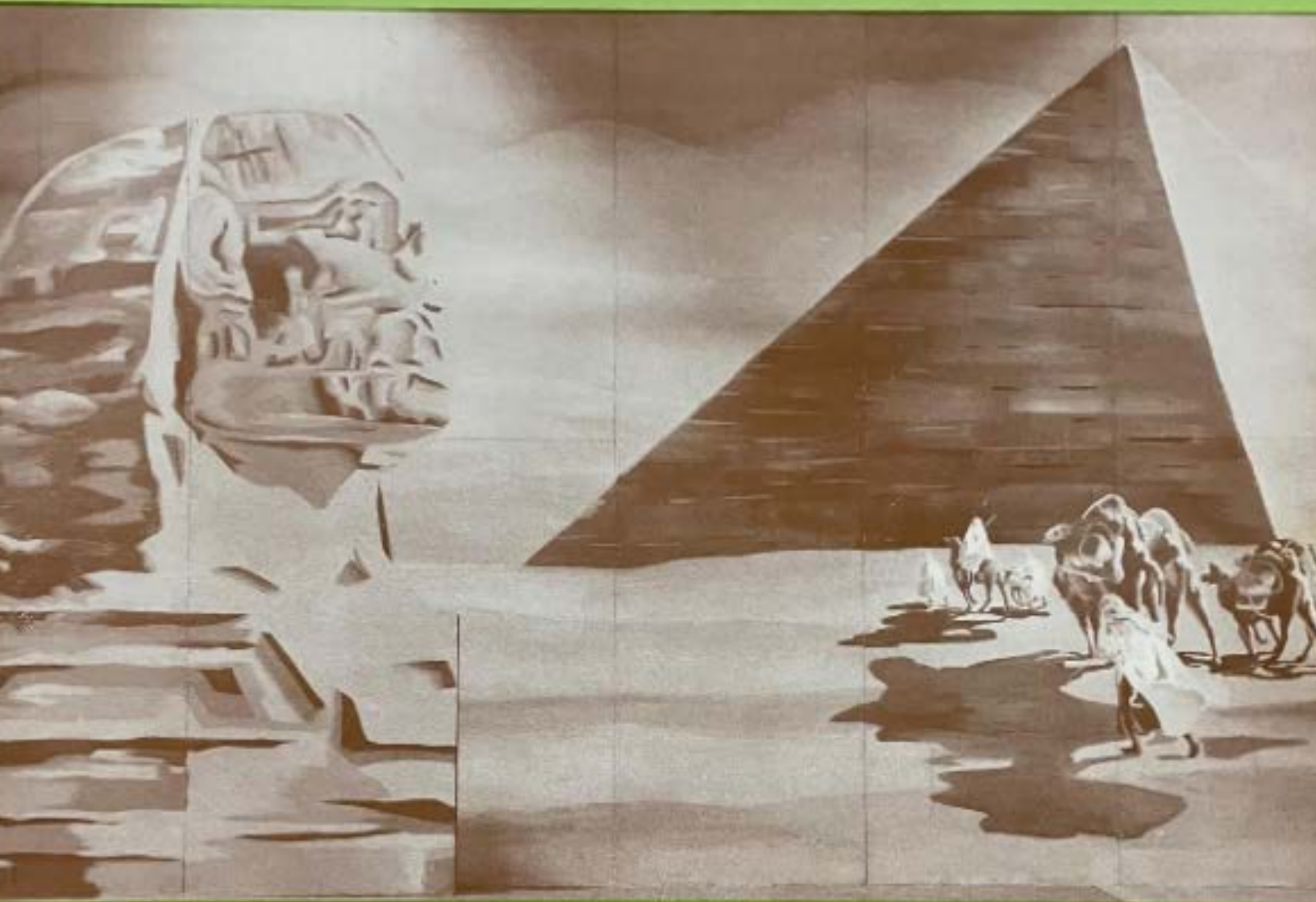


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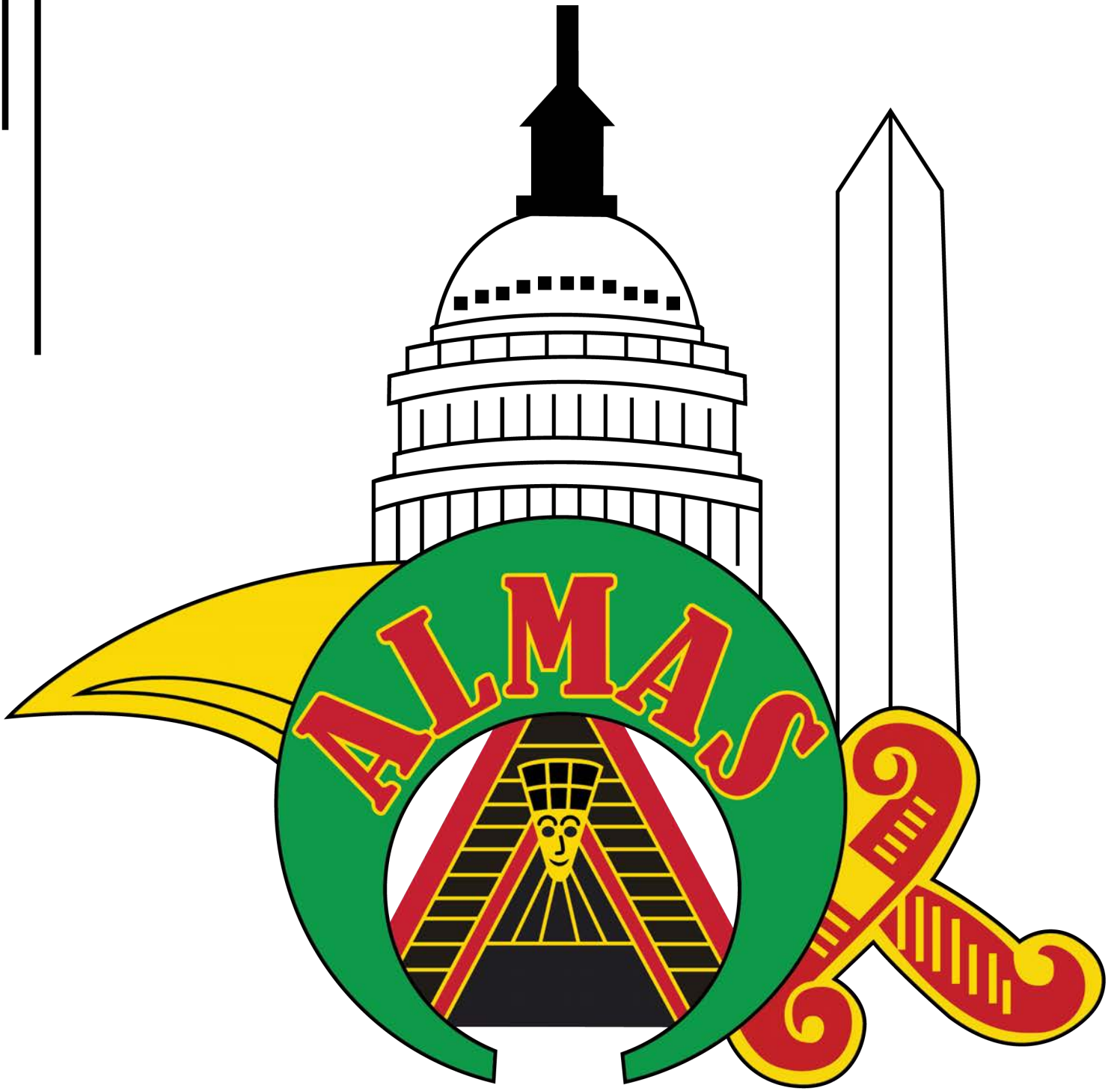
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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

Greetings!

I hope you have had a great month as we "leap" into March and spring is right around the corner.

After our special election for Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet and Oriental Guide at our February 1, 2024, business meeting, we now need to focus on this year's programs on membership recruitment, retention and interactive fun activities showcasing our temple and the core values of Shriner's Children's Hospital which is the foundation of Shriners culture and mission.

My sincere thanks to our Colonel of the Units, Illustrious Sir Frank Ireton, his staff and all the nobles and families that participated in this year's lunar Chinese New Year Parade last February 11th. This was the first time ever that our Temple came in full force complete with color guards, banner holders, mini-cars, scooters, Yacht Club float, Fire Engine, riders, and walkers.

It gives me a great sense of Almas "PRIDE" to hear the applause and cheers from parade onlookers of our temple's participation to the local community. The look and smile of the children as we passed them was priceless and I appreciate all that our nobles did to make that possible.

