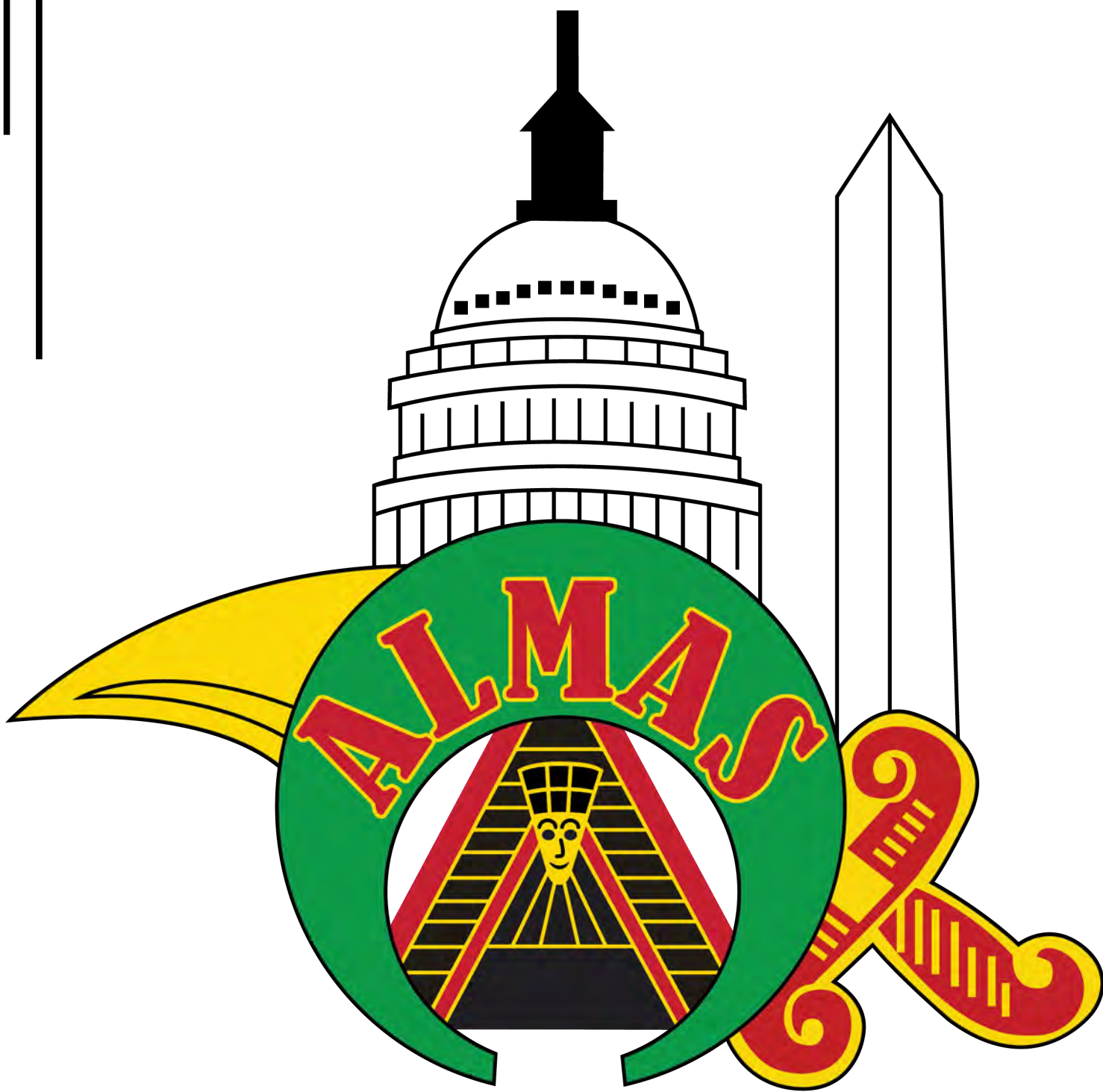


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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles,

I hope everybody enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday. This holiday I gave thanks for my family, friends and Almas Shrine Nobles and their ladies. It was a special opportunity for me to look around and appreciate who make up my life because when you boil down our life experiences, it is really the people that rise to the top.

It has been quite a week. Following the Thanksgiving Holiday, our cast Director, MWB & Illustrious Sir Alan Gordon quickly converted into Fall Ceremonial mode. There had been two rehearsals and a lot of preparation for the Fall ceremonial on November 30th in a short span of time.

I want to thank MWB & Illustrious Sir Alan Gordon, all the ceremonial cast and the stage crew for a great and a memorable ceremonial for our five new nobles. These five nobles have just elevated their masonic legacy by becoming a Shriner. Join me in congratulating and welcoming them to our Temple.

