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Att. Bektash News

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latest news and upcoming events...*

www.bektashshriners.org






NOBILITY CALENDAR
March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Clowns	6	7 	8	9
10	11 Finance Mtg.	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18 Stated Mtg.	19	20	21 	22 Easter EggStravaganza	23 Easter EggStravaganza
24 Easter EggStravaganza	25	26	27	28 	29	30
31						



NOBILITY CALENDAR
April 2024



	1	2 Clowns	3	4 	5	6
7	8 Finance Mtg.	9	10	11 	12 Fish Fry	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				

BEKTASH 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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

BEKTASH SHRINE CENTER

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CONCORD NH 03302

ELECTED DIVAN

Potentate	Alan Fillingham
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Chief Rabban	Evan McIntosh
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Assistant Rabban.....	Kenny Thoroughgood
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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 Koechel

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

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

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Boston Representative.....John Freeman, PP

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Associate Representative.....Ill. Alan Fillingham

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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





2024 POTENTATE ALAN FILLINGHAM

Hi Everyone,

What a great start to the year with almost 190 people attending the Valentines ball. We were very lucky to have a great team hosting this event with a great job done by the chair Katie Yankura and Zach Brosseau. Angela Ciampa did a fantastic job with over forty pies to auction and the hall looked amazing.

Lady Susan's project did well with a 50/50 raffle, a quilt raffle and the launch of the "Dinner with the Pote" sailing trip. Illustrious John Freeman has again donated a full day of sailing for two on his yacht "Potato Head II" which is being raffled to raise money for Lady Susan's project. Tickets are available on our website, through the office

and also at all events for \$20. The winner will be drawn on August 1st and a date will be arranged to take advantage of the best weather.

Some of us had the pleasure of meeting with several members of Cheshire Shrine Club. It was a great experience and we can expect more from them as the year progresses.

The stated meeting is upon us next month and we hope to present more information about this year's Imperial Session in Reno Nevada. If you have not been to an Imperial Session before, this is going to be a great opportunity to travel as a group. We have secured 20 rooms in the resort and are working on a plan to assist Nobles to attend.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at the Stated meeting.

**Alan Fillingham
Potentate 2024**

Sailing & Dinner w/ the Potentate

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RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

If you missed the Potentates' Valentine Ball, you surely missed a good time. The food, music and camaraderie were second to none.

Marilyn and I sat with two Masonic couples that we didn't know previously but had a wonderful time, rousing conversation and lots of laughs. One couple at our table won the 50/50 raffle and they were thrilled because they were going on a cruise the next day. It was a great evening for all of us.

One of the projects we're working on is some additional lighting at the right rear of the back parking lot. We've upgraded all the outside lighting to LED which is much cheaper than sodium/halogen lights to run. LED lighting is also a lot brighter than the traditional bulbs we had. We've got some bids out to different electrical contractors to see what they can come up with for us. More to come on this next month.

As I stated last month, we could use the assistance of "Handy Man" services here at Bektash. III. Bill Hebert is in the process of moving out of state, and he performed many, many fixes on our building. I personally can do some of the repairs, but a second helping hand would certainly be a big help. If you feel you can assist this old Shriner out, Bektash would appreciate it.

It seems that the sound system had a failure during a recent Bingo game. We've contacted our sound guy Bob Malloy and he has assured us that we'll be up and running before the next game. In the meantime, III. Bill Hebert ran out and got a portable sound system that looked like a karaoke machine. It would have been fun seeing III. Lloyd Doughty singing "Free Bird" to all the players. Guess it didn't happen. You missed your calling, Lloyd.

By the time you read this, the repairs will be done at the back door of the hall. It seems that a snowplow operator had a "dust up" between his truck and the back door during one of our recent snowstorms. The awning was destroyed, and the doors were out of whack, along with some structural damage to the side of the entryway.

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Recorder's Ramblings...continued

Once again, if you can submit a couple of pictures for the Bektash News, it would be great. You can't beat free advertising. Email them to our editor, Dan Salo at editor@bektashshriners.org with a brief description of who is in the photo, and he'll publish it for you. How easy is that?

See you at the March 18th quarterly Bektash Stated Meeting. It starts at 7:00 sharp but come at 6:00 for some light fare and adult refreshments.

**It's great to be a Shriner!
Tom Brison, PP, Recorder**

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE: TO THE NOBILITY OF BEKTASH

QUARTERLY STATED MEETING

**Monday, March 18, 2024
7:00 PM – Bektash Shrine Center**

A Business Session of Bektash Shriners will be Conducted in Accordance with the Imperial Council Regulations and as Required by the By-Laws of Bektash Shriners at the Bektash Shrine Center on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7 PM for the Purpose of Balloting Upon Petitions for Initiation and Affiliation and to Conduct all other Business as Directly Related to the Affairs of Bektash Shriners.

