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Installation Of Officers

JANUARY 11, 2025

TIME: 2PM

SOCIAL: 4PM

DINNER: 5:30PM

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Please Visit the Bektash Web Site for latest news and upcoming events...

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**NOBILITY CALENDAR
January 2025**





SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7 Clowns	8	9 	10	11 Installation of Officers
12	13	14	15	16 	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 	31	



**NOBILITY CALENDAR
February 2025**



						1
2	3	4 Clowns	5	6 	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 	14	15 Valentines Ball
16	17	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28	

BEKTASH 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 Egg Stravaganza	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 (Atlantia, 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	Alan Fillingham
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Chief Rabban	Evan McIntosh
	chief.rabban@bektashshriners.org
Assistant Rabban.....	Kenny Thoroughgood
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High Priest and Prophet	Brett Hunter
	high.priest.prophet@bektashshriners.org
Oriental Guide.....	Peter Raven
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Treasurer	Lloyd Doughty II, PP
	treasurer@bektashshriners.org
Recorder	Thomas Brison, PP
	recorder@bektashshriners.org

APPOINTED DIVAN

Assistant Treasurer.....	Nick Wilder
1 st Ceremonial Master	Kevin Ciampa
2 nd Ceremonial Master	David Walters
Captain of the Guard	Nick Wilder
Outer Guard	Richard Colby
Chaplain	Kevin Carter, PP
Director	Jerry Becker
Assistant Director.....	Michael Lothrop
Marshal	Kevin Koehel

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICERS

Colonel.....	David Vachon
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
Photographer.....	Robert Reynolds

MEMBER EMERITUS

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

HOSPITAL INFORMATION

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.....Ill. Alan Fillingham

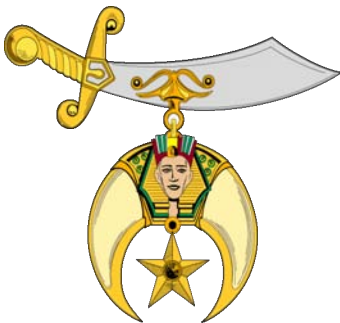
Shriners Hospital for Children—Canada (Montreal).....1-514-842-4464
 Montreal Representative.....Paul Little, PP

BEKTASH UNIT LEADERS

Bektash Mariners Yacht Club.....Commodore Richard Hoeker
 Bingo.....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
 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.....President Seamus Wibben
 Nashua Shrine Club.....President Gary D. Waters
 Portsmouth Shrine Club.....President Edmond Daneault, PP



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2024 POTENTATE ALAN FILLINGHAM

Happy New Year Everyone.

The new year has begun and a new Potentate and Di-van are in place. As Lady Susan and I reflect back on our year with you all, it's with both sadness and excitement. It is sad that it feels like the year has flown by and is already over but exciting to see Bektash grow and reach new heights in the coming year.

The Nobility have chosen well and elected a strong team of officers. There is lots of work to do and a couple of new people in new roles. I am particularly happy to see the positions of Treasurer and Recorder filled as these provide our continuity year after year.

Our new Potentate has a very busy calendar, so I will be watching keenly for all the events he has planned for us, and looking forward to enjoying the activities.

Lady Susan and I would like to thank everyone for all their support, ideas and encouragement. We have been truly fortunate to be surrounded by such a caring and dedicated Nobility. Our fondest memories of 2024 will be the friendships we have made.

I will now be returning to my duties with the Stewards and look forward to serving you from behind the bar in 2025.

**Fraternally,
Alan Fillingham,
Past Potentate 2024**



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CHIEF RABBAN'S MESSAGE

I am both honored and humbled to write as your newly elected Potentate for 2025. The trust and confidence you have placed in me to lead our beloved fraternity is deeply meaningful, and I assure you that I will dedicate myself fully to upholding the values of fun, fellowship, and philanthropy that bind us together.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Whether through your support, your encouragement, or your faith in me, you have made this moment possible. It is because of your commitment to our shared mission that our organization thrives, and I am eager to serve you in this role.

As we move forward together, I am reminded of the great legacy of leaders who have come before me. Their passion and dedication have paved the way for the successes we celebrate today. I take this responsibility with a full heart and a deep commitment to continuing their work, building on the strong foundation they've laid for us all.

