Lady trip to Hawaii during April 19-26. Book today to be with us in Oahu as we visit Pearl Harbor, Shriners Children's Hawaii, the Aloha Shriners Beach Club and so much more! See the flyer for complete details and contact me with any questions. Wheels Up in April, so book today and don't delay!

Team 2025 is looking forward to hosting our "Catamount Class" Spring Ceremonial in beautiful Cullowhee valley on the campus of Western Carolina University, my undergraduate alma mater just five minutes outside Sylva, while we parade in the tranquil town of Dillsboro. Several details will be forthcoming as we open registration and share exciting news of how that special weekend will unfold. Our "Oasis Homecoming" Fall Ceremonial will be in special honor of our Past

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# From the Recorder

Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you well. My next few articles will focus on our hospital kids, and I

hope you enjoy reading their stories. This month's focus is on Noemi. The following information is readily available on Shriners Children's website, but I am more than happy to bring it to you personally.

## For Noemi, More Range of Motion Means More Possibilities



If you ask 9-year-old Noemi which superpowers she would want most, she answers "teleportation" and "healing." It's not hard to imagine why.

Immediately after Noemi was born, the neonatal intensive care unit referred her and her mother Andrea to Shriners Children's™. They visited for the first time when Noemi was two weeks old, and she was diagnosed with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita.

This rare disorder causes stiff joints and abnormal muscle development. It can lead to a limited range of motion in wrists, hands, elbows, shoulders, hips, knees and ankles. Sometimes, the motion is so limited that the joint is fixed and there's no movement at all.

Arthrogryposis has no known cure, but because the physicians at Shriners Children's have treated thousands of children with this disorder, Andrea knew that her baby was in good hands.

Over the years Noemi has benefited from a range of treatments including casting, orthotics, and corrective surgeries. These interventions have changed the course of

her life. Without them, Noemi wouldn't be able to walk, but with them, her mobility and independence are flourishing.

Thanks to treatment, Noemi can complete many activities of daily life. P.E. is one of her favorite classes, and a special program at Shriners Children's has helped her realize another dream. Through BikeFit, Noemi was gifted and trained on an adaptive bike. Now she can experience the joy of peddling and cruising alongside her siblings and friends.

The loving community and family-friendly environment at Shriners Children's have also been a blessing to Andrea, who could tell from the beginning that "Everyone truly cares about the kids." She's watched and rejoiced as special supports like the activity center, gifts during stays, and time with therapy dogs have supported both her and Noemi in "healing and maintaining a positive focus."

To the generous donors who have made so much possible for Noemi, Andrea has clear message: "Your kindness will make all the difference to a child and [their] family who are struggling to give them their best life." Andrea would certainly know – thanks to the loving gifts of donors, Noemi has had every chance to thrive.

Things continue to go 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 all our Shriners' children like Noemi, that they serve.

**Gary**

**ON THE COVER:** Oasis 130th Potentate Illustrious Sir Christopher L. Hall and Lady Laura Clark

*Many thanks to all those who contributed photos for this issue. You are too numerous to name but so very appreciated.*

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# From the Potentate

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Potentates, so make sure to mark it on your calendar. Speaking of the calendar, please take a moment to review the 2025 Oasis Schedule of Events published in this issue and add the dates to your personal calendars. We have several ceremonial opportunities planned throughout the year to take Oasis into the far reaches of our 50 county jurisdiction to welcome new members. We will have ceremonials at Roman Eagle Lodge in Aberdeen, Ashe Shrine Club in West Jefferson, Lake Wylie during the Oasis Family Fun Weekend at Red Fez Shrine Club, High Rock Lake at Rowan Shrine Club in Salisbury, the Winston Salem Masonic Center for a "Camel City Black Tie," my Masonic lodge in Highlands at Blue Ridge Lodge 435, and at Lincoln County Shrine Club in Vale during the Cat Square parade weekend. Flyers with complete details will be widely shared. Please go ahead now and help spread the word to Master Masons living

in these areas who you know would make outstanding Shriners. A huge tip of the Fez to Noble Ben Hamilton, Oasis Membership Chairman, and his team for their outstanding efforts.

I am extremely fortunate to have been born and raised in far southwestern North Carolina in Robbinsville, Graham County. When I was a small boy, about six or seven years old, I vividly recall staring up at my great-uncle Roy Jones, standing nearly seven feet on his own, as he wore a tall red "hat" upon his head and stood outside the local grocery store handing out papers. To a small mountain boy, Roy looked larger than life and I had no idea at the time what he was doing - but it nevertheless made an indelible impression on me that lasts to this day. Little did I realize that he was helping the children of our little community and so many other communities across western North Carolina. When I look upon our Shrine statue, the "Editorial Without Words," I see my great-uncle Roy standing tall as he stooped to help a child.

I am also a proud Shriner Legacy in connection with my special cousin, Noble Rory Justin Byers of Murphy. Through an introduction by Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter III, Rory and I soon learned that we are cousins and share a set of 2x-great-grandparents who are laid to rest in Stecoah. Since that serendipitous moment, Rory has been like the brother I never had and he is a remarkable man, Mason, and Shriner. Thank you for your unending love and support, Cuz. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Noble Brandon Penley for his many years of friendship and support since we first met when joining the Scottish Rite in 2007. Noble Brandon is responsible for invigorating my interest in the Shrine, ultimately leading to the present - so for anything that may not go as planned this year, just blame Brandon! All kidding aside, thank you for being a steadfast friend, Noble Penley, and for all you have done and continue to do.

