

Karem Karavan

August 2025



Upcoming Events

- August 8-Burgers & Bingo
- August 16-Love in Action
- August 22-Fish Fry
- September 12-14-Potentate's Trip
- September 25- Sportsman's Banquet
- September 26- Fish Fry

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Illustrious Sir Justin B. Duty

2025 Divan

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Karem Shrine's next Stated Meeting will be
held on **Thursday September 18, 2025**
Your 2024 Dues card is **REQUIRED**



A Note from Assistant Rabban

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Nobles, Ladies and friends as the Summer comes to an end we find our little ones going back to school and everyone's schedule becoming more and more hectic! As is customary the Karem Shrine Center has not held a Stated Meeting in July and will not have one in August and this sometimes makes it difficult to remind everybody of the fun things we do as Shriners. FUNdraisers not only for the Philanthropy but also for our operations are a great way to get out, have some fun and interact with each other! For example we have our Fish Fry Frydays each month held at Karem Shrine, the next one being Friday August 22nd, Burgers and Bingo at the Shrine with the next one being THIS FRIDAY Aug 8th!! Both of these are a great time! We also have events such as The Sportsman's Banquet which will be held at the Lee Lockwood Museum on September 25th. Tables are available for that event as well. Fun things that are just around the corner include the Karem Classics Car Show on November 1st at the campground, Fesztival of trees and the new Fesztival of Lights! We have so many things to do and I would love to see more and more of you attending them. Fun, Fellowship and Philanthropy is our foundation so let's get together!

Speaking of the Fesztival of Lights we are looking for people with some imagination and a LOVE FOR CHRISTMAS! I would love to build a core team to help go through the decorations, maybe we create 4 or 5 teams that work together to create their Christmas light display in the Campground! This year is going to be epic and we want to really "Shine" and pay respects to the Schmidt family, they have had this light display for the community for 22 years! If you are interested in helping design and install this Christmas light display please reach out to me directly and we can create a committee and a calendar to plan it out! That time is rapidly approaching. I can be reached by email at robert.karemshrine@gmail.com, cell phone 254-855-9542 (I truly prefer text).

One last thing. As we try to improve things year after year we will find new modes of communication. Our newest is a Texting system we can use. You may receive a text from a phone number you may not recognize in the coming weeks. Please take a look and see if it is From Karem. If you choose to opt out of receiving texts please do so when you receive your first text. Thank you for reading this lil slice of information! I hope to see each of you soon and look forward to working with everybody on our Fesztival of Lights!!

Fraternally,
Robert Barben
Assistant Rabban

The Mission of Shriners International is to:

- Be the premier fraternal organization for men of good character.
- Provide attractive, quality programs and services for its members, their families and their friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie.
- Foster self-improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement.
- Serve mankind through the resources of its philanthropy, Shriners Children's.



**There is still time to get
your tickets! This is going
to be such a FUN event!**

Love

In Action

Join Us Saturday August 16, 2025

For our First Annual

“Love in Action” Table Gala

**Place: Karem Shrine
400 Karem Circle
Waco, TX. 76712**

**Time: Doors Open 10:30am
Table reveal/Viewing
11am-11:45am**

Lunch Served at 12:00pm

Special Guest Speaker

Ticket are \$50 person

**Please contact Cathy Pugh for ticket information:
ph:904-234-8302
email: texasmimi375@aol.com**

**Proceeds are for the benefit of
Shriners Hospital for Children**



**Serving others is Love in Action
Matt 20:26-28**





BINGO SCHEDULE



August 8	Gunrunners
October 10	Directors Staff
November 14	Divan (H&T Bingo)

Host Unit(s) Duties:

- Provide workers to ensure set-up is complete by 5pm.
- Help set-up four rows of three rectangle tables with chairs on the dance floor area.
- Help set-up stage area with two rectangle tables, 2 chairs and bingo ball machine
- Help set-up one rectangle table with 2 chairs in foyer.
- Help ensure four circular tables minimum on each side of the dance floor with 6 chairs each.
- Help wipe off tables and put chairs on circular tables.
- Help wipe off rectangle tables, stack the chairs in hallway or back area and put the rectangle tables in the back storage area.
- Help empty trash in the ballroom, put fresh garbage bags in the containers and take trash to dumpster
- Help put Bingo machine back in closet.

