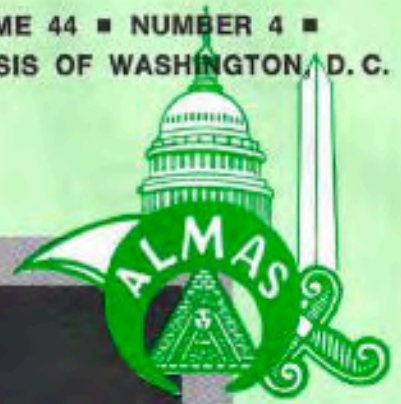


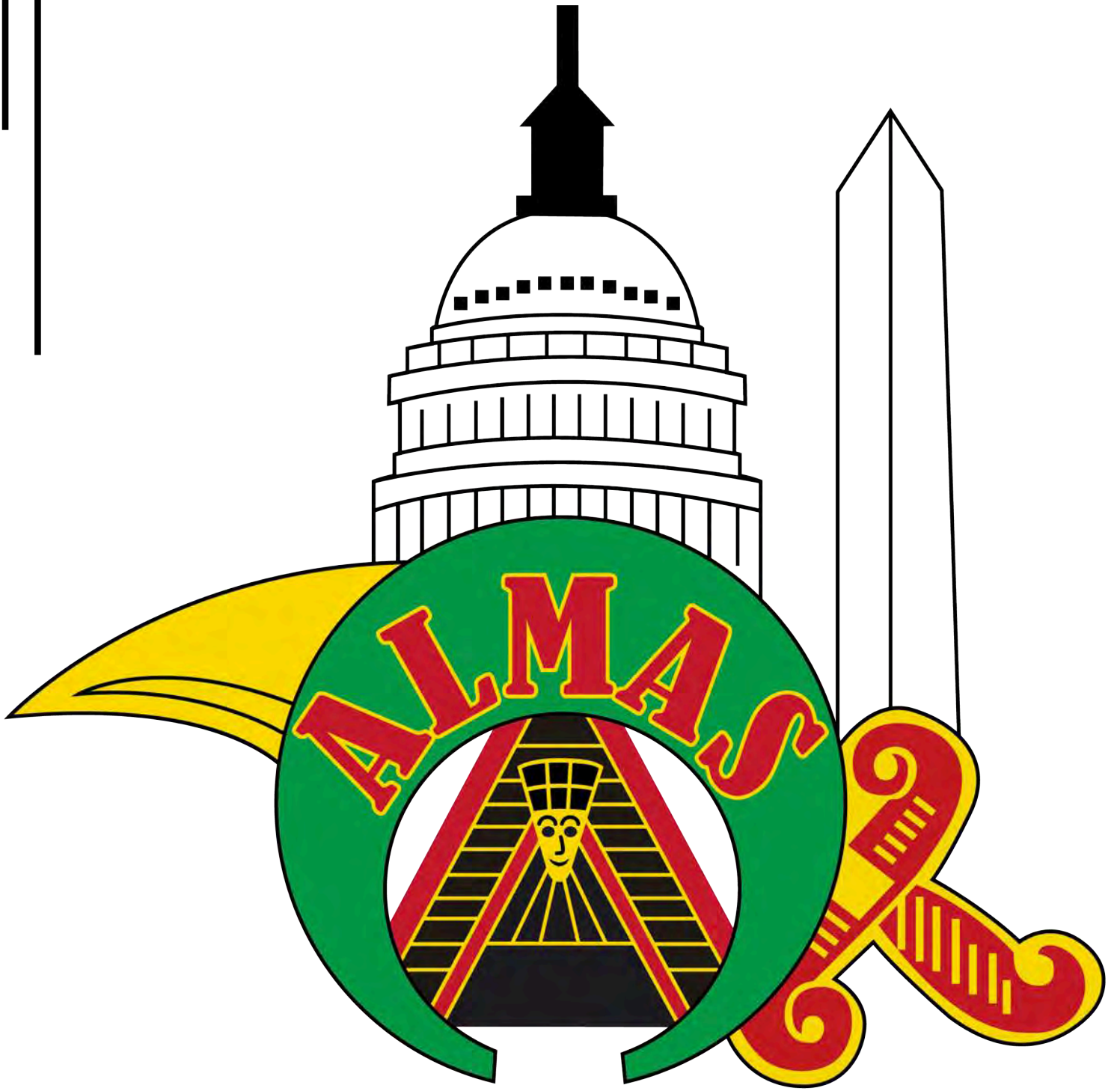
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Newly Elected Imperial Potentate, 1969-70



