

# Kora Sands

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**June 7 - 9**

**Fryeburg Fairgrounds**

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July 15th, 2024 ~ to cover September, October, November

October 15th, 2024 ~ to cover December, January, February

January 15th, 2025 ~ to cover March, April, May

April 15th, 2025 ~ to cover June, July, August

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE POTENTATE

by Illustrious Potentate Paul Gardner

As I am writing this, Mother Nature is letting us know who's really in charge. Most of us are dealing with lots of snow, and wondering how long we will be without power. Fear not! By the time you are reading this, spring will be here! While winter is a busy time for Kora, things really get moving once the warmer weather arrives.

Since the last issue, the lights have rarely been off in the Temple. We welcomed Motor Booty Affair again to a sold-out show. A great time was had by all, and your Potentate might have been sporting a mullet. Kora was well represented at Aleppo's Potentate Reception. The Highlander's St. Patrick's Day events, and Basket Bingo were also very well attended and successful. We were pleased to join the athletes, coaches, and families for the 34th annual Lobster Bowl team meeting. Kora's 4th annual Sportsmen Expo was very well attended, and promises to keep getting better each year. Many thanks to the committee who put it together and the volunteers who helped out over the weekend.

The Spring Ceremonial committee worked very hard to put together a great event, but, alas, Mother Nature had other ideas. While that event didn't go off as planned, Kora was able to overcome. Thanks to the generosity of the Androscoggin County Shrine Club, we were able to initiate ten new nobles at their April meeting. Around a hundred Nobles and Ladies were in attendance. Thank you all for coming out to support us. These new Nobles will be joining us in June to enjoy the full First and Second Section rituals.

Summer Ceremonial this year will be June 7-9. Join us in Margaritaville (also known as the Fryeburg Fairgrounds) where we promise there will be cheeseburgers, margaritas, and maybe a shark or two. Preparations are well underway, and further information can be found later in this issue. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Later on this summer, don't forget about the Lobster Bowl football game on July 20th, and the Kora Kares Ride-in and Barbecue Competition the weekend of August 16-18. These are our Hospital fundraisers, so please come and support them. This is why we Nobles do what we do. It would be great if ALL units and clubs could support these events, either by volunteering to help out, or simply showing up wearing your Fez.

Fundraising is now in full swing for our 2024 Potentate's project. We hope to be able to order the new electronic sign shortly, but still need your help to bring the project to completion. If you haven't gotten your 2024 challenge coin, there are still plenty of them available. Profits from this limited edition masterpiece go toward the sign project. Don't miss out! Lady Michelle will be holding a gently-used formal wear sale, again with the profits going to the project. When completed, the new sign will allow us to "Spread the Word" to the community.

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.

## "SPREAD THE WORD!"



**Potentate Paul Gardner**

### KORA Stated Meeting

**Wednesday, May 22, 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 Summer Ceremonial**



## 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  
Summer Ceremonial of Kora Temple,  
Ancient Arabic Order  
Of the Nobles of  
The Mystic Shrine,  
Be held at Fryeburg Maine on  
Saturday, June 8th  
In the year of our Lord 2024*

*Doors Open at 1:00 p.m.*

*Business meeting followed by  
Ceremonial First and Second Sections*

*Aleikum Es Selam  
Ill. Paul Gardner  
Illustrious Potentate*

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

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

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

### History Revealed.....

Greetings Nobles:



KORA Temple, the building, and Kora Shriners, our fraternity, have a long and rich history in Lewiston, Maine. As I was doing some research in the “archives” with Second Ceremonial Master Ben Weisner, we came across a yellowed newspaper article from April 1957 which appeared in the Lewiston Journal Magazine Section on the occasion of the Installation of Officers and John T. Skolfield of Gardiner as Potentate. The article references much of the historical significance of the building, and especially the murals painted by Harry Cochrane in the early 1920’s.

Many members of Kora had long believed the chandelier in the ceremonial hall was a gift of Aleppo Temple, and was made by Tiffany of New York. The article revealed that the chandelier was indeed designed by Tiffany, but was a gift to Kora by Illustrous George W. Lane, Jr. in 1948. Noble Lane was the Treasurer of Bates College for many years, and was a prominent banker in Auburn. Bates College also recently donated a portrait of Noble Lane which they had found in their archives – and at the time did not know who it was – other than the fact he had a Kora Fez on. He had donated a sizable sum to Bates, and Lane Hall is named for him.

We will be working on finding a suitable, prominent location for his portrait, and a summary of the article. Be sure to “hold onto the memories” and make the recorder aware of any historical artifacts you may come across.

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



Could this be our own Recorder Knox and Treasurer Gates enjoying the Eclipse?



## NEW NOBLES WELCOMED IN APRIL

The Maine weather in March and early April had devastating effects on many communities and many of our own members, with power outages, washed out roads and fallen trees, but as Kora Shriners, we persevered and conducted a “Cold Sands Initiation” in conjunction with the Androscoggin Shrine Club meeting on April 15.

A great crown of Nobles were on hand to witness the short form initiation, and Nobles and Ladies enjoyed great hospitality and a meal to help welcome our new Nobles.

New members included:

Ryan Aubin, Malcolm Burrill, Stephen ‘David’ Crowell, Christopher Finley, Troy Hall, Daniel Horowitz, Edward ‘Tony’ Luebbert, Nicholas Simmons, Rodney Withey and Robert ‘Scott’ Young. Also present for his ‘official fezzing’ was Phillip Boothby from the Class of 2023.

Pictured below are the Nobles receiving their Fez from their first line signers or their ladies (if present) and a group photo of the new Nobles.

A reminder to the several other “candidates” who were not able to attend this session, your big chance at becoming a Kora Shriner is at the Summer Ceremonial at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds, June 7 and 8. Look for more details in this copy of the SANDS.



## REFER A GOOD MAN

Are you currently a Shriner? Our JustOne Referral program is designed for active Shriners to refer men of great character who are interested in learning more about becoming a Shriner Mason.

Simply gather the Shriner prospect's contact information and submit it directly to your Shrine Center via email or WebFez. They will take care of the rest.

Please remember that the best way to introduce potential new members to Shriners' fun, fellowship and philanthropy, is to invite them to hospital/facility tours, fundraisers and other special chapter events.

Help others expand the quality of their life and their masonic mission with a JustOne referral.



