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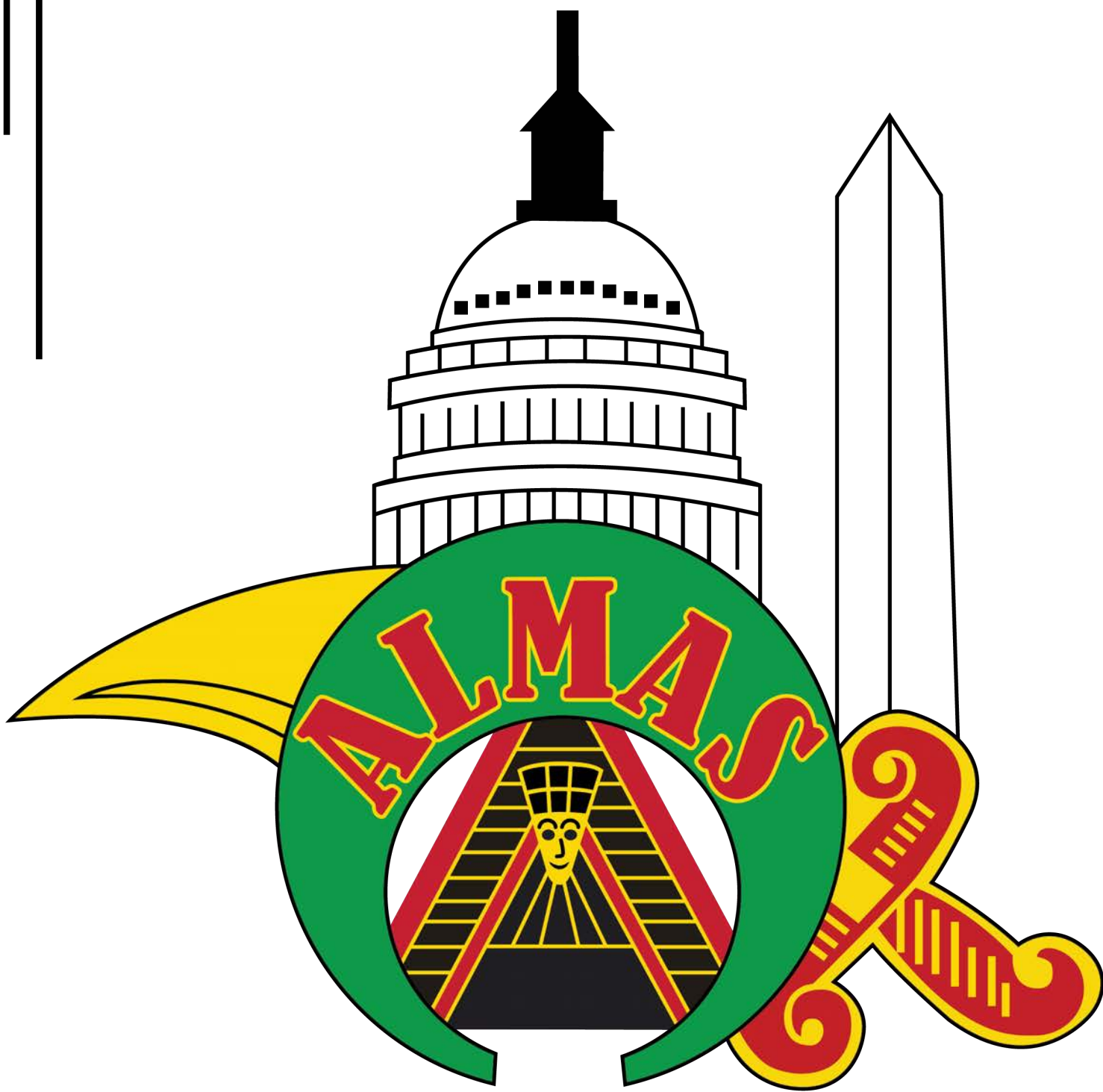
# Almas

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles,

I hope you all have adjusted to Daylight Savings Time and are enjoying the later sunsets. So, while most of the country was glued to March Madness, some of our nobles, their friends and family celebrated March Gladness at our Temple's St. Patrick's Day event. Among our attendees, we had Illustrious Sir Scott Hughes, (Potentate of Zuhrah Shrine Temple, Minneapolis) and his Lady Suzanne who were in the DC area on business that week.

