



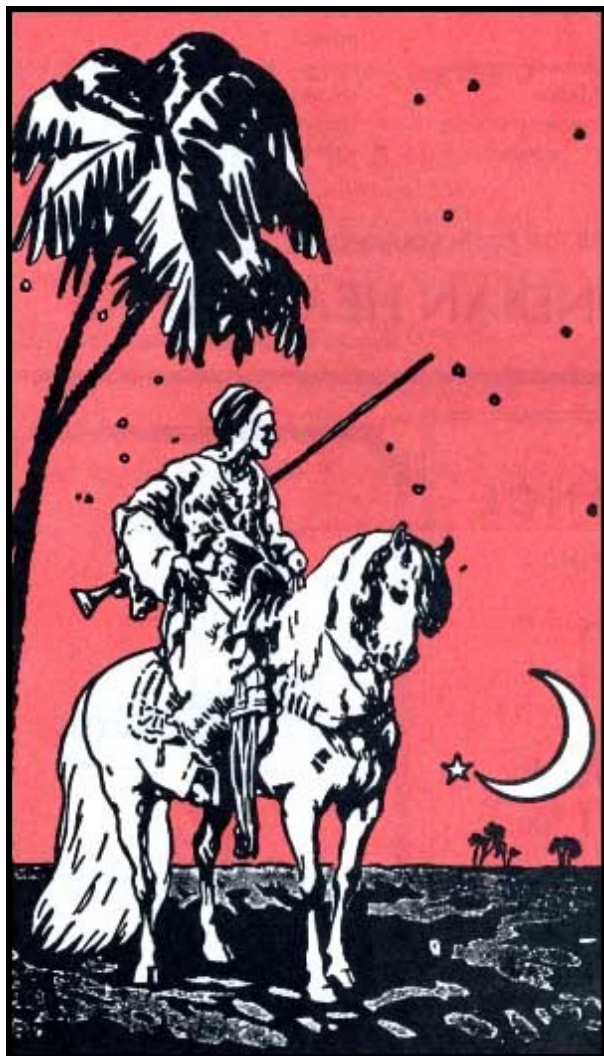
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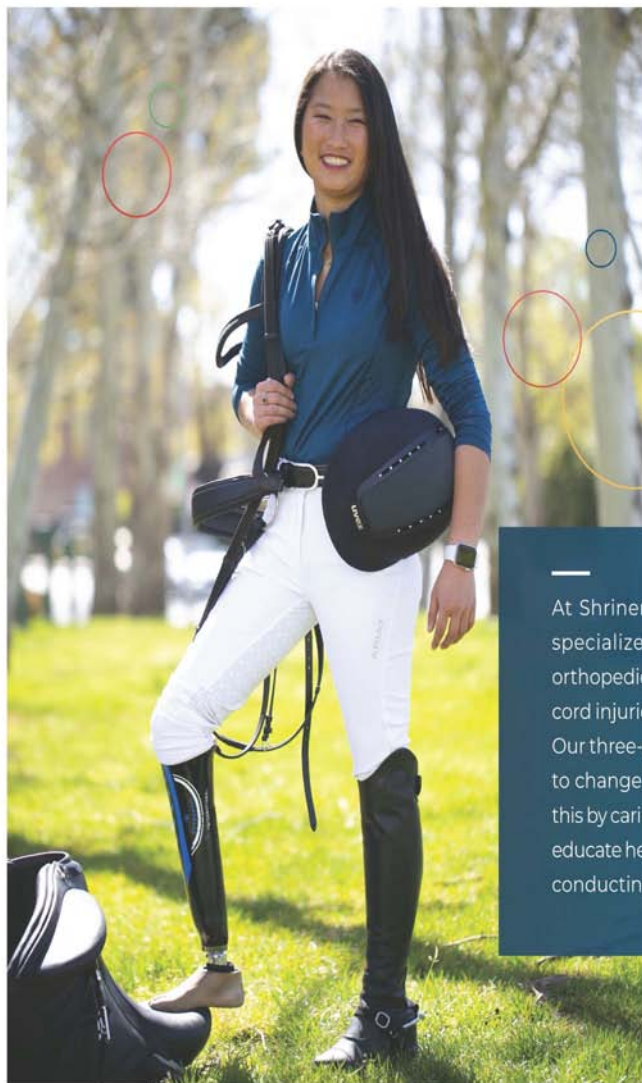
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**NOBILITY CALENDAR  
April 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Clowns	3	4 	5	6
7	8 Finance Mtg.	9	10	11 	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 NSA Mid-Winter Bingo	19 NSA Mid-Winter	20 NSA Mid-Winter
21 NSA Mid-Winter	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30				



