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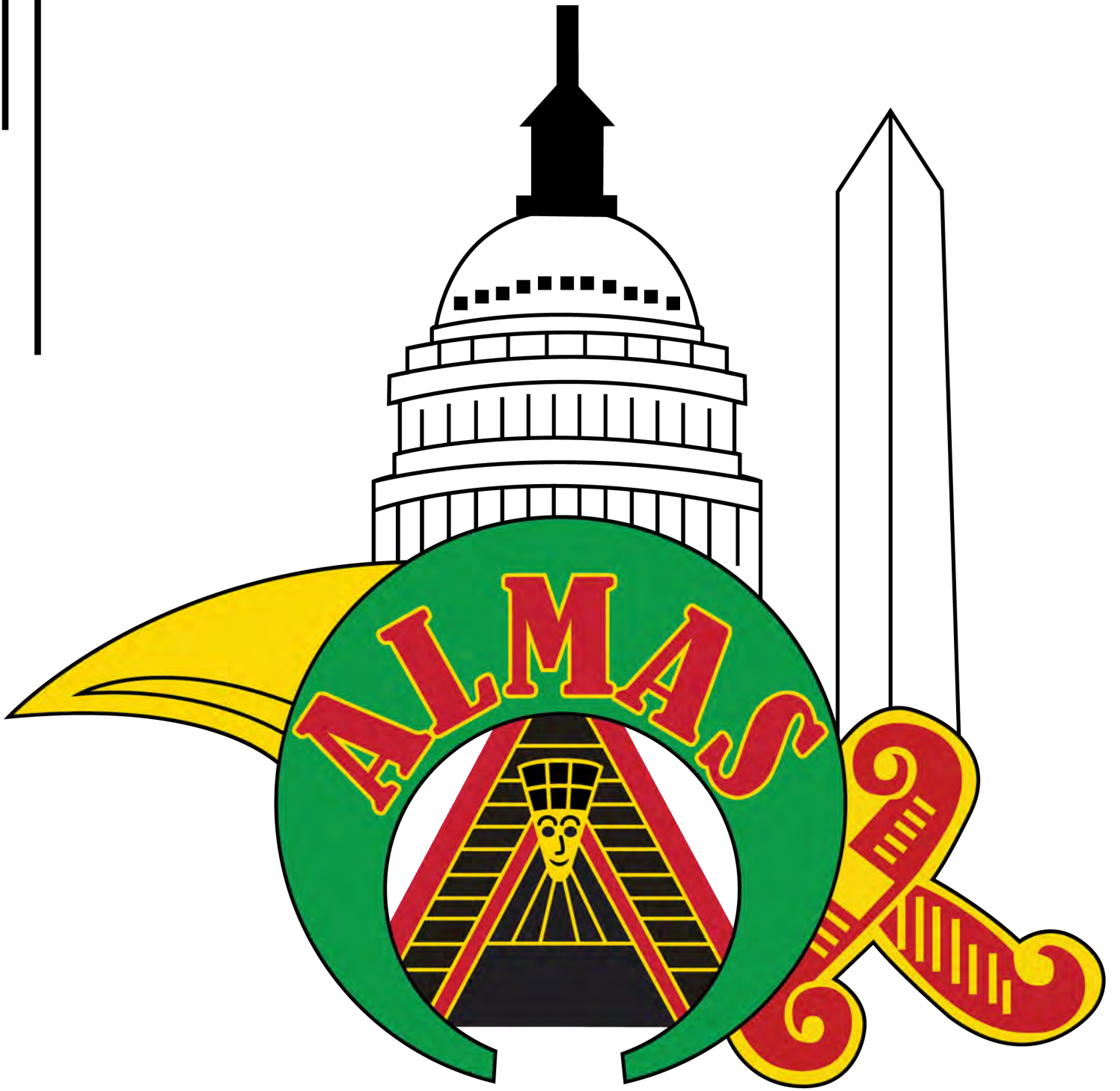


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HERBERT A. FRIEDE

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles,

Greetings!

My sincerest thanks to the entire nobility for their confidence in me to serve our temple for another year as your Potentate. It is truly a great honor and privilege to be given this opportunity to serve. As we enter the new year, I want to thank our Divan and members of each of the event committees for all their support this past year, not only to Lady Marcia and myself, but also to all Almas Shriners.

February 1 marks the beginning of Black History Month, celebrated annually. It was officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976 and, each year since then, has had an annual theme. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History this year has chosen the theme of African Americans and the Arts—a celebration of African, Caribbean, and Black American leadership in visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary arts, and other forms of cultural expression. We have all benefited from the amazing contributions that Black Artists across the full spectrum of the arts have added to our lives and culture. Needless to say, we would not be the same country and society without those. As we proceed through the month, take the time to recognize and appreciate this important heritage.

Totally independent of the theme described above, our programs this year will focus on interactive fun activities and showcasing our temple to the various lodges within the DC, MD, VA area. It is important to clearly describe and define the core values of Shriners Children's Hospital which is the foundation of Shriners' culture and mission. In addition, both of these programs will help with membership recruitment, engagement, and retention.

While we have been fortunate to save our temple building by leasing our ballroom, we cannot deny the fact of our continued decline in membership numbers each year. As I have mentioned in every business meeting, membership recruitment, engagement, and retention should be in every noble's goal daily. As we all know, the only permanent thing in this world is "Change". With that said, I ask that you help our temple evolve to the changing times while preserving some of our traditions and developing new ones that will attract and adapt to the expectation of the younger masons. Our strong masonic bond of brotherhood connects all of us as we navigate through life together, lending strength and compassion in hard times, fun, and fellowship through the years.

