

DESERT DUST



Millie Wrenn soaks up the fun at Great Wolf Lodge



Shriners International





Your Potentate

We Are All One in 2021 and Our Shrine Kids are number One!

We shared in the April edition of the Desert

Dust that we were being optimistic about more openings as we move forward...and it's finally happening. I have visited several Club and Unit meetings and, along with our Director, Noble Jimmy Burgess, we have approved many future fundraising requests.

Lady Kelly and I were recently able to hang out with our counterparts from Omar and Sudan Shriners at Omar's annual BBQ Competition Cookoff which was held in Myrtle Beach, SC at the Boardwalk. Based on the crowd participation we saw, we realize that all of us are ready to get back to "Fun and Fellowship."

Over the weekend of April 16th, we held our first Oasis Family and Kids weekend at the Great Wolf Lodge in Cabarrus County. This was held in conjunction with our counterparts from Sudan Shriners. We had over 60 guests plus the kids.

It was a great turnout and we loved seeing our kids having such a good time!

We know that communication has been slow due to covid restrictions and much has been unknown for our Spring Ceremonial in Maggie Valley which is scheduled for the weekend of June 4-6. Our team had another meeting in April with officials in Maggie Valley and we are excited to share our plans with all of you.

On Friday we will kick things off with a Hospitality Crawl from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. The crawl will have five total stops including the Oasis HQ. We will have one bus running during this event. We will also have a special "Ducky Race" fundraiser event for Lady Kelly's Victory Junction Project. This project provides funds so that Shrine Kids can go to the Victory Junction Camp. Please check with your host at each stop along the "crawl" to purchase your "Duckies"! The race will be held behind the Smokey Falls Lodge in the creek.

We will start Saturday with the Ceremony at the Stompin' Grounds. The Ladies will be with us until around 10 o'clock then you're free to enjoy Maggie and the great shops in Waynesville. Stake out your spot to view this year's parade in downtown Waynesville. We'll line up at 1:00 PM and step off at 2:00. In addition to

watching a great parade, there are many shops, restaurants, and taverns to be explored. Waynesville city officials are extremely excited to host Oasis. Of course, this is pending the hope that current NC ordinances will continue to open to allow parades.

On Saturday evening, the Potentate's Bash will be held at the Elevated Mountain Distilling Company in Maggie Valley from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. There will be a food truck, band and Corn Hole. The bar will be a cash bar. You can learn more about Elevated Mountain at their website www.elevatedmountain.com.

Our Spring Ceremonial weekend will conclude on Sunday morning with a worship service at the Smokey Falls Lodge.

Please see the Ceremonial Schedule inside this edition and thank you for being optimistic.

Your Divan, Lady Kelly and I look forward to seeing you and your family in Maggie Valley.

In closing, remember that "Life is a Journey... enjoy the Ride" in 2021!

Illustrious Sir Tommy Helms and Lady Kelly



Happy May, Ladies

We are now in May and the time is flying by. Usually, we would be feeling the excitement about our Potentate trip to Aruba. Looking forward to a great time with friends. These trips always include lots of laughs, pictures, and tall tales. (Trust me, we do have quite a few stories to tell no matter who you are!) Unfortunately COVID-19 took one more event.

Most of us know the hard work, good times, friends, and stories are why we love doing

what we do to help raise money for our Shriners patients. We have the greatest Fraternity, and we ladies know it takes a village behind the scenes.

Speaking of good times, the theme for this article really ties into our Ladies Fundraising Project this year: sending qualified Shriners Patients to Victory Junction Camp.

The proceeds from the ticket sales and donations for the handmade quilts, along with Oasis Challenge coins, will help send some Shriner Children from our area to a fun place where they will meet new friends, have lots of great stories and pictures and loads of memories that will last forever and put a smile on their face.

I challenge all of you to help give these children a happy memory that they can talk about over and over and never forget.

Tickets and donations can be made online at www.oasisshriners.org or you can get tickets from Karen or Sherrie at the Oasis Temple. The tickets sell for \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets. These tickets will go to the queen size quilt. The king size quilt will be given for the largest donation and special recognition. These quilts are yours to keep.

Will you accept the challenge to have a child have fun memories to share just as we do!

Lady Kelly Helms





Your Recorder

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Oasis.

