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Shriners Childrens - New England

100 YEARS



With hearts full of gratitude, we are thrilled to share that our 100th Anniversary Gala raised an incredible \$711,540, the highest total for our signature fundraiser in history!

This unforgettable milestone was made possible by the dedication, teamwork, and generosity of so many. To our staff and volunteers who poured their hearts into every detail, our board members who showed their steadfast support, and our incredible sponsors, donors, and community partners whose contributions made this celebration truly extraordinary — thank you.

For 100 years, Shriners Children's New England has provided The Most Amazing Care Anywhere to children and families across New England and beyond. Here's to the next century of compassion, innovation, and impact made possible by you.

Shriners Children - Canada

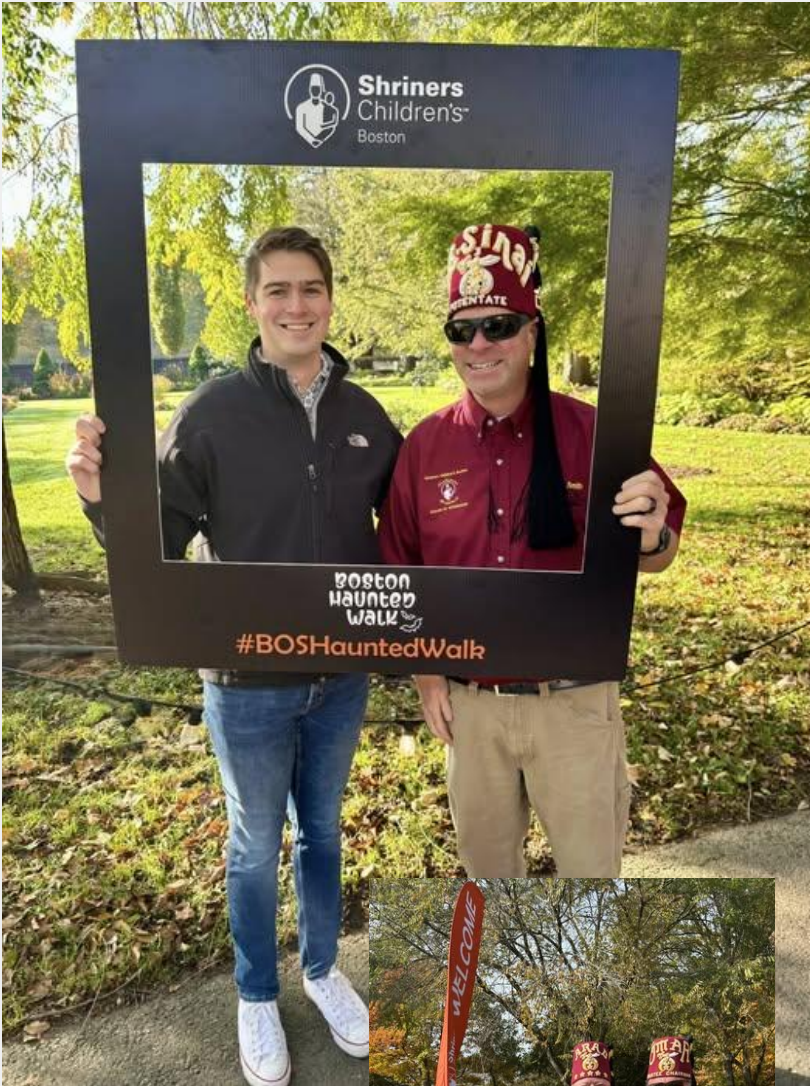
✨ Congratulations to all the nominees and winners of the Board Awards!

This wonderful initiative from the HR Committee of the Board of Governors celebrates the outstanding contribution of our employees and teams, highlighting excellence and the positive impact of staff and team projects that truly reflect our mission and values.

Cheers to these inspiring colleagues who go above and beyond every day to deliver the best care and service to their peers, to families, and, of course, to the reason we're all here, our patients.



Shriners Children's - Boston



The Most Amazing Halloween Walk Anywhere was a smashing success! Thanks to our incredible co-chairs, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters, the 6th Annual Boston Haunted Walk raised an amazing \$590,959. That brings our six-year total to over \$2.45 million in support of Shriners Children's Boston — helping children receive world-class care regardless of a family's ability to pay or insurance status. We hope you'll join us next year, on October 18, for the 7th Annual Boston Haunted Walk. It's never too early to plan your winning costume. See all the photos from this year's event [BostonHauntedWalk.org](https://www.bostonhauntedwalk.org).