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

Greetings!

October is here, and it brings the refreshing breeze of fall, colorful leaves, and a feeling of fresh starts. It's a time when nature's splendor is showcased in all its glory. To honor this captivating month, I want to share this quote that will ignite your imagination, uplift your spirits, and sprinkle a little enchantment into your everyday life. "October is about trees revealing colors they've hidden all year. People have an October as well." – Jim Storm

I want to thank all the Divan and nobles that took the time to come to Fall MASA. I also want to recognize the great efforts of both the Colonel and Assistant Colonel of the units, Illustrious Sir Frank Ireton and Noble Chuck Russell for getting all our parade equipment up and running for the event. Special mention to nobles Bob Florida and Chris Bragado who came down from Northern Virginia in the early morning on the day of the parade when they learned we needed nobles to be our color guard.

Our next business meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 7:30 pm. We will have dinner at 6:00 pm. Please let our recorder know by 12 noon on October 1st if you plan to attend and have dinner so we can give the caterer a proper count.

We have two annual Temple events this month - Almas Day of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Saturday, October 5th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. I look forward to see many of you attend our Day of Remembrance as we keep alive the memories of our departed Nobles and family members in our hearts. I also look forward to see your kids and grand kids at our Children's Halloween Party. Please RSVP to our recorder, Illustrious Sir Don Ferguson if you plan to attend so we can provide the caterer an accurate count for food preparation.

Our Blood Drive this month will be on Friday, October 4, 2024 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Centennial Lodge #174 in Upper Marlboro (see flyer). This is being spearheaded by Illustrious Sir Rick Hall. Please spread the word to your family and friends who wish to donate blood. There is a big shortage of blood and your help in this effort would be very much appreciated.

May your October be filled with blessings and wonderful moments.

Yours in the faith,

Potentate 2023-24



PAST EVENT PICTURES

MASA 2024 - CHECK PRESENTATION TO SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA



PAST EVENT PICTURES

MASA 2024



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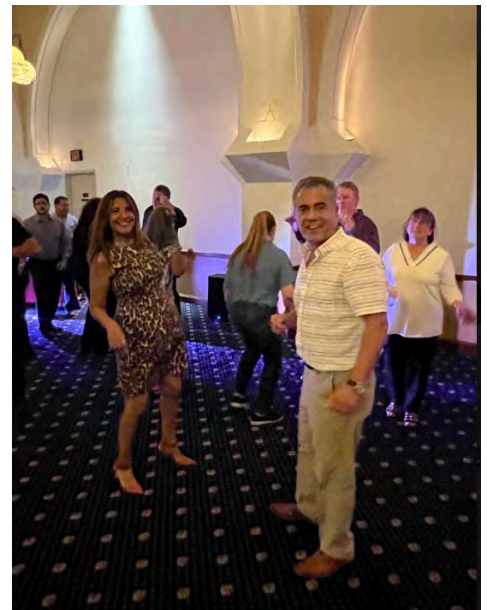
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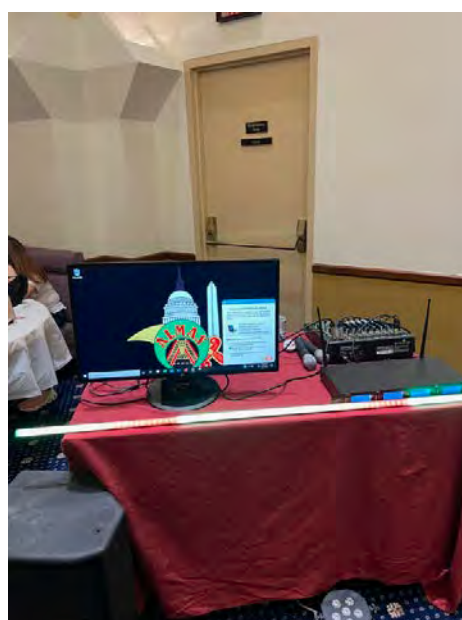
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ALMAS NOBLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45, Anniversary Night 2024 Honorees Honoring Masonic Years of Service