Yours in the faith,

Potentate 2023-24



PAST EVENT PICTURES

Almas Past Potentates at the 2024 Almas Installation of Officers



PAST EVENT PICTURES

2024 Installation of Almas Shrine Officers



ALL INSTALLATION PICTURES

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PAST EVENT PICTURES

2024 Installation of Almas Shrine Officers Featuring Almas Greeters



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PAST EVENT PICTURES

Almas SE Shrine Club installation of officers at the Mama Stella Ristorante Italiano at Clinton, MD



MONTHLY MUSINGS

Tales From the Almas Crypt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

This month's **Tales From the Almas Crypt** and *Alibi* cover comes from the 1957 January-February issue of *Almas Life*. The *Alibi* was published under the moniker of *Almas Life* for several years. I have not been able to track down the reason for the change, the date of the change, or duration of the change due to gaps in *Alibi* issues available. There are 3–4 years of issues published under this name in the **Crypt**. Maybe more sifting through the stacks will shed light on the question. Letters to the editor seem to indicate the change took place at the first of that year and reflect kindly towards the name and format change.



Illustrious Sir Herbert A. Friede, 1957 Almas Potentate, was the son of a pioneer family and was born in October 1899 in West Virginia. He attended public schools and received technical training in electrical engineering from Wheeling University. He served in the U.S. Cavalry during WW I and in the Corps of Engineers during WW II. Later he worked as an electrical engineer in the DC Electrical Department. He was raised in June 1922 but the lodge is not listed. He joined Osiris Temple later that year and became an Almas Shriner in 1944. He was a member of several Masonic lodges—serving as Master of his home lodge. Additionally, he was a member of both Royal Arch and Scottish Rite. He married his childhood sweetheart, Margaret Lewis, in 1927. They had two daughters and one grandchild at the time of the bibliography.

Advertising played a major role in supporting *Almas Life*. Full page ads, half page ads, quarter page ads, and column ads take up about 50% of the printed pages. Full page ads include, among others, the local Pontiac dealer, the upcoming

Shrine circus, and this ad cropped to fit here, for Almas handling the registration of your car. An interesting note the ad states that cars registering in the name of a wife, widow, or unmarried daughter will not be denied. Column ads included all kinds of services—upholsters, insect control, sewing machine service, and, perhaps the strangest ads I saw, a full-time motel broker and travel specialist in case you were interested in getting into the motel business. Several of the three columns pages were two columns of ads and one column of Almas activities.

How to Secure

1957 MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE LICENSES

The Department of Motor Vehicles of Maryland will mail applications for license plates for the registration year 1957 on or after February 22, 1957.

If you do not receive YOUR application from the Department of Motor Vehicles by Saturday, March 2, 1957, then go there and procure a duplicate.

A FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE (\$25) CENTS WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH APPLICATION BLANK THAT IS PROCESSED THROUGH THE TEMPLE. We ask that you do not include this fee in the check for license plates that is made payable to the Department of Motor Vehicles, as it will have to be returned to you for correction; instead, remit the twenty-five (\$25) cent fee, PER APPLICATION EITHER BY CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO ALMAS TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S., OR BY COIN.

MONTHLY MUSINGS

Tales From the Almas Crypt (Continued)

In other news from this issue, the last ceremonial of 1956 saw the creation of 96 new Almas Nobles and two courtesy conferrals for Naja Temple from Deadwood, South Dakota. This Ceremonial was dedicated to honor Grand Sovereign Commander Luther A. Smith who was presented with an honorary



Almas life membership. A business meeting was opened at 3:30 p.m. at the Temple. This was to be followed by the Candidates, along with several units, to march from the Temple to the Statler Hotel where the Ceremonial was to be held. Unfortunately, heavy rains necessitated shuttle bus service. Following the First Section, almost 10 column inches of distinguished guests were introduced. This was followed by a well-received Second Section. The Temple closed at 10:45 p.m.

Almas hosted a Christmas Party sponsored by the P&T Club in the Temple ballroom for underprivileged children. The names of more than 200 girls and boys ranging in ages from six to fourteen were suggested by the Salvation Army, Gospel Mission, The Southwest Settlement House, Arts and Science Club, and Almas Nobles. Transportation was provided by Red Cross Station cars and escorted by the DCMPD. Other transportation was donated by local cab companies and private automobiles. The Almas Clowns greeted the children at the Temple with balloons, noise makers, and a souvenir cap. This was followed by lunch, storytelling, a special Christmas film, and entertainment by the Almas Temple German Nut Band. The party ended with a visit from Santa, who with the assistance of his Elves, handed out gifts of choice to the children.

A short article reported on a Temple activity titled Operation Enthusiasm. The activity's purpose was to promote membership in Almas and how best to sell Almas membership. Tips such as where to visit—Blue Lodges and appendant bodies—and a list of talking points about Shrine activities and fellowship. Another article mentions Almas hosting a luncheon for guests from the Masonic and Eastern Star home. Residents were transported to the Temple on busses donated by a Noble owned transportation company. Upon arrival ladies received a corsage and the men received a boutonniere. Distinguished guests included the Grand Master and the Grand Worthy Matron and Patron. Entertainment was provided by the German Nut Band and the Almas Military Band.

FAMOUS FEZ

HARRY HOUDINI



When it is said that Freemasons are men that come from all walks of life, the notion is entirely true. For centuries, men across the globe have come together to share in the joys of brotherhood and learn from the Masonic teachings. These men are doctors, laborers, politicians, scientists, musicians, and even magicians, perhaps the most famous of which is Harry Houdini.

Celebrated for his groundbreaking and awe-inspiring stunts and illusions, Houdini was also an ardent Freemason with a charitable nature. His open-handedness was perhaps due to his growing up in dire poverty and struggling to survive on the lowest rung of society. Houdini knew the joys of entertaining and supporting other people and lived his life accordingly. He lived an extraordinary life that came to a tragic end, and his story is certainly worth the telling.