# Kora Shriners' SUMMER CEREMONIAL

June 7-9th - Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Fryeburg Maine

## FRIDAY

11 AM to 5 PM:

- Moat Mountain Brewery
- Cathedral Ledge Distillery
- \$10 per person (optional)
- Cigar bar stop
- Hiking North Conway

5 PM: Dinner and Music

- Cheeseburgers, Margaritas and more!
- \$15 per person

• Camping is \$35.00 per night  
and includes water and electricity

## HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE

## SATURDAY

10 AM:

- Parade Step off

• Lunch: Box Lunch for Nobles

• Ladies Lunch catered by Fandangles  
\$15 per person

2PM: Ceremonial

5PM: Dinner

- Barbecue catered by Burnt Ends
- \$25 per person

7 to 10PM: Music by  
Kids at Play - Jimmy Buffett Hits

JOIN US!  
JOIN US!  
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More info at [KoraShriners.org](http://KoraShriners.org)



# Kora Shriners SUMMER CEREMONIAL

June 7-9th - Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Fryeburg Maine

## Friday, June 7th

### 10 am to 5 pm: Registration

Moat Mountain Brewery

Cathedral Ledge Distillery: \$10 per person (optional)

Cigar Bar stop

Hiking North Conway with the Under 45 Club

### 4pm to 5pm: Social

### 5pm: Dinner (Cheeseburgers, Margaritas and music) 🎵

\$15 per person

## Saturday, June 8th

### 7am to 9am: Registration

9:15am: Staging

10am: Parade step off

12am to 1pm: Lunch

1pm to 4pm: Kids entertainment

12am to 3pm: Ladies Luncheon: \$15 per person

2pm to 4pm: Ceremonial (Remember your dues cards)

4pm to 5pm: Social

5pm: Burnt ends BBQ: \$25 per person

7pm to 10pm: Music by Kids at Play (Jimmy Buffet Hits) 🎵

## Sunday, June 9th

See you next year!

Please use the form below if you are sending a check. If you want to use a credit card, please go to [korashriners.org](http://korashriners.org), or call Kate at the Kora Office at 782-6831. We need a head count by June 1st.

## 2024 SUMMER CEREMONIAL MEAL SIGN-UP

Noble's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend: Cathedral Ledge Distillery Tour: number in your party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday Night Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camping: \$35 each night per person x \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thursday and Friday  Friday and Saturday

### Saturday

Ladies Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Burnt Ends BBQ: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Meal: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**August 16-18  
Ossipee Valley  
Fairgrounds  
Hiram, Maine**

**Kora Kare for Kids  
Ride-In and BBQ Competition**

**Save the Date!!  
Open to the Public**

- Camping & Live Music
- Motorcycle Ride / ATV Ride
- KCBS Rib Competition & Auction
- Kid's Q Competition
- Hot Wing Eating Competition
- Kids Zone with The Mad Scientist
- People's Choice & Chili Competition
- KCBS (4 meat category BBQ contest)



Online Registration



# Kora Shriners BBQ Competition

## Blackstone Griddle Raffle



### Package includes:

Blackstone 36" Culinary Pro Cabinet Griddle  
Includes full cover, tank and accessories

**1 ticket \$10 or 3 for \$20**

Purchase tickets from any Ride-In Committee member, online or at the event.

*Drawing date August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @5pm  
At the Kora Kare for Kids Ride-In and BBQ Competition*

Net proceeds benefit Shriners Children's **Help us Kare for Kids**



Judging  
Class

Presented by  
Kora Kares for Kids

KANSAS CITY  
BARBEQUE  
SOCIETY

*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](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.

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in philanthropy.



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Becoming a Shriner is easier than you may think. The rewards can be far more than you expect.

Visit our website.

**beashrinernow.com**



## 2024 SPORTSMEN EXPO

The 4th Annual Kora Shriners Sportsmen Expo was held April 12-14, including Comedian Juston McKinney, a youth hunter safety course and loads of raffle packages. A great time was had by all.

The committee would like to thank all of our volunteers, attendees, and vendors, especially Jen Grace Photography for these awesome photos.





## 2024 SPORTSMEN EXPO





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## 2024

- May 31-June 2 Annual Camping Weekend at Bayley's
- June 7-9 Kora Summer Ceremonial with Bektash at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds

### Annual Weekend

Join the Caravan for a fun weekend! Our annual meeting and camping weekend will be held **May 31 - June 2, 2024**, 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 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!

### Kora Summer Ceremonial

Plan to camp for the **Kora Summer Ceremonial with Bektash** on **June 7 - 8, 2024** at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds. **Watch for the event at Korashriners.org website.**

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

# Motor Booty Affair at Kora Temple





## MAINE SHRINE LOBSTER BOWL CLASSIC

*Joe Hersom, President*

Spring is here!! Which means it's time to get ready for the annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic! Recently, 140 nominated and selected participants from across the State of Maine, along with their families and coaches, gathered for the annual "Team Meeting" kick-off event at Kora Shrine Temple in preparation for the 34th Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic! The game will be held on Saturday, July 20th, 2024, once again at Don Roux Field at Lewiston High School in Lewiston, ME.

The team meeting is an opportunity not just for the participants to meet their "new" teammates and coaches, but more importantly to receive the message of the Shriners and the true meaning of our event. It was a first impression, as for most, it was their first time inside our glorious Temple. Participants were introduced to the MSLBC Board of Governors, Illustrious Sir(s) Paul Gardner (Kora Potentate) and Adam Beals (Anah Potentate), along with other Shrine dignitaries as well as Dr. Lael Luedtke, MD, from Shriners Childrens New England. Greater than that, they had the opportunity to meet and hear the heroic and emotional stories of four different Shrine patients and their family members describe the care received through Shriners Childrens, the positive it impacts from their journey on their lives today, and how each participant has the unique occasion to make the difference in the life of a child.

With 2023's record-setting performance, this year's athletes certainly have their work cut out for them and they've been challenged with the task of being greater. Please support these athletes on their mission to bring awareness to their communities, fundraise for the cause, and learn the lessons of civic service throughout their experience. To donate to your local athlete, please visit our website: <https://maineshrinelobsterbowl.com/donate/>

### 2024 MAINE SHRINE LOBSTER BOWL CLASSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

#### July 13th, 2024: 19th Annual MSLBC Golf Tournament

- The Meadows, 495 Huntington Hill Road, Litchfield, ME

#### July 19th, 2024: 2024 MSLBC Awards Banquet

- Anah Temple, 1404 Broadway, Bangor, ME

#### July 20th, 2024: 34th Annual MAINE SHRINE LOBSTER BOWL CLASSIC

- Don Roux Field, Lewiston High School, Lewiston, ME



Andrew Bennett leans into his mother, Carley, at the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic meeting. Andrew, who is a patient ambassador of the Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield Massachusetts, will be singing the National Anthem at the 2024 Lobster Bowl Classic. Andree Kehn/Sun Journal