Meet the Imperial Officers

Marty Bartlett (Imperial Oriental Guide)

Fraternities and Philanthropy



- Member, Cibolo Lodge #151, San Antonio, 2006
- Master, Cibolo Lodge, 2014
- Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of San Antonio, 2007
- Member, Alzafar Shriners, San Antonio, 2007
- Chief of Staff, Alzafar Shriners, 2012
- Potentate, Alzafar Shriners, 2020
- Iowa Representative, Alzafar Shriners, 2019-2025
- Member, Directors Staff unit, 2007-2025
- Member and Past Rabban, Hillbillies Clan
- Board of Directors and Past Treasurer, Camp Alzafar

Professional and Personal

Martin L. “Marty” Bartlett, of San Antonio, Texas, is serving his sixth year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children’s™. He was elected Imperial Oriental Guide, part of the 12-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, 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/marty-bartlett>

- For more than 30 years, Bartlett has worked for military defense contractors including Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman and General Electric, and he continues to provide classified business development, program and proposal support. Bartlett owns a factoring and finance company that offers funding to small businesses.
- Bartlett is active in his community. He has been an elected trustee of the Comal Independent School District for eight years. Other leadership positions he’s held include Business Chairman of the San Antonio Army Recruiting Battalion, Chair of the San Antonio Transportation Board and State Alliance, VIA Transit Board Member and Finance Chairman. He’s been president of his neighborhood association and chairman of his church council. In addition, Bartlett is an Eagle Scout and an assistant scoutmaster.
- A legacy Shriner, Bartlett has been married to his wife, Martha, for 32 years. The couple have two children, Mariah Bartlett, 28, and Matthew Bartlett, 27, and three grandchildren, Morley Mae, 3, Farrah, 6 months, and Tennille, 6 months.

Shriners International



SHRINERS
INTERNATIONAL

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

INTRODUCING **Cornerstone Academy**



Grow in Knowledge, Grow in Brotherhood with Cornerstone Academy

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand new Learning Management System (LMS), Cornerstone Academy, your central hub for all things education within Shriners International and the broader Masonic community, brought to you by Shriners International Education Foundation. This platform is designed to empower you with accessible, high-quality learning resources, right at your fingertips.

Read more:

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/news-and-events/news/2025/09/cornerstone-academy>

Celebrating 100 years of Shriners Children's New England



ABTKC Visitation North Conway NH



Shriners International



[Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada,](https://www.mountsinaishriners.org/)

Jerry Gantt, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees, was honored for his dedication and special bond with the hospital. To celebrate his leadership, a commemorative plaque was unveiled in the hospital boardroom. The plaque reads: "An exceptional leader whose commitment has made this hospital, dedicated to care, teaching, and research, possible."



Shriners Children's - Canada



What an inspiring evening at our Toronto donor appreciation event at the Rameses Shrine Center! Thank you to all the Shriners, Ladies, and guests who joined us, your generosity truly transforms lives.

A special thank you to Laynee, our incredible 15-year-old patient ambassador, for courageously sharing her journey. She recently celebrated her first spinaversary, one year since her spine surgery, a milestone that perfectly reflects the life-changing care made possible by your support.

Thank you for helping young people like Laynee dream big, grow strong, and reach new heights.

Shriners Children's - Boston



Shriners Children's Boston patients took an adventure on the wild side with a recent Team Brave trip to the [Franklin Park Zoo](https://www.franklinparkzoo.org/). Partnering up with volunteers from the [Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation](https://www.bostonfirefightersburnfoundation.org/), our patients even experienced the Boston Lights display, which channels inspiration from animal habitats around the world.



Chief Rabban Message

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Lady Angie and I have had the opportunity to spend time with great friends over the past month. We were honored to be able to attend the 100th Anniversary Gala in Springfield, Ma and thank all who made that possible. We also attended the last Visitation of the year in North Conway. There was a great showing by Mt. Sinai and a great time was had by all. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in December. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Fraternally Yours,

Gary B. Luman

PP 2020/CR 2025



Hospital Board News

Greetings from Shriners Children's Boston,

Thanks for All who donated to me on behalf of the Boston Haunted Walk. The goal was to raise \$550,000 and the last count was just about \$590,000 raised this year. It was awesome to see all the kiddos dressed up in their costumes and then the Shriners trying to show they are big kids at hearts as well when they dressed up. Fun was had by all.

