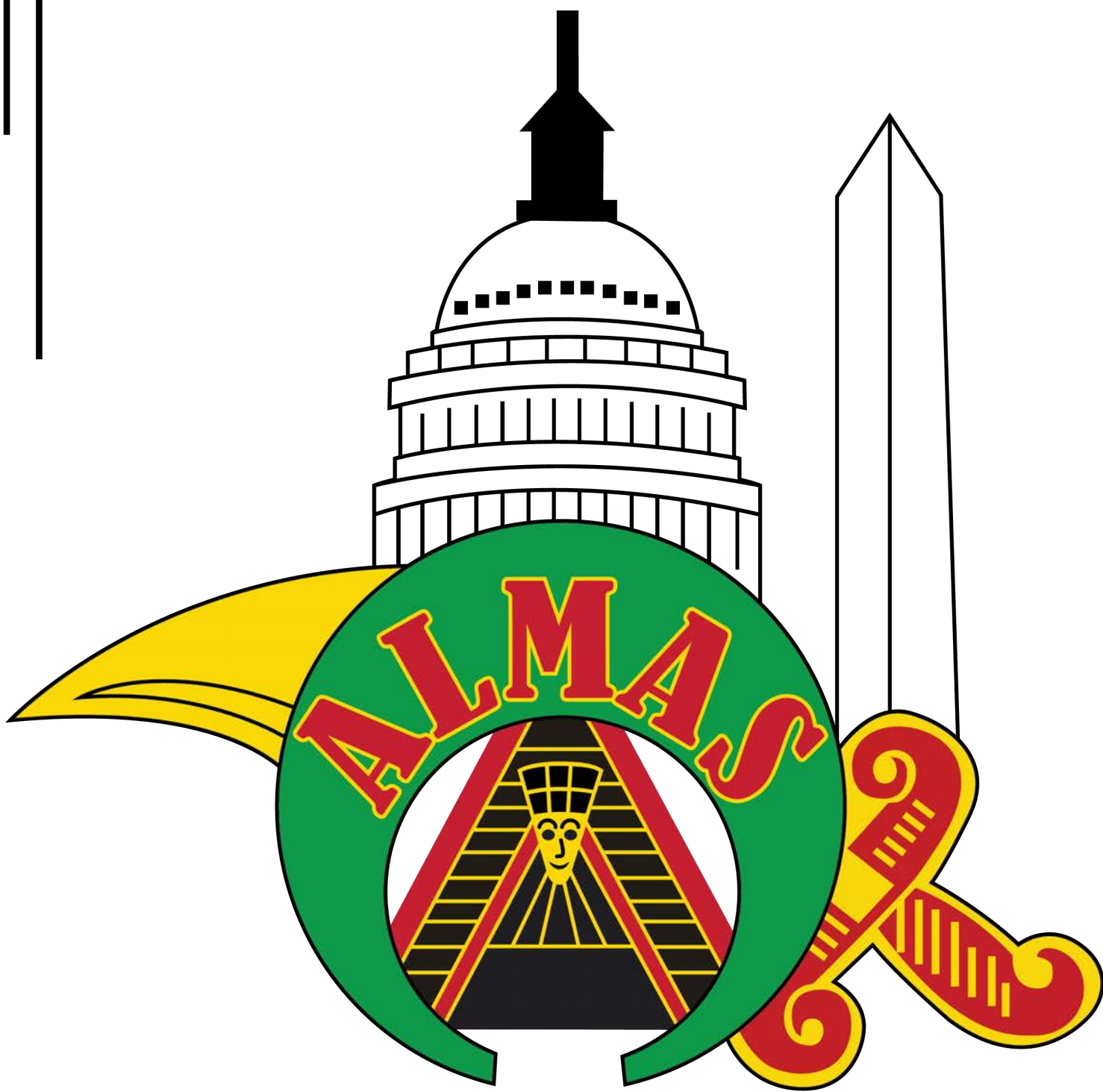


# Almas Alibi



# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles,

Summer has begun!

My sincere thanks to so many of the Nobles and ladies that have helped and participated in our temple activities the last five months. I will need your help again as the next stage in our effort with each of our clubs is to convene multiple focus activities and participation to have the opportunity for more live interaction with our nobility and other temples. It is my hope that our clubs will submit 3 - 4 event ideas so we can plan for and schedule them through the end of September.

