

Kora Sands

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Summer 2025

FIESTA TIME

SUMMER CEREMONIAL

Let's All Join
Illustrious Mike Zubiato & Lady Sue

JUNE 13th - 15th
Farmington Fairgrounds

Register by June 6th

Thrive in '25





KORA SHRINE CENTER

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Lewiston, Maine 04240-7090

Fax: 207-782-2870

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www.korashriners.org

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 7:30am to 4:00pm

Closing daily between 12:30 and 1:30

Fridays Closed



ELECTIVE DIVAN

Potentate	Michael Zubiato
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.

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1st Ceremonial Master.....	Ben Weisner
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Marshal	E. Andy Caron
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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
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Crazy Cops	William Brochu
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Drifters.....	David Buckman
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Funsters.....	Adam Tanguay
Greeters.....	Jason Davis
Highlanders.....	Chester Matthews
Karts	Matt Ouellette
Klowns	Ryan Robitaille
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Medical Unit.....	David Saphier
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.....	Randy Williams
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KORA SANDS DEADLINES

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE POTENTATE

by Illustrious Potentate Mike Zubiato

Once again, mother nature throws us a curve ball having to cancel our Spring Ceremonial, she's 2 for 2, what's the chance of having a trifecta in 2026.

In the past 3 months, Team Kora have been busy visiting Shrine clubs, visiting other Shrine Temple receptions, and supporting the Cycle Corp Cornhole tournaments. Motor Booty was the best show ever. We held an open house for the new nobles and Master Masons and their ladies. It was well attended and well done by the membership committee. The Kitchen Club did a great job on short notice.



Cornhole Tournament

On April 5th we had Basket Bingo, what an event with well over 300 attendees, a record number. Al Collins did the bingo calling, the Kitchen Club served amazing food lots of volunteers, who helped make this event the best ever. Thank you too all.

April 6th, Maine Shrine Football Classic team meeting was well attended by players, cheerleaders and parents. Once again, the Kitchen Club did a fantastic job. And to all the volunteers, you guys and ladies "Rock." Thank you!

In the next 3 months Team Kora will be very busy. The Kentucky Derby Party May 3rd and May 10th Elvis will be in the house. You don't want to miss this show, he will rock the

copper domes off the roof to the ground. Then we will be off to sunny Bermuda for the Potentates trip with a large group of nobles and their ladies and friends.



Illustrious Potentate Mike Zubiato and Lady Sue



Basket Bingo



Lobster Bowl Team Meeting

Lady Sue and I want to thank the nobles and ladies of Kora for the overwhelming support during the first months of my term. "Life is good in the Hood."

The next coming months will also be very busy with the Lobster Bowl Golf event, Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls, and the Summer Ceremonial in Farmington Fairgrounds June 12th to 15th. The committee is working extremely hard to make this the best event ever. We will have a special guest, a 60-year member of Kora Shrine, Clyde Ross, will serve as our parade Grand Marshal. Music will be provided by DJ Ryan Cote, who recently became an honorary member of Kora, for the past 20+ years he has supported Kora events.

In closing, please support your local Shrine Clubs and upcoming events.

Working Together We All Can Make a Difference

Rise and Thrive in 2025





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 Farmington, Maine on
Saturday, June 14th
In the year of our Lord 2025*

Ceremonial Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.

*Business meeting followed by
Ceremonial First and Second Sections
2025 Dues cards will be required*

Aleikum Es Selam

*Ill. Michael Zubiate
Illustrious Potentate*

*See the Detailed Agenda in this issue
For registration information and
Please respond by the due dates listed*

FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK.....

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

Greetings Nobles:

We are coming into the "busy" part of the Kora year – and your Potentate and his team have made every effort to make 2025 an enjoyable experience for all.

Watch this "SANDS" and the "Kora Konnections" for updates on what is happening. You can do your part by responding in a timely manner by the requested cut-off dates to assure the planning teams have the proper amount of food and "refreshments" available to guarantee no one goes without!

Nobles, as you visit your Blue Lodges, don't be bashful in announcing our upcoming events and remind the Brothers that they too can participate in the fun events we have – join us at Farmington for the Summer Ceremonial in June. Our initiation fee has been set at \$200 which includes: 2025 dues (\$105), a stylish FEZ (\$150), meals on Saturday for candidates and their Lady (\$80 value) – over a \$300 value!

Looking forward to seeing many Nobles at these upcoming events – remember, read the SANDS and get your registrations in early – and as always, be sure you have paid your 2025 dues.

Faternally,
John R. Knox, P.P.
Recorder



KORA SHRINE CENTER FOUNDATION

A 501 C 3 Corporation by Barry Gates, P.P., President

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, collectables, 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. Contact Rick Olfene or Barry Gates for more information.



PARADE SEASON IS UPON KORA SHRINE

by Michael Robitaille, Chief Rabban

With parade season approaching, we must all remember that the safety of parade participants and spectators is of the utmost concern for Kora. We have outlined a few items or situations that we would like everyone to observe to make our parades safe events. As nobles, we must adhere to the guidelines so that we will be asked back in future years. As Kora Nobles we must be professional in our appearances, uniforms, and manners at all times.

