

Kora Sands

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Spring 2026



Kora Shrine

FEZTIVAL

of Easter Baskets



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MARCH 20-22

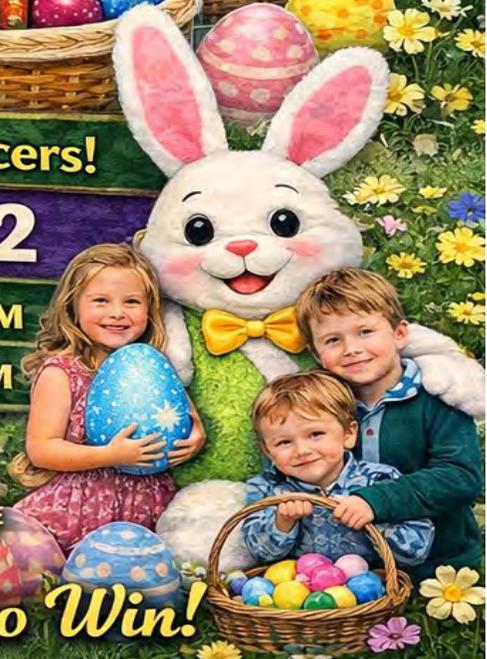
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KORA KITCHEN FOOD AVAILABLE



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FROM THE DESK OF THE POTENTATE

by Illustrious Potentate Michael Robitaille



Illustrious Sir Michael Robitaille and Lady Lolita

This morning as I sit at my desk, it is easy to reflect and be proud of Kora Shrine. A great weekend was had by many as we congratulated Illustrious Sir Mike Zubiata (Good Mike) and Lady Sue on a wonderful year. The Units and Clubs are to be recognized for all their work on raising funds for the many projects at Kora and for our Hospitals in Boston and Springfield.

I would like to call out the Kora Klowns for their wonderful non-practiced skit at ceremonial. Only a Klown Unit can get away with such an ordeal and not have a complaint filed. The Klowns have always been my family, and they are truly a “special” group of guys. I'm sure this is not the last you will see of them this year.

Lady Lolita and I are very humbled that you have entrusted the position of Potentate and First Lady to us. We will represent Kora Shrine, the nobility, and our Kora family with the highest level of professionalism and pride. Although we don't have a “quirky” theme like many before us; we do have a mission and that is to support our Shrine Children and to have fun with our Kora family.

Our year will be busy as we begin the month of January on the “Tilly” tour in Bangor, Maine at the Anah Installation. Then we travel to Luxor Temple in Saint John, New Brunswick for their installation. We will round out our first 30 days at the Aleppo Temple Installation. I'm happy to say, by the time you read this, we will have installed the Officers of Cumberland and York County Shrine Clubs. It is going to be an exciting year that will bring lots of happiness and smiles.

A few new events this year are in the works for Kora. The first ever Kora Shrine Festival of Easter Baskets will be held from March 20-22, at Kora Shrine. Noble Brandon Richardson, a Rising Star Award recipient, has taken this event on and is looking for some help. Please reach out to him if you are interested. Although this is a Mini-Racer event, they will need help, and I have heard that he wants to help the Kora financials a little bit. Another new event will be a Family Appreciation Day, held on June 28, at the Beaver Park facility in Lisbon. A fun day of events are scheduled to include a fishing tournament for the kids. Mark your calendars now as they will fill up for sure.

On behalf of Lady Lolita and myself, we would like to thank you all for supporting us and we look forward to strengthening our relationships with our Kora family this year. We want to thank the Kora Leadership Team (Divan) for your help and guidance in 2026. I also want to thank Dave Bucknam and Lady Jody for accepting my nomination this past year to serve as part of the Leadership Team. You will both do amazing jobs and we are lucky to have you ... even if you are a Cop Dave ...

During the Installation it was brought to my attention that I forgot to announce our Personal Aides. Adam Tanguay, Kadin Crafts, and Ryan Robitaille were asked to serve, and they have stepped up to take the challenge. Lady Lolita and I couldn't be prouder of these men for their accomplishments in the Shrine. We are also excited to have Bernie McAllsiter serving as the Units Colonel (coming out of retirement) for one more year. I know this is because of Lolita and not me ... many years ago Bernie deputized her and now he is repaying her.

Mondays with Mike will be a new Facebook video program that I will be hosting. You can view these on Kora Talks or Kora Shriners Facebook pages. The first video had over 9,000 views in the first week. Communication is the key to success, and we will be having short clips that will talk about the upcoming events, units, clubs, or Shrine history. If you want to be on Mondays with Mike, please let me know as the list is filling up quickly.

As always, I am here to serve you, the Kora Shrine Family. Please don't hesitate to contact me, or one of your Divan liaisons, if you have questions, comments, or concerns. Be Safe and Take Care.



2026 DIVAN



Potentate Michael Robitaille



Chief Rabban Frank Welch, Jr.



Assistant Rabban Barry Irish



High Priest and Prophet Ryan Sherman



Oriental Guide Ben Weisner



Treasurer III. Paul Gardner



Recorder Steve Peterson



1st Ceremonial Master E. Andy Caron



2nd Ceremonial Master Mike Klick



Marshal Bo Clark



Captain of the Guard Dave Bucknam



Chaplain Eugene Tanguay





RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK....

by Noble Steven E. Peterson, Recorder

Happy New Year! As we celebrate the New Year we also are looking forward to a new year at Kora Shriners with our new Potentate and his Divan. First off, I would thank you all for your support for electing me to this vital position within Kora. I am both humbled and in awe of the faith that you all have in me to follow in the footsteps of our previous Recorder, Illustrious Sir John Knox. Thank you John for your hard work over the past seven years and for mentoring me this past year.

I have been working hard preparing myself for this position over the past year. I was very fortunate to have been sent to the Annual Imperial Recorder's School last April in Charlotte, NC, where I learned what the job of Shrine Recorder consists of. It was very eye-opening and, I dare say, intimidating. At the introduction meeting for new Recorders, one of the most senior Recorders in Shrinedom stated that "When I was sitting here as a brand-new recorder, the first thing that was said to us was that our most important job is...to keep your Potentate out of jail!" He went on to talk about all the other tasks and jobs that Shrine Recorders must do, dealing with dues payments are a fraction of this duty. So, I will pledge to work my hardest at all these duties and with the best of my ability to help move Kora Shriners successfully into our bright future. Oh, and yes, I will try to keep our Illustrious Potentate out of jail.

My plan for this coming year is to work out of the Recorder's office at Kora. I am planning on having posted office hours and I will let everyone know when I will be there. I will be available to the Nobility to answer any questions, address any concerns, or help you, as best as I can. I would just ask everyone to be patient with me as I continue to learn the duties of this office.

Now here are a few reminders:

- First, if you have not already paid your 2026 Shrine Dues, please do so now! It costs us (Kora) money every time a reminder is emailed or a statement is mailed by Imperial Shrine. This means by delaying your dues payment, Kora gets to keep less of your dues' payment, hence less money for our fraternal body. If you have questions on how to pay your dues, please just let me know and I can explain this to you.
- Second, I am planning on continuing the electronic sign-in for Kora's Stated Business Meetings and Ceremonials. I would like to thank you for your patience as we implement this process, as we did at the Election of Officers Meeting in December. I would ask you to help with this process by finding the registration table, so you can have your dues card scanned and your attendance recorded. You might ask why we are bothering with scanning dues cards? Here are just a few reasons: It allows us to restrict admission to a closed (tyled) meeting to only eligible voting members (current dues paid members), which is Imperial Law. This allows us to have an accurate attendance record for the meeting and for the Kora's Records. Both of which are extremely important to Imperial Shrine, especially if there is an important vote. In the future, this will also allow the membership committee to offer some type of attendance award for yourself and units. These are just a few reasons why recording your attendance is so very important.

Thank you all again and I am looking forward to helping guide Kora Shriners forward in this New Year and beyond!

