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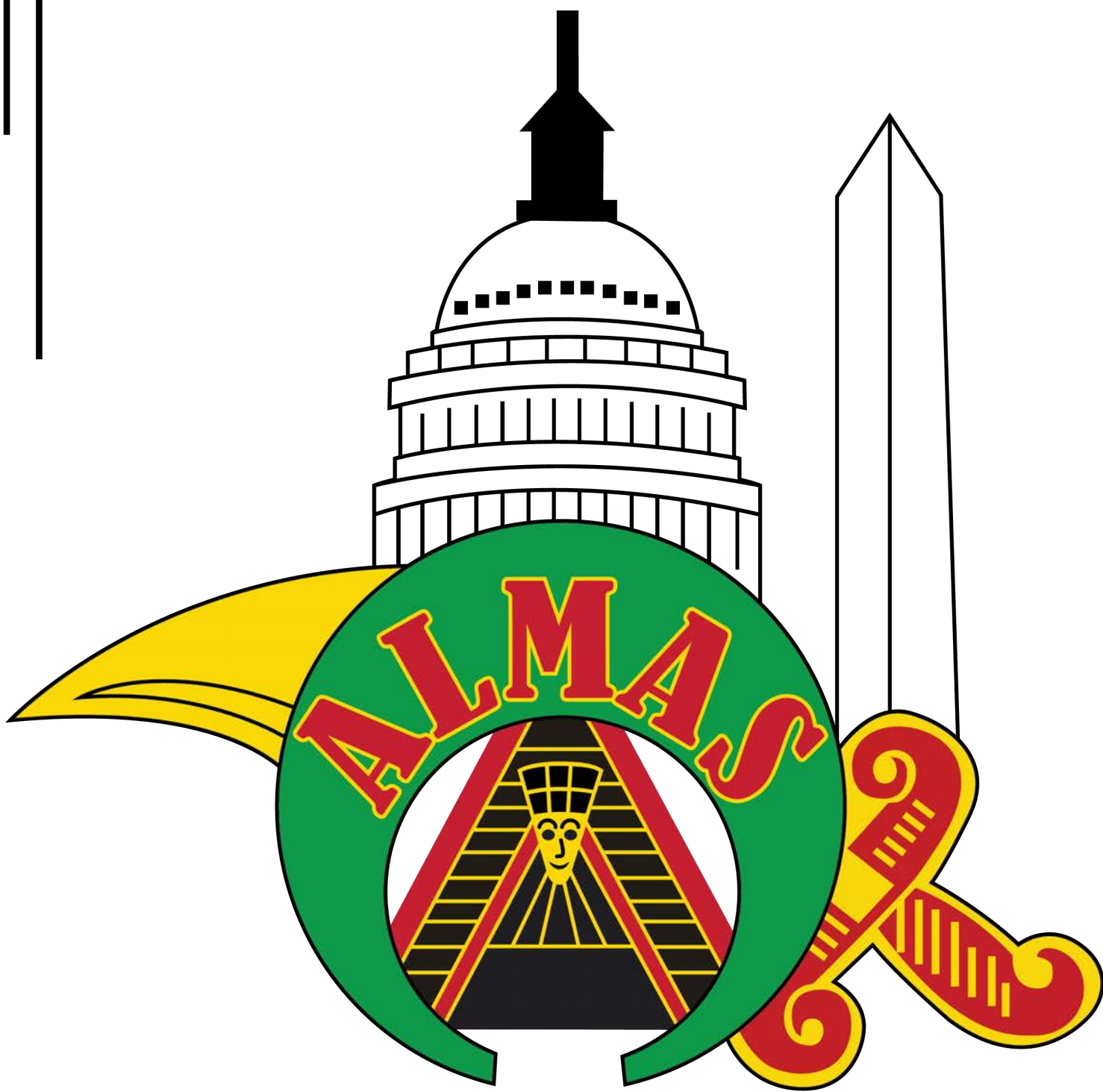
The background of the top half of the cover is a dark, celebratory scene. It features a large, ornate clock face with Roman numerals, partially visible on the left. Above the clock, there are bright, golden fireworks exploding against a dark sky. To the right, a champagne bottle is shown in the process of being opened, with a cork flying off and a spray of liquid and bubbles erupting from the neck. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and festivity.

