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# FROM THE POTENTATES'S DESK



Nobles,

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

On November 10, 1775, prior to the Declaration of Independence, a new corps was formed following the Continental Marine Act and known as the Continental Marines. This military service branch held several different duties, but their primary purpose was to provide landing forces.

The first Commandant, Samuel Nicholas, led two battalions with over 2,100 servicemen.

After the Revolutionary War, the Continental Marines were disbanded. The Marine Corps was established on July 11, 1798; and this became the date upon which Marines would celebrate the founding of the Corps as an official entity. This changed in 1921 with Major Edwin North McClellan of the Marine Corps History Division who advocated for the anniversary to be designated on November 10th. This was part of an effort in a series of standardizations as to how celebrations of the Marine Corps' Birthday would be executed. Marines treat the anniversary with pride, importance, and honor.

The United States Marine Corps' birthday is celebrated with full military pageantry, pomp, and circumstance. These events change from time to time and by physical location. What does not change is the Cake Cutting Ceremony. This ceremony is performed with the same honor and distinction as a 21-Gun Salute. This tradition is so much embedded in the pride of a Marine that it was formalized in the Drill Manual in 1956. By tradition, and order, the first slice of cake is given to the oldest Marine present who then hands it to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing a passing of knowledge and tradition from wisest to newest. After the Cake Cutting Ceremony, there is a traditional reading of Marine Corps Order 47, which created the official holiday as a mandatory celebration. This is followed by the celebration. One cannot help but notice the symbolism we as Masons perform when Initiating, Passing, and Raising our brothers in Lodge and the reading of our Charter when installed as Master of the Lodge.

Happy Birthday Marines! May God keep and preserve you and all our Nation's Service Personnel while preserving the Freedom of our Republic.

S&F,  
George Perez  
Potentate

**Dear Ladies and Nobles,**

**We hope you are all well. Being shuttered for the past few months has been a trying experience for all of us. We are all anxious to recover and return to normalcy. Therefore, we are hosting a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 1pm.**

**Washington DC has provided a few cautionary restrictions which will enable Almas Shriners to resume having meetings and conducting small social events. Because your safety is of the utmost concern to us, we will adhere to DC's rules and directives as well as to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines. The measures for social distancing are easily accomplished at Almas Temple.**

**Due to these requirements and procedures, this event is limited to 50 people. Almas Shriners will prepare as follows:**

- **Limit seating to eight (8) per table**
- **Face masks are required while getting food or drinks**
- **Six (6) feet distance will be maintained while getting food or drinks**

**With love and esteem, we invite you to join us in the fun and celebration by starting off this holiday season. Please confirm your attendance by November 11, 2020 to: [reservations@almasshriners.org](mailto:reservations@almasshriners.org); confirmation is needed to allow us to prepare seating and catering.**

**Regards,  
Lady Lesly & George Perez**



# From the Recorder's Desk



The renovations are moving along quite nicely. They are in home stretch. The meeting room on the mezzanine level are complete. They have started to lay the wood tile on the mezzanine level. The elevators have been renovated also. Now that they are finished an inspection is needed to place them back in service. The work is scheduled to be completed the week of Thanksgiving. Once that is done a final inspection is scheduled for the last week of November. If all goes well the Hotel will take full possession of the new Schuyler at the Hamilton Hotel DC. We are looking forward to getting things back to normal. Whatever

the new normal will be. As of right now the business meeting in December will be in person. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you that feel comfortable in getting out. The December meeting is election of officers for 2021. We will not be having a meal before the meeting.

