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Kora Shriners' SUMMER CEREMONIAL with Bektash Shriners

June 7-9th - Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Fryeburg Maine

FRIDAY

11 AM to 5 PM:

- Moat Mountain Brewery
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5 PM: Dinner and Music 🎵

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SATURDAY

10 AM:

- Parade Step off

- Lunch: Box Lunch for Nobles

- Ladies Lunch catered by Fandangles \$15 per person

2PM: Ceremonial

5PM: Dinner

- Barbecue catered by Burnt Ends \$25 per person

7 to 10PM: Music by Kids at Play - Jimmy Buffett Hits 🎵

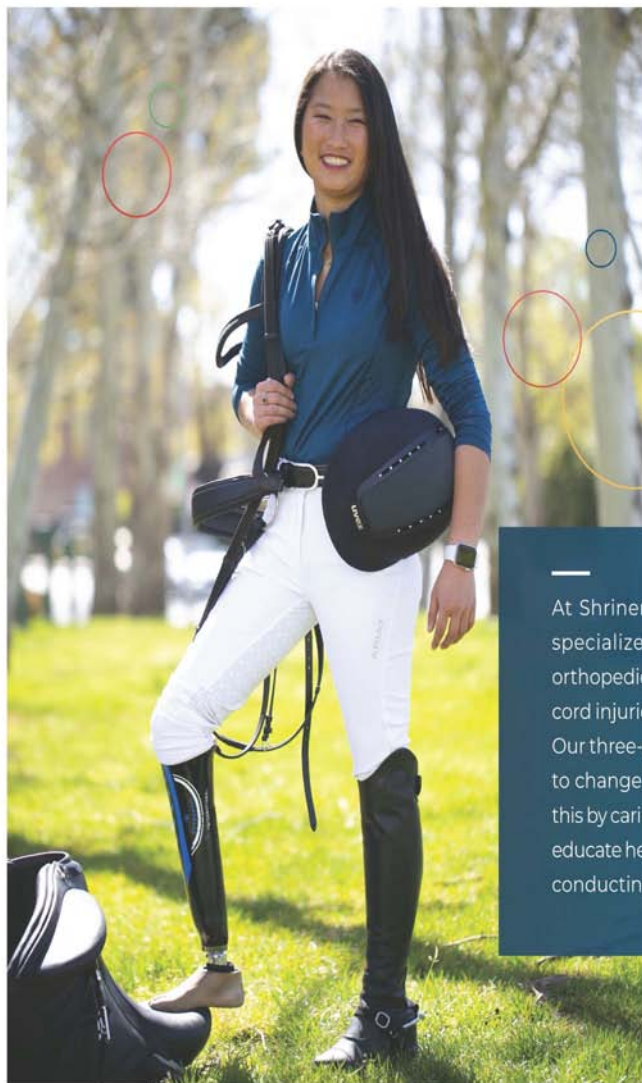


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latest news and upcoming events...*

www.bektashshriners.org



**NOBILITY CALENDAR
May 2024**





SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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



**NOBILITY CALENDAR
June 2024**



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16	17 Stated Meg.	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28	29
30 Imperial (Reno) (to July 4)						

BEKTASH 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bektash Installation of Officers	January 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Potentate's Valentines Ball	February 10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stated Meeting	March 18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Easter EggStravaganza	March 22-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSAMid-Winter (Tunis)	April 18-21
	Fun and Fellowship	May 10
	NH Grand Lodge Annual Meeting	May 18
	Tunis Tri-Visitation	May 31-June 2
	Summer Ceremonial Kora	June 7-9
	Fun and Fellowship	June 14
	Stated Meeting	June 17
	Imperial Session (Reno, Nevada)	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

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ELECTED DIVAN

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	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





2024 POTENTATE ALAN FILLINGHAM

Hello Everyone,

I hope this edition of the Bektash News finds you all well and enjoying a wonderful spring. Winter is not my favorite season and Lady Susan and I have both enjoyed how mild this year has been.

On June 7-9 Bektash will be partnering with Kora Shriners to hold a Ceremonial at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds. This will be a truly great time to meet Shriners from Kora and experience a full Ceremonial. There are excursions, dinner, a parade and Ceremony followed by live music. Hotel rooms are available along with camping spots in the campground. Fryeburg is very drivable from Concord so maybe come for the day if you don't want to stay over. Please see the flyer for details.

