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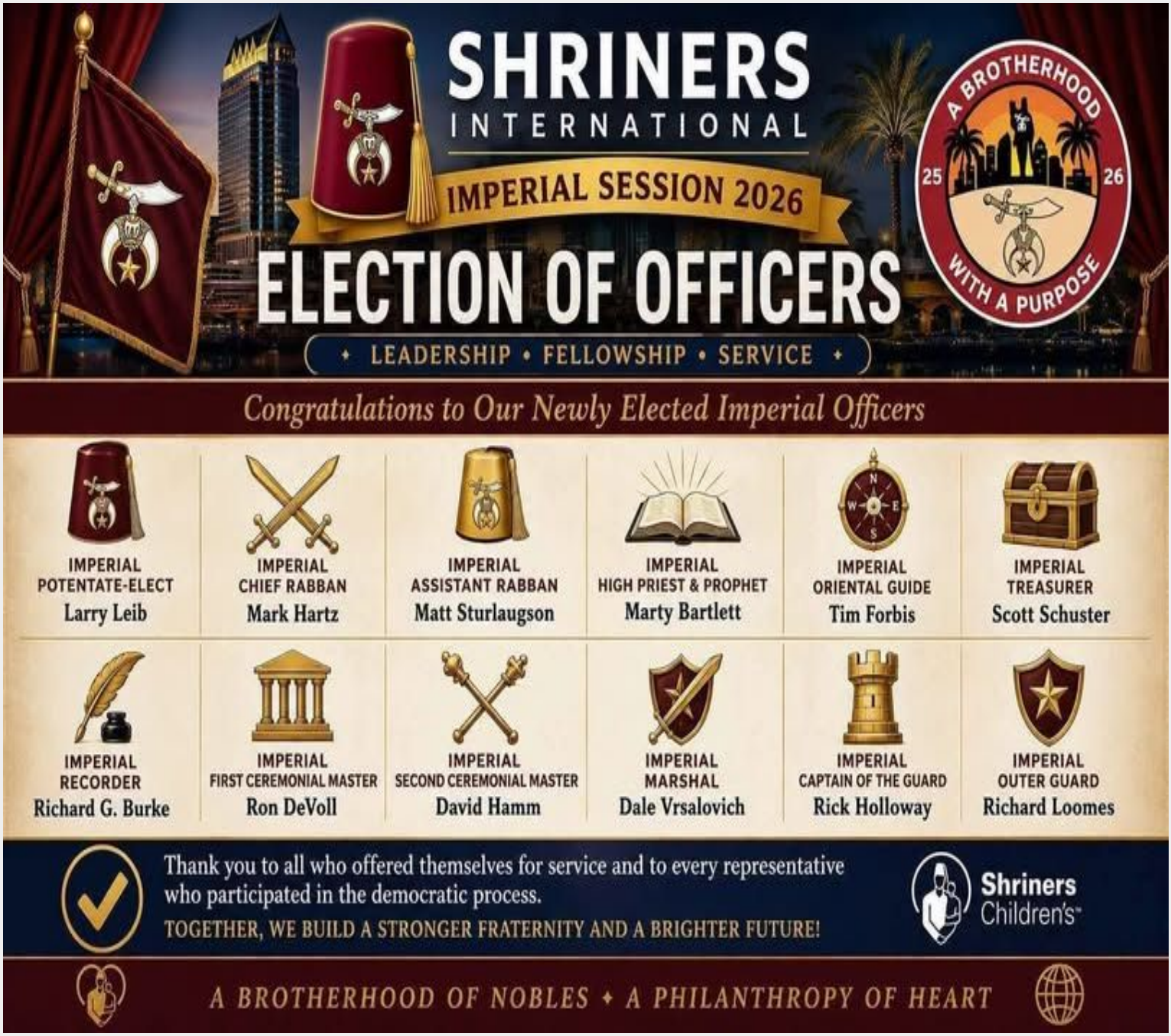
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Happy 150th Birthday Mt. Sinai!



Shriners Childrens - Imperial Officers



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

Matthew Sturlaugson (Imperial Assistant Rabban)



Matthew Sturlaugson
West Fargo, ND

Read full Bio at:

https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/who-we-are/leadership/imperial-divan/matthew-sturlaugson

Fraternities and Philanthropy

- Master Mason, Lebanon Lodge #34, Langdon, North Dakota, 2003
- Plural member, Shiloh #1, Fargo, North Dakota
- Member, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Fargo
- Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, 2023
- Member, KEM Shriners, Grand Forks, North Dakota, 2003
- Member, El Zagal Shriners, Fargo, North Dakota, 2004
- Provost Guard, El Zagal Shriners
- Member, North Dakota Shrine Bowl Board of Directors, 2004-2020
- Chairman, North Dakota Shrine Bowl, 2007-2014
- Potentate, El Zagal Shriners, 2015
- Founder, units and clubs including Young Shriners (YOSHI) and Techies, El Zagal Shriners
- Regional Membership Director, Region 4, Shriners International, 2016-2018
- Executive Membership Team, Shriners International, 2018-2020
- Leadership Seminar Team, Shriners International, 2016-2022
- Program Coordinator, Temple Leadership Seminars for Oriental Guides and Assistant Rabbans, 2019-2022