Carter Clark looks up at the projection screen as his father, Bo Clark, thanks the participants at the team meeting for the 2024 Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic. Andree Kehn/Sun Journal

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**Lewiston High School, Lewiston, Maine**

**ALL SEATS - \$10.00**

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*"...Strong legs run so that Weak legs may walk..."*

## **19th ANNUAL LOBSTER BOWL GOLF CLASSIC**

**SATURDAY, JULY 13th, 2024**

**Registration @ 8:00am**

**Tee Time @ 9:00am**

**SCRAMBLE BEST BALL FORMAT**

The Meadows Golf Club: 495 Huntington Hill Rd, Litchfield, ME

**Please select from the following:**

I would like to register a 4-person team and a hole sponsorship

**\$600.00**



I would like to register a 4-person team only

**\$500.00**

I would like to register for a hole sponsorship only

**\$150.00**

**PLAYER:**

**NAME:**

Player #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Player #2

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Player #3

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\_\_\_\_\_

Player #4

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Team Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please send and make checks payable to: Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic*

**11 Sabattus St., Lewiston, ME 04240**

For more information or questions, please contact:

**Joe Herson (207)735-7723 [lobsterbowl@korashriners.org](mailto:lobsterbowl@korashriners.org)**



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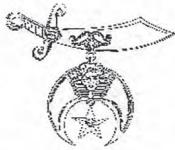
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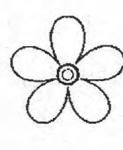
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**Questions? Please Email:** [info@korashriners.org](mailto:info@korashriners.org)



## Shriners Children's

# Shriners Children's Boston Helps Former Patient Realize Her Passion

Lauren, a former Shriners Children's Boston patient, realized her passion for the beauty industry after receiving care for scald injuries. Now she is helping others feel confident in their own skin.

Lauren sustained first-, second-, and third-degree burns on her chest at 22 months old when her parents were hosting an open house at their home. "It was December, and New England winters are pretty cold, so I was bundled up in a few layers for the event." As guests came and went, Lauren's parents offered hot chocolate and treats. "I saw a Santa mug on the table. I was able to grab it and pull the steaming hot chocolate down on myself," said Lauren. "The layers I was wearing trapped the heat, causing the different degrees of burns." Lauren arrived at Shriners Children's Boston a few months later, after a neighbor of her grandparents, a Shriner, recommended Shriners Children's for care.

Lauren's initial treatment was extensive. "I was going four times a year; two surgeries and two checkups a year," Lauren said. "I continued this throughout my adolescence."

Lauren had a positive experience at Shriners Children's Boston thanks to faculty and staff at the hospital, especially her surgeon, Daniel Driscoll, M.D. Dr. Driscoll is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in reconstruction for children with burn injuries and congenital differences. "The key is to find what is needed and make a surgical and reconstructive plan," said Dr. Driscoll. "We worked to rehabilitate Lauren's scars with laser therapy, steroids and even small surgery."

Lauren credits Dr. Driscoll for helping manage the appearance of her scars, and feels honored to have been his patient. "His work has changed my life. I never thought my scars would be as subtle as they are now," she said. "I can say at almost 23, looking at childhood photos to now is absolutely mind blowing. I feel so lucky to have been under his care."

Dr. Driscoll explained that the treatment at Shriners Children's Boston is a multidisciplinary approach, with treatment from various departments throughout the hospital. "This allows us to care for children and their families as they grow and address the issues that arise at different milestones in their lives."

Therapists work closely with patients on goals appropriate to their age, interests and participation in their community. Dr. Driscoll explained that for large scars, the child's growth is important. "They can become tighter and require tension-relieving surgical treatments such as plastic surgery and skin grafting. Sometimes it is just as simple as teaching makeup so they are less self-conscious wearing that favorite dress to the prom."

One of Lauren's fondest memories is of the makeup clinic. She attended cosmetology school after receiving her degree in business, and is now a full-time hairstylist. Shriners Children's Boston inspired her interest in the industry. "I remember I was entering middle school and had a dance coming up. I wanted makeup to cover my scars a little bit," Lauren explained. "I never felt ashamed of my scar, but I felt empowered learning how I could use cosmetics in the circumstances I wanted to."

Lori Turgeon, PT, D.P.T., helps lead the makeup clinic at Shriners Children's Boston. Cosmetics are one of the many tools the hospital uses to help patients reintegrate into the public after an injury. "Seeing themselves for the first time with the makeup in place, after having spent time with Robin our makeup artist, learning how to blend their skin tone and enhance their natural beauty, you just see a light emit from our patients that makes you smile," said Lori.

Makeup artist Robin Liebowitz got involved with the program at Shriners Children's Boston after learning about it through a friend. Robin loves being a part of the clinic because she sees the impact that makeup can have on patients. Robin hopes they can take away a sense of positivity from the skills that she offers. "Makeup is not to camouflage their features, but to make them feel more comfortable with themselves and going out into the world," Robin explained. "When we look good we feel good, and it's such a self-esteem boost!"

Lauren embraces that same outlook through her work in cosmetology. "I absolutely love my job and making people feel beautiful all day! It's all about embracing our differences and knowing that's what makes you, YOU!" When Lauren is not at work helping others feel confident in their skin, she loves spending time with her dogs and reading.

Following Lauren's experience at Shriners Children's Boston, she hopes families and children know that it does get better. "The beginning can be scary because you don't know what to expect, but I can assure you, Shriners Children's Boston is the best thing that could have happened to me. The community is so strong," said Lauren.





## Shriners Children's

# "Personalized and Empathetic" Craniofacial Care at Shriners Children's Boston

Miriam and Brett discovered that during a routine 20-week anatomy scan, their daughter, Amelia, would be born with a unilateral cleft lip and possibly a cleft palate.

To help ease the couple's concern, their obstetrician arranged for an introduction to the Shriners Children's Boston cleft and craniofacial team so they could learn more about the diagnosis and better understand what treating a cleft lip and/or cleft palate involves. The cleft and craniofacial center at Shriners Children's Boston is a collaborative program with Mass General Hospital for Children. In a single visit, patients have access to an interdisciplinary team of oral surgeons, orthodontists, speech therapists, dieticians and other clinical specialists. Depending on the scope of a child's diagnosis, they may need access to all of these specialists as they grow into adulthood.

"We decided to bring Amelia to Shriners Children's Boston for care because their staff came across as very knowledgeable about her diagnosis, and we knew that they would be the right fit for us," said Miriam. Amelia became a Shriners Children's Boston patient shortly after she was born. Kavitha L. Ranganathan, M.D., co-director of the cleft and craniofacial center, performed lip and nasal surgery on Amelia when she was just 3 months old.

