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From the Potentate



Nobles and Ladies, Here we are in the eleventh month of the year! Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday we were gathered at SASA watching our Oasis parade units proudly represent our Shrine Center and bring home numerous awards. Looking back over the past several weeks, Oasis has certainly been busy!

September

To all our Oasis units THANK YOU for your participation in the **SASA Fall Festival** parade! Your dedication, hard work, and pride in representing Oasis Shriners are appreciated more than you know. Your accomplishments are recognized in this issue of the *Desert Dust,* and you should be proud of what you have achieved.

A week after SASA, I had the distinct honor of representing Oasis at the **239th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M.** What a pleasure it was to spend time with Most Worshipful Sir Steve Norris, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, members of the Grand Line, and my fellow Shrine leaders, Illustrious Sir Jeff Taylor of Sudan Shriners and Illustrious Sir Robert Way of Amran Shriners. I have been especially proud of the many opportunities we have had to stand together throughout this year in support of Masonry, our Shrine fraternity, and the charitable work we share. These relationships are important, and I look forward to continuing to strengthen them as we move forward.

October

On October 6 we held the inaugural **Jack Wallace Memorial Golf Tournament,** and it was a tremendous success. My sincere thanks go to Noble Gary Ward, Noble Larry Payne, the entire Golf Committee, our sponsors, the players, and the many individuals who worked so diligently on tournament day. This is an event we can build upon for years to come. More importantly, it provides us with an opportunity to remember a wonderful, hardworking Noble and honor his legacy. Thank you, Lady Linda and family, for being with us and sharing this special occasion. Your presence made the day even more meaningful.

Your Oasis Divan and other Oasis members traveled to Oxford, North Carolina, for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford Homecoming. What a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new acquaintances, and support an organization that has meant so much to North Carolina's Masonic family. If you have never attended this event, I strongly encourage you to consider joining us next year. You will enjoy the fellowship and appreciate the opportunity to support this important Masonic institution.

And then it was time to head under the "big top" for the **Oasis Shrine Circus** — truly one of the greatest shows on earth! What a tremendous effort it takes to bring this event together. Thank you to our Oasis Clowns, Oasis Band, Oasis Dune Cats, Oasis Kart Attacks, Oasis Divan, Oasis members, and all the Ladies who worked diligently to make the circus a success. Your time, talents, and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes to Noble Nick Wieder and Lady Kristy, along with Noble Bill Poplin and Lady Toleah for their leadership and dedication in helping make our Oasis Shrine Circus such a great event. Behind every successful undertaking are people willing to step forward, work together, and give of themselves. Oasis is fortunate to have so many who do just that.

November

I sincerely hope that every eligible citizen, and especially our Masons and Shriners, exercised their right and responsibility to **vote.** The opportunity to participate in our nation's elections is a privilege that should never be taken for granted. As citizens, we have a voice in shaping the future of our communities, our state, and our great nation. My hope is that we all approached this responsibility thoughtfully, respectfully, and with a commitment to the principles of integrity, service, and good citizenship.

I want to extend a special word of appreciation to our Oasis Chaplain, Illustrious Sir John Stanley, for leading our Memorial Service at Oasis during the **Fall Ceremonial.** We took time to remember and honor those Nobles who have gone before us, leaving behind cherished memories and a lasting legacy of service. We also enjoyed a wonderful time together at our **Club and Unit Appreciation** dinner, celebrating the people who work throughout the year to keep Oasis strong and active. We concluded the weekend with an inspiring worship service on Sunday morning, giving us another opportunity to gather in faith and gratitude.

November also gives us the opportunity to **honor our veterans** and all those who have served honorably in the United States military. To these brave men and women, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for their service, dedication, and the sacrifices they and their families have made. They have stood in the gap to protect our freedoms and defend this great country we are blessed to call home.

May we never forget the price of freedom, and may we always honor those who have answered the call to serve.

November 13 is **World Kindness Day.** What a wonderful reminder that even the smallest act of kindness can make a tremendous difference in someone's life. A helping hand, a thoughtful visit, a sincere word of encouragement, or simply a smile may be exactly what someone needs. As Shriners, we are called to serve others, and I encourage each of us to look for opportunities to demonstrate compassion and strengthen the communities in which we live. Let us make kindness more than a single day's observance; let it be a daily part of who we are.

