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Desert Dust

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Oasis Nobility Celebrates Buccaneers Revival

By Edie Wilson

CHARLOTTE – The Fall Ceremonial drew an unusual looking crowd to the Friday night dance. Some would even say they appeared to be a bit unsavory. Odd costumes, long hair, swords...and not a fez in sight.

In celebration of the rebirth of the Buccaneers Unit, III. Sir Johnny King proclaimed it Pirate Night. The giant pirate ship was berthed just outside the Oasis Shrine Center and looked to be a bonny frigate indeed. But she was not always such. The Buccaneers and their pirate ship float struggled from 1996 until 2008 then gave up the fight. The float was docked in Past Cpt. Ronnie Baucom's back yard for eight years.

It's now 2016 and III. Sir King began making inquiries about the unit's demise and the whereabouts of the float. He contacted a number of Shrine Clubs hoping to stir interest in reviving the unit. Then he met with Brian Heintz, President of Cabarrus Shrine Club and Deputy Sherriff of Cabarrus County. He presented the challenge and was met with enthusiasm. Thirteen eager club members became Buccaneers and Ronnie Baucom agreed once more to lead the

charge as Unit Captain.

The synergy between the club and the unit is priceless. One supports the other and both began to grow and prosper. Cabarrus Shrine Club now has 60 members. Once again, a single person stepped up and the rest followed.

A great deal of work went in to bringing the Buccaneers' pirate ship back to life, but now she appears in parades with her band of brothers and sisters armed not with cannons but with pride and joy.



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The Potentate's Message

Nobles & Ladies,
as I write to thank
you for allowing
me to take this

once in a lifetime journey be
your Potentate for this past year,
I could swear I already see the
glimmer of twinkling lights and
hear sleigh bells!

October and November were
almost a blur with Big Daddy's
at Lake Norman for the Oasis
Past-captains meeting, Mystic
Shrine Club's officer installation
in Kernersville (great photos
elsewhere in this issue), Oasis

Patrol "Ladies Night," and then
Mecklenburg Shrine Club for a
dual birthday party for both Noble
Jim and Lady Brenda Beaty. How
many candles? Hmmm, that would
be telling ... let's say we were
warm and it was easy to read.

I rounded out October at a
5-K race with the Greensboro
Shrine Club and the NASCARTS,
then back to Hickory for a
wonderful evening with my most
excellent Hospitality group led
by Noble Alan and Lady Doris
Letterman; Red Fez Club officer
installation with Assistant Rabban

Noble Johnny Burgess doing
the honors. Halloween found
us - with Shrine trailer in tow - in
downtown Kannapolis for 'Trunk
or Treat' with Noble Sam and
Lady Sherry and Noble Lee and
Lady Lynn Moody. (Yes, photos in
this issue!)

November opened with
Recorder, Noble Bob Saye;
Treasurer, Noble PP Bill Harward
and me in Hendersonville for
the grand opening of a Shriners
Hospital satellite Our Fall
Ceremonial at Oasis – that began
Friday night with a Pirates of the
Caribbean evening to honor the
Oasis Buccaneers and those
who pushed to breathe life into
that venerable unit; Noble Ronnie
Baucom and Cabarrus Shrine
Club President Noble Brian
Heintz. Thank you so very much
Cabarrus Shrine Club for coming
out in force on Friday night. I'll
never forget it. The next morning,
45 new Nobles were initiated at
Oasis Shrine Center. Their class
was named in honor of Nobles
Jim Coleman (NASCARTS) and
Donnie Wrenn (Dune Cats).
Both of these nobles networked

and labored unceasingly to revive
their respective units to a parade
impressive 30+ each.

Lady Theresa's luncheon
was a popular event with more
than 120 - including nearly 15
candidate's ladies in attendance.
The Swashtones made Saturday
evening one to remember. This
superb band will return to Oasis
for my club and unit appreciation
evening January 6. Dress for the
evening is casual but you should
**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
NOW** for the 6th and for new
Divan Installation the next
evening so we can make sure to
have plenty of food. We want to
see your smiling faces at both
events!

November continued with
officer installations for Lake
Norman and Mecklenburg Shrine
Clubs, the Rowan County Oyster
Roast at the Salisbury train depot,
and Stanly County Shrine Club's
Low Country Boil. This issue is
festooned with photos of all this.