My heartfelt thanks to the following members of Maharlika Club of Almas Shriners who assisted at our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Nobles Ador Carreon (High Priest & Prophet), Pol Pioquinto, Alex Mendoza, Mark Dela Cruz & his fiancée, Krezta, Raul Labrador (DJ), and Julius Barlan. Also special thanks to Bro. John Anthony David (Noble candidate) and Bro. Janmark Odonos (Entered Apprentice).

As we enter the month of April, Almas will be participating in two civic parades - The Cherry Blossom Parade on Saturday, April 15th at the National Mall and the Olney Day Parade on Sunday, April 30th in Olney, MD. Both parades are open to all Temple units. I hope you will come out and support our temple. This is another opportunity to showcase our temple and Shrine Children's Hospital.

Our next business meeting will be on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm - Please let our recorder know if you plan to have dinner so the caterer can plan accordingly.

Our special guest at the business meeting will be Dr. & Brother Jean Marcellin, Grand Physician - He will be demonstrating how to use the AED (Automated External Defibrillator). I hope you will take the time to come and learn to use this equipment - this could save lives including your own.

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Carpenter Arpa IV'.

Carpenter Arpa IV  
Potentate



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Fez Friday - St. Patrick's Day Celebration





# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Donation From Hamilton Hotel





# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile, Installation of Officers





# MONTHLY MUSINGS

## **Tales from the Almas Crypt**

As told by Illustrious Sir Frank Ireton, PP

This month's Tale is from the 1961 July/August Almas Life. This Tale will focus on Noble John Philip Sousa, his life, his career as a band director for the Marine Corps band, his involvement with Almas Shriners, and will touch on some of his personal life outside Almas and the Marine Corps.



John Philip Sousa was born the third of ten children November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1854 in Washington, DC. His father was a Spanish immigrant and his mother Bavarian. Sousa began his music education at an early age writing his first composition "An Album Leaf". Unfortunately, the composition has been lost. It was during this time he was found to have perfect pitch. Sousa's father, a trombonist in the Marine Corps Band, enlisted Sousa as a minority apprentice at the age of 13 meaning he would not be discharged until he was 21. After discharge, he performed in a pit orchestra and learned how to conduct. He returned to the Marine Corps in 1880 as conductor of the President's Own Marine Band remaining in that position under five presidents until 1892.



After leaving the Marine Corps Sousa formed the Sousa Band, touring from 1892 until 1931. During this time his band performed around the world including the 1900 World Exposition in Paris, marching through the Arc de Triomphe, and a performance at the Royal Albert Hall in London. It was during this time that the Sousaphone was developed as Sousa wanted Tuba "that would play over the top of the band". Sousa was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve in 1917 rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander before retiring at the end of WW II. He often wore his Navy Uniform when conducting.

Sousa wrote over 130 marches, operettas, suites, and overtures, as well as several novels and poems. Some of his famous marches include The Stars and Stripes Forever, Washington Post, Semper Fidelis, and marches for several universities. In his private life Sousa was an expert horseman and an avid trap shooter often shooting for the Navy Trap team in national competitions. A World War II Liberty ship was named in his honor and the ship's bell hangs at the Marine Corps Barracks in Washington, DC.



# MONTHLY MUSINGS

Sousa joined Hiram Lodge No. 10 July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1881 and was raised November 18<sup>th</sup> of that year. He then joined Eureka Chapter No. 4, RAM and Columbia Commandery No. 20 K.T. in December 1886. Sousa joined Almas Shriners April 1922 and was named the first honorary Director of the Almas Military Band. His nephew, A.R. Valera who sponsored him, asked him to write a march for the Shriners. That march, Nobles of the Mystic Shine, written in 1922, was dedicated to Almas and Imperial. It premiered in 1923 at the American League Griffith Stadium, home of the Washington Senators. The owner of the baseball team, Clark Griffith, was an Almas member, and a generous contributor to Almas and DC Masonry. The premier was conducted by Nobles Sousa and William C. White, Director of the Almas Band, with massed bands from 50 Shrine bands attending the 49<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session held in Washington, DC that year. The President's Own Marine Band recently released a YouTube recording of the march as part of the 2023 season opener program. URL: <https://bit.ly/3FMjF11>