Safety Guidelines:

1. Practice and conduct formal training for your unit members. The time to learn is not in the parade. Document any and all training / practice sessions.
2. Be Responsible for Safety. This is for each noble and is a culture we must adopt. Have a Safety person for each event. Conduct a safety check of each motorized unit before each parade and document this inspection.
3. If you see a dangerous situation; speak up, this could include spectators in the roadway or bad road conditions.
4. No Candy / Handouts. No object or candy can be thrown to the crowd, regardless of walking or riding. Candy or other objects must only be done hand to hand and only while walking.
5. Severe Weather – Organizations may decide to postpone during rain or inclement weather. If the pavement is wet, motorized units need to be cautious when performing stunts or maneuvers. You may consider not performing these stunts.
6. Riders – During Non-Shrine events you may have riders in the parade. They are to be closely monitored and they are not allowed to drive any motorized units.
7. Any new motorized units need to be on Kora's Insurance prior to being used in any parade.
8. Alcohol and Drugs – There shall be absolutely no consumption of alcohol, unlawful drugs, or smoking on any vehicle or trailer. No person operating any motorized unit shall be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any unlawful drugs of any type.
9. There is to be no contact with parade spectators when a unit is moving. Any contact with participants can only occur if the noble has stopped the motorized unit and the unit is in the off position. No High-Fiving!!!
10. All parade requests must be approved by the Potentate and must be done using the Parade Request Form on the Kora Shriners website.



Let's Have Fun and Parade Safely



Kora Shrine Pre-Screening Clinics

Kora Shriners are starting Pre-Screening Clinics. For the past 9 months, we've collaborated with Shriners Children's in Boston and Springfield, meeting with professionals who assist children we can support. We've formed a Steering Committee including representatives from Kora to Boston and Springfield, a Past Potentate, the current Potentate, and two members of the Kora Konnect Committee.

We are currently in the process of assembling a team consisting of doctors, nurses, and intake personnel. As we progress through the spring, we will be engaging with communities to inform them about this opportunity for those needing services at Shriners Children's. We believe that there are children within our communities who can benefit from the medical services provided by Shriners.

The first Pre-Screening Clinic is on Saturday September 6 and will occur on the first Saturday of each month, from 9am to 1pm. Walk-ins are welcome, but advance registration is encouraged. Visit korashriners.org for registration details.

As Shriners, we aim to raise awareness of our work and how we can assist children in need. If you have any questions or require a presentation for your unit or club, please contact any member of the Board of Governors for either Shriners Children's location.



**REGISTRATION FOR THE SCREENING STARTS AUGUST 1, 2025****Shriners
Children's****SHRINERS
INTERNATIONAL**

FREE SCREENING CLINIC FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

The Kora Shriners

are hosting a free clinic for children up to age 18. Shriners Children's clinicians will be on hand to screen children with medical needs treated by Shriners Children's.

Saturday, September 6
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The Kora Shrine Center
11 Sabattus Street
Lewiston, ME 04240

No appointment necessary | Walk-ins welcome
For more information, visit korashriners.org.



Shriners Children's provides specialized care for patients up to age 18, for orthopedic issues, burn injuries, craniofacial conditions, spine care and spinal cord injuries, and sports medicine. All care is provided regardless of the family's ability to pay or insurance status. More information may be found at ShrinersChildren.org.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE SCREENING STARTS AUGUST 1, 2025**



MOTOR BOOTY!!!





OUTDOOR EXPO

Thank You for Making the 5th Annual Kora Shriners Outdoor Expo a Success!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our patrons, sponsors, vendors, presenters, and volunteers who helped make this year's Outdoor Expo such a fantastic event. Your enthusiasm, support, and dedication are what brought the Expo to life and made it our best one yet!

Because of you, the 5th Annual Kora Shriners Outdoor Expo was a true celebration of Maine's outdoor community. From engaging seminars and incredible raffle prizes to a hall full of top-notch vendors, this event wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you.

The planning committee is already looking ahead to next year—we can't wait to make it even bigger and better!





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Friday, June 13th – Arrival of Campers

8am	Campsite registration and setup (\$35.00/night – 65 sites w/full hook-ups, 60 sites w/water and electricity. Available TH/FR/S nights. Call Kate for registration. Check payable to Kora Shrine).
Noon-4pm	Games in the Exhibition Hall
4pm	Hospitality (Exhibition Hall) w/appetizers
5:30pm	Dinner – Taco's/Refried Beans/Cold Corn Salad/Spanish Rice/Churro's - <u>\$10.00 per person</u> . Kids meals <u>\$5.00</u> (available upon request) children 12 years and under
7pm-10pm	Entertainment – DJ Ryan Cote (Ear Candy)

Saturday, June 14th

7:30am	Registration for New Nobles and their Ladies
9am	Parade lineup at the main gate
10am	Kora Shrine Summer Ceremonial Parade step-off
12pm	Nobles – lunch (Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips) <u>\$10.00</u> (New nobles at no cost)
12:30pm	Ladies Luncheon & New Ladies Orientation– (wraps (turkey/ham/veggie)/pasta salad/ sliced fruits/cookies/cupcakes <u>\$10.00</u> per lady – new noble lady at no cost (Bingo Hall)
1pm	Ceremonial (men only)
4pm	Hospitality (Exhibition Hall) & Salty Dog Degree (location TBD)
5:30pm	Dinner (BBQ chicken breast/cowboy beans/potato salad/coleslaw/corn on the cob/rolls/ whoopie pies) - <u>\$20.00 per person</u> . Kids menu-12 & under (Burgers/Hotdogs/Chips) <u>\$5.00</u>
7:30pm	Fezzing of New Nobles/Hospitality/Games (Exhibition Hall)

Please use the form below if you are sending a check. Mail to Kora Shrine Center, 11 Sabattus St, Lewiston, ME 04240

If you want to use a credit card, please visit korashriners.org, or call Kate at the Kora office at 782-6831.

HEAD COUNT NEEDED BY JUNE 6TH.

2025 Summer Ceremonial Meal Sign-Up

Noble's Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____ # of children attending: _____

I will attend: Friday Dinner: # of adult meals _____ x \$10.00 # of children meals _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Ladies Luncheon: # of meals _____ x \$10.00 = _____ Nobles Lunch # of meals _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Saturday Dinner: # of adult meals _____ x \$20.00 # of children meals _____ x \$5.00 = _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

TOTAL DUE: = _____

FIRM DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 6TH



Ever wanted to be a “Salty Dog?” Now's your chance!