This year the Imperial session is in Reno Nevada. As some of you will have seen, we have secured some rooms for anyone that would like to attend. This has been extremely complicated and involved considerable work by some of the Divan. We have

not however been able to secure a group booking for flights as this increases the cost considerably. The cheapest way to attend Imperial is to book flights as individuals and take advantage of the deals available to everyone. To help with this we have included the contact details of a travel agent on the flyer who can help find the best option for you.

Some of you may already be aware that my email was recently hacked and emails sent out in my name. This is obviously very concerning, not to mention inconvenient losing access to my account. This is also not the first time this has happened and previous Potentates have also been hacked.

We all at Bektash take personal security and data security very seriously. With this in mind a new email system has been purchased and is in the final stages of being set up. Once this is complete we will release the new contact email addresses to everyone. In the meantime please keep using the normal email as we will still receive them.

No one at Bektash will ever ask you for personal information in an email and we will never ask you to purchase anything on our behalf.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

**Fraternally,
Alan Fillingham**



\$20 per ticket



Win a chance for a day of sailing on Casco Bay and enjoy dinner with the Potentate aboard Potato Head II

- Funds raised for Lady Susan's Project & Bektash Shriners
- Drawing to be held on August 1, 2024
- Tickets available from bektashshriners.org, Potentate Alan Fillingham, Lady Susan, a Divan Member or call the office at 603-225-5372.





RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

On April 11, Ill. Lloyd Doughty and I boarded a plane to Tampa, Florida for the joint Recorders/Treasurers seminar. We both attended 2 full days of informational training on everything from insurance, legal procedures, reporting, membership, and proper bookkeeping. The presenters were well informed and dynamic in their delivery of the topics. The seminars were held at Egypt Shriners which is a beautiful waterfront facility. If you want to see the building, just google "Egypt Shriners", and look at the available pictures. I told Lloyd that we came away from the weekend "wicked smaht". He just gave a nervous cough and a side-long glance in response.

Your Bektash Shrine Board/Finance committee is considering at least one change in our bylaws. Please look at the announcement in the Bektash News. This change will save us oodles of money and simplify our financial processes.

Thanks to our Chief Rabban, Evan McIntosh, we are in the process of getting new emails for the elected officers of your temple. The migration may seem slow, but worth it in the end. We have had several "hacked" email addresses sending out erroneous messages and this should take care of the situation in the future.

Ill. Paul Little PP, AR Ken Thoroughgood, HP&P Brett Hunter, OG Peter Raven, Ill. Lloyd Doughty and I attended the Northeast Shrine Association Midwinter meetings in Kingston, Ottawa. This is to plan for the Fall Field Days being held in September 19-22, 2024. There will be a big parade, competitions, and lots of fun! Plan on attending and bring your family. Kingston is a beautiful city and they're excited to host the Shriners from New England and all the Maritime Provinces. Stay tuned for more information in the June edition of the Bektash News.



Your Divan has been working hard on completing all the tasks for our annual financial audit. They've worked tirelessly composing documents and preparing files for review. As our Pote, Alan Fillingham has said, "It'll be great when we can get back to planning fun Shrine things again!". Couldn't agree with him more.

PP's Lloyd Doughty, Dennis Saikely, Tunis Shrine, and Tom Brison with Imperial Recorder Jim Cain at the seminar

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

Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Eliminate the Requirement and Expense of an Annual Audit

Imperial Bylaw states:

§ 334.6 Review of Financial Statements.

- (a) **Requirement.** Every temple is required to have its financial statements and those of its affiliated and appended corporations, including temple holding corporations, reviewed in accordance with U.S. standards for reviewed financial statements, by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant selected by the temple at the close of each year.

However:

- (1) The Imperial Potentate may, for good cause, order a temple to have an audit instead of a review.
- (2) A temple may, by its bylaws, require an audit instead of a review.
- (3) A temple may, at a stated or special meeting, require an audit instead of a review.

Amend. 2013

(b) **Report.** The accountant shall submit a report thereon, which shall include the accountant's report on the statement of financial position, statement of activities and changes in net assets, statement of cash flows, notes to financial statements and supplementary financial information without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions assets, as well as, all fund raising activities. A copy of the report must be filed with the Imperial Recorder before the first day of May following the end of the year reported on, unless such date is extended by the Imperial Potentate for good cause shown upon the written request of a temple.

