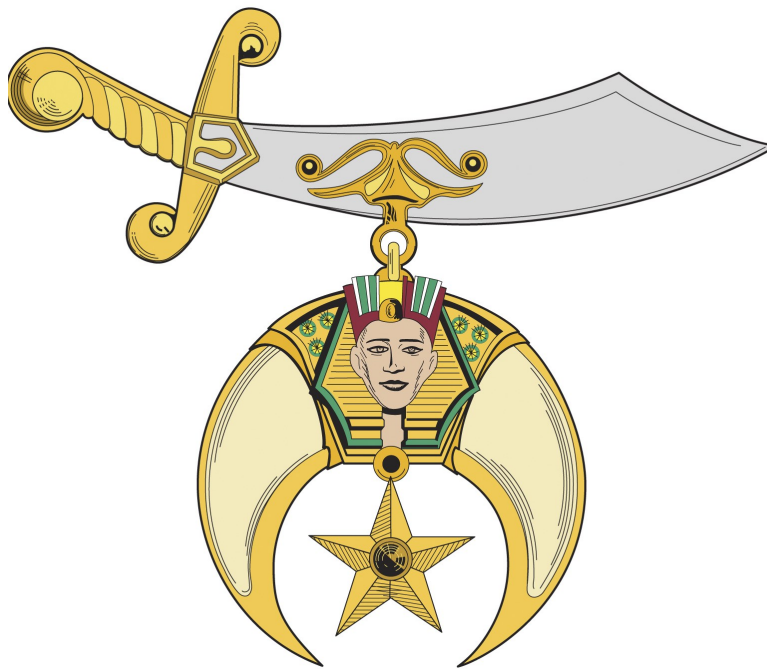
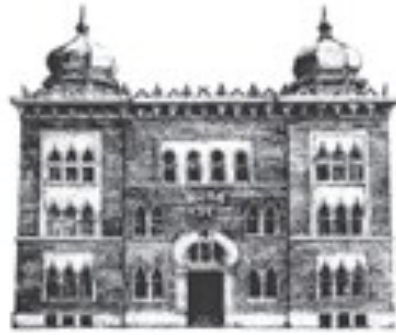


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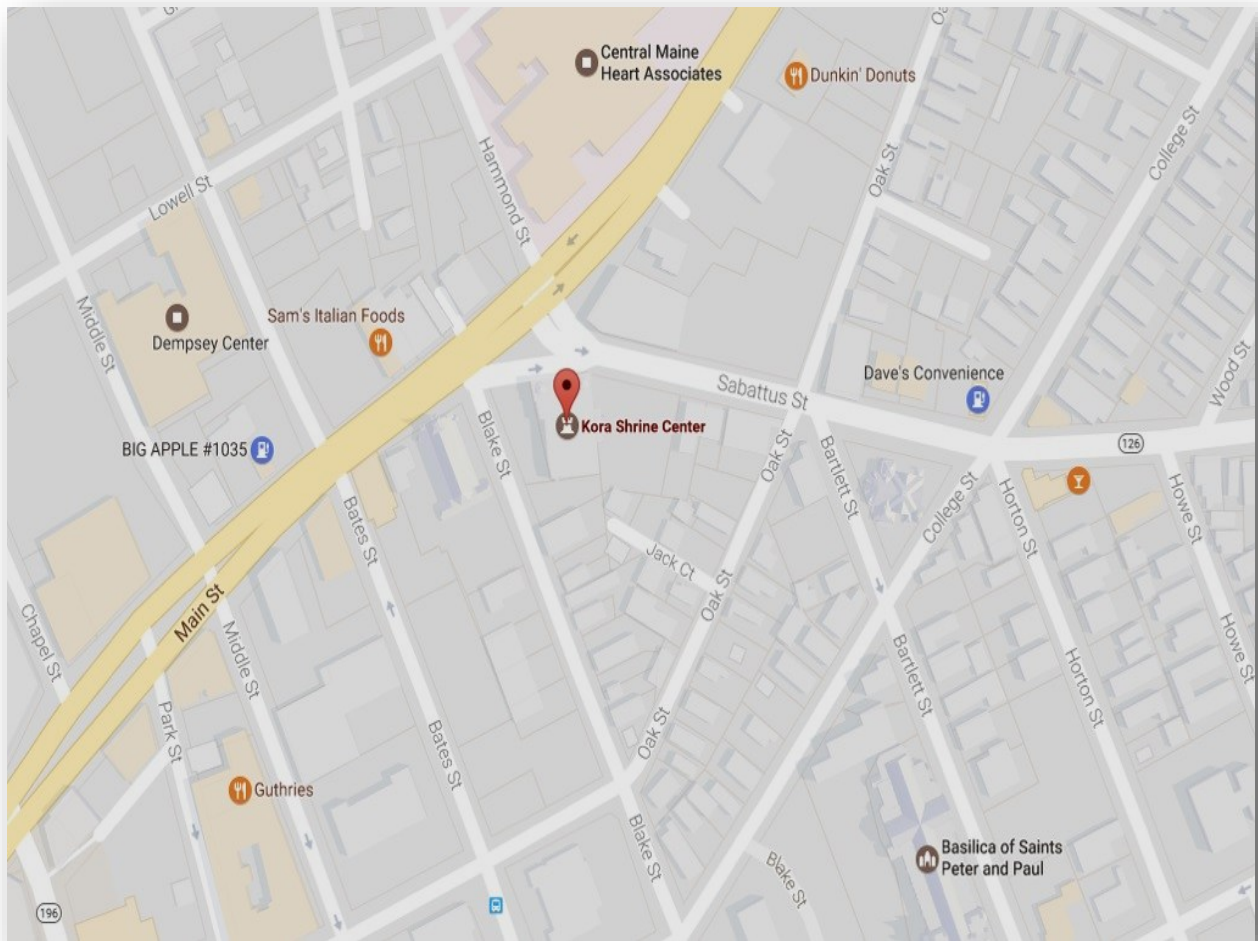


## MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

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**11 Sabattus Street**  
**Lewiston, ME 04240**



**Tel: 207-782-6831**  
**[www.korashriners.org](http://www.korashriners.org)**



### **Parking**

There is limited parking in Kora's lots (40 spaces with 5 handicapped). There is off street parking available. Parking in the old Medical Building across the street is only allowed after 6 pm on week days and is available on Saturdays & Sundays. The Park Street Parking Garage is free on weekends and is only 3 blocks from Kora.

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### **How to use this Guide**

This guide is an invaluable tool for you as you progress through your journey as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. It does not have all the answers but should give you a better understanding of Kora Shriners. Whether you are interested in the history of Kora, what are the different units or clubs, or what you should wear, this survival guide should be of some help or at least if by chance you are holding it during the Second Section of the Initiation Ceremony then it might keep you dry!



# Kora Shriners



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Dear Noble,

On behalf of the entire Nobility of **Kora Shriners**, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to our Temple. By donning the Fez, you have joined a brotherhood dedicated to "fun with a purpose" and the support of the world's greatest philanthropy.

The mission of a Shriner is simple yet profound: We are a fraternity based on fun, fellowship, and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. More importantly, we serve as the backbone of Shriners Children's, providing specialized care to children regardless of a family's ability to pay.

At Kora, we take immense pride in supporting our regional hospitals. Shriners Children's Boston is a World leader in pediatric burn care and reconstructive surgery, while Shriners Children's New England in Springfield provides world-class orthopedic and cleft lip/palate care. Every time you participate in a Kora event, you are helping a child walk, play, and live a better life.

The true joy of being a Noble is found in our Units and Clubs. Whether you want to ride with the Cycle Corps, entertain with the Klowns, or work behind the scenes with the Kraftsmen, your involvement is what keeps our motor running.

At Kora there are many events that you or your family can get involved with. Annually we host the Festival of Trees at our Shrine Temple. This event is our largest fundraiser, and it brings much joy and happiness to the region. The Kora Kares Ride-In, The Outdoor Expo and the Festival of Easter Baskets are some of the many other events that you may consider becoming part of.

One of our proudest traditions is the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic. This annual All-Star football game brings the best athletes in Maine together to raise funds and awareness for our hospitals. It is a massive undertaking, and we need every Noble, especially our newest members, to help us make it a success.

Finally, I charge you with a vital task: **Bring in a new member**. Our fraternity thrives when we share our passion with others. Talk to your Masonic brothers and friends about the work we do in Boston and Springfield, the excitement of the Lobster Bowl, and the bonds we share.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Stated Meeting. Wear your Fez with pride—you've earned it.

Yours in the Faith,

Michael S. Robitaille  
Illustrious Potentate, Kora Shriners

Chief Rabban  
Frank Welch, Jr.

Assistant Rabban  
Barry Irish

High Priest & Prophet  
Ryan Sherman

Oriental Guide  
Ben Weisner

Treasurer  
Paul Gardner, PP

## **WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT**

### **WHAT'S A SHRINER?**

A Shriner is a man who professes a faith in God.

