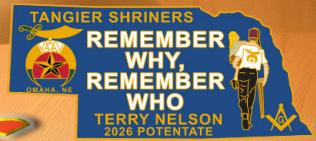




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## CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE FEED

March 15



*Potentate's Ball*  
**DANCING IN THE  
MOONLIGHT**

APRIL 11



# Potentate's Message



I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in and supported my installation. A special thank you to Illustrious Sirs Frank Kroupa and Tom Brummett, and an extra note of gratitude to Paul Gonzales—you all did a fantastic job!

My thanks also extend to our Ritualistic Divan, Chanters, Provost, Shrine Bowl Unit, Dave Workman, and the Potentate's Aide. I would be remiss if I did not recognize Dan Henn and Mike Gardner, along with their wives, as well as Adam Reese for providing the wonderful food enjoyed by all. Special recognition goes to the Shrine

Bowl Ladies for the beautiful decorations and for truly making the evening special. To anyone I may have missed—thank you. It was, and will remain, a night we will remember forever.

As in years past, our focus remains on recruiting and maintaining membership. Growing Masonry is essential, and as Masonry grows, so does our Shrine. We have already welcomed new members this year and must stay committed to our goals.

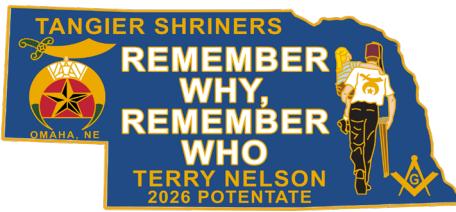
February will be a busy month, with Grand Lodge (Feb. 5–7), our Valentine's Day Stated Meeting, Mardi Gras, the Potentate's Trip, and many other events. I encourage everyone to step out of their comfort zone—participate, attend events, and support Tangier, our Clubs, and Units.

As we move through 2026, please remember why we do this—to increase awareness of our mission and ensure more children receive the care that can truly change their lives. If you know of a child in need and are unsure how to proceed, please reach out to your Divan; we are here to help make that connection.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the Potentate's Ball on April 11, to be held at the Scottish Rite. Angie Heubner and Courtney Martin have been working hard to make this a fun and memorable evening. Please contact the office to make your reservations. I look forward to seeing you there and visiting with you all.

Fraternally,

Terry J. Nelson  
Potentate 2026



Join us

## CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE FEED

*prepared the old fashioned way*

**3.15.26**

**11AM-7PM**

**\$20/person**

**Dine-in  
Carry-out  
Drive-thru**

**Tangier Shrine Center  
2823 S 84<sup>th</sup> St  
Omaha, NE**

**Get your tickets today!  
Tangier Office  
402.392.0404**

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# Elected Divan & Appointments

## ELECTED DIVAN

Potentate.....	IS Terry J. Nelson
Chief Rabban.....	Timothy P. "Tim" Bernet
Assistant Rabban.....	Duane J. Jackson, Sr
High Priest & Prophet.....	David E. "Dave" MacDonald
Oriental Guide.....	Mark A. Howie, Sr
Treasurer.....	IS William E. "Bill" German PP
Recorder.....	James R. "Jim" Huebner

TRUSTEES.....	Michael L. Elske, William J. "Billy" Frank, Brian Heath, & Jack Taff
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## APPOINTIVE DIVAN

First Ceremonial Master.....	Jake Lozano
Second Ceremonial Master.....	Jason Thompson
Director.....	Brian Jones
Marshal.....	Thomas M. "Tom" Mullally
Captain of the Guard.....	Blake Nelson
Outer Guard.....	John "Chop" Ruckman

## POTENTATE'S

PERSONAL AIDES.....	Dustin M. Nelson, Jeff Myers, Donald J. Thomas, Kenneth L. Nielsen, & Don "Pete" Peterson
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## POTENTATE'S STAFF

Chief of Staff .....	David B. Workman, Jr
Assistant Chief of Staff .....	Jason Thompson
Chief Aides.....	Bruce Arp, Kirk Collins, Jason Dueling, Joe Hodges, Thomas Jones, Jr., Adam Reese, Bernard Rolfs, Jay Kawecki, Robert Kuhl, Allan Kuiper
	Jim Smith, Jeffrey Sterba, & David G. Workman

Project Manager.....	IS Frank Kroupa PP and IS Bill German
Ambassadors.....	Mohan Krishna, David Greenberg, & Kraig Prange

Chaplain.....	Travis Drews
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Commander of Units.....	Kevin Potter
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Lt. Commander of Units.....	Duane "Chip" Woodman
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Samsar.....	Matthew Ellis
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Feztival of Trees Co-Chair.....	IS Jim Hirl PP and John Golden
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Show & Shine Chairman.....	Don Streeter
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NE Shrine Bowl.....	Tom Mullally, Scott Christensen & Kenneth Darnell
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Hospital Representative.....	James Ryan
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Hospital Patient Coord.....	Thomas E. Koksal & Jim Turpen
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Hospital Van Coord.....	Thomas E. Koksal
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Board of Gov., Twin Cities.....	IS Paul Gonzales PP
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Housing Chairman.....	Gary Shepherd
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Kitchen Manager.....	IS Mike Gardner PP & Kim Gardner
Dry Goods Manager.....	Ronald Barber