**NOBILITY CALENDAR  
May 2024**



			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7 Clowns	8	9 	10 Fun and Fellowship	11
12	13 Finance Mtg.	14	15	16 	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 	31 Tunis Tri-Visitation	

# BEKTASH 2024

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



<b>Bektash Installation of Officers</b>	<b>January 6</b>
<b>Potentate's Valentines Ball</b>	<b>February 10</b>
<b>Stated Meeting</b>	<b>March 18</b>
<b>Easter EggStravaganza</b>	<b>March 22-24</b>
<b>NSAMid-Winter (Tunis)</b>	<b>April 18-21</b>
<b>Fun and Fellowship</b>	<b>May 10</b>
<b>Tunis Tri-Visitation</b>	<b>May 31-June 2</b>
<b>Summer Ceremonial Kora</b>	<b>June 7-9</b>
<b>Fun and Fellowship</b>	<b>June 14</b>
<b>Stated Meeting</b>	<b>June 17</b>
<b>Imperial Session (Reno, Nevada)</b>	<b>June 30-July 4</b>
<b>Fun and Fellowship</b>	<b>July 12</b>
<b>Summer Picnic</b>	<b>July 20</b>
<b>Fun and Fellowship</b>	<b>August 9</b>
<b>Cigar Smoker</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>4th Annual Lady Amy Freeman Memorial Golf Tournament</b>	<b>Sept. 7</b>
<b>Stated Meeting</b>	<b>September 16</b>
<b>NSA Fall Field Days (Tunis)</b>	<b>September 19-22</b>
<b>Oktoberfest - Nashua Shrine Club</b>	<b>October 5</b>
<b>Fun and Fellowship</b>	<b>October 11</b>
<b>Tri Visitation ABK - Anah (ME) Hosting</b>	<b>October 25-27</b>
<b>Feztival of Trees</b>	<b>November 23-30</b>
<b>Stated Meeting</b>	<b>December 16</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>December 21</b>
<b>Bektash Installation of Officers</b>	<b>January TBA</b>

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master .....	David Walters
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Chaplain .....	Kevin Carter, PP
Director .....	Jerry Becker
Assistant Director.....	Michael Lothrop
Marshal .....	Kevin Koehel

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Major.....	Vacant
Marketing and Membership Chairman.....	Michael Lothrop
Bingo Chaiman.....	Kevin Ciampa
Fez-tival of Trees Chairman.....	Brett A. Hunter
Easter Eggstravaganza Co-Chair.....	Evan McIntosh
Easter Eggstravaganza Co-Chair.....	Alan Fillingham
Hospital Transportation Coordinator.....	Kenny Thoroughgood
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### BEKTASH UNIT LEADERS

Bektash Mariners Yacht Club.....Commodore Richard Hoeker  
 Bingo.....Kevin Ciampa  
 Chefs.....Chief Chef Kenny Thoroughgood  
 Clowns.....Boss Clown David “Woo Hoo” Rouleau  
 First Section.....Director Jerry Becker  
 High Rollers/Mini-Monster Truck Patrol.....President David Walters  
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 Mini-Kar Patrol.....Captain Edward J Kelvington  
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### BEKTASH CLUB LEADERS

Cheshire Shrine Club.....President Seamus Wibben  
 Nashua Shrine Club.....President Gary D. Waters  
 Portsmouth Shrine Club.....President Edmond Daneault, PP





## **2024 POTENTATE ALAN FILLINGHAM**

Hello Everyone,

Amazing to think that the first quarter of the year is already over. I am writing this fresh after the first stated meeting of the year which was well attended by our Nobles and some Past Potentates.

The Divan has been working hard to take care of some administrative items on top of their usual busy schedules. Our Assistant Rabban and Oriental Guide have completed their training courses and are back from Florida and our Treasurer and Recorder are heading out on their conference trips.

Your Divan has arranged a summer Ceremonial at Fryeburg Fair Ground in conjunction with Kora Shrine. Kora is based in Maine and this will be a joint Ceremony with candidates from both shrine centers.