*The Kora Buccaneers invite you to participate in the
“Salty Dog Degree”*

When: Saturday, June 14 at 4:00pm at the Summer Ceremonial.

Where: Farmington Fair Grounds

*Who: Everyone is invited to participate (Nobles,
Ladies and the kiddos alike.)*

Cost: \$10 person

What you get for your money:

*Bragging rights that you completed the degree, custom shot glass, custom hat pin,
certificate of completion and much more!*

All proceeds to benefit the Kora Buccaneers!

****The maximum number of participants is 100.****

Name: _____

Please list all in your party that will be participating in the Salty Dog Degree:



You are invited to join Chief Rabban - Mike Robitaille and his Lady - Lolita On a fabulous cruise to the Southern Caribbean

An informational meeting will be held in late May or early June

Embark on a Caribbean Dream Cruise!

Get ready for an amazing cruise adventure that will take you to a British Virgin Island, a US Virgin Island, and the enchanting islands of the Southern Caribbean. Here's what's in store for you:

Tortola—Discover the scenic allure and vibrant culture that makes this island a true gem. **Antigua**—Step back in time at Nelson's Dockyard, a Unesco World Heritage Site with museums, charming shops and delightful eateries. **Barbados**—explore the wonders of Harrison's Cave. It's a subterranean marvel you won't want to miss. **St. Lucia**—Marvel at the iconic Pitons or rejuvenate yourself in a mud bath at Sulphur Springs Park. **St. Maarten & St. Thomas** will offer all you have experienced and more! If you're dreaming of azure waters, sun-drenched beaches and historical sites, this cruise is your perfect escape!!

Itinerary:

March 22—The ship will depart from San Juan at 8:30 pm
March 23—Tortola from 8 am to 3 pm
March 24—Antigua from 7 am to 4 pm
March 25—Barbados from 10 am to 6 pm
March 26—St. Lucia from 8 am to 5 pm
March 27—St. Maarten from 9 am to 6 pm
March 28—St. Thomas from 8 am to 5 pm
March 29—ship arrives in San Juan at 7 am—transfer to airport for flight home



We are in the process of getting a pre-night hotel in San Juan for those of you who would like to go the night before. More details coming soon.

We will have group air info roughly around June 2025.

Pricing is based on double occupancy and cruise only

Balcony—\$1490 per person

Mini-Suite—\$1740 per person

Extra perks included in mini suite are—room is larger than the balcony room, you will get a treat in your room twice during the cruise, you will get a bottle of sparkling wine in your room, you can have 1 laundry service and you can prebook your dinners at 125 days before cruise.

**Pricing for inside, oceanview, suites, triples and quads are available upon request.

**Inside & Oceanview cabins will only get 2 perks from option 1 or option 2

**For more information or to reserve your space contact:
Dube Travel at (207)784-2916**

or

Email tcarpentier@dubetravel.com

The pricing includes:

- 7 night cruise on NCL's Epic in a Mini-Suite unless you request for a different cabin.
- all meals
- Shipboard Gratuities
- all entertainment on board the ship
- taxes, fees and port charges
- you will have 2 options to choose from
 - Option 1—More at Sea—beverages, 3 specialty meals, wifi package and \$50 per port per cabin shore excursion credit
 - Option 2—photo package, \$100 onboard credit, \$50 per port per cabin shore excursion credit, wifi package

Not included:

- air
- pre-night hotel info in San Juan
- transfers in San Juan



Payment Schedule:

-Deposit of \$250 per person due with reservation form

-A payment of \$250 per person will be due when air and hotel are booked. **If you do not want the group air the air then becomes instant purchase.

-Final payment due November 6, 2025



Trip prepared by



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



GRAB YOUR BEST DERBY HAT AND ATTIRE AND JOIN US FOR OUR



KORA SHRINE
Kentucky Derby
P A R T Y

SATURDAY

May
3rd

4pm -8pm

\$20 pp

Light Snacks • BYOB

Prizes for best hat and best dressed
50/50 for the Potentate's Project
Games: Human Horse Racing, Horse Slots
Side Stall Challenge, Toilet Paper Derby,
Kentucky Derby Word Search and Run
for the Roses

Contact the Kora Shrine office at 207-782-6831 for tickets
Deadline is May 1st

This is a 21+ only event. Must be a Shriner or a
friend of a Shriner to attend.



Robert Washington



A Night Of

ELVIS

& Motown

Saturday May 10th 7-11 pm

**Kora Temple
11 Sabattus St.
Lewiston, Maine**

Tickets: \$25

Purchase online:

www.korashriners.org

**Or call Kate (207)782-6831 for
phone orders**

Light snacks, soda & mixers

This BYOB event is 21+





Nobles,

The flyer below is for a third-party fund raising event, hosted by one of our newest Nobles – Bogdan “Bogie” Voinea. Please consider attending this event to support our Shriners Children’s Hospital in Boston – this looks to be a great evening of food and entertainment. Tickets are selling fast so contact Bogie directly for your tickets.



To Whom It May Concern,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out on behalf of Shriners Children’s Boston, a hospital dedicated to providing life-changing care to children in need, regardless of a family’s ability to pay.

We are seeking donations of any kind—monetary contributions, auction items, or sponsorships—to support our upcoming charity dinner and help continue the incredible work of this hospital. Your generosity will directly impact the lives of children receiving specialized care.

You can also support this cause by purchasing tickets for \$75 per person, which includes a festive dinner and a stand-up comedy show, that will take place at the Maria Restaurant in Portland at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 27th of May 2025.

If you would like to contribute, checks can be made payable to Shriners Children’s Boston. For any questions, to arrange a donation, or to purchase tickets, please contact me, Bogdan Voinea, at bvoinea@gmail.com or (207) 318-4056.

Thank you for your kindness and support. Your generosity will make a real difference in these children’s lives.