Legal Staff.....	MWB Rick Myers
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Photographers.....	Steve Reese & Greg Norton
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Parades Representative.....	IS Gary Unger PP
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Sunshine Committee.....	Travis Drews
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Historian.....	Timothy Bernet
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Chief Aide Emeritus.....	Al Sesemann, Dave Muller,
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	Scot McCaul, & Leroy Fuglsang,
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	Dan Henn, John Hoagland, & Barry Ahlborn
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Treasurer Emeritus.....	IS James Parks, Sr PP & IS Ralph Joos Jr PP
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Trustee Emeritus.....	Ronald Barber
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Board of Gov. Emeritus,	
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Twin Cities.....	IS Don Perry PP & IS Daryl Finley PP
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## February Stated Meeting Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:15PM Dinner  
Oasis Lower Level  
Surf-n-Turf  
(\$10/person)  
Cook - Jim Hirl  
Servers - Mobile Nobles

7:30PM  
Men's Meeting  
(Crescent Main Room)

Ladies Meeting  
Bunco!  
(Oasis Lower Level)

Dinner RSVP by Feb 9th

# February HAMBURGER Nights

5:30-7PM OASIS LOWER LEVEL

**February 4**

**Lasagna**

Cooks - Vintage Iron Desserts - LOH Ladies

**February 11**

**Chicken Fried Chicken**

Cooks - Arab Patrol Desserts - Vesta OES #6

**February 18**

**Hot Turkey Sandwich**

Cooks - Pirates Desserts - DeMolay

**February 25**

**Ham & Au Gratin Potatoes**

Cooks - Boone & Crocket Desserts - Daughters of the Nile

Also available hamburgers, chicken tenders, hot dogs, onion rings, french fries, fish sandwich, and pork tenderloin.



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**

## **LEGION OF HONOR FEZ BALL**

**IN HONOR OF COMMANDER ELECT DANIEL ALATI**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

**6PM SOCIAL HOUR**

**7PM DINNER & INSTALLATION**

**ROAST BEEF OR SALMON (\$45)**

**TANGIER SHRINE CENTER**

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**SEMI-FORMAL DRESS ATTIRE**

**RSVP BY FEBRUARY 9TH**

**ALATI72@YAHOO.COM OR 402.536.0703**

## First Lady Sheryl Nelson's Project

### Help Send a Child to CAMP ACHIEVE

First Lady Shery is proud to support Camp Achieve, a special three-day camp in Woodbury Minnesota for children with a limb difference



At Camp Achieve, kids try new adventures, build confidence, and make friends who understand their journey.

### How You Can Help?

#### Say YES to New Adventures!

First Lady Sheryl is selling this special t-shirt to raise funds to send one child to Camp Achieve.

#### Say YES to Making a Difference.

Your support helps a child discover what they CAN DO-not what they can't.



Get your t-shirt today!  
Tangier Office 402.392.0404

## Noble of the First Quarter: Don Dotson

Don has been a Shriner for just over one year, yet in that short time he has already distinguished himself through dedication and a strong commitment to the values of our fraternity.



As the owner of Delmich Office Cleaning, he provides carpet and floor cleaning services at the Tangier Shrine Center, and his work consistently reflects top-notch service, attention to detail, and pride in excellence. His dedication helps ensure our facility remains clean, welcoming, and well cared for, and we sincerely appreciate the professionalism he brings to this important role.

In 2024, Don achieved an important milestone by earning his Grand Master's Proficiency Excellence Coin in the Entered Apprentice (EA) Degree at Waterloo Lodge No. 102—a true testament to his hard work, discipline, and respect for the craft.

Outside of Masonry and business, Don is a devoted family man. He is happily married and the proud father of two children, balancing his family life with service to his lodge and the Shrine.

Don's positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to step up whenever needed make him a shining example of what it means to be a Shriner. We are grateful for his contributions and look forward to watching his continued journey within Tangier.

# Mardi Gras

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

**COCKTAILS 6 PM**

**DINNER 7 PM**

**DANCE 8 PM -MIDNIGHT**

**OMAHA'S BEST MARDI GRAS**

**PARTY!**

**PUBLIC WELCOME!**

**\$25 PER PERSON**

**2 FOR \$40**

**TABLE (8) \$160**

**CONTACT AMY JONES (402.651.2023) OR THE SHRINE OFFICE FOR TICKETS**

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Tangier Directors Staff activity fund", "Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions." Fair Market Value \$12.00

