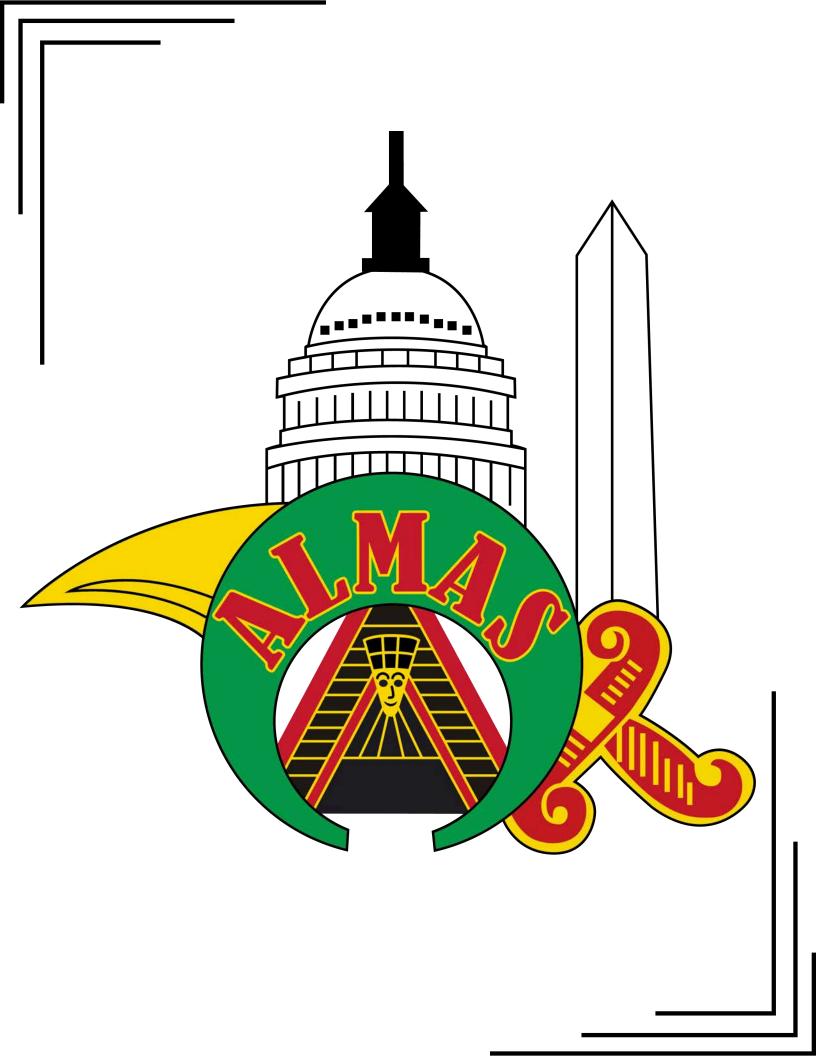


The above caricature was presented to Illustrious William J. B. Orr, humanity's benefactor and Potentate of Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., by his admiring friend, George E. Stringfellow, Imperial Captain of the Guard, A.A.O.N.M.S., April 20, 1951.

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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies.

**Greetings!** 

While April is a mix of cold, dreary days and a few sunny ones here and there, May serves up plenty of truly perfect days, full of sunshine and blooming flowers. May is a month of rebirth, inspiration and excitement as we close out the first quarter of the year and look forward to a long, relaxing summer. May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities."

I would like to commend our Colonel of the Units, Illustrious Sir Frank Ireton and all the nobles, their ladies, family, and friends that participated in last month's Cherry Blossom Parade for a job well done. I know it was a challenge to put this together since most of our nobles were either out of town or had other commitments, but they still managed to showcase our temple and Shriners Children Hospital not only to the local community but also to the out of town visitors that day. Thank you for taking the time to make this event a success.

We have three important events this month - The Almas Shriners Past Potentates & 50-year member luncheon on May 11th, followed by a Mother's Day Dinner Celebration presented by Maynilad Lodge #1521 and Maharlika Shriners Club that evening, and the Almas Spring Ceremonial on the 16th.

The Past Potentates and 50-year member Luncheon on May 11th is dedicated to all our Past Potentates and 50-year members. - without their leadership and selfless contributions, Almas Shrine Temple would not be what it is today. The 50-year pin is a great way to recognize a noble's dedication to his temple as a Shriner. It is my hope that you will take the time to join me at this event so we can thank each of our Past Potentates for their hard work and support.

Mothers' Day falls on Sunday, May 12th this year. I would like to greet all the ladies that are mothers a "Happy Mother's Day". You all deserve much more than a day per year, but it is good to take this opportunity to recognize the incredible responsibility and achievement that comes with this invaluable role. A Mother's Day Celebration Dinner presented by Maynilad Lodge #1521 and Maharlika Shrine Club will be on the evening of May 11th. This is open to our nobility (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS).

Our Spring Ceremonial will be on Thursday, May 16th. This is a great opportunity to greet our newly created nobles, participate or help our ceremonial cast and re-engage with old brethren. I hope you can all join us at this important event.