As autumn continues to paint our beautiful North Carolina mountains and countryside with brilliant colors, I encourage everyone to take time to enjoy the fall foliage and the cooler temperatures. Sometimes we become so busy with our responsibilities that we forget to pause and appreciate the beauty our Heavenly Father has placed before us. On November 24, take a moment to look toward the evening sky and enjoy the November full moon, traditionally known as the **Beaver Moon.** It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the beauty of God's creation and the many blessings we sometimes overlook.

On November 26 we celebrate **Thanksgiving.** As we gather with family and friends, let us pause to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His goodness, His guidance, and His many blessings. Let us remember those who may be spending the holiday alone, those facing difficult circumstances, and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. May we find ways to share our blessings and bring comfort to others. From Lady Betty and me, we wish each of you a safe, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving.

In Closing

I am so proud of Oasis Shriners! I am proud of our fraternity as a whole, and I am especially proud of every individual who gives their time, talents, resources, and heart to our mission. Every fundraiser, every parade, every visit, every event, and every act of service contributes to something far greater than ourselves: our philanthropy, Shriners Children's.

As we look toward the closing weeks of 2026, let us remember that our work is never simply about the events we hold or the awards we receive. It is about the people we touch, the friendships we build, the families we encourage, and the children whose lives are changed through our generosity and commitment.

As "the journey continues," let each of us remain mindful of those who may need assistance, a listening ear, a helping hand, or perhaps nothing more than a kind word accompanied by a smile. We may never fully know the difference a small act of compassion can make, but we can be certain that our willingness to care for others reflects the very best of who we are.

May our Heavenly Father continue to guide our steps, bless our families, strengthen our fraternity, and give us the wisdom and determination to serve others with humble hearts. Lady Betty and I love and appreciate each and every one of you. We are thankful for the privilege of serving alongside you, and we look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead. May God bless each of you, may He bless Oasis Shriners, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

With gratitude and warmest regards,

Tim Farris
Potentate, Oasis Shriners

"The Journey Continues!"

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From the Recorder



Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you well. This month I once again use my article to focus on our hospital kids, and I hope you enjoy reading their stories. This month's focus is on Maddox. The following information is readily available on Shriners Children's website, but I am more than happy to bring it to you personally.

A Surprising Diagnosis

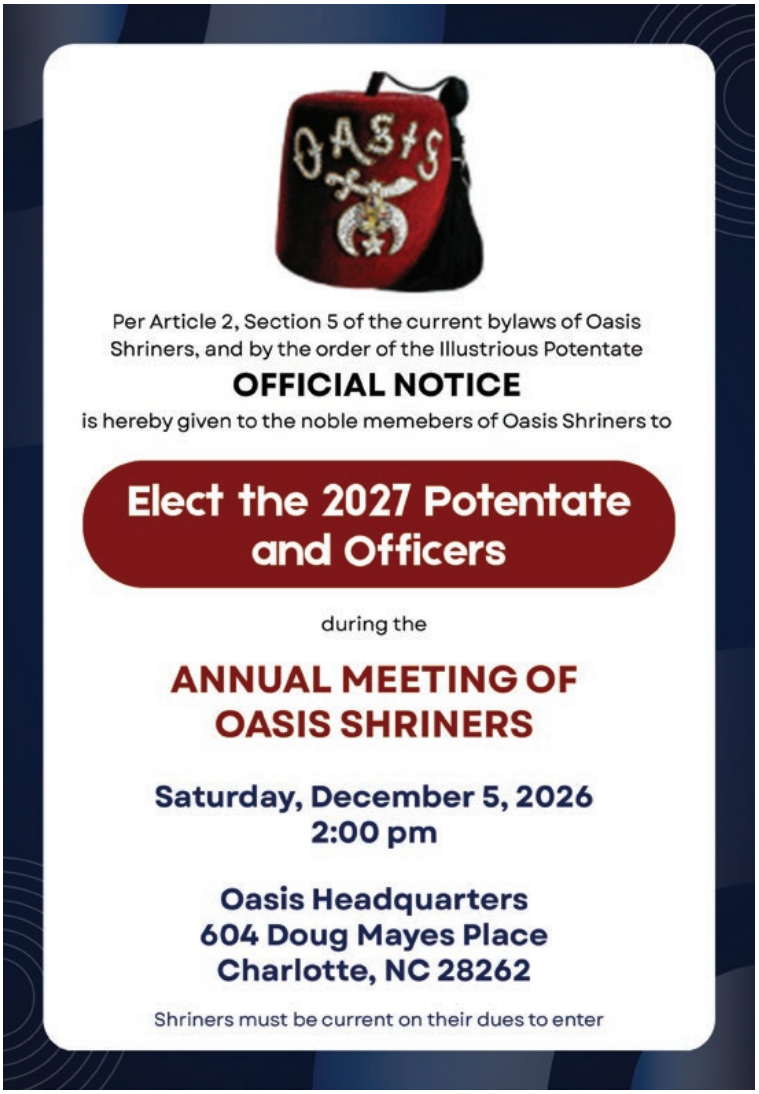
When Maddox was born, her parents had no idea that she would soon be diagnosed with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), a rare genetic condition that causes fragile bones and frequent fractures. There had been no indication throughout the pregnancy that anything was wrong. All the testing and ultrasounds appeared normal. But shortly after Maddox was born, doctors discovered that she had fractures in both of her femurs. Her parents had never heard of OI, and they suddenly found themselves separated from their newborn daughter as doctors searched for answers. It was a nurse who was not even part of the delivery team who recognized Maddox's features and suggested that she might have OI.

