

TURBAN TIMES

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Potentate: Donald Karlovich

Recorder: Mike Gunn

Treasurer: Alton Willard

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Happy 100th Birthday Noble Robert “Bob” Coon!



What's New

Hospital Happenings

Community News

What's coming Up?

Sick Call
Black Camel

Introducing 2025-2026 International Patient Ambassador

100 YEARS

Carlota

Her remarkable journey began with an uncertain start. Born three and a half months prematurely, Carlota's early life was marked by significant obstacles. After being diagnosed with [cerebral palsy](#) with spastic hemiparesis affecting one side of her body, doctors painted a bleak future. But her mother, Carla, refused to accept their predictions.

A chance encounter led them to [Shriners Children's Mexico](#), marking the beginning of transformative care.

learn more:

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2025/07/international-patient-ambassador-carlota>



Why we do what we do 100 Years of Being Unstoppable

100 YEARS

Shriner's Children - New England

Celebrating Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness Month: Remi's Story

A compassionate, team-based approach helps
families like Remi's thrive.

Read more:

<https://www.shrinerschilrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2025/07/remi-cleft-lip-and-palate-care>



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Summer Safety Tips

LAWNMOWER SAFETY



Shriners
Children's

More than 9,000 children are injured
in lawnmower-related accidents each year.



PUSH MOWER: age 12 or older

RIDING MOWER: age 16 or older

Must be: strong enough and mature

Provide: required training

Never: take a child as a passenger



WEAR:

- closed-toe shoes
- protective clothing
such as gloves, goggles



WATCH FOR HAZARDS:

- sticks, rocks, items in grass
can shoot out from mower

Shriner's Children's of New England wants to remind everyone:

Be safe when mowing the lawn this Summer with these safety tips!

Mowing the lawn can be hazardous if proper precautions aren't taken. Check out these tips to see how injuries can be prevented.

Introducing the 2026 Rose Bowl Parade Float Design

100 YEARS



Shriners
Children's

We are thrilled to reveal the design of our 2026 [Rose Parade](#) float, Building Dreams Together! We're looking forward to seeing it on New Year's Day! Interested in helping decorate the float in Iriwindale, Calif., in December?

Check out the info here: <https://ow.ly/Krah50Wq155>

Meet the Imperial Officers

Lawrence J. "Larry" Leib (Imperial Chief Rabban)



Lawrence J. "Larry" Leib, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, is serving his ninth year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's™. He was elected Imperial Chief Rabban, part of the 12-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, during the Shriners 202 Imperial Session held June 29-July 3 in Atlanta, Georgia.

read more at:

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/who-we-are/leadership/imperial-divan/lawrence-leib>

Fraternities and Philanthropy

- Master Mason, Zion Lodge #1, F. & A.M. of Michigan
- 33rd Degree Supreme Council Honorary Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J.
- Gold Member Commanders Circle and Life Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite NMJ, Valley of Michigan
- Member, Monroe Chapter #1, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan
- Member, Monroe Council #1, R&S of Michigan
- Detroit Commandery #1 Knights Templar, Past Commander, 2012 (Most Outstanding Commandery)
- York Rite College #1, Detroit, Michigan; Knight Mason Trinity Council #36
- Allied Masonic Degrees, Michigan
- Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International
- Member, Cabiri International
- Potentate, Moslem "Detroit" Shriners, 2015
- Director, Shriners International Iowa Corporation, 2017-present
- Director, Shriners Children's Colorado Corporation, 2017-present
- Emeritus Member, Shriners Children's Colorado Corporation
- Secretary Emeritus, Board of Governors, Shriners Children's Chicago
- Executive Committee, Board of Governors, Shriners Children's Chicago, 2004-2010
- Member, Donor Relations International Executive Advisory Committee, Shriners Children's, 2010-2012
- Chairman of Development, State of Michigan, Shriners Children's, 2004-2009
- General Counsel, Moslem "Detroit" Shriners, 2002-2008, 2010-2013
- General Counsel, Detroit Shrine Circus, 2002-2013
- Michigan State Fair (Detroit Shriners)
- Life Member, Moslem "Detroit" Shriners' Directors Staff and Clown units
- Member, Benevolent Order of the Crab, Claw #7; Detroit Shriners, Tap #1; Sigmund Society #1

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Urban Affairs, Michigan State University, 1990
- Juris Doctor, University of Detroit School of Law, 1993
- Master of Science, Sports Business, University of Michigan, 2000

Chief Rabban Message

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Shocking to think that this year is over half way gone already, it's that time to start thinking about what the next year will bring. My lady and are working hard to ensure that 2026 is a great year for all with the eye on boosting Membership and encouraging more fellowship among the nobility. August is shaping up to being a very busy month with the Shrine Football game in Castleton on Aug. 2, Bingo in Essex on Aug. 3 and the Annual Toy Run in Montpelier on Aug. 9th. Looking forward to participating in all!

