

# Kora Sands

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Rise and Thrive in 2025



## KORA SHRINE CENTER

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### OFFICE HOURS

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Closing daily between 12:30 and 1:30  
Fridays Closed

### ELECTIVE DIVAN

Potentate .....	Michael Zubiate
Chief Rabban .....	Michael Robitaille
Assistant Rabban .....	Frank Welch, Jr.
High Priest & Prophet.....	Barry Irish
Oriental Guide .....	Ryan Sherman
Treasurer.....	Paul Gardner, P.P.
Recorder.....	John R. Knox, P.P.

### APPOINTIVE DIVAN

1st Ceremonial Master.....	Ben Weisner
2nd Ceremonial Master.....	Gordon Kimball, Jr.
Marshal .....	E. Andy Caron
Captain of the Guard .....	Michael Klick
Outer Guard.....	Bo Clark
Chaplain.....	Eugene Tanguay
Ceremonial Director.....	Robert Farrington
Chief of Staff.....	Steven Peterson

### HEADS OF UNITS

Units Colonel .....	***
Units Lt. Colonel.....	***
Aides - Chief.....	Al Milburn
Arab Patrol .....	Richard Libby
Band .....	Cal Yeaton
Buccaneers.....	Eugene Tanguay
Crazy Cops .....	William Brochu
Cycle Corps.....	Marc DeBlois
Drifters.....	David Buckman
Facts and Figures .....	Leonard Perkins
Funsters.....	Adam Tanguay
Greeters.....	Jason Davis
Highlanders.....	Chester Matthews
Karts .....	Matt Ouellette
Klowns .....	Ryan Robitaille
Legion of Honor .....	Michael Clinton
Log Rollers.....	Ron Guptill
Medical Unit.....	David Saphier
Mini Racers .....	John Mellor
Mopeds .....	John Mellor
Motor Corps.....	Thomas Budek
Provost .....	Jeffrey Peaslee
Renegades.....	Ron Bolduc
Second Section.....	Brian Craig

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.....	Charles Bonney
.....	Rob McKinley, P.P.
Associate Member .....	Bernie McAllister
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Member Board of Governors.....	Brent Tanguay, P.P.
.....	Randy Williams
Associate Member .....	Dana Brown

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Cash Calendar Club .....	Gary Robinson
Communications/Marketing Committee .....	Nathan Sessions
Cumberland County Shrine Club .....	Ron Guptill
Donor Relations .....	Tim Luttrell
Feztival of Trees .....	Marc DeBlois / Bernie McAllister
Foundation .....	Barry Gates, P.P.
Hillbilly Club .....	Steve Zimmerman
Hospital Committee .....	Tim Luttrell
Insurance Committee .....	Dick Albert
Kampers .....	Dan Beardsley
Kare for Kids Ride-In .....	Brent Tanguay, P.P.
Kora DeMolay Council .....	Peter Provencher
Kora Kitchen Club.....	Michael Bolduc
Kraftsman .....	Tim Turner
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Oxford County Shrine Club .....	Rob McKinley, P.P.
Sportsmen Expo .....	Pat Penley
Trustees .....	Daniel Labrie
Western Mountain Shrine Club .....	Glen Gibson
Widows Club .....	Eileen Fales
York County Shrine Club .....	Linwood Dall

### KORA SANDS DEADLINES

April 15th, 2025 ~ to cover June, July, August  
July 15th, 2025 ~ to cover September, October, November  
October 15th, 2025 ~ to cover December, January, February  
January 15th, 2026 ~ to cover March, April, May

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE POTENTATE

by *Illustrous Potentate Mike Zubiate*

Happy New Year to all Nobles and their Ladies of Kora Shrine. Thank you for electing me as your Potentate of Kora Shrine for 2025. Lady Sue and I appreciate the warm welcome and overwhelming support from everyone. We are looking forward to an exciting year and the challenges we may face together. Lady Sue and I along with your 2025 Divan are looking forward to keeping Kora Strong.

Sue and I congratulate Illustrous Sir Paul and Lady Michelle for their kindness, caring, and total commitment to fraternity and philanthropy. Each of us should be grateful for their contribution and leadership.

The biggest challenge we all face is membership, especially when the black camel calls so many of our brothers every year. Think membership, invite someone to become a Shriner today — It's up to you.

Congratulations to this year's Divan members and unit directors on their appointed positions. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed group.

*"Together we can make a difference"*



**Illustrous Potentate Mike Zubiate and Lady Sue**

I would like to welcome our newest member of your Divan. I have appointed Noble Bo Clark to serve as your 2025 Outer Guard. He is the past director of the Facts and Figures unit and past chairman of the Membership Committee. He and his Lady Elizabeth are excited to join the Divan team and move Kora in the right direction. Congratulations Bo and Lady Elizabeth.

My appointments for the year are:

CHIEF OF STAFF: Noble Steve Peterson  
 CHIEF AID: Noble Al Milburn  
 PERSONAL AIDS: Noble Crawford Perry  
                   Noble Adam Tanguay  
                   Noble John Mellor

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 Noble Bernie McAllister  
 Noble Doug Smith  
 Noble Alex Gibson  
 Noble Mike Clinton  
 Past Potentate Paul Gardner

Some of the events we have planned for 2025:

February 22 —	Roaring 20s Casino night. Let's get out those flapper dresses and dapper suits and do some gambling at Kora Temple
March 8 —	Motor Booty Affair — a night of disco dancing at Kora Temple
March 29 —	Spring Ceremonial at Kora Temple
April 26 —	Water Buffalo Degree at Kora Temple
May 3 —	Kentucky Derby — let's wear those big hats and fancy dresses and put down some bets
May 10 —	Robert Washington, Elvis impersonator "Elvis is in the house" at Kora Temple
May 18 to 24th —	Potentate Cruise to Bermuda
June 12 to 15 —	Summer Ceremonial at Farmington Fairgrounds

We have a year full of excitement and fun planned, with lots of fellowship and most importantly family friendly fun. Let's all make this year the best ever. *Life is too short.*

# Rise and Thrive in 2025





## FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK.....

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

Greetings Nobles:

Another year draws to a close, and we begin anew with Illustrious Mike Zubiate and Lady Sue who have a fun filled year planned. Be sure to watch the SANDS for events and registration information.

We realize that prices are impacting us all – especially when planning events that include meals. Advance registration is needed to ensure our kitchen crew has the proper amounts of food. Please be diligent in registering on time.

**Kora annual dues are \$105 for 2025 and can be paid by calling the office 207-782-6831 or online through WebFez with a credit or debit card.**

Special thanks to Illustrious Barry Gates who has now “retired” as Treasurer for Kora. Barry has committed a great deal of time and energy in keeping our Temple on an even financial footing. We wish Barry and BJ all the best – I’m sure we’ll continue to see them at events throughout the year.

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

## DEMOLAY AND PINE TREE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Founded in 1970, this Maine organization was established to provide scholarships to the youth of Maine based on demonstrated need and ability.

In addition, it also now assists Maine DeMolay's Executive Officer and Maine Rainbow's Supreme Inspector with program expenses for the Order of DeMolay's Maine Chapters and Assemblies of Maine Rainbow. It also provides scholarship assistance for DeMolays attending DeMolay Leadership Camp.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization under Maine and federal tax laws. The Trustees are chosen from among the elected membership of the Foundation. Membership includes all heads of the various Masonic bodies in Maine including the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Potentates from both of the Shrine Temples in Maine, and the heads of the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies along with Masonic and DeMolay Adult Leadership. Membership is unlimited in number and the Foundation meets three times annually. Since its founding, almost a half-million dollars has been given in scholarships benefiting students from both public and private

## *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*

*Spring Ceremonial of Kora Temple,  
Ancient Arabic Order  
Of the Nobles of  
The Mystic Shrine,  
Be held at Kora Temple on  
Saturday, March 29th*

*Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.*

*Business meeting followed by  
Ceremonial First Section*

*In the year of our Lord 2025  
Aleikum Es Selam  
Ill. Michael Zubiate  
Illustrious Potentate*

*See the Detailed Agenda in this issue  
For registration information  
Or online at [www.korashriners.org](http://www.korashriners.org)*

high schools all over the State of Maine. This work is funded by endowments which have increased throughout the years thanks to the generous contributions from Maine Masons and their friends and families.

Scholarship applications can be found at [pinetreeyouth.org](http://pinetreeyouth.org) and must be submitted no later than March 30th with all required supporting documents as noted in the application.

For information on how you can donate to support this organization, please contact Treasurer Jonathan Rosen at [io20720@me.com](mailto:io20720@me.com).



## Annual Report of Membership - 2024

**Total Membership as reported December 31, 2023 (Included Associates)** **1435**

Nobles Created \_\_\_\_\_ 40

Nobles Affiliated \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Nobles Restored \_\_\_\_\_ 11

Nobles Associated \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Total Gain \_\_\_\_\_ 57

Total \_\_\_\_\_ **1492**

Nobles Demitted \_\_\_\_\_ 4

Nobles Suspended - NPD \_\_\_\_\_ 48

Nobles Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ 80

Nobles Resigned \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Associate Members Dropped \_\_\_\_\_ 1

Total Deductions - \_\_\_\_\_ **136**

**Total Membership reported December 31, 2024 (Includes Associates)** **1356**

NET Loss in members for 2024

-79

**Submitted by John R. Knox, PP - Recorder**



## 2025 DIVAN



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**Chief Rabban Michael Robitaille**



**Assistant Rabban Frank Welch, Jr.**



**High Priest and Prophet Barry Irish**



**Oriental Guide Ryan Sherman**



**Treasurer III. Paul Gardner**



**Recorder III. John R. Knox**



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Outer Guard Bo Clark



Chaplain Eugene Tanguay





## 2025 KORA DIVAN INSTALLATION





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## Kora Shrine Center

### Operations Budget and Comparison

#### Budget 2025 - Actual 2024

	<u>Budget 2025</u>	<u>Actual 2024</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$ 508,200</u>	<u>\$ 577,098</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Imperial Council	59,100	58,262
Administration and General	106,500	108,906
Building operations and maintenance	173,300	164,143
Business Sessions	9,500	7,672
Ceremonials	46,500	27,828
Entertainment - Social	18,000	9,261
Visitations & Pilgrimages	15,700	8,797
Promotion & Publicity	32,000	27,758
Unit Expenses	6,000	5,506
Charity & Members Welfare	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>468,300</u>	<u>419,133</u>
<b>Contingency</b>	-	-
<b>Net Surplus/(loss)</b>	<u>\$ 39,900</u>	<u>\$ 157,965</u>

2024 was another great with good revenue growth and expenses kept within budget.

