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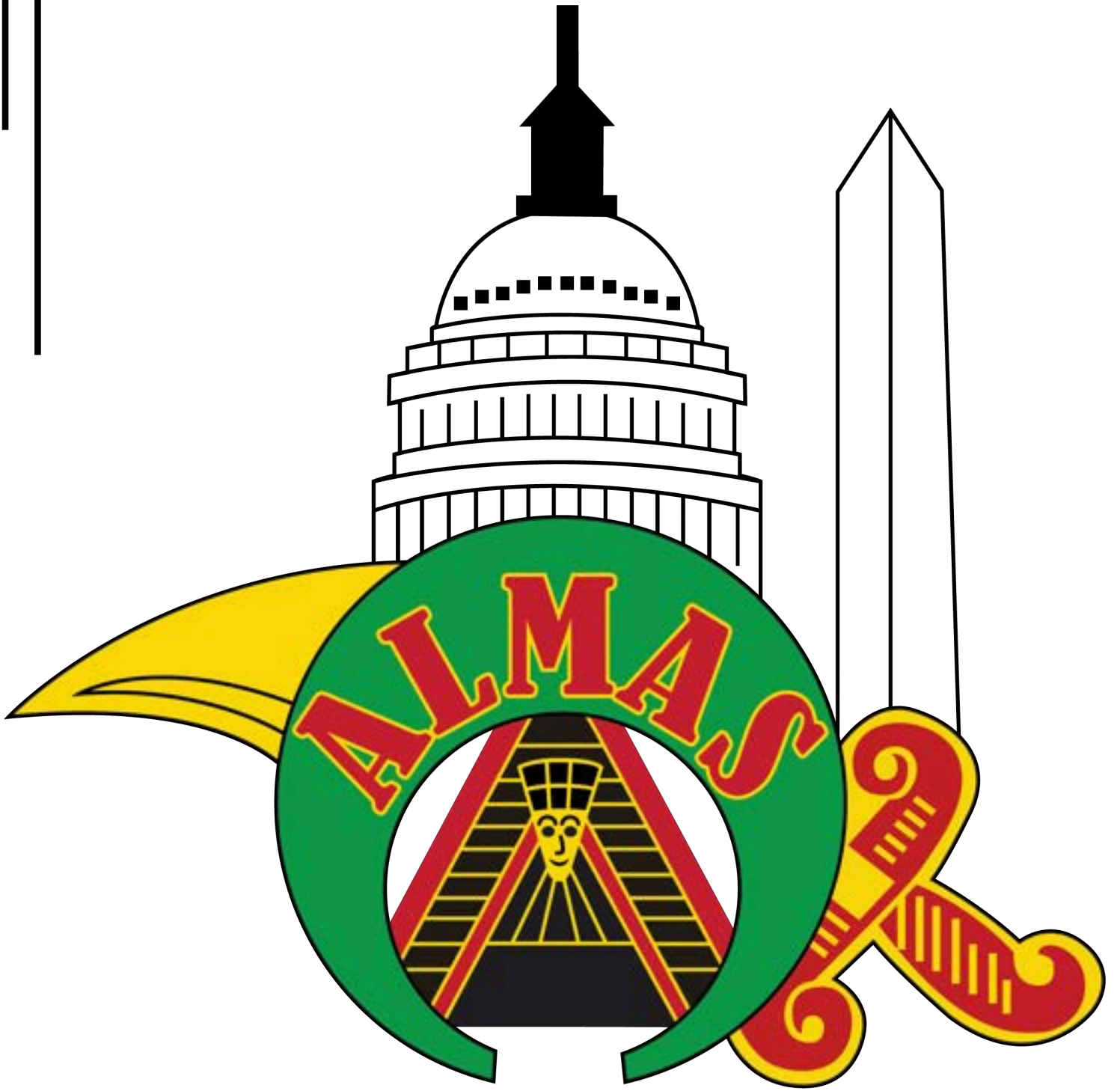
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**Kenneth Burton Slater, Director Almas Temple Shrine Band,**



# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

Greetings!

