

MT SINAI #3



September 2024

Potentate: David Coffey

Recorder: Mike Gunn

Treasurer: Alton Willard (pro tem)

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What's New

Potentate Notes

Community Corner

What's coming Up?

Sick Call
Black Camel



Why we do what we do



Donate



Meet Ben

Ben, a 14-year-old high school student from New Hampshire, sustained burns on 27% of his body from a fireworks accident as a toddler. He spent 30 days as an inpatient at [Shriners Children's Boston](#), followed by weekly outpatient visits that became less frequent as he healed. Ben is a talented thespian who loves singing, playing piano, swimming, and skiing. He was also a member of the Junior National Honor Society and served as President of his 8th grade class. Over the years Ben has given back to [Shriners Children's Boston](#) in meaningful ways. He organized a holiday and get-well card drive at his school, donating cards with messages of hope for patients. Ben and his family have also participated in Shriners Children's Boston's signature fundraising event, the Boston Haunted Walk.

To read more about Ben, visit his [fundraising page](#).

Shriners patients represent at Paralympics

From Patients to Paralympians

At this year's Paralympic Games in Paris, August 28-September 8, 15 past and current Shriners Children's patients (including one staff member) from 12 of our locations will show the world what they are made of. Additionally, former patient and two-time Paralympian Dani Aravich will take fans behind the scenes at the games as a social media correspondent for Team USA. Below, you will find links to a Who to Watch Guide with short bios of these incredible athletes and in-depth stories of current and future Paralympians on our website.

Bethany Zummo, a former patient from Northern California, and Alexis Shifflett, a former patient from the Twin Cities, are both members of the U.S. Sitting Volleyball Team and hope to bring home a third consecutive team gold medal. Together, they will be featured on NBC as part of its national Paralympic storytelling.

During Olympic programming earlier this month, you may have noticed Shriners Children's national and local commercial placements. Those will continue during the Paralympics. The commercial features our very own patient alumna Katie Ladlie, who is currently part of the U.S. Women's Sled Hockey Team.

The Paris games are a perfect platform to highlight Shriners Children's and how the high-quality care we provide has impacted these athletes' journeys. We hope you will tune in and take pride in watching them, knowing you help make this possible.

Watch

- NBC Universal properties such as Peacock, USA Network and NBC
- Streamed on YouTube
- International broadcasters viewing guide:

<https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/news/where-to-watch>

Potentate's Word

Nobles and Ladies of Mt Sinai Shriners,

Lady Lynne and I had a wonderful time at the banquet and Maple Sugar Bowl football game. I don't know how much money was raised for the Shrine hospitals. The 38th annual UMC toy run had 232 Motorcyclists and raised \$1925 for the Shrine hospitals.

We are looking forward to traveling to Kingston Ontario for the NSA Fall Field days September 19th-21st.

Please save the dates of October 18th-20th for our Fall Ceremonial and visitation.

Lodging will be at the Newport City Hotel and Suites 1-802-334-6558 or newportcityinn.com 444 East Main St Newport Vermont. Reservations for rooms need to be made by September 18th \$150/night US funds plus tax.

Our banquet will be at the East Side Restaurant in Newport, I will finalize pricing for the buffet dinner and Saturday morning breakfast. Once we get this information I will be sending out a flier.

The Ceremonial will be at Memphremagog Lodge in Newport on Saturday morning starting at 9:30. I know that we have 1 candidate currently, if we can get at least another 6 or more I will name it the J Patrick Sloan Memorial class.

Fraternally, David Coffey Potentate

Recorder Corner

From the desk of: Mike Gunn, Recorder

#1—Members all, remember that to survive we need Fundraisers by our members. Chairman, CR Donald Karlovich is not getting very good cooperation. Contact him if you have an idea and are willing to host. Email—DonakdKarlovich@comcast.net.

#2—Pertitions for Fall Ceremonial—Potentate Coffey wants to see some petitions turned in and acted on. We have two at the moment, (1) has been voted on and obligated. (1) has not been voted on. So, that being said, Mt. Sinai needs petitions. Check your Masonic Temples and recruit some petitions. This needs to be addressed now, as we as an organization are dwindling so your Potentate needs your help. Remember, per Grand Master Paul Moshers proclamation you are allowed to wear your Mt. Sinai Shrine Fez to Masonic meetings. It might be a good recruitment tactic. Good Luck!