Barry Gates PP, Treasurer



## SHRINERS CHILDREN'S BOSTON BOARD NEWS

Illustrious John Gailey, Potentate of Kora in 2017 was recently presented his Emeritus plaque for his service to the Board of Governors, Shriner's Children Hospital in Boston.

Also present from Kora were current Board members David Saphier, Charles Bonney and Rob McKinley. Traveling to Boston for the day were John Knox, Emeritus Board member, and Bernie McAllister who has been recently appointed to the Board as an Associate Member representing Kora.

John Gailey served on the board for a total of nine years, first as an Associate member, then as a full voting member. He has been an active participant on several board committees, including personnel, nominating and facilities.

Board days can be long since most of the Kora contingent travel by Amtrak – which means leaving home as early as 4:00 a.m. for some, and getting back home in Maine at or after 9:00 p.m. All of the members who presently serve and have served in the past deserve heartfelt thanks for the time spent conducting the work and business of operating the BEST burn center in America – Shriner's Boston!

Other Kora members who have served and received Emeritus status at Boston include Illustrious Tom Haley, Illustrious Paul Poulin, Illustrious Barry Gates and Illustrious John Knox.



Illustrious John Gailey receives his Emeritus Plaque from Boston Board Chairman David Foye. Illustrious John has served 9 years on the Boston hospital Board of Governors.

## NOBLES RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL MEETING



John McFadden - 2024 rising star award

Illustrious Potentate Paul Gardner recognized two Nobles at the Annual meeting for their contributions of service to Kora.

The Rising Star Award and the Harry H. Cochrane Meritorious Service Award were established in 2023 to recognize Nobles for outstanding service to Kora.

The Rising Star Award, presented to a “new” Noble who has shown commitment and active participation in events at Kora was presented to Noble John McFadden. Since joining Kora in 2022, he became actively involved in the Festival of Trees. John joined the Greeters Unit and has become a driving force in that group, which has seen renewed enthusiasm. John has also been active on the Membership Committee where his IT knowledge has been useful and appreciated.

The Harry H. Cochrane Meritorious Service Award was established in honor of Noble Harry Cochrane, the painter of our extravagant dining room murals, in addition to many other accomplishments. This year's recipient is Illustrious Barry Gates, Treasurer Emeritus for Kora Shriners. Barry began his Shrine journey in 1986 and has served in many capacities at Kora and in Maine Masonry. He has served as Treasurer for a total of nearly 20 years, with an appointment to the Divan in 2007, serving as Potentate in 2012. He has been a driving force in the Kora Temple Building Foundation as President, and served on the hospital board at Boston for 10 years. He has been a constant supporter of making Kora a better Temple, both in maintaining our building, and helping to create a stable financial environment for our future.



Barry Gates - 2024 Harry Cochran Meritorious Service Award



KORA presents



# Roaring 20's Casino Night



February 22nd, 2025

7 PM - 10 PM



B.Y.O.B.

Snacks and mixers  
will be provided

Attire: Roaring 20s

So, let's get out those flapper dresses and  
those dapper suits and do some gambling!

\* Reserved seating for 8 or more \*  
Kora Temple | 11 Sabattus St | Lewiston



Call Kate at Kora Temple 207 782 6831 or go online at  
[www.KoraShriners.org/Events](http://www.KoraShriners.org/Events) for tickets on sale now!  
This BYOB event is 21+ only.



**MARCH 8TH, 2025**

**KORA PRESENTS**

**Doors:  
06 PM  
Dancing:  
07 PM**

**\$25  
ENTRY\***

***Get Ready  
ta Groove!***



**GET TICKETS**



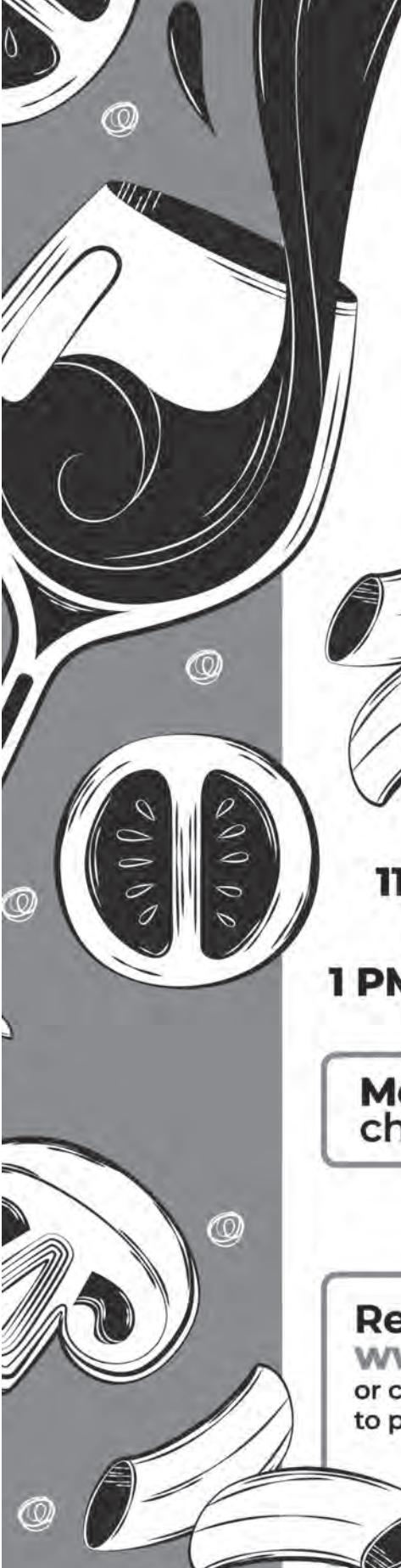
**PERFORMANCE BY**

**Motor Booty Affair**

**Call Kate at 207 782 6831 or go online at  
www.KoraShriners.org/Events for tickets available  
starting February 1st!**

**This BYOB event is 21+ only. \* (no reserved seating)**

**FUNKY FUN . LIGHT SNACKS . SODA & MIXERS**



# KORA 2025 SPRING CEREMONIAL

## SAVE THE DATE MARCH 29TH

**9 AM:** Doors Open

**10 AM:** Business Meeting

**10 AM:** Ladies Program\*  
– Wine Tasting (Free)

**11 AM:** First Section and Cold Sands

**12 PM:** Social Hour

**1 PM:** Lunch by the Kora Kitchen Club

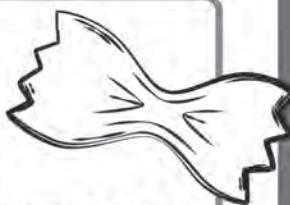
**Menu:** Lasagna, salad, rolls, and  
cheesecake

**\$20.00 per person**

**Register online at**  
**[www.KoraShriners.org](http://www.KoraShriners.org)**  
or call the Kora Office at (207) 782-6831  
to provide payment information

Reservations and payments must be made by  
**Friday, March 15, 2025**

\*Members must register their ladies online to provide an accurate headcount





ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB  
presents

# BASKET BINGO

Featuring  
**LONGABERGER BASKETS®**  
(Retired baskets)

## Saturday, April 5th, 2025

Kora Shrine Temple, 11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston

**\$15 in advance / \$20 at the door**

**Doors Open at 8:30 am  
Games Begin at 9:30 am**

**Regular Bingo / Blackout Bingo / Raffles  
Refreshments available for purchase**

**Tickets available at Kora Shrine Center  
For more information call (207) 782-6831**

Proceeds benefit the Androscoggin County Shrine Club  
The Longaberger Company does not endorse or sponsor this event



## GET READY FOR THE 2025 KORA OUTDOOR EXPO!

*Mark your calendars for the 2025 Kora Outdoor Expo, happening April 11-13 at the Kora Shrine Center in Lewiston!*

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever, with something for every outdoor enthusiast. Whether you're into hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, or exploring the natural beauty of Maine, the Kora Outdoor Expo is your one-stop destination for adventure, education, and fun.

We're kicking off the weekend on Friday, April 11, with an unforgettable evening of entertainment featuring R-rated Comic Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr. Prepare to laugh the night away as audience members become the stars of this hilarious and interactive show.

**5th Annual KORA SHRINERS**

**OUTDOOR EXPO**

**BRINGING THE OUTDOORS INSIDE**

**April 11th, 12th and 13th, 2025**

**FRIDAY, April 11th, 8pm**

**SATURDAY, April 12th, 7pm**

**FRANK SANTOS JR.**  
R-RATED HYPNOTIST

**JUSTON MCKINNEY**  
COMEDIAN

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!** Scan the QR Code for more info!

**Kora Shrine Center, 11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, ME**

On Saturday, April 12, we're thrilled to welcome comedian Juston McKinney, known for his sharp wit and hilarious storytelling. His family-friendly comedy show is the perfect way to spend an evening with friends and fellow outdoor enthusiasts.