MWB & Illustrious Sir Alan Gordon, 30 Years * RWB & Noble Jean-Paul Dongmo, 15 Years**

Alan L. Gordon, PGM
Masonic Resume
As of August 18, 2023

Alan L. Gordon was born in Washington, DC and raised in District Heights, Maryland. He attended Suitland High School and is a graduate of Frostburg State University, both located in Maryland. Alan became a Certified Public Accountant in 1979. He founded Alan L. Gordon, CPA, P. A. in Rockville, Maryland in 1995.

He is a Senior DeMolay, having been initiated into Cornerstone Chapter, Order of DeMolay on December 7, 1970. As a Senior DeMolay, Alan has been honored with the Chevalier Degree, the Legion of Honor, the Cross of Honor, and is an honorary member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council. In 2011, he was awarded the Guild of the Leather Apron.

As a third generation Mason, Alan was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 18, 1994 in Temple-Noyes-Cathedral Lodge #32, FAAM, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2004 and Treasurer from 2006 through 2013. Within the jurisdiction, Alan is an affiliated member with Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10 and Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 and an honorary member of St. John's Lodge #11.

30 YEARS MASONIC SERVICE

Alan L. Gordon, PGM Masonic Resume

Alan is Past Patron of Temple Chapter #13, Order of the Eastern Star and Past Grand Organist of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the District of Columbia. In addition, he served as Treasurer of Temple Chapter #13 from 2006 through 2013.

Alan has been treasurer of several Masonic and DeMolay organizations including having served as a trustee of the Masonic Foundation of the District of Columbia. He has served as Chairman of the Accounts and Audits Committee of the Grand Lodge, FAAM, of the District of Columbia, for 2006 and 2007 after being on the committee as a member for several years. Alan has also served on the Youth Committee of the Grand Lodge, FAAM, of the District of Columbia, in prior years and served as it's Chairman in 2009. For 2013, Alan served as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge, FAAM, of the District of Columbia as well as on the Accounts and Audits Committee, the July Fourth Community Activities Committee (Chair), the Youth Committee, and the Long-Range Planning Task Force.

From 2014 through 2021, Alan served as an elected officer of the progressive Grand Line, having served in each of the progressive elected positions successively. This culminated with his serving as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, FAAM, of the District of Columbia for the calendar year 2021. He is presently serving as Grand Treasurer since December, 2023.

Alan is a member of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Washington, where he received the Knight Commander Cross of Honor (KCCH) in 2011. During 2021, Alan was coroneted as an Inspector General Honorary of the 33rd Degree.

He is a member of Mt. Pleasant Chapter, #13, Royal Arch Masons, Adoniram-Zabud Council, Cryptic Masons, Washington Commandery #1, Knights Templar, Montgomery Forest #134, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Capital Court #50, Royal Order of Jesters.

Alan has served Almas Shriners, in several capacities. In addition to being on the appointed Divan for three years and on the elected Divan for four years, Alan has served as president of the Uniformed Units, Director of the Greeters, President of the NW-BCC Shrine Club, participated in the Ceremonial Cast as Potentate and as High Priest and Prophet, and has worked to re-activate the Almas Charters. He is also a member of the Almas Screwballs. Alan served as Potentate of Almas Shriners in 2011 and served two years as President of the Trustees Advisory Committee.