This was a diagnosis that brought fear and uncertainty. "Getting a diagnosis for a disease you have never even heard of can be very scary," said her father, Kyle. The family began researching the condition and searching for specialized care. Through the power of online support groups, they discovered Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada.

Born in Alberta and now living in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Maddox was just 6 months old when she and her family made their first trip to Montreal. There, she met Reggie Hamdy, M.D., FRCSC, and the multidisciplinary team that would become such an important part of her life. Maddox was diagnosed with OI type 4. During the first two years of her life, she experienced frequent femur fractures and her legs were severely bowed. When she was 2, Maddox underwent surgery to have rods inserted into her legs. Over the years, she has had over 10 surgeries, including procedures to place rods in both forearms and, more recently, Fassier-Duval rods in both fibulas.

For most children, this would be an overwhelming journey. For Maddox, it has become part of learning how to navigate the world. She knows there are things she cannot always do in the same way as other children. But that has never stopped her from forging her own path to inclusion. Maddox loves to dance, and her family once enrolled her in ballet. On her very first day, she became so excited during warmup that she jumped along with the other children, despite being told not to. She fractured a bone. It was a difficult experience, but it did not take away her love of being involved.

At school, Maddox became the manager and coach of her elementary school's basketball team. Sometimes, when the gym is not too busy, she is given a jersey and joins the other children on the court in her wheelchair. While Maddox primarily relies on a wheelchair for mobility, she is eager to become more independent and continues to practice using her walker whenever it is safe to do so. Maddox has friends who look out for her and help her participate. And Maddox, in turn, continues to find ways to be part of the activities she loves. She wants to get out of her wheelchair and use her walker, although this can be challenging. But she keeps trying. As she grows, she is learning more about her body and how to adapt to the challenges that come with OI. Her resilience is not about never facing setbacks. It is about finding another way forward when she does.



That determination extends to everything Maddox does. She is a bright and curious child who loves learning, creating and figuring out how things work. Her teacher, Leanne, has been impressed by her strong skills in mathematics, while Maddox's family has watched her natural talent for engineering emerge through the things she creates. Give her some cardboard, paper and a little imagination, and Maddox will find a way to build something. She has made a cardboard vending machine, a claw prize machine, an ice machine and even a device to water her plants while she goes away on vacation. With her creativity and problem-solving abilities, it is easy to imagine that Maddox could one day become an engineer. For now, though, she is happy to keep creating, learning and swimming. Swimming is Maddox's favorite part of coming to Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada.

For Maddox's family, the journey from Cape Breton to Montreal is a long one, but the support they have received from the hospital staff has made it possible for her to access the specialized care she needs. Over the years, the hospital has become more than a place where Maddox receives treatment. It has become a place where she feels at home. During a recent visit, when Dr. Hamdy told Maddox she was cleared to go home, she was almost disappointed. She wanted to stay longer.

Her family feels incredibly fortunate to have found Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada so early in Maddox's life. For them, early access to specialized care has made an enormous difference in her journey. And Maddox has made a difference, too. When she sees photographs of other patients displayed throughout the hospital, she wonders how she might get her own picture on the elevator. So when she was asked if she would like to become a Patient Ambassador, she was thrilled.

