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**Saturday
February 15, 2025**



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Valentines Ball

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 Att. Bektash News

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 latest news and upcoming events...*

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NOBILITY CALENDAR February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Clowns	5	6 	7	8
9	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13 	14	15 Valentines Ball
16	17	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28	



NOBILITY CALENDAR March 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Clowns	5	6 	7	8
9	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13 	14	15 - St. Patrick's Event - Costa Rica
16 Costa Rica	17 Costa Rica	18 Costa Rica	19 Costa Rica	20 	21 Costa Rica	22 Costa Rica
23	24 Stated Meeting	25	26	27 	28	29 New England Masonic Night
30						

BEKTASH 2025

	Bektash Installation of Officers	January 11
	Valentines Ball	February 15
	St. Patrick's Day Event	March 15
	Pote's Trip to Costa Rica	March 15 - 22
	Stated Meeting	March 24
	New England Masonic Night	March 29
	Easter EggStravaganza	April 4 - 6
	NSA Mid-Winter (Prince Edward Island)	April 10 - 13
	Fun and Fellowship (Mexican Night)	May 2
	Rock N Race (Noahs Heros)	May 7
	NH Grand Lodge Annual Meeting	May 17
	Joint Ceremonial	May (TBD)
	Northeast Camper Caravan	May 30 - June 1
	Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation	June 7
	Stated Meeting	June 16
	Fun and Fellowship	June 20
	Imperial Session (Atlanta, GA)	June 27 - July 3
	Rainbow Grand Assembly	July 4
	Fun and Fellowship	July 11
	Summer Picnic	July 26
	Global Leadership Summit	August 7 - 8
	Fun and Fellowship	August 15
	MC Ride for Rides	September 13
	Stated Meeting	September 15
	Fun and Fellowship	September 19
	5th Annual Lady Amy Freeman Golf Tournament	September 22
	NSA Fall Field Days (Prince Edward Island)	September 25 - 28
	N.O.A.H. Cigar Smoker	October 4
	Cheers for Children 100th - Springfield	October 18
	Boston Haunted Walk	October 19
	Tri - Visitation (N. Conway Grand Hotel)	October 24 - 26
	Fez'Tival of Trees (25th Anniversary)	November 22 - 30
	Christmas Party	December 13
	Stated Meeting	December 15

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ELECTED DIVAN

Potentate	Evan McIntosh
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	kthoroughgood@bektashshriners.org
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	jgeas@bektashshriners.org
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APPOINTED DIVAN

1 st Ceremonial Master	Richard Cloutier
2 nd Ceremonial Master	Nick Wilder
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Outer Guard	Raymond Gamble Jr.
Chaplain	Jason Sanderson
Director	Michael Lothrop
Assistant Director.....	Dennis Tuttle Jr.
Marshal	Kevin Koechel

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICERS

Colonel.....	David Vachon
Marketing Chairman.....	Michael Lothrop
Membership Chairman.....	Dennis Tuttle Jr
Bingo Chairman.....	Lloyd Doughty II, PP
Fez-tival of Trees Chairman.....	Brett Hunter
Easter Eggstravaganza	Peter Raven
Hospital Transportation Coordinator.....	Kenny Thoroughgood
Photographer.....	Robert Reynolds

MEMBER EMERITUS

Director	C. Wayne Libby
Chief Steward.....	C. Leonard Petersen
Springfield Hospital Rep. Emeritus.....	Willard R. Lemaire, PP

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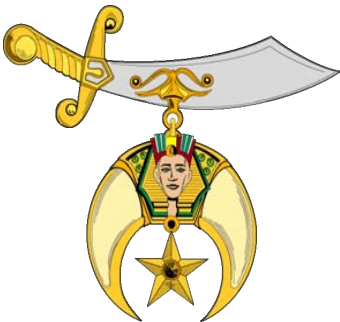
Shriners Children’s Boston.....	1-617-722-3000
Boston Representative.....	John Freeman, PP
Shriners Children’s New England (Springfield).....	1-413-787-2000
Associate Representative.....	Vacant
Shriners Hospital for Children—Canada (Montreal).....	1-514-842-4464
Montreal Representative.....	Paul Little, PP

