



Akdar Shrine News

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81st Annual Akdar Shrine Circus

February 26, 27, 28- March 1, 2026

Fairgrounds Pavilion

Potentate's Message

Nobles and Ladies:

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to say thank you to Illustrious Sir Bobby Benn and his lady Lisa for leading us through a successful 2025 year and I wish him well on the rest of his Masonic and Shrine journey.

I would like to thank each and every one for you for your trust in me to serve as your 2026 Potentate. I am truly honored and deeply grateful for your confidence in me. We have an exciting year ahead, and I look forward to all the great things we will accomplish together in 2026. This is our year for Getting It Fixed in '26." By working together there is nothing we can't accomplish. First and foremost remember we are all here for the same reasons and that is taking care of our Shrine family and Shrine children. I will do my best to carry on the great momentum that has been started.



I would like to say thank you to my installation team Illustrious Sir Kyle Hess, Illustrious Sir Zac Castillo and Illustrious Sir Ralph Klumpp. Congratulations to all Elected/Appointed Officers of 2026 we are excited about next year and we look forward to seeing what we can get accomplished. Don't forget about our 81st Annual Circus right around the corner!

Getting It Fixed In 2026

Yours in the Faith,

Harold Boggs, Potentate

Deceased Nobles

*Donald Deshazo – Created
4/14/67*



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.*

*Harold Boggs, Potentate
Attest: Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder*

NOTICE FEBRUARY STATED BUSINESS MEETING

*The Akdar Shrine Stated Meeting will be held
7pm - Thursday, FEBRUARY 12th, 2026
2808 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK*

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

*Harold Boggs, Potentate
Attest: Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder*

NOTICE MARCH STATED BUSINESS MEETING

*The Akdar Shrine Stated Meeting will be held
7pm – Thursday, MARCH 12th, 2026
2808 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK*

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

*Harold Boggs, Potentate
Attest: Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder*

**Congratulations to the 2026
Elected and Appointed
Divan**

Potentate: Harold Boggs
Chief Rabban: Doug Baldwin

Assistant Rabban: Larry
Straining

High Priest & Prophet: Charles
“Crispy” Knight

Oriental Guide: Randy
Cunningham

Treasurer: Stephen Ridenour

Recorder: Ralph Klumpp, P.P.

First Ceremonial Master: Adrian
Shahbazian

Second Ceremonial Master: Billy
Byrd

Marshal: Glen Haydel

Captain of the Guard: Ken
Meredith

Outer Guard: Robert Cummings

Temple Director: Ryan Schultz

Chaplain: Michael Bolen

Chief Aide: Frank Nellen

Potentate’s Aide: Donnie Steele

Shrine Newsletter Deadlines 2026

March/April issue – February 10th
May/June issue – April 10th

Send your information to
ritasnews2020@gmail.com

January 2026

Happy Birthday to our
Nobles and Ladies with
January and February
Birthdays!



2025 Children's Christmas Party

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bus. Office Closed New Year's Day	2 Bus. Office Closed Installation Rehearsal 6pm	3 2026 Officer Installation 11am
4	5	6 Divan/Units/Clubs Meeting 6pm	7	8 Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm Meetings 7pm	9 Bus. Office Closed	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Bus. Office Closed	17 Polar Plunge Akdar Park 11a, lunch 1p
18	19 Circus Planning Meeting 6:30pm	20	21	22	23 Bus. Office Closed	24 Fixing It In 2026 Kick Off Party 1p
25 Ladies Without Nobles Luncheon 1pm	26	27 Los Indian Unit 5p LOS Meeting 7pm	28	29	30 Bus. Office Closed	31

The Circus is right around the corner! Do your part and spread the word!

February 2026



Hugs are still
free!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Bus. Office Closed	7 Los Sweetheart Taco Dinner Fundraiser
8	9	10 Divan/Units/Clubs Meeting 6pm	11	12 Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm Meetings 7pm	13 Bus. Office Closed	14 Valentine's Dance at the Shrine
15	16 Circus Planning Meeting 6:30pm	17	18	19	20 Bus. Office Closed	21
22	23 Membership Meeting 7:30pm	24	25 Circus Set-up	26 81 st Annual Shrine Circus	27 Bus. Office Closed 81 st Annual Shrine Circus	28 81 st Annual Shrine Circus
Purchase your Circus tickets in advance!						