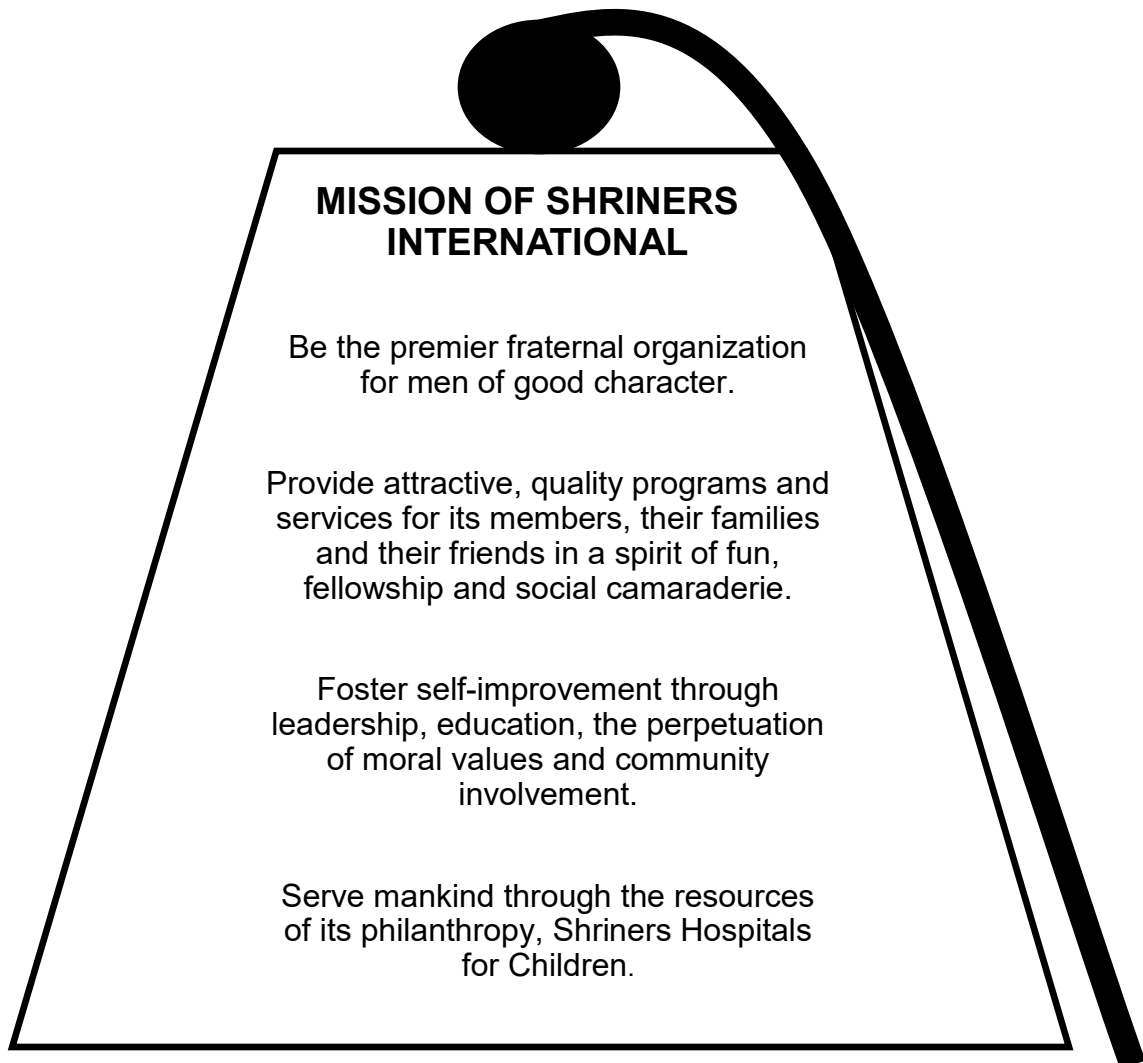
As a man of faith he uses the tools of moral and Ethical truths to serve mankind.

A Shriner binds himself to like-minded men in a Brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethical, social, cultural, and educational differences.

In fellowship, with his brothers, a Shriner finds ways in which to serve his God, his family, his fellow man, and his country.

A Shriner is dedicated. He recognizes his responsibility for justice, truth, charity, enlightenment, freedom and liberty, honesty and integrity in all aspects of human endeavor.

A Shriner is such a man!



## **Vision Statement of Kora Shriners**

Kora Shrine is a fraternal organization whose members join together for fun and fellowship. Supported by our Shrine families, we strive to maintain our role as a premier Shrine Center with the support of an enthusiastic and growing membership. Kora Shrine supports Shriners Hospitals for Children with spirit, time, talent, and means.

## **Mission Statement of Kora Shriners**

We strive to be a premier fraternal organization whose primary objective is having fun while helping kids.

### **The Shriners Creed**

*Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name.*

*We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling disease, is our institutional calling.*

*We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.*

*We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.*

*As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relationships will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.*

*As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles. As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.*

## **Kora Shriners Organizational Structure**

### **Kora Shriners Leadership**

Shrine Leadership positions have, for the newcomer, odd sounding titles. In addition, some positions are elected and some are appointed. Appointments are made by the sitting Potentate.

**Kora's Divan - Elected.** These positions are voted on, annually, by the Nobility at the December's Election of Officers Meeting.

- Potentate: This is, essentially, the President of the Shrine, and is responsible for the operations of the Temple during the year.
- Chief Rabban: 1st Vice President. It is expected that the Chief Rabban will, the following year, be elected to the position of Potentate.
- Assistant Rabban: 2nd Vice President. It is expected that the Assistant Rabban will, the following year, be elected to the position of Chief Rabban.
- High Priest & Prophet: 3rd Vice President. It is expected that the High Priest and Prophet will, the following year, be elected to the position of Assistant Rabban.
- Oriental Guide: 4th Vice President. In some Temples this is an appointment of the incoming Potentate, but then he has to be elected by the Nobility to become Oriental Guide. It is expected that the Oriental Guide will, the following year, be elected to the position of High Priest and Prophet.
- Treasurer: Responsible for financial accounts of the Temple.
- Recorder: Responsible for recording all proceedings of the Temple and maintaining Membership Roster.

**Kora's Divan - Appointed.** These positions are appointed by the sitting Potentate and are assigned various duties, though the idea is that this is a progressive line, excluding the Director and Chaplain.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master
- Marshal
- Captain of the Guard
- Outer Guard

## **Kora's Unit Directors, Committee Chairs, Other Associations**

- Unit Colonel & Lieutenant Colonel: They are in charge of the organization of all Temple Units and is the direct link between the Divan and the Units. They are appointed by the Potentate.
- Unit Directors: They are in charge of leading their respective Units and are appointed by the Potentate.
- Club Presidents & Officers: They are elected by their club and are in charge of leading their club according to their position.
- Committees: These committees are assigned to perform a task or run a specific event for Kora Temple. Most members volunteer and are then appointed by the Potentate. Some of the current committees are as follows: the Outdoor Expo, Communications, Donor Relations, Festival of Trees, Kare for Kids Ride In, Membership, and Public Relations.

## **Finances-Budget**

The Chief Rabban annually puts together an Operating Budget for the following year. This includes all revenue and expenses to manage the finances for the Fraternity for the year. The Budget is reviewed by the Board of Directors of Kora Shrine and the Finance Committee. It is then voted on by the Nobles of Kora Shrine at their annual meeting. The Board of Directors of Kora Shrine is the elected Divan. They are elected at the Stated Meeting in December of each year. The Treasurer and Finance Committee of Kora Shrine oversee the budget during the year. Any expenditures that exceed the budgeted amount are reviewed at a Stated meeting of Kora Shrine for approval by the Nobles present. An annual budget report is issued to Imperial offices in Tampa, Florida for their review.

## **Kora Kares Fund**

This fund was set up in 2012 for two purposes: 1) Provide an annual scholarship to a Noble or a member of his family to further his or her education. 2) To provide resources for a Noble and his family in time of need.

The Kora Kares Fund is administered by the Divan of Kora Shrine with the Assistant Rabban as Chairman. Scholarship applications are available from from the Kora office and is published in *The Sands*. Requests for resources for a Noble in need can be made through the Kora office or from a Board member. The fund will be administered by the Board of Directors of Kora Shrine. Decisions about payments from this fund will be their responsibility. Donations are accepted to help maintain an adequate balance in the fund.

## **Shriners Childrens' Board**

Kora Shrine direct support is to Shriners Childrens' Boston and Shriners Childrens' New England in Springfield. The Boston Hospital is primarily a burn care facility and the Springfield Hospital is primarily an orthopedic facility. Each hospital is expanding into other areas of pediatric care. The focus of the hospitals is care of children, but also includes research and teaching. Each hospital has a board of directors elected by Shrine Temples in their respective geographic locations. Board members are elected by the Board of Directors of their Temple subject to the approval of the local hospital board and the Imperial Board of Directors. Board meetings are held monthly at the Hospital. Each board member is required to attend a minimum of nine board meetings during the year. Board members serve three year terms and can serve a maximum of 3 terms. Board members are the direct link to the hospital of their temple. Kora Shrine is currently represented by five members on the Boston Board and two members of the Springfield Board.

