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From the Potentate

Nobles and Ladies:

In this issue of the Desert Dust, you will find a featured section regarding the Oasis Shriners Hurricane

Helene Disaster Relief efforts. Several weeks ago, I asked Oasis Disaster Relief Chairman Allan Shirlen to sit down with me and recount the dates and events that transpired so that we can document it for posterity. This important Oasis team will continue to stand ready to mobilize during future events as well as continue to support the many ongoing needs in western North Carolina.

Our first One-Day Ceremonial of the year was held on Saturday, February 22 at Roman Eagle Lodge in Aberdeen and was a tremendous success. I would like to thank your Oasis Divan, Oasis Director's Staff, Oasis Oriental Band, Oasis Patrol Unit, Oasis Provost Guard Unit, and Oasis Ritualistic Cast for their time and efforts that helped make this event such a success. The candidates had their fez stabilizers, fez cases, fez tassel holders, and fezzes available at Aberdeen thanks to these units. Special thanks are in order for our brethren at Roman Eagle Masonic

Lodge, Hamlet Masonic Lodge, Moore County Shrine Club, and the Oasis Sand T's Unit for making sure local Master Masons were aware of this opportunity to join Oasis Shriners.

As a Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, it was my honor to represent the Oasis nobility and attend the opening of this year's annual North Carolina Grand York Rite Conclave held in Clemmons on March 16-18, and be received as the Illustrious Potentate of Oasis Shriners. Congratulations to Oasis High Priest and Prophet Scottie Cox who just completed his term of office as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina. Congratulations are also in order to Oasis member Noble Rick Patton who has been installed this month as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch masons of North Carolina.

Later this month, your elected SASA Representatives will travel to Charleston, West Virginia to attend the Spring SASA meeting on March 28-30. Oasis Director Rick Garver will draw Oasis's number for the Fall SASA parade lineup. (Good luck, Rick - no pressure).

Last Call for Oahu! Lady Laura and I are beyond excited as we prepare to travel to Hawaii next month with 40 Shriners and Ladies for this year's Potentate and First Lady trip during April 19-26. It's not too late to join 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.

Go ahead and mark your calendar for our next One-Day Ceremonial which will soon be around the corner on May 17 at Ashe Shrine Club in Jefferson.

Lady Laura's First Lady Project experienced a sellout at the debut of this year's Oasis Shrine Lady sweatshirts. Limited quantities were available during our Club and Unit Officer Orientation and sold out before the program began. Thank you for supporting this project with all proceeds to benefit Shriners Children's Greenville. Stay tuned for more opportunities to support this program.

Thank you to all clubs and units for submitting your Oasis fundraising requests for both fraternal and charitable fundraisers to the Oasis office in such a timely manner. Remember, once you receive approval notification, then you may proceed to advertise the event. Please make certain your Divan Representative is aware of your events so they can attend and help make the Divan aware of opportunities to attend and participate.

Check out <https://www.oasisshriners.org/events> for the year's listing of events which includes hotel reservation links, agendas, and other accompanying information. For your advance planning needs, we have hotel reservation information already posted for our Black-Tie Ceremonial in August, Fall SASA in Myrtle Beach in September, and our Fall Ceremonial in Charlotte in October/November!

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

ON THE COVER: Ill. Sir Chris Hall with Shriners Children's TV spokespatient Alec Cabacungan. Born with brittle bone disease, Cabacungan has been part of the Shriners family since he was two months old.



See pages 4 and 5 for the latest news on the Oasis Shriners Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief efforts.



From the Recorder

Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you well. Once again, I am sharing an article on one of our hospital kids, and I hope you

enjoy reading this story about Jesus. The following information is readily available on Shriners Children's website, but I am more than happy to bring it to you personally.

Jesus does not remember the accident that caused his burn injuries because it occurred when he was only six months old.

However, he does remember the struggles and the triumphs he has lived through since then. Now 19, Jesus has overcome a number of obstacles along the way, discovering that achievement is possible with optimism and determination. He credits his positive attitude from his time at Shriners Children's Texas, where he was inspired to reach his goals, big and small.

Looking back on his childhood, being in the hospital for regular surgeries was the norm. While most kids would welcome time away from school, Jesus would plan his surgeries to happen around school holidays because he enjoyed learning and being in school. As far as he was concerned, the less school he missed the better.

His motivation for high achievement followed him into middle school, where he excelled at being a percussionist in the band, even though his injuries had taken away his left hand. At first, he attempted using a prosthetic device to assist with his playing, but he found that strapping the mallet to his forearm worked even better. By the time he got to high school, he was skilled enough to compete and placed fourth in an international competition in Indianapolis.