Fraternally Yours,

Gary B. Luman

PP 2020/CR 2025

Hospital Board News



Greetings from Shriners Children's Boston,

The 6th Annual Haunted Walk is Sunday October 19th 10-12pm in Boston. Reach out to me and I will provide more details. It is getting closer to walk time and my Goal.

Many thanks to All who have donated so far!!

My fundraising page: <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/fundraiser/6351747>

Hospital business has been going as expected. The Pharmacy is on track to have the New Clean Room build and in use by the fall. A clean room you ask? Yes, it is a sterile room where IV Meds get mixed for patients. We are starting to dig deeper into what the future of Shriners Boston will look like, what we will or could offer other than what we are offering now. This seemed like a tame month for our meeting. Lunch was good and the drive wasn't terrible.

It appears that I have been asked to be an Assoc Member on the board for another year as there isn't enough seats at the table yet to become a voting member. I hope to keep the Temple strong with being at the meetings and voicing concerns, Thank you for letting me continue to serve.

Jim, PP 2021

Recorders Message

From the desk of Mike Gunn, Recorder of Mt. Sinai message for TT's

#1—Fall Ceremonial, October 11 th at 9:30 AM will be in Barre at the Masonic Temple, 2 Academy St.

#2—Chief Rabban meeting will December 6 th, starting at 9:30 AM at the Barre Masonic Temple.

#3—It is now August and you should be expecting your dues statement for 2026. Suggestion, when you get it don't bury at the bottom of your bills, send in your dues and help your Temple financially. you!

Thanking you, Mike Gunn, Recorder of Mt. Sinai Shrine Temple

Media Day at the Maple Sugar Bowl

Hard to see, but the football players at Shrine camp met with a patient ambassador and media today for lunch at Media Day at Castleton.

Practices are going well with time off in the afternoons on account of the heat. This weekend looks exceptional for the game. Kickoff Saturday at 11:30.



Honoring Robert “Bob” Coon Happy 100th!

Grand Master Sandy Karstens and Past Grand Master Paul Mosher present Brother Bob Coon a certificate celebrating his 70 years in Freemasonry. They also presented Bob with a certificate honoring his becoming a Centenarian Mason.



Governor Phil Scott was one of many who dropped by to wish Noble Bob Coon a Happy 100th Birthday on July 29, 2025

Announcement

Nobility,

It is with great sadness we are announcing that Mike Gunn has expressed his desire to step down from the position of Recorder at the conclusion of his current term.

After many years of service, his shoes will be big ones to fill. He has generously prepared documentation to assist the next torch bearer. He has also reached out and offered to sit with anyone who might be interested in running for this position.

Quick overview (not all encompassing) of what the expectations will be for this position.

1. The candidate will be required to attend all stated meetings.
2. The candidate will be required to attend the monthly Divan meetings.
3. Candidates will be required to be in the office at least 1 day every week.
4. The candidate will be responsible for maintaining an open line of communication between the Imperial office and the divan.

Please reach out to Chief Rabban Gary Luman and Mike Gunn, Recorder, as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the position's requirements, please reach out, and arrangements will be made to discuss with the relevant personnel.

Gary Luman - galuman2020@gmail.com

Mike Gunn - recorder@mountsinaishriners.org

Fun and Fellowship on the open water

Northern Vermont Shrine Association Hosts a lovely evening aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen. A beautiful evening was spent eating good food, great conversions and a bit of dancing the evening away!



Christmas in July!

Shriners Children's - Boston



Christmas came early to Shriners Children's Boston! Santa and Mrs. Claus took a break from the North Pole to visit our pediatric patients. They arrived by firetruck, spreading holiday cheer, with an assist from the [Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation](https://www.bostonfirefightersburnfoundation.org/). Thank you to everyone who makes this special event possible every year!

