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FROM THE POTENTATES'S DESK



Nobles,

I hope you and your families find yourselves well and in good spirits.

National Wife Appreciation Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of September and gives us an extra (I say extra because we should always be doing this) chance to show them how much they mean to us. My wife, Lady Lesly, keeps me grounded and centered. She inspires me to work hard, play hard, and to always have something to bring to show we are improving ourselves. Lady Lesly, as I know your wives, ask us to take out the trash and empty the dishwasher and change the oil, which is good with us because those things need to get done anyway, and we like

the idea of our ladies having an extra fifteen minutes or half-hour just for themselves. The ladies, we are bound to body and soul, are so many things to us.

Our wives do not often get appreciated for everything they do, because those things are taken for granted. Our wives are often in charge of shopping, cooking dinner, doing the wash, cleaning up the house, taking care of the bills - everything while often still working their own jobs. All those things would probably not get done (in time anyway) if it were not for them.

Apart from all this work, our wives are extraordinarily strong; and according to Lady Lesly, the ones to remain calm and collected during times of crisis. Making sure everyone in the family is okay before thinking about themselves. Lady Lesly is always there for me with a word of wisdom and advice, so much advise...; but most importantly, she (like your wives) are always there to celebrate the good. This year she awarded me her "Husband of The Year" award! It only took me 21 years to get! Brings to question why I have never met her other Husband of the Year recipients!

This day is about showing wives how crucial their work is; and how we, as their husbands, can and should help a bit more around the house. As for me, I will keep striving to fill her desires and maybe one day, earn the opportunity to be fed before our dogs!

In any case, show them your love and devotion; this, and every day!

S&F,
George Perez
Potentate

Constitution Day



Constitution Day, also known as Constitution and Citizenship Day, honors the document which guarantees us as Americans our essential rights. Since its ratification on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States has served as the basis for all our laws.

Our Founding Fathers framed the Constitution carefully, distributing power between three branches of government. The Constitution outlines the government's powers, the limitations on those powers, and the rights of the citizens. Our Founding Fathers recognized that this Great Experiment society would evolve, and that the Constitution would require a mechanism for making changes. Thus, they included an outline for an amendment process to make changes in the future. In addition, they wanted to ensure making changes would require a proposed amendment and that the proposed amendment must be ratified by three-fourths of states.

In 1940, Congress and the President passed a resolution creating "I Am an American Day," observed on the third Sunday in May. In 1952, the holiday was renamed to "Constitution Day" and moved to September 17, the day in 1787 in which the Constitution was signed. In 2004, Congress once again changed the name of the holiday to Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.

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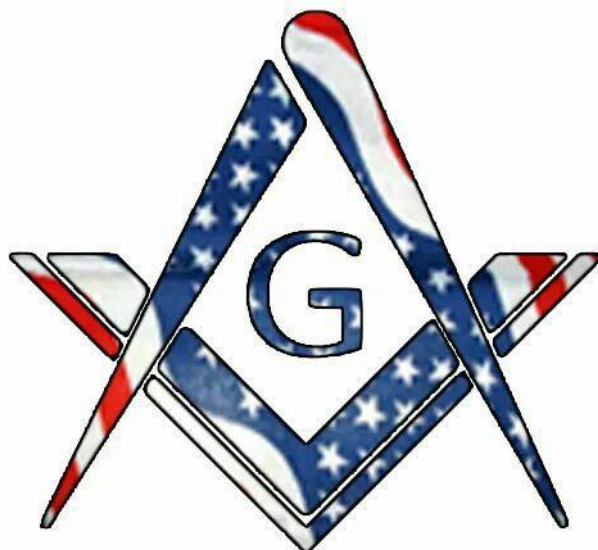
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VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA ZOOM

