

# TURBAN TIMES

## MT SINAI #3



**March 2026**

**Issue #3**

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# Shriners Childrens - Paralympics

*Good Luck to our Patient Alumni  
Winter Paralympians!*



Dani Aravich



Jesse Keefe



Noah Bury

The countdown is on! The Paralympics are coming March 6–15, and we're thrilled to share that three Shriners Children's Salt Lake City alumni will be competing!

Join us in cheering for Dani, Jesse, and Noah as they chase their dreams on the world stage. Their journeys show what's possible with determination and support.

Read their stories: <https://ow.ly/hNv250YmGhG>

# Shriners Children - Boston



Children treated at Shriners Children's Boston will always be part of our family even after graduation. If you've received care at our hospital, we'd love for you to stay connected by joining the Shriners Children's Patient Alumni Network.

You can meet other patient alumni and attend events  
Share your story and inspire current patients just beginning their treatment

And stay involved with the community that supported you

Your journey doesn't end when treatment does.

Ready to reconnect?

Learn more about the benefits of joining the Patient

Alumni Network: <https://ow.ly/38WY50YIThS>

# Shriners International

## Shriners' Biggest Event Comes to Tampa

*An Insider's Preview*



**TAMPA TAKES CENTER STAGE AS IMPERIAL SESSION DROPS ANCHOR**

**THE 152ND IMPERIAL SESSION** of Shriners International is headed to Tampa, and nobody is more excited than local James Lich, Egypt Shriners Past Potentate and one of the key organizers for this year's event.

For James, who's been part of the fraternity for decades and has attended more than a dozen Imperial Sessions across North America, this year is special — not just because it's happening in his own city, but because of what Imperial Session means for Shriners everywhere.

"It's kind of like the Super Bowl, honestly. For Shriners, this is the one time a year we really get to celebrate both the fraternity and the philanthropy. It's our chance to bring everyone together, remember what matters, and just have a great time," James said.

***"It's kind of like the Super Bowl, honestly."***

José Gaspar — at the Tampa Convention Center, with the Marriott Water Street, Embassy Suites Downtown and Hilton Downtown Tampa as official hotels. James is quick to point out the perks of the location: "You're steps from the Riverwalk, the Florida Aquarium and Ybor City. The city's changed a lot in the last decade — the waterfront is booming, there's world-class dining, and neighborhoods are connected by new, modern transportation."

James, a longtime Tampa Bay resident, says the support from his temple is huge. "We're even organizing transportation between downtown and the Shrine Center, and hosting both formal and informal events."

Looking back on past Sessions, James says each city brings something unique — Daytona, Toronto, Charlotte, San Antonio — but he's learned a few universal lessons.

In 2026, Session will be held in a city known for its colorful history — including legends that it was founded by the pirate

"You always figure out what works and what doesn't. In Atlanta, we saw the importance of great hospitality and smooth logistics. In Tampa, we have an experienced events team, and the city itself is set up to make people feel welcome."

James' role this year is all about communication and creating a memorable experience: He'll be working closely on social media, the event website and the program book, making sure everyone is in the loop and that Imperial Session has that extra spark. "It's an honor to help put this hallmark event together. I want people to see not just Tampa's fun side, but also that the Shriners have been woven into this city's fabric for over a hundred years."

For James, Imperial Session is about more than ceremonies or legislation. "It's a celebration. It's about the fraternity, the philanthropy and — most importantly — the kids we serve. We get to reconnect, honor our patient ambassadors and remind ourselves why we wear the fez."

With the city ready and the Shriners eager to gather, James sums it up: "We're working on all cylinders to make this the best party we can. I hope everyone sticks around after Imperial Session and really experiences what Tampa Bay has to offer. There's a lot more here than you think."

**SAVE THE DATE**

**July 12–16, 2026**

Learn more at [imperialsession.com](https://www.imperialsession.com)



# Shriners Children's - New England

## Shrining Star Award



Congratulations to Transportation Coordinator, Juliet Lowe, for receiving the Shrining Star Award!

The Shrining Star Award honors a staff member who exemplifies Shriners Children's Core Values of integrity, commitment, excellence, teamwork, innovation, stewardship and respect.

