



Akdar Shrine News

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Potentate's Message

Nobles:

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to take time to thank each and every one of you for the great year we have had here at Akdar Shrine Center. We have had so many great successes this year. We had a great Circus and an awesome fireworks stand. We have had several successful fundraising events and even several great donations to the shrine this year to help us be able to make repairs and upkeep our center. None of these things would be possible without you.

We still have some important things coming up this year and will need your support to make them successful. There are several parades coming up during the holiday season and I would love to see our Nobles out there showing the communities that we are still here and supporting them. This past month at the Boo HaHa Parade we had 40 Nobles in the parade in the rain! Thank you for the great turnout! We will need folks to come out and help with our toy drives and activities for our Children's Christmas Party. Please come out and help and see the smiles you put on these kid's faces because that is the only pay we receive for the work we do. It makes the work well worth it when you see so many children smiling and you know that you helped make that happen.



November meeting is Chief Rabban night so come out and help make that a good night for him. December is elections and everyone needs to come and cast your vote, so your voice is heard here at Akdar Shrine. Remember this is your Temple and you have an input on the future, but only if you exercise that power and cast your vote.

I would like to give a special thanks to my Divan who have worked behind the scenes all year long to make this such a successful year for me. You are the voice of the Nobility and they trust you to take care of their wishes for Akdar Shrine and you have done that with strong conviction and a humble attitude all year long. I look forward to support each of you as you progress and improve our organization.

Parade season is upon us, and I hope to see many of you out there. If you are an Akdar Parade unit and you have not paraded this year, then what are you doing?

I would like to leave you with this thought: It is easy to find an excuse on why you didn't do something, but it is more powerful for everyone if you do!

Strive to Thrive in 2025!!!

Yours in Hope and Faith,

Bobby Benn, Potentate

Deceased Nobles

*Billy D. Teter - Created
5/31/2013*



NOTICE NOVEMBER STATED BUSINESS MEETING

*The Akdar Shrine Stated Meeting will be held
7pm - Thursday, NOVEMBER 13th, 2025
2808 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK*

*For the purpose of old and new business as may
be regularly presented.
"CHIEF RABBAN NIGHT"*

*Bobby Benn, Potentate
Attest: Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder*

**TEMPLE ELECTION OF OFFICERS
DECEMBER 11th, 2025**

You must show your current (2025) Dues card to receive a ballot.
Wear your Fez!

**ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF
OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Your attention is called to Section
325.10 Election Regulations,
which states as follows:

325.10 Election Regulations

(a) The printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices, by a noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is prohibited.

(b) For any violation of (a) the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.

(c) At least one week prior to the general meeting or any election, the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member notice thereof containing this section.

**The Akdar Shrine News constitutes
Notice.**

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*Bobby Benn, Potentate
Attest: Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder*

NOTICE JANUARY STATED BUSINESS MEETING

*The Akdar Shrine Stated Meeting will be held
7pm - Thursday JANUARY 8th, 2026
2808 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK*

*For the purpose of old and new business as may
be regularly presented.*

*Bobby Benn, Potentate
Attest: Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder*

Shrine Newsletter Deadlines 2026

January/February issue - December 10th

March/April issue - February 10th

May/June issue - April 10th

Send your information to
ritasnews2020@gmail.com

Mark your 2026 calendars

Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

**INSTALLATION OF AKDAR'S 2026
OFFICERS**

**Watch for more details on Facebook or
"Flashnews"**

November

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Business Off Closed	8
9	10 Divan/Units/Clubs Meeting 6pm	11 Veteran's Day 	12	13 Business Meeting Dinner 6pm Meetings 7pm	14 Business Off Closed	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Business Off Closed	22
23 Ladies Without Nobles Luncheon 1pm	24	25 LOS Indian Unit 5pm LOS Business Meeting 7pm	26	27 Business Off Closed Thanksgiving	28 Business Off Closed	29
30						

IF YOUR UNIT OR CLUB WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A "SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES" LIVE COVER BAND FOR ONE OF YOUR EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT NOBLE TED CLEM @ 479-957-1306 OR THE LEADER OF THE BAND MIKE GRAZIANO @ 918-576-6414.



