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POTENTATES MESSAGE

Adam Beals, Potentate

I can't believe it's here already, my last column as your Potentate. Hard to fathom how it has gone by so fast! Seems like just yesterday I was making January Ceremonial plans and then shortly after writing my first article. Speaking of that these past couple of weeks have been in fast forward, a Christmas Party blur! We traveled all over Anahland, we were invited to The Keystone Kops, Northern Penobscot Shrine Club, Second Section, Aroostook Shrine Club and The Convertibles. Second week, we went to The Funsters, Waldo County Shrine Club, and our Temple Wide Christmas Party and lastly Bangor Brewer. Jaime and I would like to thank everyone for the invitees, we truly had a blast

with all of you celebrating your accomplishments for the year!

The Festival of Trees had another successful year I would like to personally thank all the hard work that all of you put into this and continue to make it better every year. If you would like to get the total figure for this event you can come to the parade of checks at the January Ceremonial and the number will be revealed. If you need information about the January Ceremonial continue reading your Anahgram to find out more. Hope to see you there!

The Stated Meeting was held this past Saturday, December 14th. During this meeting we performed the Election of officers, I would like to congratulate all the incoming officers, but an extra special congratulations to Ryan and Brooke Otis! We have no doubt you will do great things! There was also a vote of a change in the Bylaws Article 3 line 3.1 the change was. There shall be four stated meetings during the year January, May, September, and December. The exact day and hour, including the annual meeting, shall be designated by the Potentate. Thanks for all that attended, your votes matter.

In closing, Jaime and I would like to thank everyone that had a part in helping us during our years on the Divan, but most especially this year!

All the time spent over the years serving our nobility is something we will never forget; we felt special everywhere we went. It was truly an honor for us to have served as the Potentate and First Lady of Anah Shrine for 2024. Remember we meet on the Level.

ADAM BEALS, POTENTATE 2024



“FROM THE RECORDER’S DESK”

Pete Loiselle,
Recorder

Happy New Year nobles and ladies! I am amazed how quickly my first year as Recorder went by. There was so much to learn, but the biggest thing I did learn was what an amazing group of people are in the Anah family. There have been numerous trips to clubs and events where I got the chance to meet many of you and your community. I look forward to putting everything I learned and people I met into continuing to do the work of Anah.

Please take a moment to thank Adam and Jaime for a year filled with leadership and fun. They set the bar high. Congratulations to our 103rd Potentate, Ryan Otis and Lady Brooke who will be sworn in during the January Ceremonial on the 18th.

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There is more information later in the Anahgram, so check it out.

Membership and communication will continue to be a large focus during the new year. Anah lost over 85 members due to suspension for non-payment of dues, but the hope is we will continue to work with all nobles to help them reconnect with Anah and get them more involved. As of this writing, we currently have over 500 nobles who have not paid their dues for 2025. It's important to note that if you have not up to date with your 2025 dues you cannot participate in most Anah events, including ceremonial, parading, circus and Feztival volunteering, and even club and unit events. If you need help with paying your dues, accessing WebFez, or registering for automatic payments for 2026, please contact me at the office and I will assist you. Without you Anah cannot continue doing the great work we do on a regular basis. Here's to making 2025 amazing!



Pete Loiselle, Recorder

WALDO COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Ryan Otis - Reporter

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

Hopefully you have all had a great holiday! We enjoyed a great Christmas party hosted by President Bill and Lady Meg! Many travellers enjoyed a great meal by Noble Cory Chase from Darby's.

We look forward to hosting you all in the hospitality room at the Holiday Inn as part of the January Ceremonial weekend. Did you get your tickets?

Head on over to www.anahshriners.org/winterceremonial/ to order your tickets for the meet and greet 1/17 and for the ceremonial banquet on 1/18

Our January meeting is 1/9, February-2/13, and March 3/13. Don't forget we meet on the second Thursday of each month.