Jesus currently plays percussion with the Spirit of Houston, the marching band for the University of Houston, where he is majoring in real estate financing. Not only is Jesus a musician, but he is also quite an athlete. He is an avid runner and recently decided to run a marathon. Last

year, his friend invited him to start training together for the Houston Marathon, which happened in January. As the race approached, Jesus got nervous and he backed out at the last minute. He ended up instantly regretting that decision.

"The thought lingered in my head," Jesus said. "I should have been out there with him, even if it took six or seven hours, whatever it took."

Jesus looked at other upcoming races and signed up for four of them. He decided to build from a 5k to a 10k, and then progress from a half marathon to a full marathon, all in a total of five weeks. Most runners take 12 to 16 weeks to prepare for such a schedule.



It was a daunting task, but he competed in all four races within five weeks. His half marathon time was just under two hours, and his marathon time was 4 hours and 19 minutes. Burn injuries can cause issues with sweating and overheating during physical activity, making this accomplishment even more impressive. "I don't think anytime I was at Shriners I was told I can't do something," Jesus said. "It's just amazing."

Jesus only told a few friends that he was going to do the marathon and ended up surprising everyone after it was over. "I wanted to actually do it, and then, you know, say I did it," Jesus said. "I just keep surprising people."

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 Jesus, that they serve.

Gary

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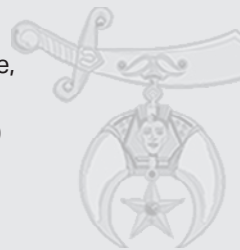
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Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

**Submitted by Illustrious Potentate
Chris Hall, Oasis Disaster Relief Chairman
Allan Shirlen, and Noble Robert Morgan.**

Hurricane Helene made landfall on September 26 and quickly passed into western North Carolina before gradually dissipating to the northwest on September 29 and beyond. On Saturday, September 28, many brethren were departing the NC Grand Lodge Annual Communication to go home and begin assessing property damage. The Oasis Shriners Divan held a specially called conference call to discuss a response effort to assist. Then-Chief Rabban Chris Hall contacted Noble Allan Shirlen to ask if he would be willing to serve as chairman of the effort as Oasis realized there would be tremendous logistics and time involved in coordinating both short- and long-term relief efforts.

On October 3, Noble Shirlen was able to make contact with Noble Robbie Morgan in Bakersville, Mitchell County. Oasis Nobles Eddie Baker, Ted Thompson,

Robert Ianucci, Freddie Dellinger, and others had already hit the ground running, making their way into the mountains to bring immediate relief supplies. Noble Mike Pritchard with the Oasis Jeep Club was doing the same and helping supply and deliver Jeep-load after Jeep-load of supplies to aircraft that were flying and dropping supplies.

Soon, the Oasis Wagoneers delivered another load of supplies to Noble Robbie at the Masonic lodge in Bakersville where they established an initial setup for future distributions and supply chain. This effort immediately led to setups at other lodges that were able to help serve as points of distribution. Noble Eddie Baker would help obtain their contact information and assist with local coordination efforts through various sheriffs' offices and fire stations. Chris Massey, a regional director for the state, helped Noble Shirlen with multiple aspects of ongoing coordination at this point, and Oasis Noble and Gaston County Sheriff Chad Hawkins helped Noble Shirlen coordinate critical volunteer personnel to routes and destinations.

Noble Tim Morgan's company bought and donated Starlink devices to help stand up vital infrastructure communication needs in areas that were entirely void of cellular service and networks at this time. A generator was donated for the Masonic lodge in Bakersville. At this point, the date was October 5 which demonstrated the monumental and herculean efforts that our nobles selflessly gave of their personal time, money, and resources to immediately

bring relief to distressed brethren, families, and communities in need.

As word spread, phone calls and supplies came in from all directions. Supplies came from Jericho Shriners in Tennessee. Oasis Nobles would stand in line at Lowes to obtain more supplies, and citizens would generously pay from their own pockets to help buy supplies to donate to the relief effort. Within two weeks, the Masonic lodge was packed to the ceiling with supplies and the local relief network had expanded to eight counties being served by the efforts of Oasis nobles and ladies. Cranberry Masonic Lodge, Bald Creek Masonic Lodge, and Land of the Sky Shrine Club are only a few of multiple instances of established locations that stood up in the days and weeks ahead to assist with distribution efforts. Mars Hill deliveries were made to local churches since the local Masonic lodge had sustained too much water damage to serve as a distribution point.