# February Birthdays

W Bruce McCoy	2/1	Patrick F Costello	2/12	David H Muller	2/21
Dennis Blackman	2/1	Edward W Nolte	2/12	Michael D Foreman	2/21
Mark L Miller	2/1	Michael J Barcus	2/12	Andrew D Kroupa	2/21
Ryan A Moore	2/1	Robert E Truax	2/12	Harlan O Falk	2/22
Gabriel S Samson	2/1	James G Hansen	2/12	Leroy C Daniels	2/22
Arthur C Highman	2/2	Duane L Smith	2/13	Ronald L Feierman	2/22
Dean F Skokan	2/2	John S Taff	2/13	Thomas E Greenlee	2/22
David L White	2/2	Brett Younkin	2/13	Kim T Gardner	2/22
James W Perry	2/2	Donald A Leu	2/14	Patrick J Morgan	2/22
Robert S Hargis	2/3	John J Gross	2/14	Adam J Reese	2/22
Dale Hiers	2/3	Joshua C Mai	2/14	Alex J Fangman	2/22
Tom Hemmer	2/3	Stanley L Hale	2/15	Albert M Sesemann Jr.	2/23
Byron D O'Dowd	2/3	Mark A Young	2/15	Gary W Krummel	2/23
Mark C Wolf	2/4	James M Sklenar	2/15	Larry D Gardner	2/23
Travis C Drews	2/4	Arthur L Martin	2/15	Kenneth L Cox	2/23
Dale V Saling	2/5	Michael L Elske	2/15	Rob D Patterson	2/23
Steve A Elliott P.P.	2/6	David E MacDonald	2/15	William J Frank	2/23
Robert T Kuhl	2/6	Ryan S King	2/15	Travis Huneke	2/23
Donald R Goodnight	2/7	Eugene R Loots	2/16	Lowell E Coburn	2/24
Walter H Sperzel Sr	2/7	James D Gansemer	2/16	Scott B Rabourn	2/24
Enno A Mueller	2/7	James P Dolan	2/16	John C Gammel	2/25
Tim R Eyman	2/7	David L Patten	2/16	James W Hicks	2/25
Barry L Frerichs	2/7	Jeffrey J Cernik	2/16	John A Ruwe	2/25
Eric J Lockett	2/7	James C Spielman	2/17	T. B Diers	2/25
Scott A Tribout	2/7	Roger L Olson	2/17	Terry Nelson	2/25
David A Beavers	2/8	John C Kula	2/17	Charles M Richey	2/25
Donald J Dotson	2/8	William P Cornell	2/18	Rex P Waller	2/26
Evangel L Trice	2/8	Kevin D Potter	2/18	Floyd K Sheets	2/26
William C Harper	2/9	Gerald W Allen III	2/19	Brian K Kay	2/26
Keith Hale	2/9	Karl R Adamson	2/20	Roger G Coufal	2/27
John Bartunek	2/9	Loren C Moore	2/20	Jack D Wagaman	2/28
Timothy F Goodnight	2/10	Ricky D Shallenberger	2/20	Carl Brady	2/28
James S Jacobson	2/10	Roger A Mlady	2/20	Daniel E Kneher	2/28
R T Royalty Sr	2/11	Andrew J Muska	2/20	Casey Hall	2/28
Charles C Clawson	2/11	Michael I Donham	2/21	Ronald W McKerlie	2/29
John C Witzel	2/11				



**CLOWN CAMP**

**FEB. 28, 2026 @ 2-7 PM**

**TANGIER SHRINE CENTER 2823 S. 84TH ST.**

**PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN CLOWN SKITS, MAKE-UP, AND MORE.**  
**THE CAMP WILL CONCLUDE WITH A PERFORMANCE**  
**FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS BEFORE DINNER.**

FOR KIDS 6 YEARS+

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A CLOWN WIG, NOSE, SHIRT & DINNER.  
 ADDITIONAL DINNER TICKETS \$10/EA. CHILDREN 5 & UNDER \$5/EA

**Cost \$40**

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# JOIN THE SCIMITAR CLUB

*Protect the Future of Tangier Shrine*

## WHAT IS THE SCIMITAR CLUB?

As operating costs continue to rise, Tangier Shrine faces increasing financial challenges. To meet these challenges head-on and safeguard the future of our organization, we are proud to offer the Scimitar Club.

**\$100  
per year**

## WHY THE SCIMITAR CLUB MATTERS

The goal of the Scimitar Club is simple — yet vital:

- Raise funds to help cover our annual operating expenses
- Create a sustainable source of revenue
- Ensure Tangier Shrine remains strong, active, and secure

## A SMALL COMMITMENT. A BIG IMPACT.

- Investing in the future of Tangier Shrine
- Demonstrating commitment to our fraternity
- Helping ensure our doors remain open and thriving



**STAND WITH TANGIER. STAND FOR THE FUTURE. JOIN THE SCIMITAR CLUB TODAY!**

*Because the strength of Tangier Shrine depends on all of us.*

**Contact the Tangier Office 402.392.0404**

# Buy a Brick, Leave a Legacy

Print clearly. Do not exceed 16 characters per line. A space counts as a character.

## Leave Your Legacy at Tangier Shrine Center

Be part of Tangier history  
with a personalized  
engraved brick displayed  
on the Crescent Room  
walls.

It's a lasting way to honor  
a loved one, celebrate a  
milestone, or show your  
Shrine pride.

**Red Brick – \$100  
Gold Brick – \$500**

First Line

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Second Line

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Third Line

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**Buyer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Red Brick**  **Gold Brick**

**Total Amount Owed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check may be mailed to the Tanger Shrine Center, 2823 S 84th St, Omaha, NE 68144.**

**For credit card payments, call 402.392.0404.**

# Units & Clubs

## ARAB PATROL

by Jason Thompson

Happy February, Nobles and Ladies!



We're still riding the excitement of an incredible 2025 and extend our sincere thanks to Illustrious Sir Paul for his dedicated service. We're equally enthusiastic to begin a new chapter under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Terry, our 2026 Potentate.