By now, most of you are starting to see things opening around you and some of us are attempting

to get back to some sort of normalcy. We are starting to see some Shrine Clubs opening to have meetings for the first time in over a year. Thank you for standing fast, my Brothers, and let us not look back but rather push ahead.

We had the first ever Oasis & Sudan Kids Weekend in April that was super fun for all who attended. Hopefully, this will become an annual event that Shriners and their families will enjoy year after year.

Looking forward to some upcoming events in May and June that we missed out on last year:

The Shrine 100 Race on May 21st. This will be the first time the race will run on a Friday night, so everyone needs to make plans now to come out and eat, cheer on the favorite driver, and support the Gaston County Shrine Club's project. See You at The Races!

We have secured all the arrangements for our next Ceremonial in Maggie Valley and a parade in downtown Waynesville scheduled for June 4th & 5th. Please note that with everything opening and people wanting to get out of the house, hotels are filling up fast. Make your reservations right away.

So again, if any of you know of anyone who would like to be obligated and join Oasis, this will be the next opportunity to do that. Please get the word out now, so they can decide to attend. If anyone has any questions about locations to stay and events for these new Nobles and their Ladies, please contact Divan Nobles Tom Bridges, Tim Farris and Donnie Wrenn and they will be more than happy to assist you.

I am hopeful that one of the last victims of COVID-19 business is the presentation of Oasis

member's 50-year pins. Due to members not being able to attend meetings, your Divan voted to have these awards sent out by US Mail. Oasis Staff mailed out these framed awards along with their pin and letter. We are so sorry that we could not meet with each of you personally, but we needed to get these to those members without further delay.

If you have not had a chance to look at the newly improved Oasis website, please take a minute or two to review and let us know what you think. We are still adding features to our site, like fillable forms, information on events and other great items. Again, let us know what you want in your Oasis website and we will attempt to build it better for each of you to use.

Until we are completely out of any restrictions and free of possible cancellations, remember to keep up with all the latest changes and cancellations to Oasis schedule by email. As we receive the latest updates, we will get them out to each of you as quickly as we can.

In closing, I just want to thank every Mason and Shriner who has touched my life and those of others. When we get together soon, please reach out to our new nobles and make each one feel welcome.

And, as always, remember to thank GOD for all his glory, enjoy your family, stay safe, be thankful every day for you never know who is watching. We are stronger together and we always will be. Hope to see you at Oasis soon. Until next month.

YITF
John G. Cable

On the Cover

Millie Wrenn is the daughter of Noble Jordan Wrenn and Lady Kaitlin and granddaughter of Second Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn and Lady Kim.

Reminder

All ads & articles for the May edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to **Edie Wilson** at **Ediewilson7@gmail.com** by May 10.



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Oasis Shriners Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MAY

- 13th Divan Meeting “Stated”
- 21st Shrine 100 48th Race
Gastonia Speedway

JUNE

- 4th-5th Spring Ceremonial Maggie Valley, NC
- 18th -19th Family Fun Day, Red Fez Club,
Lake Wylie
- 18th Divan Meeting, Red Fez

JULY

- 4th-8th Imperial Session Houston, TX
- 15th Divan Meeting Oasis
- 31st Black Tie Ceremonial Greensboro
Shrine Club to Honor the Most
Worshipful Grand Master of North
Carolina Masons

AUGUST

- 6th & 7th Paper Crusade
- 13th Shrine 100 49th Race
Gastonia Speedway **TBD**
- 19th-23rd Potentate Fall Trip Copperhead Lodge
Blairsville, GA
- 26th Divan Meeting Oasis “Stated”

SEPTEMBER

- 16th-19th SASA Myrtle Beach, SC
- 19th Divan Meeting Myrtle Beach, SC
- 24 & 25th Grand Lodge of NC Annual Meeting
Winston Salem, NC

OCTOBER

- 1st Oasis 2nd Annual Golf Tournament **TBD**
- 6th Hickory Circus at Hickory NC Ball Field
- 8th & 9th Concord Circus Concord, NC
- 8th & 9th Oxford Homecoming Oxford, NC
- 21st Divan Meeting Oasis
- 29th & 30th Rodeo Cabarrus Arena **TBD**

NOVEMBER

- 5th & 7th Fall Ceremonial Oasis Shrine Center
& Belmont NC
- 18th Divan Meeting Oasis

DECEMBER

- 4th Grand Master’s Installation
- 4th Oasis Shriners Annual Meeting &
Officer’s Election Oasis Shrine Center
- 16th Divan Meeting “Stated”
2022 Divan Sworn in **TBD**

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022

- TBD** Club & Units Appreciation Night -
Oasis Shrine Center
- TBD** Installation 2022 Potentate
Oasis Shrine Center
- TBD** Club & Unit Orientation
Oasis Shrine Center



If you have not signed up for Shriners Village, do so today.

