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FROM THE POTENTATES'S DESK



Nobles,

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

As Potentate of Almas Shriners in 2020, I had the privilege of service and of continuing the course and growth we were set upon by all those fine men before me. With a slight variation in methodology and adjusting to the current events of our district, country, and the world, we continue to

be well on our way to a solid and prosperous temple in leadership and financial security. The financial stream from our hotel tenant has taken its time due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we are at the point of beginning in reaping the reward of stabilization.

The global situation addressing COVID-19 has affected the Temple in many ways. A few of these changes were unfortunate; but others brought to light new ways of conducting communications, business, and strategic thought towards the future. I regard this as a positive outcome of an unfortunate situation which has plagued the globe. As the new year begins, I have confidence that we will accept this issue as part of our lives and will adapt and overcome. We can no longer, for the sake of the country and society, remain in a lock-down. The survival of our temple depends on our innate freedom labor towards economic freedom and social interaction with each other. I understand some are concerned with these events and agreeably, they should not be taken lightly. But, as with the Flu Pandemic of 1919, we will overcome. Recalling our lessons from history, the influenza virus reached the United States during World War I. The United States had previously battled the "grippe" flu but never a strain as fatal as influenza. Many doctors had difficulty identifying the disease, for typhoid fever and tuberculosis also affected the country. The influenza virus spread rapidly throughout the country largely in part due to hospitals being unprepared and lacked a quarantine area. The main difference between then and now is we learned from that experience and as demonstrated, the resources to rapidly and safely develop a vaccine are currently present. It is this and many lessons from history which should provide us with the confidence that this too will pass. I am not trivializing, we need to undertake precautions, but there is hope and a solution to this pandemic. As we end 2020, normalcy is at the horizon of 2021. And life, as we knew it and love, will begin to resurface. We will approach it with caution, but never with fear.

Lady Lesly's Tea Party demonstrated we can interact in a safe, normal, and fun manner. The precaution Lesly, our staff, officers, and guests undertook to ensure our safety during that event was a testament that we all as family are in need of interacting with one another and in need to continue to live our lives fully. The success of the Tea Party proved we could all meet safely. And, it gave us the confidence to schedule the yearly Holiday Party. Unfortunately, the District

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radically limited our size gatherings to ten people, forcing us to comply and to cancel the party. This did not stop Lesly from bringing good cheer to those guests who had confirmed attendance to the Holiday Party. Lesly began plans to distribute the party favor gifts instructing me to provide her with the names and addresses; and to call each guest and confirm a scheduled date. Lesly organized it all. She had me drive her to the homes of all those listed that I was able to reach to deliver what she named "Cheer Packages". After a ten-hour day, traversing Virginia, Maryland, and D.C., she accomplished her mission of cheer. Lesly's point was we must overcome our current situation and live as normal as possible. The fact that I was in back pain and just made it to my blue lodge's installation was trivial cost for her good cheer.

The only Masonic event Almas participated in was the Grand Lodge Leadership Conference. Bro. Derek Rivas, Chairman of the Membership Committee, spent countless hours creating a ten-minute video which was presented to the breather informing them of Almas Shriners and Shriners Hospital for Children. The video was well received, it has developed interest in our Temple. This ensuing year we hope to see an increase in membership due to his efforts.

While this year has been event quiet, the elected Divan was not at a standstill. They undertook efforts to streamline process, identify deficiencies, and strengthen business efforts which will affect the years to come. While these efforts are still ongoing, the event quiet time afforded the temple to undertake, complete, and envision the Temple's future. While many others around the world would have taken last year as a pause, our people did not. Each of them has contributed to the success of keeping the doors to our Temple financially secure.

Almas Shriners has historically ebbed and flowed in membership throughout its existence. Our history proves we will not fade into the night as some have. As Nobles, we have labored hard to bring the Temple back to a positive flow; and, the future is bright. Our history has shown us, with an occasional correction in course, that we will survive.

It is each of our responsibility, both singularly and as a Temple, to ensure what was built by those who have come before us and what we leave to those who come after us is preserved.

