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From the Potentate

Nobles and Ladies:

It is hard to believe that the 52nd Annual South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) Fall Festival in Myrtle Beach is

now IN THE BOOKS! DJ Chad Sain helped us celebrate in the Carolina Ballroom on Saturday evening as we presented parade awards to our awesome Oasis Units. Congratulations once again to Illustrious Sir Bill Carter and Lady Laurin as he continues to advance in the SASA officer line. A hearty tip of the Potentate's fez

for the incredible showing of support and participation from all Oasis Nobles and Ladies including our Parade Units. Way to go! Check out the photos in this edition of the *Desert Dust*.

Within the last few weeks, I had the pleasure of visiting the Greenville Shriners Children's Board of Governors meeting on August 25, Lenoir York Rite Bodies on September 2, the Charlotte Scottish Rite on September 3, the Catawba County Shrine Club fundraiser on September 7, the Gaston County Shrine Club meeting on September 10, a Master Mason degree at Whetstone Lodge 515 in Bessemer City on September 11 (and Imperial Sir

Jerry Gantt was present as well), the Oasis Patrol meeting on September 12, the Greensboro Shrine Club on September 13 for their reverse drawing, the Oasis Past Captain's Club meeting and dinner at Big Daddy's on September 15, the Rockingham County Shrine Club on September 25, and the Smoky Mountain Shrine Club on September 30. It is such an honor as Potentate of Oasis Shriners to witness countless dedicated Nobles working hard each day for the betterment of our philanthropy and fraternity.

As this October issue of the *Desert Dust* reaches your hands, the Oasis circus shows will be underway followed by our annual Masonic Homecoming for Children at Oxford on October 10-11 and then our 6th Annual Oasis Golf Tournament on Friday, October 17. Remember to register your team or sponsor the tournament by visiting oasisgolf.eventbrite.com.

At the end of this month, we will look forward to welcoming all Oasis Nobles and Ladies to the "Homecoming" weekend at Oasis. Our Annual Oasis Club and Unit Appreciation event will be held on Friday, October 31. Our Fall "Homecoming" Ceremonial in Honor of Oasis Past Potentates will be held on Saturday, November 1. Make sure to check out the entire calendar of events for the weekend which may be found elsewhere in this *Desert Dust*.

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

OASIS SHRINERS PRESENT

2025 Annual CAPTAIN'S CHOICE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Grand Prize **\$10,000**
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025
8.00 AM - 12.00 PM
Woodbridge Golf Links
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Player **\$80**
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Includes Mulligans

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Larry Payne, Chairman



From the Recorder

Hello Everyone,

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

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

Specialized, family-centered care at Shriners Children's Chicago has helped Dennis overcome challenges due to cerebral palsy and thrive with confidence.

At just five years old, Dennis has a story of courage that stretches far beyond his small frame, a frame he moves and rolls independently, thanks to the advanced cerebral palsy care (CP) his family found at Shriners Children's Chicago.

Shortly after his first birthday, Dennis was diagnosed with spastic diplegia cerebral palsy by doctors in Michigan, where the family lives. Cerebral palsy is a condition that affects a child's muscle



tone, movement and coordination. In this case, the family was given little hope for their child's future. "When he was diagnosed, we were told he wouldn't walk, talk or speak, but we don't allow the word can't in our house. That was Papa's rule – you can do anything," proclaims Maria, Dennis' mother.

Hope Arrived after a Challenging Diagnosis

Maria and her husband, Dennis Jr., were approached by a friend at their church who is a Shriner. "We didn't know the process, but as soon as we called, we started to realize this was the best decision we made."

Dennis's first visit was in 2021, when he was a little over a year old. His pediatric orthopedic surgeon, Kelsey Davidson, M.D., has played a pivotal role in his care. "She was the first doctor he didn't cry with when she touched his legs during an exam," Maria said. "That told us everything we needed to know and, as a family, put us at ease." While working in partnership with rehabilitation professionals nearby, Shriners Children's Chicago has become a second home for this family. The staff provides specialized care for Dennis's spastic diplegia, which primarily affects his leg muscles and makes his gait different from that of a typical five-year-old. His visits, usually every six months, increased this year as he began more targeted treatments, including Dysport injections. Botulinum toxin is sometimes used in small doses as a treatment to reduce muscle spasticity.

