

**KAREM SHRINE KARAVAN**



**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**

**OCTOBER 2025**



## **Karem Shrine**

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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  
**October 27, 2025****

**Karem Shrine's next Stated Meeting will be  
held on **Thursday October 16, 2025**  
Your 2025 Dues card is **REQUIRED****





Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

While this year has presented some challenges with our fundraising efforts, it is not through a lack of trying. We tried to increase our number of bingo opportunities with a consistent monthly day, but unfortunately the number of attendees has dwindled to the point where “the juice isn’t worth the squeeze”. Therefore, the October Burgers and Bingo event is cancelled. The last Bingo event will be the Annual Ham & Turkey Bingo, to be held on Friday November 14th at 6pm. Due to rising costs, we will not be able to provide bacon this year, but each Shriner family will still be able to receive a free ham or turkey. Of course we will still have the cash prizes available too. This will be our inaugural year to incorporate the former Schmidt family Christmas light display into our Fesztival of Lights. I hope everyone gets excited for the end of year fundraising efforts as we’ll need all hands-on deck for your support to make both the Fesztival of Lights and Fesztival of Tree events bigger and better than ever! Let’s finish the fundraising year strong. Thank you for all you do.

I would like to thank the Classics unit for their generous donation of an outdoor speaker system that has been installed at the Karem Pavillion/Lone Buffalo Campground area. This provides a very nice capability for our outdoor events.

Travis Roberson  
Chief Rabban



Nobles and Ladies,

Last year was going to be the end of an era, locally. The Schmidt’s Christmas light display, in Mcgregor, was a staple of the community for 22 years. The Schmidt’s decided it was time to flip the switch and retire. Karem Shrine met with the Schmidt’s and came to an agreement regarding the entire display. Shriners have been servants of the community for years and we could not let such a treasure just go away. This year will be the first year for the Karem Shrine Fesztival of Lights.

The infrastructure work has started and will hopefully be complete by mid October. We are diligently getting the electrical equipment installed so we can spread this display out all over the Karem Lone Buffalo Kampground!

Now is the time for us to start planning and organizing this massive undertaking! We are in need of people with creative decorating minds and would like to break this project down into 4 - 6 sections. We are looking for volunteers to design each section (the Schmidt’s had some fixture displays that we will incorporate) and of course we will need volunteers for the laborious part of hanging lights, installing the walkway trails, etc. This is not a small task and will take an army! I would appreciate any and all assistance we can get for this project. I will need 4-6 ladies with a Christmas decor flare to take on role of designing the sections and we will need at least 20-30 able bodied volunteers to put it all up as the designers envision it.

Please contact me directly if you would like to be involved and we will put our first meeting together to go over everything. We are going to start decorating as soon as the electrical is done. Our first steps will be to wrap some of the larger trees that will remain on the trees year round.

I look forward to hearing from all of you! Let’s show Waco and the surrounding area an amazing Christmas Light Display and show the Schmidt’s that their legacy will live on with Karem! My cell is 254-855-9542 (Text preferably) and my email is [robert.karemshrinker@gmail.com](mailto:robert.karemshrinker@gmail.com)

Fraternally  
Robert Barben  
Assistant Rabban



# Karem Kamp Clean-up Day

## Sunday October 19

### Prepare for the Classics Car Show and Feztival of Trees/Lights

#### Nobles and Ladies-

#### Mark Your Calendar!

We invite all members and volunteers to join us for a special clean-up at Karem Kamp as we get ready for the Classics Car Show and upcoming Feztival of Trees/Lights.

#### Date & Time

Date: Sunday, October 19 2025

Time: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### What to Bring

To ensure our Kamp area is clean, beautiful, and welcoming for our holiday events, please bring any of the following equipment you may have:

- Rakes
- shovels
- chain saws
- blowers
- trailers
- any other helpful tools or equipment you may have

#### Thank You!

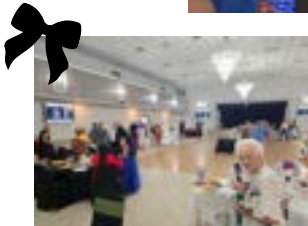
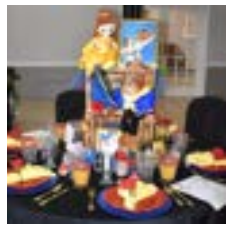
We appreciate your help and enthusiasm as we prepare for a memorable holiday season. Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

Noble Paul Hill  
Oriental Guide



# Love In Action

I would like to express my greatest appreciation to those that hosted a table and attended this event. Hospital Transportation is a very important service that we provide for our patients and with your help we were able to raise just under \$5000 dollars towards our hospital transportation fund. I hope that we can continue to grow this event. I hope that more of you ladies will possibly host a table next year. It was a lot of fun to see all the fun and beautiful table ideas that you came up with. Our special guest Dulce did an AMAZING job on her performance of "There is a Redeemer" in sign language. She is currently one of our patients that we transport. This event was special!!