Our May business meeting turned out to be a great fellowship night with the visiting nobles from our Almas Shriners Uruguay Club and their ladies. Thank you to Nobles Gustavo Aresse, Raul Delfino, Alfonso Perez Cobas, Alejandro Cuneo, Roberto Feurstein, Jorge Howard, and Daniel Godoy for the plaque and taking the time to attend your temple's business meeting.

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day Holiday weekend with friends and family. This kicks off the summer season which for me, involves a whole new mindset. Outdoor activities take on a whole new level of energy. I know most of you will be traveling for business or pleasure in the next couple of months, but our temple continues to operate in high gear even through the summer. Our main event this month will be our Ceremonial on Thursday, June 15th at 7:30 pm. We have 9 candidates and it is my hope you can all participate as an attendee, cast member or stage crew at this important event. This will be an open ceremonial and let us all plan to be there to welcome these new nobles.

We have two outdoor temple activities next month:

**4th of July Parade** - our temple will be participating in this year's 4th of July parade at the national mall. My thanks to Illustrious Sir Frank Ireton, Colonel of the units for having done all the coordination for getting our temple accepted to be a part of this high profile event. This is a great opportunity to show case Almas Shrine Temple and Shriners Children's Hospital at both the local and national levels.

**Almas Annual Crab Fest & Picnic** - This will be held at Illustrious Sir Mike and Lady Vanessa Gordon's home in Olney, MD. They hosted this event back in 2019 and the nobles along with their families had a wonderful time. My heartfelt thanks to Illustrious Sir Mike and Lady Vanessa for once again opening their lovely home to the nobility for this year's annual temple picnic.

These are just two examples of the spectrum of our temple's activities over the coming summer, none of which would be possible without all of you. I'm looking forward to more great events planned by our nobles in the coming months.

Yours in the faith,

Potentate

# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Almas Uruguay Shrine Club attended the Almas Shrine May Business Meeting





# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Almas Past Potentate & 50 Year Member Luncheon



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## **Order of Eastern Star Grand Session, Fairview Marriott, Falls Church, VA 5/05/23.**





# MONTHLY MUSINGS

## Tales from the Almas Crypt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

As summer approaches and Almas members prepare to head off to the 149<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session this month's **Tales from the Almas Crypt** will take a look back at the 1923 Imperial Session held in Washington, DC. The information has been gleaned from the pages of a book published in 1986 as part of the activities for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Almas. Embedded in the publication are descriptions of the 1900, 1923, 1935, and 1965 Imperial Sessions hosted by Almas Shriners. This article will focus on the 1923 Imperial Session.



Welcoming Sign, Gen. Pershing, John Philip Sousa and Massed Shrine Bands in Griffith Stadium



Pres. and Mrs. Harding with Gen. Pershing Reviewing Imperial Shrine Parade in Washington

In late May of 1923 visitors and attendees started arriving for the Imperial Session. It was estimated that 500,000 visitors would attend the Session and festivities. In addition to the Imperial Sessions and meetings, a number of activities and tours of historic sites kept Nobles, guests, and city residents entertained. President and Noble Warren G. Harding signed a Congressional Joint Resolution turning over the use of public parks and grounds during the session. Businesses and city citizens responded with decorations in Shrine colors of red, yellow, and green. The Navy ordered three torpedo boats, three submarines, Hospital Ship Mercy, and the aircraft carrier USS Langley to the Navy yard. Vessels were illuminated at night and available for tours during the day. Music played a key role in entertaining with hourly band concerts by visiting Temple bands daily from 10 a.m. to 4:00 pm throughout downtown. On Thursday morning the bands massed in Griffith Stadium for a concert lead by Almas Noble John Philip Souza featuring the premier of Souza's Nobles of the Mystic Shrine March.

Shine Week started on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a religious service at Temple Heights. Monday was filled with a variety of activities including the dedication of the Zero Millstone at the White House in the morning and an afternoon boat parade on the Potomac River with the Imperial Potentate and Divan, Almas Potentate and Divan, and Imperial Session Representatives. A later visit to Mount Vernon ended with the laying of a wreath at the tomb of George Washington. The day concluded with a gala ball that evening, one of several held during the week.