Warm regards,
Bogdan Voinea

Contact: bvoinea@gmail.com | (207) 318-4056



ST PATTY'S DAY 2025



MAINE SHRINE LOBSTER BOWL CLASSIC

On April 6, Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic hosted the Team Meeting for all the athletes and coaches at the Kora Temple in Lewiston. It was a great day to meet this year's participants, and start the fundraising!

Please visit our website for more information — MaineShrineLobsterBowl.com

MORE THAN JUST A GAME!





FEZTIVAL OF TREES



The Kora Shrine Feztival of Trees Committee is planning a special 20th anniversary. Our 35 members have been working through winter and spring to enhance the Feztival with your support.

In 2024, we experienced a record year with substantial growth. We are planning to increase corporate sponsorship to help reduce expenses. The format of the Feztival will remain mostly unchanged in 2025.

The decorating committee has chosen *"An Old Fashion Christmas"* as the theme for 2025. While details are still being finalized, it will have a "wow factor". The committee is also collecting photos from the past 20 years. If you have any to share, please contact a committee member.

We will continue to have admission time slots and trees on both floors. Positive feedback from tree sponsors and attendees highlighted the visibility and enjoyment of the Feztival. Last year's success was largely due to Facebook promotions, the Grinch, and engagement with posts and comments, which attracted new visitors.

The Feztival of Trees will be held from November 20th to November 29th this year.

2025 Kora FOT Committee



DreamMakers LEGACY SOCIETY

**Help Shriners Children's Boston Transform the
Lives of Children Well into the Future With a
Bequest Intention**



Follow these simple steps to include Shriners Children's Boston in your estate plan:

- **Discuss with your family and beneficiaries** your intentions to include Shriners Children's Boston in your will.
- **Decide on what portion and how much of your estate** will be left to Shriners Children's Boston.
- **Work with your attorney**, financial planner or plan administrator to name Shriners Children's Boston as the beneficiary.
- **Document your gift** with Shriners Children's Boston.

As a member of the Dream Makers Legacy Society, you will help ensure the future of pediatric specialty care in Boston. You will be part of an elite class of donors who have chosen to support Shriners Children's Boston and to advance world-class pediatric burn care, reconstructive plastic surgery, and cleft lip and palate care, always regardless of families' ability to pay or insurance status.

Do you have questions about documenting your gift? Contact **Shiva Damghany**, Senior Director of Philanthropy | 617-371-4746 | sdamghany@shrinenet.org



KORA KONNECT PROJECT 2025

As Spring approaches, it is time to consider the Kora Konnect Project. The goal of this project is to connect the Noble to Kora and the Noble to their Community. Committee members have spoken with prospective Masons and Shriners. Discussions were also held with former patients and family members regarding their experiences at our hospitals.

Kora Konnect completed the final phase of a project initiated three years ago. A new sound board was installed in March, concluding this project.

Our committee has a strong relationship with Jackman Powersports, who provided a great deal on a black Can Am 700 4-passenger AT. We will be trailering it to various locations in southern Maine.

The raffle starts on June 1st, with our first public event at The Summer Ceremonial in Farmington. We are adding more locations this year. On June 21st, we plan to be at the Moose Lottery Draw in Farmington. We will also be at Windjammer Day in Boothbay Harbor on June 25th. Our Mid-Coast brothers will support us at this new location.

Tickets for Nobles will be available at The Summer Ceremonial. The incentive from last year continues: your name enters a \$500 drawing for each book sold. This also applies to those selling tickets at events. The Units and Clubs initiative from last year will also be repeated, benefiting Kora Konnect and Units and Clubs.

The raffle will not be available online. With your support, we will raise funds to assist Kora in meeting the need of Kora and members of our community. Check the poster on the back page of this edition of Kora Sands and look for updates in the Konnections. For questions or offers of assistance, please contact one of the following Nobles:

Bo Clark, Tom Budek, Carl Skillings, Dave Castonguay, Mike Zubiate, Dan Labrie, Bernie McAllister, Gary Richardson, and Marc Deblois



SAVE THE DATE



LADIES NIGHT

Roaring 20s
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

September 13th

MORE INFO TO COME



Andy Valley Chapter

3RD ANNUAL RIDE FOR A REASON

To benefit:

**Special Olympics
Maine**



SATURDAY, JUNE 28

This escorted ride brings bikers together for an unforgettable journey—all to support Special Olympics Maine athletes. Don't miss out!

All bikes must be registered with current inspection



Delicious Roadside BBQ will be available at the end of the ride. Join us for some authentic southern-style BBQ- motorcycle not required!

Ride Starts:

Auburn Masonic Hall
1021 Turner Street, Auburn

Ride Ends:

American Legion Post 86
15 Lewiston Road, Gray

Time:

Registration 8:00-10:00a.m.

KICKSTANDS UP @ 10:00a.m.

**\$25 - RIDERS
\$10 - PASSENGERS**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MARK FOURNIER

☎ 207-513-9616

🌐 sabfd27@aol.com



**PLEASE READ – IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR THE NSA FALL FIELD DAYS
September 25 through 28, 2025**

Your leadership team under the direction of Potentate Mike Zubiate has just returned from the mid-winter planning session in Summerside, PEI. Philae Shriners have prepared a fantastic weekend for the visiting Shrine Centers of the Northeast.

This note will provide PRELIMINARY information to help you plan your trip and visit. It is important to please read this information so we can effectively plan.

ROOM RATES – Housing Chair Tim Luttrell has secured room rates at \$150 including taxes per night at the Days Inn in Summerside. **All reservations must be made through the Recorder – NO EXCEPTIONS. DO NOT contact the hotel directly – they will NOT make reservations for you.** This is intended to provide costing for your planning purposes. Details on room reservations and reservations for other events (Ladies Luncheon, awards banquet, etc.) will be issued as soon as the host temple distributes their forms. Watch the Kora Konnections and email blasts through WebFez for more details shortly.

