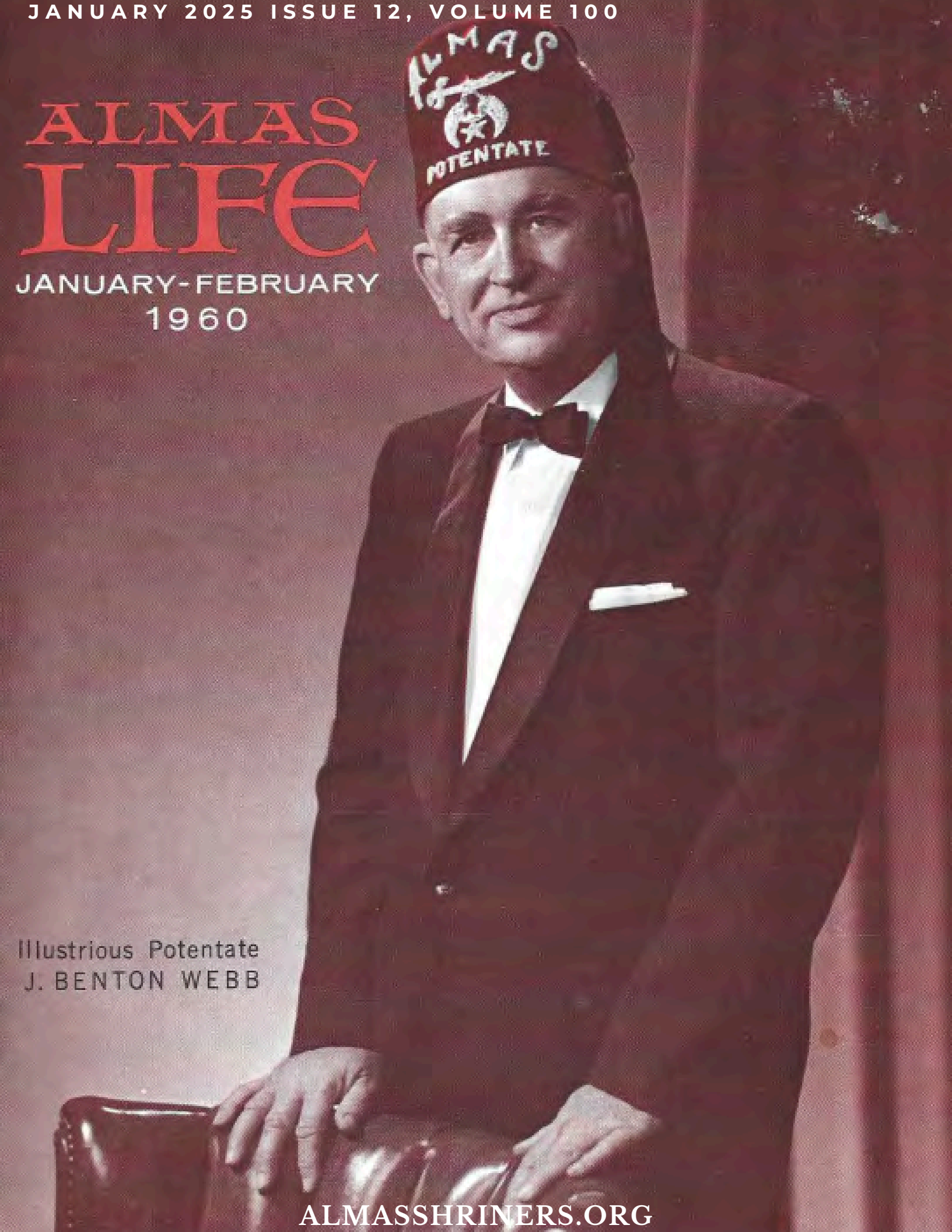


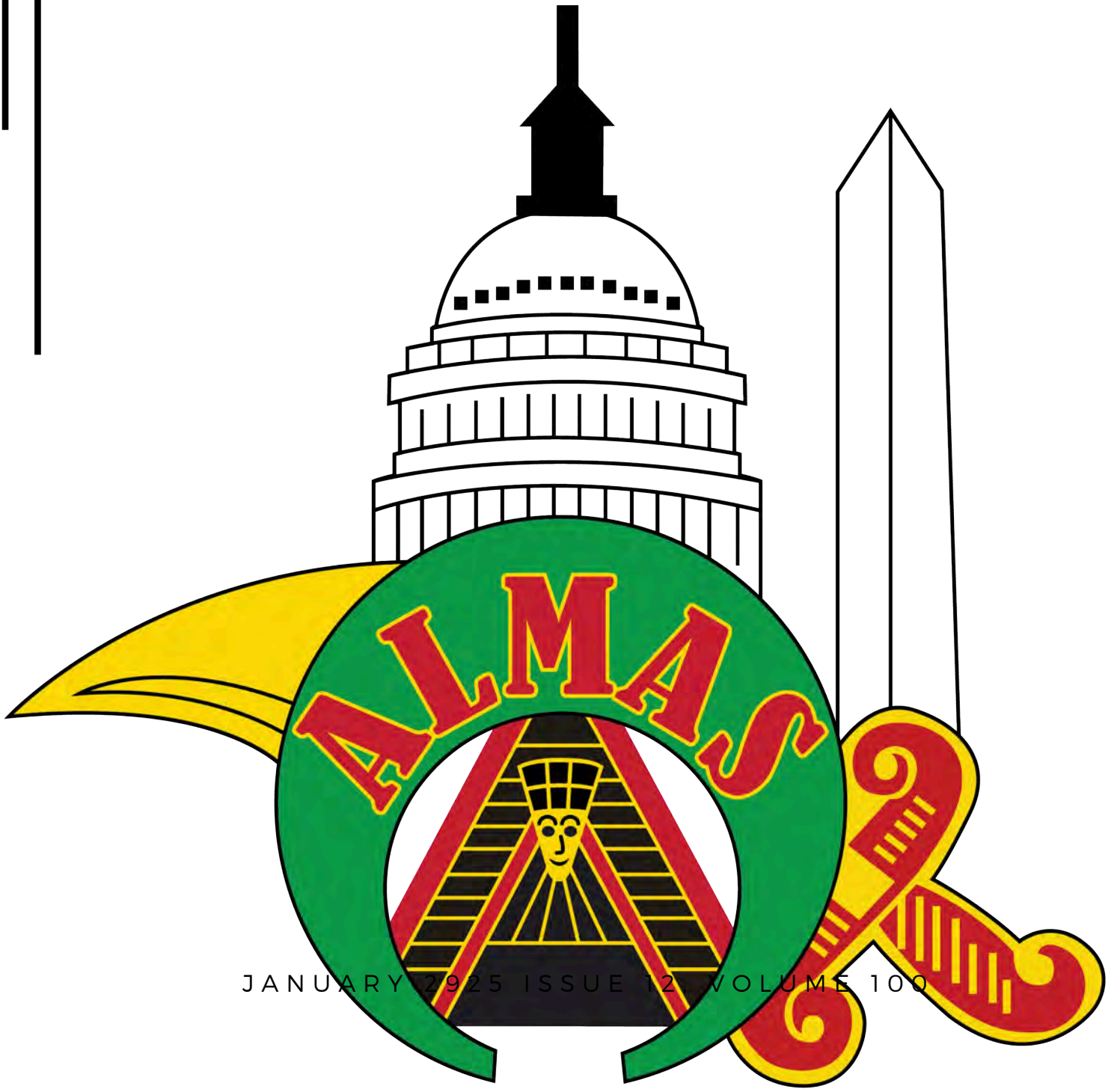
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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and had the chance to spend time with family and friends while enjoying a well deserved time off.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2025 Potentate and Divan-and best wishes for a successful year. I look forward to serving and having fun programs with you in 2025.

Lady Marcia and I want to personally thank both the elected and appointed Divan for all the great work and support throughout my two term as Potentate.

I also would like to take the opportunity at this time to thank the past Potentates for their wise counsel and all of the nobility for the confidence and trust you have afforded me to serve as your Potentate over the last two years and four months. I must admit it has been a challenging but rewarding experience.

Our next business meeting will be this Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 7:30 pm. Please let our recorder know if you plan to attend so he can provide the caterer an accurate dinner count. As this will be the last business meeting that I will be presiding as your Potentate, I hope to see most of you in attendance.

The open installation of our new Potentate and Divan will be this Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM in our ballroom. Please let our recorder know if you plan to attend so he can give the caterer an accurate count for lunch.

May the New Year bring you warmth, love, and a renewed sense of hope. Let's erase all worries and embrace the new opportunities for a year of achievements and fulfilled aspirations. Happy 2025! Here's to a year of good health, lots of love and plenty of laughter!