# Shriners Children - Boston



Shriners Children's Boston's Team Brave had a ball at Kings, from bowling strikes to playing basketball arcade games. Patients teamed up with our friends from the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation, who volunteer their time to make these adventures possible. Moments like these remind us how community support can bring joy and laughter to our pediatric patients.



**Shriners**  
Children's™  
Boston



**Shriners**  
Children's™  
New England

**Join Us for Shriners Day hosted by Shriners Children's Boston  
and Shriners Children's New England.  
Saturday, April 11, 2026**

**Schedule:**

**9:00–11:00 a.m. - Shriners Children's Boston  
51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114**

**General and clinical presentations followed by tour.  
Morning refreshments and boxed lunches will be provided.**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Shriners Children's New England  
516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104**

**General and clinical presentations followed by tour.  
Afternoon refreshments will be provided.**

**Registered Shriners guests may attend either one or both events at our two  
Massachusetts locations. Transportation between locations will not be provided.**

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**More Details:**

- **Shriners Day is a ticketed event and no walk-ins will be accepted.**
- **This event is complimentary for Nobles & Ladies of supporting Shrine Centers.**
- **We kindly ask that each Shrine Center limit their sign ups to no more than 10 members.**
- **Please note, we are limited to 150 guests per location for Shriners Day.**
- **The deadline to register for Shriners Day is Friday, March 13 by 5 PM but registration will close earlier if the events are at capacity.**
- **If event is sold out, please email Shriners Children's Boston at [BostonDonorRelations@shrinenet.org](mailto:BostonDonorRelations@shrinenet.org) and Shriners Children's New England at [eogrady@shrinenet.org](mailto:eogrady@shrinenet.org) to be added to the priority list for next Shriners Day.**

**If you are experiencing any cold, flu or other illness symptoms leading up  
to April 11, we kindly ask that you do not attend Shriners Day to reduce  
the risk of spreading illness to others.**

**Please RSVP by Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**



**Register Here**

# Shriners International



## Membership & Marketing

### 6th Annual Virtual Event Series - Dates

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

- 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 - New England



Cheers to 101 years of helping kids like Bruno grow stronger, smile and succeed! We thank the staff, Shriners and supporters who've made our mission possible since 1925.

# Shriners Children - Canada



A special visit from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) this morning! We were honoured to welcome members of the RCMP to our hospital this morning, along with their beloved mascot — Safety Bear. Their visit brought smiles and joy to our patients, families and employees creating unforgettable moments for everyone.



# Potentate Message



Hi all – New month, new goals. We are making some great progress with fundraisers; the crew working the walk-a-thon is doing well. Arrangements are being made for the Mini-Tourney Bowling, and a poker run is also in the works. The membership committee is being formed and can always use more members. I want to extend my thanks to all those who are devoting their time to help rebuild our Temple. Also, thank you to all those who joined Lady Angie and me on the recent Visitation to Aleppo; we all had great fun. Looking forward to future visitations.

Fraternally Yours, Illustrious Gary  
[galuman2020@gmail.com]



## Hospital Board News

Greetings from Shriners Children's Boston,

A lot of moving parts again this month as we all settle into our new committees and new Associate Members join in. Which brings up a good subject, we at Boston are looking for Associate Members to join. If you are interested, you can reach out to me, chat about what this entails, and then we can get a letter from Divan if you would like to get appointed.

We chatted about the open house coming on April 11th. It is important to register to attend, as Walk-Ins will be turned away. This is to assist in accounting for food and parking.

The staff is still working eagerly through some last things on the list, as the group is going to be coming to accredit the hospital, so we can keep delivering the Best Care Anywhere. Seems to always be something to work on, that's for sure.

Got asked by a few how living in Vermont helps me deal with snow all the time. These guys got about 34 inches of heavy wet snow the other day, and that brings the City to a STOP. Just had to laugh as they have nowhere to put snow, let alone get cars off the streets, so plows can do their jobs. I guess we should have a Mt Sinai fundraiser...snow shovels.