We have assembled a great Team 2025. If you need us, please reach out. We are here to support you and our communities throughout western North Carolina as they continue to need relief and assistance following Hurricane Helene. Once again, Lady Laura and I would like to thank the nobility and ladies for their warm support along with the Divan, committee chairmen, and office staff for their continued efforts to maintain our reputation as the best Shrine Center in the world, not only through the most annual giving to Shriners Children's and the highest membership, but more importantly through loving our neighbors and doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Remember, today you are somebody's example when they glance at the ring upon your hand, the lapel pin on your collar, the stitched logo on your shirt, or the decal on your vehicle. In the words of our beloved Oasis Chaplain, Past Potentate John Stanley, "let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

Yours in the Faith,  
**Illustrious Sir Chris Hall**

### BY ORDER OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE

WHAT:

Annual Oasis Club and Unit Officer Orientation, Annual Financial Report Turn-In, & Paper Crusade Pick Up

WHO:

Secretaries, Treasurers, Club Presidents and Vice Presidents, Unit Captains and Lieutenants

WHEN:

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM

WHERE:

Oasis Shriners, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262

WHY:

Annual Officer Meeting to share new updates, information, and annually required important reminders for both experienced and new officers of all clubs and units. Annual Financial Reports will be turned in at this time. Paper Crusade materials are also distributed at this event. Lunch will be served immediately following the meeting.

SEE PAGE 14 FOR MORE INFORMATION



## INTRODUCING YOUR

# Second Ceremonial Master

**N**oble Tom Bridges began his journey in Hibriten Lodge 262 in Lenoir in 2010 when he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and joined Oasis Shriners that same year. He served as Master in 2018 and Master of Knights of Solomon Lodge No. 764 in 2021. He is a member of Prometheus Lodge No. 775, a traditional observance lodge. Noble Tom proudly served the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons as District Deputy Grand Master of the 34th Masonic District from 2022-2024.

Noble Tom has extensive service within the York Rite of Freemasonry including service as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in North Carolina during both 2019 and 2020. He received the Knight York Grand Cross of Honor in 2019. He currently serves with pleasure as the North Carolina Representative to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

Noble Tom served as Sovereign Master of J. Allen Suther Council No. 337, Allied Masonic Degrees in 2016 and served as Excellent Chief of Appalachian Council No. 121, Knight Masons in 2020. He served as Governor of the Western North Carolina York Rite Sovereign College No. 78 in 2023. Noble Tom served as President of the North Carolina Associated of Allied Masonic Degrees in 2019.

Noble Tom served as Master of the North Carolina Court No. 73, The Masonic Order of Athelstan in 2022. He is a long-serving treasurer of Solar White Quarry for The Operatives and serves as an officer of North Carolina Conclave No. 24, Pilgrim Preceptors, having also been a Charter Member of that body. He serves as an officer within the Grand Line for The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, United States of America.

Noble Tom is serving as Sovereign of the St. Titus Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine this year. He serves within the progressive officer line for Mount of the Holy Cross Tabernacle No. 1, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and stands to serve as its Preceptor in 2031.

He is an Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, having been elected to receive the Order of the Purple Cross of York (OPC) in 2022, which is the highest honor of the College and is only conferred on members who have distinguished themselves by their service to humanity or to the Rite.

He is a member of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, the Sovereign Order of Knight Preceptors,

the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, the Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri, the Royal Order of Scotland, Ye Ancient Order of Noble Corks, the Masonic Order of the Bath, and the Ancient and Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot.

In 2022, he served as President of National Sojourners Chapter 553 and in 2023 served as

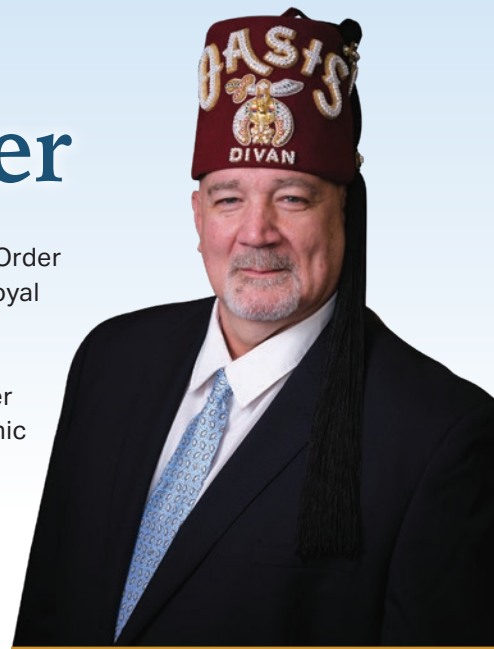
Commander of the Heroes of '76, Cane Creek Camp. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Lenoir Assembly No. 87, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Within the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, this distinguished brother is a member of the Valley of Charlotte, Orient of North Carolina in which he served as Wise Master of the Mecklenburg Chapter of Rose Croix in 2020 and 2021. He was distinguished as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and received his red cap in 2017. He is also a member of the Valley of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Within the Shrine, Noble Tom served as President of Foothills Shrine Club in both 2014 and 2015 and is a proud member of the Oasis Patrol Unit. He is a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Charlotte Court 109. He is also a member of the Order of Quetzalcoatl, Teocalli No. 99. He was appointed to the Oasis Divan in 2021 by Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms to serve as Outer Guard and Membership Chairman and was reappointed to that position in 2022 by Illustrious Sir Tim Daniels. He was appointed in 2023 by Illustrious Sir Doug Garland as Marshal and successfully implemented numerous Oasis Fundraisers including raffles as well as the annual Oasis Golf Tournament.

His son, Nick, is a proud Master Mason and Noble of Oasis Shriners. His daughter, Alana, is a Past Grand Worthy Advisor for the Grand Assembly of North Carolina, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. His wife, Lady Shela, proudly served as Queen of Latona Temple No. 154, Daughters of the Nile in both 2014 and 2018.

Beyond this list of Masonic qualifications of a Noble who is willing and well qualified, duly and truly prepared lies the heart of a man who knows no bounds to help a child in need, a Mason's Mason, and a Noble's Noble.





