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STATEMENT FROM KORA SHRINERS

'Proud to Call Lewiston Our Home'

For the last 131 years, Kora Shriners proudly call Lewiston, Maine home. On the evening of October 25, 2023 the collective hearts of our 1,466 Nobles and their families were crushed as news of the horrific violent crime unfolded. On their behalf, the Kora Leadership team (Divan) joins the rest of the world in offering our prayers and support to our neighbors while they are mourning a senseless attack and loss of life. We continue to pray for a speedy recovery of those that were injured. We extend our deepest condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

Many Kora Nobles are current or retired first responders and medical professionals, some of which were actively involved last evening. We could not be more proud and more appreciative of the bravely shown by them and all of those that protect citizens daily. It takes unfathomable strength to continue forward in this field knowing that tragedies such as this one can happen any day on the job. We are grateful for their service and their sacrifices.

Kora Shriners provide comfort and assistance to children and their families as they face the most challenging of medical issues. We greet each story of a child in need with heartache but also with the knowledge that our care will make their lives better. That spirit is built into our collective DNA and drives us to do the same for our community. Understanding that we will all experience more sorrow and pain as more details become known, we are confident that Lewiston and Maine will come together and be strong again. While that road is likely to be long and difficult at times, the Kora family stands steadfast in our resolve to be partners in restoring all that is good in our community.

James A. Bennett,
2023 Kora Potentate

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