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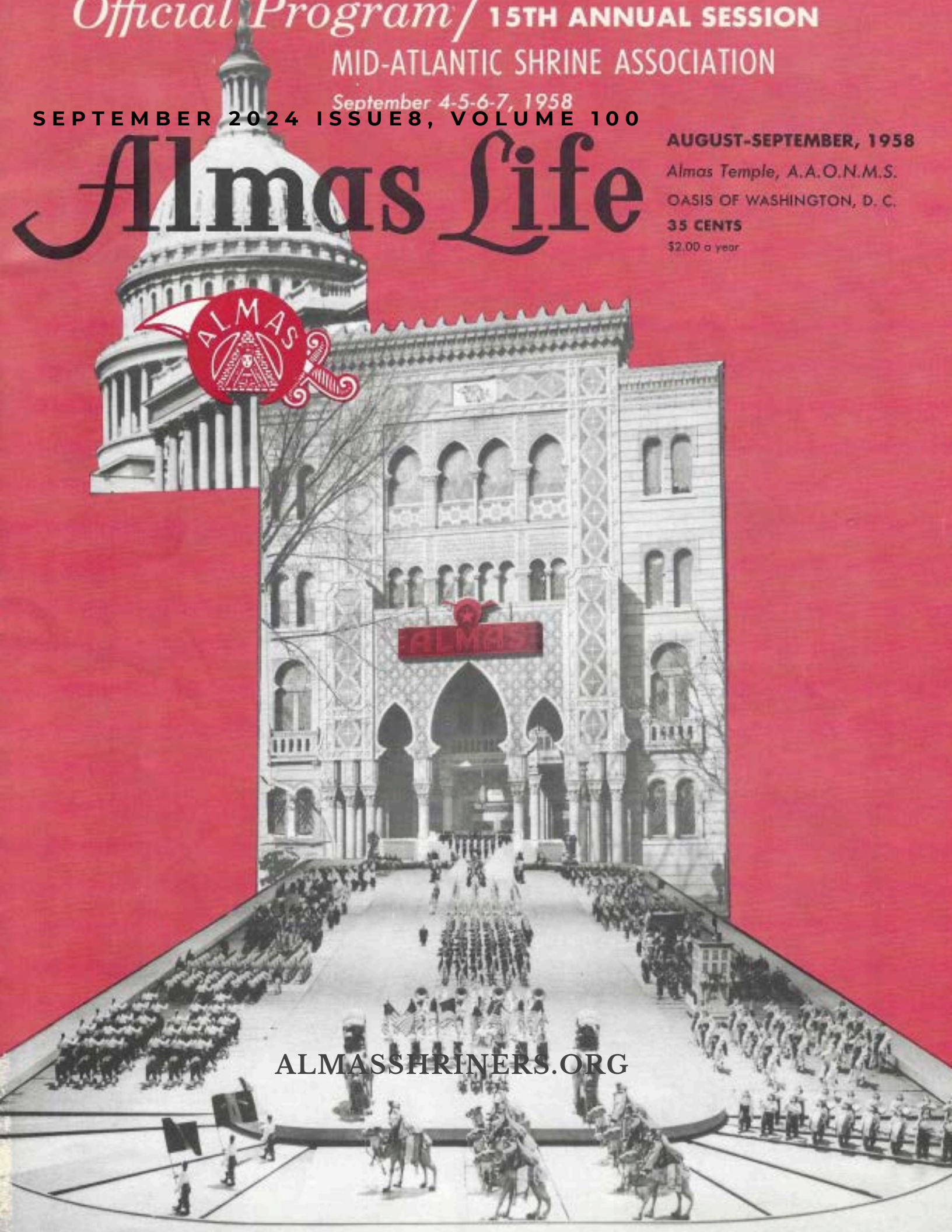
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