Yours in the faith,

Potentate 2023-24

































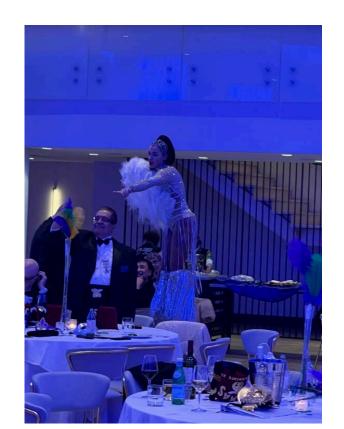














### **Shriners Children's Hospital Visit, Philadelphia**





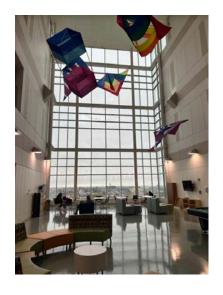


### Shriners Children's Hospital Visit, Philadelphia















### Almas at the 2024 National Cherry Blossom Parade

On Saturday, April 13, Almas returned to the National Mall to participate in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade. A chilly, bluster day warmed up by the time the parade got underway. Thousands of spectators lined the Constitution Avenue parade route. Almas was warmly received and applauded as we passed by the reviewing stands and crowds of spectators. Join us on July 4<sup>th</sup> this summer for the National Independence Day Parade



Parade day Crew. Colonel of the Units, Frank Ireton, Noble Adam Duncan, Lady Edie McKenna, Bill Hinton, Joy Hinton, High Priest and Prophet, Bill Hinton III. Not pictured, Lt. Colonel of the Units, Chuck Russell. Lots of fun times for all.



Left, the
Almas
Parade Fleet
lined up and
led by High
Priest and
Prophet Bill
Hinton III's
antique fire
truck.

Right, along the parade route with the fire truck and passengers.



Mini-cars warmed up and ready to go. Drivers left to right: Chuck Russell, Adam Duncan, and Frank Ireton.



The newest addition to the fleet.



## MONTHLY MUSINGS

### Tales From the Almas Crupt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

This month's Tales From the Almas Crupt and Alibi cover comes from the April-May, 1951 Alibi. April and May were busy times at Almas with the Shrine Circus and other Temple events. In its tenth year, the circus kicked off with a parade lead by Potentate William Orr followed by the elected Divan and Almas Band. Other Almas marchers included the Legion of Honor, Drum Corps, Patrol, and Chanters. Other Masonic and civic organizations joined in the pageantry.



Added to the circus events that year was a Shrine Popularity-Beauty Contest. The winner, Miss Ann Hayden, was chosen by a newspaper panel of judges



representing Life, Look, Associated Press, local newspapers, and production executives from NBC and CBS. A special wardrobe was presented to Miss Hayden as well as a 10-day trip to Paris—with Mrs. Dorothy Kany as a chaperone and several Almas members who served on the circus committee. After a stop in New York and a reception by the New York Press, the party went on to

Paris. While in Paris they were entertained by the American Embassy, visited historic sites, and were to meet the President of France. No report if the meeting took place. The article points out all prizes given were at no cost to the circus.

In his message to the Temple Potentate Orr expressed his thanks to Nobles

who worked to bring the circus and parade to fruition. Thanks to the generosity of many Nobles, Almas Temple, and civic organizations over 5000 underprivileged children, orphans, and veterans attended the Saturday morning performance at no cost. The children were treated to peanuts and popcorn as well as the circus performance. Some children rode on a special float during the Parade.



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Potentate Orr continues his message by pitching recent improvements made to Temple including a new parking lot located next door. He speaks to the Sphinx Club meals and invites Nobles to take advantage of the lunches and dinners. The ongoing Friday luncheons—\$1.35 tip included—with speakers from Congress, District government, and federal agencies continued to be popular. A bowling tournament between Almas and Boumi Bowling leagues was hosted in the Almas bowling alleys with a tournament dinner in the upstairs ballroom. Re-read that last sentence. Yes, Almas Temple had a bowling alley in the Basement.

## MONTHLY MUSINGS

Following is an information advertisement promoting the 1951 Imperial Session in New York that year. The \$12.59 train ride with transfers in today's dollars is about \$150.00. The \$8.00 hotel room is just short of \$100.00 in today's money. A ticket booklet for seats at parades and performances along with a souvenir book was available for \$12.00, or \$150.00 adjusted for inflation. Almas was assigned 350 rooms at the Prince George Hotel with a four-day requirement.

### Almas Temple Pilgrimage to Imperial Council Sessions

New York City July 9, 10, 11, 12, 1951

#### RESERVATION INFORMATION

The following transportation and hotel accommodations have been arranged for the Almas Temple delegation:

Special Train Over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
Leave Washington, D. C. Early Morning, July 9th
Arrive New York City Early Afternoon Same Day
Leave New York City Late Afternoon July 13th
Arrive Washington, D. C. Early Evening Same Day

Special train equipment will include—Coffee Shop Car, Reclining Scat Coaches and Dining Car Service. Cost per person round trip \$12.59 including Special Motor Coaches from train side to and from hotel for passengers and baggage.

The New York Shrine Convention Committee has assigned Almss Temple 350 rooms at the Prince George Hotel located at 14 East 28th Street. Hotel room rates \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 per day (2 persons to a room). Reservations for a period of four days required,

The Potentate and General Chairman have inspected the hotel and are very much pleased with the accommodations. The Manager has assured them that the Almas delegation will be well taken care of during their stay at the hotel.