Next, I want to thank Maharlika Shriners Club for coordinating our November Fez Friday and for donating one whole roasted pig for the event. We had a husband-and-wife dance instructors and a helper that were gracious enough to volunteer their time to teach our members how to do Country Western Line dancing. This was such a special treat! Our nobility and their ladies had a fun and a great workout that evening.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023, starting at 7:30 pm. We will be having elections for the 2024 Elected Officers. We will also present the 2024 budget for approval by the membership. You will need a current 2023 dues card to participate in the meeting. We will be having dinner at 6:00 pm and you must RSVP to our recorder in order to be served.

Our Temple Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 16th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm (see flyer). As we quickly approach the Holiday Season, please reach out to one another and share your Holiday spirit at this event. We must really preserve the closeness that is Almas. I look forward to see many of our nobles and their families in attendance.

Please stay well and have a great Holiday season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. J. ... II'.

Potentate

PAST EVENT PICTURES

Country Line Dancing Fez Friday



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New Right Worshipfuls Illustrious Sirs Carpenter Arpa IV and Don Ferguson



Vested Honorary Junior Grand
Deacons at the 2023 Annual
Communication of the Grand
Lodge of the District of Columbia

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Almas Shriners Fall Ceremonial



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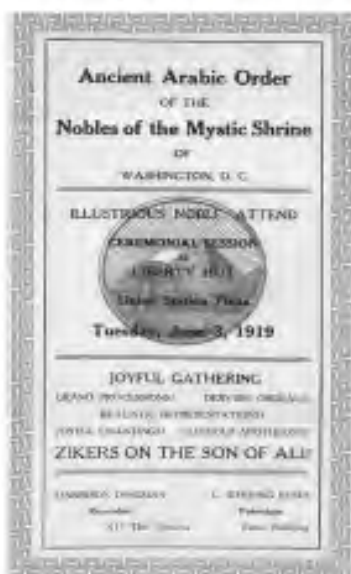
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MONTHLY MUSINGS

Tales from the Almas Crypt As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

The cover of the December *Alibi* is from a booklet, as well as the art work that accompanies this article, published and distributed to the Nobility of Almas Shriners in 1919 notifying them of the upcoming June 3rd ceremonial. The Ceremonial was to be held at the Liberty Hut; a large meeting venue located near Union Station on First Street, NE. A target number of 500 candidates was set for the Ceremonial.



Almas Nobles were given specific instructions to enter by 7:30 PM via Door No. 4 located on First Street. Unfortunately, little information can be found about the Liberty Hut other than the location and a few sepia toned images. Nobles were reminded that a 1919 Red and White dues card was required for admittance.

An invitation was extended to visiting Nobles provided they "can show the correct Passport (Red and White card) to the Outer Guards and

can speak the language of our Tribe—Selah!"

Candidates were instructed to report to Door No. 2 by 6:30. An interesting side note in the instructions reads "full dress (collar and tie) is not required but must take a bath and wear clean underwear."



Divan in Ceremonial Regalia

The last two pages cover preparations of Almas nobility to attend the 1919 Imperial Session in Indianapolis. A special train was to depart Saturday, June 7th at 8:00 PM for Pittsburg to arrive at 5:15 the next morning. Nobles then were to board a train departing at 5:30 to arrive in Indianapolis at 2:40. The Almas Patrol—a marching unit—and two bands were slated to attend the session. At that time, Almas had two active bands: the fully equipped Almas Band, and the Oriental Band.



MONTHLY MUSINGS

Parades

By Frank Ireton, PP, Colonel of the Units



Parades are one of ways that we promote The Shrine and the work we do in support of the World's greatest philanthropy—Shriners Children's—one of the largest pediatric healthcare systems worldwide. Shriners are recognized for wearing the funny red hat and driving little cars in parades. Almas regularly participates in three DC parades; Chinese Lunar New Year, Cherry Blossom Parade, and the National Independence Day Parade.

Shriners International recognizes and regulates Shrine Center participation in two categories of parades. The ones mentioned above are civic parades. Family members and non-Shriners can participate but cannot operate vehicles. The second category is Shrine Parades. These are parades organized by Shrine organizations at Imperial or Regional meetings. Only Shriners can participate in these parades and must be identified as Shriners by wearing a Fez and/or a unit or club uniform.



Almas Mini-Motors operates go-karts at parades and in competitions at Shrine meetings. During parades they demonstrate some of the drills they do at competitions. There are a limited number of mini-vehicles—Tin Lizzies—and scooters available to operate or ride during parades. Special provisions and training is provided by the Colonel's staff and is required. For civic parades, family members ride in the Almas fire engine or other provided vehicles.