"We're always looking to improve the standard of care and making sure we're offering the safest and best care for our patients with cerebral palsy and other orthopedics-related conditions," Dr. Davidson said. The family spent 18

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From the Recorder

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months discussing the treatment with clinicians in Detroit and at Shriners Children's before moving forward.

"He's doing great," his dad said proudly. "After the Dysport, I stretched his ankles, and they weren't stiff like usual. He only complained a little about being sore."

He also had serial casting. The term "serial" is used because each cast is one in a series that progressively stretches the muscle or joint a bit further each time. Dad said the goal for Dennis is to stretch his tight calf muscles and help with the "scissoring" that causes his legs to cross over one another when he walks. "My feet stick out," Dennis said after first getting a cast on each leg from foot to mid-calf. Dennis brings color and joy to every visit, always excited to pick a new cast color. His most recent choice? Red – his favorite. "Why red?" someone asked. "Because I did," he answered confidently. His new wheelchair? Also red. "Red, red, red – with a splash of blue on the seat," his mom said with a smile.

To make the road trips more manageable, his parents traveled from the Detroit area to Shriners Children's Chicago every two weeks, instead of the typical weekly visits during casting.

Now, they share that story of Shriners Children's every chance they get – at restaurants, on the road, and with stickers on the back of their car. "Someone behind us might have a child with a disability," said his dad. "We want them to know help is out there."

Despite the medical hurdles, Dennis is thriving. "His vocabulary is beyond," his mom said. "The neurologist said he's at a six-year-old level." His determination is not just visible to his parents. "Dennis has made tremendous progress in four years. He is now using a walker along with

his wheelchair. My next goal for Dennis is to move to elbow crutches, which will continue to improve his walking," said Dr. Davidson. There was once a time when Dennis's parents weren't sure he'd be able to walk or speak. Today, he's doing all that and more – smiling, playing and living life like any other five-year-old. Thanks to the compassionate, specialized cerebral palsy care at Shriners Children's Chicago, Dennis continues to grow – and there's no doubt his unstoppable spirit will carry him far.

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 Dennis', that they serve.

Gary



131ST

INSTALLATION OF OASIS OFFICERS

Chief Rabban Tim Farris and Lady Betty
request the pleasure of your company for a social, dinner,
Oasis Divan Installation of Officers and entertainment.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

Oasis Shrine Center
604 Doug Mayes Place | Charlotte, North Carolina

Attire: Coat and Tie preferred (no jeans), Semi formal for Ladies

Hotel Reservations: bit.ly/2026InstallationHotel
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RSVP Required to Oasis Office by December 20

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Your 2026 Shrine Dues and Membership Card

An Update From Shriners International



Shriners International has announced that a new, redesigned membership card is forthcoming as acknowledgement for our nobility who have paid their dues to current, through the 2026 dues year.

Shriners International is excited to announce that the first batch of card shipments is underway and Nobles should begin to receive their cards in the coming weeks (Please allow 3-4 weeks for the first batch to be fully delivered, as they are being sent via 3rd class/bulk postage rates).

This first batch of cards will include all Total Life Members as well as those members who have already paid their 2026 dues. Moving forward, an updated list will be sent for distribution every two weeks once members pay their 2026 dues.

You may pay your dues online today at <https://shrinetempledues.org/wfp/secure-authentication/> or by calling the Oasis office at 704-549-9600 or by mailing your check to 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262 or by emailing support@oasisshriners.org for assistance. You can also pay by credit card over the phone with the Oasis office.