Saturday also features a special presentation by Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, a live, interactive show that's fun for kids and adults alike. Come meet exotic creatures and learn about the wonders of wildlife in a way that's both educational and entertaining.

Sunday, April 13, will host a Youth Hunter Safety Course, offering a valuable opportunity for young outdoor enthusiasts to gain essential knowledge and skills for safe and responsible hunting.

Throughout the weekend, enjoy a variety of seminars and workshops from experienced professionals covering topics such as fishing, kayaking, hiking, and more. Explore exhibitor booths showcasing outdoor gear, local vendors, and the latest in outdoor technology.

The Kora Outdoor Expo is your gateway to Maine's great outdoors. Visit our website at [www.korashriners.org/sports-expo](http://www.korashriners.org/sports-expo) for more information, schedules, and updates. Join us for a weekend of learning, laughter, and unforgettable experiences. Don't miss it!



## KORA SHRINE MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Greetings Nobles,

The Marketing & Communications Committee has been working diligently to improve how we communicate and promote all the wonderful things happening at Kora Shrine. Our goal is to make it easier for nobles to stay connected and to help promote all the amazing things happening within Kora. This update highlights some of the exciting changes and opportunities available to all Kora nobles.

### Important Updates to Kora's Marketing Request Process

We are thrilled to introduce a streamlined method for submitting marketing requests through official Kora channels! Previously, members had to email multiple individuals for different platforms, which sometimes led to missed opportunities. To simplify the process, we've implemented a **new digital submission form**, available on the Kora website after logging in.

Through this form, you can select where you'd like your request to be promoted, including:

- Kora Konnections
- Kora Sands
- Kora's new digital billboard
- Kora Facebook page

Starting **March 1st**, this form will be the **only** accepted method for submissions. **Direct email submissions will no longer be processed.** If you have any questions, please contact me at [Webmaster@korashriners.com](mailto:Webmaster@korashriners.com).

### Free Graphic Design Services for Kora Units, Clubs, and Committees

Did you know that Kora provides **free graphic design services** to all Units, Clubs, and Committees? Our dedicated graphic designer has been assisting various groups within Kora for years, creating high-quality materials such as:

- New logos
- Flyers for events
- Banners
- Sponsor guides
- And much more!

Requesting assistance is easier than ever! Simply visit the Kora website and fill out the **digital request form**, and you'll soon have professional, polished designs for your needs. Our goal is to ensure all Kora materials maintain a **uniform**

**and professional appearance**, reinforcing our brand and mission.

If you have any design needs, don't hesitate to ask—we think you'll be pleasantly surprised!

### Marketing & Communications Committee Meetings

Stay informed by keeping an eye on the **Kora online calendar** for upcoming **Marketing & Communications Committee meetings**.

All nobles are welcome to attend! These meetings provide a great opportunity to:

- Share details about your upcoming events and fundraisers
- Gain insights into how the committee can support your efforts
- Offer suggestions to improve Kora's outreach efforts

We encourage all members to participate and contribute to our collective success.

### We Want Your Feedback!

Over the past year, the Marketing & Communications Committee has implemented several changes aimed at enhancing communication and promoting the incredible work happening at Kora. However, we know there's always room for improvement.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on anything related to Kora's communication channels. Whether it's about the website, Kora Konnections, Kora Sands, our Facebook page, or any other marketing efforts, your feedback is valuable to us.

Please reach out to me personally at [Webmaster@korashriners.com](mailto:Webmaster@korashriners.com). Your input is invaluable in helping us serve you better.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to strengthen our communications and marketing efforts at Kora Shrine!

Fraternally yours,  
 Nathan Sessions  
[Webmaster@korashriners.org](mailto:Webmaster@korashriners.org)  
 Kora Shrine Webmaster & Chair of the Marketing/  
 Communications Committee



# KORA 2025 SUMMER CEREMONIAL

## SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE  
**13th, 14th  
AND 15th**

Farmington  
Fairgrounds,  
Farmington,  
Maine \*

Camping will be available on-site.

Pricing, menu and hotel information  
will be provided in the April edition of  
Kora Sands.

## Mark your CALENDAR!



## 2025 SUMMER CEREMONIAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

### Kora Shriners 2025 Summer Ceremonial June 12th – June 15th

We have a block of rooms for Thursday 6/12 - Saturday 6/14 nights at the

**Comfort Inn & Suites - 1026 US 2 East – Wilton, ME**

Our Room Rate is \$110 per night + tax, including Breakfast

Please call the Hotel directly at 207-645-5155 or 207-645-5166-Mention-Kora Shriners

**DO NOT DELAY – ROOM BLOCK CLOSES MAY 1ST, 2025**

**\*\* HOTEL IS 4.2 Miles from the Fairgrounds \*\***

**\*\*Any questions – please contact Housing Chair Tim Luttrell – tluttrell54@gmail.com \*\***



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[membership@korashriners.org](mailto:membership@korashriners.org)  
WEBSITE: [www.korashriners.org](http://www.korashriners.org)

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HOLDEN, MAINE 04429

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WEBSITE: [www.mainemason.org](http://www.mainemason.org)



## JANUARY 2025

### FEZTIVAL OF TREES

It is a very cold weekend just after Christmas. It gives us time to reflect on this year's FOT. The best way to describe the Feztival this year, I think, is to use the words "Another Record Year!" We significantly exceeded our fund-raising efforts with your continued support and commitment. At this point, we do not have the final numbers, however we are looking very good! Coming in every 15-minute time slots continue to make the experience of the FOT so much more of an enjoyable experience. We were sold out most of Wednesday afternoon and both Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. That is over 300 paid admissions per hour of those over 12.

We made some minor adjustment to the Feztival this year as we always do.

- We were able to continue with a corporate sponsor for the Lottery Tree. That donation for sponsorship from MS Ambrogio allowed us to purchase \$500 in lottery tickets and we were able to raise over \$16,000 dollars with that tree.
- We added some members to be new Santa's and their ladies to be Mrs. Claus, all of whom reported having a wonderful time.
- Our photo area set a record for photos taken with Santa, Mrs. Claus and The Grinch.
- We should also give a shout out to the first year of having the Grinch at Kora. What can we say about the Grinch that has not been said on Facebook. We bought a new suit for the Grinch, and he has been a huge hit online and in person. In video's online he has had over 50,000 views of some his videos. People loved seeing him and the antics that he did to keep people laughing both online and in person.
- Thanks to our new coordinators Noble Bo and Elizabeth Clark, the Fishpond area we went through 3000 bags of prizes. Moving it to the back of the hall, appears to have been a help in reducing the congestion around the stage/photo pickup area.
- We recognize Mr. Gagnon with the Fairview School Chorus. He had been a fixture at this event for many years, we thanked him for his support. Noble Jarod White was able to get to other schools from Auburn, Park Avenue and East Auburn Elementary Schools provided entertainment on Monday afternoon. With all reviews and discussion with the teacher they will be returning next year. He made some minor changes to the schedule which added to having new performers. He also would like to add some additional performers if you know of someone please reach out to any member of the committee and share the information.
- Noble Dan Morin is the Facility Manager for the Feztival of Trees. The setup and tear down went as well as ever. I would say that it was another record this year based on our observations. We also want to thank the Units that helped with the set up and tear down this year.
- Director of Personnel, Noble Randy William, had a new way of signing up volunteers last year. This year we continued the program and saw growth in areas of Clubs and Units. New this year, were members of AROK Temple and members of the Widows Sons. If your Unit or Club did not participate, please consider joining the fun next year.
- Noble Tom Campbell, who worked on sponsorships, had several new companies step forward and join our other sponsors. We had over \$11,500 in cash sponsorships.
- The Kora Legion of Honor continued working as hard as possible to raise money with the 50/50. It was another record-setting year for that group who work so hard every day to support this event.
- Noble Dan Guilmette, Noble Cal Yeaton and Lady Danielle Williams work on all the online and Sun Journal materials did pay off. At one point during the Feztival of Trees we reached over 850,000 views on our Facebook page.
- A shout out to the Kitchen Club who worked countless hours to prepare and cook unbelievably delicious items daily. A few examples of items used; 200lbs of popcorn, 560 lbs. of chicken, 50lbs. of onions (someone did a lot crying) and over 1000lbs. of french fries. Excellent job Kitchen Crew!



- We had some exciting news when it comes to spreading the information about Kora's FOT. We want to recognize WMTW for their continued support of this event with a 4-hour live broadcast live to kick the event off. The Sun Journal for their continued support of this event and OCSC FOT with a five-page insert. We explored a new focus on the Mid Coast area with the Sun Journal. That advertising online resulted in 100,000 clicks to our Facebook page to see what the FOT is all about. We know that we saw a large van with members of the Portland Recreation Department in the lot on Senior Day. New this year, WGME spent Wednesday morning with us doing a 5-hour live broadcast. Spectrum News also came by and gathered information about this year's event.
- We had people from all over the New England area. We even spoke with a couple who were visiting the area here from Isarel stopped by.
- The work of our Tree Coordinators Noble Dan Labrie and Noble Randy Murray. Dan and Randy coordinate the Trees sponsors and have for many years. This work does not start and end in November, it is a year-round responsibility. They answer questions, coordinate setup, the tree raffle, and the pickup of all the trees and it starts all over again.
- Every year we try to add something new to the event. For several years, we have had a group of children who have autism, come to the FOT with their families when it is closed to the public. This year, we added another group of children who receive services from Andwell Children services. These children have needs for in-home health services. We are pleased to work with Andwell and provide this opportunity for the children and their families at a time when we are not open to the public and the crowd is much smaller.

