

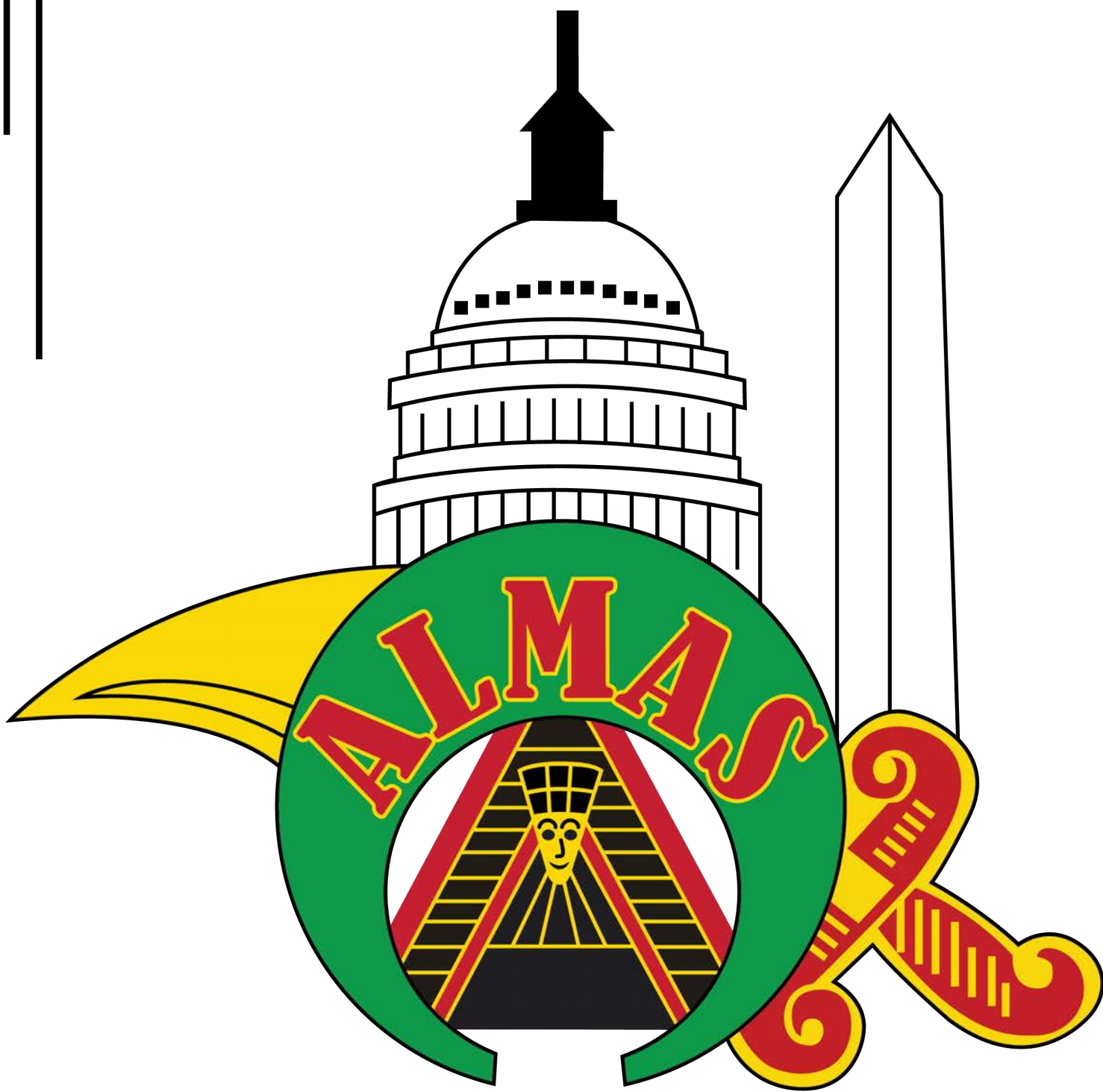
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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles,

Celebrate Our Freedom!