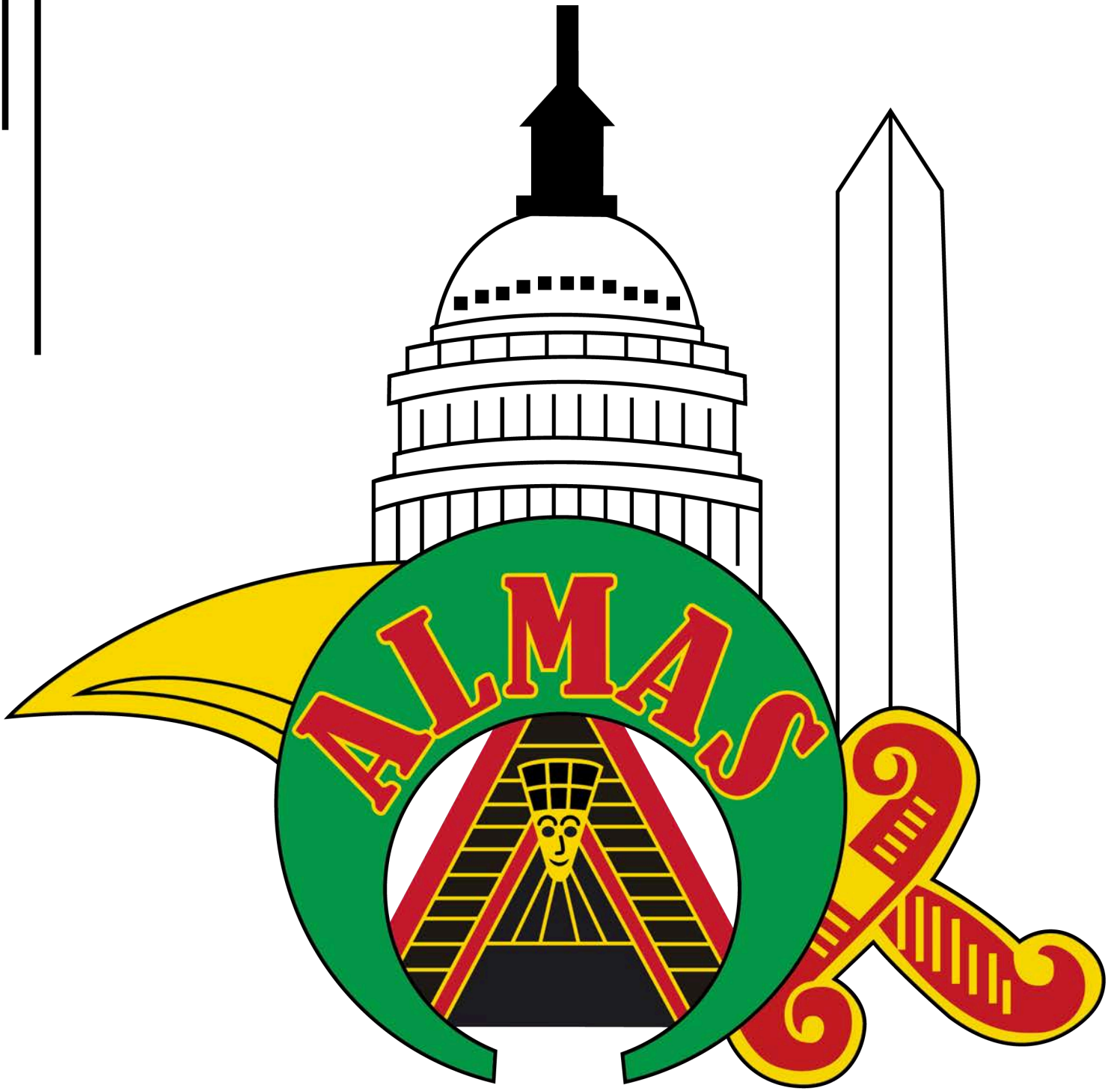
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# Almas Life