Dr. Ranganathan will follow Amelia as she grows, adjusting her plan of care as needed. Amelia returns to Shriners Children's Boston regularly for evaluation by the interdisciplinary team. "Children receiving care for a craniofacial condition such as a cleft lip or palate often have specific needs at different phases of their development. They may benefit from seeing our staff nutritionist early on and an orthodontist once they are teens. A benefit of the care we provide at Shriners Children's Boston is that all of these specialists can be available as part of one appointment, which makes it easier for patients and families to access the services they need," said Dr. Ranganathan.

Brett noted that this approach is convenient for families. "It takes the burden from our family since there aren't multiple appointments with her various specialty departments. She receives personalized and empathetic care from each of her team members at one appointment."

Brett and Miriam appreciate the thoughtful support that Dr. Ranganathan consistently shows their family. Brett emphasized, "We met with her when my wife was pregnant with Amelia. She performed Amelia's cleft repair and continues to follow Amelia closely – even reaching out personally to check in on her well-being between appointments. She has a genuinely empathetic nature and put us at ease that Amelia was in the best possible hands."

The entire clinical team has supported their family. Miriam shared that right after Amelia's cleft lip and nasal revision surgery, when she was brought to the pediatric acute care unit, child life specialists stopped by her room with age-appropriate toys, a blanket and other comfort items. Miriam said, "These items were able to provide joy for Amelia in her postoperative period, which is arguably the hardest part of her cleft journey so far – we will always cherish them because of this."

Miriam also expressed gratitude for the Shriners Children's Boston nursing staff. "The nurses who cared for Amelia were incredibly supportive of us throughout her recovery. It must not be easy to work with sick and recovering children, but Amelia's nurses brought a calm and reassuring presence with them each time they entered her room. They took their time with her care and helped to ease our anxieties throughout her stay," said Miriam.

Miriam shared some wisdom for parents who are just learning about their child's cleft diagnosis. "The moment you learn about your child's cleft is hard, as you will likely experience a swarm of emotions and concerns for their well-being. After that initial moment, the diagnosis becomes less and less intimidating. Our cleft babies and children are some of the toughest out there, and with your love and support, they will be able to live a happy and healthy life, just like any other child. We consider ourselves lucky to have been able to love our daughter, Amelia, with two smiles," she said.





## FUNSTERS

by Adam Tanguay

Well the spring is upon us which means it is almost parade season. The Funsters are getting ready for another great season. Which means pulling out the costumes to see if there are any repairs/ cleaning that need be done and airing them out. We picked up a couple of new parades and there may be a new costume or two that will be making their debuts this year.

But before the parades begin we have to dig out our mini golf hole for the Kora Sportsmen Expo's Mini Golf Course. We made some minor improvements to the hole which we hope the players will enjoy as well as made it easier for us to move around. I would like to thank Dave Castonguay for his hard work to bringing the Funsters mini golf hole to life.

The Funsters' first parade of the year will be the Old Orchard Beach Memorial Day Parade. A group of us plan to hopefully enjoy the whole Memorial Weekend camping in OOB, weather permitting. Then it's off to Fryeburg a couple weeks later for the Summer Ceremonial, with any luck we might get some new Funsters, fingers crossed.

I would also like to welcome the new nobles and their ladies, who have just joined the greatest philanthropy organization. Remember you get out what you put in, so find a club, unit, and /or committee and have fun.



## KORA BREWERS — TAPROOM NO. 11

By Noble Steve Peterson

**The Kora Brewers — Taproom No. 11 has risen from the “ashes”.** We held an organizational meeting on April 9th. We elected the following officers to serve a three-month term while we reorganize: Mike Roy - Cellar Master (President), Steve Cappers - Brew Master (VP), Sam Michaud - Revenuer (Treasurer), Steve Peterson - Scribe (Sec'y), & Mike Klick - Bar Fly (Member at Large). Serving as our Sommelier (Honorary position) is Illustrious Sir Paul Gardner. We have a few “volunteer” positions available for any club member who interested, Open Seat, Toastmaster, & Zymurgist.

We are planning to raffle off a basket as a club fundraiser during the Summer Ceremonial so if you are interest in helping with this or have any items or beverages that you would like to donate please contact the scribe (see info below).

Blast from the past, below is a picture of our St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl from 2018. The Brewers chartered a bus and followed the Kora Highlanders for the day as they performed across Southern Maine. We started at 8 am at the House of Bacon for breakfast, then to the Tilted Kilt in South Portland, Westbrook Eagles Club, Pedros O'Hares in Lewiston, and finished at 7 pm at Gritty's in Auburn with a few other stops on the way.

The purpose of Kora Brewers is to support Kora Shriners and promote the good of Shrinedom and Brotherhood in general. Kora Brewers exists as a means for members to explore their hobby of home brewing. Our membership is made up of those who home brew and also those who just like to enjoy fine beverages, but more importantly we like to have fun and fellowship while supporting Kora and our Hospitals. Our Annual dues are only \$15 per year. We are looking for new members so if you would like to find out more information about the Kora Brewers or are interested in joining please contact Steve Peterson at 207-713-5318 or email at sales@down-east.com.





## KORA SHRINE BAND

By Noble Steve Peterson - Sec'y



Kora Band is getting ready for our 2024 parade season. We will be parading on our newly renovated band trailer this year. We are looking forward to participating in this

Summer Ceremonial and a few parades throughout the Summer. Our numbers are small but we are trying our best to help support Kora the best that we can.

We are excited to welcome new Nobles Dan Horowitz & Phil Boothby to the band. Noble Dan plays trombone & tuba and Noble Phil plays saxophone.

At the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in May, the Kora Band and guests played the Anthems for the opening of Grand Lodge session. We also provided beverages & snack 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!



## KORA HIGHLANDERS

by Chet Matthews, Chief Highlander

La' Math (good day) Noble Lads & Lassies

With our Saint Pats Day first public performances of 2024 behind us we look to preparing for whatever the upcoming year has to offer in opportunities to perform and help spread the word about the Shrines' good work while having a lot of fun. As in years past this will likely begin with the Memorial Day Parade in Old Orchard Beach and perhaps the tribute at the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough. Additional parade and event performances are being considered and will be decided on soon.

The Kora Highlanders Pipe and Drum Corps is a vibrant and colorful traditional military style unit comprised of a dedicated group of Nobles augmented by an equally dedicated group of guest musicians and steadfastly supported by our Highlander Ladies. We take great pride in supporting Kora and our Hospitals through our music we also take pride in doing it well and having fun doing it. We are actively looking to add to our ranks. No previous musical experience is necessary! We will provide lessons on the Great Highland Bagpipes or the Bass, Tenor, or Snare Drum.