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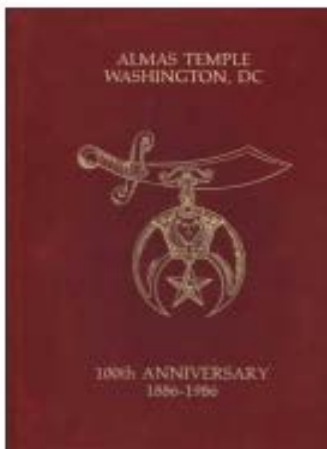
A highlight of the Imperial Session was not one but two parades on land and the earlier Potomac River parade mention above. Tuesday morning the largest Shrine Parade ever held stepped off at 9:00 am. Units from 140 Shrine Temples marched in the parade. The parade was led by Almas Potentate L.P. Steuart in a replica Roman chariot pulled by 4 dapple-grey horses accompanied by Nubian dressed slaves with more that 650 Almas Nobles following. Several thousand Nobles from other Temples followed in costumes and uniforms in the four-hour parade.

The spectacle was repeated on Wednesday evening with the addition of floats and performances. Brilliant lights lite the parade route for an estimated 200,000-300,000 spectators lining the streets.

President and Mrs. Harding sat in a reviewing stand with Nobles and General of the Armies John J. Pershing and Admiral of the Navy, Robert Coontz. At the conclusion of the parade the streets were swept clean. Delegations from the 48 States present were assigned designated areas thus creating a mile long dance floor with music provided by Shrine bands.



Garden of Allah in Front of White House and Treasury



As mentioned in the start of this article information was drawn from the 1986 publication for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Almas Shriners. The publication is an in-depth study of Almas history from 1866 to 1986. The summary speaks to the importance membership growth and investments to cover the costs of maintaining a physical plant—the Temple building. Research for the history was conducted by Noble Elmer. P. Stein, P.G.M. under an appointment by Illustrious Sir O. Harold Polk. Supplemented work was provided by Noble Hugh Y. Bernard. The publication was edited by the two authors and Illustrious Sir Charles S. Iverson.



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## **Brother Mel Blanc: "The Man of a Thousand Voices"**

by **Sir Knight Ivan Tribe**

Although the name of Mel Blanc may not be widely known, over the last seventy-five years untold millions, especially children, have heard his voice in one of its numerous forms. Virtually anyone who has watched a Warner Brothers cartoon has heard his voice as that of Bugs Bunny, Foghorn Leghorn, Porky Pig, and numerous other Warner characters. Blanc did numerous other voices and sounds during the "Golden Age of Radio" and other cartoon voices as well. A lesser-known fact concerning Blanc is his long affiliation with the Order of DeMolay, blue lodge Masonry (fifty-eight years), the Scottish Rite, and Shrine. Entertaining children at Shrine hospitals became one of his principal causes in life.

Melvin Jerome Blank (spelling of last name later legally changed) was born to a Jewish family in San Francisco, California on May 30, 1908. The Blank family, which also included an older brother, Henry, soon moved to Portland, Oregon where Melvin grew to adulthood. For the most part, the youth proved to be an indifferent student, interested only in music and entertaining his friends with voice imitations. Some faculty were impressed while others were not. One unappreciative teacher told him "you'll never amount to anything" adding "you're just like your last name, blank"; Mel legally changed it as soon as he came of age. On the positive

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side, he joined Sunnyside Chapter of DeMolay in 1925. He held the group in high esteem for the rest of his life. In 1966, he received the Legion of Honor. On April 27, 1987, Blanc was inducted into their Hall of Fame commenting at the time, "I have been a member of DeMolay for sixty-three years. I thank God and DeMolay for helping me become kind and thoughtful to my parents and all my friends. I had many opportunities to do the wrong things, and I might have done them if it had not been for DeMolay. God bless them."

Intrigued by show business, Melvin watched vaudeville performances whenever he could and also saw opportunities in the new medium of radio. Station KGW went on the air in 1922, and Blanc who dropped out of school prior to graduation, sang there with friends on a program called The Hoot Owls. Since local radio paid only a pittance, the young dropout supported himself primarily as a tuba player. Initially interested in the violin, he switched to the big horn because there were few tuba players and he could get more work. After a couple of years he returned to Portland as pit conductor at the Orpheum Theater. However, vaudeville was on the decline, and with the onset of the Great Depression, it went downhill at an accelerated pace and eventually died.

