

# TURBAN TIMES

## MT SINAI #3

February 2024

Potentate: David Coffey

Recorder: Mike Gunn

Treasurer: Ken Canning

address: 2 Academy St, Barre, VT 05641



## Potentate Dave, Lady Lynne and Family



### What's New

Potentate Notes

Recorder Corner

What's coming Up?

Sick Call  
Black Camel

Turban Times is back!!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mike Gunn in keeping the news moving forward during the hiatus. My hope is that this relieves some of the stress that was added.

Please send any reports by the 3rd week of the month so that it can be added to the next months news. ([galuman2020@gmail.com](mailto:galuman2020@gmail.com))

Any pictures should have who is in the photo and the occasion that it was taken.

# Potentate's Word

Nobles and ladies of Mt Sinai,

I am deeply honored to serve as Potentate for 2024. I look forward to a great year with many additional activities for our Shrine Center to enjoy. I have received a dispensation from MWGM Paul C Mosher for Mt Sinai Shriners to assist masonic lodges with the 3rd Degree and being able to wear our Fez during the first section, I am looking for volunteers who would like to participate in this.

Illustrious Sir Gerry Morong is organizing a trip to visit the Montreal Shriners hospital on Sunday February 18th

Aleppo Shriners is having their Shrine circus on April 20th and it would nice to have a group from Mt Sinai to go together. More information to come.

I will be attending NSA Mid-Winter meeting in Kingston Ontario April 18th-21.

I am also looking for a volunteer to take over the hospitality Chairmen as Ken Johnson has stepped down from this role. This position oversees the hospitality room and supplies (bar supplies alcohol mixers) munchies.

They would also store the alcohol in between functions. If you are interested in doing this please email me at [decsrddgm13@yahoo.com](mailto:decsrddgm13@yahoo.com).

I would also like give a huge Thanks to Lady Angie for taking on the role of editor of the Turban Times.

Doing More in 24

David Coffey Potentate 2024

## Opportunities

How can you help out?

Bingo Committee are always looking for workers - Bingo is held 1 Sunday a Month for Jan-May, July-Aug, Oct-Dec.

Fundraising Committee: Are you a natural born leader, Do you have fundraising ideas and willing to lead? Reach out to our Potentate.

Recruitment - everyone can/should be participating in this

## Recorder's Corner

#1—Dues are due, so check the statement you got from Imperial for 2024. Mail to, Mt. Sinai Shriners, 2 Academy St., Barre, Vt 05641

#2—The Mt. Sinai's Spring Ceremonial will be held in Morrisville, Vt @ 9:30 AM. For all the members I contacted to attend to take in the 2 nd Degree Ritual at the Fall Ceremonial that did not happen I urge you all to attend the Spring Ceremonial to do just that, the 2 nd Degree Ritual. It'll be a lot of fun!!

# Chief Rabban minute

No message provided for this edition

## Next Meeting

Spring Ceremonial

When: May 4th 9:30a start time

Where: Mt Vernon Lodge 65 Portland Street Morrisville

There is a planned 2nd session

note: The lodge entrance is on Brigham street and there is a parking lot at the end of the street as well as some parking on the street.

## 2024 Divan

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## Assistant Rabban Corner

Nobles and Ladies

I am honored to have been given a chance to redo my Potentate year. I am looking forward to supporting Illustrious Dave and connecting with as many nobles as possible over the next couple of years. Lady Angie and I are hoping to travel as much as possible prior to our year. If you have any thoughts on how we can improve or concerns about anything please feel free to reach out.

Fraternally Yours

AR/PP Gary Luman

A cartoon character with a large head, wearing a red cap and a blue shirt with the number 8, is pointing upwards with a speech bubble that says "Roll Call".

# Editorial



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## Upcoming Events

## February

6 Divan meeting 6:30 PM

## 11 Shrine Bingo

## 17 Cairo Shriners Chili Cook-off Rutland

## 18 Montreal hospital visit

March

5 Divan meeting 6:30 PM

## 10 Shrine Bingo

April

2 Divan meeting 6:30 PM

18-21 NSA Mid-Winter Kingston Ontario

## 20 Aleppo Circus

# May

## 4 - Spring Ceremonial Morrisville Vt



1991 - Homer Selby (Janet)  
1992 - Donald Tessier  
1994 - Roy Vance (Linda)  
1995 - Fred Wall (Leslie)  
1998 - Gerald Morong (Frances)  
1999 - Winston Harper (Rachel)  
2000 - C.J. Murray (Deborah)  
2002 - Gary Centabar  
2004- Micheal Parent (Maureen)  
2006 - Leo Laflamme (Linda)  
2008 - Harry Richard (Mickey)  
2010 - Kristi Morris (Sharon)  
2011 - J. Pat Sloan (Marie)  
2012- Shawn Kincaid (Jacqi)  
2013 - Alton Willard (Joan)  
2014 - Bruce Pelletier (Monica)

## Past Potentates (Living)

2015- Paul Mosher  
2016 - Ken Canning (Liz)  
2017 - Pierre Letourneau  
2018 - Donald Karlovich (Karen)  
2019 - Micheal Parent (Maureen)  
2020 - Gary Luman Jr. (Angela)  
2021 - James Smith (Laura)  
2022 - Bruce Pelletier (Monica)  
2023 - Scott Boyer (Jennifer)

## Next edition

March 1, 2024

Please have submissions entered by the 28th of the month to ensure time to add. All submissions should be sent to:

[galuman2020@gmail.com](mailto:galuman2020@gmail.com)