Only 3 more Burgers & Bingo and Fish Fries for the 2025 Year! Come out and support your Shrine and let's finish the year with a GREAT ending!

See You There!

Fish Fry Schedule

August 22	Gunrunners
September 26	Drifters
October 24	Karem Karacters

- Host Unit will be responsible for furnishing:
- Desserts for 175 people

Host Unit duties are:

- Set up tables with tablecloths and chairs in ballroom/saloon by 5pm.
- Set up in Saloon, tea, water, cups, ice, sugar and sweet n low.
- Set up dessert plates, forks, and service utensils at dessert tables.
- Provide workers for serving drinks and report low tea to kitchen staff.
- Provide workers to cut and serve desserts in Saloon area.
- Provide workers to clean, sanitize tables, and stack chairs on tables.
- Take trash to dumpsters from bathrooms, kitchen, ballroom and saloon.
- Host units may have a raffle for their fundraising in the ballroom.



Karem head chef Dolan Spencer will have his crew cook the food, serve and clean kitchen. Any and all help is appreciated!

PLEASE NOTE-THE TABLES AND CHAIRS, CONDIMENTS ETC., CAN NOT START BEING PUT AWAY UNTIL 7:30PM WHEN THE FISH FRY ENDS. WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE FEELING THEY HAVE TO LEAVE BEFORE THEN.



Karem Shriners Sportsmen's Banquet

Presented by:



Thursday, September 25th 2025
6pm – 10pm

LeeLockwood Library & Museum
2801 W. Waco Drive
Waco, TX 76707



Calling ALL Central Texas outdoors men and women!

Enjoy a fun filled evening of raffles and drawings for incredible hunting, fishing, archery & camping items INLCUDING guns of all types!

Dinner and drinks included with ticket.

Corporate sponsorships are available.



@KaremShrineSportsmensBanquet

❖ Benefitting Karem Shriners – Waco TX

Net proceeds from this event benefit Karem Shriners operating fund and are not tax deductible as charitable gifts to Shriners Children's TM



Hospital Transportation News

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Your Hospital Transportation team has been busy this summer getting our patients to their appointments!

We currently have 8 patients on our transport roster. Some of these patients do self transport due to having other children or parent that goes with them to their appointments. While they do self transport they do require our help with the costs of the trip; ex. food, fuel and hotel.

We are ALWAYS looking to add Nobles and Ladies to our Team. We have several patients that have had appointments on the same days. Luckily, some of the patients do self transport so we have not had a problem with not being able to make all of the transports. But, you never know when that could happen.

So, if you can volunteer your time as a driver or rider please get with me. We currently have 7 people on our Team. Those 7 Nobles go when they are able but there are times when some have to go on back to back trips. While they DO NOT mind, because that is just what we do for the kiddos, Some extra people would help in those situations. Keep in mind Nobles, your ladies are able to ride with you as part of the transportation team as well. The more people we have on our team, the better prepared we are to be able to get the patients to their scheduled appointments.

The Divan Ladies have an event “Love in Action” coming up on August 16. This fundraiser is to help Hospital Transportation. Ladies if you have not got your ticket, I would like to encourage you to show your support and get those tickets and attend. If you just want to help, they are looking for ladies to help with the event as well. I hear there is a special presentation by one of our patients that we transport that you will not want to miss.

