

# TURBAN TIMES

## MT SINAI #3



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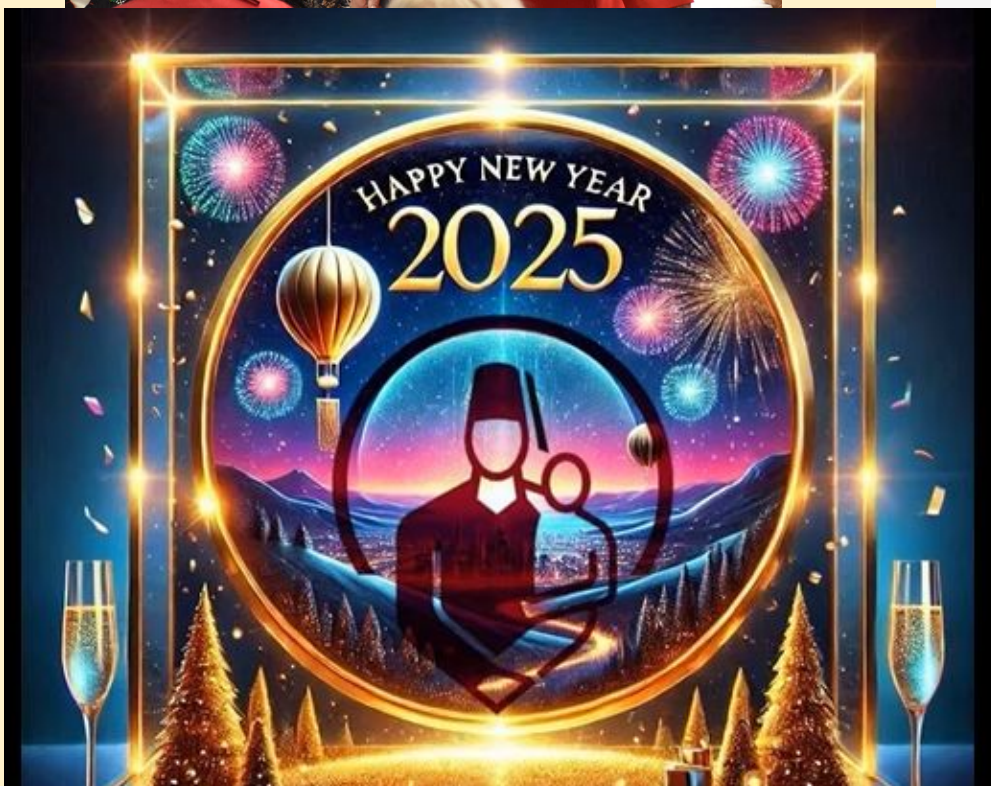
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# Potentate Year in Review

Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Mt Sinai #3,

Lady Lynne and I want to thank the Nobles and Ladies for their support during the past year.

Some of the highlights of our year included attending the Imperial Session in Reno Nevada and meeting the International patient ambassadors, attending the NSA Fall Field Days in Kingston Ontario. The visit to the Montreal Shrine Hospital and having a patient from Boston Shriner's hospital and his family at the Toy Run where mom shared their experiences with being treated there. I am also very proud that the units stepped up to help support the Cheers for Children fundraiser Shriner's Children New England where we exceeded the request for a \$1000 donation by over \$3000. Mt Sinai Shriners is a small temple compared to some of the others in the Northeast, but we can do big things if we step up to the task.

We also enjoyed attending the Northern Vermont Shrine Club's Christmas party. It is always a great time when you get to spend time with fellow Nobles and Ladies.

We wish Illustrious Sir Donald Karlovich and his officers a successful year.

May the lord watch over us as we continue to do the great work of Supporting our hospitals and clinics providing excellent health care to more children in the right places.

Fraternally

David and Lady Lynne Coffey





# Why we do what we do

## From 'Limits Do Not Exist' for Patients at Shriners Children's Boston: Josue's Story

Josue is thriving outside [Shriners Children's Boston](#) as he shares a positive message of hope and healing for burn survivors.

### Meet Josue

Josue is a burn survivor who is thankful to have been treated at Shriners Children's Boston. He is a successful young man who is currently working while pursuing his university degree to become an industrial engineer.



'Limits Do Not Exist'  
for Patients at Shriners  
Children's Boston



Read about Josue journey at:

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2024/12/josue-burn-care-story>

# Chief Rabban Message

Ladies and fellow Nobles

Good day everyone and Merry Christmas, and Happy Hanukkah.

And Happy New Year. I would like to thank you for all your support for your 2025 Divan and most importantly your Shrine center.

Our first divan meeting will be held on February 3, 2025, which will be a Zoom meeting. We are making progress toward this year being a great year.

Three things make a Shrine Center run: Membership, fundraising, and participation in events. Unfortunately, we are down on two of the three.