BEKTASH UNIT LEADERS

Bektash Mariners Yacht Club.....	Commodore Richard Hoeker
Bingo.....	Lloyd Doughty II, PP
Chefs.....	Chief Chef Kenny Thoroughgood
Clowns.....	Boss Clown David “Woo Hoo” Rouleau
First Section.....	Director Michael Lothrop
High Rollers/Mini-Monster Truck Patrol.....	President David Walters
Legion of Honor.....	Commander David Vachon
Mini-Kar Patrol.....	Captain Edward J Kelvington
Stewards.....	Chief Steward Shawn Buxton
White Mountain Hillbilly Clan #10	Raban of the Clan Michael Tebbetts, PP

BEKTASH CLUB LEADERS

Cheshire Shrine Club.....	Vacant
Nashua Shrine Club.....	President Gary D. Waters





2025 POTENTATE EVAN MCINTOSH

On behalf of Lady Amanda and myself, I extend my sincerest gratitude to each of you for attending our recent Installation. Your presence not only made the event truly special but also reaffirmed the strength and unity of our fraternity.

It was inspiring to see so many familiar faces and welcome new ones as we came together in the spirit of fun, fellowship, and philanthropy—the very principles that define us. The energy in the room was a testament to the unwavering commitment we all share to advance our mission.

As we embark on a new chapter, your support will continue to be the cornerstone of our success. Together, we will create meaningful change, strengthen bonds within our organization,

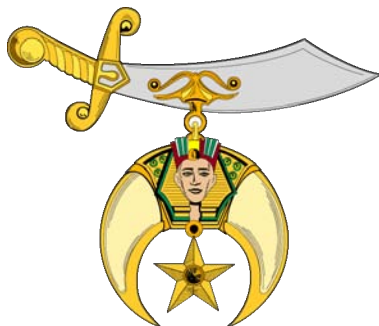
and leave a lasting impact on our communities

Lastly; remember your WHY...the reason you became a Shriner. Be proud to be a member of the best fraternity in the world. Support your Blue Lodge, without we don't exist.

Here's to another year of creating memories, lasting friendships and making the Shrine great again!

Fraternally yours,

Evan McIntosh, Potentate



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NSA MID WINTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Nobles, we are approaching our NSA mid-winter meeting date of April 10th -13th. The year the NSA will be held in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Our hotel for the weekend is Microtel Inn and Suites, 511 Notre Dame St Summerside, PEI. The hotel has a pool with a waterslide and a bowling alley. Last Years NSA in Kingston Canada was a great time, and you really should come and join in the fun.

The NSA mid-winter is a gathering of the 16 North-east Shrine centers. We discuss the NSA fall Field days event and hear information regarding the venue, parade facilities and competitions. After which is fun, fellowship and hospitality, checking out the local cuisine and enjoying getting to know counter parts and Nobles from around the northeast.

Cost for the trip is being worked out with more information to come. We will need drivers to get there. If you are planning on going and able to drive, please advise the chair High Priest and Prophet Peter Raven at praven@bektashshriners.org

Contact for more NSA information

902-545-7811

Northeastsa2025@gmail.com

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

As I step into the role of editor for Bektash News, I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude to Dan Salo for his extraordinary leadership and dedication over the past 20 years. Dan's commitment to this publication and our community has been nothing short of remarkable, and I am honored to follow in his footsteps. Thank you, Dan, for everything you've done to make Bektash News the beloved resource it is today.

As we move forward, I also want to share an important update about Bektash News. The program we have used to create the newsletter is changing, which means you may notice a new look for the publication by the end of this year. While the format may evolve, rest assured that our mission remains the same: to provide you with the information, stories, and updates that matter most to our community.

My goal is to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible while exploring opportunities to make Bektash News even better. I welcome your feedback as we navigate these changes together, and I encourage you to reach out with your ideas or suggestions for the newsletter's future.

I'm excited about the journey ahead and look forward to serving this incredible community as we write the next chapter of Bektash News together.

Mike Tebbetts, PP

NOTICE

Current 2025 dues cards are required to attend all Bektash meetings.

All Nobles must have 2025 dues card to march in any Bektash parade.

REMEMBER!

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BLUE LODGE
YOU MIGHT EVEN
FIND A
FUTURE SHRINER**





Bektash Legion of Honor is looking for a few good men.