For advance information, we give you the following: Day Parade—Tuesday, July 10th, at 8:30 A.M. Night Parade—Thursday, July 12th, at 9:00 P.M. Evening Shows in Madison Square Garden—Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8:30 P.M.

All seats for parades and performances in Madison Square Garden to be reserved.

A combination book of tickets for the above five events and souvenir program may be secured at a cost of \$12.00 per book.

Call at the Recorder's office as soon as possible if you desire reservations.

New York City is planning for one of the largest Shrine Conventions ever held in their city.

It is the desire of the Potentate and General Chairman to have every Almas Noble, who will be in New York City during the convention, visit the Almas Temple Headquarters in the Prince George Hotel. The headquarters will be open each day of the convention except during the period of the two parades.

William P. Iacobs, Ir., General Chairman.

Clark Gable Sunday, May 27, 2012

### Freemason by paternal requirement



Clark **Gable** was born in Ohio , USA. in 1901 by William Gable and Adeline Herschelman. He came from a particularly wealthy family since his father was engaged in oil drilling. His surname was normally *Goebel*, but the family changed it to *Gable* during World War I, as it was German and the American nation disliked the Germans.

As a teenager, Gable was a particularly tall kid with a loud voice. His artistic tendencies that were evident from a young age were further strengthened when, at the age of thirteen, he was the only underage member of the town's band. He also loved Shakespeare and enjoyed reciting his sonnets. His father, who preferred his son to be engaged in hunting, was willing to help him improve his education by buying him a 72-volume encyclopedia of all the masterpieces of world literature. When Gable was seventeen years old, his father experienced financial problems and was forced to move with his family to a farm near Akron, Ohio. Having trouble adjusting to the new environment, Gable decided to go work in a tire factory. In the same year, he decided to become an actor after watching the play "The Bird of Paradise".

In 1924 Gable found himself in Hollywood. He then married his acting teacher Josephine Dillon and became an agent. His first roles were in silent films by Erich von Stroheim, where he appeared as an extra. He also participated in short films, but the fact that he was not assigned any major role disappointed him, so he returned to

the theater. There he met fellow mason Lionel Barrymore, with whom he maintained a long-term friendship. It was he who encouraged him to continue working in the theater. In 1927 - 1928, he appeared in several shows in Houston with the Larkin Brothers theatrical group. He began to gain experience and confidence, while at the same time his wife managed to get him a job on Broadway. On Broadway he appeared in the show Machinal to great acclaim. The Morning Telegraph newspaper wrote about him: "He is young, punchy and very masculine."

The financial crisis of the late 1920s, combined with the abolition of silent films, caused the cancellation of many theatrical performances in the period 1929 - 1930. As a result, it was difficult to find work as an actor.

#### The beginning of a brilliant career

After receiving good reviews for his performance in the 1930 Los Angeles stage play The Last Mile, he signed a contract with Metro Goldwyn Mayer and saw his star rise. Before signing a contract with MGM, he already had an unsuccessful audition for Warner, where he was rejected by producer Darryl F. Zanuck (Darryl F. Zanuck) because of his large ears. His first film role was in a low-budget western called *The Painted Desert*, where he played a villain. After the screening of the film at the MGM offices, thousands of letters from fans arrived and -slowly- the company began to promote him more and more. In 1931 he made a total of 12 films and worked with Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, Jean Harlow and Myrna Loy. Within three years, he had become the most commercial actor in America and was called the "King of Hollywood".

#### Oscar for " It Happened One Night "

Gable was not the first choice for the lead *role* in Frank Capra 's It Happened One Night. Robert Montgomery had already turned down the role. Also mason Louis B. Mayer, with a heavy heart, loaned him to Columbia Pictures in 1934, because at that time there was no suitable role for him and they were paying him without making a profit. Gable, initially reluctant to star in It Happened One Night, adjusted in a short time and became on good terms with Capra. During filming, he amused himself by playing pranks on his co-star Claudette Colbert. His portrayal as a cunning and headstrong man would characterize his career from that moment on. In one scene of the film, Gable had to take off his shirt to reveal his bare chest, as he was wearing a tank top underneath. As a result, the male audience was affected and the sales of underwear in the USA in 1934 fell significantly. The film won Academy Awards for Best Picture, Screenplay, Best Director, and Best Actor and Actress in 1934, something neither Gable nor Colbert expected at the start of filming. Gable, now an Academy Award winner, returned to Metro as a star of the first magnitude.

#### Gone With the Wind



Despite his reluctance to play Rhett Butler, Gable is still best known for his performance in Gone With *The Wind*, which earned him his third Best Actor Oscar nomination. . His wife Carole Lombard (Carole Lombard) was the first to suggest that he play Rhett Butler, when she bought a copy of the bestseller, which Gable refused to read.

Since the release of the novel, both the public and the film's producer David O' Selznick wanted Gable for the role. But because Selznick didn't own any big stars of the day in his fledgling company, he had to get an actor from another studio. So he first approached Gary Cooper to offer him the role. When Cooper turned down the role of Rhett Butler, he is said to have said that Gone with the Wind was going to be the biggest flop in Hollywood history.