Mark your calendars now:
Oasis Elections - DEC 3 @ 3PM.
Oasis Club & Unit Appreciation
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According to Article VII, Section 6-a-2 of the Current Bylaws of



and by Order of the Illustrious Potentate

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Is Hereby Given to the Oasis Membership
that Any Noble that is not Current with
His Pre 2017 Dues by December 31, 2016
will be Dropped from the Rolls of Oasis
Shriners, thereby being Suspended for
Non-Payment of Dues (N.P.D.)

Please Call the Oasis Office if You Have any Questions
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The Recorder's Message

Wow! This Shrine year has flown by. This past year when I was

fortunate enough to have been given the awesome opportunity to serve as Recorder for Oasis Shriners, for the most part I was up for the head-on challenge and enjoyed nearly every minute immeasurably. I look forward to many years of continued service to the Oasis Nobility as the Oasis Recorder. Thank you to each and every one of my friends for their ever-kind assistance as the year progressed. I owe a special debt of gratitude to our Oasis Potentate, Illustrious Sir Johnny King and his leadership team for accepting me and allowing me to keep meeting notes in cryptic form. But

most especially, I'd like to thank my family for their unwavering support, not just for this past year but for the 25+ year build-up.

I have harped on Oasis' Non-Payment of Dues (NPD) situation over the past several months. I won't go into further detail, other than to say that any Noble that is not current with their pre 2017 dues by this December 31 will be suspended from Oasis rolls for NPD. Also, please remember, Oasis dues are payable in advance, so Oasis membership dues for 2017 are supposed to be paid by December 3, 2016. You may pay your dues in person at Oasis, mail a check, call in a credit card or use PayPal through a link on the www.OasisShriners.org website or Oasis' own smart

phone app.

Don't forget to come out and be supportive during Oasis' Annual Election and Stated Meeting on Saturday, December 3. Note the time change to 3:00 p.m. We will vote to elect our Oasis Potentate and Officers for Board of Directors, Imperial and SASA Representatives for 2017. We'll also discuss and put to a motion to adopt the proposed, amended bylaws for Oasis governance as officially notified and published in last month's Desert Dust.

Please be sure to advise the Oasis office and the Desert Dust editor well in advance about your upcoming inner-fraternal and Hospital fundraisers for your

Clubs and Units. We will help you get the word out to the Nobility for their participation. Remember that Oasis is currently, far and away, the largest contributing Shrine Center to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Please help us keep it that way.

Instead of some hyped up pop-culture reference, I want to take a moment to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the tidings of the season be upon you and yours. I can hardly wait to hit the ground running in 2017, so be safe and come see us at Oasis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye, Recorder

Potentate

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Night JAN 6, Oasis Divan Installation – JAN 7. Dinner reservations are required for JAN 6 and 7. Meantime, a reminder to all incoming club and unit officers; in accord with Shriners Law,

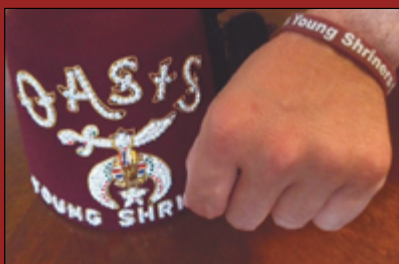
your 2017 Oasis club and unit dues must be paid prior to your installation.

A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Lady Theresa and Me!

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Johnny King, Potentate

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We now have Oasis Young Shriners Club bracelets free with membership or for donation.



Desert Dust



Illustrious Sir Johnny King - Potentate

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The Power of One

“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.” John F. Kennedy

By Edie Wilson

Once there was a noble fraternity established in the 1800's.

A local branch of that successful brotherhood boasted over 5000 members and raised millions of dollars for charity. They were constantly planning elaborate fundraisers such as fish-frys and car shows. Others worked at races or took pictures of children with Santa. Some sold pins, badges and shirts while many delighted crowds as they marched or drove in holiday parades. There was much to do to provide care for needy children. Members formed clubs and units to bring organization and structure



Donnie Wrenn and
Granddaughter Millie

to their efforts, but as time went by some of the brothers got weary. Some dropped out of sight. Some forgot to pay their dues. More than one of the units disbanded or came close to calling it quits.

“We cannot allow this to happen,” proclaimed their leader. Our brotherhood is strong, our numbers are large. Can we not find one man who will make a difference?” Can a single individual hold any power? More than once the answer came back a resounding YES!

The Dune Cats—a once thriving unit with over fifty members—was down to just three participants when Noble Bill Kennington took petitions to Nobles Donnie Wrenn, Jack Gordon and Jack Stallings. All three signed on to be Dune Cats and have built the unit back to an active membership of over 39 men with another 20 on the roster.