If you have served before we are looking for you to serve again.

This time to be a member of the Legion of Honor a group of Masons and Shriners that is made up of past or present military members. We carry the Colors and the flags of Canada, Mexico, Panama and the State of New Hampshire. We participate in various Shrine activities and march in parades throughout the State of New Hampshire.

Regular meetings are held at the Bektash Shrine Center, Concord, NH in May, November and informally at parade sites.



December 2024 Regular & Associate Membership Report

Beg. December 1, 2024	Membership
(Regular & Associate)	559
Affiliations	1
Associated	0
Associated Member Drop	1
Creation	1
Creation Reversal.....	0
Demitted	(3)
Demitted Reversal.....	0
Expelled	0
Expired-Active Member	(6)
Expired Reversal.....	0
Restored	0
Suspended	20
Suspension Reversal.....	0
End of Month Membership (Regular & Associate)	533
Net gain (loss) for Month.....	(26)



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Donald G. March (1992)
Nelson J. Murray (1996)
John M. Walker (2000)
Thomas E. Brison (2002)
Willard R. Lemaire (2003)
James L. Chase (2006)
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)
Lloyd S. Doughty, II (2018)
John Puckhaber (2019)
Brent Norris (2020)
John Freeman (2021)
Michael Tebbetts (2022)
Paul Little (2023)
Alan Fillingham (2024)



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Bektash is looking for part-time and full-time volunteer Bingo Workers for most positions. We are sure that we have a fun position for you. Come and join your fellow Shriners and their Ladies to help support one of our biggest fundraisers, in our smoke-free environment.

To participate call the Bektash Office at 603-225-5372.



Letter from the First Lady



And we are off! January has flown by with so much packed in already. Three Installations down and more to go! Evan and I had the opportunity to go to Aleppo's Installation on January 3rd and just recently came back from Anah's installation January 18th & 19th. It is so neat to see the different ways other temples do their Installations. They have all been unique and so special in their own way. If you have the chance to ever visit other temples, please do so!

Evan and I could not have asked for a better day installation day. We thank everyone that took the time out of their busy lives to come celebrate with us. Thank you to those that helped with set up, break down and everything else behind the scenes! It couldn't be done without you. I hope you all had so much fun!

For those that were not able to attend, I wanted to share a little about my First Lady's project. It is customary for the First Lady to do a "project", a fundraiser of her choosing. I am surrounded by family, friends, coworkers and a spouse who all have backgrounds in the medical field, including myself. First responders, doctors and nurses are the reason our Shriners Children are thriving and given the opportunities they have today. These people spend endless hours being the smiling face in front of these children, giving them hope for a better future. The days are not easy. They have to see heartbreaking cases of children every day that they try not to take home to their families. They are the ones there when a child and their family are having the worst day of their life. Being rushed in from a traumatic burn, an accident that has cost them a limb, a diagnosis their child has been given that needs surgery and constant follow up for the rest of their lives. They are the biggest heroes I have ever known.

I will be raising money for the Shriners Childrens Boston Hospital to give them continuing education opportunities. These funds will allow them to attend national conferences all over the country for Burn Care Development, Cleft and Craniofacial development and critical care development. If we invest our money into these professionals to keep their skills the sharpest and most up to date, our Shriners Children will only have more and more success stories to share with us as their lives are changed for the better. What better gift can we give these kids? Heroes do not only wear capes.... They also wear fezzes and scrubs.

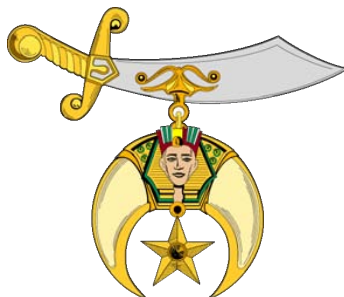
To date, I want to thank those that have already contributed to my project:

- ☐ The Mini Kars Unit
- ☐ Those who contributed to the 50/50 Raffle at Installation
- ☐ Lady Sue Murray for donating her 50/50 winnings back for the Lady's Project
- ☐ Shawn & Jessica Lahey from Anah Shrine
- ☐ Illustrious Robert St. Jacques
- ☐ Those who contributed to the 50/50 Raffle at Bingo on January 16th

Less than a week in as First Lady and I am at a current total of \$2,499. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I hope you can make it to our Valentine's Ball on February 15th . Time to get dressed up and enjoy a night out! Chair Couple Zach Brosseau and his Lady Kate are planning what will be one of the most epic nights of the year Dinner, Dancing, Pie Auction, laughs and fun guaranteed. We anticipate a full house so get your tickets as soon as you can!