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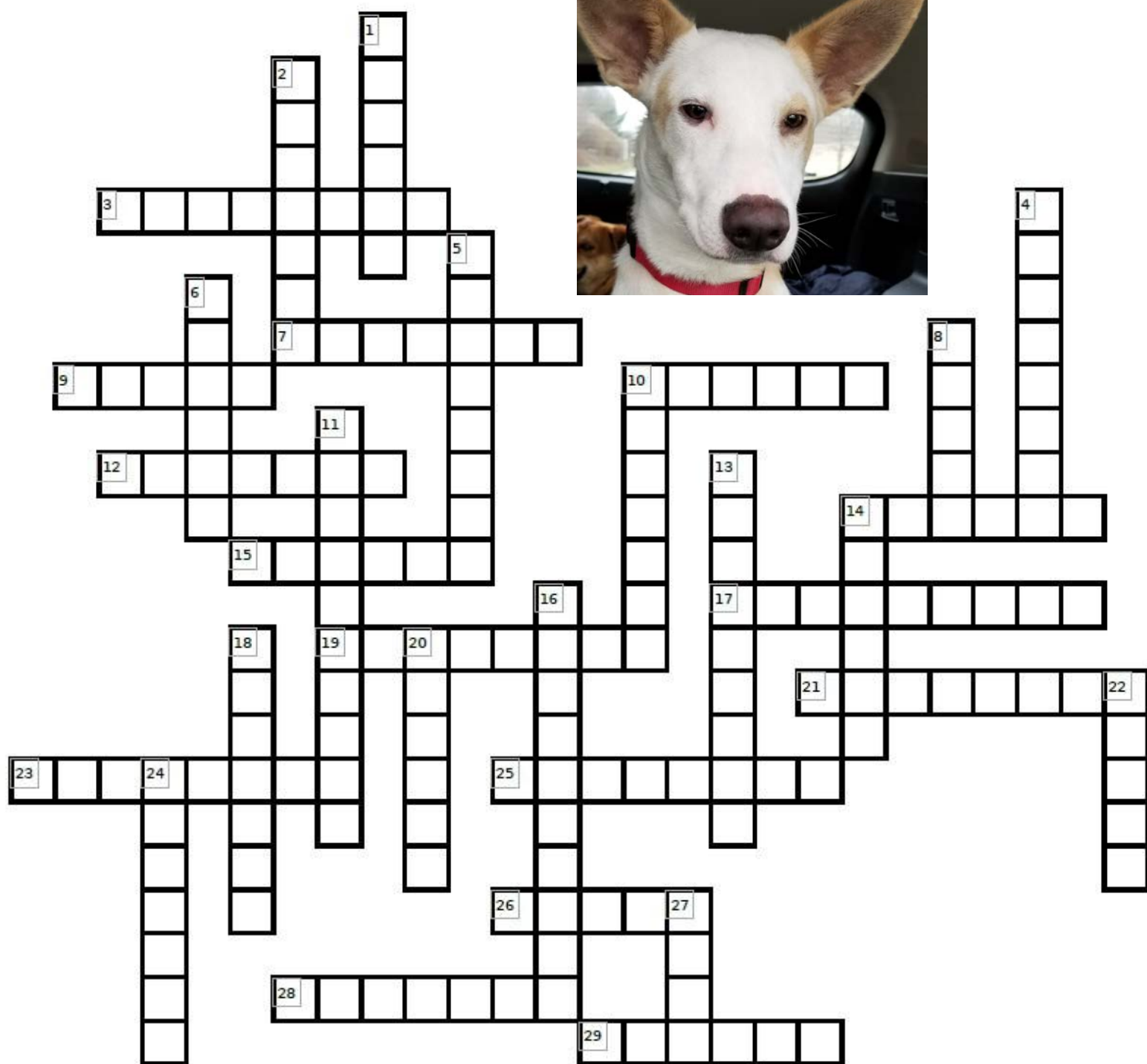
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Lady Lesly's Loft

CROSSWORD



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CROSSWORD CLUES

Down:

