

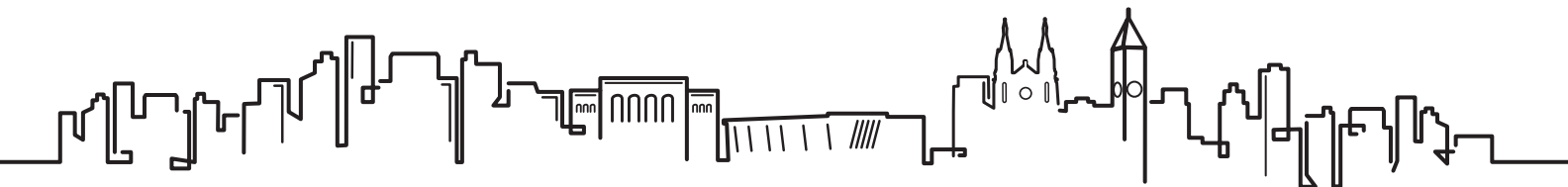
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Pote's Article

Be The Change

Spring and Summer are here!! No, wait, sorry frost and freeze warnings are out. Spring and Summer have arrived!! Nope, sorry again, frost and freeze warnings are again forecast. Finally, Summer is in the air!! Wait, where did I put my coat. Jeez, would someone tell Mother Nature to mellow out and make up her mind.

We had a great El Riad Shrine Circus and I want to Thank Everyone for all the planning and work that went into making it successful. We have a Circus Committee that is second to none. They begin meeting in January and start putting in the time that makes this Circus successful. These past two years, the Committee has been led by Rob Angerhofer as Circus Chairman and Chad Larson as Assistant Circus Chairman. These two individuals have done an outstanding job in their leadership. Rob will be stepping down as Chairman as his time is up and Chad will move into the Chairman role, and I can tell you he is ready. Chad will continue to lead us to very successful Circuses in the future. Eric State has stepped up into the Assistant Circus Chairman role and will be learning from and helping Chad. Thank you Rob for your dedication and service to El Riad and to the Circus over the past couple of years. You have been a great leader for

organization, and I look forward to your continuing probably more relaxing participation in the Circus and with your Units. I also want to Thank all of you Nobles and your Ladies, families, and all the other volunteers that put in the time and effort in volunteering for the Circus, to make this, our largest fundraiser a success. We could not do it without all of you and all the countless hours you put into the Circus. Thank you, Thank you!! We still have two Circuses left, one in Yankton on June 26 and one in Winner on June 27. If you can attend those performances and help, I know both would appreciate it greatly.

Brandon Loyalty Days Parade was a great success, and our Units were well represented in the parade. The Classie Autos, Clowns, Directors Staff, Horse Corps, Motor Corps, Rickshaws, Sprint Cars, Steel Drums, and Big Band all participated made El Riad proud. It was a great day for a parade. Afterwards, our Hillbillie Unit hosted an Oasis at Red Rock's Bar and Grill with music provided by our very own Back 40 Boys. It was very well attended and a fun way to spend the afternoon and evening. Thanks to all that participated in the parade and for the fun afterwards. Greatly appreciated.

We had our Spring Ceremonial on May 9 and it was a great

success. We initiated 8 new Nobles into our amazing fraternity and had a fantastic day. Thanks to our Membership Team for all their work in planning and executing the day and making our new Nobles and our existing Nobles feel welcome and enjoy the day. The Ceremonial was dedicated to Noble Kent Quail. Kent is a member of the Steel Drum Band, the Circus Committee and our Unit and Club Coordinator at the Shrine. At some point, every Noble in the Shrine has had contact with Kent about something. El Riad would not function without the work that Kent puts in for all of us. Thank you to the Ritualistic Unit for putting on the 1st and 3rd sections. It is a memorable part of the Ceremonial for our new Nobles and no one does it better than you. Thank you to the Directors Staff for putting on a great 2nd Section, nice job by all. I especially want to thank my Lady Rhonda and the ladies of the Divan for hosting the Ladies Brunch. The Ladies had a good time and enjoyed great camaraderie.

Looking ahead, our All Shrine (Potentate's) Parade will be held on June 27 in Pipestone, MN. We held it there in 2021 when Illustrious Sir Les Kruse was Potentate and it was a great parade and the venue for the Oasis after the parade at the fairgrounds worked extremely well. Pipestone was extremely excited to hear we were coming back and have been very good to work with on this endeavor. Chief of Staff Ethen Serck and Assistant Chief of Staff Chad DeVries have been working diligently on this and will be getting additional information out to all of the Units and Nobles regarding staging, step off, and the Oasis in the very near future.