First Lady Amanda McIntosh



Installation of Officers



2025 Divan



Left: Illustrious Lloyd Doughty, PP
Middle: Illustrious Evan McIntosh
Right: Assistant Rabban Brett Hunter



Lady Amanda Fezzing our NEW
Potenate, Evan McIntosh

Mini Kar Check Presentations



Noble Randall from Bektash Mini Kars presenting the newly installed Illustrious Potentate, Evan McIntosh with donations for Boston; Springfield and Montreal Hospitals for \$1,300 each.



Bektash Mini Kar donation presented at the Montreal Hospital Board meeting

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- Alina Sweeney
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- American Legion—
Concord, NH
- Robert Reynolds
- The McGranaghan
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- John & Jane Bates
- Eric Goyotte
- Sandy from Eagle
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- Amy Hannan
- Laurie Reale
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The Shrine Ambassadors will receive a name badge indicating his ambassadorship to be worn at Lodge, Shrine meetings and events. An email will be sent to the Ambassadors the last week of the month from our marketing committee with "talk points", to be mentioned at your Lodges State Meeting. You will be able to present the Potentate's congratulatory certificate and package to newly raised Master Masons.

All you need to do to sign up is call one of the nobles below with the and provide them with your name, phone number, emails and Lodge name.

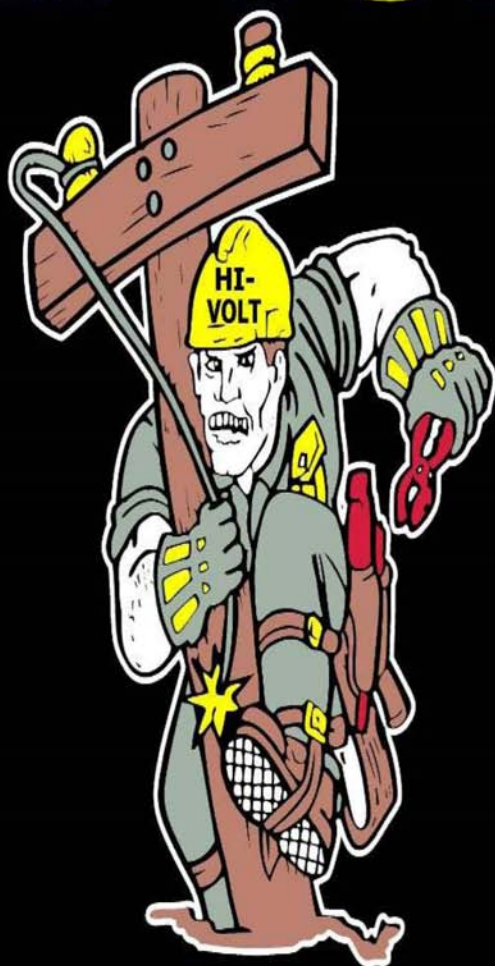
Michael Lothrop; Marketing Chair
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BINGO EVERY
THURSDAY NIGHT

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM
GAMES START AT 6:15 PM

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Chief Rabban's Message

New Year!!!! New set of Divan. I would like to thank the nobility who elected me to be your Chief Rabban. Thank you so much for trusting me and I am so humbled.

This is the time for me to thank all those who volunteered to transport our patients to their appointments to our hospital. Please call the office if you want to volunteer.

Also, thank you to all those who have helped the chefs during Bingo nights, Easter Eggs-travaganza and Fez-tival of trees. We are still looking for volunteers.

Your Divan is going to be busy this year, we have a lot of events planned for everybody.

“Happiness is letting go of what you think your life is supposed to look like. Sometimes, we just need to go with the flow.”

- Anonymous -

Please support your temple, we are all in this together. Let's help the kids while having fun and enjoying it too.

