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What's New

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Black Camel



Potentate Word

Ladies and fellow Nobles

As we are going into the second month of the New Year. I would like to thank you for all your support so far and most importantly to your Shrine center. Our first divan meeting will be held February 10, 2025 which I've decided to have a zoom meeting due to the weather. We are making progress toward making this year a great year. There are three things that make a Shrine Center run: Membership, fundraising, and participation in events. Unfortunately, we are down on one of the three. Membership is down like many Shrine centers. As you know we need to bring in some new members since our membership numbers are down I will renew a General order I enacted in 2018 allowing members that were suspended the previous years before a chance to pay their 2025 dues and be reinstated for 2025 as members in good standing. Our first fundraiser is going into its first month. We are selling some MT. Sinai #3 Swag. We are selling pens, and we have already sold enough pens to start making a prophet. We are also selling Shriners ties. These items will be available at the spring ceremonial. There will be an order form available in the next Turban Times to buy both items. Our first MT Sinai #3 Vermont talent variety show committee met on January 25, 2025 to start putting this event together. Our Spring Ceremonial will be on April 19, 2025 in St Albans lodge starting at 9:30AM. I will giving the NESAs association mid-winter meeting report at this meeting. We then start our next fundraiser to sell Red Sox tickets.

Thank you

Illus. Donald J Karlovich Mt. Sinai #3



Why we do what we do

100 Years of Being Unstoppable

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Please join us as we celebrate 100 years of providing unstoppable pediatric specialty care that has helped thousands of children live their best lives!



100 years ago Shriner's Children's made a promise. One made of brick and mortar and compassion. One sworn to protect and heal the most precious among us. A century later, we are still keeping that promise with facilities all across the globe, helping children from almost every country in the world, with an unwavering dedication to breakthroughs in care, with an ever-growing army of healers standing ready and able. So when a child is staring down a health challenge, we're at their side. When parents despair in the dark, we shine a light. Together we've treated more than 1.5 million patients. 1.5 million children who inspired us with their endless drive to keep moving forward. And so we will too. Because 100 years later our commitment stands. Like our patients we will not yield. We will not quit. We are unstoppable.

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/celebrating-100-years>

Hospital News

Michael Cunningham Elected Chair of the Shriners Children's Boston Board of Governors



“I am very fortunate to be able to work with so many dedicated Board of Governors volunteers and hospital staff and I love being part of such a dedicated and high-performing team.”

Michael Cunningham, Chair of the Board of Governors, Shriners Children's Boston

Read about Dr. Michael Cunningham at:

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/news/2025/01/michael-cunningham-shriners-childrens-boston>

Chief Rabban Message

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Lady Angie and I are excited to embark on our year as Chief Rabban. We are hoping to travel as much as possible to visit other temples and continue enjoying the fellowship that comes with it.

Lady Angie and I have been taking advantage of the opportunity provide by Imperial and have been joining the Membership and Leadership Virtual trainings. These sessions are packed with some good information on how to make Temples stronger. We have learned some helpful tips that I would like to share with you.

Attracting and Retaining Members: One of the biggest thing that they mentioned is bringing in new members is only the start. Make sure that they are given the tools needed to make the most of their talents is equally important. Consider assigning Mentors.

Events/Fundraisers: Making sure that you are being open and welcoming whether it is a fundraiser or event, open meetings to everyone, don't just choose select people and than expect everyone to show up when you choose, you never know when you will find a great resource within your ranks.

As we continue to learn I will share. Growing stronger one event at a time!

