



MEMORANDUM

Sudan Shriners

TO: Potentate, Divan, Past Potentates, Uniform Units and Ceremonial Staff

FROM: Frank Long, Director

DATE: January 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Winter Ceremonial, Parade and General Information - January 23 - 24, 2026

Dear Nobles:

Enclosed is the Schedule of Events for our Winter Ceremonial in New Bern, along with a Parade line-up.

On **Friday night** in the **New Bern Convention Center**, we have a Memorial Service, Patient Introduction, and Check Presentations from Shrinettes, Units and Clubs.

The **Candidates Committee** should report to **Grover C. Fields Middle School**, 2000 MLK Blvd., Saturday, January 24th, 7:00am for novice registration.

The **Provost Guard** will furnish four (4) men to assist with handling of Candidates and will report to Noble Marty Spears, Director of Candidates by 7:00am at **Grover C. Fields Middle School**.

The **Provost Guard** will police the Business Meeting and Shrine Degree held at **Grover C. Fields Middle School**. They are to be on hand to attend the doors at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled events to check **2026 Members** dues cards.

Uniform Units will not have any special duties to perform at the Business Meeting, except for Patrol's Color Guard to present colors and Provost Guard will provide security as outlined above. All Nobles are urged to attend the important Annual Stated Business Meeting on Saturday at 8:00am.

Parade-----Uniform Units can start lining up at 11:00am on George Street at Kafer Park. Parade steps off at **12:00 Noon**. The actual route will follow along George Street onto Broad Street onto Middle Street and disbands on South Front Street near Truist Bank and the DoubleTree. Unit Directors, would you please review with your members **ARTICLE IV – DISCIPLINE Section 5 #2** about drinking **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**, before or during a **PARADE**.

In accordance with the Board of Directors of Sudan, the following guideline is in effect with regards to all Shrine Parades. **No Trailers Participate in Parades.** Moslem Feast/**Chef Crew**---The Moslem Feast immediately follows the parade and is held at **Grover C. Fields Middle School**. All nobles and ladies are invited to attend.

The **Camel Drivers** may set up their Jewelry / Merchandise at the **Grover C. Fields Middle School**.

Each **Uniform Unit Head** is requested to check each member of his Unit to be sure they have a **2026** dues card. If anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to call the office or me. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR FEZ

2026 SHRINE DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO ALL ACTIVITIES

Winter Parade Line Up
New Bern, NC
January 24, 2026

1. Sudan Patrol	23. Mourners
2. Drum & Bugle Corp.	24. Burnouts
3. Flag Unit	25. Daredevils
4. Divan, Convertibles, Provost Guard	26. Shriners Choo-Choos
5. Children Float	27. Fire Brigade
6. Mobile Fez	28. Cruisers
7. Roadsters	29. Steel Drum Band
8. Desert Rats	30. Drifters
9. Monster Trucks	31. Carteret Co. Mariners
10. Horse Patrol	32. Cooligans
11. Animated Animals	33. Van Patrol
12. Racers	34. Truckers
13. Mini Rigs	35. Mini Cars
14. Beach Bums	36. Hillbillies
15. Thunderbolts	37. River Rats
16. Clowns	38. Keystone Kops
17. Tomcats	
18. Pirates	
19. Prowlers	
20. Motor Patrol	
21. Cart Caravan	
22. Candidates (Wrecking Crew)	



SUDAN SHRINERS

WINTER CEREMONIAL

New Bern, North Carolina
January 23 – 24, 2026



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday - January 23, 2026

8:00 am	Past Potentates Cabiri Breakfast / Meeting – <i>Courtyard by Marriott</i>
10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting – <i>Courtyard by Marriott</i>
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Open for shopping and sightseeing
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Sudan Hospitality Room - <i>New Bern Shrine Club</i> – 2102 S. Glenburnie Rd.
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Memorial Service, Patient Introductions, Check Presentations & Potentate Remarks - <i>Riverfront Convention Center</i> , 203 S. Front St.
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	Ceremonial Dance – “DJ Justin Rouse”

CASH BAR DOWNSTAIRS ALL WEEKEND

***Admission by 2026 Shrine or Blue Lodge Dues Card
Coat / Tie & Fez Requested – Ladies – Dress or Pantsuit***

Saturday - January 24, 2026

7:30 am	Registration of Candidates – Fez Sizing & New Candidate Orientation <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i> - 2000 MLK Blvd
8:00 am	Annual Stated Business Meeting - Officer Elections & Budget Approval, Sudan Shriners Holding Corporation - <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i>
9:00 am	Ladies Breakfast & Entertainment - <i>Riverfront Convention Center</i> (All Shrine Ladies, New Candidates Ladies, and Special Guests are invited) \$20
9:30 am	Shrine Degree by Ritualistic Cast - <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i>
11:00 am	Parade Formation at Kafer Park - George Street
12:00 Noon	Parade Steps Off – George St. - Broad St. - Middle St. - Disbands on South Front St. at Truist Bank & DoubleTree
1:00 pm	Moslem Feast - Chef Crew – <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i> <i>Camel Drivers will be set up</i>
2:00pm	Potentate's Happy Hour - Hosted by the Wrecking Crew - <i>Grover C. Fields Middle School</i>
6:00 pm	Riverfront Convention Center – Doors Open
6:30 pm	Doors to Ballroom Open for Seating
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Grand March - Distinguished Guests, Divan & Past Potentates Fez & Rose Presentation / New Nobles & their Ladies Installation of Potentate & Remarks
9:00 pm - 12:00	Potentate's Ball - “Blackwater Band”

***Nobles / Ladies & Invited Guests Only
Fezzes Requested All Weekend***

***Nobles Coat / Tie & Fez Requested / Ladies Formal - Semi-Formal
Ladies - Dress or Pantsuit***

Map of New Bern