If you visit the link, just select **Oasis Shriners** from the drop-down menu, then enter your **Shrine ID** (longer number, not the 5 digits). *Call the Oasis office if you do not know your Shrine ID or do not have your old card and need the number.* Then, type your **last name** and click the green **Verify** button. You will then be authenticated and the payment screen steps should be self-explanatory from this stage forward.

If for any reason you need assistance, please feel free to call the Oasis office directly at 704-549-9600.

Please note that any instances of bad addresses will be returned to the temple office following the delivery attempt. Likewise, instances of missing or incomplete addresses will be sent directly to the temple office.

Thank you for your service to the Shrine and being a member of Oasis Shriners!

Judie's Beach Music Party

Dancing and Dining

November 2, 2025 - 4:30 - 9:00



CBMA GROUP OF THE YEAR
The Embers
Craig Woolard



Bar - Beer, Wine, Soda's, Water.
BYOB - setups avail. at bar
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\$45 Open Seating
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Holiday Meal
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Mecklenburg Shrine Club
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Call for Tickets
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 Barrel delivery expected in September*

For logistical questions, contact Noble Tom Bridges at 828-439-1700

OASIS BLACK TIE GALA





2025 Schedule of Events

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
October 31	Annual Club & Unit Appreciation Event

NOVEMBER

November 1-2	Oasis Past Potentates "Homecoming" Ceremonial - Oasis Headquarters, Charlotte
November 20	Oasis Divan Meeting

DECEMBER

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 3	Installation of the 131st Potentate of Oasis Shriners & the Oasis Divan
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Petals of Hope: Shrine Patient Monthly Story

Brandon's Journey of Renewal

Much like the dogwood tree that bursts into bloom each spring—its blossoms a symbol of hope, endurance, and new life—Brandon's story is one of quiet strength and remarkable resilience.

At just 4 years old, Brandon first visited Shriners Children's Greenville for a fractured foot. What seemed like a small bump in the road would later become the first chapter in a much larger journey. At age 6, when a rare virus left him partially paralyzed, Brandon's world shifted. Yet, just like the dogwood bloom that pushes through winter's chill to find the sun, Brandon refused to let adversity keep him from growing.

With every visit to Shriners Children's, Brandon found more than medical support—he found a team that nurtured his spirit, sparked his determination, and helped him reclaim a full and vibrant life. From therapy that doubled as play to braces that gave him the freedom to run and explore, each step forward has been a testament to what hope in action looks like.

Today, Brandon not only thrives—he gives back. Whether speaking on behalf of Shriners or simply living life with joy, he is a living bloom from the tree of care, compassion, and courage that continues to blossom at Shriners Children's Greenville.



Brandon

My name is Brandon. I am 13, and I have been blessed to experience the care of Shriners Children's Greenville on a variety of levels for many years now. When I was 4, my parents brought me in when I had fractured my foot. The staff was kind and patient, and I was back to playing with my brothers in no time.

When I was 6, a major medical crisis once again had me back at Shriners. In August 2016, I was paralyzed on my right side when a cold virus attacked my spinal cord. It's called acute flaccid myelitis.

I had played my last baseball game one Saturday, and by the next, I was unable to walk or move my arm. Even sitting up on the side of the hospital bed or other previously simple tasks were now grueling and painful.

I had spent a month in the children's hospital in Greenville, South Carolina, and then several months in Atlanta for intense rehab. When it was time to come home, we once again turned to Shriners Children's. It was a massive blessing to my parents that the hospital was less than 30 minutes from our house.

The physical therapists and occupational therapists worked with me almost daily in those early days. They were great about thinking outside the box to make therapy as fun as possible for me by creatively incorporating sports activities or anything else they thought a little boy would find amusing. They had a sense of humor and would often joke with me.

Therapy wasn't always easy, but they always made it as fun as

possible. The therapy team also was a huge help in advocating for equipment or making sure I got the help I needed with surgery.

In 2007, I had an experimental upper extremity nerve transfer surgery in Philadelphia. That surgery helped me to regain function in my right arm that I otherwise would not have gotten back. We were also back up in Philly on a snowy December day in 2020 for another surgery where Dan Zlotolow, M.D., was able to stabilize my shoulder socket.