## **Kora's Temple Association (Trustees)**

The Kora Temple Association is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maine. This Maine Corporation was formed when the building was built in the early 1900's. The ownership of the Kora Temple building, located at 11 Sabattus Street in Lewiston, Maine rests with the Association. Its primary responsibility is to oversee and manage the Kora Temple building. All Nobles of Kora Shrine are members of the Association. The Association holds its annual meeting in January and elects board members to 3 year staggered terms so that one member of the board is elected each year from the membership. A board member can serve 2 terms. There are 6 elected board members and in addition, the Potentate also serves as a member of the Board. Each year a Board Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Board of the Association. The Association meetings are held quarterly.

## **Kora Temple Foundation**

The Kora Temple Foundation is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maine. This Maine Corporation was formed in 2012. The Foundation is a 501 c 3 Corporation whose sole purpose is to raise money to preserve, protect and maintain the Kora Temple building located at 11 Sabattus Street in Lewiston, Maine. New Board members are elected by the current board members. Preference for the Board is to maintain an equal balance of Shriners and non-Shriners on the Board. Annually, a Board President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Board members. All net funds raised are available for capital and maintenance projects identified by the Kora Temple Association. Approved funds are transferred to the Association for these specific projects. The Foundation meets as needed, but at least annually.

## **Membership Information**

- **Important Facts:**

- ◇ You must stay in Good Standing in your Masonic Lodge.
- ◇ In order to participate in any activity as a Noble of Kora , you must be current on your Shrine Dues.
- ◇ Dues Cards are required for all Business Meetings & Ceremonials.
- ◇ All events with meals require Reservations, which can be made through Kora's office or through our website at [korashriners.org](http://korashriners.org)
- ◇ Please make your "Reservations" in a timely manner, before the due dates.
- ◇ Meals & Activities are not included with your dues, so must be paid for prior to event.
- ◇ Help support our *Kora Sands* by becoming a "Booster" at only \$20 per year for one line or \$30 for two lines.

- **Meeting & Ceremonials:**

- ◇ Kora's Stated Business Meetings are held at least once in each calendar quarter. Usually held on the Wednesday Evening prior to a scheduled Ceremonial. These meetings are for Nobles Only and current Dues Cards are required.
- ◇ Election of Officers is held at the December Meeting.
- ◇ Annual Meeting is held on the second Saturday in January.
- ◇ Special Meetings can be called the Potentate at anytime.
- Communications: Kora uses a number of ways to communicate with it's members. Here are just some of the ways: *Kora Sands* (Magazine), Mailings, E-mails, Kora Konnections, Kora's Website, FaceBook, etc...
- **<https://www.shrinersinternational.org>** - As a Noble you can register to login. This site offers almost everything from Shrine information, to resources, to shopping.
- **[webfez.shrinenet.org](http://webfez.shrinenet.org)** - As a Noble you can register to login. This site allows you to see your membership information (address, dues, units, etc...) and allows you to update changes in your contact information.
- **[www.KoraShriners.org](http://www.KoraShriners.org)** - Kora's website site. Is full of information regards to Kora Temple.
- **[www.beashriner.com](http://www.beashriner.com)** - How to become a Shriner.

- **Dues:**

- ◇ Each Noble is responsible for the payment of Annual Dues.
- ◇ A valid dues card is required to attend all Shrine Functions, especial Kora's Business Meetings & Ceremonials.
- ◇ Every year you will receive invoice from Kora, starting in August.
- ◇ Payment must be made by January 1st for that year.
- ◇ Kora Temples Dues is the annual membership fee & the money goes towards operating the Kora Temple.
- ◇ Imperial Shrine per Capita Tax is a fee paid to Imperial Shrine. Starting in 2027 this will increase every year but not to exceed \$5 per year.
- ◇ Hospital Levy goes to directly support our Shriners Hospitals.

**What does the dues payment consist of?**

For the current year, Dues are \$109.

- Kora Temple Dues: \$50
- Imperial Shrine Per Capita Tax: \$54
- Hospital Levy: \$5

- **Initiation Fee:**

- ◇ Initiation Fees are required to initiate any new Noble into Kora Shrine.
- ◇ The cost associated with this process covers your dues, Fez, and meals for you and your Lady.
- ◇ Initiation Fee: \$200 (as of 2026) paid on application's submission.
- ◇ Does not cover lodging at Ceremonial or extra activities.

**What do I get for my money?**

Dues paid for rest of the current year.

\$109 Value.

My very own Creation Fez,

\$150 Value.

Ceremonial Meals & Beverages for both the Candidate and his Lady (this might varies), but generally speaking,

\$130 Value.

**Over \$150 in Savings!!!** (May vary)

- **Life Membership:** Are available for each of the three components that make up Kora's Annual Dues.

1. Kora Temple Life Membership: Based on age.

- \* Under age 31 = 30 times annual dues.
- \* Between 31 to 46 = 25 times annual dues.
- \* Between 47 to 65 = 20 times annual dues.
- \* Over age 65 = 10 times annual dues.

Kora Life Membership  
for 50 year members  
& Past Potentates.

2. **Per Capita Life Member (PCLM):** One time fee that exempts members for annual paying the per Capita Tax. Currently cost = 30 x Per Capita Tx Rate.
3. **Permanent Contributing Member (PCM) :** Members may purchase a Permanent Contributing Membership in the Hospitals, exempt from the annual Hospital Levy. Currently cost = 30 x Hospital Assessment.

## The Fez & Emblem of the Shrine

### **The Fez**

The fez is one of the most recognizable symbols of Shriners International and was adopted as the Shriners' official headgear in 1872. Named after the city of Fez, Morocco, the hat represented the Arabian theme the fraternity was founded on. It also serves as an outward symbol of one's membership in the fraternity. Much like the white apron worn by Masons as a symbol of their brotherhood, the fez is worn only by Shriners as a symbol of their membership in this unique fraternity.



Today the fez is worn at Shriners' functions, in parades and at outings as a way of gaining exposure for the fraternity. Members customize their fez to show their allegiance to their temple. Look closely at a fez and you will also learn other important information about its wearer, such as membership in Shrine clubs, special roles within the organization and much more. A fez with multiple rows of jewels denote the wearers title or office. Each fez is custom made and a Shriner may own more than one fez depending on his activities and memberships. No more than one pin, which holds the tassel in place, may adorn a fez, per Imperial By-Laws.

### **The Emblem**

The emblem on the front of the fez, the crescent and scimitar, is an important part of the fraternity's theme, and is representative of the characteristics embodied by the Shriners.

The scimitar stands for the backbone of the fraternity, its members.

The two claws are for the Shriners fraternity and its philanthropy.

The sphinx stands for the governing body of the Shriners.

The five-pointed star represents the thousands of children helped by the philanthropy each year.



The emblem also bears the phrase "Robur et Furor," which means "Strength and Fury."

## **Protocols - Do's and Don'ts**

- It is unlawful for this temple, or any unit or club under its control, or any group of its members, or any member acting for or on behalf of the temple, to promote or take part in any engagement or enterprise prohibited by the law of the land.
- Nobles may not violate Shrine Law.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances during parades and ceremonials is forbidden by those Nobles participating therein.
- The laws of the State of Maine for the consumption and the production, distribution and use of Alcohol apply to all members and guests at all meetings and functions of Kora Shriners.
- Members exhibiting violence, abusive language, intoxication or unbecoming/unruly conduct during any meetings, ceremonies, or events will be asked to leave the function and their conduct, if warranted, may be brought up for review by the Potentate.
- The Provost Marshals are responsible for security and safety at all Kora Shrine functions. All members are required to respect these Nobles and follow any of their instructions which are for the safety of you, other Nobles, Guests, and Kora Temple and it's property.
- The Medical Unit is responsible for assisting in any medical emergency or injury that occurs at a Temple function.
- Remember that we are all volunteers so please treat all fellow Nobles with respect.
- Use Designated Drivers, **"Brothers don't let Brothers drive drunk"**!
- A general rule for wearing your Fez, if the Potentate is wearing his Fez then all Nobles should be wearing their Fez.

### **Fez - To Wear or Not to Wear?**

Shriners International has adopted the fez as the exclusive type of head covering to be worn by all nobles when appearing as such. This means all nobles must wear their fezzes at stated meetings, ceremonials, Shrine parades, caravans, special Shrine events, and any other Shrine-related activities. The fez is never worn at a Masonic lodge communication or meeting. At non-Shrine functions where an Imperial officer is representing Shriners International, or a temple officer is representing a Shrine temple, he may wear his fez. However, other Shriners in attendance are not to wear their fezzes. As a noble, you are particularly admonished never to wear your fez in any company or place in which you would decline to introduce your mother, wife, sister or daughter. Never forget this. No other person is ever allowed to wear a noble's fez.

### **The Salute to the Flag**

The Fez being considered part of the uniform of a Shriner, a Noble who is wearing his Fez will execute a right-hand salute when the Colors are within six paces of him. He will not remove his Fez. After the Colors have passed, he should drop his right hand. In case the same Colors pass the same point again, as frequently happens in a Ceremonial Session or in display drills, the Colors need not be saluted a second time. Nobles who are or have served in the military for their respective countries and who are not wearing a Fez will observe the rules of their country concerning the salute to the flag.