Important Dates to Remember

October 11, 2025

Fall Ceremonial:

Nominations are taken for any elected officer positions. If you are interested or curious this meeting is the one to attend. Mike Gunn, Recorder and Gary Luman 'CR 2025 will be available before the meeting to answer any questions you might have. It is a great way to support your temple and help guide it into the next century.

December 6, 2025

Chief Rabban day! this is election day. You will also get to hear the plans for the upcoming year. Please plan to attend and let your voices be heard. More information to come!



Next Bingo: 2-August

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

2025 Divan

Potentate - Donald Karlovich

Chief Rabban - Gary Luman

Assistant Rabban -

High Priest and Profit - Michael Bergeron

Oriental Guide - James Walsh

Recorder - Mike Gunn

Treasurer - Alton Willard



Editorial

Northeast Shrine Association Field Days will be held in Prince Edward Island Canada. September 25-28. Meals and activities deadline is July 31.

Nominations will be taken at Fall Ceremonial. If you are interested in any position please reach out.

Maple Sugar Bowl is fast approaching, have you purchased you tickets yet?

Membership is the life blood of the Temple. Any ideas to improve membership please share!



August

2- Maple Sugar Bowl - Castleton

3 - Bingo - [Cycle Unit and Shrine Club](#)

9 - UMV Toy Run Montpelier

September

21 - Bingo - [Sinai Joes and Cabari](#)

25-27 - NSA PEI

October

3 - Glow Golf

11 - Fall Ceremonial

18 - 100th Anniversary Gala

19 - Boston Haunted Walk

2025 Bingo Schedule

Note: There will be no Bingo in April of October

Please watch the announcements for any changes that might be needed

2-August: Cycle Unit and Shrine Club

21-September: Sinai Joes and Cabari

23-November: Fire Brigade

28-December: Motor Corp

Stay tuned for 2026 schedule coming soon!





16TH ANNUAL WIDOWS SONS MASONIC VETERANS RIDE

When: Sunday, August 3, 2025

Where: P&H Truck Stop, 2886 US-302 Wells River, VT

Registration: 9:00 am | KSU 10:00 am

Fee: \$25 per person

(All proceeds go directly to VA Hospital)



Route: P&H to VA Hospital to Veterans Cemetery
to Brookfield Masonic Lodge for Lunch.

Register / Donate here

☎ 802-624-0364

📍 <https://vtwidowssonschapter.com>

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widowssonsvtsecretary@gmail.com



UNITED MOTORCYCLISTS OF VERMONT

Shriners' Hospitals for Children

**TOY RUN
XXXIX**

Making Spirits Bright! ★

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Join the Shriners, UMV, V-Twin Cruisers MC, and hundreds of others for the 39th Annual Toy Run to benefit Shriners' Hospitals for Children. Bring cash, gift cards or a new, unwrapped toy (stuffed toys are discouraged due to allergens) to donate. Staging begins at 9 AM at Blue Cross/Blue Shield parking lot in Berlin. Please arrive by 11 AM. Kickstands up at 12 noon. T-shirts are available at BCBS (Cash only). **This charity event is held rain or shine - but it never rains on Toy Run day! Info subject to change.** NEK starting locations: Newport: Gardner Park, leave @ 8 am sharp; Morrisville Maplefields @ 8:30 am; St. Johnsbury Maplefields@ 9:30am.

United Motorcyclists of Vermont is a non-profit 501(C4) organization web:
unitedmotorcyclists.org Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/umv.vt>

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



NSA Field Days Sept. 25-28th
Summerside, Prince Edward Island
Hotel: The Microtel Inn and Suites
Rate: \$235 w/tax Canadian
Includes: Free Continental Breakfast, Parking,
Wifi

Questions please contact Bruce Pelletier
bpellet@comcast.net

Contact information:
Microtel Inn and Suites Summerside
515 Notre Dame Street
Summerside, PE C1N 1T2 Canada
(902) 918-0410
Mention Mt. Sinai



Upcoming Fundraiser

ARROWHEAD GOLF COURSE- MILTON, VT

Hosted by Masons of Northern Vermont
Open to the Public

GLOW GOLF Charity Night Golf

Friday| Oct 3, 2025 7 PM

Rain date Sat. Oct. 4, 2025

9 Holes of Glow Golf
Par 3 Executive course
No experience needed to Join
in the Fun ! - Teams of 4

Price: \$240 - Team of 4
Singles Welcome
Glow Balls Provided
Push Carts Available
All proceeds will be donated to
Mt. Sinai Shriners