“Six years ago when we joined, the unit was just about to disband. With encouragement from the Divan, and Johnny King

as their Divan representative at the time, Donnie agreed to be unit captain. “I’ll do it!” he said. **Nobles, these are the magic words!** “I was on the phone with Johnny King every single day. We had to make it work.” And it did. Jordan Wrenn, Donnie’s son, will be installed as First Lt. in January, Jack Gordon and Jack Stallings are officers as well.

The Dune Cats’ major fundraiser is taking pictures of children with Santa at the Southern Christmas Show. “We’ve been working 14 and 15-hour days, but it’s worth it. Our contribution to the Hospitals will be in the neighborhood of \$24,000 this year,” explained Donnie.

Donnie went on to add one more vital note, “When we got our wives involved it made all the difference in the world. I want to especially thank my Lady Kim. I could not have done this without her support.”

Another success story is that of the NASCARTS, based in the Greensboro area. When Jim Coleman became a Shriner in 1982 he didn’t hesitate to get involved. He was one of the charter members of the NASCARTS—a popular parade unit of mini-NASCAR racers. Over



Jim and Judy Coleman of
NASCARTS

the last eight years Jim and his team have worked together to grow this unit to over 30 members. Three of our newest Shriners have already signed up! “We involve our families in almost everything we do—meetings, fundraisers, socials.” Jim said. “One of our successful strategies is to utilize a person’s strengths. It keeps them active and involved.”

The enthusiastic efforts of Nobles Coleman and Wrenn have not gone unnoticed or unrewarded. Not only do that have the pleasure that comes from belonging to an active unit, they were honored by Ill. Sir Johnny King at his Fall Ceremonial when he named them as his Class Honorees.

Be the One!

Club and Unit Appreciation Night (January 6) will surely be a time for recognition. See if you recognize yourself on the big screen as Ill. Sir and Lady Theresa present their 2016 Year of Memories—photos from this year’s events.

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Trent Davis, Catawba County Shrine Club, enlists the aid of his son Hayden in helping collect aluminum cans. Proceeds, of course, go to our Hospitals. Thank you to all who donate.



Mecklenburg Shrine Club Member Appreciation



Mystic Shrine Club held its Installation and announced the formation of a new unit - The Paw Patrol!



Lake Norman Shrine Club Installation



5K run by NASCARTS and Greensboro Shrine Club



Thermal Belt Shrine Club
Installation



Mia and Caroline Call (left to right) daughters of Brian and Laura Call, owners of Call Family Distillers in Wilkesboro, present a check for the Shriners Hospitals for Children to Shea Davis, President of the Blue Ridge Shrine Club. Caroline and Mia raised money by selling lemonade at the recent anniversary celebration of their parents' business.

Thank you to all Nobles, Clubs and Units for your stories and photographs.

Oasis Patrolmen Honor their Ladies

CHARLOTTE NC – October 22
The Sands Restaurant was the setting for a memorable occasion as the Oasis Patrol held its annual Ladies Night. Patrolmen, their ladies, guests and dignitaries mingled as Chef Roberto Mendoza prepared to impress. Former Executive Chef at Queens University, Mendoza has cooked for celebrities and U.S. presidents.

Imperial Sir Al Madsen himself was on hand to present his Standing Tall Award of Excellence to three outstanding Patrolmen. PP Mike Cook, Patrol Cpt. and Divan Marshal Chris Hall and Noble Ralph Linn .

Music for the evening was provided by DJ Reggie Sutton with Sonic Sounds who has provided the Patrol Ladies Night with music for over a decade.



Baby roasted pumpkins hold the salad course.



PP Mike Cook (above) and Dr. Ralph Linn, Jr. shown with Imp. Sir Al Madsen



Noble Chris Hall and his Lady Laura

Outgoing Membership Chairman Remarks

Nobles,

It has been an honor to serve as Membership Chairman for Oasis Shriners during the last three and a half years. There are countless people to thank who have provided invaluable guidance and support along the way. I hope the nobility enjoyed membership events such as the Genealogy Seminar, Concealed Carry Permit Class, and Legacy Event and am confident the next Membership Chairman will continue to explore and host events designed to retain and engage our membership. Special thanks are in order to our District Representatives who work tirelessly within their assigned multi-county region to further the interests and cause of Oasis. I am forever grateful to Illustrious Sir Fred Laxton for providing me with the opportunity to become Membership Chairman in August 2013 as well as the Potentates who have followed: Illustrious Sir W. David Sumpter III, Illustrious Sir Todd Ham, and Illustrious Sir Johnny King. Special appreciation is always in order to several Past Grand Masters who are members of Oasis, including MW Dewey Preslar, Jr., MW Robert Gresham, MW Douglas Caudle, and MW Bryant Webster, for all they have done to support our Blue Lodge Ambassadors Program which was spearheaded by Illustrious Sir Terry K. Jones and the Past Masters Unit, now under the leadership of Noble Chad Delp and his team. There will always be “much work to be done in the quarries,” and I could not be more proud of Noble Joe Burris, Membership Vice Chairman, and the entire Oasis Membership Team for the work they have done and the opportunities which await. Thanks to each of you for your friendship and memories along the way.