1. lustrous, and shining
2. pleasure trip usually at night by a group in a wagon
4. to make a shift from one to another
5. that is to be marveled at
6. any of various units of dry capacity
8. fossilized tree resin
10. pulsating with life, vigor, or activity
11. pensive mood
13. any of a genus (*Diospyros*) of trees of the ebony family with hard fine wood
14. person who cultivates land
16. powerfully pleasing, appealing, or delightful
18. the act or process of gathering in a crop
20. rough, coarse, or plain in taste
22. single small hard seed
24. place of a change in direction
27. implement equipped with projecting prongs

Across:

3. any of numerous arboreal forms having a long bushy tail and strong hind legs
7. either of the two points on the celestial sphere where the celestial equator intersects the ecliptic
9. chiefly British : POTATO CHIP
10. producing mental images
12. knitted or crocheted jacket or pullover
14. to strip of provisions
15. parts of a plant growing from the side of a stem
17. something frightening but harmless
19. Castanea
21. to relieve from nervous tension
23. time of celebration marked by special observances
25. waterproof or water-resistant coat
26. fermented apple juice
28. facilitating, or suggesting relief from heat
29. somewhat windy





WORD SEARCH

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Lady Lesly's Loft

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Persimmon	Scarecrow	Changing	Festival
Haystack	Wondrous	Relaxing	Chestnut
Football	Country	Vibrant	Turning
Cooling	Hayride	Harvest	Foliage
Equinox	Forage	Orange	Farmer
Autumn	Visual	Earthy	Bushel
Leaves	Crisp	Maple	Cider
Amber	Fresh	Golden	Grain
Apple	Pies	Rake	Corn

Almas Yacht Club

The Almas Yacht Club is selling the 2020 White House Holiday Ornaments again this year. The cost is \$21 each. This year's ornament honors President John F. Kennedy. These ornaments are available now and can be obtained by submitting an e-mail order along with a check made payable to Almas Yacht Club. Please send your order and payment to Fred Evans (fwevans@verizon.net) or Jesse Villarreal (jv1301@aol.com). Do not wait till the last minute to order. Last year we ran out.

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Patriot Day



On September 11, Patriot Day gives us time to reflect on the devastating terror attacks which took nearly 3,000 lives. We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line.

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House, and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who perished on September 11, 2001. Many Americans observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM EST marking the time the first plane flew into the World Trade Center.

Take a moment this day to consider what we stand for as a nation and how we can work together to make the world a better place for all.