Kenny Thoroughgood
Chief Rabban



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE AND POUND AUCTION
By Bektash Chefs**

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Social 4:00 pm
Pound Auction 4:30 pm (Auctioneer TBA)
Dinner 5:30 pm

\$20.00
Corned beef
Cabbage, Potato, Carrots
Dessert



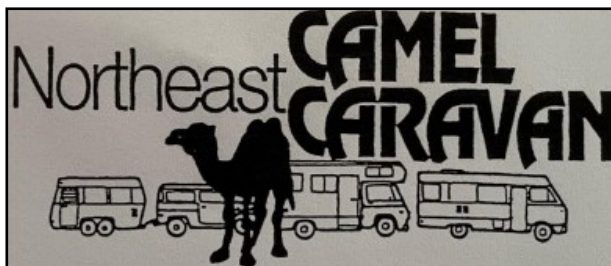
Dress up on your Irish Green

March 15th, 2025



RESERVATION IS A MUST

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Deadline to reserve is on March 12, 2025



May 30-June 1 Annual Camping Weekend at Bayley's

Annual Weekend

Join the Caravan for a fun weekend! Our annual meeting and camping weekend will be held May 30 - June 1, 2025, at Bayley's Camping Resort in Scarborough, Maine. The weekend is expected to include campfires, a pot-luck breakfast and dinner, Chinese auction and time to explore the area.

The NorthEast Camel Caravan promotes fellowship among members of the Shrine who enjoy camping. Membership is open to any Noble, and his family, in good standing in a recognized Shrine Center. We currently have members from Aleppo, Anah, Bektash and Kora and would love to welcome new members.

Anyone wishing to join us for the weekend should make reservations for a campsite or cabin directly with the campground:



Bayley's Camping Resort
275 Pine Point Road
Scarborough, Maine 04074
207-883-6043



The camping cost is expected to be \$45.00-\$50.00 (30A-50A) per night plus tax for site with full hookups. You can't beat that price! (Not sure about cabin pricing. Camper rentals also available).

Be sure to mention you are with the Shriner's Camel Caravan and try to reserve Row C (cabins are close, rental trailers closer).

Join us for good fellowship, good food and good times around the campfire. Come early or stay later, as you wish. We'll be there from Thursday through Monday!

For more information, please email **Noble Tom Lowe** at necamelcaravan@gmail.com.

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BEKTASH CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS—January 2025

DAY	AMOUNT	FIRST	LAST NAME
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3	\$25.00	Courtney	Bagley
4	\$200.00	Norman	Baker
5	\$25.00	Winifred	Thorpe
6	\$25.00	Hesbia	Foster
7	\$25.00	William	Hebert
8	\$25.00	Jean	Tanguay
9	\$25.00	Anne	MacCord
10	\$25.00	John	Moschetto
11	\$100.00	W. Karen	Roy
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13	\$25.00	Caley	Godzyk
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15	\$25.00	Debbie	Koltookian
16	\$25.00	Carole	Blondeau
17	\$25.00	Linda	Corman
18	\$100.00	Bill	Provencher
19	\$25.00	Karen	Currier
20	\$25.00	Neil	Emerson
21	\$25.00	Francis	Gay
22	\$25.00	Crystal	Desroche
23	\$25.00	Keith	Clarke
24	\$25.00	Suzanne	Donahue
25	\$100.00	Diane	Richard
26	\$25.00	Marie	Klein
27	\$25.00	John	Freeman
28	\$25.00	Lisa	LaCroix
29	\$25.00	Laurie	Clark
30	\$25.00	George	Milliken
31	\$25.00	Haley	Hildreth

Thank you for Supporting Bektash!

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

BEKTASH SHRINERS

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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? _____

Residence Address _____
(Street) (County)

_____ (City) (State) (Zip)

Business Address _____
(Street) (County)

_____ (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Business Phone _____

Email _____

Lady's Name _____ Fez Size _____

Signature _____

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(Print)

_____ (Sign)

Noble #2 _____ Member # _____
(Print)

_____ (Sign)

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RECORDER'S CORNER

Greetings Imperial Sirs, Ill. Sirs, Nobles, Ladies, and Friends!!