Sousa married Jane van Middlesworth Bellis on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1879. Together they had three children, a son John Philip Jr., and two daughters, Jane Priscilla, and Helen—no middle name listed. They resided in DC and later in New York. John Philip Sousa passed away in Reading, Pennsylvania on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1932 where he was attending an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ringgold Band. He had rehearsed the Stars and Stripes Forever the preceding evening. He was brought back to the Marine Barracks to lay in state for four days. An escort of Marines and Navy personnel from the Marine Barracks as well as honorary pall-bearers from other branches of the military led a procession to the Congressional Cemetery where he is interred with other members of his family.

Semper Fidelis Noble John Philip Sousa, Marine, and a faithful Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

## References

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- United States Marine Band, 2023
- Wikipedia, John Philip Sousa



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**April 15 - Cherry Blossom Parade** - See permission slip below and more details to follow.

**April 27 to 30 - Spring MASA** - Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Annual Spring Meeting in Rehoboth DE - See flyer below for details.

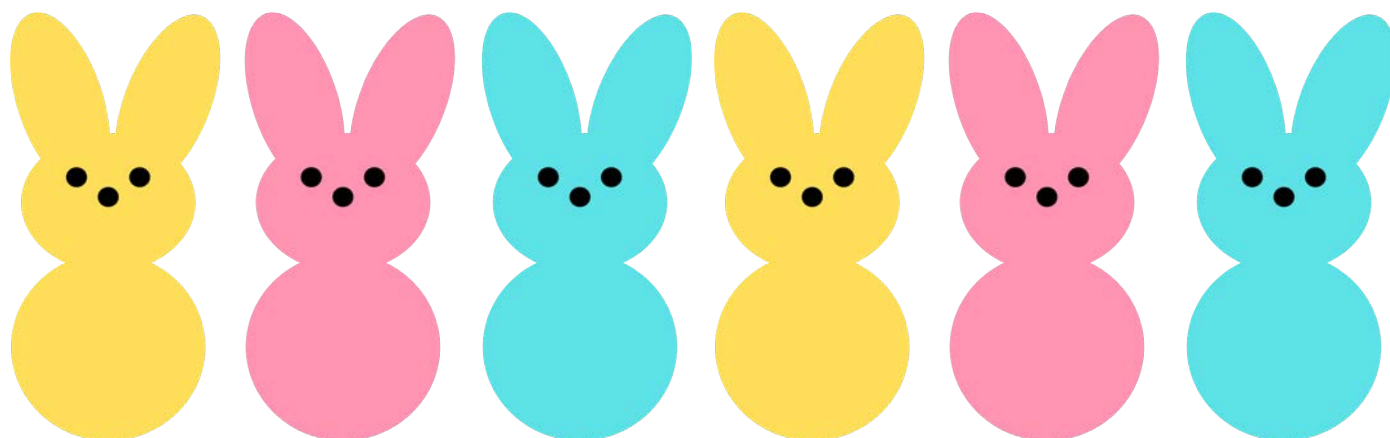
**April 30, 2023 - Olney Days Parade** - More details to follow.

**May 6, 12:30 PM - Yacht Club Shakedown Cruise** - See flyer below RSVP due by May 4th

**May 13, 2023, 12 Noon - Past Potentates' Luncheon and Members with 50 Years Membership.**  
See flyer below for more information.

**July 4, 2023 - Independence Day Parade** - National Mall - More details to follow.

**July 29, 2023 - Crab Fest** - More details to follow.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2023 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® Adult Participant Release Form

**April 15, 2023**

(Fill out all form fields)

Participant's First Name	MI	Last Name	
Home Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone Number	Sex	DOB	Age

I, the above individual, want to participate in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 15, 2023 along Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th Streets, NW, Washington, DC ("Event"). I will:

1. Certify that I am at least 18 years old, physically fit and able to participate in the Event.
2. Will comply with all laws and regulations while participating in the Event, including but not limited to all COVID-19 rules, regulations, policies, laws and guidance from NCBF, the CDC and applicable state and local health departments.
3. Participate in the Event and notify my Event supervisor if I am not able to perform a requested task.
4. Acknowledge that I will not be compensated for my participation in the Event.
5. Assume all risks of personal injury, property loss or death that may occur related to my participating in the Event. Along with my heirs, executors and administrators, I waive all current and future legal claims against the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc., the District of Columbia, the National Park Service, Events DC, JM Best Entertainment Inc., Under the Sun Productions Inc., 7News/WJLA-TV and WJLA 24/7 News and each of their respective sponsors, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, "Presenters").
6. Acknowledge that I am not covered by any Presenter's insurance.
7. Authorize any necessary medical treatment to me at the Event, at my cost.
8. Indemnify and defend, together with my heirs, executors and administrators, the Presenters from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses, including claims based on a Presenter's negligence, arising out of or connected with third party claims related to my participation in the Event.
9. Not take any action that would negatively impact the reputation of NCBF or the Festival. I will leave the Event if NCBF requires.
10. Allow NCBF and NCBF's agents, without reservation, limitation or additional compensation, to record, in any media, and use, broadcast or produce derivative works from, in any media and for all time, my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are participating with an organization or group, please list the name of that organization or group:

\_\_\_\_\_



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MASA 2023 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

ATLANTIC SANDS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
REHOBOTH BEACH, DE

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 – SUNDAY, APRIL 30

All Nobles and their families are cordially invited to MASA's Spring Convention — within walking distance to boutique shops, a bustling restaurant scene and tax-free shopping ... centrally-located in the Oasis of MASA!

**ATTIRE:** Shrine casual (fez for meetings) **BANQUET:** Country club casual with fez

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

\$50.00 per Noble, including men's luncheon

### FOR INFORMATION & TO REGISTER FOR THE MEETING & EVENTS

go to [www.masashriners.com](http://www.masashriners.com), select "Time & Place," then "Spring 2023."

### TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

(paid separately), call (302) 227-2511 mention "Mid-Atlantic Shriners" and booking ID #10651  
Rate is \$149.00+ per night and our group block reservation window closes on March 28th

#### THURSDAY:

##### 12:00 NOON – 'TIL LATE

Arrival Day & Welcome!

##### THURSDAY – SUNDAY MORNING

Join us for daily/nightly kicked-up Hospitality in the Sands Beach House!

##### DINNER ON YOUR OWN

#### FRIDAY:

##### 9:00 AM

MASA – NOBLES BUSINESS MEETING

##### 12:00 NOON

MEN'S LUNCHEON KIMI'S COVE  
(Cost included in Registration)

##### 12:00 NOON

##### LADIES LUNCHEON

Nassau Valley Vineyards Wine-tasting & tour  
\$50.00 per person, including transportation

##### 1:30 PM

MASA – NOBLES BUSINESS  
MEETING RESUMES

##### 3:30 PM

COUNTERPART SESSIONS KICKOFF  
Elected Divan & Ladies

##### 5:30 PM

DUTCH TREAT COUNTERPARTS DINING  
(Locations arranged by MASA)

#### SATURDAY:

ALL DAY WITH NOBLES & LADIES

##### 8:30 AM

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S™  
HOSPITAL PRESENTATION

##### 11:00 AM

##### DOGFISH HEAD BREWERY & DISTILLERY

Private tour, tasting & lunch  
\$50.00 per person, including transportation

##### 5:00 PM

##### ATLANTIC SANDS HOTEL

Plated dinner banquet  
Entertainment by American Pie  
\$55.00 per person, cash bar

#### SUNDAY:

##### 8:00 – 11:00 AM

##### BON VOYAGE

SANDS BEACH HOUSE  
Mimosa's & Bloody Bar

#### EVENT CONTACT PERSON:

NOBLE JEFF LANK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, MOBILE (302) 545-1650, [JEFF@JEFFLANK.COM](mailto:JEFF@JEFFLANK.COM)

# UPCOMING EVENTS



*ALMAS YACHT CLUB*

**Ahoy Shipmates**

**And**

**Almas Nobility**

**Join us for the 2023 Shakedown Cruise**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, Dockside Café, Deale Maryland**