Your Humble & Obedient Servant,

Noble Steve Peterson
Recorder

2026 KORA STATED BUSINESS MEETINGS

Please take notice that Kora Shriners will be holding their Stated Business Meetings on the dates listed below. Please mark your calendar for these dates. Each Stated Meeting will include the following agenda items: Reports from Treasurer & Recorder, Balloting on any Candidates, Reports from various Committees, Important information on any upcoming Kora Ceremonial, Announcements on any upcoming events, Good of the Order, and any other business deemed necessary by the Potentate. Each Stated Meeting will have a meal, cost to be determined, and more detailed information for each meeting will be published via the weekly Kora Connections prior to each meeting. If you have any questions please contact your Temple Recorder, Noble Steve Peterson at 207-713-5318 or email at Recorder@korashriners.org

- Friday January 30, 2026 @ 6pm at Kora Temple – Unit/Club Installation of Officers (Noble Only)
- Wednesday March 18, 2026 @ 6pm at Kora Temple – Spring Stated Meeting
- Wednesday June 3, 2026 @ 6pm at Kora Temple – Summer Stated Meeting
- Wednesday October 7, 2026 @ 6pm at Kora Temple – Fall Stated Meeting

Don't forget to wear your Fez!

IMPORTANT—2026 Dues Cards Will Be Checked. You must either have a physical dues card or phone dues card app which will be scanned. You will not be admitted if you have not paid your 2026 dues. All members are required to go through this process prior to the business meeting.



SOME FINAL WORDS.....

I want to say a sincere “Thank you” for allowing me to serve as your Temple Recorder for the past seven years. It is a challenge to serve in a position where the ‘CEO’ changes every year with new or different ideas and management style. At the end of the day we must remember that we are Brothers in this great fraternity, and that we are volunteers and serve the members.

A special thanks to Kate Hansen, our Office Manager for the past 20+ years – she has the real challenge of managing the operations of the office, all of our major events, assuring our financial reports and books are in proper order, in addition to having a different boss every year. I do plan to hang around for a bit and tackle the task of Temple Historian – so watch for news on that front.

Moving forward, Noble Steve Peterson is ready for the challenge of Kora’s Recorder and is anxious to assist the Nobility as needed. One of our major challenges will be an increase in membership which will need to be an effort by everyone. Do not hesitate to reach out to Master Masons as you attend your lodge meetings. Attend your respective Shrine Club meetings – involve your spouses, take an active role in your Unit or better yet, join a Unit if you are not in one already.

Once again, thank you all for the support you have provided – and I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
 Illustrious John R. Knox
 Past Potentate and Past Recorder



A Proclamation

Es Salamu Aleikum:

*The call of the Muezzin
 cries out to all
 Ye Poor Sons of the Desert*

*It is the will of the Potentate
 That the
 Spring Ceremonial of Kora Shriners,
 Ancient Order of the Nobles
 of the Mystic Shrine,
 be held at the Kora Shrine Center
 on Monday Evening, April 20, 2026.*

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m.

*Cold Sands Presented
 followed by Business Meeting*

In the year of our Lord 2026

Aleikum Es Selam

*Illustrious Sir Mike Robitaille
 Potentate*

*See the Detailed Agenda
 in this issue for registration
 information or online at
www.korashriners.org*



Kora Shrine Center
 Operations Budget and Comparison
 Actual 2025 - Budget 2026

	<u>Budget 2026</u>	<u>Actual 2025</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 493,400</u>	<u>\$ 544,134</u>
Expenditures		
Imperial Council	55,200	58,970
Administration and General	120,800	122,025
Building operations and maintenance	174,300	163,829
Business Sessions	10,000	8,255
Ceremonials	43,500	39,500
Entertainment - Social	18,000	10,016
Visitations & Pilgrimages	27,500	15,772
Promotion & Publicity	33,500	37,281
Unit Expenses	8,750	3,177
Charity & Members Welfare	<u>1,700</u>	<u>6,081</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>493,250</u>	<u>464,906</u>
Contingency	-	-
Net Surplus/(loss)	<u><u>\$ 150</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 79,228</u></u>

Paul Gardner, P.O., Treasurer
 1/15/2026



ANNUAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP For 2025

Total Membership as reported December 31st 2024 (Includes Associates)	1356
Nobles Created	28
Nobles Affiliated	7
Nobles Restored	9
Nobles Associated	2
Total Gain	46
Total	1402
Nobles Demitted	11
Nobles Suspended	36
Nobles Expelled	0
Nobles Deceased	60
Nobles Resigned	0
Associate Members Dropped	1
Total Deductions	108
Total Membership as reported December 31st 2025 (Includes Associates)	1294
(Total Regular = 1277 + Total Associates = 17) = Total Membership	

Net Loss for the year 2025 **-62**

Number of Candidates who were DeMolays **0**

NOTE 1 - Numbers may not add up due to reversals or conversion reconciliations.
NOTE 2 - Please do not withhold your report awaiting remittance. See note on page 1 hereof.



THE FUTURE OF OUR KORA BUILDING

Hopefully, each of you is very aware that our home needs a substantial investment. In September, the Building Advisory Committee (BAC) issued a report detailing the building needs. At the annual election of officers, the BAC also presented an overview of the legal and financial structure that controls the Kora Building. Copies of the report and presentation can be found on the Kora Website. For those that could not make it, this is a recap of that presentation. In addition, it is also intended to update you on what you can expect to occur over the next three to nine months.

The most pressing need for the building is to replace the 1908 heating system. Preliminary engineering estimate is that the cost may be as high as \$3,000,000 based on the current system. Once a final decision is made on the exact type of heating system that will be used, a more refined estimate will be available.

The building is 'owned' by a separate 501(c)(2) corporation called the Kora Association. Each Kora Noble in good standing is a member of this corporation. At the annual meeting a couple of weeks ago, our work as Kora Shrine was suspended while we opened the annual meeting of the Kora Association. It is the time the membership elects the Board Members of the Association. They are commonly referred to as the Trustees.

Our Shrine Center is 'rented' to Kora Shriners by the Kora Association. The Trustees are essentially the landlord of the building. They are responsible for the long-term care of the building, including making capital investment decisions. For many years, Kora Shriners pay annual 'rent' of \$30,000. Essentially these are the only real funds received by the Trustees; funds they use to invest back in the building. This also represents the annual amount paid for capital upkeep of the building within Kora's operating budget.

Kora Nobility are the renters of the building. Kora Board of Directors (the elected members of the Divan) are charged to make day-to-day decisions, including those that all renters would expect to make. The adopted 2026 operating budget for the building is \$174,300, (which includes \$30,000).

Over a decade ago, Kora leadership supported the creation of a public 501(c)(3) organization to assist with fundraising for the building. Most, if not all of you are aware, donations to support Kora Shriners do not qualify as tax deductible. Only donations made directly to the hospitals qualify. Importantly, any donations made to the Kora Shrine Center Foundation are tax deductible. Since its creation, the Foundation has provided over \$500,000 in direct cash or in-kind donations to provide upgrades to our building.

Capital investment decisions are made collaboratively by the three groups, as represented by the diagram. The Trustees, as the Nobility's elected representatives, ultimately make the final decision on building capital projects. They are also charged to oversee the projects. The Divan is consulted on capital projects. The Divan also advocates for the projects, including financial support. The Foundation seeks direction from the Trustees on building needs. They seek public funds to support projects.

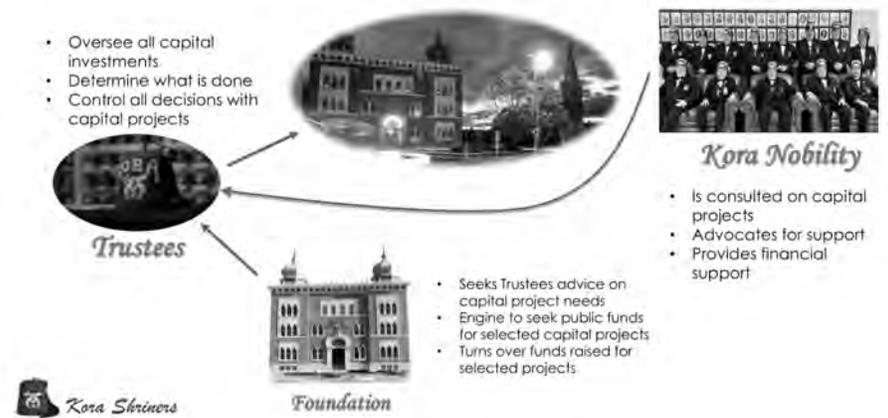
It is no secret that our membership is declining. Over the last five years our membership has declined by an average of 60 members per year. Today, we have 1,359 members. In 2015, we had 2,347. Dues alone will not support the upcoming capital needs of the building.