### **During Prayer**

During the offering of a prayer, the Fez should be removed and held in the right hand over the heart. At the end of prayer, when "**Amen**" is said, the appropriate response is "**So Mote It Be**" just like in Masonic Lodge, we are all Masons. The Fez is then placed back on the head.

### **Kora Dress Code**

When attending meetings and events it is very important to know what to wear so you don't feel out of place. Different events call for different attire and we want you to know what to wear, including your Fez! Please join us, feel comfortable and have fun!

It is traditionally the practice at Kora Shrine that the dress code is listed when the event is advertised. This is not always the case so here you will find a guideline and description of what each designation means.

The most formal event of the year takes place in January during the evening when we hold our Installation of Officers. During this particular event, the Divan wears Tuxedo's and everyone else is semi-formal. Several units, however, will be in their Unit Uniform as they take part in the ceremony. Most other regular events are listed below.

### Definitions of Dress

| Nobles                |                                                       | Ladies                                                        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formal                | Black Tuxedo                                          | Gown or Cocktail Dress                                        |
| Semi-Formal           | Suit, Sportscoat, Dress Shirt and Tie                 | Cocktail Dress or<br>Pants with Fancy Top                     |
| Unit Dress            | Unit Uniform or Unit Shirt                            | Unit Shirt or other appropriate attire                        |
| Smart/Business Casual | Slacks, Collared Shirt,<br>Jacket Optional - No Jeans | Slacks, Skirt, Dress, Blouse, Jacket<br>or Sweater - No Jeans |
| Shrine Casual         | Slacks, Khakis or Jeans<br>with Shrine Shirt          | Jeans, Pants,<br>Capris and Shrine Shirt                      |
| Casual                | Jeans, Shorts and Casual Shirt                        | Jeans, Pants, Capris, Shorts and<br>Casual Shirt              |

### Dress Code by Event Type

| Nobles                            |                                                | Ladies                                         |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Installation of<br>Officers       | Divan - Tuxedo<br>Nobility - Semi-Formal       | Semi-Formal                                    |
| Stated Meetings                   | Unit Uniform or Business Casual                | N/A                                            |
| Spring/Fall/Winter<br>Ceremonials | Unit Uniform or Business Casual                | N/A                                            |
| Summer Ceremonial                 | Shrine Casual and Casual For<br>Evening Events | Shrine Casual and Casual for<br>Evening Events |
| Ladies Luncheon at<br>Ceremonials | N/A                                            | Business Casual                                |
| Shriner's Ball                    | Formal/Semi-Formal                             | Formal/Semi-Formal                             |

### The Shrine Pledge of Allegiance

***"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Country for which it stands; One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."***

## **Our History**

### **The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.)**

In 1870 a group of Masons gathered frequently for lunch at the Knickerbocker Cottage on Sixth Avenue in New York City. At a special table on the second floor a particularly fun-loving group of men met regularly. Among the regulars were Walter M. Fleming, M.D. and William J. "Billy" Florence, an actor. The group frequently talked about starting a new fraternity for Masons – one centered on fun and fellowship, more than ritual. Fleming and Florence took this idea seriously enough to do something about it.

Billy Florence had been on tour in France, and had been invited to a party given by an Arabian diplomat. The exotic style, flavors and music of the Arabian-themed party inspired him to suggest this as a theme for the new fraternity. Walter Fleming, a devoted fraternity brother, built on Fleming's ideas and used his knowledge of fraternal ritual to transform the Arabian theme into the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.).

With the help of the Knickerbocker Cottage regulars, Fleming drafted the ritual, designed the emblem and costumes, formulated a salutation and declared that members would wear the red fez.

The first meeting of Mecca Shriners, the first temple (chapter) established in the United States, was held September 26, 1872. As word got out about the fledgling organization, membership grew rapidly, spreading across the U.S. In the early 1900s, membership spread into Canada, Mexico and Panama. Today, Shriners International is a fraternity with nearly 200 temples in several countries, thousands of clubs around the world and hundreds of thousands of members dedicated to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

### **History of Kora Temple**

The first meeting of Kora was held on December 3, 1891 at the Lewiston Masonic Temple. The organization of Kora was started by seventeen local Shriners of whom most were members of Aleppo Temple in Boston. The movement was spearheaded by Nobles George & Frank Babbit. At the first meeting, Illustrious Sir Charles E. Libby was elected as Kora's first Potentate. The cost of the original regalia was \$712.50. The first candidate class was made up of twenty-seven Master Masons. As the size of the membership grew, Kora met at various meeting halls around Lewiston until February 28, 1896 when a new



block was erected at 163 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Kora met in this building until 1909 when it moved to the current location. The old Kora Temple building was used afterwards and the old hall was named the Mystic Ballroom, where public dances were held. The old temple eventually became known as just "The Mystic" and was used as a movie theatre for Silent Movies.

By 1901, Kora's membership had grown to 831 Nobles. In 1903, Kora purchased the lot which our current building sits on. By 1906, the membership had exploded to 2,040 Nobles and a committee was formed to erect a new temple. Kora hired one of its own, Noble Harry Coombs, as the architect for the new Temple and by March of 1909 the new Temple was completed, at a cost of \$100,000.



On March 18, 1909, a Ladies Night opened the weekend long dedication ceremony. Over 1,200 people attended the grand banquet, requiring two seating's. Following dinner, a receiving line was formed consisting of the current Potentate, Illustrious Sir Wellington Sprague and his wife, along with many dignitaries. The dance that followed continued until 2 am. The official building dedication occurred the following day with dignitaries from all over the United States.

Kora continued to grow and prosper in her new building. Prior to 1922, Kora's jurisdiction covered the entire State of Maine. On June 15, 1922, Anah Temple, meeting in Bangor, received their Charter, thereby splitting the State of Maine in half between our two Temples.

The exquisite murals which adorn the banquet hall were painted by Noble Harry Cochrane, a member, between 1922 and 1927. In 1948 Noble George W. Lane, Jr. donated the Tiffany Chandelier in Ceremonial Hall. This priceless chandelier weighs over one ton. In the 1970's, all of the Cochrane's murals were professionally restored. At which time, smoking in the building was prohibited and the sprinkler system was also installed. In 1975, Kora Temple was added to the National Register of Historic Places for its distinctive Moorish-inspired architecture.

In 2012, the Kora Foundation was formed whose sole purpose is to raise money to preserve, protect and maintain the Kora Temple building. The foundation is made up of both Shriners and Non-Shriners and is a non-profit corporation.

Three of our very own have served as Imperial Potentates for Shriners International, J. Putnam Steven served in 1925, Dana S. Williams in 1934, and our most recent was Richard B. Olfene in 1983.

## Past Potentates of Kora

| <u>Year</u> | <u>First name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>First name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1891-1893   | Frank             | Faulkner*        | 1935        | George            | Webber*          |
| 1894-1895   | Charles           | Libby*           | 1936        | Sylvan            | Shurtleff*       |
| 1896-1897   | J. Frank          | Babbitt*         | 1937        | Paul              | Baird*           |
| 1898-1899   | George            | Babbitt*         | 1938        | Edward            | Cram*            |
| 1900        | Henry             | Torsey*          | 1939        | Leroy             | Hussey Sr.*      |
| 1901        | W. Freeman        | Lord*            | 1940        | Harold            | Bickmore*        |
| 1902        | Clarence          | Emerson*         | 1941        | Frank             | Stephens*        |
| 1903        | J. Putman         | Stevens*§        | 1942        | George            | Wallingford*     |
| 1904        | Frederick         | Payne*           | 1943        | Lewis             | Sheaffer*        |
| 1905        | Albert            | Penley*          | 1944        | Elford            | Morison*         |
| 1906        | Edward            | Stetson*         | 1945        | William           | Hinman*          |
| 1907        | Fred              | Odlin*           | 1946        | William           | Nulty*           |
| 1908        | R. Elton          | Attwood*         | 1947        | Ralph             | Farris*          |
| 1909        | Wellington        | Sprague*         | 1948        | George            | Meloon*          |
| 1910        | C. Fred           | Maines*          | 1949        | Walter            | Emerson, Jr.*    |
| 1911        | John              | Merrill*         | 1950        | John              | Seavey*          |
| 1912        | James             | Dunning*         | 1951        | Lloyd             | Hay*             |
| 1913        | Manning           | Campbell*        | 1952        | Alden             | Merrill*         |
| 1914        | William           | Bolster*         | 1953        | Harold            | Carman*          |
| 1915        | John              | Webber*          | 1954        | William           | Gove*            |
| 1916        | Frank             | Kimball*         | 1955        | Earle             | Perry*           |
| 1917        | George            | Turgeon*         | 1956        | Albert            | Utterstrone*     |
| 1918        | Dana              | Williams* §      | 1957        | John              | Skolfield*       |
| 1919        | Fred              | Foster*          | 1958        | Carroll           | McGilvery*       |
| 1920        | Ernest            | Watkins*         | 1959        | Malcolm           | Dunlap*          |
| 1921        | James             | Kingsley*        | 1960        | Robert            | Cleaves*         |
| 1922        | C. Franklin       | Packard*         | 1961        | Ervin             | Lander*          |
| 1923        | George            | Lane, Jr.*       | 1962        | John              | Carman*          |
| 1924        | Walter            | Emerson*         | 1963        | Deane             | Quinton*         |
| 1925        | Charles           | Turgeon*         | 1964        | Carl              | Stilphen*        |
| 1926        | Harry             | Coombs*          | 1965        | Paul              | Powers*          |
| 1927        | Adam              | Leighton, Jr.*   | 1966        | Richard           | Olfene* §        |
| 1928        | Walter            | Ordway*          | 1967        | Philip            | Corey*           |
| 1929        | Perley            | Dresser*         | 1968        | Ralph             | Gould            |
| 1930        | Willis            | Swift*           | 1969        | Herbert           | Seymour*         |
| 1931        | J. Edward         | Libby, Sr.*      | 1970        | Robert            | McLeary*         |
| 1932        | Harry             | Stetson*         | 1971        | John              | Preble*          |
| 1933        | Percy             | Weymouth*        | 1972        | Leroy             | Hussey , Jr.     |
| 1934        | Ralph             | Littlefield*     | 1973        | Myron             | Rust*            |