It seems fitting that Maddox wants to share her story. Because her story is one of resilience, determination, and perseverance while living with osteogenesis imperfecta. She has faced countless fractures and surgeries, yet continues to find reasons to smile, create, participate and dream. Her bones may be fragile, but Maddox's spirit is unbreakable

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 medical facilities and all our Shriners Children's programs like Maddox that they serve.

Gary Taylor, Recorder

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Arrr, A Great Day for Looting!

Captain's Log

Date: This 19the day of September in the year of 2026

Location: Beach of Myrtle

We had not embarked on a good day of plundering since our trip inland to Greenville, when a wench sent word to our ship that priceless jewels were spotted aboard the head vessel of a fleet called Ragtop. A scouting crew was sent on an exploratory expedition. Upon spotting the white ship, it was confirmed that dignitaries and precious cargo were indeed on board.





A dignitary of the highest order was aboard and was outfitted in an array of gems the likes of which had never been seen! A sword fight ensued and a valiant effort was given by the Potentate to fight us off.

But alas, he was no match for us! While we spared his life, we successfully absconded with the treasure we sought. A fine fine day to be a pirate in the Beach of Myrtle.



Jack Wallace
Memorial Golf Tournament





































A Historic Piece From 1911 Finds Its Way Home to Oasis



A hobby detectorist (that's someone who uses a metal detector) in Winston-Salem by the name of John Landrun contacted Oasis back in July reporting that he'd found a medallion with "Oasis" on it. He'd done his research to find us and wanted to know if we knew anything about it, and if we were interested in having it. He sent some pictures and lo and behold, it was indeed an Oasis artifact.



The medallion is from the 37th Annual Session of the Imperial Council held in Rochester, New York on **July 11-13, 1911!** It shows a very prominent hornet's nest, the ol' tar heal, Oasis Patrol, and the date 1911. The medallion appears to have been made as a watch fob by the patrol for that year's convention.

John was in Charlotte in September and presented the medallion to Illustrious Sir Tim Farris. The medallion is now proudly housed in the Oasis display case for all to see.





2026 Schedule of Events

A 2026 dues card is required for admission to all Oasis events.

NOVEMBER

Nov 6	Club & Unit Appreciation Night (Oasis Center)
Nov 6-8	Oasis Fall **Ceremonial** (Oasis Center)
Nov 19	Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)





DECEMBER

Dec 5	Installation of the Grand Master of Masons (Charlotte Museum of History)
Dec 5	Oasis Membership Meeting **Stated** & Election of Officers (Oasis Center)
Dec 6	Potentate's Civic Parade (Gastonia, NC)
Dec 12	Lincoln **Ceremonial** (Lincoln County Shrine Club)
Dec 12	Cat Square Civic Parade (Cat Square, NC)
Dec 17	Oasis Divan Meeting (Oasis Center)

JANUARY 2027

Jan 9	Installation of 132nd Potentate of Oasis Shriners & the Oasis Divan (Oasis Center)



Lady Betty's

Angel Kids

Karita's Journey of Courage and Care

With an infectious smile and a laugh that can brighten even the darkest day, 4-year-old Karita lights up every room with her bravery and resilience. "At my 17-week appointment, the doctor noticed that she was missing her leg," said Beverly, Karita's mom. It wasn't until Karita was born that they discovered she had proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD).



PFFD is a rare and complex birth defect in which the upper part of the femur is either malformed or missing, resulting in one leg being shorter than the other. This difference can affect a child's ability to walk and put stress on other bones and joints as the body tries to compensate. In Karita's case, she was born without her right femur. "PFFD is extremely rare in my home country of Kenya," Beverly said. "Even an orthopedic specialist with 20 years of experience had never seen a case of PFFD." With only about one in every 200,000 children diagnosed with PFFD, treatment is highly individualized, as cases vary greatly in severity.

After seeking multiple medical opinions, Karita's family found the specialized care she needed at Shriners Children's Greenville. In 2025 alone, Shriners Children's Greenville staff provided care for children from 43 states and 46 countries, specializing in more than 85 pediatric orthopedic conditions, including PFFD. Greenville's on-site motion analysis center (MAC) medical team was able to evaluate Karita's movement and recommend the best treatment plan to help her thrive. After reviewing the options, Beverly made the difficult decision to amputate Karita's right leg.

After the amputation, Karita began working with the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) department. She was fitted with a custom prosthetic designed to provide comfort, support and the opportunity to experience life like any other child. "I was so worried before she received her prosthetic – would she love it, or would she reject it?" Beverly said. "But the POPS and physical therapy teams made it fun for her, helping her embrace her new prosthetic in ways I didn't expect." Today, Karita not only loves her prosthetic, but also walks confidently on her own.