Selznick was now determined to hire Gable and was trying to find some way to get him on loan from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. In the meantime Gable had decided to accept the role, not wanting to disappoint the audience that had identified him with Butler. Having now accepted the role, Gable said: "I think I now understand what it feels like to be a fly caught in a spider's web". Gone with the Wind was the first color film in Gable's career. Gable's most famous line in the film remains a landmark in world cinema: " Honestly, my dear, I don't give a damn."



At the age of 41, with the outbreak of the Second World War, he enlisted in the Armed Forces, specifically in the Air Force, and was subsequently promoted to the front line and took part in bombing operations in Germany, demonstrating special heroism, for which he was awarded the "Excellence" Medal Actions". After the war ended, he was discharged with the rank of Major and returned to the big screen – this time partnered with young and up-and-coming actresses – making his first post-war film in 1945. However, both this film and the others that will follow will not have the success he expected although his popularity always remained at high levels.

#### Masonic life

Gable was not what we would call an example of an ardent Mason, since, as he had repeatedly stated, he applied for admission only to please his father. He himself had admitted that he had been pressured by his father for over a decade to join the Brotherhood, since Father Gable believed that this was the only solution for his son to stop being involved in the arts. In the end, Clark only gave in when he secured "immunity" as far as his Hollywood career was concerned. Just a year later came his Oscar nomination, which he was informed about by his close friend Lionel Barrymore after their Lodge work.

The truth is, of course, that Gable grew up in a Masonic environment, while most of those who helped him and believed in his talent were Masons, such as Louis B. Mayer (St. Cecile Lodge no. 558), Lionel Barrymore (Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528) and Darryl F. Zanuck. Many times during his life he referred to them with gratitude. The shared tectonic status is an unrecorded aspect of their relationship.



According to the Masonic records of the Grand Lodge of California, Gable was initiated in 1933 in Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528 in Hollywood. In the same year he received the

rank of Partner, while in 1934 he was elevated to the rank of Professor. At A.A.S.T. he had proven to have received the 32nd degree, while he was a member of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also known as the "Order of the Shriners", ("Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine") and specifically belongs to the crew of "Al Malaika Temple ' in Los Angeles . Let's remember that until the year 2000, in order to request admission to the Order of Shriners, one had to have almost exhausted the degrees of the Scottish Press (32°) or the York Press (Knight Temple). The same was true of Gable , who was often proudly photographed wearing the Order's signature red fez at charity events.

According to his biographer W. T. Harris, Gable remained an active Mason throughout his life, using the Lodge as a "refuge from the occasional problems of grief he faced, especially after the death of his beloved wife Carole Lombard."

Gable was undoubtedly a great actor, a war hero and - for many - one of the biggest dandies of Hollywood. His phrase will remain historical: "I became a mason for the sake of my father in order to let me become an actor. I became an actress to have many women. Not so many though... if I went with all the women who say I've gone, I wouldn't have time for fishing.'

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS**

May 11, 2024 from 11:30- 3:00 PM- Past Potentate's Lunch \$30/person (see flyer below)

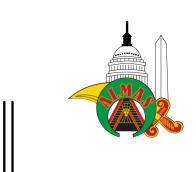
May 11, 2024 from 7 - 11:30 PM - Mother's Day Dinner \$45/person (see flyer below)

May 16, 2024 at 7;30 PM - Spring Ceremonial

June 1, 2024 at 2 PM- Edmonston Days Parade (see flyer below)

June 29, 2024 - Blood Drive 8 AM-1 PM (see flyer below)

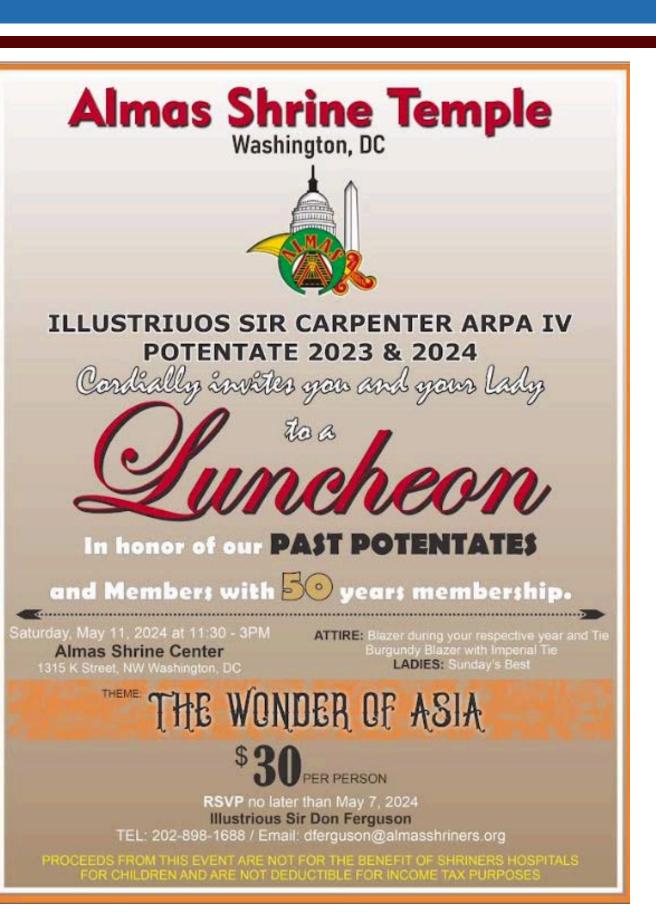
July 4, 2024 - Nation Independence Day Parade (more info to come)















### Edmonston Days Parade Saturday, June 1st

Assembly time: 2:00, Step off: 3:00, End: 4:00

Join Almas Shriners in helping Edmonston, Maryland celebrate the Centennial Year of its founding.

