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January 15th, 2025 ~ to cover March, April, May
April 15th, 2025 ~ to cover June, July, August
July 15th, 2025 ~ to cover September, October, November

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FROM THE DESK OF THE POTENTATE

by Illustrious Potentate Paul Gardner

Greetings All!

Summer is in full swing, and with it all of the many activities that go along with it. Our parade units have been working hard, from one end of the state to the other, spreading the word about having fun and helping kids. I have heard many positive comments from members of the Kora family and the public. More than one has mentioned our commitment to providing a safe experience for all. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the units and the safety committee for all their hard work thus far. Our safety policies and procedures have been refined over the past couple of years and will continue to improve. With everyone working together, we can continue to provide great experience for the public. Again, thank you.

Summer Ceremonial was a great success, as we welcomed nineteen new Nobles into the Kora family. We were joined by Bektash Temple, who had 5 of their own new Nobles as well. It has been said that after the Summer Ceremonial things slow down a bit. In our case, it seems like they pick up steam. The dust had hardly settled when your Elected Representatives, Nobles, and Ladies journeyed across the hot sands to Reno, NV to attend the 150th Imperial Session. And yes, it was hot. But we persevered, and the important business of Shriners International was conducted.

The 34th annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic was held on July 20th. Once again, the young men and women stepped up and did an outstanding job. Last year this event was recognized by Imperial as one of the top two in the country, and this year looks to be right up there as well. We were very privileged this year to have our newly-installed Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Richard Burke, and First Lady Judy join us. Accompanying them was Imperial First Ceremonial Master Marty Bartlett and Lady Martha. They very much enjoyed the game, and appreciated our hospitality.

The year is half over, but we have a ton of things still on the calendar. You will find them in this issue, and announced weekly in the Kora Connections.

As always, Lady Michelle and I are very appreciative of the support we have received from our Kora family. We are here to serve you. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know.



Potentate Paul Gardner

"SPREAD THE WORD!"





A Proclamation

*Es Selamu Aleikum
The call of the muezzin
Cries out to all
Ye poor sons of the desert
It is the will of the Potentate
That the
Fall Ceremonial of Kora Temple,
Ancient Arabic Order
Of the Nobles of
The Mystic Shrine,
Be held at Kora Temple on
Saturday, October 19, 2024*

Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.

*This is a Special Communication
With Scottish Rite Degrees performed
During the day*

*Kora Ceremonial First Section will
Be conducted at 5:30 p.m.*

*Aleikum Es Selam
Ill. Paul Gardner
Illustrious Potentate*

*Pre-registration for the
degrees and meals is **REQUIRED***

*See the Detailed Agenda in this issue
For registration information*

FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK.....

by John R. Knox, P.P., Recorder

Greetings Nobles:

It's SUMMER in Maine and our units are in full parade mode. It is great to see the many facebook postings from the various events around the Kora area. Keep up the great work!

Your elected Imperial representatives, along with several other Nobles and Ladies attended the Imperial Session in Reno, Nevada – if you think it's been hot here – go to Reno in JULY. Reports are that the group had a great visit, the sessions were informative, but relatively uneventful with no significant changes.

If you ever have an opportunity to attend an Imperial Shrine Session, please try to do so. Lots of new friendships and renewal of old ones can be made.

Next year's session is planned for Atlanta, Georgia – again in July – so no need to pack your sweaters!

Be sure to look at upcoming events in this issue – as always Pre-registration is encouraged to assure proper meal counts for all attendees.

Fraternally,
John R. Knox, P.P.
Recorder



KORA Stated Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Call the office to register
(207-782-6831)

Followed by Business Meeting
This is an excellent time to bring
your Petitions for New Members
for reading and balloting
prior to our Fall Ceremonial and
Scottish Rite Degree Day





ATTENTION TO ALL KORA MEMBERS

PLEASE READ AND RESPOND WITH REQUESTED INFORMATION

The Recorder and the Office Manager are asking all members to review their current information through WebFez and provide updates if needed.

Our membership team has been telephoning Nobles to wish them Happy Birthday each month – and are finding MANY telephone numbers on file are out of service. We suspect many folks have done away with their land lines and now use cell phones – BUT have not notified the office of the change.

As we become more dependent on email for communications, we see that slightly over one-half of our members have up to date and accurate email addresses. There is also space to provide an email for your Lady if they have one as well. Very often we find the Ladies are great at sharing event information when they see it or read it – not so much our Nobles.

Please notify the office (207-782-6831) with any needed changes in personal data. An even easier way is to log on to the WebFez system and enter your changes directly in your record. For assistance logging on, feel free to call the Recorder for direction.

With everyone keeping your contact information current will help your Kora officers keep you updated on events and happenings.

Requested Information:

- current mailing address
- current telephone (preferred number to use)
- current email – for both the Noble and your Lady
- current Lodge membership (what Lodge do you belong to)

Thank you !

Kora DeMolay Council's Annual DeMolay Breakfast

*Sunday, October 6, 2024
8 am to 11 am*

*Kora Shrine Temple
11 Sabattus Street
Lewiston, Maine*



*\$10.00 per person
(kids \$5.00)*

All you can eat Breakfast!

*All are welcome to attend so invite
your family and friends.*

*Come Support
Maine DeMolay Association
& Kora DeMolay Council*

Kora Shrine Center Foundation

The mission of the Kora Shrine Center Foundation is to raise funds to preserve, protect and maintain the historic Kora Shrine Center and its significant artwork. The Foundation will raise capital to help underwrite the real estate related costs associated with maintaining and preserving the Kora Shrine Center. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible under IRS Code 170. Donors will be entitled to declare their contribution as a charitable gift. Please consult your tax advisor, the Foundation welcomes gifts of cash, invested securities such as stocks and bonds, real estate, collectibles, and life insurance proceeds. Multi-year pledge-giving is also an option for donors. Please consider the Foundation in your estate planning. Example: pledge-give \$1,000/year for the next 5 years, payable in lump-sum or installments. Representatives of the Foundation are anxious to meet with Nobles, and or their families, to discuss these and other giving-options.



**Maine DeMolay is turning 100 this year
and we want you to help us celebrate!**

Join us as DeMolay and Rainbow Alum gather to celebrate 100 years of DeMolay here in Maine. Festivities will begin at 6pm on September 7th at the Kora Temple in Lewiston.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, slide show, dancing and lots of reminiscing with friends old and new.

This is what we need from you.

1. Let us know you are coming and if you are bringing a guest. Please contact John Knox at jrknox50@roadrunner.com
2. We would love to see and share some pictures from your DeMolay days. Bring them with you or, even better, send them to us digitally and we'll add them to the slide show. Include a little information with the pictures if you can. Who, where, what and approximate year would be great.
3. Tell us some of your favorite songs from your days in DeMolay. We'll have dancing through the ages.