**Social 1230h Lunch 1300h**

**Dockside Restaurant and Sports Bar**

**421 Deale Road**

**Tracys Landing, MD 20779**



**Please confirm your attendance by May 4<sup>th</sup> with**

**ASYC Secretary Fred Evans, PC.**

**[fwevans@verizon.net](mailto:fwevans@verizon.net)**



**Almas Shriners Yacht Club**  
**Chuck Carmichael, Commodore, 2023**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Almas Shrine Temple

Washington, DC



**ILLUSTRIUOS SIR CARPENTER ARPA IV  
POTENTATE 2023**

*Cordially invites you and your Lady*

*to a*  
**Luncheon**

**In honor of our PAST POTENTATES  
and Members with 50 years membership.**

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 12:00 noon  
**Almas Shrine Center**  
1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC

ATTIRE: Blazer during your respective year and Tie  
Burgundy Blazer with Imperial Tie  
LADIES: Sunday's Best

THEME: **THE BEAUTY OF ITALY**

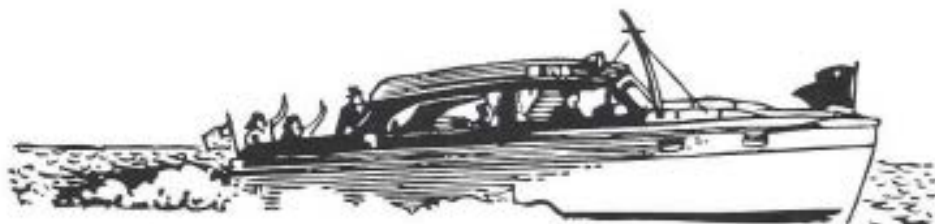
**\$30** PER PERSON

**RSVP no later than May 8, 2023**  
**Illustrious Sir Don Ferguson**

TEL: 202-898-1688 / Email: [dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org)

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT ARE NOT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SHRINERS HOSPITALS  
FOR CHILDREN AND ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

# CLUB NEWS



**ALMAS YACHT CLUB**

1315 K STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

The Almas Yacht Club met at the Temple on Thursday, 23 March. The meeting was well attended including several Past Commodores, Past Potentates and Divan Members.

We welcomed aboard our newest member Noble Dominador Carreon!

After dinner and a short business meeting, we welcomed our guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Terry McTigue from NOAA. She spoke about the lasting ecological effects of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident—the largest marine oil spill in history.

We will not be holding an April meeting as we will be attending Spring MASA in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Our next event will be our annual “Shakedown Cruise” on 6 May, 2023 at the Dockside Restaurant located at Tracy’s Landing, MD. We have made arrangements for individual checks for this event and you will be able to order from the complete menu. Please see the event flyer in this edition of the Alibi for details.

The Yacht Club has more events planned for the coming year. Be on the lookout for announcements of upcoming events via WebFez and the Almas Website.

May you enjoy fair winds and a following sea.



# FEZ FOODIES

## HOT CROSS BUNS

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup white sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 large eggs, separated, divided
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon instant powdered milk
- $\frac{3}{8}$  teaspoon salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup dried currants
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons water
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon vanilla extract



### DIRECTIONS TO MAKE DOUGH IN A STAND MIXER

1. Combine warm water and yeast in the bowl of the mixer and let soften for about 5 minutes. Add flour, milk powder,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup white sugar, egg, egg white, and salt. Mix, scraping the dough down occasionally, on low speed using the dough hook for 10 minutes. Add butter, currants, and cinnamon and mix for an additional 5 minutes. Transfer dough to a greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap and a kitchen towel, and allow it to rise until doubled, about 1 hour. Proceed with the recipe instructions.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/7073/hot-cross-buns-i/>

# FEZ FOODIES

## PISTACHIO-CRUSTED RACK OF LAMB

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 racks of lamb, trimmed
- 1 teaspoon herbes de Provence
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup chopped pistachio nuts
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
2. Generously season each rack of lamb with herbes de Provence, salt, and pepper.
3. Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over high heat. Place lamb into the skillet and cook until browned on all sides, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet.
4. Stir pistachios, bread crumbs, melted butter, and olive oil together in a small bowl; season with salt and pepper. Spread mustard over the fatty side of lamb, then press pistachio mixture into mustard.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until crust is golden and lamb is pink in the center, 20 to 25 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 130 degrees F (54 degrees C) for medium doneness.
6. Transfer lamb to a plate and let rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/222394/pistachio-crusted-rack-of-lamb/>