July has arrived! Time for barbecues, fireworks, and summer fun! As we step into the vibrant month of July 2024, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the journey so far while looking forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. This mid-year month, often associated with warmth, festivities, and a sense of rejuvenation, offers a fresh slate for new beginnings and renewed aspirations.

We started the month of June by participating in the town of Edmonston parade in celebration of their 100 years of being a bridging community in the state of Maryland. This was the first time our temple was asked to be part of their milestone celebration and I want to thank once again our Colonel of the Units, Illustrious Sir Frank Ireton for coordinating and getting all our parade equipment up and running for the event. I also want to thank all the nobles who came in full force to participate in the parade.

The Blood Drive spearheaded by The Maharlika Club of Almas Shriners on Saturday, June 29th was a great success. I want to thank Noble Gene Calonge, Club President for coordinating this project with the Red Cross and arranging the venue with the Arlington Glebe Centennial Lodge. We had a great turn out from both on-line and walk-in blood donors. I want to personally thank Lady Gloria Calonge and the nobility who brought snacks, water and sodas for the Red Cross staff and donors. They brought so much snacks that it looked like a food drive along side a blood drive.

This month, we have the 4th of July parade and Fez Friday social on the 19th( see flyer included in this issue). Your Divan works hard to come up with a Fez Friday event each month that we may have fun, fellowship and social interaction among the nobility and their families. I ask that you take the time to participate in these fun events that we get to strengthen our bonds with each other and be unified in accomplishing the tasks we have set for our temple. I hope to see most of you at this month's Fez Friday on the 19th.

May your July be filled with sunshine and smiles.

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carpenter Arpa IV".

Potentate 2023-24



# IN MEMORIAM

**Noble Charles H. Volkman**  
**An Almas Member for Over 50 years**  
**Initiated 5/17/1974.**  
**Died 5/30/2024.**



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Town of Edmonston, MD 100 year Anniversary Parade



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

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# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Almas Yacht Club Shakedown Cruise



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Maharlika Club of Almas Shriners Blood Drive





# MONTHLY MUSINGS

## Tales From the Almas Crypt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

This month's cover of the *Alibi* is a modification of the July 1961 issue cover that contained an article on Noble John Philip Sousa. The April 2023 Tales From the Almas Crypt detailed some of Noble Sousa's participation as Honorary Director of the Almas Temple Shrine Band. This writing will highlight the contributions of Noble Kenneth B. Slater who served as the Director of the band from 1955-1963. During this time, he also served as Conductor of the Hagerstown Municipal Band, 1959-1969, Conductor of the Shippensburg City Band, 1960-1965, and was a frequent guest conductor of The Virginia Grand Military Band.



Noble Slater was born in Cohoes, NY June 18, 1917. He attended the New York Military Academy as a coronet soloist, graduating in 1937. Following graduation Noble Slater served as cornetist in U.S. Marine Band 1947-1957 and as a soloist in the U.S. Army Field Band. He retired from military service in 1957 and traveled extensively in the United States as a solo cornetist and guest conductor. He was a cornetist with the National Concert Band of America. He organized concerts for municipal functions, nursing and retirement homes, and other venues. During his tenure as conductor of the city bands he included high school students interested in a musical career as band members. He was often called upon to play Taps at memorial services.



In addition to his Almas membership, Noble Slater was a Life Member of Naval Lodge No. 4, Columbia Chapter R.A.M., Columbia Commandery No. 2, and Knights Templar, Washington, DC. The Almas Shrine Temple Band won the 1955 National Shrine Band competition under his Baton and appeared on television with 300 Chanters. During his tenure he and the band provided music at Almas events, the Shrine Circus, and graveside memorial services for John Philip Sousa. He is credited with two compositions, Almas on Parade, (uncredited march 1957) and Mohawk View, Cornet Solo, (recorded for Heritage of March Series, 1955). Noble Slater passed away April 14<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Indianapolis, IN.



Most of the information in this Tales has been gleaned from notes in Noble Slater's personal files and several of his obituaries found in the Almas Crypt files.