TRAVEL – There will be 3 options for travel –

- 1.) Personal vehicle – travel distance is 500 miles each way. You must have a passport or real ID to enter Canada and to return to the U.S.
- 2.) Mini-Van Rental – Tim has arranged for mini-van (12 passenger) vans – which should accommodate 10 people plus baggage comfortably. Van rental will be \$600, 400 free miles, plus gas expenses (on you) and extra miles @ \$0.20 per mile.
- 3.) Motor Coach – 50 people needed to make this work – cost will be \$450 per COUPLE – we must have firm commitments NO LATER THAN August 1 to the recorder.

All charges must be paid in FULL by August 1. As soon as we receive a registration form from Philae it will be distributed with all related details.

We hope this will help people pre-plan this trip – PEI is a wonderful Province, beautiful scenery and friendly and welcoming Maritime Canadians.

For any additional information contact:

Housing Chair Tim Luttrell – 207-754-4706 or email tluttrell54@gmail.com

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Young Burn Survivor Thrives Following Treatment at Shriners Children's Boston

Hannah's care team at Shriners Children's Boston is crediting her favorite activity, aerial gymnastics, for helping her recover from burn injuries sustained as a toddler.

"The staff at Shriners Children's Boston has been impressed by how much her hands have changed without surgery," said Hannah's mother, Nicole. "Aerial gymnastics has caused Hannah to use her hands, stretch the skin and keep it loose along the way." Hannah's medical team is applauding her interest in gymnastics, which is keeping her active and helping the healing process.

When Hannah was a year old, she burned both hands after crawling up to and touching a glass-fronted fireplace. Nicole remembers how overwhelmed she and her husband, Joshua, felt when they first brought Hannah to Shriners Children's Boston. She had been seen previously in another medical facility where her parents were told that Hannah would likely need surgery. When the family arrived at Shriners Children's Boston, they talked with Hannah's care team about developing a treatment plan that would reduce or eliminate the need for surgery if possible. Nicole and Joshua were relieved after it was determined that she would not need surgery.

Hannah's parents credit the remarkable team at Shriners Children's Boston for helping them through the treatment process. "Each appointment has been amazing. The staff have been so sweet with how they have treated Hannah," said Nicole.

Nicole and Joshua said Robert L. Sheridan, M.D., chief of staff and director of the burn service, made a particularly positive impact on Hannah. Initially, Hannah was fearful of doctors, and Nicole said Dr. Sheridan helped bring a sense of calm. "Dr. Sheridan has always kept things light and simple, so Hannah doesn't get scared or overwhelmed," said Nicole. Now, Hannah looks forward to her trips to Boston.

Dr. Sheridan shared that one of his favorite parts of working at Shriners Children's Boston is interacting with patients and their families in the outpatient clinic, which is where Hannah has had her appointments. "I like the personal connections you make. I enjoy seeing the kids in follow-up, seeing how they're doing, and how school is going," said Dr. Sheridan.

Nicole explained that the Shriners Children's Boston staff has been there every step of the way to help Hannah "with plastic braces to stretch her hands, with gauze and lotion, and with advice and encouragement that has helped us feel confident in how we treat her burn injuries."



Nicole is offering words of advice to families navigating their journey at Shriners Children's Boston. "Share with your doctor and team how much you want to work together. Help them see how invested you are in your child's recovery, and willing to do whatever it takes to make it possible," emphasized Nicole.

One of the highlights of Hannah's time at Shriners Children's Boston is interacting with the Shriners who volunteer at the hospital. "The Shriners would make the patients in the clinic waiting area laugh, they gave out stickers and helped our children not be scared during such a tense time," said Nicole. Nicole and Joshua adopted Hannah and her twin sister, Rebekah, when they were toddlers. She remembers how much both her daughters loved seeing the Shriners who "always had such sweet hearts and kind smiles at the ready, whenever we showed up."

In Hannah's free time, she remains active with aerial gymnastics, an activity that brings her joy. "She is constantly doing cartwheels, back and front walkovers, and using aerial silks, the gymnastics bar and rings," said Nicole.



KORA MINI-RACERS

By Gary Richardson

Mini-Racers are kicking off the 2025 Season and we are excited!

The Mini Racers are back, revving up for an exciting season! We kicked things off with a fantastic start at the Auburn Mall Race Car Show where the M&M car was a standout attraction, especially among the kids. With several sponsors already on board, we continue to welcome new partnerships to support our mission.



As we finalize our 2025 parade and event schedule, we invite you to be part of the excitement. If you enjoy watching us in parades, why not take the next step and join our team? We are always looking for new drivers, and Nobles seeking a second unit will find a welcoming home with us.

For more information, please contact John, Brandon, or Gary.



KORA FACTS & FIGURES

by Lenny Perkins, Director/Scribe

Greetings! The 2025 summer parade season is coming right up! I'm pleased to share that the Facts & Figures Unit will be following along the Kora Cycle Corps parade route for most of the summer. As you all know, Facts & Figures tells the story of what we do, where we do it, and why we do it! Our carts pull signs that share the important work of our hospitals, and this is seen by hundreds of people who line the streets as we drive by. This is the real mission of the Shrine.

We have 7 carts that are currently being worked on to be sure they are road-ready; our Cycle Corps partners are generously donating work-space, time and energy to help with this process.

With that being said, I'm looking for volunteers willing to drive a cart at one of the parades this summer. Anyone who would like to drive a cart should reach out to me at 207-212-3638, as I will need to provide some instructions for operating a motorized unit, per our Temple's requirements for vehicle safety. You must have a valid driver's license and sign off on an authorization form. I am also looking for Nobles who are not involved in a unit to consider joining the Facts & Figures Unit – we can use a few good men!!

Thanks to all who are willing to drive a cart!

