

**Karem Karavan**

**January**

**2025**

**Happy  
NEW  
Year**



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2025 Potentate**

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Kenny Steinocher...High Priest & Prophet  
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Ray Pugh...Treasurer  
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**Karem Shrine's next Stated Meeting will be  
held on **January 16, 2025**  
Your 2025 Dues card is **REQUIRED****



# 2025 Divan



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# Installation Karem Shrine Officers 2025





## Chief Rabban Message

Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies,  
Thank you everyone for all your hard work, support and dedication to Karem Shrine throughout this past year. We were able to be a shining light in the community, we helped improve children's lives, we brought smiles to numerous families, and we were able to make some improvements to Karem's property. We can consider 2024 a big success and a lot of that goes to the leadership that Illustrious Sir Yancy Marteney provided along the way. Are you ready for 2025? I'm ready to roll into the new year and continue our great philanthropic efforts and journey with both our current and newly elected members of the Divan. Welcome Oriental Guide-Paul Hill and his lovely lady Vickie; Recorder-Robert Smith; and Treasurer- Ray Pugh and his lovely lady Catherine. Lady Alicia and I are looking forward to working with everyone and making some great memories this coming year to make 2025 even more successful in all that we set forth to do.

Fraternally,  
Travis Roberson



## A message from Oriental Guide Paul Hill

Greetings, Nobles. I am Paul Hill, and active member of Karem Shrine for over twenty years and your Oriental Guide for 2025.  
Thank you for your support . I look forward to working with you on the future of Karem Shrine.

I reflect on the past twenty years and recall many good times at Karem. Stated meetings, units and dances. The building was filled with members and ladies, laughter and memories. It was a wonderful time in our history. But it is indeed history, and we cannot go back. With time comes growth as we evolve as people and organizations. Some old traditions should be kept, but it is time to start new traditions. Traditions for a new generation of Shriners.

As a newly elected member of the Karem Shrine Board of Directors, I am here to serve the Nobility. I cannot promise you everything, but I can promise to listen and respect your thoughts. And I ask that you do the same for me. Together, with communication at the forefront, we can make Karem Shrine the best in Texas.

Again, I thank you for your support.  
Paul Hill



## A Message from Treasurer Ray E. Pugh

Greetings Nobles,

I started my journey as a Shriner (March 1976) in some what of an unconventional way. While serving in the U.S. Navy, I was stationed at Naval Air Station Rota, Spain. Several of us Master Masons in the local lodge took the station aircraft and flew to Naples, Italy to become Scottish Rite Masons and join the Shrine. It was busy and hectic three or four days, but a very memorable time. After retiring from the Navy and later as a Defense Contractor I decided to return to my roots and be near my mother and family that had settled in Hewitt. We were originally from Mexia.

I moved my Shrine membership to Karem in 2010 and have enjoyed being active in this Shrine and look forward to serving as your Treasurer. It is an honor to be chosen to this position and being a part of the Divan. I have a BA in Business and during my career have managed large financial budgets. I am not an accountant, but I pay close attention to details when dealing with other people's money. The Nobility works hard to raise monies to support our Shrine and support the Shriners Children's Hospital and I will endeavor to be a good steward of those funds. My wife Catherine (Cathy) and I look forward to being part of the Divan and serving the Nobility.

Fraternally,  
Ray E. Pugh

### Tri-County Check Presentation

On January 14, 2025 Lady Mechelle Steinocher and Lady Vickie Hill made a check presentation to Shiners Children's Hospital in the amount of \$500 on behalf of the Tri-County Shrine Club. These ladies were there for the Supreme Queen Visit for Daughters of the Nile. They were honored to make the presentation on behalf of Tri-County. Thank you Nobles for your generous donation.





# Fezzy's Adventures

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Boy oh boy what a year 2024 was!! So many fun things happened and even some really neat things have started for the Shrine! Some kind of club, I think it's called the Optimist Club, donated a brand new thing for kids to play on! I heard some of the guys talking about it and they are gunna build it soon!

I also heard about a really cool family that is gunna let Karem Shrine have this great big Christmas light display so the whole town can still see it during the holidays except they will come to our campground and see it! I'm so excited about that! I'm thinking I'm gunna sleep under those lights on that play thing.