Parades do not happen in a vacuum. A great deal of pre-parade work is done in preparation. Everything from administrative filling out forms to preparing units and vehicles. Support this work by committing to and helping pre-parade preparation through work days at the warehouse.

On parade day help with unloading and set up of parade units. Post parade help with disassembly and preparing parade units for transport.

The Shrine is about having fun while promoting our hospitals. Parades are a big part of the that fun. Contact the Colonel or the Units or his staff to join us and find out.

FAMOUS FEZ

Illustrious Brother Ernest Borgnine

Seldom in modern entertainment is there an actor or actress who transcends the age boundary and is universally known by all generations. One of these rare performers was Ernest Borgnine, who was not only one of the most prolific actors of the past 100 years but was also a 33° Brother from Virginia.



Brother Borgnine was born to Anna Boselli and Camillo Borgnino, on January 24, 1917 in Hamden, Connecticut. In his younger years Bro. Borgnine was an active and athletic young man. He took an interest in any physical activity, but had a particular affinity for boxing and theater. He attended James Hillhouse High School in New Haven, Connecticut, and graduated in 1935. Almost immediately after graduating, Bro. Borgnine enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served aboard the Minesweeper *USS Lambertson*, from 1935-1941. He re-enlisted in 1942 after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and served aboard the *USS Sylph* until 1945 when he was Honorably Discharged.

After returning home from the Navy, Bro. Borgnine decided to enroll at the Randall School for Dramatic Arts, and studied there for six months. After this time he moved to Abingdon, Virginia, where he became a member of the Barter Theater. He served the theater in many capacities, starting as a set designer and moving all the way up to a leading man. During his time at the Barter Theater, Bro. Borgnine joined Abingdon Lodge No. 48. Borgnine took his Entered Apprentice degree on July 7, 1948. Several months later on April 25, 1949, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and after another week he was raised a Master Mason on May 2, 1949.

In 1951, he made the decision to move to California and work as a full time actor. Working through several bit roles, he got his big break as Army Sergeant "Fatso" Judson in *From Here to Eternity*. After this role he began getting more work and won his first Oscar in 1955 for his leading role in *Marty*. He continued working assorted Hollywood roles until 1962 when he was cast in his most well known role as Quinton McHale on the T.V. show *McHale's Navy*. Later on in life Bro. Borgnine starred in another famous T.V. role. In 1999 he became the voice of "Mermaid Man" on the children's show *Spongebob*, a role that some of our younger members may be familiar with. The stability of T.V. allowed Bro. Borgnine to become more active in masonic work. He completed his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Los Angeles on March 14, 1964. On June 6 of the same year he became a Noble at Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. The next year on February 4, 1965, Borgnine became a dual member at Hollywood Lodge No. 355. In 1979, Bro. Borgnine received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (K.C.C.H.), the 33° was conferred upon him in 1983, and in 1991 he was awarded the Grand Cross.

Not content to just be a "celebrity mason" Bro. Borgnine used his stardom to help promote the good work the craft does. He became an active member of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center, and between 1972 and 2002 he marched several times in a Shrine unit as the "Grand Clown" in the Great Circus Parade in Milwaukee. Outside of masonic work Bro. Borgnine worked on behalf of Veterans with the National Salute to Hospitalized veterans, which he was the Chairman of in 1996.

Brother Borgnine lived a long and fulfilling life, worthy of admiration. He passed away on July 8, 2012, from complications associated with kidney failure. If you would like to know more about our Illustrious Brother, click [here!](#)

CANDIDATE CORNER

Juan José Tassano

Born in Uruguay in April 13, 1959

Master Degree in Engineering, 1983 – University of Uruguay

Degree in Railroad Engineering, 1988 – University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Currently Project Controls Manager, Capital Delivery - Amtrak, Washington DC

Married (Adriana Orsi); 2 children (Sofia – 31, and Mauricio – 29)

Son, Nephew, and Grandson of Masons

Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Razon Lodge No80, Grand Lodge of Uruguay:

EA - 6/3/91

FC – 4/20/92

MM – 11/16/92

Fidelidad y Templanza Lodge No153 – Founder (1998)

Positions held in Grand Lodge of Uruguay

Grand Masters' Secretary, from 1993 thru 2000

Moved to USA in 2000

Affiliated to Compass Lodge No1811 in 2010

Master of Compass Lodge No1811 in 2015

Currently, Compass' Secretary

Joined Almas Shriners in 2012

Positions held:

- Ambassador to Uruguay
- Marshall – 2023

Joined DC ScottishRite in 2013

- Received 32° KCCH September 18, 2021

Grand Lodge of Washington DC Offices

Member of Masonic Education & Service – 2020

Member of Masonic Code Maintenance – 2023

Aide to the Grand Master - 2023

CANDIDATE CORNER

My name is William George Hinton III, I am a candidate for the office of Oriental Guide.