Mel did, however, scrape up enough money to petition Mid Day Lodge No. 188 in Portland. He received his Entered Apprentice degree on November 20, 1930, and was passed a Fellowcraft on January 5, 1931. Blanc was raised on March 12, 1931. No one recalls whether he took his oral examination with different voices. Although he remained a faithful member of Mid Day Lodge for fifty-eight years, Blanc had virtually no opportunity to serve as an officer because he left Portland that summer for California where he lived most of his life thereafter.

Mel figured that if he was going to make it in show business, then he would have to go to Hollywood. On his way southward he stopped for several months in San Francisco where he took a job as emcee and sometime joke teller in a variety program called The Road Show. Again, it did not pay much, but ethnically-diverse San Francisco enabled him to develop and assimilate a wide variety of dialects. Hollywood remained his ultimate goal where opportunities awaited in sound motion pictures, fledgling network radio, and perhaps musical work. Nonetheless, with the country mired in the Great Depression and more job seekers than positions, Brother Blanc did not expect success to come easily.

Small speaking parts and sounds on network radio programs became Blanc's principal forte, but he seldom cleared more than twenty-five dollars a week in those early days. He did meet his future wife, Estelle Rosenbaum, whom he married in 1933. Some years later the couple had a son, Noel. Eventually, better and more regular parts came Mel's way, but first he returned to Portland for a time where he did most of the male parts and wrote the scripts for a program called Cobwebs and Nuts. Estelle loaned her voice to the show, portraying such girls as the coquettish "Toots Waverly" and the snooty "Mrs. McFlaggpoodle IV." After a time, Mel's imagination wore thin and the Blancs returned to Hollywood.

Soon Brother Mel landed regular voice parts on such network radio shows as Jack Benny, George Burns & Gracie Allen, and Judy Canova. However, voices in animation art (or cartoons) really led to major success. In 1936, he became the voice of Warner Brothers cartoon star, the stuttering "Porky Pig" although he was not the original Porky. Later he added "Daffy Duck" and most notably "Bugs Bunny" who ultimately became the biggest cartoon "star" in



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the studio's animation department headquartered in the old wooden building known as "Termite Terrace."

As the decade of the forties ensued, Mel Blanc created additional voices to match new characters created by Warner artists. Often the creations were antagonistic to each other: "Tweety" and "Sylvester," "Henery Hawk" and "Foghorn Leghorn" (my personal favorite). Bugs Bunny, and Daffy Duck had two "human" rivals in "Yosemite Sam" and the hapless "Elmer Fudd" (the latter usually voiced by Arthur Bryan). New creations voiced by Blanc that came along in the fifties included the French skunk "Pepe LePew," the Mexican mouse "Speedy Gonzales," "Marvin the Martian," and the "Tasmanian Devil." In addition, he voiced many lesser figures in Warner cartoons and continued in network radio as long as the comedy dramas remained on the networks. Before he had an exclusive contract with Warner, during the decade of the 1950s, he voiced the Walter Lantz creation "Woody Woodpecker." Although he gave up this voice, Lantz Productions continued to dub in the distinctive laugh associated with Woody, a laugh Mel had originally created to irritate his high school principal many years earlier.

Outside of his voice work in cartoons, Mel Blanc had some other achievements. In the 1946-1947 season, he had a CBS network radio program, *The Mel Blanc Show*, a sit-com in which he was the hapless owner of a fix-it shop. He had a pair of hit records "The Woody Woodpecker Song" and "I Taut I Saw a Puddy Tat" based on Tweety and Sylvester. He also voiced numerous commercials ranging from the "Frito Bandito" to "Toucan Sam" in Fruit-Loop advertisements. After his exclusive contract with Warner Brothers expired in 1960, he continued to do voice work for them but did other cartoon voices as well including "Barney Rubble" on *The Flintstones*, "Cosmo Spacely" on *The Jetsons*, and the cat Heathcliff, the first two characters being products of the Hanna-Barbera company.



Brother Blanc continued Masonic related activity becoming a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Los Angeles, taking his degrees from June 14 through June 16, 1951, giving his occupation as a "motion picture voice artist," and Al Malaikah Shrine Temple on June 29, 1951. Given his God-given talents, one might correctly expect Noble Mel to be drawn to

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Shrine Hospital work. In his autobiography he wrote, "when I was teenager, I used to pass by the Portland Shrine Hospital located not far from my parents home. Hearing about the work they did with crippled children was what initially piqued my interest in the fellowship and prompted me to seek admission."