# 2025 CLUB AND UNIT OFFICER INSTALLATIONS



Western NC Shrine Club



Pisgah Shrine Club



Mecklenburg Shrine Club

Potentate Elect  
Chris Hall installing  
President Sam Moody,  
1st Lieutenant Scott  
Edwards, 2nd Lieutenant  
David Kobe, Secretary  
Nick Wieder, and others.



Hendersonville Shrine Club



Smoky Mountain Shrine Club

Installed by Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter III



Ashe Shrine Club

## ALSO INSTALLED:

Moore County Shrine Club  
Land of the Sky Shrine Club  
Cabarrus Shrine Club

*All clubs pictured were installed  
by then Chief Rabban Chris Hall,  
unless otherwise noted.*







**Cherryville Shrine Club Before and After**

Noble Bruce Barrett, Charter President; Noble John Dellinger, and Noble Brian Putnam, Charter Vice President. These are original members of the Cherryville Shrine Club, established in 1983.

**Left to right:** Noble Tim Farris, Divan Rep and Installing Officer; Noble Johnny Brown, President; Noble Stacey Bradley, Vice President; Noble Marcus Moss, Second Vice President; Noble Pete Craft, Secretary; Noble Bill Moss standing in as proxy for Noble Russell Wingfield, Treasurer; and Noble Mark Moss, Chaplain.



**Lake Norman Shrine Club**

**Pictured from left to right:** Larry Zipay, 2-year board member; Dayne Marsh, 1st Vice President; Gary Ward, 2nd Vice President; Alfred Armstrong, President; Illustrious Sir Shea Fadel, Potentate; Max Gunter, Treasurer; John Bannister, 1-year board member; Donovan Arnold, 1-year board member; Jay Little, 2-year board member; 2nd Ceremonial Master Larry Sanderson, Installing Officer.



**Oasis Gator Patrol**

Captain, Jimmy Cline; 1st Lieutenant, Allen Leatherman; 2nd Lieutenant, Scott Houser; Secretary, David Bumgarner; Treasurer, Dennis Grigg. Installed by PP Kenny Jarrett.



**Catawba County Shrine Club**

President, Scott "Fish" Houser; VP, Stevie Drum; 2nd VP, Buddy Cheney; Treasurer, Eric Morabito; Secretary, Jason Kerns. Installed by PP Kenny Jarrett.



**Ladies of the Shrine Officers**

President, Chrissy Leatherman; VP, Gail Bumgarner; Secretary, Brenda Huffman; Treasurer, Doris Leatherman. Installed by PP Kenny Jarrett.

# 2025 Schedule of Events



**OASIS SHRINERS**  
*Having Fun & Helping Children*

## JANUARY

January 4	<b>Installation</b> of the 130th Potentate of Oasis Shriners & the Oasis Divan
January 5	Oasis Non-Denominational Service
January 16	Oasis Divan Meeting at Oasis HQ
January 30	(FYI) 100th Annual East-West Shrine Bowl, Arlington, Texas, AT&T Stadium

## FEBRUARY

February 8	Annual Club and Unit Officers' Orientation
February 20	Oasis Divan Meeting at Oasis HQ
February 22	Sandhills <b>Ceremonial</b> Roman Eagle Lodge No. 550, Aberdeen

## MARCH

March 5-8	Oriental Guide Leadership Conference, Tampa, Florida
March 7-8	Shriners Children's Greenville Open House Weekend
March 9-12	Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference, Tampa, Florida
March 20	Oasis Divan Meeting at Oasis HQ <b>(STATED)</b>
March 28-30	Spring SASA - 52nd Annual Meeting Charleston, West Virginia

## APRIL

April 6-8	Shriners International Recorders Association Seminar at Oasis Shriners HQ
April 17	Oasis Divan Meeting at Oasis HQ
April 19-25	Potentate and First Lady Trip to Hawai'i (including Shriners Children's Hawai'i)

## MAY

May 1-4	Annual Oasis Paper Crusade
May 17	Ashe <b>Ceremonial</b> Ashe Shrine Club, West Jefferson
May 15	Oasis Divan Meeting at Oasis HQ

## JUNE

June 6-8	Oasis Spring <b>Ceremonial</b> (Western Carolina University Cullowhee & Dillsboro)
June 13-14	Annual Oasis Family Fun Weekend at Red Fez Shrine Club, Lake Wylie
June 13	Oasis Divan Meeting <b>(STATED)</b> Red Fez Shrine Club, Charlotte
June 14	Lake Wylie <b>Ceremonial</b> Red Fez Shrine Club, Charlotte

## JUNE-JULY

June 29-July 3	Imperial Session of Shriners International, Atlanta, Georgia
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## JULY

July 17	Oasis Divan Meeting
July 19	High Rock Lake <b>Ceremonial</b> Rowan Shrine Club, Salisbury

## AUGUST

August 23	Oasis Divan Succession Planning Meeting Masonic Center, Winston-Salem
August 23	Oasis Divan Meeting <b>(STATED)</b> Masonic Center, Winston-Salem
August 23	Camel City <b>Ceremonial</b> (Black Tie) Masonic Center, Winston-Salem

## SEPTEMBER

September 18-21	Fall SASA - 52nd Annual Meeting Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
September 19	Oasis Divan Meeting Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
September 19-20	Grand Lodge Annual Communication Winston Salem, North Carolina

## OCTOBER

October 1	Oasis Circus - Greensboro Coliseum
October 3-4	Oasis Circus - Cabarrus Arena
October 10-11	Annual Homecoming, Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
October 16	Oasis Divan Meeting at Oasis HQ
October 18	6th Annual Oasis Golf Tournament
Oct 31-Nov 2	Oasis Past Potentates "Homecoming" <b>Ceremonial</b> - Oasis Headquarters, Charlotte

## NOVEMBER

November 15	Smoky Mountain <b>Ceremonial</b> Blue Ridge Lodge No. 435, Highlands
November 20	Oasis Divan Meeting

## DECEMBER

December 6	Installation of the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina
December 6	Oasis Divan Meeting <b>(STATED)</b>
December 6	Oasis Annual Election of Officers
December 13	Lincoln <b>Ceremonial</b> - Lincoln County Shrine Club, Vale & Cat Square Parade
December 18	Oasis Divan Meeting



# INTRODUCING YOUR Potentate

**I**llustrious Sir Chris was born and raised in Robbinsville, Graham County, in far western North Carolina where he graduated as Valedictorian. After attending Western Carolina University as a North Carolina Teaching Fellow, he began his career in education in Gaston County and has resided in Gaston County since that time. Noble Chris later received his Master's Degree from Appalachian State University and currently serves as a project manager in Gaston County Schools.