LOG ROLLERS

by Ron Guptill, Scribe

First, we would like to say congratulations to Sir Mike Zubiato and Lady Sue. I am sure, it will be a fun year.

Parade season is coming up fast. Our first parade will be in Kennebunk on May 4th and then off to OOB on May 26th. In June we start off with Summer Ceremonial in Farmington then off to Windham. July is our busy month with 6 parades and the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic. August is a little bit quieter with a few parades and the Kora Kare for Kids Ride-In. Our last parade will be the Fryeburg Fair Parade.

We want to say Thank You and Congratulations to Dick for the last five years leading our group.



PROVOST

by Dan Toto, Scribe

It snowed today
 Again
 Like yesterday
 And once more
 Snow tomorrow.....
 But I will wait, for like fate
 Spring always follows
 Spring always comes
 Spring has never failed me.....-Florentino.



It has been a busy winter. We have covered 8 events, everything from installation of the Divan of 2025 to the arrival of Motor Booty Affair. There has been at least one Provost at every event and sometimes as many as 4: from opening doors to assisting the dazed and confused, we have seen everyone who has entered or exited the Temple building.

Along with spring we hope to welcome a new member once he traverses the cold dunes and receives his fez for his efforts. (Details to appear in the fall edition).

Summer is kicking off soon enough and we will be at the summer ceremonial in Farmington working to keep the nobility safe from the shayatin alghubar.

The Medical Unit held our annual CPR/AED refresher on February 7th with good attendance. Medical, Provost, Highlanders and Kitchen Club were there to help ensure the safety of our membership. Thanks David.

If you are in distress, you know how to find us; we are the ones with the whistles.

If you are looking down on someone, it had better be to compliment his shoes.



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CRAZY COPS

by William Brochu, Scribe

Mother Nature threw us some curve balls this past Spring. Getting the parade carts ready around the messy weekends was a challenge. In the end, the carts and trailers are good to go. The unit selected the parades they wanted to participate in this year. The Summer weekends will be busy again. Crazy Cops always enjoy a good parade.

The Summer Ceremonial is happening at the Farmington Fairgrounds, June 13th-15th. This should be a fun time while bringing in new nobles. Looks like Tacos are on the menu on Friday and who doesn't like TACOS? Ok, maybe someone doesn't like tacos, but they must be in another unit or club. The Ceremonial parade is early on Saturday morning, so limit the Tequila shots.

Mainers know Summer is short. Make the most of it. Get outside, open a window, crank up the Boombox (like Alexa, only cooler), and enjoy the week or two of nice weather. We hope the weekends are nice and dry because the carts are not weather tight. At least they stay clean for the most part.

Crazy Cops have a couple Facebook pages. We update them with parade photos often. Any noble interested in becoming a Crazy Cop member or associating with the unit, just reach out. Stay safe friend and keep connected for upcoming events at Kora.

MOTOR CORPS

By Kevin T. Cole, Scribe

Greetings fellow Nobles!

As we say goodbye to winter and ready our rides for the parade season, we need to remember to provide copies of our registrations and drivers' licenses to Secretary Noble Russ Farwell by the Memorial Day Parade in Old Orchard Beach. Also, if your vehicle is an antique exempt from state inspections, it still should be inspected to ensure that it is safe. Please verify that your car is safe before driving it in a parade. If in doubt, let us help you out.

Recently, the Black Camel called upon our friend, Noble Alden Grant, whose 1967 Cadillac DeVille convertible, shown in the photo, is now in the hands of his daughter, Nancy Grant. Alden had encouraged Nancy to sell the car to a Motor Corp member, if possible, and Nancy would like to comply with that request. The vehicle's odometer reads less than 65,000 miles! This is a sweet ride and Alden has taken excellent care of it. Nancy has extensive maintenance records on the car. It can be viewed in Bowdoinham in the evenings or weekends with prior coordination with Nancy. She can be reached by telephone at 860-918-1651 or by email at nangrant29@gmail.net. Nancy would like to offer it for sale to a Motor Corps member for \$20,000. If you aren't yet a member of the Motor Corps, this car could be your ticket into the unit. We'd love to have you.

See you on the highway!





GREETERS UNIT

Submitted by Marc Gilbert, Scribe

I, Marc Gilbert, Scribe, am yielding the floor to George Herrick, for some history of the Greeter Unit and the Lobster Bowl. George was gracious enough to provide Jason Davis with this. Thank you, George:

The Director, Jason Davis, asked me if I could write up a few things of interest about the Greeter Unit.

The Greeter Unit was a part of the staff years ago and it was not a unit. The staff had a chairman who was chosen by the potentate every year and then the chairman would choose his assistant chairman. We would assist in fitting Fez's and check dues cards and anything else that the potentate might want us to do. Dr. Pelletier was the first chairman, Richard Pulkkinen was the 2nd chairman, and I was the 3rd. We were getting less and less duties, so we petitioned the potentate to become a unit; and the year that Bob Halet was potentate it happened along with the Funsters. We copied the by-laws from the 2nd section and adjusted them to fit our unit and the by-laws were approved, I believe this was in 1983. The Greeter Unit use to participate in parades, we had two banners (one in English and one in French), that four greeters carried. And at one time we also had a float that was hauled by my Bronco; on that float we had greeters along with an old wheelchair that we got from CMG (CMMC). The float was stored at L & A Awning thanks to Greeter's Barry and Brian Richardson.

The Greeters always supported the circus in any way that we could. In fact, we used to go to the Auburn Mall, set up a booth and sell circus tickets. One time we were on break for lunch, there was Richard Pulkkinen, Everett Trask, Richard Agathus and me; we were throwing around the idea of a football game for Kora. Everett said he knew the committee of the Vermont Sugar Bowl and he would reach out to them and see if we could get a copy of their by-laws. After a little time, with a few agreements, we were able to present it to Buster Downing who was potentate. But it didn't happen that year. It happened the following year when Jack Carrier was potentate. So, to make a long story short, the Greeter Unit was responsible for our high school senior all-star game, the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic.

