

TURBAN TIMES

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Issue #1

Potentate: Donald Karlovich

Recorder: Mike Gunn

Treasurer: Alton Willard

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Sick Call

Black Camel



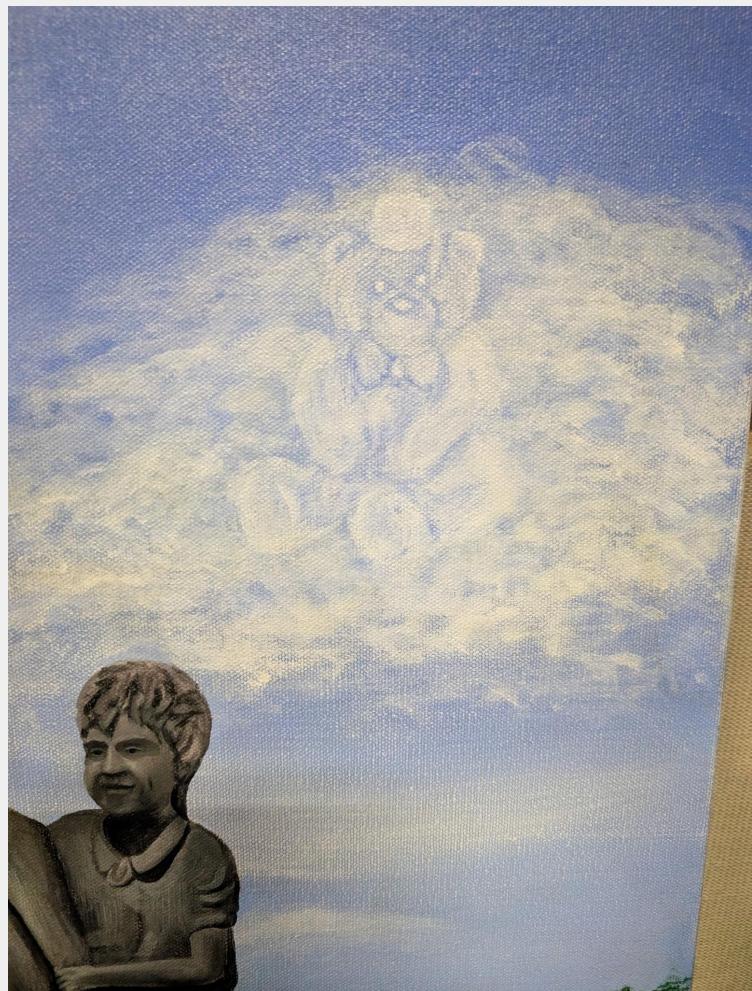
Shriners Childrens - New England

This is a photo of the painting auctioned off at the Gala celebrating 100-years of Shriners Children's-NE.

The Hala raised \$711,000.

The second photo is a blow up of the paintings cloud containing a teddy bear. Imp. Sir Tim Forbis and Robin Kazaz bid collaboratively on the painting.

Kristi



Shriners Children - Canada



We were thrilled to welcome members of the Montreal Canadiens yesterday for their annual visit. It is a cherished holiday tradition that brings smiles, excitement, and a little extra magic to our halls.

Thank you to the Canadiens organization for taking the time each year to brighten the holidays for our patients, families, and staff. Moments like these truly make the season special.

Shriners Children - Boston



Santa's elves arrived early at [Shriners Children's Boston](#). [Gentle Giant Moving Company](#) made a special delivery from the [Boston Bruins](#) dropping off toys the team picked out for our patients.

Matěj Blümel, Viktor Arvidsson, Mark Kastelic, and Jeff Viel then visited with our patients, families and caregivers in the afternoon. [Shriners Children's Boston](#) appreciates the thoughtful gifts and generosity of [Gentle Giant Moving Company](#) and the [Boston Bruins](#).