The Arab Patrol is ready to roll up our sleeves, and we invite all members to join us in making this a rewarding year for our unit—and the Shrine as a whole.

## Upcoming Events

**-February 11 | Hamburger Night –** Come hungry! The Arab Patrol will be in the kitchen serving up favorites.

**-March 15 | Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** – Join us as we proudly support this Tangier tradition.

## Super Bowl Squares

Add excitement to the Big Game! Squares are \$20, with a \$300 payout per quarter. Only a few remain—see an Arab Patrol member to grab one.

Here's to a year filled with camaraderie and memorable moments!



## CHANTERS

by Bernie Hauber

Here we are in the second month of a new year. In January, Nobles L. "Joe" Work and Al Nelson were installed as Captain and Lieutenant of the Chanters. The Chanters were honored to perform at the installation of the Tangier Shrine Divan on January 9, 2026, and we hope our performance was well received by all in attendance.

Continuing our tradition, I'd like to introduce our Lieutenant, Noble Al Nelson. Al was raised a Master Mason at Grays Lake Lodge in Illinois in 1982 and served as Master in 1988. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1985 and Medina Shrine in Chicago in 1986. Al and his wife, Mary, were also active in the Order of the Eastern Star, where he served as Worthy Patron.

After moving to the Omaha area in 1992, Al joined Papillion Lodge and later served as Worthy Patron of Papillion Chapter OES. In 2001, he joined the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite, Tangier Shrine, and the Chanters as a bass, later serving as Captain in 2006. Following federal service in Ohio and retirement, Al returned to Omaha in 2015 and rejoined the Chanters. We are grateful for his continued dedication and voice.

Any man who enjoys singing is encouraged to join us. We rehearse most Mondays at 7:00 PM at the Shrine Center. New Shriners who join the Chanters will have their 2027 Tangier Shrine dues covered.

*"Being a singer is a natural gift. It means I'm using to the highest degree possible the gift that God gave me to use." Aretha Franklin*

## ARBOR SHRIINE

by Don Larson

With all 2026 leadership now installed for Tangier, its clubs, and units, it's exciting to see what the coming year will bring. As always, we recognize that membership remains our top priority.



The Arbor Shrine Club would like to congratulate member Kiel VanderVeen on the exciting expansion of his business here in Nebraska City.

With spring approaching, the 2026 parade season will soon be underway. We encourage everyone to participate, help fill the firetruck, and show your support.

Please remember that the Club holds a dinner meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at rotating locations. Watch for an email with details—we hope to see you throughout the year.

## AUXILIARY

by Pam Christensen

Thank you, P.P. Paul Bohannon, for your tremendous support over the past year! A warm welcome to our new Potentate, Terry Nelson, and his entire Divan—we know it's going to be a wonderful year ahead.



We're hitting the ground running with our 2nd Annual Valentine Sweet Treat Box! Each box is filled with delicious homemade goodies, beautifully decorated and complete with a Valentine card.

### Pick-up Dates:

Donut Tuesday | February 10  
Temple Dinner | Thursday, February 12  
Friday pickup if any boxes remain

Boxes are \$15 each, with all proceeds benefiting the Wheelchair Fund.

To pre-order, contact Pam Schultz Christensen at 402-490-7680 or any Auxiliary member.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to share the sweetness!



# Units & Clubs

## CORVETTE CLUB

by *Trent Pearce*

The Corvette Club is starting the new year with renewed energy, fresh goals, and an exciting outlook for the months ahead. With new leadership in place, the club is planning upcoming events, trips, and community involvement—while continuing to strengthen the camaraderie that makes this group so special.



**History Spotlight:** The Corvette never raced in NASCAR because it was designed as a two-seat sports car, while NASCAR focused on full-bodied sedans. Instead, Chevrolet showcased the Corvette's performance on road courses like Le Mans, leaving NASCAR competition to the Camaro.

Here's to a great year ahead—see you at the next meeting!

## HOSPITAL FLOAT

by *Mike Donham*



The installation of the Tangier Divan and officers was a successful event. With unit leadership now in place, we're off to another great year!

Ever thought about driving one of those little yellow cars in a parade? The Hospital Float Unit is looking for a Shrine member to help out. We currently have three cars that look much better in parades than sitting in storage. If you're interested, please contact President Tim Mendoza or any member of the Hospital Float Unit.

February brings birthday celebrations for Nobles Stan Hale and Mike Donham, the two "old codgers" of the unit. Both proudly belong to the "One Percent" group—those born between 1930 and 1946.

Remember, Nobles:

"The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow."

—Unknown

## HILLBILLIES

by *Hambone*

Howdy everybody—I hope your new year is off to a great start!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Hillbilly Christmas Party and gift exchange on December 30. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Terry and Lady Sheryl, along with the elected and appointed Divan—the Hillbillies wish you all the best in 2026. A heartfelt thank-you to all the Cuzins and Gals who made the peanut brittle fundraiser a success, especially the Demings, Brummetts, and Sweetcheeks for cooking all the brittle, the Wallers, Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Mary, and Ill Cuzin Ralphie for selling, and the office staff for helping promote. If anyone was missed, thank you too—we truly appreciate everyone's support!