In week three, Noble Allan was contacted by Johnny Carswell from Yaarbab Shriners in Atlanta, home of Imperial Potentate Richard Burke, as they had started collecting donations and eventually delivered multiple trailers of supplies. Noble Allan began communications with various Master and Secretaries of Masonic lodges including French Broad, Swannanoa, and Dunn's Rock.



Firemen volunteers from Belmont went to the Linville and Newland communities to provide 250-gallon containers for non-potable water for the communities to wash their hands and boil water.

On November 14, the Greensboro Shrine Club took an entire team of nobles and ladies from the club along with pound after pound of food and cookers, and prepared meals for countless people in need in Bakersville and surrounding areas. Through the end of November, supplies continued to be collected at Oasis Shriners headquarters and Noble Shirlen calculated that more than 100,000 pounds of supplies and product had been moved within a two-month period.

Noble Allan along with Noble Allen Hardy, Director of the Oasis Ritualistic Cast, heard from Illustrious Sir Terry Richards with Mount Sinai Shriners in Vermont as well as the Freemasons of Vermont (Grand Lodge) who collected an entire tractor trailer load of toys, which were later driven to North Carolina by Vermont Freemason Jason Hodgdon and delivered at Oasis Shriners headquarters. In early December, the toys were sorted and boxed by close to 100 Oasis nobles and ladies, your Oasis Divan, as well as student volunteers from South Point High School in Belmont.

Noble John Harder was instrumental in helping spearhead the Santa Claus concept and securing one for each location. Noble Jack Wallace, Illustrious Sir John Elder, Illustrious Sir Johnny King, Noble Sam Moody, Noble Bill Poplin, Noble John Anderson, Noble Wes Kennerley, and Greg Isenhour assembled bicycle after bicycle that were donated to be delivered to the children of western North Carolina.



On Saturday, December 21, five teams of Oasis nobles, ladies, and friends departed from various locations, with Santa Claus along for the ride, and successfully used the "divide and conquer" approach to simultaneously visit Bakersville, Burnsville, Mars Hill, Swannanoa, and Del Rio, TN in hopes of making children's and families' lives a little brighter despite the utter devastation that Helene had left behind. By this point, toys that Oasis had collected had come from as far as Seattle and even included such groups as our sisters at the Easter Star. The Greensboro Shrine Club once again brought endless amounts of food to cook a warm meal for the community in Bakersville. Rick Patton, Eric Willis and several others in the Swannanoa community continued to help coordinate, gather, assemble, direct, and otherwise guide people and resources.

Oasis Disaster Relief team members were connected with an individual through the Lincoln County Shrine Club by the name of Adrian Parker who was able to make arrangements for the generous donation



of four "tiny homes" which Noble Shirlen and Noble Morgan report have since been placed and are in use for families who were in need.

Moving forward into March 2025 and beyond, we realize that the effort is ongoing and wish to convey our most heartfelt and sincere gratitude to the inestimable number of hours, tons of supplies, miles driven, and warm hearts shared that made this effort possible. To stay in touch with ongoing efforts, make sure to connect with Noble Allan Shirlen as he continues to manage the overall efforts of this undertaking on behalf of Oasis Shriners. This story is a bedrock testament to what we can accomplish when we work together toward a great cause, just as we do each day for our beloved Shriners Children's.



Greenville Hospital Open House March 7-8

REGISTRATION LINK

On February 3, Shriners Children's Greenville released the online Registration Link (required) for anyone who will be attending the upcoming Shriner Days "Open House" on March 7-8. Oasis headquarters sent the online link by email on February 3 and posted to social media on the Oasis Facebook account.

Since the online version of the March issue of Desert Dust will be available online prior to the event, we are including the Registration Link here as well.

<https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/event/shriners-days/e658009>



PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN to read the entire registration page first for complete details, then go back to the top and click "GET TICKETS."

See you in Greenville!



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Noble Ed Hampton receiving his 50 year pin from Noble Jimmy Owen. Ed is accompanied by his wife Sue.



