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What's New

Hospital Happenings
Community News

What's coming Up?
Sick Call
Black Camel



Shriners Childrens - Boston

100 YEARS



2025 Press Ganey surveys

"We have been coming to Shriners Children's Boston for more than a decade. The nurses are a delight. They are concerned, remember you and made my daughter feel like a celebrity! I am very grateful to this dedicated, truly warm and kind team."

- Grateful Parent



the most
**AMAZING
CARE**
anywhere™



Shriners Children's Boston nurses are truly extraordinary and essential to making our hospital a special place for our patients, families and caregivers.

Learn more about the Most Amazing Care Anywhere that our nurses provide: <https://ow.ly/LyPG50XBTft>

Shriners Children - Canada



A trio of Mt.Sinai Nobles wreaked havoc in Montreal on Saturday after they teamed up with a masked avenger. Rumor has it they participated in an open house at the Shriners Hospital. We expect their weekend antics will be repeated.Stay Tuned!

picture provided by Mike Bergeron

Shriners Children - Boston



Shriners Children's Boston is highlighting our physical therapy team and the work they do to support burn survivors.

As the longest-running American Burn Association exclusively pediatric verified burn center in New England and New York, our PT staff serves patients who have sustained burn injuries, which can impact soft tissue, muscles, and joints, causing difficulties with movement. Hear from patient

Michelle about how the physical therapists at Shriners Children's Boston helped her walk and write again: <https://ow.ly/nF5u50XwZU5>

Meet the Imperial Officers

Tim Forbis (Imperial First Ceremonial Master)

Fraternities and Philanthropy



Tim Forbis, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, is serving his fifth year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's™. He was elected Imperial First Ceremonial Master, 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/tim-forbis>

- Past Master, Cheyenne Lodge #1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM)
- District Education and Counselor, Grand Lodge of Wyoming AF&AM
- Wyoming Grand Lodge Endowment Fund
- Potentate, Korein Shriners, 2020
- Imperial Captain of the Guard Aide
- Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Wyoming
- Past Most Eminent Grand High Priest Grand Chapter, York Right, Wyoming
- Finance Committee, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International
- General Grand Chapter International Ambassador to Wyoming
- Northwest Deputy General Grand High Priest General Grand Chapter International
- General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Wyoming, Deputy Grand Master
- Past Venerable Master Frontier Allied Masonic Degrees
- Red Cross Constantine, Eusebius Conclave – Past Viceroy
- Past Associate Guardian, Bethel 33, Jobs Daughters
- Past Executive Officer, Wyoming DeMolay
- Senior DeMolay – Legion of Honor
- Order of Eastern Star, Burns, Wyoming, Chapter 47
- 33° Wyoming Scottish Rite/Past Venerable Master
- Past Venerable Master KSA, Charter Member
- Wyoming Scottish Rite Foundation Board
- Wyoming Masonic Membership Committee

Professional and Personal

Forbis worked in the hospitality and entertainment industry until 1997, when he went into real estate. He is CEO and president of two real estate corporations that operate in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. He has taught property management and investment real estate. He is also a principal in a worldwide commercial real estate company based in Houston, Texas. He has been the guest speaker for property management associations nationally and internationally. Forbis is a devoted family man of three daughters, a stepson and five grandchildren who he loves spending time with and attending their activities.

Shriners International

SIEF Presents Shriner U Leading for Impact



Date & Time

December 9, 2025

1 p.m. and 7 p.m. EST

Location

Virtual

Event is open to all Nobility.

to register go to:

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/news-and-events/events/2025/sief-presents-shriner-u-leading-for-impact>

Celebrating 100 years of Shriners



Nothing says the holidays like a warm candle glow. But one wrong flicker can ruin the fun! Practice safe candle habits to keep your season shining bright.

Shrine Presence in warmer weather!



These are pictures from the Sun City Shrine club luncheon in Wimauma. Part of Sahib Shriners in Sarasota FL

pictures provided by Sonny includes photo of Jim Burt '20 Cairo Shriners

Shriners International

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S

Holiday Tips

CARING FOR YOUR TREE

- Give your tree a fresh cut so it will absorb water.
- Water trees daily so the tree stand is filled with water at all times.
- Keep trees at least 3 feet away from heaters and flames.
- Dispose of your tree properly, soon after the holiday, before the needles dry out.