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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

Greetings! As we step into September, I wish your path be filled with success and your heart with joy and endless blessings. May this month bring you new opportunities and the strength to chase your dreams.

We all know that Labor Day is in September, but did you know that September also has a few little known holidays? Among these are National Grandparent Day, National Cheese Pizza Day, and National Drink-a-Beer Day. September is known as Harvest Month.

I hope everyone had great summer with friends and family. It's now time to welcome Autumn. We start the month with Fall MASA from September 5 to 8 in Virginia Beach. I look forward to see most of you there and enjoy the fun events and fellowship with nobles from other temples.

Our Temple business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024 instead of September 5th because of Fall MASA. Please make every effort to make it - I look forward to see everyone as we plan and update ourselves with upcoming temple activities. This will also be a great opportunity to once again see each other for fellowship after being dark for two months.

This month's Fez Friday will be on September 27th. The theme will be "Goodbye Summer - Hello Fall". (See Flyer) I hope you and your significant other will join us at this fun filled event as we welcome Autumn. I look forward to see everyone that evening.

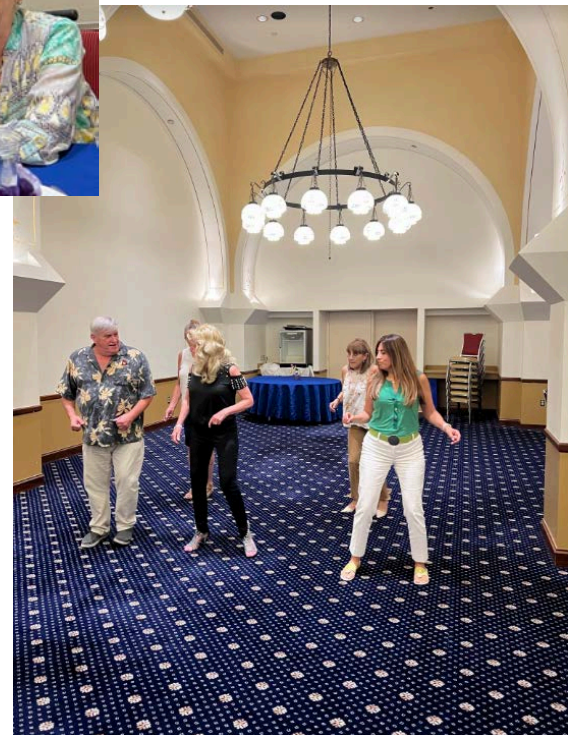
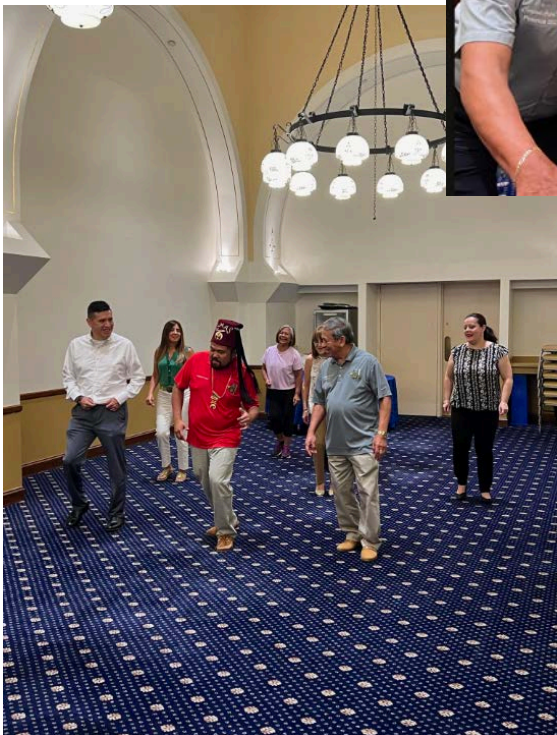
Yours in the faith,