Bracing has been another huge component of my care at Shriners. The Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services keeps me moving, literally. Doctors and other families we meet at other places are always asking about my leg brace. It truly is the best. Nate has worked hard to make sure it's durable (I'm kind of hard on my braces because I stay pretty active, thanks to the brace), and has the latest technology available with the joints and other components. I can't walk without my brace, so this has given me independence and a "normal" that I wouldn't have had otherwise. It's a game-changer.

It's not all work, though. I've been able to enjoy the fun parts, too—from Halloween parties and anniversary celebrations to speaking events on behalf of Shriners Children's.

It's humbling to see the many different people it takes to make this organization possible. The donations matter. The medical care I get here has made things easier not only for me, but for my parents as well.

Shriners Children's is doing important work with an incredible team of people. Because of Shriners Children's, I am able to enjoy my life to the fullest. I will forever be grateful for their care.



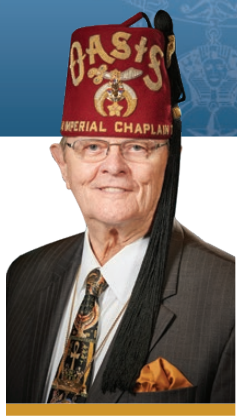
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Chaplain's Corner

Pressured By Others?

How frequently are we pressured into doing something by other people. In his book Life Without Limits, Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie, tells the story of a pastor who, in the space of one week, heard the

following comments from various people:

- A young man said, "My parents have fantastic goals for me to take over the family business. It's not what I want to do, but their pressure is unbearable."
- A college woman said, "I'm being pressured by my boyfriend to live with him before we are married. You know...sort of try it out...to see if we are right for each other."
- A husband said, "My wife is never satisfied. Whatever I do, however much I make, it's never enough."
- A middle-aged wife said, "My husband thinks my faith is silly. When I feel his resistance to Christ, I wonder if I'm wrong and confused."
- An elderly woman said, "My sister thinks she has all the answers about the faith and tries to convince me of her point of view."

All of these people have one thing in common. They are being pressured by other people. We all, at one time or another, experience people-pressure. The question is how will it affect our judgment. In Mark 6:26 we find that King Herod was thrown into distress, he knew it was wrong, but because of his oath and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse another person.

When you find yourself in the middle of a difficult situation, one which requires you to make an important decision, remember first: puzzling problems require conscientious decisions, and second: promises made in haste create great waste; and finally, that the pressures of life and the pressures of other people can affect good judgment.

John Stanley, P.P., active in Laurinburg Presbyterian, is Oasis Chaplain, and South Atlantic Shriners Chaplain. He is Retired Pastor—Visitation, First Presbyterian, Gastonia, NC. Also, he served as Chaplain, Shriners International when Imperial Sir Al Madsen was Imperial Potentate. John can be reached at: jhstanley1965@gmail.com.

From the Illustrious Potentate and Oasis Divan

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir John Stanley who has been appointed as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina for 2026!

Is Your Shrine Club or Unit Looking for a Fundraiser?



The Dune Cats are looking for extra help with our holiday fundraiser:

The Southern Christmas Show
held from Nov 13-23.

Show Hours are 10-6 Sunday - Wednesday and 10-9 Thursday - Saturday.
Help is needed during show hours.

Please contact Eddie Baker at
(704) 575-4718 if you are interested.
Nobles and Ladies welcome.

2025 OASIS QUILT GIVEAWAY

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**Drawing to be Held at
Fall Ceremonial on
Saturday, November 1**

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*Proceeds Benefit
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See any Divan
Member for Tickets

*The quilt will be
featured at various
events throughout
the year.*





RISE AND SHINE
Breakfast Awaits



MECKLENBURG SHRINE CLUB

When: November 8, 7:30am - 11:00am

Price: \$10

Serving: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee, FELLOWSHIP



5200 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Rd, Charlotte, NC 28215

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coordinator@oasisshriners.org



FOCUS ON OUR ROADRUNNERS

Congratulations to the following Roadrunners for having the highest number of trips in the month of August in their district.

