



Karem Karavan

June 2025



HELLO

SUMMER

Upcoming Events

- TSA June 12-14
- Festive Board June 19
- First Ladies Chili Cookoff June 21-22
- Fish Fry June 27
- Imperial Session June 29-July 3
- Burgers & Bingo July 11
- Fish Fry July 25



Karem Shrine

Chartered June 12, 1919 400
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2025 Potentate
Illustrious Sir Justin B. Duty

2025 Divan

Chief Rabban-Travis Roberson
Assistant Rabban-Robert Barben
High Priest & Prophet-Kenny Steinocher
Oriental Guide-Paul Hill
Treasurer-Ray Pugh
Recorder-Rob Smith

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Article deadline for the next
issue is **June 23, 2025**

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





Pote's Notes

Nobles,

You are all invited to our June stated meeting Thursday, June 19 at 7:30pm. We will recognize our previous 50+ year award recipients, as well as other deserving nobles who have worked tirelessly on behalf of Karem Shriners this year. We will also take a moment to recognize those members which have passed away during the past 12 months. I hope you can join us for this evening of recognition, remembrance and fellowship. We will have a festive board style meal in the ballroom and your ladies are welcome to attend. Charge for the meal will be \$10. Please RSVP to the office. I hope to see you in June!

**Fraternally,
Justin Duty**

Did you Know?

U.S. President Warren Harding was the first President to become a Shriner. He belonged to Aladdin Shriners in Grove City, Ohio.

President Harding attended the 49th Imperial Session in 1923 in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, First Lady Florence Harding, watched the parade from the viewing stand. After several hours long parade, he addressed the crowd at the Public Opening.

Harding said, "I think I know the very soul of Masonry, out of which the Shrine has come to lighten our burdens and add cheer to our daily lives. There is both quantity and quality in the Nobility of the Shrine. It is more than a mere Masonic playground. Conceived in cheer, the order hungered for more than play, though we need more play in our daily lives. It craved to be helpful, and it is aglow in noble achievement."

Harding died less than two months later on August 2, 1923.



Fezzy's Adventures

Hi friends! I'm sorry that I haven't written you in a couple of months. I wanted to tell you about my experience at the Karem Shrine golf classic. I got to take my airplane out there and one of my fire trucks. Mr. Robert took his drift trike and there was even a little T bucket car there and our Potentate took his rescue car! All the golfers loved seeing all of that and some took pictures with some of the cars and my airplane. There was a lot of people that really liked the airplane. I can't wait until I can drive it in a parade. I don't know that I have seen that many people at the golf course at one time. I think the most fun time was when two teams had to play against each other at the end of the day and they were both really good. I was told that they both shot a birdie on that last hole. I didn't see any birdies that were shot, but I know those guys played some really good golf. That had to be the most fun that I've had in a long time. I was told we're gonna do that again next year at about the same time. It was really neat seeing so many different Shriners out there and the fezzes and just a lot of people having fun. And the Karem cook crew, they made this pulled pork sandwich. I think I had three of them. They were great. If any of you got pictures of all golfers and would share them with me, that would be great. I could talk about that event all day long but I know you have a lot more things to do than sit here and read my little story. I am hoping to see more of you around the Shrine as I am going to ask if I can hang out up there more often. I heard that the next stated meeting is supposed to be on June 19. I think I'm gonna try to be there. Hopefully I'll see a lot of you there.

your friend,

Fezzy



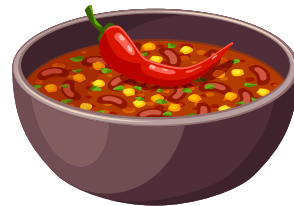


KAREM SHRINE'S FIRST LADIES PROJECT 2025

CHILI COOKOFF FUNDRAISER

June 21 & 22, 2025

400 KAREM CIRCLE WACO, TEXAS 76712



We have added a new category to this cook off!

“YOUR WAY CHILI”

No Rules, Just chili cooked your way!

Turn in will be

2:30pm Saturday and 1:30pm on Sunday

WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 8 PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS CATEGORY

We also need ALOT of judges for the weekend. So, even if you don't want to cook please consider judging.

This is for a good cause and we need YOU to help make it a success by cooking and judging!