Happy "Free-Day" though we are so fortunate that every day in this country we enjoy the freedom to make our own choices and decisions. We should never forget as we celebrate the "4th of July" that it is, in fact, "Independence Day" commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.



When I try to imagine the courage and commitment exhibited by those who envisioned a country "conceived in liberty", I am completely awestruck. I am also even more firmly convinced that we all need to continue to advance the principles that brought our forefathers together in our daily lives, recognizing and embracing our differences as well as our common interests. That is what liberty and freedom are all about.

My heartfelt thanks to Illustrious Sir Alan Gordon, cast members and stage crew for a great Spring ceremonial and for making it a memorable event for our new nobles. Our Fall Ceremonial is scheduled for November 30th and I would like to encourage the nobility to contact Illustrious Sir Alan if you are interested to be a cast member or be a part of the setup crew.

In case you are wondering, this month's front cover is from the 1940 Alibi cover, and posted in this issue is an ad for the Potentate's Ball that year. It looked like a fun party.

Please join me in congratulating one of our very own, Noble Harold Sebastian who was designated by DeMolay International to receive the Cross of Honor. This award is a distinction bestowed upon an individual who have displayed exceptional service in the role of an advisor within the Order of DeMolay. His investiture will be on Sunday, July 16, 2023, 3 pm at the Manassah Lodge No. 182, 9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 12920. Let's all plan and support him on this special day.

This month, in addition to the 4th of July Parade, we have two other Temple fun events - Fez Friday on July 14th sponsored by the Maharlika Club of Almas Shriners and our annual Almas Shrine Crab Feast & Picnic on July 29th. (See flyers on this issue for details). Your Divan have been working hard to put together these activities for the nobility, family and friends - it is my hope that you sign up for these events and experience great fellowship with your fellow nobles.

Yours in the faith,

Potentate



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Fall Ceremonial



# SHRINE NEWS



June 23, 2023

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Harold Gomez Sebastian II



Dear Harold,

Congratulations! You have been designated by DeMolay International to receive the Cross of Honor. The Cross of Honor is a distinction bestowed upon a small number of people who have displayed exceptional service in the role of an advisor within the Order of DeMolay.

We of DeMolay salute you, for giving to the young men of DeMolay that precious thing which only you can give - yourself. This distinction recognizes you and your efforts on behalf of DeMolay.

Your investiture will be under the direction of DeMolay International's Executive Officer for the jurisdiction from where you were nominated. He will arrange with your local Advisory Council to have this honor conferred upon you in the form of a ceremony. After the conferral of this honor, please be certain to complete and return the "Vow of Allegiance" card, which will be presented to you with your certificate. This will ensure your honor is duly recorded in the permanent records of DeMolay International.

Again, congratulations. I know this honor will help ensure your continued service to a cause that brought you to the point of receiving this distinction.

