

TURBAN TIMES

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Recorder: Warren Whitney

Treasurer: Alton Willard

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Black Camel

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Shriners Childrens - Imperial Officers



SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

IMPERIAL SESSION 2026

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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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

Mark Hartz (Imperial Chief Rabban)



Mark Hartz
Severn, Maryland

Read full Bio at:

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

Fraternities and Philanthropy

- Master, Solomon's Lodge #121, Maryland, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2018
- Member, Boumi Shriners, 2006
- Potentate, Boumi Shriners, 2017
- Member, Boumi Ambassadors, Cig-Car Club, Brew Club, Scimitar Club, Amateur Radio Club, Gun Club, Mounted Patrol and Motor Corps.
- Honorary member, DeMolay International Supreme Council, inducted in 2025
- Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International
- Former Chair and current Advisory Board member, Bennie G. Owns Chapter, DeMolay International, Maryland
- Numerous leadership positions and committee memberships, Grand Lodge of Maryland, including chairman of the leadership program and past member of the Committee on Youth
- Past member, Board of Directors, Stephen J. Ponzillo Jr. Memorial Library and Museum at the Grand Lodge
- Past and current Associate Bethel Guardian, Bethel #16, numerous committee memberships and service as committee chairs of the Grand Guardian Council of the DelMar, Job's Daughters International
- Inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Order of Job's Daughters Award from Job's Daughters International
- Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Valley of the District of Columbia
- 2025 Recipient of the Knight Commander Court of Honor from the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
- Member, Freestate Shield and Square Club Degree Team
- Member, Concordia Chapter #1 RAM, Concordia Chapter #1 R&SM, Maryland Commandery #1 Knights Templar
- Sovereign Master, Freestate Council Allied Masonic Degrees, 2016
- Member, Board of Directors and Trustees, Maryland Masonic Homes

Shriners Children - Boston

Massachusetts

WWLP-22NEWS

Shriners Children's highlights waterproof casts for pediatric recovery

By Ashley Shook

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) – Shriners Children's New England in Springfield is highlighting waterproof casting options to help pediatric patients stay active and comfortable while recovering from broken bones.

Learn more:

<https://ow.ly/cvLb50ZFHBR>



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

Celebrating a major milestone with \$8 Million
donated by the Daughters of the Nile





Shriners International



6th Annual Virtual Event Series - Dates

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

- 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.**

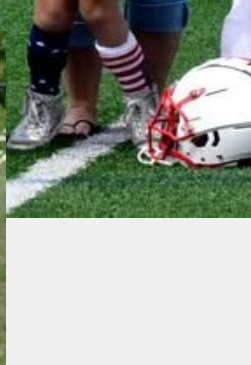
<https://nobleacademyeducation.org/>

Maple Sugar Bowl - 2026

Castleton Vt



Maple Sugar Bowl - 2026 Castleton VT



Potentate Message

Hi all,

Lady Angie and I would like to thank all who took time to join the fun and fellowship at the NSA Weekend in Hyannis this past weekend. Fun was had by all, we were sad to have had to miss the Whale Watch, glad it was such a success!

Reminder: Fall Ceremonial is coming up in October, we will be holding both 1st and 2nd sections for any new members that attends. Also as always Fall Ceremonial is time for nominations for elected offices, if you are interested in any of the elected post please plan to attend and make your intentions known.

The last visitation of the year, the ABK is to be held in Lewiston ME this year (see flyer). It is always know for fun times.

We have some fundraisers ongoing, please consider making a donation to one or all of the following:

Past Potentate Jim Smith will be attending the Haunted Walk (see his message for donation link)

Lady Angie continues to seel raffle tickets for her handmade quilt (see announcement for donation link)

AR Jim Walsh and Lady Dale have worked hard to put together a calendar for next year. \$25 per calendar for a chance to win up to 4 times a month. (see announcement for links)

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

Introducing the 2027 Rose Bowl Parade Float



You can volunteer to help decorate the annual Shriners Children's float for the Tournament of Roses Parade by signing up online when registration opens in the fall. You can check for updates and find sign-up links directly on the [Shriners Sports](https://www.mountsinaishriners.org/) page

Volunteer Details

- **Location:** All decorating takes place at a facility in Irwindale, California.
- **Schedule:** Dry decorating days happen on the first three Saturdays of December, and live floral decoration takes place daily from December 26 to December 30.
- **Tasks:** Jobs include cutting petals, sorting seeds, carrying supplies, and applying live flowers.
- **Requirements:** All ages, skill levels, and abilities are welcome to participate.