Illustrious Sir Chris was raised as a fourth generation Master Mason on January 15, 2005, in Robbinsville Lodge #672. He attended Wilkerson College in 2010 and received the Mason of the Year award in King Solomon Lodge #704 in 2010 and 2017. He served as a Director of the Gastonia Masonic Temple Association from 2010-2017. He served as an assistant tyler at Grand Lodge Annual Communication from 2009-2012.

Illustrious Sir Chris was elected and installed as both Master of King Solomon Lodge #704 in Gastonia and President of the Gaston County Shrine Club in 2013. He was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award from King Solomon #704 in 2018 and served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 36th Masonic District from 2017-19. He served on the Grand Lodge Masonic Renewal Committee, the Subordinate Lodge Special Activities Commission, and the Committee for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

Illustrious Sir Chris joined the Scottish Rite in 2007 and received the Knight Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) in 2011. He is a Past Venerable Master and Endowed Life Member of the Charlotte Scottish Rite. He is an emeritus member of the Knights of St. Andrew.

Illustrious Sir Chris received the Knight York Cross of Honour (KYCH) in the York Rite in 2014 and is a member of the Lenoir York Rite Bodies. Noble Chris is the current Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College, Western North Carolina College #78 and is a Past Excellent Chief of Knight Masons, Saint Patrick's Council #1. He is an officer in the Masonic Order of Athelstan, the Operatives, the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Thomas of Acon, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and other York Rite organizations. He is a Past Sovereign Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees, J. Allen Suther Council No. 337. Illustrious Sir Chris is a Past President of the North Carolina Association of Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a member of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (S.R.I.C.F.).

He served as the 2022-23 Most Excellent Grand High Priest of

the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina and received his Knight York Grand Cross of Honour (KYGCH).

In 2024, he received the North Carolina Grand Council's Simmons Jones Baker award and the North Carolina Grand Commandery's Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT). Also, in 2024, he was elected by the York Rite

Sovereign College of North America to receive the Order of the Purple Cross (OPC) in 2025, the York Rite's most coveted Masonic honor.

He was created a Shriner in the Hickory class of 2007 and joined the Oasis Patrol Unit and Patrol Color Guard in 2008 where he served as Patrol Captain in 2016-17. He was offered the opportunity to serve as Oasis Membership Chairman by Ill. Sir Fred Laxton in August 2013 and served in that capacity through 2016. He received the Hillbilly Degree from Clan #13 in 2009 and the Tarheel Degree in 2010 as is a member of the Order of Quetzalcoatl, Teocalli No. 99.

In January 2015, he was presented with a Life Membership in the Oasis Past Masters Unit by Illustrious Sir Terry K. Jones, Captain. That same month, he was presented with a Life Membership in Oasis Shriners and the Walt Disney Award by Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter III. He was named as a Class Honoree at the Hamlet Ceremonial in 2014.

Illustrious Sir Chris was appointed by Imperial Sir Chris Smith to serve as Imperial Public Relations Director, Region 8 and served from 2016-18. He was appointed by Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske to serve as Regional Membership Director, Region 8 (South Atlantic) and served from 2017-2019.

On Saturday, January 5, 2019, he was joined by Lady Laura as they were announced as the Second Ceremonial Master appointment of Illustrious Sir Kenneth D. Jarrett and Lady Vickie. Illustrious Sir Chris will serve as the 130th Potentate of Oasis Shriners in 2025.





# Chaplain's Corner

## “This Too Shall Pass”

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven - Ecclesiastes*

So, here you and I stand on the threshold of a brand new year. A new year filled with bright promises for many, for others a year filled with challenges. A new year filled with dreams to come true for some; a year filled with broken dreams for others.

There is a fable of a powerful king who asked his wise men to create a ring that would make him happy when he was sad. After deliberations the wise men handed him a ring with the words *“This too will pass”* etched on it. But, the king learned something: When he had plenty of riches, he reminded himself: *This too shall pass*. When he was ill or in distress, he reminded himself: *This too shall pass*.

In the same manner, in the Bible in the Book of Ecclesiastes we read: *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”*

Yes, whatever we are going through “shall pass,” because there is a time for everything. The Apostle Paul said that he had learned in all situations to be content. We can be content, too, knowing that ‘this too shall pass’.

Several years ago, Dr. Robert Schuller compiled some of his private prayers. The following is one of those prayers for us to consider as we seek the Lord’s guidance at the beginning of the New Year:

*Thank you, Lord, for the gifts of this New Year, Help me to make the most of these gifts and of this New Year. With you beside me, I know I’m starting off right. I’m committing this year to you. Amen*

It is our hope that 2025 is your very best year yet. Happy New Year.

*John Stanley, P.M., P.P. ('97) is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners. He is Chaplain, McLean Funeral Directors (Gastonia), and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. In the fiscal Shrine Year, 2012-13, he served Shriners International Imperial Potentate Al Madsen as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.*



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**704-708-8000**



# Oasis Shriners Plus Southern Christmas Show = Win Win

The Southern Christmas show has been a tradition for the Charlotte Community for 58 years. The show has 400 vendors from all over the country selling items from custom

crafts to manufactured products. Oasis Shriners have been supporting the show for 30 years helping with the success of the show by selling themed show bags, shuttling people to and from the parking lot and offering pictures with Santa for the past 15 years.