Jim, PP 2021

## From The Assistant Rabban's Desk:

Greeting fellow Nobles,

The days are getting longer, and spring is right around the corner. I frankly can't wait. We've been busy planning for the year's events, which include a Bowling Tourney, a Walk a Thon, and a Poker Run. There will be more information available on these events in the coming months.

I'm pleased to announce that the Hillbilly chapter, The Green Mountain Hillbilly Clan #102 is now active, and we're planning a degree for Friday night, May 15th, at Jay Peak as part of the Mt. Sinai/Cairo Visitation. It's going to be a "hum dinger, " so don't miss out. Note the promo poster is listed within this edition of the TT. Remember, you don't need to be in the Divan in order to attend any of the visitations. It's a great way to meet other Nobles and explore other regions within our district, like the Northeast Shrine event in Cape Cod on August 20th – 23rd , hosted by Aleppo Shriners. We'll have more info on that one next month after we scout out the place during the Mid-winter planning session on March 13-15th.

Stay safe and thank you for supporting Shriners Children.

Sincerely

Jim Walsh

Assistant Rabban - 2026

[jwalsh331@gmail.com](mailto:jwalsh331@gmail.com)



# Aleppo Visitation

## February 2026

Attendees: Illustrious Sir Gary and Lady Angie, Chief Rabban Mike B and Lady Liz, Assistant Rabban Jim W and Lady Dale. Joined by Illustrious Brian and Lady Debbie from Cairo