This Cactus, Be the Change. Relationships, friendships. I started thinking about this during and after Ceremonial. Contemplating our 8 new Nobles that decided to join us in this great fraternity. Wondering about where their path will lead them on their journey. About the friends they will meet that they haven't even contemplated, the

new relationships they will forge with their new fellow Nobles. I look at the friends I have made within El Riad and most of them I would have never met if it wasn't for being a member of this fraternity. Many of them are the closest friends that I have. So, the next time that you walk into a Wednesday night Oasis, a Unit meeting, a Ceremonial, a Stated Meeting, and greet someone that you don't know or just know casually, remember, you may be greeting a someone that may become one of your closest friends. Again, remember, Be the Change in your own life. Make new friends and see where it goes!






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June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Worthington after Lodge Brookings 5:30 p.m. @ Cubby's	2 Chanters 7-8:00 p.m. Twin Lakes Shrine Club 7 p.m. Rickshaws 6 p.m.	3 Legion of Honor 7 p.m. Happy Hour 4 - 10 p.m.	4 Oriental Band 7 p.m. Clowns 6:30 p.m.	5	6
7	 8 B&E 6:00 p.m. BOD 7:00 p.m. Fife & Drum Corp 7:30 p.m. Highlanders Pipe & Drum 6 p.m.	9 Chanters 7-8:00 p.m. Lewis & Clark 6:30 p.m. Sprint Cars 6:30 p.m. Steel Drum Band 6:30 p.m.	 10 Stated Meeting Happy Hour 4 - 10 p.m.	11 Oriental Band 7 p.m.	12 Dance Club 	13
14 Flag Day 	15	16 Chanters 7-8:00 p.m. Blast & Cast 7 p.m. Steel Drum Band 6:30 p.m.	17 Quarterly Birthday Party Motor Corps 7 p.m. Hillbillies - Outhouse 7 p.m. Happy Hour 4 - 10 p.m.	18 Oriental Band 7 p.m. Director's Staff 7 p.m.	19	20
21 Father's Day 	22 Fife & Drum Corp 7:30 p.m. Highlanders Pipe & Drum 6 p.m.	23 Chanters 7-8:00 p.m. Provost 7:30 p.m. Sprint Cars 6:30 p.m. Steel Drum Band 6:30 p.m.	24 Shutterbugs 7 p.m. Classie Autos 6:30 p.m. Happy Hour 4 - 10 p.m.	25 Oriental Band 7 p.m. Corn Palace Hillbillies 6:30 p.m. Watertown Clowns 6:30 p.m. Supper 7:30 p.m. Meeting	26 Yankton Circus	27 Winner Circus All Shrine Parade - Pipestone Horse Corps 10:00 @ Shrine Bldg.
28	29	30 Chanters 7-8:00 p.m.				

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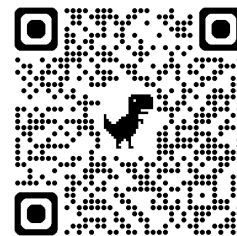
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Legion of Honor 7 p.m. Happy Hour 4 – 10 p.m.	2 Oriental Band 7 p.m. Clowns 6:30 p.m.	3	4 Happy Fourth of July! 
5 B&E (6:00) and BOD (7:00) Worthington after Lodge Brookings 5:30 p.m. @ Cubby's	6	7 Chanters 7–8:00 p.m. Twin Lakes Shrine Club 7 p.m. Rickshaws 6 p.m.	8 Stated Meeting Happy Hour 4 – 10 p.m.	9 Oriental Band 7 p.m. Steel Drum Band 6:30 p.m.	10 Dance Club 	11
12 Summer Bash Fife & Drum Corp 7:30 p.m. Highlanders Pipe & Drum 6 p.m.	13	14 Chanters 7–8:00 p.m. Lewis & Clark 6:30 p.m. Sprint Cars 6:30 p.m.	15 Motor Corps 7 p.m. Hillbillies - Outhouse 7 p.m. Happy Hour 4 – 10 p.m.	16 Oriental Band 7 p.m. Director's Staff 7 p.m. Steel Drum Band 6:30 p.m.	17	18
19 Shrine Family Day	20	21 Chanters 7–8:00 p.m. Blast & Cast 7 p.m.	22 Classie Autos 6:30 p.m. Happy Hour 4 – 10 p.m. Watertown Clowns 6:30 p.m. Supper 7:30 p.m. Meeting	23 Oriental Band 7 p.m.	24	25 Hot Classic Night
26 Fife & Drum Corp 7:30 p.m. Highlanders Pipe & Drum 6 p.m.	27	28 Chanters 7–8:00 p.m. Provost 7:30 p.m. Sprint Cars 6:30 p.m.	29 Shutterbugs 7 p.m. Happy Hour 4 – 10 p.m.	30 Oriental Band 7 p.m. Corn Palace Hillbillies 6:30 p.m. Steel Drum Band 6:30 p.m.	31	Horse Corps 10:00 @ Shrine Bldg.