Shriners Children - Boston

The Hidden Resource: How Child Life Services Helps Families Cope at Shriners Children's

"Child life specialists work in pediatric healthcare settings to promote positive coping and adjustment with injuries, illness and hospitalization," said Rebecca Wildes, MS, CCLS, lead child life specialist at Shriners Children's Boston, who also leads the hospital's Team Brave program, a partnership with the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation. "My day-to-day work varies greatly because of our ability to see patients in clinic, on our inpatient unit and in the OR."

Read the full Story at:
https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/news/2026/09/the-hidden-resource



Lori Connolly, DPT, PT, director of therapeutic services, and Rebecca Wildes, MS, CCLS, lead child life specialist, enjoy a cooking class with Paula at Shriners Children's Boston.

Shriners Children - NE

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Shriners Children's New England Supports Aiden's Drive for Independence

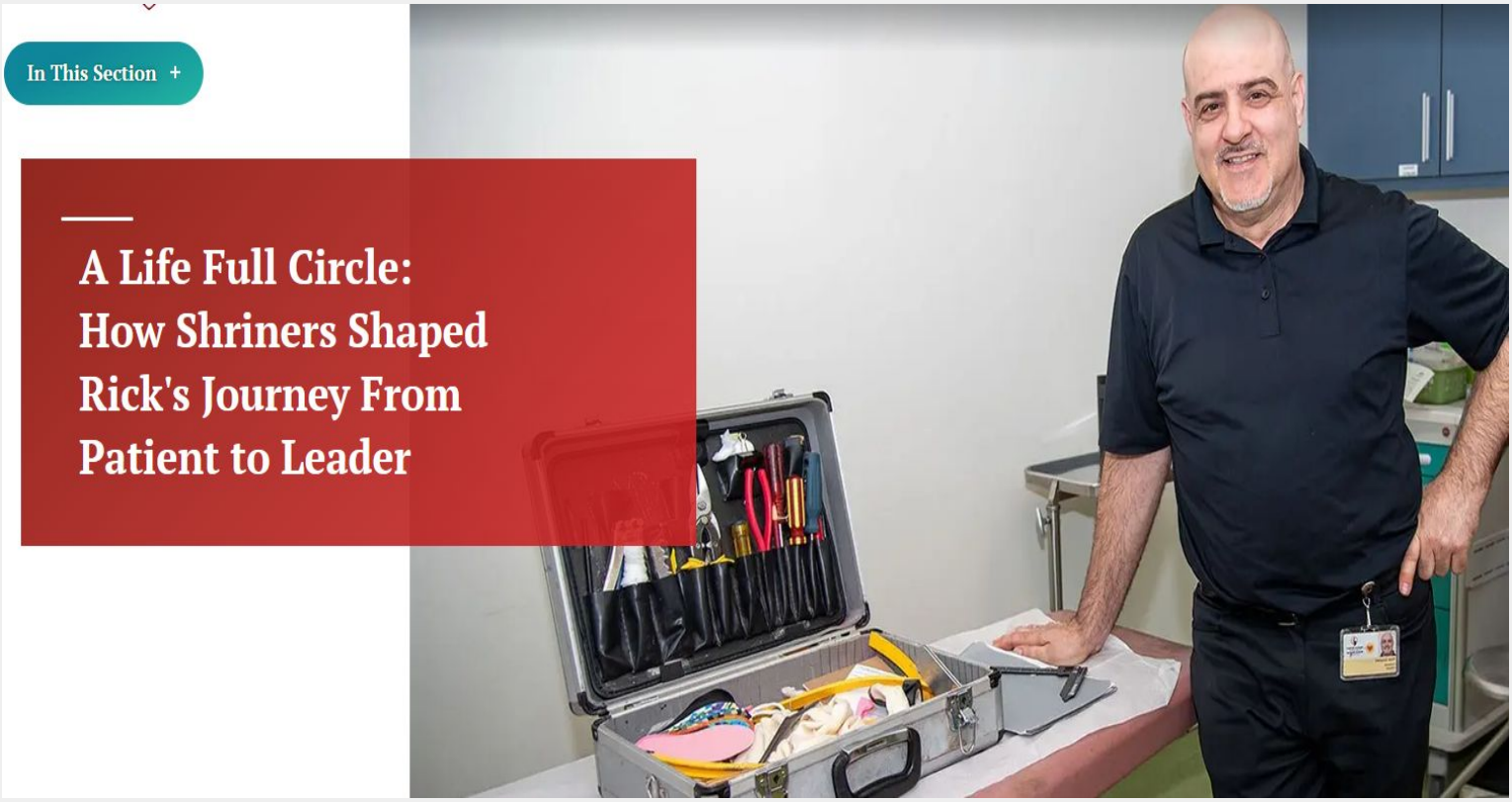


When Aiden was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, his family knew he would need specialized care.