So, if the truly unique sound of the Pipes and the thunder of the drums make you stand a little straighter or bring a smile to your face the Highlanders may be the place for you! Plan to 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) 841-2474, cwmatt@comcast.net or any Highlander.

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



Our Merry Group joined by Illustrious Paul Gardner at our St. Pats Performance at the Eagles Club of Westbrook.



## CRAZY COPS

by William Brochu, Scribe

The Crazy Cops had a great time building a golf hole to support the Sportsman Expo. We figured out a way to recognize Illustrious Sir Paul and Lady Michelle. Someone suggested turning one of the photos upside down. I turned down that suggestion because I get spoken to enough without help.

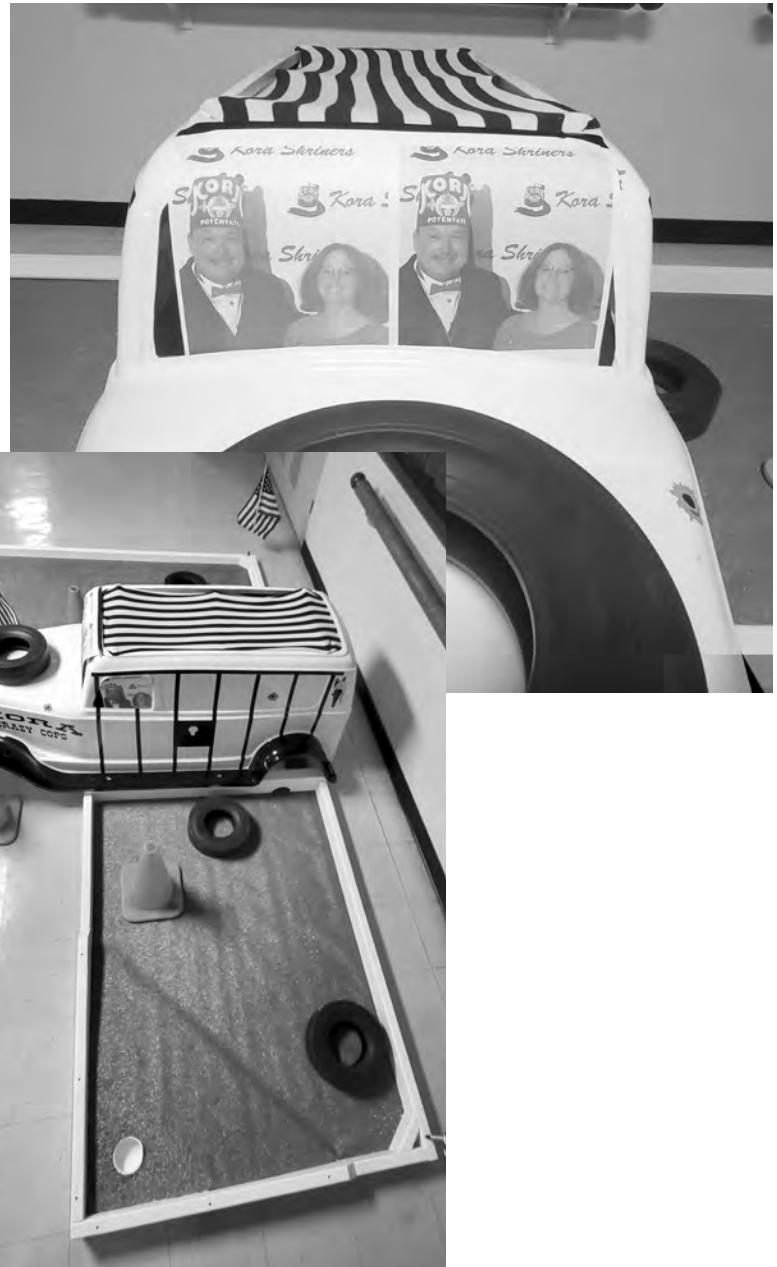
Our first parade of the season will be May 27th at the Old Orchard Beach parade. The unit is scheduled to participate in 15 parades with another 3 or 4 pending confirmation. Food, drink, and camaraderie assure good turnout of unit members, family, and friends to prep the carts for the busy season. I like to say that a nice running cart is good, but one that stops is even more important. Inspection stickers were applied giving us the green flag for the season. We will be working diligently to fill the carts and the Paddy wagon at each event. We invite Nobles to reach out to experience the view from inside the cop 'car' for a change.

Maine summers don't seem to last long enough. 2023 was a rainy one for sure. We hope for better weather in 2024. We hope our families and Kora families make the most of what we are offered. Camping, boating, biking, whatever is your passion, get out and enjoy what summer has to offer.

The Lobster Bowl Classic on July 20th is at the Lewiston High School and the field & facility are top notch.

Crazy Cops try to stay busy. Parades are one activity to bring us together. Social events and gatherings are important to keep everyone up to date on things going on. There are just some things you won't find on Facebook and require in-person interaction. So, let's get together to talk, laugh, cry, and gossip (This is true, I read it on FB).

Have a great summer! Have fun, stay safe, and don't be afraid to get a little 'CRAZY' with us.