# Karem Shrine Ham and Turkey Bingo

Open to the Public

Friday November 14, 2025

Starting at 6pm

Karem Shrine

400 Karem Circle Waco, Tx. 76712



Our Head Cook Dolan will be cooking his delicious  
Burgers and Fries. \$10 per plate.

Cash Prize Bingo cards are \$15  
Each consists of 5 games, with three chances to win each game

Each game will have a non-monetary prize  
(Turkey or Ham) and a cash prize given out.  
\*\*\*Non-Monetary prizes are limited to One Ham  
or Turkey per Shrine Family.

Cash prizes determined by total number of players.  
Bring your friends, family, neighbors, etc. The more cash  
players we have the higher the pay outs!!

Daughters of the Nile will be there with their baked goods  
auction and they will be selling FRESH pecans as well.



# Potentate's Trip 2025

## Bluewater Rv Resort Freeport, TX.

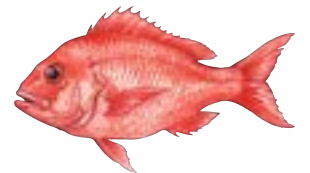
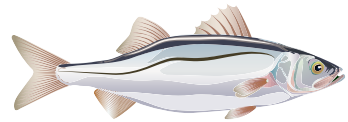
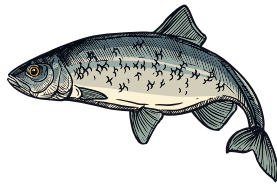
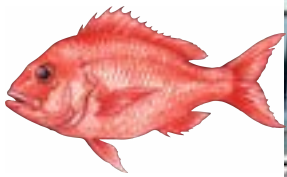
In September about 35-40 of us from Karem headed out to Bluewater RV Resort for a few days of fishing, fellowship and lots of FUN!!

We had some great food and really enjoyed each others company. If you haven't been you should really try and go. It is a beautiful place. You can fish on docks right behind your RV and the beach is right across the street.

Some of us went on a fishing trip with Captain Abby with Texas Legend Charters. She is AMAZING. The men went in the morning and the ladies went in the afternoon. The ladies beat the guys!! 🤔😂



# Potentate's Trip 2025



# Merak Temple No 104

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. The Daughters of the Nile may have been dark since June but that did not stop the fun.

In June we honored our JPQ Sherry Hopson for all her hard work over the past year, then several of our ladies attended our 109 Annual Supreme Session in Las Vegas. This year there have been some major changes in our organization so if you have not attended in a while you might want to come and find out what is new with the Daughters of the Nile.

July, we had our Summer Social and Pizza Party, then later in the month several ladies went to Austin to play Bunco which is always fun.

August, our Pr. Tirzah Mechelle Steinocher hosted the Queen and Supreme Appointees luncheon. Our fun event for the month was playing Bunco in our Nile room. We ended the month by participating in the WestFest parade. I want to take this opportunity to thank John Brooks, Bob Bickett, Larry Turner and all the other Shriners that were there to support the Daughters of the Nile.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the Ladies of the Karem Shrine who hosted Love in Action. It takes a lot of time and dedication to pull this event together and make it successful, but I believe you did it. Congratulations.

September, our fun event will be going to San Antonio for our Texas Days event which will be great fun. It is always nice to see friends and just relax and have fun together.

October, we will be taking our donations to the Galveston Hospital and hosting a party for the patients. On October 26th, we will be having a Halloween Party in the Nile room at 2 pm this is open to anyone so please come and have some fun. Not sure what we will do but just getting together without stress is always a plus.

I hope to see you have had a safe and enjoyable summer and know that all are invited to any of our social events, so please come and bring your neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,  
Kaye Campbell, Queen  
Merak Temple No. 104



# Daughters of the Nile Merak Temple No 104



We will have pecans for sale at the Ham & Turkey  
Bingo on November 14, 2025. These pecans are being  
harvested October 2025 so they are FRESH!!

One pound bags for \$18.00

The pecans are grown, harvested and packaged by  
South Country Pecans in Pearsell, Texas.

We have LOCAL honey for sale as well.  
12oz for \$15.00



Karem Shrine

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Friday November 14, 2025 at 6pm



We will also be having our annual cake auction with all  
the delicious baked goods for you to bid on as well!!