For more info or to sign-up
Contact Jim Walsh at 802-309-8132
jwalsh331@gmail.com



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



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Pediatric
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Information

Our
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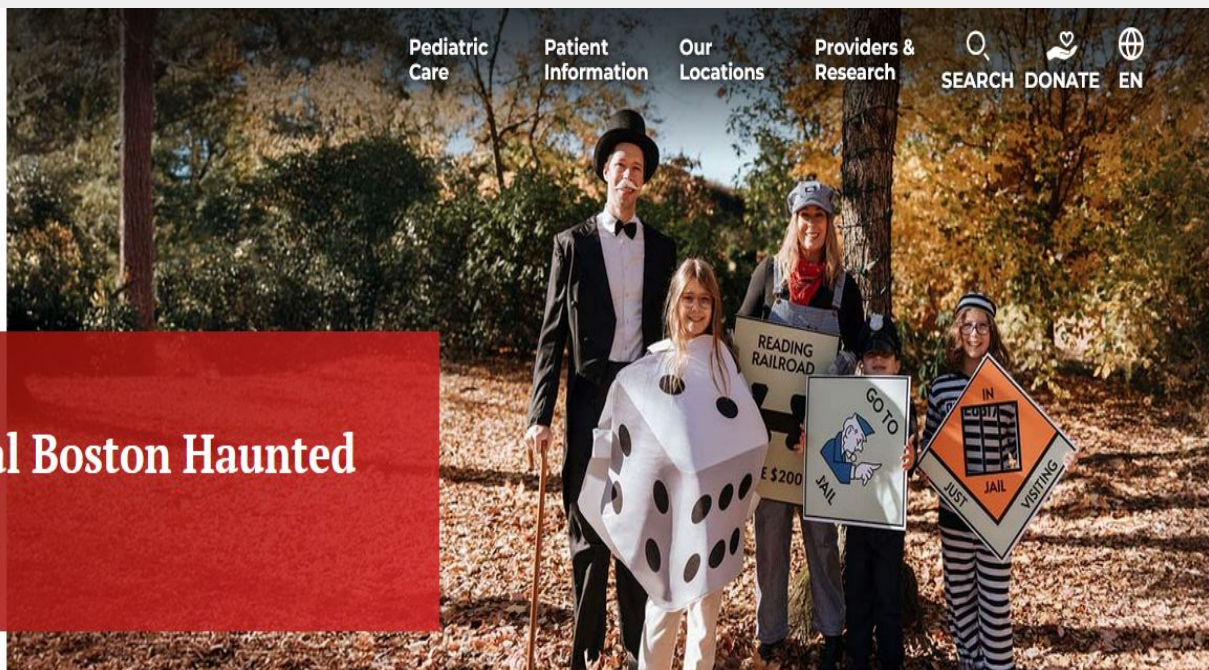
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6th Annual Boston Haunted Walk



When: October 19, 2025

Time: 10am-12pm

Where: The Garden at Elm Bank 900

Washington St Wellesley, MA 02482

Registration opens: April 1st

Learn More:

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/events/2025/10/boston-haunted-walk-2025>

Support PP Jim Smith by donating to:

<https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/fundraiser/6351747>



100th *Anniversary Gala*



Shriners
Children's™
New England

Celebrates a Century of Amazing Care

AT THE MASSMUTUAL CENTER
1277 MAIN STREET SPRINGFIELD, MA

OCTOBER
SATURDAY 18 6:00PM
2025

Registration Details to Follow

**This event is sold out - you can still make
donations or apply for the waitlist**

Members wanted

ATTENTION

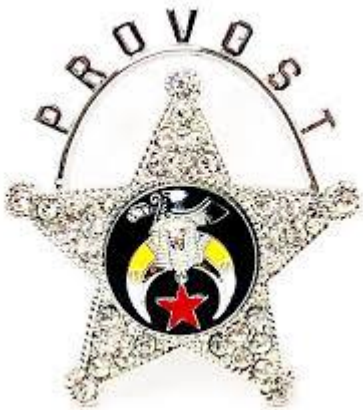
The Provost Guard of Mt Sinai is looking to increase its membership should those interested wish to learn more about the duties of the Provost Guard prior to becoming a member please contact:

Jim Murphy

Provost Marshal

Phone 802-279-3981

Email Jim@adavt.com



Are you wondering what the Provost Guard does?
In general terms:

Within the Shriners International fraternity, the Provost Guard unit is responsible for the internal security of the Shrine Temple at all functions, escorting the Potentate and First Lady to events, and participating in parades and other public appearances.