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

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## MOTOR CORPS

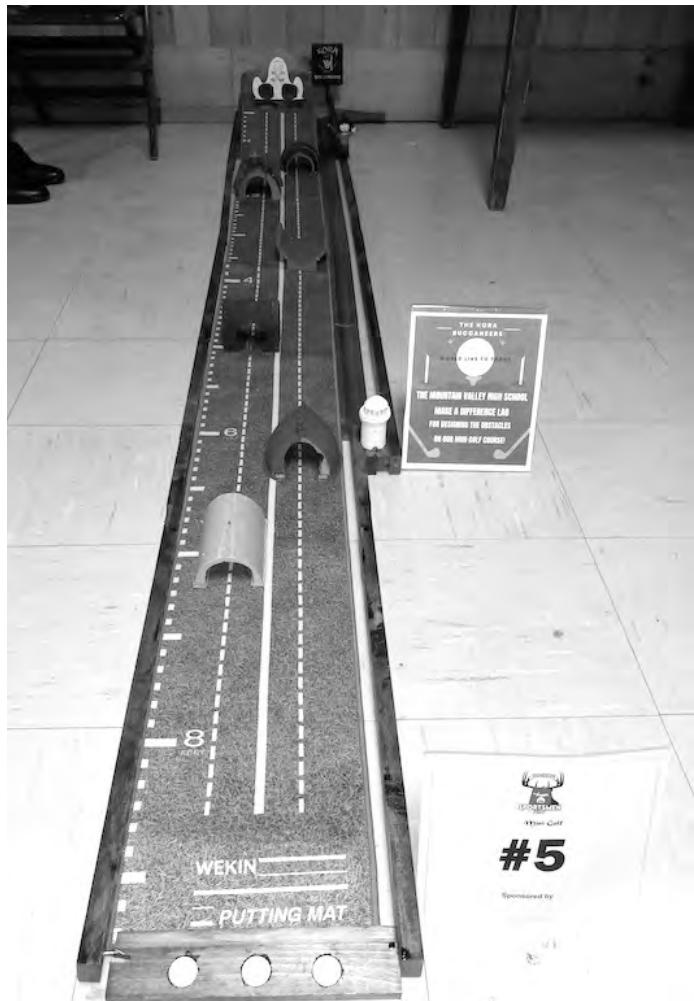
By Kevin T. Cole, Scribe

Greetings fellow nobles!

Happy spring! It's time once again for us to retrieve our chariots from storage and prepare them for the parade season. Parade Coordinator, Noble George Richardson, is working hard to round out this year's participation schedule. No worries — we're on for Memorial Day at Old Orchard Beach. By then, please be sure that you've provided your registrations, insurance cards and driver's licenses to Secretary Noble Russ Farwell. He'll need to forward the information to the temple for insurance purposes.

For those nobles wintering in "deep southern Maine," we wish you a safe trip back home. To those nobles with antique cars, convertibles or specialty vehicles looking for a unit, we'd like to suggest the Motor Corps. You won't get callouses on your feet from marching. You'll have fun with a great bunch of nobles and help to provide rides to those who could not otherwise participate. What could be better?

See you on the highway!



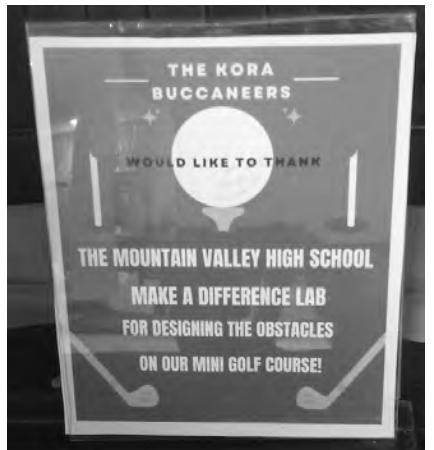
## KORA BUCCANEERS

by Gene Tanguay, Director

With winter finally leaving and summer on its way the Buccaneers are looking forward to another parade season. We accepted the challenge to support another temple fundraiser this winter, by building a mini golf course for the Kora Mini Golf, which was held during the Sportsmen Expo. A big thank you goes out to the Mountain Valley High School's MAD (Make a Difference) Lab Class lead by Jeff Bailey. The students asked 95 different questions and took those questions and presented us with 42 designs to pick from for our obstacles on our mini golf course. It turned out brilliantly! Watching the golfers conquer the challenges was fun.

The Buccaneers also were able to donate a 2024 pass to the Maine State Parks for the Sportsmen's Expo to enhance the hiking package.

Congratulations to the new nobles who went through the cold sands at the Androscoggin County Shrine Club Meeting. We hope you get involved in Kora Shrine activities, clubs and units so you can get the most out of your membership.





## PROVOST

*by Dan Toto, Scribe*

Welcome Spring! Mother nature, over the past few months, has proven she has a dark side.

Speaking of the dark side, I assume everyone survived the eclipse intact. "Mama always told me not to look into the eyes of the sun, but mama, that's where the fun is...."(Springsteen)

This flag is on our Safety Unit room wall because many of our unit members have a background listed on this flag.

The winter has been busy for the Provost Unit. We started out covering the Installation of Officers ceremony... a new divan, a new year.

We welcome Noble Ben Weisner as our divan liaison. Ben and Lady Cassidy attended the Medical and Provost CPR (adult, child, and infant) and AED recertification class led by Medical Director David Saphire. As the Weisner's are expecting their first child soon this was good information for them to have, and the medical unit was more than happy to assist. Medical will open the class to all nobles in the fall if there is interest.

We covered the AROK Daughters of the Nile Regional Ceremonial/Installation. It was a

great three-day event. The Daughters are great to work with and their benevolence is global. The Father/Daughter Valentine Dance was a happy event.

Motor Booty Affair roared into Kora; everyone had a great time, Shriners, and the public. When the Potentate took off his wig, most of the Shriners took theirs off as well. Some people had a "better" time than others but not a single complaint was muttered.

I heard songs from my college days that I had forgotten about, some intentionally, some due to the passage of time.

We covered the installation of Unit Directors; there were a large number of Nobles in attendance. Looks like we are stuck with JP for another year. David Saphire will continue to lead as the Director of the Medical Unit.

Saturday the 6th of April was the Androscoggin County Shrine Club Basket Bingo event. The dining hall was full of extremely enthusiastic people willing to sit and listen to letters and numbers being called out for 5 hours. There were

great prizes and a 50/50 winner of \$750+. The Kitchen Klub put on a great spread and as always, the popcorn was delicious. (thanks Frank).

The next quarter will see a slight slowdown, but we will still be busy. Ceremonials, weddings, and proms (oh my!) are on the event horizon. Don't forget, the summer ceremonial will be held at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds this year, and the Lobster Bowl will be in Lewiston.

We are still working on getting a couple of bikes to be used at outside events.

Don't forget, support your local Provost Unit, we know things!



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## LOG ROLLERS

*by Ron Guptill, Scribe*

Lets hope we have had our last winter/spring storm for this year. Some of us have been without power for three or more days.

Had our spring meeting and voted on Officers and Parades.

Our first parade is May 4th in Kennebunk and our last parade will be Fryeburg Fair in Oct. We will be having a busy summer.

**Director — Dick Norcross**

**1st LT — Morgan Gavett**

**2nd LT — John Richie**

**Sec. — John Mayo**

Tres. and Parade Coordinator — Ron Guptill

Looking forward to Summer Ceremonial in Fryeburg. Hope to see you all there.



## 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!

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## CYCLE CORPS

by Lenny Perkins, Director/Scribe

Well, another winter has come and gone, however it's hard to believe as it is snowing like crazy as I write this!! So far, here at home, we have avoided losing power, and have only had a large tree branch fall in the backyard, I think we are faring much better than many of our fellow nobles and their families based on what I am hearing in the news.