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you, I have my very own airplane and I'm gunna fix it so I can ride in those things called parades! I was told that there are lots more Shriners in our temple than I have seen. When will I get to see you? I might get to go to more fun things this year at the Shrine. Maybe I will meet you there!

Happy New Year,

Fezzy





# Hospital Transportation News

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Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

I just want to personally say a BIG Thank You for all your donations that were made so that we could provide some Christmas Gifts to our families that we transport. The smiles on their faces when we delivered the gifts to them was PRICELESS!

Love to the Rescue is coming up on January 25, so if you are able to attend please do so! This event raises some much needed funds for Hospital Transportation and allows us to continue to do what the Roadrunners do and get these kiddos to their appointments!



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children®

## A little about our Office Admin Melissa

Hello all!! Happy New Year! I just wanted to take a moment and introduce myself so you could get to know me a little more than just the “new Lady”. I’m Melissa Davis the new Office Admin with over 30 years experience providing accounting and reliable customer support to non-profits and corporations in the Waco area; however, I grew up and still reside in Riesel.

I hold an Associate’s Degree in General Studies from MCC and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from UTA. I worked my way up to an Accounting Supervisor in my career with School finance for over 15 years and traveled all over Texas to train superintendents and business managers how to use the software program, run board reports, budget state and federal funds for the following year, perform end of the month and end of the year processes, write policies and procedures, and I even wrote the manual; however, in 2017, I was in a near fatal car accident and didn’t know if I was going to walk again; however, after 3 months in a wheelchair, a 10 1/2 hour surgery and 2 weeks in the hospital, I walked out on my own! No more wheelchair! God is so good. So, after recovering for 2 more years and then working full time for a few more, I decided to spend more time with my family and find a part-time position , in which I found you all, and I am thankful and gracious for the opportunity to support the values and missions of the Karem Shriners. I am thankful for the dedication and hard work you put into the Shrine.

Outside of my work, my family is my pride and joy. I’m a wife to Chad Davis, and he is in remission from Follicular Lymphoma {Praise God!} and just recovered from a recent neck surgery. I’m a mom of 4 adult children; Destiny, Tristan, Joe and Madalyn and the youngest Madelyn is currently in college at MCC. Oh, and I am a mom to a Great Dane, Merle Haggard! Mimi to 3 handsome boys; Zander, Malachi and Kadyn and 1 granddaughter Seylah, in Heaven (Malachi and Kadyn’s younger sister). In addition to spending time with my family, I also enjoy cooking, camping, fishing, hunting, bonfires or anything else enjoying God’s beautiful outdoors.

My grandson, Malachi, was born with 2 types of Cerebral Palsy: spasticity and dystonia. A couple of years ago, Chad and I were at a company picnic at the Karem Shrine pavilion with Chad’s employer, Roy Daily, where we met Rob Smith and Dolan Spencer...Yes! They were cooking some of their best BBQ! OMG! After talking to Rob about Malachi, by the next week, Malachi was already headed to the Shriners Hospital in Galveston, and to this day, he considers so many of you his “friends”. Malachi is such a blessing to us all! At 2 months old, he was without oxygen for 14 minutes, and he is a fighter because he is still with us today.

With all that said, I am blessed to have the opportunity to work for you. I honestly love and take pride in my work and in serving others. I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming years.