Meet the Imperial Officers

Ron DeVoll (Imperial Second Ceremonial Master)



Fraternity and Philanthropy

- Potentate, El Kahir Shriners, Hiawatha, Iowa, 2016
- Member, Zuhrah Shriners, Minnetonka, Minnesota
- Member, Scottish Rite, Valley of Minneapolis
- Member, Sir Winston Churchill Lodge 351, Minnesota
- Member, Zion Commandery Number 2
- Member, St. John's Chapter 9
- Member, Minneapolis Council 2
- Member, Cabiri International

Education

- Bachelor's degree, University of Northern Iowa
- Master's degree, University of Northern Iowa

Professional and Personal

DeVoll has a clinical and administrative background in healthcare. His experience includes organizational and corporate engagement through building internal and external strategic partnerships, enhancing patient and employee experience, and donor relationships. He has served as a leader in a tertiary care facility engaged in complex issues that crossed disciplines and affected both internal and external stakeholders. He has served in multiple departments with increasing responsibility in healthcare, including education, primary care, extended care and rehab, Center for Development and Civic Engagement and others. DeVoll holds membership in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), and Society for Healthcare Volunteer Leaders.

DeVoll is an active member in his community and enjoys giving his time as a volunteer.

Ron DeVoll, of Minnesota, is serving his fourth year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's™. He was elected Imperial Second 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/ronald-devoll>

Shriners International



Kelly Clarkson Is Amazed By Teen Who Overcame 'The New Polio' Thanks To Shriners Children's

Kelly meets Brandon, an incredible teen who overcame a rare illness that left him paralyzed thanks to groundbreaking procedures and care from Shriners Children's. Brandon and his dad Brian share Brandon's journey from being diagnosed with a rare condition at age 6 to learning how to walk again, and Brandon shares a special thank you for Shriners Children's.

Watch video at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_LZ_i26hvM

In Memoriam



RICHARD HALLSTROM, WATERBURY, VT.	JOHN T. COLBY, MONTPELIER, VT.
Born: 4/3/1947	Born: 4/22/1938
Created: 5/9/1998	Created: 5/9/1959
Died: 12/27/2024	Died: 1/134/2025
WENDELL DWIRE	GEORGE FULLER, NEWPORT, VT.
Born: 67/7/1942	Born: 7/4/1939
Created: 5/9/1970	Created: 11/9/2025
Died: 12/21/2024	Died: 5/7/2025
ROBERT STEELE, ESSEX JCT., VT.	SAMUEL BOUDLE,
Born: 12/11/1932	Born: 12/11/1932
Created: 11/11/1989	Created: 11/11/1989
Died: 8/2/2025	Died: 8/2/2025
EDWARD N. <u>BRACEY</u> , ST. ALBAN, VT	FREDERICK STEVENSON, BARNET, VT.
Born: 8/24/1941	Born: 8/17/1953S
Created: 5/10/1986	Created: 6/11/1994
Died: 3/15/2025	Died: 4/123/2025
PAUL E. LYON, WATERFORD, VT.	WILLIAM H. BROOKS, VERO BEACH, FL.
Born: 5/30/1933	Born: 11/9/1930
Created: 5/17/1969	Created: 5/9/1970
Died: 4/19/2025	Died: 4/12/2025
GARY LANGLEY, SPRINGFIELD, VT.	
Born: 1/18/1945	
Created: 5/12/1979	
Died: 12/3/2025	

Shriner's Deliver



From Mighty Mike

Time to share today's feel good event. After gentle prodding a local enterprise answered our call for help. Ensuring a brighter Christmas for patients of the Shriners Hospital in Montreal.

MANULIFT GENEROUSLY Donated over 11,000 \$ in gifts. The Vermont Widows Sons and Mt. Sinai #3 are overjoyed to have lent a helping hand in coordinating and in the delivery of these wonderful gifts. A huge thank you to Vermont W.S. Jean Francois Ruest for making this happen .



Fez Friday's Begin



Bunker Busters hosted An Opportunity for a Fez Friday - held at Koto Steakhouse in South Burlington



Membership & Marketing

6th Annual Virtual Event Series - Dates

(Attendance required at all four (4) to achieve Apprentice Certificate.)

