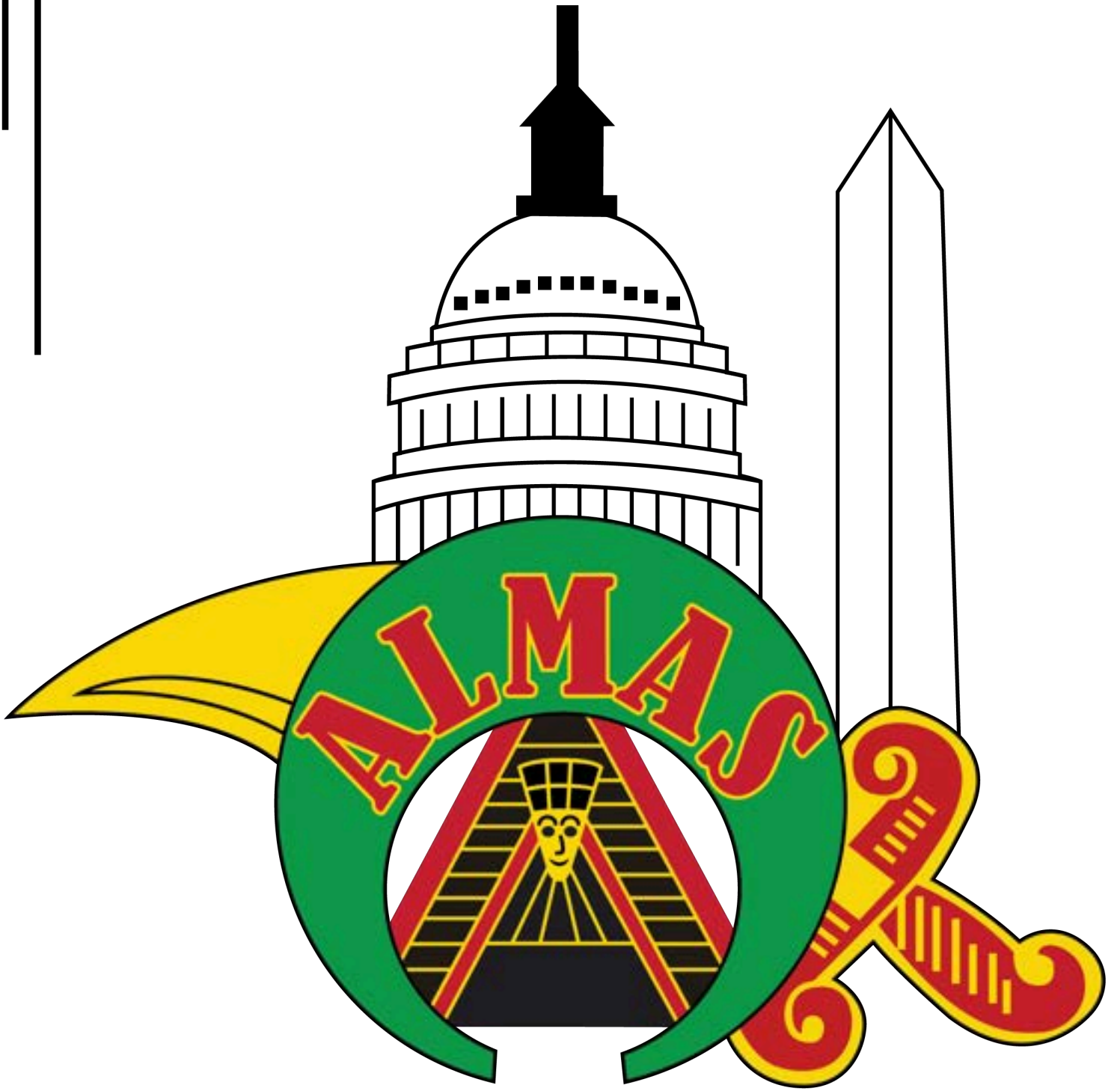


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THE NEW REDSKIN HEAD COACH VINCE LOMBARDI PASSES THE BALL  
TO THE NEW ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE WILLIAM LLOYD THORBUIN  
BACKED BY THE NEW GENERAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT O. LAND



# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,  
Greetings!