Potentate 2023-24



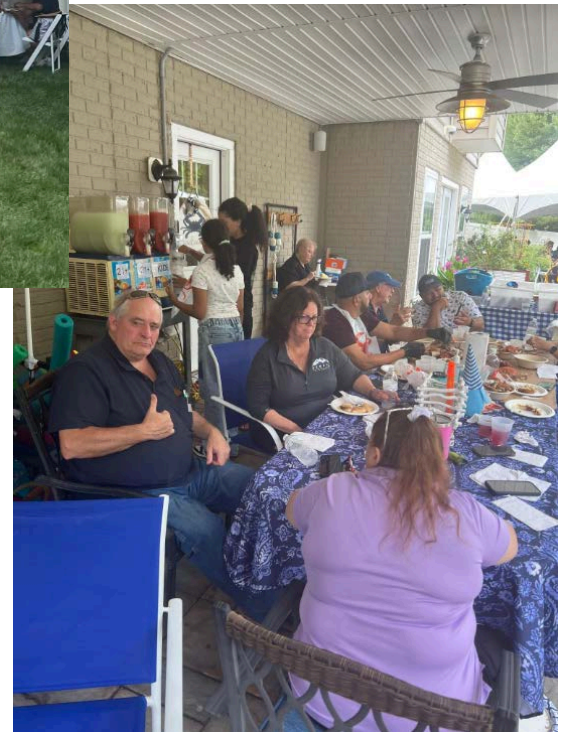
# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## July Fez Friday



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## Almas Crab Feast and Family Picnic



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# MONTHLY MUSINGS

## Tales From the Almas Crypt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

This month's cover of the *Alibi* dates from August–September 1969. As with many of the *Alibis* of these months, the new elected Imperial Potentate is featured on the cover. Imperial Sir J. Worth Baker was elected Imperial Potentate for the 1969–1970 term at the 95<sup>th</sup> Imperial Council held in Seattle Washington. Imperial Sir Baker was born in Cicero, Indiana and, after employment in Columbus and New York City, returned to Indianapolis in 1933. He was Past Master of Hinkle Lodge No. 310 and Past Potentate of Murat Temple. He held an Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor Degree. He was one of five founders of the 500 Festival Associates, an organization responsible for the festive events that proceeds the Indianapolis 500 race each year.



Two trips are reported as well as the upcoming Potentates 13-day cruise from New York to West Indies and South America, then returning to New York by way of Florida. The first trip was to Imperial session in Seattle via bus. No number of voyagers or days required for the trip are recorded. The second trip was six busloads of Almas Shriners and ladies visiting the Philadelphia Hospital. At the hospital they were greeted by Noble John Burkman, Chairman of the Board. Two patients and their doctors discussed the treatments they were receiving. On the return trip they stopped at Nur Temple for a chicken dinner served by the Illustrious Potentate, his Divan, and their ladies.



Highlights from the Spring Ceremonial in the Statler-Hilton ballroom that welcomed 37 new nobles to Almas are included in this issue. The day's festivities started at 1:00 with a concert by the Almas Military Band followed by Temple opening at 1:30 for ceremonies. The First Section commenced at 1:45 followed by the Hot Sands. The Almas Chanters provided musical backdrop. A dinner and dance at 6:30 wrapped up the day. Though hard to tell from the size of the photo, cast costumes look like some of our present-day costumes.



The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Almas Temple Pro-Football game was held August 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of a sellout crowd of 45,968. The Washington Redskins defeated the Chicago Bears 13–7 in what could almost be described as a water polo match on soggy grass. The rains held off until after the opening ceremonies that included marching Almas Units lead by Almas's own Uncle Sam. Rain returned to cancel half-time ceremonies.



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This month's cover of the *Alibi* is taken from the September 1958 issue of *Almas Life*. As I mentioned previously the *Alibi* was published under the *Almas Life* header for several years. It is fitting that the cover be used for this month's publication as it contains the official program for the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Session held September 1958 in Washington, DC. A map showing the location of the 21 Temples that were expected to attend. The program included a listing of events and locations for the meetings and events. Hospitality was located on the third floor of Almas Temple in the Sphinx Club. The MASA Parade started on Pennsylvania Avenue at 4<sup>th</sup> street and proceeded West on Pennsylvania to 17<sup>th</sup> street for a turn toward Constitution, passing in front of the reviewing stand on 17<sup>th</sup> street.



In addition to regular Temple business, the issue includes photo coverage of the 1958 Chicago Imperial Session. In his monthly letter the Potentate mentions that while Almas was not one of the largest delegations, they made up for it in appearance and presentation and he extended a warm thank you.