The Divan approved the BAC to proceed with producing a report to examine the choices that face Kora Shrine. The framework of the report is to evaluate two choices; keeping the building with an achievable plan to raise the capital funds needed versus the real costs of moving to a new home. The work is well on its way. It will contain solid financial analysis between the choices and implementable opportunities to raise the capital. With the report in hand and readily available for all, the ultimate goal is to have Kora make a final decision to proceed by early summer, at the latest. The goal is to have the report available by late spring.

For those who attended the annual meeting, Dan Labrie (Trustee Chairman) reported that he believes there are enough funds available to move forward with the first phase of the heating system. This is a positive sign. Your donations, through the units and clubs, at the annual meeting of nearly \$50,000 were tremendous. Together with the decision of the Divan to dedicate operational savings the last couple of years, the success of the FEZitival of Trees and the funds raised by the Foundation have made this announcement possible. It should be clear to all, it would not be prudent to begin the work without a firm commitment and plan to raise the remaining funds.

On behalf of the Building Advisory Group, the Trustees and Kora Foundation, we look forward to the ongoing and difficult conversations. Please feel free to reach out to the Divan or any of us with any questions.

Capital Investment: How It Works



Dan Labrie
Trustee Chairman

Barry Gates, P.P.
BAC Chairman

Jim Bennett, P.P.
Foundation President



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Fun-Fellowship-Helping Kids

Over the next three issues of the Sands, the Membership Committee will reprint Sun Journal articles that highlight the 2025 Festival of Trees. One article features three Shriners under the age of 30 sharing their reasons for joining. The committee hopes this provides insight into what inspires younger members to become part of Kora Shrine and encourages current members to reflect on their own motivations for joining.

NOBLE KADIN CRAFTS

Why I Became a Shriner Under the Age of 30

After deciding to better myself as a man, I began the journey into Masonry at the age of 24. Having a best friend since preschool involved in Ancient York Lodge 155 certainly sparked my interest in Masonry. Not long after, I felt called to do something more—something that would give back to the community in a meaningful way. That calling led me to become a Kora Shriner, and soon after, I joined the Kora Klown Unit.

Since then, I've had the privilege of serving as Klown Unit Secretary for a couple of years, and I now serve as the Unit President. It's been a journey of growth, leadership and a whole lot of joy.

What Do You Enjoy About Being a Shriner?

I truly enjoy being a youthful voice within the Shrine—bringing a fresh perspective to conversations around fundraising, public engagement and outreach. It's been rewarding to work alongside supportive and experienced brothers as we continue to push our unit forward together. The fellowship, shared mission and opportunity to bring joy to others—especially through clowning—make it all worthwhile.

What Do Friends and Family Say When They Hear You're a Shriner?

Friends have been incredibly supportive over the years. At first, most admit they don't know much about what the Shrine is or what we do—but over time, they come to see what a great organization it truly is. Through our visible involvement and community presence, we've even been able to inspire many friends to join themselves. They quickly learn that being a Shriner is much more than just wearing a funny hat—it's about brotherhood, service and making a lasting difference.

A Memorable Moment as a Shriner

One of my most memorable moments was attending "Clown College" at the Northeast Clown Institute in Massachusetts. During our time there, we heard stories about how the funds raised by Shriners—especially through the Red Sneaker Fund (an initiative by the International Shrine Clown Association)—go directly toward supporting kids in need of specialized care.

Hearing firsthand how our efforts translate into real-world impact was humbling and inspiring. It reminded me that what we do as Shriners, and specifically as clown unit members, goes far beyond laughter—it brings healing, hope and heart to the lives we touch.





Harry H. Cochrane Award

Harry Cochrane is best known by KORA Shriners as the artist and contributor of the magnificent murals adorning our dining hall. Noble Cochrane created this art work after a visit to the Middle East where he was inspired by the scenery and people of that region. In 2023, the Board of Directors of Kora voted to authorize the creation of the Harry H. Cochrane Meritorious Service Award of Merit to recognize a Kora Noble for their time and dedication for the betterment of Kora Shriners.

This year the board voted to recognize two individuals who they felt exhibited these qualifications – **Crawford Perry and John R. Knox.**

Crawford has been an active member of Kora since 1999 and is a 40+ year member of the Masonic fraternity and recently received

his 40 year pin from Tranquil Lodge. He is a Past Director (Emeritus) of our Greeters Unit and has been instrumental on the membership team where he has been diligent in conducting ‘birthday’ calls to our membership. He enjoys the conversations that happen when he calls a member who perhaps has not been active recently, either due to age or other restrictions. They are always happy to hear from a member to reconnect to their Shrine roots. Crawford and his wife Kathey are active and participate in many of Kora’s fundraising events, especially the Festival of Trees.

John is Past Potentate of Kora from 2011 and just recently handed over the responsibility of Recorder after 7 years of service in that office. He is a 53-year member and Past Master of Saco Lodge. He has been closely connected to the fraternity since his involvement with DeMolay, both as Master Councilor of his chapter in Saco, and State Master Councilor for Maine. He went on to serve as Executive Officer and remains active as a Past President of the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation scholarship committee. John is also an Emeritus member of the Board of Governors for the Boston Shriners Hospital. His membership in Kora was suggested by his father, Bob, who encouraged him to join the Kora Band. Playing trumpet in several community bands and ensembles continues to be a passion. John and wife Becky, enjoy the friendships created through their involvement with Shriners and remain grateful for that connection.



6TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR EXPO

APRIL 11 & 12, 2026

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Vendors & Seminars

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Rising Star Award

Rising Star Award is presented to newer Kora Shriners (less than 5 years) who have demonstrated a commitment to growing our Fraternity.

This year the board voted to recognize two individuals who they felt exhibited these qualifications – Kadin “Krafty” Crafts, and Brandon Richardson.



Kadin joined the Kora Shrine in 2021 and has been an active and influential member ever since. His journey within the Kora Klown unit began as an apprentice clown, quickly advancing to unit secretary, and currently serving as unit president.

Beyond his Shrine contributions, Kadin exemplifies balance and excellence in his personal life. He successfully manages a thriving car dealership, overseeing more than 20 employees, while raising twin boys and being a devoted husband. Despite these responsibilities, he consistently attends the majority of Shrine meetings and nearly 100% of unit events. His dedication is unmatched, and his presence is a cornerstone of Kora Klown Unit success. In fewer than five years, Kadin Crafts has become one of the most active and impactful members of the Kora Klowns.

Brandon has been member of KORA Shrine since 2024. Brandon is also a member of Nezinscot Lodge #101 in Turner. He is the 2026 Senior Steward and is a dedicated member of Nezinscot lodge willing to assist with whatever is needed not only at stated meeting but degree work and charitable functions. He has worked his way up through the ranks of the KORA Mini-Racers to his current position as unit director. Brandon, along with unit members have worked extremely hard getting the cars and equipment parade ready. Brandon has gotten sponsorship for the cars and trailers to assist with the cost of repair and replacement parts. He is also taken the lead in planning the inaugural Festival of Easter Baskets which will be held at KORA Temple Friday March 20 – through Sunday March 22 of this year.

Brandon has the support of his family and girlfriend Cathy Brown. He is also manager of a successful repair garage and towing business and is a regular attendee at KORA meetings, ceremonials, and functions.

OUTDOOR PRESENTS:

BANGS FOR YOUR BUCKS
SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026

An Exclusive Saturday Evening Event
For Men & Women 21+

- Raffles • Drawings • Prizes
- Silent & live auctions
- Firearms, outdoor gear, spa items, gift certificates, and MORE!

Good Friends & Good Fun

ADMISSION INCLUDES:
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complimentary bites & beverages
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Door Prizes:
Henry 22 LR Lever-Action Octagon Frontier Rifle
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TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON
\$35 each
or
Table of 8 for \$300

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FMI: Pat Penley, pat.penley.kora@gmail.com, (207)860-9380



SAVE *The* DATE

Androscoggin County Shrine Club & Kora Spring Ceremonial

Monday, April 20th, 2026

Kora Shrine Center
11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston

Doors open at 5pm
Meeting at 6pm

*Meal registration coming soon
at korashriners.org*



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ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB
presents

Basket Bingo

Featuring

Longaberger Baskets®

Saturday, April 4th 2026

Kora Shrine Temple

11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston

\$20.00 in advance

\$25.00 at the door

Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.