Fraternally,

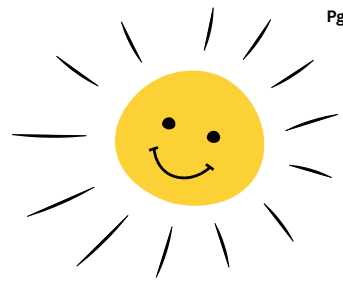
Kenny Steinocher-Hospital Transport Chairman



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for Children®**



Patient Spotlight



Update on Cowboy Malachi

How many of you remember Cowboy Malachi from Love to the Rescue? Well, in June, Malachi underwent a Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) at Texas Children's Hospital (referred by Shriner's Children's in Galveston). This is a nerve surgery that permanently decreases high muscle tone, specifically the spasticity cerebral palsy. During his rhizotomy, his surgeon cut targeted nerves in his spinal canal contributing to Malachi's spasticity. Malachi had a great team of experts - including pediatric specialists in neurosurgery, physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopedics, neurology, physical therapy and others for his 6-week in-patient recovery. Malachi's surgery was such a success! He quickly started physical therapy, impressed the nurses, and motivated himself to go home. During his inpatient stay, the staff decorated his room one day while he was off at therapy. On his way home, he called his Mimi and asked for a blueberry pie!

Malachi has demonstrated consistent improvement. His physical therapy requirements have decreased, and he now only needs to wear his braces for four hours each day rather than throughout the entire day. Additionally, he is now walking with a flat-footed gait instead of toe-walking.

Before his surgery, Malachi traveled to Houston for tests and missed the Easter Egg Hunt at the Karem Shrine. The Shrine, with Helmets of Love, gifted bicycles and helmets to Malachi and his brother, Kady. After Malachi's SDR surgery, his Mimi taught him to ride a bike for the first time, despite his cerebral palsy. Thanks to the Karem Shriners for their love and kindness.



BACK TO SCHOOL

As the kiddos are preparing to headback to school take a look on the next page and read about some Backpack Basics to help keep them healthy!





Backpack Basics for Healthier Kids

Facts About Backpacks

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to making sure children stay as healthy as possible and develop good habits. Providing parents and children with some facts about backpacks can help eliminate some potential health problems.

Used correctly, backpacks can be a good way to carry all the books, supplies and personal items needed for a typical school day. Backpacks are designed to distribute the weight of the load among some of the body's strongest muscles. However, backpacks that are too heavy or carried incorrectly can injure muscles or joints and contribute to back pain and other problems.

The Proper Backpack is:

- No wider than the user's chest
- Worn no higher than the base of the neck
- Worn no lower than 2 to 4 inches below the waist
- Supported by a waist or chest strap
- Made of lightweight material

A Good Backpack has:

- A padded back
- Several compartments
- Side compression straps
- A waist or chest strap
- Reflectors
- Two wide, padded shoulder straps

How to Use a Backpack

To Wear it:

- Face the backpack, bend your knees, hold the backpack with both hands, and straighten your knees to lift it to waist height.
- Apply one shoulder strap at a time.
- Be sure to always use both shoulder straps.
- Snugly adjust it between your neck and the curve of your lower back using the shoulder straps (the closer the backpack is to your body, the less strain it will cause).

To Load it:

- Keep it light – pack only what is needed for the day.
- Place the heaviest objects so they will be closest to your back.
- Use compartments to distribute the weight and keep things from sliding.
- Hand-carry heavy books to avoid excessive weight in the backpack.
- Clean it out daily.

Backpack Weight:

If a backpack forces the wearer to lean forward, it is overloaded and some items should be removed. Carrying an overloaded backpack can cause discomfort and, over time, lead to back injuries and other problems.

If the backpack weighs more than 15 percent of the carrier's weight, it is too heavy. To determine the proper maximum weight for a backpack, multiply the user's body weight by 0.15. If a heavier load is unavoidable, consider using a backpack with wheels.