Left is the Oriental Band and right is Directors Staff float.



Left is the Military Band and right is the Arab Patrol



An article written by Noble William King encourages MASA attendees to visit the George Washington Masonic Memorial. At that time the Shrine rooms were located on the lower floor and included memorabilia such as Fezs and Divan chairs donated by Temples, photos of Past Imperial Potentates, and photos of some of the hospital wards. A highlight was an animated Shriner Parade that is shown on the cover of this issue. The Shrine room is now located on an upper floor of the Memorial. I remember visiting the Memorial in the early 1970s and viewing the parade.





# PATIENT NEWS

## Allie Found her life's mission at Shriners Children's Hospital Shreveport

ALLIE, FORMER PATIENT, SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SHREVEPORT



### Allie was always described as an active, spunky, sassy and caring child.

Growing up, she was always busy, participating in dance, soccer and softball teams. She was even a cheerleader for a short time. So, when she found out that she had **scoliosis** and needed to undergo **spine surgery**, she thought it would delay, or even stop, many of her plans.

As a preteen, Allie noticed that her right ribcage poked out more than normal. She told her parents and they took her to a local doctor, who told her it was nothing alarming. The physician said she had a tiny curve in her spine, but that it was not in a concerning range that needed treatment. However, like most children, she became self-conscious about her physical differences.

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"I became more aware of the fact that other people's ribs were not protruding out of their shirts," Allie said.

Allie remembers one night falling asleep as her mom scratched her back. She said her mom traced her spine with her fingertips, felt a curve, and immediately knew that something was wrong. The next morning at school, Allie's mom asked the nurse to examine her, and the nurse concluded that Allie might have a severe case of scoliosis. She was then referred to **Shriners Children's Shreveport**.

Allie said she knew nothing about scoliosis at the time of her diagnosis. Her questions were endless, from wondering if she would lose her ability to walk, to thinking she had some form of serious disease.

"The word 'scoliosis' was like Greek to me," Allie recalled. "I immediately assumed the worst. The questions in my 12-year-old brain were never-ending."

After her first appointment at the Shreveport facility, Allie remembers feeling like her life was over. The doctor told her that she would need to wear a back brace to try to prevent her spine curvature from increasing any more.

"Imagine telling a 12-year-old that she was going to have to wear a noticeable, uncomfortable back brace 23 hours a day," she said. "I felt as if my life was over. I remember feeling embarrassed, ashamed and weird."

Like most preteens, Allie attempted to argue with her parents about not wearing the brace, but she said it did not work. She ended up wearing the back brace for an entire year until the summer of 2017. Initially, she said the curve in her spine seemed to stop growing, and she remembers feeling relieved and thinking this part of her healthcare journey was over.

Allie would continue to attend her six-month checkups throughout 2018, but towards the end of that year, she remembers feeling like the curve in her spine was getting worse. Not wanting to undergo surgery, she kept her concerns a secret from her parents.

**Shriners Children's Shreveport gave me back the confidence that scoliosis tried to take away from me.**

In January 2019, Allie and her mom returned to Shreveport for her usual six-month checkup and X-ray. After waiting longer than usual in the exam room for results, Allie said a doctor she never met came into the room to speak with them. In her mind, she already knew that the curve in her spine had gotten worse, and meeting a new doctor after so many checkups confirmed it.

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Allie learned that her spine curvature had reached 53 degrees, which was in the range for treatment, and she would need to undergo spinal fusion surgery. Allie vividly remembers being “scared, overwhelmed and defeated” as her surgery was scheduled for that summer. She believed she would never be the same after getting two titanium rods placed in her back.

“I could not have been more wrong,” she admitted.

Allie remembers her pre-operation appointment being a “calming, reassuring and comforting experience” before a day that would be nerve-wracking for anyone, let alone a teenager. She said she was still unsure of the details of her surgery, but that all changed once she met with the **child life specialist**.

“I will never forget the ease she brought to me and my parents,” Allie said. “She took us into a room and explained the surgery day step-by-step. She made such an impact on my surgery experience.”

