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# FROM THE POTENTATES'S DESK



Nobles,

It's easy to sum up the month of February in one word, LOST. Other than the normal administrative work by our ILL. Sir Recorder, Don Ferguson, there were no activities in February. But there is light at the end of the tunnel. With each passing day we are told of more and more people getting tested for this terrible virus, more and more people getting their virus shots, and most importantly, the death toll is dropping significantly. These reports give us continual hope that soon we will not have the restrictions that have been placed upon the day to day activities of our lives. Not only are businesses opening up, but our Fraternity is beginning to open up. The Lodges in North Carolina and Maryland, among others, have opened with distance restrictions, Shrine activities have started back in those same areas, and hopefully the Grand Lodge of DC and Almas Shrine will be able to start meeting in person very soon.

As we move forward into 2021, it is my sincere hope to get our lives back into some form of normality. Please remember to thank God for his glory, enjoy your family, stay safe, remember social distancing, wear your mask, get your shots, and encourage those of our Almas family to get their shots. And finally, be thankful for our fraternity.

Please tune in for our monthly membership meeting on Thursday, March 4th, on Zoom. Our ILL. Recorder will be sending the information out to the membership in a separate email.

Thank you all and God Bless

George Stoklas  
Potentate 2021

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**If you know of a friend or family member who has a birthday or some special occasion coming along, think of a donation in their honor. We will be very happy to receive this kind donation and acknowledge everyone for their generosity.**

**Thank you in advance for helping the children of the Shrine Hospital system.**



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# Petition for Initiation and Membership

## *Almas Shriners*

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Almas Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Washington, Desert of the District of Columbia: I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ Located in \_\_\_\_\_. Which is a lodge recognized by or in amity with the conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six (6) months, as required by the By-Laws of Shriners International. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and become a member of your Temple. If I am found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of Shriners International and the By-Laws and Ceremonies of your Temple.

Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever a DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was the Chapter Name and Location? \_\_\_\_\_

Profession or Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to any Temple of the Order? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, to what Temple? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Residence Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Business Address:**

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Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials are not sufficient)

### **Recommended and vouched for on the honor of:**

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