### Past Potentates of Kora con't

| <u>Year</u> | <u>First name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>Year</u>                         | <u>First name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1974        | Robert            | Milton*          | 2013                                | Everett           | Kaherl           |
| 1975        | John              | Trinward*        | 2014                                | Daniel            | Gove             |
| 1976        | George            | Berry*           | 2015                                | Richard           | Hersom*          |
| 1977        | John              | Linnell*         | 2016                                | Paul              | Poulin MD        |
| 1978        | Torbin            | Anderson*        | 2017                                | John              | Gailey           |
| 1979        | Charles           | Glassmire*       | 2018                                | Douglas           | Phinney          |
| 1980        | Douglass          | Cooper*          | 2019                                | Rick              | Hersom*          |
| 1981        | Ralph             | Hodgkins, Jr.    | 2020                                | Gerard            | Jutras           |
| 1982        | M. Tiecke         | Shelton, Jr.*    | 2021                                | Brent             | Tanguay          |
| 1983        | Thomas            | Haley*           | 2022                                | Robert            | McKinley         |
| 1984        | Stephen           | Dunlap*          | 2023                                | James             | Bennett          |
| 1985        | Burton            | Warren*          | 2024                                | Paul              | Gardner          |
| 1986        | Roderick          | Lowell*          | 2025                                | Michael           | Zubiate          |
| 1987        | Kenneth           | Libby*           | 2026                                | Michael           | Robitaille       |
| 1988        | Paul              | Meservey*        | § - Denotes Past Imperial Potentate |                   |                  |
| 1989        | David             | Libby*           | * - Deceased                        |                   |                  |
| 1990        | John              | Carrier*         |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1991        | George            | Downing          |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1992        | Harry             | Jackson*         |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1993        | Peter             | Setford*         |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1994        | Jack              | Lustig*          |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1995        | James             | Curtis           |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1996        | J. Henry          | Lalumiere        |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1997        | Richard           | Bibber*          |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1998        | Paul              | Sherman*         |                                     |                   |                  |
| 1999        | Richard           | Olfene, Jr.      |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2000        | Carlton           | Swett*           |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2001        | Frank             | Preble           |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2002        | Raymond           | MacFarland*      |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2003        | Michael           | McFadden         |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2004        | O'Neil            | Morin            |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2005        | Douglas           | Swasey           |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2006        | Edward            | Moulton          |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2007        | Thomas            | Nason            |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2008        | Glen              | Lalumiere        |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2009        | Karl              | Finnimore        |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2010        | David             | Lidstone         |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2011        | John              | Knox             |                                     |                   |                  |
| 2012        | Barry             | Gates            |                                     |                   |                  |

## **SHRINERS CHILDRENS®**

With the first Hospital started in New Orleans in 1922, Shriners Hospitals for Children is known as the World's Greatest Philanthropy. Today, Shriners throughout the world continue to support the Hospitals by raising funds, assisting patient's families with transportation, volunteering on hospital boards and much more.

Children from birth to age 18 receive expert specialty medical care at these hospitals, with no financial obligation to them or their families, thanks to the efforts of Shriners and other generous supporters. In addition, many Shriners Hospitals for Children facilities are engaged in medical research and are affiliated with the top academic medical institutions in North America.

The Fraternity and Hospitals are legally and financially separate. Each are audited independently. In addition, Temples are incorporated as chapters of the Fraternity and are audited individually.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is an international healthcare system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. The Hospitals focus on four specialized areas of care:

**Orthopedic Care** – medical and rehabilitative services for children with congenital deformities and conditions, problems resulting from orthopedic injuries, and diseases of the neuromusculoskeletal system.

**Burn Care** – treatment for acute and non-acute burn injuries and related scarring, along with physical and emotional rehabilitation.

**Spinal Cord Injury** – spinal cord injury rehabilitation specifically for children, offering some of the most advanced treatment in the country, with full range of services.

**Cleft Lip and Palate Care** – coordinated, comprehensive multidisciplinary care for children with this condition.

### **Research**

Shriners Hospitals for Children are dedicated to conducting innovative research for complex medical difficulties affecting children. Shriners Hospitals for Children's contributions to the medical community not only benefit our patients, but contribute to the overall body of medical knowledge for the care and treatment for a wide range of pediatric and adult conditions.

### **Education**

Shriners Hospitals for Children is proud of its role in medical education. In the past 20 years, more than 8,000 physicians have received residency education or postgraduate fellowship within the healthcare system. By maintaining relationships with more than 60 medical teaching facilities worldwide, Shriners Hospitals for Children fosters an academic environment committed to providing high-quality medical care to all patients.

For a more in depth history and additional information on the Hospitals, please visit the following website: [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org).

## Our Boston Hospital

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston is a highly specialized pediatric surgical care center located in the heart of the city. It is considered one of the world's preeminent hospitals in the treatment of children with severe burn injuries, complex skin conditions, orthopaedic conditions, and cleft lip and palate. Affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital and verified by a joint program of the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston meets all of the demanding standards for organizational structure, personnel qualifications, facilities resources and medical care services to ensure the best possible outcomes. All members of our staff are dedicated to providing the highest quality care in a family-centered environment.

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston first opened its doors on March 13, 1964 as a five-bed unit located on an interim basis at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). In 1968, a new hospital was constructed next door to MGH and was later replaced with a larger hospital in 1999.

Today, the Boston Shriners Hospital is a 30-bed pediatric specialty hospital, research and teaching center. It is a world leader in pediatric burn care and is the only exclusively pediatric, verified burn center in New England. In addition to meeting the needs of children with burn injuries, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston also offers orthopaedic care, cleft lip and palate expertise, and reconstructive and plastic surgery.

The hospital's reputation is far reaching, with patients from over 70 countries having received lifesaving and reconstructive care from our specialists. The hospital staff practices family-centered care by providing resources and programs designed to assist the whole family during a child's treatment.

## Our Springfield Hospital

Shriners Children's New England — Springfield is unique in its ability to provide exceptional, specialized pediatric orthopaedic, rheumatology and cleft lip and palate care using the latest innovations in diagnosis and treatment. The hospital is designed exclusively for children, offering a full range of inpatient and outpatient services under one roof, so children can receive care and treatment in one building. Appointments with physicians and clinicians in various departments throughout the hospital can be conveniently scheduled for the same day.

Care for patients at the Springfield Shriners Hospital begins with an initial consultation, followed by establishing a diagnosis and a treatment plan. Our pediatric specialists and therapists collaborate to determine the best course of care, and referring physicians are able to get results returned quickly. As a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, we collaborate to expand our service and expertise for patients. The comprehensive onsite services at the hospital include outpatient visits, inpatient surgery, outpatient surgery, orthotics and prosthetics, radiology, the motion analysis center (utilizing a 3D motion capture system), occupational therapy, physical therapy, child life, care coordination, family services and nutrition.

The Springfield Shriners Hospital focuses on cost-efficient, high-quality care. We participate in a number of local and national health plans and we work hard to balance cost of care with the services needed.

**[www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)**

## Kora Shriners Monthly Screening Clinics

Kora Shriners sponsor New Patient Screening Clinics at Kora Shrine Center. These clinics main purpose is to screen possible new patients for our Hospitals-these clinics are held from 9 to 12 on the first Saturday of each Month at Kora Shrine Center in Lewiston.

For More information and to Register go to:  
[korashriners.org/clinics](http://korashriners.org/clinics)



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### Hospital Facts...

- Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system with dedicated to providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals.
- There are over 156 points of care throughout the entire World.
- Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care.
- All care and services at Shriners Hospitals for Children are provided regardless of the families' ability to pay.
- The first Shriners Hospital opened in Shreveport, La., in 1922.
- The hospital assessment from every Shriner in 1922 was \$2 per year, now is only \$5.

## **Kora Units & Clubs**

The Nobility is highly encouraged to join at least one Unit &/or Club. Units and Clubs are essential to Kora, providing members with a meeting place and defined social activities. There is a large variety in the Units and Clubs of Kora, each dedicated to the Fraternity and under the jurisdiction of Kora's Potentate. These organizations are composed of men who share a passion, enthusiasm or hobby. Many have Ladies meetings or offer activities for Ladies when they meet. With such a wide array of Units and Clubs offered at Kora, a list has been composed with a brief description of each unit and club.