ROADRUNNERS DISTRICT	ROADRUNNER'S NAME	NUMBER OF TRIPS IN AUGUST	TOTAL MILES TRAVELED IN AUGUST
CATAWBA	Larry Hale	1	1,087
CHARLOTTE	Danny Howell	7	3,433
MOUNTAIN/AVERY	Fred Kirpatrick	2	337
TRIAD	Tom Erickson	2	991
	Neil Johnson	2	991

Total number of Roadrunner trips for ALL districts for August = 42

Total number of Roadrunner miles for ALL districts for August = 15,408



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to see more photos and videos!



CONGRATULATIONS to the following
award-winning 12 Oasis Parade Units along
with sincere appreciation for ALL Units that
attended in the SASA 2025 Parade!

- 1st Place: Oasis Band
- 1st Place: Oasis Divan
- 1st Place: Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps
- 1st Place: Oasis Mountaineers
- 1st Place: Oasis Pickers
- 1st Place: Oasis Ragtops
- 1st Place: Oasis Shriners Patrol
- 2nd Place: Oasis Highlanders
- 2nd Place: Oasis Hospital Trailer
- 3rd Place: Oasis Clowns
- 3rd Place: Oasis Oldies
- 3rd Place: Oasis Surry Mini Trucks





Gator Patrol in Action

2025 OLD SOLDIER REUNION
PARADE IN NEWTON, NC



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ALL 8
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\$100 PER TICKET

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For more information, contact Scottie Cox
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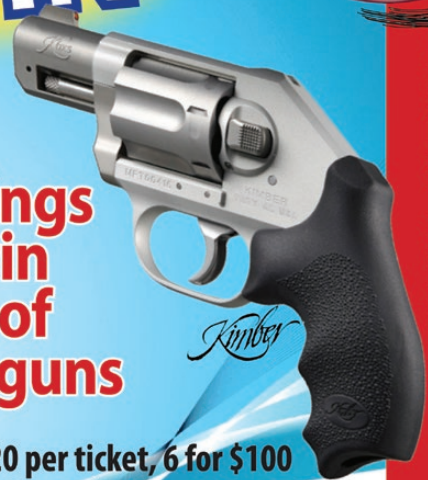
WIN

Drawings to win one of 3 handguns

Donation: \$20 per ticket, 6 for \$100
Drawing: December 18, 2025



High Point Shrine Club Fund Raiser



1st Prize: Kimber K6XS
38 Special +P Stainless Revolver

2nd Prize: Hellcat Micro-Compact OSP
9mm Luger Melonite Black

3rd Prize: Taurus 856 38 Special +P Stainless Revolver

All proceeds to benefit High Point Shrine Club. Donations are not tax-deductable.
Must be 21 or over. Must be North Carolina Resident.
Must pass background check at pickup at our generous sponsor: SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE
Contact Number 336-202-3052

CLUB AND UNIT APPRECIATION AND FALL CEREMONIAL WEEKEND

"HOMECOMING" IN HONOR OF PAST POTENTATES

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2, 2025

OASIS SHRINE CENTER
604 DOUG MAYES PLACE | CHARLOTTE



HOTEL RESERVATION BLOCK:

Hilton Charlotte University Place

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/clthuhf-oi25-339173cc-ecff-4796-85b9-66ea4ca0eb48/>

PETITION TO JOIN:

<https://oasisshriners.org/images/forms/membership/petition-for-initiation-and-membership.pdf>

*Weekend Events are open to Oasis Members in Good Standing
(Current Year Dues Card Required) and their Ladies and Candidates and Candidates' Ladies.*

WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - Annual Club and Unit Appreciation Event

2-5:00 pm Arrival and Check-In, Oasis Hospitality Room
Open at Hilton Charlotte University Place

5:00-6:00 Oasis Van Shuttle (between Oasis and hotel)