## SAVE THE DATE — April 18

The Hillbilly Spring Ceremonial will be held April 18, at Ill Sir Ralph Joos' Hideout, 13601 Fairview Road, Springfield. Registration begins 2PM, degree work 3PM, vittles to follow. Degree work will be for men and their ladies. More details coming—we need candidates!

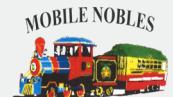
Even though the snow's still flying, your officers are already working on the 2026 calendar. Watch Hot Sands and komputer mail for updates.

Honor the Cob!

## MOBILE NOBLES

by *Charlie Jones*

The countdown is on! We're shifting into high gear for our legendary 357 Dinner & Raffle — rolling into town this March 2026. Mark your calendars, because this is one ride you won't want to miss.



Ever dreamed of joining the Mobile Nobles? Imagine this: cruising through parades, waving like royalty, and sharing laughs with a crew that knows how to turn every event into a memory. If that sounds like your kind of vibe, hop aboard!

We meet the first Saturday of every month at 11 AM — or just chat with any Mobile Noble you see around. We're always ready to welcome new faces, new energy, and new stories.

So grab your gear, bring your spirit, and let's keep the joy rolling and the wheels turning. See you on the tracks!

## KEYSTONE KOPS

by *Cpt Travis "Jinxie" Drews*

Happy February to all!



This month's Kop meeting will be a joint Kop and Kutie dinner meeting on Friday, February 13, at Cascio's Steakhouse, located at 1620 South 10th Street, Omaha. Dinner begins at 7:30 PM. Please watch for email blasts in case of any changes.

The Keystone Kops will be conducting the Water Buffalo Degree on Saturday, April 25. This promises to be an afternoon filled with fellowship and laughter—more details coming soon!

Chops with the Kops returns on Saturday, June 13. This popular public event features a delicious smoked pork chop dinner with all the fixin's, buckets-of-booze raffle, silent auction, and our always-entertaining Family Feud and Newlywed / Not-So-Newlywed games. We're also inviting Clubs and Units to compete against each other. Kops and Kuties—please start collecting items for the silent auction!

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all those celebrating this month!

# Units & Clubs

## MOTOR A

by *The Scribe*

Motor "A" did not meet in January, but will meet on February 2 and welcome Billy Frank as our Tangier Divan Representative.



While our '57s are tucked away for winter, the Precision Demonstration Team is planning parade maneuvers. Practices begin this spring, and once parade season arrives, we'll be entertaining crowds—making plenty of noise with revving engines and horns!

Nobles interested in joining a small fun group are invited to attend a meeting. For location details, contact Unit Commander Noble Scott Christensen at [schriste4@gmail.com](mailto:schriste4@gmail.com) or 402-630-6493.

Happy February birthdays to Sandy Bowman (6th), Peg Hulsebus (18th), and Al Sesemann (23rd).

If you hear lawnmower engines and horns, it's probably Motor "A" coming your way.

## MOTOR B

by *Michael Parkinson, Captain*

Motor B sold over 200 live Christmas trees at the Shrine this year. Brothers from Widows Sons KOTW Chapter partnered with us again, and we thank everyone who supported the effort. Final numbers will be shared in the next Hot Sands.



A special thanks to Ed Hatter for his past year as Captain, and to Dennis Bostow (Secretary) and James Kelly (Treasurer). While I may be Captain now, nothing gets done without their experience and support.

Even though riding season isn't here yet, Motor B is always looking for new riders. Our February and March meetings will be held at Tangier, in the Card Room, the first Monday of the month at 5:30PM. As the weather warms, we'll plan dinner rides to various places.

If you're looking for good company and some two-lane wind therapy, come join Motor B!

## PROVOST

by *Greg Norton*

Greetings from the members of Tangier Provost! It's hard to believe we're already one month into 2026, with parade season right around the corner. The parade committee is hard at work scheduling events for the year.



We're looking forward to another successful year under our new Potentate, Illustrious Terry Nelson. It was great to see everyone at the Divan installation, Units and Clubs installation, and the Provost Change of Command. Thank you to all who helped and participated.

There's an exciting year ahead, so be sure to watch Hot Sands and the weekly tidbits for updates on upcoming events. Dave Larsen is serving as Chief this year—please feel free to reach out to him or any Provost lead with questions.

Here's to a great and successful year for all!

## SHRINE BOWL

by *Brad Wood, Secretary*

The Shrine Bowl Unit kicked off the new year with a busy and highly successful January. Members rolled up their sleeves to support the first Hamburger Night of the season, welcoming Nobles and guests back for another year of fellowship and great food. The unit was also proud to serve at the installation of the Shrine's new officers, helping mark an important milestone for Tangier Shrine. January concluded with the Shrine Bowl Unit hosting its final Shrine Bowl Dinner of the season, bringing the series to a warm and enjoyable close.



As February begins, the Shrine Bowl Unit is already looking ahead with excitement to its Valentine Dinner at Farmer Brown's on February 15.

## RACERS

by *JD Welch, Secretary*

Greetings from the Tangier Racers! We hope everyone had a great start to the New Year.



We're currently updating our by-laws and planning for the 2026 year ahead. Please note that meeting nights have changed to the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, with our next meeting scheduled for February 5. Any Noble interested in attending is more than welcome to join us.