There is no upfront cost to attend. However, we will accept donations that will benefit the Laurie Knox Small Memorial Scholarship Fund

For additional information you may also contact
Rok A. Morin, Executive Officer of Maine DeMolay at
drrok@myhcwc.com or via cell at 207-319-4042



KORA SHRINERS WIN MEMBERSHIP AWARD

by Frank P. Welch, Jr., High Priest & Prophet Recorder

At the 2024 Imperial Session held in Reno, Nevada a Membership Hall of Fame Luncheon was held Tuesday July 2nd at noon. KORA Temple along with fifty-three other temples were awarded various levels of membership awards.

The award levels were Platinum (a greater than three percent increase in membership), Gold (a net gain in overall membership), Creation Excellence (exceeding a level of at least five percent of their total membership, as of January 1st, in creations only during the calendar year) and the award received by KORA Shriners, Conversion Excellence (yielding both a sixty five percent Master Mason conversion rate and a minimum of ten successful conversions from E-Petitions in the calendar year). The luncheon was attended by Bernie McAllister and Bo Clark from KORA membership and Frank Welch, Jr. from the Divan. The award presentation was made by Imperial Sir Kevin Costello (Membership Chairman) and Imperial Sir Ron DeVoll (Membership Vice Chairman).

It was an honor to receive this award on behalf of KORA Shriners and it shows the hard work being done by the KORA Membership team! With the continued efforts of the 1,400 plus members of KORA Shriners we should continue to make positive gains and move up to Gold and Platinum status in the coming years.

Membership Certificate Award

FOR CONVERSION EXCELLENCE

THIS IS TO RECOGNIZE THAT

Kora Shriners

HAS REACHED BOTH A 65% MASTER MASON CONVERSION RATE
AND A MINIMUM OF 10 SUCCESSFUL EPETITION
CONVERSIONS BY CLOSE OF THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2023.

Imperial Sir Kevin R. Costello
Chairman, Membership

Imperial Sir Ron DeVoll
Vice Chairman, Membership



SHRINERS
INTERNATIONAL



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHY
WE SHRINERS DO WHAT WE DO?



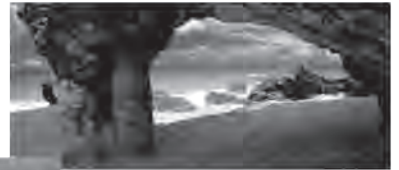
*Nov. 9-10, 2024
Kora Bus Trip to
Shriners Children's
New England*

*More information to come
on our website & in the Kora Konnections.*

SPREAD THE WORD!



**You are invited to join
Chief Rabban - Mike Zubiate and his Lady - Sue
On a fabulous cruise to Bermuda
On Celebrity's Silhouette
May 18 to 25, 2025**



Explore the BEAUTY of Bermuda

With its pastel-colored houses and stately mansions drowning in lush greenery Bermuda feels like a genteel chunk of rural England lifted into warmer climes. But it's much more diverse than that, with British, North American, African, Portuguese and West Indian influences adding to the unique cultural you will experience on the island. You will dock at Royal Naval Dockyard, giving you the freedom to explore the beaches, shops and restaurants at your leisure. Make it a family beach day on beautiful Horseshoe Bay, or grab a snorkel and dive into an underwater world. Come back aboard and get a massage, enjoy a four course meal, drop by the casino, eat late and dance all night.

It's all good, because with Celebrity you're free to vacation on your schedule.

Itinerary:

May 18—Ship departs Cape Liberty at 4 pm
May 18—Ship sails to the Statue of Liberty from 4:45 pm to 5:30 pm
May 19—day at sea
May 20—day at sea
May 21—Arrive at Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda at 8:30 am
May 22—Docked in Bermuda
May 23—Depart Bermuda at 4 pm
May 24—day at sea
May 25—back in Cape Liberty at 7 am



Payment Schedule:

-Deposit of \$300 per person due with reservation form
-Final payment due February 10, 2025

***We are working with Celebrity to offer the group 1 group shore excursion at a discounted rate. More details to come.



**For more information or to reserve your space contact:
Dube Travel at (207)784-2916
or
Email tcarpentier@dubetravel.com**

The pricing includes:

- 7 night cruise on the Celebrity Silhouette in selected cabin
- all meals
- Classic Beverage package (includes all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages \$10 and under)
- Class Wifi package per cabin
- \$300 shipboard credit (veranda or higher)
- Shipboard Gratuities
- all entertainment on board the ship
- taxes, fees and port charges

Pricing is based on double occupancy and cruise only

**Inside cabins—\$1704 per person
Oceanview cabins—\$1904 per person
Balcony cabins—\$1822 per person**

**Pricing for suites, triples and quads is available upon request.

To get to Cape Liberty we are offering several options:

Air which is estimated at \$350 per person and transfers will be added at \$45 per person.

If you prefer to drive yourself to the port we can help you with parking options.

If you want to drive down the day before we can set you up at the Hampton Inn Staten Island. They offer a park & cruise package that is not available yet for May of 2025.

Trip prepared by



Call us today to reserve your spot!!!
1-800-TRY-DUBE or
(207)784-2916



Kora Shriners

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Summer Ceremonial 2024 Thank you

The Summer Ceremonial was held on June 6-8th at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds. The theme of Margaritaville was in the air and Illustrious Sir Paul and Lady Michelle provided members of Kora and Bektash Temples a wonderful time.

There were a few small inconveniences, and the planning team has worked to rectify issues in the future. These problems involved vendors and caterers and were beyond our control. Simply put, not enough food and the location of the ladies program got changed at the last minute. A contract was signed for 270 meals, and we had 235 registered for the dinner. The catering company only brought 210 meals and they failed to serve the food as required by contract. The company who was providing the Ladies luncheon backed out a week prior once they found out we had another Caterer for Saturday night. This included the hall for the ladies luncheon as they owned that facility. The ladies were moved into the main hall, and this didn't work well with all the nobles outside for lunch. Lesson learned for all, and they have been documented for future ceremonials.

The parade went off without a hitch as the parade Marshall Bernie McAllister was able to coordinate all the units in a timely fashion. Who would expect anything different from Bernie? Transportation to and from the motel and Friday events appeared to go well. Drivers were on time, and nobody was left behind. If they were then they are still there.

The Kitchen Crew is to be commended for stepping up at the last moment to make the ladies luncheon a success. They also threw a life preserver out to us on Saturday night for the BBQ that was short a few meals. These members and their families are amazing, and we are truly lucky to have such a dedicated group.

The Second Section pulled off another well received program for the newest nobles of Kora Shrine. They know that they can improve also and have reviewed their strengths and weaknesses. I believe that they were amazing and with the outstanding work of the Kora Craftsman the ceremonial was a huge success.

The ceremonial planning started back in January and was fluid until the very last minute. Illustrious Sir Paul Gardner and Lady Michelle worked alongside the planning team to ensure that your time was well spent and enjoyable. The Aides, led by Al and Al, were very busy and kept everyone hydrated. We can't say thank you enough to these guys who have a great team providing liquid refreshments.

On behalf of your Assistant Rabban Michael Robitaille, Lady Lolita, your Second Ceremonial Master Ben Weisner and Lady Cassidy, we thank you all for everything and look forward to next years summer ceremonial in Farmington.