# Important Dates to Remember

NESA Mid-Winter March 12-14

Oriental Visitation March 27-28

Spring Ceremonial April 4

Springfield/Boston Shriners Day April 11

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: 15-March**

Next scheduled unit: **Motor Corp/Motor Cycle**

**Volunteers are always needed**

**NOTE: unit assignments took parade season into consideration**

**Lost and Found -**

**Travel mug - left behind by one of the Shrine volunteers at the December Bingo**

## 2026 Divan

Potentate - Gary Luman

Chief Rabban - Michael Bergeron

Assistant Rabban - James Walsh

High Priest and Prophet - Scott Boyer

Oriental Guide - Ross Schacher

Recorder - Warren Whitney

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!**

**YES! We could use more help**



## March

**3 - Divan Meeting**

**12-14 - NSA Mid-Winter**

**15 - Bingo **Motor Corp/Motor Cycle****

**25 - Oriental Visitation - Saratoga NY**

## April

**4 - Spring Ceremonial**

**7 - Divan Meeting**

**11 - Springfield/Boston Hospital Day**

**18 - Ladies of the Table St. Albans**

**23-24 - Montreal Hospital Seminar**



## 2026 Bingo Schedule

**Note: There will be no Bingo in April or June**

**Please watch the announcements for any changes that might be needed**

**15 - 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.**





**CAIRO SHRINERS**



**VIDALIA ONIONS**

**It's that time of year. Spring is here and so are those delicious Vidalia Onions.**

**Now is the time to order.**

**Freshly picked onions will be here beginning of May**

**FINAL orders by April 30<sup>th</sup> to Cairo Shriners**

**This Benefits The Cairo Shrine Temple**

**Free Local Delivery Available and Pick up at Cairo Temple 51 Washington St.  
Rutland, VT.**

**5 Pound Bags - \$10.00**

**10 Pound Bags - \$18.00**

**To Order Contact**

**Jason Coltey 802-342-8733 or [jcoltey28@gmail.com](mailto:jcoltey28@gmail.com)**

**Brian Christian 802-989-3038 or [bcc196412@gmail.com](mailto:bcc196412@gmail.com)**

**Cairo Temple 802-747-3400 or [admin@cairoshriners.org](mailto:admin@cairoshriners.org)**



# Letter from a Past Potentate

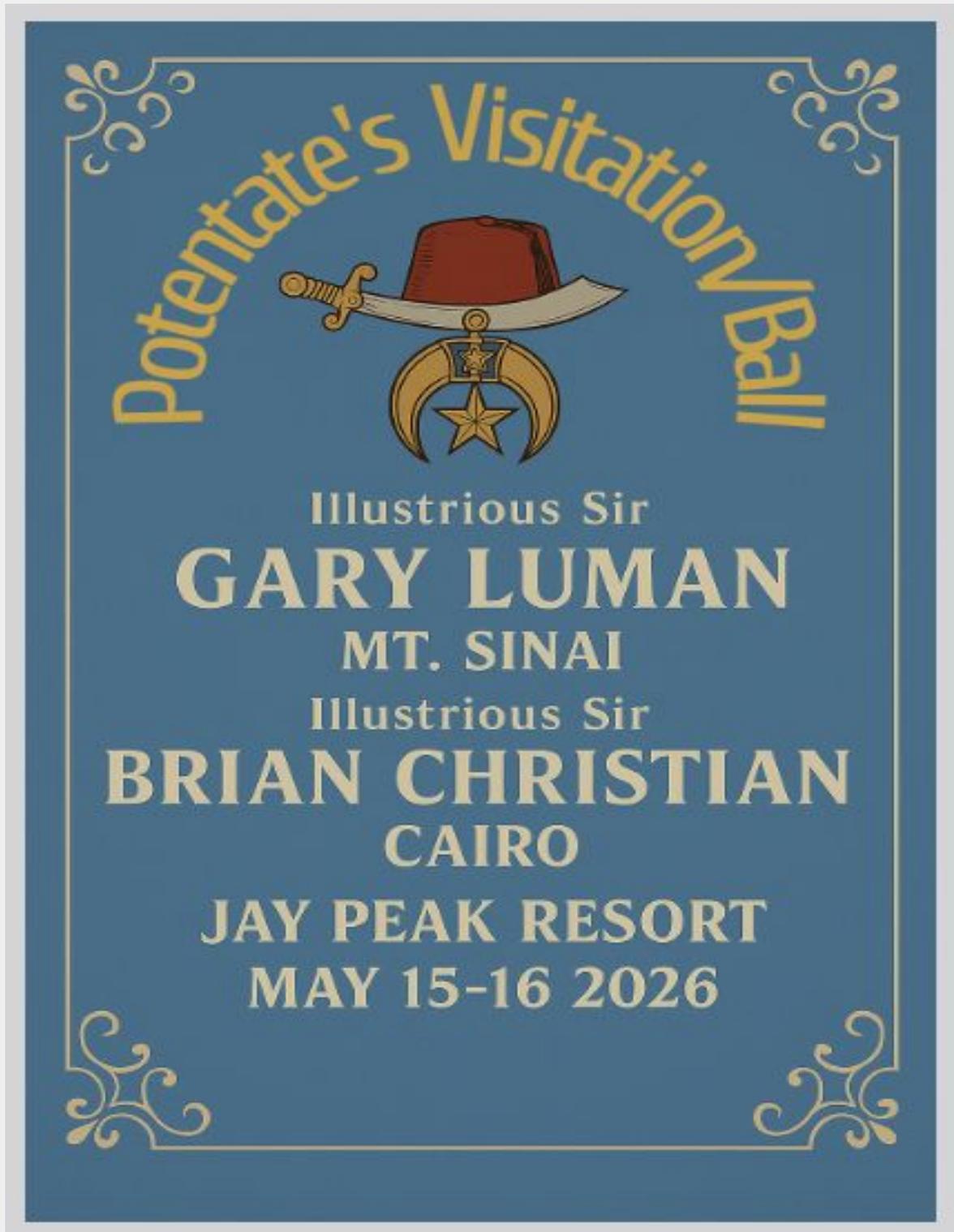
Nobles,

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. (New this year we have a Zeffy account for these occasions!)

## Hotel Information

### Jay Peak Resort and Conference Center

#### CALL-IN LODGING GUIDELINES

Jay Peak Resort and Conference Center: For Reservations, please call toll-free 1-800-451-4449.