After tossing and turning all night, Allie returned to the Shreveport hospital for surgery early the next morning. She remembers the kind and caring medical staff greeting her with a personalized bedazzled hospital gown and warm smiles. “I remember already feeling taken care of even before my procedure occurred,” she said.

Things were no different following Allie’s surgery, as the Shreveport nurses and staff made sure her recovery was as comfortable as possible. She said that the most intimidating part of her recovery was walking for the first time following surgery, but “no matter what, the nurses were there.”

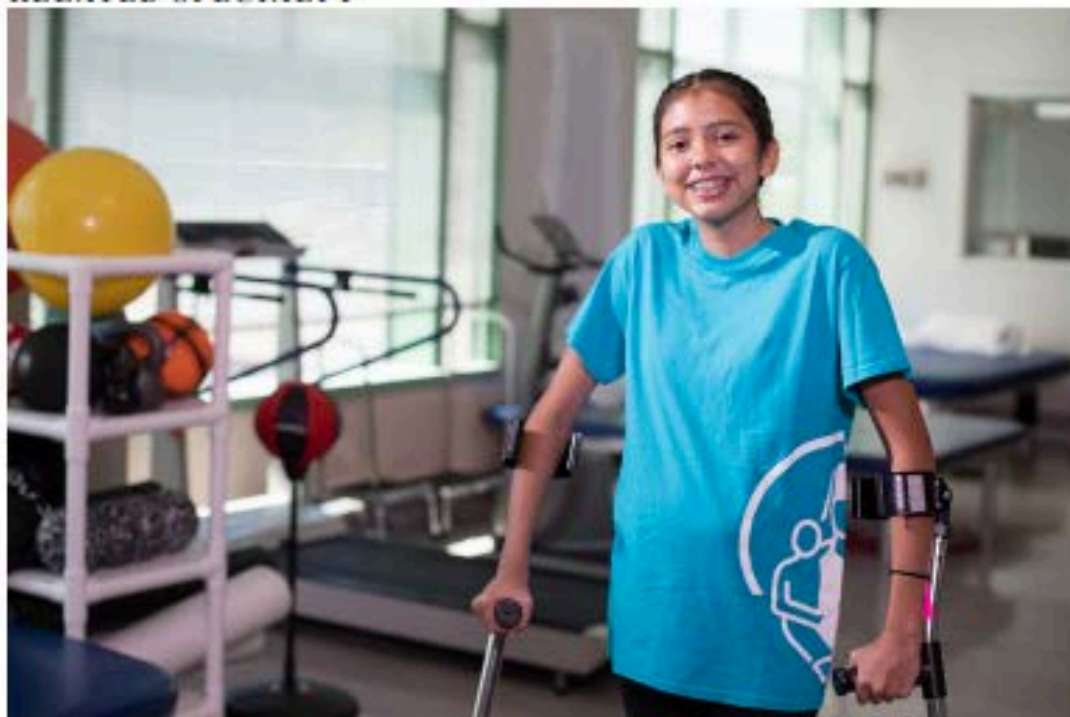
“Having spinal fusion surgery is not something anyone would ever want to go through,” Allie said. However, she said she is now grateful for her journey. “Shriners Children’s Shreveport gave me back the confidence that scoliosis tried to take away from me,” she said.

Today, Allie is a college junior majoring in biochemistry with a minor in psychology. After college, she wants to go to medical school and become a pediatrician. She hopes to provide the same level of care and impact to children’s lives that she received at Shriners Children’s Shreveport.