I look forward to the opportunities ahead, the challenges we will face, and the memories we will create. Together, let us continue to inspire one another and live out our shared purpose with pride and dedication.

A special thank you to Dan Salo who has been an instrumental part of Bektash as the editor, I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

**Fraternally,
Evan McIntosh; Potentate Elect**

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

After 20 years of editing the Bektash News this will be my final issue. I am retiring as editor of the Bektash News. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have this post all these years.

Please welcome Michael Tebbetts, PP who has been appointed to Editor. His first edition of the Bektash News will be the February 2025 edition.

Fraternally,
Noble Daniel Salo, Editor

Bektash 2025 Election Results

Potentate elect : Evan McIntosh

Chief Rabban elect : Kenny Thoroughgood

Assistant Rabban elect: Brett Hunter

High Priest and Prophet elect : Peter Raven

Oriental Guide elect : James Geas

Treasurer elect : David Walters

Recorder elect : Lloyd Doughty 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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Bektash Legion of Honor is looking for a few good men.

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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.



November 2024 Regular & Associate Membership Report

Beg. November 1, 2024	Membership (Regular & Associate)	.....565
Affiliations	.....	0
Associated	.....	0
Associated Member Drop	.....	0
Creation	.....	0
Creation Reversal	.....	0
Demitted	.....(3)	
Demitted Reversal	.....	0
Expelled	.....	0
Expired-Active Member	.....(3)	
Expired Reversal	.....	0
Restored	.....	0
Suspended	.....	0
Suspension Reversal	0
End of Month Membership (Regular & Associate)	559
Net gain (loss) for Month(6)	



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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)



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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.



Assistant Rabban's Assistance

As I've mentioned in the last month's article, my family and I are already vacationing in the warm weather place, the Philippines. We have been busy meeting up family, relatives and friends.

We celebrated Christmas in an island called Palawan. An hour and a half flight from Manila. I tell you that runway in the Island is so short only 4019 ft. Long and the Pilots were so good, smooth landing and take off. We did the island hopping in Coron, Palawan. Had lunch at Banul Beach and our boatmen were the ones who cooked our food on the boat. It was all delicious.

We are having a grand time! Almost halfway through our vacation ... loving the good weather, company and food. We will be back the day before installation.

"Encourage, lift, strengthen one another. For the positive energy to spread to one will be felt by us all."

- Deborah Day -

As always, please support your temple, we are here for the kids.

Ken Thoroughgood
Chief Rabban - Elect



Assistant Rabban and Lady Dixie Christmas in the Philippines



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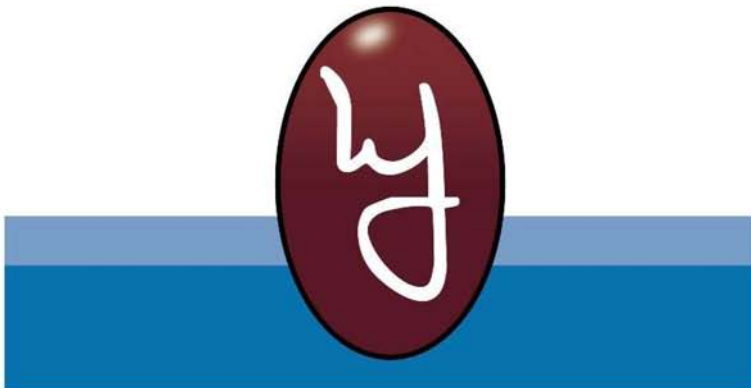
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The Shrine Lodge Ambassador Program is intended to create a communication stream between Bektash Shrine and the Masonic Lodges in our jurisdiction.

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.