Lodging - Room Type	Lodging Only Rate Inclusive	Splash & Stay Rate Inclusive (based on 2 adults)
Hotel Jay - Standard King Room	\$135.38	\$207.75
Hotel Jay - Studio Suites	\$172.00	\$244.38
Hotel Jay - One Bedroom Suites	\$233.91	\$306.29
Golf & Mountain Cottage 1 Bedroom	\$206.88	\$279.26
Golf & Mountain Cottage 2 Bedroom	\$280.13	\$352.51

*Room rates include a nightly \$29.00 taxable resort fee and 9% VT State Tax.*

*Above rates reflect a 20% group lodging discount*

GROUP NAME: Mount Sinai Shriners

GROUP CODE: 1150224

NOTE: This is a family-friendly resort with a full water park. Rates are good for up to a week before or post-event for those who desire to extend their stay



# Vermont Joint Visitation/Ball Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Temple / Position: \_\_\_\_\_

## Event Registration

Event	Cost per Person	Number Attending	Total Due
Friday Night BBQ	\$25	_____	\$ _____
			—
Saturday Breakfast	\$20	_____	\$ _____
			—
Saturday Gala	\$65	_____	\$ _____
			—
Beef		_____	
Chicken		_____	
Fish		_____	
Hillbilly Degree (includes Hat, membership, and goodies)	\$50	_____	\$ _____
			—

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due (USD): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

International/credit card payments:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/potentates-visitationball>

Mail Checks registration To:

**Gary LumanS**

144 Larkin Way #415

South Burlington, VT 05403

**Registration Deadline: April 11, 2026**

Presented by : Mt. Sinai #3 and Cairo Shriners

## GREEN MTN HILLBILLY CLAN #102 DEGREE



### *Hillbillies Having Fun and Helping Children*

This is the first Hillbilly degree performed by Clan 102 since 1988. All Nobles and their Ladies are invited. Please join us as Mt. Sinai and Cairo Shriners team up for an evening of fun that will not soon be forgotten. It truly is a fun event, don't miss out !

Hillbilly Shriners proudly donate 100% of all contributions and proceeds to Shriners Children's and their Transportation Funds.



**SHRINERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

Helping to change the lives of children everyday, by supporting Shriners Children's. Where the "Most Amazing Care Anywhere" is available, regardless of the families ability to pay.

**May 15, 2026**

Friday 6pm

**Jay Peak, Vt**

**Join us for a night  
of food, fun and  
frolics**

**\$50 per person**  
\$20 – Members of other  
clans(w/ID)

To reserve your spot:  
Contact- Jim Walsh at  
[jwalsh331@gmail.com](mailto:jwalsh331@gmail.com)

**Mt. Sinai #3 Montpelier,Vt**

**Cairo Shriners Rutland,Vt**

[greenmtnhillbilly@gmail.com](mailto:greenmtnhillbilly@gmail.com)

Dress: Jeans are encouraged



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**Auditorium**



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[ALEPPOSHRINERS.COM](http://ALEPPOSHRINERS.COM)

# Unit News

Motorcycle Unit - Michael Bergeron ([mikes750sf@gmail.com](mailto:mikes750sf@gmail.com))

Fire Brigade - Ken Johnson ([kenlocks@comcast.net](mailto:kenlocks@comcast.net))

Motor Corp - Dave Baker  
([drbaker81@comcast.net](mailto:drbaker81@comcast.net)/[moronggerald@comcast.net](mailto:moronggerald@comcast.net))

Sinai Joes - Paul Laflamme  
([plaflamme@vermontel.net](mailto:plaflamme@vermontel.net)/[davegulbrandsen@yahoo.com](mailto:davegulbrandsen@yahoo.com))

Camel - Mike Parent PP ([myke57@hotmail.com](mailto:myke57@hotmail.com))

Northern Shrine Club - Gerald Morong PP ([moronggerald@comcast.net](mailto:moronggerald@comcast.net))

Provost Guard - James Murphy 802-279-3981



## Bingo Units 2026

**March 15 - Motor Corp/Motor Cycle**

**May 31 - Fire Brigade/Motor Corp**

**July 5 - Cabiri/Provost Guard**

**Aug 9 - Clown/Fire Brigade**

# Unit News

Getting to know your Units

Ever wonder what Units are available

Ever wanted to know what they do and when they meet.

Wonder no more!

Unit Name - Provost Guard

Meeting Dates - Once a month (Normally last Monday of each Month (exception, no meetings are scheduled during the winter months)

Meeting Locations - American Legion home, Colchester, VT, 12:00 noon lunch included.