Lady Lesly and I acknowledge and thank each of you for your love and support this year to us and to the Temple. While not the ideal year for any of us, there were some unexpected positive results to this moment in time. The main one being the Temple is secure.

Thank you all, God Bless and we will meet again.

George Perez
Potentate

FROM THE DESK OF THE POTENTATE ELECT



Dear Nobles,

I hope each of you has had a Happy Holiday Season, and have been able to relax and safely spend some time with family. This has been a holiday season like no other in memory with this dreaded Covid-19 disease.

Thank you for your confidence in me to lead Almas Shriners for the ensuing year. I do not take this trust lightly, and I look forward to working with the other elected members of the Divan, my appointed officers, as well as the clubs and units of Almas Shriners. It has been a very busy 3 years since I was elected as High Priest & Prophet. Hopefully we will be able to get back to a more normal state of affairs in the near future and come face to face with each other for fellowship and conducting the business of the Temple.

We must also not forget our most important work of helping our hospital patients. Have you been to one of our Shriner's Hospitals? When was the last time you took a child to our hospital in Philadelphia?

Lastly, I would like to thank ILL. Sir George Perez for the outstanding job he did as Potentate in 2020 under the extraordinary issues that came up. I know 2020 did not turn out to be the year that he planned for last January.

Yours in the Faith,

George Stoklas
Potentate Elect



Lady Lesly's Loft

The History of Soup

Historical evidence of the existence of soup dates way back to about 20,000 B.C. Boiling was not a common cooking technique until the invention of waterproof containers, which started out as clay vessels. The word "soup" derives from the French word "soupe" which means soup or broth. The word restaurant was first used in France, around the 16th century, to refer to a highly concentrated, inexpensive soup, sold by street vendors and advertised as an antidote to physical exhaustion.

In 1765, a Parisian entrepreneur opened a shop specializing in soups. This prompted the use of the modern word restaurant for the eating establishments. In the US, the first colonial cookbook was published by William Parks in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1742, based on Eliza Smith's *The Complete Housewife; or Accomplished Gentlewoman's Companion*, and it included several recipes for soups and bisques. In the 1772 cookbook titled *The Frugal Housewife*, there was an entire chapter around the complete subject of soups.

Lesly's Simple Wonton Soup

Ingredients:

2 large cans of
College Inn Chicken Broth (or any other brand you prefer)
1 bag of frozen cheese ravioli (small sized) about 12-18oz bag (if you prefer, meat ravioli may be substituted)
Bunch of scallions (cut into small bites)
Chinese Noodles

Bring chicken broth to a boil in a large pot.
Add frozen ravioli and scallions.
Boil for about 5 minutes or until raviolis are done.

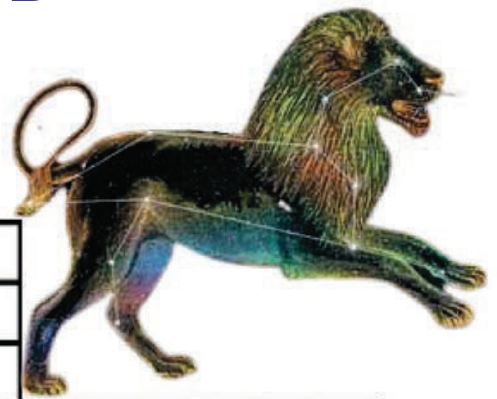
Let cool, add Chinese noodles, and enjoy!