My first thoughts as your new Recorder are that of humble thanks for your continued support in electing me to fill this position. It is not lost on me the importance of this position or my responsibilities to all of you and our Shrine. My promise to you all is that of transparency in all the work that I do on your and our Shrines behalf. You will know it all, the good, the bad, the ugly. And all matters will be conducted keeping in mind our Masonic tenants.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging our most recent Past Recorder Ill P P Tom Brison. Tom did a fantastic job and was a great mentor these last few weeks as the transition took place. He has put in place procedures that were long overdue. I truly appreciate his willingness to convey information critical for me to be able to pick up and "carry the torch", if you will, of the Recorders position. THANK YOU TOM!! Enjoy your retirement as you so deserve it!!

And thanks to Dixie too!! She and I have been working together to get me up to speed on the other office duties I need to know and honestly, we are so lucky to have her. She is a wealth of information. I so appreciate her willingness to help and get me up to speed. Thanks Dixie!!

RECORDER'S CORNER

To Illustrious Evan and Lady Amanda, what a grand Installation!! So many of our Nobles and friends in attendance. And the additional participation from Grand Lodge and the Grand Master and his suite, the many other appellate bodies and of course visiting temples. Congratulations on the day and all the best to you this year.

Time to move on to the business at hand. Please Nobles, if you haven't already, please get your dues to us as soon as possible. Our obligation to get our per capita to Tampa is quickly approaching so please, forward those payments please.

And if there is an issue, please reach out. There are ways for us to help if anyone is having difficulty.

Please don't forget the Valentines Ball on February 15th!! You can make your reservations on line or through the office!! More information is in the Bektash News or on our website!!

Love to see everyone at what is always a great event!!

Finally, once again I thank you for the honor to serve you as your Recorder.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lloyd', written in a cursive style.

*Thank
you!*

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*Learn more about the Bektash Booster
Program and how to contribute and
Donation form elsewhere in this issue.*

Helping A Child Is Just A Phone Call Away

Determining whether a child is eligible for care at Shriners Children's is as simple as calling 800.237.5055 (toll free in the U.S.), or 800.361.7256 (in Canada) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. During the initial phone call, you will discuss the nature of the child's condition, age and location of residency with a patient referral coordinator. Based upon the information provided, you will be referred to a specific Shriners Children's location that can best care for the child. Additional information is available at shrinerschildren.org Shriners Children's specializes in threatening orthopedic conditions, sports medicine, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate.

HELP WANTED

**Hillbilly Clan
1st / 2nd Section
Mini Cars or High Rollers
Legion of Honor (LOH)
Clowns**

Don't see something you are looking for or want more information give the Chief Rabban a call at 603.867.1005

CUTTYHUNK MASS HERE WE COME



BEKTASH SHRINE YACHT CLUB

BEKTASH MARINERS SHRINE YACHT CLUB (BMSYC), founded in 2012, has had 12 great years.

Let's make 2025 even better!

On Sunday February 9th at 1PM we will have our Yearly Stated Meeting commencing with a potluck lunch at Bektash center in Concord, NH.

During the meeting the following Slate of Officers will be presented, voted, and accepted;

Commodore---Noble Richard Hoeker

Vice Commodore---Noble Greg Kalicin

Rear Commodore---Noble Donald Grey

Port Captain===Ill Richard Dooley PP

Sec/Treasurer---Noble Ray Desrochers PIC

We will also update BMSYC activities for 2025

The INSTALLATION of officers will follow the Meeting

PLEASE RSVP TO Ray Desrochers

POTENTATE'S BALL AND N.S.A. VISITATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025
BURLINGTON MARRIOTT
1 BURLINGTON MALL RD., BURLINGTON, MA.
TELEPHONE: 781-229-6565

OTHER NSA OFFICERS

- ☐ Aleppo Potentate's Ball Weekend includes: A ticket to the Friday night Costa Rica Jungle Night with complementary food and beverages prior to the show in the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. A ticket to Saturday morning Nobility & NSA Breakfast. Complementary lunch at the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. A ticket to Saturday afternoon's "Cliff Classic" Aleppo's inaugural mini-GOLF Tournament, a ticket to the Saturday Night Aleppo Potentate's Ball, and our guest at the Aleppo Hospitality Suite. **That's right: ALL Events during the Potentate's Ball weekend are included in one low price. "Come for the Ball & stay for the weekend!"**