As the calendar flips to June, I wanted to take a moment to wish you a month filled with all the things that make your heart sing. With June's arrival, nature awakens in a symphony of colors, fragrances, and whispers of possibility. Welcome, June, and let us immerse ourselves in its captivating symphony. May this June be a chapter of happiness, success, and cherished memories. Happy June!

Our past Potentate luncheon last May 11th was attended by nine past Potentates with their ladies and family. I want to thank our Chief Rabban, Noble Ador Carreon for the great program and delicious lunch menu to honor our past Potentates. I also want to thank each of the Past Potentates present for sharing some of the fun highlights and significant accomplishments they have done during their term to get our temple where it is today.

Once again, we had a great Spring Ceremonial. I want to thank MWB & Illustrious Sir Alan Gordon, the ceremonial cast, Greeters, and the stage crew for an impressive and a memorable ceremonial for our four new nobles. To our new nobles, welcome to your temple - I hope to see you join any clubs that draws your interest and that we see you participate at our business meetings and temple activities.

Our temple business meeting this month is this Thursday, June 6, 2024. Please make every effort to attend since this will be our last meeting before we go dark in July and August. Just let our recorder know if you are coming so he can give the caterer an accurate count for dinner.

We have several outdoor temple and club activities this summer: The Edmonston Days Parade on June 1st, Our Yacht Club Mid-Summer Memorial Cruise on June 23rd, Maharlika Shrine Club Blood Drive on June 29th, and 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 showcase Almas Shrine Temple and Shriners Children's Hospital at both the local and national levels.

Our Almas Annual Crab Feast & Picnic will be on August 17th- This will be held at Illustrious Sir Mike and Lady Vanessa Gordon's home in Olney, MD. They hosted this event at their beautiful home since 2019 and the nobles along with their families always 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.

I look forward to seeing everyone and family members make it to these temple fun activities.

Yours in the faith,

  
Potentate 2023-24





# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Shakedown Cruise in Deale, MD - p1



**ALMAS YACHT CLUB**

The Almas Yacht Club fleet left port on Sunday, May 19 and sailed to the Dockside Café in Deale, Maryland. The fleet arrived with 24 members and guests as evidenced by the attached photo. All had a great time conversing with each other and enjoyed an excellent meal. Commodore Chuck Carmichael outlined the anticipated sailing events for the remainder of the year which included the Edmonston Parade on June 1, our next get together for the annual picnic on June 23, the MASA crab feast at Boumi Temple on August 3, the Almas crab feast on August 17, MASA convention in Virginia Beach September 5-7 and the next business meeting at Pirate's Cove in October. Additional sailings, to a winery and a day on the bay, are being investigated. All members of Almas and their ladies or significant others are invited to join us at our activities. Members interested are also invited to join and become a crew member. Just for the record, it is not necessary to own a yacht or even a canoe to become a member.

*May you enjoy fair winds and a following sea.*

# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Potentate's Luncheon





# PAST EVENT PICTURES

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## Spring Ceremonial - p2





# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Presentation to the John Philip Sousa Lodge



FRATERNAL VISIT TO THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA LODGE NO. 1106 BY THE ALMAS SHRINERS DIVAN - ILLUSTRIOUS SIR CARPENTER ARPA IV PRESENTED A COPY OF THE SHEET MUSIC "NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE" COMPOSED BY NOBLE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA TO WM SCOTT JACOBS, WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA LODGE NO. 1106.

NOBLE SOUSA BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL, 1922, AND WAS PROMPTLY NAMED THE FIRST HONORARY DIRECTOR OF THE ALMAS TEMPLE SHRINE BAND. HIS NEPHEW, A. R. VARELA, WHO SPONSORED HIM, ASKED HIM TO COMPOSE THIS MARCH. THE NEW MARCH SALUTED SHRINERS IN GENERAL BUT WAS DEDICATED SPECIFICALLY TO THE ALMAS TEMPLE AND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, A. A. O. N. M. S.

