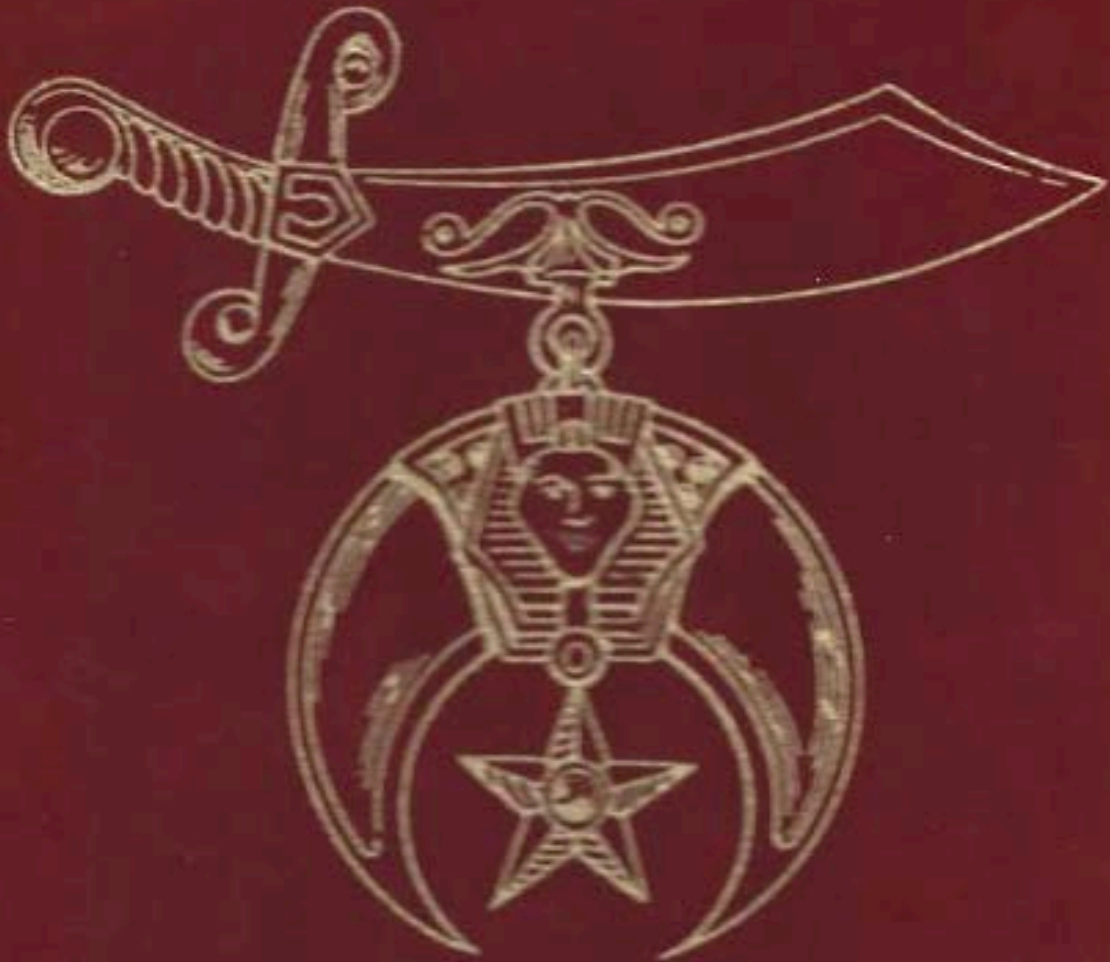