Bektash Bylaw states:

Section 11.4 Audit:

The Shrine Center **shall have its financial accounts audited** at the close of the year by an auditor, selected by the Shrine Center, who is a Certified Public Accountant. The accountant's report shall be prepared in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Imperial Bylaws. A copy of the audit report shall be filed with the Imperial Recorder before May 1, following the end of the year audited.

Proposed Amendment: Strike all of section 11.4 Audit and replace with:

Section 11.4 Financial Reporting

This Shrine Center shall have its financial accounts and reviews prepared and submitted to Shriners International in accordance with Imperial Bylaws.

Imperial Bylaw does not require a yearly financial audit but does require a financial review by a CPA. This will save Bektash thousands in expenses in the future.

To be presented for discussion at our June 17 Stated and held over to the September 16 Stated for a vote.

March 2024 Regular & Associate Membership Report

Beg. March, 1, 2024	Membership
(Regular & Associate)	575
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)	574
Net gain (loss) for Month.....	(1)



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



BEKTASH SHRINE YACHT CLUB

2024 BMSYC HERE WE COME



Our first function will be on May 11th at the Franklin Community Day Parade. The line up for the Parade will be at Franklin High School at 9:00 AM. We are looking forward to having Shriners, Masons, Order of Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls participating. We will also have an Antique Convertible, the IASYC boat float Caring for Kids, and POOKIE, (a new addition this year).

We will be attending two other Parades; one will be on July 4th in Wolfeboro NH the other August 24th at Gilford NH Old Home Day Parade.

On June 9th we will take a trip on the Mount Washington Cruise Boat on Lake Winnepesaukee followed by a special luncheon at the home of Roger Rist.

In September we are planning a Whale Watch trip, or a trip to the Isle of Shoals with a luncheon.

In October we are planning a Moter Cruze up Mount Washington.

The Commodore will be setting up another surprise soon.

For the May II Parade in Franklin, please reply to Ray at des.hov@gmail.com and please come wearing your Shrine Fez and your IASYC attire.

**REMINDER: May 11th at the
Franklin Community Day Parade.**

Free Breakfast After Parade for Participants.

RSVP to des.hov@gmail.com



Announcing the Bektash Golf Club

Spring is here and soon it will be summer, so we are excited to announce that we are organizing a **BEKTASH GOLF CLUB**.

It would be nice to see nobles hanging out and having a lot of fun on the greens. You don't have to be a pro to join, as long as you know how to hold the golf club then you are in. If you are interested, please get in touch with AR Kenny Thoroughgood, HPP Brett Hunter or Treasurer, Ill. Lloyd Doughty, PP.

We will announce the 1st meet-up soon.

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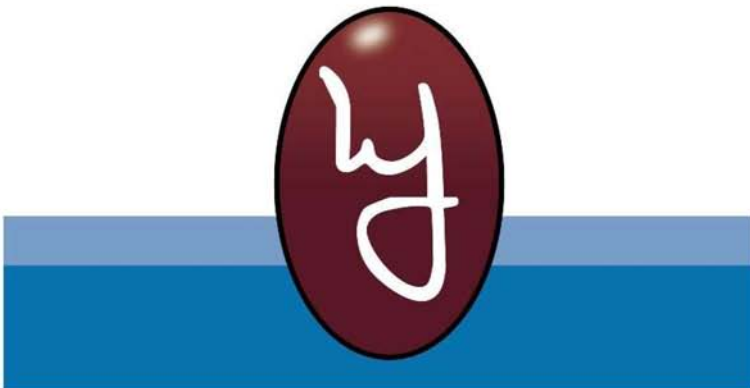
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**Donna Cote
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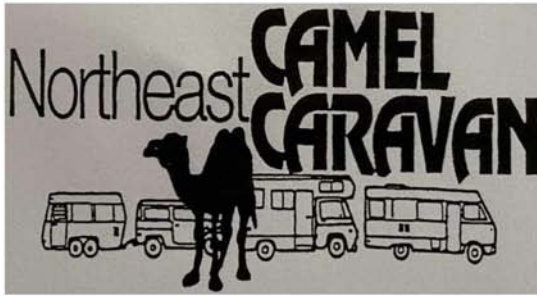


MAY 10TH, JUNE 14TH, JULY 12TH, AUG 9TH, SEPT 13TH, OCT 11

\$2 DRINKS

START: 6PM

BEKTASH SHRINE CENTER



2024

- May 31-June 2 Annual Camping Weekend at Bayley's
- June 7-9 Kora Summer Ceremonial with Bektash at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds

Annual Weekend

Join the Caravan for a fun weekend! Our annual meeting and camping weekend will be held **May 31 - June 2, 2024**, 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 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!