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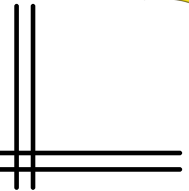
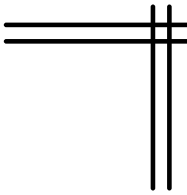
# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**September 5 to 8, 2024** - Fall MASA

**September 21, 2024** - 8 - 10 AM Masonic Family Breakfast (see flyer below)

**September 27, 2024** - 6 - 11 PM - Fez Friday - (see flyer below).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Masonic Family Breakfast

For the benefit of the 174 Temple Holding Corporation

Let's all join together  
for a great meal and fellowship  
**Sept. 21st 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**



Centennial Lodge 174  
6110 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD



Due to increased food costs we ask a minimum  
donation of \$12 per adult and \$10 for children

Purchase Gun and Cash Bash tickets at this event. (Limited number available)



Draw date Oct. 19, 2024

50/50 Tickets will also be available  
Proceeds from 50/50 sales to benefit the Lodge Scholarship Fund

For more information please contact:  
Rick Wilburn

Email – [rawilburn174@gmail.com](mailto:rawilburn174@gmail.com)

cell 301-801-0100

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## FEZ FRIDAY!

*Goodbye Summer*   
*Hello Fall* 

**Friday, September 27, 2024**

**6pm to 11pm**

**Dinner, Fellowship, Karaoke, and Dancing!**

**Cash Bar**

**Location : Oasis Room, Almas Shrine Temple**

**1315 K St NW, Washington, DC 20005**

**RSVP by September 23rd**

to Don Ferguson at [dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org) or message  
the event chairman Noble Mark Dela Cruz at 240.486.5256

*Proceeds from this event are not for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals  
for Children and are not deductible for income tax purposes.*

**DRINK RESPONSIBLY!**

# 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

## 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.

# CLUBS

Almas Shriners Clubs and Units

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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).



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

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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.

# CLUBS

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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.

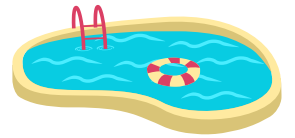
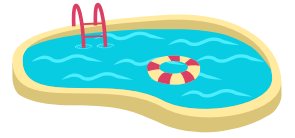
The purpose for including the Chanters in this outline is to determine if there are nobles willing to work towards reestablishing the Chanters. If you are interested in singing, then please contact Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon, PP at 240-507-6973 or [almaspote2011@gmail.com](mailto:almaspote2011@gmail.com).

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

## SEPTEMBER WORD SEARCH

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2. swimming
3. pools
4. tennis
5. courts
6. pickle
7. ball
8. shorts
9. gardening
10. zucchini
11. squash
12. tomatoes
13. peppers
14. sun
15. yardwork
16. stormy
17. weather
18. rainbow

# FEZ FIZZIES

## PRETTY + PINK PALOMA COCKTAIL

### Ingredients

- 1.5 ounces Tequila Blanco (We prefer Cazadores)
- 6-8 ounces Grapefruit flavored club soda
- 2 tbsp Grapefruit Juice
- Grapefruit Zest
- Lemon Zest & Lemon Slices
- 1 tbsp Monk Fruit Sweetener

### Instructions

- In a shallow bowl or plate mix grapefruit zest, lemon zest & monk fruit sweetener
- Wet rim of glass with lemon wedge and line rim of glass with grapefruit & lemon zest mixture + monk fruit sweetener
- Over ice combine tequila, grapefruit flavored club soda & grapefruit juice.
- Stir
- Add lemon slice & enjoy!
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# FEZ FOODIES

## TROPICAL ISLAND CHICKEN

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons dried minced onion
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 broiler/fryer chickens  
(3 to 4 pounds each), quartered



### DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, combine first 10 ingredients. Set aside 1/3 cup for basting; cover and refrigerate. Pour remaining marinade into a large resealable plastic bag. Add chicken; seal and turn to coat. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.
2. Prepare grill for indirect heat, using a drip pan. Place chicken over drip pan; grill, covered, over indirect medium heat 45-60 minutes or until a thermometer reads 170°-175°, turning and basting frequently with reserved marinade during the last 20 minutes.