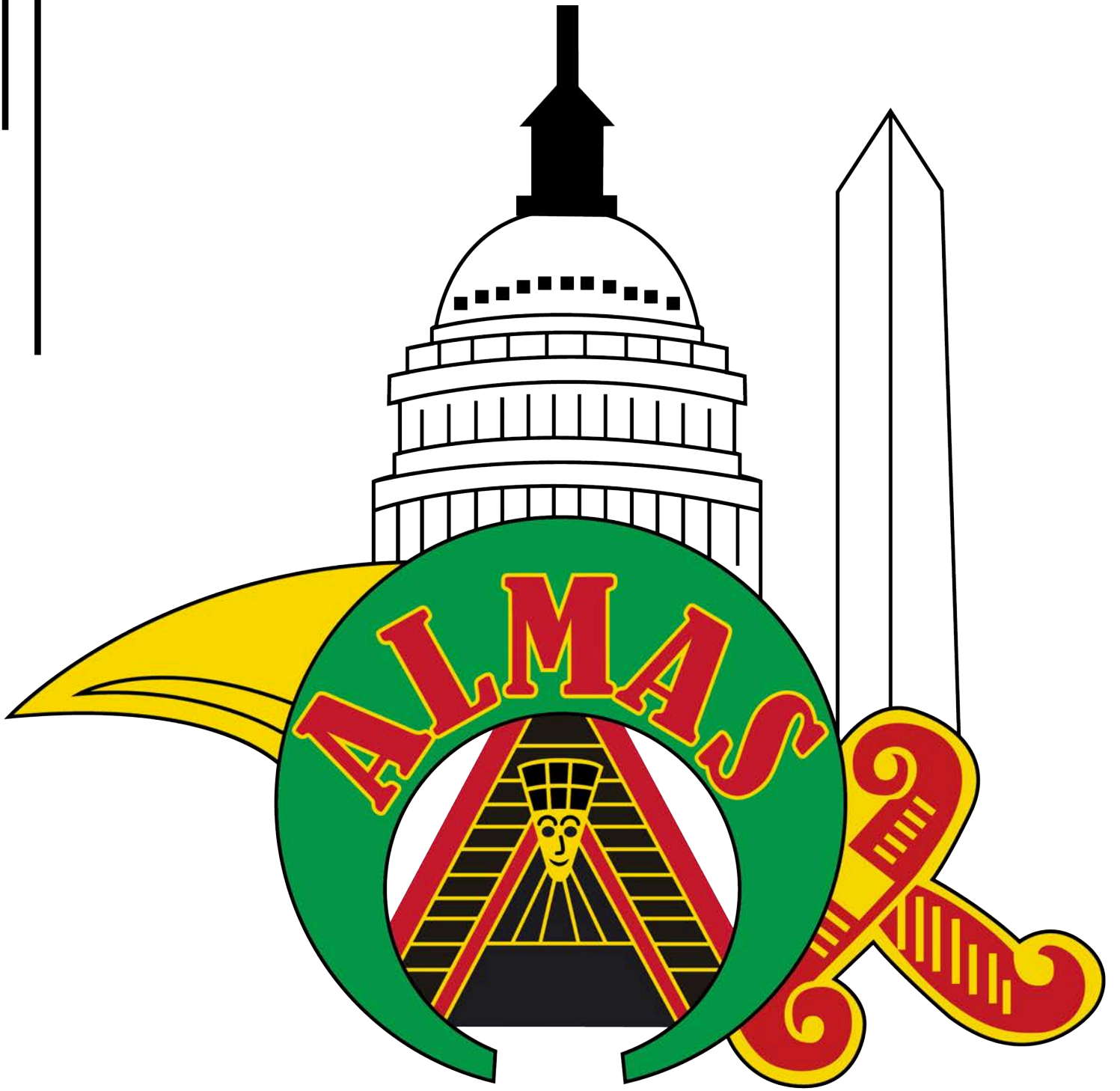