YITF, **Chris Hall**, Membership Chairman & Divan Marshal

Shriners on Bikes

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SERGEANT AT ARMS - Kenneth Abernathy

ROAD CAPTAIN - Joey Ham

Shriners on Bikes met in early November 2014. The SOB's were recharter as a riding club vs a motorcycle club. Our purpose is for Shriners with motorcycles to come together ride and have fun while supporting other clubs in units when possible. We will meet quarterly and weather permitting ride. There will be other rides scheduled based on the interests of the Riding Club. *If you own a motorcycle and want to ride and have fun with other Shriners contact one of our Officers.*



“The vast majority of patients are new to Shriners!”

HENDERSONVILLE, NC (November 3, 2016) — The new Shriners Hospitals for Children Orthopaedics Clinic — Hendersonville, a partnership between Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville, Blue Ridge Health and Park Ridge Health, is now open and providing convenient care for children in Western North Carolina.

“Our office in Hendersonville is the third offsite clinic of its kind for Greenville Shriners Hospital,” said Randy Romberger, Administrator, Greenville Shriners Hospital. Greenville Shriners Hospital opened a similar clinic operating once per month in Bluffton, South Carolina three years ago, and last month launched a daily clinic in Johnson City, Tennessee.

“We recognize that access to care is extremely important, so we are doing our best to make the services we offer available to more kids,” said Dr. Michael Wattenbarger, Chief of Staff, Greenville Shriners Hospital. “Our team of pediatric orthopaedic surgeons is the largest in the history of the hospital, and that depth will enable members of our team with different specialties to rotate through the Hendersonville office.”

Blue Ridge Health, a non-profit community health center that provides general pediatrics as well as family medicine, behavioral health and dental services regardless of a patient’s ability to pay, is also proud to partner to bring the new clinic to Hendersonville.

“We are committed to providing comprehensive access for some of the most medically vulnerable in our region,” said Dr. Richard Hudspeth, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Ridge Health. “Reducing

travel barriers for children in need of specialty services aligns well with our mission to provide affordable and accessible care for all, and we are excited to be partnering with Shriners Hospitals for Children to further that mission.”

Officials at Park Ridge Health say they are excited to have played a role in establishing this partnership to help families in the community have more convenient access to the comprehensive care offered by Greenville Shriners Hospital.

“Through our Imaging Center, that shares a building with Blue Ridge Health, we are providing X-rays for the Greenville Shriners Hospital patients who live in this community,” adds Todd Guffey, Director, Park Ridge Health Diagnostic Imaging. “It will give them the information their physician needs to help them establish and reach the goals to experience their healthiest lives possible.”

The clinic will be located in the Blue Ridge Health Center, 2579 Chimney Rock Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Appointments can be made by calling 866.459.0013. For more information about Greenville Shriners Hospital, visit GreenvilleShrinersHospital.org.

Lady Marilyn Hayes of the Hendersonville Shrine Club worked with Randy Risser at the Greenville Hospital for over a year, first connecting him with Graham Fields of Park Ridge Health last fall.

“It’s wonderful to see it finally come to fruition. We have all the slots filled for the November clinic, and are already speculating what we’ll do when we outgrow our time slots,” explained Lady Marilyn. “It’s the first time Shriners Hospitals for Children can provide their outstanding family centered care in Oasis territory!”



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Orthopaedics Clinic
Hendersonville



III. Sir Johnny King is in attendance at the ribbon cutting.



The biggest hit of the day was when eight year old Sawyer McMakin showed off his Superheroes prosthetic leg as his dad, Zachary, explained Sawyer’s condition.

Shrine Fever Spreads at Weddington High School

As told by Mike Penegar

Ever since Coach Carson was presented his Shrine Bowl jacket back in October, the word was getting around fast about the Shriners and what they do for the burned and crippled kids.