The Waldo County Gun Show is

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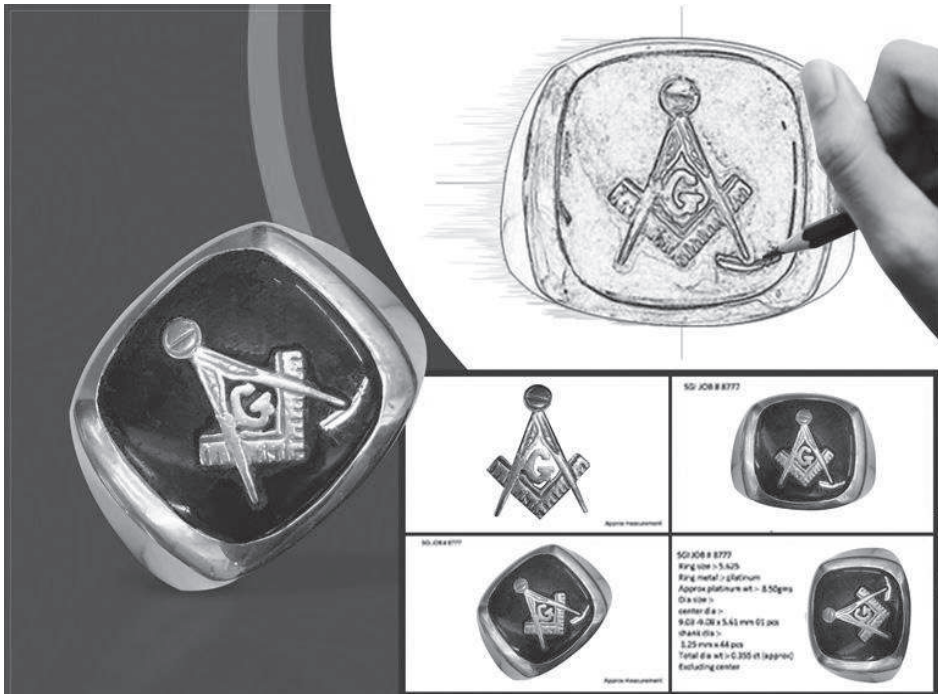
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February 15th and 16th, spread the word so that the Shrine Center at 1404 Broadway in Bangor will be full. The entries of all the visitors to the show greatly help keep our building in great shape.

One last little bit of information: Waldo County Shrine Club is your host to the June Ceremonial, it will be a weekend not to be missed. Early arrival on June 19th is encouraged with a meet and greet at the club, Saturday June 21st will feature a ceremonial golf outing followed by the greatest chicken BBQ in the world that evening. June will feature the ceremonial and the best parade in the Biggest little city in Maine. More information is available by visiting www.anahshriners.org and visting the 2025 June Ceremonial tab under events.

See you at the Ceremonial!

Ryan Otis
 Potentate Elect

RABBAN RAMBLINGS

CR Ryan Otis - Reporter

Nobles and Ladies,

Thank you all who attended the stated meeting and placed your trust in me to lead Anah Shrine in 2025. Lady Brooke, Thatcher, Jedsen, Archer, and myself look forward to the next year working with you to Rise in '25. There is lots to accomplish in a short period of time and we need each one of you to be there to meet the objectives that 2025 will bring.

Tickets for the Ceremonial events are available by calling the office at 2079422254 or by visiting www.anahshriners.org/winterceremonial/

Kicking off 2025 on January 17th and 18th will be a weekend not to miss. The schedule of the weekend is on the pages of this great publication so you can plan accordingly.

Calendars are still available and we will continue to sell them till they're gone. Payouts will begin on 10/1 so they will make a great gift for months to come. Calendars are available in the office or by calling me at 2074695604 or emailing me at ryan.c.otis@gmail.com.

Do you have your candidate? Now is the time to get your candidates so they can be part of the Lewis E Weaver Class!