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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

"December holds a gift of time with loved ones wrapped in its hands. Welcome it. Appreciate it." – Rip Miller

Welcome December! It is the festive season, and the air is filled with a special kind of magic, including the romance of winter. The streets are adorned with lights, homes are decked with ornaments, and there's an overall feeling of joy and celebration. May the spirit of this month ignite your heart, warm your soul, and fill your life with joy and laughter.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with family. As always, this holiday always provides us with the opportunity to celebrate everything that we have to be thankful for. We all had a chance to visit with our family groups over the long weekend before getting back to work. This chance to get together is all too rare due to our busy schedule so we must treasure these gatherings.

Our Fall ceremonial last November 21st was a great success giving our new nobles a night to remember as they became nobles of the Mystic Shrine. My congratulations and sincerest thanks to MWB & Illustrious Sir Alan Gordon and the rest of the ceremonial cast for a job well done.

Our next business meeting will be on Thursday, December 5, 2024, starting at 7:30 pm. We will be having the election of officers for 2025 along with the presentation of our Temple's 2025 budget. You must have a current 2024 dues card to participate in this meeting. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and you must RSVP by noon on Wednesday, December 4th to our Recorder, Illustrious Sir Don Ferguson [dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org) so he can give the caterer an accurate dinner count for that evening.

While December may be synonymous with the arrival of Christmas for many, it includes other major cultural religious holidays around the world as well, such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Bodhi Day, Christmas Day, and Feast Day of Our Lady Guadalupe. Although celebrations may vary for different people and cultures, please join me at our Temple's Holiday party on December 7th starting at 6:00 pm. (see flyer). Your Divan have worked hard to put this event together so we can spend time with each other, our families and kids while partaking in fun games, special meals and traditions.

Stay well and have a wonderful Holiday season.

Yours in the faith,

Potentate 2023 & 24



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# 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

## From Grateful Patient to Proud Employee: Olivia's Story



**When Olivia graduated from Merrimack College and joined the Shriners Children's Boston staff team as an inpatient nurse, she achieved a goal 10 years in the making.**

Her burn treatment at the hospital as a young teen, and the nurses who cared for her, helped set the course for Olivia's future. A decade later, she is now being mentored by some of those same nurses as she provides care to children impacted by burn injuries.

On a summer night when she was 13, Olivia went out on the back deck of her family's home to ask her older brother a question. Home from college, he was outside with friends and began adding citronella oil to a tabletop firepot as Olivia approached. Suddenly it burst into flames, immediately burning her hands, chest and face. Thinking quickly, Olivia's brother pushed her onto the outdoor couch and smothered the flames with a pillow. Olivia remembers being in shock and telling her parents she was okay when they rushed outside. They immediately drove her to their local hospital.

"My parents were really panicked, so I was trying not to be," Olivia recalled. "I remember looking in the car mirror and I saw the burn on my face, then I looked down at my hands and saw the skin was starting to bubble. I was scared." After it was determined that Olivia needed care at [Shriners Children's Boston](#),

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she was transported there by ambulance. Her wounds required debridement, removal of the damaged skin, and frequent dressing changes over the course of her week-long inpatient stay.

Olivia recalls how attentive the [child life](#) staff were to the kinds of music and movies she liked, playing her favorite band, One Direction, during the uncomfortable debridement procedure to make it more bearable. Although she was older than the other patients on the inpatient unit, Olivia befriended two younger boys who were also being treated for burn injuries. "Looking back, this is when I started to realize I wanted to work with children," she said.

The accident that caused my burn injury was such a monumental event in my life, and I finally realized that something good could come from it. It brought out something in me that gave me a purpose. I think that's when I really knew I wanted to become a nurse.

A memory that also stands out for Olivia is the care she received from Kara Sher, inpatient nurse manager at Shriners Children's Boston, and now her supervisor. "Kara would make it fun," Olivia remembered. "I would be having a bad day, and she would do something funny. She was very comforting in her own special way."

After being discharged, Olivia had difficulty coping with her injuries. As a young teen, she was very self-conscious of how her appearance had changed. "Those middle school years are so formative, and I really struggled," she recalled. "It happened over the summer, so when I returned to school, I looked different, and I felt different."

When she got older and her injuries healed, Olivia's follow-up visits to the hospital became less frequent. She decided she wanted to do something to give back to Shriners Children's Boston. She organized fundraisers and volunteered to come to the hospital to do activities with patients. "The accident that caused my burn injury was such a monumental event in my life, and I finally realized that something good could come from it," Olivia said. "It brought out something in me that gave me a purpose. I think that's when I really knew I wanted to become a nurse."

In college as a nursing major, Olivia hoped to complete a clinical rotation at Shriners Children's Boston but couldn't work it into her schedule. Although she enjoyed her other clinical experiences, Olivia ultimately decided her goal was to work in [burn care](#). "I just felt pulled to Shriners," she explained. "It was something I wanted to explore from the beginning."