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ASHE CEREMONIAL
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

ASHE SHRINE CLUB
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Potentate's Designated Local Point of Contact:
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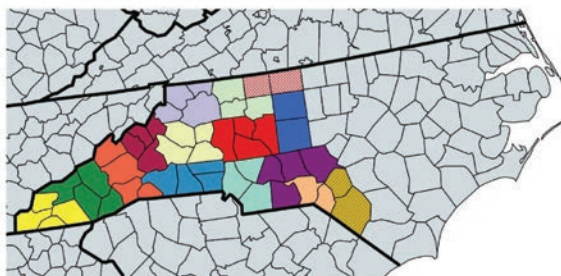
10:00 Doors Open
10:30 Registration (walk-in NC Master Masons in Good Standing are welcome)
11:00 Welcome, Ceremony, and New Member Orientation
12:00 Lunch (provided)

***** This one-day opportunity is expressly designed for the convenience of new members to join with ease while keeping life's demanding schedules and family and work in mind. Accordingly, there will be no ladies' program for this one-day ceremony. This is in no way intended to minimize our ladies but rather, the opposite, by being mindful and respectful of their time and commitments as well. New nobles and their ladies are highly encouraged and welcome to attend our Oasis Spring and Fall full weekend ceremonials to enjoy a full schedule and full program of events.

- * Class Honoree will be named
- * Class Photograph will be taken with fez before lunch

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CLUB AND UNIT ORIENTATION

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Divan Ladies model the official Oasis Ladies sweatshirts. It was a sellout benefiting First Lady Laura's project.



Chief Aid Nick Wieder along with Plaque and Paper Crusade Chairman Jason Whitley. Bundles of papers were ready for pickup right there at the back door.



Accounting questions? Just ask Lori Prockup.



Marshal Larry Payne, AKA Mr. Insurance.



Editor Lady Edie Wilson shows off the new Desert Dust Magazine.



And finally lunch is served!



Better pay attention, guys. Sherrie Vandergrift (Oasis Support/ Membership) is always there with the answers.



III. Sir introduces Oasis Disaster Relief Chairman Allan Shirlen.



III. Sir Chris Hall and the Oasis Divan.



2025 Schedule of Events



OASIS SHRINERS
Having Fun & Helping Children

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 (STATED)
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 Ceremonial Ashe Shrine Club, West Jefferson
May 15	Oasis Divan Meeting at Oasis HQ

JUNE

June 6-8	Oasis Spring Ceremonial (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 (STATED) Red Fez Shrine Club, Charlotte
June 14	Lake Wylie Ceremonial 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 Ceremonial Rowan Shrine Club, Salisbury

AUGUST

August 23	Oasis Divan Succession Planning Meeting Masonic Center, Winston-Salem
August 23	Oasis Divan Meeting (STATED) Masonic Center, Winston-Salem
August 23	Camel City Ceremonial (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" Ceremonial - Oasis Headquarters, Charlotte

NOVEMBER

November 15	Smoky Mountain Ceremonial 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 (STATED)
December 6	Oasis Annual Election of Officers
December 13	Lincoln Ceremonial - Lincoln County Shrine Club, Vale & Cat Square Parade
December 18	Oasis Divan Meeting

JANUARY 2026

January 2	Annual Club & Unit Appreciation Event
January 3	Installation of the 131st Potentate of Oasis Shriners & the Oasis Divan

Petals of Hope: Lady Laura's Monthly Story

Hope often blooms in unexpected places, and for Clayton, it began with a second opinion. Diagnosed with severe scoliosis at just three years old, his journey was filled with pain, uncertainty, and treatments that seemed to offer little relief. His spine, shaped like an "S," placed his future at risk—but his story was far from over.

Everything changed when Clayton's family found Shriners Children's Greenville. With expert care and a compassionate approach, his new medical team introduced a treatment that not

only made a difference but, for the first time in years, brought him comfort. Now 10 years old, Clayton's condition has drastically improved, and so has his outlook on life. With a bright smile and a heart full of gratitude, he continues to inspire others while finding ways to give back to those who helped him.

This month in **Petals of Hope**, we celebrate Clayton's remarkable journey—one of perseverance, healing, and the power of hope in full bloom.

A second opinion is all it took to change the life of a six-year-old boy.



Clayton was diagnosed with scoliosis at age three. Scoliosis: a condition resulting in a sideways curvature of the spine - is measurable in terms of degrees. A moderate curve occurs between 25 to 40 degrees, whereas a severe curve results in more than 50 degrees. In Clayton's case, his spine was in the shape of an "S". The top portion of his

back measured at a 55-degree curvature and the bottom 45. If left untreated, severe cases of scoliosis can cause life-threatening damage to the internal organs.

Clayton's previous physician began Clayton on a series of casting treatments. Casting which at the time was extremely painful for him and resulted in no improvement. "Clayton would get severe abrasions and we often had to return to the doctors' office sometimes twice a week for them to alter the cast," said his mom, Jenny.