Information for the June ceremonial is available on www.anahshriners.org



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Lastly I'd like to thank Illustrious Sir Steve and Lady Betty Trimm for getting us rolling on this journey in 2017, it's been a great ride and we look forward to serving the nobles and ladies of Anah Shrine.

See you at the Ceremonial,

Ryan Otis

Potentate Elect

Widows

Happy New Year.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

Speaking of friends, we had a wonderful time at my home for the widow's Christmas celebration .

Those who were unable to attend, I hope you will make plans for next year . It's always a fun time . The weather cooperated and snow held out until the overnight .

January has always been known as a long cold month but we won't let that stop us , we are strong as we know.

We will plan on going to Longhorn for our lunch . That date will be on the 22 th. We will celebrate the birthdays as mine is the next day, and any others in January . I know there are others providing they can join us . We will hope for good weather . Once again, I will send out an email prior to get a head count.

If you are a new widow, we are sorry, let us cheer you as you are not alone. If you have not heard from me , or have lost my number, call me anytime at 745/8819 or my home 989-3664.

Until we are together again.

Stay well and be happy.

Lorena

Aroostook Shrine Club

Aroostook Shrine Club Secretary

George "Bogey" Glew

As we've closed out 2024, I hope everyone has had a warm and wonderful holiday season. We reflect on the many great times we've had this past year. December for Aroostook Shrine Club kicked off our annual Christmas party where we brought in five new Nobles. We extend a warm welcome to Ben Everett, Harold Keirstead, John Cummings, John

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Prouty, and Kirk Gardiner. We look forward to seeing you all grow within the Shrine. Following that night, our monthly meeting took place, with the Divan visitation. They even cooked us breakfast. A big Thank You from Ill Sir Adam Beals and Lady Jamie for a great year was warmly received and a big Thank You to them for being our Potentate and First Lady for 2024. At the end of December, we held a Cornhole Tournament. Then with the new year starting off January meeting on the 5th. We are of course looking forward to the Winter Ceremonial and welcoming in our new Potentate and First Lady. Hopping for another great year for Anah Shrine.

TRI-COUNTY

Tri-County Shrine Club held their Annual Meeting on the 18th of December at the American Legion Hall in Dover-Foxcroft. We had 17 Nobles in attendance. After a Libation Hour under the direction of Libation Master Ralph McNaughton, the meeting was called to order by VP Bill Macomber the second. Invocation was given by BoBo. Flag salute was led by the VP. Moment of Silence was held for Noble Bill Richardson who recently passed away. Secretary's Annual Report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Tri-County officers that were present was Sec Dave Mosley, Treas Tom Boon and VP Bill Macomber. Unit Heads that attended that night were Wiki Boudreau of the Drifters, Brock Leavitt of the Sportsman's Club and Corey Roberts Assistant Circus Chairman. Representing the Directors Staff was Ron Green, who is also the Golden Voice of our Calling Post. PP Lee Kaufman "2013" graced us with his presence. Representing the Divan was 2nd Ceremonial Master Rich Johnson and Oriental Guide Dan Costain. It was presented and passed to present the following check amounts

at the January Ceremony: Anah Temple--\$500 for the Heritage Fund, \$500 for the Building Loan Fund, \$1000 for the Boston Hospital, \$500 to the New England Hospital (formerly Springfield) and \$500 for Jamie's Project, \$1000 to the Sunshine Club. The following donations were also voted upon, DeMolay \$100, Rainbow \$100 and Dyslexia \$100, and Tri-County's Potentate's Fund \$2000. Calling Post prices are going up and Ron Green will look into getting the best price for our buck. Winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Marty Taylor. The kitchen crew was brought out and given a well deserved thanks for the excellent meal of Roast Beef and all the fixings. Rich Johnson spoke of the gun raffle Tri-County will have after the first of the year. Dan Costain spoke of the recent Stated Meeting of Anah Shrine. The Budget for 2025 was passed with no questions. Even though there is a deficit for the New Year. Up to \$30,000 was voted to take out of the Bldg Future Fund for repairs of the many doors in our building. Steps and Cement work is finished. New floor will be installed in the kitchen after Feb 1st. Attendance at the Anah Christmas Party is declining. Stated Meetings for Anah will be held quarterly, date to be chosen by the Potentate. Ad information for the Circus will be coming out in January. Dan thanked all that volunteered at Festival of Trees. It was a success again this year. Next meeting will be on Jan 15th at the Newport Masonic Hall on Route 7 Newport. Installation of Officers and Directors was under the direction of PP Lee Kaufman. Meeting closed by the VP.