The ladies in the office and the teachers at Weddington wanted to do something. They came up with the First Annual Powder Puff Football Game. The game pitted Weddington High against Marvin Ridge High. My sister, Janice,

who works in the school office called me and wanted to know if we would attend the game and speak at halftime on behalf of the Shriners. I called Donnie Wrenn, Shrine Bowl Chairperson, and got the ball rolling.

On Tuesday, November 1 at 7 pm, Weddington had their first Annual Powder Puff Fund Raiser. Shriners were there at halftime to thank everyone for the support. They raised around \$1200 that night. The next day at school the Shriner buzz was still going on. Janice called me and asked who they should make out the checks to; parents, students, friends and



staff were wanting to give more. The Shriner excitement and enthusiasm was contagious! Three days later at their Friday night Varsity game, they presented a check for \$4100. It was great exposure seeing all the red fezzes at that game. I still hear people talking about it.



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Lady Theresa Shares her Survival Story with Luncheon Guests

Pink is not for sissies!

CHARLOTTE NC – Shrine ladies, family members and guests waited just outside the doors of the Sands Restaurant as Lady T’s aides added the finishing touches: pink balloons, pink feathers, pink hats and pink boxing gloves. The battle cry: Fight Like a Girl! In as effort to raise awareness and build hope, Lady Theresa told her personal survival story that started over twenty years ago when she began her own courageous fight against breast cancer.



Lady Lauren Carter preserved 2500 hydrangeas. Many of them were sold to benefit The Sunshine Fund. Others made up the centerpiece arrangements.



Lady Jan Madsen armed and ready! We’re with you all the way, Jan.



Lady T’s granddaughter, Katie Wise, greeted guests with selections on the violin.



Ill. Sir Johnny King emphasized the importance of women’s involvement in the Shrine.

Sherri Edmondson, mother of Shrine Patient Dustin who was last year’s Shrine Bowl King, also shared her story. Dustin’s father Gene became an Oasis Shriner at the Fall Ceremonial.



A-One Catering and Events provided an incredible array of food—beautifully presented *and* delicious!

“Shriners Hospitals are ahead of the game in every way.”



Three year-old Cincinnati burn patient Remy enjoyed the festivities while his mother, Patricia Linkous, shared her story about how Shriners Hospitals for Children saved her son’s life.

Oasis Shrine Headquarters
604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, North Carolina



and
2017 Potentate - Elect
Mike Neaves and Lady Bobbie



request the pleasure of your company
as he is installed as the
122nd Potentate of Oasis Shriners
Saturday, the seventh of January
Two thousand and seventeen

Five o'clock Social
Six o'clock Installation

Followed by dinner and dancing
TC Productions - Chad Sain

RSVP 704-549-9600 by December 28, 2016
Vintage Dress ~ Casual Dress
Sit Down Dinner ~ Prime Rib And Chicken

2017 Red Fez Shrine Club Officers



From left to right: Clay McLean (Vice President), Cliff Cole (Treasurer), Alan Marfin (President), Board members Kevin Helms, Darrell 'Catfish' Hunt, Todd Ham, not shown Daniel Scherr (Secretary), Board members Chris Crump, Kevin Johnson and Mike Penegar.



Camelettes Board

Della Helms, Teresa Wrenn,
Penny McLean,
Kim Wrenn
Not shown: Donna Estes

Gaston County Shrine Club
505 Pinkney Road
Dallas, NC 28034



What: Monthly Club Meeting
When: 2nd Wednesday of
each month
Social - 6:30 PM
Meal - 7:00 PM
Meeting - 7:30 PM
Where: 505 Pinkney Road
Dallas, NC 28034

www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com

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February 25, 2017 3:30 to 7:00 PM

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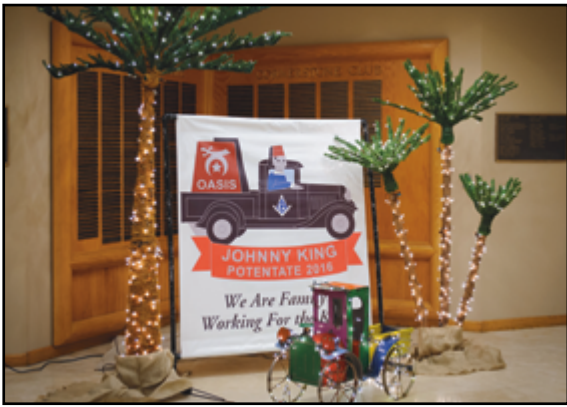
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For benefit of the Winston-Salem Shrine Club

Fall Ceremonial Weekend



Ceremonial Weekend Photographs

Our thanks to Genesis Group Photography for the professional photos. Go to <http://genesis.photo> for links to all galleries. You will have the opportunity to “buy” your photos there, but there is no cost. All photos in your cart are free of charge.