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Happy New Year

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles,

Happy New year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday and had a chance to spend time with family and friends while recharging. I know I did and am back ready to go.

A colleague sent me the following link to what I found to be a very inspiring version of the famous New Year's song "Auld Lang Syne".

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7b3pXZme2E>)

I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

This past year had some challenges, and I would like to personally thank each member of the Divan, past Potentates as well as the nobility for all their good work and support as we still managed to end the year on a positive note.

I also want to thank the nobility for the support and confidence in electing me Potentate of Almas Shrine Temple for 2023. It will be a great honor to serve as your Potentate and I look forward to your continued support in making Almas temple strong and a fun place to be for many years to come.

Now that the last three years of COVID 19 is at our rearview mirror and hopefully soon to be out of sight, my focus this year is on enhancing membership, member participation in our temple activities and children hospital programs.

PARADES! Our Colonel of the Units, Illustrious Sir Frank Ireton has been hard at work in coordinating with the planners for this year's Chinese New Year, Cherry Blossom, 4th of July as well as Imperial and MASA parades. Parades are a lot of fun - this is an opportunity for Almas Temple to showcase our Shriners Hospitals for Children. So come on out - **"March, So Kids Can Walk"**.

Our next business meeting will be on Thursday, January 5, 2023. We have a lot of work ahead this year to keep our Temple on track and resilient to any changes that may keep us from accomplishing our goals. It is my hope that we can be of one team in making Almas Temple a fun and inviting environment for nobles, masons, families, and friends.

Stay well and let's make 2023 even more successful and empowering!

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Carpenter Arpa IV".

Carpenter Arpa IV
Chief Rabban

PAST EVENT PICTURES

CHRISTMAS PARTY



UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Events

January 5, 2023, 7:30 PM - Business Meeting

January 7, 2023, 10 AM - OPEN INSTALLATION of Almas Officers, 1315 K St NW, Washington DC 20005

January 22, 2023, 2 PM - Mark your calendars. Chinese New Year Parade. *Details to follow in an email*

January 26, 2022 - Almas Yacht Club meets the 4th Thursday at Almas Temple

January 28, 2022 - Northwest-BCC Shrine Club: meets the 4th Wednesday at Almas Temple

January 29, 2022 - Southeast Shrine Club - meets only on the 5th Sunday at Mamma Stellas in Clinton, MD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Almas Open Installation of Officers
Saturday, 10:00 am, January 7, 2023
1315 K St NW, Washington DC 20005

ELECTED DIVAN

Carpenter Y. Arpa IV, Potentate
Christopher S. Di Pasquale, Chief Rabban
Geoffrey Newman, Assistant Rabban
Dominador Carreon, High Priest & Prophet
Charles L. Carmichael, Oriental Guide
Michael A. Gordon, P.P., Treasurer
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr. P.P., Recorder

APPOINTED DIVAN

Jean-Paul Dongmo Sr., First Ceremonial Master
Anand Trivedi, Second Ceremonial Master
Matthew Miczynski, Director
Juan J. Tassano, Marshal
John J. Pardalis, Captain of the Guard
Eli Missouri, Outer Guard
Fred W. Evans, P.P., Chaplain, Jeffrey G. Bodie, P.P., Chaplain, Randall A. Schoch, Chaplain

.HAPPY.
New Year



FEZ FACTS

THE SHRINE EMBLEM

The Crescent was adopted as the Jewel of the Order. Though any materials can be used in forming the Crescent, the most valuable are the claws of a Royal Bengal Tiger, united at their base in a gold setting. In the center is the head of a sphinx, and on the back are a pyramid, an urn and a star. The Jewel bears the motto “Robur et Furor,” which means “Strength and Fury.” Today, the emblem includes a scimitar from which the crescent hangs, and a five-pointed star beneath the head of the sphinx.



The Shrine Emblem



MEMBERSHIP

Almas Legion of Honor

The Almas Shrine Legion of Honor held our regular meeting on October 6th 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 2023/2024. 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

MEMBERSHIP

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.