Regards,
Lady Lesly & George Perez



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CROSSWORD

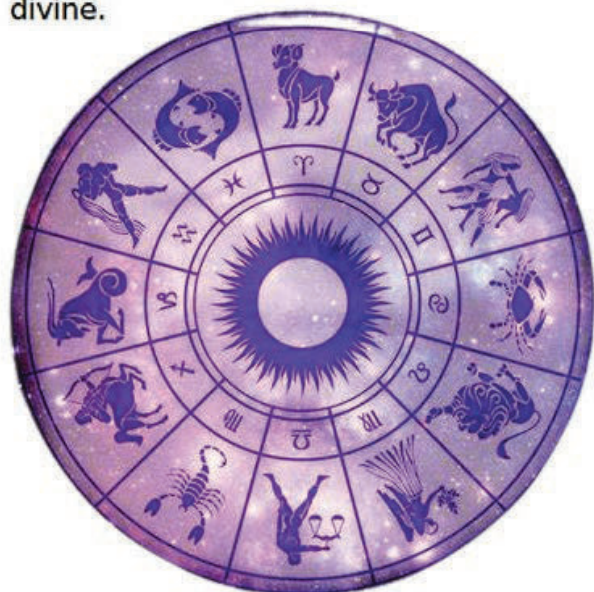


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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across:

2. A Vedic name for Mercury.
6. Happens when the Sun, Earth and Moon align.
7. Kepler's somewhat favorable aspect of 72 degrees.
9. Drift in apparent clock-time, caused by fluctuations in the Earth's orbit.
10. Spiritual guide, or preceptor.
11. Stars or planets rising before the Sun in the morning.
12. This regal sign is the fifth sign of the zodiac.
14. Jyotish term for New Moon.
17. Greek god of the Sun.
18. One of the four cardinal directions or points.
19. The queen of the gods; wife of Jupiter.
21. Resonant relationship, or overtone of planetary aspects.
22. Name for the Dragon's Tail, in Indian Astrology.
23. Direct knowledge of, or union with the divine.



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Down:

1. A heavenly body, such as a planet.
3. Ancient art of transforming substances from an impure to a pure form.
4. Indistinct or cloudy celestial object in the night sky.
5. A benefic Fixed Star in the 30th degree of Leo.
8. Violent death.
9. The seventh house governing marriage, partnership and open confrontation.
13. Inexorable events beyond an individual's control, predestined by a supernatural power.
15. A system of planetary periods of Persian origin.
16. Ancient term for angular house.
20. A planet coming from under the Sun's beams to be seen after an eclipse or occultation.



WORD SEARCH

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ULYSSES
APOLLO
HOMER
JASON

ARGONAUT
MOORISH
HOMERIC
ATHENA
PLATO
ILIAD
HARPY

ODYSSEUS
CALYPSO
ODYSSEY
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CHILDREN'S AMBASSADOR

Maverick Miczynski



Maverick Miczynski was appointed as Almas Shriners 2020 Children's Ambassador! The office of Almas Children's Ambassador is a very public and demanding position but this sturdy eight-year-old was up to the challenge.

This year, Children's Ambassador Maverick Miczynski would have enjoyed inclusion in all the events afforded to his fellow officers.

Unfortunately, the world situation kept him at home with an eagerness to serve in his assigned position. Maverick, along with his siblings, has been doing distance learning and staying safe during these trying times. This is not to say Maverick did not meet his doctor appointments in Philadelphia. On the contrary, his resolve to make these appointments doubled and his eagerness to see his fellow patient-friends were just as important to him.

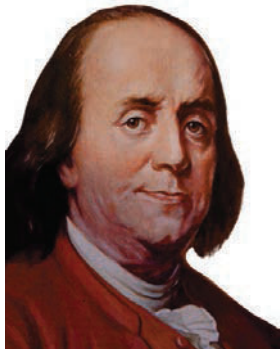
Almas Shriners had ordered a fez for Maverick and had planned to properly bestow it upon him at one of the events planned for 2020. But this was not to be; as time trickled by and the year was coming to an end. Thus, in a small private meeting, Ill. Potentate George Perez had the honor of presenting Maverick with his personal fez. Although only attended by family, it was a fantastic moment which brought much happiness to this young man. Frankly, it gave the Potentate more fun and satisfaction than any of the lost events could have ever brought. In the few years we witnessed Maverick's growth, strength, and determination; and we see a young man who has the determination to confront and succeed in life. For those of us privileged to know this young man, all realize whatever life brings us, we should address them with the same resolve Maverick displays.

Many of us hear about Shriners Hospital. We see the commercials, the Masons in funny hats and clowning about the city, district, state, country, and the world. But few have the luxury of witnessing the results of their labors.