This is a Shriners only parade. Family members are welcome to enjoy the parade along the route and participate in the post parade festival at Fletcher's Field Park.



Parade participants assembly area is at Lafayette and Ingraham Streets. Please check in by 2:30. Wear RED and bring your Fez.

Riders and walkers needed. A limited number of electric scooters and mini-cars will be available on a first come basis but you must sign-up by May 29th to ride.

Contact:

fireton@mac.com

### **PARADES**

Nation Independence Day Parade Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

(Information in the next Alibi and on Web Fez)







Interested in riding in or operating one of the parade vehicles? We are in the process of forming a new club that will be responsible for mini-car operation in parades. We will supply the vehicles or bring your own. For information contact Frank Ireton, PP, Colonel of the Units or Chuck Russell,

Lt. Colonel of the Units. Watch the Alibi for more information.

For information contact: Colonel of the Units: Frank Ireton, PP, 301-254-5893, fireton@mac.com

Our next parade will be America's 2024
Independence Day Parade, July 4th.
Information for this parade will be distributed in
May as it is received from the parade organizers.



# Maharlika Shrine Club of Almas Temple Blood Drive

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Arlington Masonic Temple 1 S. George Mason Drive Arlington VA, 22204

For an appointment, please visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Use sponsor code: "Breakfast"

Free Breakfast Provided.

### **Greeters Club**

The Almas Greeters held its first meeting in many years on December 7, 2023. Including myself and the Potentate, we had twelve nobles in attendance. We discussed the purpose of the Greeters and asked the Potentate to provide us with a schedule of events at which he wants the Greeters to perform their duties.

The next event will be the January 6th Open Installation of Officers. One Greeter will be in the rotunda directing nobles and guests to where they need to go while two others will be in the ballroom handing out programs and assisting people to their seats.

There was some organizational business to be addressed which is ongoing. In addition to other matters, we are presently working to get name tags and fez tassel holders so people can see who we are.

The next meeting will be on January 4th, immediately after the Almas Business Meeting in the Sphinx Club Dining Room. At this meeting we will review the bylaws which were previously distributed, confirm the assignments for January 6th and prepare a schedule for the rest of 2024. We will also address officers for 2024.

While the primary membership of the Greeters is for new nobles to introduce them to the functions of the Temple and to meet the nobility, the meetings are open to all who want to be a part of this historic club. We will always meet immediately after the Almas Business Meeting on a monthly basis.

We hope to see you at the meeting on January 4th.

Best wishes for a Happy and a Healthy New Year and a Prosperous 2024.

Yours in the Faith,

Alan L. Gordon, PP, Director

### **2024 Christmas Ornament**



We're excited to announce the launch of the Official 2024 White House
Christmas Ornament, honoring the presidency of Jimmy Carter.



#### ALMAS YACHT CLUB HISTORY

The Almas Yacht Club was formed to provide an organization for those Shriners interested in sailing on the waters surrounding the Chesapeake Bay.

The conception of the Almas Yacht Club was the result of a group of Almas Shriners interested in forming such a club in 1955. The yacht club, consisting of 23 members, became an entity in 1956 when it received its charter. The first Bridge consisted of the following: Commodore – Alton S. Bradford, Vice Commodore – Edward C. Baltz, Rear Commodore – Robert Doing, Fleet Captain – Garrett Beitzell, Secretary – Jack J. Blank, Treasurer – Roy Lyman Sexton.

Membership in the Yacht Club has fluctuated over the years. From its meager beginning of 23 members, it grew to 86 by 1967 and had a fleet of 54 boats ranging in size from 12 feet to 67 feet in length. Records are a bit sketchy from the early years, but by 1982, membership had decreased to 70 members with 27 boats. In 1991 there were 57 members and 22 boats; 1999 had 37 members and 13 boats; in 2012 there were 43 members and 7 boats.

The decreasing boat numbers dictated that we had to change the focus of the club from one of boating activities to include land functions as well where we would meet at a variety of restaurants or similar locations to conduct meetings and take care of the business of the club. We still maintained our membership in the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (MAASYC) where we would meet at a selected location for the annual summer rendezvous. Many members of the other yacht clubs in MAASYC would bring their boats and engage in a friendly competition of a boat parade, boat decoration and other fun activities. We also participated in the activities of the annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) where the several Shrine Temples engaged in a variety of club competitions which would culminate in the annual parade.

The ultimate goal of the numerous activities of the temple yacht clubs was to win the *Evers Trophy*, a large trophy awarded to the yacht club which amassed the most points over a twelve-month period beginning with the MASA convention parade were the Shrine Centers compete with their floats and marching units. The name "Almas" appears on this trophy several times.