Fall Ceremonial Brings out a True Band of Brothers

*Pirate Party
honors the
Buccaneers Unit*



Hospitality Team Enjoys a Night Off

HICKORY NC – It was the Hospitality Team’s turn to relax and let others do the work. Chairman Alan and Lady Doris Leatherman and their crew shared fine Italian food and lots of laughs at this party meant to show appreciation for this committee’s hard work and endless dedication.



OASIS DUNE CATS



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Captain “Jack” Stallings 704-609-0535

Red Fez Shrine Club Children’s Christmas Party



**Sunday,
December 4th**

Lunch: 12:30 - 2:00

**A visit from
Santa at 1:30PM**

Fried Chicken, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls and Dessert

Adults: \$10 / Children 7-11: \$5 / Children 6 and under: Free

***** RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – RSVP by Wednesday, 11/30 *****

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OASIS HIGHLANDERS

*Can ye play the pipes? Can ye play the drum?
Would you like to?*

The Oasis Highlanders are recruiting new members and would like to hear from you. Experience is a plus, and so is the willingness to learn a rare skill. We also would like to have a drum major...Interested?



Contact Captain Mike Avery (704) 279-8076

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

- Monthly Meeting (Families & Guests Welcome)
- Program with meal & fellowship
- Doors open at 6pm with social time
- Dinner with program/entertainment at 7pm

Second Friday of the Month - Grill Night

Members & Guests
Grill opens at 5:30pm to 8pm

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OASIS SHRINE WAGONEERS



We have 3 very cool antique firetrucks and parade annually at the Oasis ceremonials, Welcome Easter Parade, SASA fall convention in Myrtle Beach and several Christmas parades. Very inexpensive to join, no vehicles to buy, uniform and brass is the only thing needed. \$15 annual dues.

**Please contact Benjie
Creasman at 704-860-4976 or
ddgl36districtnc@gmail.com**

*Meetings usually in the Gaston/
Mecklenburg area. Family
is always welcome and
encouraged to attend meetings.*

Oasis Shrine Wagoneers are currently seeking new members.

Handing out Candy and Spreading the Word



KANNAPOLIS, NC - When Ill. Sir Johnny King sees an opportunity he jumps in. Sweet Street was just such an occasion. This "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event brought families out to score some sweet loot. Our Potentate saw it as a different kind of opportunity. "We need to take our message to people who may not know about the work we do. Our trailer, giant bear and fez have been seen in so many places where Shriners gather. Why not give another audience a chance to learn about Shriners and our Hospitals."

Scores of people responded by touring our trailer. Kids collected candy and Fezzy Bear was front and center to witness everything.



You're invited to join us...
Red Fez Shrine Club Christmas Party
Saturday, December 10, 2016

27th Annual "Lights on the Lake" boat parade begins at 6:30PM

Cocktails at 6:00 PM * Dinner at 7:00 PM
Entertainment provided by Cadence at 8:00 PM
\$25.00 per person

*** PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – RSVP by 12/7/16 ***

Contact Denise Pelow @ 980.875.1257 or fezonlake@bellsouth.net

Union County Shrine Club

305
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Oasis Keystone Kops

Join us and have a fun time while raising money for the Shriners Hospitals!

Other Events Include:

- Meetings the 2nd Thurs. of the month
- Annual Keystone Kop Golf Tournament
- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
- Antique Car Show Appearances
- **Bring Your Wife & Kids!**

Contact Captain Don Deese for Information:
704-578-8991 • ddeese48@yahoo.com



Cars for the Cause

Submitted by Tommy Helms

The Vintage Tin Street Rod Association held it's 19th annual car show on Saturday October 1 at beautiful Rumbling Bald Resort

in Lake Lure, NC. There was a total of 170 cars in the show coming from five different states with \$4000 in proceeds going to the Shriners Hospitals.



Pictured Left to Right: Wayne Bumgardner, Bronny Hamrick, Wayne Millis, Tommy and Kelly Helms, Clyde Earley, Sam Moody and Nigel Hawkins.

The Thermal Belt Shrine Club of Rutherford County, North Carolina has had the privilege of being the recipient of all funds raised for all of these 19 years. Vintage Tin would like to thank all those who make this possible year after year, and a Special

Thank You to Rumbling Bald Resort for the use of there beautiful facility at no charge. Plans are already underway for the 20th anniversary show which will be back at Rumbling Bald Resort the first Saturday in October 2017.