The hospital is in full speed mode to get the new pharmacy clean room up and running as well at getting ready to for the upcoming Hospital certification. There always seems to be something to keep them busy. There is a focus on what can Boston do to bring more care to kids everywhere. In that theme we are going to start offering outpatient visits with a Speech Language Pathologist which has a potential to become very busy fast. Also, we are trying to strategize on how to open back to referrals from outside the US. As we get ready to head in 2026 we want to keep Boston viable and thriving to achieve success in treating kids who need our services.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Jim, PP 2021

Message from your Oriental Guide

From the Oriental Guide's deck:

Lady Dale and I just got back from an exciting weekend in North Conway, NH, where five temples in our region hosted a very successful visitation. We'd never been to N.Conway, but we were pleasantly surprised to find our Grand Hotel sat in the middle of a large outlet shopping district. It could have been dangerous but Lady Dale kept it reasonable. Overall the weekend was a great opportunity for fellowship and fun, and as always I encourage all nobles to attend these events and help promote Shriners International.

On another note, we've been making progress on the Hillbilly Clan after contacting the International clan, where we found out Mt. Sinai's clan was number 102 and we were last active in 1988. At that time our old clan had initiated 216 new "cousins" and raised \$3,500 for the hospitals. Many of us are really looking forward to this fun club as it includes our ladies as well. I'll have more information as we organize and submit our reinstatement request. Happy Fall!

Sincerely

Jim Walsh

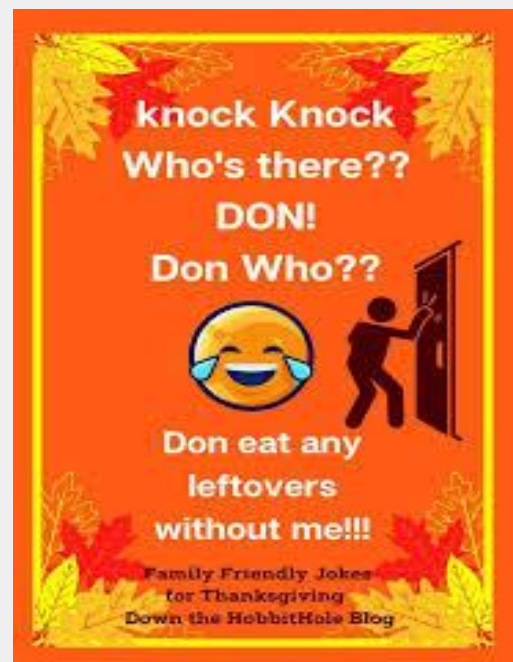
Oriental Guide 2025





fun facts

- **Fibonacci Day**: Celebrated on November 23rd, the date (11/23) matches the first four numbers of the Fibonacci sequence (1, 1, 2, 3).
- **National Peanut Butter Lover's Month**: The entire month is dedicated to peanut butter.
- **Historical events:**
 - British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered King Tut's tomb in Egypt in November 1922.
 - The Berlin Wall began to fall in November 1989.
 - Mark Twain was born on November 30, 1835



Announcement



Mount Sinai Shriner's Bingo

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EXPOSITION

Sunday November 23, 2025

Doors open at 10:00 a.m. – Early Birds 12:30 p.m. – Regular Bingo at 1:00 p.m.

\$30 Admission package (12 cards) Additional Cards 12 for \$20 or 6 for \$15

There will be one \$50 Door Prize for every 10 people in attendance at 1:00 p.m.