So make sure you come out and get you some pecans  
for all your Holiday baking or snacking and get you some  
delicious homemade baked goodies to enjoy!



# Festival of Trees

**Festival of Tree is fast approaching. Dates are November 22nd-November 30<sup>th</sup>.  
included here are the forms with all the information for sponsorships and  
tree information. If you or anyone you know is interested in doing a tree  
please fill out the form and return to the email address listed on the forms.**





**Festival of Trees**  
KAREM SHRINE

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, Closed Thanksgiving Day!**  
**Christmas Tree Package donor commitment & information sheet**

Karem Shriners would like to thank you for your involvement in our third Annual Festival of Trees! We expect this to be a very successful and engaging event with our community! Please complete this form and return it to your Karem Shrine contact for Festival of Trees. We believe this will help everyone work together for a quick set up and give you the information you will need to plan your tree setup and participation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Karem Shrine Representative.


Tree Donor (Company or Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Karem Shrine Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tree and Area regulations:**

- All trees are to be artificial with LED lighting.
- The gifts you provide with your tree should be new and unwrapped.
- You will have a 6 ft x 6 ft area for your tree and all the gifts. (a few larger spots will be available)
- Decorate your tree to your desire. You can use your company logo or merchandise to decorate with or use traditional decorations, that is up to you. Your tree and gifts must fit within your EXH assigned area. Total value (tree and gifts) should be at least \$500 retail value.
- Bring your best Christmas fair and help people choose your tree as the best!
- The date(s) for setting up and decorating your tree and area are Nov 27<sup>th</sup> through Nov 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am through 5pm. Location - Karem Shrine - 400 Karem Circle, Waco, TX 76712

**Circle your preferred date to set up your display?**

November 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>



**2025**      November 22<sup>nd</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>Santa Claus Sponsor</b>      \$10000 Signage all over event Sign &amp; 125 raffle ticket and 30 free admission tickets for week</p> <p><b>Dasher Sponsor</b>      \$3000 8-100 raffle ticket and 20 free admission tickets Logo and Phone number every photo</p> <p><b>Prancer Sponsor</b>      \$2000 Sign &amp; 100 raffle ticket and 10 free admission tickets</p> <p><b>Dancer Sponsor</b>      \$2000 Sign &amp; 100 raffle ticket and 10 free admission tickets</p> <p><b>Rudolph Sponsor</b>      \$2000 Sign &amp; 100 raffle ticket and 10 free admission tickets</p> <p><b>Comet Sponsor</b>      \$1000 Sign &amp; 100 raffle ticket and 10 free admission tickets</p> <p><b>Cupid Sponsor</b>      \$1000 Sign &amp; 50 raffle ticket and 8 free admission tickets</p> <p><b>Donner Sponsor</b>      \$1000 Sign &amp; 50 raffle ticket and 8 free admission tickets</p> <p><b>Blitzen Sponsor</b>      \$1000 Sign &amp; 50 raffle ticket and 8 free admission tickets</p> <p><b>Elf Sponsors</b>      \$500 Sign &amp; 4 free admission tickets</p>	<p>Title Sponsor</p> <p>Photo Booth Sign</p> <p>Decorations</p> <p>Decorations</p> <p>Decorations</p> <p>Cocoa Bar</p> <p>Kids Craft table 1</p> <p>Kids Craft Table 2</p> <p>Kids Craft Table 3</p>
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Sponsor Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shrine Rep Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF KAREM SHRINE. PAYMENTS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

\*\*\* Please provide your Karem Shrine representative with your Company logo and/or device naming that you want to be shown in our advertising, or you can email to Karem Festival of Trees Logo at [karemshrinersfot@gmail.com](mailto:karemshrinersfot@gmail.com) We will display all our tree donors and participants company logos and/or names on all streams of our social media, displayed on our big screen monitors in the Shrine Temple throughout the event, and of course displayed in your tree area. **idea for businesses:** any employees that bring a gift/toy will be entered into a drawing for a gift card or your company swag, this will increase your tree display and your company can handle the big items to put under the tree!

You might receive any of the following awards at the end of the event: Most Creative Tree, Most Popular Adult tree, Most Popular Kids tree, and Overall Most Popular Tree. These awards will be voted on by the patrons of this event. Good luck.

There will be Free kid's crafts, and Free Santa Photos (emailed or mailed to participants), Free Hot Cocoa Bar - Food available for purchase, music, and an exciting drive through Christmas Light display.