Fraternally Yours,

Gary B. Luman

PP 2020/CR 2025



Former International Patient Ambassador Katherine visited [77 WABC](#) and [Sid And Friends In The Morning](#) to share her Shriners Children's story and burn injury recovery journey with a special in-studio audience! Thank you for having Katherine as a guest! [Shriners Children's Boston](#)



2025 Divan

- Potentate - Donald Karlovich
- Chief Rabban - Gary Luman
- Assistant Rabban - Norbet "Sonny" Fetzer
- High Priest and Profit - Michael Bergeron
- Oriental Guide - James Walsh

- Recorder - Mike Gunn
- Treasurer - Alton Willard



Installation of Officers

January 4, 2025 Potenate and officers were installed in Barre, VT

- Potentate – Donald Karlovich
- Chief Rabban – Gary Luman Jr
- Assistant Rabban – Norbet “Sonny” Fetzter
- High Priest & Prophet – Michael Bergeron
- Oriental Guide – James Walsh
- Treasurer – Alton Willard PP
- Recorder – Michael Gunn
- First Ceremonial Master – Scott Boyer PP
- Marshal – Gerald Morong PP
- Captain of the Guard – Adam Johnson
- Outer Guard – Robert Booth
- Chaplain – Kenneth Johnson
- Directory – Gerald Morong PP





Next Bingo: 9 February (Super Bowl Bingo)
Next scheduled unit: **Cycle Unit and Shrine Club**

Bingo is always looking for more volunteers and players

Units you don't have to wait for your assigned month to join in the fun



Editorial

Units remember tax forms need to be submitted as soon as possible to the office.

2025 Fundraiser plans are underway

Check out the upcoming events listed - lots of fun opportunities to get involved with your Temple!

Do you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a member - strike up a conversation



February

7-9 Allepo Visitation

9 - Bingo (Cycle Unit/Shrine Club)

March

6-8 Oriental Guide Leadership Conference

10-12 Kosair for Kids Leadership Conference

April

5- Ladies of the Table - St. Albans

19 - Spring Ceremonial - St. Albans

Welcome to our New Noble and his Lady

Please welcome our new noble and his lady who was installed on January 4, 2025



Northeast Shrine Association - Fostering fun and fellowship

Annual Christmas Party



2025 Bingo Schedule

**Note: There will be no Bingo in
March, April of October**

**Please watch the
announcements for any changes
that might be needed**

9- February: Cycle Unit and Shrine Club

4-May: Sinai Joes and Cabari

8-June: Fire Brigade

6-July: Motor Corp

3-August: Cycle Unit and Shrine Club

21-September: Sinai Joes and Cabari

23-November: Fire Brigade

28-December: Motor Corp





Membership Education opportunity - sign up for the 2025 virtual Membership and Marketing seminars. These are free to join. And open to any member in good standing

next session: March 5, 2025

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/member-center/Education>





**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT!**



Greetings!

We are pleased to announce that the registration links for the **2025 Oriental Guide Leadership Conference** and the **2025 Kosair for Kids Shrine Leaders Conference** (formerly Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference) are now live.

The exact dates for these conferences are as follows:

Oriental Guide Leadership Conference – Arrival and registration on Wednesday, March 5, with departure after 6PM (flight time) on Saturday, March 8, or anytime on Sunday, March 9. The conference is expected to end at 4PM.

The actual class dates are March 6-8, 2025.

***Kosair for Kids Shrine Leaders Conference** – Arrival and registration on Sunday, March 9, with departure after 6PM (flight time) on Wednesday, March 12, or anytime on Thursday, March 13. The conference is expected to end at 4PM.

The actual class dates are March 10-12, 2025.

***In order to register for the Kosair for Kids Shrine Leaders Conference, you must have obtained the office of Assistant Rabban or higher.**

The deadline for registering and to secure a sleeping room for the Oriental Guide Conference is ****February 11**

The deadline for registering and to secure a sleeping room for the Assistant Rabban Conference is ****February 17**

****Please note - the room block may sell out, please secure your reservations early.**

Contact the Recorder for more information

Upcoming Visitation



Aleppo Shriners

Shriners International

99 Fordham Road - Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887-2148
Tel. (978) 657-4202 - FAX (978) 657-8950
www.AleppoShriners.com



DAVID P. YEO
Illustrious Potentate

STEPHEN C. ERIKSEN
Recorder

November 8, 2024

To: NSA

Dear Noble:

It is my pleasure to announce that next year's Potentate's Ball is going to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the Burlington Marriott, 1 Burlington Mall Rd., Burlington, Massachusetts. Telephone 781-229-6565. Lady Janis and I hope that all our Aleppo friends and their ladies or guest and Aleppo Officers and their ladies or guest plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful banquet and entertainment.