We had a visit from Shriners and their ladies from New York during the Feztival. They were here to check out how we do it at Kora. Guides have been sent to a couple of Shrines throughout the country. We have connected with some that have been here got our advice and have returned to their communities to follow the plan. It is always fun to see the number of FOT which are sponsored by Shriners. We continue to be in contact with Shrine Feztival organizers in Nebraska and Houston, Texas.

We would be remiss if we did not give a shout out to the outstanding job of our Decorating Committee who make the Feztival the True Premiere Holiday Event in Maine! What some say when they reach the top of the stairs (WOW). It makes the climb up the stairs worthwhile. Once again GREAT JOB DECORATING COMMITTEE! This event would not be possible if we did not have the 30 plus members of this Committee, and without their support all year long, this event would not achieve the success we have been able to achieve year after year. Lastly, the Nobles and Ladies and family members of Kora Shrine who spend countless hours working to make this event a success.

We are also hoping that the OCSC FOT will have another momentous year, and we are pleased to support their efforts.

In 2025 Kora will Celebrate 20 years of having a Feztival of Trees. It all started with committee members being excited that people came up the stairs. We have come along ways in the past 19 years!

On behalf of the 2024 FOT Committee Thank You for YOUR SUPPORT!

Sincerely,  
Feztival of Tree Committee 2024

## 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.



## 2025

- May 30-June 1 Annual Camping Weekend at Bayley's

### Annual Weekend

Join the Caravan for a fun weekend! Our annual meeting and camping weekend will be held **May 30 - June 1, 2025**, at Bayley's Camping Resort in **Scarborough**, Maine. The weekend is expected to include campfires, a pot-luck breakfast and dinner, Chinese auction and time to explore the area.

The NorthEast Camel Caravan promotes fellowship among members of the Shrine who enjoy camping. Membership is open to any Noble, and his family, in good standing in a recognized Shrine Center. We currently have members from Aleppo, Anah, Bektash and Kora and would love to welcome new members.

Anyone wishing to join us for the weekend should make reservations for a campsite or cabin directly with the campground:



**Bayley's Camping Resort**  
275 Pine Point Road  
Scarborough, Maine 04074  
207-883-6043



The camping cost is expected to be \$45.00-\$50.00 (30A-50A) per night plus tax for site with full hookups. You can't beat that price! (Not sure about cabin pricing. Camper rentals also available).

**Be sure to mention you are with the Shriner's Camel Caravan and try to reserve Row C (cabins are close, rental trailers closer).**

Join us for good fellowship, good food and good times around the campfire. Come early or stay later, as you wish. We'll be there from Thursday through Monday!

For more information, please **email** Noble Tom Lowe at [necamelcaravan@gmail.com](mailto:necamelcaravan@gmail.com).



## WHO ARE THE WIDOWS SONS?

What is the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association? First and foremost, Master Masons in good standing! Beyond that, a group of good men looking to do good within their communities with the help of their families and friends, most often from the seat of a motorcycle.



Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association, Inc. (WSMRA, Inc.) is the copyright holder of our logo, but is not a governing body. Each state is autonomous, as are the numerous countries around the world that host chapters. The first chapter formed in Illinois on February 18, 1998 and has since grown to include chapters in every corner of the world.

The Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association of Maine – Maine Grand Chapter is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit charitable organization. We support widows and orphans of Masons in Maine, as well as many other local charities. The Maine Grand Chapter is the founding chapter in the State of Maine and was founded in 2009 in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. The organization has since grown to include 13 affiliate chapters within the Grand Lodge of Maine jurisdiction. Although we have not formally sought recognition as an appendant body, we pledge to follow all rules, laws, and edicts of the Grand Lodge of Maine. As we are comprised of Master Masons, we insist that each member show tolerance, respect, and kindness in our action towards others, practice charity and care for the community as a whole, strive to improve ourselves daily as men and achieve high moral standards in our personal lives. Our constitution and by-laws require our members to be active in their lodges. Many are current lodge officers, past masters, past DDGM's, current and past Grand Lodge officers, and many are also Shriners!



Widows Sons of Maine raised over \$154,000.00 last year for local charities within Maine. Including the annual fundraising ride for the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation-Black Hat Fund, affectionately dubbed the "Grand Master's Ride". Other rides and events include leading the KORA Kares for Kids Annual Ride-In motorcycle ride, along with too many other individual chapter charity rides to list each one here.

If you have a motorcycle of 500cc or better, love to ride and have time to get involved with a great group of Masons, reach out to the Maine Grand Chapter at [maine.wsgc@gmail.com](mailto:maine.wsgc@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THESE DATES! NORTHEAST SHRINE ASSOCIATION FALL FIELD DAYS

Hosted by Philae Shriners  
in Beautiful Summerside,  
Prince Edward Island Canada

September 25th to 28th

Housing and Transportation information in Mid-April

*This is going to be a fantastic time!*





Mar 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24				1	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

AR School

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OG Booty

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AR School

Cumberland

S.C. Meeting 6pm

AR School

Oxford S.C.

Oxford S.C.

Kora Outdoor

Expo Meeting

6pm - Divan

Status meeting

Kora Kcampers

Mid-Winter

Meeting

Membership

Basket Bingo



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Lobster Bowl T.M.	Recorders Seminar	Cumberland S.C.M.	Membership /	Kora Outdoor Expo	Kora Outdoor Expo	
	Recorder Seminar	Recorder Seminar	Membership /	Membership /	Membership /	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Kora Outdoor Expo	Kora Outdoor Expo	Oxford S.C. Meeting		Noble Wedding	Noble Wedding	
		Meeting				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	A.S.C. Meeting	Shrine Directors	Shrine Directors	Melha Visitation	Buffalo Degree	
		Springfield Mass	Springfield Mass	Shrine Directors	Melha Visitation	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		6pm - Divan			Kentucky Derby	



May 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Mellha Visitation	28 6pm - Divan	29 6pm - Divan	30 6pm - Divan	1 Kentucky Derby	2 Elvis Impersonator	3
4 Meeting	5 Meeting	6 Meeting	7 Membership	8	9	10
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18 Debbie Redman	19 A.S.C. Meeting	20 Cruise	21 Kora Outrider Expo	22 Cruise	23 Cruise	24 Grand Assembly
25 Pleimatis Cruise	26 6pm - Divan meeting	27 6pm - Divan meeting	28 Sated Meeting	29	30	31



## SHRINERS AND MASON'S HELPING IN NORTH CAROLINA

In mid-November I received a call from Noble Allen Hardy from Oasis Shriners in Charlotte, NC, asking if we had any members connected with L.L. Bean in Freeport – they are coordinating relief efforts to the Western mountains in North Carolina that were devastated by the floods and winds in the early November storms. I was able to connect with someone at Beans, through a mutual friend, and was informed that they had ALREADY sent shipments of clothes to that area – to the tune of over \$50,000. She thanked me and Kora and the Masons of Maine for making the contact, and to please pass along the thoughts of all of Maine to those in North Carolina. Below is a note back from Noble Hardy with a couple pictures.

Illustrious Sir John, we are continuing to move forward. Shipments are on the way from Texas, Oregon, and Washington State. When they arrive, we have to break the trailer loads and load small 30 foot enclosed trailers and pickup trucks to get the supplies into the mountains. Debris, one lane dirt roads, and low power lines prevent large trucks getting into these areas. Supplies are being distributed from our drop sites. People who can drive in, go to these sites. Those who are stranded on the mountain sides and hollows are being serviced by men on side by side, atv, and backpack. Private Contractors and Construction companies are clearing the roads and making routes through these areas. The donation of Star link units by Elon Musk has greatly assisted communication. Country music stars Luke Combs and Eric Church have pledged to rebuild homes in the area. The Pennsylvania Amish are sending in crews to build temporary housing. This will be greatly appreciated because winter will soon be in the area.

Thank you so muchm the Masons and Shriners from Maine are a blessing to us.

Yarrab Temple in Atlanta is still sending in needed supplies. Mount Sinai Shriners and Vermont Masons are greatly appreciated for their efforts.

This situation demonstrates what can be done when the Masonic Family pulls together.

### Update:

We have received and sorted the shipment from Mt. Sinai and Vermont Masons. We are receiving additional toys shipments that will have to be sorted plus at least 40 bikes that have to be assembled. We have crews that will sort the additional toys and an assembly team to put the bikes together.

On Friday December 20th between 9am and 1pm we will load out the trailers (smaller 30 foot) that will arrive Saturday December 21st.

North Carolina sites arrive 9am

Bakersville NC, Burnsville NC, Swannaoa NC, Mars Hill NC, Del Rio, TN

None of the sites have received the large amounts of supplies that areas like Asheville have received. These sites listed above are the hardest hit by the storm. Oasis has delivered over 30 tons of supplies to these areas and other surrounding communities.

We have arranged for a Santa to be at each location and the families can shop for toys for Christmas.

Feel free to share this information.

Allen Hardy, OASIS Shriners



Just a small sample of the TONS of donations collected by OASIS Shriners and Masons of North Carolina.

**Below is an article written by the KCBS representatives who attended our event this year. The article appeared in their December Newsletter sent to all KCBS members around the world.**



This is not an article about the specifics of a contest that was held in Hiram, Maine on August 16-18, 2024. It is not about who won, who lost, or even who earned perfect scores. It is about kids. To be a little more specific, it is about Shriner kids.

Earlier this year Randy and I were asked to go to Hiram, Maine to teach a class and rep a contest. After talking to Kathy Trainor, the contest organizer, we decided we would make the trip. We have never seen that part of the country, so we decided to make a mini vacation out of the assignment. We are so glad we did.

All of our conversations with Kathy had an unusual amount of concern about the Kids Q event. We knew it was an integral part of the contest, but never in our wildest imaginations did we expect what was to come.