6:00 Club and Unit Appreciation Buffet Dinner:
*Chicken Stuffed Pasta Shells, Pot Roast, Green Beans,
Macaroni and Cheese, Rice, Banana Pudding*

7:00 Program: Oasis Memorial Service with Taps

7:30 Club and Unit Fundraising Recognition, Certificates,
and Pictures. *Dress: Business Casual/Casual*

9:00 Return to Hotel, Oasis Hospitality Room Opens at Hilton

9:00-10:00 Oasis Van Shuttle (between Oasis and hotel)

10:00 People's Choice Costume Competition Begins in Oasis
Hospitality Room. *Dress in your costume of choice,
assigned at door, ballot votes for favorite*

Midnight Hospitality Room Closes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - Fall "Homecoming" Ceremonial

7:30 am Candidate Registration in Lobby and Shrine Mart in
Carolina Room

9:00-10:00 Oasis Van Shuttle (between Oasis and hotel)

10:00 Welcome, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and
Introductions, Master of Ceremonies

10:15 Special Recognition of Oasis Past Potentates and
Class Honoree Named

10:45 "Creating a Shriner" - Oasis Director's Staff

11:00 Ladies Dismissed to Luncheon in Sands Restaurant
*Guest Speaker: Trana Pittam, Director, Marketing and
Communications, Shriners Children's Greenville*

11:00 New Shriner Ceremonial in Auditorium

12:00 noon Candidate Lunch (provided) and Class Photograph in
Front of Oasis

12:00 noon Oasis Club and Unit Showcase in Carolina Room
(Member Recruitment)

1:00-2:00 Oasis Van Shuttle (between Oasis and hotel)

1:00-5:00 Oasis Hospitality Room Open at Hilton

6:00 Oasis Doors Open: *Passed Hors d'oeuvres: Pimento
Cheese Tarts, Chicken and Waffles, Bacon Wrapped Jalapenos*

6:30 Fez and Rose Ceremony - New Shriners and Ladies

7:00 Drawing for the 2025 Oasis Quilt Giveaway

7:00-10:00 Entertainment by DJ Noble - All Your Favorites!

10:00 Return to Hotel, Oasis Hospitality Room Opens at Hilton

10:00-11:00 Oasis Van Shuttle (between Oasis and hotel)

Midnight Hospitality Room Closes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:30 am Oasis Non-Denominational Service,
Hilton Charlotte University Place

Pirates Sail into SHC Greenville with Donation

Recently, three dozen pirates sailed into the front parking lot of SHC Greenville, aboard two mighty ships, bringing joy and excitement to our patients and their families. Behind the eye patches and pirate hats were generous Shriners from various Shrine Temples. Sudan Pirates, OMAR Pirate UNIT, Mystic Pirates of Kazim, Oasis Buccaneers and Hejaz pirates were the units representing 5 temples.

Not only did they fill the day with smiles, but they also contributed \$3,900 to support our mission.



~ A Special Note ~

The family of Marvin Eugene Morrison, better known as our beloved Gene, acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy and love we felt during his celebration of life.





OASIS SHRINERS

2025 Fall Ceremonial

JOIN US FOR

The Ladies Brunch

Saturday, November 1
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Oasis Shrine Center
The Sands

Tickets Must Be Purchased
In Advance to Attend

by Noon on Thursday,
October 23 at
<https://2025FallLadies.eventbrite.com>



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

UPCOMING CLUB AND UNIT EVENTS

OCTOBER 31

Annual Club and Unit
Appreciation
See ad on page 16

NOVEMBER 1

Oasis Brewmasters
Drawing for Blanton's
See ad on page 15

NOVEMBER 2

Mecklenburg Shrine Club
Beach Music Party
See ad on page 5

NOVEMBER 8

Mecklenburg Shrine Club
Rise and Shine Breakfast
See ad on page 11

NOVEMBER 13-23

Dune Cats - Help Needed at
The Southern Christmas Show
See ad on page 10

NOW HIRING Oasis Hospitality Team Wants You

*Are you ready to get involved?
Are you a new Shriner or Shriner
who's been around for a while but
has not been involved? Would you
like to get to know more people?*

Join the Oasis Hospitality Team.