I was the first Kora Greeter director and Everett Trask was the second. The Greeters had 25 Nobles in the unit at that time and all were very active. We even hired a couple of Brunswick Transportation buses one year. We and our wives went to the Springfield Hospital and stayed one night in Sturbridge. The unit had a great trip along with fellowship and a tour of the hospital.

The unit also had an annual lobster feed at our cottages on Bailey Island along with summer BBQ outings at the Trask's house, Richard Pulkkinen's camp, Mike McFadden's camp and Roland Champagne's camp along with Christmas parties at Bob Drake's and various other Greeters' homes. We even had an ugly T-shirt party at Richard Agathos house. We had many activities. It was a very active unit. In fact, we had a waiting line of Nobles who wanted to be in the Unit.

Kora DeMolay Council's Annual DeMolay Breakfast

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KORA DRIFTERS

By Dan Guilmette, Scribe

Greetings from the Kora Drifters! The 2025 Parade season is upon us and we cannot wait to heat up our slicks and slide around all summer long. It felt like the winter months would never let go, snow in mid-April had us down (except Bernie), I mean, we're not afraid of snow, and we love our December parades but the warmer weather means festivals, parades and happy Drifters.

On April 13 we got together for a full morning of Trike maintenance and upgrades. Starting the morning right with a full breakfast prepared by Bro. Bucknam, we started in on the work of the day. Everyone had a job, from replacing slicks to draining oil to welding on gussets to stiffen up the frame. Maintenance is incredibly important to making sure these vehicles run as smooth as they do and helps us ensure safety remains top priority.



Our Trailers were emptied and all of the necessary supplies were laid out and reorganized to make sure we have everything we need for the summer. It was a well run event and a lot of work was completed in a short amount of time. Thank you to Gary for bringing over his equipment and to Bernie for hosting and setting up everything ahead of time, and everyone who loaded and unloaded and reloaded... you get the idea... There isn't much we do where we don't have fun and this was no different.

Wishing all the units a fun and safe summer!

FUNSTERS

by Adam Tanguay

Well by the time you all read this we should be in the beginning or middle of the parade season. So firstly, I would like to welcome all new nobles and their ladies. This is a great group to belong to and my only advice is to find an activity or club to join. That is the best way to have fun and enjoy what Shriners are all about.

Now, I am going to go back in time and write this as if most of this isn't already in the far past. We begin with the successful completion of the Kora Shrine Outdoor Expo. Now I haven't heard any final results yet but I hope it was better than last. As for me, I didn't get a call on any of the raffles or 50/50. I guess I will have to try again next year.

The Summer Ceremonial planning is in full swing and it is looking to be a great event so book your spot and I hope to see you all there.

Finally, other upcoming events I am looking forward to this year are the Imperial Session in Atlanta, Georgia and the Northeast Field Days in Summerside, PEI. If you haven't been to any Imperial Sessions, you should add it to your list. It is the biggest Shriners gathering of the year where you can meet Shriners from all over the world who have the same passion for what we do. It's a event to make new friends, share ideas and just have fun. The Northeast Field Days is just a smaller version of what happens at the Imperial Sessions. But this year for me, I am looking forward to the location of the field days, Summerside, PEI, I have never been to Prince Edward Island so that makes it exciting, plus all the things to do and the things planned. Lookout for more information to come out and really consider going to these events.

Until next time, see you at the next event.



KORA KLOWNS

by Rick "Divot" Green, Scribe



The KORA KLOWN unit is gearing up for the summer ceremonial and our 2025 parade season. As any good Klowner would know, nothing prepares your makeup skills and liver better than a trip to the Northeast Clown Institute, otherwise referred to as Klowner College! I'm guessing that many of you, like our wives, question if this is really an event so luckily our 2025 attendees have a few pictures and trophies that they are willing and able to share. CJ "Sonny" Larrabee set the standard in the individual competitions by taking home 1st place in the Hobo/Tramp division.



Unlike his father, who is an absolute legend in competitions, Ryan "Checkah" Robitaille remains a "bridesmaid" by again placing 2nd in the Auguste division. I've always heard that the third time is a charm so hopefully he can turn that frown upside down and get ready for 2026!



Fortunately, Kadin "Krafty" Crafts, who already won his division last year, was there to supervise and carry "Checkah" in the 2-Man skit in which they were able to take home 1st place.



In another group event, "Sonny", "Checkah" and "Krafty" were able to pull it together and also win 1st place in the multi-person skit!

Overall the Kora Klowns represented again and outside of a few late night texts, kept the focus on improving their skills. We are anxiously looking forward to some better weather and a fun and rewarding summer of parades and events.

As always, if you are interested in being part of the unit with the most participation ribbons at the temple, please feel free to speak to any one of our KLOWN members or email Ryan "Checkah" Robitaille, at Lisbon52@gmail.com.

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KORA KAMPERS

by Alan Collins, Secretary

We hope all are happy and Healthy.

We met for our Mid -Winter Meeting and had an amazing turn out! What a great time for catching up, amazing food and as always, our traditional recycle raffle! We would like to thank the Kitchen Crew for the great meal!

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!

Wagon Master

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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

If you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out at korakampers@gmail.com.



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CYCLE CORPS/FACTS AND FIGURES

by Bob Levesque, Scribe

Well spring has sprung...well almost anyway. The Cycle Corps has dragged our old minibikes out of the dusty old trailer and started tinkering on them once again to get ready for Parade Season. Carl and the boys have been doing excellent work keeping these 1972 Ruppys running and in a safe condition. We replaced all the tires on the minibikes last year and most of the brakes. We installed kill switches on them all as well. By the time you are reading this KCC will have already had our annual inspection from the safety committee and I'm sure we will get a great report. We in the Cycle Corps have always been focused on safety as these tiny bikes are a little hard to get used and with us ... large guys on them its easy to make a mistake. We are happy the Temple has taken a stronger stand on safety, for our guys and the general public, this is nothing but good for the fraternity.