**"It is not about who won, who lost, or even who earned perfect scores. It is about kids. To be a little more specific, it is about Shriner kids."**

To put into perspective how this all played out, here is the timeline for the contest. Friday there was a Certified Barbecue Judging class along with a Certified Table Captain class.

## Kora Kares For Kids BBQ Contest

Randy and Carol Bigler

Friday evening was a cooks' meeting, followed by teams receiving 4 racks of ribs to be used at an auction on Saturday evening. Randy and I were still not sure what this auction was all about, but we knew it was to raise money for the Kora Shriners organization.

After the meeting, teams that signed up to mentor a child were given their name and told to meet them early Saturday morning. We had twenty children sign up so that meant twenty of the thirty-five teams mentored a child. Saturday, we had a One Meat Rib contest and the Kids' Q followed. The children submitted entries that had to contain red hot dogs. The creativity of these children was off the charts. There were entries anywhere from hot dog sushi to a breakfast casserole. Sunday was the Masters contest. The best part was yet to come!





Saturday evening, we went to the awards ceremony not knowing what to expect. The Kids' Q awards were announced and each and every child was called to the stage for recognition and praise in front of a large audience.

Not only the cooks participating and parents of the children in attendance, but people from the town were also gathered to participate in the awards and auction to follow. After the Kids' Q awards were finished, it was time to announce the winners of the One Meat contest. This is where the biggest surprise came for the Biglers. There were thirty plus cooks and the announcer started to announce all thirty plus cooks as he put it "in no particular order". I can tell you now, he started at last place and worked up to first place.



When he announced the first cook, he came to the stage holding a full-size aluminum pan full of ribs. The cook then proceeded to tell the crowd why they should bid on his ribs and the bidding started!

All thirty plus teams were called and each

time they would excite the crowd with a story as to why they needed to purchase their ribs. Not one of the teams earned less than \$50 for their ribs, with most earning upwards of \$150-\$250 for their efforts. The cooks were more interested in how much their ribs were going for than what place they finished in the contest itself. The children clapped for all the cooks and their efforts, because they knew this meant that the more money they raised, the greater the chance that either they or a friend could receive a chair, or artificial limb, or medicine they needed.

All day Saturday, there was an air of happiness, hopefulness and just plain fun surrounding the contest. Nobody was complaining about not enough electric, water, bathrooms or anything else. Just a concern that these children were having fun and enjoying the day. I would be remiss if I did not mention that some of the teams there were going to the Jack Daniels Invitational.

**"...they knew this meant that the more money they raised, the greater the chance that either they or a friend could receive a chair, or artificial limb, or medicine they needed."**

They were not just local teams coming out to participate. I also need to tell you that 2 young girls participated in the One Meat Rib contest and came in 5th place. Their ribs won the highest bid of the evening, coming in at \$501 for their container of ribs! Sunday saw the contest happen, but the talk was still about Saturday and the kids. We want to thank everyone involved for inviting us to participate at Kora Kares for Kids contest. We met new people and made new friends. They have a saying in Hiram, Maine about this contest - *It's the most Magical Weekend in Barbecue.* I can tell you, for Randy and I it was.

## Shriners Children's

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

"Limits do not exist. I am working at the same time as I am going to university. I am four classes away from graduating. Burns do not prevent us from fulfilling our dreams."

In November 2002, Josue sustained burn injuries when his house in Honduras caught fire because of an electrical short circuit. "I was still sleeping. My mother was on the ground floor of the house. When she realized I was on fire, she ran to get me out, and a neighbor helped." Josue sustained third-degree burns over 75% of his body and lost his right hand. "I was in a coma for almost two weeks, and I remained in the hospital for six months following my initial injuries," he recalled. Josue's care was transferred to Shriners Children's Boston in 2010 when he was 13 years old. His family was assisted by the Ruth Paz Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Honduras devoted to connecting children with quality medical services.

Josue received a wide range of treatment while at Shriners Children's Boston, including laser surgery, physical therapy and tissue expansion. This process involves placing an implant, or expander, underneath the skin to help a patient's body "grow" extra skin by stretching it over time. A surgeon can then use the stretched skin to replace or repair areas that have been injured, burned or scarred. Josue recalled the care at Shriners Children's Boston with appreciation, saying, "My experience was the best. I always felt comfortable and received excellent treatment. Each person on my care team made me feel at home."

Josue, who is now 27, praised the staff's commitment to their patients. "I admire the dedication of my social workers and each of the doctors I met during my time at Shriners Children's Boston," he explained. Josue also spoke highly of the translation services made available to him. "The hospital interpreters are essential, and thanks to them, native Spanish speakers like me have a voice to say what we feel and can understand instructions."

Miriam Kearns has been working as a medical interpreter at Shriners Children's Boston for 18 years, and was an integral member of Josue's care team. "Since many of our patients need to return often for reconstructive surgeries, it is so special seeing them grow and getting to know them," Miriam said. She has fond memories of working with Josue during his time at Shriners Children's Boston. "Josue was a nice, respectful, kind young man, and was always helpful with orienting new patients," she remembered. "I used to tease him that his English was getting so good that soon he wouldn't be needing me!"

During Josue's time in Boston, he enjoyed many opportunities not available to him in his home country. One of his favorite memories was a cooking class with Team Brave, where he and other burn survivors learned how to make pasta. Team Brave is a partnership with the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation where patients, firefighters and hospital staff participate in activities such as bowling, painting and cooking. These special outings help build friendships, strength and self-confidence outside the walls of Shriners Children's Boston.

In 2018, Josue graduated from Shriners Children's Boston. He is reflective of his time at the hospital and those he interacted with along the way. "I met wonderful people, both hospital staff and patients. Living with many cultures, and learning a little about them, was great," said Josue.

Josue is a hard worker who is currently attending college while holding various jobs. "I work in agriculture. Producing food in the field is one of the things I enjoy the most," he explained. "I'm also working in construction while I finish my university degree. When I graduate, I will be an industrial engineer." When Josue is not working or attending classes, he likes to spend time with his family and is "very passionate about cars."

Josue also wants to leave families with a special message about the care their children are receiving at Shriners Children's Boston. "I want to tell patients and their family members they are getting medical treatment from the best hospital in the world. Everything will be fine, and they should always be positive."





## Shriners Children's

# Parents Encourage Caregivers to Rely on the Support System at Shriners Children's

Lisa and Doug learned of their son's cleft lip diagnosis at his 14-week ultrasound. At 18 weeks, they discovered Brody also had a cleft palate. In exploring care for Brody once he was born, his parents decided to get two opinions regarding surgery for their son. After meeting with clinicians from the Cleft and Craniofacial Center at Shriners Children's Boston, Lisa and Doug knew they had found the right place for Brody. The center is a collaborative program with MassGeneral Hospital for Children. "The coordination was seamless. Between conversations with the doctor and conversations with the care manager, we knew our little guy would be in the best hands at Shriners Children's Boston," explained Lisa. "We never ended up pursuing a visit with the other hospital."

The experience for Brody and his family at Shriners Children's Boston has always been exceptional, including for each of his four surgeries: two for his lip and two for his palate. "Every time we step through the doors, everyone is so friendly and welcoming," Doug shared. "From pre-op to recovery to inpatient, the nurses are attentive, accommodating and provide exceptional care."

Lisa and Doug are both impressed with the Shriners Children's Boston team and the care plan for their son. "They have done an incredible job tailoring care specifically for Brody," Doug said. "Before, it was getting through each surgery, now the focus is on speech and nutrition as he learns to use his new mouth."

While Brody focuses on his new goals since his lip and palate repairs, he attends the cleft clinic at Shriners Children's Boston, where patients receive a comprehensive care plan to meet their clinical and developmental needs. Children can meet with speech pathologists, orthodontists, dietitians and plastic surgeons in a single visit. "We were blown away by how much time speech, nutrition, occupational therapy and Sandy spent with us," said Lisa.

Doug and Lisa have made connections with other craniofacial families at Shriners Children's Boston, like Sarah and Gill, whose son, Beau, was treated for a cleft lip and palate. Brody is Doug and Lisa's first child and it was a frightening time for the new parents. "We didn't know anyone with a child born with a cleft when we received the diagnosis; it was very lonely and scary until we met Beau's parents," Lisa explained. "From our first meeting, they've been a wealth of information and such great advocates. It helped us feel better-equipped to support Brody through each surgery."

Both Lisa and Doug recommend finding connections with families who have been through similar situations, which they found helpful. "After a cleft diagnosis, the cleft seems all-consuming, but keep in mind life won't always be about the cleft," Lisa explained. "You will be so proud of your strong little warrior."

Doug and Lisa are also reminding caregivers to take a moment to pause and breathe. "Know everything will be okay," said Doug. "Once your child is here, embrace the fact that things are going to be a bit different but the more you embrace it, do what needs to be done, and advocate for your child, the quicker you'll navigate the storm."

When Brody was born, Lisa and Doug texted a photo of their son to Sarah and Gill. The couple replied quickly, sending over a video of Beau. "Beau responded with so much excitement and pride, 'He has my boo boo! It was just what we needed.'

Brody is a typical active toddler, whose parents would often run out of ideas to keep him busy while at Shriners Children's Boston. "When his nurse came in with a playmat and a wagon full of toys, it was so much fun for Brody and so helpful to us exhausted parents," said Lisa. In addition to playing with bubbles and balls, Brody loves being silly and making people laugh, reading books, and listening and dancing to music.

Lisa and Doug said they will always cherish Brody's first smile after his cleft repairs, which was made possible by Brody's doctor, William G. Austen, M.D., a plastic surgeon at Shriners Children's Boston. "We can't thank Dr. Austen enough for being as good as he is at cleft repairs," Doug said. "Sandy Barrett has been so helpful and such a comfort for us as well as all the nurses, doctors, OR staff; really everyone there is such a gem, and we are so grateful for them." Both parents recognize they still have a long road ahead but feel it's "less intimidating knowing Shriners Children's Boston will be caring for Brody along the way."





what we do.