Thank you for all you do.

Mike Gunn, Recorder

A Word from the Bingo Chairman

Dues Increase or Fundraisers. The choice is the Nobilities

Greetings Nobles All:

I write today as a Chairman of the Bingo Committee.

As some but not all know our Bingo Fundraisers provide almost half of the Mt Sinai Budget Funds each year. We have run into an issue with Shriners helping at these events. It takes a crew to make this work and sadly we have been lacking the help needed. Last Bingo we had 6 Shriners, 4 wives, and one non-Shriner to make the day work. Of those a number are older and cannot work the floor. The sale of pop open tickets (that's where the money comes from) on the floor consisted of 1 Shriner and his wife, 1 Non-Shriner, and myself when I wasn't performing other duties.

It is sad that our organization must rely on wives and non-Shriners to help with our fundraiser. I have even called on members of the local Knights of Columbus to assist in the past. I understand that sometimes there are weather issues, work issues, parade conflicts, and nice days that nobody wants to work inside issues, BUT the schedule for workers goes out early for units, we try to work around issues so people can enjoy their free time. And non-unit members are more than welcome to help. (Yes, there is some walking involved.

As the Bingo unit ages and loses members we are getting stretched thin. If Bingo starts losing money (it costs to rent the hall, buy paper etc) we will be forced to close and sell the equipment. That will mean either a massive dues increase or the loss of our Shrine Charter if we cannot pay the bills.

It is up to the Nobility which way this goes.

Michael Parent Bingo Chairman

802-316-7307

Myke57@hotmail.com

Giggles and Smiles



2024 Divan

Potentate - David Coffey
Chief Rabban - Donald Karlovich
Assistant Rabban - Gary B. Luman
High Priest and Profit - David Driver
Oriental Guide - Norbert "Sonny" Fetzer

Recorder - Mike Gunn
Treasurer - Alton Willard - pro tem

Assistant Rabban Corner

Nobles and Ladies,
My lady and I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer and are ready to get back to business. Our membership numbers continue to drop. There is a wonderful opportunity coming up in St. Albans. If you aren't one to feel comfortable talking to others you can take this opportunity to bring someone along. Let them see what we do and what they can do to participate. Do you have any fundraising ideas? CR Donald Karlovich is looking for ideas and volunteers. Please reach out.

Fraternally Yours
AR'24/PP'20 Gary Luman

Editorial

Fall Ceremonial - October 19th Newport Vt

Mt. Sinai Visitation - October 18-20 Newport VT

Check out the upcoming events listed - lots of fun opportunities to get involved with your Temple!

Do you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a member - strike up a conversation

Opportunities available to serve your temple - contact any member of the Divan to see what you can do!



September

11 - Pyramid Potentate Ball

19-22 - NSA Field Days

October

4- Northern Vermont Shrine meeting/outreach St. Albans

6 - Bingo - Cycle Unit/Northern Vermont

18-19 - Fall Ceremonial/Mt. Sinai Visitation Newport VT

25-26 - ABCKL Quintuple Visitation, Bangor ME

November

10 - Bingo - Fire Brigade/Bunker Busters

December

7 - Chief Rabban - Clown Unit/Cabari

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)

Next edition

October 1, 2024

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 2024

Fred Wall PP 1993
Born: 10/18/1940
Created: 1/20/1979
Died: 6/3/2024

J. Patrick Sloan PP 2011
Created: 01/19/2002
Died: 6/24/2024

G. John Lawson
Died: 4/29/2024

Willis J. Morse
Died: 4/24/2024

Unit News

Motorcycle Unit - Sonny Fetzer (shomei55@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 2024

October 6 - Cycle Unit/Shrine Club

November 10 - Fire Brigade/Bunker Busters

December 1 - Sinai Joes/Cabari

Toy Run

The 38th annual UMC toy run had 232 Motorcyclists and raised \$1925 for the Shrine hospitals.

Monica McDonald talking about her son Jade who was treated at Shriners hospital Boston for burns from hot coffee



Northern Vermont Shrine Club Brunch Cruise

Great turnout for the return of this fellowship - laughs
Another fabulous meal was enjoyed by all. The Sunday Brunch was a nice
change. Weather cleared and some deck time was enjoyed





October 6 is next Bingo

Attendance has been steadily growing - the more workers the better the sales are.