Dated at Concord, NH On Jaanuary 31, 2024

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Attest: Thomas Brison, PP, Recorder

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Beg. January 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	0
Expired Reversal.....	0
Restored	0
Suspended	0
Suspension Reversal.....	0
End of Month Membership	
(Regular & Associate)	576
Net gain (loss) for Month.....	0



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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)
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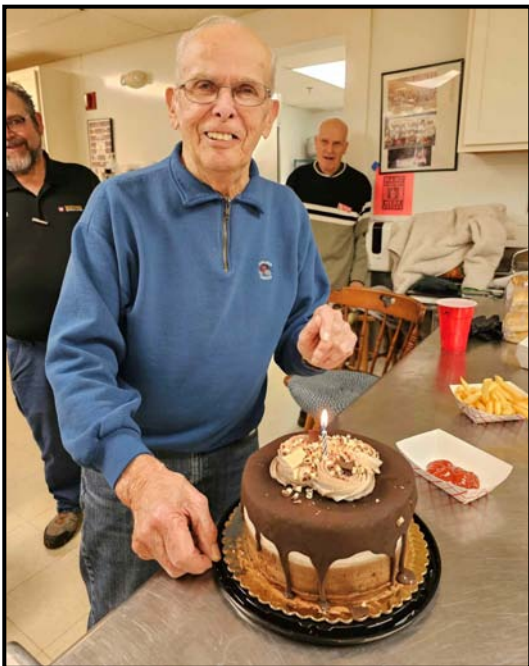
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**Dave Graham
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**Jessica cooper
Brookline, NH**

**Dot Hardy
Concord, NH**

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Lyndeborough, NH**

**Pittsfield Advent
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Pittsfield, NH**

**Nick Devers & Kids
Clearway School
Hanover, MA**

**GFWC-Concord Con-
temporary Club
Concord, NH**

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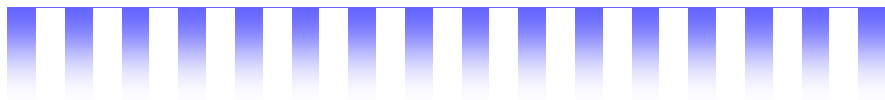
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A festive poster for the Bektash Easter EggStravaganza. The background is light blue with several colorful Easter eggs (red, yellow, blue, orange, purple, and white) scattered around a central white oval. Inside the oval, at the top, is a logo featuring a white bunny and a basket of eggs, with the text "EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA" and "A FUN FESTIVAL FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS". Below this, the word "Bektash" is written in a large, blue, cursive font, followed by "Easter EggStravaganza" in a red, sans-serif font. A pink rounded rectangle contains the text "EASTER BASKETS - 50/50" and "GOLDEN EGG - EASTER BUNNY" in blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the dates "MARCH 22, 2024 - MARCH 24, 2024" are written in a green, sans-serif font. The address "189 PEMBROKE ROAD" and "CONCORD, NH" are written in a black, sans-serif font. Below the address is a circular logo featuring the American flag. To the right of the address is a QR code. Below the QR code is the text "SCAN FOR EVENT INFORMATION" in a black, sans-serif font.

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GOLDEN EGG - EASTER BUNNY

MARCH 22, 2024 - MARCH 24, 2024

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SCAN FOR EVENT INFORMATION

Easter EggStravaganza

Hours:

Friday, March 22nd 10 am – 7 pm

Saturday, March 23rd 10 am – 7 pm

Sunday, March 24th 10 am – 5 pm

**Online starting Monday March 18th with the
50/50 and Golden Egg Raffles.**

Price \$5.00 per person.