Oasis Dune Cats have taken on the challenge for the past 12 years of organizing clubs, units, Masonic Lodges and other volunteers to support this effort. During the show 12,000 shopping bags are sold to over 100K visitors, ten golf carts are used to transport people to and from the show entrance. Hundreds of children, adults, and multi-generational families wait anxiously to get a memorial picture with Santa. There is also a special

wall that displays photos of our visiting Shriners Children.

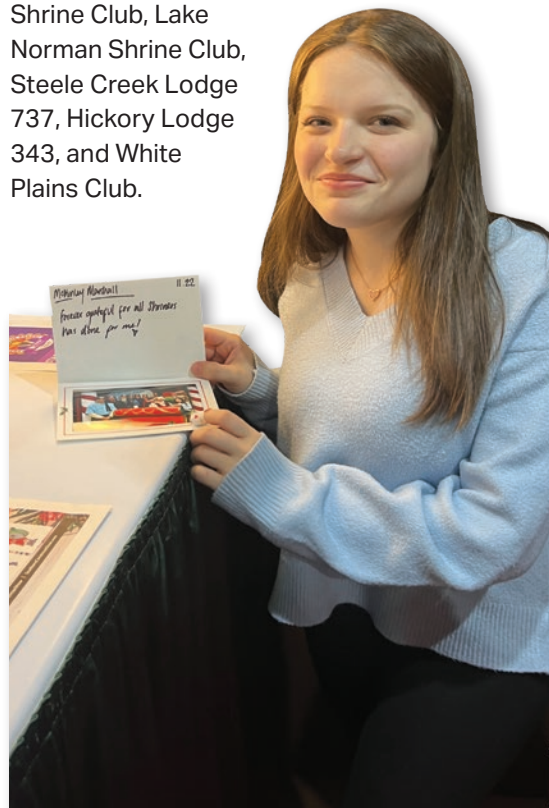
A picture with Santa, the Shriners Child and available Shriners is taken; the holder is signed by the Shriners Child and displayed on our wall.

This year's wall included Shriners Children from 1944 thru 2024.



This is a fantastic fundraiser for everyone involved and it requires many volunteers for the 12 days of the show. Along with the hard work it can be an enjoyable time meeting people from all over our country and the world while representing our Masonic and Fraternal Organization.

Thank you to this years' volunteer groups from Oasis Dune Cats, Pickers, Kart Attacks, Wagoneers, Oasis Patrol, Oasis Band, Mecklenburg Shrine Club, Lake Norman Shrine Club, Steele Creek Lodge 737, Hickory Lodge 343, and White Plains Club.





# 50TH ANNUAL CAT SQUARE CHRISTMAS PARADE









# Oasis Club and Unit Officer Training

Dear 2025 Club and Unit Officers:

The purpose of this communication is to provide you with timely, important information concerning our upcoming annual Oasis Club and Unit Officer training.

This year's training will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 2025 beginning at 10:00 am** and lasting until 1:00 pm. A delicious boxed lunch will be catered.

As with last year, all Treasurers are requested to bring all their club or unit financial records including but not limited to checkbooks, bank statements, ledgers, laptop, briefcase, and **any and all items necessary to complete the club or unit 2024 Financial Report.**

When lunch is served, all Treasurers will convene together in the Sands Restaurant to work together with Noble Bill DePriest, Oasis Treasurer and Lori Prockup, Oasis Accountant, to successfully complete their club or unit 2024 Financial Report.

Please note, this dedicated time together will ensure that Oasis Shriners and its clubs and units are in compliance with IRS requirements and other financial reporting dates and deadlines. Please further note that this time together is for the **completion of the 2024 Financial Report.** If the treasurer needs to perform any tasks in preparation for this event, then those tasks must be completed in advance of February 8 in order to assure the dedicated time set aside is used as efficiently as possible. For those treasurers whose reports will have been completed and submitted by February 8, we will appreciate their willingness to be present and assist fellow treasurers in further refining their work with "tips and tricks" from the trade that helps make the duties of treasurer as easy as possible.

## AGENDA

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| 10:00 am | Welcome, Introductions, and Invocation   |
| 10:10 am | <b>Insurance</b> Discussion and Q&A<br>Noble Larry Payne, Oasis Marshal, Oasis Insurance Committee Chairman  |
| 10:40 am | <b>Parade</b> Discussion and Q&A<br>Noble Rick Garver, Oasis Director of Clubs and Units   |
| 11:00 am | <b>Fundraising, Accounting, and Financials</b> –<br>Processes and Procedures Illustrious Sir Gary Taylor, Oasis Recorder Lori Prockup, Oasis Accountant and Noble Bill DePriest, Oasis Treasurer |
| 11:55 pm | Pickup <b>lunch</b> and return to the Oasis Auditorium to continue<br><b>All Treasurers</b> – Report to the Sands Restaurant to complete and submit 2023 Financial Report                        |
| 12:10 pm | <b>Circus</b> Discussion and Q&A<br>Noble Jack Wallace, Oasis Captain of the Guard and Circus Chairman   |
| 12:20 pm | Team 2025 Oasis <b>Membership</b> Discussion and Q&A<br>Noble Ben Hamilton, Oasis Outer Guard and Membership Chairman  |
| 12:30 pm | <b>Plaque Sales and Paper Crusade</b> Discussion and Q&A<br>Noble Jason Whitley and Noble Nick Wieder, Chairman and Vice Chairman  |
| 12:45 pm | <b>Desert Dust</b> Discussion and Q&A<br>Lady Edie Wilson, Oasis Desert Dust Editor  |
| 1:00 pm  | Benediction and Adjournment  |

Thank you in advance for ensuring that your club and unit officers are in receipt of this information and make plans accordingly to attend this annual required training to ensure that all Oasis clubs and units can operate as efficiently as possible throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your Divan Representative should you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, February 8, 2025** at Oasis Headquarters!