IMPERIAL SHRINE 2024

The 150th Shriners International Imperial Session was held in Reno, Nevada from June 30 to July 4, 2024. The following members were in attendance representing Kora Shrine:

Paul Gardner (Michelle) – Potentate
 Mike Zubiato (Sue) - Chief Rabban
 Mike Robitaille (Lolita) – Assistant Rabban
 Frank Welch (Pam) – High Priest & Prophet
 Barry Irish (Debbie) – Oriental Guide
 Barry Gates (BJ) – Past Potentate / Treasurer

Gene Tanguay (Lorraine) - Chaplain
 Robbie McKinley (Debbie) - Past Potentate
 Bernie McAllister (Rebecca) – Membership Committee
 Bo Clark (Elizabeth) – Membership Committee
 Daniel Pratt (Grand Master of Masons in Maine)
 Adam Tanguay, Noble

Members attended a membership meeting that included a discussion centering around how to bring in and retain membership. Developing new units and clubs has been proven to work for many temples and we need to challenge our Nobles to develop new units, clubs, or groups.

Imperial Sir Ed Stolze opened the session and thanked all the nobility and temples for their amazing work. It was a pleasure to watch the Imperial Potentate handle a meeting with such ease and poise.

There were many amendments that were voted on throughout the four days. Several articles were voted down by those present. These included articles concerning temples who fail to submit the required tax information. This article would have taken away the temple representation at the annual meeting. No tax paperwork submitted would mean no Temple representation. Another article that failed would have allowed for a process to approve an alternative to the fez in areas where wearing a fez is culturally unacceptable or would pose a risk to the nobles safety. This failed by a mere six votes. The final article to fail was one that would have temples adopt their budget by the last day of December and submit it before the last day in January. There would be a \$250 fine for delinquent budget submittals.

There were several articles that were withdrawn or tabled for the future. One such article would affect the reimbursement of mileage and travel for Temple Representatives to the Imperial session. The article would decrease funding by 25% annually for four years starting in 2029.

Dispensation was granted for Acrux Shriners in the country of Australia to open a new temple titled Acrux Shriners.

On July 2, 2024, the Imperial Shrine Parade was held along a very hot street in Reno. Buccaneer Gene Tanguay and Adam Tanguay, the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Mascot, marched in the sweltering heat alongside the Divan and other Nobility.

Imperial Session 2025 will be held in Atlanta from June 29 – July 3, 2025.

Imperial session 2026 will be held in Tampa Bay from July 12 to July 16, 2026.

Imperial Session 2027 will be held in Philadelphia from June 27 to July 1, 2027

Imperial Session 2028 is currently being planned for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Imperial Sir Richard Burke was installed as the newly elected Imperial Potentate. He and Lady Judy gave their story on how they became part of the Shriners family. A tragedy led to their granddaughter being a patient of the Shriners Burn Hospital in Galveston, Texas. Ultimately their granddaughter passed away from scalding burn injuries and the infection that later set in. They have made it their mission to give back and always to remember how the staff and hospitals helped them. The first lady project is titled “On Angles Wings”. You can follow this link to see her story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C10GZNvYCI>

Safety Tip: Have you checked the settings on your hot water heaters in your home? The temperature should be set to no higher than 120 degrees. Scalding injuries in young children can occur in temperatures greater than 125 degrees...

Be Safe and Get Involved In Your Shrine...

Michael S. Robitaille
 Assistant Rabban



MAINE SHRINE LOBSTER BOWL CLASSIC

Joe Hersom, President MSLBC



The Board of Governors of the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic would like to express our gratitude to all the Nobles and Units of Kora Shrine that assisted in making our 2024 and 34th annual event a huge success! With your continued support, together we continue to grow the exposure of our event, grow awareness of Shriner's Childrens, and maximize the opportunity to offer record donations each year to the Boston and New England Hospitals!!

"Lobster Bowl" week began on Saturday, July 13th, with another great turn out at the annual Golf Tournament. With over 100 golfers participating, the tournament provided an exciting atmosphere, including several 2024 participants in the field. At the end of another hot and beautiful day at The Meadows Golf Club in Litchfield, ME, it was the "Hermon Lodge #32" team, consisting of Joe Hersom, B.J. Robbins, Derek Gendron, and Lucas Worrell, that would take home first place at the 19th annual event! Congratulations to all and big Thank You to The Meadows for hosting and continued support!

Football training camp kicked off on Sunday, July 14th at Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft, ME, while the cheering training camp started on Monday, July 15th, at Central Maine Community College in Auburn, ME. Both camps had a great week making many new friendships, memories, and life lessons while attending multiple practices a day, a beach trip, a bowling night, and team building exercises. The Board of Governors thanks both F.A. and C.M.C.C. for being terrific hosts and sponsors again this year!

On Friday night, as teams finished final preparations for game day, the annual awards banquet was held at Anah Shrine Temple in Bangor, ME. With nearly 500 participants with their families, coaches, officials, and Nobles of the shrine, the MSLBC Class of 2024 was honored for their participation and outstanding fundraising efforts. Several individual awards were also presented, including the "Scotty Falconer Award" for the top fundraisers. Mackenzie Schors (Machias), was the top cheer fundraiser, bringing in \$5,000! Gabe Jewett (Kennebunk) was the West football top fundraiser at \$6,460! The Top Fundraiser overall was awarded to Ashton Duran (Orono), who fundraised an amazing \$7,311!!! What an amazing job! Collectively, this year's participants fundraised over \$206,000, which is the second-highest fundraising effort in the history of the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic!!! Thank you to all participants and their families for going above and beyond!!

Gates opened for the 34th annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic at 1pm, and attendees quickly began filing in. Before kick-off at 4pm, the entire site at Don Roux Field at Lewiston High School was filled with an estimated 5,000+ fans!! What an amazing atmosphere! Several food trucks were on site, all providing donations and a percentage of sales going to the MSLBC! Thank you, vendors!

In attendance was Imperial Potentate Sir Richard Burke (Atlanta, GA), First Lady Judy, as well Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett (San Antonio, TX), with his Lady Martha. Through some flight troubles and many hours of driving, they witnessed firsthand the collective effort of our Shrine Temples in the great State of Maine!! Thank you, Imperial Sir Richard, Lady Judy, Imperial Sir Marty, and Lady Martha, for their unbelievable dedication to supporting our event!!

The National Anthem was sung by Shriner's Childrens New England patient Andrew Bennett (Springfield, MA), who stunned the crowd with his amazing voice! Thank you, Andrew and the entire Bennett family, for being our guests and supporting our event!

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the West football team would show on the scoreboard 49-18, however, it was impossible to have a loser on this day. Both football teams and cheering squads played their hearts out, just like they did their fundraising. A special "Thank you" to Jason Fuller and Lewiston High School for everything they do to roll out the red carpet and create such a great day for everyone involved!

The Board of Governors would like to Thank everyone for their amazing support: Kora Shriners (Divan, Drifters, Legion of Honor, Second Section, Kitchen Unit, Crazy Cops, Greeters, Log Rollers, Provost, Funsters), Anah Shriners, New Balance, PEPSI, Maine Army National Guard, Maine Athletic Fundraising, Foxcroft Academy, Central Maine Community College, Northern Light Sports Medicine, Poland Spring, The Meadows Golf Club, E.J. Prescott, Rolli's Bar and Grill, Kate Hansen, Doreen Mason, Varsity Maine, Munzing Media, Nathan Sessions, Maine High School Football Coaches Association, just to name a few and I apologize for anyone I might have forgotten, but please know we appreciate each and every one that contributes to the success of the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic.

