



Oasis Orientation

Temple Rentals: Illustrious Sir Bob Burroughs

Rental Guidelines:

- ALL events (clubs & units) @ Oasis will pay the room setup & reset fees. If applicable, they will pay all kitchen fees.
- The Potentate has absolute first dibbs on the Temple. His schedule comes first. All fees are waived for an official Potentate function. ONLY the Potentate can authorize a "Potentate function". If you put on a "Potentate function" you will be ask for a letter from the Potentate authorizing such an event. All other events are on a first come/first served basis.
- An Oasis club or unit would have the rental fee waived, BUT they would pay the setup & reset fee as well any kitchen fees that might be due. Oasis has a set of preferred caterers. They have been interviewed & their references have been checked. Other caterers will be allowed in the building on a case by case basis.
- If a club or unit wants to do their own food-OK. They are still liable for setup & reset fees, if applicable & kitchen fees, if applicable.
- If an Oasis club or unit wants to use the facility, they would go through the reservation process, like everyone else. All reservations are on a first come/first served basis.
- Reservations can be made by calling: 704-549-9600 x 232 or 233. Ask for Claudie Strickland.
- We have a DJ & a photographer available. You can get information on these when you talk to Claudie.

This is a work in progress & changes are sure to come. The rental supervisor (Claudie) will always have the latest updates.

Thank you



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All Star Chairman: John Burgess, Marshal

OASIS ALL-STAR SHRINE CLASSIC LOWDOWN FOR 2010

PLAYERS ARRIVE: NOVEMBER 20TH
PLAYERS' BANQUET: NOVEMBER 25TH
ALL-STAR GAME: NOVEMBER 26TH
CHARLOTTE LATIN SCHOOL

- PLAYERS WILL BE HOUSED AT THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE.
- PLAYERS WILL GO TO THE GREENVILLE HOSPITAL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST.
- PLAYERS WILL BE FED EACH NIGHT BY CLUB OR UNIT SPONSORS, LUNCH EACH DAY IS DONATED BY AREA RESTAURANTS.
- WE ACCEPT ANY AND ALL DONATIONS OF SNACK FOODS, SOFT DRINKS, MILK, ICE CREAM, ETC. WE WILL GLADLY PROVIDE A DONATION LETTER TO ANY BUSINESS THAT SPONSORS ANY SUPPORT OF THE GAME.
- WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS, SO YOU CAN BE MATCHED UP WITH THE LEADER OF ANY PART OF THE GAME FOR VOLUNTEER DUTY.
- YOU MAY SELL ADVERTISING FOR THE PROGRAM TO ANYONE. ADVERTISING IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE, AS ARE ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO THE GAME.
- WE WELCOME ANY UNITS THAT WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY THEIR VEHICLES, WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS OR IN ANY WAY CONDUCT EXHIBITIONS ON GAME DAY. WE'VE HAD SOME TERRIFIC EXHIBITIONS.
- WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF ALL-STAR GAME POSTERS, AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO PUT UP POSTERS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS OR TOWNS, JUST LET US KNOW.

THIS YEAR'S GAME WILL BE THE SIXTH ALL-STAR GAME WE'VE HAD. SOUTH CAROLINA LEADS THE SERIES THREE GAMES TO TWO, SO THE NORTH CAROLINA SQUAD WILL BE FIRED UP TO EVEN UP THE SERIES.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PARTICIPATED IN THE ALL-STAR GAME, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO 'SIGN UP' AND GET INVOLVED. WHEN YOU SEE AND MEET THESE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN, YOU WILL REALIZE WHAT AN IMPORTANT GAME THIS IS AND THAT WE ARE SHOWCASING SOME OF THE FINEST YOUNG SCHOLAR-ATHLETES IN THE COUNTRY!

YOU'RE WELCOME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME, ANDY MARTIN, CHARLIE WALKER, BILLY JOE ESTES, JIM RORIE, LEE MOODY, MIKE DOWNS OR ANY NOBLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE GAME AND WE'LL ANSWER ANY AND ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY MATERIAL YOU MIGHT NEED TO HELP PROMOTE THIS OUTSTANDING OASIS EVENT!

Thank you



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Main Temple Fund-raiser/Circus: Rodney Morgan, Captain of the Guard

Circus Information:

Circus towns, dates and performance times

- Fletcher- October 27th 4:30 and 7:30
- Boone - October 28th 4:30 and 7:30
- Concord - October 30th 10:00 and 1:00

We would like for the units to participate at Concord showing their units vehicles, band or what ever your unit does. This is just something for unit captains to think about and bring up at their meeting. Please give Rodney Morgan (704-982-6249) a call or e-mail if your unit is interested. More to come on this as time gets closer.

50/50 Drawing Information:

There being no candy sale this year; Oasis is asking the clubs and units to participate in the 50/50 project for temple funds. Oasis has only two fund raisers (50/50 and the circus) this year. If the officers/captains of each club/unit did not pick up your 50/50 tickets at orientation; we will mail them to you. We are asking each club and unit to sell a minimum of 200 tickets at \$5.00 for one ticket or 5 for \$20.00. Each ticket will be in seven different drawings. Each winning ticket will be re-entered for the other drawings. One club president at orientation said he was going to have a drawing at each club meeting for 5 tickets to a member hoping it might help on their attendance.