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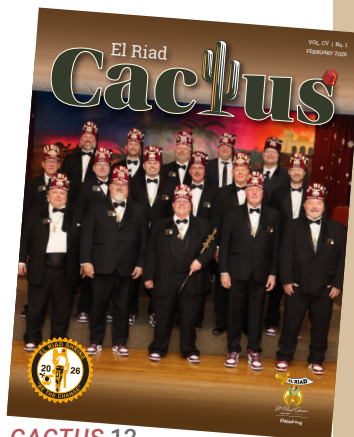
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CLOWNS

A Little Change Midseason

by Bimbo T. Clown



Howdy, this is Tycho “Bimbo” Clausen, the new secretary of the clowns. There has been a change in clown leadership midseason due to personal health reasons of our Big Clown Gadget. We are wishing him well and that he has a speedy recovery so he can get back to what he loves... being a top notch clown. Showt!me takes the helm of Big Clown for the rest of the year, Lector will be Little Clown and I will serve as your humble secretary.

We just had spring ceremonial and had a splendiforous time, we had a handful of clowns in make up and more out of makeup all there to welcome the new nobles. Hopefully a new apprentice is in there somewhere. We all had a merry time at the oasis sharing a great time with Brothers. As a unit we donated \$750 towards the Potentate’s discretion. A great time as always.

Going a bit further into the past, at the circus we had a great turn out of Joey’s, from the booths to the pit and clowning it up. This is our World Series and we scored a touchdown! Ask any clown what they love about

the circus, they will probably tell you the smiles and then follow it up with one zillion pictures that we all cherish on our phones. I know all of the kids and families enjoy these pictures as well. What a great souvenir for a kid! Their very own picture with a real life clown.

We are in for a great year with parade season kicking off, we will have a busy summer. With parades in Pipestone and Balaton among others. We are especially excited for the Potes Parade.

I would like to thank the El Riad clown unit for trusting and believing in me enough to be elected to the executive line. My goal is to be an excellent secretary and continue on the line with my great love of clowning. I will not let you down!! I am looking forward to the rest of this year and encourage anyone who has had any interest in clowning to visit us at our regular meetings on the first Thursday of every month. Don’t worry we don’t bite (except Rodeo he might bite). Feel free to talk to me or any of my clown Brothers about clowning.

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by Bruce Norton

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This year's Circus was very entertaining and the weekend crowds were very good. Everything was hitting on all cylinders with hot dog production, cotton candy, popcorn, etc. production on a high level. Then you have all the folks manning the snack areas or butchering pop, hot dogs, and cotton candy. Count the ticket sellers, finance guys, and everyone else, and you wind up with a terrific result and good community vibes by all.

Promoting the Circus was upgraded this year to include Facebook and Instagram advertising by Jeremy Swenson, Tony Bachman, and our Cactus editor Liz Lambertz. This resulted in thousands of views and certainly, supported the strong attendance numbers we had.

All told, it takes a village to put on the high quality Circus like El Riad does. That means it involves a big group of high quality Nobles and friends of El Riad to volunteer. This is the level of fellowship other Shrine Temples can only aspire to. It's hard to be humble when you clearly are the best at what you do. And our El Riad Fellowship is over the top amazing!

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June. The Pote's parade went well, again hopefully, (we write these a month in advance so your guess is as good as mine!) We meet evenings at 6:30, the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at our practice field and we'd like all interested Nobles to come join us to learn more. We'll put you in a car for a spin around the lot, a few blocks West of Cliff Ave on 56th



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Winners: May 2026

Date	Winner	Sold By
1	Carol Solomon	Horse Corps
2	Steve Kirby	Fife & Drum
3	Wesley Husman *	Steel Drums
4	Jill Schultz	Clowns
5	Janice Wilson	Clowns
6	William Clark	Blast & Cast
7	Jessica Minish	Motor Corps
8	Donna Luden	Watertown Clowns
9	Tony Buschkamp	Lewis & Clark SC
10	Aubrey Koppang *	Horse Corps
11	Nic Wallin	Horse Corps
12	Brian Herther	Shutterbugs
13	Joel Portice	Blast & Cast
14	Brett Cownie	Blast & Cast
15	Paul Maxwell **	Clowns
16	Mike Daggett	Blast & Cast
17	Mary Leedom *	Director's Staff
18	Clara Love	Horse Corps
19	Ken Krein	Horse Corps
20	Kevin Fry	Lewis & Clark SC
21	John Richardson	Steel Drums
22	Doug Kristensen	Lewis & Clark SC
23	Jennie Carson	Motor Corps
24	Roger Braaten *	Chanters
25	Jaden Noble	Horse Corps
26	Bill Lingemann	Shutterbugs
27	Lonnie Ford	Lewis & Clark SC
28	Garrett Goeden	Lewis & Clark SC
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30	Brett Wickersham	Fife & Drum
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By: Bob Pottratz