I am 63 year old retired Firefighter from Prince Georges County Fire Department, MD where I served 8 years as a volunteer and 23 years as a Career Firefighter. In September 2001, after returning from New York City, I began volunteering for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation moving from volunteer to contractor and in March 2018, joined the staff where I currently serve as Program Manager/Corporate Relations.

I live in Waldorf Maryland with my wife of 42 years, Joy Hinton. We have two children, son William H. Hinton and Christina Cederberg and we have been blessed with five beautiful grandchildren, Billy, Mason, Thomas, Sarah and Hannah.

I became a Mason joining the Patuxent Lodge No. 218 formerly Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218 in November 1991. And the following year, November 1992, I joined the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Washington Orient of District of Columbia and the Almas Shriners of Washington, D.C. I currently serve as the Lt. Colonel of the Units and am a member of the Almas Temple Yacht Club. In May 2015, I joined the St. Florian 9-11 Lodge No. 238 as a Charter member and currently serve as Senior Warden.

My father, William G. Hinton was a proud member of Almas Temple and our son is a current and active member of St. Florian 9-11 Masonic Lodge and Almas Temple. I believe the I have the character, ability and interest to perform the duties of Oriental Guide.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

December 16, 2023 - Almas Christmas Party - 6 - 10 PM at the Almas Shrine- RSVP to Don Fergusson at dferguson@almasshriners.org (See flyer below)

January 6, 2023 - Almas Installation of 2024 Officers 10 AM - Save the Date (more info to follow)

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

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



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Almas Family Holiday *Party*

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6:00-10:00pm
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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

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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.

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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 Clown!!

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.

CLUB NEWS

ALMAS YACHT CLUB

CHANGE OF WATCH

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

We are honored that our guests for the evening will be our Illustrious Potentate
Carpenter Y. Arpa IV and First Lady Marcia.

Our 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."

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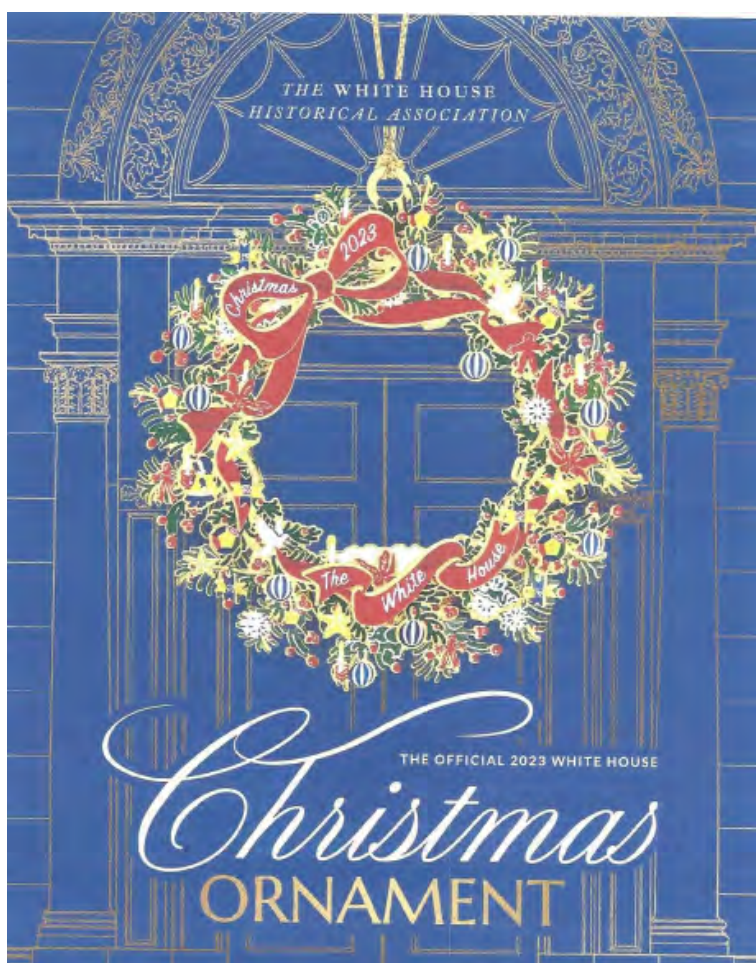
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White House Holiday Ornaments

Summer is officially over, and Fall is upon us. Winter and the holiday season will be here before you know it. White House Ornaments make excellent gifts for those of your friends or relatives who you have no idea what to give. The Almas Yacht Club is ready to come to your rescue by offering these ornaments again this year. The cost remains the same at \$22 each. This is a bargain price. They have been seen on sale for \$25 at some retail establishments. Don't wait until the last minute and find out they are all gone. Please contact Ill. Fred Evans to get your ornaments.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO ORDER AN ORNAMENT PLEASE CONTACT
FRED EVANS AT 301-460-1982

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.