**Shriners
Children's™**

FOR MORE
INFORMATION, VISIT:

shrinerschildrens.org



Shriners Children's - Sports Medicine 2nd chance granted!



CULTURE → DANCING WITH THE STARS —
November 20, 2025

Ballroom dreams come true for young dancer

"GMA" sponsor Shriners Children's spotlights the story of one young dancer who went behind the scenes at "Dancing with the Stars."

watch the GMA segment at:

<https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/video/12770664>

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Shriners Children's - Boston

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S

Cold Weather Tips

When the temperature drops wear appropriate clothing that protects your extremities.

A warm, weatherproof hat that covers your ears

A scarf or neck warmer that can cover your face

Insulated waterproof boots and a thick pair of socks

Mittens or gloves

Water resistant coat

Multiple thin layers of warm, loose-fitting clothing



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Children's

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Are you braving the frigid New England weather today?
Stay warm with this tips from [Shriners Children's Boston](http://shrinerschildrens.org).

A hat to cover your ears

A scarf or neck warmer

Coat

Mittens or gloves

Multiple layers of clothing

Boots and thick socks



Chief Rabban Message

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Wow how quick this year has gone! Hard to believe we are in December already. As we prep for the holidays and spending time with our families, may we keep everyone in our hearts and prayers. Looking forward to what 2026 will bring. Hopefully we will bring more into our fraternity to continue our mission!

Fraternally Yours,
Gary B. Luman
PP 2020/CR 2025



Hospital Board News

Greetings from Shriners Children's Boston,

Who turned the lights out? I leave in the dark and now come home in the dark...Weird.

November was a fun and exciting meeting. I was voted to become the Voting Board Member for our Temple. Thanks for all the continued support as we drive to do the Shriners' mission of Best Care Anywhere.

Boston is ramping up for their visit from the Hospital accreditation, which has been slated somewhere between January and June 2026. Many steps are taken to achieve this goal, from changing ceiling tiles to updating policies and of course, a bunch more.

Security upgrades have been a concern of the Hospital and Staff; new cameras have been installed, and the garage doors to the parking garage have been fixed so they now work again. They are working on plans to make the Nursing staff feel safer when a need arises of a not-so-nice Patient family member or visitor.

Also, this upcoming month Boston Fire Dept will "Rise" to bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to our Patients using their ladder truck. I wish I could be there to see the smiles, as I am told this is a pretty awesome event.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you all at CR Day on Dec 6th.

Jim, PP 2021

December Holidays



- **December 6** is [Saint Nicholas Day](#). The patron saint of children is the model for Santa Claus and gift-giving.
- **December 7** is [National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day](#).
- **December 8** is Bodhi Day in the Buddhist calendar, celebrating Buddha's enlightenment; it's celebrated in a way that's similar to how Christians celebrate Christmas to honor Jesus Christ.
- **December 13** is [St. Lucia's Day](#), which has long been associated with festivals of light. Before the Gregorian calendar reform in 1752, her feast day occurred on the shortest day of the year (hence the saying "Lucy light, Lucy light, shortest day and longest night").
- **December 14** marks the beginning of [Hanukkah](#) this year, the 8-day Jewish festival of lights.
- **December 15** is [Bill of Rights Day](#).
- **December 17** is [Wright Brothers Day](#).
- **December 21** is the [Winter Solstice](#)—the astronomical day when the hemisphere is tilted as far away from the Sun as possible. Starting in ancient times, people celebrated the rebirth of the Sun event through [Yule](#).
- **December 25** is [Christmas Day](#), a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Learn more about [American Christmas traditions](#).
- **December 26** is [Boxing Day](#) (Canada, UK) and the first day of [Kwanzaa](#).
- On the last evening of the year, **December 31**, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing!



Our Bingo Players are a generous bunch!



Important Dates to Remember

January 10, 2026

Annual Meeting. Meeting starts at 9:30. Catered Lunch will be served at 1pm. A donation of \$30 is asked. Please RSVP by December 26th

Mt. Sinai/Cairo Joint Visitation May 15-16, 2026 - Jay Peak Resort

2026 Imperial Session: July 12-16; Tampa Fla.

NESA Hyannis Ma. Aug. 20-24 2026



Next Bingo: 28-December

Next scheduled unit: **Motor Corp**

Volunteers are always needed

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!