Mel Blanc as a Shriner "spent countless hours with the youngsters" adding "I don't know who appreciates whom more, me or them. 'Do Bugs Bunny! Do Tweety! They . . . shout excitedly.'" Then on January 24, 1961, the person Rich Little called "the greatest voice man of all time" had a near brush with death. Brother Blanc's car was one-half of a head-on collision on Sunset Boulevard. He sustained numerous broken bones including thirty-nine fractures in his right leg and a severe concussion and lost nine pints of blood. For three weeks he was in a coma. Blanc finally responded only when his physician, seeing a Warner Brothers cartoon on the TV asked, "How are you feeling today, Bugs Bunny?" Mel replied in his best known voice, that of the brash rabbit. "Eh, just fine Doc, how're you." He then replied to another question when asked of Porky Pig, complete with stutter. He credited the two cartoon animals with restoring his senses if not his life. After two more months in the hospital during which time he did some Barney Rubble sound tracks propped up in bed, he went home.

Thankful that he had gotten his life back, Brother Mel began to do more charity work. He wrote, "As soon as I was able to get around, I stepped up my number of appearances...at Shrine hospitals." Going to "the Los Angeles Shrine Hospital for the first time since my accident was very emotional for me," he wrote. He explained why, "As I sat talking in Sylvester's voice to a darling little girl, I thanked God for not revoking this undeserved gift."

Although he walked with a cane for some time, Mel Blanc's voice was as strong as ever. While Warner Brothers turned out fewer cartoons from 1960, Mel continued to voice them (until 1969), and Hanna-Barbera TV programs provided plenty of work. With son Noel, he founded Mel Blanc, Associates and turned out numerous advertisements some of which proved quite lucrative. In the 1980s Warner's produced some new animated films and Mel's familiar "what's up Doc" was as strong as ever. However, he did let others do voices of those who yelled loudly a great deal, such as Yosemite Sam and Foghorn Leghorn.

In 1988, Warner Books published Brother Blanc's memoirs, *That's Not All Folks*. Among other things, he noted that his voice totals were more like 850 rather than the thousand which public relations releases often claimed for him. In the volume he discussed his network radio days, how cartoons were made, his friendships with such notables as Jack Benny, his work with Shrine hospitals, and his close family. The memoir closes with his eightieth birthday party, held in 1988 at the Warner lot in Burbank, answering the question as to when he planned to retire with the short reply, "the day I drop."

Unfortunately, that "day" came a little over a year later. In early July, Brother Blanc was hospitalized and fell out of bed, breaking a femur. Complications soon set in causing a stroke; he died on July 10, 1989. A Warner animation artist, Darrell Van Citters, drew a memorable art work that featured a spotlight on a microphone with Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, and seven other Warner cartoon characters with their heads bowed in silence. Widely reprinted, it was appropriately titled "Speechless." In addition to the more conventional information, his tombstone contains the famous sign-off on Warner Brothers cartoons, "That's All Folks."



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

**June 14, 2023** - FLAG DAY Reminder

**June 15, 2023** - Almas Ceremonial (details to follow)

**June 17, 2023** - Bowie Baysox Baseball game on Saturday, June 17

**June 18, 2023** - FATHER'S DAY Reminder

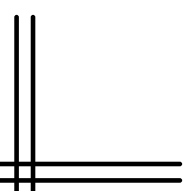
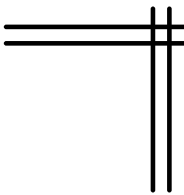
**June 19, 2023** - Juneteenth (definition) Reminder

**July 4, 2023** - **Independence Day Parade** - National Mall - (see flyer below for more info)

*Make sure to fill out a Agreement of Release (below) for each person attending*

**July 14, 2023** - Save the date - Maharlika Shrine Club Potluck & Karaoke Night (details to follow)

**July 29, 2023** - Crab Fest - 12 - 4 PM .810 Lower Barn Way (see flyer below for more info)





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **America's 2023 Independence Day Parade July 4, 2023, Washington, DC**

Almas Shriners have been accepted to participate in the  
2023 National Independence Day Parade.



Almas Nobles are needed to participate in this high profile event. If you desire to take part in parade activities please read and pay attention to the dress code and signed release form requirement. Almas Nobles are to be in Unit or Club uniform with Fez. If not, then a red polo shirt and Khaki or light tan trousers with Fez. As this is not a Shrine parade family member can participate but must abide by the parade protocols including release forms.