Units and Clubs have their own bylaws and, therefore, their own officers. Each Unit or Club defines the officers and terms of office. Some units have annual dues or charge for required clothing, so you will want to ask about these costs.

Many Units have international affiliations and, therefore, have their own conventions. Some occur during Imperial Session.

Marching in Shrine parades is something that the Nobles participate in only. Imperial has strict bylaws which apply to when our Ladies can and cannot participate in our Public Events. Ladies are always encouraged to attend parades, whenever possible. It's fun and shows your support of the Nobles and the Shrine.

## **Kora Units**

- **Aides:** The Aides are appointed by the Potentate to help assist with events and special visitations at the Temple such as: (1) taking care of the bar and refreshments at Temple events, (2) escorting dignitaries in during events and ceremonials, (3) Being assigned to take care of Imperial officers on any visit to the Temple, (4) Any other function that the Potentate asks for assistance in. If you are interested in being an aid please contact the Chief Aide or Potentate.
- **Arab Patrol:** The Patrol is the oldest unit of the temple, established in 1892. We are a marching unit that assists the Illustrious Potentate in the opening ceremonials. We attend and parade in the summer ceremonial and Northeast Shrine Field Days. Our membership has decreased in the last few years. However we have had and still have long time members, which proves that there is something to be said for the expression "we march so that others may walk". Please consider becoming a part of tomorrow's history of Kora Shriners and JOIN WITH US. You are most welcome to visit our room on the third floor at any ceremonial or just speak to any member of the Patrol on any questions pertaining to the Patrol.
- **Band:** The Kora Band is one of the oldest units in Kora Temple, founded in 1929. Our mission is to furnish music for Kora Shrine gatherings and our community and to promote and support Kora Shriners and our Shriners Hospitals for Children. The

band strives to provide quality music, as well as, promoting fellowship and brotherhood among our members. The band is always looking for new members, so if you have ever played an instrument or just want to help out, we welcome you to join the band unit or just “sit-in”. We perform concerts and in parades throughout the year. There are no annual dues. The newly refurbished Kora Band Room is located on the third floor (or mezzanine level) of Kora Temple.

- **Buccaneers:** The purpose of the Kora Shrine Buccaneers is to participate in designated Kora Shrine events as well as promoting loyalty, brother-hood, and shrinedom. The Kora Shrine Buccaneers shall also promote the Kora Shrine Center through participation in public functions. Each Unit Member must purchase their own costume. Initiation Fee shall be assessed and annual dues charged. The Buccaneers have monthly meetings so as to keep everyone up to date with shrine information as well Buccaneer business.
- **Drifters:** The Shriners Drifter Trike Unit is a proud and active part of our Shrine fraternity, bringing excitement, entertainment, and fellowship to communities throughout the year. Our members perform in over 26 parades annually, showcasing their unique drifting three-wheeled trikes and entertaining spectators of all ages with precision riding, coordinated maneuvers, and plenty of fun. Beyond the parades, the Drifter Unit represents the spirit of Shrinedom—brotherhood, camaraderie, and service to others. Whether we're making people smile along a parade route or enjoying time together as fellow Nobles, the Drifter Trike Unit is dedicated to promoting the values of the Shrine while creating lasting memories for our members and the communities we serve.
- **Facts & Figures:** The Silent Messengers of Shriners Hospitals for Children, are uniformed Nobles driving mini Model A Cars pulling signs displaying the Facts and Figures of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our goal is both educational and inspirational, it heightens public awareness of the services that our specialty hospitals provide and highlights our proud history. Our Facts and Figures are forever changing, since treating our first child in 1922, over the span of the last of 96 years, we have treated over one million children regardless of ability to pay, our care is not free care, we can unequivocally profess it's the best care. Membership is open to any Noble of Kora Shriners who wants to have fun with an important purpose, touting our mission of helping children defy the odds.
- **Crazy Cops:** The Crazy Cops are one of the largest and more active units at Kora Temple. We travel around the central and southern part of Maine parading at city and town events, acting as ambassadors for the Temple and representing the Shriners Children's Hospitals. We also are very active in the Shrine Circus and the Festival of Trees, as well as many other events at Kora. In this capacity, we present ourselves and represent our Brothers with dignity while having fun.

- **Cycle Corp:** The Cycle Corps (a mini-bike unit) was formed and became an official Temple unit in 1969. Our motto is "We ride so kids can walk," and our mission is to support Kora Shriners by: 1. Participation in parades. 2. Participation in inter-temple competitions at conventions. 3. Supporting and conducting fund-raising projects for our hospital philanthropies. Current membership in the Cycle Corps is 20 with a listed maximum strength of 25. A prospective member must be a member in good standing of Kora Shriners and have a valid drivers license. Each member will be assigned ( if possible) a 5 HP Rupp Mini-Bike and be required to purchase the units parade uniform and dress uniform. Some of these uniform parts are provided by the unit. Annual dues are \$25.00 Meetings of the Cycle Corps are held once a month. Practice drills are held once a week or once every two weeks on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, at a convenient local area. 75% attendance record of all the unit's functions is required. The unit participates in approximately 12 parades, 1 competition and 4 ceremonials per year. Entertainment and fund-raising projects are sponsored by the Kora Cycle Corps. Wives of the members are very supportive and wear distinctive jackets similar to the Corps uniform, with appropriate markings. The Kora Cycle Corps is one of the more active units at Kora Shriners, because of this, our services are always in demand.
- **Greeters:** The Kora Shrine Greeter Unit was formed in 1983. Prior to that date, we were part of the staff, similar to the Aides, under the direction of the Potentate. Our specific duties consist of, but are not limited to, Kora Shrine Center Ceremonials and other mandatory functions such as the Shrine Circus, Shrine Lobster Bowl, FEZtival of Trees and Kora Ride In. We sell and collect admission tickets at most of these functions. Greeting nobles and their ladies and the general public at Shrine events is an important part of our duties. We try to answer any questions about the murals in the temple along with the history of Kora Shrine and assist the Potentate at his direction. We have 4 or 5 stated meetings per year, usually on the day of a Kora Stated Meeting (at 5 PM in the Greeter Room) as well as outings and casual gatherings which are optional. The Greeters are always looking for new members who are enthusiastic and want to participate in our duties to help make our Shrine Center successful in its' endeavors to support our Boston and Springfield Hospitals.
- **Funsters:** The Funsters are a group with a mission to support Kora Temple and the Shrine Philanthropies by appearing in costume at various functions for the entertainment of the public. Any donations received are presented to the Temple in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- **Klowns:** The Kora Klowns are a group of Nobles who through the art of clowning bring smiles to the faces of all ages while supporting our Shrine and its objectives. We attend 17 circus shows, about 12 or so parades, and a couple private events. We attend a Clown College in Massachusetts yearly (this is a pre

requisite for full member status). The average active clown typically spends 100+ hours in costume per year. The member is responsible for his own make up and costume and help is always available to new members. Everyone has a little clown in them, some just surface better!

- **Highlanders:** The Kora Shrine Highlanders are a traditional military style Pipe and Drum Corps. The unit was formed in 1979 and has been making sweet Highland music ever since to spread the word about and support the Shrine's good work. The Corps performs in many Shrine events, civic parades, and other public performances throughout the year and while we are committed to excellence in what we do we are equally committed to having fun doing it.
- **Karts:** The Kora Karts unit is organized for the purpose of promoting Kora Shriners, Shrinedom and friendship and fellowship among its members. The Karts have been a Temple unit since 1972.
- **Medical Corps:** This unit has been in existence since 1999. Its function is to raise monies for the Children's Hospitals and the good of the order. This is done by performing in parades and other services as directed by the Potentate.
- **Legion of Honor:** The Legion of Honor became an official unit of Kora Shriners in 1928. Its mission is to provide escort duty at Kora ceremonials and other official functions, to carry the Temple colors and assist in flag ceremonies. The Legion performs floor drills at ceremonials and when appropriate, enters competition with other similar units at Shrine conventions. The unit ALSO participates in all Shrine parades and other functions as requested, when deemed appropriate. All members are Military Veterans, either active or retired.
- **Log Rollers:** The Log Rollers were started in 1988 by Harold Jordan who purchased the first truck. In 1989 the Log Roller Unit was accepted as a Kora unit and Harold became the first Director. After six years at the throttle the members of the unit elected Arthur Jordan, Harold's son, the Director. Arthur is still leading the parades today. The Log Rollers promote Kora Temple and good fellowship.
- **Motor Corps:** The Motor Corps is a unit of Kora Shriners, having been accepted in 1984. Its mission is to promote Shrinedom and Kora Shriners; to perform services for the Potentate at his request; to participate in parades and other official functions; to provide transportation for nobles and guests of Kora Shriners as the need arises.
- **Mini Racers:** The Kora Mini-Racers are a premier NASCAR-themed Shrine unit dedicated to bringing excitement, entertainment, and crowd-pleasing performances to every event we attend. Featuring a fleet of more than 12 fully operational miniature race cars, each professionally styled after iconic NASCAR designs, along with two support wreckers, our unit has become a fan favorite and a featured

attraction on the front page of numerous parade and event promotions. Known for our precision driving, teamwork, and engaging presentations, we proudly represent Kora Shrine while creating memorable experiences for spectators of all ages. As one of the fastest-growing units within our organization, we are continually seeking enthusiastic new members and associate members who share a passion for fellowship, community involvement, and helping us carry on the tradition of excellence that makes the Kora Mini-Racers a standout wherever we appear.

