

# TURBAN TIMES

## MT SINAI #3



December 2024

Potentate: David Coffey

Recorder: Mike Gunn

Treasurer: Alton Willard (pro tem)

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# Potentate's Word

Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Mt Sinai #3

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

November has been a quiet month Shrine-wise.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Chief Rabban meeting on December 7th. We will be meeting at Memphremagog Lodge in Newport 41 Masonic Lane. We have one new member to obligate and will be voting on the officers for 2025. I will also see some of you on Sunday, December 1st for bingo.

Lady Lynne and I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Fraternally,

David Coffey Potentate

## RECORDERS CORNER

On behalf of Lade Gloria and I we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# Why we do what we do

## FroGrateful Patient to Proud Employee: Olivia's Story

When Olivia graduated from Merrimack College and joined the Shriners Children's Boston staff team as an inpatient nurse, she achieved a goal 10 years in the making

In This Section +

From Grateful Patient  
to Proud Employee:  
Olivia's Story



Read about Olivia journey at:

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2024/11/olivias-burn-care-story>

# Chief Rabban Day

Greetings

Please join us for Chief Rabban Day on December 7, 2024, at Memphremagog Lodge #62 at 10:30 AM as we present the 2025 Mt. Sinai Budget and vote for our new officers for 2025. The members of Memphremagog Lodge #65 will be serving a wonderful ham dinner and the cost will be \$20.00 per person. I will need a headcount for the meal by November 15, 2024.

RSVP to [donaldkarlovich@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldkarlovich@yahoo.com).

Thank you

Donald J Karlovich PP2018 / CR 2024



# 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,**

**As we close out another year and start to prep for a new one, My Lady and I would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported us on our journey and embark on a redo! Looking forward to seeing as many Nobles and their ladies as we can in the next two years (if elected). We also hope to have lots of traveling companions as we visit temples over the coming year. My Lady and I were able to participate in the recent Webinar presented by Imperial and found the information very interesting. There is still time to sign up if you are interesting in learning how to make our temple stronger.**

**Fraternally Yours  
AR'24/PP'20 Gary Luman**



# Local Masonic Lodge Holds a Toy Drive

Seventy-six Lodge #14 in Swanton and Franklin Lodge #4 in St. Albans teamed together to hold a toy drive to benefit the children in western North Carolina. Many children in Asheville and in the surrounding area lost everything in the devastating floods that hit that region in October.

The event was advertised locally throughout the week of November 3rd through the 8th and a pickup was held on November 9th at the old St. Albans Town Garage on Georgia Shore Road.

The response was overwhelming. Ten “Gaylord Boxes” were filled to capacity with a variety of toys. These, in turn, were loaded into a tractor trailer truck furnished by Hodgdon Brothers Salvage of Swanton, who will transport them to Oasis Shrine Center in Charlotte, NC, where they will be sorted and distributed to the proper agencies.

The toys collected included those from our Annual Motorcycle Ride-in that were stored at Summit Lodge in Williamstown. They went to a worthwhile cause and we thank our motorcycle rider friends for their generosity..



# November Child Life Highlights

Team Brave participants enjoyed pottery making at Mudflat Studio in Somerville, along with members of the child life staff and the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation. Milo made new friends and brought lots of smiles during this month's pet therapy session.



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# Making the Season Brighter

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Support **Shriners Children's Boston** patients with a purchase from our Amazon Wish List!



We hope we can count on you to make the holidays brighter for our pediatric patients!

Visit our Amazon Wish List and check out the comfort items requested for pediatric patients at **Shriners Children's Boston**. Some of the most popular items requested include books, pacifiers, medical play kits, stuffed animals and blankets.



[Visit our Amazon Wish List](#)

By making a purchase directly from Amazon, you will ensure your gift is safely delivered to **Shriners Children's Boston** and will benefit children receiving our specialized burn care, reconstructive plastic surgery, and cleft lip and palate care! Please note we do not accept toy and holiday gift drop offs at the hospital and ask you to kindly support our patients through the Amazon Wish List only.