On Saturday morning, we'll start the day with our Nobility & NSA Breakfast where Honorary Certificates are presented and maybe a few jokes are told. After breakfast, you are all invited to relax and join your friends in the Aleppo Hospitality suite. Fill up at Aleppo's luncheon buffet in the Hospitality room before heading to "The Cliff Classic" Aleppo's inaugural mini-GOLF Tournament along with games, prizes, and fun.

The evening program will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour followed by the Grand Entrance in the ballroom at 7:15 p.m. Please indicate your entrée choice for dinner on the attached registration form.

You will be pleased to know that "Rick DeSanctis" our favorite Entertaining DJ will be back with us to help celebrate the night. Rick always does a wonderful job of getting everyone in the mood and on the dance floor. All in all, the Potentate's Ball will be a great evening, and I hope that you will be able to attend.

Dress for the Potentate's Ball: NSA Potentate's or representatives: Tuxedo and Fez; Nobles/Gentlemen: Tuxedo or dark suit. Ladies are requested to wear long gowns or cocktail dresses. My lady will be wearing a long gown.

If you find you cannot attend this wonderful event, please feel free to pass this invitation on to your representative. Other officers and ladies may attend the weekend at their own expense. A special form is enclosed under the title: "Other NSA Officers".

But wait, there's more!

CLIFFORD A. CRITCH *Chief Rabban* - ROBERT T. GARDINER *Assistant Rabban* - GARY D. WATERS, JR. *High Priest and Pro*

Friday option

Come stay for the weekend and join Janis and I on Friday evening to enjoy our Costa Rica Jungle Night with Vanessa Saggese & "The Vinyl Groove All Stars. Vanessa and the "BOYS" will get us all hyped up and ready for our Shriners trip to Costa Rica in March. Prior to the show, food and beverages will be available in the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. Suggested dress casual.

The costs for the weekend events are on the enclosed "Registration Form." Please submit your "Registration Form" by **Monday, January 20, 2025.**

Janis and I are looking forward to an enjoyable weekend of fun and fellowship with all our friends. Please make every effort to attend and share this joyous occasion.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Clifford A. Critch
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Chief Rabban

POTENTATE'S BALL AND N.S.A. VISITATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025
BURLINGTON MARRIOTT
1 BURLINGTON MALL RD., BURLINGTON, MA.
TELEPHONE: 781-229-6565

OTHER NSA OFFICERS

- Aleppo Potentate's Ball Weekend includes: A ticket to the Friday night Costa Rica Jungle Night with complementary food and beverages prior to the show in the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. A ticket to Saturday morning Nobility & NSA Breakfast. Complementary lunch at the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. A ticket to Saturday afternoon's "Cliff Classic" Aleppo's inaugural mini-GOLF Tournament, a ticket to the Saturday Night Aleppo Potentate's Ball, and our guest at the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. **That's right: ALL Events during the Potentate's Ball weekend are included in one low price. "Come for the Ball & stay for the weekend!"**

Rooms are available at the Burlington Marriott for the discounted rate of \$148.00 per night. Call: 781-229-6565. Reserve your room now. Deadline for reservations is - January 10, 2025

Aleppo Potentate's Ball (Includes all events) \$145.00 (incl. tax) Per Person \$ _____

Children (Includes all events) \$40.00 (incl. tax) Per Child \$ _____

Please check here if you plan to join us Friday Night (for headcount) Yes, we'll see you Friday

- Aleppo Potentate's Ball (Potentate's Ball only) \$90.00 (incl. tax) Per Person \$ _____

Children (Potentate's Ball only) \$40.00 (incl. tax) Per Child \$ _____

Please make your choice of updated entrée features for Saturday evening's Potentate's Ball below.