Carrying too much weight or wearing a backpack the wrong way can lead to:

- Muscle fatigue
- Poor posture
- Painful shoulders
- Back and neck pain
- Injuries from tripping and falling

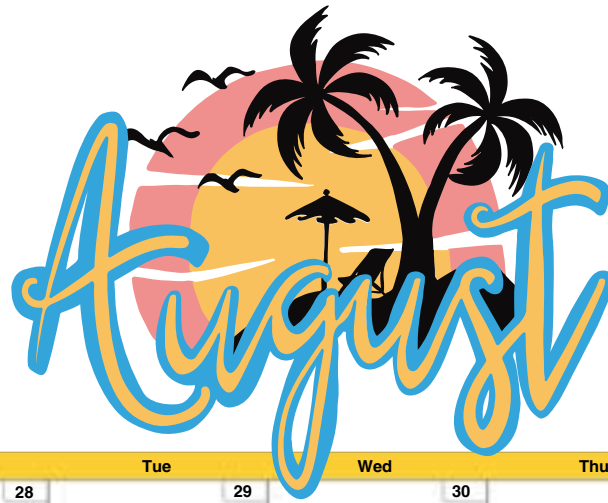
Shriners Hospitals for Children has created a convenient backpack fact card that includes these helpful safety tips and recommendations to protect children's backs and bodies from backpack misuse, along with a word search game kids will enjoy.

To order these fact cards to share in your community, or to download a PDF file to print, please visit our secure online ordering site at shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/education/backpacksafety.





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| 🐪 1919-1920 Thomas F. Bush | 🐪 1955 Clarence C. Burnett | 🐪 1989 W.O. "Bill" Griffin |
| 🐪 1921 William A. Parker | 🐪 1956 Charles R. Embry | 🐪 1990 C.M. "Dub" Garner |
| 🐪 1922 James H. Lockwood | 🐪 1957 M.S. Brooks, Jr | 🐪 1991 Nolan H. Flowers |
| 🐪 1923 Frank M. Miller | 🐪 1958 Joe H. Craven | 🐪 1992 Roy H. MacKenzie |
| 🐪 1924 E.D. Burchett | 🐪 1959 Roy C. Thomson | 🐪 1993 Aubry Ray Farris |
| 🐪 1925 W.E. Gaylord | 🐪 1960 Harold O. Clark | 🐪 1994 Jack Hawkins |
| 🐪 1926 L.C. Puckett | 🐪 1961 Henry H. Spragins | 🐪 1995 Jake Roberts |
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| 🐪 1931 Lee Dewey | 🐪 1965 A.C. Hicks | 2000 John Bryant |
| 🐪 1932 William D. Lacy, Jr | 🐪 1966 Bill R. Baggett | 2001 Larry Cantwell |
| 🐪 1933 Albert T. Clifton | 🐪 1967 I. Winthrop Sealey | 🐪 2002 Oran C. "Boots" Baker |
| 🐪 1934 M.T. Bell | 🐪 1968 Stanley G. Jayroe | 2003 Osborn "Salty" Brown |
| 🐪 1935 John C. Calhoun | 🐪 1969 Joe Sawyer | 2004 Greg "Snake" McEwen |
| 🐪 1936 Rolla S. Greig | 🐪 1970 Bill Meadows | 🐪 2005 Frank D. Fisk |
| 🐪 1937 John Maxwell | 🐪 1971 M.A. Taylor | 2006 G. Roger Daniel |
| 🐪 1938 H.L. Turner | 🐪 1972 O.I. "Ike" Carroll | 2007 Robert L. "Bob" White |
| 🐪 1939 H.F. Hellmuth | 🐪 1973 Tom Griffith | 2008 Glen Boyd |
| 🐪 1940 June F. Holderman | 🐪 1974 Charles A. Call | 🐪 2009 J.A. "Jay" Baker |
| 🐪 1941 T.M. Gribble | 🐪 1975 Bill Buzzee | 2010 James Koehler |
| 🐪 1942 George H. Rohan | 🐪 1976 Bill Doshier | 2011 David Buckles |
| 🐪 1943 William L. Baine | 🐪 1977 Dick Clark | 2012 Larry J. Taylor |
| 🐪 1944 Giles P. Lester | 🐪 1978 David Keathley | 🐪 2013 A. Sam Moore |
| 🐪 1945 Charles E. Miller | 🐪 1979 Cecil Johnson | 🐪 2014 Tom Young |
| 🐪 1946 Bryan W. Payne | 🐪 1980 Porter Ridlehuber | 2015 Robert L. "Bob" White |
| 🐪 1947 Lee Lockwood | 🐪 1981 James W. Hunt | 2016 Bruce Bubel |
| 🐪 1948 Alva Bryan | 🐪 1982 Bill G. McClain | 2017 Tommy Grusendorf |
| 🐪 1949 L.M. Crow | 🐪 1983 Bill Price | 2018 Larry Johnson |
| 🐪 1950 Sam Darden | 🐪 1984 Cecil E. Denison, Sr. | 2019 James R. "Jim" Pless |
| 🐪 1951 John C. Young | 🐪 1985 C.E. Howard, Jr. | 2020 B. Lynn Everett |
| 🐪 1952 C.V. Anderson | 🐪 1986 Alfred C. Johnson | 2021 Steve L. Everett |
| 🐪 1953 S.P. Hooker | 🐪 1987 John D. Pippin | 2022 Thad Barker |
| 🐪 1954 Vernon Cole | 🐪 1988 Bobby G. Graham | 2023 Justin B. Duty |
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2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 6pm - Lockwood Lodge 6:30pm - Karem Cowboys	6	7	8 5:30pm - Burgers & Bingo	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Divas, Dishes & Darlings Ladies Fundraiser Love in	16
17 6pm - PATIO- Classic Cars	18	19	20	21	22 5:30pm - Fish Fry @	23
24 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine	25	26 6:30pm - Tri-County	27	28 11am - Tem-Bell Shrine	29	30 Labor Day Meat Sale WestFest Parade 10 am
31	1	2 6pm - Lockwood Lodge 6:30pm - Karem Cowboys	3	4	5	6 Ballroom Rented