COOKOFF CONTACT INFO



Vickie Hill

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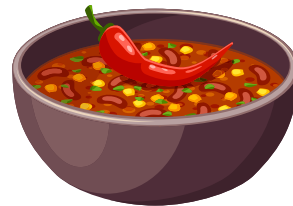




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400 KAREM CIRCLE WACO, TEXAS 76712

Friday Night, June 20th

Pulled Pork Sandwiches with sides
Served from 6:00 to 7:30pm
Cookoff Registration 5:00 to 7:00pm

Saturday, June 21

Registration 9:00 to 10:30a.m.

BEAN COOKOFF

\$10 Entry Fee * 12 noon Turn-in

100 % PAYBACK TO TOP 3

CASI CHILI 2:00PM TURN IN

YOUR WAY CHILI 2:30PM TURN IN

\$25 Entry Fee

Sunday, June 22

Registration 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

CASI CHILI 1:00PM TURN IN

YOUR WAY CHILI 1:30PM TURN IN

\$25 Entry Fee

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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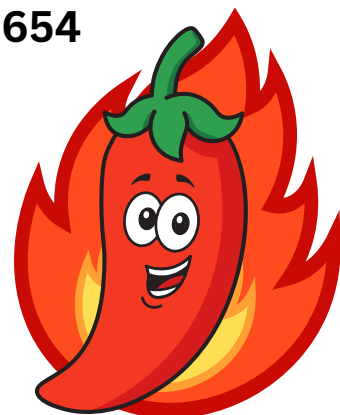
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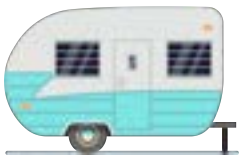
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**RV SITES \$20.00 FOR BOTH
FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT**

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TSRVA

The Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park

May 15-18



The Karem Texas Tumbleweeds took a road trip to Fredericksburg for TSRVA. They joined groups from Alzarfar and Ben Hur. They played tournaments in corn hole, washers, dominoes and skip bo.

They had a shrimp boil on one of the nights. Ladies had a fabulous Luau style lunch on Friday while the guys had their meeting and elected new officers. It was a great time! If you have an RV and would like to join next time please reach out to Paul or Vickie Hill as they are the current wagon masters of the Tumbleweeds.

CAMPiNG



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

Tickets are \$40 Person until June 1st
\$50 person after June 1st

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

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





Hello Nobles and Ladies!

Well, if you did not make it to the horse races at Lone Star Park on May 10th, you missed a fun time. I placed bets and won some and lost more than I won. But I had so much fun, and I just loved looking at the horses. They are magnificent animals. Pr. Connie Haggard's brother had several horses racing that weekend, so it made it more fun to know that there was an owner from Waco racing.

In June Merak we will be dark, but it does not mean we will not be busy.

Several of us are going to Las Vegas for our Supreme Session. Those that can make it are going early to watch the first Ceremonial held by the Supreme Temple on Saturday, June 14th where we will initiate several new members into the Daughters of the Nile before the Official Opening of the Supreme Session which will be held on Sunday, June 15th. I am happy to say that we have eleven going and that Pr. Gloria Cantwell will be going for the first time as Lady of the Household Delegate, and she will be able to vote on the current legislation and amendments.

The ladies that can or want to participate will be meeting in the Nile room on June 25th to work on blankets to send to the hospital.

Our Entertainment Committee has a Domino tournament scheduled for June 28th in the Nile room at 2 PM, this is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) and your own snacks. We will be playing forty-two, Chicken Foot, and Mexican Train. I do not know how to play forty-two or Mexican Train, but I am going to try to learn. This activity is open to **EVERYONE**. You do **NOT** have to be a Nile member; this is just a time to get out and have fun and get to know someone new or get to know someone better. So come out and bring a friend.

I hope to see you at the Domino Tournament, in the meantime, please take care of yourself and your neighbors and remember to drink your water.

With Nile Love,

Kaye Campbell Queen Merak
Temple No. 104



Our Mission

The Daughters of the Nile stands as an international fraternal organization with a strong commitment to enriching the lives of women across all age groups. Our primary focus lies in fostering lifelong friendships, cultivating character, promoting intellectual growth, embracing a sense of service towards others, and upholding a belief in a Supreme Being.