Internationally, Alan served through July, 2013 as a member of the International Development Committee for Shriners International. He is an affiliate member of Patuxent Lodge #218, Grand Lodge of Maryland and Holy Land Lodge #50 of the Grand Lodge State of Israel.

During 2023, Alan represented the Grand Lodge, FAAM of the District of Columbia at the 2023 World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges in Jerusalem, Israel.

Alan is married to his Lady Iris, has 3 children - Michael, Adrienne and Samantha and two grandchildren, Jacob and Anna.

CANDIDATES

Candidate Anand Trivedi

Greetings Nobles!

My name is Anand Trivedi, and I am a candidate for the office of Oriental Guide.

I am an IT Professional working for Cisco Systems. I am originally from New York but have called Washington, D.C., home for the last 25 years. I share this distinction with my wife, Kristin, who moved to this city the same week I did in August 1999. It took us nearly 16 years to meet, as our paths surely crossed multiple times. Today, we live with our dog Bhindi (Hindi for okra) and any fosters we may have in upper NW DC.

I was raised to the Degree of Master Mason in September of 2009 after finally asking the question of the third man I discovered to be a Mason in my life. My Mother Lodge is St. John's Lodge No. 11, but I belong to two others: Anacostia-Pentalpha Lodge No. 21 and Naval Lodge No. 4.

I served as Master of St. John's Lodge No. 11 in 2014, was installed as Secretary in 2016, and am still serving as such. I was appointed the Lodge's MESH Representative in 2015, and also currently serve as such. In 2023, I served as Master of Anacostia-Pentalpha Lodge No. 21, filling a gap formed by the Senior Warden taking a job in Germany.

I was appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer at the Grand Lodge in 2017, 2019, 2020, and 2022. I have also served twice on the Works & Lectures Committee for the Grand Lodge of DC.

I became a Noble at the Fall 2022 Ceremonial. I immediately picked up my working tools: joining the Ceremonial Cast, being appointed as Second Ceremonial Master in 2023, and First Ceremonial Master in 2024. I am also a member of the Shepard's Club, having completed close to a dozen hospital trips. I am a member of the Membership Committee representing the Temple at the Fourth Annual Membership Conference in Orlando, FL. This year, along with Illustrious Brother Alan Gordon, we have reformed the Greeters Club.

I will work with the Divan to enhance our membership activities, increase our current numbers, and reconnect with our inactive Nobles. Developing more engaging and enjoyable opportunities for our members to participate and take an active role is essential.

PATIENT NEWS

Former Shriners Children's Philadelphia Patient Tatyana McFadden Eyes History at 2024 Paralympics



From an orphanage in Russia to a 20-time Paralympic medalist, the journey for former Shriners Children's Philadelphia patient Tatyana McFadden hasn't always been easy.

McFadden came to the United States very young and with many physical health challenges that quickly led her to Shriners Children's, where she received treatment throughout her childhood. She credits that early relationship, along with the support of her family, for helping her to learn to break through barriers – and become one of the greatest track and field athletes of all time. McFadden recently qualified for her seventh Paralympics and her sixth Summer Games, and she's ready to make more history in Paris.

PATIENT NEWS

McFadden was born with [spina bifida](#), and her legs atrophied behind her back while living the first six years of her life in Russia. When she came to the United States, McFadden had surgical procedures to align her legs at [Shriners Children's Philadelphia](#). McFadden underwent care at Shriners Children's growing up and said she remembers the group activities with other children at the hospital. She added that it was a great experience interacting with other kids who looked like her while undergoing care.

"I was fortunate with the group of doctors I had and the other patients I got to be around," McFadden said. "My doctors were ahead of their time. There was a big stigma around spina bifida at the time and the things we can't do, but not at Shriners Children's. They provided resources for the things we can do. I always remember having a [child life specialist](#) there, which is one of the reasons I studied in that field in college. The procedures and medications at Shriners Children's were always advanced, and I had a great doctor that helped me after the surgeries."