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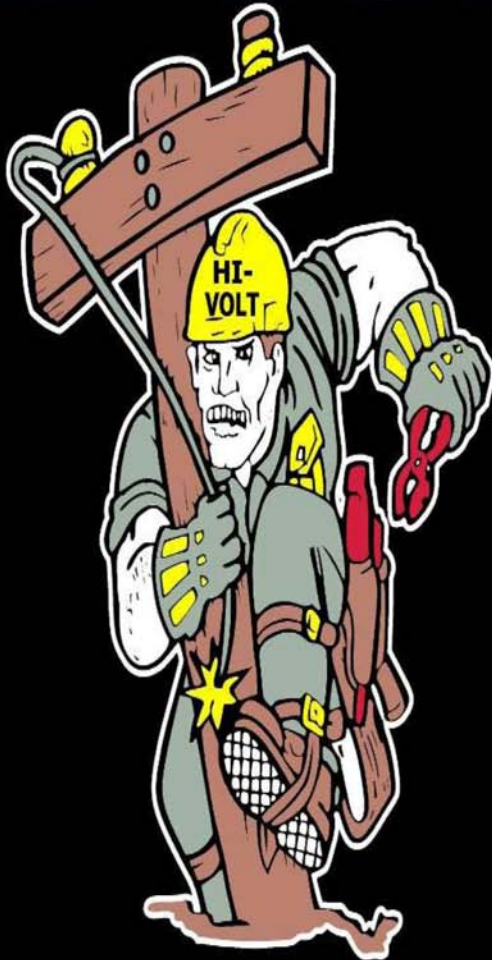
Evan McIntosh; Chief Rabban
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DECEMBER STATED MEETING



The Bektash Divan with Ill. Alan Fillingham at the podium



(left to right): Noble Dennis Webster, (new) Noble James Moffitt, Ill. Alan Fillingham

DECEMBER STATED MEETING



*Ill. Alan Fillingham
addressing the Nobility*



*New Hampshire Grandmaster, Daniel
Hotchkiss addressing the Nobility*



*(left to right): Ill. Alan Fillingham, Noble Dennis Webster,
Peter Raven (Oriental Guide) swearing in Noble James Moffitt*

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**Saturday
February 15, 2025**



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Valentines Ball

Pie Auction | Appetizers | Dinner | Drinks | Dessert

Music provided by Atlantic Sound

\$70 per person

Kids 10 & under: \$5 per child

Social Hour: 5-6pm

Pie Auction: 6pm

Dinner Served: 6:30pm

Braised Short Rib | Chicken Picatta
Grilled Stuffed Portabello Mushrooms
Kids: Mac-n-cheese & Chicken Tenders

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DAY	AMOUNT	NUMBER	FIRST	LAST NAME
1	\$25.00	1080	Mabel	Rush
2	\$25.00	1645	Michelle	Keniston
3	\$25.00	2193	Cheryl	Downing
4	\$25.00	1012	Ashley	Boucher
5	\$25.00	1943	Jeremy	Hawkes
6	\$25.00	1738	Richard	Cloutier
7	\$200.00	1862	Richard	Colby Jr.
8	\$25.00	1441	Jane	Dwyer
9	\$25.00	1467	Jen	Daniels
10	\$25.00	1329	Kelley	Freeman
11	\$25.00	1481	Gail	Brown
12	\$25.00	1940	Sharon	Carignan
13	\$25.00	1454	Crystal	Venegas
14	\$100.00	1013	Jackson	Boucher
15	\$25.00	1737	Greg	Brown
16	\$25.00	1004	Carrie	Stafford
17	\$25.00	1762	Cindy	Thompson
18	\$25.00	1511	Cheryl	Clattenburg
19	\$25.00	1237	Laurie	Vallee
20	\$25.00	1118	Chris & Brian	Mitchell
21	\$100.00	1290	Denise	Henri
22	\$25.00	1657	Jodi	Nelson
23	\$25.00	1244	David	Walters
24	\$25.00	1957	Leo & Susan	Lavin
25	\$25.00	1152	Gina	Whitney
26	\$25.00	1185	Craig	Brown
27	\$25.00	1035	Jackie	Drouse
28	\$100.00	1652	Claudia	Roberts
29	\$25.00	1579	Theresa	blake
30	\$25.00	1637	Terri	Roy
31	\$25.00	1628	Ben	Therrien

Thank you for Supporting Bektash!