Kora Summer Ceremonial

Plan to camp for the **Kora Summer Ceremonial with Bektash** on **June 7 - 8, 2024** at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds. **Watch for the event** at Korashriners.org website.

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

SUMMER

Ceremonial

FRIDAY JUNE 7 - SUNDAY JUNE 9TH

Bektash Shriners will be participating in Kora Shriners Summer Ceremonial to take place at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds June 7-9th.

This will be a First and Second Section Ceremonial.

Accommodations:

Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites 1788 White Mountain Highway North Conway,
NH 03860

\$169/night plus room tax

Free WiFi- Free Hot Breakfast- Pet Friendly

Camping:

Approximately 200 campsites are available at the Fairgrounds. \$35/per night with water and electric. A dump station is available on site.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MAY 3, 2024



TO REGISTER :

LINK: <https://forms.gle/h67LJoARFrp5pueP8>

OR EMAIL: Assistant Director Mike Lothrop at MGJSEvents@gmail.com

Lodge Ambassadors Wanted

Do you attend your Blue Lodge regularly (or would you like to)? Would you like to stand up in your Blue Lodge and make Shrine announcements and presentations? Then you are exactly who we are looking for!!

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.

Michael Lothrop; Marketing Chair
207.907.8949

Evan McIntosh; Chief Rabban
603.867.1005



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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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**TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF BEKTASH SHRINERS,
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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.

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 _____

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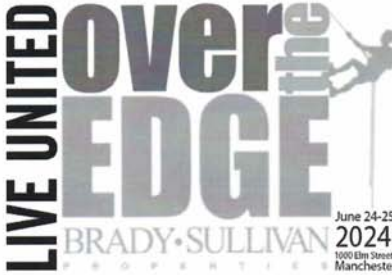
BEKTASH CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS—April 2024

DAY	AMOUNT	NUMBER	FIRST	LAST NAME
1	\$25.00	1754	Christiana	Mahon-Rabun
2	\$25.00	1493	Johnie	Walker
3	\$25.00	1080	Mabel	Rush
4	\$25.00	1733	Jaeda	Bastien
5	\$25.00	1577	ROBERT	MAGUIRE
6	\$200.00	1346	Gail	Purington
7	\$25.00	1084	Sarah	Gibbs
8	\$25.00	1739	Christine	Demers
9	\$25.00	1636	Douglas	Trottier
10	\$25.00	1820	Jennifer	Tanguay
11	\$25.00	1419	Marilou	Lennon
12	\$25.00	1162	Kathy E.	Hildreth
13	\$100.00	1154	Diane	Plante
14	\$25.00	1445	Barbara	Whitcomb
15	\$25.00	1575	Bryan	Porth
16	\$25.00	1598	Angela	Hardwick
17	\$25.00	2192	Shelley	Miknaitis
18	\$25.00	1728	Sherri	Corliss
19	\$25.00	1343	Bob Greene &	Pamela Jack
20	\$100.00	1759	Edward	Samson Jr
21	\$25.00	1484	Randall	Bickford
22	\$25.00	1290	Denise	Henri
23	\$25.00	1435	Diondre	Thoroughgood
24	\$25.00	1714	Charlene	Caler
25	\$25.00	1602	Vicky	Ferris
26	\$25.00	1852	Shawn	McCluskey
27	\$100.00	1242	David	Pelissier
28	\$25.00	1169	Becky	Nelson
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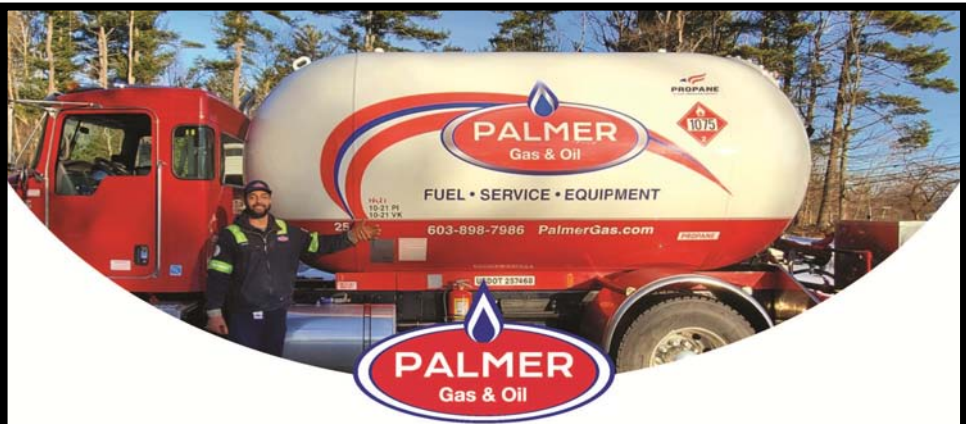
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BEKTASH CLOWN UNIT



