Akdar Shrine News

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Potentate's Message

Nobles and Ladies,

As this year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Serving alongside you through this past year has been an absolute honor and a privilege.

Throughout the year, your unwavering dedication, tireless enthusiasm, and generous support have been the driving force behind everything we accomplished. We have so much to celebrate from our recent events—the Grand Master's Ceremonial was a success as we welcomed 8 new Nobles into our brotherhood, and the Boo Ha-Ha Parade had a wonderful turnout that truly showcased our Shrine spirit to the community.



While we reflect on these achievements, our work and fellowship are far from over. We still have several upcoming parades to participate in, as well as our Children's Christmas Party to look forward to as we finish out the year strong.

Together, we continue to strengthen our bonds as Nobles and make a profound difference in the lives of the children and families supported by Shriners Children's. None of these achievements would be possible without your hard work, sacrifice, and steadfast dedication.

Don't forget November stated meeting is Chief Rabban night so come and support him. December is elections we need a good turn out and support to start 2027 of with a good start.

I would like to give a special thanks to our Divan for supporting me in this unforgettable year, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside all of you.

I would like to thank all the ladies of Akdar shrine for your help and supporting of me and Melissa, you have made it run so much easier.

Yours in Hope and Faith,

Harold Boggs, Potentate



Deceased Nobles

David K. May – Created
6/28/2003
Johnnie L. Reaves – Created
2/19/2013
Ernest L. Ankeny – Created
4/10/1985
James S. Beattie – Created
10/19/1990



TEMPLE ELECTION OF OFFICERS
DECEMBER 10th, 2026

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:
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(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.

NOTICE NOVEMBER STATED BUSINESS MEETING

The Akdar Shrine Stated Meeting will be held
7pm – Thursday, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2026
2808 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK
"Chief Rabban Night"
For the purpose of old and new business as may be regularly presented.

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

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7pm - Thursday, DECEMBER 10TH, 2026
2808 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK

"Election of 2027 Officers"

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

NOTICE JANUARY STATED BUSINESS MEETING

The Akdar Shrine Stated Meeting will be held
7pm - Thursday, JANUARY 14TH, 2027
2808 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, OK

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

Doug Baldwin, Potentate Elect
Attest: Ralph Klumpp, P.P., Recorder

If you are <u>not</u> receiving
FlashNews in your email inbox
check with the business office
to verify your email address!

NOVEMBER



Thu/5th Tulsa Scottish Rite 7pm
Mon/9th Divan/Units/Clubs Meeting 6pm/Daughters of the Nile 6pm
Wed/11th Veteran's Day
Thu/12th Business Meeting Dinner 6pm- Nobles & Ladies Meetings 7pm
Sat/14th Grand Lodge
Mon/16th Circus Planning Meeting 6:30pm
Sat/21st Grand Master Cigar Fundraiser
Sun/22nd Ladies Without Nobles Luncheon 1pm
Mon/23rd Membership Meeting 7:30pm
Tues/24th Ladies Oriental Shrine meeting 7pm
Thu/26th Thanksgiving Day
Sat/28th Joe Haynes Annual Fish Fry and Toy Drive 5pm to 7pm

DECEMBER



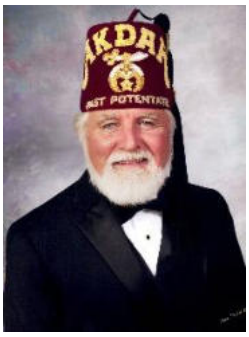
Thu/3rd Tulsa Scottish Rite 7pm
Sun/6th Grand Lake Shrine Club Children Christmas Party 6pm
Mon/7th Divan/Units/Clubs meeting 6pm
Thu/10th Business Meeting dinner 6pm-Nobles ELECTIONS & Ladies meetings 7pm
Sun/13th Akdar Childrens Christmas Party
Mon/14th Daughters of the Nile 6pm
Sun/20th Ladies Without Nobles Luncheon 1pm
Mon/21st Circus Plannng Meeting 6:30pm
Tues/22nd Ladies Oriental Shrine meeting 6pm
Thu/24th Christmas Eve
Fri/25th Christmas
Mon/28th Membership meeting 7:30pm

NOTE: Business Office closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Fridays

Recorder's Message

2026 is winding down, it's hard to believe it is already November. Soon it will be December and then 2027. Illustrious Sir Harold and Lady Melissa should be very proud of the good job they have done leading Akdar Shrine this year.