After continued discouragement of Clayton's treatment, Jenny sought a second opinion. When a friend of hers

recommended Shriners Children's Greenville, she decided to make an appointment.

"During our first visit to Shriners Children's Greenville, the physician recommended a new cast. At first, Clayton was terrified to get the new cast because of the pain he experienced previously but once the process was complete for the first time in three years, Clayton looked at me and said, 'Mommy it doesn't hurt. It's great!'"

A month after Clayton's first casting treatment his condition already had signs of improvement. "All these years we could have been getting this great service that we just weren't getting before."

At Clayton's most recent appointment, the top portion of his back measured at a 37-degree curvature and the bottom 28.

"We still have a long journey ahead of us but we could not be happier with the care we receive at Shriners Children's Greenville. They are the best of the best!"

Now at 10 years old, Clayton smiles more than ever before. He enjoys telling jokes, playing with his older brother, and finding ways to give back to Shriners Children's Greenville.

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Chaplain's Corner

Do We Allow Giants to Defeat Us?

A favorite Scripture Lesson is 1st Samuel, Chapter 17. That scripture tells the story of how

young David was called upon to fight the 9-foot-tall Philistine. David reached into his bag, took out a stone, and he slung it striking the Philistine on the forehead. The 9' Philistine fell face down on the ground. So, David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone.

Thus, there is an expression that is used around the world to describe a contest between two vastly unequal opponents: David and Goliath. For example, we hear sportscasters referring to some games as a David and Goliath contest.

Each of us has some kind of giant facing us. A giant is anything that steals our joy or limits our effectiveness as a disciple. Perhaps we face the giant of fear, the Giant of discouragement, the giant of loneliness, the giant of worry, temptation, of anger,

doubt or failure, or an impossible financial situation.

We all face at least one giant of some size. And, the question is: **how do we face the giants in our lives?** In the Bible, David said to Goliath, *"You come against me with sword and spear and javelins, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty."*

The Apostle Paul charges us to "be transformed by the renewing of our minds"!

We transform our minds each morning when we ask God's guidance. When we freely admit, *"God, without the infilling of your Holy Spirit, I can do nothing—significant."*

If we asked David how he prevailed against Goliath, he would not have bragged on his marksmanship with the slingshot, nor would he have called it a lucky shot. David would have claimed that God guided that stone in flight. The battle was the Lord's.

Isn't it wonderful to know that God is bigger than any problem we have in 2025? Let us live our lives remembering David's winning strategy and imitate it:

- ✚ Be Spirit-filled before the battle.
- ✚ Use what we have.
- ✚ And invite God into the arena of life with us.

Name that giant; then, with God's help, watch those giants of fear, of discouragement, of loneliness, the giant of worry, of temptation, of anger, doubt or failure, or an impossible financial situation **TUMBLE.**

John Stanley, PP, is Chaplain of Oasis, and Chaplain of South Atlantic Shriners. He has served as visitation minister, of First Presbyterian - Gastonia and of Laurinburg Presbyterian. He was Imperial Chaplain when Imperial Sir Al Madsen was Imperial Potentate. John can be reached at: jhstanley1965@gmail.com. He would like to hear from you!

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Pictures by Lady Carolyn Crawley



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UPCOMING CLUB AND UNIT EVENTS

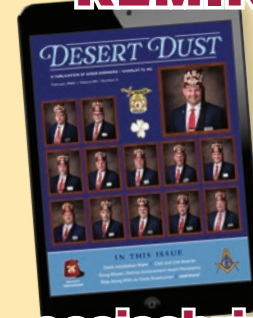
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Red Fez Ladies Auxiliary
Parade of Tables
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MAY 3

Mecklenburg Shrine Club
Derby Party
See ad on page 12

REMINDER:



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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

Avery County Shrine Club Installation



President - Tony Luther V. President - Dale Sleight
 Treasurer - Dean Mcguire Secretary - Michael Richardson
Installed January 27th, 2025 by Illustrious Sir Gary Taylor

SAVE THE DATE: The 151st Imperial Session of Shriners International

Get ready for the 151st Imperial Session of Shriners International, June 29-July 3, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia. All nobles, ladies and their families are invited to join Imperial Sir Richard Burke and First Lady Judy for the fraternity's biggest event of the year.