# FEZ FOODIES

## PERSIAN CHAROSET WITH PEAR, APPLE, BANANA, AND DATES

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 cup roasted and shelled pistachios
- 1 cup dates, pitted
- 1 pear, peeled and cored
- 1 apple, peeled and cored
- 1 ½ - 2 bananas (to taste), peeled
- 1 cup sweet kosher wine



### DIRECTIONS

1. Coarsely chop walnuts, pecans, pistachios and dates together (or pulse briefly in food processor).
2. Add pear, apple and banana and coarsely chop (or pulse, if using food processor), taking care not to turn into a puree.
3. Place the mixture in a large bowl and stir in the wine a few tablespoons at a time (or pulse, if using food processor), tasting as you go, to make a thick, coarse paste that still maintains some crunch.
4. Store in an airtight container for up to a week in the fridge.

<https://www.jewishfoodsociety.org/collections/passover-recipes-from-jewish-communities-around-the#persian-charoset-with-pear-apple-banana-and-dates>



# FEZ FIZZIES

## DRUNK BUNNY

### INGREDIENTS

- 1¾ cups of premade old-fashioned lemonade
- 3 ounces of white rum
- 2 tablespoons of strawberry daiquiri mixer
- Garnish: Yellow or Pink PEEPS Bunny candy, fresh lemon slices & fresh strawberries
- Ice for the glasses



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a cocktail shaker or a large mason jar with a lid, add the lemonade, white rum, and strawberry daiquiri mixer. Shake well for about 30 seconds to combine.
2. Fill your cocktail glass ¾ full with ice and pour 8 ounces of the drunk bunny cocktail into each glass.
3. Garnish your glasses with sliced strawberry and lemon inside of the drink and a PEEPS bunny on the rim.

**IN THE FRIDGE:** If you are serving a crowd, you can make a large batch of tipsy bunny Easter cocktails and store it in a pitcher in the fridge for a day or two until you are ready to serve.

<https://spaceshipsandlaserbeams.com/drunken-bunny/>

## PLAGUE 3: VERMIN COCKTAIL: THE COCKROACH

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 oz Tequila
- 1 oz Kahlua or Sabra Coffee liqueur

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour Tequila into a brandy snifter. Without stirring, add Sabra or Kahlua. Add 1 ice cube.

A perfect nightcap for an urban Seder. Enjoy several with macaroons. Just when you think you're done, pour another. Leave the dishes overnight and don't bother clearing the table or sweeping up the crumbs. Maybe you'll awaken to a Passover miracle.

<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/food/articles/passover-cocktails-for-each-of-the-ten-plagues>