December

28 - Bingo - Motor Corp

January 2026

10 - Annual Meeting

11 - Bingo

February 2026

1 - Bingo

5-6 Aleppo Shrine Visitation - Burlington Ma.



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





Annual Meeting
January 10, 2026
Barre, Vt
Meeting starts at 9:30am

Catered Lunch at 1pm

Price will be \$30 per person comes with a choice of protein and two sides with dessert

Choice of one from
each column

☐ Brined & Roasted
Chicken

☐ Garlic Mashed
Potatoes

☐ Maple
Glazed Carrots

☐ Brined & Roasted
Pork Loin

☐ Risotto

☐ Winter
Squash

Please see your email for the sign-up sheet

If you are unable to use the sign-up sheet
please email you order to

galuman2020@gmail.com

Orders must be received by Dec. 26th

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



Registration form and Hotel information will be sent to your provided email.

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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shrinerscanada.org



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

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

January 1, 2026

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

Mike Bergeron

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: 67/7/1942

Created: 5/9/1970

Died: 12/21/2024

ROBERT H. STEELE,

ESSEX JCT., VT.

Born: 12/11/1932

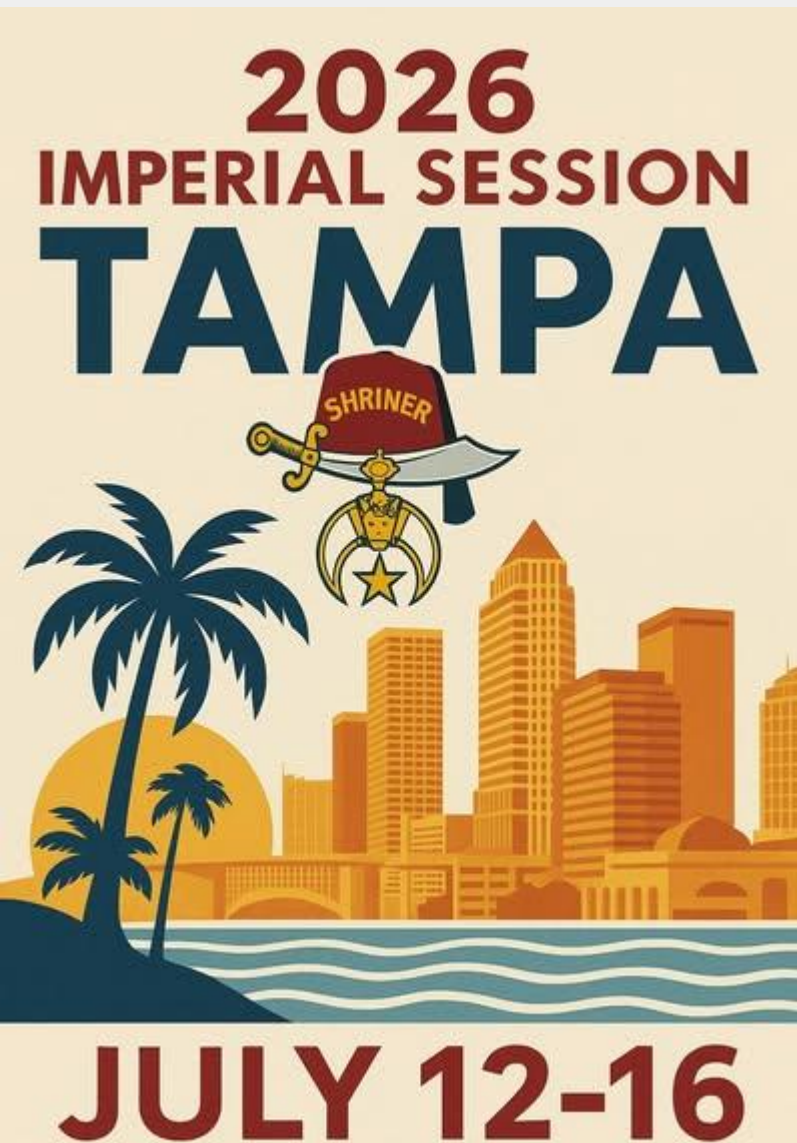
Created: 11/11/1989

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