1. Single Bingo
2. Caller's Choice
3. Single Bingo
4. Caller's Choice
Shot Gun
5. Any Two Bingos
6. Little Joe
Smokers Break
Ticket Game
7. Center Line 4 Corners
8. Letter L Any Way
9. First Cover All
Intermission ~ 20 Minute Break
Special Games
10. 2 Postage Stamps
11. Single Bingo
12. Seven or Eleven
Shot Gun
13. Any 5 No. Bingo, No 4 Corners
14. Caller's Choice
15. Single Bingo
Smokers Break
16. 4 Corners & Postage Stamp
17. Single Bingo
18. Two Part Cover All- Part 1 Caller's Choice
19. Two Part Cover All – Part 2 Progressive
Jackpot
Winner Take All

Future Bingo dates:

Dec 28, 2025	Mar 1
Jan 11, 2026	May 31
Feb 1*	July 5
*we were unable to get Superbowl Sunday	Aug 9

Progressive Jackpot in 50 numbers

Game 19 Cover All is at least

\$1795!

Annual Toy Drive!

*Please bring in a new, unwrapped toy
for a child of any age to share within
the local communities.*

***Or a monetary donation to go to
the Vermont Food Bank***



Open Seating. **Must be 18 to play.** Concession

Champlain Valley Exposition Route 15 Essex Junction, VT

Proceeds Benefit of Mt. Sinai #3 Shrine Activities.

802-434-2055 or mtsinaibingo@gmavt.net for info or to join mailing list

Jackpot prize paid by check.

Bigger Crowds = Bigger Prizes

Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/mountsinaishrinersbingo>

Important Dates to Remember

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.

January 10, 2026

Annual Meeting. Meeting starts at 9:30. Catered Lunch will be served at 1pm. A donation of \$25 is asked. Please RSVP to Gary Luman at galuman2020@gmail.com





Next Bingo: 23-November

Next scheduled unit: **Fire Brigade**

unwrapped gifts and monetary donations for Vermont Food Bank will be collected

Volunteers are always welcome

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

Reminder: All Nobles and their ladies are invited to participate in any of the posted visitations - these are a great way to get to know nobles from other temples

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



November

23 - Bingo - Fire Brigade

December

5- Northern VT Shrine Club Christmas Party

6 - Chief Rabban Day - elections

28 - Bingo - Motor Corp

January 2026

10 - Annual Meeting

11 - Bingo



2026 Bingo Schedule

Note: There will be no Bingo in April or June

Please watch the announcements for any changes that might be needed

11- January

1- February

1 - March

31 - May

5 - July

9 - August

Stay tuned for the remainder of 2026 and unit assignments





Northern Vermont Shrine Club
Annual Christmas Party

Friday December 5, 2025

Cocktails at 6:00 Buffet Dinner at 7:00

Prime Rib or Chicken

Franklin Lodge
142 North Main Street
Saint Albans

Sharon's Famous Christmas Trivia
Christmas Carols

Door prizes and Gifts for the Ladies

\$30 per person
BYOB

RSVP before 11/29/25
to Jerry Morong
802-524-6637

moronggerald@comcast.net

Letter from a Past Potentate

Nobles,

The biggest problem facing the Shrine and the Masons is declining membership. We are not taking in new members, and our current members are not staying with us. I can understand our members thinking, i.e., "I don't attend meetings, I don't participate with a unit. Why should I pay dues when I'm not involved?" Of course, the secret is: GET INVOLVED.

Did you join this great organization because a friend encouraged you to, or did you join because you heard great things about the Shrine and wanted to be part of the brotherhood? We have to keep in mind the important mission of this body; the support of our Shriners Hospitals for Children (Or as they are now called, simply Shriners Children's.). If you have visited one of these great institutions, you can't help but to feel the pride in what we are able to do. Just read the comments from a parent whose child has been given a new walk in life because of the treatment they received at one of our great hospitals or the testimony of one of our Patient Ambassadors.

However, if our membership continues the current downward path, will we be able to support these "Temples of Mercy". Wherever I have traveled in this world, I have met brother Masons and Shriners. They never fail to greet you warmly and, if you have a problem, they are quick to offer help and hospitality. Just recently, a family from out of state had a child that required treatment at the Vermont Medical Center. They didn't know anyone in the area and were stretched to afford lodging. He was a Mason. He contacted the lodge in Burlington. A Brother Mason stepped up. Took the family into his home and provided help as long as they needed it. That is what we do. I don't know about you, but I'm proud to be a member of this great fraternity and what it stands for.