Membership is down like many Shrine centers. As you know we need to bring in some new members our membership numbers have dropped below three hundred, so fundraising is very important. We still need help selling the pull tickets so please support our bingo committee by giving your time if possible when your unit is scheduled to be there and help. One of our fun fundraisers this year will be a Gong Show this is a new fundraiser in which we will need acts and people to fill the seats. I will be putting a committee together for this event So please support all the fundraisers if you can plain and simple if we do not do fundraising we do not make a budget and if we do not make budget we cannot pay our bills and we run out of money game over. On a better note it was good to see the two units that were scheduled to be at bingo there in support of our biggest fundraiser Parade season will be upon us soon enough so please turn in your parade schedules to the office and share them amongst the other parade units so we can have a great Mt. Sinai #3 showing at each parade. Thank you.

Potentate Elect 2025 Donald J Karlovich PP2018



# Recorder Message

From the desk of: Mike Gunn, Recorder of Mt. Sinai

Subject: Recorders report for January TT's

#1—In receiving your dues statement for 2026 some of you will notice quite an adjustment. People who have the requirement as a “Life Member” I have adjusted your status to this level. You will no longer pay dues, just Per Capita and Hospital Levy of \$55.00... Congratulations!

#2—Please, take the time to get your tax-required statements to the Temple, now rather than later. If you need the form, just ask me.

Mike Gunn, Recorder

## 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,  
Goodbye 2024 and Welcome 2025. I want to welcome the new members that joined us this past year. Looking forward to welcoming more new members in 2025. Upcoming year calendar it looks like there are some fun Fundraisers being planned. Please come out and support those endeavours. Many hands make light and successful work. I am sure that Potentate Elect Donald will be reaching out to nobles and ladies for participation in the coming months. Please consider.

Fraternally Yours  
AR'24/PP'20 Gary Luman





# New Hospital Board Members

## Montreal Hospital:

On December 11, 2024 The Board of Governors for Montreal Hospital approved as an Associate Member PP Micheal Parent. This is a one year term. At the end of the one year he will be able to apply to be the voting member to represent Mt. Sinai. Please join us in Congratulating PP Mike!



## Boston Hospital:

**This Fall Boston Hospital approved PP James Smith as an associate member of the Board of Governors. At the end of the one year he will be able to apply to be the voting member to represent Mt. Sinai. Please join us in Congratulating PP Jim!**





**January 12, 2025 is next Bingo**

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:  
**Motor Corp**



# Editorial

**Annual Meeting/Installation - January 4th in Barre Vt**

**Units remember tax forms need to be submitted as soon as possible to the office.**

**2025 Bingo dates have been announced**

**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**



## January

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

**12 - Bingo (Motor Corp)**

## February

**7-9 Allepo Visitation**

**9 - Bingo (Cycle Unit/Shrine Club)**



# Making the Season Brighter

**Past Potentate Michael and Lady Maureen Parent presented gifts to Shriner's Hospital for Children Canada in time for Christmas and Hanukkah. They dropped off 14 bags of toys, coloring books, books, and other items donated by bingo player Eileen McGarry.**



**They also delivered 15 quilts made by Maureen. The quilts are given to young inpatients so that as they return to the hospital they can “bring a little piece of home” to give them comfort.**



# 2025 Bingo Schedule

**Note: There will be no Bingo in  
March, April of 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: Fire Brigade**

**21-September: TBD**

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

**28-December: Motor Corp**





**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>







**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT!**



Greetings!

We are pleased to announce that the registration links for the **2025 Oriental Guide Leadership Conference** and the **2025 Kosair for Kids Shrine Leaders Conference** (formerly Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference) are now live.

The exact dates for these conferences are as follows:

**Oriental Guide Leadership Conference** – Arrival and registration on Wednesday, March 5, with departure after 6PM (flight time) on Saturday, March 8, or anytime on Sunday, March 9. The conference is expected to end at 4PM.

*The actual class dates are March 6-8, 2025.*

**\*Kosair for Kids Shrine Leaders Conference** – Arrival and registration on Sunday, March 9, with departure after 6PM (flight time) on Wednesday, March 12, or anytime on Thursday, March 13. The conference is expected to end at 4PM.

*The actual class dates are March 10-12, 2025.*

**\*In order to register for the Kosair for Kids Shrine Leaders Conference, you must have obtained the office of Assistant Rabban or higher.**

The deadline for registering and to secure a sleeping room for the Oriental Guide Conference is **\*\*February 11**

The deadline for registering and to secure a sleeping room for the Assistant Rabban Conference is **\*\*February 17**

**\*\*Please note - the room block may sell out, please secure your reservations early.**

Contact the Recorder for more information

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Franklin Lodge #4 F&AM  
invites you and your lady to our

## Ladies at the Table

Saturday April 5, 2025

6:00 pm

at Franklin Lodge

142 North Main Street

St. Albans

Elegant 7 course meal with toasts

and guest speaker

\$30.00 per person

Please reserve by March 25, 2025

Tickets available from:

Jerry Morong 524-6637 moronggerald@comcast.net

David Baker 309-8935 drbaker81@comcast.net

Tickets limited to 50



# 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 2025

**12-January: Motor Corp**

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

# 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

February 1, 2025

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

## 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.