Rooms are available at the Burlington Marriott for the discounted rate of \$148.00 per night.
Call: 781-229-6565. Reserve your room now. Deadline for reservations is - January 10, 2025

Aleppo Potentate's Ball (**Includes all events**) \$145.00 (incl. tax) Per Person \$ _____

Children (**Includes all events**) \$40.00 (incl. tax) Per Child \$ _____

Please check here if you plan to join us Friday Night (for headcount) ☐ Yes, we'll see you Friday

☐ Aleppo Potentate's Ball (Potentate's Ball only) \$90.00 (incl. tax) Per Person \$ _____

Children (Potentate's Ball only) \$40.00 (incl. tax) Per Child \$ _____

Please make your choice of updated entrée features for Saturday evening's Potentate's Ball below.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statler Chick Breast | <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Roasted Cod Loin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Center Cut Filet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's | |

(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO, "ALEPPO SHRINERS") TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Noble: _____ Member #: _____

Lady/Guest (if attending): _____ Telephone # _____

E-Mail: _____ Unit or Office: _____

BEKTASH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



CQ CQ CQ calling all Bektash Nobles who have an interest in Ham Radio.

We are investigating starting a new Amateur Radio Unit at Bektash.

It doesn't matter if you're licensed or considering getting your Ham Radio license, we can help you get started!

Classes will be made available to those who want to participate.

If you are interested, please submit your ideas, questions and suggestions along with your Callsign (if available) to:

Noble John Moore

kb1csi@gmail.com

Cell: 603-496-4482

Bektash Amateur Radio Club Meeting:
Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 PM

Upcoming Ham Radio Exam Dates at Bektash

Sat. Jan 4 @ 8:30 AM Registration, Testing 9:00 AM

Sat. Feb 1 @ 8:30 AM Registration, Testing 9:00 AM

Sat. Mar 1 @ 8:30 AM Registration, Testing 9:00 AM

These exams are for new or upgraded Amateur Radio Licenses and are given under the auspices of the American Radio Relay League. (ARRL)

HELP WANTED

**Drivers for Transportation
Bingo**

N.O.A.H. (Cigar Unit)

**Committee Member of an event or Membership
Club; join or start one**

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From the High Priest and Prophet

Wow, here we are in 2025. I can't believe that...it seems like it was just 1999 and I was moving into my house in Goffstown.

My Masonic journey started before I was aware that Masons existed. My Uncle, Arthur "Keith" Piper would come up to my house in Hanover to visit with us for a week every year. He would disappear at the weirdest times and come back late. He always had this funny red hat or some piece of bling he was wearing that was encrusted with diamonds and had a cool looking sword in the design. He would march in the Shrine Bowl parade in Hanover with the Arab patrol, and I thought it was funny the way they dressed. Uncle Keith was a very nice man. He didn't shower us with gifts, but he would talk with my brother and me as if we were his friends. He even gave us some cool pins. It wasn't till much later that I realized he was a Mason, and you had to be a Mason to be a Shriner. He belonged to Aleppo Shrine. Uncle Keith was also Past Master of his lodge in Massachusetts, as well as an active York Rite Mason and Sir Knight of the local Commandery. He and his wife Betty were active in Eastern Star. My Uncle Keith past to the celestial lodge above shortly after my son Nik left home to join the Marine Corps. When Nik returned from Japan, we both decided to petition Lafayette Bible lodge #41 in Goffstown. The Masonic building was 7 houses away and seemed like an interesting venture. I will be installed into the East at the time you will read this. An interesting venture indeed.

I am truly amazed at the journey I have taken as a Mason. I have learned so much that I use in my daily life. Charity being the greatest round on the ladder, we have undertaken a great purpose and responsibility in becoming a Shriner. Fun, Fellowship and Philanthropy have brought us together. The children are why we stay.

As we continue to travel together, my Lady Stacey and I assist with all that is necessary to the best of our ability. As we continue our path, We are confident that the Nobles and Ladies who have gone before us are lighting the way and we draw strength from their perseverance.

Thank you for the trust you have shown in me by electing me to serve as your High Priest and Prophet for 2025.