The Greeters holiday gathering was also a great success. It included close to forty attendees with ladies and family. Brad Johnson did a great job in finding a restaurant that gave us a special events room where we could mingle and spend time with each other. The staff at Gipper's was attentive and the food was delicious. I always enjoy the spacious accommodation that this event offers. Thank you, Brad, for doing such a GREAT job in setting this up!

Earlier in the season, at the Election of Officers, Greeters Tom Boyer and Tom Ray were recognized as being fifty-year members of Kora Shrine. They are also charter members of the Greeters Unit which was founded in 1983. Thank you for your fifty years of support to Kora Shrine. Not many of us are granted this great privilege. Our lifespan gets in the way. Great job to both of you!!! When I first became a Greeter in 2014, Tom Boyer and his late wife Allie were always so gracious to Pam and myself. They would search for us at various events and entertain us with stories from their youth. Although I know Allie is no longer with us, I want to thank both of you for making Pam and I feel so welcomed. And Tom Ray did his part in making people feel welcomed also. I can remember a Masonic cruise to Cabbage Island where Tom Ray greeted each attendee coming aboard. He knew where they were from and which Lodge they were associated with. What a wealth of Masonic and Kora knowledge these two fine men have. It is an honor being associated with both of you. I will end on this high note, because if you happen to know Tom Boyer or Tom Ray, they are a joy to be around.

## GREETERS UNIT

*By Marc Gilbert, Scribe*

As I write this, the winter has been devoid of major snowstorms. The temperature is currently very cold, but when I checked Lake Auburn yesterday, there was still open water. The cold weather makes us want to gather with friends and acquaintances in warm places. Places that warm your heart as well as your body. That is where Kora comes in.

The Greeters Unit recently helped at the Feztival of Trees and gathered for our annual holiday get together at Gipper's Sports Grill. The Feztival of Trees was a huge success, and I want to give special thanks to Marc, Bernie and all the other Kora Shrine members that made this event such a success for the community. More than one attendee mentioned how beautiful and joyous the Feztival was. Many attendees explained to me how the Feztival has become a family tradition and how the new online ticketing format has made the event much more enjoyable. What a great event the Greeters can help with. We check-in attendees and explain the layout of the event. We are Greeters, that is

## LOG ROLLERS

*by Ron Guptill, Scribe*

As you read this, Illustrious Potentate Paul and Lady Michelle will have turned things over to the new Illustrious Potentate Mike and Lady Sue. 2024 was a great year for Kora and we are sure that 2025 will be another great year.

We want to say a big Thank You to York County Shrine Club for the money to buy a golf cart for the Log Rollers. A big Thank you to Gordon and Marilene Wentworth for going with us to find the right one.

Thank You Dick and Jill Norcross for the last five years. Great job.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Before you know it it will be time to get the trucks and get them ready for the parade season.

Our unit is always looking for new members to come and join us. If you would like to join our unit or have any questions please give Ron Guptill a call. 207 787 1844.





## 2ND SECTION

By James Hennemann

Hope everyone had a great Holiday season as we go crashing into 2025. Here we are half way through the month of January already and still waiting on snow. I bet it gets here before this issue of the Sands hits your doorstep.

We are excited to see what the year brings for Kora and our little unit. We know the Potentate has a full agenda and we look forward to helping him achieve it. In fact, we are looking for members in the 2nd Section if you are looking for a place to get involved. For those of you out there that are not familiar with us, we are the guys in the green shirts at the Summer Ceremonial who get to spend time with the newest members during the initiation. We are also in charge of the Potentates dessert wishes for the day. We do not parade, but we do a lot of other things around Kora. We are here to assist the Potentate with projects and set ups, and we usually meet once a month in our room in the basement of Kora. We are a pretty tight unit, and we take pride in our work either assisting new candidates navigate the hot sands of the desert or setting up 400 chairs and tables for the Election of Officers. We usually meet on Thursday evenings. If anybody is interested in learning more please reach out Jimhenn104@gmail.com.

This is a great place to be for somebody who can't commit to a unit that parades on the weekends but wants to be involved. If this sounds familiar, we may have a home for you.

I look forward to the new year, and I hope it is a great one for everybody reading this.

Please remember why we joined this fraternity. It is to have fun and raise money for the kids in a Masonic fashion. Nothing more, nothing less. I hope to see you on those hot sands this year, I will meet you at the Oasis for some camel's milk.



## MOTOR CORPS

By Kevin T. Cole, Scribe

Does the Jeep shown above qualify its owner for membership in the Motor Corps?

Well, let's see. It isn't yet an antique. It isn't what one might generally call a specialty vehicle. It looks like a hard-top utility vehicle. Hmm—Maybe we have special rules for native Americans...

If you said that the Jeep doesn't qualify, you'd be in error. The hard top comes off, as do the doors. This beautiful Jeep Wrangler then becomes an awesome convertible with a lineage dating more or less back to the Willys MB 1/4 Jeep prevalent in our military during World War II. See the photo to the right.

In 2002, Noble Paul Boudreau decided he wanted to buy a Jeep, so he went to a dealer. When he found one he liked, he offered to buy it, but asked the dealer to round down the price to the nearest thousand; the dealer refused. No deal! Paul gave him a day to think it over, then continued his search, finding this beauty at an even lower price than he had offered. When the first dealer called Paul back a few days later to say that he had just the Jeep for him at the offered price, Paul's answer was that he was just too late. Oh, well.

In 2024, Noble Paul requested affiliation with the Motor Corps, which welcomed him as an affiliate member without reservation. We look forward to seeing his Jeep with Motor Corps placards in future parades. Not only is it a convertible, but it will be an antique in another two years!

Fellow nobles, Spring is just around the corner. Please remember to provide copies of your current driver's license and also the vehicle registration and insurance card for each vehicle you plan to operate in any parade this year to Secretary Russ Farwell before the start the Memorial Day parade in Old Orchard Beach. And if you see Noble Paul and Lady Liette cruising in their Jeep, don't forget to wave.

See you on the highway!





## KORA RENEGADES

by Rich Otten, Scribe

Happy New Year to all the Kora Nobles and their families from The Renegades unit!

We have had a fun winter season between volunteering at the Festival of Trees, Kora's Election and Christmas Party, and our annual Renegades Christmas party. The members who attended the Festival enjoyed working the concessions and selling raffle tickets. The Temple put on a fantastic event, and we were proud to be a part of it. It was so much fun watching the kids as they checked out the trees, visited Santa and interacted with the Grinch.

We had an amazing Renegades Christmas Party at the home of Noble Jason and Beth Jordan. There were 32 Nobles and ladies in attendance, including some new members and ladies to our family. Some amazing food, beverages, tons of laughs, and a fun gift swap rounded out the evening.

We are looking forward to the 2025 parade season and all the events going on with the Kora family! Congratulations to Mike and Lady Sue, as well as the rest of the officers leading us through the year. We look forward to working with you for the good of the kids!



## KORA FACTS & FIGURES

by Lenny Perkins, Scribe

Greetings to all in Kora-land. While still an active member of the Kora Cycle Corps, I have agreed to step in as Director for Facts & Figures for this year. The goal is to re-build the unit so that we can proudly show off what Shrine is all about, including the fine work done at our Shriner hospitals and clinics. That being said, I will be looking to all the Nobility for volunteers to drive the Facts & Figures carts during the summer season at various parades and ceremonials.

I am hoping to follow the parade schedule that the Cycle Corps has lined up, beginning with our annual participation in the Old Orchard Beach Memorial Day parade. Over the next several months, there will be some work days/evenings scheduled to give the carts some needed maintenance and sprucing up. I would welcome anyone who has the ability, time and desire to assist during these work sessions.

I will be working on confirming a schedule for work and parades over the next month, and would love to have anyone interested in assisting or driving a cart to reach out to me via call or text (212-3638) or by email at ledepe76@gmail.com

## KORA BUCCANEERS

by Gene Tanguay, Director

Another year is in the books and what a year it was. Thanks to the Leadership of Ill. Paul Gardner and Lady Michelle we had a wonderful year. Ill. Paul and Lady Michelle, thank you so much for everything that you did to make the year so great!

Congratulations to Ill. Mike Zubiate and Lady Sue. We are looking forward to supporting you and all of the events you have planned for Kora Shrine in 2025.

Also, congratulations to the rest of the elected and appointed Divan, especially to the Outer Guard Bo Clark and his Lady Elizabeth.

As for the Buccaneers, this is our down time so there is not much going on. We are starting to plan our summer parade schedule and making upgrades and repairs to our costumes. We want to make sure we put our best foot forward as we represent Kora Shrine this summer.

We hope everyone is staying warm and safe during this winter season and look forward to seeing everyone at the various Kora Shrine events.



## CYCLE CORPS

by Bob Levesque, Scribe

So, I am back in the saddle as they say, I have become the scribe for the Cycle Corps Unit again. I am glad to be back sharing what's up with the KCC.

The Cycle Corps has had a great few years. It's always nice when all the boys (and wives) play nice together. The unit has become a thriving entity again, like days of old. The group communicates well and does lots of outside the Temple activities together, which just makes our bond stronger.

The unit has gone through a few growing pains, with some longtime members stepping back and some really great guys, jumping on the KCC band wagon. We still have our fleet of 1972 Rupp Roadsters, and they are in need of constant care and attention. We are lucky to have some of the members that excel at the mechanical work that needs to be done to keep these relics running, and they are in the process of teaching the rest of us how to wield a wrench properly...bless their hearts for their patience

The entire Cycle Corps family would like to congratulate Illustrious Mike Zubiate on being voted in as Potentate. We know it will be a great year with him at the helm and his band of merry men (Divan) behind him, especially our very own Frank Parker Welch Jr.