Games Begin at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Bingo / Blackout Bingo / Raffles

Tickets available at Kora Shrine Center

For more information, call the Shrine at (207) 782-6831

Refreshments available for purchase

Proceeds benefit the Androscoggin County Shrine Club
The Longaberger Company does not endorse nor sponsor this Basket Bingo event



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Kora Shrine Clinics

Since September, Kora Clinics have taken place on the first Saturday of each month. Over the past five months, we have had six children referred to Shriners Children's Boston or New England. Most of these children have serious health conditions and will probably be long-term patients at Shriners Children's. We have dates planned for the entire year unless there is a holiday on the first Saturday.

In November, we attended the School Nurses Association Meeting in Augusta. In February, we will join an event in Farmington promoting children's health. In March, we'll participate in a Pediatric Conference in Portland.

We have a wonderful group of Doctors, Nurses, Nobles and their Ladies, and representatives from AROK that support this event.

The steering committee will meet this month to update plans for the program and the Kora Konnect Project.

We thank the many volunteers for their vital role in this program. One team member noted that "the information concerning the child was quite serious." Something that she didn't expect from the very first person seen at the Clinic.

Remember — **Fun-Fellowship-Helping Kids.**

2026 Kora Clinic Steering Committee

KORA KONNECT PROJECT 2026

Connecting Kora Members to their Community and Kora Shrine

The Kora Konnect Committee has convened and agreed to build on last year's achievements. The Raffle will begin on June 1st and continue through the Fall Ceremonial. Kora Konnect remains committed to finding ways to connect Kora Members to Kora and their local communities. Stay tuned for more details about this year's event and consider volunteering at one of the locations or encouraging your unit or club to sell raffle tickets. Reach out to units that succeeded last year for fundraising ideas and advice.

2026 Kora Konnect Committee Report





Shriners
Children's



SHRINERS
INTERNATIONAL

SCREENING CLINIC FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS



The Kora Shriners

are hosting a complimentary 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.

**1st Saturday of each month
9:00AM to 1:00PM**

**Kora Shrine Center
11 Sabattus Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240**

No appointment necessary but are recommended —
Walk-ins welcome.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER VISIT
korashriners.org/clinics**



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 ShrinersChildrens.org

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Shriners Children's**



FEZTIVAL OF TREES REPORT



I will start by saying two hard to believe facts. The first was the fact that the Feztival turned 20 years old and the second is we had another record year financially. It was a great event with very few issues. We added a couple of new ways to enhance our sponsorships. We created Gold Plus and Platinum Plus categories of sponsors. As part of that change, we also offered Gold Tickets to be used at any time by the corporate sponsor with the ticket.

We significantly exceeded our fundraising efforts with your continued support and commitment. At this point, we do not have the final numbers, however we are looking very good! Continuing the entries in 15-minute time slots made the experience of the FOT much more of an enjoyable experience. We were sold out most of Wednesday afternoon and both Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. That is over 300 paid admissions per hour for those over 12.

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

- We were able to continue with a corporate sponsor for the Lottery Tree. That donation for sponsorship from MS Ambrogio allowed us to purchase \$500 in lottery tickets, and we were able to raise over \$15,000 dollars with that tree.
- We added Elf on the Shelf. I am not sure who had more fun throwing marshmallows Elf or the kids.
- We should also give a shout out to the second year of having the Grinch at Kora. What can we say about the Grinch that has not been said on Facebook. People loved seeing him and the antics that he does to keep people laughing online and in person.
- For the first time we had five Auburn schools perform on Monday at the Feztival. Children from those schools put on a wonderful event. The music teacher, students, and staff loved the event. We live streamed the performance and we had 100s watching the event. Noble Jared White was able to bring in a wide variety of performers throughout the rest of the week.
- Noble Dan Morin is the Facility Manager for the Feztival of Trees. The setup and tear down went as well as ever. I would say that it was another record this year based on our observations. We also want to thank the Units that helped with the set up and tear down this year.
- Director of Personnel, Noble Randy William, had a new way of signing up volunteers last year. This year we continued the Signup Genius program and saw growth in areas of Clubs and Units. If your Unit or Club did not participate, please consider joining the fun next year.
- Noble Tom Campbell and Joanne Cambell worked on sponsorships and had several new companies step forward to join our other sponsors. We had over \$29,000 in cash and in-kind sponsorship for this year's event.
- The Kora Legion of Honor continued to work as hard as possible to raise money with the 50/50. It was another record-setting year for that group who worked so hard every day to support this event.
- Noble Dan Guilmette, Noble Cal Yeaton and Lady Danielle Williams work on all the online and Sun Journal material paid off. At one point during the Feztival of Trees we reached over 1.2 MILLION views on our Facebook page.



- A shout out to the Kitchen Club who worked together countless hours to prepare and cook unbelievably delicious items daily. This group is often one of the first people in the building in the morning and they stay until the place is cleaned and prepared for the next day. When you see members of the Kitchen Club say thanks for supporting FOT, our largest fundraiser.
- We want to thank WMTW for their continued support of this event with a 3-hour live broadcast live to kick the event off. In addition to the live broadcast, WMTW engaged in a contract this year for commercials on TV and online for people searching for information about the FOT. A couple members of the Committee and one of our sponsors participated in a Lydia Lunch Bunch podcast that was very enjoyable.
- The work of our Tree Coordinators, Noble Dan Labrie and Noble Randy Murray, coordinating the Tree sponsors for many years. This work does not start and end in November; it is a year-round responsibility. They answer questions, coordinate setup, the tree raffle, and the pickup of all the trees, and then it starts all over again.
- Every year we try to add something to the event that is a change. For several years, we have had a group of children who have autism, and their families who have come to the FOT when it is closed to the public. This year we welcomed a group of children who receive services from Andwell and a group of children who have autism. We are pleased to work with these organizations to provide an opportunity for the children and their families at a time when we are not open to the public, and the crowd is much smaller.

We had a Shriner from Canada and a friend who spent the day with us learning how we operate this event. It is very rewarding for Kora to know that this event continues to grow throughout Shrine locations and beyond.

We would be remiss if we did not give a shout-out to the outstanding work of our Decorating Committee who make the Feztival the true Premiere Holiday Event in Maine!

What do some say when they reach the top of the stairs, WOW! This year's theme was Old Fashioned Christmas, and anyone who attended can certainly relate to the fact that we featured items from many different years—many of which we fondly remember. Once again, GREAT JOB DECORATING COMMITTEE!

This event would not be possible if we did not have the 30 plus members of this Committee, without their support all year long this event would not achieve the success we have been able to achieve year after year. Lastly, the Nobles and Ladies and family members of Kora Shrine who spend countless hours working to make this event a success.

We have also heard that OCSC FOT had another momentous year, and we are pleased to support their efforts.

In 2026, Kora will have another Feztival of Trees. The Executive Committee had a meeting on the 7th of January, and our first large committee meeting will be January 29th.

On behalf of the 2025 FOT Committee *Thank You for YOUR SUPPORT!*

Sincerely,

Feztival of Trees Committee 2025





MARCH 7TH

KORA PRESENTS

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

**\$25
ENTRY***

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“ACTON OUTDOORS” SITE OF THE 2026 MAINE STATE MOOSE PERMIT DRAWING

The future of Freemasonry, the Shrine, and all Masonic bodies is the responsibility of each of us — the current Brethren. No one else is going to take the necessary action steps to maintain our fraternal values, perpetuate our service to community and philanthropy, or influence others to join the Craft.

Acton Outdoors presents an opportunity to do just that: to personally share with thousands of men, women, and youth how Freemasonry has positively impacted your life and the lives of those in your “circle of influence.” What more can we ask for than the chance to tell our story and experience the emotional satisfaction that comes from contributing our time, talents, and means on behalf of our society?