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Noble Ron Bilancia, Reporter
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As of this writing we have not yet had our December meeting so more on that next time.

The ceremonial is Saturday January 18th. Ritual practice is Saturday January 11th at 2pm at the Shrine Center.

That's all folks. May the force be with you. Call or email with any questions, concerns, stories, jokes, gossip, or just plain old foolishness. I'm at rbilancia@roadrunner.com and 207-989-2617 (landline) and 207-745-9170 (cell).

LOBSTER BOAT UNIT

The last meeting was held on December 17, 2024 at David Hooper Lodge in Sullivan with 8 members present. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Captain Guy Coombs. Old and new business was discussed.

An update was provided concerning the upcoming Indoor Ice Fishing Derby planned for January 25 at the Anah Temple Shrine Center in Bangor. Donations of funds raised in 2024 was discussed.

Also discussed was the 2025 parade season.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held at David Hooper Lodge in Sullivan at 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2025.

Rolling into 2025, birthday candles are lighting for Veronica Harriman and Royce McAlpine.

There are no honeymooners in January.

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and to all a very happy, healthy 2025.

Oops! Gotta go! Gotta put the plow on my truck!

HANCOCK COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

William Geel, Reporter

I wasn't able to attend the December meeting so do not have much to report. Officers for 2025 will be President Ryan Buteau, Vice President Jamie Buteau, Secretary Joe Marshall, Treasurer Jay Sutter, and Reporter Bill Geel.

The annual gun raffle is March 2025. Tickets are still available from unit members. Remember, they make good Valentine gifts.

Don't forget January ceremonial January 17 and 18. Let's get out and support our outgoing and incoming Potentates.

Those celebrating birthdays in January, 2025 are Margaret Smith, Alden Bunker, Jr., Gladys Kelley, Sally Blake, Chad Cirard, Roger Grindle, Melita Staples, Merlin Brown, Jeff Dow, William Leach, Steve Tobey, and Richard Landesman.

January honeymooners are Steve and Elizabeth Trimm, Jason and Leslie Lee, and Steve and Pam Tobey.

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. To all a happy, healthy 2025!!

Ooops! Time to go. Gotta put the plow on the truck!

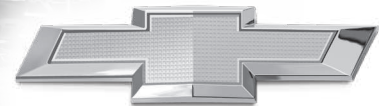
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Saturday

8 - 9 am Bloody Marys & Mimosas @ Holiday Inn

9:30 - 10 am Candidates & ladies Registration @ Peaks Auditorium

10:30 Temple Opens @ Peaks Auditorium (Nobles only)

11 am Ladies Lunch @ Las Palapas *

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5:45pm Social & Ceremonial Dinner @ Anah Shrine Temple *

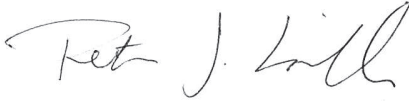
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Peter Loiselle
Recorder ANAH Shrine



Adam Beals
Potentate ANAH Shrine 2024

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT**

Friday, January 17th, 2025

- 6:00p to 8:00p Meet and Greet, Enjoy Bowling, Corn Hole, Billiards, Snacks and Drinks @ The Sports Arena, 1640 Hammond Street, Bangor, ME
- 8:00p Hospitality @ the Holiday Inn, 404 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME

Saturday, January 18th, 2025

- 8:00a to 9:00a Bloody Mary's & Mimosas @ the Holiday Inn
- 9:30a to 10:00a Candidates & Ladies Registration @ Peaks Auditorium, 885 Broadway, Bangor, ME
- 10:30a Temple Opens @ Peaks Auditorium, NOBLES ONLY
- 11:00a Ladies Luncheon, Las Palapas, 8 Bangor Mall Blvd, Bangor, ME
- 2:30p Temple Re-opens SEMI PUBLIC
- 5:45p Evening Program, Divan Pictures, Social, Ceremonial Dinner, Dancing to Ted and the Boys @ ANAH Shrine Center, 1404 Broadway, Bangor, ME
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Lewis E. "Gene" Weaver



Born May 21, 1928, in Waterbury, Conn., Gene was raised in 1951 in Hermon Lodge #32 and joined the Celestial Lodge on 1/14/2025. Gene opened Weavers Bakery in 1953 and was a presence on Main Street for more than 40 years before retirement. He will be remembered for the lively discussions about city politics and world events which took place around the bench in the bakery as he produced the wonderful donuts, rolls, cookies and other goodies enjoyed by so many. His catering services and chicken b-b-q's were enjoyed by many state wide.

He served as a director for M.S.A.D. 34 in the 60's; was on the board of directors for the Waldo County General Hospital for two six year tenures ending in 1995. He was a member of the Masons, the Anah Temple Shrine, joining in 1970, an aide to the Potentate, member of CT 150 ROJ, and the Belfast Lions club.

Gene's shrine legacy runs deep. His half-brother David Weaver and Nephew David Weaver Jr, son in law Dr. Jeffery Dutch, son in law Richard Otis, grandsons Chad and Ryan Otis, grandson in-law Kyle Payson, Nephew Mark Weaver and his son Matthew Weaver, great nephew Allen Weaver Jr.



Image courtesy of Adam Beals

Ill's Sir Richard Hallett with three of his 2006 class currently on the Divan: Lisa and Richard Wark, Brooke and Ryan Otis, Jaime and Adam Beals, Carolyn and Richard Hallett.

CONVERTIBLES

Happy New Year to all! Here's hoping that we all have a healthy, happy and prosperous new year. Wishing for a better year than 2024!

Wondering if anyone has taken an airplane ride recently? Lorraine and I flew to Rochester, NY this past week to visit friends for a few days. Our flight was scheduled to leave Bangor at 6 am, so we booked a room at the airport so that we wouldn't have to get up at 3am. Notice I said

scheduled? We took off at 10:10. Being late to LaGuardia, we were scheduled to leave there at 3pm. After a \$26 glass of cheap wine, we headed to the gate. As we were about to board at 3pm, they announced that our plane's oxygen masks had all deployed and that we'd be another 4 hours to get that repaired.

Didn't look forward to that, especially with the price of wine, but after 4 gate changes in 2 hours, we did manage

to fly out at 7:30 pm.

Next trip, I'm driving!

As I write in December, so far winter has been kind. Even had the temperatures into the 50's last week! We will probably pay for that come January, but at least we will be closer to spring.

Only Missy Fairfield is on the calendar to celebrate this month with a birthday. Happy day to you Missy and many more!

That's it for the first month of the new year. Remember all of our Shrine family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.


Reporting for the convertibles, Gaylord E. Sundt

KAMPERS KORNER

Happy New Year everyone. Hope you had a great Christmas. Remember the Ceremonial is on January 17 and 18 at the Shrine Center in Bangor. Check your Anahgram for all of the details for the weekend.

The following met at the Olive Garden in Bangor for our Christmas gathering:

Walter and Joann Ash, Irene Blood, Allen and Bonnie Chase, Ken and

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Take care and stay healthy.