"Shriners Children's Greenville is the best place for specialized orthopedic care. We have had the most incredible experience," Beverly said. "Thank you to the staff of Shriners Children's for being so selfless. As parents, we cannot fully express what your care means to us."

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SHRINE TRAILER Travels for You

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Noble Sam is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice.
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Pisgah Shrine Club Sawing for the Community

Submitted by Noble Wayne Alley, Pisgah Shrine Club Secretary



Good morning nobles and ladies. Greetings from your Pisgah Shrine Club. We just had an opportunity to receive a $1,000 donation. A couple in the area needed eight downed trees cut into links so they could be removed from their property. In addition, we were able to take the donated wood to Midway Baptist Church in Brevard for their heat program where they help shut-ins and single moms who need heat in the winter. It was a labor of love for us to be able to help both causes and also the couple. Pictured here are nobles Jerry Mann, Kieth Mann, Tim Waldtrop, Wayne Alley and volunteers Tim Colins, Steven Tucker Jr.



Noble Mickey Williams receiving the Marion Ceremonial Class Honoree from Illustrious Sir Tim Farris.

Membership Statistics

OCTOBER 2026

	MTD	YTD
Creations	0	35
Affiliations	0	7
Restorations	0	16
Reversals	0	0
Total Additions		**YTD - 58**

SHRINERS ON PARADE



Shriners on Parade is a list of upcoming parades and the units that will be participating in each. This information is compiled from the Parade Request Forms submitted by each unit. We hope this will inspire YOUR unit to get out there and get parading!

DECEMBER 1

Christmas Parade, Morganton
- Gator Patrol

DECEMBER 3

Christmas Parade, J. Iverson Riddle Development
- Gator Patrol

DECEMBER 4

Christmas Parade, Lenior
- Gator Patrol

Rock Hill Christmas Parade, Rock Hill SC
- KartAttacks

Christmas Parade, Galax VA
- Surry Mini Truckers

DECEMBER 5

Mount Pleasant Christmas, Mount Pleasant
- Buccaneers

Hendersonville Christmas Parade, Hendersonville
- Hendersonville SC

Christmas Parade, Polkville
- Piedmont Pistons

Christmas Parade, Waco
- Piedmont Pistons

Fort Mill Christmas Parade, Fort Mill SC
- KartAttacks

Winston Salem Christmas Parade, Winston Salem
- KartAttacks

Christmas Parade, Valdese
- Gator Patrol

Christmas Parade, Hildebran
- Gator Patrol

Christmas Parade, Kings Mountain
- Gator Patrol
- Piedmont Pistons

Christmas Day City Parade, Southern Pines
- Sand T's

Christmas Parade, Dobson
- Surry Mini Truckers

DECEMBER 6

Christmas Parade, Jamestown
- Oriental Band

Christmas Parade, Pleasant Garden
- Oriental Band

Christmas Parade, Earl
- Piedmont Pistons

DECEMBER 12

Kannapolis Christmas, Kannapolis
- Buccaneers

Christmas Parade, Drexel
- Gator Patrol

Christmas Parade, Cat Square
- Gator Patrol
- Surry Mini Truckers

Christmas Parade, Stokesdale
- Oriental Band

Christmas Day City Parade, Aberdeen
- Sand T's

Christmas Parade, Fallston
- Piedmont Pistons

Christmas Parade, Grover
- Piedmont Pistons

DECEMBER 13

Christmas Parade, Casar
- Gator Patrol
- Piedmont Pistons

December 14

Waxhaw Christmas Parade, Waxhaw
- KartAttacks

14TH ANNUAL

Masonic Homecoming Festival

Masonic Home for Children, Oxford, NC

















SASA FALL FESTIVAL























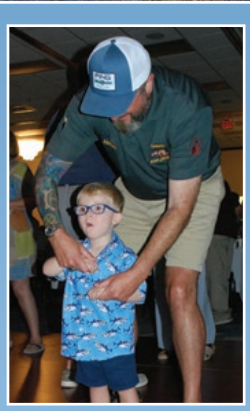

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SASA AWARD WINNERS

A big thank you to ALL our Oasis units who participated in this year's SASA parade, and a hearty congratulations to the following units who won honors!