Prince of the Air

Harry Houdini was born Erik Weisz in Budapest, Hungary, on March 24, 1874, to a large Jewish family. He was one of seven children and his parents, Rabbi Mayer Sámuel Weisz and Cecília Steiner brought the family to the United States when Erik was four. They arrived in America on July 3, 1878, on the *SS Fresia*, changing their name to the German spelling Weiss and Erik's name to Ehrich.

Ehrich's father became a rabbi of the Zion Reform Jewish Congregation in Appleton, Wisconsin, where the family lived until 1882. Rabbi Weiss became an American citizen that year but lost his job serving the congregation at Zion. The family moved to Milwaukee and soon to New York City, where they moved into a boarding house. Like many immigrant families of the era, they were poor, and the children had to find work. At just nine years old, young Ehrich performed the first of what was to become a lifetime of stunts when he performed as a trapeze artist. The young daredevil named himself Ehrich, the Prince of the Air.

Ehrich was drawn to magic from a young age and was coached by the magician Joseph Rinn at the Pastime Athletic Club. With his penchant for performing, Ehrich expanded his repertoire to include escape acts and magic acts, although they earned him little notoriety. In 1893, Erich married fellow performer Wilhelmina Beatrice Rahner, who regularly assisted him on stage during his performances under the name Beatrice "Bess" Houdini.

FAMOUS FEZ

WILD ABOUT HARRY

Where Houdini Lives

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Monday, December 12, 2011

Yes, Houdini was a Mason

The Mill Valley Masonic Lodge No. 356 has an interesting article on their [website](#) about "Masons and Magicians." So many of the great magicians from the Golden Age of Magic were [Freemasons](#), including Houdini.

According to the article, "Bro. Houdini" was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on July 17, 1923 in St. Cecile Lodge No 568 in New York City. He passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on July 31, 1923, and was raised to the Degree of Master Mason on August 21, 1923. In 1924 he entered the Consistory, which is the fourth and final degree in the Scottish Rite.



Houdini's masonic activities included giving a benefit performance for the Valley of New York which filled the 4,000 seat Scottish Rite Cathedral and raised thousands of dollars. In October 1926, just weeks prior to his death, he became a Shriner in Mecca Temple. His last rites, held November 4, 1926 at the Elks Clubhouse in New York, concluded with traditional Masonic Rites.

Other famous Freemason magicians of the day included Thurston, Carter, Chung Ling Soo, Blackstone, Kellar, and Houdini's brother Hardeen.

You can read more about the Masonic Magicians at mill-valley.freemasonry.biz.

UPDATE: For the most up to date facts on Houdini the Mason please see: [Guest Blog: Author-Lecturer-Mystifier-Mason](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

February 11, 2024 - Chinese New Year Parade 2 PM Save the Date - See flyer below. More details to follow.

February 17, 2024 - Masonic Event - Family Breakfast from 8 - 10 AM (See flyer below)

February 19, 2024 - President's Day

March 17, 2024 - St Patrick's Day

April 13, 2024 - Cherry Blossom Parade 10 AM Save the Date - See flyer below. More details to follow.

June 29, 2024 - Blood Drive 8 AM- 1 PM See flyer below.

SURVEY FOR UPCOMING HOSPITAL VISIT:

<https://www.almasshriners.org/philadelphia-hospital-visit/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 Parade Schedule

Mark your calendars now. We have two parades scheduled for 2024 with more to follow. **Wear red and your Fez, support Almas.**



Chinese Lunar New Year Year of the Dragon February 11th, 2:00pm

Almas has participated in this parade for several years and we are always warmly welcomed by the spectators. This is a civic parade and, by Imperial Rules, family members and non-Shriners can participate but not operate vehicles.

People born in the Year of the Dragon are charismatic, intelligent, confident, powerful and they are naturally lucky and gifted. In everything that they do, they tend to do it to the best of their ability with high standards and are destined for good fortune and greatness. Taken from the parade website.

Years of the Dragon 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, and 2024.

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade April 13th, 10:00am

This nationally televised parade is an invitational parade that Almas has been invited to participate in this year. This parade, like the previous, is a civic parade so family members and non-Shriners can participate but not operated vehicles. Other rules apply.



The National Cherry Blossom Festival is a spring celebration in Washington, DC commemorating the March 27, 1912, gift of Japanese Cherry Trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo City to the city of Washington, DC to enhance the growing friendship between the United States and Japan. (Wikipedia)

Stay Tuned for More Information

Information about the parades times, locations, and meeting points will be posted on WebFez and in the *Alibi* as it becomes available. There will be room for family members and others to ride on the fire engine. A limited number of mini-cars and scooters will be available to ride but arrangements must be made in advance. Contact Colonel of the Units: fireton@mac.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



Maharlika Shrine Club of Almas Temple Blood Drive

Saturday, June 29th
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Arlington Masonic Temple
1 S. George Mason Drive
Arlington VA, 22204

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Use sponsor code: "Breakfast"
Free Breakfast Provided.

CLUB NEWS

Greeters Club

The Almas Greeters held its first meeting in many years on December 7, 2023. Including myself and the Potentate, we had twelve nobles in attendance. We discussed the purpose of the Greeters and asked the Potentate to provide us with a schedule of events at which he wants the Greeters to perform their duties.

The next event will be the January 6th Open Installation of Officers. One Greeter will be in the rotunda directing nobles and guests to where they need to go while two others will be in the ballroom handing out programs and assisting people to their seats.

There was some organizational business to be addressed which is ongoing. In addition to other matters, we are presently working to get name tags and fez tassel holders so people can see who we are.

The next meeting will be on January 4th, immediately after the Almas Business Meeting in the Sphinx Club Dining Room. At this meeting we will review the bylaws which were previously distributed, confirm the assignments for January 6th and prepare a schedule for the rest of 2024. We will also address officers for 2024.