From the outset, it should be noted that our Ladies have always been an intricate part of the Yacht Club. Over the years they have provided delicious meals and refreshments at many of our functions and assisted in many of our activities. We will always be grateful for their willingness to be an active part of the club.

Although it has been necessary to change some of our boating activities, we have never compromised our enthusiasm, zeal or any of our Shrine principles to enjoy good fellowship, welcome new Nobles and their Ladies into our club, provide support to the members when needed, and support the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Yacht Club extends an invitation to all Shriners to investigate and join in our activities and consider becoming a member.

### **Almas Legion of Honor**

The Almas Shrine Legion of Honor held our regular meeting on October 5, 2023 at Almas Shrine. This was our first meeting since the MASA Fall Session and was our election for the officers that with serve for the next two years 2024/2025. The following nobles where 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 it 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 it's annual meeting in spring and is set by the MASA LOH Commander. The IALOH holds their annual meeting in the spring and is set by the International Commander. The IALOH also conducts an annual Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown, in Arlington, VA the first weekend of November each year. This has been done for over Forty (40) years. For more information about the IALOH visit the Web at IALOH.org.

It is and 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

## GENERAL INFO

#### GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The following guidelines apply to the use of social media by all Nobles in their capacity as a Shriner, or in which one identifies himself as a Shriner through images or words on personal or public social media platforms and websites, as well as on behalf of all Shrine Associations, Temples, Units and Shrine Clubs. Nobles should always be aware that all electronic communications are permanent and may be made public, even if deleted.

Nothing in this section imposes any limitation on purely independent speech or expression which is unrelated to the Shrine. Each member must determine for himself whether his personal communications or conduct, online or in person, meet the extremely high standards expected of a Shriner.

All internet and cellular phone based electronic communications must:

- Be in compliance with and conform to the Code of Ethics of Shriners International (Bylaws §210.7).
- Reflect positively on Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- Not contain content or commentary that is antagonistic, bullying, confidential, defamatory, harassing, offensive, political, pornographic, profane, racially motivated or religious.
- Not contain a third party's copyrighted material, trademarks, service marks or other protected material.
- Not post private temple and fraternal matters on public facing social media. These matters include, but are not limited to:
  - Legal, disciplinary, and personnel issues;
  - b. A pending petition for membership of a particular candidate;
  - c. Financial matters related to the fraternity or charity; and
  - Fraternal or charitable legislative proposals, such as "the Call" for Imperial Sessions.
- Be factually accurate and based on credible information. Acknowledge and correct mistakes promptly.
- Adhere to the branding and stylistic guidelines contained in the Shriners International Fraternal Style Guide and the Shriners Hospitals for Children Identity Standards and Guidelines. These guidelines can currently be found on the Shriners International website in the members section.

In addition, all official Association, Temple. Unit and Shrine Club social media profiles, websites, and accounts must be accessible to and controlled by more than one administrator. Violation of these guidelines may be considered in determining whether such posts constitute conduct unbecoming a Noble.

## GENERAL INFO

# ONE FRANKLIN SQUARE PARKING RATES WITH VALIDATION

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM – 11:59 PM \$3.00 Saturday & Sunday \$10.00 If you stay past midnight rates will change

Nobles, Almas Shriners need you to join the Shepherds Unit!

Drivers to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia. We are grateful that our patients have a reliable source of transportation to our hospital. Without you, many patients who need our care would unfortunately go without it. You are doing so much more than simply providing a ride to the hospital; you are the first experience that many families will have associated with our hospital.

Your first time?

Contact our Recorder in our Temple.

Get your driver's license active.

An experienced driver will be with you on your first trip.

Wear your Fez! Be sure to have your fez with you or clothing identifying you as a Shriner while you are visiting the hospital. You will get an ID card and this should be worn at all times while in the hospital

Once at the hospital, you can enjoy a complimentary breakfast and lunch. And, if time allows, rest or nap in a comfortable lounge.

We thank you for your service and time and your continued support to the Almas Shriners for children.

#### Almas Greeters

The Greeters are to greet Nobles and their guests to various Temple activities and are to be comprised of the new nobles created in the past year.

As a new noble, we want you to be an active part of Almas. The best way to do that is to learn more about the Shrine upon initiation. And the best way to do that is to join a club or a unit. The Greeters will become the first club you will join. It will be automatic upon initiation.

For the next year, you are asked to perform the duties of a Greeter under the direction of the Director of the Greeters. During that year, you will meet other nobles and learn more about the Shrine. At some point you may join another club or unit based on your interests. At that time, you may either rotate out of the Greeters or remain as a member, continuing to serve this important function.

The uniform of a Greeter is white dinner jacket, tuxedo shirt and pants, black shoes and socks and a Shrine bow tie. We will only use the uniform during special events as dictated by the potentate. At non-formal events, the Divan uniform for the year will serve as the uniform of the Greeters.

The Greeters meet at the call of the Director, generally once a month after the monthly business meeting.

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#### Almas Klowns

Attention Nobles!

Ever want to be a kid again?

Eveer want to ride on a fire truck?

Ever want to be in a parade?

Ever want to have a good time with kids again?