Our business meeting is on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:30 pm. It is my hope that we have the same number of attendees as our special meeting in February. Please let our recorder know if you plan to attend so he can give our caterer an accurate dinner count.

Our Director, Noble Mark Dela Cruz has put together a St. Patrick's Theme Fez Friday event this month. This is the first of many interactive fun activities showcasing our temple. Your Divan is hard at work in putting together these activities and I look forward to working with you, nobles, and past Potentates, with our collective strength and support we can achieve our goals for this year.

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carpentier Arpa IV'.

Potentate 2023-24





# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Chinese Lunar New Year Parade

A big shout out to the Almas Nobles who helped and participated in the Chinese Lunar New Year Parade. It was truly a team effort and made Almas shine.



Our next parade will be the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Assembly area and time will be announced when the organizers give us the location. This is a big, fun parade and will be televised. As a civic parade family members can participate.



Interested in riding in or operating one of the parade vehicles?

We are in the process of forming a new club that will be responsible for vehicles operation in parades. We will supply the vehicles or bring your own. For information contact Frank Ireton, PP, Colonel of the Units or Chuck Russell, Lt. Colonel of the Units.

Watch the Alibi for more information.



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## More Chinese Lunar New Year Parade Pictures



# IN MEMORIUM

## Widow's Pin



ILLUSTRIOUS SIR RICK HALL AND NOBLE JACK COLLINS PRESENTED THE WIDOW'S PIN TO BOBBI HASSLER, WIDOW OF NOBLE RICK HASSLER. PRESENTATION WAS BACK IN DECEMBER.



# 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 April-May 1946 *Alibi*. 1946 was Almas's Sixtieth anniversary, 1886–1946. The issue highlights some of the activities to that point and planned activities.

In his message Illustrious Sir Edmund Cole, Almas Potentate, addressed the importance of supporting Shriner Hospitals for Children and how the annual two dollars assessment supports this work. He urges Nobles to purchase a life membership of sixty dollars thereby avoiding the yearly assessment. Adjusted for inflation that is \$950.00 in today's dollars.



The first quarter of 1946 was a busy time for Almas with the Potentate's Party, Circus, Ladies Night, and Imperial Potentate's visit. Almas feted the Potentate and Divan with a special party and dance held at the Mayflower Hotel in March. It is reported that about 400 Nobles escorted wives, mothers, daughters, aunts, or sweethearts bringing the attendance to over 1000. A reception was followed by a night of dining and dancing.

This issue also reports on the success of the Fifth Annual Shrine Circus in raising funds for the benefit of Almas Temple Charities and Activities Fund. The first circus was the idea of Past Potentate Howard P. Foley and was referred to as Foley's Brainchild. It premiered in 1941 shortly before Pearl Harbor was attacked. The next three years persevered during the war years but were restricted due to gas shortage. The 1946 was a chance to shine and shine it did.

Ticket sales from the first of the year helped boost attendance. Wounded veterans from local hospitals were bussed in for the shows. Youth groups such as the Schoolboy Patrols, and underprivileged children were provided with free admission. Estimated attendance was 65,000. Special guests included Bess Truman, her daughter Margaret, and her bridge club.

The week-long shows, held in the Uline Arena, started with a colorful "Salute to Victory" performed by Divan members and circus personnel. The live animal acts included—wait for it—Lions and Tigers and Bears. No mention of Elephants. High wire acts, tumblers, and clowns filled out the bill. The grand climax was Miss Victory shot out of a cannon from one end of the arena to the other.

Of interest to our members of Pilipino heritage a letter from Almas Noble Mauro Baradi a lawyer residing in Manila, relayed efforts to rebuild the Masonic Lodges and housing following liberation. He mentions that a number of the Masonic Brethren were Shriners who played a big role in the rebuilding efforts.

# FAMOUS FEZ



**Gerald R. Ford**

(Jul 14, 1913-Dec 26, 2006)

Thirty-eighth President (Aug 1974-1977)

September 30, 1949: Initiated, Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids Michigan

April 20, 1951: Fellowcraft, Columbia Lodge No. 3

May 18, 1951: Raised, Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C.

1962: Coronated, 33° Scottish Rite, NMJ

1968: Legion of Honour, Demolay International

Elected Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council



# FAMOUS FEZ

In an unprecedented situation as the first Vice President chosen under the terms of the Twenty-fifth Amendment and, in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal, was succeeding the first President ever to resign.