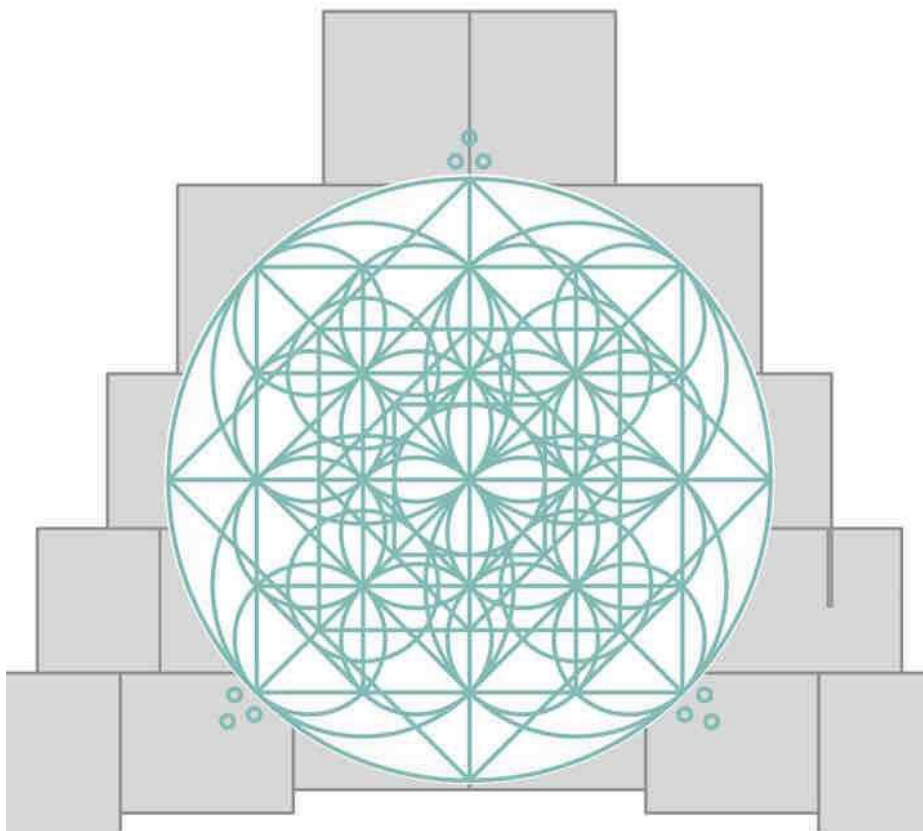
The Traveling Man



THE GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRIA BY: BRO. KALEB LOPEZ JUSTICE-COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 3

Freemasonry has a storied history regardless of where it may be found or discovered, and the country of Austria, is no different in that regard. However, of all the many facets of The Craft, Freemasonry in Austria is peculiarly interesting. Having had the opportunity to visit with the brothers here and see this uniqueness first hand, I can say without hesitation, the story of Freemasonry in Austria is quite literally the embodiment of what it has meant to be brought from the dark to the Light.

To begin, The Craft in Austria was banned and reinstated multiple times throughout its history. In 1743 by order of the Empress, Maria Theresa I, Masonry and any Masonic Lodge, was banned and ordered to be closed. Needless to say, because of that, the practice ceased. Interestingly enough, her husband, Franz Stephan von Lothringen, (later the German Emperor Franz I.) was initiated by a Deputation Lodge in 1731, 12 years previously, for political reasons but was unable to prevent the lodges from being banned and closed. Empress Maria Theresa feared the foreign influence of the lodge and therefore would not allow



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the brothers to come together practicing Masonry. However, in 1754, through and by accredited diplomats, the "Hanoverian Deputation Lodge "Aux Trois Coers" (The three hearts) with several [members] of the original Lodge "Aux Trois Canons" was established. By 1777 The Craft spurned from the dark to the light and several lodges were born. By 1780, the neighboring lodges in Germany formed several provincial lodges, but it was not till April 24, 1784 that the Grand Lodge of Austria was formed and completely independent from any other country or governing body outside of Austria. Brothers of note and most honorable and worthy brothers among the ranks of those early

brethren included Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, world renowned composer and musician. Unfortunately, with many new and interesting things there are also those who would seek to not fulfill the tenets of the order or adhere to the charges they received as brothers. Due to this increase of those whose work was not worthy of the craft and increasing tensions from religious ideological relationships which were also political, Masonry, once again was ordered to extinguish its light. By 1773, the Emperor Franz Joseph II ordered all lodges go dark. By the mid-1800s to the late 1800s several developments in the region caused for Masonry to, once again, shine. Resulting from the defeat of the Austrian Military in the Battle at Königgrätz in 1866, the Austrian government was weakened to the point there was no choice but to cooperate with their conquerors, the Hungarians. Through the Masonic influence within the Hungarian Empire and the now, Austro-Hungarian Government, "Border Lodges" were formed or also known as "Grenzlogen". From this dual influence more of an open-minded social restructuring took place facilitating The Craft to, once again, gain traction and grow.

Resulting from several liberal societies groups, Freemasonry began to grow in ways that other parts of the world, at that time, were already past but also very different in that the liberalness of Freemasonry was not as traditional, but, more "secular" in its formation and application. At that time much of the "anchor" for Freemasonry came from many of the Jewish members who were the mainstay of the Lodge till 1938. There are many other facts and points to Freemasonry in Austria to add but, for brevity, the main point is that Freemasonry went from the Dark to the Light over a period in history which not only defined The Craft but Humankind as well.