Pictures and funnies are also welcome

## Sick Call

None reported

## Black Camel 2024

None reported

# Unit News

This are will be used to post any announcements, events or fundraisers that are being held or run by specific units. Pictures and information will be great as well

Fire Brigade - Ken Johnson

Meeting date

meeting location:

Motor Corp - Dave Baker

Meeting date

Meeting location:

Sinai Joes - Paul Laflamme

Meeting date

Meeting location:

Bunker Busters - Donald Karlovich PP

Meeting date

Meeting location:

Camel - Mike Parent PP

Northern Shrine Club - Gerald Morong PP

## Bingo Units 2024

February 11 - Motor Corp

March 10 - Cycle Unit/Northern Shrine Club

May 26 - Fire Brigade/Bunker Busters

June 16 -

July 7 - Sinai Joes/Cabari

August 4 - Motor Corp

October 6 - Cycle Unit/Shrine Club

November 3 - Fire Brigade/Bunker Busters

December 1 - Sinai Joes/Cabari

# Unit News

## Cycle Unit

December 2023 the Motorcycle Unit held their annual Christmas Party and Meeting. During the meeting they honored Noble Bruce Strachan for his dedication to the Shrine and the Motorcycle Unit





# Bingo Crew

The Bingo crew have been working hard this year to bring the games back to pre-Covid status. The annual food drive in November and the Toy drive in December were both successful!

February 11th is Super Bowl Bingo - one of our biggest bingo Jackpot guaranteed to go!

Outreach: The Bingo committee participated in the annual Christmas Tree event for ANEW held at the Umall in November.

Bingo is always looking for more volunteers and players





# Unit News

## Northern Vermont Shrine Club

The Northern Vermont Shrine Club is the only remaining shrine club under the Mt Sinai umbrella. There used to be a Northeast Shrine Club that was located in the Newport Area and the Green Mountain Shrine Club that was in the Burlington Area. The Green Mountain Club was unique in that it was comprised of nobles from Mt Sinai and Cairo. It gave Shriners from both Temples the opportunity to come together socially, share a few cocktails and a meal without the conflict that sometimes prevails. Unfortunately, both of these clubs folded due to lack of participation.

In the NVSC we try to be active and host events to bring Shriners and their ladies together in a social setting. We host a Christmas Party in December that features a great catered meal, trivia games, and gifts for the ladies. We usually have 30 to 40 in attendance. During the summer months we get together for a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Ethan Allen. This has proven to be a very popular event and is well attended. We have not held an annual meeting for a couple of years, mainly due to the COVID situation. We will hold one this year, probably in March. It will also be an event where we include the ladies and will be held at a local restaurant. We do not do fundraisers. Our only income is from member's dues, which are \$10 per year. We are mainly a social group. We are organizing a bus trip to the Montreal Shriner's Hospital in February. The cost will be \$30.00 per person to cover the bus. There will be a guided tour of the facility and lunch in the cafeteria. It is open to anyone who is interested in visiting this premier orthopedic hospital.

Gerald Morong, PP

President

David Baker

Secretary/Treasurer

# Unit News

## NVSC Motor Corp

### NVSC Motor Corps

The Mt Sinai Motor Corps was formed by the members of the No. VT. Shrine Club in 1971. For a little of the history of this esteem group I offer the following.

Several members of the Shrine Club felt that it would be fun to have a bus that they could use to travel to the Temple, or maybe participate in parades. They ended up buying a used airport limousine that they had painted with the Shrine symbols and colors. It provided transportation for about twelve of its people. In 1972 they purchased six Go Karts that they could use to ,participate in parades. Noble Merrill Hungerford had the idea to build ramps over the limo and drive the karts over the ramps while driving in the parade. Thus, the unit was formed. We are currently on our fourth limousine and going strong.

The unit now has eight Go Karts and 21 active members. We transport the karts in a large trailer that we call the oasis. It has a bathroom, a bar, refrigerated drinks and seating for relaxation, with space for nine karts in the back. We participate in around eight or ten parades every summer and are a big hit with audiences, especially the kids. We finance our operation by charging a small fee to perform in the various parades, plus we now sell advertising space on the sides of our trailer, which has grown into our major fundraiser. We donate to the three Shriner's Hospitals that our Temple normally supports: Montreal, Boston and Springfield on an annual basis. Of course, the purpose of our parade units is to promote Shrinedom and our network of Shriner's Hospitals For Children (Now called Shriner's Childrens), with the sideline of having fun.

Our annual meeting is in May each year and is held at an area restaurant. We also end the year with a cookout at the home of our Corpsmaster, Dave Baker.

Submitted by:  
Gerald Morong  
Secretary/treasurer





# Nobles





# Hospital News



Thank you to all of our guests, sponsors, donors and volunteers who made Cheers for Children a huge success. We raised \$345,295 to benefit our patient care at Shriners Children's New England.

Kindly mark your calendars for the upcoming Cheers for Children event on Friday, October 25, 2024. Tickets will be available for purchase starting August 1, 2024.

Please visit [www.cheersforchildrennewengland.org](http://www.cheersforchildrennewengland.org). Tickets are \$50 per person and go on sale August 1, 2024. We will have over 40 vendors providing samples of food, beer and wine from local restaurants, breweries and wineries, live entertainment, games and a silent auction. Last year we raised over \$345,000 to benefit Shriners Children's New England patient care! There will be a room block as well as other hotel options near MGM Springfield.

October 25, 2024

5:30 – 9:00 pm

MGM Springfield

Springfield, MA