Stepping outside our comfort zones and promoting Freemasonry is a bold action. Taking this step will help ensure that the future of our fraternity and brotherhood remains strong for both current and future generations.

Acton Outdoors will also be the site of the 2026 Maine State Moose Permit Drawing. This two-day public event, held in conjunction with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, will take place at the Acton, Maine Fairgrounds on June 19-20, 2026. We anticipate in excess of 5,000 attendees.

Attractions will include amusement carnival rides, an antique car show, a motorcycle rodeo hosted by the Widows Sons Motorcycle Club, a truck-pulling competition, musical performances, and sportsman-related exhibits and demonstrations. Displays from non-profits and state agencies will also be featured, along with a wide variety of on-site vendors.

For scheduling and general information, please refer to: www.me2026mooseloto.com and Facebook group page: **Maine Moose Permit Drawing 2026**.

Please get involved to help ensure the future of our Fraternity. Contact Co-Chairs Past Potentate Rick Olfene at (207) 210-4626, rickolfene054@gmail.com or Noble DK Horne at DKHorne1@aol.com. You are encouraged to share this message with your network, especially fellow brethren, community service organizations, sportsmen's clubs, and youth groups.



**2026 Maine State
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June 19th and 20th
Acton, Maine Fairgrounds



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OXFORD COUNTY SHRINERS FEZTIVAL OF TREES

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 6th Annual Oxford County Shriners FEZtival of Trees such a great success. This year we were able to make donations to Kora Shrine, Kora heating system, 2026 Potentate’s Project, 2026 Kora 1st Lady’s Project, Shriners Children’s Boston Haunted Walk, Shriners Children’s New England, Demolay, Rainbow Girls, Dyslexia Center of Portland, Maine, \$100 Club, and the Locke Mills American Legion to name a few.

Again, thank you to everyone who planned, worked, attend and supported the event. Without all of you we would not have had the success that we did. We appreciate each and everyone of you.

The Oxford County Shriners FEZtival of Trees Committee





UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 7** **Screening Clinic**
9 am-1 pm at Kora Temple
See page 21 for more information
- 20** **Movie Night at Kora**
Notting Hill - Romantic Comedy
Rated PG-13
See page 27 for more information
- 26** **Midcoast Shrine Club
Potentate Reception**
6 pm at St. George Lodge, Warren, ME

March

- 7** **Screening Clinic**
9 am-1 pm at Kora Temple
See page 21 for more information
- 7** **Motor Booty**
6 pm at Kora Temple
See page 24 for more information
- 13** **Movie Night at Kora**
Leprechaun - Horror
Rated R
See page 27 for more information
- 18** **Spring Stated Meeting**
6 pm at Kora Temple
- 20-22** **Easter Basket Event**
Kora Mini Racers Easter Egg
"Eggstravaganza"
See the inside front cover for more info
- 29** **Lobster Bowl Team Meeting**
11am at Kora Temple

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April

- 4** **Screening Clinic**
9 am-1 pm at Kora Temple
See page 21 for more information
- 4** **Basket Bingo**
8:30 am at Kora Temple
See page 19 for more information
- 11 & 12** **Outdoor Expo**
Saturday 9 am-5 pm & Sunday 9am-2 pm
See page 12 for more information
- 20** **Spring Ceremonial**
Doors open at 5pm, Meeting at 6pm
- 25** **Minigolf Tournament**
Hosted by Maine DeMolay at Kora
See page 36 for more information

May

- 2** **Screening Clinic**
9 am-1 pm at Kora Temple
See page 21 for more information
- 15-16** **Grand Assembly of Maine**

June

- 3** **Summer Stated Meeting**
6 pm at Kora Temple
- 6** **Screening Clinic**
9 am-1 pm at Kora Temple
See page 21 for more information
- 12 - 14** **Summer Ceremonial**
Bayley's Camping Resort, Scarborough



MOVIE NIGHT AT KORA

February 20 — NOTTING HILL

(Rated PG-13 Romantic Comedy)

William Thacker (Hugh Grant) is a London bookstore owner whose humdrum existence is thrown into romantic turmoil when famous American actress Anna Scott (Julia Roberts) appears in his shop. A chance encounter over spilled orange juice leads to a kiss that blossoms into a full-blown affair. As the average bloke and glamorous movie star draw closer and closer together, they struggle to reconcile their radically different lifestyles in the name of love.

March 13 — LEPRECHAUN

(R Rated / Horror)

Dan O'Grady (Shay Duffin) steals 100 gold coins from a leprechaun (Warwick Davis) while on vacation in Ireland. The leprechaun follows him home, but Dan locks the murderous midget in a crate, held at bay by a four-leaf clover. Ten years later, J.D. Redding (John Sanderford) and his daughter, Tory (Jennifer Aniston), rent O'Grady's property for the summer. When their new neighbors accidentally release the leprechaun, he goes on a murderous rampage to reclaim his gold.

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Shriners Children's

Michelle's Journey of Healing Through Creativity and Humor

As Michelle reflects on her decade-long burn care journey at Shriners Children's Boston, she recounts the experience as "life-changing."

A native of Belize, the 20-year-old is a talented artist, soft-spoken with an unexpected sense of humor.

Michelle's memories of her burn injuries are foggy. "It was 2015, I was 9 and it was Good Friday," said Michelle, who explained the religious day of observance is special for her mother, who makes a tasty fish soup for guests. "There was something that happened with the gas in the kitchen. I was close to the stove, and my hair first caught fire, and the flames quickly spread."

Michelle sustained third-degree burns to nearly 50% of her body, and with the help of a local foundation in Belize, she was connected with Shriners Children's Boston.

Due to the severity of her injuries, Michelle spent seven months in the hospital, celebrating major milestones there, like her tenth birthday. Through the compassionate, wrap-around care provided by staff, Michelle learned how to walk and write again.

Aware of Michelle's interest in art, the physical therapy team utilized a hospital stairwell adorned with colorful murals of wildlife and sea creatures as part of her therapy routine. "When I was working on my legs during physical therapy, I would go up the stairs, and I loved seeing the paintings," said Michelle.

One of Michelle's first wishes after leaving Shriners Children's Boston was to ride an MBTA train she often watched during physical therapy. "We would walk by the windows where the hospital elevators are, and you can see the trains from there. I remember always looking and wanting to go on them," said Michelle. "When I finally made it onto a train, it was nice because we don't have them back home in Belize."

Michelle now returns to Shriners Children's Boston once a year for treatment. She describes her care team as "supportive and like family. The physical therapy department is made up of great people who helped me let my guard down." Her current physical therapist, Aimee Chiasson, DPT, PT, makes her feel comfortable during their sessions. "Every time I hang out with Aimee, I don't feel shy. I look forward to our time together because I can joke around and we have the same sense of humor," said Michelle.

Michelle participates regularly in hospital activities. Two of her favorites are Christmas in July, when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by fire truck, and Team Brave, group outings for patients reintegrating into the community as they recover from burn injuries. Both are supported by volunteers from the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation. "I wanted to get involved in Team Brave because it's very inclusive. Even though some patients may not feel like they can participate in the event, everyone always makes them feel comfortable," said Michelle.

Team Brave outings are coordinated by child life specialist Rebecca Wildes, MS, CCLS, another key member of Michelle's support system. "Every time I am anxious about something, I ask Rebecca to come with me, even on trips to the operating room or appointments with needles, which make me nervous," said Michelle. "Child life makes me feel more relaxed and at ease. They always put my focus on something else."

In her free time, Michelle enjoys spending time with family. She has many hobbies, including painting, drawing and swimming. Michelle started diving in 2021 and is excited to participate in an upcoming night dive off the coast of Belize. "It's a whole different world when you're underwater. You see all types of fish and coral; it's like a forest. I remember once there were two huge walls of coral we swam through. I loved it!"

Michelle is grateful for the relationships she has formed at Shriners Children's Boston and is reflective about her future. "There are lots of things I want to do, like work in the medical field and in burn care, so I can give back. Maybe by being a nurse. It's just incredible what they do at Shriners Children's Boston, and I'm very grateful."





Shriners Children's

Grateful for Life-changing Orthopedic Care at Shriners Children's New England

Mariah was born with an underdeveloped lower leg, creating a severe leg length difference that greatly affected her movement.