It is arranged for June 7th to 9th so people can attend either just the Ceremonial or stay for all three days. We have accomodation in the Hampton Inn in North Conway and campsites available at the fairground for anyone that's more adventurous.

As some of you may already know, the Imperial session this year is in Reno Nevada. We have secured 20 rooms in the hotel complex and are busy putting together a package for any Nobles and Ladies that would like to attend with us. We will push out the details of this as soon as it is complete to give anyone that would like a chance to attend.

Fellowship Friday is back and the first one will be held on Friday May 10th from 6pm. This is being sponsored by the Stewards and will be a "potluck" meal with \$2 drinks. There is no agenda or dress code, just an evening of company and good fun. I hope to see you there.

**Fraternally,  
Alan Fillingham**





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## RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

It's been a busy month for Bektash. We've had a couple of our Divan leaders attend seminars in Tampa, Florida. These seminars are an important addition to learning the responsibilities encompassed with the elected positions. Later this month, there will be another joint seminar for the Treasurer and Recorder. Yes, Lloyd Doughty and I will be sitting together for three days learning the ins and outs of our respective offices. Should be a fun learning experience for us both.

Progress continues submitting information to our CPA for the yearly financial audit in 2024. It seems just when we see the light at the end of the tunnel, something else comes up that needs to be dealt with. Your Divan team has been vigilantly addressing each requirement aggressively. Hopefully, by the end of this month, we can say we're finished and get on with the more "funner" things in the Shrine.

Assistant Rabban Ken Thoroughgood and I attempted to replace the rope on one of the flag poles in the front of the building. We have a new style rope with a metal wire in the middle of it to prevent breakage and stretching. After successfully restringing the pole with the Shrine flag on it, we had 50 MPH winds the next day. The rope held up perfectly, but my knot tying unfortunately did not. The half-untied flag was flapping madly in the wind. Went home, got a 20 ft. extension pole, duct taped a metal coat hanger to the end and managed to get the flag down from its precarious position. I then properly retied the rope with a good bowline knot. Hasn't come off the pole since. Happy days! Now we've got to replace the rope on the other three poles as the old flags wear out.

Four of the Divan members will be attending the Midwinter Northeast Shrine Association meeting in Ottawa this month. This is a planning session for the Fall Field Days, like we had last year in August. We'll be laying out the plans for a parade, competitions, and meetings with hotels for those nobles and families attending in the fall. It's always fun to get together with the 15 other Shrine

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## ***Recorder's Ramblings***

**Temples to renew old friendships and catch up on new ideas presented during the weekend. Hopefully, we can get a group of Nobles and their families to join us in Ottawa on September 19-22. Check your passports to make sure they're up to date!**

**The repairs to the entrance at the back of the hall have been completed after the snowplow incident. The contractor did a good job and the doors now open and close without any extra effort. We are waiting for the new awning to arrive and be installed. Then we can close the books on this issue!**

**If you and your unit would contribute an article to the Bektash News, it would be wonderful. A picture and a quick write up will go a long way. If you have any questions about submitting information, just give me a call in the office. We're always glad to assist you.**

**That's all for now...It's great to be a Shriner!**

**Tom Brison, PP, Recorder**

### **Open positions for Associate Member of Hospital Board of Governors**

**There are presently (3) openings for an Associate Board of Governors Member for our Canadian Hospital (Montreal), Shriners Childrens Boston, and Shriners Childrens Springfield, MA.**

**For more information about the details of this commitment, speak to Ill. John Freeman, Boston Rep; Ill. Paul Little, Canadian Rep; or Ill. Alan Fillingham, Springfield Rep.**

**If you are interested in being actively involved with your hospital system after talking to our present hospital representatives, please contact Tom Brison, Recorder at 603-225-5372 to fill out the necessary paperwork.**

**Bektash makes recommendations for Board Members, but the sitting Hospital Boards make the ultimate decision on who is accepted to the positions.**