Lastly, thank you to each special member of the Board of Governors, your continued hard work, dedication, and attention to details is why this game lives on for over 34 years and growing! I sincerely appreciate the meetings, zoom calls, dinners, and general friendships we have created since you trusted in me as your President. I appreciate you more than you know, and look forward to continued success in 2025!



MAINE SHRINE LOBSTER BOWL CLASSIC





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Thank you to KeoKai Stevens Photography, Danielle Williams, and Ram McDonough for the Lobster Bowl photos.



**Shriners
Children's
Boston**

BOSTON HAUNTED WALK

Join Kora Shriners Past Potentate Team!

Help us raise \$5,000 for the 5th annual Boston Haunted Walk to help benefit the world-class pediatric burn care, reconstructive plastic surgery, and cleft lip and palate care provided at Shriners Children's Boston!

- When? - Sunday, October 27
- Time? - 10 am - 12 pm
- Where? - The Garden at Elm Bank in Wellesley, MA

Use this QR Code to sign up and support The Boston Haunted Walk:



JOIN NOW



More Info
www.BostonHauntedWalk.org

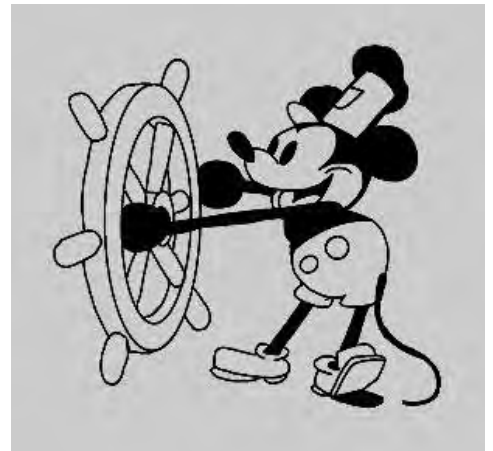
Questions? 
amy.karewa@shrinenet.org
617-371-4807

COME JOIN US FOR A SONGO RIVER QUEEN SUNSET CRUISE!

Saturday September 28th 2024 from 5pm-7pm. Leaves from the Naples Town Dock on Long Lake (841 Roosevelt Trail). Boarding starts 1 hour before departure. This is a joint venture between the Shrine Clubs of York, Cumberland, Oxford and Androscoggin Counties.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes light apps. Cash bar is available on the boat. Tickets available in the Kora Office or via one of your Shrine Club Officers. Tickets are limited to 200 due to capacity of the boat.

Proceeds benefit the Shriners Children's.










SAVE THE DATE

Kora Festival of Trees
Our 19th Annual
Thanksgiving Week

This Years Theme
"Jingle Bells"

ONLINE ADMISSION TICKETS
ON SALE

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

The net proceeds from this
Festival of Trees 2024 are for the
benefit of Kora Temple.
Payments are not deductible as
charitable contributions.



Judging
Class

Presented by
Kora Kares for Kids

*Have you ever wanted to be one
of those people judging meat
at the BBQ competition?*

**WELL NOW YOU
CAN BECOME ONE!**

August 16, 2024

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, Hiram, Maine

The Kora Shriners Ride-In and BBQ Competition is hosting a class for you to become a Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) Certified Barbecue Judge (CBJ). You will acquire the skills to grade world-class chicken, ribs, pork, and brisket in every aspect from flavor to texture, along with what becoming a KCBS judge means. If you are interested, complete the online registration form at <https://korashriners.org/koraridein/>. The CBJ class fee is \$150. There will also be an optional KCBS Table Judge class for an additional \$50.

Membership in KCBS is mandatory to participate. If you are not already a KCBS member, complete the KCBS Membership registration online https://www.kcbs.us/join_now.php to obtain your KCBS member#.

By participating in the class, you can serve as a Judge, Table Captain, or provide support in the judging area with boxes and supplies on Sunday, at our Master Series four meat contest.



August 16-18
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2024 NSA Fall Field Days

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, September 19th, 2024

All Day	Travel to Kingston
4:00 p.m.	City Hall Flag
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Counterparts Dinners (various locations)
9:00 p.m. (tentative)	Hillbilly Degree (tentative)

Friday, September 20th, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	NSA Opening Sessions and Annual Meeting (Bellevue Room <6 th floor> Holiday Inn) (Shrine Casual with Fez)
11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Ladies Luncheon – Cruise (Ticketed Event) (125.00 Cdn./ \$100.00 US\$) Passport Required.
Afternoon	On your own to see the town. (Tours)
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Temple Dinners
All Evening	Enjoy Kingston

Saturday, September 21st, 2024

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Competitions (Clown and Band (if necessary) – Kingston City Hall; Motorcorps – TBD)
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Parade Assembles (Corrections Canada Head Office -Union Street)
2:00 p.m.	Parade Steps Off (Temple Choice for Uniform)
4:00 p.m.	Post Parade Oasis (to be determined)
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	NSA Closing and Awards Banquet (Ben Ry Hall – Queens University) Shrine Casual or Club or Unit Uniform WITH Fez Ticketed Event \$75.00 Cdn. Per person (\$60.00 US\$)

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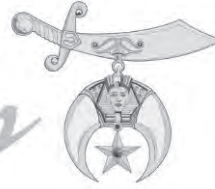
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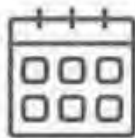


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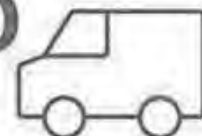


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Shriners Children's Boston Patient Chloe is Co-Chairing the 2024 Boston Haunted Walk Along With Her Parents

Fifteen-year-old Chloe has been a patient at Shriners Children's Boston since she was a toddler after burning both hands on a pellet stove.

Inspired by the care she received, Chloe is a committed supporter of the hospital, raising funds and awareness to help other children with burn injuries. For the past three years, Chloe and her family have participated in Shriners Children's Boston's signature fundraising event, the Boston Haunted Walk. This year, Chloe and her parents, Jennifer and Derek, are serving as co-chairs of the event. Jennifer explained that serving as co-chairs was an important way they could keep spreading the word about Shriners Children's Boston and raising funds to support the organization.

Chloe was just a year old when her father, Derek, was filling a pellet stove, and she snuck between his legs. In an attempt to stand, she burned both palms on the hot stove. It all happened so fast that Derek did not have a chance to shield Chloe from the stove. He immediately alerted his wife, who called 911.

She was rushed by ambulance to a local hospital in Maine, where she and her family live. It was a cold, snowy December night and the ambulance had trouble on the slippery roads. Chloe's mom, who was with her in the ambulance, said, "The experience was harrowing, and the ambulance nearly went off the road a few times during the snowstorm." Once at the hospital, doctors recommended transferring Chloe to Shriners Children's Boston. The severe weather delayed the transfer, so an on-call local hand surgeon examined her injuries. His initial diagnosis was that Chloe's hand would heal and she would not need extensive follow up.

