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Potentate: Donald Karlovich

Recorder: Mike Gunn

Treasurer: Alton Willard

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What's New

Hospital Happenings

Community News

What's coming Up?

Sick Call
Black Camel



Introducing 2025-2026 International Patient Ambassador

100 YEARS

Brandon

When Brandon was 6 years old, he went from playing his final baseball game of the season to fighting for his life. What started as a simple runny nose and headache quickly became devastating when Brandon woke one morning, attempted to step out of bed and collapsed – the right side of his body suddenly paralyzed.

Brandon was diagnosed with [acute flaccid myelitis \(AFM\)](#), a rare, polio-like illness that affects the gray matter of the spinal cord, leading to sudden muscle weakness and paralysis. The condition impacts about 100 people in the U.S. each year and is often linked to viral infections, the most common being enterovirus D-68, which was found in Brandon's case. While thousands may contract this virus and experience only mild cold-like symptoms, in rare instances, like Brandon's, it can result in serious neurological complications.



learn more:

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

Shriner's Children - Boston

Meet 2025 Boston Haunted Walk Co-Chairs: Dara 'DJ' and Her Parents, Larissa and Derek

For DJ and her parents, Derek and Larissa, this year's Boston Haunted Walk isn't just a fun family activity – it's a full-circle moment.

“Maybe if people see my scars, they'll feel empowered to do something with theirs.” DJ, Shriners Children's Boston patient

Read more:

<https://www.shrinerschilrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2025/07/dj-burn-care>



See link below to donate to our very own Past Potentate Jim Smiths efforts to raise money for this cause!
<https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/fundraiser/6351747>

Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada

100 YEARS




A huge shoutout to all our patient ambassadors, Emma, Lisa Marie, Nia, Phil, Sabrina, Lucas, Isabelle and Xavier who joined us at the golf tournament — from spending the day with us, to running a lemonade stand fundraiser, and courageously sharing their experiences. Your presence and dedication inspire us all.



Shriners Childrens - Boston

100 YEARS



Shriners Children's Boston extends our heartfelt gratitude to patient Bethany for representing our hospital at the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl banquet and game in Vermont.

Bethany came to Shriners Children's Boston as a toddler after sustaining burns to her hands. Her family feels supported by the staff when they return for treatment all these years later. Thank you, Bethany, for making us proud and representing Shriners Children's Boston!



Meet the Imperial Officers

Mark Hartz (Imperial Assistant Rabban)

Fraternities and Philanthropy



Mark Hartz of Severn, Maryland, is serving his eighth year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's™. He was elected Imperial Assistant Rabban, a member of the 12-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Children's, during the Shriners 2025 Imperial Session held June 29-July 3 in Atlanta, Georgia.

read more at:

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

- Master, Solomon's Lodge #121, Maryland, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2018
- Member, Boumi Shriners, 2006
- Potentate, Boumi Shriners, 2017
- Member, Boumi Ambassadors, Cig-Car Club, Brew Club, Scimitar Club, Amateur Radio Club, Gun Club, Rifle and Pistol Club, Mounted Patrol and Motor Corps.
- Honorary member, DeMolay International Supreme Council, inducted in 2025
- Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International
- Former Chair and Current Advisory Board member, Bennie G. Owns Chapter, DeMolay International, Maryland
- Numerous leadership positions and committee memberships, Grand Lodge of Maryland, including chairman of the leadership program and member of the Committee on Youth
- Past member, Board of Directors, Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Memorial Library and Museum at the Grand Lodge
- Past Associate Bethel Guardian, Bethel #16, numerous committee memberships and service as committee chairs of the Grand Guardian Council of the DelMar, Job's Daughters International
- Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Valley of the District of Columbia
- Member, Freestate Shield and Square Club Degree Team
- Member, Concordia Chapter #1 RAM, Concordia Chapter #1 R&SM, Maryland Commandery #1 Knights Templar
- Sovereign Master, Freestate Council Allied Masonic Degrees, 2016
- Trustee, Maryland Masonic Homes

Chief Rabban Message

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

As we start bringing the year to a close there is a flurry of activity to plan a fantastic 2026 year. We are planning fun, family friendly activities to bring us together. Membership will be a key component to keeping our Temple active. So I am open to any suggestions anyone might have to help with this initiative. Fall Ceremonial will be here before we know it. I encourage people to let their intention known. Are you thinking of running for a position. Let everyone know!

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>

Jim, PP 2021



Recorders Message

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

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

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

#3—It is now September 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.