Ford was confronted with almost insuperable tasks. There were the challenges of mastering inflation, reviving a depressed economy, solving chronic energy shortages, and trying to ensure world peace.

The President acted to curb the trend toward Government intervention and spending as a means of solving the problems of American society and the economy. In the long run, he believed, this shift would bring a better life for all Americans.

Ford's reputation for integrity and openness had made him popular during his 25 years in Congress. From 1965 to 1973, he was House Minority Leader. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1913, he grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He starred on the University of Michigan football team, then went to Yale, where he served as assistant coach while earning his law degree. During World War II he attained the rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy. After the war he returned to Grand Rapids, where he began the practice of law, and entered Republican politics. A few weeks before his election to Congress in 1948, he married Elizabeth Bloomer. They have four children: Michael, John, Steven, and Susan.



Along with the rest of the nation, the Kentwood, Michigan, chapter of Shriners of North America mourned the loss of fellow Shriner, President Gerald R. Ford, who passed away on Dec. 26, 2006.

Ford's connection with the international fraternities of Freemasonry and Shriners of North America began at a young age - his father was an active Mason and Shriner. Ford said in a 1976 speech, however, that it was in 1934, while playing center on the University of Michigan football team, when his real personal exposure to the Shrine began. During a speech given to Mohammed Shriners in Illinois, Ford explained he was selected to play in the fraternity's 10th annual East-West Shrine Game, an all-star college football game that raises funds and awareness for Shriners Hospitals for Children. As part of the game's festivities, he and the other players toured the San Francisco Shriners Hospital (now located in Sacramento).

# FAMOUS FEZ

It was a tremendous experience for us on the Eastern football team to go to that hospital and see what is done to help unfortunate people, especially young people," Ford said. "And I learned what great people like all of you do, on a day-to-day basis, to help those less fortunate than yourself."

On Sept. 30, 1949, along with his three half-brothers, Ford was initiated at Malta Lodge #465, the Masonic chapter in Grand Rapids, Mich. Through the years, he earned his Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees, joined the Scottish Rite and other Masonic organizations, and was awarded a number of distinctions and honors. On Oct. 24, 1959, Ford became a Noble of Saladin Shriners in Kentwood, Michigan.

Gerald Ford stated, "Masonic principles" -- internal, not external -- and our order's vision of duty to country and acceptance of God as a Supreme Being and guiding light have sustained me during my years of Government service.

Today especially, the guidelines by which I strive to become an upright man in Masonry give me great personal strength.

Masonic precepts can help America retain our inspiring aspirations while adapting to a new age.

It is apparent to me that the Supreme Architect has set out the duties each of us has to perform, and I have trusted in His will with the knowledge that my trust is well-founded."

Thanks to Brother Robert C. Carmen, and the Chancellor Robert Livingston Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of New York for this photograph.

The following is the text of a message of condolence on the passing of our Brother Mason, Gerald R. Ford, 38th President of the United States of America and a member of Malta Lodge No 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This statement was issued December 27, 2006 by the Grand Masters of New York and Michigan and the Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America.



**Gerald Ford**  
1913-2006

"Gerald R. Ford embodied the tenets of Freemasonry. He upheld the values of personal integrity and of being true to his word, and in a time of great crisis, Brother Ford, a true patriot, also sought to heal our ailing Nation. As our President, he represented our fraternity well. On behalf of the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the States of Michigan and New York, the Masonic Service Association of North America, and Masons everywhere, we offer our sincere condolences to Betty Ford and her family on the passing of Brother Gerald Ford, a humble man who calmly guided our country out of one of its darkest hours."



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

**March 22, 2024** - Fez Friday 6 - 11:30 PM (see flyer below for details)

**March 28, 2024** - Rip's Restaurant 6 PM (see Club News below for more details)

**April 6, 2024** - Potentate's Ball (also see flyer below for more details)

Nobles, The Almas Potentate's Ball will be on Saturday, April 6, 2024. The hours are 6 PM - 11 PM. It will be a Masquerade Ball theme.

Tickets are \$90.00 / person. You may also purchase a table of 10 for \$900.00. Tickets must be purchased by March 29th at the following link <https://www.almashriners.org/event/2024ball/>. If paying by check please mail to the Recorder at Almas Temple 1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005. We have secured rooms next door at the Hamilton Hotel. Book a room at the following link

[Hamilton Hotel Washington DC - Reservations - Room Availability \(synxis.com\)](https://www.hamiltonhotel.com/reservations)

Yours in the Faith,

Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P.