Shriners Village is a website designed to keep members of Shrine International up to date on all aspects of Shrinedom.

Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions.

So easy, even a Shriner can do it.

www.shrinersshq.org
www.twitter.com/shriners
www.facebook.com/shrinersinternational



Upcoming Events

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Keystone Kops Car Show
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Invite you to attend the Fall Scoot Away at Copperhead Lodge located in Blairsville Ga, and the Great Smokey Mountains.

August 19th through the 23rd

The rentals are two-bedroom cabins, single cabins, and a shared bunkhouse. Rates will vary depending on the accommodation that you choose. One, and two-bedroom cabins have attached garages.

We will be planning three rides in three different directions each day.

There is a restaurant and bar on site with live music provided Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Reservations at copperheadlodge.com group code OASIS

Have Questions? Contact Trent Oates, 704-412-0120



JUNE 18-20

14th ANNUAL

FREE
FOOD!

FAMILY FUN DAY

PLUS BBQ COOK-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP

Bring the Family • Games & More Games • Pack a Cooler • Music

LOCATION:

**The Red Fez Shrine Club
16600 Red Fez Club Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28278**



FRIDAY

7pm: Club grounds Food Crawl

8pm: Picnic shelter Music by Cadence

SATURDAY

7-9am: Pancake breakfast at Clubhouse - \$7

Youth Fishing Tournament

Noon: Hotdog lunch provided by Oasis

An afternoon of games and swimming

4pm: BBQ cook off awards ceremony followed
by food, fun and fellowship...and more music!

Questions? Contact Todd Ham: 704-363-9257 todd@hambrothers.com

Johnny Burgess: 704-564-2193 jdbgpc@aol.com • Shea Fadel: 704-309-5396 shea.fadel@fadelsinc.com

Greetings from your Keystone Kops

We hope everyone within Oasis and beyond is doing well and ready to get out and do what Shriners do! Raise money and have fun! Your Keystone Kops have been ready and preparing during the “off months” to get back to raising money for our Hospitals.

Yes, we are once again the #1 fundraising unit within Oasis and we are very proud to continue that. We hope this streak will continue but if not, it's all in fun.

Just a few items of mention that we have planned and we would love to see as many of you come out as possible. The Kops have partnered with Sports Page Restaurant – Coulwood to host the Spring Cruise-In on May 15, 2021. If you were there last year, then you know how huge that was. We had close to 200 cars. Last year we raised almost \$4000 at this one event! This year is setting up to be no different. Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet is once again one of our many sponsors. We will have live music, door prizes, 50/50 and Sports Page will have food and beverages available for purchase. If you have ever eaten at Sports Page then you know how good their food is. There is no entry fee and it runs from 11am-3pm. Please take a look at the flyer in this issue for more info.

Next on the list is our annual Belmont Hot Summer Nights Cruise-in. It will kickoff on April 28, 2021 in downtown Belmont, NC on Glenway St. (*This is referred to locally as the “Back Street”.*) We have a new sponsor joining us this year and it is the Bearded Buffalo Restaurant and Tavern. The new owner purchased the former restaurant “Friends” and changed the name and did a bunch of updates, and the Keystone Kops are very excited to have Chad and his wife on board with us.

We always get started around 5:30 or 6:00pm with live music, 50/50 and lots and lots of fun. Glenway Premium Pub and the Bearded Buffalo always have their patios/decks open overlooking the cars. The Bearded Buffalo will be selling beverages in the parking lot. A few of our sponsors this year are: Bearded Buffalo Restaurant, Glenway Premium Pub, 91.7 FM WSGE, Two Rivers Shag Club, Penny Briggs

OASIS
KEYSTONE KOPS

Classic Car Cruise In

HOSTED BY: SPORTS PAGE FOOD & SPIRITS
SPORTS PAGE (COULWOOD)
8400 BELLHAVEN BLVD., CHARLOTTE, NC 28216

MAY 15, 2021 (RAIN DATE MAY 22)
SATURDAY 5/15/21 11:00-3:00

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& Terry Smith, and Charlotte Scale. This list will continue to grow throughout the year.