# FAMOUS SHRINE PATIENT

## Famous Shrine Patient pg 1

**Kechi Shares Her Incredible Story of Survival**

**Kechi's Superstar Success**

Source: <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/patient-stories/2022/10/kechis-story>

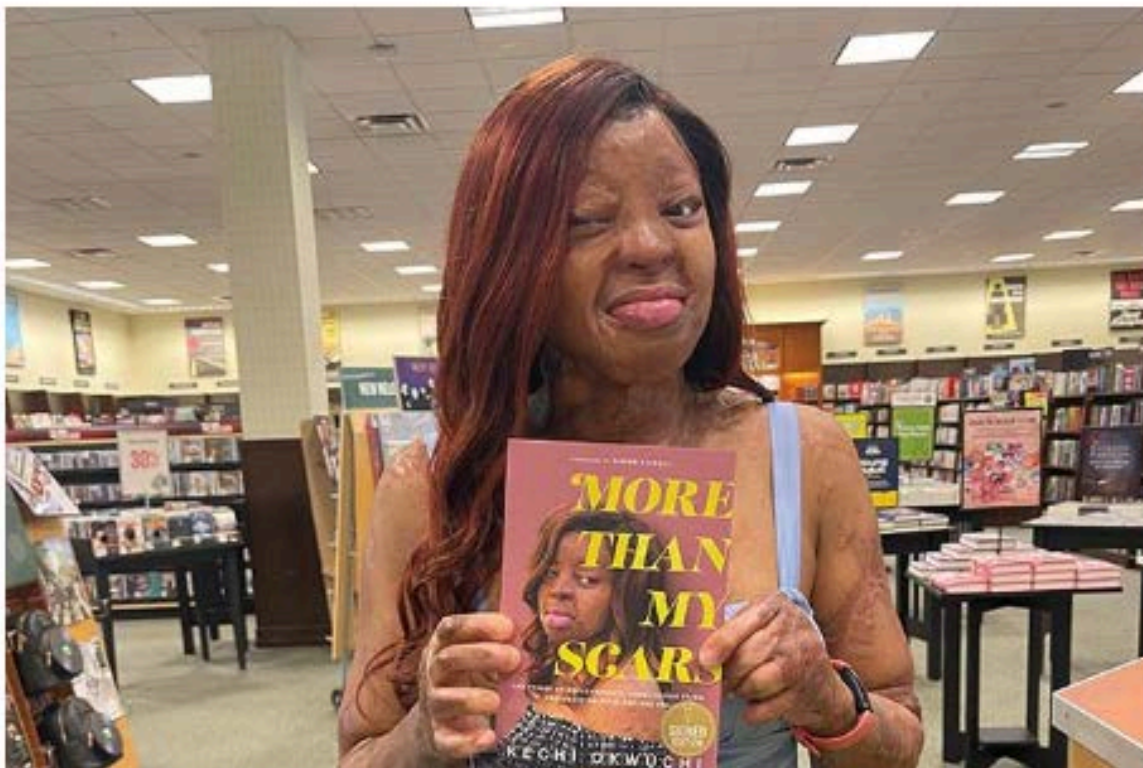


One of Shriners Children's most well-known patients, Kechi, a 2017 finalist on *America's Got Talent*, is sharing her incredible survival story with the world. Her memoir, *More Than My Scars*, which hit bookshelves at the end of March, details her incredible story of survival, recovery and journey to becoming an inspiration to all. Her book is the latest in a list of impressive accomplishments that Kechi has achieved since nearly losing her life in a plane crash at the age of 16.



# FAMOUS SHRINE PATIENT

## Famous Shrine Patient pg 2



In the book, Kechi shares her early life in Nigeria, the horrible plane crash that changed her life and her appearance forever, and her recovery and personal growth since. One of only two survivors of the Sosoliso Airlines Flight 1145 crash in December of 2005, which claimed the lives of 107, Kechi sustained third-degree burns on nearly 65% of her body.

Kechi was initially treated at a hospital in South Africa, but eventually came to America when she needed more specialized medical treatment. At Shriners Children's Texas, Kechi underwent more than 100 reconstructive surgeries and extensive physical therapy.