Walter Ash, Wagon Master

Anah Highlanders

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!! Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is just a few weeks away. I don't think we've had our annual meeting yet, but I know band President Doug Dulac made a motion that we keep the current slate of officers for 2025. That would mean Mike Grant would remain Pipe Major, and Tom Sawyer - Drum Major. I had to occasion to make a practice a couple weeks ago. It is always good to see everyone. Even better to play in a group, because it helps to pull your tempo into the band's. It is very easy to pick up bad habits when you play solo a majority of the time. Even though I've been in the band for about 25 years, it is still necessary to have "band" practice to keep those long-learned tunes sharp. It is interesting how we occasionally have a mental block, and cannot even think of the name of the tunes in a set, yet alone humming the medley. Tunes that you may not have played in months or a year come right to your fingers, and within one bar of music, you're playing it with ease.

Interesting bit of history on Thanksgiving. The original Pilgrim Colony was sponsored by a corporation. A business was willing to fund the expedition; in exchange the Pilgrims were to provide "trade goods". The purpose of the business was to earn a profit on whatever labor and natural resources the colony could generate. The corporation mandated that the colony was to "farm in common." Which means they "equally worked and harvested." This would be an example of Communism long before Karl Marx. It naturally didn't work. Only when the concept of private property (and an early form of Capitalism) was introduced by Gov Bradford did the colony start to prosper. Had the Pilgrims persisted in their "commune", they would have ended up on the ash heap of history.

Interesting bit of history on Christmas. The first group that the Angel announced the birth of the promised Messiah was to the shepherds in the fields. Shepherds were considered to be of a lower

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class. Also, the Angel was recorded to say that the baby would be found, in a manger wrapped, in swaddling clothes. This is emblematical in that it signifies that the baby was wanted and properly cared for. The Old Testament has accounts that mention "swaddling." Second there are some sources that indicate that shepherds would "swaddle" new born lambs, to keep them from injury, as 1 year-old lambs without defect were required for sacrifice.

As the Holidays are upon us, I'd like to thank all of the Highlander's and their families for all of their efforts in making the Band as awesome as it is. I'd also like to extend my thanks to the entire Anah family. I know there are HUNDREDS of very active Shriners that give up "personal" time for this great charity. I hope and pray that each and every one of you has a great Christmas or Hanukkah.

Until next time, your Highlanders need DRUMMERS and Pipers. Please reach out, we have a great instructional team that can teach you.

Second Section

Tony Ranco Reporting

Greetings Nobles,

It has certainly been a busy month, with the festival trees behind us now, but it seems to have been a great success. We had a fantastic turnout at the Gingerbread Café, and the annual Christmas party was also a wonderful occasion, with many familiar faces—and a few we haven't seen in a while—joining in the celebration.

As we look ahead, it's time to start thinking about the Winter Ceremonial. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming year.

Best regards,

Tony Ranco

Second Section

BBSC

Aarron Mower - Reporting

Hello everyone,

Bangor Brewer did not meet for November due to the Feztival of Trees going on at Anah, however a few of us formed a caravan and headed down to Belfast to attend Waldo County Shrine Clubs meeting where we enjoyed some fellowship and a great turkey dinner. Thanks Waldo for putting on another great

meal. In fact 17 BBSC nobles were in attendance and allowed us to capture the "traveling silent messenger" from Waldo and return it back to Bangor Brewer once again.

Our December meeting has not happened yet as i'm writing this so ill catch you up on it next month.

Our January meeting will be on Thursday January 18th,2025, the meal has not been decided yet, so keep an eye out for it on our facebook page and in your email (if you are a member of the club).

We will have a 6pm social hour and at 7pm dinner will be served with a short business meeting to catch up on what is going on at BBSC and at Anah.

We could call it the unofficial kick off to Ceremonial weekend if we wanted to ??????