We were surprised with a visit from Imperial Potentate Larry Leib and Imperial Sir Tim Forbis. They stopped by the Temple and spent about two and a half hours visiting with the Elected Divan about membership and fundraising ideas for the Temple. The meeting went well and happy to spend time with the Imperial Sirs.



There are still two months of fun activities to finish out our year. November business meeting is Chief Rabban night, please come out and cheer on Noble Doug for the coming year. Illustrious Sir Joe Haynes' famous fish fry will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The only charge for a fantastic meal is a Christmas toy to add to our toys for the Shrine Kids Christmas party. Items for kids twelve and over are always needed. The Shrine Kids Christmas party will be the second Sunday in December at the Temple. Come join the fun and meet our Shrine kids.

I realize February seems a long way off but planning for the 2027 Circus is under way. Time zips by and we will be enjoying the fun and fellowship of the Circus very soon. Think about where you would like to volunteer as we can always use your help.

A special thanks goes out to the Eremita ladies, Rita and Angie. Rita continues to take care of us keeping informed with the newsletter and Angie does a great job of keeping things running at the Temple.

Another person's effort that should be recognized is Noble Charles "Crispy" Knight. Crispy keeps us informed with the updated information on our "FlashNews" Thank you Crispy!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the November and December business meetings. Remember the December meeting is the election of 2027 officers. Mark your calendars!

Yours in the Faith,
Ralph Klumpp,P.P. Redorder

Happy Birthday to our Nobles and Ladies with November - December Birthdays!



Popcorn Wagon

13 Shrine Hospitals for Children + 2 Ambulatory Surgery Centers & 5 Clinics R Us

Free sacks of popcorn were passed out for:

Bristow Parade 731
Tahlequah Parade 1,161
Ralston (by Pawnee) Parade 602
Pond Creek (by Enid) Parade 344
Cleveland Parade 688
Kendall Whittier Library, Tulsa, Spanish Event 430
Skiatook Parade 860
Broken Arrow Kite Festival 473
Rejoice School, Owasso Event 387
Oologah Parade 344
Claremore Route 66 Car Show 301
Mounds Car Show 344
Salina Parade 473
Two Months 13 Events Total Sacks 7,138



We just received our new shipment of Shrine Hospitals for Children popcorn sacks. As before they have our hospital message on each front and back. On one side is an advertisement for The Corn Popper. On the other side is an advertisement for Everything Insurance Group. If you want great popcorn contact The Corn Popper, 918.250.9317 like we do. If you want to save money on insurance call Everything Insurance Group, 918.688.1197 like I did (Pete). Please mention the popcorn sack advertisement.

Mark your calendar Wednesday, 1-13-27, Glenpool Conference Center, Noble Tom Berry Shrine Hospitals for Children presentation. We will wear our fez. RSVPs will be due a week before this event. There will be a small charge for lunch. Noble Tom and Pete will have details. The group are members of the Glenpool Chamber of Commerce. It is their monthly meeting.

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

Scooter Unit

The members and guests of the Scooter Unit met at the Silver Skillet restaurant at 61st and Memorial on the 4th Wednesday of the month. All are welcome. Our meeting starts at 7pm and everyone orders as they arrive.

For Nobles attending, we wear our Fezzes from the car to the meeting and back, to show how proud we are to do the work that we do as Shriners, helping kids and supporting their families with encouragement and hope. We have no dues or uniforms and you don't actually have to own a Scooter to join the club.

Our members are eager to help in any they can. We're already working on next year's fireworks stand and car show and organizing another concert....parades attended, popcorn handed out.

Questions call Robert 918-202-3569 Adrian 702 525 5540 Pete residence:918 254 8722 cell 918 814 8254

What Makes Us Want to Come?

Well, I suppose I should practice what I preach. At our September meeting, I mentioned that our newsletter has been getting a little thin. Rita needs things to put in it, and I encouraged our Nobles, units and clubs to send her articles, pictures, stories, and news about what they're doing. Then it occurred to me that I haven't exactly been helping. So, Rita, here's an article.