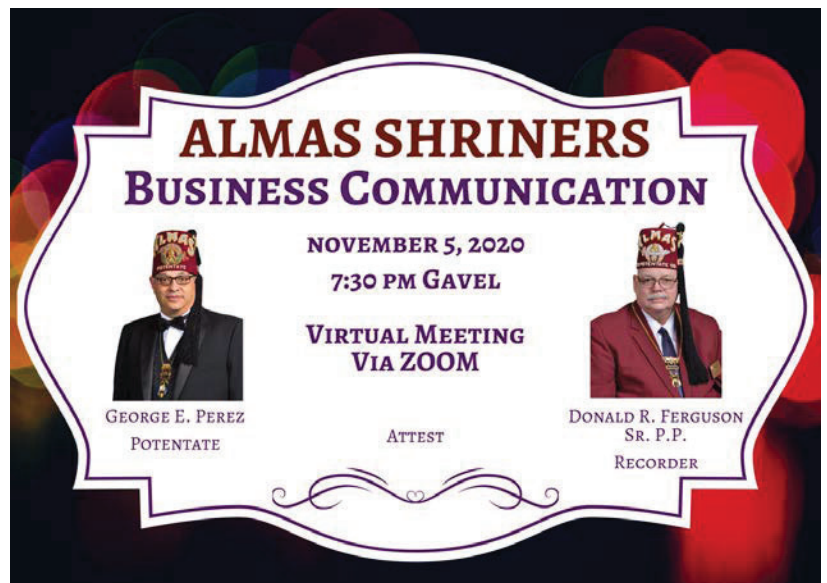
S&F,

Donald R. Ferguson, SR. P.P.

Recorder



## Joke of the Month



A police officer had just pulled over a car full of nuns for going too slow on a major highway. The conversation went like this:

Police officer: "Why were you driving so slowly?"

Nun driver: "I kept seeing all these signs with the number 20 on them and figured that was the speed limit."

Police officer: "No, Sister, that's the highway number."

Nun: Oh, I'm so sorry, Officer, I didn't know that."

Then the police officer looked into the back seat and saw that the nuns there had panic-stricken faces and white knuckles from holding on to each other too tightly.

Police officer: "What's wrong with the nuns in the back seat?"

Nun: "Oh, we just got off Highway 101 a few miles ago."

-- Unknown



# Lady Lesly's Loft



Thank you all for attending the Tea Party. I thoroughly enjoyed being in your company once again. As you all recall, this was originally scheduled for this past March; but was postponed due to the closure of Washington DC.

To share our experience with those Ladies and Nobles who were not able to attend, here is a small recap of the event. The afternoon was full of fun, laughter, food, and so much needed warm comradery!



The afternoon started with Bellinis at the bar. Then, we entered the Oasis Room for the Tea Party. We had a kettle of Blooming Tea at the center of each table. Each tea bloom evolved into a different bouquet of beautiful flowers as it brewed a delicious green tea. We had a presentation of the Origin of the Tea Party.

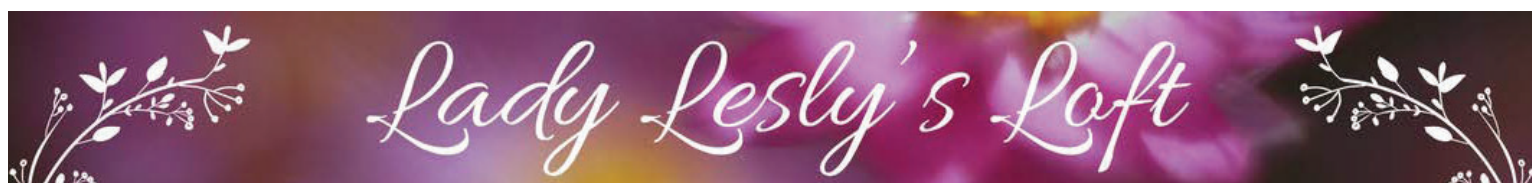
The tea was followed by platters of assorted mini-sandwiches, deviled eggs, and pastries; I was told that the seafood salad ones were especially savory.