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Up to the events leading to WWII, The Craft shined and then, again, was influenced by the forces and powers being antithetical to what the tenet of Brother Love, Relief, and Truth are. In fact, up to this point, the Grand Lodge of London had given full recognition to the Brothers in Austria whereas recognition from German was withdrawn due to the many Jewish members, much of the French influence, and the support of the Scottish Rite within the Lodges of Austria who were very pro-European leaning. On account of the Austrian Government being aligned with and part of the NAZI Government, the Lodge again went dark and wasn't until 1945, after WWII that 48 brothers came together again to reconstitute the Grand Lodge of Austria. With a little help from brethren in the U.S. the Grand Lodge of Austria reignited its light. The following years were, nonetheless difficult to say the least and resulted in the reestablishment of The Craft and two separate Grand Lodges.

The Grand Orient of Austria (1955) and the Grand Lodge of Austria of Ancient, Free and Accepted Freemasons. To Present Day, these two Grand Lodges are in full working order. Of interest with the former, Grand Orient of Austria also known as the Independent Grand Lodge of Austria, which has a very close French Influence there are over 400 members of both brothers and sisters. Suffice it to say, Freemasonry in Austria has its very storied past but a very clear future and years to come will only show how much the Light will always overcome the dark.

Quote of the Month

Benjamin Franklin



Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

- Benjamin Franklin

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Joke of the Month

As is usual in my Lodge, the junior officers move up one station later in the masonic year, on evenings when no special work is scheduled. This gives them experience for the coming year. One young Senior Deacon got his tongue wrapped around his eye teeth awkwardly during the closing of Lodge, the first time sitting as Junior Warden. Instead of saying "It is the order of the WM that this lodge of Master MASONS be now closed", it came out as Master BAITERS. Later he told the Master he was just practicing for annual inspection