# FEZ FUN

## APRIL WORD SEARCH

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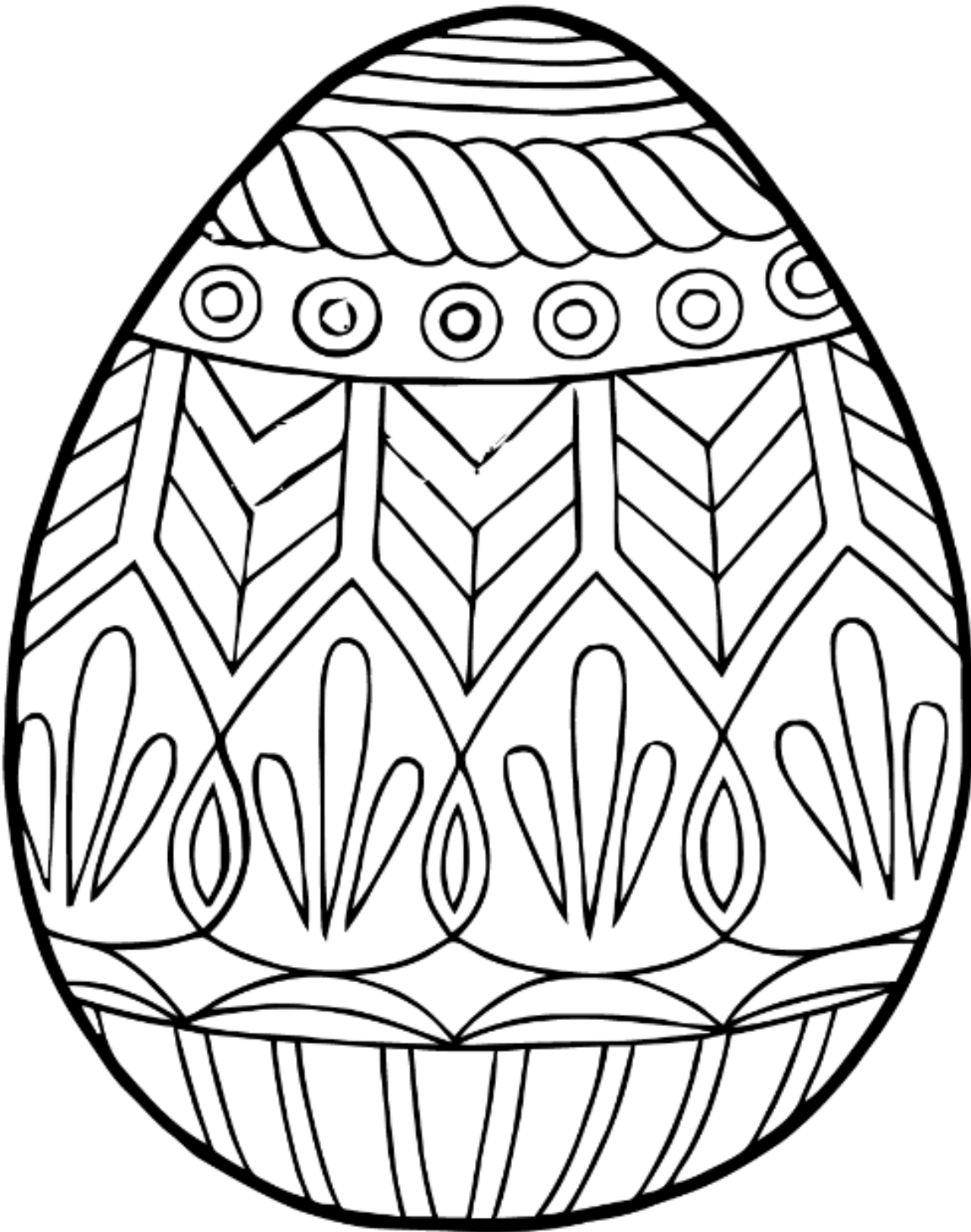
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# FEZ FUN

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## COLORING SHEET





# MEMBERSHIP

## Almas Legion of Honor

The Almas Shrine Legion of Honor held our regular meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

## 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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# 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.