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The ladies of Mecklenburg Shrine Club invite you to join us Saturday, May 3rd, 4:00 - 8:00 PM for our 3rd Annual Derby Party @ "Mecklenburg Downs"



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 Come enjoy Mint Juleps and Southern Fare

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 shopping at our
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EAST WEST SHRINE BOWL



Members of the Oasis Divan attended the 100th Annual East West Shrine Bowl held at AT&T Stadium (Home of the Dallas Cowboys) on Thursday, January 30 and enjoyed meeting fellow Shriners from around the world. One of the many highlights of the trip was meeting our 2024-2025 Shriners Children's National Patient Ambassadors, Paige and Grayson, pictured with the Divan and accompanied by Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees for Shriners Children's, and Lady Lisa. The Divan was also honored to meet longtime National Spokespatient Alec who is now 22 years old and recently graduated from college. East won 25-0 which marked the first shutout since 1969.



When in Texas...



Oasis Divan with legendary spokespatient Alec.

INTRODUCING OUR 2024-2025 INTERNATIONAL PATIENT AMBASSADORS

MEET PAIGE AND GRAYSON

Every year, Shriners Children's selects a pair of International Patient Ambassadors to represent the healthcare system's patients. The ambassadors share their stories of perseverance and the ways Shriners Children's has made a difference in their lives. We are honored to have these impressive young people advocating for our healthcare system.

PAIGE

Paige, 19, is a college student from Louisiana studying business management. When she was 8, Paige experienced a terrifying allergic reaction to a newly prescribed seizure medication. At first, doctors thought she had developed strep throat, and some even thought it was pinkeye, a common childhood ailment. When her symptoms drastically progressed, she was rushed to the hospital with a 104 degree fever and her skin slowly blistering off her body.

Her diagnosis was Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), a painful and rare condition often described as burning from the inside out. With the worst form of SJS, toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), Paige had developed a life-threatening rash that eventually covered 80% of her body and mimicked the effects of a severe burn injury. Doctors knew her best chance of survival was to transfer her to Shriners Children's Texas.

The burn care teams at Shriners Children's have the specialized expertise to treat conditions such as SJS using many of the same burn care standards and treatments for skin conditions that have characteristics similar to burns.

Over the years, Paige has had over 20 surgeries, with much of her early teen years spent going in and out of the hospital for treatment. Today, she experiences the lingering effects of SJS, including issues with her vision. But this hasn't stopped her from accomplishing her goals and enjoying her life. Not only are her parents and two younger brothers a constant source of strength (and laughter!), but her care team has become like a second family to Paige.



Paige became a patient ambassador for Shriners Children's Texas, a role that helped her strengthen her determination to succeed and gives her a platform to spread awareness about SJS. She is dedicated to helping children facing similar battles, including the bullying from peers that often accompanies these types of conditions. Her experiences have honed her leadership skills.

"To me being a leader means that you have the will, the want, and the power to make a difference," said Paige. The hardest thing she has done in her life was accepting what happened to her and looking at it in a positive light: But she had the courage and perseverance to get through it and come out stronger on the other side.

Paige looks forward to sharing her story on an even bigger stage as an International Patient Ambassador. "Without Shriners Children's, I would definitely not be where I am today. In fact, I probably would not be alive," she said.

"I am very excited about the chance to give back and talk about the life-saving care I received at Shriners Children's. I want to inspire others and give hope that they too can endure."

GRAYSON

Grayson, 20, was born in Kiev, Ukraine, without a femur, making his right leg significantly shorter than his left. He was also born missing two fingers on his left hand. At 15 months, he met his parents while living in an orphanage in Ukraine. His mom and dad were ready to adopt and aware that Grayson would need specialized medical care.

Grayson's mom, Ceci, knew who to call. She reached out to a contact at the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) department at Shriners Children's Lexington for help.



When Grayson arrived in the U.S. with his parents, they weighed their options for treatment with the medical team in Lexington. They decided on surgery to remove part of the foot and rework his ankle to suit a prosthetic leg.

Today, thanks to some help from his care team and a lot of personal perseverance, Grayson never lets his physical differences hold him back. He has tried everything from swimming to football, soccer, basketball, baseball and cross-country running. He's been active in 4-H and enjoys shooting sports. Grayson is an Eagle Scout and enjoys rock climbing, hiking, bicycling and skiing.

"Shriners Children's Lexington has been a part of my life from the very beginning," Grayson said. "Shriners Children's has literally given me the legs to be my fullest self. I am forever grateful for everything they have done for me."

Grayson's parents agree. Ceci said the medical center has always made it easy for Grayson to get the care he needs, especially remaining accessible at any time to make adjustments to his prosthetics for comfort, fit and function. "We're so thankful for Shriners Children's, because we've been able to get

above and beyond what Grayson needs. The quality of the care and the quality of the providers far surpass anywhere else," she said.