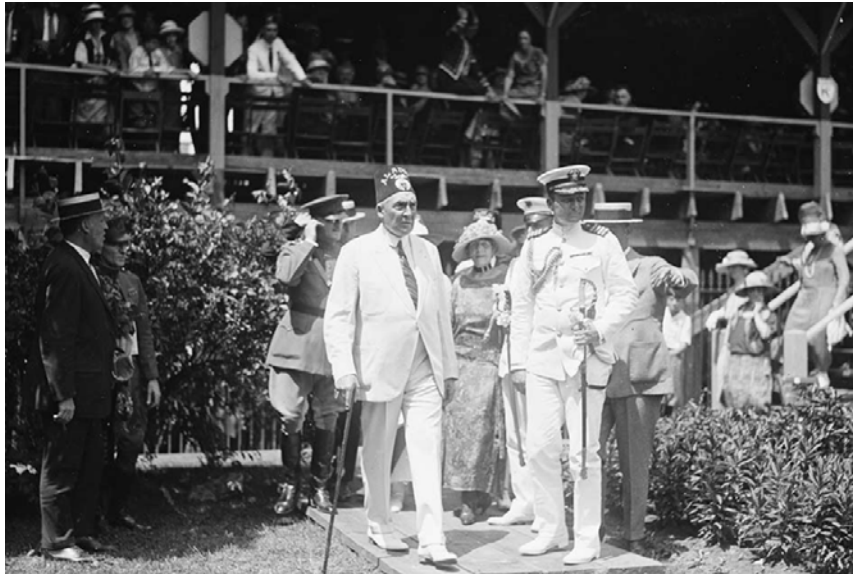
Fraternally,

  
Steven Ellis Crane PGM  
Grand Secretary



# FAMOUS FEZ

## PRESIDENT AND NOBLE WARREN HARDING



U.S. PRESIDENT WARREN HARDING WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO BECOME A SHRINER. HE BELONGED TO ALADDIN SHRINERS IN GROVE CITY, OHIO.

PRESIDENT HARDING ATTENDED THE 49TH IMPERIAL SESSION IN 1923 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE AND HIS WIFE, FIRST LADY FLORENCE HARDING, WATCHED THE PARADE FROM THE VIEWING STAND. AFTER A SEVERAL HOURS LONG PARADE, HE ADDRESSED THE CROWD AT THE PUBLIC OPENING.

HARDING SAID, "I THINK I KNOW THE VERY SOUL OF MASONRY, OUT OF WHICH THE SHRINE HAS COME TO LIGHTEN OUR BURDENS AND ADD CHEER TO OUR DAILY LIVES. THERE IS BOTH QUANTITY AND QUALITY IN THE NOBILITY OF THE SHRINE. IT IS MORE THAN A MERE MASONIC PLAYGROUND. CONCEIVED IN CHEER, THE ORDER HUNGERED FOR MORE THAN PLAY, THOUGH WE NEED MORE PLAY IN OUR DAILY LIVES. IT CRAVED TO BE HELPFUL, AND IT IS AGLOW IN NOBLE ACHIEVEMENT."

HARDING DIED LESS THAN TWO MONTHS LATER ON AUGUST 2, 1923.




# HISTORICAL EVENTS

1923 FEZ FRIDAY

Almas Temple  
1315 K STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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U. S. POSTAGE  
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## A NIGHT IN ARABIA WITH ALMAS



**Nobles! Make up a caravan to attend**  
**THE THIRD ANNUAL**  
**Potentate's Party**  
**MAYFLOWER HOTEL**  
**SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 24**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**

The biggest, wildest, funniest, most enjoyable affair in the history of Washington Shrinedom

Dinner a la harem—Arabian dancing girls and hours—Whirling dervishes—Minaret mysteries—A peep into the Sultan's harem—Quench your thirst at the oasis—Sand in your spinach!

This party will be talked about when the sands of the desert grow cold. Accommodations will be limited. Reservations made in the order in which they are received—so reserve your ticket now. The closing date for reservations is Tuesday, February 20. The baksheesh necessary: \$5 per plate.

The affair is not limited to Shriners, so bring your friends. For reservations see Ara M. Daniels, 1315 K Street NW., or phone RA. 7934.

Even as far back as 1923, Fun and Fellowship has been a part of our Shriner's culture

# HISTORICAL EVENTS

## 1923 PARADE



In 1923 the Almas Shriners paraded in Washington, D.C.  
We have always walked for others who cannot.



# HISTORICAL EVENTS

*The Washington Post*  
Democracy Dies in Darkness

## In June 1923, Washington was transformed into the Middle East



Perspective by [John Kelly](#)  
Columnist

February 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST

The Feb. 19 New York Times Book Review included a review of “Against the World” by Tara Zahra. With the review was a (sort of unrelated) photo with a bare bones caption of “A parade in Washington, D.C., in 1923.” Researching a bit further I found it was a Shriners parade. My question for you is what in the heck are those towers that appear to line the street in the photo? Something temporary for the parade? Or something in D.C. history I know nothing about?