While the primary membership of the Greeters is for new nobles to introduce them to the functions of the Temple and to meet the nobility, the meetings are open to all who want to be a part of this historic club. We will always meet immediately after the Almas Business Meeting on a monthly basis.

We hope to see you at the meeting on January 4th.

Best wishes for a Happy and a Healthy New Year and a Prosperous 2024.

Yours in the Faith,

Alan L. Gordon, PP, Director

CLUB NEWS

ALMAS YACHT CLUB

CHANGE OF WATCH

The Almas Yacht Club will meet on Thursday, January 25, 2024
at the Almas Temple.

Our speaker for the evening will be B. Chris Ruli. Brother Ruli will be discussing his new book entitled "The White House & the Freemasons".

Illustrious Potentate Carpenter Y. Arpa IV and First Lady Marcia will be in attendance.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM followed by a catered dinner at 7:00 PM.

The Change of Watch and a short Business Meeting will follow the dinner.

MENU

Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings
Chicken Alfredo
Mixed Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Dessert
Iced Tea
Coffee Service

The cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person with a cash bar.
(Cost of dinner payable at the event – cash or check)

Reservations are a must.

For reservations, please contact the Yacht Club Secretary, Ill. Fred Evans:
fwevans@verizon.net or 301-460-1982 no later than Tuesday, 23 January 2024.

Please join us for this celebratory event which is open to all nobility and their guests.

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Almas Yacht Club. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

CLUB NEWS



ALMAS YACHT CLUB



The Yacht Club held its Change of Watch on January 25

Ill. Sir Carpenter performed the installation of

The new Bridge which will be:

- Commodore – Chuck Carmichael
- Vice Commodore – Ill. Rick Hall
- Rear Commodore – Ill. Don Ferguson
- Secretary – Ill. Fred Evans
- Treasurer – Mel Harrison
- Fleet Captain – Ill. Luis Cisneros
- Fleet Advisor – Ill. Frank Ireton

In addition to the installation of the Bridge, guest speaker, Brother Chris Ruli, author of the book "The White House and Freemasonry" gave an extremely interesting talk on his research while writing his book. The Yacht Club received very good news concerning the health of Brother Maurice Herbert. He is doing very well after surgery. Also, Ill. Frank Ireton was awarded Shriner of the Year for 2023. Dues notices have been mailed to the membership and prompt payment is appreciated. The sale of Christmas Ornaments was moderately successful, and the income will make it possible to provide support for several club activities during 2024. Planned activities include participation in several parades, the three annual "cruises", summer picnic, Spring and Fall MASA, Potentate's Ball, holiday party and other fun things as they occur. All members of Almas are welcome to attend any of our meetings and functions to get an idea of what the Yacht Club is all about. Owning a Yacht or other boat is not a prerequisite for membership. Our present fleet consists of one boat. Anyone with questions concerning the Yacht Club is encouraged to contact the officers or any other member. New faces and new ideas are always welcome.

BROTHER RULI'S BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING FOR \$30.00 PER COPY.
PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY EITHER CASH OR CREDIT CARD.

ALSO IF YOU IF YOU SAY YOU ARE COMING AND DO NOT SHOW, YOU WILL BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF YOUR MEAL

CLUB NEWS

ALMAS YACHT CLUB HISTORY

The Almas Yacht Club was formed to provide an organization for those Shriners interested in sailing on the waters surrounding the Chesapeake Bay.

The conception of the Almas Yacht Club was the result of a group of Almas Shriners interested in forming such a club in 1955. The yacht club, consisting of 23 members, became an entity in 1956 when it received its charter. The first Bridge consisted of the following: Commodore – Alton S. Bradford, Vice Commodore – Edward C. Baltz, Rear Commodore – Robert Doing, Fleet Captain – Garrett Beitzell, Secretary – Jack J. Blank, Treasurer – Roy Lyman Sexton.

Membership in the Yacht Club has fluctuated over the years. From its meager beginning of 23 members, it grew to 86 by 1967 and had a fleet of 54 boats ranging in size from 12 feet to 67 feet in length. Records are a bit sketchy from the early years, but by 1982, membership had decreased to 70 members with 27 boats. In 1991 there were 57 members and 22 boats; 1999 had 37 members and 13 boats; in 2012 there were 43 members and 7 boats.

The decreasing boat numbers dictated that we had to change the focus of the club from one of boating activities to include land functions as well where we would meet at a variety of restaurants or similar locations to conduct meetings and take care of the business of the club. We still maintained our membership in the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (MAASYC) where we would meet at a selected location for the annual summer rendezvous. Many members of the other yacht clubs in MAASYC would bring their boats and engage in a friendly competition of a boat parade, boat decoration and other fun activities. We also participated in the activities of the annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) where the several Shrine Temples engaged in a variety of club competitions which would culminate in the annual parade.

The ultimate goal of the numerous activities of the temple yacht clubs was to win the *Evers Trophy*, a large trophy awarded to the yacht club which amassed the most points over a twelve-month period beginning with the MASA convention parade where the Shrine Centers compete with their floats and marching units. The name "Almas" appears on this trophy several times.

From the outset, it should be noted that our Ladies have always been an intricate part of the Yacht Club. Over the years they have provided delicious meals and refreshments at many of our functions and assisted in many of our activities. We will always be grateful for their willingness to be an active part of the club.

Although it has been necessary to change some of our boating activities, we have never compromised our enthusiasm, zeal or any of our Shrine principles to enjoy good fellowship, welcome new Nobles and their Ladies into our club, provide support to the members when needed, and support the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Yacht Club extends an invitation to all Shriners to investigate and join in our activities and consider becoming a member.