At Shriners Children's New England, they found a multidisciplinary team committed to helping him build strength, mobility and independence. Fifteen years later, Aiden is achieving goals that once seemed distant: caring for himself, charting a career path and even getting his driver's license.

Read full story at:
https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2026/09/aiden-cerebral-palsy-care

"It's taken a lot of hard work and determination to get to where Aiden is today. Everyone at Shriners Children's New England has played a part. They've always done what is best for Aiden."
Richie, parent of former Shriners Children's New England patient



Some connections last a lifetime.

For Rick, that connection with Shriners Hospitals for Children — Canada began just days after he was born and has shaped every chapter of his life since.

Today, Rick is a leader in orthotics and prosthetics, a dedicated Shriner and a former patient whose relationship with the hospital spans more than five decades.

Read full story at:
https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2026/10/rick-orthopedic-care

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/

Mt. Sinai Celebrates 150th Birthday



Thank You to all who attended the 150th celebration. - Potentate Gary

We also installed 7 new members on that day!





Potetate Gary Cutting a beautiful and Delicious Cake

Potentate Message

Hi all,
Happy 150th Mt. Sinai!! a great milestone, reminder membership keeps us alive.

As the year is coming to an end and we are all looking forward to spending time with our families for the holidays I want to express my sincere thanks for all the support everyone has shown Lady Angie and I.

I wanted to remind everyone that voting for next year's Divan will take place at Chief Rabban Day on December 5th. If you are interested in serving in a position please be sure to show up. Even if you are not interested in serving, we still encourage you to show up and cast your vote for the future of your Temple.

Lady Angie continues to sell raffle tickets for her handmade quilt (see announcement for donation link). As a quick reminder, the drawing will be taking place on December 5th. I am told she is very close to reaching her goal and would appreciate a final push to get there. The money will support the push to purchase items like VR goggles to help with the most stressful procedures the patients has to go through.

AR Jim Walsh and Lady Dale have worked hard to put together a calendar for next year. These would make a great holiday gift or hostess gift - consider supporting - $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 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,

7th Annual Haunted Walk is in the history books. This past Sunday started out crisp, and then the sun and energy warmed up the day. There were about 480 participants between Shriners and local families. It was a great time. Ran into a few old Friends while there. The goal was to raise $600,000, and the money is still getting turned in, but at last count we needed about $50,000.

Research this month: we went on a field trip to visit one of the Shriner labs. This was in full tilt and super cool to see the team actively working to better the outcomes for our Patients.

The medical committee was filled with last quarter's reports on Patient care, operating room usage, staff, and a few more topics.

Audit and Compliance is working on their Health Equality reporting for the state on Mass. They have started a new project of getting new warm jackets for the families that come to SHC Boston to be with their kiddo for treatment and may not have warmer clothing for the cold Boston climate. If you would like to assist in buying new winter coats for a Man or Women please reach out to me. It is also time for them to start on the American Burn Assoc certification which is obtained every 3 years.

Imp Potentate Larry Lieb, Dr Stewart, and Imp Sir Tim Ludwig (our new Hospital liaison) graced us with their presence for the Haunted Walk, and then Dr Stewart and Imp Sir Tim stayed for Board day.

Jim, PP 2021



ABK Potentate Ball
Murder Mystery Masquerade
Lewiston ME











NESA Oriental Guides

OG School

Tampa Fla. October 2026



Tribute to a Brother
By Past Potentate Jerry Morong

Loss of a true hero.

Mt Sinai lost a great member in September with the passing of Noble Robert “Bob” Coon, at the age of 101. Bob was a true American Hero. He was one of the small number of surviving combat veterans of World War II. Bob joined the Army in 1943 at the age of 18. He turned 19 while crossing the Atlantic on a troopship headed for England, as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. His group parachuted into Holland, behind enemy lines, as part of Operation Market Garden, to liberate the country from German occupation. They established a front in a large patch of woods and immediately came under heavy fire from the German troops. They were surrounded and cut off from allied assistance, as the Germans had blown up the bridge across the Rhine and allied tanks could not reach them. The Americans suffered many casualties and were resigned to their fate of being killed or taken prisoner. However, the U.S. Army was able to build a temporary bridge to cross the river, and the allied tanks came to their rescue. Bob was wounded and was shipped to a hospital in Paris, France. When he returned to his unit they worked to drive the German occupying troops out of the country. The Dutch People suffered greatly under German occupation and welcomed the Americans as true friends.