Please come out and support the Keystone Kops and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our 50/50 usually brings in around \$800-1000 nightly! The Kops decided to start later in April and go later into October. April has so much going on and October

is usually our biggest month for the Belmont Cruise-in.

And as always, if you want to be part of something bigger than yourself, get in touch with any Keystone Kop and we will show you how it's done.

Brian Wilson, Captain

Havin’ Fun in ‘21 at Imperial Session in Houston

The 147th Imperial Session of Shriners International is planned for July 4 – 8, 2021 in “Space City” – Houston, Texas.

The session committee is looking forward to presenting a safe and exciting time of fun and fellowship for nobles and their families, particularly since we missed out on last year’s traditional gathering. In collaboration with the City of Houston, we are putting together a thorough safety plan.

In addition, the George R. Brown Convention Center has made significant enhancements to its facility including installing a biodefense filtration technology proven to eliminate SARSCoV-2 and other airborne contaminants.

With more than 10,000 restaurants, parks and green spaces for outdoor activities, museums and attractions, and tours for all interests, there is something for each of you to experience in Houston.

Imperial Session is all about Nobles gathering together for fun and fellowship, and we have a variety of social activities planned for all to enjoy. Imperial Sir Jim Smith is excited to be hosting a special cornhole tournament at Session and has challenged every temple to field a team to compete.

Organizers are also planning a bus trip to Galveston to tour our facility



that recently merged with the Houston location to create Shriners Children’s Texas.

We look forward to “Havin’ Fun in ’21” with you in Houston this summer.



FAMILY FUN CASH DRAWING

Five chances to win per ticket!
All winning tickets will go back in the pot for additional chances to win.

- Prizes are as follows:**
- \$3,000
 - \$2,000
 - \$1,500
 - \$1,000
 - \$ 500

**Drawing to be held on
Family Fun Day Weekend - June 19**

Contact: John Adams (704) 737-5800
David Wheeler (704) 813-8973
Or purchase your ticket from Denise at the
Red Fez Club Bar

*Only 2000 tickets will be sold.
Prize amounts are based on selling all 2000 tickets.
You need not be present to win.
Drawing sponsored by and proceeds benefit Red Fez Shrine Club.*

An article from your Oasis Watchmen...

Hello Nobles, Ladies and friends of Oasis,

We your, 2nd Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn and your 1st Ceremonial Master Tim Farris, are going to attempt to keep our Nobility abreast on a periodic basis of what goes on behind the scenes at "YOUR" Oasis Shrine Center in regards to building maintenance, upkeep, improvements and rentals/leases. Your Oasis Divan is committed to being good stewards of your property and finances.

In the year 2020, then Chief Rabban Tommy Helms had the duty of overseeing building maintenance, improvements and rentals/leases. Noble Tommy, who had served in this position for several years, knew he would not have the time to keep performing these duties in 2021 while serving as Potentate. Knowing that it was really too much for one person to do, he asked Noble Donnie to oversee the building/grounds side; Noble Tim Farris to oversee the rental/lease side and Noble Shea Fadel to oversee the kitchen in regards to equipment and maintenance of equipment.

Coming in future articles in your Desert Dust you will be informed in more detail of the accomplishment that have been made at "YOUR" Oasis Shrine Center. You will read about the upgrading of our lighting systems to LED, our upgrade of our alarm system and many other things that have been done to maintain the building and grounds. You will also get to meet our new Event/Rental manager and his assistant along with being introduced to the Nakao Church who signed a lease with Oasis in March of 2020 and is utilizing our building on Wednesday nights and Sundays.