Transportation Donations:

Robert Pete
Lucky Bocock
Green Country Angels

In Memory of Dennis Summerlin
By Newell Barker

TOTAL \$ 883.85

General Fund Donations:

Pampered Chef
Bobby Woollsey (Toy fund)
AABA Court #4, LOS
In Memory of George Couch
by Grand Lake Shrine Club
Charles Woolever

TOTAL \$925.00

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:

BooHaHa Parade 1,075

Broken Arrow Police Halloween Event 2,000

Glenpool Halloween Event 1,290

Ponca City Veterans' Parade 645

MistleToe Market, Glenpool 172

Tulsa Halloween Event 250

Nowata Parade - pulled Hospital Public Relations trailer - Popcorn Wagon in the shop

Glenpool Car Show 387

Tulsa Veterans' Parade - pulled Hospital Public Relations trailer - Popcorn Wagon in the shop

Jenks Parade 903

Glenpool Library Event 86

Bristow Parade 1,075

Bartlesville Parade 1,462

total events 13 total sacks 9,345

We want to thank Noble Andy Cobb for driving and cooking. We want to thank Nobles Bruce DeShazo, Noble Bobby Woolslayer, Noble Chris Haist and Robert Mann for pulling our hospital trailer in every parade the "Popcorn Wagon" goes to. Lady Debbie Goltra thank you for washing our Shrine Hospital aprons we wear when passing out popcorn and putting night safety reflectors on the aprons.



We have had to do major repairs on our "Popcorn Wagon". If you want to donate, help drive/cook or pass out popcorn please let us know. Thank you! 918.254.0722 home telephone or 918.814.8254 cell telephone.

Yours in the Faith,

Pete Goltra, Past Potentate

Scooter Unit

Join us at our regular monthly meeting at The Silver Skillet at 61st and Memorial at 7 pm. Family is always welcome. Nobles, please wear your fez with pride, from your car, through the meeting and back to your car. We are proud to be Shriner's and want the world to know it.

The Scooter unit will be hosting our second annual car show toward the end of March at Glenpool conference center. We encourage everyone to come out and support, whether by bringing an entry vehicle or by simply attending.

Recorder's Message

Happy New Year 2026!!! 2025 is now in the past and 2026 is here. We had a very good year at Akdar! We had a year filled with fun activities, took care of 350 to 400 young people and we took care of our building. We reorganized and did some much needed upgrades. Much appreciation goes to a job well done by our Illustrious Sir Bobby Benn and Lady Lisa.

One of the best parts of being active at Akdar is friends Barbara and I have met over the last fifteen years. Our members are the most important part of this organization.

Thanks to Angie for keeping the office running smoothly and paying attention to the details the way she does. Good job Angie! The transportation group just keep piling up the miles. We have the best hospital chairman and drivers in the system.

I hope even more Nobles will make time to support Illustrious Sir Harold and Lady Melissa this year. They have a lot of fun activities planned for 2026.

I would love to see all of you take part in the monthly business meetings, held the second Thursday of each month. See you there!

Yours in the Faith,

Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder



Transportaion & General Fund donations
included with Dues by the following Nobles:

Blair Kaufman	Bobby Woolslayer
Raymond Chronister	G. Dean Meade
Charles Ford	William DeWinter
Reg Stupp	David Ridgeway
Thomas Dowler	Greg George
George Hedrick	Ed Swafford
Earl Eubanks	Larry White
Matthew McGee	Raymond Reamey
Jay McKissick	Zane Strader
Berry Keeler	Tom Dafforn
Marvin Welsh	
Andrew Lewis	
Richard Sewell	

THANK YOU NOBLES!

**Do you play an
acoustic
instrument?**

**Do you like Celtic and
Bluegrass Music?**

I'm looking for some Shriner pickers and players that would be interested in forming an Akdar Shrine music group for fun and entertainment. If you are interested in this idea, Text me at (918) 261-3812 or email me akdarchapy@gmail.com I'll get back to you and we can talk.

John Manuel

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