Gerald Morong, PP

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

- ▶ Arthrogyrosis
- ▶ 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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Members wanted

ATTENTION

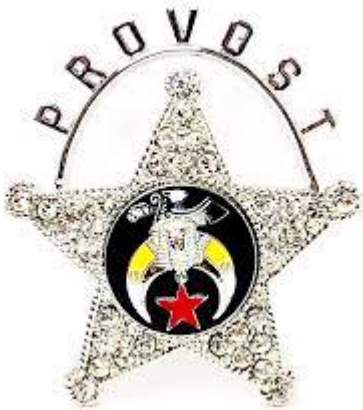
The Provost Guard of Mt Sinai is looking to increase its membership should those interested wish to learn more about the duties of the Provost Guard prior to becoming a member please contact:

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

No October Bingo

23-November: Fire Brigade

28-December: 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

November 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

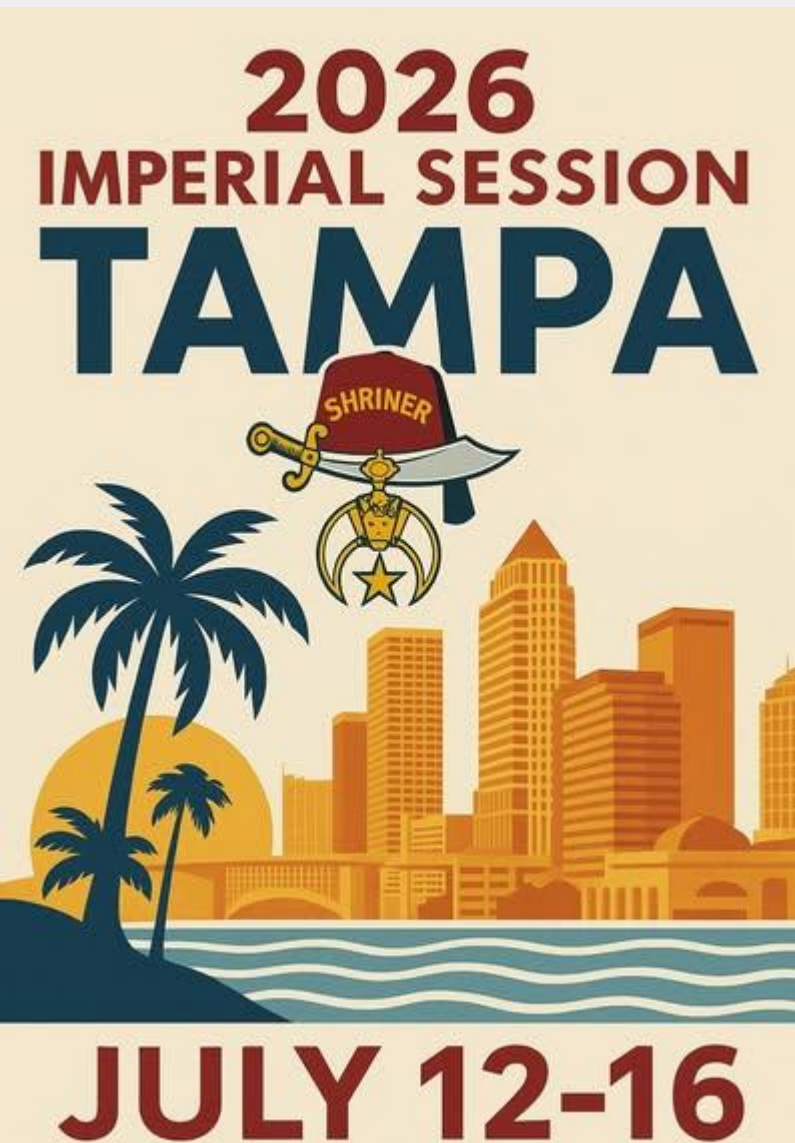
Created: 11/11/1989

Died: 8/2/2025

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Imperial Session

Session



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

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming NESAs Dates

FUTURE NSA SESSIONS

- 2026 - Aleppo -
Massachusetts, USA
- 2027 - Anah - Maine, USA
- 2028 - Karnak - Quebec, CA
- 2029 - Melha -
Massachusetts, USA
- 2030 - Kora - Maine, USA
- 2031 - Luxor - New
Brunswick, CA
- 2032 - Tunis - Ontario, CA
- 2033 - Cairo - Vermont, USA
- 2034 - Pyramid,
Connecticut, USA

2026 NESAs will be in Cape Cod August 20-23. More information will be provided after Mid-Winter March 12-14

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