I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to write about for my first one, but I kept coming back to something I've been thinking about for a while: what makes us want to come to the Shrine? Over the last couple of years, I have spent a lot of time working on Akdar's communications: the website, calendar, weekly Flash News, reminders, and other ways of making sure our Nobles and their families know what is happening. There was a pretty simple reason for that. I never want a Noble or his family to miss something they would have enjoyed simply because nobody told them it was happening. I think we've made a lot of progress there, although there will always be room to do better. But that leads to another question:

If people know what is happening, what makes them want to come? For me, that goes back to why I joined Masonry and the Shrine in the first place. I came for the fellowship and the brotherhood. Some of my closest friendships and some of my favorite memories have grown out of being involved in these organizations. And frankly, I have fun.

One of the things I've always appreciated about the Shrine is that the social side extends beyond the Nobles themselves. Spouses and families become part of it. We still have Nobles whose memories of the Shrine go back to childhood because their parents were involved and their families grew up around other Shrine families. I'd like to see us create more of those friendships and memories. Shriners know how to work hard. We work hard for our kids. We raise money, volunteer our time, drive children to appointments, put on events, and do a lot of things behind the scenes that most people never see.

I think we need the other half of that equation too. Work hard. Play hard. The fellowship and fun don't compete with our mission. They're part of what keeps us connected to one another while we're doing it. And not everything we do has to appeal to everybody. I've certainly looked at an event and thought, “That sounds great, but it's just not my thing.” That's okay. Not everything we do has to be for everybody. But I'd like there to be something here for everybody.

That's where Katy and I sometimes use another term: “fun raisers.” A fundraiser raises money. A fun raiser is a little different. It might be a dinner, a game night, a family activity, a trip, or something none of us has thought of yet. The goal isn't necessarily to make money. If it's truly about fellowship, breaking even, or coming pretty close, may be all the success we need. The return is getting people together. If people have a good time, get to know somebody a little better, spend some time with people outside the circles we naturally settle into, and leave saying, “We ought to do that again,” I think we've gained something valuable. Fundraisers build the treasury. Fun raisers build the Temple.

I also think we need to give new ideas a little time to grow. The first year we try something, we're learning. How many people are interested? What worked? What didn't? What would we change next time? Maybe it makes money, maybe it breaks even, and maybe we discover a few things we need to do differently. I don't think we should expect every new idea to be a big success right out of the gate. Sometimes the best thing we get from year one is what we learn for year two. Year one doesn't have to make money. It has to give us a reason to try year two. And some of our best ideas are probably sitting in the heads of people we haven't asked yet. I want to hear them. If you've thought, “You know what would be fun?” tell somebody. If there's something you'd like to see us try, speak up. One small warning, though: if you bring us a great idea, don't be too surprised if somebody asks, “So, when would you like to chair the committee?” But being chairman doesn't mean you have to do everything yourself.

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One of Akdar's greatest resources is the people already here. Among our Nobles we have an enormous variety of careers, talents, hobbies, experience and connections. Chances are, whatever you're trying to do, somebody here knows something that can help. Bring the idea. Be willing to take ownership of it. Then let's find the people who can help make it better. The Divan can't do everything, nor should every good idea have to come from the Divan. Part of our job should be helping good ideas get where they need to go and connecting people who want to help. Not every idea will be practical, of course. We have to consider cost, safety, facilities, workload and all the other realities that come with actually putting something on. But I hope we can make room for new ideas.

“We've never done that before” shouldn't automatically be the end of the conversation. And neither should “We tried something like that once.” Sometimes an idea really doesn't work. Sometimes we simply learn how we could do it better next time. After all, every tradition was new once.

And that brings me back to communication. We've gotten much better at telling you what's happening. I think the next step is getting better at listening. Early next year, with the support of our leadership, I hope we'll be able to send out a couple of surveys through Flash News and hear directly from the people who make up Akdar. I'm working on a survey for our Nobles. I want to know what you enjoy, what you'd like to see more of, what kinds of activities interest you, and whether there are things you'd be interested in helping with or even leading. I also want the honest answers about what could be better. If there's something that keeps you from coming to an event or being more involved, tell us. Maybe it's the timing, the cost, the type of activity, or something we haven't even thought about. If there's something getting in the way of your enjoying your time at Akdar, we'd like to know that too. We can't improve a problem we don't know about.