There's something special about a summer night in downtown Sioux Falls when the rumble of classic engines echoes down the street, live music fills the air, and thousands gather simply to enjoy good company, great food, cold drinks, and beautiful automobiles. What began as a celebration of a local milestone has grown into one of the city's signature summer traditions: Nyberg's Ace Hot Classics Night.

The story began in 2018 when Nyberg's Ace prepared to celebrate its 60th Anniversary. Wanting to honor both the milestone and its iconic downtown location, Noble Kevin Nyberg approached the Classie Autos with an idea that would quickly capture the imagination of local car enthusiasts. The concept was simple: create an event centered around classic cars, community, music, food, and fun while showcasing the energy and spirit of downtown Sioux Falls.

It was an instant match.

The Classie Autos eagerly joined the effort, bringing with them their passion for automobiles and their commitment to providing cold, refreshing beverages for what would soon become one of the hottest events of the summer. From the beginning, the partnership reflected the same spirit that still defines Hot Classics Night today, a straightforward, welcoming gathering focused on enjoying life, friendship, and the

hobby so many people love.

A committee of legendary local car enthusiasts soon formed to organize the event. Their mission was never complicated. They wanted to create a large-scale gathering that remained true to its roots: classic cars lining the streets, great live music, delicious food, cold drinks, and a relaxed atmosphere where everyone could have a good time. That original vision continues to guide the event nearly a decade later.

Year after year, Nyberg's Ace Hot Classics Night has drawn incredible vehicles from across the region. Chrome glistens under the summer sun while restored classics, muscle cars, hot rods, customs, and timeless cruisers turn heads throughout downtown Sioux Falls. Every event brings new stories, new memories, and new generations of enthusiasts eager to share their love of automotive history.

The entertainment has become just as memorable as the cars themselves. Outstanding local bands have helped create the soundtrack for countless summer evenings, from the beloved Grassroots to the always entertaining El Riad Shrine band Last Call. Their performances have kept crowds dancing, singing, and celebrating long after the engines cool down.

And of course, no attendee ever leaves thirsty.

For the past eight years, the Classie Autos have proudly operated the beer tent, helping

ensure guests stay refreshed while supporting the welcoming atmosphere that has become synonymous with the event. Their continued involvement remains one of the cornerstones of Hot Classics Night's success, and they remain grateful for the opportunity to be part of something that has become such an important community tradition.

What started as a one-time anniversary celebration has evolved into a staple of the Sioux Falls summer calendar, a night where generations come together to celebrate classic Americana, local businesses, music, friendship, and community pride.

Now, anticipation is already building for the ninth annual Nyberg's Ace Hot Classics Night on July 25, 2026. Event organizers encourage everyone to check the flyer insert in the Cactus for full details. Even more exciting, plans are already underway for the event's milestone 10th anniversary celebration in 2027.

For the organizers, volunteers, musicians, car owners, sponsors, and attendees who have made the event what it is today, one thing remains certain: Hot Classics Night is more than just a car show. It's a celebration of Sioux Falls itself, its people, its history, and the timeless joy of a summer night downtown surrounded by chrome, music, and friends.

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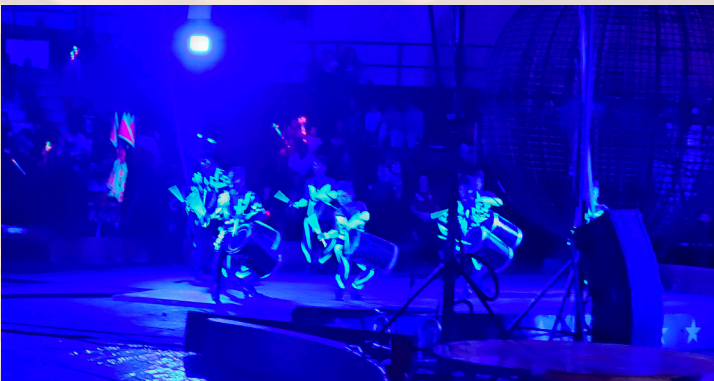
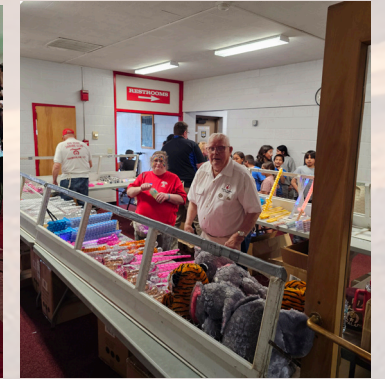
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Chanters in the **Summer!** by Jeff Gould