# FAMOUS FEZ

## Ernest Borgnine



[Update \(Requires Permissions\)](#)

**1917 - 2012**

### Actor, Comedian

Born Ernest Effron Borgnino in Hamden, Connecticut to Italian immigrants, Ernest Borgnine spent five years of his early childhood in Milan before returning the States for his education. Following a long stint in the Navy that ended after WW II, Borgnine enrolled in the Randall School of Dramatic Art in Hartford. Between 1946 and 1950, he worked with a theater troupe in Virginia and afterward appeared a few times on television before his 1951 film debut in "China Corsair". With receding hairline, broad, jowly face, caterpillar eyebrows, bulgy eyes, and a incongruent but charming gap-toothed grin, versatile veteran actor Ernest Borgnine's resemblance to a pug dog pretty much relegated him to character roles, but occasionally he was given the opportunity to play leads and when he did, proved himself a powerful performer. In 1953, he won considerable acclaim for his memorable portrayal of a ruthless, cruel sergeant in From Here to Eternity. He was also praised for his performance in the western "Bad Day at Black Rock".

Borgnine could easily have been forever typecast as the heavy, but in 1955, he proved his versatility and showed a sensitive side in the film version of Paddy Chayefsky's acclaimed television play "Marty". Borgnine's moving portrayal of a weak-willed, lonely middle-aged momma's boy attempting to find love in the face of a crushingly dull life earned him an Oscar, a British Academy Award, a Cannes Festival Award and an award from both the New York Film Critics and the National Board of Review. After that, he seldom played bad guys and instead was primarily cast in "regular Joe" roles, with the notable exception of "The Vikings" in which he played the defiant son of a Viking leader.

In 1962, he was cast in the role that most baby boomers best remember him for: the anarchic, entrepreneurial Quentin McHale in the sitcom "McHale's Navy". During the '60s and '70s, Borgnine's popularity was at its peak and he appeared in many films, including a version of his show in 1964, "The Dirty Dozen" (1966)—and in television sequels inspired by the film — "Ice Station Zebra" (1968) and "The Wild Bunch" (1969). Following the demise of "McHale's Navy" in 1965, Borgnine did not regularly appear in series television for several years. However, he did continue his busy film career and also performed in television mini-series and movies. Notable features include "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972) and "Law and Disorder" (1974). Some of his best television performances can be seen in "Jesus of Nazareth" (1977), "Ghost on Flight 401" (1978) and a remake of "Remarque's All Quiet on the Western Front" (1979). In 1984, Borgnine returned to series television starring opposite Jan Michael Vincent in the action-adventure series "Airwolf". The series ended in 1986; his career has continued to steam along though he generally plays much smaller roles. Between 1995 and 1997, he was a regular on the television sitcom "The Single Guy". In 1997, he also made a cameo appearance in Tom Arnold's remake of Borgnine's hit series "McHale's Navy".

Ernest Borgnine has always said that his greatest love is acting and his amazing prolific career includes appearances in over 100 feature films, three television series and he has lent his voice to such animated films as "All Dogs Go To Heaven 2" (1996) and more recently "Small Soldiers" (1998).

Borgnine is married to Tova (Traesnaes) Borgnine who heads her own cosmetics company. They make their home in Beverly Hills, California where Borgnine helps his wife between film projects. Borgnine was previously married to Rhoda Kemins (1949-58), actress Katy Jurado (1958-1963), Ethel Merman (1964) and Donna Rancourt(1965-1972). He has one daughter with Kemins and two children with Rancourt.

When not in front of the camera, Borgnine is active in numerous charities and tirelessly speaks at benefits throughout the country. He has earned several honorary doctorates from colleges across the United States as well as numerous Lifetime Achievement Awards. In 1996, he bought a bus and traveled across the United States to see the country and meet his many fans.