Two weeks later, during Chloe's follow-up visit with the surgeon, it was clear that her hand injuries were more complicated than his initial diagnosis indicated. Chloe's fingers and right hand had fused into a tight fist. At that point, the surgeon recommended occupational therapy, which Chloe participated in for about a year and a half.

While Chloe's hand improved somewhat, Jennifer and Derek decided to seek treatment at Shriners Children's Boston to see if more could be done for their daughter. Chloe had her first skin graft surgery at Shriners Children's Boston with plastic surgeon Matthias Donelan, M.D., to begin the process of repairing her right hand and increasing its mobility. Since her injury, Chloe has had a number of procedures at Shriners Children's Boston, including three surgeries and two skin grafts.

"I can't imagine what would have become of Chloe's hand if we did not come to Shriners Children's for care. I am grateful for the expertise, compassion and philanthropic support that made Chloe's care possible," Jennifer said.

In addition to her efforts supporting the Boston Haunted Walk, Chloe and her family have found many creative ways to raise funds for the hospital. During past holiday seasons, Chloe and her best friend, Courtney, sold homemade Christmas ornaments and hot chocolate at Ross' Trees and Wreaths (co-owned and operated by Chloe's uncle) to benefit Shriners Children's Boston. Chloe said, "Shriners has done so much for me and I wanted to give back!"

For the past three years, the family has hosted a 4th of July barbecue and fundraiser – aptly named Chloe's Red, White, and Boo 4th of July Bash. "We have been very successful, and it keeps growing year after year! We are so fortunate to have such great support from our family and friends to pull this event together," said Jennifer.

The family also started an ATV benefit ride with help from the Penobscot Ridge Riders ATV club. "It was our first year doing it and we had over 40 machines show up. I was taking down names, not paying attention. At one point, I finally looked up and there was just this huge line; it brought tears to my eyes. It's amazing to see strangers come together and support this wonderful cause, and it's our way of giving back and saying thank you for everything they have done for Chloe and other kiddos," shared Jennifer.

Now a freshman in high school, Chloe loves animals – especially dogs and horses. When she is not exercising her philanthropic skills for Shriners Children's Boston or attending classes, you can find her at the barn.

Registration is now open for the 5th annual Boston Haunted Walk on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at The Garden at Elm Bank in Wellesley, Massachusetts, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All proceeds will support world-class pediatric burn care, reconstructive plastic surgery, and cleft lip and cleft palate care at Shriners Children's Boston, provided regardless of families' ability to pay or insurance status. For more information or to register, visit bostonhauntedwalk.org.





Continue Your Masonic Journey

Scottish Rite – Shrine One Day Class

Kora Shrine, Lewiston, October 19, 2024



The three Blue Lodge degrees represent the beginning of a lifelong journey where men pursue self-improvement as morally upright, educated, spiritual men, while building strong ties with like-minded individuals. The degrees launch a journey where we selflessly share our time, caring, knowledge and charitable giving to benefit our brothers, families, communities and society. The trip becomes a life-changing and fulfilling experience.

As meaningful and rewarding as our Blue Lodge experience is, it may be but the beginning of an exciting values-based journey available to Freemasons; an opportunity to grow personally while benefiting our family and friends as well as strangers that we may never meet.

These first steps lead us to the Scottish Rite, Shrine and other Masonic organizations offering brotherhood and charitable opportunities. So why is this a great time to become a Scottish Rite 32° Mason and Shriner?

The Scottish Rite is recognized worldwide for its 29 philosophical degrees; substantial college scholarships; brotherly relief; and 45 children's dyslexia centers serving over 1,300 children each year while training hundreds of teachers to tutor these children, one-on-one.

The Shrine is also world renowned for its 20 orthopedic and burns centers. And the Shrine is fun-focused, with its

clowns and other units appearing in parades throughout Maine, across the country and beyond.

October 19th is your first opportunity to participate in a Scottish Rite-Shrine one-day class in Maine in ten years. Master Masons may join both bodies in one day. It's a great opportunity to experience additional Scottish Rite degrees and expand your circle of friends and brothers. We also urge Shriners to become members of the Rite, and members of the Rite to become Shriners.

ALL Shriners and Scottish Rite Masons are encouraged to attend their meetings on this day to welcome new members and join in a great day of camaraderie that only Masonic brothers can appreciate. Let's pack the house!

To encourage Master Masons to join in this unity class, the Scottish Rite is offering a reduced application fee of \$125 and, if you also join Shrine, Kora will also charge only \$125. Please contact the Shrine offices for more information. **Registration deadline October 10th.**

Reservations for the 4 pm dinner (\$25) must be made with the Kora office. (Email khansen@KoraShriners.org or visit www.KoraShriners.org.) Scottish Rite members need to make lunch reservations with the Portland Valley Secretary to help arrange for noontime meals during the singing woodsmen presentation of the 22nd degree.

Event Schedule

- 8:30 am – Registration and coffee
- 9:30 am – Open Scottish Rite, 4th & 7th Degrees
- 12:00 pm – 22nd Degree & complimentary lunch
- 1:30 pm – Scottish Rite, 15th & 32nd Degrees
- 4:30 pm – Social & Dinner (With Reservations)
- 6:00 pm – Shrine Ceremonial

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Scottish Rite Degrees

4th – Builder – A Master Mason seeks divine guidance. **Philosophy:** Brothers grow together in the Scottish Rite. **Core Values:** Reverence for God, Integrity, and Service to Humanity.

7th – Provost and Judge – In a dispute among the workmen honesty and justice prevail. This degree teaches us to judge with patience and impartiality, for impartial justice protects person, property, happiness, and reputation. **Philosophy:** We should render justice to all mankind. **Core Values:** Justice and Integrity.

15th – Knight of the East – By emulating Zerubbabel who, even when tempted, would not violate his obligations, we learn to persevere in the face of difficulty and discouragement, maintaining fidelity to our obligations and purpose. **Philosophy:** Loyalty to conviction, fidelity to duty, and devotion to truth are the essences of integrity. **Core Value:** Integrity.

22nd – Prince of Libanus – A brother is introduced to wood cutters who test his willingness to put aside his rank and status, and emphasizes the value of a good work ethic. **Philosophy:** Honest work is honorable and noble in the sight of God and man. **Core Value:** Service to Humanity.

32nd – Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret – The degree dramatically teaches us to choose between personal advancement and service to humanity. **Philosophy:** The degree represents the victory of the spiritual over the human in man. **Core Values:** Devotion to Country and Service.



PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

To the Officers and Members of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of:

___ **Portland** ___ **Androscoggin (Auburn)** ___ **Bangor** ___ **Augusta** ___ **Rockland** ___ **Aroostook**
and the Consistory located in ___ **Portland** ___ **Bangor** ___ **Aroostook (Presque Isle)**

I, the undersigned hereof, respectfully show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and request that I may be received among you and that I will pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the Brethren.

In making this application I promise on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable body, I will swear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of American, sitting at its Grand East in the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees.