The 250th Birthday of our country means many groups are looking for a men's choir to celebrate with patriotic music. If you are interested in getting on our schedule, reach out to the Chanter you know or call Jeff Gould at 605-201-5147

A Reminder!

We sing every Tuesday at 7 p.m., just look for the magnetic sign that says Chanters, next to the Silent Messenger statue. Knock and the door shall be opened to you! We have many fun events scheduled for the summer and would love to have you join us.

A Warning and Reminder!

It is June, the month of many weddings. Again, we remind our many fans that The Chanters can no longer sing at such events. Too many members of bridal parties at past events have flirted with unit members after hearing us sing causing many sore feelings and occasional fights.

This attraction (although understood) has caused us to make the difficult decision to no longer sing at weddings. We ask the disappointed public to appreciate our dilemma.

Chanters in the News

Audiologists at the Pentagon are investigating disturbing rumors that certain foreign powers are using directed sound waves to cause headaches and nausea.

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Our Summer is Heating Up! by Bruce Norton

On Friday, April 26, Randy Ingalls reported bring fatigued at the evening Circus show and left early. At around 12:30 AM that night, he woke Lady Becky up and headed to the hospital. That following Tuesday he had heart surgery. As I write, he is recovering at Sanford Heart. By the time you read this, he hopefully is on the



mend and returning to life and his new boat. I know we've had guys in our group suffer from heart issues and doing very well now...We sure wish the same for Randy!

April mostly means Circus and a great big thank you to all the Fife members who worked it. We especially thank Dan Nichols for handling all the manpower scheduling for the various shows. Its a big job and a big commitment and we sure appreciate all he does on behalf of El Riad and the Fife and Drum.

Our attention now turns to our spring/summer season with our first big event being our annual Memorial Day appearance at the Veterans Cemetery. Such a great and humbling opportunity for our group each year to honor our fallen veterans. That event is followed by another annual appearance at Buffalo Days in Luverne, MN the first Saturday in June. Always a fun family day which is followed by a family feast at the Pizza Ranch. Certainly, one of the times the Fifes earn their nickname, the "Wife and Drum". Of course, we'll have Spring

Ceremonial to attend and always look forward to all the fellowship that ensures with that big event.

Out of all the fun and special fellowship our group enjoys, we lack in members stepping up to help lead our group. We've been without a slate of offices for a year. And in 2026, only our Brigadier, Nathan Streich is handling officer duties. We just happen to luck out that Joe Greve's, our Exchequer, handles our finances. Not having a Left Tenant or Sargent-Major roles filled is borderline ridiculous and is totally unfair to Nathan. I urge every member that has not served as an office of our group to strongly consider doing so PLEASE!! It is time consuming at times, but you certainly get back more than you give. Our group's history is filled with great Officers and its past time we fill our officer roles.

Finally, if anyone ever has a message or update to share with the group, please let me (Bruce Norton) know to include in the Cactus.



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To Scribe or Not to Scribe? **That is the Question?** by Steve Burtis

Welcome to the June edition of the Steel Drum Band Cactus article. Once again I find myself at the keyboard, time having gotten away from me, realizing it's the first of May and my submission is due. I know that you all stand by your mailbox each month eagerly awaiting the delivery of your monthly Cactus magazine so you can fan through the pages to find the SDB article. My apologies for missing May's issue. I simply didn't have enough random BS to bore you with.

In the April issue I noticed that only half of my article got printed (and yes I did check the next page, duh). Apparently ads for Cadillac of Sioux Falls and Heritage Funeral home took precedence over the second half of my article. If you were left hanging on the edge of your seat for the conclusion let me know and I'll email you a personal copy!



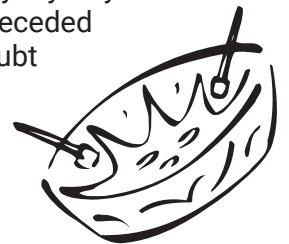
In March the SDB was well represented at the Circus days at Nybergs on 10th and Sycamore. Hundreds of hotdogs were given out to hungry kiddos and their parents, and as usual that one strange lady from the neighborhood stopped by for a couple hours pretending to shop while sneaking back up to the table to surreptitiously grab a couple more hotdogs about five times, only leaving when she saw us starting to pack up.