CLUB NEWS

Almas Legion of Honor

The Almas Shrine Legion of Honor held our regular meeting on October 5, 2023 at Almas Shrine. This was our first meeting since the MASA Fall Session and was our election for the officers that will serve for the next two years 2024/2025. The following nobles were elected; **Noble John Freemom, Commander, Noble Harold Sebastian, Lt. Commander, Ill. Sir Tony Murray, PP/PIC, Adjutant, Noble Robin Bodie, Finance Officer.**

The purpose of the Legion of Honor is to perpetuate the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. We cultivate a spirit of comradeship among the members and foster Patriotism and a Love of Country.

If you are a Shriner in good standing of a Shrine Center of this Order who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, or her Allies, and have received an Honorable Discharge from your last service or can produce evidence of such honorable service, come join the unit.

The Almas Legion of Honor meets Six (6) times a year, following the Business Meeting of Almas Shrine on the first Thursday of the month. (January, March, May, August, October, and December).

Almas Legion is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Legions of Honor and the International Association Legions of Honor. MASA LOH has its annual meeting in spring and is set by the MASA LOH Commander. The IALOH holds their annual meeting in the spring and is set by the International Commander. The IALOH also conducts an annual Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown, in Arlington, VA the first weekend of November each year. This has been done for over Forty (40) years. For more information about the IALOH visit the Web at IALOH.org.

It is an Honor to be a member of the Legion of Honor. For information about the Almas Legion Contact the Commander or Adjutant.

Anthony S. "Tony" Murray, PP/PIC
Adjutant, Almas Legion of Honor



FEZ FOODIES

CHOCOLATINI

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ounces* Irish cream (like Baileys)
- 1 ounce creme de cacao
- 1 ounce vodka
- Cocoa powder and brown sugar, for the rim (optional)
- Chocolate syrup (optional)
- Grated chocolate, for the garnish (optional)



DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare the glass: Wet the rim of a martini glass. Spread 1 tablespoon each cocoa powder and brown sugar on a plate, stir them together and spread into a single layer. Dip the outside of the rim of the glass into the plate. If desired, pour a swirl of chocolate syrup into the martini glass.
2. Add the Irish cream, creme de cacao and vodka to a cocktail shaker. Fill it with 2 handfuls of ice and shake it until cold.
3. Strain the drink into the prepared glass. If desired, garnish with grated chocolate.

Source: <https://www.acouplecooks.com/chocolatini/#tasty-recipes-124311-jump-target>

FEZ FIZZIES

EASY OREO TRUFFLES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 (8 ounce) packages semisweet baking chocolate
- 16 ounces cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreo), divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt chocolate in a saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, 4 to 6 minutes.
2. While the chocolate is melting, place 9 cream-filled sandwich cookies in a food processor and blend until finely crushed. Transfer crumbs to a bowl and reserve for decorating.
3. Add remaining cookies to the food processor and blend until finely crushed. Transfer crumbs to a large bowl and stir in cream cheese; mix until well-blended. Roll mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
4. Place each ball in melted chocolate and use two forks to roll it until fully coated. Lift the ball with both forks and allow excess chocolate to drip off.
5. Place coated truffle on a wax paper-lined baking sheet and sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs to decorate. Repeat to make remaining truffles.
6. Refrigerate truffles until firm, at least 1 hour. Keep in the refrigerator until just before serving. Enjoy!

Source: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/127491/easy-oreo-truffles/>

FEZ FUN

FEBRUARY WORD SEARCH

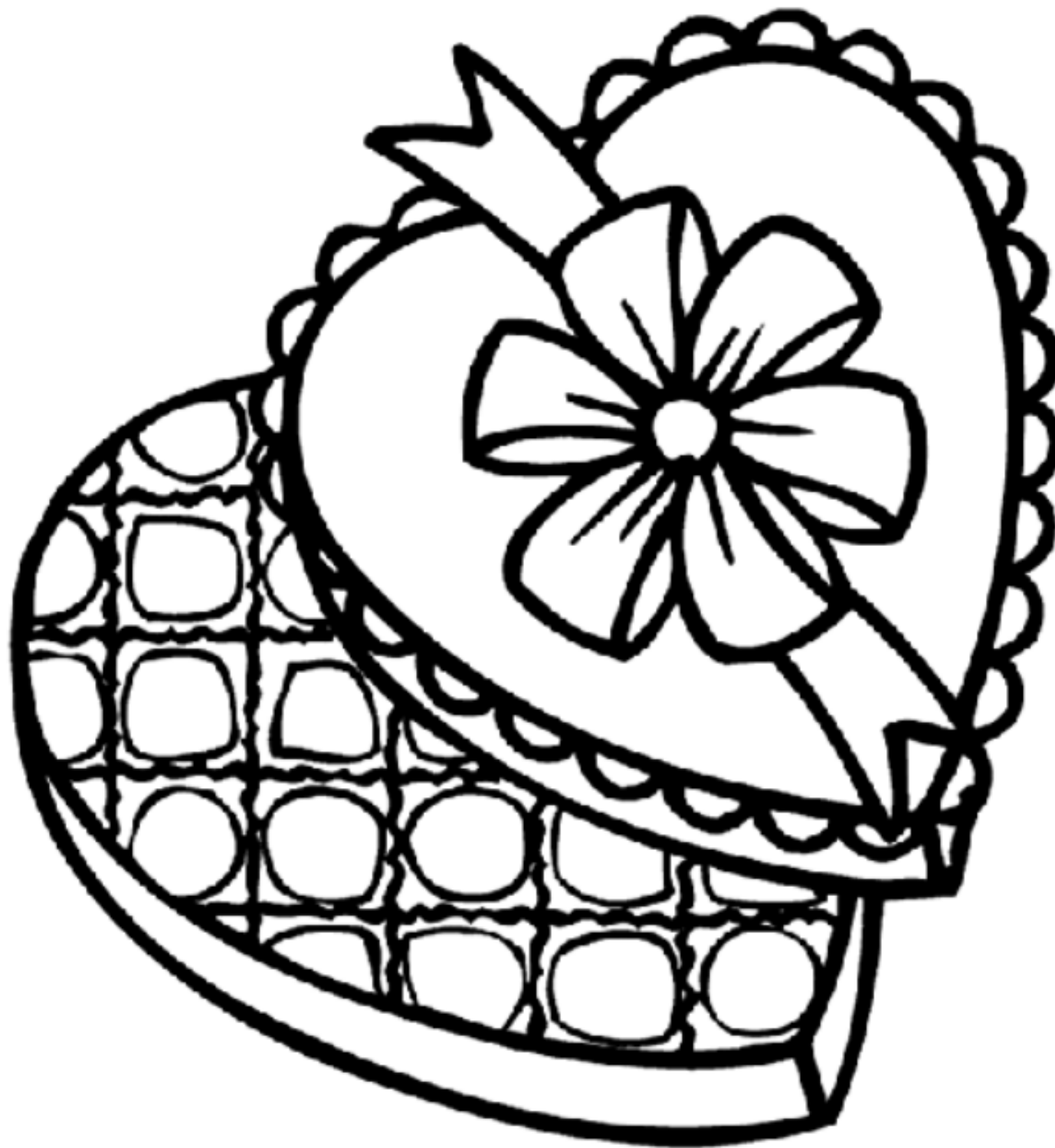
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12. pancake
13. fasting
14. ashes