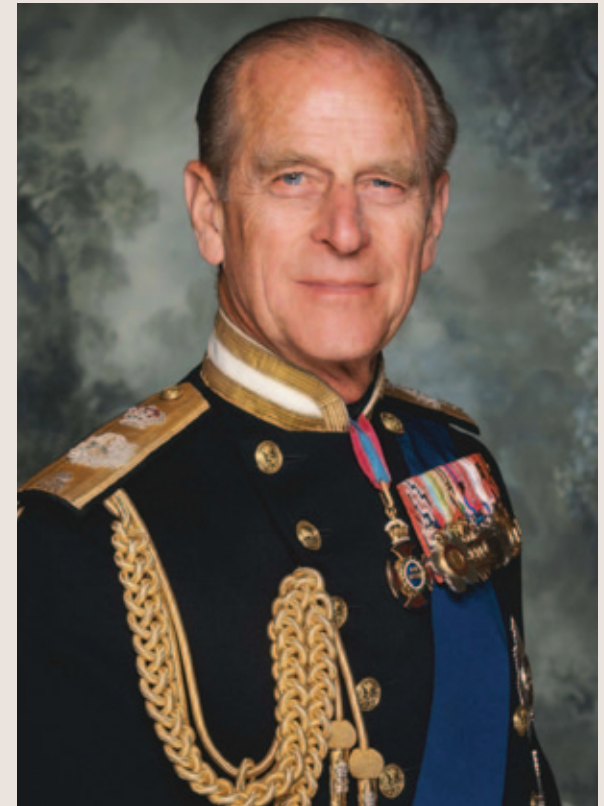
Until next time, remember our duties and obligations to our great fraternity. Wishing each of you God's continued Blessing.

Your Oasis Watchmen,

High Priest and Prophet Shea Fadel
First Ceremonial Master Tim Farris
Second Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn



The Brushy Mountain Shrine Club met at McLindons Restaurant in Taylorsville NC for the first time since March 2020. Plans are to move forward with our fund raising and put this Covid-19 behind us.



**Prince Phillip,
Duke of Edinburgh
1921-2021**

HRH Prince Philip was initiated into Navy Lodge No. 2612 in 1952, and remained a dues paying member up until his recent death. Navy Lodge has a storied past and an amazing roster of famous luminaries appear upon its membership rolls.

The Lodge prides itself on being the premier Naval Lodge in the world, with an unparalleled history that encompasses four monarchs (HM Kings Edward VII, Edward VIII, George VI and George II of the Hellenes) and other members of the Royal Family (HRH Prince George, Duke of Kent; HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh); three winners of the Victoria Cross; more Admirals, Generals, Vice-Admirals and Senior officers to mention; as well as notables such as Shackleton, Scott of the Antarctic and many more.

Oasis Ragtops, “The Mobile Nobles”

Submitted by Noble Marty Wilson

Spring is here and it’s time to open the garage and throw back the top! The trees are waking up, the birds are in chorus and the pollen is gone. The Ragtops have been waiting all winter for this. It’s time to ride.

The Spring Ceremonial will be in Maggie Valley June 4 and 5. Rumor has it a parade will be in store for us. A great opportunity for Ragtop members, past and present, to come together for fun and fellowship. Also, it’s a perfect time for new Nobles to bring your convertible and say hello. We would love for you to join us and our ladies.

Future events that may include a parade are summer celebrations; Myrtle Beach SASA, September 16-19; Oxford Homecoming in October; and the Fall Ceremonial.

We’re all looking forward to being together again. Until then, keep your sunny side up.



Let’s throw way back to 2018 when the only thing you needed to put on your face was your sunglasses!

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“Bandits in the Heart”

‘Horns and Halos’

As this is being written, I have just officiated the funeral service of one of the innocent air conditioning technicians who was killed (along with a

John Stanley, Chaplain

doctor, his wife and two grandchildren) in a Rock Hill, SC shooting. In recent weeks we’ve also seen eight people killed in Atlanta, and the ten people shot in a super market in Boulder, Colorado.

And, when we are faced with a crisis or tragedy, our heads erupt with questions and especially **the question: “WHY?” Why?** Why do bad things happen to good people?

Several years ago, the pastor of Providence United Methodist Church, Charlotte, wrote that one of the early leaders of China, and later the leader of Taiwan, said, *“It is easier to fight the bandits in the hills than it is to fight the bandits in the heart”*.

And, here we are 72 years after that governmental leader wrote about the bandits of our heart still fighting the bandits in the hearts of some of our citizens. A philosopher said, *“Beware lest when you fight a monster you become a monster.”*

The young Jewish girl forced to go with her family in hiding from Hitler’s Army wrote in the Diary of Anne Frank, before she was sent to a concentration camp, *“It’s really a wonder that I haven’t dropped all my ideals because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart.”* Anne Frank’s writing was similar to the

statement by Wallace Hamilton who said, *“There are horns in human nature, but there are halos also.”*

We constantly look for the good in people regardless of what we observe in the actions of a few. As the Providence Pastor said, “We, (like Anne Frank) keep our ideals because we know that there are angels in the heart who fight the bandits there—and more than that we have a faith in a God who sends the love of Christ into the world, and that makes us more than conquerors.”