Grayson credits his parents and his care team for instilling in him the confidence to never put limits on himself just because of his physical differences. He strives to be the kind of leader who is humble, kind and generous even when people aren't watching.

Grayson grew up in Kentucky with his parents, brother and sister and is now attending college in Arkansas. He is majoring in construction science, with dreams of being a real estate developer.

He is very excited for the opportunity to serve as an International Patient Ambassador to give back to the organization that has treated him since he was a toddler. "I am so humbled to have been chosen to share my story and represent Shriners Children's. I want to inspire other amputees and let them know about this special community that has become like a family to me," said Grayson.



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Membership Minute



OASIS SHRINERS

Having Fun & Helping Children



To the 2025 Masters and Secretaries of All Masonic Lodges throughout the Oasis Shrine Jurisdiction:

Fraternal greetings! This letter is being sent to all lodges within the Oasis Shriners jurisdiction with the request that it be read at your next Stated Communication. This communication has been read and approved by Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Rideout and Illustrious Sir Chris Hall, Potentate of Oasis Shriners.

Ten years ago, a similar communication was mailed to all Masonic lodges and expressed a need for a local point of contact for all matters pertaining to Oasis Shrine in order to increase efficiency and respond to requests. As a result and with your assistance, Oasis Blue Lodge Ambassadors were identified and the program was implemented. Now, the Oasis Membership Team again partners with the Oasis Past Masters' Unit with the goal of strengthening the program and confirming that a designated Blue Lodge Ambassador is active and on record for each Masonic lodge throughout the Oasis jurisdiction.

Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to request that you please confirm and provide the name of an Oasis Blue Lodge Ambassador. Should your lodge not have an appointed Shrine Mason, or if a change is needed, please contact Worshipful Brother Matt Peeler, Vice Chairman for the Oasis BLA program, with the name of a willing, capable, and designated Shrine Mason who will

serve as "Blue Lodge Ambassador" for your Masonic lodge. Responsibilities of Blue Lodge Ambassadors include the following:

- Serve as the lodge's point of contact on behalf of the Oasis Shriners and Shriner's Children's.
- Answer and redirect questions related to the Oasis Shriners and Shrine patient referrals.
- Help establish Oasis Shrine speakers and presentations for requested Masonic Education.
- At an appropriate time and with the Master's permission, present a packet of information about Oasis Shriners and Shriner's Children's to newly raised Masons in your lodge.
- Inform the Membership Team and Oasis office of illnesses, deaths, and milestone celebrations.
- Share information with the Membership Team regarding Nobles and their families in need of assistance or relief.
- Communicate relevant Oasis Shriners dates and events of interest at Stated Communications.

We hope this ongoing, unified effort to identify a Blue Lodge Ambassador within each Masonic lodge throughout our jurisdiction will improve communications and serve a variety of brethren's needs pertaining to the Oasis Shriners in particular and Freemasonry in general. Please submit your Blue Lodge Ambassador's name, address, telephone number, and email address (if applicable) to:

W. Bro. Matt Peeler, BLA Program Vice Chairman
peelerm@windstream.net (704) 797-6949

Alternatively, you may submit all requested information by mailing **Oasis Shriners, ATTN: BLA Program, Matt Peeler, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262.**

Thank you for your assistance as we continue to strengthen our Blue Lodge Ambassadors Program to serve our Masonic lodge needs throughout the Oasis Shrine jurisdiction.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert W. Rideout
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina

Christopher L. Hall
Illustrious Potentate of Oasis Shriners

Benjamin Hamilton
Membership Chairman, Oasis Shriners

Matthew Peeler
Vice Chairman, Oasis Shriners BLA Program

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book your cabin!**

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OASIS SHRINERS



PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

To: The Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Oasis Shriners,
Situating in the City of Charlotte, State of North Carolina:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____
Lodge, No _____, located at _____, _____,
which is a _____ (City) _____ (State)

Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have
resided at my current address for not less than 6 months as required by the bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby
make application to become a Noble of the Order and a member of your Temple. If granted membership, I promise to
conform to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and ceremonies of your
Temple.