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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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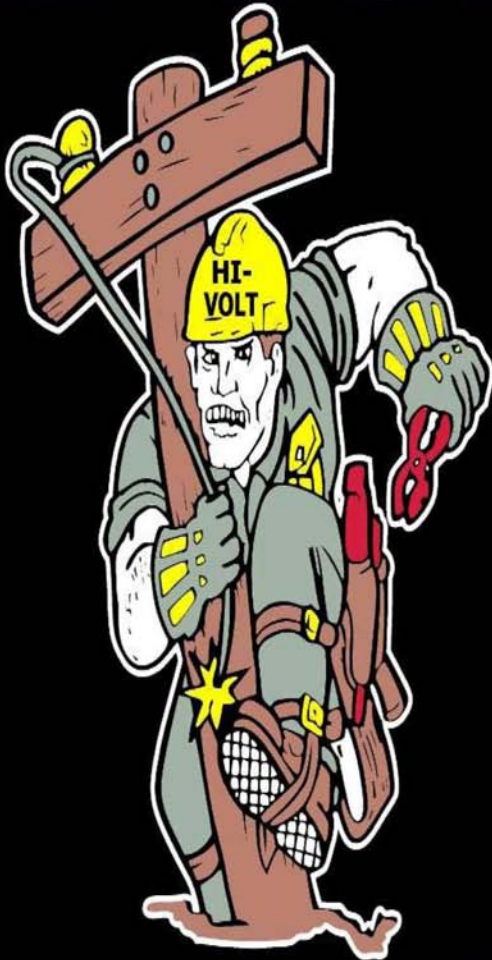
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2. This inner body is engaged in organizing and participating in boating activities for the enjoyment and betterment of its members and the glory of Bektash Shrine, and to further assist and promote in any way possible the safety of general boating 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

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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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
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(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.

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Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____

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

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2	\$25.00	1370	Sheridan	Haggett
3	\$200.00	1098	Sam	Pellerin
4	\$25.00	1418	E. William	Rohr
5	\$25.00	1755	Stacey	Kallelis
6	\$25.00	1247	Tracey	Norris
7	\$25.00	1859	Sarah	Webster
8	\$25.00	1083	Lisa	Nyman
9	\$25.00	1909	David	Moody
10	\$100.00	1396	Tina	Snelling
11	\$25.00	2151	Susan	Corman
12	\$25.00	1135	Sharon	Andrews
13	\$25.00	1655	PAULA	WILLIAMS
14	\$25.00	2192	Shelley	Miknaitis
15	\$25.00	1003	Brandon	Freeman
16	\$25.00	1667	Debora	Cate
17	\$100.00	1320	Aggie	Stewart
18	\$25.00	1914	Marcia	Whitehead
19	\$25.00	1240	Abbey	Reed
20	\$25.00	1813	Lisa	Nowell
21	\$25.00	1716	Charles	Woods
22	\$25.00	1647	Allison	Key-Wallace
23	\$25.00	2121	Alicha	Kingsbury
24	\$100.00	1077	Susie & Roger	Reid
25	\$25.00	1806	Sandra	ODonnell
26	\$25.00	1138	Bonnie	Fronk
27	\$25.00	2099	Christopher	Hutchins
28	\$25.00	1870	Dustin	Brett
29	\$25.00	1661	Mary	Paradise

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The numbers are listed below.

Springfield, Mass.
1-413-787-2000

Boston, Mass.
1-617-722-3000

Montreal, Quebec Canada
1-514-842-4464

All Other Hospitals
1-813-281-0300

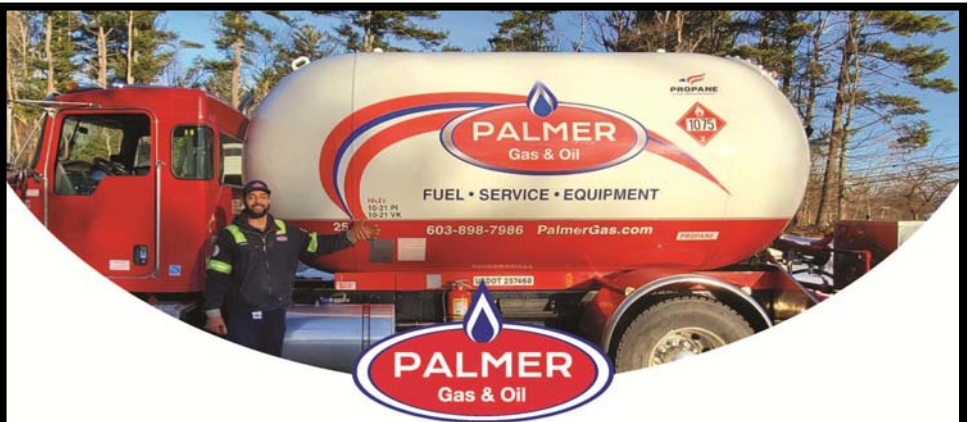
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BEKTASH CLOWN UNIT



"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

MONTREAL HOSPITAL DONATIONS



*Ill. Sir Paul Little PP. (right) Board of Governors & Chairman of the Board, Ill. Sir Gary McKeown PP - Montreal, Presenting at the Board of Governors meeting, a donation on behalf of the **Bektash Chefs** for \$2,000 (USD) for the Shriners Hospital - Montreal.*



