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Recorder: Warren Whitney

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Black Camel

73rd Annual Maple Sugar Bowl - Vermont Team



Shriners Childrens - Imperial Officers



SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

IMPERIAL SESSION 2026

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

★ LEADERSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • SERVICE ★

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Imperial Officers

 IMPERIAL POTENTATE-ELECT Larry Leib	 IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN Mark Hartz	 IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN Matt Sturlaugson	 IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET Marty Bartlett	 IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE Tim Forbis	 IMPERIAL TREASURER Scott Schuster
 IMPERIAL RECORDER Richard G. Burke	 IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER Ron DeVoll	 IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER David Hamm	 IMPERIAL MARSHAL Dale Vrsalovich	 IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD Rick Holloway	 IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD Richard Loomes



Thank you to all who offered themselves for service and to every representative who participated in the democratic process.
TOGETHER, WE BUILD A STRONGER FRATERNITY AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE!



**Shriners
Children's™**



A BROTHERHOOD OF NOBLES • A PHILANTHROPY OF HEART



Congratulations to all the newly elected Imperial Officers Special Congratulations goes to our neighbor to the north Richard Loomis on his election to Outer Guard!

Meet Your Imperial Officers

Lawrence J. "Larry" Leib (Imperial Potentate)

Fraternities and Philanthropy



Lawrence J. "Larry"
Leib, of Farmington
Hills, Michigan

Read full Bio at:

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

- Imperial Potentate, 2026-2027
- Chairman, Board of Directors, 2026-2027
- Imperial Chief Rabban, 2025-2026
- Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, 2025-2026
- Imperial Assistant Rabban, 2024-2025
- Imperial High Priest and Prophet, 2023-2024
- Imperial Oriental Guide, 2022-2023
- Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, 2021-2022
- Imperial First Ceremonial Master, 2020-2021
- Imperial Marshal, 2019-2020
- Imperial Captain of Guard, 2018-2019
- Imperial Outer Guard, 2017-2019
- Master Mason, Zion Lodge #1, F. & A.M. of Michigan
- 33rd Degree Supreme Council Honorary Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ
- Gold Member Commanders Circle and Life Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite NMJ, Valley of Michigan
- Member, Monroe Chapter #1, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan
- Member, Monroe Council #1, R&S of Michigan
- Detroit Commandery #1 Knights Templar, Past Commander, 2012 (Most Outstanding Commandery)
- York Rite College #1, Detroit, Michigan; Knight Mason Trinity Council #36
- Allied Masonic Degrees, Michigan
- Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International
- Member, Cabiri International
- Potentate, Moslem "Detroit" Shriners, 2015
- Director, Shriners International Iowa Corporation, 2017-present
- Director, Shriners Children's Colorado Corporation, 2017-present
- Emeritus Member, Shriners Children's Colorado Corporation
- Secretary Emeritus, Board of Governors, Shriners Children's Chicago
- Executive Committee, Board of Governors, Shriners Children's Chicago, 2004-2010
- Member, Donor Relations International Executive Advisory Committee, Shriners Children's, 2010-2012
- Chairman of Development, State of Michigan, Shriners Children's, 2004-2009
- General Counsel, Moslem "Detroit" Shriners, 2002-2008, 2010-2013
- General Counsel, Detroit Shrine Circus, 2002-2013
- Michigan State Fair (Detroit Shriners)
- Life Member, Moslem "Detroit" Shriners' Directors Staff and Clown units
- Member, Benevolent Order of the Crab, Claw #7; Detroit Shriners, Tap #1; Sigmund Society #1

Shriners Children - Boston



Sweet treats are even sweeter when they're made together. On #InternationalFriendshipDay we're celebrating the smiles, teamwork and friendships that grow in the little moments.



Shriners Children - NE



SAVE THE DATE!

Cheers for Children returns to MGM Springfield on Friday, October 16!

Join us for an unforgettable adult (21+) night out featuring tastings from the region's best restaurants, craft breweries, wineries and distilleries. There will be live entertainment, games & prizes, a silent auction, and more, all to benefit Shriners Children's New England.

Tickets will go on sale in June.

Shriners Children - Montreal



Meet Anaïs

From her first treatments to becoming a Canadian champion, her journey is a story of determination and success.

read Anaïs story at:

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories>



They gave me so much, and one day I hope to give that same support to other children.”