Katy is working on a similar survey for our Ladies. Their interests, ideas and experiences matter too, and we shouldn't assume we already know what they want. We should ask them. When those surveys arrive, I hope you'll take a few minutes and answer them honestly. The more we hear from you, the better idea our Divan will have of what's working, where we can improve, and what might make Akdar a place more of us want to spend our time. I don't expect everybody to want the same things. In fact, that's part of the point. Not everything has to be for everybody. But I'd like there to be something here for everybody.

Ultimately, I'd like to see more people finding their place at Akdar. More friendships. More fun. More people getting involved because there's something here they genuinely enjoy. And more people comfortable enough to say, “I've got an idea.” And if you've already got one, don't wait for the survey. I genuinely want to hear it.

And since I've now practiced what I preached, I'll end where I started: Rita still needs material for the next newsletter. So don't make this a one-man experiment. Send her something!

Charles "Crispy" Knight
High Priest and Prophet



It's Parade Season

Nov 7	Nowata Veterans Day Parade	9:30 AM	11 AM	Boys & Girls Club of Nowata, 300 S. Pine St., Nowata
Nov 7	Ponca City Veterans Day Parade	9:45 AM	10:45AM	Ponca Masonic Lodge #83, 1200 W. Grand Ave., Ponca City
Nov 11	Tulsa Veterans Day Parade	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	E. 3rd St. & S. Elgin Ave., Tulsa
Nov 21	Jenks Parade	9:00 AM	10 AM	1st & A Street Parking Lot
Dec 3	Vinita Xmas	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Fire Station, Vinita
Dec 3	Bristow Xmas	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Bristow High School, 808 N. Ash St., Bristow
Dec 4	Sand Springs Xmas	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Behind shopping center at Adams & Sand Springs Road
Decr 5	Pawnee Xmas	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Pawnee City Hall, 510 Illinois St., Pawnee
Dec 5	Bartlesville Xmas	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Phillips Parking Lot
Dec 6	Inola Xmas	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Inola High School, 801 E. Commercial St., Inola
Dec 7	Chouteau Xmas	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	U.S. Post Office, 125 W. Railroad St., Chouteau
Dec 12	Owasso Xmas	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Target, 9010 N. 121st E. Ave., Owasso
Dec 12	Tulsa Xmas Parade	10:00 AM	11AM	E. 10th St. & S. Detroit Ave., Tulsa
Dec 12	Catoosa Xmas	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Cement parking lot
Dec 12	Mannford Xmas	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	4 Diamonds Park, Mannford
Dec12	Collinsville Xmas	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	S. 14th St. & W. Main St., Collinsville
Dec 12	Skiatook Xmas	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Skiatook High School, 1000 W. 4th St., Skiatook





Merri-Makers at the Kar Buffs Caffeine & Chrome Halloween event at Gateway Classic Cars

Shrine Directory

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Tulsa, OK 74129

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Ralph Klumpp,P.P., Recorder
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Angie Eremita, Business Office Manager
918-836-2500

Circus Office
918-836-2524

Hospital Transportation
918-836-2528

Keep informed by checking us out on FACEBOOK!

Unit and Club Meetings

Akdar Park Users – 10am- 1st Sun
Big Wheels – 6:30pm- 3rd Tues
Camel Herders – As Announced
Craig County S.Club- 6:30pm- 1st Thurs
Directors Staff Tulsa-6:30pm -3rd Tues
Dune Buggy-6pm – 1st Wed
Grand Lake S. Club- 6:30pm -4th Thurs(Jan thru Oct)
Indians-6pm –As Announced
Kar Buffs-6pm -4th Thurs
Kay County S.Club-6pm -1st Wed
Keystone Lake S.Club-6:30pm -4th Mon(Jan thru Nov-Steer Inn)
Legion of Honor-7:30pm-2nd Tues
Merri-Makers-7pm -1st Thursday
Mini Choppers-7:30pm -1st Wed
Mini Kars-7pm -4th Thurs
Misfits-6:30pm -3rd Mon
Nomads-6:30pm -4th Mon-Club for New Shriners
Oriental Band-7pm -1st three Mon
Provost Guard-7pm -1st Wed
Scooters Tulsa-7pm -4th Wed
T-Town Tap Room #66-TBA
Wasono S. Club-6pm -1st Mon

Shrine Newsletter Deadline 2027
January/February issue - December 10th
Send your information to
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Happy 250th America!