Ever want to dress up and make a fool of yourself (knowing no one will know who you are)?

If your answer is yes to any of these, you need to be a Klown!!

Call Illustrious Sir Don Ferguson, PP, Recorder at 202-898-1688 or Noble Jay "Jaybird" Whitcomb at 301-404-7221

#### **Ceremonial Cast**

The Ceremonial Cast is responsible for presenting the initiation for new nobles. There is more than one degree in the initiation which includes not only the ceremony in which you participated, but also an Arch Degree which encompasses a presentation of all the Masonic Bodies collectively. The Arch Degree requires more than 50 nobles to present and is intended to be more for the families of new nobles than for the nobles themselves. To my knowledge, Almas Shrine has never presented the Arch Degree, but it is something to which we aspire.

The primary ceremonial is the ritualistic initation and can be presented either open or closed at the discretion of the Potentate.

Being a part of the Ceremonial Cast includes some memorization, but it is also intended to be the 'fun' ritual where we can dress in costumes and have a good time while presenting good ritual. It would be nice to be a ritualist but that is not required as there are non-speaking parts as well as behind the scenes activities that go into the Ceremonial.

Generally, we have three rehearsals to prepare for each Ceremonial, but can also participate in parades in costume as well. The Ceremonials are held two times a year.

If you are a ritualist or even if you're not and are interested in the Ceremonial Cast, please contact Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon, PP at 240-507-6973 or almaspote2011@gmail.com.

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## ALMAS Legion of Honor OUR MISSION

The legion of Honor is made up of Shriners who have served or are still serving in the armed forces. Our members are active duty, honorably discharged or retired officers or enlisted, we are proud to have served our country, and protected the freedoms every citizen holds dear. To foster a spirit of patriotism, love of country and flag. Perpetuate the memory of our comrades in arms who made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for their country while members of the armed forces. Almas Legion of Honor meets on the first Thursday of January, March, May, August, October, and December following the Almas Shrine business meeting. If you have served in the armed forces of your country or are still serving look us up, we have a place for you.

### The Maharlika Club of Almas Shrine Temple

The Maharlika Club is a society that aims to bring together Almas Shriners of Filipino heritage, or those who are linked to the Philippines in some way, such as by marriage to ethnic Filipinos, in promoting Shrine principles of fun, enthusiasm, fraternalism, friendship, and mutual assistance. The principal goal of the Maharlika Club is to support the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Founded in 2021 by Potentate Carpenter Arpa IV, it currently has 42 members. The immediate Past President is Noble Ador Carreon. The following officers are expected to take the helm for the ensuing Shrine year:

President: Generoso Calonge Vice President: Ador Carreon Secretary: Bayani Pioquinto Treasurer: Jon Padalis

Potential members are encouraged to contact any of the above-mentioned officers. Mabuhay!

### Provost Guard

The Provost Guard was originally a unit composed of police officers. Its purpose was to be the ceremonial security guards during activities and events held at the Temple. This unit has been inactive for a period of time and presently has only one member. If interested in bringing this unit back to an active status, please contact Fred Evans at <a href="mailto:fwevans@verizon.net">fwevans@verizon.net</a>.

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#### Almas Yacht Club

The Almas Yacht Club was formed to provide an organization for those Shriners interested in sailing on the waters surrounding the Chesapeake Bay.

The conception of the Almas Yacht Club was the result of a group of Almas Shriners interested in forming such a club in 1955. The yacht club, consisting of 23 members, became an entity in 1956 when it received its charter. The first Bridge consisted of the following: Commodore – Alton S. Bradford, Vice Commodore – Edward C. Baltz, Rear Commodore – Robert Doing, Fleet Captain – Garrett Beitzell, Secretary – Jack J. Blank, Treasurer – Roy Lyman Sexton.

Membership in the Yacht Club has fluctuated over the years. From its meager beginning of 23 members, it grew to 86 by 1967 and had a fleet of 54 boats ranging in size from 12 feet to 67 feet in length. Records are a bit sketchy from the early years, but by 1982, membership had decreased to 70 members with 27 boats. In 1991 there were 57 members and 22 boats; 1999 had 37 members and 13 boats; in 2012 there were 43 members and 7 boats.

The decreasing boat numbers dictated that we had to change the focus of the club from one of boating activities to include land functions as well where we would meet at a variety of restaurants or similar locations to conduct meetings and take care of the business of the club. We still maintained our membership in the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (MAASYC) where we would meet at a selected location for the annual summer rendezvous. Many members of the other yacht clubs in MAASYC would bring their boats and engage in a friendly competition of a boat parade, boat decoration and other fun activities. We also participated in the activities of the annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) where the several Shrine Temples engaged in a variety of club competitions which would culminate in the annual parade.

The ultimate goal of the numerous activities of the temple yacht clubs was to win the *Evers Trophy*, a large trophy awarded to the yacht club which amassed the most points over a twelve-month period beginning with the MASA convention parade were the Shrine Centers compete with their floats and marching units. The name "Almas" appears on this trophy several times.

From the outset, it should be noted that our Ladies have always been an intricate part of the Yacht Club. Over the years they have provided delicious meals and refreshments at many of our functions and assisted in many of our activities. We will always be grateful for their willingness to be an active part of the club.