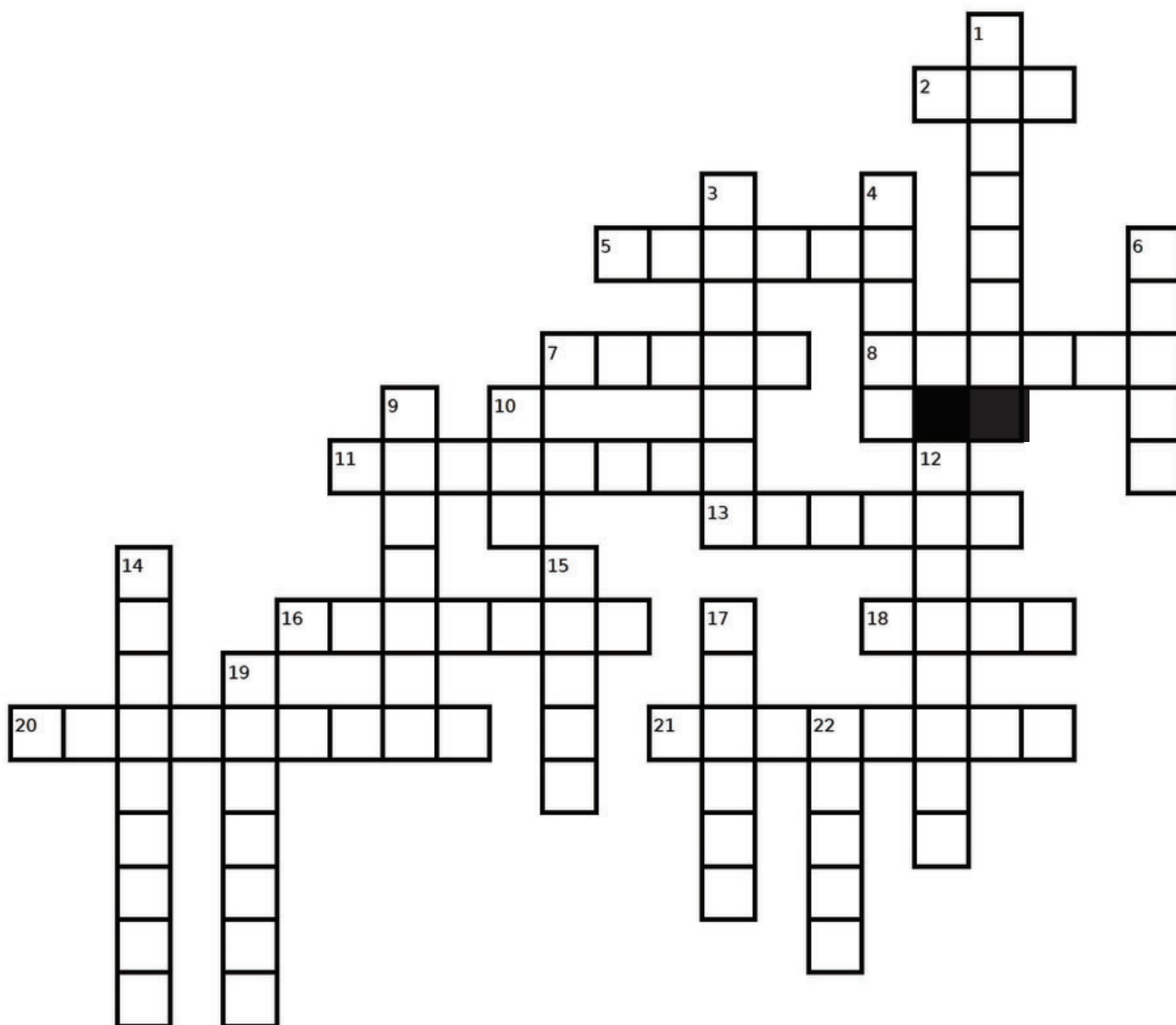
We enjoyed a few fun games of Bingo with Edie leading the way as the first winner of the day and selecting the first prize. She walked away with the personal nesting teacup and teapot!

This was a fantastic afternoon with family and friends. We have been apart for much too long and it was a welcomed pleasure to be in your company. I hope to see you at the next event!