The drawings will be:

- Saturday June 5th at Blowing Rock ceremonial 8:00p.m. and 10:00p.m. for \$500.00 each time.
- Saturday September 18th at SASA in Myrtle Beach 8:00p.m. and 10:00p.m. for \$500.00 each time
- Friday November 5th at Charlotte ceremonial 8:00p.m. for \$500.00
- Saturday November 6th at Charlotte ceremonial 8:00p.m. for \$500.00 and at 10:00 (if we sell all 7,000 tickets) the final winner could possibly receive \$10,000.00

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. This year the ticket seller does not win anything; that money is included in the drawing. We have 7,000 tickets printed and we ask you to participate in the 50/50 as your club/unit yearly Temple project. If you have any questions or want more tickets please give Deborah Bradford (704-549-9600 ext231) a call at the temple.

Thank you



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Club/Unit Website: Buddy Ellis, Director

Oasis Current Events

Gentlemen:

If you are reading this you have found <http://www.OasisEvents.org>. Thank you for taking the time to sit and welcome this information.

This year we are implementing a new communication vehicle. This vehicle will improve our communications as a Temple. This vehicle, which we have developed, is a website that will show our Temple current events and information. The information posted to this website is real time. This means you will know the information you are reading is current. Oasis Temple will have ONE location for all Temple activities to be listed. No longer will you have to call, email, or wait for your information.

This location is <http://www.OasisEvents.org>

-AESTHETICS ARE NOT PROVIDED BUT CURRENT EVENTS ARE-

We especially want you to add your club and unit activities. Adding your events to <http://www.OasisEvents.org> calendar will ensure Oasis Temple will have one source for ALL Activities and Information. You can enter and change your information from the comfort of your home. If you elect not to enter your club or unit events, you can still use the Oasis Current Events information to your benefit.

Here you will find:

- Current ceremonial information (Schedules, Maps, Parade Routes).
- Current Oasis Directory contact information.
- Current Oasis activity pictures.
- Current News Listings.
- Current Oasis calendar events.
 - Calendar events show.
 - Dates of event.
 - Unit/Club responsible for event.
 - A Brief description.
 - Additional details show.
 - Event contact person.
 - Location for event.
 - Additional event details.
 - Contact person email and website.
 - Event start and end time.
- See News Flash or Emergency News released at a quick glance.
- See the latest event added and updated at a quick glance.
- Print Only Oasis headquarters events or all Club Unit events.

Illustrious Sir, Wayne King -

“Our goal is to provide one, current/real time, calendar with all Oasis Shrine events.”

Please know I am here for you and that you can contact me at any time.

Thank you for your time.
Gordon M. Ellis, III (Buddy)
info@OasisEvents.org



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Paper Sale Chairman: Danny Parks

Paper Sale Information:

Papers will be delivered April 14 and 15. We will need the following information:

- Shrine Club or Unit name with a street address as the drivers will be using a GPS to find the location.
- Contact person's name and phone numbers.
- Number of papers (Papers come in bundles of 250)
- Number of pins

Number of posters broken down as follows:

- Large English
- Large Spanish
- Small English
- Small Spanish

Call, fax or e-mail this information to Ginny Austin at Oasis Shrine Headquarters.
Contact Danny Parks with questions. Cell: 828-312-6309
or E-mail: oasispanman@mailcity.com.

Thank you



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Membership Chairman: Shea Fadel, Outer Guard

As you know, the responsibility for increasing shrine membership belongs to each and everyone on of US.

I'd like to challenge each Unit and Club to be a BIG part of the Membership Drive this Year!

As your Membership Chairman and on behalf of the Membership Team we have a great Opportunity ahead of us.

Being a part of one of the largest fraternities, in this current social and economic climate, membership should be at an all time High!

Oasis membership has declined 23% over the last 7 years from nearly 9,000 to almost 7,000.

With your efforts and Support, we believe this number can become an annual increase as opposed to a decrease.

Who is the next Shriner?

1) Best said is an excerpt from ideas provided by Executive Director, Harvey Burgess:

"Our future lies in an alliance with the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. There are nearly four times as many Masons as there are Shriners. With the right kind of recruitment effort, we could double our membership from an existing pool of qualified men. Men who already know who and what we are and are familiar with our philanthropy and who most assuredly have friends and/or relatives who are already Shriners."

Further Harvey suggested:

"The best place to start is with Divan members, trustees, then ambassadors, then club or unit officers. It is a certainty that we have at least one Shrine member in every lodge in our jurisdiction. That's the member we need to identify and make a 'Masonic ambassador'. That's the guy who the trustee/ambassador/officer contacts to put on a program."

Each of us fit into one of these categories and needs to be present at lodge meetings.