**The deadline is May 1, 2024, for applications.**

## February 2024 Regular & Associate Membership Report

Beg. February, 1, 2024	Membership
(Regular & Associate) .....	576
Affiliations .....	0
Associated .....	0
Associated Member Drop .....	0
Creation .....	0
Creation Reversal.....	0
Demitted .....	0
Demitted Reversal.....	0
Expelled .....	0
Expired-Active Member .....	(1)
Expired Reversal.....	0
Restored .....	0
Suspended .....	0
Suspension Reversal.....	0
End of Month Membership (Regular & Associate) .....	575
<b>Net gain (loss) for Month.....</b>	<b>(1)</b>



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- Willard R. Lemaire (2003)
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- Richard F. "Ted" Dooley (2007)
- Bradford J. Durfee (2008)
- Edmond Daneault (2009)
- Richard "Rick" Perry (2011)
- Robert St. Jacques (2012)
- William J. Hebert (2013)
- Kevin J. Carter (2014)
- Richard A. Quindley (2015)
- Mark A. Simard (2017)
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## Assistant Rabban's Assistance

Lady Dixie & I just got back from Tampa for the Kosair for Kids Shriner Leaders Conference (Assistant Rabban) and boy we learned a lot. Out of 16 NSA Temples we had 11 Temple Representatives, an awesome turnout for NSA.

What a trip we had! On the way out, we had to de-plane for almost 2 hours maintenance issue is what they said. We already missed our connecting flight so the airline booked us on a different flight but Charlotte airport is so big that we had to run all the way from F to B because our flight is already boarding. What a mess, but we made it! On the way back it was smooth until we got to Manchester airport, our luggage was delayed. We were so exhausted. We got our luggage the next day at 1pm.

I hope you all survived the last storm, we did, but we lost power for 20 hours. Thank God for woodstove and generator.

Let me share with you a quote by a man who in 1970 coined the term, Servant Leader. He said in his essay:

***“The Servant-Leader is a servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is leader first....”***

*Robert K. Greenleaf*

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**Kenny Thoroughgood**  
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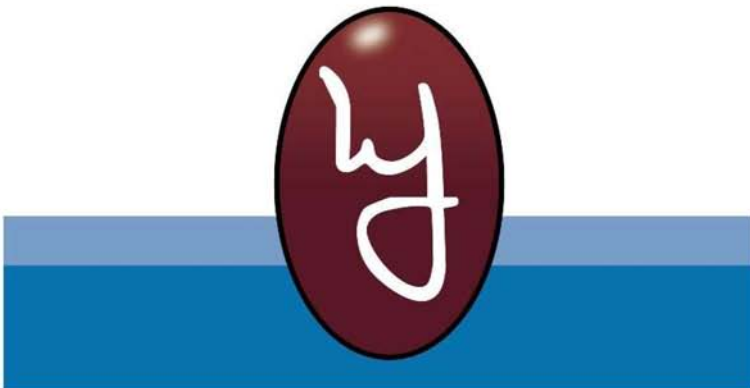
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## Thank You to all Pull Tab Collectors and Donors!



*Bektash Assistant Rabban Kenny Thoroughgood (left) and Recorder Tom Brison repairing flagpoles at the front of the Bektash Shrine property on a cold but sunny March day.*

*Thank  
you!*

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# BEKTASH STATED MEETING MARCH 18, 2024



*The March Stated Meeting presided by  
Ill. Alan Fillingham with the Divan.*



*Noble Michael Lothrop giving  
Presentation on Shrine History*



*Chief Rabban Evan McIntosh  
bell-ringer to honor the deceased  
during Necrology Report.*

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**207.907.8949**

**Evan McIntosh; Chief Rabban**  
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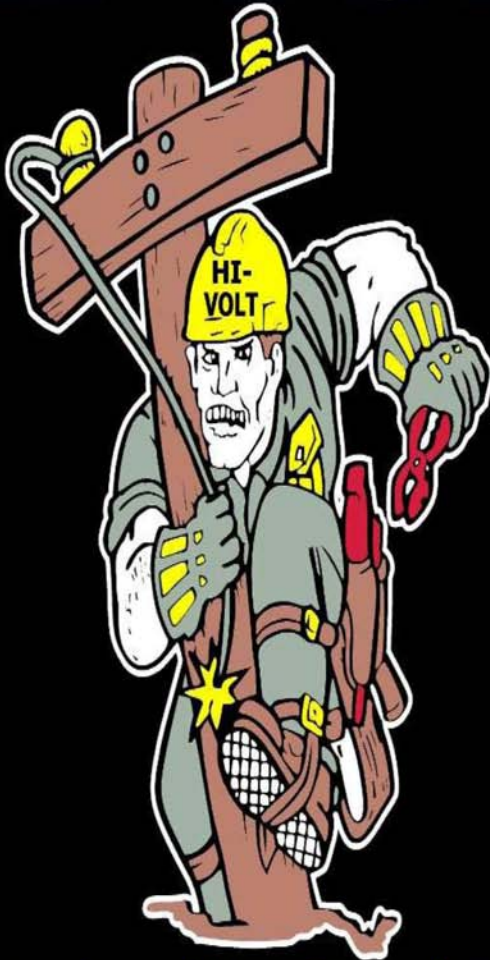