Unit News

Motorcycle Unit - Michael Bergeron (mikes750sf@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

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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

September 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

Past Potentate Leo Laflamme

Black Camel 2025

RICHARD HALLSTROM.

BORN: 4/3/1947

CREATED 5/9/1998

DIED: 12/27/2024

JOHN T. COLBY

Born: 4/22/1930

Created: 5/9/1959

Died: 1/13/2025

GEORGE FULLER.

Born: July 4, 1039

Creation: 11/9/2002

Died: 5/7/2025

Wendell Dwire

Born: 67/7/1942

Created: 5/9/1970

Died: 12/21/2024

John Hansel

Born: 9/11/1924

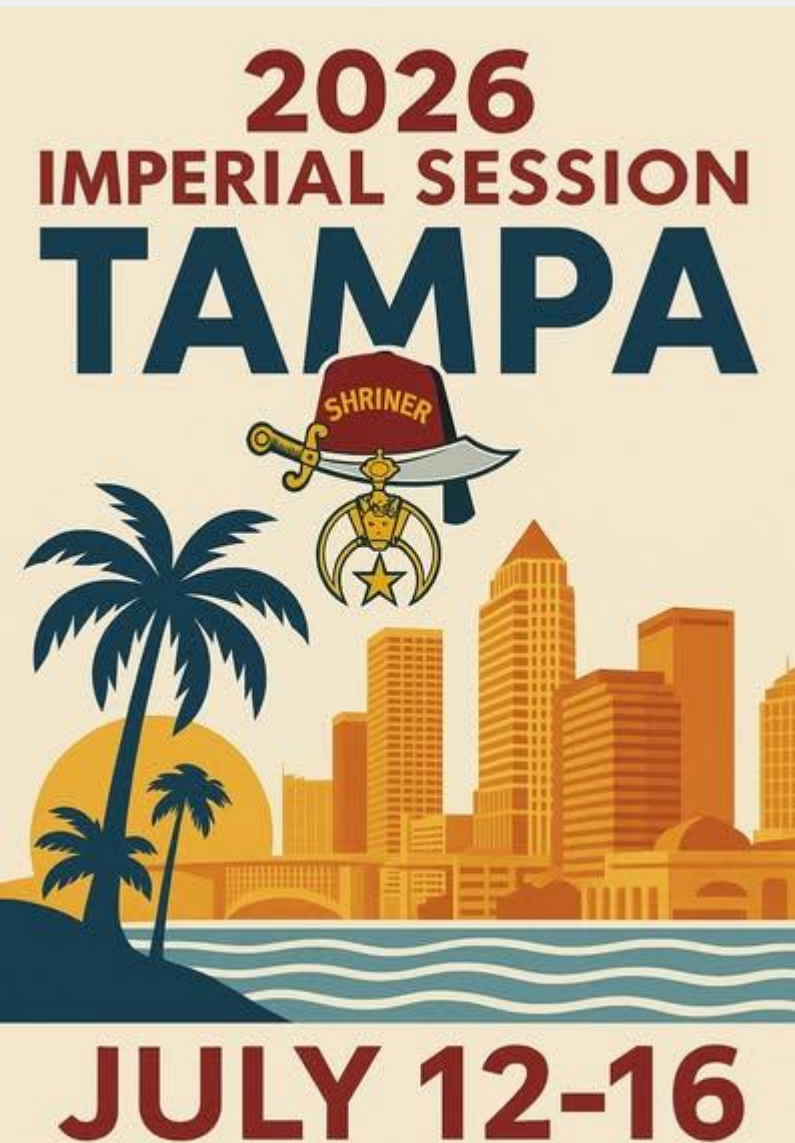
Creation: 3/24/2017

Died: 3/27/2025

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Imperial Session

Session



Any Noble can attend. If interested please reach out for estimated costs.

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 Gunn will help direct you.

Is there an activity that you enjoy and think others would like to join you. How about forming a club? Wonder how to do that you can contact Gary Luman CR'25 at galuman2020@gmail.com