### **Important Information about your participation**

The following is verbatim from Sun Productions:

EVERY person participating in the parade will need to complete an agreement of release form. We will not be accepting any copies or emailed versions of this as we need to receive the original signed document.

The Colonel of the units will be collecting and mailing all release forms in bulk. Deadline for submission to the Colonel is June 14. Mail them via US Postal Service to arrive no later than that date.

Frank Ireton,  
6309 Naval Avenue, Lanham, MD 20706

**If we do not have a signed release form you cannot participate.**

Further information regarding assembly times and places will be sent out via e-mail as received from Under the Sun  
Frank Ireton, PP, Colonel of the Units. [fireton@mac.com](mailto:fireton@mac.com)

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## AMERICA'S 2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AGREEMENT OF RELEASE

Mail original with signature via US Postal Service to arrive no later than June 14<sup>th</sup>

Mail to: Frank Ireton, Colonel of the Units, 6309 Naval Avenue, Lanham, MD 20706

Photo copies, Faxes, e-mail, and late will not be accepted.

E-mail acknowledgement of posting to: fireton@mac.com

The undersigned will appear in the America's 2023 Independence Day Parade being given by the America's 2023 Independence Day Parade Committee on July 4, 2023. The parade is being given as a public service.

I assume any and all risks associated with participating in the events and particular activities that I agree to undertake, including but not limited to negligent or reckless acts by other participants and volunteers, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I also agree to abide by the rules of the events as set forth by designated officials and supervisors.

Knowing these facts, and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the parade, I hereby, for myself, and on behalf of the members of my organization and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive release and discharge The National Independence Day Parade Committee, America's 2023 Independence Day Parade, The District of Columbia, The National Park Service, JM Best Entertainment Inc., Under the Sun Productions Inc., Diversified Events, Music Celebrations International, any and all parade sponsors, and each of them, their officials, agents, designated event supervisory personnel or anyone acting for or on their behalf, from any and all losses, costs (including without limitation, litigation costs, and attorney fees), claims, damages, suits, actions, demands, liability, and expenses in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or property damage of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, arising out of or in the course of my participation in the event. Will comply with all laws and regulations while volunteering, including but not limited to all COVID-19 rules, regulations, policies, laws and guidance from The National Park Service, the CDC and applicable state and local health departments.

The undersigned does hereby also release his/her voice, biography, audio/visual clips and likeness(es) solely in connection with the promotion, advertising for this year and subsequent festivals, and archival use of the Parade (including print, radio, television, and Internet advertising and promotions, including promotional materials). The undersigned hereby grants the National Independence Day Parade Committee the right to broadcast, and /or to authorize others to broadcast, via radio, television, cable television, Internet, or otherwise. Clips provided by any such broadcast will be solely for purposes of promoting the Parade. Undersigned acknowledges and agrees that prior to, during or after the Parade, producers may, but will not be obligated to, disseminate information and various materials concerning the Event via the Internet, various online services or through other means or media.

The undersigned hereby accepts sole responsibility for the conduct and operation in the parade. The undersigned agrees that he/she/it will not involve or conduct itself in any manner that would negatively impact the good reputation of the parade. The undersigned agrees to be legally bound hereby.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization/Group (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (**very important**) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

(Parental signature for those under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_



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The poster features a blue and white wavy background with two red crabs at the top corners and a black grill with flames at the bottom left. The central text is white on a dark blue background. The word 'ALMAS' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it are two logos: the ALMAS logo (a green circle with a yellow triangle and the word 'ALMAS') and the Potentate 2023 logo (a blue circle with a white eagle and the text 'HELPING THE CHILDREN SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS', 'POTENTATE 2023', and 'CARPENTER ARPA IV'). The main title 'CRAB FEAST AND PICNIC' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it is the date 'Saturday, July 29, 2023' in red, and the time '12pm to 4pm' in black. The location is 'Home of Illustrious Sir Michael Gordon, 810 Lower Barn Way, Olney, MD. 20832'. The RSVP information is 'RSVP by July 24th to dferguson@almasshriners.org or call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688'. The ticket purchase information is 'Purchase ticket on-line: https://www.almasshriners.org/event/2023crab/'. The proceeds are 'Proceeds for the benefit of Almas Shriners'. An orange starburst contains the 'Early Bird Special' information: 'Purchase on-line by 7/24 \$45 per person' and 'Purchase the day of \$50 per person'. The bottom text is 'Bring your swimsuit and towel'.