Come have some fun and fellowship with us Nobles.

Meetings are open to all Nobles, Don't forget your Fez!

Want to be a member of the club to get calling post reminders and emails, email us about lifetime dues for the club.

As the calendar does flip to 2025, that means that means BBSC's own Ill Sir Adam Beals term is almost done and we want to thank him for his year of leadership and service to the fraternity.

Upcoming meetings:

January 16th,2025

February 20th,2025

March 20th, 2025

April 17th, 2025

Like to cook for a crowd???? We are always looking for a guest chef to come cook dinner for our meetings, let us know if you are.

Want to get more involved with the Club ??? Let us know, there may be ways for you to help out and be part of the team.

If you have any questions, email us at bangorbrewersshrineclub@gmail.com

Well that's all for this month

Sincerely,

Aarron Mower

BBSC Secretary

Deadline Dates for Anahgram for 2025

Feb/March Anahgram
February 10th

April Anahgram
March 20th

May Anahgram
April 20th

June Anahgram
May 20th

July/August Anahgram
July 10th

September Anahgram
August 20th

October Anahgram
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November Anahgram
October 20th

December Anahgram
November 20th

January 2026 Anahgram
December 20th

January 17-18 Ceremonial and Installation weekend
Peakes Auditorium/Anah Shrine

March 1 2nd Section Potes Party-Anah Shrine

April 4-6 Anah Easter Basket Festival-Anah Shrine

April 24 Anah Shrine Circus Kickoff-Anah Shrine

April 25-27 Anah Shrine Circus-Bangor

May 1-3 Anah Shrine Circus-Presque Isle

May 3rd Derby Party-Anah Shrine

May 16-18 Anah Camper Show-Anah Shrine

May 20 Stated Meeting-Anah Shrine

May 26 Shriners Children's 27 Hole Challenge
Bangor Muni

June 6 Shriners International Awareness day

June 16 Rollie's Open-Waterville Country Club

June 19-21 Summer Ceremonial-Belfast

June 28-July 3 Imperial Session-Atlanta

July 19 Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic-Lewiston

August 14 Dryden Dutch Memorial/Waldo
County Divan Visitation

September 12 10th Anniversary of 1404 and Noble and
Ladies Celebration, Stated Meeting

September 25-28 NSA Fall Field Days Summerside PEI

October 3 Anah Sportsman's Extravaganza
Anah Shrine

October 4 Anah Potentate's Reception-Anah Shrine

October 18 Shriners Children's New England
100th anniversary celebration

November 1 Sunshine Club Craft Fair-Anah Shrine

November 20-30 Anah Feztival of Trees-Anah Shrine

December 20 Stated meeting, Parade of Checks,
and Temple Christmas Party



ANAH 2025 - SAVE THE DATE





Six-year-old Natalie has a spark that lights up any room.

She's feisty, determined and full of life – qualities that have helped her navigate a rare and challenging condition known as bilateral proximal femoral focal deficiency, a diagnosis that affects only one in 50,000 children.

Born prematurely at just 31 weeks, Natalie's arrival was a whirlwind for her parents. Hanna and her husband did not know about her condition throughout the pregnancy. "When Natalie was born, it was a shock to everyone," Hanna said. "We had no explanation, no clue, no help. No one knew what was going on."

Despite the uncertainty, the hospital staff directed the family to Shriners Children's Shreveport, where they found the answers and support they desperately needed. "Shriners [Children's] was our starting point." Hanna said. "They made us feel at ease and prepared us



Shriners was our starting point. They made us feel at ease and prepared us for what was ahead."

for what was ahead." Natalie faced numerous medical hurdles in her early years. She was born with clubfoot, which was corrected through braces and a procedure to clip her Achilles tendon. By the time she was 3, Natalie began moving around independently by scooting. Although she found this movement comfortable, it ultimately led to complications. "Over time, her tibia and fibula fused together, and she never developed kneecaps," Hanna said.