Recorder, Almas Shriners

MASA Deputy Director General 2023-2024

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**April 13, 2024** - Cherry Blossom Parade 10 AM (more details to follow)

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

**July 4, 2024** - Parade (more info to come)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEZ FRIDAY**  
**ST. PATRICK'S**  
**DAY**

DINNER COST: SHRINERS: \$15 PER PERSON AND  
NON-SHRINERS: \$20 PER PERSON  
CASH BAR

**MARCH 22, 2024**  
**6PM-11:30PM**

Venue: Almas Shrine Temple  
1315 K St NW, Washington, DC  
20005, SPHINX ROOM

**LINE DANCE AND  
KARAOKE NIGHT**

PLEASE SEND YOUR RSVP TO  
NOBLE MARK DELA CRUZ  
Txt: 240-486-5256  
email: [ma8delacruz@yahoo.com](mailto:ma8delacruz@yahoo.com)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



**POTENTATE'S**  
MASQUERADE BALL  
AND CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY 6 6pm - 11pm  
APRIL

Almas Shrine Temple Ballroom  
1315 K St NW, Washington, DC 20005  
Purchase tickets by March 29th  
Hotel Accommodations: Hamilton Hotel Washington DC  
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**TICKETS:**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.



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.

Just Added: National Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>

### 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.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Maharlika Shrine Club of Almas Temple Blood Drive

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Alibi Article – March 2024

The Almas Yacht Club has left port and is sailing on to new destinations. The new Bridge Officers are working hard to make the coming months full of fun and adventures. The first port of call will be Rip's Restaurant for the March meeting which will take place on March 28, 2024 starting at 6:00 PM. Rip's is located at 3809 N. Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716. Dinner will be from the menu and separate checks will be provided. We will have a special guest on board, Mitchell Yockelson, who will be discussing his book *The Paratrooper Generals Matthew Ridgway, Maxwell Taylor and the American Airborne From D-Day Through Normandy*.

In April, we will dock for the Almas Potentate's Ball. Those who are able to get back on board will then proceed to Atlantic City for Spring MASA. May will be the Shakedown Cruise. We are still negotiating port and docking arrangements. Information will be forthcoming. We then get underway in June to sail to the homeport of Don and Becky Holliday for our annual summer picnic. In July, some members will stay ashore for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Washington, DC while others will cruise to the Imperial Session in August will find us docked at the pier of the Gordon residence for the Annual Almas Crab Feast. From there we will sail South to Virginia Beach for Fall MASA in September. We tie up at the pier in October to give the crew a rest and elect the Bridge Officers who will chart the adventures for 2025. We will give the outgoing officers one last opportunity to take us to some exotic place for the Frostbite Cruise in November. More information on this port call will be coming later. Finally, we will tie up for the Winter so the members can attend the Almas Holiday Party. If this all sounds exciting to you, please plan to join us with your spouse or significant other for some or all of these fun filled adventures. Everyone is invited.



# CLUB NEWS

## 2024 Christmas Ornament



THE WHITE HOUSE  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

We're excited to announce the launch of the [Official 2024 White House Christmas Ornament](#), honoring the presidency of Jimmy Carter.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

THE OFFICIAL 2024  
**WHITE HOUSE**  
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



# 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 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](http://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

## HOT PIZZA DIP

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 can (8 ounces) pizza sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion
- Breadsticks or tortilla chips



### DIRECTIONS

1. In a bowl, beat cream cheese and Italian seasoning. Spread in an ungreased 9-in. microwave-safe pie plate.
2. Combine mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses; sprinkle half over the cream cheese. Top with the pizza sauce, remaining cheese mixture, green pepper and onion.
3. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 2-3 minutes or until cheese is almost melted, rotating a half-turn several times. Let stand for 1-2 minutes. Serve with breadsticks or tortilla chips.

# FEZ FIZZIES

## MANGO MADNESS

### INGREDIENTS

- Lime wedge
- Tajin
- 1 ounce Cointreau Liqueur
- 2 ounces Los Rijos Maguey Espadin Joven Mezcal
- 1 ounce fresh lime juice
- 1 ounce mango juice
- Black pepper

Lime wheel



### INSTRUCTIONS

Using a lime wedge, rim a glass with Tajin and set aside. In a shaker with ice, add liqueur, mezcal, lime juice, mango juice and 1-2 grinds of black pepper. Shake and strain into a glass with ice. Garnish with a lime wheel.