Borgnine has long been active in Freemasonry, holding the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Shriners. Borgnine is a recipient of the Grand Cross, which is the highest honor for service to the Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Lambda chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

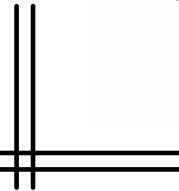
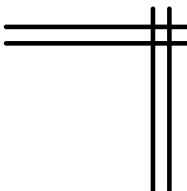
# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**July 19, 2024** - Almas Fez Friday ( See Flyer below)

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**ALMAS SHRINERS FEZ FRIDAY**

# ZUMBA

## GOLD-LINE DANCING

**DANCE INSTRUCTOR - MS. RITA  
HAMMOND**

**JULY 19, 2024- 6:00PM  
ALMAS TEMPLE- SPHINX ROOM  
1315 K ST. NW WASHINGTON D.C**

**KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR RSVP AND TEXT  
MESSAGE TO 240-486-5256 BY 6PM ON JULY  
17, 2024.**

**WE SUGGEST A DONATION OF \$10 PER PERSON FOR  
PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT, WITH ALL PROCEEDS  
BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS THE BENEFIT OF ALMAS  
TEMPLE AND ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTABLE.**



# CLUB NEWS



## ALMAS YACHT CLUB

The Almas Fleet raised anchor on June 23 and set sail for the port of *The Holidays*. Units of the fleet began arriving at 1100 to begin preparation for a spectacular port visit. Preliminary preparations were completed in a speedy manner and other members of the fleet began to arrive with food, beverages, desserts, and appetizers to keep the members and guests in a jolly frame of mind. 17 members and 18 guests, including our Illustrious Potentate and his Lady were well fed with a variety of salads, steaks, hot dogs, chicken, bratwursts and out of this world desserts were provided for the enjoyment of all present. Cold beverages were available all afternoon. Conversation and fellowship lasted well into the early evening. All in attendance agreed that this annual port visit could not have been so successful and worth the trip without the gracious hospitality of the port masters Don and Becky Holliday. Application for another port call at this location was submitted for next summer. Pending approval, hopefully many more members and guests will be able to join us. There will be no port calls in July; however, plans are set for the fleet to sail to the spectacular port *Gordon* on August 17 for a luscious Crab Feast sponsored by Almas Temple. From there we will sail to Virginia Beach where we will drop anchor from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of September for the annual MASA convention. On October 24, we will drop anchor, at a port to be determined, for our business meeting and election of officers. Next, we will sail to Galesville, MD on November 10 to enjoy an afternoon at the Pirates Cove Restaurant. The final port destination for 2024 will be Almas Temple for the annual Holiday Party on December 7. All Shriners are invited to join in the fun of the Yacht Club at any of our ports of call. Just remember, you DO NOT have to own a boat to become a member of the fleet.

# 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

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Yours in the Faith,

Alan L. Gordon, PP, Director



# 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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

DANILO R BERSAMINA	WILLIAM J LLANOS	R. WINSTON SALE
EUREKA VAUGHN JR.	BOBBY E JACOBS	JOHN W BUNTING
DEREK M RIVAS	DONALD W MARSHALL	WILLIAM C HILLMUTH JR
JUSTIN D RATTEY	SINAN ERAYDIN	ROBERTO O LAURENS MERTINEZ
ALFREDO MORATO'	MATTHEW J MICZYNSKI	MICHAEL E GRIERSON
JEFFREY D RUSSELL, PGM	THEODORE E KING	RODNEY W BALLANCE
PHILLIP N OGBUNIKE	KEITH E CLIFTON	LARRY D COOK
TASIOS BACKUS	RICHARD M WARF	CARLOS ALBERTO PEP PAHOR
CHARLES W COREY III, P.P.	EDUARDO C PADILLA HERNANDEZ	CLIFTON P CAMPBELL
ALEXANDER ROSENKRANZ	HENRY DAGA	JASDEV S REHNCY
TIMOTHY A SCHILLING	ROBERT R MILLER	JOSEPH CAMPOS-FURBER
LAURENCE S TIAMSON	SCOTT B WALLACE	GABRIEL LORENZO OZORES
ALEXANDER M ROKITANSKY	KEVIN J PARKES	WILLIAM J ROSE
JEAN-PAUL DONGMO	MARCELO BARBAGELATA	MICHAEL FRYAR
LEVI C CLEOFE	VINCENT H WONG	ROBB MITCHELL
THEODORE V VILLAPANDO	PAUL D GLEASON, PGM	ALBERT M GAVINA
GERD E ROSE	WILLIAM J DEELEY	GEORGE E WHETZEL
ROBERTO S FLORIDA	CHARLES C RUSSELL	WALTER R HOENES
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# 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 Clown!!