In April we loaded up our drums and headed across the street to play at the annual USD Scottish Rite Childrens Clinic spring party. The performance went well and they were very happy to see us as they didn't even realize we were coming. I'll have to speak to our tour director about that.

Also in April the SDB did our part at the circus, albeit not in our usual sno cone and cotton candy booth. The circus management decided to take over the snow cones this year, leaving us evicted from our usual spot on the east side.

We found places to land, whether as ushers, cotton candy pushers, money runners etc. all under the watchful eye of the SDB's own Rob "Chip" Angerhofer as Circus Chairman. Great job Chip.

In May 3 we performed at the 60th annual Loyalty Days Parade in Brandon, preceded by (and no doubt succeeded by) BBQ and brews at Brandon Plumbing &





Heating hosted by President Keith “Dwain” Backer and Rob “Chip” Angerhofer. Always good food, good friends and a good parade. Thanks as always to Dwain and Chip.

On May 14 we went out to Garretson for our annual spring golf outing and steak feed. This was a special one as it will be Ron Lukes swan song. Ron has been catering our Spring and fall golf outings for as long as we’ve been having them and his famous steaks are the main reason most of us even attend! Ron and his wife are retiring from the grocery business after 45 years and

we hope you and Lorie enjoy a well-deserved, fun and relaxing retirement.

Also in May we hosted the Wednesday night social on the 20 and 27. Hopefully some of you were there to join us. And as always feel free to join us at one of our Thursday night meetings (except the 1st) to check us out if you are looking for a unit to call home.



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EL RIAD ON ICE

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The holiday season is gliding our way, and preparations are underway for the Second Annual Festival of Trees at the El Riad Shrine. This year's theme—El Riad on Ice—will transform our temple into a sparkling winter park scene filled with ice-blue, silver, and frosted white décor. Picture twinkling lights, snow-covered trees, and the charm of a community skating rink brought indoors. Santa will greet guests from his enchanted polar hideaway, glowing with winter sparkle. Last year's Festival welcomed visitors of all ages and showcased 28 beautifully decorated trees from generous community partners. This year, we're aiming even higher, and we need the help of our Nobles and Ladies to make it happen.

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You don't need to donate a tree yourself — one of the most impactful ways you can support the Festival is by helping us connect with businesses who may want to sponsor a tree.

Help Us Find Tree Sponsors

If you know a business that would enjoy being part of this growing holiday tradition, please encourage them to reach out.

Email: elriadfeztival@gmail.com

Subject Line Options:

"SPONSOR" — include Business Name, Contact Person, and Contact Info

"MORE INFO" — we'll send them our PowerPoint and informational flyer

We would also love for sponsors to send their logo for advertising and promotional materials.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you love decorating, come to a meeting or two and help us bring the vision to life!

Setup & Decorating Days — help transform the Shrine into our icy winter wonderland.

Treat Contributions — Candies, cookies, breads and more.

Event Volunteers — Bartenders, food, raffle helpers, treat room, hospitality roles, clean up and so much more.

Spread the Word — share the event with friends, coworkers, and community groups. Every helping hand makes the Festival brighter. Follow us on Facebook

Watch Your Email

Volunteer sign-ups, decorating schedules, and additional details will be sent out soon.

Please keep an eye on your email for opportunities to participate and help bring El Riad on Ice to life. If you don't receive emails, and want to just email us and we will get you included! Ladies this means you too!

Let's Make This Year Even More Magical

The Festival of Trees is quickly becoming one of El Riad's most beloved traditions. With your help—your time, your connections, your enthusiasm—we can make this year's event our most spectacular yet.

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Stated Meeting

4.8.26 | El Riad Temple

by John Whitelock P.P., Recorder

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Potentate Scott Denney. Chaplain Matt Johnson gave the invocation. Potentate Denney then led the Nobles in the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting held on March 11, 2026 were, upon proper motion and second, approved as printed and distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Les Kruse gave the financial report for March, 2026.

Upon proper motion and second, the Treasurer's report was approved.

On April 6, the Board of Directors approved the drafting of a resolution authorizing the El Riad Board of Trustees to transfer \$70,000 from the interest income of the Patient Transportation Endowment to the Patient Transportation operating account. The purpose of the transfer is to fund increased transportation costs amid declining donations to the transportation operating account. Recorder Whitelock presented the resolution to the nobility and moved to approve it. Following a proper second and discussion, the motion passed.