To achieve our mission, the Daughters of the Nile holds meaningful ritualistic ceremonies that instill values and purpose. Additionally, we actively support and promote the Supreme Temple and Subordinate Temples, ensuring their continued success. We further contribute to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and the Canadian Foundation, both dedicated to benefiting Shriners Children's™, thereby extending our support to those in need.

At our core, we are devoted to nurturing the belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Sisterhood of Women, fostering unity among our members. Our unwavering commitment to service remains a cornerstone of our organization, driving us to make a positive impact on the lives of others.



BINGO SCHEDULE



July 11	LOH & Duffers
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.**

Fish Fry Schedule

Host Unit will be responsible for furnishing:

- Desserts for 175 people

Host Unit duties are:

- Set up tables with tableclothes 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.

June 27	Classic Cars
July 25	LOH & Duffers
August 22	Gunrunners
September 26	Drifters
October 24	Karem Karacters














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.





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
 1927 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 Henry H. Spragins
 1961 William Quebe
 1962 L. Neil 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. Taylor
 2013 A. Sam Moore
 2014 Tom Young
 2015 Robert L. "Bob" White
 2016 Bruce Bubel
 2017 Tommy Grusendorf
 2018 Larry Johnson
 2019 James R. "Jim" Pless
 2020 B. Lynn Everett
 2021 Steve L. Everett
 2022 Thad 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
a rental please contact
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254-848-5600**

**PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP
KAREM SHRINERS**

TO THE POTENTATE, OFICERS AND NOBLES OF KAREM SHRINE OF WACO, TEXAS:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare upon my honor that I am a Master Mason in Good and Current Standings in:

_____ Lodge No. _____ City & State _____

Which is a Lodge recognized by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Futhermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. In addition, I declare that I hold a Master Mason Proficiency Card or have been a Master Mason for no less than 6 months. I, therefore, respectfully request to be created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and become a member of Karem Shrine.

If I be found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of Karem Shrine.

Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace _____

Were you ever a DeMolay? _____ If so, what Chapter and Location? _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any Shrine Center? _____

If so, what Shrine Center? _____ When? _____

Your Address of Residence (Street): _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Your Mailing Address (Street): _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home Phone include Area Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Your E-Mail Address: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Spouse E-Mail Address: _____ Spouse Cell: _____

Your Hat Size: _____ Occupation: _____

FEE: \$150 Print Full Name: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of:

_____ # _____

_____ # _____

This Space for Recorder

Ceremonial Date: _____

Fees Paid: _____



June

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Lockwood Lodge 6pm Cowboys 6:30pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 TSA	13 TSA	14 Saloon reserved TSA
15	16 Classic Cars-Patio 6pm	17	18	19 Festive Board stated meeting	20	21 Chili Cook Off
22 Chili Cook Off	23	24 Tri-County	25	26 Team-Bell	27 Fish Fry	28 Saloon reserved
29	30 Cove Oasis					



1
William Bowen
Steven Jenson

2
Orborn Brown
Mark Rose
Garrett Seeley
Shane Turner

4
Vernon Thompson
Waylon Ivie

6
Ronald Kimbrell
Arthur Browning

7
Larry Taylor
Ralph Scott
Larry McDonald
Keith English

8
Marcus Janak
Burt McShan

9
David Watson

15
Harold Franco

16
Kelly Payne

17
Thomas Levi

18
Jeffrey Shelton
Daniel Gates

19
Jeffrey Wachtendorf

22
Lovett Ledger
Gary Dacis
Christopher Smith
Jonathan Spencer

23
Robert Gerhard
Terry Bekkelund
Will Hutson

24
Michael Prescher

25
John Bynum
Edward Janak
Ross Reamy

26
Robert Bickett
Adres Ruiz

27
Charles Robinson
29
Joe Paschal



HAPPY
4th of July



July

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lockwood Lodge 6pm Cowboys 6:30pm	2	3	4	5 Ballroom rented
6	7	8	9	10	11 Burgers & Bingo	12 Ballroom reserved
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Saloon reserved
20	21 Classic Cars-Patio 6pm	22 Tri-County	23	24 Team-Bell	25 Fish Fry	26
27	28 Cove Oasis	29	30	31		



LAND OF THE
Free
HOME OF THE
Brave