ANAÏS, SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN CANADA PATIENT AMBASSADOR



Shriners International



6th Annual Virtual Event Series - Dates

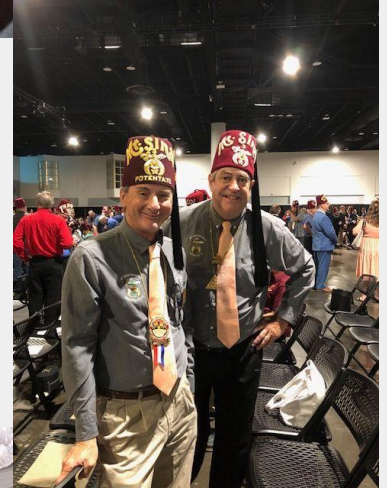
(Attendance required at all four (4) to achieve Apprentice Certificate.)

- 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/>

Imperial Session - 2026



Fez Friday Fun



Attending: AR Jim and Lady Dale; OG Ross and Lady Alix; PP Mike and Lady Maureen; Noble Lee and Lady Pat; Potentate Gary and Lady Angie

Potentate Message

Hi all

Greetings from a busy July (and anticipated equally busy August). Lady Angie and I enjoyed our time in Tampa with the Grand Master, his wife and the Walsh's. Many decisions were made during this session, some may not be well received but necessary. One notable change will be a per capital dues increase, this has been something that has been avoided for many years but due to membership fall off it has become necessary. Good news though our request to change address was approved we are now officially in Barre. Looking forward to the Toy Run on the 8th in Montpelier, it is a fun time to see the motorcycles arrive with toys and donations for the hospitals, the riders are deeply appreciative of our yearly pin, a gift to thank them for participating. If you are interested in helping pass out pins please be at the State House by 11am. Plans are coming together to celebrate Mt. Sinai's 150th (see flyer). And finally a big Congratulations to the Vermont Team for the 4th year in a row winning the Maple Sugar Bowl!

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



Message from your Assistant Rabban

It's been a busy month. Lady Dale and I had a great time at the Imperial Session in Tampa, where we were joined by Grand Master Sandy and Lady Carla. It may have been hot, but it didn't stop us from meeting many new Nobles from as far away as The Philippines and Australia. Next year's Imperial Session will be in beautiful Philadelphia in July and promises to be another great opportunity for fun and fellowship.

On another note, we have started a new fundraising project, a 2027 Calendar that we hope to have available for sale (\$25) at Cape Cod. There will be a weekly drawing for \$100 ea, with winners going back into the pool. We'll be asking for your help to sell our stock to your friends and neighbors.

Speaking of Cape Cod, the Northeast Field days are up next on August 20th with a nice lineup of events that will start with a Brazilian BBQ on Friday night. It looks like Mt. Sinai will have a strong presence that includes nobles from the Motor Corps as well as the Divan.

Until next month, be safe and enjoy the summer.

Sincerely

Jim Walsh

Ass't Rabban



Hospital Board News



Greetings from Shriners Children's Boston,

Another great meeting this month in Boston, but it was a bit slower, and a few committee meetings were cancelled as the Joint Commission survey crew was there on the accreditation visit. They have been prepping for them for months, and I have faith they will pull through this just fine, as we have great Staff and Providers.

Dr. Daniel Irima, PhD, MD, gave a talk titled: "Disrupting the Link Between Antibiotic Treatment and IFI In Burn Patients". Shriner terms: Kiddos are getting a fungal infection or infections that hamper their treatments, so he is trying to figure out a way to get ahead of this by using your own cells to attack the bad fungus before there is an issue. The key is timing and intervention. Lots of good research going on at our Shriner Hospitals.

Off to a "Running" start for the annual Haunted Walk. I want to thank everyone who has sponsored me so far. The walk is scheduled for October 18th. That is a fun-filled afternoon walk with Patients, Families, staff, and of course, us fellow Shriners. Here is the link to my fundraising page; please share far and wide.

Help me reach my goal and some while supporting what we are here for: our Hospitals and Clinics. I am closing in on my goal but still have some to go. <https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org/fundraiser/7269239>

Jim, PP 2021





Fall Ceremonial

October 10, 2026

Barre, Vt

9 am

Announcing

The 1st and 2nd sessions will be held
(if you have not done one or both of these, please
plan to attend)

There will be a Ladies' Program during the
morning session

Lunch will be served – price is by donation

If you have any candidates you would like to
install at the Fall Ceremonial, please submit the
applications to the office by September 1st so we
can have everything in place.



MT. SINAI SHRINERS'

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HONORING 1876 – 2026

OCTOBER 10, 2026

🕒 3:00~6:00 PM

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FELLOWSHIP & FUN



CELEBRATING
150 YEARS

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP!