As always, we encourage everyone to support fellow Clubs and Units by attending their events and fundraisers.

## VINTAGE IRON

by *Jack Taff*

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support as we work together to move Vintage Iron in a positive direction for 2026. With the support of the Divan and our membership, I know we will have a strong and successful year.



Vintage Iron is an active club that meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, downstairs at the Shrine Center. Anyone is welcome to attend a meeting. Membership is open to those with vehicles 1987 or older, but you do not need to own a vintage car or truck to join—just a genuine interest in them.

One of our goals for the upcoming parade season is to have 5–6 vehicles represented at each Tangier-approved parade. Members without a vintage vehicle are encouraged to ride along and participate.

We are also planning a Sweetheart event around Valentine's Day for members and their spouses or significant others, while still holding our regular meeting on February 24. Our Spring Picnic and Annual Vehicle Inspection will return to Victory Lane on April 12, 2026, thanks to Robert Foster for hosting once again.

Vintage Iron is always looking for new members. Remember, our mission is to help our kids, and to show the Divan and potential members who we are and how dedicated we remain.

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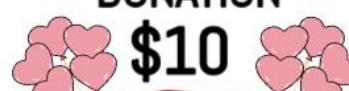


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# Welcome New Nobles

Tangier Shrine welcomed two new Nobles in January. Nobles Don Hawkins and Ray Bennett began their journey in the Shrine and we're excited to have them with us. We look forward to many years of camaraderie, service, and good times ahead!



# Masonic Family Activities

Feb 5-7 Nebraska Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Younes Conference Center Kearney  
Feb 13 Omaha Scottish Rite Fat Tuesday Warmup Mardi Gras, 7-10PM, SRMC  
Feb 17 Alpha Chapter #325 OES Card Party, 10AM-2PM, PapMC

Mar 13 Omaha Scottish Rite Fish Friday, 11AM-1PM, SRMC  
Mar 20 Omaha Scottish Rite Fish Friday, 11AM-1PM, SRMC  
Mar 27 Omaha Scottish Rite Fish Friday, 11AM-1PM, SRMC

Apr 16 Omaha Scottish Rite Poker Night at the Right 6PM-Midnight (402-342-1300 for reservations) SRMC  
Apr 16-18 Grand York Rite Masons of NE Annual Communication (Mark Rossignol, [secretary-recorder@neyorkrite.org](mailto:secretary-recorder@neyorkrite.org)) Holiday Inn Kearney

Apr 30-May 2 Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Spring Reunion 30th, 5:30PM; 1st 5:30PM; 2nd 7:30AM, SRMC

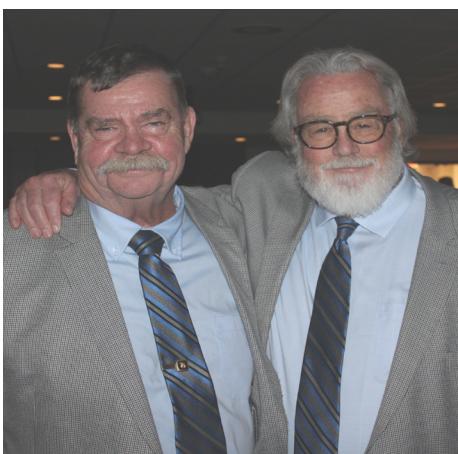
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May 12-14 OES Grand Chapter- Younes Conference Center Kearney  
May 20 Omaha Scottish Rite Spring Outing, 4:30PM, Papillion Gun Club

# Shriners Out and About

## Installation of Officers Ceremony and Reception

It was a great evening celebrating tradition and fellowship as we proudly installed our new officers. These photos capture the spirit of the night—honoring those who have served and welcoming those stepping forward to lead. Congratulations to all the officers, and thank you to everyone who helped make this a memorable and meaningful event!





# Mobile Nobles 3-5-7 Raffle & Dinner

March 7, 2026  
6PM Dinner ~ 7PM Raffle

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Includes dinner for two and one raffle ticket

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## What is the Lounge Activities Committee?

The Lounge Activities Committee is a dedicated group of Shrine Family Members who love bringing people together! We organize **FREE activities** for members and their families to enjoy great food, fellowship, and plenty of fun—all while supporting our Lounge.

There's no cost to attend, but donations are always welcome and truly appreciated. These help cover the cost of food, gift certificates, and raffle prizes.

**Did you know?** We're proud to be one of the only Shrine Centers in the country with a Lounge that's open and staffed 6 days a week! That's something special—and it only stays that way with your support.

So come on out, bring your family and friends, enjoy the activities, and help us keep the Lounge thriving. We promise good times, great company and lots of smiles!

# SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY

IN THE LOUNGE AND GREEN ROOM

SUNDAY FEB. 8



LOUNGE OPENS @ 4:30 p.m.

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WE WILL PROVIDE PIZZAS, BREADSTICKS AND SALAD

*If you want to bring something to share feel free.*

Brought to you by the LOUNGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

## KARAOKE & FOOD NIGHT at the SHRINE!

*Warm up those vocal cords and grab the mic! Join the Lounge Activities Committee for two nights of music, laughter, and good times.*

February 20 & March 20

6PM

Tangier Shrine Center – Green Room



*Come for the food, stay for the fun, and sing your heart out—whether you're a superstar or a shower singer, everyone's welcome!*

# DAYTONA 500 WATCH PARTY



Sunday, FEB. 15th @ 1:30

LOUNGE OPENS @ 12:30p.m.

