

Karem Shrine Karavan

September 2025



In this issue:

- Information on Illustrious Sir Brad T. Koehn Pg. 2
- Potentate and Chief Rabban Articles pg. 3
- Sportsman's Banquet pg. 4
- Fezzy's Adventures pg 5
- Halloween Dance pg. 7
- Classics Car Show pg. 8
- September & October Calendar Pg. 10-11



Karem Shrine

Chartered June 12, 1919 400
Karem Circle Waco, Tx. 76712 Ph.
(254) 848-5600 Fax (254) 848-5610
Office Hours M-F 10am-2pm
www.karemshriners.com
office@karemshriners.com

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

Karem Karavan published monthly by Karem Shrine
Email your articles, pictures, flyers etc. to
karemshrinekaravan@gmail.com

Article deadline for the next issue is
September 24, 2025

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





Brad T. Koehn

Imperial Potentate 2025-2026



LEADING WITH UNITY
AND PURPOSE

Brad T. Koehn was elected Imperial Potentate at the 2025 Shriners Imperial Session in Atlanta, Georgia, marking nearly a decade on the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's™. A third-generation Shrine-Mason, Brad followed his father as Potentate of Arab Shriners in Topeka, Kansas.

Unity is the hallmark of Koehn's Imperial year. "If we treat each other with kindness and compassion, we strengthen our clubs, units, temples and associations," he says. "It's about embracing different backgrounds and working together for a shared purpose."

Koehn's fraternal journey began early, as he grew up surrounded by Shriners events and inspired by the work of the fraternity and its official philanthropy, Shriners Children's. He still enjoys the Kansas Shrine Bowl, which brings together nobles and families from across the state. For Koehn, Shriners International and Shriners Children's are inseparable: "We're not just a fraternity with a healthcare system —

we're a brotherhood with a purpose."

While Koehn acknowledges that membership and finances are ongoing challenges, he's proud of the progress made through technology and new ideas. "Growing membership takes real effort," he says. "But when we succeed, it eases financial pressure and strengthens our future." Outside of his efforts with Shriners, Koehn enjoys time with family and friends — often, in

the fraternity, those are one and the same. A true Shriners legacy family, Koehn and his wife, Cheryl, have two sons, Tyler and Brett, both Shriners, and a daughter, Courtney, married to Alex, who is also a Shriner. The couple have six grandchildren.

Koehn's fraternal service spans more than forty years. He became a Master Mason at Topeka Lodge #17 and joined Arab Shriners in 1981, serving as Potentate in 2015 and on key committees, including treasurer roles and chairing finance and audit teams for Shriners International and Shriners Children's. A retired

CPA and director/owner at Berberich Trahan & Co., Koehn continues to advise temples on financial best practices. He holds bachelor's degrees in accounting and business administration from the University of Kansas.

Koehn says serving as Imperial Potentate is both an honor and a calling — one he approaches with gratitude, humility, and a belief in the power of unity.



SHRINERS
INTERNATIONAL

Pote's Notes



Nobles.

While Karem has been dark the past couple of months, your elected Divan has been active and we are all looking forward to welcoming you back to the September stated meeting. We attended the annual session of Shiner's International in early July held in Atlanta Georgia. While this meeting is routine I always come back with new information on what our hospital system is doing today and will be doing in the future. We still have some exciting events scheduled for the second half of the year and I hope to see you at one of those fun events. Details on the upcoming Halloween Party can be found in the Karavan. Hope you can make it out to this annual fun event!

Fraternally,
Justin Duty



Illustrious Sirs, Nobles, and Ladies all,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all again very soon. Thank you everyone for your support and generosity so far through the year, it doesn't go unnoticed. We are most of the way through the year and need a very strong finish in the fundraising arena. If you can help in any way, whether it's helping sell sponsorships, tables, trees, etc. or just plain showing up to help out with the labor aspects of things, it is all tremendously appreciated.

Our last remaining fraternal fundraisers are the following:

Sportsman's Banquet (Lee Lockwood Musuem)- September 25th

Fesztival of Trees (Shrine)- Nov 22nd through Nov 30th

Fesztival of Lights (Karem Kampground)- Nov 22nd -Dec 31st

Please note, due to the low turnouts for Burgers and Bingo, we are cancelling the next two events for September and October. The last bingo event will be our traditional Ham & Turkey bingo that will be held at the Shrine on Friday November 14th. This will be open to the public, so bring your neighbors, friends and family. The more players we have, the higher the payouts!! Note-ONLY Shriners are eligible for a ham or turkey, but all are eligible for cash prizes.