*Ill Sir Paul Little, PP, (right) Board of Governors & Chairman of the Board, Ill. Sir Gary McKeown PP- Montreal. Presenting at the Board of Governors meeting, a donation from the **Cogswell Benevolent Trust**, \$50,000 (USD) in the Memory of Ill. Sir David P Goodwin PP Bektash Shriners (1959)*

THE COGSWELL BENEVOLENT TRUST DESCRIPTION

The Cogswell Benevolent Trust was recently pleased to honor the memory of former Cogswell Trustee and Past Potentate of Bektash Temple AAONMS, III. David P. Goodwin, who died in 2011 at the age of 93. The beneficiaries of this memorial were the the Shrine Hospitals, Springfield, Boston and Montreal units, each receiving \$50,000.00.

Goodwin was a lifelong resident of Manchester and was the grandson of Elmer D. Goodwin, a 33° member of Washington Lodge, A&FM and a founder of the current Masonic Temple in Manchester. David followed in the footsteps of his grandfather as the owner, until his retirement, of the former Goodwin Funeral Home and, fraternally, as a member of Washington Lodge, Scottish Rite, Valley of Nashua and New Hampshire Consistory, KT. In 1959 he was installed as the then youngest (age 40) Potentate of Bektash Temple AAONMS. Throughout his life he remained active as a Past Potentate.

The Cogswell Benevolent Trust, established under the will of Leander A. Cogswell, has been in existence since 1929 for the charitable purposes of aiding New Hampshire nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, and public agencies.

*For further information, please contact Charles S. Goodwin
603.493.5971 or csgoodwin13@gmail.com*

NOBLES THE UNITS NEED YOUR HELP.

We need our new NOBLES who are not yet involved, and our more seasoned NOBLES to come out and join us. We need your help.

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If you want to get back to your youth and drive a vehicle.
**The Mini-Kar Patrol
or the High Rollers need YOU!**

If you want to bring a smile to a kid, young or old.
The Clowns need YOU!

If you like to cook or bartend.
The Stewards need YOU!

If you like boating.
The Yacht Club needs YOU!

If you are an avid Casino attendee.
The Bingo Committee needs YOU!

If you like the satisfaction of delivering ritual.
The First Section needs YOU!

If you like to have silly fun.
The White Mountain Hillbilly Clan needs YOU!

**If you like cooking and kitchen work.
The Bektash Chefs needs YOU!**

Call the office today to find out how easy it is for you to get started. Thanks.

**Bektash really needs you,
yes Bektash really needs YOU!**

HELP WANTED

**Hillbilly Clan
1st / 2nd Section
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Legion of Honor (LOH)
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



ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

The BMSYC annual meeting was held on January 28, 2024, at Bektash Temple. Members and their Ladies enjoyed welcoming each other while sharing a potluck luncheon.

Following the luncheon, the meeting was opened by Commodore Roger Rist. The Invocation was given by Noble Carl Peterson, followed by the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance by Noble Greg Kalicin. The readings of minutes and the treasurer report were presented by Sec./Tres. Ray Desrochers PIC.

The results of the mailing regarding potential group activities for 2024 were presented by Noble Richard Hoeker as follows: #1. Lunch after a community parade; #2. Backyard BBQ; #3. Sunapee Lake Dinner Cruise; and #4. Essex Mass River Cruise. Three Parades were also selected: Franklin Old Home Day, 4th of July Wolfeboro, and Gilford Old Home Day.

Under new business there was a motion made by Noble Richard Juve to donate \$800 to three Shriners Hospitals (Boston Shrine, Montreal Shrine, and Springfield Shrine). The motion was seconded and passed.

The following slate of offices for BMSYC was presented and accepted for 2024. They were Installed by John Puckhaber, PP.

*Commodore Noble Richard Hoeker
Vice Commodore Noble Greg Kalicine
Rear Commodore Noble Donald Greg
Port captain Ill. Noble Ted Dooley PP
Sec./Treasurer Noble Ray Desrochers PIC*

Remarks for the good of the Association were discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

For more information on becoming a member, please contact Commodore Richard Hoeker or Ray Desrochers PIC.



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Mini Kar Patrol**

Bektash Booster Program

See elsewhere in this issue for Details
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 Bektash Shrine Center ().

Amount \$ _____ Name _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone # _____

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

In Memoriam



No deaths to report this month.

*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
189 Pembroke Road, PO Box 4086
Concord, NH 03302-4086



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