Thank You,  
Melissa Davis

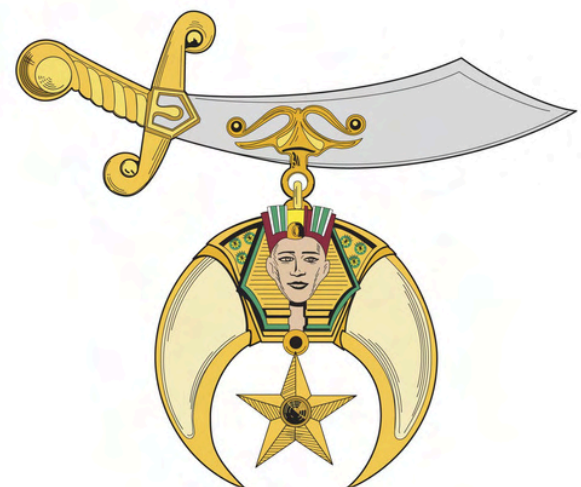


# Past Potentates of Karem Shrine

- 1919-1920 Thomas F. Bush
- 1921 William A. Parker
- 1922 James H. Lockwood
- 1923 Frank M. Miller
- 1924 E.D. Burchett
- 1925 W.E. Gaylord
- 1926 L.C. Puckett
- 1928 G.H. Zimmerman
- 1928 Gallaway Calhoun
- 1929 Frank Holg
- 1930 A.C. Uplegger
- 1931 Lee Dewey
- 1932 William D. Lacy, Jr
- 1933 ALbert T. Clifton
- 1934 M.T. Bell
- 1935 John C. Calhoun
- 1936 Rolla S. Greig
- 1937 John Maxwell
- 1938 H.L. Turner
- 1939 H.F. Hellmuth
- 1940 June F. Holderman
- 1941 T.M. Gribble
- 1942 George H. Rohan
- 1943 William L. Baine
- 1944 Giles P. Lester
- 1945 Charles E. Miller
- 1946 Bryan W. Payne
- 1947 Lee Lockwood
- 1948 Alva Bryan
- 1949 L.M. Crow
- 1950 Sam Darden
- 1951 John C. Young
- 1952 C. V. Anderson
- 1953 S.P. Hooker
- 1954 Vernon Cole
- 1955 Clarence C. Burnett
- 1956 Charles R. Embry
- 1957 M.S. Brooks Jr
- 1958 Joe H. Craven
- 1959 Roy C. Thomson
- 1960 Harold O. Clark
- 1961 William Quebe
- 1962 L. Neill Gatley
- 1963 Arthur Williams, Jr
- 1964 John R. Rogers
- 1965 A.C. Hicks

- 1966 Bill R. Baggett
- 1967 I. Winthrop Sealey
- 1968 Stanley G. Jayroe
- 1969 Joe Sawyer
- 1970 Bill Meadows
- 1971 M.A. Taylor
- 1972 O.I. "Ike" Carroll
- 1973 Tom Griffith
- 1974 Charles A. Call
- 1975 Bill Buzzee
- 1976 Bill Doshier
- 1977 Dick Clark
- 1978 David Keathley
- 1979 Cecil Johnson
- 1980 Porter Ridlehuber
- 1981 James W. Hunt
- 1982 Bill G. McClain
- 1983 Bill Price
- 1984 Cecil E. Denison, Sr.
- 1985 C.E. Howard, Jr
- 1986 Alfred C. Johnson
- 1987 John D. Pippin
- 1988 Bobby G. Graham
- 1989 W.O. "Bill" Griffin
- 1990 C.M. "Dub" Garner
- 1991 Nolan H. Flowers
- 1992 Roy H. MacKenzie
- 1993 Aubry Ray Farris
- 1994 Jack Hawkins
- 1995 Jake Roberts
- 1996 George Brinegar
- 1997 H.W. Lockridge
- 1998 Ralph Reynolds
- 1999 Mel Baker
- 2000 John Bryant
- 2001 Larry Cantwell
- 2002 Oran C. "Boots" Baker
- 2003 Osborn "Salty" Brown
- 2004 Greg "Snake" McEwen
- 2005 Frank D. Fisk
- 2006 G. Roger Daniel
- 2007 Robert L. "Bob" White
- 2008 Glen Boyd
- 2009 J.A. "Jay" Baker
- 2010 James Koehler
- 2011 David Buckles
- 2012 Larry J. Johnson
- 2013 A. Sam Moore

- 2014 Tom Young
- 2015 Robert L. "Bob" White
- 2016 Bruce Bubel
- 2017 Tommy Grusendorf
- 2018 Larry Johnson
- 2019 Jim R. Pless
- 2020 B. Lynn Everett
- 2021 Steve L. Everett
- 2022 Thad H. Barker
- 2023 Justin B. Duty
- 2024 Yancy Marteney





PUBLIC/NOBLE RENTAL RATES-2024

	<u>PUBLIC</u>	<u>NOBLE</u>
Ballroom	\$2500.00	\$1200.00
Deposit	\$550.00	\$225.00
Patio- all day	\$400.00	\$200.00
6 hrs.	\$300.00	\$150.00
4 hrs.	\$200.00	\$100.00
Deposit	\$125.00	\$65.00
Pavilion	\$250.00	\$125.00
Club/Units		\$125.00
Deposit	\$75.00	\$25.00
Cookshack/Tumbleweed	\$200.00	\$100.00
RV Site	\$20/day	\$15/day
RV Storage w/o water & Elect	\$20/day	\$5/day