YITF,  
**Illustrious Sir Christopher L. Hall**

**SPECIAL  
NOTE**

**As you can see, the Desert Dust has a brand new look.**

Please note that the editorial team receives a large number of photos each month, and we take great care to choose the best ones to include in each issue of the magazine. **This means we may not be able to feature every member or club/unit in every issue.** We appreciate your understanding and hope you enjoy the new Desert Dust.

Remember to check out all the Oasis photography team's photos at [www.shrinephotos.com](http://www.shrinephotos.com)!



# HAWAII 2025

Nobles and Ladies,

Laura and I are excited to share that nearly 30 participants have already booked for our trip to Hawaii in 2025! The accompanying flyer provides the trip overview and a link to book your hotel room. You will note that several booking options are provided.

Visit [bit.ly/oasishawaii](https://bit.ly/oasishawaii) and make your desired room selections (pricing will automatically update). Single, Double, Triple, and Quad references the number of **people** who will be in your room. **Pricing is per person.** Both Standard and Oceanview options are available.

Use the Comments section of your booking to indicate your preferences so that Polynesian Adventure will directly coordinate and confirm with the hotel (e.g. if a couple prefers two beds, or prefers a queen, or prefers a king, make sure to type it in the Comments section).

If you wish to arrive one or more days early or stay one or more days late, you will notice those pricing options are listed. Use the Comments section to inform Polynesian Adventure if you arrive earlier or stay later than the trip package (7 days/6 nights) so that they will have your desired details. Polynesian Adventure reads and responds to any notes you type into the Comments, so please use them as you need - the more details, the better!

View the booking page on both your phone as well as a laptop or desktop computer as you may find it easier to see and click on the Day-by-Day itinerary to view details. The Day-by-Day displays differently on a mobile device versus a traditional computer. Please make sure to review what **ALL** is included in this wonderful package!

Use the "Download Brochure" button to receive the full PDF trip brochure in your email. **Make sure to sign up for this!**

**Participants will separately book the airfare of their choice.** We expect the vast majority of participants will arrive in Honolulu on Saturday, April 19 and depart on Friday, April 25. Closer to the trip date, we will compile all participants' flight details in a spreadsheet to share with Polynesian Adventure for the shuttles to

be aware of airport arrival and departure dates and times.

Visits to Shriners Children's Hawaii and the Aloha Shriners Beach Club have been generously arranged by our amazing brethren and nobles in Hawaii. Laura and I cannot wait to enjoy this memorable adventure with you soon!

**Illustrious Sir Chris Hall and Lady Laura**



**JOIN ILLUSTRIOUS SIR CHRIS HALL AND LADY LAURA**  
*April 19-25, 2025*

## EXPLORE *Oahu*

### OASIS SHRINERS

*Package Includes:*

- 7 days/6 nights at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel
- Airport Arrival and departure transfers
- Lei Greeting
- Paradise Cove Luau and Buffet
- Visit Pearl Harbor, USS Arizona and USS Missouri
- Drive through the National Cemetery of the Pacific
- Honolulu Highlights Sightseeing
- Visit Iolani Palace the home of Hawai'i's last reigning monarchs
- Tour Shriners Hospital
- Shriners Beach Club BBQ
- Grand Circle Island Tour including a visit to Dole Plantation
- Free time to explore Waikiki
- Breakfast Daily
- 2 dinners, 1 luau, 1 lunch



**FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, BROCHURE, AND TO BOOK VISIT: <https://bit.ly/oasishawaii>**





# OASIS TOY DELIVERY WEEKEND

Oasis to the rescue! Nobles worked hard delivering Christmas gifts and supplies to devastated Western North Carolina. Vermont Shriners and Masons also dropped off contributions.





# Oasis Welcomes New Shriners



The Pisgah Shrine Club was very proud to donate \$1000 to the hospital and also 35 gallons of canned tabs. We know that this will help the hospital and we are glad to participate.

Pictured are Kieth Mann, Treasurer, Wayne Alley, President, and Jerry Mann, Vice President.

OASIS #	SHRINE ID	NAME	CITY, STATE, ZIP	LADY
1001215	1335624	Tony K Burgess	Lincolnton, NC 28092	
1001096	1334482	Thomas W Cavanaugh	Flat Rock, NC 28731	Nancy Lyn
1001206	1335303	Steven S Costner	Cherryville, NC 28021	Dawn
1001217	1335625	James Crytser	Concord, NC 28027	Hannah
1001218	1335626	Jeffrey A Hartis	Vale, NC 28168	Cami Beal
1001192	1334700	Christopher T Hawkins	Shelby, NC 28086	Jessie Norman
1001219	1335627	Henry M Hull	Vale NC 28168	Brittany
1001209	1335489	Friedrich K Jaeger-Faber	Lake Lure, NC 28746	Elari
1001197	1334939	Ryan A Jenks	Vale, NC 28168	
1001220	1335628	Grady R Jolley	Shelby, NC 28150	Donna
1001214	1335490	Thomas E Krieger	Bostic, NC 28018	
1001208	1335304	William D Lusk	Hickory, NC 28602	Lori
1001222	1335630	Thomas Minowicz	Shelby, NC 28150	
1001221	1335629	Vincent J Mucci	Charlotte, NC 28278	
1001224	1335631	Samir C Patheal III	Charlotte, NC 28262	Tiffany
1001203	1334984	James N Rich	Woodleaf, NC 27054	
1001193	1334701	Daniel K Ritch	Sherrills Ford, NC 28673	
1001198	1334944	Eric E Willis	Candler, NC 28715	Jamie Fortner

## SHRINE TRAILER Travels for You

Did you know the Shrine Hospital Trailer is available for your public Shriners Children's Hospitals 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.

The trailer unfortunately cannot be used for fraternal (non-hospital) fundraising.