## CROSSWORD





# Lady Lesly's Loft

## CROSSWORD CLUES

Down:

1. a pale-brown color
3. the season when ripened crops are gathered
4. money
6. this substance as used in cooking or as a spread or sweetener
9. a person who mends shoes
10. the part of the leg back of the knee
12. mental impressions retained; recollections
14. the ship in which the Pilgrims sailed from Southampton to the New World in 1620
15. the juice pressed from apples
17. the hard, aromatic seed of the fruit of an East Indian tree
19. the leaves of a plant, collectively; leafage
22. belief that is not based on proof



Across:

2. a total or whole that can be divided
5. a devout petition to God
7. the fat and juices drip from cooking meat and used as a sauce for meat
8. a time of full maturity
11. the edible tuber of a cultivated plant
13. a large, gallinaceous bird of the family Meleagrididae
16. an original settler in a region
18. a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person
20. anything left or remaining from a larger amount
21. a material or substance used to fill something.







## WORD SEARCH

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Armistice	Accolades	Republic	National
Military	Victory	Patriot	Uniform
Respect	Mission	Loyalty	Heroism
Freedom	Country	Liberty	Medals
Bravery	Family	Zeal	Anthem
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# Lady Lesly's Loft

## National Homemade Bread Day



National Homemade Bread Day is celebrated on November 17th. Bread has been made for over thousands of years and it is estimated that its origin goes back to 5,000-10,000 B.C. Bread is one food that knows no cultural bounds. Today, most households purchase bread and do not bake it themselves. Bread can be served as a snack, be eaten as a meal, or used as an ingredient for a different recipe altogether. Sliced bread was not available until 1928. When it was invented, it was described as the "best thing"; hence the popular saying, "best thing since sliced bread".

The best thing about National Homemade Bread Day is the way your home smells when baking the breads. Or, maybe it is when you eat the bread right out of the oven! Either way, bake bread on November 17th.

I have enclosed my recipe for Pumpkin Bread. An amazingly easy recipe which has great benefits. Pumpkin is packed with fiber, potassium, and Vitamin C. All factors that support heart health. Potassium helps treat hypertension or high blood pressure. It also can reduce the risk of strokes and may prevent bones from losing muscle mass. Pumpkin is known to reduce diastolic blood pressure and increase the good cholesterol. It also boosts your immunity. The pumpkin fiber helps digest food efficiently which helps in keeping you regular. ENJOY!



### PUMPKIN BREAD

#### Ingredients

- 2/3 cup of Butter Flavored Shortening
- 3 cups of sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups of canned pumpkin (small can)
- 2/3 cup of water
- 3 1/3 cups of flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder
- 2 teaspoons of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground cloves

#### Directions

Mix flour, salt, and baking powder together in a bowl.

In a separate bowl, cream shortening and sugar; afterwards, add eggs one at a time while mixing. Add pumpkin, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and water. Mix well.

Add flour mixture (one cup at a time) to wet ingredients. Mix smooth.

Put into 2 greased and floured bread pans. Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour and 15 minutes (check at the 1 hour). Bread will be done when a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool completely before cutting.



# Candidate for Oriental Guide

## Geoffrey L. Newman

- Raised Master Mason 2005
- Ali Ghan Shrine 2007
- WM Kensington-Bethesda #198 2012-2014
- MD Grand Master award 2014
- Trustee Anacostia #21 2016-2018
- Almas Shrine 2018
- WM elect Anacostia #21 2019, 2020
- Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon Grand Lodge of MD 2019
- Grand Lodge of DC Leadership Committee 2019
- Almas Finance Committee 2019
- Grand Lodge of DC Code Maintenance Committee-Chair 2020
- CFO of the family business
- Anacostia-Pentalpha #21 WM 2020
- Almas finance committee 2020
- Almas membership committee 2020
- SHP 2020 co-chair, raised \$34,600 for military charities
- Appointed-SAR Leadership Selection Committee 2019
- Elected- DC Society, Sons of the American Revolution: 3rd Vice President 2020
- Appointed- DC Society, Sons of the American
- Revolution: Young Members Chair 2020
- MESH-Investments/Financials, VP
- Small business owner of Newman Financial Advising

## In Remembrance

### In Memoriam

**Sigmund J. Liberman**  
1927 - 2020

**I hold it true, whate'er befall;  
I feel it, when I sorrow most;  
'Tis better to have loved and lost  
Than never to have loved at all  
- Alfred Lord Tennyson**

## NW/BCC Shrine Club

NW/BCC Shrine Club donates a total of \$2,000.00 to the following:

- \$1,000 - Shrine Hospital in Philadelphia
- \$500 to MESH Charities for Covid-19 relief
- \$500 to the Masonic Foundation for the relief of Brethren in Beirut, Lebanon

## Quote of the Month

**William Howard Taft**



The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives for its perfection.