Important Dates to Remember



VMA Toy Run - Montpelier Aug. 8 -
Volunteers are welcome, arrive at the
state house by 11am.

NESA Hyannis Ma. Aug. 20-24 2026

Fall Ceremonial October 10 2026 9-3
150th Anniversary of Mt. Sinai 3-6pm

ABK Visitation October 23-25 Lewiston
ME



Next Bingo: 9 - August

Next scheduled unit: **Clown Unit/Fire Brigade**

Volunteers are always needed

NOTE: unit assignments took parade season into consideration

Lost and Found -

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



August

- 1 - Maple Sugar Bowl - Castleton
- 4 - Divan
- 8 - VMA Toy Run - Montpelier
- 9 - Bingo
- 20-22 - NSA Cape Cod

September

- 1 - Divan

October

- 6 - Divan
- 10 - Fall Ceremonial w/sessions
- 10 - 150th celebration
- 23-25 - ABK Visitation - Lewiston ME
- 25 - Bingo

2026 Bingo Schedule

Note: There will be no Bingo in September

Please watch the announcements for any changes that might be needed

5 - July - Cabari/Provost Guard

9 - August - Clown Unit/Fire Brigade

25 - October -

22 - November - Clown Unit/Motorcycle

27 - December - Cabari/Motor Corp/Fire Brigade

Parade seasons have been taken into consideration where possible.





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Handmade by Lady Angie

Use as a lap quilt or a wall hanging





United Motorcyclists of Vermont
& Shriners Children's Hospital present
the:

40th Annual TOY RUN

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Venue:

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Vermont
445 Industrial Lane, Berlin, VT 05602

For More Information

umv.news@gmail.com

Join the UMV in their continued support of the Shriners.

V-Twin Cruisers MC and hundreds of other motorcycle enthusiasts will also be participating to support the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Bring cash, gift cards or a new unwrapped toy (stuffed animals are discouraged due to allergens) to donate. Staging begins at 9 AM at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield parking lot in Berlin. Please arrive by 11 AM, kickstands up at 12 noon. Event T-shirts will be available to purchase by cash or Venmo at BCBS. This charity event is held rain or shine- but it never rains on Toy Run day!!

Starting Locations:

Newport-Gardner Park leaves at 8 AM
Morrisville- Maplefields leave at 8:30 AM
St. Johnsbury-Maplefields leave at 9:30 AM

* United Motorcyclists of Vermont is a non-profit 501(c) (4) organization -
on the web: unitedmotorcyclists.org - Find us on Facebook @
<https://www.facebook.com/umv.vt>

**Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(C3) non-profit organization



Free entry for all.



FALL FIELD DAYS AUGUST 20-23, 2026



Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

Shrine Center: _____	
Noble: _____	
Title: _____	Lady's Name: _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State/Province/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Arrival Date/Time: _____	Departure Date/Time: _____
Competing in Competition:	Clown: _____ MotorCorp: _____

NSA Banquet	\$75 Lobster (Per Person)	_____
Margaritaville	\$65 Steak or Chicken (Per Person)	_____
Saturday, August 22	\$65 Vegetarian (Per Person)	_____
6:00pm Social • 7:00pm Meal		
Ladies Luncheon	\$55 (Per Person)	_____
Margaritaville		
Saturday, August 21		
11:00am to 1:00pm		
NSA Whiskey	\$70 (Per Bottle)	_____
Total \$		_____

Dietary Restrictions:

Name On Card: _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Check #: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please Make Checks payable to **Aleppo Shriners**.

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT NO LATER THAN AUGUST 3, 2026

Director General: Brian Rushlow
508-254-1307
Brian.Rushlow@gmail.com

Aleppo Office: Maribel DeLuca
978-657-4202 x216
MDeLuca@AleppoShriners.com

Deadlines:
Rooms: July 15
Meals: Aug 3

Room Assignments for Northeast Field Days August 20 - 23, 2026

Mt. Sinai	20	10	Margaritaville	efagan@margaritavilleresortcapecod.com
Mt. Sinai - Overflow			Holiday Inn	amcsorley@holidayinncapecod.com

Room Rates

Margaritaville

\$641.00 per room, single occupancy
\$667.00 per room, double occupancy
Additional
kids(12 &
under) \$10 per
day