Noble Sam is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice. 980-722-7951 sambo447@aol.com

# Time To Consider Purchasing A Life Membership

**If you have ever considered purchasing a Life Membership? NOW IS THE TIME!**

As you may know, at the Oasis Special Meeting held in May, it was voted on and approved that your Oasis yearly dues be raised from \$47 to \$100 beginning in 2025.

In 2024, Shriners International raised your yearly per capita from \$30 to \$50.

There is also a \$5 annual hospital assessment to bring the total to \$155.

These increases may happen again in the future.

Did you realize – yes there *are* options:

## Oasis Shriners Life Membership Payment Options

*You can purchase a:*

### **Total Life Membership (Prepayment of Annual Dues)**

\$2,650 Member over 65 years of age.

\$3,650 Member under 65 years of age.

*Certificate and permanent Total Life Membership card will be issued.*

*The breakdown is as follows:*

### **Life Membership (Prepayment of Temple Dues)**

\$1,000 Member over 65 years of age, 10 times the temple's current annual dues.

\$2,000 Member under 65 years of age, 20 times the temple's current annual dues.

*Certificate and permanent Life Membership card will be issued.*

### **Life Permanent Contributing Membership (Prepayment of Hospital Levy)**

\$150 Payment of Hospital Levy in full, 30 times the current hospital levy.

*\$5 annual fee will be omitted from regular annual dues.*

*Certificate will be issued.*

### **Life Per Capita Membership (Prepayment of Per Capita Tax)**


\$1,500 Payment of Per Capita tax in full, 30 times the current per capita tax.

*\$50 annual fee will be omitted from regular annual dues.*

*Certificate will be issued.*

You can also purchase these in three different payments, if in different years increases may apply.

Did you know that if you wanted to purchase one of these plans this year and you have already paid your current dues, that would be subtracted from these amounts? So, it's not too late to make that decision and make your lifetime purchase investment.

  
**If you are interested in a  
Life Membership, give Sherrie at Oasis  
a call at 704-549-9052 to discuss  
your options.**  




# Oasis Clown Unit Brings Bikes and Joy to Children

The clown unit would like to congratulate everyone on the bicycle giveaway. We were able to give away 101 bikes this year. This is the most we have ever done. We want to give a big thank you to Lady Sandra Fadel, and Ladies Linda Wallace and Toleah Poplin for the support they provided at the registration table. Also, we want to say a special thank you to the Cabarrus Shrine Club and Greensboro Shrine Clubs for collecting over 50 bikes. To all the nobles and ladies, clubs and units, companies, and the community for all the donations. You all put smiles on many children's faces.

Remember we are starting another great year of collections for 2025. For \$150 your club/unit can purchase a bike and helmet and make another child smile at the 2025 circus. Thank you again for all your support and see you at the circus in 2025!



High Point Shrine participated in three Christmas Parades: High Point, Archdale and Thomasville. The crowds acknowledged the work Shriners do and the kids loved the bear.



The famous Gators and Gals are always a feature in the Christmas parades, and Catawba County Shrine Club presents Mr. and Mrs. Santa.

## THE 3 RUFFIANS

ORIGINAL HANDCRAFTED WOODWORK

Large 19 1/2" x 37" Wavy Flag	\$250
Custom Design	\$300
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Custom Design	\$250

Small 12" x 22" Wavy Flag	\$150
Custom Design	\$200
Small 12" x 22" Flat Flag	\$100
Custom Design	\$150

Plaque 15" x 11"  
Price starting at \$100 depending on design.

### ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE OASIS PROVOST GUARD

William Holloway (828) 460-0706  
Chuck Hoyle (864) 327-2904  
Chris Lister (828) 460-4775

[the3ruffians@yahoo.com](mailto:the3ruffians@yahoo.com)

## Shriners Hospitals for Children

# Leaders in Research

Shriners Children's strives to transform children's lives by providing exceptional health care through high-quality, innovative research in a patient and family centered environment.

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.

**ORTHOPAEDICS • BURN CARE  
CLEFT LIP AND PALATE • SPINAL CORD INJURY**





Thanks again to Gwen Moore (Tom Moore, Hollis Lodge) for making such beautiful quilts and then donating her time and talent to allow us to run this drawing for the Shriners Children's. Pictured above are the winners.

## Mecklenburg Shrine Club Assembles Bikes for Donation

This group of men from Mecklenburg Shrine Club spent their Monday morning assembling these 30 bikes to be taken to the Western NC Mountains on December 21st.

There to help were Sam Moody, Bill Poplin, Wes Kennerley, Jon Anderson, Greg Isenhour, John Elder PP, Johnny King PP, and Jack Wallace.



### 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.

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



## WANTED TRIPSTERS

Nobles who have the time and want to help the children. Transporting the children to the hospitals is so very important.

### Drivers must have:

1. Valid Driver's License
2. Drivers' certificate form on file w/Oasis Office
3. COVID-19 vaccinated

Contact Your Patient/Hospital Coordinator Karen Henley  
@ 704-549-0926 or

[coordinator@oasisshriners.org](mailto:coordinator@oasisshriners.org)

for info on how to become a Tripster

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 Bue Ridge Shrine Club Oasis Mountain Buggies  
 Cabarrus Shrine Club Oasis Oriental Band  
 East Burke Shrine Club Oasis Provost Guard  
 Elkin-Jonesville Shrine Club Oasis Surry Mini Truckers  
 Foothills Shrine Club Oasis Wagoneers  
 Gaston County Shrine Club Pisgah Shrine Club  
 Greensboro Shrine Club Robbinsville Shrine Club  
 Hendersonville Shrine Club Smoky Mountain Shrine Club  
 Lake Norman Shrine Club Thermal Belt Shrine Club  
 Lexington Shrine Club Western NC Shrine Club  
 Mecklenburg Shrine Club White Plains Shrine Club

## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Clyde E Kimrey  
 Guildford County Fire Rescue Co (Greensboro Shrine Club)  
 Lake Wylie Classic Charity  
 Noble Martin Oehler (Robbinsville Shrine Club)  
 Noble Tom Davis (Robbinsville Shrine Club)