Contact - James Murphy 802-279-3981

Unit Name - Motor Corp

Headquartered in St. Albans

We are the Motor Corps. We drive over a limousine with go-karts while riding in a parade. We just held a breakfast meeting this month. Our annual meeting will be in May at a local restaurant. To join, you can contact me at [moronggerald@comcast.net](mailto:moronggerald@comcast.net) or David Baker at [drbaker81@comcast.net](mailto:drbaker81@comcast.net).

NOTE: More units will be added as information is provided

# 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)  
2025 - Donald Karlovich (Karen)

## Next edition

April 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](mailto:galuman2020@gmail.com)

Pictures and funnies are also welcome

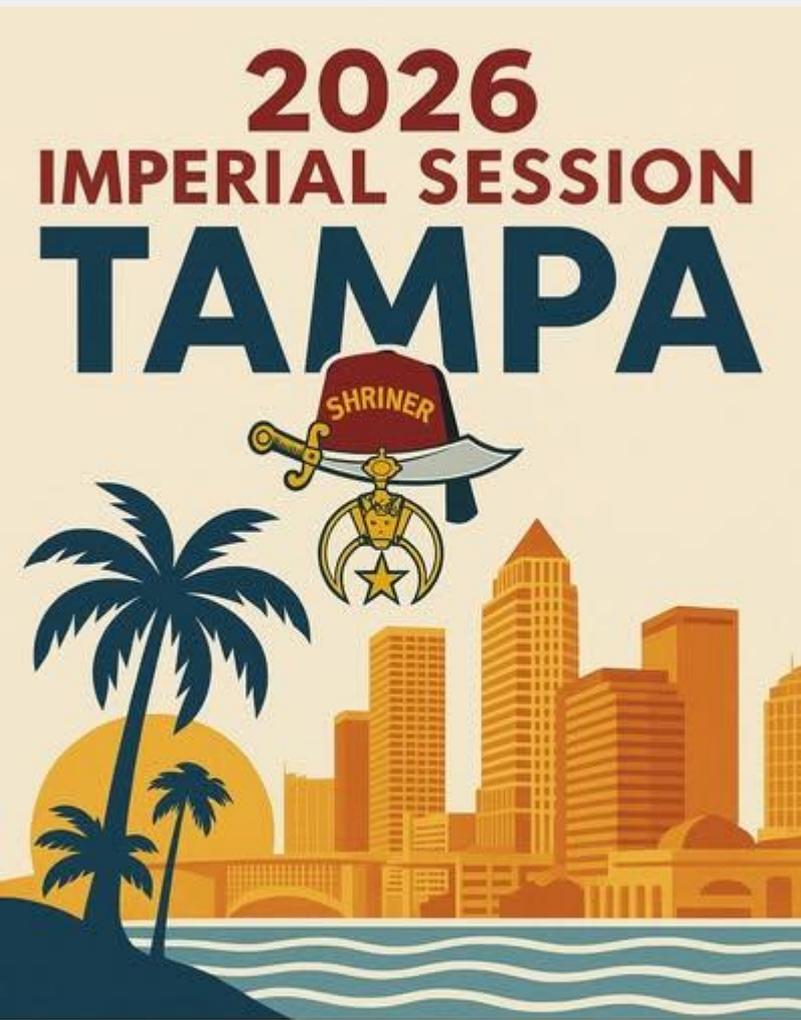
## Sick Call

### Black Camel - 2026

Duane C. Cate  
Deceased, 2025  
Monroe, NH  
Created : 05/17/1969

Past Potentate Leo Laflamme  
Deceased Feb. 2026  
Springfield Vt

# Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Imperial Session



**JULY 12-16**



**2028  
IMPERIAL 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.

# 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](mailto: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.

# 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](mailto:recorder@mountsinaishriners.org) 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 PP '26 at [galuman2020@gmail.com](mailto:galuman2020@gmail.com)

**Membership** - Are you interested in helping rebuild our Temple. New Membership Committee is being formed please reach out if you are interested in joining.