As she grew, Mariah required three foot surgeries because of the way she walked. Following the care plan of her orthopedic doctor near their home in New York, Mariah's parents, Cassandra and Charles, were prepared for her to undergo a leg lengthening procedure during adolescence. However, when that provider retired, Mariah's new doctor no longer advised the same treatment.

By this time Mariah was 11 years old, and her life was greatly impacted by her condition. "She couldn't play sports. If she walked long distances, she would get very tired and had to take frequent breaks," said Cassandra. "Mariah started losing her confidence because she couldn't keep up with her friends. We knew it was time to help her the best way we could."

Concerned and seeking a second opinion, Cassandra found the Shriners Children's website and called immediately. She and Charles were happy to get an appointment at Shriners Children's New England in Springfield, Massachusetts, right away, with orthopedic surgeon and Medical Director Lael Luedtke, M.D.



At the conclusion of Mariah's exam, Dr. Luedtke delivered some unexpected news: She determined the best course of action was to amputate Mariah's foot and then fit her with a prosthesis, alleviating the mobility challenges caused by her congenital condition. Mariah and her parents were shocked. "That was a hard appointment," said Cassandra. "I wasn't sure we'd go back. No one had ever recommended the option of an amputation before."

Mariah's family took several months to decide if they wanted to move ahead. "Ultimately we left it up to Mariah," said Cassandra. "It is her medical journey and her life, so we wanted it to be her decision." Added Mariah: "It was a hard decision to make, and I worried a lot. I thought about all the pros and cons. In the end I was very happy with my decision to have the amputation."

Cassandra was grateful for Dr. Luedtke's reassurance on the day of the surgery. "When Dr. Luedtke walked into the room she knew we were nervous," said Cassandra. "She told us to think of it as Independence Day, because that was what Mariah would gain from the surgery. That just changed our perspective on everything."

Although Mariah's recovery went smoothly, she couldn't walk for 6 weeks post-surgery. She couldn't wait to receive a temporary prosthesis when the healing was complete. Mariah felt a difference immediately. "It was life-changing," she said. "I never realized I had that much pain until I started walking again and noticed my hips didn't hurt."

For Mariah, visits to Shriners Children's are an opportunity to be heard by a care team that puts her first. "I'm excited to go because I'm going to see people that know me," she said. "They don't just talk to my parents like I'm not in the room. They ask me how I feel and that makes me happy."

A huge Buffalo Bills fan, Mariah worked with prosthetist Eunice Wong, MSOP, CPO, to create a special design with the football team's logo for her permanent prosthesis. On the day of her final fitting, Mariah walked out of Shriners Children's New England celebrating both her favorite NFL team and the ability to be more active than ever before. Two months later, the team invited Mariah to attend her first-ever Bills game in Buffalo, an experience she'll never forget.

Mariah is looking forward to playing soccer with her friends and enjoys shopping at the mall now that she can walk without pain. She has valuable advice for those sharing a similar experience. "Don't give up on what you want to do, even if it feels impossible," she said. "If you keep focusing on that dream, it is possible."



KORA DEMOLAY COUNCIL

Submitted by Steve Peterson, Scribe



On November 8, 2025, Maine DeMolay hosted their annual Honors & Awards Ceremony and Banquet at the Augusta Masonic Temple. Congratulations to our very own Noble Peter Provencher and Noble James Havu for receiving the DeMolay Legion of Honor. The DeMolay Legion of Honor is the highest honor awarded by DeMolay International for exceptional leadership and service, bestowed upon adult Senior DeMolays and Masons, recognizing outstanding contributions in civic, professional, or spiritual life, or significant service to the Order itself. M. W. Daniel Bartlette and longtime DeMolay Mom Lynn Knowlton also were recipients of this prestigious award.

Kora DeMolay Council is an Official Club of Kora Temple and we are looking for new members. The purpose of Kora DeMolay Council is to support Maine DeMolay Association including their individual Chapters and Members through our members time, talents, efforts, and financial support.

The Kora DeMolay Council “Club” membership is open ALL NOBLES of Kora Shrine. We would invite any Nobles, especially those who are Senior DeMolay, to joining this club and help us support our DeMolay Boys. As we grow, we can become more active with our support. Please considering joining, currently there is no cost to join and no club dues. For more information or if you would like to join please contact Noble Steve Peterson at 713-5318 or e-mail at sales@down-east.com.



Noble Peter Provencher, M.W. Daniel Bartlett, Noble James Havu, & Lynn Knowlton

Our 41st Annual DeMolay Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2026

KORA HIGHLANDERS

by Chet Matthews

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

As we begin another year, we first offer a big WELL DONE and THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES to now Past Potentate Mike Zubiate and the 2025 Divan and offer congratulations to Illustrious Michael Robitaille and the 2026 Divan.

As our first official performance of the year, we were proud to once again work with the Second Section during the Necrology in remembrance of those Nobles who passed in 2025.

We now turn our attention to the upcoming parade and performance season which, for us, is scheduled to kick-off with our Saint Patrick’s Day events, on or near March 17th.

For those 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. We are actively looking to add to our ranks. So, if you’re curious about us or think 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 Chief Highlander, Scott Ainsworths (207)512-6127, swainsworth@twc.com or any Highlander.

While we take great pride in supporting Kora and our Hospitals through our music we also take pride in doing it well and making sure that we have fun doing it.

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



Highlanders play at 2026 Necrology in tribute to those Nobles who passed in 2025.



KORA SHRINE BAND

By Noble Steve Peterson - Sec'y



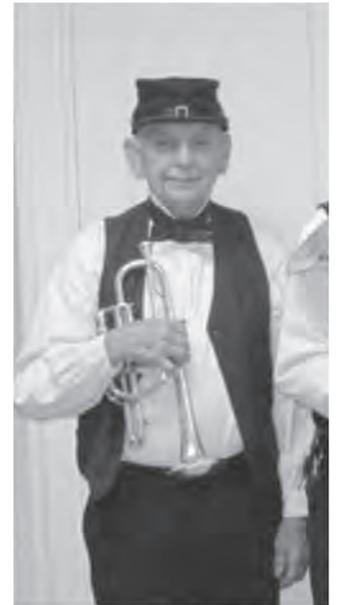
Kora Band is pleased to announce our 2026 Officers: President - Noble Cal Yeaton, VP - Noble Mike Guethle, Treasurer - Noble Dave Wellman, Sec'y - Noble Steve Peterson, Conductor - Ill Sir John Knox, & Manager - Noble Shane Cote.

The Band would like to welcome Nobles William Torres & Jonathan Rosen to our motley crew. Also, Congratulations to Noble Mike

Guethle & his Lady Ruth on the birth of their new daughter! On a sad note, we lost Noble Mel Tukey in November. Noble Mel joined Kora with me in 2012 and I enjoyed sitting next to him play trumpet over the years. When they made Mel they broke the mold, he will be sorely missed.

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. Even if you are in another unit, we would love to have you sit in with us. 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.

In Memoriam Noble Melvin "Mel" Tukey



11/26/1933 ~ 11/2/2025

CALLING ALL SHRINERS

**WE WANT
YOU
FOR KORA
BAND!**

*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.

KORA BUCCANEERS

by Gene Tanguay, Director

A new year is upon us and with that comes a new slate of elected and appointed officers. Congratulations to Ill. Mike and Lady Lolita Robitaille for being installed as Potentate and First Lady of Kora Shrine. We are looking forward to a fun year full of new adventures. We would be remiss if we didn't give Ill. Mike and Lady Sue Zubiata a huge thank you for their year and the love that they gave to the temple and its members.

Kora Buccaneers is in hibernation but we are already planning our summer activities. Parade season begins on Memorial Day in Old Orchard. This winter and spring, Lady Lorraine is working on some new outfits for herself as well as for me. Can't wait to see what she comes up with.

We hope everyone is staying healthy and warm through the cold winter months. Before you know it we will be in spring and warm weather will be here. Enjoy the rest of the winter and we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

The Buccaneers are always looking for new members, so if your inner pirate is looking to join, drop me an email and we can chat about the Buccaneers: buccaneersgene@gmail.com.