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Noble Gary D. Handy, Captain: (336) 416-1323
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Oasis Oldies

If you have a classic car or are interested in the old classics come join us for some fun and fellowship

Captain: Thomas M. Sumpter
1st Lieutenant: David Stillman
2nd Lieutenant: Steve Peeler
Treasurer: Pat Stanley

We meet the 2nd Sunday of each quarter
3 pm - Lone Star Restaurant
700 Sullivan Rd. Statesville, NC

The Hillbillies are lookin' fer ya!

If interested in joining the Oasis Clan #13 parade unit, please contact Jack Devine @ 828-464-9886, or Gary Patterson @ 704-938-3930 or Lee Moody @ 704-451-6151

Former NFL great Renaldo Wynn commits as Guest Speaker to 2016 Shrine Bowl Awards Banquet

Jamie Smith, Game Chairman of the 80th Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas announced recently that former Notre Dame Alum and NFL Great Renaldo Wynn has accepted the invitation to be the special guest speaker for the Shrine Bowl Coaches and Players Awards Banquet on Friday evening, December 16.

Connie Altman Chairman of the Shrine Bowl Board of Governors said, "We are most delighted to have one of the NFL's all-time great defensive players, Renaldo Wynn, to speak to our coaches, players, parents and fans of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. As one of America's premier high school, college, and NFL players, his personal commitment to discipline and the importance he places on the standards of excellence on and off the field are extraordinary".



Renaldo Wynn has spent most of his life making an impact on the football field. When he retired from the NFL he later joined his former coach of the Washington Redskins, Joe Gibbs, at his NASCAR headquarters just outside Charlotte, North Carolina.

Wynn was a proven leader at each stop of his career, and because of that influence, Gibbs invited him to join the Game Plan for Life team for a far greater leadership position than he had ever held...to help Coach Gibbs share the message and lead men

to find guidance in their lives through God's Word.

Wynn and his wife, LaTanya, founded Family of Faith and The Renaldo Wynn Foundation in 2004 and were instrumental in starting the "Adopt a Child for the Holidays" program, which partnered with corporations in the Washington, D.C. area to give Target gift cards to needy children during the Christmas season. The two now live in the Charlotte area with their daughter.

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Saturday
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2 p.m. Kick-Off

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Office - Call 704-549-9600

Come check out the
Cabarrus Shrine Club

Membership meeting is the last Friday of every month
Social at 6:30pm – Dinner at 7:00pm – Meeting at 7:30pm

Address: 1460 Oakwood Ave, Kannapolis NC

Nobles, Ladies and Guests Welcome!

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Trinkets and Treasures

Club and Unit Appreciation has always been a time for recognition and celebration, but this year (January 6) there's something more planned. Lady Theresa along with her Aides and Ladies of the Divan are excited to announce the Trinkets and Treasures Auction and Sale in the form of a silent auction and direct sale. Donated items include comic books, china, silver, paintings and collectables of every description. Did someone say "Christmas shopping?"

Some items will be offered in a silent auction with bidding starting at 2pm. Remaining items will be for sale and price haggling is encouraged. Bidding cutoff time for the silent auction will be announced.

Be sure to come by the Blue Room (practice room) to check out this sale. This is gonna be fun! Special thanks to Lady Lauren Carter for her generous contribution that sparked this event. All proceeds go to The Sunshine Fund, a project which donates money to pay the dues of Shriners in need.



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Chaplain's Corner

WAITING IS DIFFICULT!

"Riding the Winds of Change"



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

In this day of uncertainty and change, waiting is indeed difficult! What about my health, what about the leadership in Washington? What about my money—will there be enough? And, so it goes.

Following a particularly difficult time in our nation a few years ago, my Baptist-Minister-cousin wrote the following: "Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching

long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and WAIT for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, the eagle sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm!"

When the storms of life come upon us—and all of us experience those storms—we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm!

Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them;

how we react.

In the Book of Isaiah (40:31) in the Bible, we read: "But those who hope in (wait upon) the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

We wish for you and your family a Very Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and joyous Holiday Season.

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What: Monthly Shrine Club Meetings

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Social-6:30pm, Meal-7:00pm, meeting following.

Where: "Table on the Green Restaurant" Pinehurst NC

Contact: President Bill Loeser 321-604-5050

Mission: "It is all about the children in need!"

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- MT. MITCHELL SHRINE CLUB -

Meets First Thursday of every month, centrally located in McDowell County

Contact: Noble Secretary Jack Wood 828-925-9663

Our Shrine club is committed to community service and supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We host the famous Fall Pecan Sale, and participate in the annual Paper Crusade, car shows, parades and many other high profile events to benefit our children. Our annual dues are \$20. **Call for more information!**





Finally, the Drum & Bugle
Family sends you Best Wishes
for a Merry Christmas!