We thank Maverick for being the Almas Shriners 2020 Children's Ambassador and wish him and his family all the very best.



ILL. Bro. Benjamin Franklyn



III. Bro. Ben Franklin is one of the most prominent Founding Fathers. He was born on January 17, 1706 in Boston, MA. His intelligence and wisdom helped him excel as an author, scientist, philosopher, statesman, and postmaster.

Bro. Franklin was among the last of the Founding Fathers to come out in favor of full separation from Britain. Having lived in London for several years and held royal appointments, he instead pushed for peaceful compromise and the preservation of the empire, once writing that, "every encroachment on rights is

not worth a rebellion." By the time he returned for the Second Continental Congress in 1775, he realized the truth of tyranny and officially announced his support for American independence. We would then see the birth of our Republic and continue today to enjoy its values and principles.

According to American lore, a woman asked III. Bro. Franklin, after adjournment from the Constitutional Convention, what sort of government they had been created. He answered bluntly, accurately, and cautionary: "A republic, Madam, if you can keep it." Whether accurately portrayed or not, the truth of this vignette survived and will continue to remain true: A democratic republic cannot exist without an informed, politically active people. Otherwise, its people are subject to "intrigue".

Bro. Franklin was initiated into St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia. Bro. Franklin was appointed in 1732 as the Junior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania and elected as Grand Master on June 24, 1734. During this year, he also printed the first Masonic book in the United States. Bro. Franklin continued to be an active member of the fraternity and continued to be elected and appointed to many positions.

Bro. Franklin is considered "The First American" for his indefatigable campaigning for colonial unity as a spokesman in London for several colonies. He served as the first United States Ambassador to France and exemplified the emerging American nation. Bro. Franklin was instrumental in defining the American values of thrift, hard work, education, community, self-governance, and opposition to authoritarianism both political and religious, with the scientific and tolerant values of the Enlightenment.

The man considered the most brilliant American of his age rarely saw the inside of a classroom. Bro. Franklin spent only two years attending Boston Latin School and a private academy before joining the family candle and soap making business.

At the age 12, he served as an indentured apprentice at a printing shop owned by his brother, James. Bro. Franklin made up for his lack of schooling by spending the small of money he earned on books, often going without food to afford new volumes. He continued to hone his composition skills by reading essays and articles and then rewriting them from memory.

III. Bro. Benjamin Franklin passed to that undiscovered country on April 17, 1790. He has always been remembered as a Founding Father and scientist. For Freemasons, he was much more.

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FREEMASONRY AND THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PART II

BY: BRO. KALEB LOPEZ

JUSTICE-COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 3



As previously stated in the first part of this article, Freemasonry and Texas is very similar to the foundational association that Freemasonry has to the United States and its founding. Also, of note, just as the United States was founded by and through the assistance of well-known Masons, so was Texas.



Now, this being said, there's also the interesting aspect of the foundation of Texas as it pertains, and is directly related, to the continuing growth and expansion of the United States. In fact, I can say with certainty and others can research more for themselves, but, at the time of the founding of Texas, the current President of the United States, at that time, was none other than RWB. Andrew Jackson!!

To further add to the connection of the founding of Texas and the expansion of the United States; both President Jackson and Texas President Sam Houston were from the same lodge in Tennessee. Both of these heavy-weight historical figures hail from Cumberland Lodge No. 8 in Nashville, Tennessee.

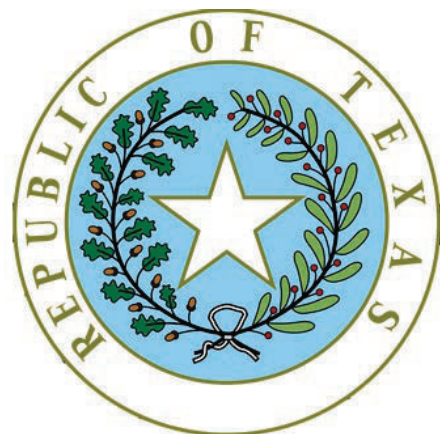
From the research I was able to obtain and review, our late President and brother, was also the first ever President of the United States who also, previously, served as the Grand Master of his state's Grand Lodge. He was the first, at that time. Later in our history the second brother to perform this arduous task and have this great honor was our other late President, President Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States. President Jackson's apron is on display at the Tennessee State Museum.