- Statler Chick Breast Herb Roasted Cod Loins
 Vegetarian Center Cut Filet
 Children's

(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO, "ALEPPO SHRINERS") TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Noble: _____ Member #: _____

Lady/Guest (if attending): _____ Telephone # _____

E-Mail: _____ Unit or Office: _____



**Shriners
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Save the Date!

Tuesday, February 18, 2025



Launch of the hospital's 100th anniversary!

The official launch ceremony will take place between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (EST).

Questions? Contact us via Mon100@shrinenet.org

RSVP Is request if you will be attending

Overall Timeline, Launch Day, February 18th, 2025

- 7AM to 9:30 AM Pins & Coffee / Hot Chocolate at the cafeteria (Centennial Cttee members & Hospital Board members)
- 10:00 AM Press event (2.30)
- 11: 15 AM Teams Link for Centennial Launch Event goes live (link included below)
- 11:15 AM Patients & Board members welcome guests
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Centennial Launch Ceremony (2.28 & 2.30)
- 12:30 PM Pins/other Giveaways at cafeteria (Steering Committee and Hospital Activities Sub-committee and Board members)
- 2PM – 4PM Hospital Tour of staff with past patient Natalie Cinman & Board members, Steering Committee and Hospital Activities Sub-committee
- 4 PM Pins & treats in the Healing Garden (Steering Committee and Hospital Activities Sub-committee and Board members)
- 11 PM Pins & treats in the Healing Garden (Steering Committee and Hospital Activities Sub-committee and Board members)

Franklin Lodge #4 F&AM
invites you and your lady to our

Ladies at the Table

Saturday April 5, 2025

6:00 pm

at Franklin Lodge

142 North Main Street

St. Albans

Elegant 7 course meal with toasts

and guest speaker

\$30.00 per person

Please reserve by March 25, 2025

Tickets available from:

Jerry Morong 524-6637 moronggerald@comcast.net

David Baker 309-8935 drbaker81@comcast.net

Tickets limited to 50

Unit News

Motorcycle Unit - Sonny Fetzer (shomei55@gmail.com)

Meeting date

meeting location

Fire Brigade - Ken Johnson (kenlocks@comcast.net)

Meeting date

meeting location:

Motor Corp - Dave Baker (drbaker81@comcast.net/moronggerald@comcast.net)

Meeting date

Meeting location:

Sinai Joes - Paul Laflamme (plaflamme@vermontel.net/davegulbrandsen@yahoo.com)

Meeting date

Meeting location:

Bunker Busters - Donald Karlovich PP (donaldkarlovich@yahoo.com)

Meeting date

Meeting location:

Camel - Mike Parent PP (myke57@hotmail.com)

Northern Shrine Club - Gerald Morong PP (moronggerald@comcast.net)

Bingo Units 2025

9- February: Cycle Unit and Shrine Club

4-May: Sinai Joes and Cabari

8-June: Fire Brigade

6-July: Motor Corp

Past Potentates (Living)

1991 - Homer Selby (Janet)
1992 - Donald Tessier
1994 - Roy Vance (Linda)
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)
2012- Shawn Kincaid (Jacqi)
2013 - Alton Willard (Joan)
2014 - Bruce Pelletier (Monica)
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)
2024 - David Coffey (Lynne)

Next edition

March 1, 2025

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

galuman2020@gmail.com

Pictures and funnies are also welcome

Sick Call

Leo Laflamme Bob Coon Fran Morong

Reggie

Black Camel 2025

RICHARD HALLSTROM, WATERBURY, VT.

BORN: 4/3/1947

CREATED 5/9/1998

DIED: 12/27/2024

JOHN T. COLBY, MONTPELIER, Vt

Born: 4/22/1930

Created: 5/9/1959

Died: 1/13/2025

Opportunities

Fundraising Committee: Do you or your lady have an interest in fundraising? Have an idea on how to raise money for the Temple and the Hospitals? If so contact any member of the Divan and they will be happy to help.



Divan Positions: Have you ever wondered how one gets selected for the Divan. Contact the office at recorder@mountsinaishriners.org and Mike will help direct you.

Bingo Workers: Many hands make light work! The bingo committee is always looking for able bodied workers.