GREETERS UNIT

by Marc Gilbert

The Greeters had another fantastic year helping with activities like the Lobster Bowl which the Greeters are credited with starting. I want to thank George Herrick for bringing this to light and providing a great article for us. I also want to thank Michael Zubiatte for doing such a great job as Potentate this past year. Don't worry Mike, I won't hold it against you that you stole Crawford Perry from us as your aid. Why should I? Crawford does such a great job with all the tasks he is assigned to, like calling people on their birthdays or answering the multitude of questions I've had for him over the years. Wait a second, maybe I should hold it against you Mike!!! LOL. And I can't forget to send out a big thank you to Kathe Perry, without her, I'm not sure Crawford would know where to go from one moment to the next. Hey Crawford... Where are the car keys anyways?

All joking aside, the Greeters Unit is a wonderful group of nobles with a fine set of leaders at the helm. We have Jason Davis as our Director (Jason, does your wife ever get to see you?),



John McFadden as our Assistant Direct, (remember John.... you are not at the helm of a ship!), Brad Johnson as our treasurer and social coordinator (Brad... we ain't selling auto parts here!), Aaron Burke as our Secretary (Aaron... it isn't all about golf!) and yours truly Marc Gilbert as Scribe (Gilbert, get it together... your Fez is on crooked again!) Well, that is about all I have to say except this: I want to send out a big thank you to all the nobles that have donated to the heating system upgrade, it is a huge expense! And until next time... roast a few of your friends for me, or hot dogs, or whatever it is you choose to roast. LOL. Here are a few photos of the annual winter outing.

KORA MINI RACERS

By Brandon Richardson, Assistant Director

Kora Mini Racers Close 2025 with Gratitude and Purpose, Look Ahead to a Giving 2026

As 2025 comes to a close, the Kora Mini Racers do so with full hearts and deep gratitude, proud to have ended the year in service to those who serve us every day. This past Christmas season, the Mini Racers were honored to support and help feed Oxford County first responders, sharing a holiday meal as a small token of appreciation for their unwavering dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to our communities.



That Christmas dinner was more than a meal—it was a reminder of the power of unity, compassion, and showing up for one another. It reflected the core mission of the Kora Mini Racers: service with purpose, fellowship with heart, and action that makes a meaningful difference.

As we step into 2026, we do so energized and inspired, embarking on a new journey with the Fesztival of Baskets. This next chapter represents growth, creativity, and an expanded opportunity to give back in impactful ways. The Fesztival of Baskets will build on the spirit of generosity that defines our organization, creating new avenues to support our community while bringing people together in shared goodwill.

We are sincerely grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside Illustrious Mike and Lady Sue Zubiatte, whose leadership, guidance, and dedication have left a lasting mark. Their support and partnership have helped shape meaningful initiatives and strengthen our mission.

Looking ahead, we are equally excited and honored to continue this work with Illustrious Mike and Lady Lolita Robitaille. We eagerly anticipate a collaborative and purpose-driven future as we move forward together into 2026.

With gratitude for the past, pride in the present, and optimism for what lies ahead, the Kora Mini Racers remain committed to service, fellowship, and making a difference one act of kindness at a time.



PROVOST

by Dan Toto, Scribe

IN THIS EPISODE:

- The Provost Unit has a meal
- A successful Christmas Party
- Dustin locks himself out

Another year is in the folder, what's been going on with us? For a small unit we have been busy, and as always, all the help from unit members is greatly appreciated. We covered the NIB awards presentation. I met a nice lady; her husband wasn't too excited about it though. We assisted with the DeMolay Mario Cart Competition. Those present had a good time. We were there to see more turkeys leave than there are on 295 during rush hour. It was a great event, and we got many great compliments on our Temple.



Next on the to do list was THE FEZTIVAL, 8 crazy days and a lot of fun. It is amazing how fast the days passed. Again, all kinds of praise for the great time, the great building and the fact that no one felt rushed. I think every other child who could speak said, "Is the Grinch here?" I said, "Here I am", they weren't impressed. Those who did not see the green hairball

were let down to be sure. If the Feztival wasn't enough merriment, next up was the Kora Christmas Party. I was nice to see so many nobles and their ladies present. It was here that Dustin stood out, honestly, in the parking lot by the elevator. He was doing the doorman thing when he stepped out to help one of the ladies and forgot the door locked from the inside. He would still be there if we didn't have radios. I must say he took the harassment well.

On December 12th, we had our Christmas party, which was well attended. All officers will remain the same except that Carl Paradis is now our secretary. We hope our incoming Potentate appoints JP for at least one more year. Installation is tomorrow. There will be a blue candle for Manny S. at the necrology. David Sapphire had shoulder surgery soon after Feztival and says he is healing well. We are planning AED/CPR refreshers in the spring. There is talk of trauma/tourniquet training in the near future. Here is to a good year with our new Potentate Mike Robitalle and his Lady Lolita, we wish them the best of luck.



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CRAZY COPS

by William Brochu, Scribe



2026 is off and running with Illustrious Sir Mike Robitaille at the helm. Congratulations to Potentate Mike and Lady Lolita. It is going to be a good year for Kora and the Crazy Cops. The unit's newly elected officers will have unique responsibilities and duties as we gear up once again. Our drive stays the same, to parade and raise money for very special causes.

During Kora's meeting and Installation, the financial reports from the many projects and fundraisers were revealed. New records were set in just about all areas. Big events like the Lobster Bowl, Kora Ride-In, and Fesztival of Trees accomplished amazing numbers. It took more than a few people or even Kora, it took the community and beyond. The groups who organize events behind the scenes are truly amazing and devoted to their cause.

So, what does 2026 have in store? I wish I had a crystal ball or Farmer's Almanac at least. The weather was better in 2025 for parading except for the Moxie, that was a new meaning for wet. The huge crowd stayed and watched the parade, but those umbrellas were overmatched. As winter works towards spring, we are going to want to get outdoors as much as possible. It might be mud season, but at least it's not freezing. As we finalize the 2026 parade events, please follow us on Facebook (good plug).

Let's close this article with a shout out for membership. Crazy Cops are a big unit, but not big enough. New or old active members keep us going. Parade season seems like a ways off, but it really isn't. We will commit to as many as 20 parades this year. We have plenty of carts and the big rig available. The golf cart was a very popular addition, and we have tricked it out with multiple strobes and signage. A trailer hitch was added to tow broken down parade vehicles from 'other' units (oh, come on that was funny). Why do we like to have fun? Because crazy is in our veins. We welcome all nobles to join. It's fun to parade and see the crowd cheer us on.



Illustrious Sir, Divan and their ladies, thank you for guiding Kora for 2026. Stay safe all and keep connected for upcoming events at Kora.



DRIFTERS

by Dan Guilmette, Scribe

Happy New Year to all nobles and family, 2025 was a blast and certainly a busy and successful year. We want to thank Illustrious Mike Zubiato for a great 2025.

Congratulations are in order for Mike Robitaille for being elected and installed as the newest Illustrious Potentate of Kora Shrine. Even though we have another clown in charge we can only imagine a fun and exciting year. We still don't quite understand the whole wearing makeup for fun thing but thats OK, whatever floats your boat :-). Congrats to you and Lady Lolita and of course the rest of the Kora Shrine Divan.

We also want to congratulate our own Noble Dave Bucknam on being installed as Captain of the Guard and wish you well on your Journey, we thank you for your leadership and tenacity this past year. And back in the saddle we have Noble Jaison Hall as our Director, good luck wrangling this group of rabble rousers, Jaison.

The break from parades is welcomed this time of year but we always look forward to getting back on three wheels. There is a lot to look forward to and we hope to be able to report on all our mischievous activities in the next episode of the Sands. But for now I leave you with a memory from one of our last parades...





KORA RENEGADES

By Rich Otten, Scribe

Happy New Year to our Kora family from the Renegades. We'd like to congratulate Illustrious Potentate Mike, Lady Lolita and the Divan on their installation and we look forward to a great year under their leadership.

Our unit had a wonderful time working at the Festival of Trees. We even brought along a couple of merry elves to add to the holiday cheer. Our family members are very supportive of all we do for the Temple and the kids. This year's Renegade Christmas party was another fantastic evening of laughs, food, beverages and spending quality time with our unit family. Thanks to Jason and Beth Jordan for hosting.