FEZ FUN

COLORING SHEET



CLUBS

Almas Shriners Clubs and Units

Almas Shepherds

Nobles, Almas Shriners need you to join the Shepherds Unit!

Drivers to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia. We are grateful that our patients have a reliable source of transportation to our hospital. Without you, many patients who need our care would unfortunately go without it. You are doing so much more than simply providing a ride to the hospital; you are the first experience that many families will have associated with our hospital.

Your first time?

Contact our Recorder in our Temple.

Get your driver's license active.

An experienced driver will be with you on your first trip.

Wear your Fez! Be sure to have your fez with you or clothing identifying you as a Shriner while you are visiting the hospital. You will get an ID card and this should be worn at all times while in the hospital

Once at the hospital, you can enjoy a complimentary breakfast and lunch. And, if time allows, rest or nap in a comfortable lounge.

We thank you for your service and time and your continued support to the Almas Shriners for children.

Almas Greeters

The Greeters are to greet Nobles and their guests to various Temple activities and are to be comprised of the new nobles created in the past year.

As a new noble, we want you to be an active part of Almas. The best way to do that is to learn more about the Shrine upon initiation. And the best way to do that is to join a club or a unit. The Greeters will become the first club you will join. It will be automatic upon initiation.

For the next year, you are asked to perform the duties of a Greeter under the direction of the Director of the Greeters. During that year, you will meet other nobles and learn more about the Shrine. At some point you may join another club or unit based on your interests. At that time, you may either rotate out of the Greeters or remain as a member, continuing to serve this important function.

The uniform of a Greeter is white dinner jacket, tuxedo shirt and pants, black shoes and socks and a Shrine bow tie. We will only use the uniform during special events as dictated by the potentate. At non-formal events, the Divan uniform for the year will serve as the uniform of the Greeters.

The Greeters meet at the call of the Director, generally once a month after the monthly business meeting.

CLUBS

Almas Shriners Clubs and Units
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Almas Klowns

Attention Nobles!

Ever want to be a kid again?

Ever want to ride on a fire truck?

Ever want to be in a parade?

Ever want to have a good time with kids again?

Ever want to dress up and make a fool of yourself (knowing no one will know who you are)?

If your answer is yes to any of these, you need to be a Klown!!

Call Illustrious Sir Don Ferguson, PP, Recorder at 202-898-1688
or Noble Jay "Jaybird" Whitcomb at 301-404-7221

Ceremonial Cast

The Ceremonial Cast is responsible for presenting the initiation for new nobles. There is more than one degree in the initiation which includes not only the ceremony in which you participated, but also an Arch Degree which encompasses a presentation of all the Masonic Bodies collectively. The Arch Degree requires more than 50 nobles to present and is intended to be more for the families of new nobles than for the nobles themselves. To my knowledge, Almas Shrine has never presented the Arch Degree, but it is something to which we aspire.

The primary ceremonial is the ritualistic initiation and can be presented either open or closed at the discretion of the Potentate.

Being a part of the Ceremonial Cast includes some memorization, but it is also intended to be the 'fun' ritual where we can dress in costumes and have a good time while presenting good ritual. It would be nice to be a ritualist but that is not required as there are non-speaking parts as well as behind the scenes activities that go into the Ceremonial.

Generally, we have three rehearsals to prepare for each Ceremonial, but can also participate in parades in costume as well. The Ceremonials are held two times a year.

If you are a ritualist or even if you're not and are interested in the Ceremonial Cast, please contact Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon, PP at 240-507-6973 or almaspote2011@gmail.com.

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ALMAS Legion of Honor OUR MISSION

The legion of Honor is made up of Shriners who have served or are still serving in the armed forces. Our members are active duty, honorably discharged or retired officers or enlisted, we are proud to have served our country, and protected the freedoms every citizen holds dear. To foster a spirit of patriotism, love of country and flag. Perpetuate the memory of our comrades in arms who made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for their country while members of the armed forces. Almas Legion of Honor meets on the first Thursday of January, March, May, August, October, and December following the Almas Shrine business meeting. If you have served in the armed forces of your country or are still serving look us up, we have a place for you.