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Tatyana McFadden, former Shriners Children's patient

McFadden won her first Paralympic medal at the 2004 Games in Athens and is now up to 20 Paralympic medals in her career, including eight golds, eight silvers and four bronzes. If she wins two medals this summer in Paris, she will surpass one of her idols in wheelchair racing for total medals, Canadian legend Chantal Petitclerc.

McFadden added that the nonprofit healthcare system helped her in other, more unexpected ways throughout her career, including providing her with Aquaplast, used to make prosthetics. This helped McFadden develop her own custom-made racing gloves for competitions.

"Original racing gloves were almost like an oven mitt, they were really big and bulky and I wanted something durable and slimmer," McFadden said. "They helped me create my first pair of hard gloves which is of course easy to find now, but it was a really big deal to me at the time because no one was making gloves like that. Everyone at Shriners Children's knows each patient is very different, and they are great at customizing care for every single patient."

McFadden's mother, Deborah McFadden, said if Shriners Children's was a country, it would be incredibly well-represented at the Paralympics – with roughly 30 patients hoping to participate in the games this summer. "I believe it, because I've met some of my other teammates from Rio and Tokyo, and they were Shriners Children's babies or teens," Tatyana said about her mother's idea. "I was like, 'Wow, that's really cool,' because I would've thought it was just a local hospital, but Shriners Children's has a footprint that is actually worldwide and I'm part of it. That was really fun to learn. It's true I believe – we could run our own little country."

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

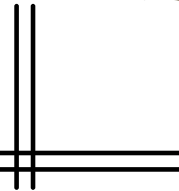
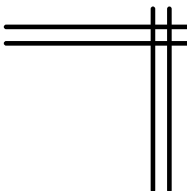
October 4, 2024 - 11 AM - 5 PM Blood Drive (see flyer below)

October 5, 2024 - 11 AM Day of Remembrance and Thanks (see flyer below)

October 24, 2024 - 6 PM Yacht Club Dinner (see flyer below)

October 26, 2024 - 12 -4 Halloween Party (see flyer below)

November 10, 2024 - 1:30 PM Yacht Club Frostbite Cruise (see flyer below)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Blood Drive **Centennial Lodge #174**

Friday, October 4, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Centennial Lodge - Social Hall
6110 Croom Station rd.
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

All donors who donate in October will receive a
\$10 gift card via email.

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code:
CentennialLodge174, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or scan the QR code:



UPCOMING EVENTS



Almas Temple

Memorial Service



A Day of Remembrance and Thanks

Saturday, October 5, 2024

11:00 AM

*1315 K St NW
Washington, DC. 20005*

UPCOMING EVENTS



ALMAS YACHT CLUB

Annual Meeting – Election of Officers

October 24th, 2024

**Almas Temple
1315 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005**

Social Hour at 1800h followed by dinner at 1900h.

The meeting will be called to order at 1930h. The regular order of business will be followed by the election of the 2025 Bridge.

Menu

*Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressing
Baked Meatloaf with Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered String Beans
Rolls and Butter
Pumpkin Pie and Cool Whip on the side
Iced Tea & Coffee Service*

Reservations are required for dinner. Dinner for the October meeting will be \$30.00. Contact AYC Secretary Fred Evens (fwevans@verizon.net) to confirm your attendance.

Almas Yacht Club meetings are open to all Almas members

UPCOMING EVENTS



ALMAS NOBLES & FAMILY
KIDS

Halloween
PARTY

OCTOBER 26  **12 - 4 PM**

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

RSVP by October 21st to
dferguson@almasshriners.org
or call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688

**COSTUME CONTEST, GAMES, PRIZES,
FACE PAINTING & TREATS**



COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

UPCOMING EVENTS



Almas Yacht Club 2024 Frostbite Cruise

Pirates Cove Restaurant

4817 Riverside Drive, Galesville, MD 20765

38.51° N 76.32°W

November 10th at 1330 Hours

Join us in Galesville, Maryland November 10th for Almas Yacht Club's last cruise of the year. We have made special arrangements for individual checks for this event. You will be able to order from the menu.