Although it has been necessary to change some of our boating activities, we have never compromised our enthusiasm, zeal or any of our Shrine principles to enjoy good fellowship, welcome new Nobles and their Ladies into our club, provide support to the members when needed, and support the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Yacht Club extends an invitation to all Shriners to investigate and join in our activities and consider becoming a member. Ownership of a boat is not necessary.

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### Southeast Shrine Club

The Southeast Shrine Club is open to all Nobles and their significant others. We meet on any month that has a Fifth Sunday. The meetings begin at 2 PM. We are currently looking for a new restaurant to hold our meetings.

In 2024, the Shrine Club is scheduled to meet on the following Sunday's:

- January 28 (Installation of Officers)
- March 31
- June 30
- September 29
- December 29

If you would be interested in joining your Fellow Nobles and their significant others for an afternoon of Fellowship, please send us an email to <a href="mailto:seshrineclub@gmail.com">seshrineclub@gmail.com</a> with your name and phone number.

I hope you will join us in 2024.

### Northwest-BCC Shrine Club

The Northwest-BCC Shrine Club is one of our social clubs that focuses on where our nobles live. It is similar to the Southeast Shrine Club described above. The Northwest-BCC Shrine Club meets on the third Wednesdays of each month, generally in Montgomery County, MD at a location to be determined in the near future. One meeting per year, however, is at Olde Europe Restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue in Northwest Washington, DC. The meetings generally consist of a business meeting and dinner followed by a program of some sort that is of interest to the Club members.

If you are interested in joining the Northwest-BCC Shrine Club, contact Illustrious Sir Donald R. Ferguson at <a href="mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org">dferguson@almasshriners.org</a> or Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon at almaspote2011@gmail.com.

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#### Almas Chanters

For a large part of Almas' history, we have had a men's singing group called the Almas Chanters.

We were a member of the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Chanters and participated in choral competitions every September at the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association annual convention in September. We also sang at Ceremonials as well as other events here at Almas and had our own float in the various Shrine parades at which Almas Temple participates. President Harry S. Truman was an active member of the Almas Chanters before and during his presidency.

As membership in Almas declined, so did the membership in the Chanters who eventually stopped meeting. From 2006 through 2009, there was a movement to re-establish the Chanters, but again, lack of participation caused them to stop meeting. We do, however, remain an active unit within Almas Shriners.

The purpose for including the Chanters in this outline is to determine if there are nobles willing to work towards reestablishing the Chanters. If you are interested in singing, then please contact Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon, PP at 240-507-6973 or almaspote2011@gmail.com.

In addition to the above Units and Clubs, Almas Temple has a Mini Motors, which is partially described in the Parades section of this handout, and the Peruvian Shrine Club, which is a social club for Nobles to consider.

## FEZ FUN

### MAY WORD SEARCH

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# FEZ FIZZIES

#### HORCHATA

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 5 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked white long-grain rice
- ⅔ cup white sugar
- ½ cup milk
- ½ tablespoon vanilla extract
- ½ tablespoon ground cinnamo

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Pour water and rice into a blender; mix until rice begins to break up, about 1 minute. Let rice and water stand at room temperature for at least 3 hours.
- Strain rice water into a pitcher and discard rice. Stir in sugar, milk, vanilla, and cinnamon.





• Chill thoroughly before serving over ice.



Source: https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/141828/lolas-horchata/

## FEZ FOODIES

#### CHOCOLATE TRES LECHES CAKE

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package Swiss chocolate cake mix (such as Duncan Hines®)
- 1 1/4 cups chocolate milk
- ½ cup canola oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon instant espresso powder
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- ¾ cup half-and-half
- ¾ cup evaporated milk
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- · 3 cups heavy whipping cream



#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan.
- 2. Beat cake mix, chocolate milk, canola oil, eggs, and espresso powder together in a large bowl with an electric hand mixer on a low speed until dry ingredients are moistened. Increase speed to medium and continue beating another 2 minutes; pour into prepared pan.
- 3. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Remove cake from the oven and allow it to cool in the pan until it is no longer hot to the touch. While the cake is still warm, poke lots of holes all over the cake with a small skewer or a fork.
- 4. Whisk sweetened condensed milk, half-and-half, evaporated milk, and 3 tablespoons cocoa powder together in a bowl until cocoa is mostly incorporated into the liquid; slowly pour the milk mixture evenly over the cake. Allow the cake to cool completely as the liquid soaks into it.
- 5. Sift confectioners' sugar and cocoa powder together in a bowl.
- 6. Beat heavy whipping cream in a stand mixer on medium speed for about 1 minute. While continuing to mix, add sugar-and-cocoa mixture to the cream in 2 batches, allowing the first to incorporate before adding the second. Increase mixer speed to medium-high; beat until soft peaks form and the cream is thickened and spreadable. Spread chocolate whipped cream on the cake to serve.

Source: https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/229054/chocolate-tres-leches-cake/

# FEZ FUN

### COLORING SHEET



## 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 car.
- 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.
- Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
- 3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

#### Using My FezCard Viewer

 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.



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



 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

- 1. Open the Google Play Store on your phone.
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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 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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## **Petition for Initiation and Membership**

# Almas Shriners

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