Yours in the faith,

Potentate 2023 & 2024



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Almas SE Shrine Club and Mini Motor Unit Installation of Officers



# PAST EVENT PICTURES

## Almas Shriners's Christmas Party



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## Almas Dirty Santa



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## Almas Ugly Sweater Contest





# PATIENT NEWS

## For Noemi, More Range of Motion Means More Possibilities



### Story Summary

If you ask 9-year-old Noemi which superpowers she would want most, she answers “teleportation” and “healing.” It’s not hard to imagine why.

Immediately after Noemi was born, the neonatal intensive care unit referred her and her mother Andrea to Shriners Children’s™. They visited for the first time when Noemi was two weeks old, and she was diagnosed with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita.

# PATIENT NEWS

This rare disorder causes stiff joints and abnormal muscle development. It can lead to a limited range of motion in wrists, hands, elbows, shoulders, hips, knees and ankles. Sometimes, the motion is so limited that the joint is fixed and there's no movement at all.

Arthrogryposis has no known cure, but because the physicians at Shriners Children's have treated thousands of children with this disorder, Andrea knew that her baby was in good hands.

Over the years Noemi has benefited from a range of treatments including casting, orthotics, and corrective surgeries. These interventions have changed the course of her life. Without them, Noemi wouldn't be able to walk, but with them, her mobility and independence are flourishing.

Thanks to treatment, Noemi can complete many activities of daily life. P.E. is one of her favorite classes, and a special program at Shriners Children's has helped her realize another dream. Through BikeFit, Noemi was gifted and trained on an adaptive bike. Now she can experience the joy of peddling and cruising alongside her siblings and friends.

# MONTHLY MUSINGS

## Tales From the Almas Crypt

As told by Frank Ireton, Past Potentate

This month's *Alibi* cover is taken from January/February issue of the *Almas Life*. As I mentioned in a previous Tales, the *Alibi* was published under this head for several years. It was published bi-monthly for a yearly subscription fee of \$2.00 or 35 cents per copy. In today's dollars that equates to about \$21.00 per year or \$4.50 per issue. Several full-page ads appear throughout the publication and column formatted pages feature small ads. These small ads offer services such as electrical, glass, real estate, home remodeling, auto services, financial services, several funeral homes, and included one for burial vaults. One ad promotes the Almas Bowling Alley for bowling and private parties.



Illustration by Frank Ireton

Newly installed Potentate Illustrious Sir J. Benton Webb thanked the nobility for electing him and laid out his plans for the year. Illustrious Sir Webb was born June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1895 in Nashville, Tennessee. After an apprenticeship with a local engraving company, he and his wife moved to the Washington Area in 1920 where he and his brother opened an engraving business. His Masonic affiliations included Columbia Lodge No. 3, Albert Pike Consistory, and the Royal Order of Jesters. His hobby was music and he studied voice. He held positions as a soloist and director in Nashville and Washington choirs.

The 1959 Fall Ceremonial was held at the Statler-Hilton hotel. Sixty-eight Masons crossed the hot sands to join Almas and share in the fun of Shrinedom. That evening a special program and dance was held for new Nobles and their Ladies. The Hotel's Presidential and Congressional Ballrooms were filled with the new Nobles, their Ladies, and Almas members and Ladies.



The Almas Put and Take club was busy during the holidays with several events. At the Children party gifts were distributed by Santa to several hundred children. Also, each year the Club collected food and household necessities for distribution to District needy (sic) families as identified by local charities, civic organizations, and churches.



The Friday Luncheon Club started the new year with a program honoring Almas Past Potentates with guest speaker Vice-President Richard Nixon.

The Million-dollar remodel of the Philadelphia Hospital is mentioned in an article titled Temple of Baby Smiles. Have you visited the Hospital?



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

**Thursday, January 2, 2025 - 7:30 PM** - Almas Temple Business Meeting

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

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

**Friday, January 24, 2025 - 6:30 - 11 PM** - Fez Friday - Almas Temple (see flyer for more details)

**Sunday, February 2, 2025** - Chinese New Year Parade (More details to follow)

**Friday, February 21, 2025** - Hospitality 4 - 10 PM - MAASYC Commodores' Ball

**Saturday, February 22, 2025 - Cocktails at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM** - MAASYC Commodores' Ball (see flyer for details)

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 6 PM** - Potentate's Ball (see flyer below for more details)



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## ALMAS SHRINERS 2025

### ELECTED DIVAN

DOMINADOR S. CARREON-----POTENTATE  
CHARLES L. CARMICHAEL-----CHIEF RABBAN  
WILLIAM G. HINTON III-----ASSISTANT RABBAN  
JUAN J. TASSANO-----HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET  
ANAND TRIVEDI-----ORIENTAL GUIDE  
DONALD FERGUSON, SR., P.P.-----RECORDER  
MICHAEL A. GORDON, P.P.-----TREASURER