We finished up the parade season with very few injuries to our guys as well as the bikes. We had our annual Christmas Party at the Levesque's house in Turner in January, it was well attended and everyone had a blast. We are looking forward to a new year and hitting our challenges head on... figuratively not literally.

We are having a change in leadership this year, which we are all excited about.

Lenny Perkins has been our Director for the past 5 years and has done a wonderful job bringing our unit closer and working as one big team. Lenny Perkins is a 34 year member of the unit, and he has had 100% support from the members. We wish him the best with his new Shrine adventure.

His second in command these last 5 years has been Marc Deblois, Marc has been the assistant director and a great support system for Lenny and the entire Cycle Corps. We are happy to announce that he will be taking the Directorship this year. We are all sure he will continue to lead the unit toward success.

The Cycle Corps has jumped in to keep the Facts and Figures Unit afloat, and we will tell you more about that in the next issue. What we can say is it will be tied closely to the KCC and we will try to build it up to be a thriving, informative and important unit again.

Well, that's enough for now. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the winter and is hoping for an early spring, like we are. As always, the Cycle Corps is always looking for more fun loving guys to join the team. We only take applications from people who don't take themselves too seriously, enjoy raising money for kids hospitals and having fun, that's what we are all about.

Also, a special thanks goes out to all the wives, girlfriends, families and friends that support our crazy somewhat dysfunctional unit, we wouldn't be half as successful (or have as much fun) without your help, we may not say it enough, but believe me, we all think it every day. THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!

Until next time, live like a mason and be proud of all the good work we do...

Thanks Mr Scribe





## PROVOST

by Dan Toto, Scribe

And just like that.... another year in the can. Happy New Year nobles of Kora Shrine Temple.

In October, Kora held a joint Scottish Rite/cold sands event. It was a busy but fruitful day. I think the 22nd degree, Prince of Ibanus, was the highlight of the day. It was very well performed and presented by the singing brethren of the Massachusetts Consistory, Valley of Boston. Congratulations to the new members of the Scottish Rite and Shriners from Kora and Anah Temples.

We were present at the one Lewiston Commemorative event, a quiet evening, though quite eventful. DeMolay took over the Oasis with a Haunted House event just before Halloween. Fortunately, the spirits and spooks moved out when the event was over.

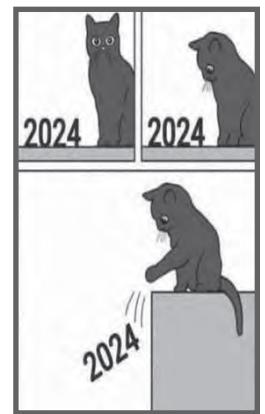
The ACSC Turkey Smoker was a big hit again this year! The public had nothing but praise for the Shrine and the event committee. (We may need more birds next year).

And along came the Feztival of Trees, eight crazy days of Christmas and good will. We had a good time watching the doors and meeting the revelers and they came and went. We were able to educate the public on the role of Masons and Shriners and what we stand for and what we do. We were often thanked for what we do. I still maintain the kids have the most fun.

The Christmas Party was very well attended, it was nice to see the Nobles and their Ladies who don't get out often; it was a great time to reacquaint. It was also a time to thank Ill. Paul and Lady Michelle for all they had done for the shrine as they had moved through Divan over the years.

The Provost Unit wishes Potentate Mike Zubiate and Lady Sue a prosperous and productive 2025 while driving the camel that will lead these Sons of the Desert. May their dunes be firm, their tent warm and tight, the moon always bright and the wind be at their backs. May their Oasis always refresh.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. – Gandhi



## FUNSTERS

by Adam Tanguay

Well, we start another year and we have to thank Illustrious Paul Gardner and his Lady Michelle for a great year in 2024. We had a lot of great events last year from the movie nights to Motor Booty, from Margaritaville themed summer ceremonial to the costume party at ABK visitation, and travelling to Imperial in Reno to the Northeast field days in Kingston Ontario. The year was filled with lots of good memories and good times.

But now it is the time to look forward to all that is planned throughout this year. First and foremost is to welcome the 2025 Potentate Mike Zubiate and his Lady Sue. They have many fun and memorable events planned. Like the return of Motor Booty and a 1920s theme Casino night. Summer Ceremonial is going to be returning to the Farmington Fair grounds. So, make sure you get out and attend all the fun events that will be happening this year.

As for the Funsters, we are starting to line things up for our busy parade session. This year I would like to honor one of our original Funsters who passed away at the end of 2024. Robert Coolidge passed away at the age of 87, after a long, hard-fought battle with lung and heart disease. He was a member of Bethel Lodge and was "Pluto" in the Funsters.



OOOH, PLUTO — These little folk only come to the knees of the big Pluto parading during Mollyockett day at Bethel. Merton Brown photo

*Mollyockett Day 7/21/84*



## KORA DRIFTERS

By Dan Guilmette, Scribe

While we enjoy this little break between parade seasons, it does give our members a brief respite from weekends full of parades, practices and maintenance meetings, it also gives us a chance to focus on other parts of our Masonic and Shriner journeys. Most of our members hold officer roles, are members of the Scottish and York Right, Demolay, and at least 5 of our members will be sitting in the East in our respective lodges this year. And we have a District Ritual Instructor, District Deputy, a Grand Steward, and a Grand Pursuivant too!

On December 17 a member of our unit, Worshipful Master Scott Christianson, had a unique opportunity to raise 2 fine young gentleman, as master of Messalonskee Lodge in Oakland. I should mention that these 2 young men are his sons! Nickolas and Timothy have now joined their brother, Scott Jr., and father as master masons. The degree went off without a hitch and was really impressive to watch and participate in. We sometimes get jokes about our green dress ties, but these really are a badge of honor, and seeing so many Drifters involved in this degree was truly outstanding. I believe the support and presence here solidifies how much of a drifter family we are.

Soon enough we will be prepping and wrenching on Trikes, scheduling parades, and practicing our maneuvers. As we all know it takes a lot of dedication and hard work to keep these units rolling. For the upcoming year we have a few changes to our group, and we would like to thank a few nobles for their hard work and dedication.

Noble Scott Christiansen for being our secretary for the last few years and especially Noble Jaison Hall for leading us as our Unit Director. Thank you both for your energy and dedication, it does not go unnoticed. Taking over this year will be Noble Dave Bucknam as Unit Director, Noble Scott Christiansen as Assistant Director, Noble Ted Luebert as Secretary and Noble Mike Brailey as Treasurer. I would be remiss if I also didn't thank Noble Frank Welch for his dedication as our Liaison and for beating Mike Robitaille 😊 on the number of our events he attended, he earned that green tie for sure!

The Drifters also want to congratulate Illustrious Sir Mike Zubiate on his installation and wish him and all the rest of the Kora Divan a fun and successful year.



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## KORA KAMPERS

by Alan Collins, Secretary

The Kora Kampers would like to congratulate the outgoing Potentate and welcome the new Potentate and offer our support when needed. As an association we love to support the Kora Shriners and its Potentate.

*Cheers to 2025!* We hope all are happy and Healthy.

We will be having a Mid-Winter Meeting on March 23, 2025, 12:00 pm -4:00 pm at the Kora Temple. Everyone welcome!

We would like a headcount of whom will be coming and dinner choice of steak or chicken. Please contact either Ralph or Dan with your headcount and choice by March 16, 2025.

### Wagon Master

Dan Beardsley  
207-542-7925  
dbeard2015@roadrunner.com

### Secretary

Ralph Webster  
207-933-2688  
tealstrip@hotmail.com

Our Spring meeting will be at Bayley's Camping Resort. The dates are 5/16 – 5/18/2025. We are looking forward to a good group and new members are welcome to join us. As always, great food and fellowship! Our group is always looking for new adventures to take and new members to create memories with! We welcome anyone to like and follow our FB page where we post events and meetings. [www.facebook.com/korakampers](http://www.facebook.com/korakampers)

If you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out at [korakampers@gmail.com](mailto:korakampers@gmail.com).

Until next time, stay safe, stay healthy!

This association is voluntary, family oriented, unincorporated association formed for social purposes and the promotion of good fellowship among the members of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, their wives and families. This association shall profess an allegiance to the Kora Shriners and its Potentate. New members always welcome!

WAGON MASTER  
DAN BEARDSLEY  
207.542.7925  
[dbeard2015@roadrunner.com](mailto:dbeard2015@roadrunner.com)

## Kora Kampers Association Application Form

**Noble:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Noble's Lady:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type/Size of Camper:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Application Fee: \$5.00  
must be included with application.  
Annual Dues: \$10.00 for individual  
or \$15.00 for couple.  
Lifetime Membership Fee: \$150.00



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Return Payment to:

Noble Alan Collins, Kora Kampers Secretary  
27 Katie Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04240-2540  
[korakampers@gmail.com](mailto:korakampers@gmail.com)

207.240.6534



## CRAZY COPS

by William Brochu, Scribe

2025 is off and running and with that said, it is going to be a good year to be a Crazy Cop. The unit elected several new members to serve as officers, all with unique responsibilities. Our drive stays the same, to parade and raise money for very special causes.

During the Installation, the financial reports from the many projects and fund raisers were revealed. New records were set in just about all areas. Big events like the Lobster Bowl, Kora Ride-In, and Feztival of Trees accomplished amazing numbers. It took more than a few people or even Kora, it took the community and beyond. The Lobster Bowl played in Lewiston, Maine continues to get national attention, WOW, couldn't be prouder.