1ST PLACE

Band
Oldies
Patrol
Pickers
Ragtops
Surry Mini Truckers

2ND PLACE

Buccaneers
Dune Cats
Highlanders
Mountaineers/Wagoneers

3RD PLACE

Gator Patrol
Hospital Trailer
Oriental Band


BAND


KART ATTACKS


PICKERS


PATROL


SURRY MINI TRUCKERS


RAGTOPS


OLDIES


DUNE CATS


MOUNTAINEERS/WAGONEERS


BUCCANEERS


HIGHLANDERS


ORIENTAL BAND


HOSPITAL TRAILER


GATOR PATROL



Patient Gift Donations

Shriners Children's Greenville

Toy Donation Guidelines for Shriners Children's Greenville

At Shriners Children's Greenville, toys and games are more than just entertainment – they are tools that bring comfort, healing and joy to patients and their families during their hospital journey.

The hospital carefully selects toys, games and essential items best suited for each patient's unique needs. To ensure the safety and well-being of patients, they follow strict infection control policies and can only accept **new items** – no collections, stored items or previously used toys.

When planning your donation, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **Patient privacy regulations (HIPAA)** does not allow donors to personally distribute toys to patients.
- Games, books or toys that depict violence or include toy weapons are not accepted.
- **No latex items, stuffed animals or plush toys.**
- Toys should be **new, in original packaging,** with tags attached.
- Please **do not wrap toys.**
- Sharp, glass, ceramic or breakable items are not accepted.
- Toys and games suitable for sitting are encouraged for patients with limited mobility.
- All donations should be scheduled for delivery – unscheduled drop-offs cannot be accommodated.
- Please consult with the hospital before donating durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers or standers.

You can also shop from home through the hospital's Amazon Wishlist. Your contributions will ship directly to the hospital, ensuring patients receive the items they need most.

Thank you for helping to brighten the lives of our patients and their families. Your generosity and kindness makes a lasting impact!

Please contact Jennifer Taylor at Jennifer.Taylor@shrinenet.org for a copy of the toy and donation wish list.

Monthly Roadrunner Highlights

In September, there were a total **5 Roadrunner trips consisting of 1,244 miles!** Congratulations to the following drivers who had the highest mileage driven and/or the most trips in their region in September:



Charles Stubbs (Charlotte) 2 trips, 500 miles

Eric Morabito (Catawba) 1 trip, 431 miles

Mike Matty (Catawba) 1 trip, 431 miles







A Look Back



Plans for the erection in Charlotte of a $300,000 mosque by Oasis temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, have been completed, and it is probably that work on the building will be started early in 1922. Through the courtesy of local Shriners The Record is today publishing an architect's drawing of the mosque as it will look when completed.

The building will be a modern Shriner's home with all club facilities. The auditorium will have a seating capacity of approxinfately 3,500. Complete details regarding the materials to be used and the equipment have not yet been announced by the committee in charge.

Every member of the Oasis temple is said to be delighted with plans for the new building, which will be one of the finest of its kind in the entire south. Nothing will be spared to make the mosque up to date in every respect, as all conveniences for holding meetings of the order will be included.

The announcement that plans for the building are now ready will be hailed with delight, it is thought, by all Shriners. Plans for the mosque were prepared by Architect Charles C. Hartman, of Greensboro, and Associate Architect W. H. Peep, of Charlotte.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the completion of the plans of the mosque, comes the notice of the annual meeting of Shriners in Charlotte December 7 and 8. At this meeting a large class of novices will cross the burning sands and Greensboro will furnish its usual large class. Mosque plans will come in for considerable attention at the Charlotte meeting. Greensboro has manyhonored Shriners among its citizens, one of them being Julian Price, past potentate of Oasis temple.

Greensboro, it so happens, is one of the important Shrine cities of the state. The Shrine club, which will be formally opened at the O. Henry with a ball, reception and dance on the evening of December 1, is one evidence of the numerical strenth of Greensboro Shriners, and the way they always attend ceremonials is another.



If you have photos you'd like to be considered for this feature, please email them to ***DesertDust@oasisshriners.org.*** *Include a write up about the photo.*

Stanly County & Cabarrus Shrine Clubs Hold Successful Extravaganza













A NOTE FROM THE Desert Dust

All ads & articles for the **December** edition of the *Desert Dust* must be submitted to **DesertDust@oasisshriners.org** by **November 10.**

The Pickers had a Blast at SASA!



