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Kora Shriners Elect New Potentate



On Saturday, January 13, 2006, Kora Shriners elected Thomas A. Nason, of Turner, as Illustrious Potentate for 2007.

Tom's Masonic career began in Asylum Lodge 133, Wayne, Maine where he was raised a Master Mason on December 10, 1980. Tom belongs to both the Scottish and York Rite bodies. In June of 1982, Tom joined Kora Temple at Kents Hill during Ill. Potentate Tieche Shelton's Summer Ceremonial. Tom joined the Kora Highlanders in 1983 and held many positions including Secretary, Treasurer, President and Scribe. His proudest accomplishment was that of becoming Pipe Sergeant, a position he held until being appointed to Kora Temple's

Divan in 1998 by Ill. Paul D. Sherman.

Tom is a Past President of the Androscoggin County Shrine Club and is a member of every Shrine Club in Kora. While on the Divan, Tom has chaired each event in Kora and has also served as Membership Chair and is currently in his eighth year as co-Editor of the Kora Sands.

Tom is a member & officer of Put Stevens Court 107, Royal Order of Jesters.

Tom is a Project Manager for E.S. Boulos Company, located in Westbrook. Tom manages electrical construction projects through out the state of Maine.

Tom resides in Turner with his best friend and wife, Judy. Tom and Judy's family consists of Sydney, their Golden Retriever who suffers from SDS or Spoiled Dog Syndrome and their three cats Lizabeth, Sammy and Theo.

Appointed to the position of Marshal and scheduled to be Kora Temple's Potentate in 2014 is Noble John R. Knox of Windaham.

John's Masonic connection began as a member of Bradford Chapter, Order of DeMolay – serving as Master Councilor and in 1968 was elected State Master Councilor for Maine DeMolay and was awarded the DeMolay Degree of Chevalier. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Saco Lodge 1n 1972 – and served as Master of that Lodge in 1979.

He joined Annette Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in 1972 serving as Worthy Patron in 1975. He is a member of the Portland Valley of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is an active participant in several of the degrees. He is a member of the York Rite – Eagle Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Maine Council and Portland/St. Albans Commandery #2 and is an active member of the Portland Commandery Band.

From 1993 to 1998, he served as Executive Officer for Maine DeMolay. During that time, he received the Grand Masters Award for Jurisdictional Membership Growth, and the Adult Leaders Award from the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons. He has served on the advisory board of Windham Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and on the Mabel J. DeShon Scholarship Committee for Maine Rainbow, and is a recipient of Rainbow's Grand Cross of Color.

He joined Kora Shriners in 1986 and has been an active member and officer of the Kora Band since joining. He is serving Kora as Chairman of the Donor Relations Committee, and is currently an officer of the Northeast Shrine Band Association.

He is a member and officer of Put Stevens Court #107, Royal Order of Jesters.

Professionally, he has worked in the manufacturing sector as a Human Resources Manager since 1979 with employers in Southern Maine.

He and Becky, his wife of 33 years, have 3 grown children (a son and 2 daughters), a son-in-law and 4 grand children, and reside in Windham.

Elected to office for the 2007 year at Kora Temple are the following: Glen Lalumiere, Portland, Chief Rabban; Karl Finnimore, Bath, Assistant Rabban; Leonard Carr, Athens, High Priest & Prophet; Brian Ingalls, Alfred, Oriental Guide; Barry Gates, Turner, Treasurer; and PP Paul Sherman, Winthrop, Recorder.

Appointed to office for 2007 are David Lidstone, Auburn, 1st Ceremonial Master; Gordon Wentworth, Wells, 2nd Ceremonial Master; Walter Longley, Woolwich, Director; Matt Ferris, Sanford, Captain of the Guard; and Rick Hersom, Pittston, as Outer Guard.

Kora Shrine Temple, 11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, along with the other 190 Shrine Temples across North America, supports Shriners Hospitals for Children. There are 22 Shriners Hospitals located in the United States and Canada. They offer free care to children who suffer from burns and orthopedic diseases. Our closest hospitals are the Orthopedic Center in Springfield, Ma. and the Burns Unit in Boston, Ma. Call Kora Shriners for more information at 800-782-5672 or check out our website www.korashriners.org.