We trust you are well. Until next time, let us keep our ideas as we spread brotherly love and friendship to all.

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners, Past Chaplain of SASA, and a Past Imperial Chaplain of Shriners International (appointed by Imperial Sir Al Madsen in 2012-13). Currently, he is Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian-Gastonia. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com



Noble Chuck Garner from Moore County Shrine club works the hotdog sales with his spinning street sign.

GASTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB ANNUAL DICE RUN | JULY 10TH

Start: 505 Pinkney Rd. Dallas, NC

Sign in: 10am - first bike out / last bike out 11am / Last bike in at last stop: 4:30pm

**\$25 single bike
\$5 passenger**



**Lunch will be served at end of run
All non-rider - \$10 for meal**

**Best roll and worst roll
for prizes, Door Prizes**



**Support the Gaston County Shrine Club
and the Shriners Hospital for Children**

2021 Summer Ceremonial | Maggie Valley, NC



Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge: Oasis Headquarters
2550 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Friday, June 4th

- 8:30am Golfing @ Waynesville Inn Golf Resort (*contact Jimmy Burgess, 803-367-2775*)
- 2pm - 6pm New Candidate Early Registration @ Smoky Falls Lodge
- 2pm-5pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge
- 5pm-8pm Shrine Club & Unit Hospitality Crawl (*shuttle service available, participating clubs/units and locations TBA*)
- 8pm-11pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge

Saturday, June 5th

Events below located @ Stompin Ground (3116 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751)

- 7:30am-8:30am New Candidate Registration
- 7:30am-9:30am Oasis Keystone Kops serving coffee
- 7:30am-1pm Shrine Mart
- 7:45am Divan membership meeting Smokey Falls Lodge



Events below located at Stompin Ground, unless indicated otherwise

- 8:30am-9am Oasis Band prelude
- 8:45am New Candidates assembled @ Stompin Ground
- 9am-9:50am Welcome by Gary Taylor, PP | Prayer by John Stanley, PP | Introduction of Oasis Divan | Presentation of Class Honorees | 'Creating a Shriner'
- 9:50am Ladies & non-Shriners excused
- 11:00am-10:45am 1st Section conducted by Oasis Ritualistic Cast
- 10:45am-11:00am Membership presentation by Outer Guard, Tom Bridges
- 11:00am-11:45pm 2nd Section conducted by Oasis Director's Staff
- 11:45pm-12:00pm Closing by Gary Taylor, PP



- 12pm Boxed Lunch Served at Stompin Grounds (*Candidates/Staff only*)
- 1pm Parade Line-up @ Downtown Wall St, Waynesville
- 2pm Parade Step-off @ 120 S. Main St, Waynesville
- 3pm-5pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge
- 4pm-8pm Potentate's Bash @ Elevated Mtn Distillery (*Band/Food-Truck/Cash Bar*)
- 8pm-11pm Oasis Hospitality @ Smoky Falls Lodge

Sunday, June 6th

- 9:30am-10:30am Worship Service @ Smokey Falls Lodge

***** Dues Card Required*****
*****Dress Code: Casual Attire*****

It's all about the water...

Shriners and their families from three Temples came together for a wet weekend at Great Wolf Lodge. Potentates from Oasis, Sudan and Hejaz got in touch with their inner child in this massive water park.



Potentates and their Ladies from (L-R) Oasis, Sudan and Hejaz

PP Kenny Jarrett, Chief Aide Todd Ham (PP), Assistant Rabban Doug Garland, III. Sir Tommy Helms, 2nd Ceremonial Master Donnie Wrenn.

Eagle Scout Ceremony at Red Fez Shrine Club



RED FEZ SHRINE CLUB, APRIL 24

Close to 70 people witnessed Camden Ledford reach the pinnacle of Scouting as he was awarded Eagle Scout status. Pictured above (L-R) Camden’s mother Karen; his brother Eagle Scout Greyson; and Camden with his father Noble Mark Ledford.

Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is a rare achievement because it signifies a dedication and workload that few can meet. The Eagle rank indicates that the Scout has done a lot to learn many different skills, one of the most important being leadership.