— Philip Gaylord, Brookfield, Conn.

The photograph in question shows the stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue NW between the White House and Lafayette Square, though both are obscured by buildings and trees. What you can see are some curious towers, thin and circular and — on closer inspection — vaguely Middle Eastern. They were temporary decorations built to celebrate the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. You may know them as the Shriners.

The Shriners are a branch of Freemasonry, a fraternal group that’s been active in this country since before it was a country. The organization was popular among the Founding Fathers, including presidents. When **George Washington** laid the cornerstone for the U.S. Capitol, he was dressed in his ceremonial Masonic garb.



# NOTABLE EVENTS

In 1923, there happened to be a Mason in the White House. And **Warren G. Harding** wasn't just any type of Mason. He was a Shriner.

What are Shriners? Think of them as the “fun” Masons. Other branches of Masonry — the York rite, the Scottish rite — had been around for centuries. The Shriners were founded in 1870, as “sort of a response to the seriousness of Freemasonry,” said **Chris Ruli**, a historian and Mason.

They took as their inspiration the burgeoning fascination with Egyptology and the Arab world. The feat of the Pyramids fit with the mind-set of the Masons, who employ masonry and construction as a metaphor for self-betterment.

The Shriners would become known for their philanthropy — funding children's hospitals — but they would also be known for their zanier side: donning fezzes and zipping around in tiny cars.

In 1923, you couldn't be a Shriner until you'd already completed those other, more sober levels of Masonry, so Shriners were some of the most accomplished men — only men, and only White men — in the country. With a Shriner in the White House in 1923, Washington seemed like the perfect place for the group's annual convention, held from June 3 to 7.

“It really turned into this huge event,” Ruli said. Some estimates put the crowd at 250,000, at the time country's largest gathering of Shriners.

“These were some of the richest Masons in the United States,” Ruli said. “They spared no expense.”

Pennsylvania Avenue was festooned with the scimitar and crescent symbol of the Shriners and strung with 35,000 electric lights. Loudspeakers were positioned throughout the city so everyone could hear performances by Shriner bands, including a massed band led by **John Philip Sousa**, a Mason. Hotels, movie theaters and restaurants offered special deals to Shriners.

There were two parades: one on the morning of June 5 and another on the evening of June 6. Both passed by the convention's centerpiece: the Garden of Allah, constructed in Lafayette Square.

In came palm trees. There were Sphinxes, too, made in Pennsylvania. The District Commissioners had to authorize the largest components: 10 pillars, including four modeled after columns in the Temple of Karnak in Luxor. These were 50 feet high, six feet in diameter, painted with hieroglyphs and topped with gigantic papyrus blossoms.

The overall effect was not accurately Egyptian or Arab, but what the Shriners back then perceived those things to be.

“These are antiquated perceptions,” Ruli said.

Today we'd call it cultural appropriation. And cultural confusion. Egyptian hieroglyphs don't have much to do with Islam. Fezzes don't have much to do with pharaohs.

But the Shriners seemed to enjoy themselves. Pennsylvania Avenue — redubbed “The Road to Mecca” — was thronged by “rollicking hordes,” wrote The Washington Post. “Never before has the staid, dignified old city been so entirely at the mercy of such a gay, happy, carefree crowd of good fellows ... Physically, the entire nature of the ‘most beautiful city of the world’ was changed.”