- 2) Restoration is a major source of membership. We currently have nearly 500 hundred Shriners that are suspended. At a minimum we should contact each and every one of them and find out why. There is NO reason they cannot become active once again. It is your job to see it happen!
- 3) Involvement in a club or unit is essential to retention. If a Shriner is not involved in a club or unit they are not likely to remain active. As soon as I became a Shriner I was introduced to John Elder – wait that's a whole other story, anyway I became involved in the Oasis band and have remained active. The same story is true for most of you. Let's make sure every new Shriner is connected to a club or unit.

Tools to recruit Prospective Shriners:

- 1) Lodge visitation – make yourself a regular at your lodge and visit others. Familiarity is key and talking about being a Shriner is your focus. Invite them to an open Shrine function to see what we are all about.
- 2) We have two websites for reference & the links will be available on the WWW.OASISSHRINERS.ORG site under membership: WWW.BEASHRINERNOW.COM and WWW.SHRINERSVILLAGE.COM both sites offer valuable information about what being a Shriner is and how to become a Shriner.
- 3) Chief Rabban, John Sullivan created a display which is currently located in the back of the room. Please take a moment to look at the display and consider ways you can use it at your shrine club or event. It would make a great statement at any event to get the word about the shrine organization and our philanthropic efforts. It is available to use, simply by reserving the display through the Oasis headquarters office.

Membership Chairman: Shea Fadel, Outer Guard (Continued)

- 4) I also want to make you aware of a new Shriner in the making. David Ragan, NASCAR driver for the Roush team driving the # 6 UPS car is currently pursuing his 2nd degree. I have personally arranged his Masonic degree coaching while he is on the road racing. We expect him to become a Shriner by mid-year or sooner. We believe David will be a tremendous marketing asset for Oasis Shriners and we welcome him to our fraternity.

In closing, if you missed the installation of our potentate, Illustrious Wayne King, then this is your lucky day. At lunch you will view a DVD about a Shriner patient and I guarantee it will inspire and reinvigorate you.

Thank you for your time!



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Desert Dust / Public Relations: John Harder, Editor

My question for you is; "Would you rather read detailed descriptions about the pages in the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue ... or see the photos for yourself?" I need to hear from all units and clubs throughout the year - and I need photos so we can all see what you are doing. The Desert Dust you receive, and our beautiful online edition are improving each year, but the best improvement is your involvement. Make sure to e-mail stories and photographs (faxes can no longer be used) so we can include information and ads for your particular club or unit. *This is one of the ways new Nobles learn about you and your group.* Let me know by the fifth of the month for the following issue and I'll blabber it so everyone can know. In the P-R department, we are hoping to expand the television, radio and newspaper coverage we received last year for the Oasis All-Star Classic, to include more stations and newspapers to make our grand fraternity, and its noble cause much more visible. Remember, e-mail your ads, stories, and photos to desdustoasis@aol.com by the 5th of the month for the next issue.

Thank you



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Project Reports/Financials: Bill Harward, PP, Treasurer

- 1- Complete and return the club/unit reports timely (now are past due by Imperial by-laws).
- 2- QuickBooks Simple Start software is available as a download from internet and is free, it is limited to 25 vendors but can be worked around, use exact names on report for chart of accounts and report numbers are there on December 31 for copying to the report form.
- 3- Each club has its own Federal ID number, please contact me or Deborah if you need the number.
- 4- Each club and unit has the responsibility to issue 1099 Miscellaneous for any services paid to a non corporate entity exceeding \$600 in any calendar year.
- 5- It is helpful if the treasurer repeats each year.
- 6- If you can't complete the report call Deborah or me and we will complete the report when you forward the information we will request from you.

Please, contact me if you should require any information.

Thank you



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Hospital Coordinators: Jan Garmon, Hospital Coordinator

On February 13, 2010 I was asked to speak to the 2010 Club and Unit Officers Orientation regarding responsibilities of our Patient Coordinators and Tripsters. My main goal as Hospital Coordinator was to let the group know that any Shriner can talk to a parent regarding their child if asked, "Can Shriner's help my child?". I informed the group that with changes almost on a daily basis it was not a good idea to ever "promise" anything to a parent. Many of our hospitals are changing their scope of services due to finances and we really need to call to see if they provide a certain service. If the Shriner will call me I will be happy to do whatever I can to assist these families. It is always a good idea to just have an application filled out and sent in here to the office. That way we can send it off and have the experts make the determination as to whether Shriners can help or not. Also, the applications departments are really good at sending applications to other hospitals when they know it is out of their scope.

We are still providing transportation when the family calls the office to request it. It has become necessary due to funding that we try to keep overnight stays when transporting to a minimum. We also reimburse for certain items, gas, meals, etc, when the family asks when they transport themselves. We do not "offer" reimbursement across the board as so many will take advantage. I talked with other Temples in the area and some are not reimbursing for expenses at all nor providing transportation. In order for us to continue to help those families in need, we need to go by our guidelines that have been set. I am very careful when looking at receipts that we do not pay for things that are not necessary. I ask that those who transport our families continue their good work in keeping our expenses down.

Jan Garmon
Hospital Coordinator