## December 1st is next Bingo

Next Bingo will be the annual Toy Drive.

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:  
**Clown Unit/Cabari**



# 2025 Bingo Schedule Released

**Note: There will be no Bingo in  
March, April or October**

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

**12-January: Motor Corp**

**9- February: Cycle Unit and Shrine Club**

**4-May: Sinai Joes and Cabari**

**8-June: Motor Corp**

**6-July: Cycle Unit and Northern Vt**

**3-August: TBD**

**21-September: TBD**

**23-November: Sinai Joes and Cabari**

**28-December: Motor Corp**



# Editorial

**Chief Rabban - December 7th in Newport Vt**

**Stay tuned 2025 Bingo dates to be announced soon**

**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**



## December

**1 - Bingo -\_Clown Unit/Cabari**

**7 - Chief Rabban - Newport VT**

## January

**11 - Annual Meeting 9:30am Barre**

**12 - Bingo**

## February

**7-9 Allepo Visitation**





**Membership Education opportunity - sign up for the 2025 virtual Membership and Marketing seminars. These are free to join. And open to any member in good standing**

**next session: January 15, 2025**

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/member-center/education>



# Upcoming Visitation



## Aleppo Shriners

Shriners International

99 Fordham Road - Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887-2148  
Tel. (978) 657-4202 - FAX (978) 657-8950  
www.AleppoShriners.com



DAVID P. YEO  
Illustrious Potentate

STEPHEN C. ERIKSEN  
Recorder

November 8, 2024

To: NSA

Dear Noble:

It is my pleasure to announce that next year's Potentate's Ball is going to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the Burlington Marriott, 1 Burlington Mall Rd., Burlington, Massachusetts. Telephone 781-229-6565. Lady Janis and I hope that all our Aleppo friends and their ladies or guest and Aleppo Officers and their ladies or guest plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful banquet and entertainment.

On Saturday morning, we'll start the day with our Nobility & NSA Breakfast where Honorary Certificates are presented and maybe a few jokes are told. After breakfast, you are all invited to relax and join your friends in the Aleppo Hospitality suite. Fill up at Aleppo's luncheon buffet in the Hospitality room before heading to "The Cliff Classic" Aleppo's inaugural mini-GOLF Tournament along with games, prizes, and fun.

The evening program will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour followed by the Grand Entrance in the ballroom at 7:15 p.m. Please indicate your entrée choice for dinner on the attached registration form.

You will be pleased to know that "Rick DeSanctis" our favorite Entertaining DJ will be back with us to help celebrate the night. Rick always does a wonderful job of getting everyone in the mood and on the dance floor. All in all, the Potentate's Ball will be a great evening, and I hope that you will be able to attend.

Dress for the Potentate's Ball: NSA Potentate's or representatives: Tuxedo and Fez; Nobles/Gentlemen: Tuxedo or dark suit. Ladies are requested to wear long gowns or cocktail dresses. My lady will be wearing a long gown.

If you find you cannot attend this wonderful event, please feel free to pass this invitation on to your representative. Other officers and ladies may attend the weekend at their own expense. A special form is enclosed under the title: "Other NSA Officers".

But wait, there's more!

CLIFFORD A. CRITCH *Chief Rabban* - ROBERT T. GARDINER *Assistant Rabban* - GARY D. WATERS, JR. *High Priest and Pro*

### Friday option

Come stay for the weekend and join Janis and I on Friday evening to enjoy our Costa Rica Jungle Night with Vanessa Saggese & "The Vinyl Groove All Stars. Vanessa and the "BOYS" will get us all hyped up and ready for our Shriners trip to Costa Rica in March. Prior to the show, food and beverages will be available in the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. Suggested dress casual.