First off, I would like to offer a hearty congratulations to the 2024 Divan, led by Illustrious Paul Gardner and Lady Michelle. It sounds like he is anticipating a year filled with activity, and we are ready, willing and able to assist with anything he needs.

The Cycle Corps manages to stay busy through each season with a variety of things, spring is when we look forward to releasing our bikes from winter storage. We always are excited about the annual Memorial Day parade in Old Orchard Beach – it is our grand kick-off to what we hope will be a great season of fun and fellowship.

In closing, I would like to extend a very Happy Easter Birthday to the oldest and most beloved member of the Cycle Corps, the one and only Larry Burris!! Is there anyone who believes that this "young" fellow actually celebrated his 88th birthday?? We wish him MANY, MANY more!

See you all on the parade route...Peace and happiness...Lenny



*Do you or have you ever play an instrument?  
Do you miss "making sweet music"?*

If so, you are invited to come and "sit in" with the band at any of our rehearsals. There is no commitment to join the "Band Unit", so we welcome members from other units. So please feel free to stop by the Band room

(at the top of the stairs) and check us out.

For more information on our upcoming dates please contact Steve Peterson, (207)713-5318 or email at sales@down-east.com.



## GREETERS UNIT

*By Marc Gilbert, Scribe*

I'm writing this article as we come out of our second substantial power outage in less than three weeks. It makes me realize how dependent we are on each other. Yesterday, I passed Matt Walsh in the hallway on my way to a scheduled meeting and asked him a few questions. I asked him if he had power and how things were going? I wish I had spent more time speaking with Matt, but being a time conscious individual, I raced along to my scheduled meeting. The meeting was delayed and I realized at that moment that it is more important sometimes to seize the opportunities in front of us rather than dash to our next scheduled appointment. What I am saying is...all we have is the people that surround us. And, all we truly have to give is of our time. We can give this time to our occupation, our family, our friends, the Shrine or a neighbor; but all we truly have to give is of our time.

The members of the Greeters Unit took some of this time to celebrate each other's friendship in January at Gipper's in Auburn. We were able to converse with each other in a relaxed manner and see some of the Brethren family members. The food was delicious and the accommodations were ample. We discussed matters that were important to us and others that were just fun to talk about. I want to thank Brad for setting up this fine event where we all could converse without feeling rushed. It was so nice to see us mingling with such ample room. Brad made this event possible because he gave of his time in planning it and making the arrangements. Thank you Brad! Brad is a true asset to the Greeters Unit as well as all the members that step up when called upon. It was such fun to share memories and thoughts of the future events. Maybe I'll see you in the near future. And if I do, give me big thumbs up and let me know if you would like to be a Greeter if you are not already in the unit. There is always room for a few more. Whatever the case may be, remember it is the people around us that make life special; let us always appreciate them and lend a helping hand when they are in need.





## KORA KRAFTSMAN

by Richard M. Nadeau

### Get up, get out, get involved!

Finally, it's April, and I am beginning to see what appears to be grass arising from the wet Earth. As we enjoy the recurring miracle of spring, the Earth shares its images of hope and renewal. We, too, are preparing for a new season of growth with the Kora Craftsman. Last fall's seeds have begun to root and will soon display their beauty. Many of our newer brethren have rooted themselves in Freemasonry and now have the opportunity to blossom and plant their roots in Shrindom.

We've all been a little "antsy" for the winter hibernation to be over. It's time to come out of that dormant state. Even though the Kora Craftsman have continued to labor through the winter with degree work and lodge installations, we are now entering ceremonial and parade season. As we enter this season, ask yourselves,

*What opportunity within me is trying to blossom?*

*Do I enjoy Masonic Ritual?*

*Am I good at ritual?*

*Do I enjoy ritual but don't have the confidence to do it?*

**YOU** can grow like the grass in the spring with the Kora Craftsman Club.

You don't have to be a superstar ritualist to enjoy being a club member. We have many non-speaking parts. Craftsman thoroughly enjoy being together and performing ritual in our Blue Lodges and the Kora ceremonials. It is one of the ways that we send the message that we are all Masons first, and we continue to stay connected with our Lodges.

We are looking for Nobles to join our club to "Do more in 24!" Please note that Kora's bylaws permit you to join a unit and a club together. If you are interested in joining this fun-filled club of "Ritual Geek" Nobles, please get in touch with our Secretary and Past Potentate, Illustrious Barry Gates, at [bjgates4@gmail.com](mailto:bjgates4@gmail.com) or our club president, RW Tim Turner at [twturner@megalink.net](mailto:twturner@megalink.net).

If the internet is not your gig, you can contact anyone from Kora Temple, and they will steer you in the right direction. We look forward to welcoming you to the Kora Craftsman Club.

## KORA DRIFTERS

By Dan Guilmette, Scribe

As the weather is getting warmer, the Drifters are kicking into high gear, getting ready for a busy and exciting parade season. We are busy scheduling parades and practice sessions, knocking the dust off our slicks and laying down plastic on any asphalt we can hit. A lot of work goes into prepping and maintaining equipment every year and we want to make sure everything is in shape out of the gate, starting with our equipment safety inspections.

One of the exciting things we accomplished over the winter was adding to the annual mini golf experience held alongside the Kora Sportsmen Expo. Noble Mike Brailey spearheaded this and did an outstanding job, creating a Drifter themed hole with a moving front tire, adding to the complexity. We had at least one Drifter member there all weekend to support the event. Thanks to Gary, Aron, Dave, Bernie, Mike and Jaison for helping! There was even enough time for Mike and Scott to get our new TV installed, perfect for viewing parade footage and the PGA tour!

We are excited for a new parade season and hope all units get out and have some fun.





## KORA KAMPERS

by Alan Collins, Secretary

What a great winter meeting we had in March. As always it is great to gather to visit and plan for the upcoming season. We met at the Kora Temple and enjoyed a great meal and time spent with friends.

We were very fortunate to have Brent Tanguay, Board of Governors, Shriners Children's New England, and David Saphier, Board of Governors, Shriners Children's Boston, speak on the value of our donations, the positive changes, and purposes of Shriners Children's. Very informative and appreciated.



Our Spring meeting will be at Bayley's Camping Resort. The dates are May 17 – 19, 2024. 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 Facebook page where we post events and meetings. [www.facebook.com/korakampers](https://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!



## 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



Payable to Kora Kampers Association.

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



# KORA KAMPERS

**Fun ◆ Food ◆ Fundraising ◆ Fellowship**



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 Shiners and its Potentate.