Source: <https://www.abcfws.com/slam-dunk-cocktails-to-make-before-tipoff>

# FEZ FUN

## MARCH WORD SEARCH

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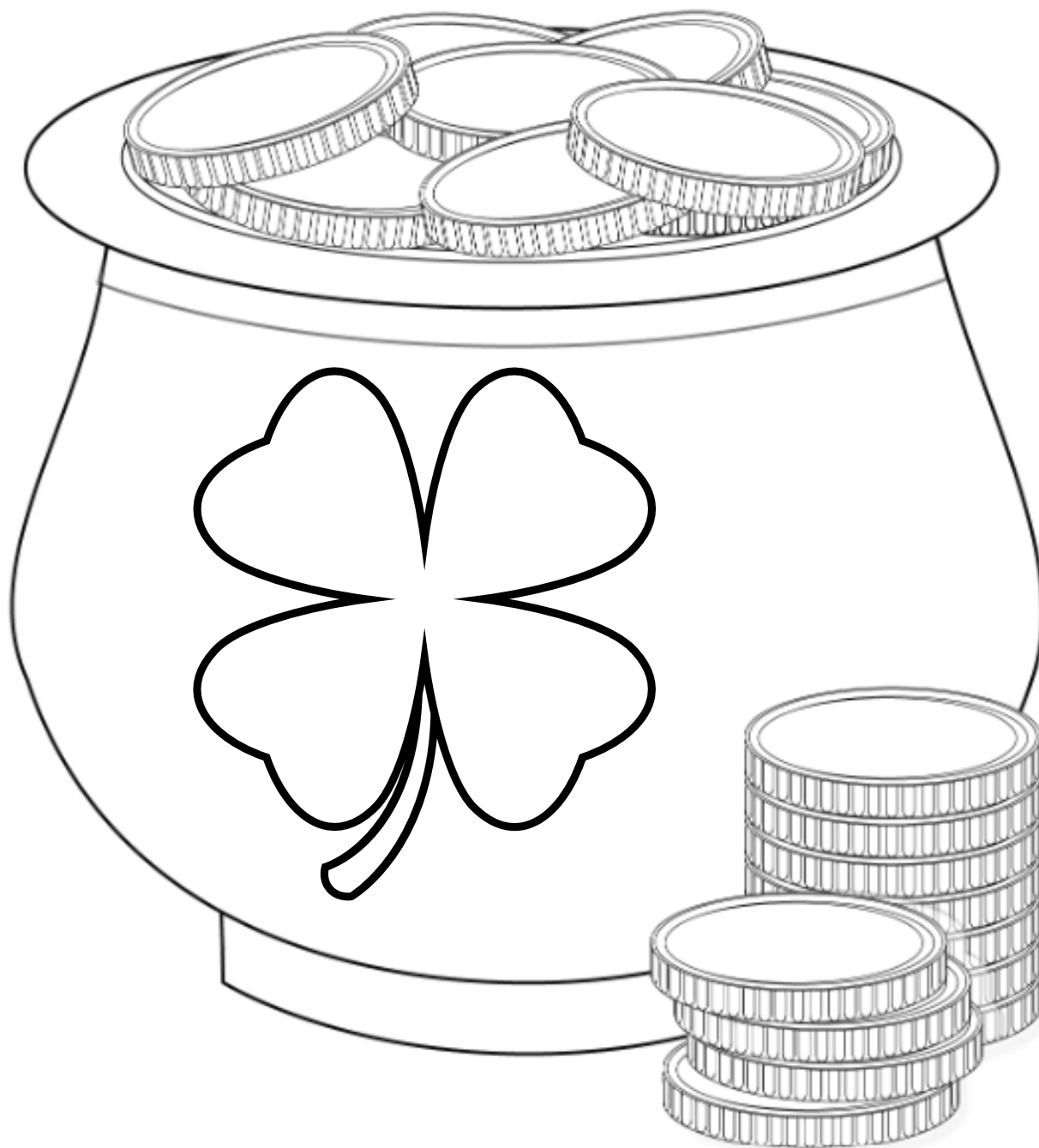
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 11. bunny   12. patrick   13. gold   14. duck   15. spring   16. ides   17. leprechaun   18. chocolates   19. shamrock  
 20. equinox





# FEZ FUN

## COLORING SHEET



# CLUBS

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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org) or Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon at [almaspote2011@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# 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



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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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