"Shriners gave me my life back," Kechi recently told *Great Day Houston*, a morning talk show based in her hometown. "I view South Africa where they brought me back to life, and Shriners gave me my independence. They gave me everything that meant something."

During her recovery at Shriners Children's, Kechi became involved with the hospital's music therapy program. It was there that she rediscovered her love of singing and, through a friend's encouragement, went on to compete and become a finalist on both the 2017 season of *America's Got Talent* (AGT), and the 2019 season of *America's Got Talent: The Champions*.

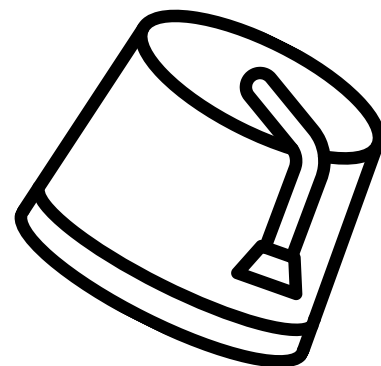
# FAMOUS SHRINE PATIENT

## Famous Shrine Patient pg 3

Determined to give back to Shriners Children's, Kechi used her platform on AGT to bring even more international recognition to Shriners Children's. She has been sharing the story of how her caregivers and the hospital in Texas provided her with not only outstanding care for her burns, but also encouraged her confidence and independence and to see herself as "more than her scars."

Kechi's superstar success on AGT gave her the confidence to pursue other opportunities, including recording and releasing an album, publishing a book, and appearing internationally as a motivational speaker.

Kechi is a burn survivor advocate and raises awareness for global causes like youth empowerment and bullying prevention. Her involvement in various international organizations, and now her book, have given her a platform to share her story and inspirational message of hope and healing. The staff members of Shriners Children's Texas who cared for her couldn't be more proud.





# MONTHLY MUSINGS

## Tales From the Almas Crypt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

This month's **Tales From the Almas Crypt** and *Alibi* cover comes from the 1969 June/July *Alibi*. This issue is a wrap up of several spring events—most noticeably the Cherry Blossom Parade. Another event highlighted was coverage of the Drum & Bugle Corps participation in the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Drum & Bugle Corps Association Jamboree in Altona, Pennsylvania. The article mentions that their 20-minute concert won an award for musical ability. The 1969 Cherry Blossom Parade included participation from the Director's Staff and several Almas Units and clubs. Illustrious Sir William Thornburn and Chief Rabban Robert Lord posed with Uncle Sam at the parade. You may recognize the Simitar and Shrine emblems behind them. These were recently rescued from the warehouse for use at Almas events such as the Potentate's Ball.



The King robes of Almas Minor Cases in formation to lead the Temple's marching Distinguished Unit to the Cherry Blossom Parade.

Almas Temple-Crown Day provides much excitement among the great number of spectators that lined the Cherry Blossom Parade route.



The Color Guard of the Legion of Honor with Business Partners William Lloyd Thurnburn are pictured at parade formation.

Marching in high style before the oncoming crowd, the Almas Temple-Auld Patrol demonstrates its ability to perform.



The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Potentate's Party held at the Shoreham Hotel. Over 500 Shriners and guest were treated to an evening of fun, food, and frivolity. Left, Almas Potentate Thournburn arrives in style courtesy of the Legion of Honor. Right, Potentate Thournburn with his Harem beauties.



# FAMOUS FEZ



1919-1920 Past Imperial Potentate W. Freeland Kendrick, LuLu Shriners

W. Freeland Kendrick is recognized as one of the key figures who spearheaded the initiative that would one day develop into Shriners Hospitals for Children.

After a visit to the Philadelphia Home for the Incurables – now called the InglisHouse and one of the first facilities in Philadelphia offering residential medical care for the poor – Kendrick was inspired to plant the seed for an official philanthropy for Shriners International.

In 1919–1920, Kendrick traveled more than 150,000 miles visiting a majority of the 146 temples (chapters) throughout North America to campaign for an official philanthropy. During his travels he was also introduced to the Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta, which provided free medical care to children with orthopedic conditions whose families were not able to pay for care.