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**TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF BEKTASH SHRINERS,  
SITUATED IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in  
*(Please print your Full Name)*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, Number \_\_\_\_\_, Located in \_\_\_\_\_, MM Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*(City and State) (mm/dd/yyyy)*

Which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the By-Laws of Shriners International. I respectfully pray That I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and become a member of Bektash Shriners.

If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Shriners International and the By-Laws and Ceremonies of Bektash Shriners.

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever a DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was the Chapter name and location \_\_\_\_\_

Profession or Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to any Temple of the Order? \_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

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Lady's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fez Size \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## BEKTASH CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS—March 2024

DAY	AMOUNT	NUMBER	FIRST	LAST NAME
1	\$25.00	1959	Sharon	Hebert
2	\$200.00	1868	Georgette	FRAWLEY
3	\$25.00	1409	Shelley	Duquette
4	\$25.00	1526	Lisa	Cox
5	\$25.00	2176	Marie	DiMola
6	\$25.00	1689	Yves	Goulet
7	\$25.00	1811	Peter	Maheu
8	\$25.00	1798	TIMOTHY	TALBOT
9	\$100.00	1198	Joe W.	Rush
10	\$25.00	1631	Shawwna	Stephens
11	\$25.00	1407	Payton & Crystal	Cyr
12	\$25.00	1488	Ann	Bedard
13	\$25.00	1426	Nathalie	Gagnon
14	\$25.00	1071	Tony	Fortier
15	\$25.00	1353	Leanna & Gregory	Llyod
16	\$100.00	1280	Alen	Morissette
17	\$25.00	2109	Marc	Duncan
18	\$25.00	1030	Michael	Viscera
19	\$25.00	1958	William	Hebert
20	\$25.00	1632	Shawwna	Stephens
21	\$25.00	1219	Tammy	Lajoie
22	\$25.00	1887	Jami	Dow
23	\$100.00	1172	Mary	Terry
24	\$25.00	1445	Barbara	Whitcomb
25	\$25.00	1680	Regina	Locke
26	\$25.00	1705	Mike	Moore
27	\$25.00	1836	Flo	Duval
28	\$25.00	1503	Jacqueline	Blakely
29	\$25.00	1860	Shuana	Perrault
30	\$100.00	1591	Francina	Roberts
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**Thank you for Supporting Bektash!**

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Current 2024 dues cards are required to attend all Bektash meetings.

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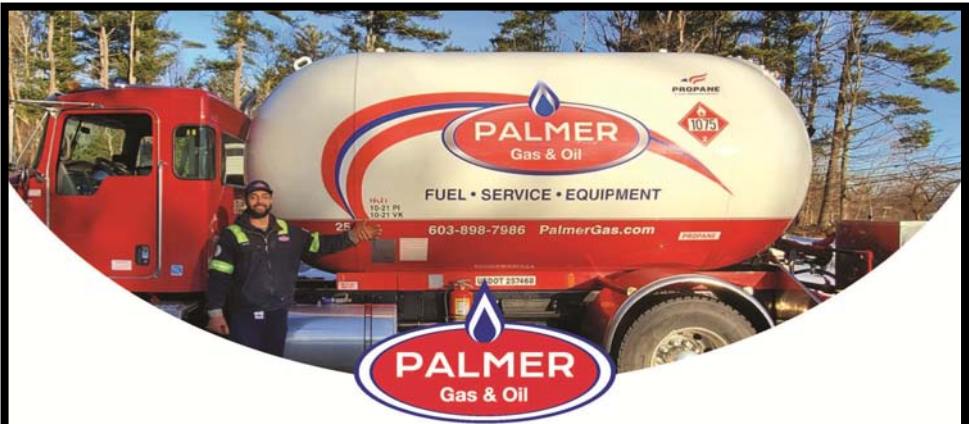
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# BEKTASH CLOWN UNIT



*"Bubbles" the Clown*

In a celebration of laughter and whimsy, Bubbles the Clown emerged triumphant at the Northeast Clown Institute's annual competition held in January in Plymouth Ma. Bubbles captivated both judges and spectators alike, earning the coveted first-place prize in Auguste category for Makeup and Costume.