## OTHER DONORS:

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# Honors

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 Marni, Glenn, & Cindy Scott

## IN HONOR OF:

Chip Burch  
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 Oasis Oriental Band  
 Thomas "Butch" Gibson

# Memorials

## DONOR

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## IN MEMORY OF:

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 Janet & Todd Acklam  
 Stewart McMeekan  
 Stewart McMeekan  
 Thomas Acklam  
 "Snickers the Clown"

## Passed Within the Unseen Temple

NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
Robert W. Galbraith	Newland, NC	8/24/1990	8/10/2024
Robert Alvis Collier	Statesville, NC	5/28/1966	9/8/2024
Stephen Poteat	Cherryville, NC	11/6/2004	10/8/2024
John J Newman	Lewisville, NC	10/23/1971	11/5/2024
Jeffrey Douglas Rash	Lenoir, NC	11/6/1993	11/23/2024
William Edward McCollum	Robbinsville, NC	1/22/1977	12/10/2024
Thomas E. Gibson	Lexington, NC	5/19/1979	12/12/2024
Samuel Elliotte White	Johnson City, TN	11/3/1984	12/23/2024
Howard Neil England	Gastonia, NC	5/31/1980	12/25/2024



# Club and Unit Bulletin Board



We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Fairview Masonic Lodge #339 in Kings Mountain.

**Pres. - Chandler Champion**  
**VP - Charles Bullock**

Email: [WhitePlainsShrineClub@gmail.com](mailto:WhitePlainsShrineClub@gmail.com)

## OASIS PATROL

**MARCHING FOR A PURPOSE**

Contact Captain Paul Southworth  
at 704-577-9845 or  
[southworth.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:southworth.paul@yahoo.com) to  
join the oldest unit of Oasis Shriners



## Mt. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB

Contact: Noble Secretary  
**Mike Pritchard**  
828-442-9170



Centrally located in McDowell County

## Latona Temple # 154 Daughters of the Nile



Contact Betty Parker, PQ at  
(704) 654-7108 or [betty0340@bellsouth.net](mailto:betty0340@bellsouth.net)  
[www.daughtersofthenile.com](http://www.daughtersofthenile.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  
336-880-5586 | [hpshrineclub@gmail.com](mailto:hpshrineclub@gmail.com)



## OASIS SHRINERS CAMPING CLUB

**FUN – FOOD – FELLOWSHIP • COME JOIN US!**

**Chip Rollins 704-718-8514**  
[chiprollins@gmail.com](mailto:chiprollins@gmail.com)

## ASHE SHRINE CLUB

**Meeting the 3rd Monday of every month**

Contact Noble Shannon Worley 336-877-6629  
or Noble Mike Neaves 336-977-9122

## OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS



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

## OASIS HIGHLANDERS

**PIPES & DRUMS**

Contact Jim Davis  
cell (704) 309-1215  
[fyrbagpyper@gmail.com](mailto:fyrbagpyper@gmail.com)



## THE OASIS TEMPLE BAND

Did you play in a high school band or  
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Captain - Noble Chuck Reed 847-502-0872

## NASCARTS

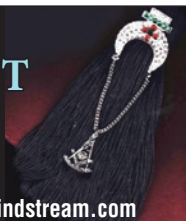
**Join A  
Winning Team**



Captain Robert Warren 336-517-4210

## OASIS PAST MASTERS UNIT

Are you a Past Master?  
We are your unit. Join Us.  
Noble Matt Peeler, Captain  
(704) 279-9154 | [peelerm@windstream.com](mailto:peelerm@windstream.com)



## Gaston County Shrine Club

**505 Pinkney Road Dallas, NC 28034**

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

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



## THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to  
attend our monthly meeting!

Junaluskee Lodge #145  
50 Church Street, Franklin, NC 28734  
3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM  
[www.ncritecare.org](http://www.ncritecare.org)

## Cabarrus Shrine Club

*Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!*

1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC  
704-933-2797 [cabarrushrineclub@gmail.com](mailto:cabarrushrineclub@gmail.com)  
[www.cabarrusshrineclub.org](http://www.cabarrusshrineclub.org)  
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## HENDERSONVILLE SHRINE CLUB

**Join Us 2nd Mondays**

Social 5:30 | Dinner 6:15 | Meeting 7:00

[hendersonvilleshriners@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonvilleshriners@gmail.com) | 828.483.6832  
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[www.oasisdunecats.com](http://www.oasisdunecats.com)

## The Greensboro Shrine Club

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Call 336-707-6588 for information.

## OASIS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS



Captain  
Ryan  
Eaton



(574) 312-0713 [ryanceaton79@gmail.com](mailto:ryanceaton79@gmail.com)



**JOIN OUR GROUP**

Contact Captain  
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# Club and Unit Bulletin Board

## Oasis Keystone Kops

CONTACT CAPTAIN  
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## MECKENBURG SHRINE CLUB

INVITES YOU TO VISIT OUR CLUB

CONTACT SAM MOODY  
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## OASIS YOUNG SHRINERS CLUB

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THOMAS SUMPTER - VICE PRESIDENT  
ROBBY SAYE - SECRETARY/TREASURER  
If you are under forty and interested in joining  
Contact oasisyoungshriners@gmail.com

## Shriners on Bikes



STEPHEN TRITES  
STRITES@  
ROCKETMAIL.COM  
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## OASIS SHRINE CLOWNS



Accepting New Members  
No Experience Necessary  
Contact Barry Winecoff  
at 704-517-0014  
or toyo clown@gmail.com

## PAST CAPTAINS CLUB

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



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

## OASIS ORIENTAL BAND

CONTACT CHIP BURCH  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Oasis Oldies

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



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

## Rudy Ham

Captain  
704-524-9690



## Oasis Drifters

The Hillbillies are lookin' fer ya!

If interested in joining, please contact  
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