In a true full-circle experience, Olivia is being mentored by Kara and other veteran members of the inpatient nursing staff as she begins her career at Shriners Children's Boston. Grateful for her care as a teen, Olivia has an even deeper appreciation for the hospital a decade later, as an employee. "This is a special place; it's like a family," she said. "It's so different from other hospitals. It means something to work here. The people I'm learning from really care, and that's what makes a good nurse."

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Olivia with Kara Sher, inpatient nurse manager at Shriners Children's Boston.

# RECOGNITION

**Current Almas Potentate with the most senior, living Almas past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Charles Corey III, Almas Potentate in 1995 at the Fall Ceremonial, Almas Shrine Temple, Washington D.C.**



# MONTHLY MUSINGS

## Tales From the Almas Crypt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

This month's *Alibi* cover is taken from the cover of a book produced by Almas to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Almas. The effort to produce the book was headed up by Illustrious Sir Charles S. Iverson as Editor with the assistance of Nobles Elmer Stein and Hugh Bernard as Historians. The opening page features an image of the Almas Charter dated June 14, 1886. The original Charter hangs in the Library adjacent to the Potentate's office.

### A Brief History of Almas Shriners

A detailed history of Almas is included in the book and covers formation and chartering in 1885 to 1985, date of publication. Almas Shriners "came into being through the missionary zeal" of the then two-year old Boumi Shriners. A Boumi delegation, led by Potentate William Nickum met with Brother Major William Bayless (Major being his first name and not a military rank) met informally on December 22, 1885 with 10 DC Masons, all Knights Templar and/or Scottish Rite Masons. Two subsequent meetings resulted in the application of a dispensation to form a Temple in DC. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1886 a dispensation was granted by Imperial Council to form the Temple to be named Almas, Arabic for Diamond. Several of the DC members preferred Capital Temple but by Imperial Council's practice at the time temple names were to be Arabic. A temporary charter was issued on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1886 and approved at Imperial Session June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1886, becoming the true birthday of Almas Shriners.



### A Physical Presence in DC

The above-mentioned formational meetings took place in member's apartments or Boumi Temple. The history record laments that very little remains of Almas records of the time other than some references to ceremonials and special meetings. The primary charitable work was the annual distribution of food baskets to the needy. Almas Shriners supported projects such as the construction of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and building the George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria. Another activity for the betterment of the DC Masonic Fraternity was supporting the movement for a new Grand Lodge Temple in DC to replace the inadequate structure in use since 1870. In 1911 the new Grand Lodge Temple was dedicated at 801 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

In the early 1920s several events occurred that jump started the growth and development of Almas Shriners. In 1920 Noble Henry Lansburgh was elected Potentate and his dynamic leadership sparked the formation of several new Uniformed Units and clubs and in rapid membership growth. The newly established Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children Shriners (sic) system provided Almas membership with a focus for charitable activities.



Almas Shriners did not have a physical building in DC, rather rented space in a commercial building at 711 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW for

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the Recorder and staff. Ceremonials, social events, dinners, and other membership events were held in the Grand Lodge Temple, hotels, and theaters. With growth in membership and the formation of new Uniformed Units and clubs the need for a physical presence in the form of a building became apparent.

## Temple Heights and Almas Temple

In the early 1920s Almas Shriners began explorations for the acquisition of land and the building of a Mosque as Shrine Temples were referred to at the time. Meanwhile, almost from the date of construction, the DC Grand Lodge building proved inadequate for the needs of DC Masonic bodies. In 1920 a Grand Lodge committee was formed to explore the building of an elaborate set of buildings to house all Masonic bodies in a central location in Washington, DC.



The 1921 committee report resulted in the purchase of the Dean Tract near the intersection of Florida and Connecticut Avenues and it became known as Temple Heights. It is now the location of the Washington Hilton Hotel. One of the last vestiges of the Temple Heights name was the US Post office that recently closed. The area is now known as the Kalorama neighborhood.