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## KORA KLOWNS

by Rick "Divot" Green, Scribe



The Kora Klowns have been hard at it these last few months and despite the record amount of snow, that arrived three months too late, we have managed to secure some of our traditional parades while also being able to commit to some new events. As many of you know, having a plan and strategy in place is critical to any unit or organization. With that intent in mind, the new Kora Kloon Leadership Team scheduled a "Kick-Off" dinner to celebrate and coordinate our efforts. The event was well attended and conveniently scheduled during the famous "Blue Hair Happy Hour".



Regardless of the out of pocket cost, a good time was had by all and our plans for 2024 are coming together nicely.

The Kora Kloon Unit was also in attendance for the Maine Mariners Membership Night and most recently members were invited to entertain families during the annual Open House that was held at United Ag & Turf in Auburn and Fairfield.



Parade season will be here before we know it and we would like to thank ET Smith Hose Company, Albert & Burpee Funeral Services, Black Bear Ladder, Charest Realty, Crafts Cars, Franks, Kennebec Rental and UA Local 716 for their recent donations and trailer sponsorship this summer.



Without makeup, the majority of us only have a face for radio but fortunately "Tilley" took advantage of the situation and did an amazing job representing the Kora Klowns and the Kora Shrine in an interview with WBLM earlier this month. It's hard to believe that he wasn't reading from a script but if you get a chance to listen it really makes you proud to be a Kora Shriner while also questioning why you would join any other unit but the Kora Klowns! With that being said, if you are interested in being part of the coolest Kloon 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

January 1 through April 15, 2024

*Please note: We continue to receive notification of Nobles passing in previous months but will include them in the Necrology when received*



NAME ..... Date Passed

Robert F. Preti ..... 3/1/2024

John W. Snowe ..... 2/29/2024

Leslie B. Knapp ..... 3/20/2024

Willard T. Boothby ..... 1/12/2024

Donald F. Doyle ..... 1/9/2024

William H. Sawyer ..... 12/24/2023

Wallace E. Bragdon, Jr ..... 1/27/2024

Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, Jr ..... 8/16/2023

John H. Steeves ..... 7/29/2022

James V. Weast ..... 2/22/2024

James R. Saunders ..... 2/6/2024

Raymond R. Guay ..... 2/3/2024

George R. Seward ..... 3/9/2024

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



Color Ordered Subject to availability  
The Kora Connect Committee has acquired a  
2024

Can-Am 4 passenger  
Valued at \$20,600

Tickets will go on sale at the  
Summer Ceremonial June 7, 2024.

Drawing will be held Monday  
October 14, 2024  
at Kora's Fall Stated Meeting.

**Tickets will be 1 for  
\$10 or 3 for \$20.00  
For On-line Raffle  
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**KORA KONNECT 2024**

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Shrine at  
207-782-6831

Watch for this prize to be at many community events  
throughout the Summer and early Fall in 2024 in  
Southern Maine.

The net proceeds from this Kora Konnect Project  
are for the benefit of Kora Temple. Payments are  
not deductible as charitable contribution.

The Winner is responsible for any taxes and fees resulting from their  
winning of the UTV. The UTV must be picked up in Lewiston, Maine.



## PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP SHRINERS

TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF \_\_\_\_\_ SHRINERS,  
SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF \_\_\_\_\_, DESERT OF:  
\_\_\_\_\_ :

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name Here \_\_\_\_\_ Name in full, initials not sufficient

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of Noble \_\_\_\_\_

Noble \_\_\_\_\_

Fez size: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of payment \_\_\_\_\_

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## KORA SHRINE BOOSTERS

### A

Allen, Lonnie & Beverly 12/24  
In Memory of Laurence S. Allen, Sr.  
Anonymous 11/30

### B

Badger, Ash & Marie 3/25  
Barden, Thomas & Christine 12/24  
In Memory of "Pop" Gilbert  
Bonney, Charles & Sharon 2/24  
Bragdon, Wally 2/24  
In Memory of his wife, Dolly

### C

Cote, David & Donna 5/26  
Crane, Bob & Diane 10/24  
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

### E

Erickson, Bucky 11/24  
In Memory of his wife Nancy

### F

Fales, Eileen M 12/25  
Fales, Thomas H 12/25  
Farrington, Mrs. Albert 8/24  
Feyler, Jay 6/26

### G

Gardner, Paul & Michelle 04/24  
Gellatly, Joan 01/26  
In Memory of Oriel F. "Bud" Gellatly  
Grafton, George & Ruth 05/25

### H

Hall, Bunky & Marion 12/24  
Head, David A. 11/24  
In Memory of Rep. Frances M. Head  
Herrick Jr., George & Terri 07/24  
Hersom, Liz 6/24  
In Memory of Rick Hersom,  
P.P. 2015 & 2019

### I

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

### J

Jordan, Bob & Harlean 2/24

### K

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

### L

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  
McDonough, John & Helene 5/24  
McKenna, Bob & Jean 12/25  
McWilliam, Robert & Karen 6/24  
Melvin, David B. 8/25  
Mitchell, Frank & Ruth 6/25  
Moore, Kevin & Brenda 11/26  
Morgan, Robert 11/24  
In Memory of Marilyn Morgan

### P

Perkins, Laurence & Nancy 4/25  
Perry, Crawford & Kathe 4/24

### R

Ridlon, Chuck & Sally 1/25  
Roy, Michael & Tracey 09/27  
Ryan, Thomas & Jackie 08/24

### S

Saunders, Jim & Diane 11/24  
Simmons, Jim & Priscilla 08/24

### W

Welch, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Frank P. 12/27  
Wellman, David & Karen 06/24  
In Memory of Jerry Brook

### ONE YEAR BOOSTER RATES

One line (single name or Mr. & Mrs.) is \$20.00. If you want your name and your Lady's name on separate lines, it is \$30 for two lines.

Make check payable to:

Kora Shrine Center,  
11 Sabattus Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240-7090

If you have enrolled as a Kora Sands Booster and your name has not been listed, please notify the Kora office and the situation will be corrected.

### KORA SANDS BOOSTER SIGN UP

Name (s):

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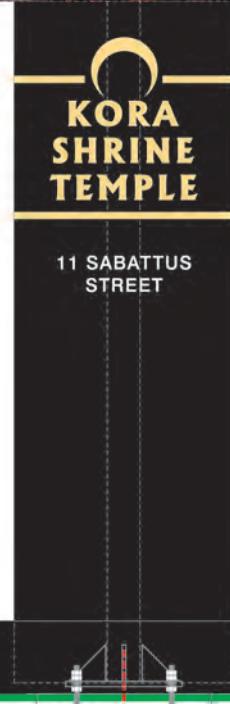
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and help him

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For more information contact Paul Gardner  
or any of this year's Divan Members



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