Travis Roberson
Chief Rabban



Karem Shriners Sportsmen's Banquet

Presented by:



**Thursday, September 25th 2025
6pm – 10pm**

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



**Tables are \$600 for 8 People
Individual Tickets are \$100 each**

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



Fezzy's Adventures



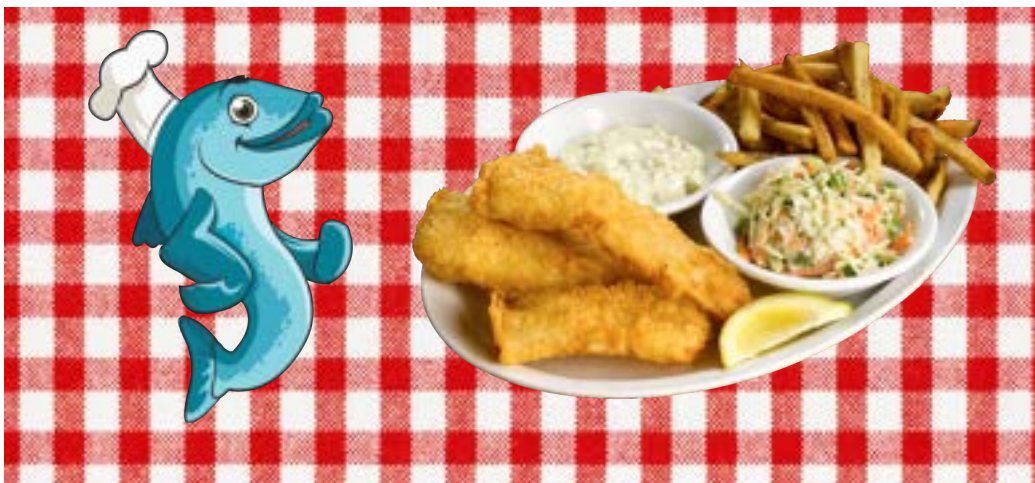
Hey friends! i hope all of you have had a fun summer. i know i sure have! i have visited the campground a few times and i had lots of fun on that new playground! If you haven't seen it you should go look at it. i know there are kids that really have fun playing on it. It has all kinds of things to play with on it including slides and stairs and lots of other stuff. i sure hope you get a chance to go see it or maybe even take your kids or grandkids for a picnic at Karem Lone Buffalo Kampground so they can play and have fun! I heard Noble Robert Barben talking with some other Nobles about the Christmas Light display at Karem Kamp and how they are gonna start working on everything for that soon. I am super excited to see that! I just know all of the kids and families are gonna love it when it lights up! i might even let them put my airplane in the display! We will see if they want it in there. Wouldn't it be really neat if all of my friends in the different units and clubs of Karem Shrine put together a display showing off their unit? I can see it now...my friends in the Motor Escorts could put something together making it look like Santa had his sleigh being pulled by motorcycles instead of reindeer, or maybe my friends in the Classic Cars could do some with a cool car and maybe have Santa working on it, or maybe my friends with those really cool lil model t carts could do something cool too! I bet it would make that light display something reely speshul! I saw something at the Shrine about a Sportsmen's Banquet that is hapnin on Septembur 25th. I had Miss Melissa check on it for me, cuz I was skeered they were eating bears and stuff so I wasn't gonna go but she said I am safe and I should go so i think i will. i went last year and it was so much fun! Do you want to go or are you gonna help with it? I sure hope to see lots of you there! Well I have to go now cuz Miss Robin Barben asked me if I would go with them to something called Bluewater for a camping trip with a bunch of shriners so I gotta start packing my stuff. I nobody eats all my huney when I am there but if they do it will be ok cuz we are all friends. I think she said we are gonna be there for 4-5 days and we are leaving on the Onedy one of Septembur! i think that is the day cuz I saw somone wrote the 22nd for something and I looked at it and it was two two's next to each other, like this 22. So I looked for two ones next to each other like this 11, and I don't know what it would mean except onedy one! Maybe someone can teach me how those numbers work when we go camping! Well i have to go now get ready so i will quit writing for now!

See you soon!

xoxo

Fezzy





**ONLY 2 more Fish Fry's for the 2025 Year!
September 26th and October 24th
Let's finish this Fry year out strong! Come out and
support YOUR Shrine!**

**Karem Shrine Fish Fry
400 Karem Circle Waco, Tx. 76712
Fourth Friday February-October 5:30pm-7:30pm All
you can eat catfish and all the fixings!
\$14.00 for Adults \$7.00 Kids under 12**

Take Out available

**Proceeds are for the benefit of Karem Shrine
Payemnts are not deductible as a charitable contribution**

**Just a reminder!!
The Burgers and Bingo's for
September and October have been
cancelled. We will see ya'll for Ham &
Turkey Bingo on November 14th.**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
KAREM SHRINE HALLOWEEN DANCE**

October 25, 2025

6pm-10pm

Food will be provided

We will have prizes in the following categories:



Best Decorated Table



Best Men's Costume



Best Ladie's Costume



Music provided by the band Scant

This is an 80's Rock Hairband

They are GREAT and put on a fun show!