**Dates of Event:** November 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> . We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day

**Event Times:**

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10AM - 9PM
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12PM - 6PM
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> through Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	2PM - 8PM

**Thanksgiving 27<sup>th</sup> - Closed**

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	10AM - 9PM
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	10AM - 9PM
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	12PM - 6PM

- Drawing for the winners will be completed Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> with the winners notified by phone.
- Public to pick up trees Mon through Wed Dec 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am-6 PM at the Shrine

Thank you for your support in what we believe will be one of the largest and most popular Christmas events in the Central Texas Area!

Karem Shriners

All proceeds from this event are for the benefit of Karem Shriners and are not tax deductible as charitable donations.

## Florida Vacation and a Visit to Sahib Shrine

This month, I had the opportunity to visit Florida for a much-needed vacation. The beaches were stunning and provided the perfect setting for relaxation and rejuvenation. Dolphins and manatees graced the waters, their presence adding to the allure of the surroundings. These beautiful creatures contributed to the vibrant and tranquil atmosphere. Despite being on vacation though, I couldn't help but find my mind wandering to work-related thoughts.

During the trip, Chad and I decided to explore the Sahib Shrine located in Sarasota. Margaret Bain, the Office Manager—featured in the accompanying photo—welcomed us warmly and treated us to an exceptional tour of the shrine, showcasing all three levels of the facility—including the vibrant Tiki Bar located outside! The tour included: two full-service bars and the vibrant Hot Sands Tiki Bar & Grill shown in the photo, a restaurant that is open to the public, main Hall & Ballroom, mini carts reminiscent of the Dukes of Hazard cars and many other unique and interesting amenities.

Melissa Davis

Office Admin



## Great Tips for keeping your little ghouls and goblins safe!!



### HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Spooky and Safe  
Keep your little ghouls protected on fright night



Choose flame-resistant costumes that fit well and won't cause tripping.



Add reflective tape, glowsticks or light-up accessories to improve visibility.



Avoid masks that block vision - use face paint instead.



Use flashlights or battery-operated candles in jack-o'-lanterns.



Stick to well-lit neighborhoods and always trick-or-treat in groups with adult supervision.



Walk on sidewalks, cross at corners and stay alert for cars.



Keep your wrists, elbows and knees bent if falling. Do not try to break the fall with your hands or elbows.



# OCTOBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine	30	1	2	3 Ballroom Rented	4 Ballroom Rented
5	6	7 6pm - Lockwood Lodge 6:30pm - Karem Cowboys	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 6pm - Saloon - Ladies 7:30pm - Stated Meeting 7:00pm - DON Session	17	18
19 Johnny Ash Memorial 8am - Karem Kamp	20	21	22	23 11am - Tem-Bell Shrine	24 5:30pm - Fish Fry	25 Halloween Dance
26	27 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine 6pm - PATIO- Classic Cars	28 6:30pm - Tri-County	29	30	31 <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>	1 Classic Car Show



- 1  
Raymond Young
- 2  
Freddie Odom
- 3  
James Woodul  
Peter Caveeza
- 5  
Ricahard Dellinger
- 6  
Ronald Dixon

- 7  
Johnny Pilgrim  
Robert Livengood  
Larry Johnson
- 8  
Rusty Hafercamp
- 9  
Ralph Batten  
William Brock
- 11  
James King  
Ripley Miller  
Melvin Zuehlke  
Gary Adams


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Walter Knight  
George Walters
- 13  
Phillip Farmer  
Charles Robinson  
Joe Maines  
Joe Crawson
- 15  
Roy MacKenzie
- 17  
Donald Rowan

- 19  
Juan Nunez  
Jeffery Miller
- 21  
Jude Brand
- 24  
Thomas Grusendorf  
Lee Wachtendorf
- 25  
Michael Dameron  
Matthew Murray

- 26  
Tommy Anderson  
Kenneth Smotherman  
Christopher Pate
- 27  
David Coleman

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16 FoT campground set up		17	18	19	20 6pm - Saloon - Karem	21 Festval of Lights (Pavillion & Campsites)
22	17 FoT Set up 6pm - PATIO- Classic Cars		19 7:30pm - Stated Meeting		22 Festval of Trees	
23 Festval of Lights (Pavillion & Campsites) Festval of Trees		24	25	26	27	28
23 Thanksgiving Day Meat Pickup day 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine		25 6:30pm - Tri-County		27 		28 11am - Lorena Christmas
30 Festval of Lights (Pavillion & Campsites) Festval of Trees		1 6pm - Lockwood Lodge 6:30pm - Karem Cowboys	2 Patio Reserved	3	4	5 Hubbard Christmas Ballroom Rented
30	1	2	3	4	5	6