To address her unique needs, Natalie began seeing pediatric orthopedic surgeon Patrick Powell, M.D., at Shriners Children's Shreveport. When she was 5, she underwent a life-changing osteotomy, where her bones were carefully realigned and secured with an external fixator. "It was a scary process because we didn't know anyone whose child had gone through this," Hanna said. "But the staff answered every question and made sure we felt prepared."

Even with the challenges she faces, Natalie's resilience shines. She's thriving with her external fixator, and her progress has been remarkable. "Her latest X-rays looked phenomenal,"

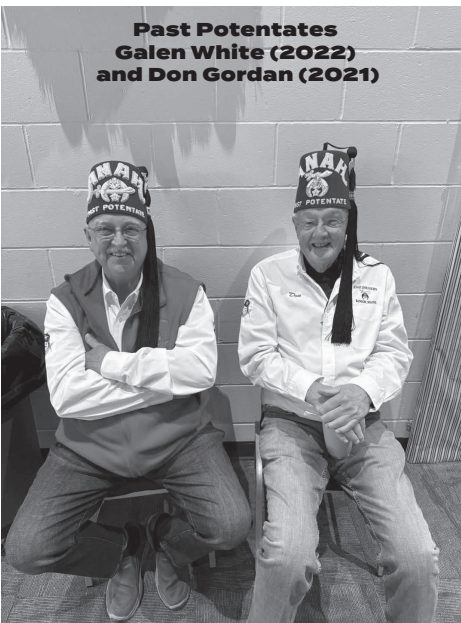
Hanna said. "We've been on top of her care to ensure she can get the fixator off as soon as possible."

Natalie's vibrant personality has made her a favorite in her school and community. While the fixator has temporarily limited her mobility, Natalie stays busy with hobbies like playing video games and spending time outdoors. She is also looking forward to an active future, and is excited to try wheelchair tennis and dreams of one day becoming a Paralympian.

For Hanna, this journey has been one of growth and adaptation. Her advice to other parents facing similar challenges is to seek out connections and support. "You're not alone. There are people who understand your struggles and can help you navigate them."

Natalie is eagerly anticipating the next chapter of her life, as her fixator is expected to come off in a few months. With her determination and the support of her family and care team at Shriners Children's Shreveport, she's set to achieve whatever she sets her sights on. As Hanna put it: "Our hope is for her to have every opportunity to do what she wants. And knowing Natalie, she's going to make it happen."

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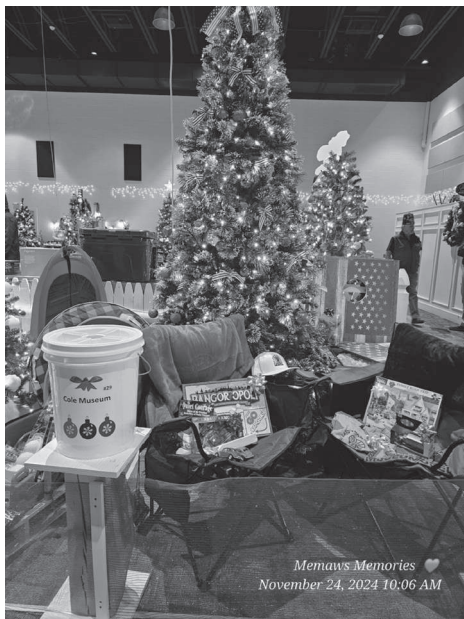
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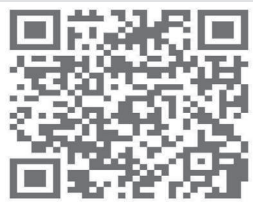
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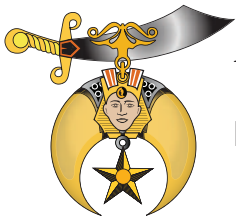
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