So, what does 2025 have in store? I wish I had a crystal ball or Farmer's Almanac at least. Hopefully better weather than 2024. We are going to want to be outdoors as much as possible and not be stuck inside watching TV. Anyone wanting good news, just follow us on Facebook (plug, hahaha).

Let's close this article with a shout out for membership. Crazy Cops are a big unit, but not big enough. New or old active members keep us going. Parade season seems like a ways off, but it really isn't. We will commit to as many as 20 parades this year. We have plenty of carts and the big rig available. This year we will introduce BILL the golf cart. Ok, Bill is not its' name, but I tried. Also, we are building a mobile jail cell for the parades. Why you ask? Because crazy is in our veins. We welcome all nobles to join. It is great time parading and seeing the crowd smile and cheer us on.

Illustrious Sir, how about this slogan "Let's drive in '25?" Stay safe our friends and keep connected to upcoming events at Kora. Best regards, Bill 'the golf cart'



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## KORA HIGHLANDERS

by Chet Matthews, Chief Highlander

La' Math (good day) Noble Lads & Lassies

We first offer a well done to now Past Potentate Paul Gardiner and his team and our congratulations to Illustrious Mike Zubiate and the 2025 Divan.

As in past, the Highlander year has begun with our participation in the annual Necrology Ceremony held on January 11th at the Annual meeting and installation of officers paying tribute to those Nobles who passed away in 2024.

And now we move on in preparation for the upcoming event season which for us begins with several St. Patrick's Day performances which are being planned for the Westbrook Eagles Club and Gritty McDuffs at both Portland and Auburn locations. As the time grows near watch Kora Konnection for more info and plan to come join in the fun.

For the first time in our history the Highlanders will be changing our weekly practice sessions. Going forward we will be gathering at the temple on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM.

We are actively recruiting new members and you just might be a potential Highlander. No musical background. No problem. We offer lessons on the Great Highland Bagpipe, Snare Tenor, or Bass drum. So if you'd like to learn something new while helping to support the Shrine and our Hospitals and have a hell of a good time doing it stop in and see us most any Sunday evening to share a wee dram and learn more about us or contact Chief Highlander Chet Matthews at (207) 0841-2474, or any Highlander.

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



*The Highlanders play a final tribute to those Nobles who passed away in 2024 at the Necrology Ceremony on Jan 11th.*

## KORA KLOWNS

by Rick "Divot" Green, Scribe

The KORA KLOWN unit has wrapped up another successful year. Although the parade season has been over for several months, one of the KORA KLOWN units most anticipated and celebrated events is the Kora Feztival of Trees. Planning for the event requires a significant amount of time and dedication and we want to thank the Kora Shrine Feztival of Trees Committee for another amazing event. As you can see from the picture, we have a couple of "ringers" growing out their blue/white beards in an effort to represent the KORA KLOWN unit on the main stage next year! You can also see how much some of our members like to eat cookies as it was either a bad camera angle or Santa needs to step up his game.

Unlike our New Year's Resolutions, we will actually fulfill our commitment to attend a number of events/parades for next year. On behalf of the KORA KLOWNS we hope everyone had a safe and memorable holiday season and we look forward to making people smile in 2025.

As always, if you are interested in being part of the "healthiest" unit at the temple, please feel free to speak to any one of our KLOWN members or email Ryan "Checka" Robitaille, at [Lisbon52@gmail.com](mailto:Lisbon52@gmail.com).





# The Black Camel

## 2024

WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF NOBLES PASSING AFTER THEY HAVE PASSED –  
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Noble Name .....	Date of Passing
Carl H. Adams .....	3/22/2024
Clifford M. Akers .....	7/17/2024
William G. Allen .....	1/2/2024
Gareth S. Anderson .....	2/8/2024
Clayton E. Andrews, Jr. ....	11/19/2023
David L. Angell .....	7/21/2021
James E. Annis .....	7/15/2024
William H. Annis .....	12/3/2024
Clyde C. Barker .....	9/4/2022
Willard T. Boothby .....	1/12/2024
Douglas F. Bowie .....	6/11/2024
Wallace E. Bragdon, Jr. ....	1/27/2024
Leland R. Brown .....	6/25/2024
Kenneth C. Carlin .....	11/6/2023
Cecil M. Clark .....	1/16/2023
Carlton V. Clark .....	8/21/2024
Charles R. Clarrage .....	6/14/2024
Richard K. Combs .....	10/12/2024
Robert M. Cone .....	3/14/2024
Jack E. Conner, II .....	1/28/2024
William Coulthard, III .....	4/3/2024
William H. Cummings, Jr. ....	2/18/2020
Edward L. Davis .....	6/28/2024
Philip G. Dearborn .....	9/3/2024
Norman C. Dickey .....	7/11/2024
Donald F. Doyle .....	1/9/2024
Robert M. Eaton .....	7/16/2024
Maurice A. Erickson, Jr. ....	5/25/2024
Stanley H. Fairservice, Jr. ....	7/7/2024
Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, Jr. ....	8/16/2023
Stephen A. Foshay .....	6/23/2023
Glenn A. Foster .....	10/18/2024
Joseph R. Gallant .....	6/17/2023
Robert C. Gill .....	3/27/2021
Richard L. Gilman .....	5/25/2024
Raymond R. Guay .....	2/3/2024
Leslie A. Hall .....	10/19/2023
David E. Hartford .....	1/7/2023
Alan E. Hubley .....	5/3/2024
Robert C. Huntington, Sr. ....	12/28/2024
James E. Johnson .....	4/2/2022

Noble Name .....	Date of Passing
Alan C. Joy .....	3/3/2024
Charles C. Kent, Jr. ....	7/13/2021
Leslie B. Knapp .....	3/20/2024
Henry A. Kontio .....	11/15/2022
Emery A. Langille .....	1/3/2020
Harold R. Leighton .....	10/22/2024
Stanley W. Lewis .....	9/16/2024
William G. Lindquist .....	7/11/2024
Gilbert C. Marriner .....	11/2/2021
Alvin O. McDonald .....	8/29/2024
Carroll E. McDonald .....	11/20/2024
O'Neil Morin, PP – 2004 .....	9/19/2024
Marcel J. Morin .....	12/28/2024
Charles G. Parlin .....	6/29/2024
Harry L. Pinkham .....	2/8/2024
Robert F. Preti .....	3/1/2024
Austin L. Quirion .....	8/2/2023
Albert F. Reid .....	10/17/2024
Lee W. Reilly .....	10/30/2023
Verne H. Ricker .....	7/21/2024
Horace E. Robinson .....	11/25/2023
Dwight L. Sanborn .....	9/10/2022
James R. Saunders .....	2/6/2024
William H. Sawyer .....	12/24/2023
George R. Seward .....	3/9/2024
John A. Smith .....	3/14/2023
Harold M. Snow .....	4/25/2024
John W. Snowe .....	2/29/2024
John H. Steeves .....	7/29/2022
Edward N. Stowell .....	8/7/2023
Ronald J. Stuart .....	11/25/2024
Marsh J. Tellan .....	9/24/2024
Gregory L. Theriault .....	5/8/2024
Robert W. Underwood .....	12/8/2024
William V. Valentine, Jr. ....	2/2/2024
Harlan L. Wallace, Jr. ....	5/16/2024
James V. Weast .....	2/22/2024
James H. Whiting .....	5/2/2024
Harold M. Whittier .....	8/9/2022

"DEATH IS A BLACK CAMEL THAT KNEELS UNBIDDEN AT EVERY GATE"



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\_\_\_\_\_.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your temple.

If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever a DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was the Chapter name and location? \_\_\_\_\_

Profession or occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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If so, what temple? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

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Noble \_\_\_\_\_

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## KORA SHRINE BOOSTERS

### A

Agathos, Elizabeth 4/25  
 Agathos, Richard 4/25  
 Allen, Lonnie & Beverly 12/25  
 In Memory of Laurence S. Allen, Sr.  
 Anonymous 11/30  
 Anonymous 5/35

### B

Badger, Ash & Marie 3/26  
 Barden, Thomas & Christine 12/25  
 In Memory of "Pop" Gilbert  
 Bonney, Charles & Sharon 8/26

### C

Cote, David & Donna 5/26  
 Crane, Bob & Diane 10/25  
 In Memory of Bill & Ruth Crane  
 Cullen, Kevin D. 01/29

### D

Desgrosseilliers, Edward H. 11/24  
 In Memory of Sheila Desgrosseilliers /  
 George F Herrick Sr.  
 Dionne, Philip A. 06/26  
 Drouin, Claude R. 08/25  
 Durgin, David & Lisa 04/26

### F

Fales, Eileen M 12/25  
 Fales, Thomas H 12/25  
 Feyler, Jay 6/26

### G

Gardner, Paul & Michelle 04/27  
 Gellatly, Joan 01/26  
 In Memory of Oriel F. "Bud" Gellatly  
 Grafton, George & Ruth 05/25

### H

Hall, Bunky & Marion 12/25  
 Hanslip, Joseph 08/25  
 Head, David A. 11/25  
 In Memory of Rep. Frances M. Head  
 Herrick Jr, Terri & George 12/25

### I

Irish, Barry & Debbie 5/26  
 Irish, Claire 5/28  
 In Memory of Richard "Dick" Irish

### J

Jordan, Bob & Harlean 8/26

### K

Kearley, Roland 12/24  
 In Memory of Janice Kearley  
 Kinnear, Claudia 12/25  
 Kora Buccaneers 2/29

### L

Lewis, Richard & Diana 5/26  
 Lord, John & Barbara 11/26  
 Lovett, Walter 2/25  
 In Memory of Honorable Glenys Lovett

### M

Macomber, Bruce 2/25  
 In Memory of Viola Macomber  
 In Memory of Alden Macomber  
 In Honor of Peg Macomber  
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### S

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