The Maharlika Club of Almas Shrine Temple

The Maharlika Club is a society that aims to bring together Almas Shriners of Filipino heritage, or those who are linked to the Philippines in some way, such as by marriage to ethnic Filipinos, in promoting Shrine principles of fun, enthusiasm, fraternalism, friendship, and mutual assistance. The principal goal of the Maharlika Club is to support the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Founded in 2021 by Potentate Carpenter Arpa IV, it currently has 42 members. The immediate Past President is Noble Ador Carreon. The following officers are expected to take the helm for the ensuing Shrine year:

President: Generoso Calonge

Vice President: Ador Carreon

Secretary: Bayani Pioquinto

Treasurer: Jon Padalis

Potential members are encouraged to contact any of the above-mentioned officers. Mabuhay!

Provost Guard

The Provost Guard was originally a unit composed of police officers. Its purpose was to be the ceremonial security guards during activities and events held at the Temple. This unit has been inactive for a period of time and presently has only one member. If interested in bringing this unit back to an active status, please contact Fred Evans at fwevans@verizon.net.

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Almas Yacht Club

The Almas Yacht Club was formed to provide an organization for those Shriners interested in sailing on the waters surrounding the Chesapeake Bay.

The conception of the Almas Yacht Club was the result of a group of Almas Shriners interested in forming such a club in 1955. The yacht club, consisting of 23 members, became an entity in 1956 when it received its charter. The first Bridge consisted of the following: Commodore – Alton S. Bradford, Vice Commodore – Edward C. Baltz, Rear Commodore – Robert Doing, Fleet Captain – Garrett Beitzell, Secretary – Jack J. Blank, Treasurer – Roy Lyman Sexton.

Membership in the Yacht Club has fluctuated over the years. From its meager beginning of 23 members, it grew to 86 by 1967 and had a fleet of 54 boats ranging in size from 12 feet to 67 feet in length. Records are a bit sketchy from the early years, but by 1982, membership had decreased to 70 members with 27 boats. In 1991 there were 57 members and 22 boats; 1999 had 37 members and 13 boats; in 2012 there were 43 members and 7 boats.

The decreasing boat numbers dictated that we had to change the focus of the club from one of boating activities to include land functions as well where we would meet at a variety of restaurants or similar locations to conduct meetings and take care of the business of the club. We still maintained our membership in the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (MAASYC) where we would meet at a selected location for the annual summer rendezvous. Many members of the other yacht clubs in MAASYC would bring their boats and engage in a friendly competition of a boat parade, boat decoration and other fun activities. We also participated in the activities of the annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) where the several Shrine Temples engaged in a variety of club competitions which would culminate in the annual parade.

The ultimate goal of the numerous activities of the temple yacht clubs was to win the *Evers Trophy*, a large trophy awarded to the yacht club which amassed the most points over a twelve-month period beginning with the MASA convention parade where the Shrine Centers compete with their floats and marching units. The name "Almas" appears on this trophy several times.

From the outset, it should be noted that our Ladies have always been an intricate part of the Yacht Club. Over the years they have provided delicious meals and refreshments at many of our functions and assisted in many of our activities. We will always be grateful for their willingness to be an active part of the club.

Although it has been necessary to change some of our boating activities, we have never compromised our enthusiasm, zeal or any of our Shrine principles to enjoy good fellowship, welcome new Nobles and their Ladies into our club, provide support to the members when needed, and support the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Yacht Club extends an invitation to all Shriners to investigate and join in our activities and consider becoming a member. Ownership of a boat is not necessary.

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Southeast Shrine Club

The Southeast Shrine Club is open to all Nobles and their significant others. We meet on any month that has a Fifth Sunday. The meetings begin at 2 PM. We are currently looking for a new restaurant to hold our meetings.

In 2024, the Shrine Club is scheduled to meet on the following Sunday's:

- January 28 (Installation of Officers)
- March 31
- June 30
- September 29
- December 29

If you would be interested in joining your Fellow Nobles and their significant others for an afternoon of Fellowship, please send us an email to seshrineclub@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

I hope you will join us in 2024.

Northwest-BCC Shrine Club

The Northwest-BCC Shrine Club is one of our social clubs that focuses on where our nobles live. It is similar to the Southeast Shrine Club described above. The Northwest-BCC Shrine Club meets on the third Wednesdays of each month, generally in Montgomery County, MD at a location to be determined in the near future. One meeting per year, however, is at Olde Europe Restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue in Northwest Washington, DC. The meetings generally consist of a business meeting and dinner followed by a program of some sort that is of interest to the Club members.

If you are interested in joining the Northwest-BCC Shrine Club, contact Illustrious Sir Donald R. Ferguson at dferguson@almasshriners.org or Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon at almaspote2011@gmail.com.

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Almas Chanters

For a large part of Almas' history, we have had a men's singing group called the Almas Chanters.

We were a member of the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Chanters and participated in choral competitions every September at the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association annual convention in September. We also sang at Ceremonials as well as other events here at Almas and had our own float in the various Shrine parades at which Almas Temple participates. President Harry S. Truman was an active member of the Almas Chanters before and during his presidency.

As membership in Almas declined, so did the membership in the Chanters who eventually stopped meeting. From 2006 through 2009, there was a movement to re-establish the Chanters, but again, lack of participation caused them to stop meeting. We do, however, remain an active unit within Almas Shriners.

The purpose for including the Chanters in this outline is to determine if there are nobles willing to work towards reestablishing the Chanters. If you are interested in singing, then please contact Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon, PP at 240-507-6973 or almaspote2011@gmail.com.

In addition to the above Units and Clubs, Almas Temple has a Mini Motors , which is partially described in the Parades section of this handout, and the Peruvian Shrine Club, which is a social club for Nobles to consider.

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Attendance: The First, Last, and Most Important Care of a Lodge

**By: Generoso Calonge, PM
Captain of the Guard, Almas Shrine**

As Masons, we all know of our dwindling numbers. With the exception of a few bodies, the general trend of our membership has been downwards for the past many years. It is in this light that I posit what appears to be a commonsensical approach to the problem: a drive to increase attendance in our lodges and appendant bodies.