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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 _____
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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(Street) (County)

(City) (State) (Zip)

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Lady's Name _____ Fez Size _____

Signature _____

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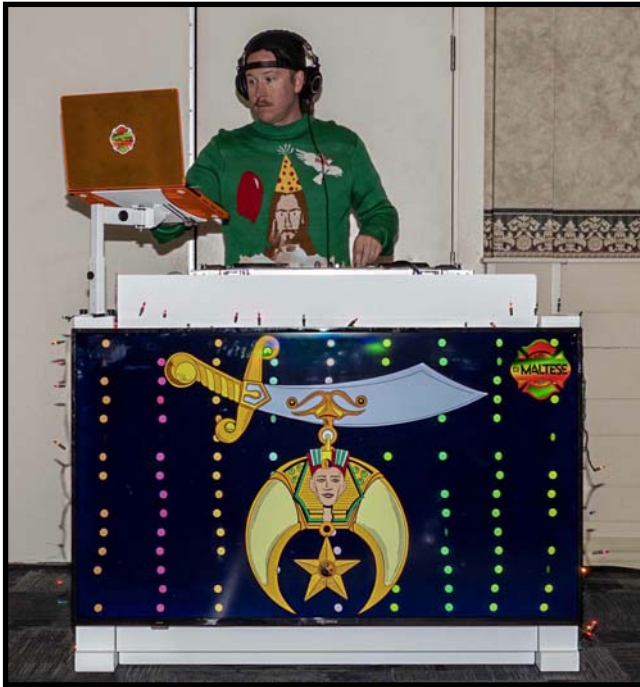
Noble #1 _____ Member # _____
(Print)

(Sign)
Noble #2 _____ Member # _____
(Print)

(Sign)

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CHRISTMAS PARTY



DJ Pumping out the tunes...



Bektash Ladies Supporting the Nobility

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Lloyd Doughty, PP, winner of Ugly Sweater Contest, presented with prize from First Lady Susan Fillingham.



Ill. Alan Fillingham making his remarks.



First Lady Susan Filling receiving award from Bektash Ladies.

*Thank
you!*

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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

BMSYC POTLUCK LUNCHEON



The BMSYC potluck luncheon was held at 1:00 PM, with 16 members attending.

GREAT FOOD THANK YOU FOR ALL who BROUGHT FOOD

The Meeting Starting at 2:00 PM with Noble Greg Kalicine (Vice Commodore) residing.

The pledge was presented by Noble Don Gray. The Invocation was then given by Noble Richard Juve.

The Secretary and Treasures reports were presented by Ray Desrochers PIC and accepted.

Under old business, we discussed participating in local parades with other Members of the Masonic family.

We also discussed, during the next year 2025, we will do more group trips on the water such as visiting Nantucket Island, Martha's Vineyard Island, overnight trips and day trips on the Erie Canal, and local Camp Island and Welch Island on lake Winnepesaukee. A Whale Watch trip (all events will be discussed further at our next Meeting).

The following Slate of offices for year (2025) was discussed as follows. (Voting February 9th)

Commodore... Noble Richard Hoeker

Vice Commodore... Noble Craig Callison

Rear Commodore... Noble Donald Gray

Port Captain... Ill Richard Dooley PP

Sec/Treasurer... Ray Desrochers PIC

The next meeting will be February 9th at the Temple in concord NH at 1:00 PM

Please mark your calendars for our next Potluck Dinner on February 9th AT the Bektash Temple in Concord NH.

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

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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

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

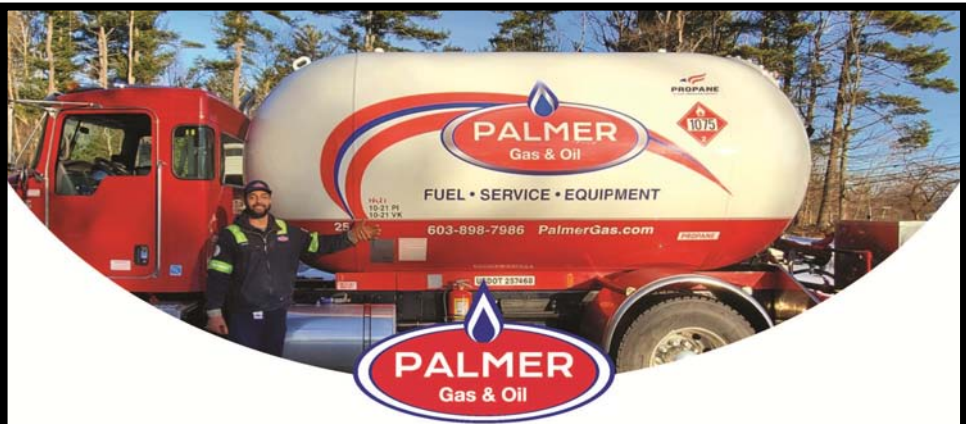
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A New Year's Message of Hope and Brotherhood From the High Priest and Prophet