Hospital Board News



Greetings from Shriners Children's Boston,

Dr. Colleen Ryan, MD gave a talk titled: "Pediatric Burn Outcome Projects: Current Status and Future Directions." This study is to see how, down the road, our kiddos who have been treated for burns are doing socially and mentally. It is broken down into 3 age groups. She is currently struggling to get about 175 more teenagers to do this survey. I gave some ideas on how to capture and find these kiddos. She has been at Shriners Boston since 1988 and has a great passion for her job.

Joint Commission has made their visit this past month. Now to process the findings and correct the findings that need to be addressed. Of these findings, they just need to correct them by showing a plan for a path forward. This also can bring out the weaknesses in what we think we need to be doing every day, but that isn't the policy, or something is broken. The Staff have pulled together and were very successful.

The annual Haunted Walk is getting creepy close. I want to thank everyone who has sponsored me so far (I am about \$500 from my goal). The walk is scheduled for October 18th. That is a fun-filled mid-morning (10 am-12 pm) walk and events 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, while supporting what we are here for: our Hospitals, clinics, and, of course, the Kids. I am closing in on my goal but still have some to go. <https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org/fundraiser/7269239>

Jim, PP 2021



NSA - Cape Cod Fun





St. Albans Maple Festival Motorcycle Unit





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

MASONIC LODGE • BARRE, VT



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FELLOWSHIP & FUN



CELEBRATING
150 YEARS

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP!

Important Dates to Remember



Fall Ceremonial October 10 2026 9-3
Lunch will be served at noon

150th Anniversary of Mt. Sinai 3-6pm
Finger Foods, cocktails and fellowship

ABK Visitation October 23-25 Lewiston
ME

Chief Rabban Day - December 5, 2026
Barre Vt



Next Bingo: 25 - October

Next scheduled unit: **Provost/Cabari**

Volunteers are always needed and welcome

NOTE: unit assignments took parade season into consideration

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



September

1 - Divan

October

6 - Divan

10 - Fall Ceremonial w/sessions

10 - 150th celebration

23-25 - ABK Visitation - Lewiston ME

25 - Bingo

November

3 - Divan

22 - Bingo

2026 Bingo Schedule

Note: There will be no Bingo in September

Please watch the announcements for any changes that might be needed

25 - October - Provost/Cabari

22 - November - Clown Unit/Motorcycle

27 - December - Cabari/Motor Corp/Fire Brigade

Parade seasons have been taken into consideration where possible.

Stay tuned 2027 schedule coming soon





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Handmade by Lady Angie

Use as a lap quilt or a wall hanging



COMING SOON!

MT. SINAI SHRINERS'

CALENDAR OF

CASH

FUNDRAISER

\$25
PER CALENDAR!

52 CHANCES TO WIN!
ALL YEAR LONG! ★

▶ MONTHLY PRIZES & SPECIAL DRAWINGS! ◀

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SCAN THE QR CODES TO...

1. Buy a Calendar via zeffy
2. Find Out Bingo & Calendar Winner
3. Learn About Who We Are

\$100 IN WEEKLY DRAWINGS. MANY WEEKS THERE ARE MULTIPLE DRAWINGS!
CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DRAWING DATES

Purchaser is responsible to notify Mt. Sinai Shriners of any change in mailing address. Prizes are for the benefit of Mt. Sinai Shriners activities. Prizes are not redeemable as charitable contributions.

Calendars \$25 each. Your 2027 Calendar #: 2027-026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Calendars \$25 each. Your 2027 Calendar #: 2027-026



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

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

Green Mountain Hillbilly Clan - Jim Walsh jwalsh331@gmail.com

Bingo Units 2026

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)
 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)
 2021 - James Smith (Laura)

Past Potentates (Living)