Attendance is the ultimate solution. If a member attends a lodge, perhaps after years of absence, he rekindles the spirit that animates our Fraternity. Being with friends is itself a benefit that no money can buy. Our brothers may have observed that the number of Masons who have been raised to the sublime degree are much more than those in attendance at our stated meetings. Where have all these good men gone?

One would argue that attendance by itself is a simplistic solution to a complex problem. It seems so simple. But consider the following: if you happen to be a lawyer, and you represent a client, and you are not present during the scheduled hearings, what is the consequence? You may be given a default judgment, which may be adverse to your client. More than that, your reputation will be negatively affected. Another example: if you are a student and you are absent in your examinations, you will not advance in your studies, no matter how brilliant you are. If you are an excellent driver, but you ignore the DMV's schedule for you to take a driver's license, you cannot lawfully operate a motor vehicle on the streets. Attendance is a must in important matters. As Masonry is important to all of us, our presence in our lodges plays a vital part in the prominence of the Fraternity in our lives.

Brethren, I have one, and only one, suggestion. From the list of inactive Brothers, our Secretary or Master may wish to distribute to us, respectively, every single name, with contact details, of each brother that the lodge desires to invite to reconnect with the Fraternity. A long-lost brother assigned per active member to call and successfully invite to attend lodge would be a big boost in the revitalization of our assemblies. If there are say, thirty active members, and all of them, correspondingly, contact thirty others (one active member to invite just one inactive member), easily that would become a one hundred percent increase in participation. The power of one brother will result in a dramatic increase in the roll of active members.

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With proper attendance, there will be positive consequences for the Lodge. Activities will have members, committee positions will be filled, and ideas will flourish. Attendance is the key. In this day and age, it is the first, the last, and most important care of a lodge.

One brother is enough to make a difference. Just one.

MASONIC EVENT

Masonic Family Breakfast



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For the benefit of the 174 Temple Holding Corporation

Let's all join together  
For a great meal for a good cause  
**February 17th 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**  
This will be our only breakfast until Spring

Masonic Social Hall Centennial Lodge #174  
6110 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD

Due to increased food costs we ask a minimum  
donation of \$12 per adult and \$10 for children



50/50 Tickets will also be available.  
Proceeds from 50/50 sales to benefit the Lodge Scholarship Fund

For more information please contact:  
Dave Wilburn  
Email – [dwilburn64@yahoo.com](mailto:dwilburn64@yahoo.com) cell # 301-832-4740

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW MEMBERSHIP APP

For dues year 2023, to acknowledge the receipt of the dues (membership) payment, Nobles will receive one communication, a 6x9 personalized postcard. The post card informs Nobles of the following:

- How to download the My FezCard Viewer app to see their newly designed digital membership card.
- How the temple will identify the status of their membership (dues) status, through the My FezCard Viewer and/or scanning of the QR Code on either the digital card or the gold-colored hard membership card.
- The discontinuation of the sticker mailers from Shriners International direct to members.

### How to Download and Use My FezCard Viewer

#### Download My FezCard Viewer – iPhone

1. Open the App Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

#### Download My FezCard Viewer – Android

1. Open the Google Play Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

#### Using My FezCard Viewer

1. Open My FezCard Viewer. Enter your Shrine ID and Last Name. Type your Temple Name and click on it to highlight it as below. Click the "REGISTER" button at the bottom. You will only need to register the first time you open the app.



2. At the bottom of the screen, you will have two options: Shrine Card and QR Code. The screenshot below shows the Shrine Card option.



3. You can click "QR Code" at the bottom or swipe the screen to the left to view the QR Code for easy scanning at Temple events and functions.



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# MEMBERSHIP

## WALL OF HONOR

During your next visit to Almas Temple, take some time to look at the Wall of Honor located in the area outside the lounge between the two showcases. This project originated in 2016 with the purpose of commemorating a Shriner who was in some way special to you. A relative who made you aware of the Shriners organization and its philanthropy, someone who was a mentor, special friend or someone who made a worthy contribution to a Shrine program. This person does not need to be a member of Almas; they could be a member of any Shrine Temple. Some of those that have been honored may not be known to many of our current members, but they were an inspiration to someone.

Unfortunately, additions to the Wall have not been made for some time. Consider honoring someone in your past who has assisted you along your way as a Shriner or who you think has been an inspiration to you by placing a plaque in their name.

The cost of a plaque is \$100. For details on ordering a plaque, please contact III. Fred Evans, PP.



# FEZ FUN

## WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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## Nobles Ill or Homebound

Call our Brother, they are eager to hear from you.  
If you know of a Noble in this condition, please let us know at: 202.898.1688



### Scott Miskovic

Summit Place Assisted Living  
491 Highway 17, No. 29566  
Little River, SC 29566  
843.658.5554

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2001 Anthony S. Murray  
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2003 David W. Finn  
2004 Kenneth J. Collins  
2006 Lonnie L. Ramos  
2007 Jeffrey G. Bodie  
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2010 Paul Friedlander

2011 Alan L. Gordon  
2012 Ricardo Rodriguez Kroger  
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2015 Luis G. Cisneros  
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2017 Michael A. Gordon  
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2023 Carpenter Arpa IV

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| Potentate's Memorial Service, Fred W. Evans, P.P. ....          | 301- 460- 1982 |
| Potentate's Ball,                                               |                |
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*[If you need to contact a DIVAN please reach out to  
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# Petition for Initiation and Membership

## *Almas Shriners*

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Almas Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Washington, Desert of the District of Columbia: I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_ Located in \_\_\_\_\_. 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 six (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 your Temple. If I am found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of Shriners International and the By-Laws and Ceremonies of your Temple.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, to what Temple? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

**Residence Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials are not sufficient)

**Recommended and vouched for on the honor of:**

Noble: \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine # \_\_\_\_\_  
Noble: \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine# \_\_\_\_\_





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