Peter Raven
High Priest and Prophet



Bektash
Easter
EggStravaganza

Easter Baskets • 50/50
Golden Egg • Easter Bunny

Friday, April 4: 10 am–7 pm
Saturday, April 5: 10 am–7 pm
Sunday, April 6: 10 am–5 pm
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BEKTASH MARINERS SHRINE YACHT CLUB WANTS YOU !



BEKTASH MARINERS SHRINE YACHT CLUB B.M.S.Y.C. PURPOSE

The purpose of this inner body is three-fold:

1. This inner body is a social inner body providing good fellowship among members of Bektash Shrine who share an interest in boats, boating and kindred pleasures – such as skiing, fishing, and cruising.
2. This inner body is engaged in organizing and participating in boating activities for the enjoyment and betterment of its members and the glory of Bektash Shrine, and to further assist and promote in any way possible the safety of general boating on public waters and to seek, for the enjoyment of all, better facilities for this fast-growing sport throughout New Hampshire.
3. This inner body stands ready to assist illustrious Potentate and Divan of Bektash Shrine in carrying out Temple activities when called upon to do so.

For more information contact Commodore Richard Hoeker email richardhoeker@comcast.net or Sec./Tres. Raymond Desrochers email des.hov@gmail.com

THE 100 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

The 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children have provided lifesaving and life-changing medical care to more than 800,000 children, regardless of their ability to pay.

The money to provide these needed services at 22 hospitals comes from many sources: community donations; fundraising events; investment income; and support from the Shriners International.

As health care costs increase, Shriners Hospitals needs your help, more than ever, to continue to provide more specialized care, offer medical education and conduct more research. Too many people believe that if they cannot donate or leave a large sum of money, their gift will not count. Every contribution helps. In order to encourage donors to contribute to Shriners Hospitals for Children, the HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR CLUB was established in 1972. The club is named for its goal of adding 100 million dollars to the endowment fund through gifts or bequests of \$100 or more.

HOW TO JOIN

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; or (3) By adding a provision to an existing will leaving \$100 or more to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners. Please fill out the form on the right and send your contribution to Bektash Shriner's, ATTN: Recorder.

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

Each donor receives a handsome 100 Million Dollar Club certificate. By contributing \$100, you can feel like a million, knowing that you have helped to ensure that Shriners Hospitals for Children will be able to continue helping children in the years to come.

BEKTASH HILLBILLY CLAN #10

*‘Raban’ of the Clan
Mike Tebbetts, PP*



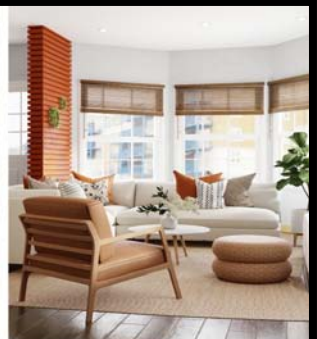
Retention Program

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



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Alexander Forsley
Donald Rich

DONATION FROM:

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East of Suez, Inc.
Bob & Teresa Schreier

BEKTASH SHRINE

DONATION FROM:

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Bektash Chefs

\$100 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

Bektash Booster Program

See elsewhere in this issue for Details

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Apply this donation to the Boston () Springfield () Montreal () Hospital,
 Hospital Patient Transportation Fund () or keep it as a donation to the
 Bektash Shrine Center ().

Amount \$ _____ Name _____

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_____ Phone # _____

(Please use this form when mailing check or using Member Incentive points)

In Memoriam



GERALD P CARMEN

Deceased: 09/01/2023

Born: 07/08/1930

Created: 04/01/2004

RICHARD DAME

Deceased: 07/07/2021

Born: 07/17/1964

Created: 05/01/2009

PETER R DiVERGILIO

Deceased: 07/08/2022

Born: 11/02/1941

Created: 06/03/1989

PHILIP M REED JR

Deceased: 08/08/2018

Born: 12/14/1940

Created: 06/10/2006

MELVIN A VAN DYKE

Deceased: 12/08/2024

Born: 09/19/1931

Created: 10/20/2001

HAROLD W

WHITEHOUSE JR

Deceased: 01/04/2024

Born: 07/01/1928

Created: 10/13/1962

*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*





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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