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

Next edition

October 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

Black Camel - 2026

Duane C. Cate
 Deceased, 2025

Past Potentate Leo Laflamme
 Deceased Feb. 2026

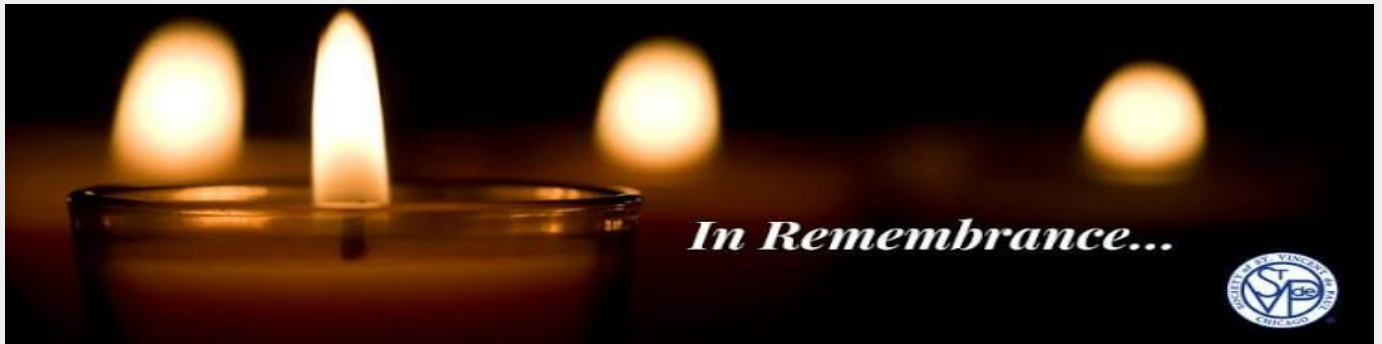
Past Potentate Roy Vance
 Deceased 2026

Past Potentate Gary Centabar
 Deceased July 4, 2026

Past Potentate Donald Tessier
 Deceased Aug. 2026

John McWalters
 Deceased Aug. 2026

Sonny Fetzer
 Deceased Aug. 2026



In Remembrance...



EDWARD L. MARTIN. LEESBURG, FL.

Born: 8/21/1950

Created 12/8/2001

Died: 11/24/2025

LEO LAFLAMME Springfield VT

Born: 01/10/1938

Created: 04/25/1981

Died: 02/02/2026

RUDOLPH RACINE, Sun City FL

Born: 03/19/1930

Created: 05/01/1964

Died: 12/16/2025

GARY CENTABAR, Swanton VT

Born: 12/23/1942

Created: 03/04/1977

Died: 07/04/2026

DONALD TESSIER

Born: 05/30/1941

Created: 10/02/1967

Died: 08/ /2026

DUANE C. CATE. MONROE NH

Born: 01/22/1932

Created: 05/17/1969

Died: 2025 (advised 01/27/26)

ANTHONY JEWELL

Born: 03/11/1943

Created: 01/17/1981

Died: 07/28/2025

ROY C VANCE, Danville, VT

Born: 04/15/1943

Created: 05/30/1983; Demit 2008

Died: 02/21/2026

NORBERT 'Sonny' FETZER

Born: 07/02/1955

Created: 08/07/2018

Died: 07/04/2026 (had demitted)

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

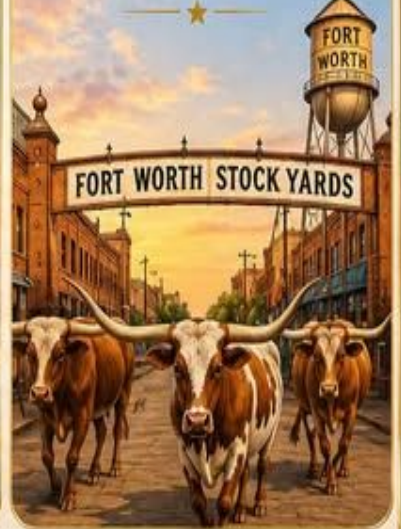


2030

JUNE 30 – JULY 4, 2030

FORT WORTH

TEXAS



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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

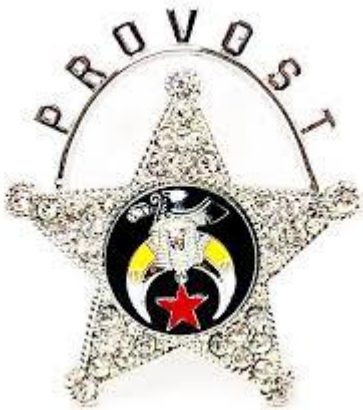
The Provost Guard of Mt Sinai is looking to increase its membership should those interested wish to learn more about the duties of the Provost Guard prior to becoming a member please contact:

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.