That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; that I will hold illegal and spurious every other body that may be established within its Jurisdiction claiming to be a Supreme Council and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; that I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor.

And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn.

And may God Aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen

Print Name in Full: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(City and State) (Month/Day/Year)

Name of Spouse (if applicable): _____

I have resided in Maine since _____ and in the _____ since _____
(Month and Year) (City or Town) (Month and Year)

Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Occupation _____
(Give Details even if Retired)

I am now a member of _____ Lodge No. _____, at _____

Have you ever before petitioned the Scottish Rite and been accepted or rejected? YES: _____ NO: _____

If yes, where and when: _____

**Please check with the Valley Secretary on the amount of degree fees to be paid to the Valley that you will be joining.
Make checks payable to your Valley or pay by credit card. Please mail application and payment to the Valley Secretary
or register on-line at <https://scottishritenmj.org/membership-application>**

Circle one: Visa or Master Card	Name on card:	Card #:	Expiration Date:	Security Code:
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Signature in Full: _____ Date: _____

Recommended by the following two members of the Lodge of Perfection in the Valley indicated above:

(1) Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Member number on Scottish Rite Dues Card: _____

(2) Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Candidate must present his current Blue Lodge Dues Card at time of registration.



CRAZY COPS

by William Brochu, Scribe

Our first parade was Memorial weekend in Old Orchard Beach. After which we celebrated with a couple slices of pizza and pier fries (lots of salt & vinegar). Our last ride will be a spin around the Fryeburg Fair horse track. Again, we will celebrate with fair grub, like pizza and fries. *Know what that means?* We eat too much pizza and fries.

The unit participated in nearly 20 parades. Unfortunately, a handful of parades could not get squeezed in due to scheduling. We hope to say 'YES' next year to all the groups who request us. Scheduling parades can be time consuming, and we thank Noble Lovering for his continued effort with parade organizations. Like I said, parade dates and the Crazy Cops' calendar don't always matchup, but he does a great job.

We would like to mention the 2024 Shrine Lobster Bowl. Another amazing game and event. The committees, volunteers, supporters, players, and others get it done. We look forward to continued success year after year. The Crazy Cops are pleased to be able to attend and support this annual event. Well done.

Another great event that continues to grow is the Kora Ride-In and BBQ competition. I thought Twitchells Airport in Turner was the right spot to host this event. But I was wrong, and the Ossipee Fairgrounds has embraced this 3-day food fest. It's amazing the



equipment, trailers, and vehicles the teams arrive with. We love food, pizza & fries, and the BBQ offerings are some of the best. It is probably too late this year, but for those who always wanted to judge a BBQ competition, here's your chance. They are offering a class and certification as a judge. Brent Tanguay has the skinny on this and can answer your questions.

Nobles, new or old, are always welcome to stop by and visit the unit. Become a member or an associate. Hop in a cart next year and parade with your brothers and family. We have extra crook outfits, so who wants to look like the Hamburglar on 4 wheels?

We know it takes many hands to get things done. Numerous events would not happen without the countless volunteers and hours donated. We want to thank you all for keeping things running strong and successful. On behalf of the Crazy Cop family, we wish you good eating, with fries (lots of salt & vinegar). Stay safe our friends, C.C.



PROVOST

by Dan Toto, Scribe

It's Summer! It's HOT, I don't care because I don't have to shovel it! The Provost Unit would like to announce our liaison to the Divan, Brother Ben Weisner and his lady Cassidy are the proud parents of Gabriel. I am sure he is on the delayed enrollment program for DeMolay and his Lodge application is pinned to the wall over his crib.

We have a new member, Michael Lothrop of Raymond NH. He belongs to two lodges in NH, is a member of Bektish Shriners and York and Scottish Rite Bodies. His father was a Provost years ago right here at Kora. He has a long history in public safety including EMT, dispatcher, and police officer and is presently a reserve officer for Massachusetts. Welcome aboard sir.

Unlike the parading units, the Provost Unit has had a slower quarter. We covered the wedding of Noble Dana Brown (congratulations) and the Summer Ceremonial. By the time this article is read the Lobster Bowl will have come and gone. Provosts will oversee traffic control and the Medical Unit will be under the tent down on the field. Here is to another great year on the gridiron!

The Kora Kares Ride-in is on the horizon and is scheduled for 16-18 August at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds in Hiram, and the unit will be there to assist as needed.

Mark your calendar for 12 October at the Temple. The MaiNe Trak Model Railroad Club will be taking over half of the Dining Hall and most of the Ceremonial Hall with a fantastic display of model railroading showcasing some of the best talent in Maine. Deputy director of the Provost Unit Rob Selberg will be showing off his talents with scenery creation that will have you smelling burning coal and diesel fumes.

Unit Director Peaslee received an old Kora Circus Poster for his birthday. We are attempting to pinpoint the year of this show. The Central Maine Youth Center changed its name in 1989. The Cumberland County Civic Center opened in March of '77. The Augusta Civic Center opened in January '73. Using these parameters this show occurred sometime between January '73 and '88/'89. Is there anyone out there that can bring a little "light" to the situation? Jeff can be contacted at 5justamainer7@gmail.com.

Stay well and stay hydrated (enjoy your choice of hydration). Yes, we know things. Make plans for this fall to get back to your roots; visit your blue lodge and get involved. Speaking of which, there are all kinds of appendant bodies including DeMolay and Rainbow. Remember, we are all in this together. Have a safe and restful summer, we will see you in the fall.



MOTOR CORPS

By Kevin T. Cole, Scribe

Check out this car! It's a 2015 Chevy Camaro RS that Noble Bill True from Mercer bought from a dealer six years ago, because he and Lady Jen thought his BMW Z3 was too low to the ground. As we age, we become more and more aware of that challenge. Other than an exhaust modification, the car is stock.

The photo was shot at the line-up for the Augusta parade on July fourth. Noble Bill wasn't driving the Camaro, although he was at the parade with another vehicle. Instead, one of our newest associate members, Noble Randy Murray from Norridgewalk, had the wheel for the event, accompanied by his Lady Debbie.

This season, our parade schedule is intense. The Motor Corps' goal is to have at least five vehicles in each parade—a difficult task when there are multiple parades on the same day. **How can you help?** Well, if you aren't yet a Motor Corps member and have no qualifying vehicle, perhaps you can hook up with one of us, become an associate member and borrow one of our cars. Make sure Secretary Russ Farwell has a copy of your driver's license first, though. If you are a Motor Corps member who has more than one qualifying vehicle, perhaps you could invite a noble to become an associate member of the Motor Corps and allow him to accompany you to parades with one of your approved cars.

If you see Noble Bill's Camaro whizzing down the road, but it isn't Bill at the wheel, please think twice before reporting it as stolen—it's probably just Noble Randy headed to a parade.

See you on the highway!



LOG ROLLERS

by Ron Guptill, Scribe

Our 2024 parade season did not start off very well. While we were in Kennebunk along with the Renegades for the May Day parade, we witnessed an old car take off and hit three people who had to be taken to the hospital. The car also hit a float with children on it. The children on the float were not hurt. As far as we know the people taken to the hospital are doing well.