We must have a count by November 5th for the restaurant to seat us together.

RSVP II. Sir Fred Evans, AYC Secretary,
fwevans@verizon.net

Directions.

From the Beltway take Maryland 50 toward Annapolis.

Take Exit 16, Maryland 424 toward Davidsonville.

Stay on 424 until reaching Route 2.

Turn right at Route 2 and take the first left, about 0.2 miles, onto Mill Swamp Road.

Turn right at Maryland 468 and a left at Maryland 255.

Pirate's cove will be left at the dead end in Galesville.



Almas Yacht Club, Chuck Carmichael, 2024 Commodore
Proceeds benefit Almas Yacht Club and are not tax deductible

BIRTHDAYS

October Birthdays

Mario A. Pera Peluffo

Jonathan M. Binstock

W. P. George

William G. Sizemore, II

Anthony S. Murray, P.P.

Eldon L. Nicol

Rizwan A. Khan

Robert N. Carhart, Jr.

Adrien I. Degbey

Lawrence S. Farrell

Alan L. Gordon, P.P., PGM

Gustavo Nicastró

Paolo Giuliano

Keith R. Stevens

Ronald Emile

Michael D. Nugent

Francisco J. Danese Bregante

George W. Haller, III

Charles A. Irish, Jr

Cameron B. Newman

Andrew Plaxen

Alberto H. Caneto Aquilino

Crawford L. Thompson

Rivera Arias Morales

Fernando J. Dutour Rodriguez

Fletcher S. Johnston

Harold G. Sebastian, II

Andrew L. Griffith

Patrick A. Watson, II

Dr. Frank Ireton, P.P.

David Newstead

Ricardo Rodriguez Kroger, P.P.

Charles L. Carmichael

Marios Adamou

Harry H. Herman

James B. Ryder

Fred E. Gilbert

William C. Robinson

Mark D. Rann

Hugo Galleguillos

William M. Lanham, Jr, P.P.

Steven J. Turner

Geoffrey R. Cleveland

John E. Maloney

Carl A. Stahlman

Richard A. Wysocki, Jr.

Ronald D. Enriquez

Charles E. Fultz, II

Wayne L. Lewis

William C. Mitchell, II

Michael L. Emery

Scott M. Hoover

Randy Wyrick



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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours in the Faith,

Alan L. Gordon, PP, Director

CLUB NEWS

2024 Christmas Ornament



THE WHITE HOUSE
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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 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 a 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.

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

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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.

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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.

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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 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 or Illustrious Sir Alan L. Gordon at almaspote2011@gmail.com.

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Almas Chanters

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

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

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

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

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

FEZ FUN

OCTOBER WORD SEARCH

H E T A R O C E D A Y D N A C
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G S E V A E L N E R D L I H C



1. Halloween
2. Pumpkin
3. Fall
4. Jackolantern
5. Witch
6. Goblin
7. Ghost
8. Skeleton
9. Children
10. Fun
11. Candy
12. Trick
13. Treat
14. Carve
15. Decorate
16. Bob
17. Apples
18. Leaves
19. Autumn

FEZ FIZZIES

PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE

Ingredients

- 2 tsp pumpkin purée
- pinch of ground cinnamon, plus extra to serve (or use pumpkin spice)
- pinch of ground ginger
- pinch of ground nutmeg
- 30ml espresso or strong coffee
- 250ml milk (any will work)



Instructions

- Step 1 - Put the pumpkin purée in a large heatproof glass or mug. Stir in the spices and espresso or strong coffee.
- Step 2 - Heat the milk in a saucepan over a low heat until steaming and frothy. Pour into the glass or mug, and spoon over any froth. Stir to combine, then dust with more cinnamon or some pumpkin spice before serving.

