

Midwest Shrine Summer Parades Khartum Shrine Winnipeg, Manitoba August 4 & 6, 2011

To All Midwest Shrine Centers;

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2011 Midwest Summer Session will have two (2) parades, one (1) on Thursday evening and one (1) on Saturday morning. Both parades are about one (1) kilometer in length and will be governed by the Shrine Parade Regulations which are included as part of this document. As per item 13 of the Shrine Parade Regulations temple Potentates are required to review parade regulations with their temple marshal, the parade marshal, and their unit heads. Please ensure that all Nobles and Units participating in the parades are familiar with and abide by these regulations.

In addition to item 9 of the Shrine Parade Regulations, it is illegal to consume liquor in public places without a liquor permit in the Province of Manitoba and Khartum will not have a permit. Therefore it is illegal to have open or consume alcoholic beverages in the form-up area, along the parade route or at the dispersal point. We have been advised by the police that they will be watching and if they spot anyone with liquor in an unlicensed or unpermitted location they will be charged under the liquor control act of Manitoba.

There will be port-a-potties set up at in the form-up areas for the parade participant's use. As well garbage receptacles will be located around the form-up area and you are requested to use these. All motorized equipment, horses etc must stay off the lawn and garden areas and are restricted to the roadways and parking areas only. If the temples have animals/horses they must have a clean-up crew cleaning up behind their animals in both the form-up area as well as on the parade route.

Each Shrine Center is responsible for their own transportation needs including cars for Potentate/Divan as well as trailers to transport bands or other Nobles. If you require a trailer please contact Don Thomson PP at don.thomson@mts.net, he will put you in touch with a supplier to make your own arrangements to rent or acquire the equipment your Shrine Center needs.

Each Shrine Center is responsible for the forming up their Nobles and Units in their assigned area and be ready for step-off as required. Assigned areas will be marked with signs on parade day. Please advise Khartum Chief of Staff Noble Bruce Barton of the number of Marching Units, Motorized pieces of equipment,

Horse Units etc your Shrine Center will have on Parade. This information must be emailed to him no later than Wednesday June 15, 2011 at mbbarton@mts.net

There will be an Oasis located at the end of each parade route and each Shrine Center will be advised prior to the summer session, once the location of these have been confirmed.

PARADE ROUTES

Thursday August 4

The parade will start at the Manitoba Legislature and go east down Broadway to the Fort Garry Hotel where it will disburse south onto Fort Street. The reviewing stand will be in front of the Fort Garry Hotel just before the end of the parade route. The parade step off time will be 7:00 PM with form up at 5:30 PM on the Manitoba Legislative Grounds. The entrance into the form-up area will be off Broadway at Memorial Blvd. Buses will drop off their passengers at the entrance to the form up area (they will not be allowed into the form-up area), then proceed east on Broadway to the parade end/disbursement point to wait for their nobles. Unlicensed/non registered vehicles must be transported to the form-up area. Transport vehicles will off load the equipment and are requested to exit the form-up area as quickly as possible, then move the parade end to wait there to reload their Shrine Center equipment. As per Shrine Regulations empty buses, trucks or trailers shall not participate in the parade. A map of both the proposed parade route and form-up area are included with this document.

Saturday August 6

Saturday morning there will be a "Parade in the Park", the parade will be held in Assiniboine Park, with form-up at 9:30 am and step-off at 11:00 am. Assiniboine Park is located on the south side of the Assiniboine River West of Kenaston Blvd with access at Roblin Blvd/Corydon Avenue and Shaftsbury Blvd. The parade will form-up on Locomotive Drive and Formal Garden Way east of first parking lot on Conservatory Drive. The step-off will be at 11:00 and proceeding north on Locomotive Drive to Assiniboine Park Drive past the reviewing stand located at the duck pond area to parade end at Assiniboine Park Drive and Zoo Drive. There are two (2) parking lots located on Zoo Drive at the end of the parade route that can be used for pick up of equipment. Buses and transport vehicles will unload at the entrance to the form up area or the formal garden entrance on Corydon (they will not be allowed into the form-up area), then proceed to the parade end to reload. As per Shrine Regulations empty buses, trucks or trailers shall not participate in the parade. A marked up map of the park identifying the form-up area, parade route and review stand for each parade is included with this document.

Shrine Parade Regulations.

1. Non-Shriners. Other than the police escort, dignitaries and distinguished guests, only Shriners are permitted in Shrine parades.
2. Cadence. Marching cadence will be 110 steps to the minute, except for specialized units which may require a different cadence.
3. Interval. Intervals of not over 80 feet between temples and 40 feet between units are to be constantly maintained.
4. Impersonations. No impersonations of ethnic groups, females, or political figures are allowed in parades.
5. Vehicle equipment. No motorized vehicles shall engage their sirens, flashing lights or colored lights. They are to use their turn indicators and items required by law.
6. Safety laws. Motorcycles, scooters, and other motorized vehicles shall obey local laws regarding speed, prudent operation and the use of hard helmets instead of fezzes.
7. Throwing objects. Neither candy nor other objects shall be THROWN to spectators along the parade route.
8. Demeaning displays. No demeaning displays or discharge of firearms of any type, or other items that may be considered in poor taste are permitted.
9. Alcoholic beverages. Members of participating units shall not drink any alcoholic beverages before or during any parade, and they shall be circumspect in the use of soft drinks in public places so as not to give the impression they are drinking alcoholic beverages.
10. Reviewing Stand.
 - (a) At Imperial Session parades, a reviewing stand is reserved for the exclusive use of the Imperial Potentate, Imperial officers, Past Imperial officers, and such guests as invited by the Imperial Potentate.
 - (b) At the reviewing stand during Imperial parades, temple divans will give the hand salute and will not stop to salaam. The Imperial Potentate (or ranking Imperial officer) receives the salute. When temples from an Imperial officer's state or province pass in review, that officer receives the salute of these temples along with the Imperial Potentate.

(c) At association of temples parades, the ranking Imperial officer along with the Association President or Potentate (as appropriate) receives the salute of all temples. Other Imperial Officers and Association Officers will follow the same procedure as above.

(d) At association of temple parades, the Temple Potentates may leave their cars and accept the salutes of their units.

11. National flags. No national flag shall be lowered or dipped when passing the Reviewing Stand or elsewhere.

12. Enforcement. Parade marshals/Provost shall enforce all Shrine parade regulations and they shall report any violators to the Potentate of his Temple. Failure on the part of a Temple Potentate to cooperate with parade marshals shall be reported in writing.

13. Potentate responsibility. **Each Potentate is personally responsible and accountable for knowingly permitting any violation of parade regulations.** Temple potentates are required to review parade regulations with their temple marshal, the parade marshal, and their unit heads.

Khartum Shriners are very pleased and honored to be hosting the 2011 Midwest Shrine Sessions. We hope will join us for a few days of fun, competitions, parades and camaraderie. However we should not lose site of the fact that we will be in the public's eye during our parades and a Parade Chairman I am requesting that you act in the best interest of the Shrine and the worlds greatest philanthropy Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Don Thomson PP
Parade Chairman
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