Have you previously applied for admission to any Shrine Temple or Chapter of the Order? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, Where? _____ When? _____

Were you ever a DeMolay? Yes ☐ No ☐

YOUR FULL NAME: _____ Preferred Nickname: _____

Spouse's Name _____ Spouse Email (opt.) _____ Spouse Cell (opt.) _____

Birthplace: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Profession/Occupation: _____ Employer _____

Have served in the Armed Forces: ☐ Yes ☐ No Branch: _____ Your Hat Size: _____

Residence: _____
Number & Street City/Town State Zipcode COUNTY

Mailing Address: _____
Number & Street City/Town State Zipcode COUNTY

Telephone: _____
(Home) (Business) (Cell)

Email: _____ I wish to join at ☐ Spring Ceremonial ☐ Fall Ceremonial ☐ One-Day at _____

Date of this Petition: _____ Your Signature: _____

This candidate recommended and vouched for on the honor of:

Noble _____ Shrine # _____ Club/Unit _____

Noble _____ Shrine # _____ Club/Unit _____

Attach to the petition, a check or money order for \$325 and a copy of your current Blue Lodge Card. Call if you have questions.
This payment includes current year's dues, your Oasis Fez and lapel pin. Mail to OASIS SHRINERS, 604 Doug Mayes Place,
Charlotte, NC 28262, ATTN: Membership. You may also pay by phone by calling OASIS at 704-549-9600.

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Shriners Days 2025

You're invited! Please join us at Shriners Children's Greenville for an enjoyable evening reception and informative morning program.

Registration information can be found on page 6 of this issue.

Friday, March 7 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 | 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Attire: Business Casual for both events*



**Shriners Hospitals
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950 West Faris Road
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Clowns and Bikes

Greetings nobles and ladies, the deadline for the bicycle donations will be **September 1, 2025**. Anyone buying a new bicycle or helmet or wanting to make a donation needs to have it in by September 1.

Contact Wayne Alley,
Barry Winecoff or
Tom Livingston
so that we can
order the rest
of the bicycles
for this year.



Thank you for all that you do.

Wayne Alley: 864-706-6282

Time To Consider Purchasing A Life Membership

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Total Life Membership

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

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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.



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



To the Nobility of Oasis Shriners:

In compliance with Item 6 of the "Fundraising Activities" information contained within General Order No. 1, Series of 2024-2025, per the Office of the Imperial Potentate, the following is hereby printed in the temple publication which is annually required.

Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Strict attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including but not limited to circuses, gaming, bingo and raffles, to make certain that such activities are authorized and comply with the law of the land. In addition, because it is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children it is essential that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. Advertising for all fundraisers must clearly indicate the entity for whom the funds are being raised. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§ 335.3 Use of Name "Shriners Hospitals For Children." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§ 503.11 Commercial Use of Name. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the Potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple Potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the Potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.
- (d) The temple Potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple Potentate's written consent shall be emailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International at officeoftheexecutive@shrinenet.org. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for

Shriners Hospitals for Children. A request to fundraise for Shriners Hospitals for Children is now initiated through a module in WebFez. The temple recorder and/or designated staff are required to take online training to gain access to the module. See updated Charitable Fundraising – Approval and Reporting on page 44 of this publication. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing or via electronic authorization from the temple Potentate. The temple Potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to events@shrinenet.org. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple.

- (i) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
- (ii.) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. and Canada may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
- (iii.) No charitable funds from a charitable fundraising event may be distributed to charities other than Shriners Hospitals for Children if the written fundraising request and written permission do not specifically include that other charity.
- (b) All Shrine temples and their units, Shrine clubs, Shrine Associations and their units and Imperial Sessions of Shriners International are prohibited from engaging telemarketing firms and direct mail firms to assist with fundraising for Shriners Hospitals for Children. No new contracts are permitted without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees.
- (c) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution. The remaining net proceeds from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children and may not be designated or restricted in any way other than for research at one or all of our hospitals.
- (d) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of any General Order.

- (e) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.

(f) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

- (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of (Shriners) (Shrine club) activities." "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

- (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

- (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple Potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

- (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
- (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
- (c) There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of any General Order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be sent to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Prior Permission:

Every Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, temple, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations is prohibited from entering into any telemarketing agreement or contract to raise money for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Chief Philanthropy Officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children, at events@shrinenet.org.

8. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fundraising Activities is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

9. Shriners International Education Foundation:

Notwithstanding the previous provisions of FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES stated above, Nobles may contribute, encourage other Nobles to contribute and engage in charitable fundraising activities directly to Nobles and their families for the benefit of the Shriners International Education Foundation.

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 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

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- 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>

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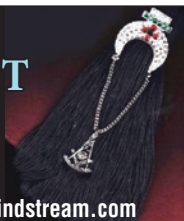
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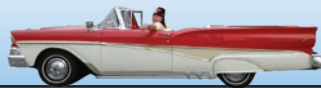
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