Our parade coordinator (Chris) has been lining up parades for the summer season. Looks like it will be a banner year for parades. We have been meeting regularly to work on the bikes and get our sea legs back under us. Our new trailer is much easier for us to move the bikes around and if we can keep from running into things with it, we will be styling. We have some new sponsors on the sides of our trailer that we didn't have in the past. Next time you see the Cycle Corps Trailer take a look at the sponsor's logos, we are proud to have them as part of the team.

As I said in the last Sands, KCC has stepped up and taken on the Facts and Figures Unit. We have repaired the truck that hauls the trailer and did some work to the trailer as well. We have gotten the carts back in tip top shape and we are scheduling parades again for the unit. Our past Director Lenny Perkins has been voted in as F&F Director with Ernie Pinkham as Asst Director, we are sure they will do a great job. By the time you are reading this article, we will have had the carts inspected too. We are running some training for the KCC and the F&F units so everyone will be cross trained for both units. We are putting it out there that if anyone might be interested in driving a cart in some parades, please let us know and we can get you trained in the operation of these cool carts. We are also looking for members to join the unit, maybe you want to be in the parades and might want a nice seat to ride on??? We are in the process of updating the information on the trailer placards that tow behind the carts. We are proud of the work we all do and want to share the great news with anyone who wants to take a look.

Mike and Sue have been doing a great job with the Temple so far and we are sure the rest of the year will be a big success. The KCC and F&F are planning on attending the Summer Ceremonial which is being headed up by our very own Assistant Rabban and long-time Cycle Corp member, Frank P. Welch Jr., with help from Pam (of course) and a large committee. We are planning on having a blast at that event and participating in a wonderful parade in Farmington, as well as welcoming a bunch of new Nobles into the fold. Remember everyone, new members are how we keep this fraternity thriving into the future.

We hope to see everyone out this summer doing great work and having fun. Reach out to a KCC member if you are interested in joining one of these groups or just want to experiment with operating a cart in a parade, it's way fun.

Once again, I have gone on too long, remember to always walk and act like a Mason and enjoy every day God gives you.

Until next time KCC/F&F Mr. Scribe

KORA HIGHLANDERS

by Chet Matthews

La' Math (good day) Noble Lads & Lassies,

The Highlanders have started this season with our annual performances at Gritty McDuff's Brew Pub, in both Auburn and Portland, and the Westbrook Eagles Club. We have several parades and the Summer Cermonial ahead of us this year and are now preparing for those as well as working on adding a few new tunes to our repertoire.

For those new Nobles who may not know us 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 a similarly dedicated group of guest musicians and steadfastly supported by our Highlander Ladies. While we have a few new pipers and drummers in training we are actively looking to add to our ranks. 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 Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM. or contact Chet Matthews, cwmatt@comcast.net or any Highlander.

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





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In addition to the letter, please complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

1. Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____ Is he a Shriner? _____

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3. Father's and/or Mother's Address (if different from above) _____

4. If Father is a Shriner, Shrine Center: _____ Member No. _____

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(DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters, etc.) _____

6. To what other school related groups do you belong? _____

7. State briefly you extracurricular school-related interests/activities _____

8. Name of accredited school to be attended: _____ Major: _____

9. Address of School: _____

10. Which year will you be entering? _____ Current GPA: _____

11. What career are you pursuing? _____

12. If undecided, indicate possible choices: _____

13. Additional information you wish to be considered? _____

Please submit the following documentation with the application:

- a. Most current copy of high school/ college transcript
- b. At least one confidential letter or recommendation from an instructor, counselor, or advisor.

Please include a brief statement describing your current educational goals and their relationship to your career plans: _____

I believe the foregoing statements to be accurate. I hereby pledge any Kora Kares Scholarship monies awarded to me will be used strictly for college expenses such as tuition, supplies, and room and board.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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**Kora Shriners elected Board of Directors reserves the right to issue more than one scholarship based on availability of funds and academic rating of applicants!*
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Please mail completed application to: Kora Shriners, C/O Scholarship Committee, 11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240
Completed Applications must be postmarked prior to June 1st to receive consideration.




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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.

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The Black Camel

January 1 through April 15

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Noble Name Date of Passing

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Francis M. Brown 1/14/2025
Alton R. Bryant 2/4/2025
Esau Cooper, Jr. 2/8/2025
Royall M. Dodge 1/12/2025
Richard L. Duplisea 3/24/2025
Joseph T. Foster 2/10/2025
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Robert L. Goding 3/1/2025

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Robert C. Huntington, Sr. 12/28/2024
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David J. Lepage 1/13/2025
Frederick R. Maitland 3/23/2025
Nelson M. Peters, Jr. 2/13/2025
Robert D. Steele 10/6/2024
George E. Walker 10/2/2024
Peter White 4/11/2025
Herbert A. Young 1/21/2025

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



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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 _____

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If so, what temple? _____ When? _____

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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

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Noble _____

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 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

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 George F Herrick Sr.
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F

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 Fales, Thomas H 12/25
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G

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 Grafton, George & Ruth 05/25

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 Hanslip, Joseph 08/25
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 Herrick Jr, Terri & George 12/25

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 Irish, Claire 5/28
 In Memory of Richard "Dick" Irish

J

Jordan, Bob & Harlean 8/26

K

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 Kora Buccaneers 2/29

L

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 In Memory of Honorable Glenys Lovett

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 Morgan, Robert 11/24
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 Perry, Crawford & Kathe 8/27

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Ridlon, Chuck & Sally 2/26
 Roy, Michael & Tracey 09/27

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