Held at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth MA., the competition drew clowns from far and wide, each vying for recognition as the region's top performer. Amidst the sea of floppy shoes and exaggerated smiles, Bubbles stood out with an artistic performance of makeup and costume.

Bubbles, known for her infectious energy and ability to delight audiences of all ages, left no frown unturned in her quest for victory. With heartwarming interactions with spectators, Bubbles' performance showcased the true essence of clowning as an art form.

The Northeast Clown Institute's annual competition continues to serve as a testament to the enduring charm and creativity of clowning as an art form. And with Bubbles the Clown reigning supreme, Bektash has brighter hearts and smiles for one of our own clowns.



# BEKTASH-LEGION OF HONOR

“Looking for a few good men”



Bektash Legion of Honor is Looking for a few good men!

Prerequisites for joining – Member in good standing of Bektash Shriners and a member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the US or its allies.

The purpose of the unit is to promote a closer fraternal and social relationship, maintain an Honor Guard and a uniformed body, foster a spirit of patriotism and love of country and Flag, perpetuate the memory of our comrades in Arms who died in the service of their country and to serve the Illustrious Potentate in the betterment of the Bektash Shriners. We are a uniformed unit and wear the campaign ribbons and the military shoulder patch of your individual branch of service. We carry the colors and flags of our country, Allies and State of New Hampshire. We participate in various activities and march in parades in the state of New Hampshire.

Membership – Approximately 30 throughout the state of New Hampshire.

Dues – 10 dollars a year

Other cost- Uniforms consist of tan shirt that we might be able to provide, black pants, black shoes and fez.

For current information contact:

Commander Albert Lamson, 603-434-1583 or, Adjutant George Shepherd, 603-785-1480

# ASSISTANT RABBAN SEMINAR TAMPA, FLORIDA



*Bektash Assistant Rabban Kenny Thoroughgood (lower right) and Lady Dixie dining with counterparts from other NSA Shrines.*



*Group photo of counterparts from NSA Shrines.*

# ASSISTANT RABBAN SEMINAR TAMPA, FLORIDA



*Collection of Fezes from many of the NSA Shrines*



*Patient Ambassador Zavi with Assistant Rabban  
Kenny Thoroughgood and Lady Dixie*

# **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

## **FUNDRAISING EVENT**

- Any Ideas for a fundraising event?
- Suggestions on how we can do better in our existing events?
- Share your thoughts to us?
- Big & small ideas send them to us

## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

- Do you have questions that are not clear to you with regards to the Temple?
- Do you have questions on our Units & Clubs?
- Do you want to join any clubs/units?
- Do you have questions on the events?
- Do you have questions on some of the terminologies of the Shrine?
- Do you have any questions about the hospitals?

**This is our Temple, we are in this together!**

**Please send them all (ideas or questions or both) to me thru email: [wildinnh2001@yahoo.com](mailto:wildinnh2001@yahoo.com)**

**Thru mail: KENNY THOROUGHGOOD  
189 Pembroke Rd.  
PO Box 4086  
Concord, NH 03302-4086**

# HELP WANTED

Hillbilly Clan  
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 Clowns

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## BEKTASH HILLBILLY CLAN #10

*'Raban' of the Clan*  
*Mike Tebbetts, PP*



## Retention Program

Well, Nobles, I'm seeking donations to our Retention Fund. The fund has not grown in the last few months. This friendly reminder is coming to ask you to think about helping a Noble who needs assistance.

Please consider a donation or memorial gift, you will be recognized if you so desire. I will have an update on the fund in an upcoming issue of the Bektash News.

Remember all checks need to be made out to Bektash Shriners with "Retention Fund" in the memo area and mail them to the office.