Then we went off to OOB for Memorial Day. It was a little wet and cold, but we had a good turn out. Our next stop was the Summer Ceremonial in Fryeburg. We had a good turn out and a great time was had by all. Our next stop was Windham Summerfest with the Renegades, we had a great turn out. Sorry that two trucks did not make it in the parade but sometimes that happens.

Next we want to thank O'Connors for fixing up and painting the Loster Bowl Truck. **BIG THANKS** as they donated that parts, paint and labor to us.

We are off to a busy parade season but that is what we do to support our Shrine Children.



CYCLE CORPS

by Lenny Perkins, Director/Scribe

Well, by the time you are reading this, our summer will be winding down, leaves will be changing color and soon will be falling! Our parade season will be over, and the bikes will be cleaned one last time before heading for their winter storage.

We began our summer parades with attendance at Old Orchard Beach on Memorial Day – this is one parade that we have been doing since my time in the unit, and from what I hear, many years prior as well. It's always a well-attended parade with lots of cheers from the sidelines. We next attended the summer ceremonial parade in Fryeburg, it's always a fun time participating in ceremonial activities. It was nice to see a good group of new nobles joining our awesome fraternity of Masons & Shriners.

On July 4th, we took part in Augusta's celebration – watch out for those tootsie rolls all over the streets!! Following the parade, our group enjoyed a picnic lunch, the ladies did a great job of supplying salads and desserts and my wife, Lady Deb, prepared lots of meat and veggies for make-your-own sandwiches. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and we all left with full bellies!



The Lisbon Moxie Festival, the Yarmouth Clam Festival and the Wilton Blueberry Festival took over the next several weekends, then our members and their ladies will man the Kora Cycle Corps food booth at the Lewiston-Auburn Balloon Festival. As our largest fundraiser of the year, this event is a big part of how we manage to keep our bikes on the road! Parts for the bikes are getting scarce and more expensive as they age (guess they are just like people – the older you get, the more your “parts” cost to replace!!).

I'd like to give a hearty thank you to the many members of our group who haul the trailer from parade to parade, who work on keeping the bikes in running condition, and who faithfully step up anytime something needs to get done. We are a great TEAM!!





KORA BUCCANEERS

by Gene Tanguay, Director

The Buccaneers have had a great start to the 2024 parade season! We started out spring by participating in the Old Orchard Beach Memorial Day Parade. As usual the sidelines were full despite the damp weather and chilly winds. It is always an honor to participate in the Old Orchard Beach Memorial Day Parade.

This year the Summer Ceremonial, held at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds, was a great time. It was nice to have Bektash join us for this great weekend. Thank you to the powers that be for enabling us to parade through Fryeburg, ending at the fairgrounds.

The next parade for Gene was the Imperial Parade in Reno, Nevada. Kora made a great showing as Ill. Sir Paul Gardner encouraged those in attendance to join in on the fun by marching in the parade. Reno was a great experience as Lady Lorraine and I, along with Adam, got to tour the Shriners Children's of Northern California. We were able to tour several areas of the hospital as well as attend a meet and greet with hospital staff and 12 of our patients. What made it truly personal was that as we talked to the patients and heard their stories, they gave each of us a special pin from the division of the hospital in which they had been treated.

Later in July, the Buccaneers participated in the Moxie Day Parade in Lisbon. They extended the parade route this year to include Main Street. Even with the heat these were the biggest crowds that we have seen for the Moxie Festival Parade.

To end July, we took part in the Lovell Old Home Days Parade. Lady Lorraine and I started our day by supporting the Delta Masonic Lodge for their pancake breakfast. Yummy as usual! The parade was well attended by locals and out of towners.

The Buccaneers were represented at the Lobster Bowl and it was great to know that Kora and Anah can put on an event that can draw the Imperial Sir Richard Burke and another member of the Imperial line to Maine.

The Buccaneers are always looking for more members and we are also in need of a driver. We will supply the vehicle.



KORA HIGHLANDERS

by Chet Matthews, Chief Highlander

La' Math (good day) Noble Lads & Lassies

A Time for Rebuilding. While working a significantly reduced performance schedule this season we are focused on strengthening and growing our ranks. We are actively seeking new members and especially looking for new pipers. We Know your out there! For those new Nobles who may not know us The Kora Highlanders Pipe and Drum Corps is comprised of a dedicated group of Nobles augmented by a similarly dedicated group of guest musicians and steadfastly supported by our Highlander Ladies. You need not have any previous musical experience, just a desire to learn and attend most weekly practice gatherings. Pipers begin by learning on a practice chanter and need not purchase pipes until a level of proficiency is achieved. When your performance ready most uniform items are provided

While we take immense pride in supporting Kora and our Hospitals through donations received for our performances in parades, and other venues, we also take pride in doing it well and making sure that we have a lot of fun doing it. So, if you would like to learn more about us and think the Highlanders may be the place for you, visit us at one of our practice sessions in the Highlander Room at the Shrine Center to share a wee dram and learn more about us. The Highlanders meet most Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. or contact Chief Highlander, Chet Matthews (207)8412474, cwmatt@comcast.net or any Highlander.

Until next time, Slainte mhath (good health) and Sealbh m ath dhuit (good luck)



Practice Makes perfect!
Piper in training Andrew Sylvester (L) works with Pipe Cpl. Alex Gibson on practice chanter, while Drum Sgt. Ryan Sherman (L) on snare works on a new routine with snare drummer Brian Doyon and bass drummer Neal Coro.





GREETERS UNIT

By Marc Gilbert, Scribe

The Greeters Unit landed at the summer ceremonial in their usual attire of a polo shirt and fez. Greeters are meant to greet, and that is exactly what I was doing around 7:00 AM in front of the Expo Building at the Fryeburg Fair Grounds. I started greeting the candidates in normal fashion when I realized that some of them were from the Bektash Shrine of Concord, New Hampshire. They hadn't gone through the second section rituals and Kora invited Bektash to join us at the fairgrounds to join in all the fun. And seeing that Fryeburg is only a stone's throw from the New Hampshire state line, it made perfect sense. The more the merrier and the merrier the more!!! Congratulations to all the candidates that joined in the fun.

The Greeters also were on hand to sell wears promoting membership in Kora; shirts, hoodies and aprons were flying off the table. This year Brad oversaw the ceremonial design and what a spectacular job he did. Thank you, Brad! I want to thank all the nobles that stood up to help at this year's Summer Ceremonial. Although I could not stay for all the festivities, there were many nobles that could; I heard the food was great and the band took it to the cleaners. And don't forget to get your tickets for this year's raffle of a four-person Utility Task Vehicle. What a nice-looking ride. I hope my name gets pulled so that I can start enjoying the off-road trails in style! See you all at the Kora Ride In, August 16th-18th, at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds in Hiram, Maine. There will be a lot of good eats, family fun and entertainment.

Until the next issue ... Adios Amigo.



KORA DRIFTERS

By Dan Guilmette, Scribe

Another 3 months have passed and as I am sitting here in Jackman overlooking Big Wood Pond enjoying a little time with the Family, I am also reflecting on the start of this parade season and what is coming up.