"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.

2024 IMPERIAL SESSION INFORMATION FOR BEKTASH SHRINERS

The 2024 Imperial Session will take place in Reno, NV and is host to several exciting events in addition the Imperial Session itself. These include the parade, unit competitions, vendor marketplaces, entertainment, and MUCH more!

The Ladie's Luncheon will be on Tuesday with the location yet to be announced. If you are interested in attending this, please contact First Lady Susan.

Bektash Shriners has reserved a block of rooms at a special rate. While we had tried to find an airfare package that would be appealing to all, we have determined nobles will be best suited to find their own airfare that best suits their cost and timing needs.

Hotel Information:

Circus Circus
500 N. Sierra St.
Reno, NV

Check In: Saturday, June 29, 2024

Check Out: Friday, July 5, 2024

Cost: \$896.50 *includes all taxes, resort fees, etc*

Registration Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRISS47>

Please use this link to register and pay for your accommodations.

Airfare Recommendations:

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Chief Rabban's Message

Nobles and Ladies; hard to believe that May is around the corner while the NorEster of 2024 still shows signs of being here just the other day. The past few months have been busy for the Divan with much more to come. I have had the pleasure of attending the Cheshire Club and Hillbilly Clan #10 meetings, as well as the 225th Anniversary of Blazing Star Eureka Lodge No. 11. Thank you all for the invitations and hospitality given to myself and those who attended. If you are a part of a club or unit please let the Divan know of your upcoming events so we are able to attend and support you. If you have an interest in another unit that Bektash currently does not offer, please speak with the Potentate or myself to see what we can do to assist with, to make the new unit a success.

After a year of being on hiatus, I'm excited to announce that the much anticipated Fun and Fellowship is back in 2024. Our first event will be Friday May 10th at the Bektash Shrine Center starting at 6 PM. There is no agenda or dress code, just show up and bring a dish to share with family and friends. The bar will be open, \$2 a drink. This is open to everyone, bring someone who might be interested in Shrinedom or even becoming a Mason.

Although we still have many months ahead for the 2024 year, Lady Amanda and I have been working hard on 2025 and wanted to share some important dates to mark on your calendar.

January 11th - Installation of Officers

February 15th - Potentate's Valentines Ball

March 15th/22nd - Joint Potentate's trip (BAAK) to Costa Rica. Please use the link below if you would like to be a part of this great experience.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Anah-Shriners-Invite-You-To-COSTA-RICA-2025.html?soid=1138003927481&aid=bCj0VdGjoPw>

April - NSA Mid-Winter hosted by Phile (Prince Edward Island)

June 29 - Imperial Session; Atlanta GA (much more information to come)

September - NSA Fall-Field Days hosted by Phile (Prince Edward Island)

October 24th/26th - Tri-Visitation; North Conway Grand Hotel.

If there are any activities that you would like to have at the Shrine for 2025, please reach out to me directly. My goal is to have everything finalized by the end of summer to allow everyone ample time to attend.

Last and certainly not least Nobles, remember the Oath and Obligations you took while progressing through your degrees. There is no higher honor than that of the white leatheren apron. Wear your apron with pride, be active in your Lodge, without them you would not be a part of the greatest fraternity in the world.

**Fraternally,
Evan McIntosh, Chief Rabban**

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

**Thru mail: KENNY THOROUGHGOOD
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Assistant Rabban's Assistance

Fresh from the NSA mid-winter seminar, five of your elected Divan attended the seminar plus Jr. PP Ill. Paul Little all represented Bektash. We got into two cars drove all the way to Canada, what a road trip we had. We will be sharing with you some of the info that we learned for the next months as we near the NSA Field days which will be held in Kingston, Canada on Sep 19-22. I hope that we can all find time to attend this event for our Temple. Details will follow soon.