Michael Lothrop  
 Membership Chairman

# BEKTASH MARINERS SHRINE YACHT CLUB NEWS

## THE KALICINS AT IASYC MID-WINTER MEETING



*Noble Greg Kalicins  
and Lady Deborah*

**SAVE MAY 11TH  
FOR OUR 1ST BMSYC  
PARADE IN FRANKLIN NH.**

Lady Deborah and I attended the International Association of Shrine Yacht Club Mid-Winter Meeting in February. We left home on Wednesday January 31, traveling by bus to Boston, Amtrak to Newark, NJ, then flying direct from Newark to Singapore. After a three-hour layover we boarded a plane for a flight to Bali. We arrived in Bali at 12:05am Saturday morning. It was quite a shock to get off an air-conditioned airplane and be greeted by heat and humidity. After clearing

customs and obtaining a tourist Visa, we were able to locate our driver and get taken to our hotel. Finally, at 2:45 we were in our room and the first thing was showers. The next morning, we were able to get a late breakfast and explore the resort. We spent most of Saturday just chilling out.

We had arranged for a driver and car to tour Bali. The driver arrived promptly at 10:00. Driving in Bali is an experience that I did not want to experience, the driver was great in dealing with the abundant motorbikes. There is a ratio of 25 motorbikes to one car. They come at you from all angles, and many have multiple passengers plus cargo. We visited Puseh Batuan Budish open air Temple and then drove out of town and visited Mason Elephant Park & Resort. Along the way we passed numerous rice paddies. The traffic was quite heavy considering that it was a Sunday.

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*The Kalicins story continued*

We chilled out for the remainder of our stay at the resort, adjusting to the 12-hour time change and humidity. Wednesday the driver picked us up at 1:30pm and drove us to meet the ship, the Norwegian Jewel, in Benowa only 20 minutes from the resort. This was a benefit since we were able to be first to board the ship. The stateroom was quite nice and with the balcony we would sit outside at night and watch the submarine races.

The ship visited several ports: Surabaya, Indonesia; Semarang, Indonesia; Jakarta, Indonesia; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Singapore, Saigon, Vietnam; and we disembarked in Thailand and bused to Bangkok.

Several of these ports we chose to stay on the ship. In Kuala Lumpur we took a tour which took us to the center of the city, like any city there was lots of traffic and motorbikes everywhere. It was interesting on our drive into the city noting the vast number of new high rise apartment complexes, 20-30 stories high and the first 5-6 stories dedicated to parking. This was something that we observed in many of the other cities.

Singapore was probably the cleanest and most welcoming city that we visited. We visited Singapore Botanical Gardens, which was a former agricultural experimental station that was repurpose into a beautiful intercity park.

After a day at sea we visited Saigon, It is amazing how the city has grown since the end of the war. Again, lots of new high rise apartment complexes. The tour of Saigon took us to Cu Chi tunnel complex. This was the site of the extensive Viet Cong tunnel system built prior to the war and greatly expanded during the war. (A great propaganda site} We also visited a war museum in Saigon depicting the effects of Agent Orange on the rural villagers exposed to AO.

The last place to visit was Bangkok, Thailand, the tour ended at the Bangkok airport and then the long flight home began.



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## In Memoriam



### ALVIN L LARSON CRESTVIEW, FL

Deceased: 02/18/2024  
Born: 10/05/1935  
Created: 05/23/1981

*To the promised land our friends have gone,  
To the land of perfect rest;  
Their work is done—and the setting sun  
Has sealed their life's request.  
They have left this earthly strand,  
For the house beyond the sea,  
Though the past is gone, they will still live on  
To us all—Sweet in our Memory.*





# Bektash Shrine Legion of Honor

## Flag Fund

The Bektash Legion of Honor is restarting a Flag Fund, apparently, we had one years ago and it got passed by and forgotten. The purpose of the fund is for the Legion of Honor to fund purchase of new flags to replace the flags in front of the building, ceremonial flags and parade flags as needed.

The flags would fly at Bektash because of the Flag Fund.

The flags in front of the building fly 24 hours a day and get tattered and worn and need to be replaced occasionally. Ceremonial flags and parade flags are now over 20 years old and along with the flags the staffs are wearing.

If you would like to donate to help the Legion of Honor to be of service to Bektash and purchase new flags you can send a check made out to:

Bektash Legion of Honor  
Memo: Bektash Flag Fund

And mail to:  
Bektash Shriners  
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