The Renegades will celebrate our 50th year as a Kora unit in 2026. We are grateful for our leadership over the decades and wish to thank Ron Bolduc for his years as director and congratulate him on his Emeritus Director recognition. We are excited to start the year with Mitch Pruett as our new Director and are eager to follow him, not only in parades around the state, but as we continue to support the Temple and the kids who need the help that the hospitals and clinics provide.

Enjoy the winter months and we look forward to seeing everyone at Kora events and at this summer's parades!





Save the Date

**Saturday, April 25 Maine DeMolay
will be hosting an indoor Minigolf
Tournament at the Kora Temple**



**Keep a look out in the Kora Konnection for event details.
We would love to see you, your family and friends there.**

MOTOR CORPS

By Kevin T. Cole, Scribe

The Motor Corps met at the Kora Shrine Center on December 6, 2025. At that meeting, Noble Russ Farwell agreed to stay on as Secretary for yet another year, with the understanding that he'll be unavailable until May 1, 2026. If you owe dues, please hold them until then. Also, please hold your licenses and registrations until May. If you will attend the Memorial Day parade at Old Orchard Beach, you should provide them to Russ then: if not, you should provide them to him during the month of May.

Noble Kevin Cole was elected Director, subject to the Potentate's approval; Noble Leon Crockett was elected Assistant Director. Terms will commence on January 21, 2026. Noble George Richardson will remain Treasurer and Parade Coordinator.

Noble Jon Lizotte will continue his vehicle inspections through 2026. Coordination with him to have your vehicle inspected can be done at any time. Your vehicle should either have been inspected by a licensed inspection station or display a sticker issued by Noble Jon before it is placed in a parade. If you would like to assist Jon with inspections, please contact him directly.

The Motor Corps contributed \$500 to the Shiners Children's New England and \$500 to the Shiners Children's Boston Burn Unit. Also, the members voted to contribute \$4,000 to Kora's building heating system fund.

Nobles, as always, if you are interested in becoming a Motor Corps member, all you need is an approved vehicle (an antique or a convertible) and a desire to be active in parades. It's okay if you're a member of another unit, and we welcome associate members.

See you on the highway!



KORA KLOWNS

by Rick "Divot" Green, Scribe



The KORA KLOWNS always remain busy, during the winter months, with the highlight being our participation in the "FEZtival of Trees". Knowing that the majority of the 30,000+ guests visiting our beautiful temple annually are there specifically to see us, we pull out all of the stops to make sure that nobody leaves disappointed. Outside of needing to constantly monitor the behaviors of our very own "Mr. Grinch", the 2025 FEZtival of Trees didn't disappoint! On behalf of the KORA KLOWN's we would like to thank and recognize the FEZtival of Trees Committee/Volunteers for their dedication and commitment as their efforts have not gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated!



In conclusion, we hope that everybody had a wonderful Holiday Season and wish each of you nothing but the best throughout this New Year!

If by any chance you are interested in being part of the coolest KLOWN unit at the Temple, please feel free to speak to any one of our KLOWN members or email Ryan "Checkah" Robitaille, at Lisbon52@gmail.com.



For the second time in the last three years at the Kora Shrine, we have a legitimate KLOWN as our leader. This is such an amazing organization because where else could a person go from collecting donations, next to a porta-potty at a truck stop a few years ago, to now being responsible for leading the entire Kora Shrine?

With all joking aside, the KORA KLOWNS are very excited and proud of our new Illustrious Potentate Michael "Tilly" and First Lady Lolita Robitaille for their crowning accomplishment!

Unlike the odds of the New Orleans Saints ever making the playoffs, 2026 appears to be off to a great start especially knowing that a KLOWN named "Par-Tee" will be helping to pour drinks all next year!





KORA KARES FUND SCHOLARSHIP



This fund is administered by the Potentate and Board of Directors. A \$500 scholarship will be given each year to a student continuing his/her education. * To apply, the student should send a letter to the Scholarship Committee detailing plans to further/ continue his/her education. Include the reason he/she selected their field of study and their plans after graduating from an accredited college. Preference will be given to Graduates of Kora Nobles in good standing but is open to any qualified student. The scholarship will be awarded in July and is for the ensuing academic year.

In addition to the letter, please complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

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

2. Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

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

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

5. To what youth organization affiliated with Freemasonry do (have) you belong(ed)?

(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: _____

Kora Kare Scholarship aid is a gift, not a loan, and can be based on academic achievement, participation in worthwhile activities, financial need, and self-help. Checks will be issued no later than August 1st to the successful applicant(s) and made payable to the student recipient.

**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!* Preference will be given to Scholarship applicants continuing their education In the Medical Field.

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.



The Black Camel 2025



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

Noble Name	Date of Passing
Robert E. Becker	9/25/2025
Allan J. Benner	10/10/2024
John I. Bibber.....	4/8/2025
Michael C. Birrell	10/18/2025
Dale C. Blethen	7/3/2025
Ronald R. Bourque.....	11/25/2025
Francis M. Brown.....	1/14/2025
Alton R. Bryant	2/4/2025
Kurt R. Campbell.....	5/5/2025
Robert C. Carleton	5/27/2025
Hubert W. Carter, Jr.	9/17/2025
John A. Charles	7/31/2025
Jon E. Christensen	7/31/2025
Joseph D. Cloutier.....	11/28/2025
Esau Cooper, Jr.....	2/8/2025
Ill. Douglas C Cooper, P.P.....	4/26/2025
Paul R. Deshong.....	10/28/2025
Royall M. Dodge	1/12/2025
Michael E. Downing.....	7/26/2025
Richard L. Duplisea	3/24/2025
Richard H. Emery, Sr.	5/28/2024
Joseph T. Foster	2/10/2025
Westley H. Foye	10/22/2025
Martin E. Gibbs.....	2/7/2025
Richard W. Glidden	9/10/2025
Robert L. Goding.....	3/1/2025
Doucas J. Goranites	2/18/2025
Alden H. Grant, Jr.....	3/6/2025
Dana T. Hagerthy	8/6/2025
Wesley E. Hallowell	1/23/2025
Todd M. Ham	1/17/2025

William W. Harrison.....	2/9/2025
Bartelo R. Hathorne.....	6/15/2025
Charles H. Hayes, Sr.	9/14/2025
Robert C Huntington, Jr.	12/28/2024
Kenneth N. Hutchins.....	2/20/2025
Fernand A. Jolin	7/24/2025
Melville C. Jones, Jr.....	2/14/2025
Dennis M. Leight.....	10/30/2025
David J. Lepage	1/13/2025
George E. Littlefield	10/28/2025
James R. MacDonald	6/2/2025
Frederick R. Maitland	3/23/2025
Irving H. McConchie	8/1/2025
Robert E. Morgan	12/12/2023
Thomas S. Osborne	3/26/2025
Spencer W. Osgood	8/18/2025
Nelson M. Peters, Jr.	2/13/2025
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Manuel G. Sangalang.....	12/4/2025
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Dan W. Soiett.....	8/17/2025
William W. Sprague	6/28/2025
Robert D. Steele.....	10/6/2024
Melvin L. Tukey	11/2/2025
George E. Walker	10/2/2024
Harry D. Walker	4/12/2025
Craig R Wallingford	5/28/2024
Peter G. White	4/11/2025
William L. Wing	7/27/2025
Rodney A. Withey.....	8/12/2025
Herbert A. Young	1/21/2025

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



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TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF _____ SHRINERS,
SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF _____, DESERT OF:
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I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____
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al Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your
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If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
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Date _____ 20 _____ Signature _____

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Noble _____

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Applications for Shrine membership may also be made at BeAShrinersNow.com



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Allen, Lonnie & Beverly 12/26
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Anonymous 11/30
Anonymous 5/35

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Barden, Thomas & Christine 12/26
 In Memory of "Pop" Gilbert
Bonney, Charles & Sharon 8/26

C

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

D

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Drouin, Claude R. 08/25
Durgin, David & Lisa 04/26

F

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Feyler, Jay 6/26

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Irish, Claire 5/28
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J

Jordan, Bob & Harlean 8/26

K

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P

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Ridlon, Chuck & Sally 2/26
Roy, Michael & Tracey 09/30

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T

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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:

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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.

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