CLOSES 1 HOUR AFTER THE RACE!!

We'll be providing TACO, BURRITO AND NACHO BAR

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# Scimitar Club

## January 2025

Tom Koksal  
Ed Andersen

## February 2025

Jim Jacobson

## March 2025

Richard Chilton  
Shawn Hennessy  
Gary Krause  
John Wehling  
Frank Vondra  
James Smith

## April 2025

Paul Bohannon Jr.  
Leroy Daniels  
Robert Jasa  
Rupert Lyon  
Arnold Nelson

## May 2025

James Allesandro  
Tim Bernet  
Scott Christensen  
Scot Karpf  
Dave Muller  
Hospital Float

## June 2025

Bruce Adams  
Randy Behounek  
Charles Binge  
Carl Brady  
Michael Burke Lt Col Ret  
Donald Bush  
Bob Duff  
Leonard Falk  
Gary Fields  
Richard Freshman  
Jay Johnson  
Loren Kastanek  
Rob Mead  
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Stan Handquist  
John Harding Jr  
Jerry Leapley  
Philip Lepert  
Terry J. Nelson  
Charles Ploughman  
Rod Schake  
Don Streeter  
Harold Terry  
David Workman Jr

## July 2025

Barry Ahlborn  
Bruce Arp  
I.B Joe  
Gary Churchill  
Bob Klesath  
Frank Kroupa  
Peter Larson  
Gary Martig  
Melvin Morton  
Todd Nelson  
Albert Sesemann  
George Spelios  
William Thummel  
Ivan Vrtiska  
Duane Woodman

## August 2025

Tim Bernet  
Randy Fleming  
Alan Gardner  
Ben Harvey  
Ronald Niederhaus  
Charles Schwartz  
James Spielman  
Bud Vosler

## September 2025

Steve Gwiassa  
Steve Kohler

## October 2025

Ron Stites  
Brian Zahm

## November 2025

Steve Elliott  
Walter Keast  
Dave Workman Jr.

## January 2026

Timothy Mendoza

Want to be a  
part of the  
Scimitar Club?  
Turn to page 7  
to learn more!

# Illnesses

## Jim Hicks

In hospital for medical procedure

## Bob Klesath P.P.

Undergoing medical treatment

## Frank Kroupa

Undergoing medical treatment

## Fred Kroupa

Undergoing medical treatment

*Please keep these Nobles and their families in your thoughts and prayers.*

*If you know of any members who are sick, receiving medical care, or have passed, please notify the Tangier Office at 402.392.0404.*

# Deaths

## Bud Vossler

December 29, 2025

## Donald McWhirter

December 31, 2025

## Mark Nelson

January 15, 2026

## Edward Dellinger

January 17, 2026

# Contributions & Donations

Anonymous Donation

Michael Armstrong

Gwen Atwell

Sharon & Samuel Cook

Dale Duckert

Michael Donham

James Farr

James Gansemer

Michael Horton

Lounge Activities Committee

Todd Lewis

Bob Maline

Mark Pilley

Lida & Edward Robinson

Jerry Scott

Al Sesemann

Calli Stewart

Mark Timmer

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Provost Ladies

## Honor of Randy & Tom Brummett

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# Memorials

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Maureen & Jerry Begley

Stan Handquist

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Dave Muller

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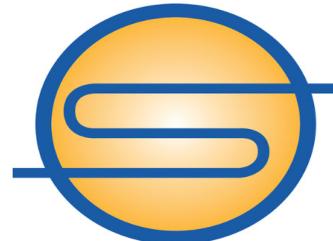
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# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>4</b> 5:30PM Hamburger Night 6:30PM Pote's Trip Review	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 4:30PM Superbowl Watch Party	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>11</b> 5:30PM Hamburger Night	<b>12</b> 6:15PM Stated Dinner 7:30PM Stated Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day
<b>15</b> 1:30PM Daytona Watch Party	<b>16</b> President's Day	<b>17</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>18</b> 5:30PM Hamburger Night	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7PM Karaoke& Food Night	<b>21</b> 6PM Mardi Gras Party
<b>22</b> Potentate's Trip	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>25</b> 5:30PM Hamburger Night	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9AM Clown Camp

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> CSSA Davenport IA	<b>7</b> 6PM Mobile Nobles 357 Dinner
<b>8</b> CSSA Davenport IA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 11AM Corned Beef & Cabbage Feast	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9AM Donuts w/Divan 5PM St Patty's Party in the Lounge	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7PM Karaoke& Food Night	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 5PM Shrine Bowl Player/Parent Dinner	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9AM Donuts w/the Divan	<b>April 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Shrine Bowl Fish Fry	<b>4</b>