Source: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/tropical-island-chicken/>

# 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.
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#### 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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## WALL OF HONOR

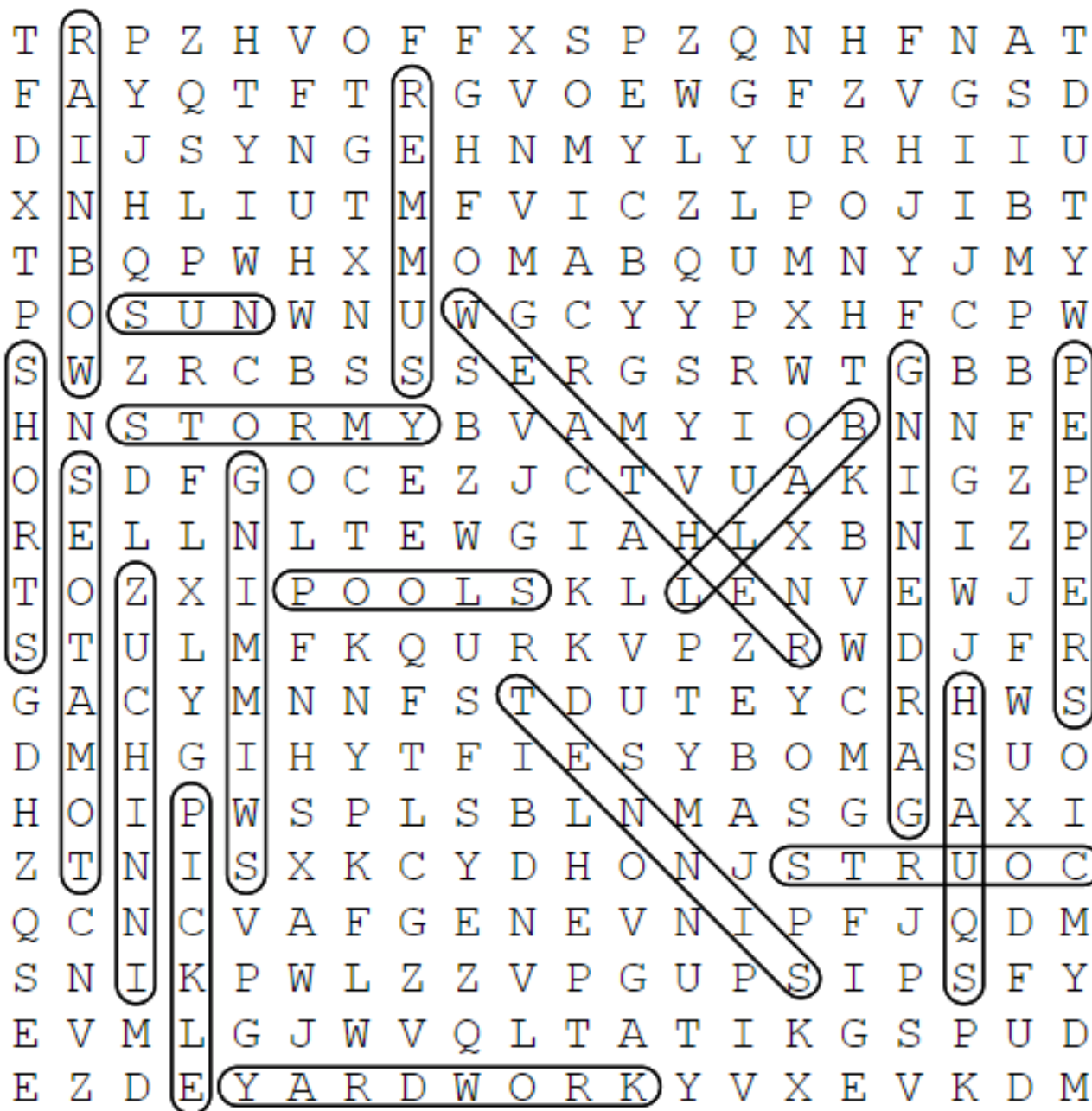
During your next visit to Almas Temple, take some time to look at the Wall of Honor located in the area outside the lounge between the two showcases. This project originated in 2016 with the purpose of commemorating a Shriner who was in some way special to you. A relative who made you aware of the Shriners 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



## Nobles Ill or Homebound

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



### Scott Miskovic

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491 Highway 17, No. 29566  
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843.658.5554

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# 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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