Winston-Salem Shrine Club

Boston Butt Sale

\$35 Per ticket per Butt

Boston Butt’s (Drive Thru Only)
Saturday June 26th, 2021
Pick up 10am - 1pm

\$35 Per ticket per Butt



Pick up location
Winston Salem Shrine Club
4909 Hampton Rd
Clemmons, NC 2702



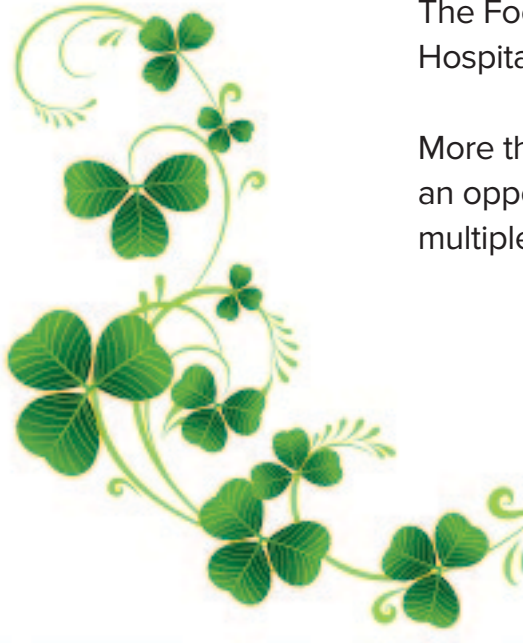
All Butts are full cooked by Big Boy BBQ, and ready to eat or save for your 4th of July family party. Get your ticket now and don’t forget to get another ticket for family and friends.

Remember to bring a cooler to pick up the butts for easier transport in vehicle as the butts will be hot and juicy

To benefit the Winston Salem Shrine Club

For tickets, call/text Brian at 336.408.9741,
See a member of the club or email wsshineclub@outlook.com

Patients Enjoy Magical St. Paddy's Day Parade



The Foothills Mustang Club paraded through the portico of the Greenville Shriners Hospital on March 17 to make the St. Patrick's Day holiday special for patients.

More than just a smile-winning delight to staff and kids alike, the event created an opportunity for the Donor Relations department to highlight our Needs List on multiple newscasts on all three local affiliates.

"Thank you so much to everyone that came out today for the Shriner's Car Parade! The happiness that today brought is priceless. I loved seeing the kids and adults smiling and waving. The joy of being asked to honk your horn and rev your engine is so exhilarating. Being able to help Shriners with donations and bringing the kids toys to play with just makes my heart swell with thankfulness for my FMC family. The feeling of happiness just stays with you after doing something that brings joy to others because the joy falls right back on you seeing sick children smiling and waving and hopefully forgetting for a time what they are going through. I am so thankful to be part of a club that cares about others and helps them whenever possible."

April Fowler, Foothills Mustang Club



Oasis Hospital Tripsters move precious cargo

Transporting a patient to Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a tremendous responsibility. Shriner volunteer drivers and the temples that sponsor them share an obligation to ensure patient transportation is safely performed.

Here at Oasis, Karen Henley is our Hospital Coordinator and is responsible for seeing that drivers and their patients are following all the regulations that keep them safe.

In the Oasis jurisdiction we have six district Sergeants covering transportation needs across the state. Each one is aware of the rules and responsibilities including physical exams for drivers, safety meetings, pre-trip inspections and van maintenance.

Since the onset of Covid-19, most districts have been inactive. Charlotte, however, has been “slammed” according the Karen. There are 17 drivers in the Charlotte district along with two vans. So far this year there have been seven trips to Greenville Shriners Hospital.

Each trip requires conformance with strict Covid protocols including thorough cleaning of the vans as well as patient/guardian health questionnaires. This is no small task. We’re so blessed to have these dedicated Nobles.



**OASIS WAGONEERS
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June 26th
Rain Date June 27th

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4. Double Barrel Saloon
5. American Legion Post #155

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Stands
So Tall
As When
He Stoops
To Help
A Child**



“Oasis’ most precious cargo -- Shrine Kids -- are transported by our Tripsters who have hearts of gold.”

- Karen Henley

This photo taken in 2019 was the last time the Tripsters were together as a unit.

Lake Norman Shrine Club at work for our kids!

42nd Annual Bass Fishing Tournament raises \$14,000 for our Hospitals



(L to R) Club President Michael Fesperman, Tournament winners Aaron Digh, Nolan Sanders, tournament organizer Chuck Dixon, and Hospital Board Member PP H. Mike Cook.