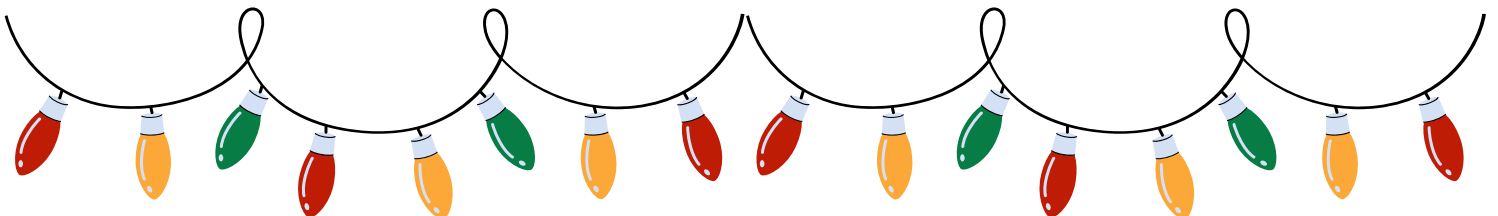
If you are Shriner in good standing of a Shrine Center of this Order who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, or her Allies, and have received an Honorable Discharge from your last service or can produce evidence of such honorable service, come join the unit.

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.

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

CLASSIC MENUDO

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lemon - or 6 big calamansi (optional)
- 1 pound pork - cut into bite-size cubes
- ½ pound liver (pork) - cut into bite-size cubes
- 4 pieces hotdogs/sausages - cut into small diagonal slices
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 2 cloves garlic - minced
- 1 medium onion - chopped
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 2 cups water
- 2 medium potatoes - cut into cubes
- 2 medium carrots - cut into cube
- 1 ½ - 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 small red bell pepper - cut into squares
- 1 cup green peas (optional) - (canned)



DIRECTIONS

1. If you want, marinate both the pork meat and liver with calamansi or lemon juice for at least 10 minutes.
2. In a deep skillet, saute garlic and onion in oil over medium heat until limp and translucent.
3. Add the pork and cook, stirring constantly, until all sides are no longer pink. Pour the tomato sauce and 1 cup water and let it simmer for 15-20 minutes, covered.
4. Add the liver and cook for some seconds while constantly stirring until sides are done.
5. Then add the hotdogs, carrots, potatoes and bell pepper. Add another cup of water and season with salt and pepper. Cover and let it simmer, stirring from time to time, for 15-20 minutes or until vegetables are cooked. Stir in the green peas and cook for another minute.
6. Serve with rice or bread.

Like all tomato-based stews, Menudo is best eaten the following day to give it some time for the flavors to blend. If you've got the time, cook the pork meat longer over low heat to make sure the meat is really tender. If in a hurry, use a more tender cut like the loin. Pork belly may be added.

FEZ FIZZIES

CHRISTMAS MARGARITA

INGREDIENTS

- 100% cranberry juice
- Tequila (use blanco or reposado)
- Cointreau
- Fresh lime juice
- Simple syrup or maple syrup



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rim the glass with salt. See above!
2. Shake in a cocktail shaker. Shake the cranberry juice, tequila, lime juice, Cointreau and simple syrup together with ice in a cocktail shaker (or use a mason jar with a lid).
3. Strain into a glass and add ice. Strain it into a glass and serve with ice! You can also add fresh cranberries and a sprig of rosemary as a beautiful garnish. Speaking of ice...



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DECEMBER WORD SEARCH

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| 4. myrrh | 14. menorah | 24. holly | 31. friends |
| 5. kwanzaa | 15. decorate | 25. hanukkah | 32. ornament |
| 6. kings | 16. gifts | 26. wreath | 33. mistletoe |
| 7. christmas | 17. festival | 27. santa | 34. joseph |
| 8. evergreen | 18. mary | 28. | 35. candles |
| 9. christ | 19. snowman | frankincense | |
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FEZ FUN

COLORING SHEET



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.

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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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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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? _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____

(Initials are not sufficient)

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of:

Noble: _____ Shrine # _____

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