**ALMAS**



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# CLUB NEWS



**ALMAS YACHT CLUB**

1315 K STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

The Almas Yacht Club held its annual "Shakedown Cruise" on 6 May 2023 at the Dockside Restaurant located at Tracy's Landing, MD. The event was well attended, and a good time was had by all.

Our next event will be our "Mid-Summer Memorial Cruise" at the Home Port of Ill. Sir Don and Becky Holliday on 25 June. This event is open only to AYC members and their guests. Social begins at 1300h with lunch being served at 1400h. AYC will supply beverages and main courses. Members are to bring side dishes. Please contact our AYC Secretary Ill. Sir Fed Evans, P.C. for reservations ([fwevans@verizon.net](mailto:fwevans@verizon.net)).

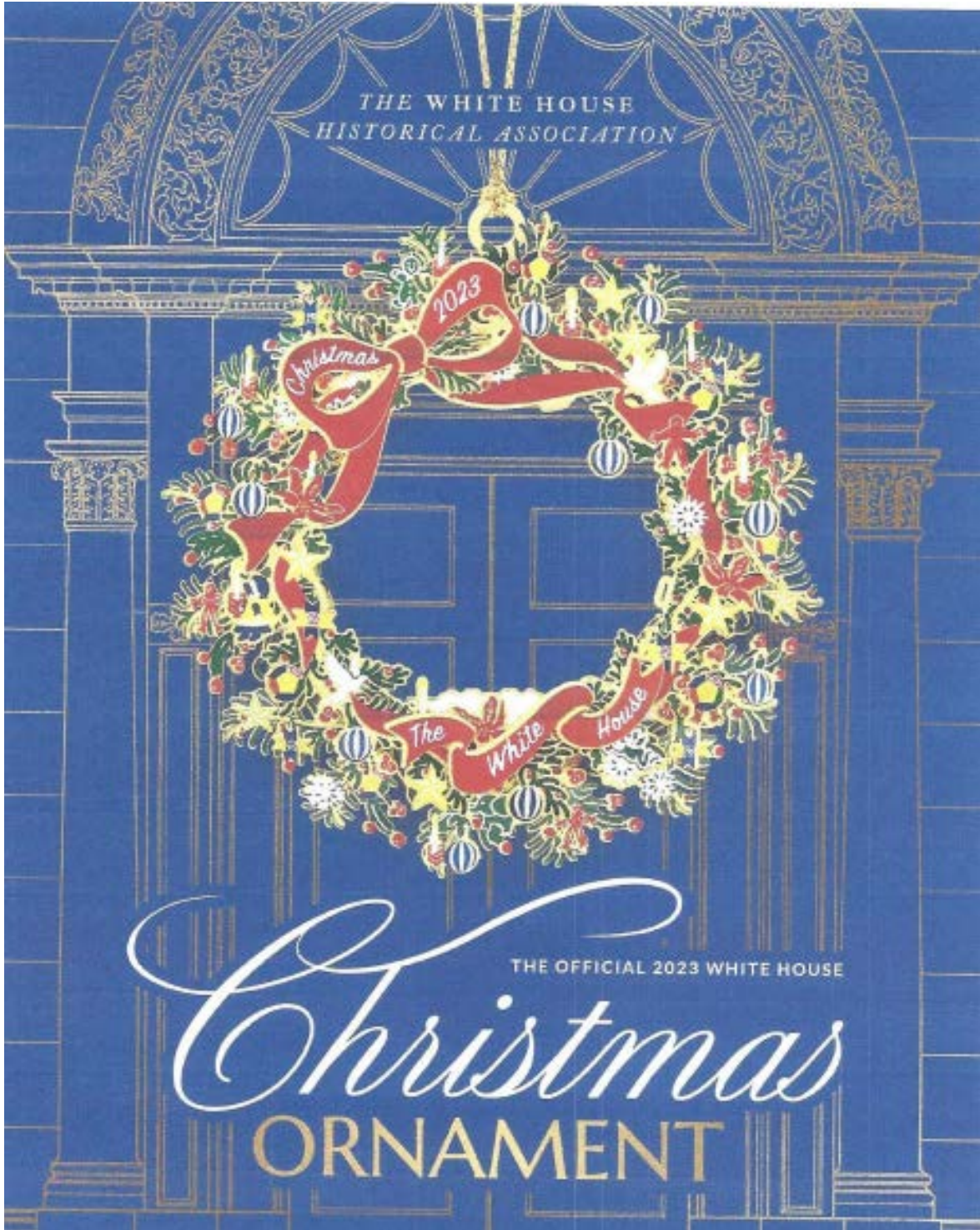
The club is currently selling the Official 2023 White House Christmas Ornaments. This makes an excellent gift for friends and family. Details can be found in this current edition of the Almas Alibi.