Now, you might ask, "Well, what does this have to do with Texas and the United States?" and the answer to this question is while Texas had just completed its fight for independence and became it's own country, the United States was sending it's people across this great land ever increasing the sphere of influence along the way including the other parts of the country that are part of Texas and extending to the West Coast.

President Jackson was in favor of the annexation of Texas as a result of this but mostly because

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the territory of Texas was part of the Louisiana Purchase at the time and therefore, he felt Texas belonged to the United States anyway. Now, on another note, he reviewed the annexation of Texas strategically as well and warned that if Texas did not become part of the United States, it was subject to being retaken by the Mexican government while being supported by the British who, at this time, the fresh scars of 1812 were still being felt and very much remembered by those who had fought it, specifically, President Jackson.



So... though his presidency ended, in coordinating with President Sam Houston of Texas, and his successor, United States President, Van Buren, who was unable to secure the annexation and inclusion of Texas into the Union, but, with the continued efforts made by President Jackson and working with the Democratic Convention, the plan eventually succeeded and the annexation of Texas, by treaty, took place.

“On March 1, 1845, President Tyler signed the annexation bill, and on March 3 (his last full day in office), he forwarded the House version to Texas, offering immediate annexation (which preempted Polk). When Polk took office at noon EST the next day, he encouraged Texas to accept the Tyler offer. Texas ratified the agreement with popular approval from Texans. The bill was signed by President Polk on December 29, 1845, accepting Texas as the 28th state of the Union. Texas formally joined the union on February 19, 1846.”

Needless to say, the communication between our two brothers and other brothers who were involved had directly influenced the expansion and strength of the United States and the creation of an actual country, Texas, which later became the 28th State in the Union. So, as there, again, is so much more to state and to include in the story, Freemasonry has been involved in the United States of America becoming what it is today and, no doubt, there are brothers out there who in the future will continue to carry the torch and flag of our great nation far into the future!!

I know this article was much shorter than the first part, but please stay tuned there's a lot more to cover with what Freemasonry and Texas share and what we can all learn from it.

May the Great Architect bless you and enlighten your path to see where it may lead and where you may be called to go.

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MASONIC FAMILY VALUES
BY: BRO. GEORGE SAMAN
JUSTICE-COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 3

In our fast-paced world, where pressures on time become greater and greater, there are all too-few times when fathers can share quality time with their sons.

You probably have memories of those moments of sharing when the pace of living was a bit slower. Perhaps your father taught you to drive, or hunt, or fish. Maybe you have a memory of a spring afternoon when the two of you went out into the yard and threw a baseball back and forth or a little league game where you were on a team he helped to coach.

As boys grow into men, unfortunately the sharing opportunities grow even more rare.

As a young adult, you move out of the family home, establish a life and family of your own. There are fewer and fewer chances to share things with your father. Differences in age and changing times mean communication sometimes grow even more difficult.

But there's one thing you can always share with your father, no matter how much time or how many miles may separate you.

Freemasonry, at the turn of the century, almost every man's father was a Mason. As was his father before him. And his before that. This tradition can be traced all the way back to the Middle Ages.

It was only natural; every man wanted to pass his wisdom, his knowledge, his experience, his good reputation on to his son. And Masonry was one of his most treasured experiences.

There's a strong tradition in the Fraternity that we don't ask people to join. You have to ask to join.

It's part of a Mason's obligation that he can't ask you to become a member. In keeping this promise to the Fraternity, sometimes that gets carried a little too far.

The practice of not speaking about Freemasonry is really more tradition than any attempt to keep anyone from learning about Freemasonry. Masons once treated Masonry as a secret society - it was the popular thing to do. The Secrets were simply ritualistic, of course, but it did mean that a man had to learn about Masonry by growing up with it.