Eventually plans for the Temple Heights complex fell through for several reasons including the Stock Market crash. Almas Shriners, as one of the possible participants, had put their building plans on hold. In the mid-twenties Almas began the process of acquiring a tract of land on the North side of 1300 block of K Street, NW then owned by the Scottish Rite. Through fund raising efforts the tract was acquired and in 1929 a resolution was passed to form a holding corporation known as The Almas Temple Club.

The ceremonial laying of the corner stone by the Grand Lodge was held on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1929. The gavel used was from Potomac Lodge No. 5 and the same gavel used by Brother George Washington to lay the corner stone of the U.S. Capitol. A four-story building, designed by Illustrious Sir Allen Potts—a well know DC Architect, and with an oriental flair, was erected on the site—1313 K Street, NW.

The third floor went through modifications over the years. In 1944 the Sphinx Club took it over with a dining room,



Sphinx Club Lounge



Entrance to Dining Room



Dining Room



Sphinx Club Writing Room



Sphinx Club Bar, Room and Bar



bar, kitchen, two small meeting rooms, restrooms and Building Superintendent apartment. The fourth floor was used by Uniformed Bodies and included drill space and showers. The façade is based on the famous Alhambra Palace in Spain. When the tract was sold the facade was disassembled and placed in storage for installation at the new Almas Shrine Center. All costs for the removal, storage, and reinstallation were borne by the developer of the new building. The Almas Shrine Center facade is a registered DC Landmark.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

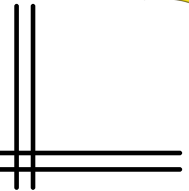
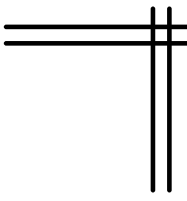
## UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

**Thursday, December 5, 2024 - 7:30 PM** - Almas Temple Business Meeting & Election

**Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 6 PM** - Almas Temple Christmas Party (see flyer below)

**Saturday, January 4, 2025 - 10 AM** - Almas Temple Installation of Officers

**Thursday, January 23, 2025 - 7 PM** - Change of Watch Dinner



# UPCOMING EVENTS



The flyer features a dark green background with a festive border of pine needles, holly leaves, and red berries. At the top, there are string lights, a yellow star, a gold ornament, and snowflakes. In the center, the Almas Temple logo is prominent, featuring a pyramid, a sword, and the word 'ALMAS' in a stylized font. Below the logo, the text 'JOIN US FOR A Christmas Party!' is written in a mix of serif and cursive fonts. Further down, details about the event are provided, including the door cover charge, the Secret Santa gift requirement, and the ugly sweater contest. The date and time are presented in a table format, and the location and RSVP information are listed below. At the bottom, a box highlights the amenities: 'MUSIC | CASH BAR | FOOD'. A final note states that all proceeds go to the benefit of Almas Temple and are not tax deductible.

JOIN US FOR A  
**Christmas**  
*Party!*

DOOR COVER CHARGE \$25  
Please Bring a Gift Worth \$25 for Secret Santa  
and wear your best Ugly Sweater to win a Prize

DECEMBER	07	AT 6:00PM
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Almas Temple - 3315 K St N, Washington D.C 20005  
RSVP to Don Ferguson, [dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org) or  
to Mark Dela Cruz, [ma8delacruz@yahoo.com](mailto:ma8delacruz@yahoo.com)

**MUSIC | CASH BAR | FOOD**

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Almas Temple and are not tax deductible.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ALMAS YACHT CLUB

### ***CHANGE OF WATCH***

The Almas Yacht Club will meet on Thursday, January 23, 2025  
at the Almas Temple.

The Illustrious Potentate and First Lady will be in attendance.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM followed by a catered dinner at 7:00 PM.

The Change of Watch and a short Business Meeting will follow the dinner.

### ***MENU***

Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Pot Roast with Carrots Celery and Potatoes  
Mashed Sweet Potato with Butter  
Rolls & Butter  
Homemade Rice Pudding  
Iced Tea  
Coffee Service

The cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person with a cash bar.  
(Cost of dinner payable at the event – cash or check)

### **Reservations are a must.**

For reservations, please contact the Yacht Club Secretary, Ill. Fred Evans:  
[fwevans@verizon.net](mailto:fwevans@verizon.net) or 301-460-1982 no later than Tuesday, 21 January 2025.