#4—Please note, the staff of putting this TT's together works very hard, so please read and take in all the information their supplying you.

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



- **September is National Happy Cat Month**
- **September 11:** National Hug Your Hound Day
- **September 13:** Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day
- **September 19:** International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- **September 24:** National Punctuation Day

Oriental Guide Message

Hello and thank you for your support

The summer months just seem to fly by so quickly, but the need for your help to support our network of children's hospitals remain.

The Toy Run was a great success again this year with hundreds of people on the steps of the Capital Building providing donations of toys of all shapes and sizes for the tri-hospitals in our district (Boston, Springfield, Montreal). A special thank you to the Vermont Motorcycle Association for again organizing such a great event.

Please note that the city of Montpelier has threatened to charge for services in the future which could mean the end of the multi year event. If you are so inclined, please consider contacting the Montpelier officials to voice your opinion on this matter.

I'm putting together a team of "cousins" to create a Hillbilly degree. I hear Mt Sinai had a Hillbilly unit years ago, but as with many other units had fallen to the wayside. Please let me know if you're interested in helping to get this going or would like to join in the degree. The degree is really fun and includes our ladies which makes it even better.

Lastly, please consider contributing to support our community events which includes the very popular

Bingo on 9/21/2025 at the Essex fairgrounds.

Best regards

Jim Walsh



2025 UMV Toy Run

Thank you to all the nobles and their ladies for attending this years toy run on August 9th, There were approximately 255 riders, many toys and donations were received!



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

Shriners Children's - Boston



Thank you to the [Daughters of the Nile](#) Oppela Temple No. 50 for visiting Shriners Children's Boston and serving up cool treats during the heart of summer. Patients, families, and staff all enjoyed a refreshing break filled with joy, gratitude, and of course, sorbet!

Shriners Children's - Canada



Our Shriners Canada team, led by Dr. Reggie Hamdy, held an outreach clinic at [Fondation Hôpital régional Chaleur Regional Hospital Foundation](#), seeing both follow-up patients and new referrals.

Huge thanks to the hospital, Foundation, Luxor Shriners - North Shore Shrine Club, and Daughters of the Nile for the warm welcome and special goodies for our patients and for bringing care closer to home!

Important Dates to Remember

October 11, 2025

Fall Ceremonial:

Please join us for the last Stated meeting of 2025 before Chief Rabban day. This a good opportunity to discuss with others how you can help your temple grow and prosper, if so desired, make your candidacy known for elections in December. Let's bring back true elections!

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. Light lunch and fellowship will be served.





Next Bingo: 21-September

Next scheduled unit: **Sinai Joes and Cabari**

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.

Fall Ceremonial is the time to let everyone know of your candidacy for any elected position.

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



September

20 - Cabiri BBQ - Richmond

21 - Bingo - Sinai Joes and Cabiri

25-27 - NSA PEI

October

11 - Fall Ceremonial - Barre 9:30a

18 - 100th Anniversary Gala

19 - Boston Haunted Walk

24-26 - Tri Visitation - North Conway

November

23 - Bingo - Fire Brigade

2025 Bingo Schedule

Note: There will be no Bingo in April of October

Please watch the announcements for any changes that might be needed

21-September: Sinai Joes and Cabiri

23-November: Fire Brigade

28-December: Motor Corp

Stay tuned for 2026 schedule coming soon!



Open to all Past Potentates

Please respond as soon as possible



2025 Cabiri Cookout



Saturday September 20th
Noon until belly's are full

Richmond Volunteers' Green
(Bridge Street before red bridge on the right)

Bring chairs, dish to share and your own drinks. Burgers, dogs and desserts will be provided.