But it's a rare Mason who does not hope in his heart that his sons will join the Craft.

You see, there's a special bonding among Masons -- a special feeling which comes from having shared the same deeply moving experiences, honoring the same ideals of truth and charity and brotherly love. It's a good feeling, and when that feeling is added to those which naturally exist

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between father and son -- well, those of us who have been there can tell you there's nothing like it!

And that's true of Masons who move from one town to another and for those who don't visit a lodge for years at a time. Masonry isn't something which happens in the lodge -- it happens in the heart.

That's why the tradition of joining Freemasonry runs so strongly in millions of families.

Unfortunately, in these modern times, there's often a time or communications gap between father and sons that's hard to bridge. Many fathers find it hard to be with and to talk to their sons, much as they would like to. Freemasonry bridges that gap by bringing fathers and sons together in the Fraternity and through shared experiences and shared values.

A family's involvement in Freemasonry can go beyond the father-to-son relationship. There are Masonic youth organizations for the children including opportunities for both boys and girls. These organizations offer Masonic values designed to support the strong family values parents should have already instilled in their children. They offer special programs that focus on the needs of youth including social, athletic and self-awareness programs.

There are organizations for adult women including Eastern Star - a world class organization for women to which Masons may also be members.

But Freemasonry is foremost a fraternity for men. As a result, every father hopes the day will come when he will stand with his son just as his father stood with him as he was welcomed into the Craft.

Talk to your father about becoming a Mason. Ask him what the Fraternity has meant to him and what you will be able to give and get by belonging and being active in Freemasonry. He'll be happy to get you a petition. Or surprise him; find another Mason, submit the petition, and then let your father know what night you're to receive the First Degree.

Freemasonry, is something for the whole family.

Quote of the Month

Carl H. Claudy



The genius of Freemasonry is not our Masonic buildings and temples or the trappings of our organizations. It is not our great charities or community activities. It is not our beautiful rituals or their teachings! It is the 'practice of Freemasonry' by the Freemasons. Yet we cannot practice that which we do not know or understand. Thus, Masonic education is the foundation for our Fraternity.

- Carl H. Claudy

Friends of the Temple

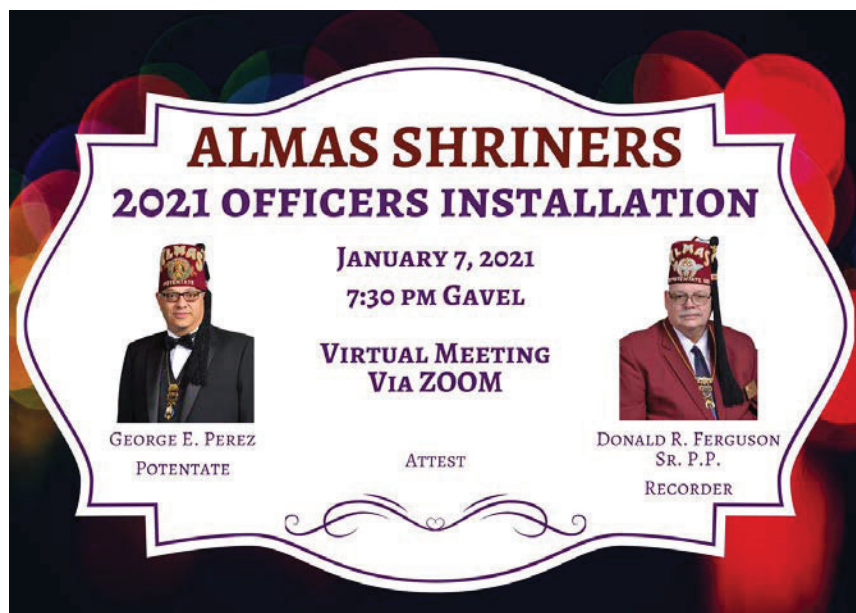
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2021 OFFICERS INSTALLATION

JANUARY 7, 2021
7:30 PM GAVEL

VIRTUAL MEETING
VIA ZOOM


GEORGE E. PEREZ
POTENTATE

ATTEST


DONALD R. FERGUSON
Sr. P.P.
RECORDER



WANTED

A FEW KLOWNS IN FUNNY
COSTUME TO ENTERTAIN
CHILDREN AND LOVE BEING
FUNNY.