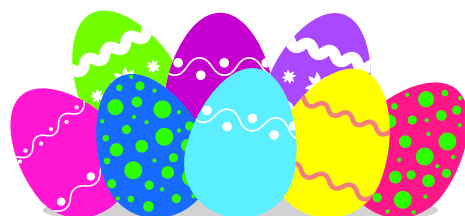
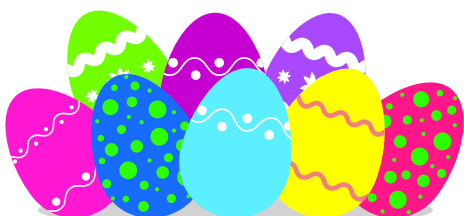
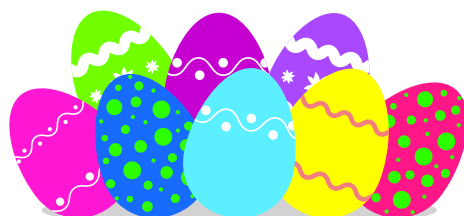
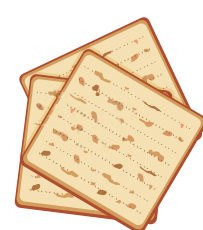
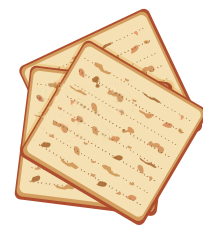
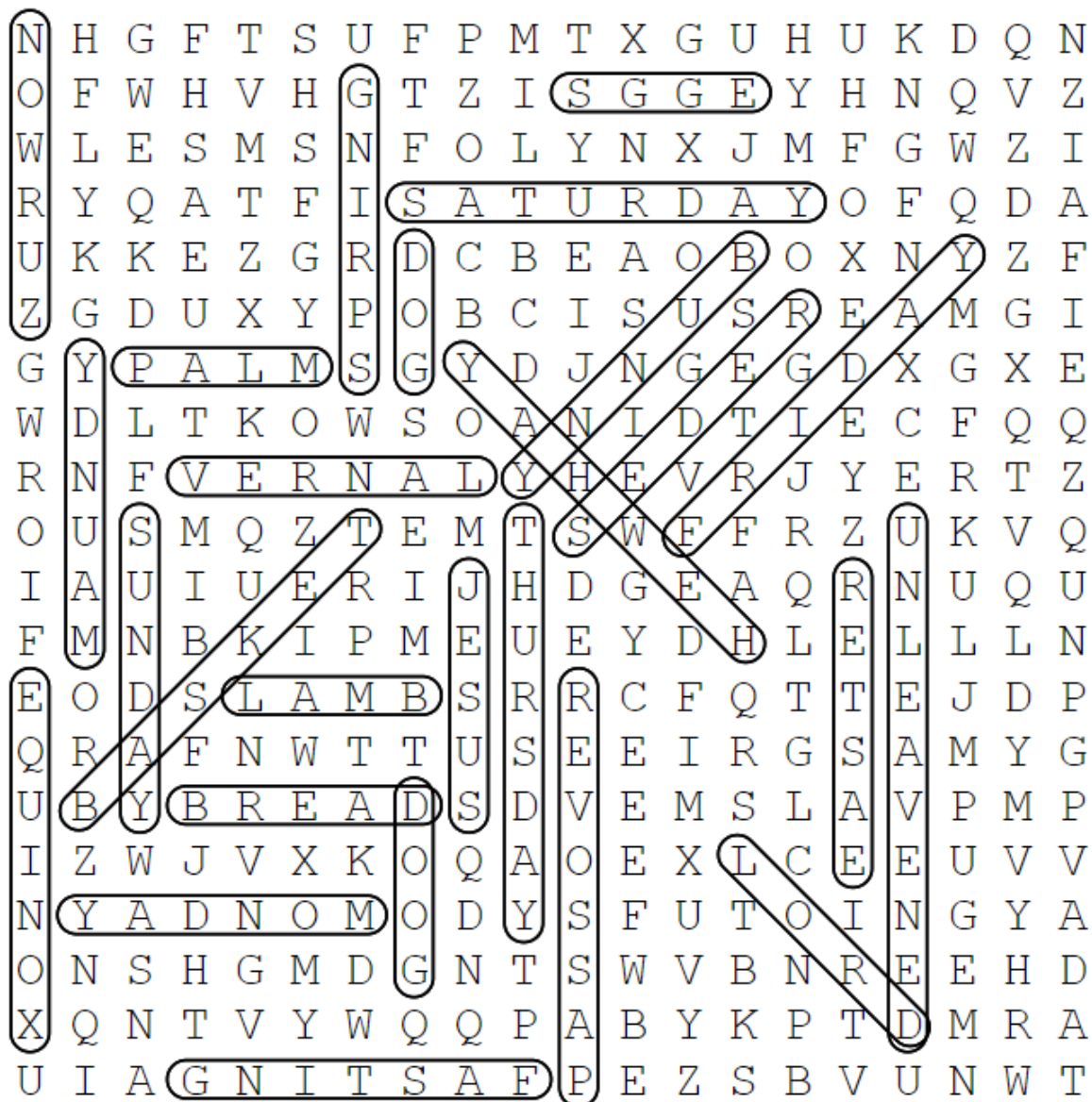
Unfortunately, additions to the Wall have not been made for some time. Consider honoring someone in your past who has assisted you along your way as a Shriner or who you think has been an inspiration to you by placing a plaque in their name.

The cost of a plaque is \$100. For details on ordering a plaque, please contact III. Fred Evans, PP.



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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