The costs for the weekend events are on the enclosed "Registration Form." Please submit your "Registration Form" by **Monday, January 20, 2025.**

Janis and I are looking forward to an enjoyable weekend of fun and fellowship with all our friends. Please make every effort to attend and share this joyous occasion.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Clifford A. Critch*  
Clifford A. Critch  
Chief Rabban

POTENTATE'S BALL AND N.S.A. VISITATION  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
BURLINGTON MARRIOTT  
1 BURLINGTON MALL RD., BURLINGTON, MA.  
TELEPHONE: 781-229-6565

### OTHER NSA OFFICERS

- Aleppo Potentate's Ball Weekend includes: A ticket to the Friday night Costa Rica Jungle Night with complementary food and beverages prior to the show in the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. A ticket to Saturday morning Nobility & NSA Breakfast. Complementary lunch at the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. A ticket to Saturday afternoon's "Cliff Classic" Aleppo's inaugural mini-GOLF Tournament, a ticket to the Saturday Night Aleppo Potentate's Ball, and our guest at the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. **That's right: ALL Events during the Potentate's Ball weekend are included in one low price. "Come for the Ball & stay for the weekend!"**

Rooms are available at the Burlington Marriott for the discounted rate of \$148.00 per night. Call: 781-229-6565. Reserve your room now. Deadline for reservations is - January 10, 2025

Aleppo Potentate's Ball (Includes all events) \$145.00 (incl. tax) Per Person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Includes all events) \$40.00 (incl. tax) Per Child \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you plan to join us Friday Night (for headcount)  Yes, we'll see you Friday

Aleppo Potentate's Ball (Potentate's Ball only) \$90.00 (incl. tax) Per Person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Potentate's Ball only) \$40.00 (incl. tax) Per Child \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your choice of updated entrée features for Saturday evening's Potentate's Ball below.

- Statler Chick Breast  Herb Roasted Cod Loin  
 Vegetarian  Center Cut Filet  
 Children's

(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO, "ALEPPO SHRINERS") TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Noble: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Lady/Guest (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit or Office: \_\_\_\_\_

# Opportunities



## **\*CLASSROOM TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM\***

Greetings,

On Behalf of the Franklin Masonic Lodge #4 of St. Albans Vt. We are pleased to announce Our Newest Charitable Contribution to our community. The “Classroom Teacher Grant” Program. The Classroom Teacher Grant was created with the understanding that furthering education is of the utmost importance. Masonic Lodge Members or “Freemason’s” are encouraged to study The Original liberal arts and further their knowledge at all times. Therefore, we have created this, Charity. To help, aid, and assist the classroom teachers (k-8) in our area. This program is funded by our newly created Fundraising campaign. Members of Franklin Lodge #4 in St. Albans Vt created multiple Craft Fairs, Bingo afternoons, and the annual Maple Fest Event (Held the same weekend as the Maple Festival in St. Albans).

The Grants will be awarded through a random lottery to those who choose to apply. The grants will be awarded to 1 teachers in 4 schools twice a year. In a 2-year period we will have reached all schools in Franklin County.

We created a space that serves as a safe and fun environment that gives opportunity to the public. Our craft fairs are the main source of our success and ability to serve the community in this fashion. From the vendor purchasing a table space to sell their goods, to the community member in need of a social atmosphere that invokes genuine joy to be present at. These are the Individuals that are responsible for enabling and affording us the Masonic Lodge Classroom Teacher Grant Program.

Thank You to everyone who has participated in our good works in the community.

On behalf of the Members of the Franklin Masonic Lodge

Thank you!

# 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

**December 1 - Sinai Joes/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

January 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](mailto:galuman2020@gmail.com)

Pictures and funnies are also welcome

## Sick Call

Please keep the following in your thoughts:

Noble Gene Parent

Lady Gloria Gunn

## Black Camel 2024

G. John Lawson    Willis J. Morse    Fred Wall PP 1993    J. Patrick Sloan PP 2011  
Died: 4/29/2024    Died: 4/24/2024    Died: 6/3/2024    Died: 6/24/2024

ARNOLD PRESTON  
Died: 9/13/2024

Lloyd Hutchins Jr  
Died: 1/3/2024



# 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) and Mike will help direct you.

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