PARTICIPATE IN PARADES
AND ALMAS TEMPLE
ACTIVITIES.

SHOW YOUR INNER AND
OUTER SELVES AND MAKE
CHILDREN AND ADULTS SMILE.

DRIVE THE KLOWN FIRE
ENGINE OR BE A HOSE MEN.

CONTACT WALTER SIMON,
WEIRD WALLY
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Joke of the Month

2020 College Graduates:

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

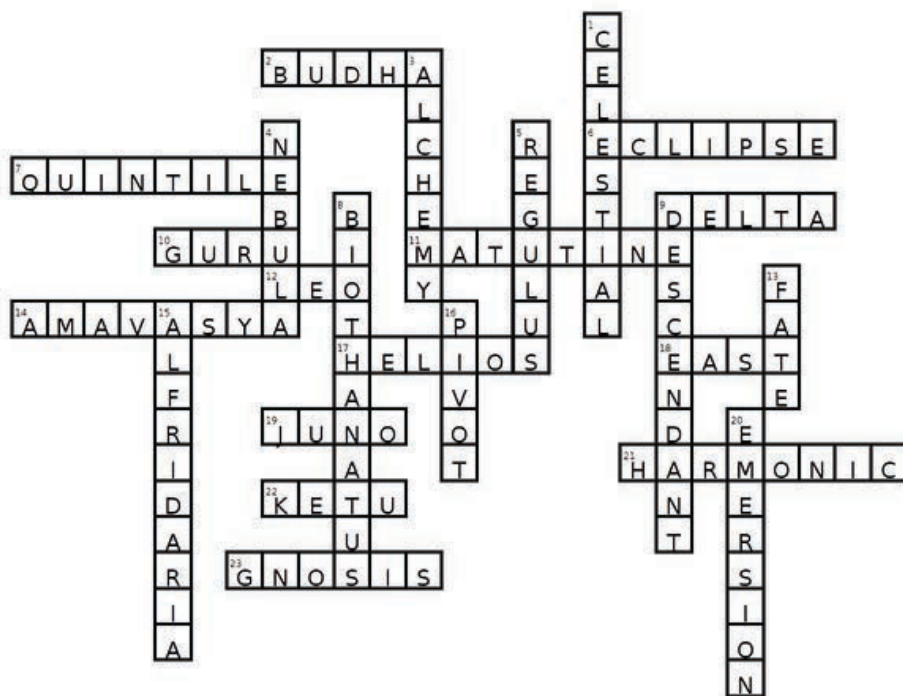
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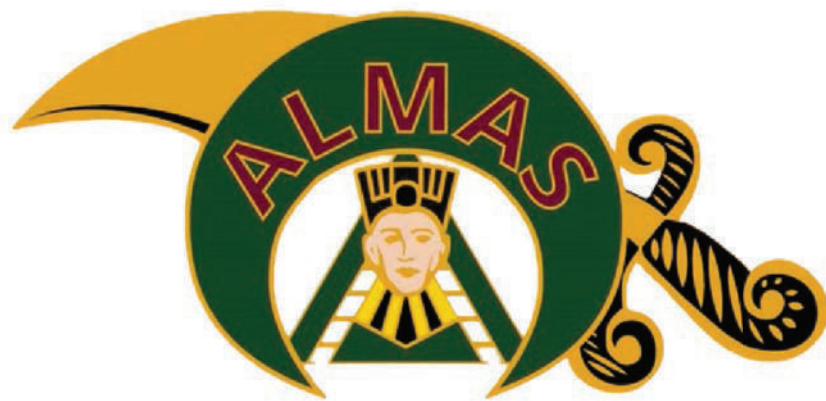
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