- Virtual Event #1: **Thursday, February 19, 2026**
- Virtual Event #2: **Thursday, May 21, 2026**
- Virtual Event #3: **Thursday, August 20, 2026**
- Virtual Event #4: **Thursday, January 21, 2027**

The virtual events series will be held from 1–3 p.m., Eastern Time, and will be recorded. For learners who cannot attend the virtual sessions live, the recordings will be available [on this page](#) following the final session. Credit toward certificate completion will be granted if archived videos are viewed within two weeks of being posted. **The deadline to receive credit is TBD.**

<https://nobleacademyeducation.org/>

Shriners Children's - Boston



'Tis the season at [Shriners Children's Boston](#)! Our wonderful staff hosted a festive, joy-filled gathering for our patients, their families and caregivers.

During this time of year, we cherish the opportunity to honor the traditions that hold special significance for children in our care, bringing comfort and a sense of home to those spending their holidays with us

Chief Rabban Message

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Happy New Year to all. Lady Angie and I are looking forward to a fun year full of fellowship. Membership is at the forefront of my thoughts. I am open to any suggestions that anyone might have to help recruit new members. There is plenty of business needs ahead of us but also spending time enjoying each other is equally important. Looking forward to seeing many of you at Annual Meeting on the 10th!

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



Hospital Board News

Greetings from Shriners Children's Boston,

Boston continues to ramp up for their visit from the Hospital accreditation, which has been slated somewhere between January and June 2026. Another piece to this venture is looking over the hospital policies on different daily tasks, which are broken down by who takes care of this, Nursing, Building Maintenance, and many more.

I had the great honor of delivering the bags of Toys and Gifts donated by our wonderful Bingo players. These are going to be used with the Child Life Department and also shared with siblings of our Patients receiving care. This is a win-win all the way around.

This was a great year of care from our outstanding Team of Doctors, Nurses, and many more staff members who roll into seeing the kiddo from start to finish here in Boston.

Happy New Year, and may 2026 bring joy to all. See you at the Installation on Jan 10th.

Jim, PP 2021

**From the desk of Mike Gunn
for the January TT's Recorder's Message**

#1—We have (230) regular members in Mt. Sinai Shrine Temple. They are also Masonic members. Now, why can't we recruit more members to Mt. Sinai Temple? The latest Shriner Magazine showed a Hikmat Shrine Temple in Brazil initiated (50) new members in one ceremony back in March of 2025.

#2—For the past (13) years, I have been your Mt. Sinai Recorder. At my advanced age, I feel it is time for a younger member to replace. So, that being said, I will retire my position as Recorder at the Annual Meeting on January 10th at Granite Lodge in Barre, Vt. My replacement, hand-picked by your present Divan, will be member Warren Whitney of St. Albans, Vt. Here's thanking you all for supporting me for the last 13 years. Mike Gunn, Recorder of Mt. Sinai Shriners Temple.

Celebrating our Members



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

Aleppo Visitation Burlington Mass.
February 6-7 2026

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: 11-January

Next scheduled unit: Provost Guard and Cabari

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!



January 2026

10 - Annual Meeting

11 - Bingo

February 2026

1 - Bingo

5-6 Allepo 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- Provost Guard/Cabari

1- February - Motor Cycle/Clown Unit

1 - March - Motor Corp/Motor Cycle

31 - May - Fire Brigade/Motor Corp

5 - July - Cabari/Provost Guard

9 - August - Clown Unit/Fire Brigade

Parade seasons have been taken into consideration where possible.





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



Aleppo Potentate's Ball Weekend

Friday - Feb. 6

Almost Valentine's Day
Celebration



6:00 pm - Social Hour

7:00 pm - Dessert Buffet, Battle of the Sexes!