A week later, it was changed back.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

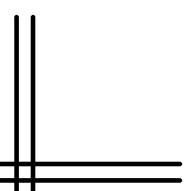
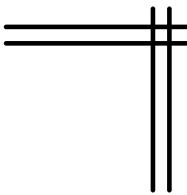
## UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

**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** - 6 - 11 PM: Maharlika Shrine Club **Potluck & Karaoke Night**  
(see flyer below for more info)

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

**August 19, 2023 - Potentate's Ball** - 6 PM Reception Cocktails, 7:30 Dinner at Almas Shrine  
(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)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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 18years of age) \_\_\_\_\_



# Feb Friday



**SPONSORED BY MAHARLIKA  
SHRINERS CLUB  
JULY 14, 2023  
FROM 6 PM - 11 PM**

THE OASIS AT ALMAS SHRINE  
1315 K ST NW, WASHINGTON,  
DC 20005

**POT LUCK - BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
CASH BAR  
DJ  
DANCING  
KARAOKE**

**NO DISH TO SHARE?  
DONATION IS \$15/PERSON**

**FOR PLANNING PURPOSES  
PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 12TH TO:  
[DFERGUSON@ALMASSHINERS.ORG](mailto:DFERGUSON@ALMASSHINERS.ORG)  
WITH YOUR DISH NAME OR DONATION WITH  
NUMBER OF GUESTS**





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ALMAS

# CRAB FEAST AND PICNIC

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**  
**12pm to 4pm**

Home of  
Illustrious Sir Michael Gordon  
810 Lower Barn Way  
Olney, MD. 20832

RSVP by July 24th to  
[dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org)  
or call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688

Purchase ticket on-line:  
<https://www.almasshriners.org/event/2023crab/>  
*Proceeds for the benefit of Almas Shriners*

**Early Bird Special:**  
Purchase on-line by 7/24  
\$45 per person

Purchase the day of  
\$50 per person



**Bring your swimsuit and towel**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ALMAS POTENTATE'S BALL

AN EVENING IN MANILA AT OUR NATION'S CAPITAL



*Honoring Illustrious Sir Carpenter Arpa IV  
and Lady Marcia*

**August 19, 2023**

**Reception & Cocktails: 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Dinner: 7:30pm**

**Location : Almas Shrine Temple  
1315 K St NW, Washington, DC 20005**

*Purchase tickets here:*

<https://www.almasshriners.org/event/2023ball/>

RSVP by August 5th to

[dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org)

or call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688





# CLUB NEWS



**ALMAS YACHT CLUB**

1315 K STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

Our "Mid-Summer Memorial Cruise" held on 25 June was a great success with 25 members and guests attending. The food and fellowship were fantastic. The event was held at the Home Port of Ill. Sir Don and Becky Holliday and we thank them for their gracious hospitality!

The club is currently selling the Official 2023 White House Christmas Ornaments. These makes an excellent gift for friends and family. The holidays will be here before you know it so, please contact our AYC Secretary Ill. Sir Fed Evans, P.C. ([fwevans@verizon.net](mailto:fwevans@verizon.net)) for your purchases.

We expect to see a good turnout of AYC members at the Almas Crab Feast on 29 July at the home of Ill. Sir. Mike Gordon and Lady Vanessa. Tickets are available on the Almas website so don't delay and buy them today!