FEZ FOODIES

HEARTY STUFFED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Ingredients

Squash

- 2 small butternut squash, cut in half lengthwise and seeds removed
- 2½ tablespoons olive oil
- 1¼ cups corn kernels

Filling

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups water or vegetable broth
- One 14-ounce can chickpeas, drained
- 1 bunch scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 cup chopped roasted red peppers
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 cup chopped hazelnuts
- ⅓ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ⅓ cup shredded Gruyère cheese



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Prepare two baking sheets.
2. Make the Squash: Rub the inside of the butternut squash halves with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil and then place the halves, cut sides down, on a baking sheet. Roast until the squash is just tender, 20 to 25 minutes.
3. Transfer the corn to the second baking sheet and drizzle with the remaining ½ tablespoon olive oil. Roast until the corn begins to turn golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes.
4. Make the Filling: In a small pot, combine the quinoa and water or broth. Bring to a simmer and cook until the liquid is nearly gone and the quinoa is tender, 12 to 15 minutes.
5. Transfer the quinoa to a large bowl and toss with the roasted corn, chickpeas, scallions, red peppers, parsley and hazelnuts.
6. In a small bowl, whisk the olive oil with the vinegar and mustard to combine. Season with salt and pepper.
7. Add the dressing to the filling and toss well to coat. Arrange the filling inside the butternut squash halves. You can scoop out some of the cooked squash to make more room for the filling or you can just pile it on top.
8. Garnish each piece of squash with 2 tablespoons of the shredded Gruyère and then return to the oven until the cheese is melted and the filling is warm, 10 to 12 minutes more.
9. Serve warm, immediately.

FEZ FUN

COLORING SHEET



MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERSHIP APP

For dues year 2024 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

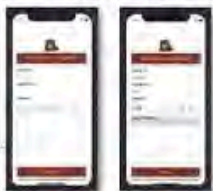
1. Open the App Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

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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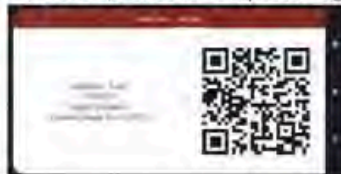
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MEMBERSHIP