Submitted by Dave Mahan, Pickers Secretary

The Oasis Pickers had a complete **blast** at the South Atlantic Shrine Association's Fall Festival. Members started arriving as early as Wednesday and some didn't leave until a week later! We had 14 members, one guest Picker, our Lady Pickers and Shrine Pickers in Training (SPITS) all of whom had a great time. Our members enjoyed the beach resort atmosphere, played putt-putt, swam in the pools, floated in the lazy river, ate out at some wonderful restaurants, shopped at local stores, played with our kids, enjoyed several beverages and STILL managed to win another first-place award at the parade. This is the fourth time in a row that the Oasis Pickers have brought home "hardware" for our Shrine Center from the SASA parade. Outstanding!



On Friday night, the Pickers held and open jam on the main deck of the hotel's reception area for the official SASA leadership's hospitality and it was very well received. We played a lot of old and new mountain music, helped guests with their songs of choice, and generally just had a great time with all of the ocean-side fellowship. The unit collected donations as many folks dropped cash in our cases to show their appreciation. Thank you to all who continue to help us do what we do. It's very much appreciated.





We are already making plans for next year, so go ahead and place a hold on September 16-18 in 2027 as we'd love for you to come and enjoy the time with us next year. If you want more info on becoming an Oasis Picker, contact us at (843) 372-5510 or follow us on Facebook.





SAASMC First Place Winner!

Submitted by Noble Mary Taylor, KartAttacks Captain



The Oasis KartAttacks participated in the SAASMC obstacle course competition on September 18 at the Bass Pro Shop in North Myrtle Beach. We were successful in winning two awards: **First place** in the obstacle course (0-300 lb 4-wheel class) and **First Place OVERALL** in the obstacle course!
Our winning times were as follows:

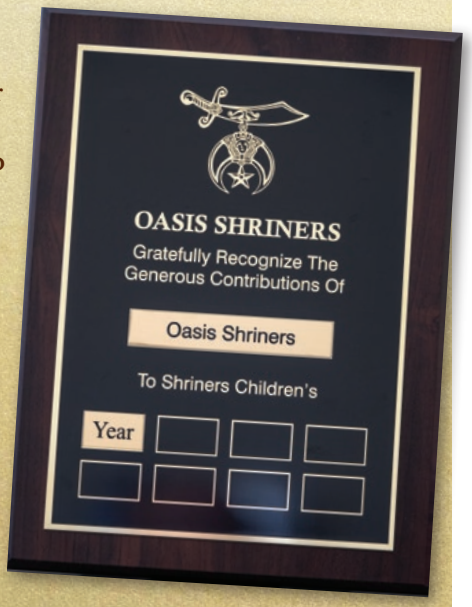
- Glenn Ford at 30.61 seconds
- Ted Inman at 31.18 seconds
- Doug Garland at 31.20 seconds
- Marty Taylor at 31.40 seconds

For reference, the next closest times from another competing unit in our class was 32.66 seconds and 33.35 seconds.



2026 Plaque and Year Bar Money Due Soon

Now's the time to finish collecting any outstanding money for plaques and year bars. And, you don't need to wait until December to send the money in. Once everything has been collected and all accounts are reconciled, go ahead and mail it in. The Oasis office staff thanks you in advance for helping to alleviate the end-of-year rush.





Another Successful Golf Tournament for Smokey Mountain Shrine Club

Submitted by Noble Keith Hagan
Smokey Mountain Shrine Club Past President





On Monday, August 3 the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, with the assistance of local business owners Anthony McDonald and Kelley LaFond of Fat Dog on Main, teamed up to host the second annual golf tournament at Mountain Harbor Golf Course in Hayesville. It was a shotgun start and what a beautiful day for a round of golf it was. After the tournament, the players came back to the Mountain Harbor clubhouse for a smoked BBQ lunch and announcement of the tournament winners. An auction was also held with a wide variety of items to bid on. All in all, $14,000 was raised for Shriners Children's hospitals! This was made possible through private donations and the generosity of participants, sponsors and the diligent event crew.

On Wednesday, September 9 the Smoky Mountain Shriners, Illustrious Potentate Tim Farris, and members of the Divan met at Fat Dog on Main for dinner and presentations. Illustrious Sir Tim was presented with a check from the golf tournament. Anthony and Kelly were presented with an award for their ongoing support, dedication and charitable work for Shriners Children's. They expressed their ongoing commitment to children and to doing whatever they can to assist and fundraise for local families and children with needs. They have a special place in their hearts for Shriners Children's and they intend to continue partnering with Smokey Mountain Shrine Club on this annual fundraiser.