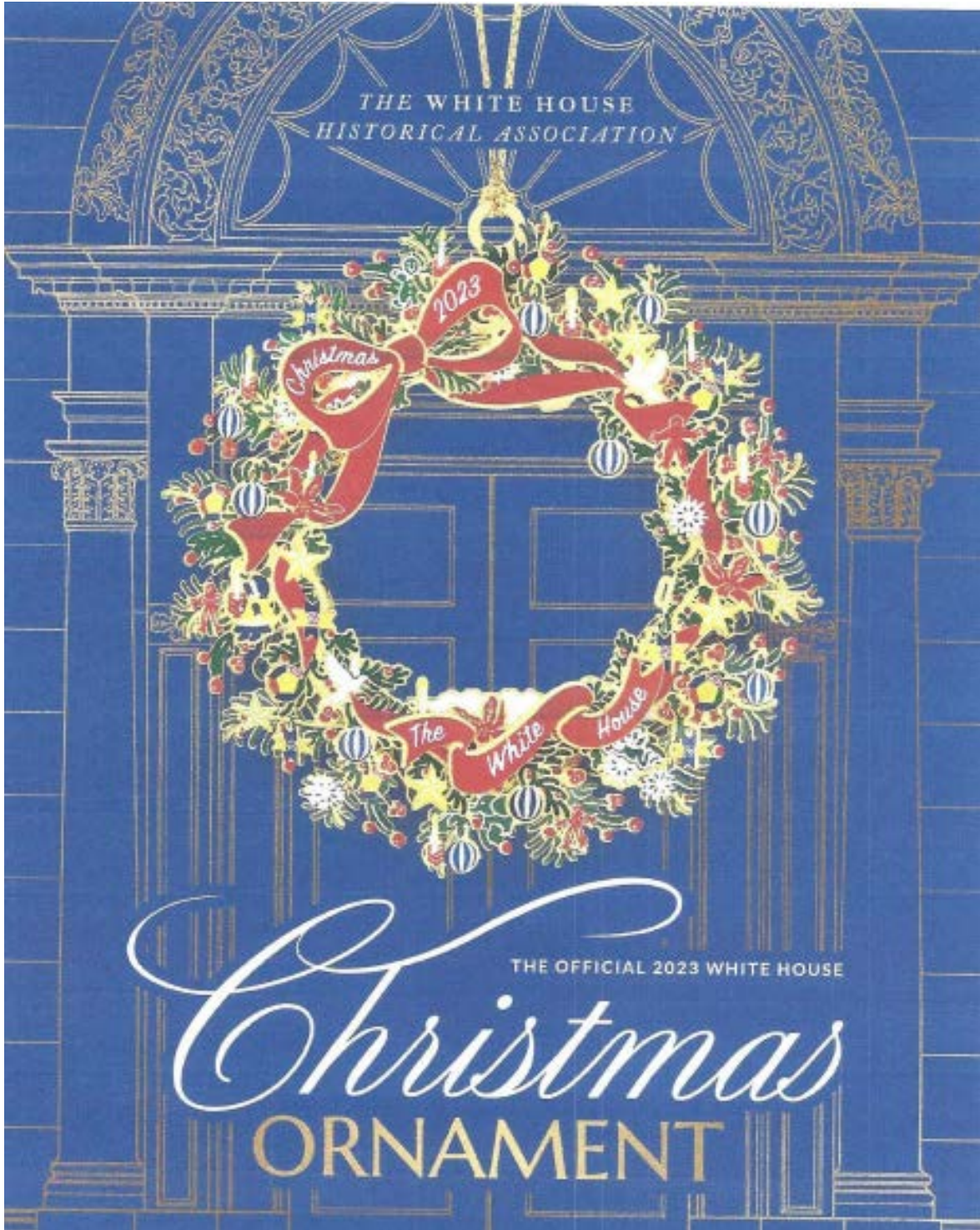
As Almas' largest club, we always welcome new members. You don't have to have a "yacht" to join but only an interest in good fun and fellowship. Please contact the AYC Secretary or Commodore if you have any questions or better yet would like an application!

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

# FEZ FOODIES

## MOLTEN CHEESE-STUFFED BURGERS

### INGREDIENTS

- 1½ tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, very finely chopped
- 70g smoked pancetta, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 4 thyme sprigs, leaves picked
- 500g lean beef mince (no more than 10% fat)
- 50g fresh breadcrumbs
- 1 egg yolk
- 60g mature cheddar, grated
- 60g grated mozzarella

### *For the herby burger sauce*

- 120g mayonnaise
- 2½ tsp English mustard
- ½ small bunch of parsley, finely chopped
- ½ small bunch of basil
- 50g baby gherkins, finely chopped

### *To serve*

- 4 seeded burger buns, split
- 2-3 Little Gem lettuces, leaves separated
- 2 ripe tomatoes, sliced
- crispy fried onions

### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and fry the onion with a good pinch of salt for 15 mins until soft and translucent. Add the pancetta and cook for 5 mins more, then add the garlic and thyme, and cook for 2 mins. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for 15 mins.
2. Tip the mince into a large bowl. Massage with your hands for 5 mins to tenderise the meat, then add the cooled onion mix, the breadcrumbs and egg yolk. Season generously. Divide evenly into four, weighing for accuracy, if you like. Mix the cheddar and mozzarella together. Form the beef portions into patties, patting each into a 10cm round. Divide the cheese mixture into four, and, in your hands, form each portion into a firm ball, then press into a roughly 4cm disc. Working one at a time, put a cheese disc into the centre of a beef patty, then bring the meat around the cheese to cover. Lightly pat with the palm of your hand to flatten slightly, then chill, covered, for at least 30 mins or up to 48 hrs.
3. Make the sauce by whizzing the mayonnaise, mustard and herbs together in a small food processor. Stir through the gherkins, then cover and chill until ready to use.
4. Light the barbecue. When the flames have died down, grill the burgers on each side for 4-5 mins until charred (if you don't have a barbecue, see tip, below). Wrap individually in foil and leave on the barbecue for 5-7 mins so the cheese centre melts.
5. Grill the buns, cut-side down, for 1-2 mins until toasted. Spread all the cut sides with the sauce, then fill with the beef patties, lettuce, tomatoes and crispy onions.

# FEZ FIZZIES

## RED, WHITE, AND BLUE JULY 4TH DRINK

### How To Make A Layered Red, White & Blue Drink

You'll need liquids with different sugar amounts. This will keep the liquids from mixing with each other. Start with the liquid with the highest sugar content first – that's the heaviest and will sit on the bottom – and end with the liquid with the least amount of sugar on the top.

### INGREDIENTS –

- 8 oz ice (or more to fill your cup)
- 1/3 cup (approx) of each red, white, and blue drink of your choice (options below)

### LAYER OPTIONS –

#### *Red Drinks:*

- Strawberry Daiquiri Mix
- Cranberry Juice Cocktail
- Hawaiian Punch
- Strawberry Lemonade

#### *White Drinks:*

- Pina Colada Mix
- Sobe Pina Colada
- Sprite or 7 Up
- Lemonade
- Pineapple Juice

#### *Blue Drinks:*

- Cool Blue Gatorade Zero (sugarfree)
- Mixed Berry Powerade Zero

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### DIRECTIONS –

**ICE** – Fill your cup with ice all the way to the top and add a straw if you want one. (Adding it at the end will mix the layers.)

**NOTE** – Size matters when it comes to selecting ice cubes for this drink. Crushed or small ice cubes (I'm looking at you Sonic!) won't work because they melt too fast and cause the colors to blend. If you don't want to add ice to your drinks, you can pour each layer over an upside-down spoon.

**LAYER** – Slowly pour the drink with the most sugar directly over the ice. I used a Strawberry Daiquiri Mix.

**SETTLE** – Give it a few seconds to let it settle to the bottom, then pour the drink with the next highest sugar content, very slowly, directly over the ice. If you pour directly onto a layer of liquid instead of onto the ice, your beverage colors will mix. My second layer was a Pina Colada Mix.

**FINISH** – After your second layer has settled, you can add additional ice cubes, if needed, then slowly pour the last color drink directly on top of the ice



# FEZ FUN

## JULY WORD SEARCH

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 11. mall   12. fireworks   13. maharlika   14. karaoke   15. crab   16. fest   17. golf   18. fundraiser   19. washington  
 20. concerts   21. picnic   22. baseball

# 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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2. At the top of the screen, you will have two options: Shrine Card and QR Code. The screenshot below shows the Shrine Card option.



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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.



# FEZ FUN

## WORD SEARCH ANSWER

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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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843.658.5554

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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:**

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 # \_\_\_\_\_  
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