Also on April 6, the Board of Directors approved the drafting of a resolution authorizing the El Riad Board of Trustees to transfer \$70,000 from the interest income of the Membership Endowment

to the El Riad general operating account. The purpose of the transfer is to provide operating capital to the temple until circus revenue is received. Recorder Whitelock presented the resolution to the nobility and moved to approve it. Following a proper second and discussion, the motion passed.

Building and Entertainment Committee Report: Chief Rabban Steve Haase reported on several items of discussion or action by the Building and Entertainment Committee:

- The new projectors for the dance floor have been received and installation is pending;
- 16 new credit card machines have been received and setup for the circus is ongoing;
- Painting of the oasis handrails, the south entry and the smoking room is planned;
- Options for replacing the exterior neon with LED are being explored;
- New signage is being procured for prohibition of smoking and loaded firearms;
- A faulty fire alarm sensor was replaced, and plumbing under the bar was repaired.
- New baseboard has been installed in the front entryway.

Upon proper motion and second, the report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief of Staff: Chief of Staff Noble Ethan Serck noted the events upcoming in the near future, including the Spring Ceremonial

on May 9; Potentate's Parade on June 27 in Pipestone, MN; and the Midwest Shrine Association summer session on August 12-15 in Grand Forks, ND. He also reminded the nobles to volunteer at the circus and to purchase their circus coupons. MSA lodging information and rates will be forthcoming soon, and El Riad has been allotted 85 rooms in Grand Forks.

Membership: Membership Co-Chairman Noble Serck told the nobility that the Spring Ceremonial is an abbreviated event and will commence on May 9 at 8:00 a.m. and be finished near 12:00 noon. El Riad is working closely with the Masonic lodges to get candidates through the degrees prior to our ceremonial. Membership Co-Chairman Noble Jeremy Swenson told the nobility that once the Sioux Falls circus is completed, more membership information will be posted on social media. Posting on Facebook regarding Circus Days was very successful, and many attendees reported that they saw the Circus Days advertising on Facebook.

Circus: Circus Chairman Noble Rob Angerhofer told the nobility that Circus Days at Ace Hardware stores were very successful. He thanked the units and the nobles that worked the event. Hundreds of coupons were distributed. New credit card machines have been received and are being programmed for use in

the concession stands. Invoices have been mailed to our legacy corporate sponsors. The wrap-up meeting for the circus committee will be held on May 18.

Communications: Chief Rabban Steve Haase told the nobility that the deadline date for the June/July issue of the Cactus is May 1, and the deadline for the August issue is July 1. Unit/club photos for the 2027 cash calendar are due on May 1. A plea was made for more nobles to become Cactus subscribers. Only 99 nobles have paid \$25 for an annual subscriber membership. While the cost of the magazine is partially subsidized by the annual subscribers and the paid advertisers, those receipts only cover half of the annual cost of publishing and mailing 10 issues. Those nobles wanting to become a subscriber can call Kent Quail at the office for instructions on how to join. Chief Rabban Haase noted that nobles who would rather receive only a digital copy of the magazine instead of a hard copy by mail can contact Kent Quail to be taken off the Cactus mailing list. He also advised that the Board of Directors is considering several methods for reducing the impact of the Cactus costs on the temple's operating budget.

Social Media: Committee member Noble Jeremy Swenson told the nobility that the most recent social media focus has been on assisting with advertising our circus ticket sales. In the past 30 days, 11 Facebook ads have been launched and boosted at a cost of \$1,176. Those ads received over 166,000 views.

Masonic Relations: Masonic

Liaison Noble James Byers informed the nobility of upcoming Masonic activities: April 13, Trinity 200, EA degree; April 22, Mitchell Resurgam Lodge, FC degree, April 22; and May 7, Minnehaha 5, MM degree. He discussed the need for El Riad and the Masonic lodges to communicate and to work together to facilitate a two-way street in getting candidate approved and inducted in a timely manner.

Divan Reports: Assistant Rabban Bill Thompson reported on the Fife & Drum Unit, Oriental Band, Corn Palace Shrine Club and the Back 40 Boys. 1st Ceremonial Master Brian Schultz reported on Family Day on July 19 at Spellerberg Park, the Twin Lakes Shrine Club, Classie Autos, Legion of Honor, Mystic Brewers and the Director's Staff. High Priest & Prophet Paul Berndt reported on the Clown Unit, Motor Corps and the Sprint Cars. 2nd Ceremonial Master Aaron Neiman reported on the Blast & Cast Unit, Rickshaws and the Smokin' Misfits. Oriental Guide John Schuety reported on the Chanters, Lewis & Clark Shrine Club, Steel Drum Band and the Hillbillies.