3-Night Package

Additional Adult
\$20 per day

3-Night Package

Three (3) Nights accommodations, THU/FRI/SAT

Two (2) Resort Breakfast Buffet FRI&SAT

All taxes/facility fees/resort fee included

Water Park passes will be included

Extra days - \$181.98



The ABK Visitation Hosted by Kora Shrine

Noble's Name: _____

Temple/Position: _____

Lady: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Event Registration

Event	Cost per person	Number Attending	Total Due
Friday Dinner	\$ 40.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$ 20.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner and Entertainment	\$ 65.00	_____	\$ _____
Total Due:			\$ _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Make checks payable to Kora Shrine and mail to
Kora Shrine 11 Sabattus St. Lewiston, Me 04240
or call (207)782-2831

Hotel Accommodations

Hampton by Hilton Lewiston-Auburn

(207) 315-9560

15 Lincoln Street

Lewiston, Me 04240

Cost per night \$209 plus tax

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MT. SINAI SHRINERS'

CALENDAR OF

CASH

FUNDRAISER

\$25

PER CALENDAR!

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Unit News

Motorcycle Unit - Michael Bergeron (mikes750sf@gmail.com)

Fire Brigade - Ken Johnson (kenlocks@comcast.net)

Motor Corp - Dave Baker
(drbaker81@comcast.net/moronggerald@comcast.net)

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

Camel - Mike Parent PP (myke57@hotmail.com)

Northern Shrine Club - Gerald Morong PP (moronggerald@comcast.net)

Provost Guard - James Murphy 802-279-3981



Bingo Units 2026

Aug 9 - Clown/Fire Brigade
25 - October **NEW**
22 - November - Clown Unit/Motorcycle
27 - December - Cabari/Motor Corp/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 or David Baker at drbaker81@comcast.net.

NOTE: More units will be added as information is provided

1991 - Homer Selby (Janet)
1992 - Donald Tessier
1998 - Gerald Morong (Frances)
1999 - Winston Harper (Rachel)
2000 - C.J. Murray (Deborah)
2004- Micheal Parent (Maureen)
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)

Past Potentates (Living)

2021 - James Smith (Laura)
2022 - Bruce Pelletier (Monica)
2023 - Scott Boyer (Jennifer)
2024 - David Coffey (Lynne)
2025 - Donald Karlovich (Karen)

Next edition

August 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

Black Camel - 2026

Duane C. Cate
Deceased, 2025
Monroe, NH

Past Potentate Leo Laflamme
Deceased Feb. 2026
Springfield Vt

Roy Vance PP
Deceased 2026

Past Potentate Gary Centabar
Deceased July 4, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL IMPERIAL SESSION SCHEDULE

2027

JUNE 27 – JULY 1, 2027

PHILADELPHIA

PENNSYLVANIA



2028

JULY 9 – JULY 13, 2028

PITTSBURGH

PENNSYLVANIA



2029

JULY 1 – JULY 5, 2029

OMAHA

NEBRASKA

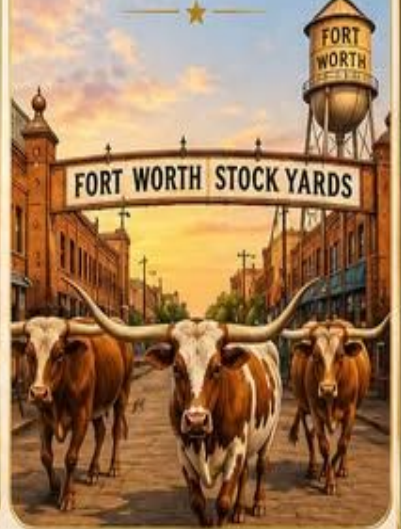


2030

JUNE 30 – JULY 4, 2030

FORT WORTH

TEXAS



Shriners
International®

One Fraternity. One Mission. Changing Lives.

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.
Registrations are due by Aug 3 for meals
Room reservations by July 15

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

Members wanted

ATTENTION

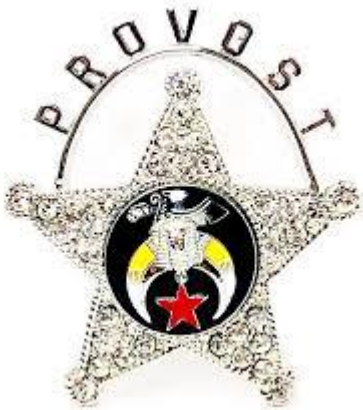
The Provost Guard of Mt Sinai is looking to increase its membership should those interested wish to learn more about the duties of the Provost Guard prior to becoming a member please contact:

Jim Murphy

Provost Marshal

Phone 802-279-3981

Email Jim@adavt.com



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 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

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