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

## JULY WORD SEARCH

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



1. independence
2. day
3. fourth
4. fireworks
5. festivities
6. pool
7. swimming
8. tennis
9. pickleball
10. tubing
11. rafting
12. tea
13. party
14. boston
15. constitution
16. washington
17. jefferson
18. adams
19. betsy
20. ross
21. madison
22. monroe
23. picnics
24. gardening

# FEZ FIZZIES

## FOURTH OF JULY COCKTAIL

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 ounce watermelon schnapps
- 1 big splash cranberry juice
- 1 very thin slice jalapeno or serrano pepper
- 1 slice lemon
- 1 slice lime
- 1 1/2 ounces tequila
- 1/4 ounce blue curacao
- 1/2 ounce simple syrup
- Watermelon wedge, for garnish (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Mix the schnapps and cranberry juice in a shaker; pour into an ice-filled glass.
- Muddle the jalapeno pepper, lemon and lime slices, tequila, blue curacao and simple syrup (to make a batch, dissolve sugar in equal parts hot water and chill) in the shaker. Slowly strain into the glass over the red layer. Garnish with watermelon, if desired.



Photograph by Kate Sears

Recipe courtesy Guy Fieri for Food Network Magazine

Source: <https://www.foodnetwork.com/holidays-and-parties/packages/4th-of-july/fourth-of-july-cocktails>

# FEZ FOODIES

## CHOCOLATE TRES LECHES CAKE

### INGREDIENTS

- Cooking spray
- 1 (15.25-oz.) box white cake mix
- 1 (3.4-oz.) package instant lemon pudding mix
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 1 c. plus 1 tbsp. (or more) lukewarm water
- 1/4 c. raspberry jam
- 7 (or more) drops red gel food coloring, divided
- 1/4 c. blueberry jam
- 7 (or more) drops blue gel food coloring, divided
- 3 c. powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 c. red, white, and blue sprinkles



### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly coat a Bundt pan with cooking spray.
2. Step 2In a large bowl, whisk cake mix and lemon pudding mix to combine. Add eggs, oil, and 1 cup lukewarm water. Using an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat until smooth, about 1 minute.
3. Step 3Scrape 1 cup lemon batter into a medium bowl. Stir raspberry jam and 5 drops red food coloring into batter until combined. Add more food coloring, a drop at a time, if a deeper red color is desired.
4. Step 4Scrape another 1 cup lemon batter into another medium bowl. Stir blueberry jam and 5 drops blue food coloring into batter until combined. Add more food coloring, a drop at a time, if a deeper blue color is desired.
5. Step 5Pour red batter into bottom of prepared pan. Pour remaining lemon batter over red batter. Pour blue batter over lemon batter.
6. Step 6Bake until a tester inserted in center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool in pan 15 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and let cool completely.
7. Step 7Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, whisk powdered sugar, lemon juice, and 1 tablespoon lukewarm water, adding more water drop by drop if necessary, until thick and smooth and mixture is a lava-like consistency.
8. Step 8Scoop a heaping 1/4 cup white glaze into a small bowl and stir in 2 drops red food coloring. Scoop another heaping 1/4 cup white glaze into another small bowl and stir in 2 drops blue food coloring.
- Step 9Drizzle white, then blue, then red glaze over cake. Scatter sprinkles over top. Let glaze set about 30 minutes before slicing.

PHOTO: RACHEL VANNI; FOOD STYLING: SPENCER RICHARDS

Source: <https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a40253492/lemon-berry-firecracker-cake-recipe/>

# 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 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

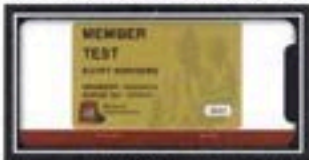
1. Open the Google Play Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

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

## 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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