At the 46th Imperial Session in Portland, Oregon, Kendrick proposed building a hospital to provide care for children with disabilities. He recommended that funding for the hospital come from an annual \$2 per capita tax to fraternity membership. The vote on the resolution to establish Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children (now [Shriners Children's](#)) passed unanimously.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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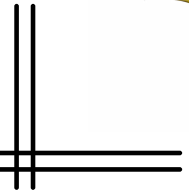
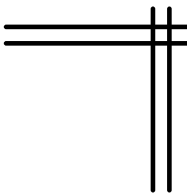
**June 1, 2024** - Edmonston Days Parade (see flyer below)

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

**June 23, 2024** - Mid-Summer Cruise (see flyer below)

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

**August 17, 2024** - Almas Annual Crab Feast and Picnic (see flyer below)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



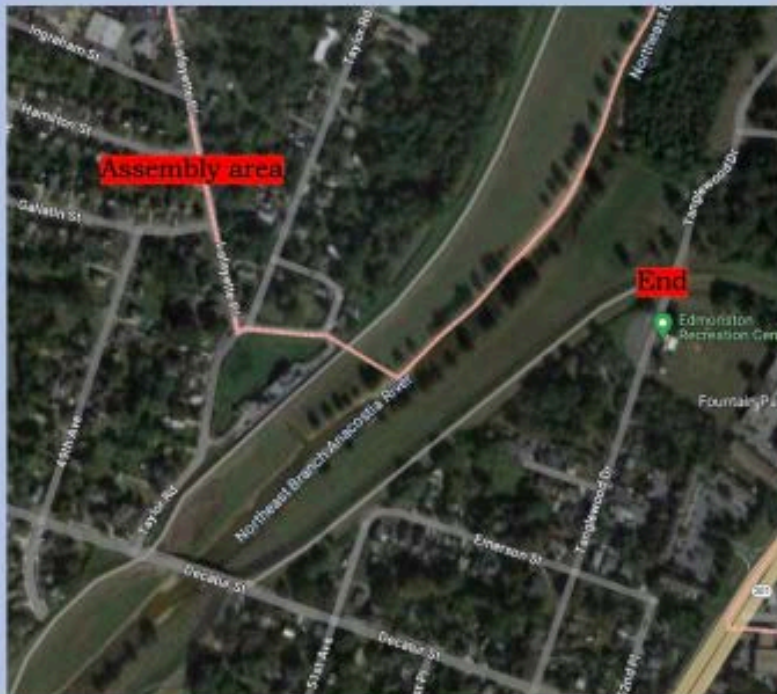
## Edmonston Days Parade

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

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 29<sup>th</sup> to ride.

Contact:

[fireton@mac.com](mailto:fireton@mac.com)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Ahoy Shipmates

**2024 Mid-Summer Memorial Cruise**

**June 23<sup>th</sup>**

**Home Port of Ill. Sir Don and Lady Becky Holliday**

**6020 Jerry's Drive, Columbia, MD 21044**

**Social 1300h—Lunch 1400h**

**AYC will supply beverages and main course**

**Members to bring side dishes**

**Sign-up sheet for sides to follow**



**Please confirm your attendance by June 20<sup>th</sup> with**

**AYC Secretary Fred Evans, PC.**

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



Almas Yacht Club  
Chuck Carmichael, Commodore, 2023/24

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 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 [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Use sponsor code: "Breakfast"

Free Breakfast Provided.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## PARADES



### **America's 2024 Independence Day Parade July 4, 2024, Washington, DC**

Almas Shriners have been accepted to participate in the 2024 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 Under the 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 by June 20th.

The agreement of release form and other information is posted on Web Fez. These must be returned to Under the Sun productions via U.S. Postal Service and must arrive no later that June 20<sup>th</sup>. Original signature required. Copies and E-mail will not be accepted. Mailing address is on the form. Please forward a copy to the Colonel of the Units so we can track who will attend

Scooters and mini-cars may be available to ride but you must contact the Colonel of Units and sign up to ride on a first come basis. Weight and size restrictions apply.