Info, Questions and to RSVP: PP Jim Smith jimnomosmith@yahoo.com
802-355-2045

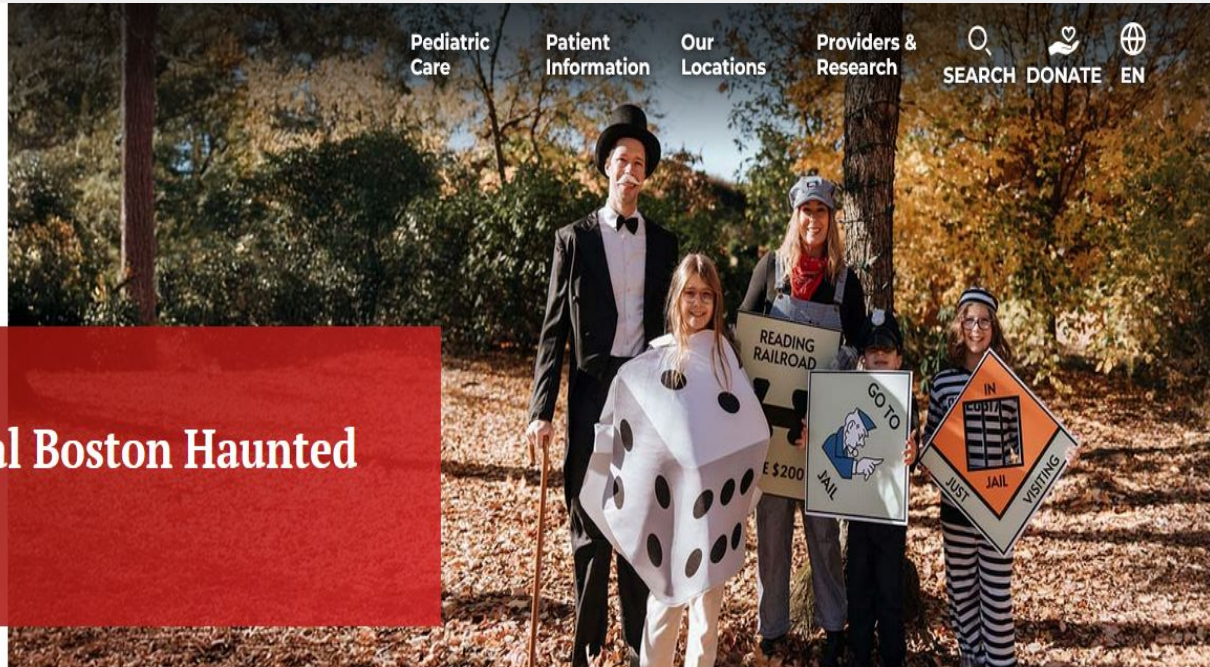
Raining...no problem, come as we have a Masonic Lodge we can "borrow".



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



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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>

There is still time to make your donations

Support PP Jim Smith by donating to:

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®—Canada



Shriners guide to referring a child for care

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Canada is a bilingual establishment offering a wide spectrum of specialized pediatric orthopaedic care. Our team of experts is proud to offer their support through our exceptional diagnostic, care and rehabilitation services.

Please do not hesitate to refer any children presenting with the following conditions for consultation:

Newborn

- ▶ Foot deformities (such as Club Foot)
- ▶ Dysplasia and other hip problems (such as hip click)

Children and Adolescents

- ▶ Arphrogryposis
- ▶ Chest wall deformities (pectus carinatum et pectus excavatum)
- ▶ Club feet
- ▶ Flat feet and other foot deformities
- ▶ Genu valgum (knock knees)
- ▶ Genu varum
- ▶ Hand and upper extremity conditions
- ▶ Hip problems
- ▶ In-toeing or out-toeing
- ▶ Limb deformities
- ▶ Limb length discrepancy
- ▶ Limping
- ▶ Metabolic and heritable bone diseases (such as osteogenesis imperfecta)
- ▶ Minor trauma and fractures
- ▶ Neuromuscular conditions (including spasticity and cerebral palsy)
- ▶ Painful conditions of the limbs and back
- ▶ Plastics "ortho related"
- ▶ Scoliosis and other spinal deformities
- ▶ Skeletal dysplasia
- ▶ Sports medicine
- ▶ Tiptoeing

**For the complete list of conditions, visit our website, "Care" tab*

To refer a patient, please fill in the referral form and return it by email to MonRefUSA@shrinenet.org. Please note that it is very important to provide the most information possible and to complete the following sections on the form:

- ▶ Last name and first name of child
- ▶ Date of birth of child
- ▶ Health insurance card number and expiry date
- ▶ Mother's maiden name and first name
- ▶ Father's name and first name
- ▶ Home address
- ▶ Email address
- ▶ Two phone numbers where you can be reached
- ▶ Medical file and reason for the referral

When you send a referral to the hospital, you will receive an acknowledgment of receipt. This includes additional pertinent information about the medical triage process. **Please remember to check your junk mail** just in case the response email has been redirected there.

For any additional questions, please visit our website or call us at 514-282-8325 or 1-800-361-7256.