- **Provost:** The Provost Unit of Kora Shriners, was established in 1983. This unit is responsible for the internal security of Kora Temple and the protection of the Nobility at Shrine functions. The unit members are also responsible for security at events that are considered Kora Shriners functions, including but not limited to the following: Ceremonials, Lobster Bowl Football Game and Kora Shrine Circus.
- **Renegades:** For over forty years, the Kora Renegades have provided great entertainment for crowds at parades. We take our name from the mini Jeep Renegades that we drive, and maybe from our attitude as well! We typically field 15-21 of our mini Jeeps, a full-sized Jeep with a float, a "wrecker", and two golf carts for members that can't operate a mini Jeep. We average 12-15 parades a year, mostly in southern Maine. We are a close-knit, family-friendly unit. After every parade we have a cookout at a members house or a tailgate party at the parade site. Come visit, and enjoy our hospitality!
- **Second Section:** The Second Section has been a unit of Kora Shriners since 1891. Its function is to assist in the ritual work of the temple and to introduce novices to the Hot Sands through the Second Section of the Degree. It also takes part in parades and performs other services at the direction of the Potentate.

### 100 Million Dollar Club

The Shriners Hospitals for Children Endowment Fund provides approximately 85 percent of the hospitals' operating income. This fund is supported by the gifts and bequests of Shriners and non-Shriners alike. As hospital costs climb and Shriners Hospitals continue to provide more specialized care and conduct more research, the financial need increases. Too many people, both Shriners and non-Shriners, believe that if they cannot donate or leave a large sum of money, their gift will not count. Obviously, every contribution helps. In order to encourage Shriners and non-Shriners to contribute to Shriners Hospitals for Children, the HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR CLUB was established in 1972. The club got its name from its goal of adding 100 million dollars to the endowment fund through gifts or bequests of \$100 or more.

There are three ways to become a member of the 100 Million Dollar Club:

1. By contributing \$100 or more to Shriners Hospitals for Children.
2. By having your will include a bequest of \$100 or more to Shriners Hospitals for Children.
3. By adding a provision to an existing will leaving \$100 or more to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

## **Kora Clubs & Committees**

- **Androscoggin Shrine Club:** The Androscoggin Shrine Club allow Nobles and their Ladies a chance to meet once a month, break bread and socialize. We raise money to benefit Kora, and do so mostly by hosting events like Basket Bingo and the annual Turkey Smoker. The Shrine Club also volunteers cooking meals for Kora meetings and the Shrine Lobster Bowl team dinner. We usually meet on the Third Monday Evening of each month at Kora Temple in Lewiston. Happy Hour is 5:30-6:30, meeting at 6:30 with supper to follow.
- **Cumberland County Shrine Club:** The Cumberland County Shrine Club monthly meeting is held on the second of each month. Their meetings are held at the American Legion, Stephen W. Manchester Post # 62, 17 Dunn Street, Westbrook. Our meeting will feature a social hour, catered dinner, business meeting, and entertainment, runs from 5 pm to 8 pm. Their meetings are open to all Shriners, Ladies, & Guests. Each meeting has a door prize raffle and 50/50 drawing. So, please make an effort to come out for an evening of friendship and enjoyment with your fellow shiners while supporting our club.
- **Mid-Coast Shrine Club:** The Midcoast Shrine Club is an active and welcoming group serving Nobles and their families throughout the Midcoast region. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December) for food, fellowship, and a short business meeting. Ladies are welcome at all regular gatherings, and our events always offer a warm, friendly atmosphere. Our Club enjoys shared meals, seasonal activities, and opportunities to support Shriners Children's and Kora events. Whether you're new to the area or a long-time Noble, the Midcoast Shrine Club offers great fellowship, community spirit, and enjoyable evenings among friends.
- **Oxford County Shrine Club:** Oxford County Shrine Club meets once a month to come together in Fellowship and friendship. Our social hour is followed by a wonderful meal and then our monthly meeting takes place , which is generally very short. We meet at the VFW hall in South Paris on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. It is always a wonderful time and the meals are always spectacular along with a table of appetizers that is usually more than we can handle. Come join us with your Lady for a great night of Brotherhood and fellowship. You can be assured a great time.
- **Western Mountain Shrine Club:** The Western Mountain Shrine Club was formed for social purposes and to carry on any undertaking which in the judgement of the club will be for the best interest of Kora Shriners. The host their Annual Potentate's Reception on the Second Weekend in August in Rangeley, Maine.
- **York County Shrine Club:** The Club was formed in February 1965 to be a

voluntary unincorporated association formed for social purposes, the promotion of good fellowship among the Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the furthering of the interest of said fraternity in the area served. This is a family-oriented club with several functions during the year. The Annual Lobster Bake (which usually has over 250 attendees), Family Brunch and Family Fun Days have for many years brought together old friends and introduced new fellowships that will last a lifetime.

- **Kora Kampers:** Are made up of Nobles & their families who camp, either with campers or tents during Shrine events like Summer Ceremonials & the Northeast Shrine Field Days. They also meet as a group twice per year, May & September at Bayley's Camping Resort in Scarborough, Maine. We camp together and sponsor activities like Chinese auction, Games, pot luck suppers and just time to relax with friends, as well as, have campfires. Some of the campers will get together in the morning have coffee, go for walks, and socialize with other Campers. We currently have 50+ members including members from other Temples in our Northeast Association. We do hold annual election for our club officers and make donations to Kora and our Hospitals.
- **Kora Widows Club:** Kora widows Club is open to any Nobles Widow/Partner. The club usually meets on a monthly basis for lunch. The club helps to serve meals at the temple, fill baskets for Basket Bingo, send cookies to the Ride-In at Twitchell's Airport, help with the Festival of Trees, gather gently worn coats for the hospitals, attend Andro. Shrine club meetings each month and so on. We are not a "unit" in Kora Temple but we are "under the umbrella" of the temple. We are here to help the temple out to the best of our abilities. If you want to be active in the temple, you can be, as I am very active, but mostly our widows are content to go to lunch as a club and do a bit of help at the temple.
- **Kora Kraftsman:** The Kora Kraftsman is an officially sanctioned Grand Lodge of Maine Degree Team. The purposes of the Club are to train and provide skilled individual, Degree team(s) for all Masonic Degrees, Installations, various Masonic Lectures, and other Masonic related presentations at public, semi-public or regular meetings of any Masonic Body. The club strives to promote, enhance, and cement Masonic relations between Masonic Fraternity and Shrinedom. We also provide and maintain an avenue for fraternal and social activity for Past and Current Officers of Masonic Lodges, their ladies and families through fraternal meetings, banquets, dances and other social activities. The club is open to all Kora Shriners who are current or past Lodge officers.
- **Turkey Gobbler Hillbillies:** .The Turkey Gobblah **Hillbillies Clan 187** are a

special “side-line degree” within the Kora Shriners organization, created in the late 1960s by Noble Jim Harris of El Hasa Temple in Ashland, Kentucky. The idea was to have a fun, lighthearted ritual that also served a charitable purpose — all profits from the Hillbillies’ activities go directly to **Shriners Hospitals for Children** and their transportation funds.

## **Kora's Major Events**

- **Outdoor Expo:** This is a Kora Temple fundraiser with the proceeds going to help support our Temple. The Kora Shriners Sportsmen Expo is an annual event whose goal is to “Bring the Outdoors Inside” for outdoor enthusiasts, families, and our community for a weekend of fun and education on outdoor activities/hobbies. We would welcome assistance in various key areas including: raffle item procurement, vendor relations, sponsorship acquisition, or entertainment planning.
- **Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic:** The Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic is held on the Third Saturday in July of each year. 2017 marked our 28th consecutive year with Lobster Bowl XXVIII. This High School Senior All-Star football game is a Kora Shrine sponsored event where 100% of the net proceeds from the game are for the benefit of the 22 Shrine Hospitals for Children across the US, Canada, and Mexico. The Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Game has been created to raise money and to help make the public aware of the expert orthopedic and burn care facilities available to children who desperately need this specialized care, regardless of the patients’ ability to pay. This East vs. West match-up brings over 150 student athletes and coaches from all over the state together to help produce what is considered the premier High School sporting event held in Maine. All participants commit to a week long training camp where they make new friends and more importantly learn why we play the game... ”Strong Legs Run ... So that Weak Legs May Walk”. The student athletes are high school seniors who have just graduated and are about to enter college. They are nominated to play in this prestigious game by their coaches and selected by a committee from the Maine Athletics Association.

All Kora Nobles are mailed a set of tickets to either buy or sell to the game. Any tickets which are paid for and returned to Kora are donated to youth leagues throughout Southern Maine to attend the football game.