# 2026 Clubs & Units Meetings

UNITS	TIME	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE	DIVAN REP
Arab Patrol	7PM	2nd Mon	Tangier (AR)	Steve Spear	402.709.9491	Billy Frank
Chanters	7PM	Every Mon	Tangier (MR)	Bernie Hauber	402.619.6788	Mark Howie
Clowns	6:30PM	1st Fri	Tangier (LL)	Michael Hernandez	402.680.8666	Duane Jackson, Jr
Director's Staff	7PM	4th Mon	Tangier	Brian Jones	402.682.1793	Brian Jones
Greeters	7PM	2nd Tue/Qtrly	Tangier (CR)	Ed Utterback	402.804.0044	Mike Elske
Hospital Float	11AM	3rd Sat	Various	Todd Davison	402.968.7396	Jim Huebner
Rag Tops	6:30PM	1st Mon	Various	Steve Reese	402.333.0807	
Keystone Kops	7:30PM	2nd Frid	Tangier	Dave Norton	402.779.1394	Dave MacDonald
Legion of Honor	7PM	4th Thurs	Tangier	Dan Alati	402.536.0703	Jim Huebner
Mobile Nobles	11AM	1st Sat	Tangier (GR)	Myron Bell	402.415.5324	Duane Jackson, Jr
Motor A	6:30PM	1st Mon	Various	Scott Christensen	402.630.6493	Billy Frank
Motor B	5:30PM	1st Mon	Tangier (CR)	Michael Parkinson	402.708.0464	Bill German
Provost Guard	7PM	3rd Thurs	Tangier (AR)	Dave Larsen	402.541.4666	Tim Bernet
Shrine Bowl	6:30PM	2nd Tues	Tangier/Various	Dave Treadway	402.332.1475	Tim Bernet

CLUBS	TIME	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE	DIVAN REP
Arbor Shrine	7PM	Last Tues	Nebraska City	David Wetrosky	402.297.1217	Jim Huebner
Big Wheels of Shrine	7PM	1st Thurs	Offsite	Rich Mai	402.972.6318	Jack Taff
Boone & Crockett	6:30PM	1st Thurs	Tangier (LL)	Mike Gardner	402.670.1364	Duane Jackson, Jr
Botna Valley	6:30PM	4th Tues	Various	Jay DeYoung	712.370.1477	Jason Thompson
Corvette	6PM	2nd Mon	Tangier (LL)	Kevin Pearce	402.598.0813	Bill German
Demolay	7PM	3rd Tues	Tangier (AR)	Kevin Grazer	402.592.9061	Jack Taff
Fremont Shrine	6:30PM	Last Mon	Various	Bernie Rolfs	402.719.3759	Dave MacDonald
Hillbilly Clan 98		Varies	Ralph's Place	Jim Sklenar	402.960.7282	Jack Taff
Kruzin Kushions	7PM	3rd Wed	Tangier (AR)	Dave Workman	402.651.9483	Billy Frank
Mo Ri	6:30PM	3rd Thurs	Various	Scott Karpf	402.740.5827	Mike Elske
North Bend	8PM	1st Mon	Various	Kevin Vyhldal	402.666.2824	Blake Nelson
Oasis	7:30PM	3rd Tues	Schuyler	Terry Scheuneman	402.615.0243	
Pirates	6:30PM	4th Mon	Tangier	Ian Webster	402.369.2164	Brian Heath
Racers	7PM	2nd Mon	Tangier (CR)	Scott Reuman	402.981.6909	Brian Heath
Ritual Divan		Varies	Tom Mullally	Brett Bennett	785.925.1206	
Road Runners	12PM	2nd Sat	Tangier (CR)	Scott Karpf	402.740.5827	Mike Elske
Sandhills		Varies	Offsite	Jeremiah Schartz	402.340.7007	Mark Howie
Straight Shooters	7PM	4th Thurs	Tangier (MR)	Greg Hansen	402.660.5700	Brian Heath
Vintage Iron	7PM	4th Tues	Tangier (LL)	Jack Taff	402.894.2333	Dave MacDonald
Wise Ashes	6:30PM	3rd Tues	Various	Dillon Hadcock	402.366.7776	Mark Howie

Temple Craft	6PM	4th Mon	Tangier Lounge	David G. Workman
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LADIES MEETINGS	TIME	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
Daughters of the Nile	10AM	1st Sat	Tangier (MR)	Emily Pool	402.618.8501
Sat Ra Patrol	6:30/7PM	Mon	Tangier (LL)	Bev Donham	402.558.9032
Pageantry Dancers	5:30PM	Every Mon	Tangier (MR)	Angie Huebner	402.699.0213
Tangier Auxiliary	10:30AM	2nd Wed	Tangier (LL)	Pam Christensen	402.490.7680
Golden Girls	11:30AM	2nd Tues	Tangier (GR)	LouAnn Stoffers	402.980.7674

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1PM-3PM

Business Casual Attire

## **Dinner & Ball**

6PM Introductions ~ 6:30PM Program

7PM Dinner

*(Tuscan Chicken & Herb Roasted Loin of Beef)*

Dance to follow. Black Tie Attire.



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## **Ball RSVP Deadline March 30th**

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8:30AM

Hamburger Night  
Feb 4, 11, 18, & 25  
5:30PM-7PM

Monthly Stated  
Dinner 6:15PM  
Meetings 7:30PM  
Feb 12

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day  
Feb 14

President's  
Day  
Feb 16

Karaoke  
Night  
Feb 20  
7PM

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Feb 21  
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8PM Dinner

Potentate's  
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6PM

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March 6-8

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