The drifters had an outstanding Independence Day starting in Augusta, with a fine showing of Drifters parading through the Capitol. After, we assembled at Director Jaison Hall and his Lady Cindy's home for our annual BBQ and get together.

The Moxie Festival parade went off without a hitch and then the group ran off to Starks for a great parade there too. I also hear the group found a nice place for dinner too!

The Yarmouth Clam festival is up next with Lovell and the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl the following day. I'll be on the field trying to gather those epic Sports plays on film, and I am sure

we are all looking forward to this event. There are many more parades to come in the weeks ahead, with plenty of opportunities to create smiles alongside the parade route.

I also want to welcome new Brother Noble Ted Luebbert and lady Lori to the Drifter family. Ted Resides in Litchfield and joined Kora this year and we are so happy to have him with us. Anyone interested in joining please reach out to any Drifter for more information.



FUNSTERS

by Adam Tanguay

Well the parade season is in full swing. The guys have been out and all around the state. We even had one of our own travel out west to participate in the Shriners Imperial Session in Reno, NV. But the season is still far from over.

Our first busy day of this season, which will have happened by the time you will be reading this, is July 20th. We will be starting the day in Lovell for their Old Homes Day, which is a new parade for us that I hope will become a regular for us, followed by The Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic football game, where we welcomed Illustrious Sir Marty Bartlett and his Lady Martha. We hope our Imperial Potentate Sir Richard Burke and our First Lady Judy were able to make it. The Players and Cheerleaders again amazed us in their fundraising efforts for our hospitals. Last years fundraising landed us in 2nd place out of all the Shrine football games across the United States.

But our parade season is far from being over. We still have many parades left that I hope to see you all at. If there is anyone interested seeing things from our side and perhaps you could joins us. Don't be afraid to reach out to one us, we have a few costumes that are not being used.



Calling All Shrine Ladies

Go to korashriners.org/ladies
to find current information on upcoming events
and to sign up for the weekly
Kora Ladies Konnection emails.



KORA KAMPERS

by Alan Collins, Secretary

Greetings Noble, Ladies, Family and Friends,

This is coming to you from the Kora Kampers.

I hope you all are having a great summer and getting out and doing everything you want to do. I know everyone has been busy with lots of different activities. In between these Sands articles, I know we had our spring meeting, we assisted with the summer ceremonial, and now we are getting ready for our fall annual meeting, where we will be renewing our line of officers. We would like to welcome all new and old nobles to join us for a fun filled weekend. Our schedule will take place with the below info:

~Sept 6th, 7th, & 8th

~Held at Lone Mountain Campground

~Andover, Me

~ <https://lonemountaincamping.com>

If you would like to join us, reach out to the campground and make your reservation. If you are inviting someone that is not on my email list, please let me know so I can keep them updated with all the info as we get closer. We are always looking for new members to join and our goal is to have fun, fellowship, and raise money to donate to our hospitals. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to me at korakampers@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see many of you at our next event.

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Kora Brewers - Taproom No. 11

It is with a sad heart to inform you that the Kora Brewers - Taproom No. 11 has closed permanently due to lack of interest. At our last meeting, we voted to close down the club. Thank-you to all our members who have supported us since we started in 2017.

Thanks for the Memories





KORA KLOWNS

by Rick "Divot" Green, Scribe



The KORA KLOWN unit is happy to report that our "2024 PARADE TOUR" is stronger than ever with appearances in Skowhegan, Oakland, Summer Ceremonial and the Moxie Festival already in the books. The parade season is one of the most anticipated and enjoyable times of the year and although it may not be at the same level as many of you who attended the barbecue dinner at Summer Ceremonial, we always leave each event hungry for more.



We would like to start by thanking our 2024 Klown Trailer sponsors for helping to support our efforts while also allowing us to travel in style. Special thanks to Albert & Burpee Funeral Services, Black Bear Ladder, Charest Realty, Crafts Cars, Franks, G&G Streamline, Kennebec Equipment and United Association Local 716.



As some of you can attest, the amount of talent and skill necessary to wear makeup when you are out in public is incredible. Add the elements of rain & heat to the equation and things can get real in a hurry. Fortunately, the Kora Klown Unit is dedicated to the kids and the smiles and pictures reinforce our commitment and dedication to the craft. The annual trip to PAR-TEE's camp is also a great incentive but you hopefully get our point.



We have several remaining parade tour dates and appearances on our schedule and we hope to see you out there making a difference and trying to keep up with the coolest Klown Unit at the Temple. As always, if you are interested in being part of the "dynasty", please feel free to speak to any one of our KLOWN members or email Ryan "Checka" Robitaille, at Lisbon52@gmail.com.

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KORA SHRINE BAND

By Noble Steve Peterson - Sec'y



Kora Band has been struggling this year to get enough musicians to play for our events and parades. Unfortunately, we did not have enough Band Nobles

to participate in this year's Summer Ceremonial. We were able to get enough guest musicians to play in this year's Casco Parade and we are looking forward to parading at the Fryeburg Fair Parade in October. Our numbers are small but we are trying our best to help support Kora the best that we can.

We were able to play the National Anthem and the Canadian National Anthem for the opening of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in May at Kora. We also provided beverages & snacks to the Craft for a donation which will go towards supporting Kora Band.

The band is looking for new members, so if you have ever played an instrument, we welcome you to join the band unit or just "sit-in" at any of our rehearsals or meetings. Even if you are in another unit and play an instrument, we would love to have you sit in with us, this includes your Shrine Lady as well! We especially need help when it comes to "Shrine Only" events such as our Ceremonials. For

civic parades, we can reach out to local musicians to help compliment our numbers. For more details and exact meeting dates contact Steve Peterson (Band Sec'y) at 713-5318 or e-mail at sales@down-east.com.

Don't forget to stop by and visit us in the band room at the top of the stairs, our door is always open and the music is always on!

"Blast from the Past" 2015 Casco Parade



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Leslie B. Knapp	3/20/2024
Horace E. Robinson	11/25/2023
Lee W. Reilly	10/30/2023
James E. Johnson	4/2/2022
Clyde C. Barker	9/4/2022
Gilbert C. Marriner	11/2/2021
Willard T. Boothby	1/12/2024
Harold M. Snow	4/25/2024
Donald F. Doyle	1/9/2024
Leslie A. Hall	10/19/2023
Alan C. Joy	3/3/2024
William H. Sawyer	12/24/2023
Wallace E. Bragdon, Jr	1/27/2024

Harlan L. Wallace, Jr.	5/16/2024
Emery A. Langille	1/3/2020
Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, Jr	8/16/2023
John H. Steeves	7/29/2022
James V. Weast	2/22/2024
Maurice A. Erickson, Sr.	5/25/2024
James R. Saunders	2/6/2024
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Raymond R. Guay	2/3/2024
William Coulthard, III	4/3/2024
Carl H. Adams	3/22/2024
George R. Seward	3/9/2024
Austin L. Quirion	8/2/2023
Gareth S. Anderson	2/8/2024
Gregory L. Theriault	5/8/2024
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