Please join us for this celebratory event which is open to all nobility and their guests.

# BIRTHDAYS

## December Birthdays



Hans L. Putz	Carlos A. Landazuri
Elkanah E. Faux	Francisco Landazuri
Basil Mossaidis	Gabriel Enrique Puig
Steven G. Novak	Semino
Robert Rebello	Donald N. Hongell
Andrew T. Westrum	Irwin B. Pescov
Prince N. David	Tony Bayliss
Marion W. Bevard	William H. Hinton
John B. Day	James R. McCann
Jackson D. Aiken, Jr.	Franklin O. Gayoso
David E. Baer, II	Edward M. Curley, Jr
Robin C. Bodie	Miguel A. de Souza
Chris Vernon C. Bragado	Suarez
Anthony A. Busog	Kevin L. Coy
Timothy P. Hatfield	Simon E. Polkinghorne
Paul Rich	Thomas Eric-Williams
William W. Blackburn	Steven E. Orr
Frank E. Harris	Reynaldo Chavez
Radji S. Parungao	Job G. Acuna
Renato D. Frias	Justin T. Russell
Francisco Gonzalez	Howard L. Simons, Jr
Dennis D. Kirk	Larry A. Villegas-Perez
Stanley E. Painter	Hector P. Barrios Taratut
Edward J. Miller, Jr	Irving Zeidner



# 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 Legion of Honor

The Almas Shrine Legion of Honor held our regular meeting on October 3, 2024 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 2025/2026. The following nobles were elected; **Illustrious Sir Carpenter Arpa IV, Commander, Noble Dominador S Carreon, 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

## Almas Shriners Elections

### The election of Officers for Almas Shriners will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024

#### § 325.11 Election Regulations

- (a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

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## 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.

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## 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

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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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### 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

## DECEMBER WORD SEARCH

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1. Holiday    2. Season    3. Snow    4. Cold    5. Christmas    6. Hanukkah    7. Nicholas    8. Kwanzaa    9. Windy
10. Saint    11. Silent    12. Night    13. Savior    14. God    15. Boxing    16. Noel    17. Lights    18. SimbanGabi
19. Rudolph    20. Dasher    21. Dancer    22. Prancer    23. Vixen    24. Comet    25. Cupid    26. Donner    27. Blitzen
28. Mistletoe    29. Eve    30. Underneath    31. Menarah    32. Candles

# FEZ FIZZIES

## DRINK

### Ingredients

- 4 ounces rye whiskey, bourbon, or vodka
- 2 ounces orange juice
- 2 ounces ginger syrup
- 4 ounces cranberry juice
- 4 ounces club soda
- ice
- orange slices and fresh cranberries to garnish

### Instructions

- To a cocktail shaker filled with ice, add your liquor choice, orange juice, ginger syrup, and cranberry juice.
- Shake well to combine.
- Divide evenly between two glasses and add extra ice if needed.
- Top with club soda.
- Garnish with an orange wedge and fresh cranberries.



Source:

<https://inspiredbycharm.com/naughty-but-nice-christmas-cocktail/>



# FEZ FOODIES

## PUMPKIN RISOTTO

### Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) chicken broth
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 3 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) great northern beans, drained, divided
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- Optional: sliced jalapeno pepper, sour cream and crispy tortilla strips



### DIRECTIONS

1. In a Dutch oven over medium heat, cook chicken and onion in oil until lightly browned. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in the broth, chiles, cumin, oregano and cayenne; bring to a boil.
2. Reduce heat to low. With a potato masher, mash 1 can of beans until smooth. Add to saucepan. Add remaining beans to saucepan. Simmer for 20-30 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink and onion is tender.
3. Top each serving with cheese and, if desired, jalapeno pepper, sour cream and tortilla strips.