- Unknown

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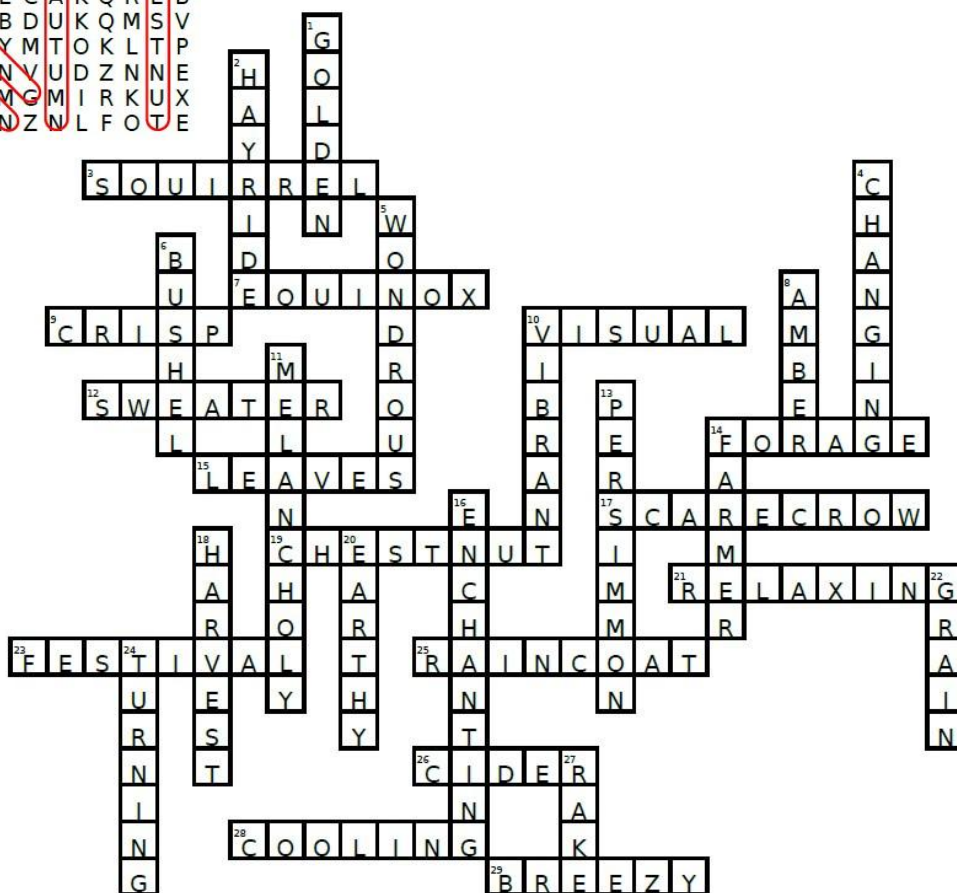
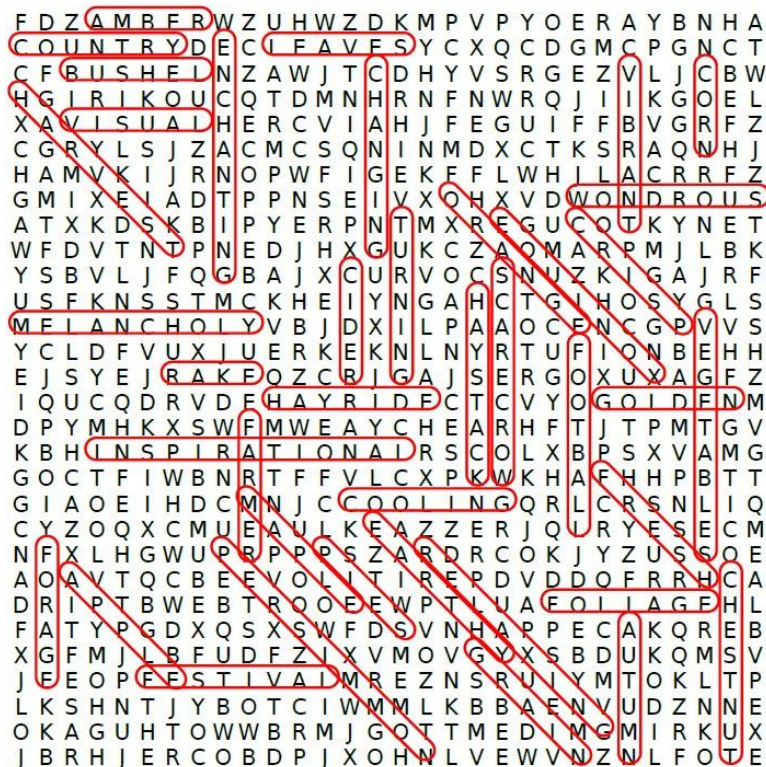
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To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Almas Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Washington, Desert of the District of Columbia: I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge # _____ Located in _____. 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.

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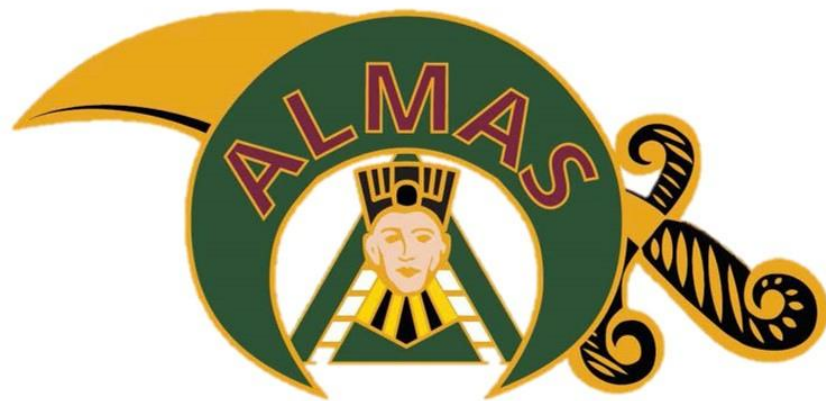
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