Music by: "The NAYS Band"

10:00 pm - Hospitality Suite Open



FROM NORTH
I-95 S RT-128 S toward Woburn.
Take the RT-1A N exit, EXIT 11B, toward Burlington.
Keep left to take the Burlington Mall Rd. ramp.
Turn right onto Burlington Mall Rd.
Swanson Water Restaurant is on the corner.
Make a U-turn onto Burlington Mall Rd.
If you reach Newmarket Rd you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.
I-95 S
1 MALL RD

FROM SOUTH
I-95 N RT-128 N toward Bedford/Peabody/NH.
Merge onto RT-1A N/Cambridge St. via EXIT 11B toward Burlington.
Turn left onto Burlington Mall Rd.
Swanson Water Restaurant is on the corner.
If you're on RT-1A N and reach RT-1A S you've gone a little too far.
Make a U-turn onto Burlington Mall Rd.
1 MALL RD
If you reach Newmarket Rd you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.

Marriott Burlington, MA
One Burlington Mall Road

Rooms available at the
discounted rate of
\$157 per night.
Call 781-229-6565

Deadline for reservations
is January 5, 2026.

Saturday - Feb. 7

8:00 am - NSA Breakfast

11:30 am - 1:00 pm lunch (Hospitality Room)

1:00 pm - The Gardiner Classic

Mini-Golf Tournament

6:00 pm - Social Hour

7:15 pm - Potentate's Ball "DJ" – Rick DeSanctis

10:00 pm - Hospitality Suite Open



Potentate's Ball Weekend

Dinner Selection for Saturday:

Chicken Piccata Braised Short Rb

Pesto Encrusted Salmon Vegetarian Children's

Nobles and Guest \$199 pp Includes All Events!	Children \$40 pp Includes All Events!
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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Deadline for tickets is January 28, 2026

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket return.

Name (please print) _____

Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to "Aleppo Shrine" and send to: Maribel DeLoa, 99 Fetherham Rd., Wilmington, MA 01887



NOTE: If you are going to register with the hotel using the Aleppo discount you need to book before January 5, 2026



Potentate's Visitation Ball

A decorative graphic featuring a sword, a red fez, and a crescent moon with a star, all in gold and red colors.

Illustrious Sir
GARY LUMAN
MT. SINAI

Illustrious Sir
BRIAN CHRISTIAN
CAIRO

JAY PEAK RESORT
MAY 15-16 2026

Registration form and Hotel information will be sent to your provided email. (New this year we have a Zeffy account for these occasions!)

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 2026

February 1 - Motor Cycle/Clown unit

March 1 - Motor Corp/Motor Cycle

May 31 - Fire Brigade/Motor Corp

July 5 - Cabiri/Provost Guard

Aug 9 - Clown/Fire Brigade

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

February 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

Gloria Gunn

Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Imperial Session

**2026
IMPERIAL SESSION
TAMPA**



JULY 12-16

**2029
IMPERIAL SESSION**



OMAHA

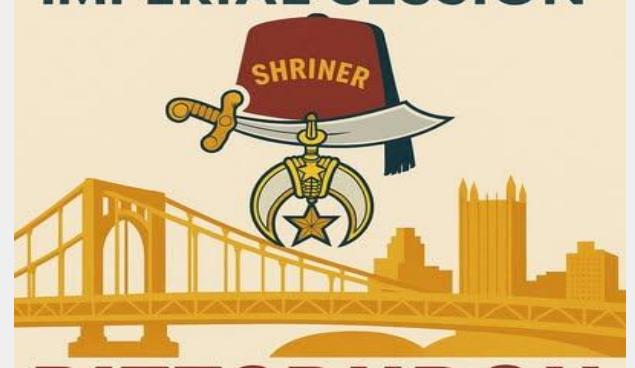
JUNE 29 – JULY 5

**2027
IMPERIAL SESSION
PHILAELPHIA**



JUNE 27 – JULY 1

**2028
IMPERIAL SESSION**



JULY 9 – JULY 13

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

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming NESA 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 NESA 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