As Almas' largest club, we always welcome new members. You don't have to have a "yacht" to join but only an interest in good fun and fellowship. Please contact the AYC Secretary or Commodore if you have any questions or better yet would like an application!

The Yacht Club has more events planned for this 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.*

# CLUB NEWS



IF YOU'D LIKE TO ORDER AN ORNAMENT PLEASE CONTACT  
FRED EVANS AT 301-460-1982

# CLUB NEWS

## COME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

THE BOWIE BAYSOX BASEBALL TEAM'S  
CURRENT SEASON IS WELL UNDERWAY.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE  
GAME ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17

THERE ARE 15 TICKETS LEFT. THEY ARE  
FREE.

PLEASE CONTACT ILLUSTRIOUS SIR FRED  
EVANS FOR TICKETS.

CONTACT FRED AT [FWEVANS@VERIZON.NET](mailto:FWEVANS@VERIZON.NET) IF  
INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE GAME.

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# FEZ FOODIES

## MISO SALMON WITH GINGER NOODLES

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 nests wholemeal noodles (100g)
- 1 ½ tsp brown miso
- 2 tsp balsamic vinegar
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- 2 skinless wild salmon fillets (230g)
- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil
- 30g ginger, cut into matchsticks
- 1 green pepper, deseeded and cut into strips
- 2 leeks (165g), thinly sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, finely grated
- 160g baby spinach



### DIRECTIONS

1. Put the noodles in a bowl, cover with boiling water and set aside to soften. Heat the grill to medium and place a piece of foil on the grill rack. Mix 1 tsp of the miso with the vinegar, paprika and 1 tbsp water. Spread over the salmon and grill for 6-8 mins until flaky and cooked.
2. Heat the oil in a wok and stir-fry the ginger, pepper and leeks over a high heat for a few mins until softened. Add the garlic and cook for 1 min more. Drain the noodles, reserve 2 tbsp water and mix with the remaining miso.
3. Add the drained noodles, miso liquid and spinach to the wok and toss over the heat until the spinach wilts. Pile onto plates, top with the salmon and any juices and serve.

Source: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/miso-salmon-ginger-noodles>

# FEZ FIZZIES

## STRAWBERRY LEMONADE

### INGREDIENTS

- 175g sugar
- 400g strawberries, hulled and quartered, plus extra whole strawberries to serve (optional)
- 200ml freshly squeezed lemon juice (the juice of about 4-5 lemons)
- ice, to serve

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tip the sugar and 1 litre water into a saucepan over a medium heat and heat, stirring, until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat and leave to cool completely.
2. Put the strawberries in a blender and blitz to a purée. You can strain this through a fine mesh sieve to remove any seeds, if you prefer. Tip the strawberry purée into a large jug with the sugar water and lemon juice, and stir to combine. Pour into glasses filled with ice and serve garnished with whole strawberries, if you like. Will keep chilled for a day.



Source: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/264845/spicy-watermelon-margarita/>

# FEZ FUN

## JUNE WORD SEARCH

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 10. beach    11. azaleas    12. roses    13. mulch    14. vegetables



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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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## WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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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



### Scott Miskovic

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491 Highway 17, No. 29566  
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843.658.5554

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1982 Donald P. McDade  
1995 Charles W. Corey, III  
1998 Grant R. Berning  
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2003 David W. Finn  
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2006 Lonnie L. Ramos  
2007 Jeffrey G. Bodie  
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2010 Paul Friedlander  
2011 Alan L. Gordon  
2012 Ricardo Rodriguez Kroger  
2013 Rick Hall  
2015 Luis G. Cisneros  
2016 Fred W. Evans  
2017 Michael A. Gordon  
2018 Jeffrey D. Holt  
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2021 - 2022 George Stoklas, Jr



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# ALMAS SHRINER'S DIRECTORY

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Alan L. Gordon, P.P. ....Treasurer

# 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:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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