For more information contact:  
Frank Ireton, PP, Colonel of the Units. [fireton@mac.com](mailto:fireton@mac.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ALMAS



# CRAB FEAST AND PICNIC

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

**12pm to 6pm**

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

RSVP by August 10th to  
dferguson@almasshriners.org  
or call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688

Purchase Tickets On-Line:  
<https://www.almasshriners.org/event/crabfeast/>

*Proceeds for the benefit of Almas Shriners*

Purchase ticket on-line  
or at the door  
\$50 per person

**Bring your swimsuit and towel**



# CLUB NEWS

## 2024 Christmas Ornament



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



2024 WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE ALMAS YACHT CLUB. THE 2024 EDITION HONORS FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PHOTO THEY ARE VERY COLORFUL. THESE MAKE VERY NICE GIFTS FOR THOSE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GIVE. THE PRICE IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, \$22 EACH. ORDERING IS EASY, SIMPLY CONTACT THE YACHT CLUB SECRETARY, FRED EVANS (FWEVANS@VERIZON.NET OR AT 301-460-1982) AND LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. ANY ORDERS NEEDING TO BE MAILED TO YOU WILL HAVE POSTAGE ADDED TO THE COST OF THE ORNAMENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE YACHT CLUB.

# CLUB NEWS

## 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 where 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.



# CLUB NEWS

## 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 will serve for the next two years 2024/2025. 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

# GENERAL INFO

## June Birthday



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JAMES E FORDER JR

JEFFREY D HOLT, P.P.

SEBASTIAN HERRERA-LUZARDO

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ROBERT HEFFELFINGER

SAM W CHIN

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JUAN A PRANDO

NICHOLAS I PAUL

HEINZ KRAMMER

WILLIAM G APPLESTEIN

HECTOR C MASSIOTTI

DAVID W FINN P.P.

JACK C CHOMKO

CHARLES L FRANK

CLIVE WARHAM

LUIS A GALARZA

GESTLER C VIVAR

WALTER S MAYKRANTZ

JOHN WARHAM

PAUL FRIEDLANDER P.P.

PETER KRIPPL

AREG HAYRAPETYAN

W. D CHARLTON

ROBERT H NOEL

DANIEL M ADAMS

BRADLEY D ST. ARNOLD

CHRISTOPHER S DI PASQUALE

HUGH J EVERITT

HECTOR POSSET

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





# 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:

1. Be in compliance with and conform to the Code of Ethics of Shriners International (Bylaws §210.7).
2. Reflect positively on Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.
3. Not contain content or commentary that is antagonistic, bullying, confidential, defamatory, harassing, offensive, political, pornographic, profane, racially motivated or religious.
4. Not contain a third party's copyrighted material, trademarks, service marks or other protected material.
5. Not post private temple and fraternal matters on public facing social media. These matters include, but are not limited to:
  - a. 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
  - d. Fraternal or charitable legislative proposals, such as "the Call" for Imperial Sessions.
6. Be factually accurate and based on credible information. Acknowledge and correct mistakes promptly.
7. 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**



# CLUBS

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?

Ever 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 initiation 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](mailto: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 [fwevans@verizon.net](mailto:fwevans@verizon.net).

# CLUBS

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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 where 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 [seshrineclub@gmail.com](mailto:seshrineclub@gmail.com) 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 [dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org) or Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon at [almaspote2011@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

## JUNE WORD SEARCH

S R W T B B N B V M Y I O N F D F O C E  
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P L A N O I T A N Z W E J F G Y N N F S  
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B O M U O H S P E L S I B Y L E N M A S  
G X I Z X K C F T Y D N H R O C T J Q C  
V A F L L O R A A R G G E R B I E N E B  
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V G A L F R M E C B G N J W U W A O E V  
Q L T A E F T R O A I A S A T K T O R G  
S P U M D E U S H R D E Y R I V I L B X  
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E U U C A T V D G I G S T S U U N P A Z  
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L D A J U Z K X N F L O W E R S X R R N  
J U S K E E I O Q E N Y S Z J W F C A A