# 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.
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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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# MEMBERSHIP

## WALL OF HONOR

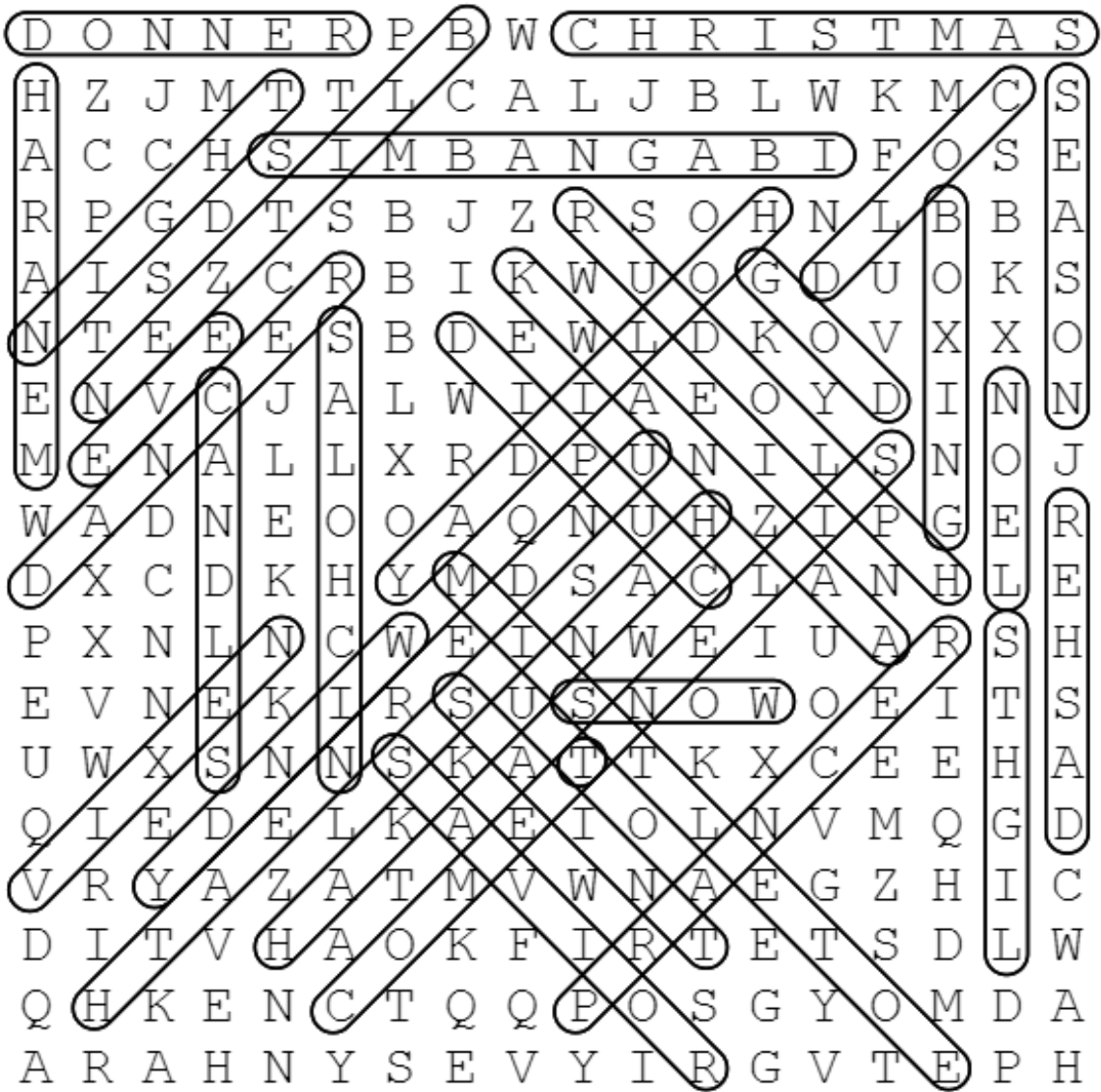
During your next visit to Almas Temple, take some time to look at the Wall of Honor located in the area outside the lounge between the two showcases. This project originated in 2016 with the purpose of commemorating a Shriner who was in some way special to you. A relative who made you aware of the Shriners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

### **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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