Incentive: Scheduled Units who bring 3 or more **ticket sellers** will receive \$100 stipend

Bingo is always looking for more volunteers and players

Units you don't have to wait for your assigned month to join in the fun

Next scheduled unit:
Cycle Unit
Shrine Club





OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP Opportunity Northern Vermont Shrine Club

Dinner Meeting

The annual meeting of the Northern Vermont Shrine Club will be held at the Masonic Temple on North Main Street in St Albans, Vermont on Friday evening, October 4, 2024. We will start with a social gathering at 6:00 PM, BYOB, and a catered dinner at 6:30. The cost will be \$25.00 per person.

This is a couple's event. So, bring your wife or significant other. There is a little twist in this to promote the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine. Each couple is invited to bring a guest couple, the man being not a member of one, or either, of the organizations.

That couple will receive a free meal, courtesy of the Shrine Club. After the meal, there will be presentations explaining the goals of each organization, how to become a member, what the units of the Shrine do and their purpose, and the story of the Shriner's Hospitals.

A short business meeting will follow for a Treasurer's Report and the election of officers for the coming year.

For reservations or information; call Jerry Morong at 802-524-6637 or email to moronggerald@comcast.net.

Visitations

Visit <https://www.pyramidshrinepotentatesball.com> for more information and tickets



**PYRAMID SHRINE
POTENTATE'S BALL**

Illustrious Sir Justin Magri and First Lady Megan invite you to an unforgettable night full of fun and fellowship!

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 28 2024
AT 6:00 PM

THE WATERS EDGE AT GIOVANNI'S
2748 BOSTON POST ROAD, DARIEN, CT 06820

WWW.PYRAMIDSHRINEPOTENTATESBALL.COM



KINDLY VISIT WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE HOTEL, VENUE, "THINGS TO KNOW," AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

Visitations



Luxor Shriners
of New Brunswick

Bektash, Anah, Kora, Cairo Quad Visitation Registration Form October 25 & 26, 2024

Room Reservations need to be completed by September 24, 2024!

Noble: _____
 Title: _____
 Lady: _____
 Temple: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

Busses will be available to all events at ANAH

Hollywood Casino is a short ride from the host hotel if you are interested

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday:

Registration 10am-5pm
 Hospitality 12pm-5pm/11pm-1am
 Themed Party and Dinner 6pm-11pm at ANAH

Saturday-

Registration 8-9am
 Bloody Mary and Mimosas 8-9am
 Counterparts Breakfast 9am-1030am
 Hospitality 11-5pm
 TBD 11am-430
 Hospitality 11pm-1am
 Potentate's Reception 5:30pm-11pm
 Dueling Piano Show

Sunday:

Safe Travels
 FRIDAY-Shrine Casual
 SATURDAY-Breakfast w/Fez
 SATURDAY-Dinner-Formal
 FMI:

Ryan Otis
 Chief Rabban
Ryan.c.otis@gmail.com
 2074695604

All reservations can be made through the following link:
<https://anahshriners.org/ABK>

2 guests-\$650
 Includes 2 nights lodging, 2 tickets to the party Friday, Breakfast Saturday and Dinner

1 Guest-\$495
 Includes 2 nights lodging, 1 ticket to the party Friday, Breakfast Saturday and Dinner

2 Guests-\$300
 1 night lodging, 2 tickets to Dinner Saturday Potentates Reception

1 Guest-\$225
 1 night lodging, 1 ticket to Dinner

Housing and Hospitality will be at

The Aviator Hotel
 308 Godfrey Blvd, Bangor, ME 04401





Cheers
for

✦ CHILDREN ✦

CHEERS FOR CHILDREN

Friday, October 25, 2024 | MGM Springfield | 5:30 — 9 pm

Tickets go on sale Aug 1st
\$50 per person

Rooms will be available for reservations at
the MGM - link will be provided when
available

A banner for Shriners Children's Pediatric Specialty Care. On the left, it says "The Most Amazing Care ANYWHERE" with "ANYWHERE" in large, multi-colored letters. In the center, there are three overlapping circles in blue, green, and yellow. On the right, there is a red banner that says "Celebrating 100 YEARS" with a small icon of a person, and the text "Shriners Children's™" next to it. Below this, it says "PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY CARE".

To make a transformational gift, scan the above QR code.



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 will help direct you.

Bingo Workers: Many hands make light work! The bingo committee is always looking for able bodied workers.