1. fathers
2. day
3. flag
4. summer
5. fudge
6. international
7. sewing
8. machine
9. flowers
10. pool
11. iced
12. tea
13. egg
14. roll
15. herbs
16. spices
17. national
18. donut
19. chocolate
20. strawberry
21. rhubarb
22. beautiful
23. peanut

# FEZ FIZZIES

## GLITTERING FROZEN UBE HIGHBALL

### INGREDIENTS 60ml

- Johnnie Walker Black Label
- 90ml
- Soda water
- Ube, eucalyptus and coconut water edible glitter ice cubes\*
- Lemon coin (Garnish)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Add ube, eucalyptus and coconut water ice cubes\*, to a Collins glass.
- Add Johnnie Walker Black Label.
- Top with soda water.
- Gently lift ice up and down with a bar spoon to incorporate.

\*Ube and coconut water ice cubes:

- To a clean container, add the fine strained coconut water, ube extract, eucalyptus essential oil, and a light sprinkle of edible glitter
- Stir to incorporate, then pour into an ice cube tray
- Allow it to infuse in the freezer





# FEZ FOODIES

## EASIEST-EVER GRILLED VEGGIE BURGERS

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for greasing
- 1 14-oz. block extra-firm tofu, drained
- 2 14.5-oz. cans black beans, rinsed, drained well
- ¼ cup almond butter
- ¼ cup mayonnaise (vegan, if you are vegan)
- 2 garlic cloves, finely grated
- 4 tsp. chili powder (make sure it's salt-free)
- 4 tsp. Diamond Crystal or 2 tsp. Morton kosher salt
- 2 cups cooked quinoa (we prefer red or black), cooled
- ¼ cup flaxseed meal
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Toasted buns, pickled onions, tomato, lettuce, pickles, and chipotle yogurt (for serving)



### DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare a grill for medium-high, direct heat. Clean and oil grate. Shred 1 14-oz. block extra-firm tofu, drained using the large holes of a box grater. Firmly squeeze tofu in between paper towels to drain as much excess liquid as possible.
2. Heat 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium. Cook tofu and 2 14.5-oz. cans black beans, rinsed, drained well, tossing occasionally, until beans look slightly dried out and their skins are darkened, 10–12 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, whisk ¼ cup almond butter and ¼ cup mayonnaise (vegan, if you are vegan) in a medium bowl until smooth. Whisk in 2 garlic cloves, finely grated, 4 tsp. chili powder (make sure it's salt-free), and 4 tsp. Diamond Crystal or 2 tsp. Morton kosher salt. Add tofu-bean mixture and 2 cups cooked quinoa (we prefer red or black), cooled and stir well to combine.
4. Stir ¼ cup flaxseed meal and ¼ cup cold water in a small bowl. Let sit until a thick paste forms, about 1 minute. Add to tofu-bean mixture along with 2 Tbsp. cornstarch and stir well to combine.
5. Using oiled hands, form mixture into 8–10 patties about ½" thick (about a scant ¾ cup each). Grill until lightly charred around the edges, about 2 minutes. Turn carefully using a metal spatula to cleanly lift off grate and grill until lightly charred on second side and warmed through, about 2 minutes more.
6. Place burgers on bottoms of toasted buns. Pile high with pickled onions, tomato, lettuce, pickles, and chipotle yogurt. Close with top bun and serve.
7. Do ahead: Patties can be formed 3 days ahead. Tightly wrap each in plastic and chill.

# FEZ FUN

## COLORING SHEET



HELL-SUN  
Summer



# 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.

#### Download My FezCard Viewer – Android

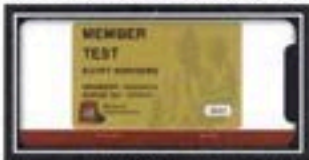
1. Open the Google Play Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

#### 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.



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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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Z J C V U K G Z L L L T E W G I A X B I  
Z **E G G** X K L N V W J **S** L F K Q U R K V  
P **L A N O I T A N** Z W E J F G Y N N F S  
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L D **A** J U Z K X N **F L O W E R S** X R R N  
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## Nobles Ill or Homebound

Call our Brother, they are eager to hear from you.  
If you know of a Noble in this condition, please let us know at: 202.898.1688



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# 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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