~ William Howard Taft



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## 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](mailto:fwevans@verizon.net)) or Jesse Villarreal ([jv1301@aol.com](mailto:jv1301@aol.com)). Do not wait till the last minute to order. Last year we ran out.

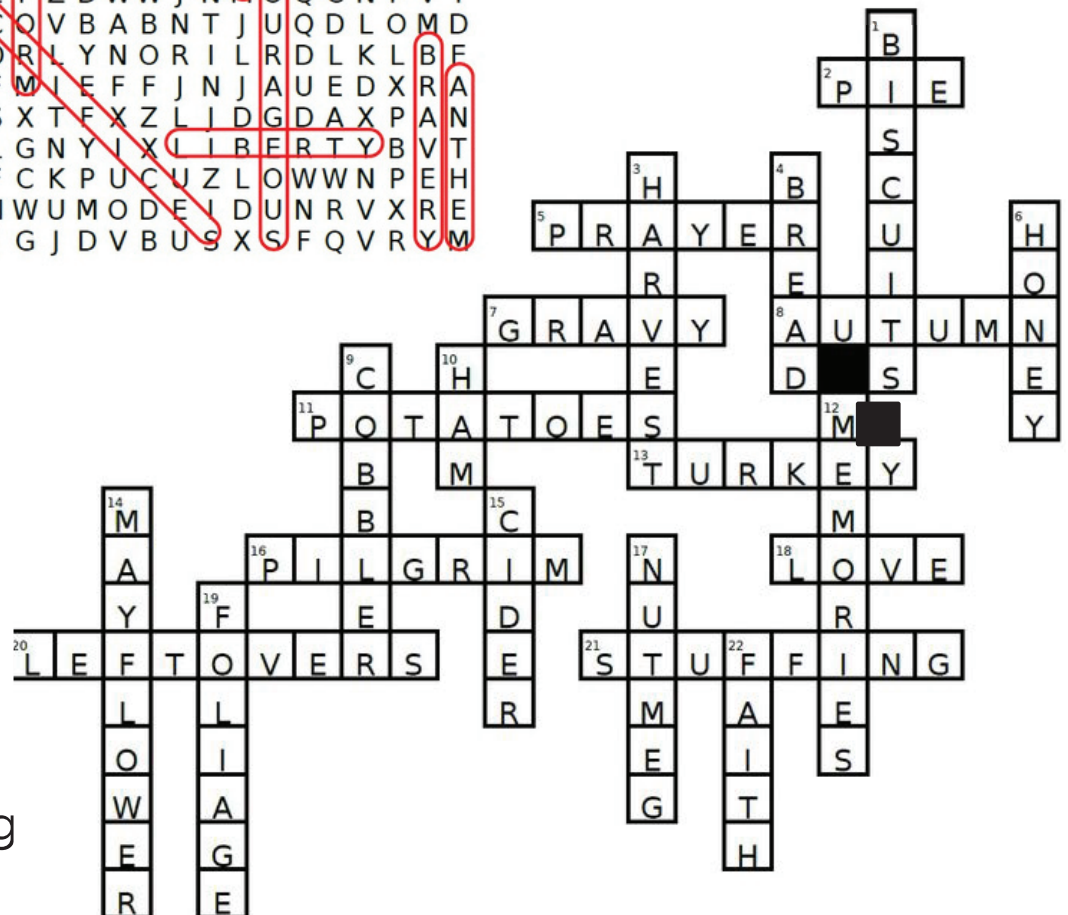
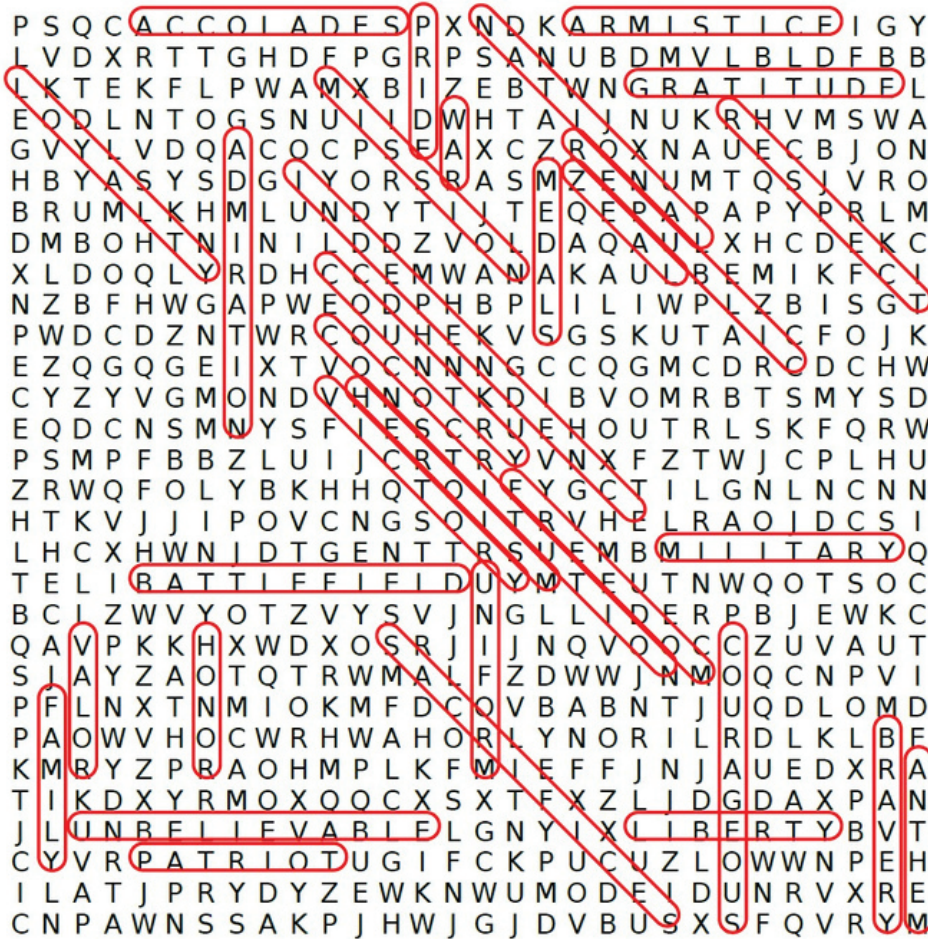
The ornaments are for the benefit of the Yacht Club and are not tax deductible.





# Lady Lesly's Loft

## ANSWERS



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Families  
Craving  
Stuffing  
Massachusetts  
Plymouth  
Harvest  
Drumstick  
Happy Friendsgiving

## 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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## LIVING PAST POTENTATES



1982 Donald P. McDade  
1995 Charles W. Corey, III  
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1999 Ralph F. Connolly  
2000 William M. Lanham  
2001 Anthony S. Murray  
2002 Donald M. Holliday, Sr.  
2003 David W. Finn  
2004 Kenneth J. Collins  
2006 Lonnie L. Ramos  
2007 Jeffrey G. Bodie  
2009 Donald R. Ferguson, Sr.

2010 Paul Friedlander  
2011 Alan L. Gordon  
2012 Ricardo Rodriguez Kroger  
2013 Rick Hall  
2014 John R. Garrison  
2015 Luis G. Cisneros  
2016 Fred W. Evans  
2017 Michael A. Gordon  
2018 Jeffrey D. Holt  
2019 Frank Ireton