### APPOINTED DIVAN

MARK A. DELA CRUZ-----FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER  
WILLIAM H. HINTON-----SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER  
JEREMY BARNES-----DIRECTOR  
ROBERTO FLORIDA-----MARSHAL  
LAWRENCE TIAMSON-----CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD  
CHRIS BRAGADO-----OUTER GUARD  
JEAN PAUL DONGMO-----AIDE TO THE POTENTATE  
JEFFREY BODIE-----CHAPLAIN  
FRED EVANS-----CHAPLAIN  
GENEROSO CALONGE-----AMBASSADOR

SPECIAL ADVISOR: ILLUSTRIOUS SIR CARPENTER ARPA, IV, P.P.

# 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENT

## **FEZ FRIDAY**



Home Coming celebration in honor of  
immediate Past Potentate Carpenter Arpa, IV and Lady Marcia.

JANUARY 24, 2025 – 6:30PM–11:00PM

Almas Temple – 1315 K St. NW Washington, DC 20005

Attire – Business Casual

Cost per person – \$20

Come and enjoy delicious Asian cuisine, music, and fellowship as we give thanks to Past Potentate Carpenter Arpa Bong for his exceptional service to Almas Shrine Temple.

To RSVP Please send an email to:  
[dferguson@almasshriners.org](mailto:dferguson@almasshriners.org)

Disclaime: All Proceeds being directed towards the  
benefit of Almas Temple and are not tax deductible.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



# MAASYC Commodores' Ball

February 22, 2025

Kent Island Yacht Club, 117 Yacht Club Drive, Chester, MD 21619

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

"Steak & Cake" Dinner 7:00 p.m.

\* If non-meat option is preferred, let Mike Hart know ASAP.

Followed by music and dancing, with Frank "Elvis" Raines

*Dress: Dark Suit or Uniform, Gown/Cocktail attire for the Ladies.*

Hospitality at Hilton Garden Inn: Friday Snacks 4 - 10; dinner on your own.

Saturday Pot Luck Lunch 12 - 2, and Saturday After the Ball

★ MAASYC Meeting 2 pm Saturday (in Hospitality Room) ★

HILTON GARDEN INN, 3206 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638

Group Rate \$149 nitely, Fri., Sat: all rooms water view & balcony (rate deadline: Jan.22.'25)

*Please call directly to make reservations: Phone: 410-827-3877 Code: S25*

**Questions?** Call Michael T. Hart, RAJAH/NUR PC on 717.203.1865; email [cmdr40@aol.com](mailto:cmdr40@aol.com)



## MAASYC Commodores Ball Reservation Form

**Ball / Dinner Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2025**

Cost: \$125 per person. Make checks payable to NUR Shrine Yacht Club.

Mail to: Michael T. Hart, Treasurer, 81 Candlewyck Drive, Quarryville PA. 17566.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Center \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

# UPCOMING EVENTS



INVITES YOU AND YOUR LADY  
TO THE

## 2025 POTENTATE'S BALL

*Honoring Illustrious Sir Dominador*

*Carreon & First Lady Nenita*

**SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025 | 6PM**

ALMAS SHRINE TEMPLE BALL ROOM  
1315 K STREET, NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20005

COST: \$ 100.00 PER PERSON

CASH BAR

ATTIRE: FORMAL WITH RED FEZ

GOOD FOOD, SINGING, DANCING & FELLOWSHIP

LIVE MUSIC: CITY GROOVE BAND

OPEN TO ALL NOBLES & FRIENDS

PLEASE RSVP

ADOR CARREON: 240-475-2645 EMAIL: [ador.carreon@gmail.com](mailto:ador.carreon@gmail.com)

MARK DELA CRUZ: [ma8delacruz@yahoo.com](mailto:ma8delacruz@yahoo.com)

RENZ TIAMSON: [ltiamson722@gmail.com](mailto:ltiamson722@gmail.com)

CHRIS BRAGADO: [c.v.c.bragado@gmail.com](mailto:c.v.c.bragado@gmail.com)