Trip Report: Assistant Rabban Thompson reported on the joint Watertown Circus on April 4. This event is a cooperative project of the Masons and Shriners in Watertown and features three shows. He reported that our Watertown unit works hard to make this a successful event. He urged Sioux Falls nobles to venture north in 2027 to help out with this fine event.

Business from the Floor: Ill. Sir Jim Slater, PP, told the nobility that a CPR class will be held at El

Riad on April 19 at 9:00 a.m. All nobles are invited to attend free of charge, and that members of the Roadrunners must attend pursuant to Imperial bylaws. Noble Brian Pulling, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master-Elect, told the nobility that he located an El Riad fez and fez case, which belonged to a noble in Watertown, and which was dated 1913. He is gifting it back to El Riad for appropriate display. Noble Bob Tomshack gifted a set of El Riad playing cards from 1968. Ill. Sir Tom Anderson, PP, told the nobility that nobles and their family members are invited to sell CDs at the Rock the Country concert at the W.H Lyons Fairgrounds on June 27. All proceeds go to Shriners-Children's.

There being no further business before the body, Potentate Denney thanked the Provosts for tiling the doors. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The motion was approved.

Unit & Club Officers

2026 Contact Information

Back 40 Boys

President: Clayton Wilhelm (Holly)
(Meets as called)

BIG BAND

President: John Bayer (Janean)
(Unit Meets for Ceremonials)

BIG BEND SHRINE CLUB

President: Claude Olson
(Meeting dates as called)

BLAST & CAST

President: Steve Abraham (Laurel)
(Meets 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

Blast & Cast North

President: Ron Moehring (Sheila)
(Meets as called)

BROOKINGS SHRINE CLUB

President: Dallas Olson (Gwen)
(Meets 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m. @ Cubby's)

CHANTERS

President: Jeff Gould (Elizabeth)
(Rehearsal every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m., Social @ 8:00 p.m.)

CLASSIE AUTOS

President: Bob Pottratz (Mary)
(Meets 4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.)

CLOWNS

Big Clown: Matt Leedom
(Meets 1st Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.)

CORN PALACE SHRINE CLUB

President: TBD
(Meets last Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.)

CULINARY UNIT

President: Bill O'Connor (Thomy Jo)
(Meets as called)

DANCE CLUB

President: Chris Karr (Erika)
(Meets as called)

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

President: Joe Bergsmith (Stefanie)
(Meets 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.)

FIFE & DRUM CORPS

Brigadier: Nathaniel Streich (Mandy Juhnke)
(Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30 p.m.)

GOPHER SHRINE CLUB

President: Michael Simon (Marlene)
(Meets as called)

HIGHLANDERS PIPE & DRUM

President: David Wooters (Julie)
(Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:00 p.m.)

HILLBILLY outhouse #1

President: James Hoy (Paula)
(Meets 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

HORSE CORPS

Trail Boss: Ken Krein (Tammy)
(Meets last Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.)

LEGION OF HONOR

Commander: Ron Knott (Diane)
(Meets 1st Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

LEWIS & CLARK SHRINE CLUB

President: Michael Burns (Jonell)
(Meets 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. Social/Eat, Mtg @ 8:00)

MOTOR CORPS

Commander: Tom Anderson (Jane)
(Meets 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

MYSTIC BREWERS

Brew Master Russ Olson

ORIENTAL BAND

President: JSteve Veenhof (Jackie Krouse)
(Meets Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.)

PROVOST

Chief: Bill Rise
(Meets 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

RICKSHAWS

Emperor: Eric State (Kayla)
(Meets 1st Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.)

RITUALISTIC

President: Paul Maxwell
(Meets as called)

ROADRUNNERS

President: Doug Kristensen
(Meets as called)

ROSEBUD SHRINE CLUB

President: Richard Ringstmeyer (Janet)

SHUTTERBUGS

President: Steve Haase (Sandra)
(Meets last Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

PIXELS

President: Shelby DeVries (Chad)
(Meets with Shutterbugs)

SKI CLUB

President: Evan Brink (Jean Saunders)
(Meet as called)

SMOKIN' MISFITS

President: Ron Knott (Diane)

SPRINT CARS

President: Todd Schneider (Michelle)
(Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.)

STEEL DRUM BAND

President: Keith Backer
(Meets 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.)

TWIN LAKES SHRINE CLUB

President: Kyle Brunick (Cassandra)
(Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

WATERTOWN SHRINE CLOWNS

President: Jeff Gamber (Annette)
(Meets 4th Thursday, dinner @ 6 p.m., meeting @ 6:30 p.m.)

WORTHINGTON SHRINE CLUB

President: Open
(Meets as called)



8.13.26

24th Annual Tournament Information

- Noon shotgun start
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