Membership August-September, 2025

Creations	0
Affiliations	0
Restorations	0
TOTAL GAIN	0
Demits	1
Expirations	1
Suspensions	0
TOTAL LOSS	2
Associates	13
TOTAL (including Associates)	<u>705</u>

December

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Business Office Closed	6
7 Grand Lake Shrine Club Christmas Party 	8 Divan/Units/Clubs Meeting 6pm	9	10	11 Stated Meeting/Election Night Dinner 6pm Meetings 7pm	12 Business Office Closed	13
14 Akdar Children's Christmas Party 	15	16	17	18	19 Business Office Closed	20 Ladies Without Noble Luncheon 1pm
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Business Office Closed	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 			

Upcoming Parades

Nov 1	Ponca City Veterans Day	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Ponca Masonic Lodge #83, Ponca City
Nov 11	Tulsa Veterans Day	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	3rd & Elgin, Tulsa
Nov 22	Jenks Parade	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1st & A St, Jenks
Dec 2	Chouteau Christmas Parade	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	USPS, 125 W Railroad St, Chouteau
Dec 4	Bristow Christmas Parade	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Bristow High School, 808 N Ash St
Dec 4	Vinita Christmas Parade	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Vinita Fire Dept, 202 W Canadian Ave
Dec 5	Sand Springs Christmas Parade	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Adams & Sand Springs Rd, Shopping Center
Dec 6	Bartlesville Christmas Parade	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Phillips 66 Lot, 422 S Keeler Ave
Dec 6	Mannford Christmas Parade	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	4 Diamonds Park, Mannford
Dec 6	Pawnee Christmas Parade	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Pawnee City Hall, 510 Illinois St (cont'd on Back page)

Popcorn Wagon

14 Shrine Hospitals for Children + Clinics Are Us

Free sacks of popcorn with our Shrine Hospital message printed on two sides were passed out for:

Tahlequah - paraded only

Ralston Parade 387

Pond Creek Parade 602

Cleveland Parade 516

Kendall Whittier Library, Tulsa 129

Skiatook Parade 387

Broken Arrow Event 258

Cypress Creek HOA 172

Salina Parade 516

total events 9 total sacks 2,967

We would like to thank FFA Students, National Honor Society Students, Karl Haist, Cassidy Kuningas, his Gatesway residents, Nobles Andy Cobb, Robert Mann, Chris Haist, Bobby Woolslayer, Lady Jonas Woolslayer, Lady Debbie Goltra and others. These friends have driven the "Popcorn Wagon", cooked popcorn, passed out popcorn, popped open empty sacks, pulled our Shrine Hospital public relations trailer, washed them both and we again are so grateful!

If you want to help, if you want to donate or if you need popcorn, just call 918.254.0722 home or 918.814.8254 cell.



Yours in the Faith,
Pete Goltra, Past Potentate

Scouter Unit

Join us at our regular monthly meeting as we hold Elections for the Scouter Unit. Your participation matters — help shape the future of our unit. Location: The Silver Skillet

61st & Memorial, 7pm, family is always welcome. Nobles, wear your Fez with pride from the parking lot, through the meeting, and back to your car. We are proud to be Shriners helping children, and we want the world to know it.

We are still accepting sponsors for our upcoming Janna Jae Concert Fundraiser benefiting the Popcorn Wagon Project!

Emcee: Akdar Shriner Gentner Drummond

Dinner Included: Enjoy a full Texas Roadhouse steak dinner with your \$40 concert ticket!

Sponsorship Levels:

- \$250 Sponsor
- \$500 Sponsor
- \$750 Sponsor
- \$1,000 Sponsor

Have questions? Call: Andy 918-231-6486, Pete Goltra, Past Potentate Home: 918-254-0722, Cell: 918-814-8254.



You're Invited to Our Annual Children's Christmas Party!

Join the Akdar Shriners for a day of holiday cheer, fun, and surprises for our sponsored children and their families.

Sunday, December 14th, 2025
1 pm to 3pm at the Akdar Shrine Center

Gifts, refreshments, and a visit from Santa!
We need generous volunteers to help make this event a success. Your time and energy are invaluable to us!

Watch for updates on "Flashnews."

Akdar Shrine
2808 South Sheridan Road
Tulsa, OK 74129-1014

Upcoming Parades (continued)

Dec 7	Inola Christmas Parade	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Inola High School, 801 E Commercial St
Dec 13	Owasso Christmas Parade	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Target, 9010 N 121st E Ave
Dec 13	Tulsa Christmas Parade	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	PSO Building, 10th & Detroit
Dec 13	Catoosa Christmas Parade	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Across from Fire Station, Catoosa
Dec 13	Collinsville Christmas Parade	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	14th & Main, Collinsville
Dec 13	Skiatook Christmas Parade	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Skiatook High School, 1000 W 4th St
Dec 13	Foyil Christmas Parade	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Annie's Diner, 12015 Poplar St, Claremore
Dec 20	Colcord Christmas Parade	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Downtown Colcord