



Oasis Shriners

UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

AUDIO-VISUAL – Responsible for operation and upkeep of lights/sound equipment at Oasis Shrine headquarters and provide equipment at the various ceremonial venues. If you're into high-tech, then this is the unit for you!

BAND – One of the oldest units in Oasis, the Band is also one of the most high-profile, performing in concerts at Oasis, at ceremonials and other places and standing out in parades with their new 'rolling bandstand'. There are musical and non-musical openings in the Band.

BIG RIGS – These tractor-trailer rigs drive our highways and participate in parades to promote the work of the Shrine and raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for children.

BOBTAILS – There's no mistaking this unit of miniature tractor-trailer rigs with their precision driving formations and colorful antics. They're a favorite at all Shrine parades!

BUCCANEERS – These are the Oasis 'swashbucklers', pirates of old who recall to mind the legendary characters of Robert Louis Stevenson or screen stars like Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Errol Flynn.

CHANTERS – The "voice of Oasis" is its choir. They don't really 'chant', but sing in harmony and are one of the most-requested performers at events and in parades on their colorful float. They also play a critical role in ceremonials.

CLOWNS – Again one of the oldest units at Oasis, the clowns long ago established a tradition that has lasted for generations. Spend a little time with an Oasis Clown and you'll find it takes a very special person to make us all smile.

DESERT RANGERS – These guys in their snazzy buggies look like they've come straight from the Outback and always add an adventurous flair to Oasis events.

DIRECTOR'S STAFF – The backbone of all Oasis Ceremonial and event productions, the Director's Staff has added a parade unit and puts together one of the most moving pageants in Shrinedom: "The Creation of a Shriner."

DRUM & BUGLE CORPS – There’s nothing more rousing at a parade or Shrine event than the strong beat of a drum and herald of a trumpet, and the Oasis Drum & Bugle Corps ranks among the best in all Shrinedom for their skill and expertise.

DUNE CATS – The mighty roar of their engines and the colorful presence of the Dune Cats’ three- and four-wheel vehicles makes this one of the most exciting Oasis units. Wherever they go, there’s no mistaking the Dune Cats!

GATOR PATROL – A distinctive unit of rough & ready fellas and their 4-wheelers from Catawba County! Look for the ‘Gator heads’ and their puffs of steam!

GOSPELAIRES – Whether they’re singing a capella, in four-part harmony or with an orchestra, the Gospelaires lend heart, soul and spirituality to the Oasis Shrine.

GREETERS – Ever wonder who that smiling, nice gentleman was who met you at the door for this Oasis function? Chances are, it’s a Greeter, and they like nothing better than to see you smiling back. A very special group of nobles.

HIGHLANDERS – Nothing sends a chill up your spine more than the mournful skirl of a bagpipe, and Oasis Highlanders are among the country’s best!

HILLBILLIES – Fun and down-home good humor make the Hillbillies probably the most laid-back, entertaining unit in the Shrine. The door’s always open for you to come by and ‘set a spell’!

HOSPITAL TRIPSTERS – Want to see first-hand what being a Shriner is all about? The Hospital Tripsters are the dedicated nobles who carry our Shriners Hospitals for Children patients to and from their doctor visits, primarily to Cincinnati and Greenville.

KEYSTONE KOPS – Just like the old-timey originals, the Keystone Kops are a reminder of a more comical era, and these fellows know how to have a really good time!

MOUNTAIN BUGGIES – When it comes to four-wheelin’, there’s nothing like the wind in your hair and big tires under you. The Oasis Mountain Buggies make every occasion an adventure!

NASCARTS – Certainly the name says it all, but if you’re not up on modern motorsports, they’re the ones in the miniature Stock Car Racers zooming in perfect formation!

OASIS 500’s – Few things are more exciting than a speeding ‘Indy racer’, and the Oasis 500’s, with their crisp and speedy formations, bring that excitement to parades and other events all year long!

OASIS OLDIES – What would a Shrine parade be without classic cars? And what better collection of those vintage automobiles than the Oasis Oldies!

ORIENTAL BAND – As old as Shrinedom itself, the award-winning Oasis Oriental Band embodies the Arabic traditions that brought the original mystique to our fraternity!

PAST MASTERS – We learn from experience, and what better pool of experience than the Oasis Past Masters' Unit, a collection of Masonic leaders we rely on for their knowledge and diplomacy.

PATROL – Many consider the Patrol to be the “elite” of all Shrine chapters, and it is certainly one of the oldest original units. When you see a ‘Patrolman’, you know that he’s being held to an exceptional standard as a member of the Pride of Oasis!

PHOTOGRAPHY – More than just ‘shutterbugs’, the Oasis Photography Unit is responsible for recording all our events for posterity and for helping publicize them in the Desert Dust.

PIEDMONT PISTONS – Another of our precision motorized units, the Pistons are extremely popular among the younger set for their high-speed maneuvering and formations.

POTENTATE GUARD – These men are, in effect, the “Secret Service” of Oasis, sworn to guard and protect the Chairman and Chief Executive of Oasis Shriners throughout his year.

PROVOST GUARD – Another arm of Oasis security is the Provost Guard. You’ll see these dapper nobles in a variety of places, doing a variety of things, always vigilant. They were, in fact, your escorts at today’s Ceremonial and have a first-rate mentoring program!

RAGTOPS – How could you possibly have a parade without convertibles? These guys are proud of their ‘ragtops’, and it adds a first-class touch to everything we do!

RITUALISTIC CAST– These artisans of the ancient words are the first-rate actors, or translators if you will, of the historical rituals that shape us into Masons and Shriners.

ROADRUNNERS – There’s no mistaking the Roadrunners’ “hot rods”, peppy little roadsters that bring cheering crowds to their feet and smiles to the drivers’ faces!

SAND T’s – A hint of yesteryear is what you get when these Moore County Model T enthusiasts putt-putt their way down the street to the delight of all involved!

SCOOTER PATROL – Those daring young men on their “mini-Harleys,” performing intricate maneuvers. The Oasis Scooter Patrol has rapidly become one of our most popular parade units! And they’re having a ball!

STEEL DRUM BAND – One of the most-requested performance units at Oasis, the Steel Drum Band is considered one of the premiere Shrine musical units in North America!

SURRY MINI-TRUCKERS – Can there be any doubt who’s having the most fun in an Oasis parade? The Surry gang goes all-out, and their enthusiasm shows!

WAGONEERS – Hands-down the most distinguishable unit in any Shrine parade, the Wagoneers proudly show off their vintage fire trucks to the shouts and cheers of kids young and old!

And there you have it! Thirty-seven units, 37 ways Oasis Shriners express their enthusiasm and dedication to the noblest philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you are interested in a particular club or unit, contact us at 1-800-22OASIS (226-2747) or (704) 549-9600 – or via our website, www.oasisshriners.org, and we’ll put you in touch with a unit officer! You can also find out more about Oasis clubs by talking to your Provost Guard escort/mentor, your top-line signer on your petition or by contacting any of the officers listed in your Oasis directory!