check them out on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/scantband>





Presents:

The 18th Annual

KAREM SHRINE



CAR SHOW

November 1, 2025 • 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

400 Karem Circle • Waco, TX 76712 (FM 185)

Lots of Shade, Covered Pavilion, Clean Restrooms, Oldies Music

• \$30 Entry Fee •

• Free Event T-Shirt for 1st 100 Entries •

• All Entries Eligible for Door Prizes and \$250 Cash Drawing *

>>> **PreRegister Online @ carshowpro.com/event/2237** <<<

PROFESSIONAL JUDGING

Custom Made Trophies Awarded to the Following Classes:

- Pre 1951 ■ ■ 1951 - 1960 ■ ■ 1961 - 1970 ■ ■ 1971 - 1980 ■ ■ 1981 - 1990 ■ ■ 1991 - 2000 ■ ■ 2000 & Up ■
- Original ■ ■ Rat Rod ■ ■ C-10 ■ ■ Corvette ■

and also to:

- Top 25 ■ ■ Best in Show ■ ■ The Potentate's Choice ■

* FOOD TRUCKS *
* VENDOR BOOTHS *

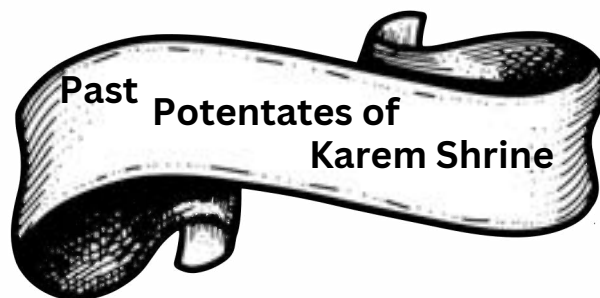
**Free Rides
on the Karem Train!**

* RAFFLES *
* 50/50 DRAWING *

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL OR E-MAIL: LARRY LIGHT 254-855-3722
LARRYLIGHT111@YAHOO.COM

Proceeds are for the benefit of Karem Shriners and are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.





Past Potentates of
Karem Shrine

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
|  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 |
|  1927 G.H. Zimmerman |  1961 William Quebe |  1996 George Brinegar |
|  1928 Gallaway Calhoun |  1962 L. Neil Gatley |  1997 H.W. Lockridge |
|  1929 Frank Holg |  1963 Arthur Williams, Jr. | 1998 Ralph Reynolds |
|  1930 A.C. Uplegger |  1964 John R. Rogers |  1999 Mel Baker |
|  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 |
| | | 2024 Yancy Marteney |



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 <i>LABOR day</i>	2 6pm - Lockwood Lodge 6:30pm - Karem Cowboys	3	4	5 Ballroom Reserved	6 Ballroom Reserved
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 6pm - PATIO- Classic Cars	16	17	18 6pm Karem Ladies-Saloon 7:30pm - Stated Meeting DON session 7pm	19 Ballroom reserved	20 Ballroom Reserved
21	22 <i>hello FALL</i>	23 6:30pm - Tri-County	24	25 Sportsman's Banquet 11am - Tem-Bell Shrine	26 5:30pm - Fish Fry @	27 Saloon Reserved
28	29 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine	30	1	2	3 Ballroom Reserved	4 Ballroom Reserved




1 Kenneth Sims	4 Coy Emmert Kenneth Young Steven Ash	7 Gene Ondrusek	14 Glenn Boyd John Brooks Robert Smith	18 Herbert Kunkel Matthew Stufflebeam	22 Casey Stanislaw	27 David Picciandra Dicky Tyler James Cosper
2 James Basso	5 William Kohl Clyde Hickey Brendan Wachtendorf	8 F. Boyd F. Cox	15 Bobby Roscher H. Buchanan Samuel Watkins Ricky Garcia Christopher Brandy	19 Donald Watts	23 Gene Gay John Kleindienst	28 Charles Day
	6 K. Holt Lloyd Coffman Howard Schnorrbusch	10 Ricky Raspberry	17 John Moltz Randy Mena	20 William Byrd Nicky Eastwood Maher Tamimi G. Wallace Dolan Spencer	24 Gary Hoffman Daniel Reyna	29 Michael Blanchard Allen Hallbauer Lynn Prosser
		11 Robert Kincaid		21 Gregory Casey	25 Shawn Charbonneau Paul Cavezza	
		12 Kenneth Jones Richard Gillet Steve Leichenauer				

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 6pm - Cove Oasis Shrine	30	1	2	3 Ballroom Reserved	4 Ballroom Reserved
5	6	7 6pm - Lockwood Lodge 6:30pm - Karem Cowboys	8	9		11
12	13	14	15	16 7:30pm - Stated Meeting DON Meeting	17	18
19	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 	1 Classic Car Show