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the blessings of the past and the opportunities that lie ahead. Each of us, as Nobles of the Shrine, is called to embody the principles of brotherhood—not only within our temples but in the world around us.

The New Year is a time for renewed purpose and determination. It is a time to rededicate ourselves to the work that binds us together: bringing hope to children, support to families, and inspiration to our communities. Let us remember that every small act of kindness and generosity reflects the greatness of our shared mission.

As we commence on this journey together, may we do so with open hearts, strong spirits, and a devoted commitment to making a difference. Let this year be a beacon of light, where our actions echo the values we cherish.

May the blessings of the Great Architect guide you and your loved ones through this year with health, joy, and peace. Together, we can achieve extraordinary things.

Happy New Year to all, and may the spirit of the Shrine shine brightly in all we do.

**Fraternaly yours,
Brett Hunter
High Priest and Prophet**

2024 Feztival of Trees

The Feztival of Trees committee is thrilled to announce that this year's Festival of Trees was a resounding success, and it's all thanks to YOU—our incredible community, participants, and supporters!

The event was filled with creativity, holiday spirit, and generosity as beautifully decorated trees lit up the space, bringing smiles to everyone who attended. With your help, we were able to raise more than \$245,000 with 77,000 plus attendees.

A special thank-you goes out to our sponsors, volunteers, and all who donated their time and resources. Your contributions made this event truly magical.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year for an even brighter celebration. Until then, we wish you a joyful holiday season!

Warm regards,
Brett Hunter
Chairman, Feztival of Trees



To all those who volunteered during 2024 Feztival of Trees,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your selfless contributions and unwavering dedication to our 24th annual Feztival of Trees event. Your hard work and enthusiasm have made an incredible difference, and we are truly blessed to have you as part of the Feztival of Trees team.

Your commitment to volunteer time has not only helped us achieve our goals but have also inspired those around you. Whether it was one hour or more, your commitment has been nothing short of remarkable.

Please know that your time, energy, and passion do not go unnoticed. You have helped create a lasting impact that will continue to benefit our fundraising efforts. Volunteers like you are the backbone of what we do, and I'm forever grateful for your generosity and kindness.

Once again, thank you for all that you do. I look forward to continuing this journey together and hope to see you during the 2025 Feztival of Trees..

*Warm regards,
Lady Emelie
Feztival of Trees Volunteer Coordinator*

Lady Amy Freeman, Annual Golf Tournament

For many of us, the Festival of Trees is both a joyous and bittersweet occasion. It's the highlight of the year for Bektash Shrine, showcasing the best of what we can achieve together. Yet, it also serves as a poignant reminder of the Shriners and their Ladies who are no longer with us, but whose dedication made this event what it is today. To honor their legacy, we created the annual golf tournament in memory of Lady Amy—not just to celebrate her, but to recognize all those who poured their heart and soul into Bektash.

We'd like to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to all our Sponsors and Participants in this past year's tournament. The support has been incredible. The good news is that we've already secured the date for 2025—September 22, 2025. Mark your calendars!

In the coming months, we'll be sharing more details on our website, which will feature a fresh new design, thanks to the efforts of some amazing individuals. We're confident that 2025 will be our best year yet.

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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 or 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
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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



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Created: 07/13/1992

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Deceased: 10/31/2024
Born: 05/20/1935
Created: 06/08/1996

**ROBERT C JUDSON
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Deceased: 05/31/2024
Born: 04/27/1938
Created: 05/26/1973

*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:
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