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1st Monday of the Month

- Blue Ridge Shrine Club, 7-9pm, Cagney's Kitchen of Wilkesboro, 1200 Central St, Wilkesboro
- Lake Norman Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 494 E Plaza Dr, Mooresville

1st Tuesday of the Month

- Mecklenburg Shrine Club, 6:30-9pm, 5200 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Rd, Charlotte

1st Wednesday of the Month

- Hendersonville Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Bay Breeze Seafood, 1830 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville

1st Thursday of the Month

- Crowder's Mountain Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Mt. Mitchel Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge, 163 S Main St, Marion
- Surry Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 1029 Westlake Dr, Mt Airy
- Winston-Salem Shrine Club, 7:30-9pm, 4909 Hampton Rd, Clemmons

1st Friday of the Month

- Red Fez Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 16600 Red Fez Club Rd, Charlotte

2nd Monday of the Month

- Land of the Sky Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 39 Spring Cove Rd, Swannanoa

2nd Tuesday of the Month

- Appalachian Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Applebee's, 2036 Blowing Rock, Boone
- Foothills Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Lexington Shrine Club, 6:15-8:15pm

2nd Wednesday of the Month

- Gaston Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 505 Pinkney Rd, Dallas

2nd Thursday of the Month

- Randolph Shrine Club, 6-9pm, 2134 Henley Country Rd, Randleman
- Brushy Mountain Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Stanly County Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, 35731 City Lake Dr, Albemarle

3rd Monday of the Month

- Ashe Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 117 Morphew Ln, Jefferson

3rd Wednesday of the Month

- Pisgah Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Pisgah Fish Camp, 663 Deavor Rd, Pisgah Forest
- Cherryville Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, American Legion, 215 N Pink St, Cherryville

3rd Thursday of the Month

- Lincoln County Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 1470 Cat Square Rd, Vale
- Statesville Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm
- White Plains Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Fairview Masonic Lodge #339, 803 Landing St, Kings Mountain

4th Monday of the Month

- Avery Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Carolina BBQ, Newland

4th Tuesday of the Month

- Greensboro Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 5010 High Point Rd, Greensboro
- Metrolina Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 5930 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte
- Mountaineer Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Lee's, 262 Bakers Ln, Bakersville
- Union County Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 7307 Pageland Hwy, Monroe
- Western NC Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Julie's Place, 30 NC-141, Murphy
- Sandhills Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Hamlet Masonic Lodge, 307 Main St, Hamlet

4th Wednesday of the Month

- Rowan Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 6480 Long Ferry Rd, Salisbury
- Catawba Shrine Club, 7:30-9:30pm, Catawba Shrine Club, 1488 Hwy 10 W, Newton
- Moore County Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Roman Eagle Lodge #550

4th Thursday of the Month

- East Burke Shrine Club, 6-8pm
- Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, 6-8pm, 833 Bethel Church Rd, Franklin
- Thermal Belt Shrine Club, 6-8pm, Barley's Taproom, 123 W Main St, Spindale
- Rockingham Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Shrine Club Drive, Reidsville
- Elkin-Jonesville Shrine Club, 7-9pm, 5003 Swaim St, Jonesville
- High Point Shrine Club, 6-8pm, High Point Elks Lodge 1155, 700 Old Mill Rd, High Point
- Piedmont Shrine Club, 7-9pm, Fisherman's Feast, Shelby

4th Friday of the Month

- Cabarrus Shrine Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Cabarrus Shrine Club, 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis

Please email any updates or changes to the above listing to DesertDust@oasisshriners.org. Your update will be made here as well as on the Oasis web site.

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NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
Edward Joseph Steel	Mint Hill, NC	6/5/2000	9/19/2026
James H. Beggs	Asheville, NC	10/28/1998	9/22/2026
Thornton Dixon Adams	Conover, NC	6/8/1963	9/23/2026
Lewis W. James	Albemarle, NC	9/25/1965	9/24/2026
Douglas Edgar Nichols	Mount Airy, NC	5/21/1983	9/29/2026
Thornton Johnson Beroth	Pilot Mountain, NC	11/8/1986	10/4/2026



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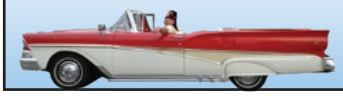
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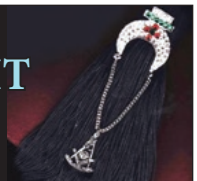


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