We are looking for individuals like
yourself to join our team.
Husbands *and* wives are encouraged.

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

We look forward to hearing from you.



OASIS SHRINERS

Having Fun & Helping Children

ATTENTION: Restoration Special!

*Do you know any Oasis Noble Shriner currently
Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues?*

OASIS SHRINERS RESTORATION PROGRAM

**SPECIAL: Pay 2025 Dues \$155, complete restoration
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SEE FORM ON PAGE 19

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PETITION FOR RESTORATION



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

I, the undersigned, a former member of your Shrine Chapter, and now under sentence of
_____ NPD _____, respectfully request that I may be restored to membership.

I have liquidated all indebtedness to Oasis, and if my request be granted I promise to conform to the
Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, together with those of Oasis Shriners.

I further declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No.
_____, A.F. & A.M., located at _____.

PRINT YOUR FULL NAME: _____

PREFERRED NICKNAME: _____

Birthplace: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Your Profession or Occupation: _____

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Street City State Zip

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

E-mail Address: _____

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

Recommended by:

Noble: _____ Shrine No. _____ Club/Unit: _____

Noble: _____ Shrine No. _____ Club/Unit: _____

Date of This Petition: _____, 20 ____.

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

Attach to the petition, a check or money order for \$155 and a copy of your current Blue Lodge Card. Call if
you have questions (704) 549-9600. Mail to OASIS SHRINERS, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262,
ATTN: Membership

Credit Card Payment

Visa/Mastercard/Discover

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2026 Potentate's Cruise

Nobles and Ladies,

Lady Betty and I are thrilled to share information with you regarding the 2026 Potentate's trip on a Cruise to the Southern Caribbean in February 2026.



Several of our counterparts from other Shrine Centers and their members will be joining us on this cruise.

The cruise will sail from Port Canaveral on February 21, 2026, and will return to Port Canaveral on March 1. This trip promises to be a fun and exciting eight days, cruising with Shrine families from other Shrine Centers.

Lady Betty and I want to thank Lady Lisa and Past Potentate (2017) Illustrious Sir Don Nicholson (Kerbela Shriners) for putting this trip together for us, they are standing by to assist you in booking

your cruise. Illustrious Sir Don and Lady Lisa have worked hard to secure a great price for this trip-\$2650 per couple for a balcony room, WOW!

Lady Betty and I sincerely appreciate Illustrious Sir Chris Hall for allowing us to share this information with you so you will have ample time to plan for this trip. We are looking forward to traveling with you in 2026!

Fraternally Yours,

Tim and Lady Betty

Tim Farris

Chief Rabban, Oasis Shriners



Shriners and Friends Cruise!

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Please call **Lisa @ 865-740-0972** to book your trip or if you have any questions.
Just mention the Shrine!

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

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Zachary M. Davies	Farmington Hills, MI	11/26/1960	7/17/2024
James E. Couture	Mount Airy, NC	11/6/1999	8/6/2025
Malon P. Rogers	Thomasville, NC	11/5/2016	8/15/2025
Jake J. McFee	Denver, NC	5/24/1969	9/8/2025

**Date Correction*

Want to make changes to your Club/Unit Bulletin Board ad?

Keep text simple so your ad is easy to read. No detailed images, group photos, or low quality/blurry images will be accepted.

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Email your ad or ad changes to ediewilson7@gmail.com

Club and Unit Bulletin Board



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

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

Email: WhitePlainsShrineClub@gmail.com

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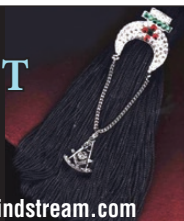
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505 Pinkney Road Dallas, NC 28034

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Social @ 6pm | Meeting @ 7pm

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Captain Jimmy Cline



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