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The beat on the street

A fireman's work is never done

Hello May, and welcome to the spring of 2021. Our Drum & Bugle Corps Family hopes that you and yours had an enjoyable Easter and are staying optimistic about getting busy as things appear to be slowly opening back up. Our Captain Joey Ham sent out our schedule, and it is full. There are opportunities to raise awareness of and monies for both The Shriners Hospitals for Children and The Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. There are also multiple events that welcome our ladies, children, and friends. We like to think that if we can get you to one of our family events, you'll feel at home and want to become a member of our family by joining the Drum & Bugle Corps.

As we mentioned last time, we were very excited to hear that the donation from Oasis in 2020 was almost a million dollars. That was one heck of a number considering all of the various fundraisers that were cancelled. Starting with our Car & Truck Show in May, we found ourselves unable to host any of our annual fundraisers. This posed an emergency of sorts. What to do? Well, many times when folks need help, the fire department shows up. In our case, a fireman with a phone showed up!

Our fundraising fireman is Jerry McCorkle. Jerry served the City of Charlotte Fire Department for 32 ½ years, retiring as a Station Commander. Noble Brother Jerry is also a Veteran Member of the Drum & Bugle Corps having served as our Captain for three years in the mid 1980's. Having more than 50 years of service to the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Oasis Shriners, he is one of those members that finds a way to make things happen. Over the years, Jerry has accumulated a long list of Brothers, Nobles, friends and family that he calls upon to financially support Drum & Bugle fundraisers. If you're wondering... no, Noble Brother Jerry is not shy, especially when it comes to raising money for our Shrine Kids. Last year as fundraisers got cancelled one by one, Jerry got busy, reaching out to people he always calls explaining about the cancellations and asking them to donate to the Drum & Bugle Corps anyway, in spite of the cancellations. Well, what do you know?

Donations started showing up. The Corps was informed about the success Jerry was having during a Zoom meeting by then Captain Scott Edwards ('19-20). We love the energy that Jerry has and would never want to cause embarrassment by calling attention to him but his efforts on the phone, month after month last year are worthy of recognition. Everyone in our Corps family knows about Jerry's dedication and we wanted you to know as well. Thank you again Jerry!

On Saturday, May 1st, we'll be hosting our big Hospital fundraiser as we celebrate our 10th Car & Truck Show. We've learned that the Mt. Holly Springfest that our show is usually a part of is cancelled again this year, but we plan to be in our usual location for the show anyway. We sure hope that if you have a car or truck that should be seen you'll make a donation and enter it for all to see. Our fundraiser welcomes all types of cars and trucks. New ones, old ones, the ones that really shine and the rusty ones as well.

We hope that as you see new life blossoming all around you this time of year, you will be filled with the energy of a winner and do your part to help raise funds for and awareness of our Shriners Hospitals for Children because "When the Hospitals Win, We All Win!"



Oasis Clown Unit Bike Giveaway

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

As the 2021 Circus is going to be upon us before we know it, we would like to give an update about the Rodney Morgan Memorial Bicycle give away. With your help and support we hope to give away 100 bikes this year.



With every \$100 donation, we are able to purchase a bike and helmet. If your club or unit would like to purchase a new bike with a helmet for a girl or boy you are welcome to do so; however, please let us know so we can adjust the count towards our goal for the year. All checks should be received by the Clown Unit no later than October 1st.

The checks should be mailed no later than September the 24th due to COVID and delays in the mail service. Please make all checks to the Oasis Clown Unit and in the memo write Bicycle Give Away. These need to be mailed to Mark Murphy, Unit Secretary, PO Box 936 Conover, NC 28613.-0936 or by Venmo to @Mark-Murphy-172. We are looking forward to being able to make this happen for the children this year. Please direct any questions to Wayne Alley at mr.dimples1970@icloud.com or phone 864-706-6282.

Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful opportunity to make a child smile. We at the Oasis Clown Unit look forward to another successful event!

Sincerely,
The Oasis Clown Unit

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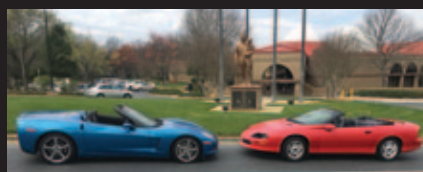
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**President - Rusty Carringer / VP - Joel Summitt
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*Terry J Cox, Secretary
Oasis Shrine Scooter Patrol*

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