After securing Holland, the 101st was transferred to the Ardennes Forest Region, to participate in what became the Battle of the Bulge. Bob said that they survived the winter living in their foxholes, with the German Troops just a stone’s throw away.

He survived the war. He returned to Vermont, married his lifelong partner Kathleen, and spent a long career working for the railroad. He was a true Mason and a Shriner, a great friend to all who knew him. He often said that his goal was to live to be 101, as a member of the 101st Airborne Division.

He made it.

Important Dates to Remember



Bingo November 22nd will be the annual Food Drive/Gift Drive

Northern Vermont Shrine Club Annual Christmas Party - December 4th in St. Albans (see flyer for details)

Chief Rabban Day - December 5, 2026 Barre Vt 9:30am

Ladies of the Table - April 17, 2027 - St. Albans (details to come)



Next Bingo: 22 - November

Next scheduled unit: Clown/Motorcycle clubs

Volunteers are always needed and welcome

NOTE: This Bingo will serve as our annual Food/Gift drive for the holidays

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



November

3 - Divan

22 - Bingo - Clown Unit/Motorcycle Club

December

4 - Northern Vermont Christmas Party

5 - Chief Rabban

27 - Bingo - Motor Corp/Fire Brigade

2026 Bingo Schedule

Note: There will be no Bingo in September

Please watch the announcements for any changes that might be needed

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





THE AWESOME LADIES PROJECT

Drawing to take place on Dec. 5th

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Handmade by Lady Angie

Use as a lap quilt or a wall hanging


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COMING SOON!
MT. SINAI SHRINERS'
CALENDAR OF
CASH
FUNDRAISER
$25
PER CALENDAR!
52 CHANCES TO WIN!
ALL YEAR LONG!
MONTHLY PRIZES & SPECIAL DRAWINGS!
SUPPORT MT. SINAI SHRINERS!


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2 Academy Street, Barre, VT 05641 | 802-476-9266
SCAN THE QR CODES TO...
1. Buy a Calendar via zeffy
2. Find Out Bingo & Calendar Winners
3. Learn About Who We Are
$100 IN WEEKLY DRAWINGS. MANY WEEKS THERE ARE MULTIPLE DRAWINGS!
CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DRAWING DATES
Calendars $25 each. Your 2027 Calendar #: 2027-026
Name
Address
Phone Number
Calendars $25 each. Your 2027 Calendar #: 2027-026

Northern Vermont Shrine Club
Annual Christmas Party

Friday December 4, 2026
Cocktails at 6:00 Buffet Dinner at 7:00
Beef or Chicken

Franklin Lodge
142 North Main Street
Saint Albans

Sharon's Famous Christmas Trivia
Christmas Carols with Jim Walsh and Chorus
Door prizes and Gifts for the Ladies

$35 per person
BYOB

RSVP before 11/29/26
to Jerry Morong
802-524-6637
moronggerald@comcast.net

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

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

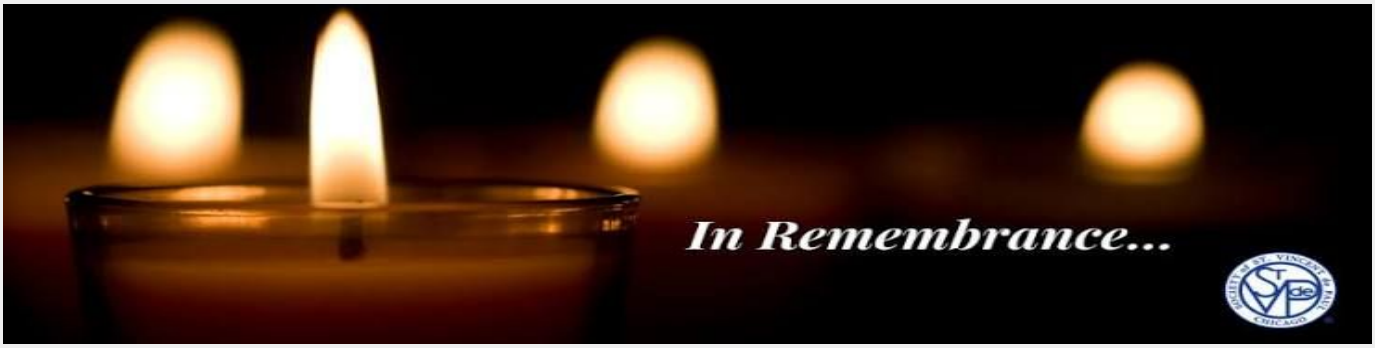
Past Potentate Roy Vance
Deceased 2026

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



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)





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

Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming NESA Dates



Stay tuned for 2027 Information for Bangor Maine coming early 2027

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.