# BIRTHDAYS

## January Birthdays



Orrin Champlain, III	Antoninio Hipolito
Fadi Sarkis	Ricardo M. Solano Suarez
Adam C. Duncan	Glenn J. Amodeo
Dean D. Howard	Rhadyno P. Cayman
Enzo D. Rosa Macchiavello	Edward L. Dixon
Philip E. McAllister	Craig R. Lasher
Hector C. Alonso	Alfred R. Ohtersen, Sr
Eli Missouri	Thomas E. Reinhardt
Guenter Nebel	Benjamin Fe'
Adrian M. Crampton	John J. Pardalis
Daniel R. Scheetz, P.P.	Reynaldo B. Regis
Jesse F. Goodson, Jr	Erwin D. Villanueva
Brian L. Rothe	Jorge Gaston Gabito Mira
William D. Artman	Ralph E. Pearson
Nelson A. Cardozo Pereira	Maurice A. Herbert
Marcelino C. Casapao	Debra A. Ferguson
Robert E. Collins, II	Paul L. Baker
Edward A. James	Emeric C. Debor
Luis J. Martinez	Moritz A. Cohen, Jr
Selim P. Salem	Robert Kreutzer
Thomas M. Treu	Shawn M. Roberts
Barry L. Whaley	Robert J. Burrows
David L. Andrukitis	Jose Pablo Rostkier
Victor L. Morgan, Jr	Luis A. Buldain Gazzave
Janmark S. Odonos	Robert G. Hight, Jr.
Mark A. Dela Cruz	Jeffrey A. Norvell



# 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

## 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

## 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](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.

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## JANUARY WORD SEARCH

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14. toast
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20. ryan
21. seacrest
22. dick
23. clark

# FEZ FIZZIES

## CHRISTMAS MARGARITA

### Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp. sparkling sugar
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 lime wedge
- For the drink:
  - 4 oz. cream of coconut, whisked
  - 4 oz. silver tequila
  - 2 oz. orange liqueur (such as Cointreau)
  - 1 1/2 oz. fresh lime juice, plus 2 lime wheels, for garnish
  - 2 maraschino cherries, for garnish



### Instructions

- For the rim: Place the sparkling sugar and salt on a small plate and carefully toss to combine. Run a lime wedge around the rims of 2 glasses, then dip the rims in the sugar mixture.
- For the drink: Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add the cream of coconut, tequila, orange liqueur, and lime juice. Shake for 10 to 20 seconds to chill thoroughly.
- Strain the cocktail into the 2 glasses, being careful not to splash the rims. Garnish each with a lime wheel and a maraschino cherry.

Source:

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a62990126/christmas-margarita-recipe/>

# FEZ FOODIES

## STEAK DIANE

### Ingredients

- 2 (8-oz.) strip steaks
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 2 Tbsp. salted butter
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 small red onion, finely diced
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 tsp. fresh thyme leaves
- 1/2 c. brandy
- 1 c. heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp. whole-grain mustard
- 1 Tbsp. balsamic reduction
- 3 Tbsp. minced chives, for sprinkling



### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat a large heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat.
2. Season all sides of the steaks generously with salt and pepper.
3. Heat the butter and oil in the skillet. Add the steaks, and cook to the desired temperature, about 3 minutes per side for medium-rare (130°F internal temperature). Remove the steaks to a cutting board to rest.
4. Add the onion, garlic, and thyme to the steak drippings in the skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, stirring, to soften, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat. Add the brandy and stir to combine. Return to the heat and deglaze the pan, scraping the bottom with a wooden spoon to release all the flavorful bits. Stir in the heavy cream, mustard, and balsamic reduction, and bring to a simmer. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper, and let cook to thicken, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat.
5. To serve, slice the steaks and shingle the pieces on a platter or plates. Spoon the sauce on top and sprinkle with the chives.



# 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.

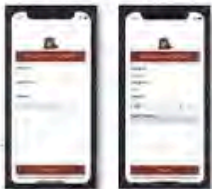
### How to Download and Use My FezCard Viewer

#### Download My FezCard Viewer – iPhone

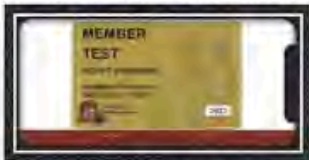
1. Open the App Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

#### 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.



#### Download My FezCard Viewer – Android

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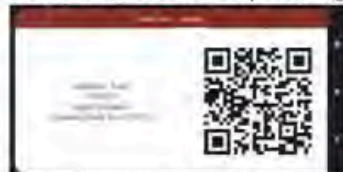
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# MEMBERSHIP

## 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.

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## WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Call our Brother, they are eager to hear from you.  
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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:**

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (Initials are not sufficient)

**Recommended and vouched for on the honor of:**

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