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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





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**

BEKTASH SHRINERS



TRI VISITATION

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

NORTH CONWAY
GRAND HOTEL
NORTH CONWAY,
NEW HAMPSHIRE



Rooms reservations and Tickets can be purchased
at:

<https://bektashshriners.org/event/2025-tri-visitation/>

Members wanted

ATTENTION

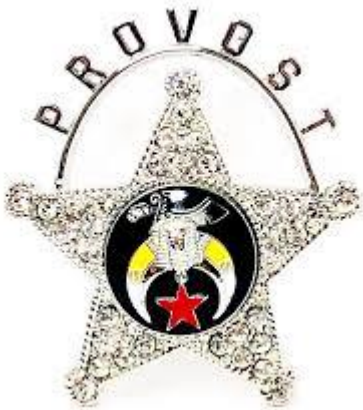
The Provost Guard of Mt Sinai is looking to increase its membership should those interested wish to learn more about the duties of the Provost Guard prior to becoming a member please contact:

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

21-September: Sinai Joes and Cabari

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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

October 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

GEORGE FULLER.

Born: July 4, 1039

Creation: 11/9/2002

Died: 5/7/2025

John Hansel

Born: 9/11/1924

Creation: 3/24/2017

Died: 3/27/2025

JOHN T. COLBY

Born: 4/22/1930

Created: 5/9/1959

Died: 1/13/2025

Wendell Dwire

Born: 6/7/1942

Created: 5/9/1970

Died: 12/21/2024

ROBERT H. STEELE,

ESSEX JCT., VT.

Born: 12/11/1932

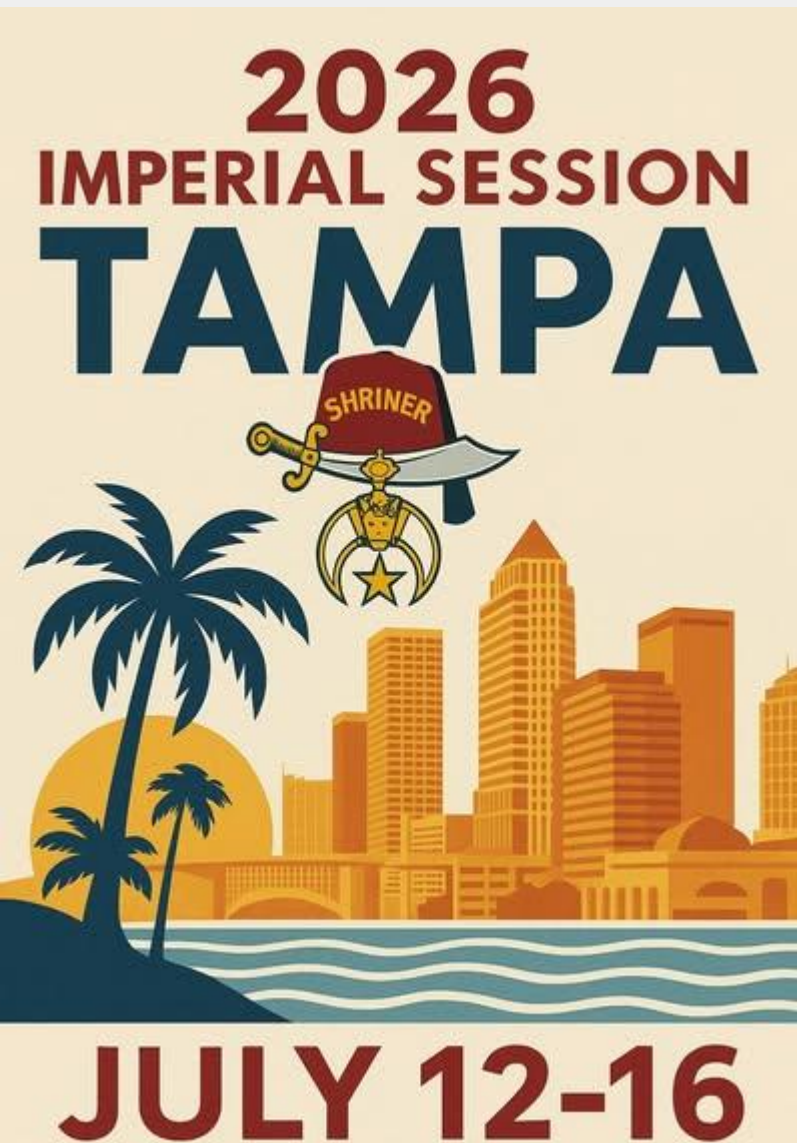
Created: 11/11/1989

Died: 8/2/2025

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