WALL OF HONOR

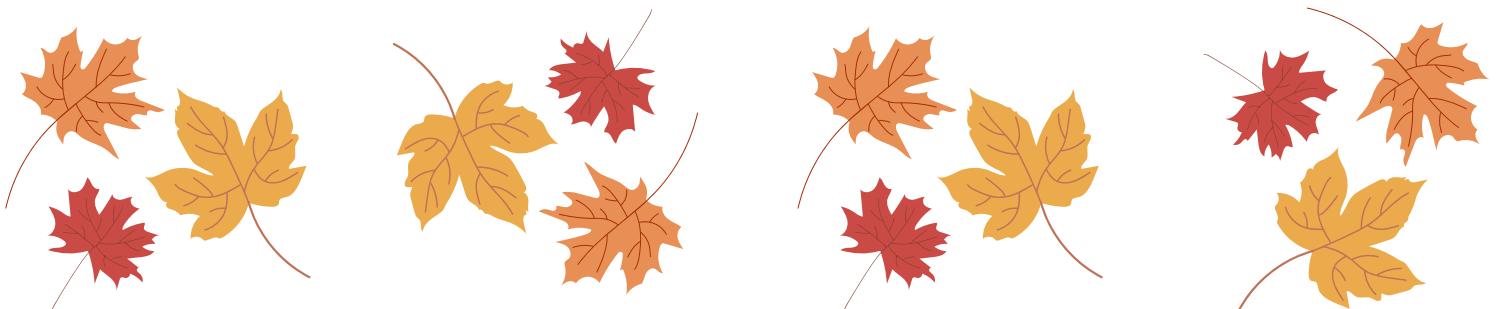
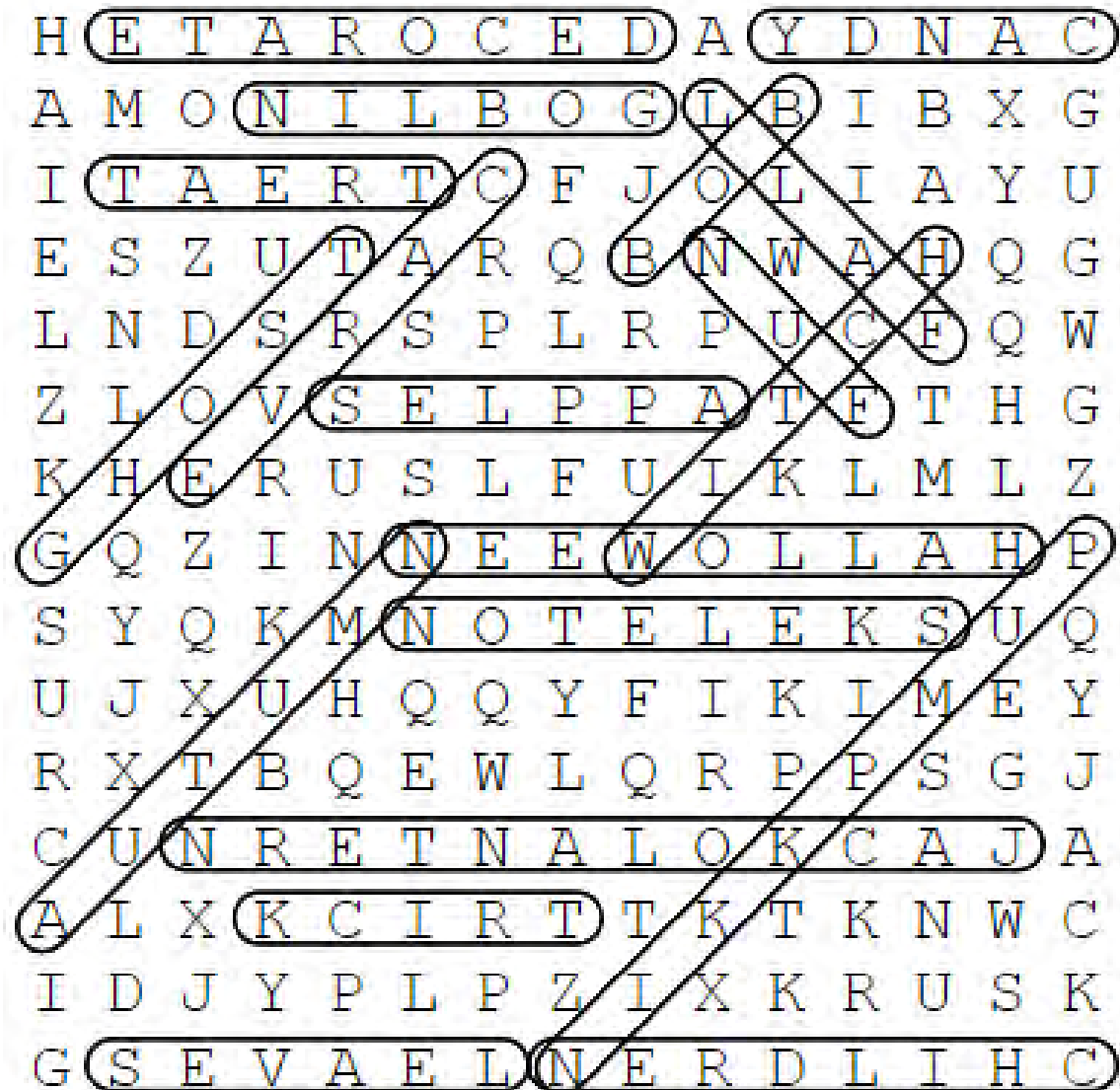
During your next visit to Almas Temple, take some time to look at the Wall of Honor located in the area outside the lounge between the two showcases. This project originated in 2016 with the purpose of commemorating a Shriner who was in some way special to you. A relative who made you aware of the Shriners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



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? _____

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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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