Friday night at Club Appreciation, the Oasis Legion of Honor will have a drawing for a Yeti cooler and other Prizes!

The Oasis Legion of Honor is a new unit with the Oasis Shrine Club. We are looking for members that are veterans to join us. Even if you don't want to be a member of the unit, we would like to know if you are a veteran so that we can keep in contact with you.

LEGION OF HONOR CLUB



Nobles, the Legion of Honor Club has been formed! Here is a list of your current officers.

President Noble Jim Glen J-Glen@att.net 704-379-9217

1st Vice Noble David Johnson dtcarolina@wilkes.net 336-467-0107

2nd Vice Noble Don Greene donsgreene84@gmail.com 828-226-6069

Treasurer Noble Dick Weinberg hedjoff@ix.netcom.com 941-735-9426

Secretary Noble Eddie Wrenn chev1995@hotmail.com 704-579-8149

Chaplin Noble Dick Gardner dpgard32@att.net 704-918-3399

If you or know of someone who would like to become a member of this new club please contact any of the Nobles above.

The Oasis Legion of Honor now has a Facebook page! Search Oasis Shriners Legion of Honor.

PAST CAPTAINS CLUB



3RD MONDAY of the MONTH
6 PM @ BIG DADDY'S
HWY 150
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Noble Lee Maynard,
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336-996-8712

Mecklenburg Shrine Club
Cordially invites you to our

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Saturday, December 10, 2016

6:30 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 P.m. Buffet Dinner Served

8:00p.m. Installation of Officers

Dancing & Party to follow

Open To Public

\$50 per Couple

Entertainment by: DJ - Brian Wilson

Dress: Business Casual & Festive

5400 Mecklenburg Shrine Club Rd

Charlotte, NC 28213

Please R.S.V.P. by December 6th to
Sam Moody at sambo447@aol.com
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Make checks payable to Mecklenburg Shrine Club
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- DECEMBER 2016 -

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Hubert Cress	Charlotte, N.C.	1/26/63	9/19/16
Donald Jensen	Lenoir, N.C.	12/4/59	4/16/16
Lester Broussard, Jr	Gastonia, N.C.	1/25/92	1/10/16
Charles Cornwell	Cherryville, N.C.	10/19/57	12/21/15
James Brooks	Kannapolis, N.C.	9/16/67	10/1/16
Theodore Huettel	Atlanta, GA	10/3/84	Oct-16
Frank Lee, Sr.	Merritt Island, FL	5/23/70	9/19/16
Charles Eggers	Banner Elk, N.C.	5/8/87	10/18/16
Jack Waugh	Newton, N.C.	1/25/92	10/29/16
Graham Dalton	Winston Salem	5/28/77	7/28/16
Wayne Latchet	Buffalo, NY	1/1/2013 Assc.	Aug-16
James Price	Gastonia, N.C.	11/4/95	11/1/16
James Richardson Jr	Charlotte, N.C.	11/5/88	11/6/16
Alvin Reddick	Jackson, GA	1/26/74	7/12/16
James Niell	Charlotte, N.C.	5/30/81	7/23/16
Phillip Porter	Monroe, N.C.	5/24/75	11/21/15
Jackson McCormick	Dobson, N.C.	6/1/85	11/5/16
Tom Taylor	Spruce Pines, N.C.	10/30/76	11/10/16
Andrew Darr	Lexington, N.C.	8/24/90	11/12/16
Douglas Mann	Charlotte, N.C.	2/7/62	11/2/16

- OASIS SHRINERS - CLUB & UNIT APPRECIATION NIGHT FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

"WE ARE FAMILY WORKING FOR THE KIDS"

Please join us in recognizing the 80+ hardworking Clubs and Units who have made tremendous strides in their ongoing fundraising efforts for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

SCHEDULE

4:30pm	Memorial Service
5:30pm	Social
6:30pm	Dinner
7:15pm	Awards Presentation
8:00pm-12:00am	Social, Dancing & Entertainment by The SwashTones

Dress code: Casual

RSVP by December 30, 2016 to 704-549-9600

HOTEL

Courtyard Marriot

333 West W.T. Harris Blvd Charlotte, NC 28262

Reservation line: 704-549-4888

Block code: Oasis Shriners

Rate: \$89 per night

Cut-off date: Friday, December 16th, 2016

ENTERTAINMENT

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