There is also a Lobster Bowl Golf Tournament held every year prior to the game. The tournament is open to the public and monies raised goes towards this hospital fundraiser.
- **Kora Kares Ride In:** The Kora Kare for Kids Ride-In and BBQ Competition is one of Kora Shriners major fundraisers. All net proceeds benefit Shriners Hospital for Children. The Ride-In is held at Ossipee Valley Fairground in Hiram, Maine. The day includes a scenic escorted motorcycle ride, an ATV trail ride and a Classic Car Cruise –In. The Classic Cars are also welcome to join the motorcycle ride. All rides return to the field for live music, food, beverages, raffles, vendors, and a judged

BBQ competition with some delicious BBQ sampling all day, and a Kora Corn Hole tournament. Donations to Shriners Hospital for Children from groups, clubs and individuals are presented in a donation ceremony. The day starts with breakfast and an opening ceremony with Shriners hospital patients sharing their success stories.

The BBQ Competition is open to any individual, group or organization to show off their BBQ skills in a “fun”draising competition for the overall Grand champion and the People’s choice awards. Cash prizes and great trophies are awarded, and most importantly..... bragging rights !!! Our panel of celebrity judges decide the Grand Champion and the public will decide the people’s choice. The Competitors sell samples of BBQ and side dishes to the public all day. Dry camping is available Friday and Saturday night.

Admission only to the event is free; there is a charge for the riders. Come out for a day of fun with the Kora Shriners, enjoy some really great BBQ, live music and meet some of our patients that have been helped at Shriners Hospital for Children. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

- **Fesztival of Trees:** During the holiday season, Kora Temple holds our Annual FEZtival of Trees during the week of Thanksgiving. Come see the beautiful trees and decorations, take a chance on the Raffle Room, visit our craft show, and top it off with a visit with Santa! This event is a Kora Temple Fundraiser and the proceeds help to support our Temple.

## Affiliated Women's Organizations

- **Daughters of the Nile** is an international organization for women who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile. Founded in 1913, by 22 progressive women with strength of purpose and vision, it boasts 149 Temples throughout the United States and Canada. The top official of the Supreme Temple holds the title of Supreme Queen. The Daughters of the Nile contribute over \$1 million annually to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Members also contribute their time and creative efforts to Shriners Hospitals through volunteer work and the sewing of garments, quilts, and other necessary items for the children.
- **Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America** is a fun group of women who are related by birth or marriage to a Master Mason. Each court assumes an obligation to extend financial support and assistance to Shriners Hospitals for Children with emphasis on the hospital fund, sewing and special projects. Founded in 1903, there are currently 86 courts throughout the United States and Canada under the Grand Council. The top official of the Grand Council holds the title of Grand High Priestess.
- **Shrine Guilds of America** provides independent support and aid to Shriners Hospitals for Children and concentrates on the education of children during their stay at Shriners Hospitals. Organized in 1947, there are approximately 14 guilds today, mostly in Florida and Indiana. Members are wives or widows of Shriners. The leader of the Imperial Council of Shrine Guilds of America is called the Imperial Maharanee.
- **Order of the Eastern Star** is the largest fraternal organization to which both men and women may belong. Worldwide, there are approximately 1 million members under the causes including: Shriners Hospitals for Children, Cancer Research Project, Arthritis Fund, orphanages and many other charities.
- **Sunshine Club** is a separate organization with the sole mission of providing financial assistance for transportation and housing for a child and a family member while the child is receiving treatment at a Shrine facility. Made up of both men and women, Shriners and non-Shriners, this organization works year round to raise funds. One major fund raiser is their Holiday Craft Fair held in November each year. Donations for the Sunshine Club do come through other sources, but it is the work of this group in particular that enables Anah temple to more completely assist children who need medical attention for everything from burns to spina bifida, cleft palates, orthopedic braces or artificial limbs.

## **Traveling**

- **Visiting other Shrines:** Just like in Blue Lodge, Shriners are encourage to travel and visit other Shrine Temples. You will want to make arrangements while traveling prior to attending any events. This can be done either by contacting that Temple directly or going through Kora's office to contact the Temple that you would like to visit. Like Blue Lodge depending on the type of event, will determine how formal the process will be for you to gain admission. For more information or any questions on the process please contact Kora's office.
- **Northeast Field Days:** Every year the Northeast Shrine Association holds their Field Days. This event is usually held in early Fall and it's location rotates each year between the fifteen Temples in our association. All Nobles and their Ladies are encourage to attend this event, even if you are not part of a unit. Many of Kora's units travel and participate in the weekend long event which includes meetings, a Parade, a Banquet, local tours, great hospitality, and so much more. Hotel arrangements for attending this event can be made through Kora's office.
- **Potentate's Annual Trip:** As tradition each year, the Potentate hosts an annual trip. All Nobles and their Ladies are invited to join the Potentate and his Lady on their tour. The locations and dates change each year, the Potentate and his Lady determined when and were the trip is. Past trips have included Cruising the Caribbean, Ireland, the Grand Canyon, the Black Hills, Washington DC, New York City, Mexico, and many other locales. The information for each years trip are published in Kora Sands and there is an information meetings prior to trip booking, which covers trip details like cost and travel dates.

## **Northeast Shrine Association Temples**

- ALEPPO SHRINERS (a le'ppo) No. 13 - Wilmington, Massachusetts  
<https://alepposhriners.com/>
- ANAH SHRINERS (a'na) No. 151 - Bangor, Maine  
[www.anashriners.org](http://www.anashriners.org)
- BEKTASH SHRINERS (bek'tash) No. 96 - Concord, New Hampshire  
[www.bektashshriners.org](http://www.bektashshriners.org)
- CAIRO SHRINERS (ki'ro) No. 90 - Rutland, Vermont  
[www.cairoshriners.org](http://www.cairoshriners.org)
- KARNAK SHRINERS (kar'nak) No. 81 - Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec, Canada  
<https://www.karnakshriners.org/>
- KORA SHRINERS (ko'ra) No. 59 - Lewiston, Maine  
[www.korashriners.org](http://www.korashriners.org)
- LUXOR SHRINERS (lux'or) No. 87 - Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada  
<https://luxorshriners.com/>
- MAZOL SHRINERS (ma zul') No. 184 - St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada  
[www.mazolshriners.com](http://www.mazolshriners.com)
- MELHA SHRINERS (mel'ha) No. 78 - Springfield, Massachusetts  
[www.melhashriners.com](http://www.melhashriners.com)
- MOUNT SINAI SHRINERS (mount si'ni) No. 3 - Montpelier, Vermont  
[www.mountsinaishriners.org](http://www.mountsinaishriners.org)
- PHILAE SHRINERS (phi'le) No. 128 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada  
<https://philaeshriners.ca/>
- PYRAMID SHRINERS (per'a mid) No. 9 - Stratford, Connecticut  
<https://www.pyramidshriners.com/>
- RHODE ISLAND SHRINERS (rode i'land) No. 19 - Cranston, Rhode Island  
[www.rishriners.com](http://www.rishriners.com)
- TUNIS SHRINERS (too'nis) No. 179 - Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
<https://tunisshriners.ca/>

## **COMMON TERMS TO THE SHRINE**

**Assistant Rabban** – the second vice-president of the Temple Divan

**Caravan** – the annual parade of all Shrine units and clubs

**Chaplain** – responsible for giving the prayers at the Temple. Offers prayers, blessings & benedictions as called upon.

**Chief Rabban** – the first vice-president of the Temple Divan

**Crescent & Scimitar** – the Shrine emblem

**Divan** – the group of governing elected and/or appointed officials of each Shrine Temple. The top five officers typically progress towards the Potentate position.

**Dress** – if the noble forgets to introduce his lady, it is said he must purchase a dress for his Lady

**Fez** – the red head gear worn by the Shriners

**High Priest and Prophet** – the third vice-president of the Temple Divan

**Hospitals** – the Shrine has 22 hospitals to help children with orthopedic, spinal column, cleft lip and palate, and burn needs

**Illustrious Sir** – the title that the present and past Potentates are addressed as

**Imperial** – the governing body of Shriners International

**Imperial Sir** – title given to an officer of the Imperial Divan

**Lady** – a spouse or female friend of a Shriner

**Masonic** – every Shriner must be a member of this Fraternity

**NSA** – Northeast Shrine Association – the group of 14 Shrine Temples in our area who meet on an annual basis to celebrate, entertain and have unit/club competitions.

**Noble** – the title each Shriner is addressed by

**Oriental Guide** – the newest elected Divan member and fourth vice-president of the Temple

**Potentate** – the President or CEO of the Shrine Temple, elected for a one year term

**Recorder** – responsible for the records of the Temple

**Shriners** – the authorized term for referring to the local nobles

**Shriners Hospitals for Children** – a Colorado Corporation

**Shriners International** – an Iowa Corporation

**Stated Meeting** – the regular business meeting of the Temple

**Temple** – authorized term for referring to the local Shrine building. Can also be referred to as the local Shriners and their organization.

**Treasurer** – responsible for the monies of the Temple

**Unit/Club** – a group of Shriners who has a common interest and enjoys getting together. A Noble can belong to both a unit and a club.

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