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Jerry Brunson

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Jerry Casey
Craig Foster
William Cadola

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Ronnie Ewing
Danny Floyd

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James Dupree
James Kelley

5
Ronnie Reed
Kenny Steinocher

6
Scott Mills
Joshua Scoggin

9
Wilbert Wachtendorf
Danny Crump
Jonah Coley

10
George Heussner

11
Daniel Blair
Kenneth Dahl
Brian Bowers

13
Michael Lee

14
Joseph Garvelli
Adam Hartberg
Ruben Ramos

15
Jon Spann
Billy Frailey
Chapan Harwell

16
Merlin Kunz

17
Stan Hickey

Hugh Rosecrants

Ryan Coker

18
Harlan Williams
Robert White

20
John Hill
Byong Lee
James Curbo

24
Fred Bamburg
Garland Rowan
John Ash

25
Fred Battles
Daniel Walling

26
Charles Israel
Larry Betik
Lee Goble

28
Morris Nettles

29
Michael Watson

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Tom Burke

31
Kent Ferguson

*Fall
is on it's way!*

SEPTEMBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 6pm - Lockwood Lodge 6:30pm - Karem Cowboys	3	4	5	6 Ballroom Rented
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 6pm - PATIO- Classic Cars	16	17	18 6pm - Saloon - Karem Treasures 7:30pm - Stated Meeting	19 Ballroom Rented	20 Ballroom Rented
21	22	23 6:30pm - Tri-County	24	25 Sportsman fundraiser 11am - Tem-Bell Shrine	26 5:30pm - Fish Fry @	27 Saloon Rented
28	29 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine	30	1	2	3 Ballroom Rented	4 Ballroom rented