I hurriedly came back home last Saturday night because it was our wedding anniversary on Sunday! Lady Dixie was surprised that I was home a day early, told her that because it's our anniversary, she just laughed at me and told me that it is on Monday (4/22). Yes, 18 years of being married and as usual I got the dates mixed up. So much for surprising her for our Anniversary.

Let me leave you with this quote:

“Leaders touch a heart before they ask for a hand.”

Dr. John C. Maxwell

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

Kenny Thoroughgood
Assistant Rabban

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FROM THE QUILL OF THE TREASURER

Warmest and sincerest greetings to you all!!

Having just returned from the joint Recorders and Treasurers meetings in Tampa, I felt it time that I bring all of you up to speed with what's going on within the office of the Treasurer here at Bektash.

First and foremost, please allow me to point out the following. Ill. P. P. Bill Hebert did a fantastic job getting us to the point we are at today. Over the years there have been challenges within the Treasurer's Office. Each Noble that has filled that position since Richard Melvin did their utmost to get us on a proper course within that office. Ill Hebert did just that and so much more.

He has been a tremendous mentor to me during this transitional period. As he left this past Thursday, Bill let me know, as he did with so many others in our Temple, that he is simply a phone call away. I have some big shoes to fill and will do my utmost to carry on and bring us to that next level that Bill was continually working to do.

With that said, allow me to also say that our Recorder, Ill Tom Brison, and Dixie have also been a tremendous help to me. I will continue to rely on them as I come up to speed in this new role.

So, let me say this to all. There is much work to be done!!

First and foremost is continuing the process of getting ALL of our accounts in one banking location. Nobles, as I said at the meeting and am unequivocally noting here, this is NOT a case of me or the Divan or the office keeping an eye on the Unit or Club and their conducting business. It is for simplification of us filing our taxes and doing so in a timely fashion. It also eliminates the need for the Club or Unit to file the standard form for the filing of the taxes!! THAT'S IT!! Doing this will eliminate work for the Club or Unit Secretary/Treasurer. YOU may then go about doing what we as Shriner's do best!! HAVE FUN WITH A PURPOSE!!!!

Most importantly doing this ensure we are in compliance with Imperial Shrine By Laws and even more importantly I R S regulations.

This past week during the Treasurer's portion of the annual meeting, there was much information discussed regarding post 9-11 regulations and filings required by the I R S for groups such as ours. As we all know, funding for that dastardly event was funneled through shell not for profits and other loosely regulated entities at that time and thus we must ensure that we do our utmost to do our filings in a timely and appropriate manner. Please help me and our bookkeeper do this by getting on board and getting this done. Know that I will do my utmost to assist in getting your Club or Unit in compliance with this edict.

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Treasurers message...

And this leads me to reenforce what we must do to ensure our fundraising efforts are also in compliance with Shrine Law, federal, state and local laws.

As a reminder, please know that we must keep our fraternal and hospital fundraising separate. There still seems to be confusion between this and reality, it's quite simple.

If you are raising funds for the hospitals, you can freely and openly say and advertise just that. No worries at all!!

When raising funds for the fraternal side, no mention of the hospitals should be made. It's that simple. That includes no Shriner's Childrens or Shriner's Hospitals for Children logos.

We discussed a phrase in Tampa and quite honestly, from this point forward, I would hope that we adopt this as Bektash's catch phrase when doing fraternal fundraising. It is as simple as this:

“Helping Shriners do what we do best”

How simple is that!!

As with any of these topics, if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Divan, or the office and we will do everything we can to help you!!

And before I conclude, a cheap plug!! In accordance with State Laws, rule and regulations, Kevin Ciampa has stepped up and is now our BINGO Chairman. As always, BINGO needs volunteers!! We have seen an increase in patronage to the point of regularly having over 135 people in the hall!! This is simply awesome!! A couple more volunteers would mean a couple more Lucky 7 tickets sold and a few more dollars in our treasury!! Come be a part of the BINGO family!!

Finally, to you all, THANK YOU for the confidence you have placed in me. Know that I will do everything within my power to forward our mission and keep our finances proper and secure.

Yours In The Faith,

Ill PP Lloyd S. Doughty, II
Treasurer



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Created: 06/01/1991

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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:

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Memo: Bektash Flag Fund

And mail to:
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