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.



Download My FezCard Viewer – Android

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FAMOUS FEZES

BORN IN JANUARY

FDR was born on January 30, 1882. On March 26 in 1930, Franklin Delano Roosevelt became a Shriner in Cyrus Temple, AAONOMS in Albany, New York.



CLUBS

Almas Yacht Club

Almas Yacht Club

The next meeting of the Almas Yacht Club will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the Almas Temple.

Our social hour will begin at 6:00 PM followed by a catered dinner at 7:00 PM.

The Installation of Officer and Business Meeting will follow the dinner.

Our Illustrious Potentate Carpenter Arpa IV and First Lady Marcia will be our guests for the evening.

Please join us for this celebratory event. The event is open to all nobility and their guests.

The cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person and 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, 24 January 2023.

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Yours in the Faith,

Chuck Carmichael
Commodore
Almas Yacht Club

FEZ FOODIES

FILIPINO CHICKEN ADOBO

INGREDIENTS

One of the most amazing Asian chicken thigh recipes I have ever come across. Intense in flavors, but so fast and easy to prepare! Chicken is so tender, it's like it's been slow cooked.

Chicken and Marinade

- 750g / 1.5 lb chicken thigh fillets
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1/3 cup (85ml) soy sauce
- 1/3 cup + 2 tbsp white vinegar
- 4 bay leaves (fresh) or 3 dried
- For cooking
- 2 tbsp oil
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 small onion
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) water
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp whole black pepper

Serving:

- 2 green onions/scallions

Instructions

- Combine Chicken and Marinade ingredients in a bowl. Marinate for at least 20 minutes, or up to overnight.
- Heat 1 tbsp oil in a skillet over high heat. Remove chicken from marinade (reserve marinade) and place in the pan. Sear both sides until browned – about 1 minute on each side. Do not cook the chicken all the way through.
- Remove chicken skillet and set aside.
- Heat the remaining oil in skillet. Add garlic and onion, cook 1 1/2 minutes.
- Add the reserved marinade, water, sugar and black pepper. Bring it to a simmer then turn heat down to medium high. Simmer 5 minutes.
- Add chicken smooth side down. Simmer uncovered for 20 to 25 minutes (no need to stir), turning chicken at around 15 minutes, until the sauce reduces down to a thick jam-like syrup.
- If the sauce isn't thick enough, remove chicken onto a plate and let the sauce simmer by itself- it will thicken much quicker - then return chicken to the skillet to coat in the glaze.
- Coat chicken in glaze then serve over rice. Pictured in post as a healthy dinner plate (415calories) with cauliflower rice and Ginger Smashed Cucumbers.

FEZ FIZZIES

CRANBERRY CHAMPAGNE

INGREDIENTS

- Champagne of your choosing
- Cranberry juice
- Ice cubes
- Optional: Fireball

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean and fill Christmas ornaments with cranberry juice (and optionally a bit of fireball to taste)
2. put 3 ice cubes into each glass
3. top with champagne to cover the ice
4. Add one Christmas ornament to the top of each glass



FEZ FUN

JANUARY PUZZLE

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WORD LIST:

CHAMPAGNE
 CHINESE NEW YEAR
 COLD
 CRISP
 EPIPHANY
 HOT CHOCOLATE
 JANUARY
 JANUS
 MELT
 MLK DAY
 NEW YEAR'S
 EVE
 PARADE
 SNOW
 TEA
 THANK YOU CARDS
 WINTER
 YEAR OF THE RABBIT
 YEAR OF THE TIGER

FEZ FUN

Coloring Sheet



FEZ FUN

ANSWERS

T	I	B	I	C	R	I	S	P	U	X	J	H	G	T	K	M	H	B	F
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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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2010 Paul Friedlander
2011 Alan L. Gordon
2012 Ricardo Rodriguez - Kroger
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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? _____

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

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of:

Noble: _____ Shrine # _____
Noble: _____ Shrine# _____



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Almas Temple Chartered June 14, 1886
134 Years of Service