**For more information or to reserve  
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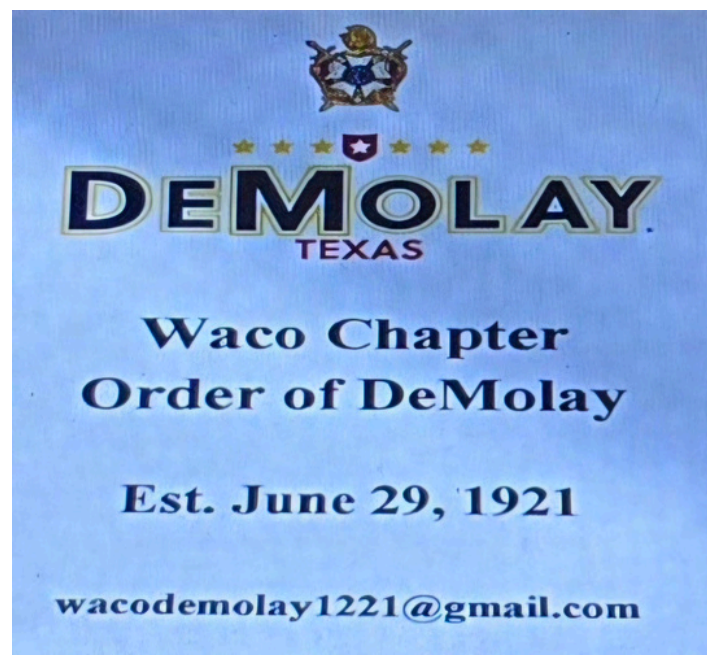


Heart of Texas Rainbow Assembly #386  
Meetings are held 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 1:00pm  
M. Denton Stanford Masonic Lodge  
Lorena, Texas

Rainbow Welcomes girls between the ages of 11-20  
regardless of race or religious background

Rainbow Pledge  
This is for girls between the ages of 7-11

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

# 2025

# January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Lockwood Lodge 6:00pm Cowboys 6:30pm	8 Divan Meeing 6pm	9	10	11 Installation of Officers
12 Saloon Rented	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Classics Patio 6pm	21	22	23	24	25 Love to the Rescue
26	27	28 Tri-County 6:30	29	30 East-West Shrine Bowl Ballroom & Saloon Rented	31	

HAPPY  
Birthday



**1**  
Richard Parker  
Steven Little  
Robert Feather

**7**  
Micheal Woldrop  
John Stubbs  
Justin Duty

**14**  
Wayne McHam

**19**  
Melvin Neese  
Otis Williams

**22**  
Roy Dugger  
John Dickerson  
David Buckles

**26**  
Bobby Smith  
Douglas Moore  
Norbet McDermitt

**3**  
Jack Davis

**9**  
Gaylon Wood

**15**  
Robert Galvan  
Charles Tullos  
Christopher Kunz

**20**  
Randall Riggs  
Donald Buice  
Billy Azbell  
Bruce Bubel

**24**  
James Wilkey  
Dale Treadway

**28**  
Damon Scott  
Javier Sanchez

**4**  
Mark Manly  
Edwin Ascenio

**10**  
Eric Nemecc

**16**

Ralph Bowen  
Albert Lehman

**21**  
Guy King

**25**  
John Stevens  
Fred Stufflebeam

**29**  
Billy Tennison  
James Miller  
Matthew Klunk  
Kelly Gillespie

**5**  
Marion Boatman  
Jimmy Bonner

**12**  
Michal Keath



# Happy Valentine's Day



# February

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Lockwood Lodge 6pm Karem Cowboys 6:30pm	4	5	6 Mid-winter San Antonio	7 Mid-winter San Antonio	8 Mid-winter San Antonio Ballroom Rented
9 Superbowl Party	10	11	12	13 Divan Meeting 6pm	14 Saloon Rented <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 Saloon Rented
16	17 Classic Cars Meeting 6pm	18	19	20 Stated Meeting 7:30pm DON Stated Session 7pm	21	22
23	24	25 Tri-County Shrine 6:30pm	26	27	28 TSDA_WACO Fish Fry 5:30-7:30	1 TSDA_WACO Ballroom/Patio Rented

