

ALI GHAN RED FEZ NEWS

FEBRUARY 2022



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"FOR THE KIDS"
(FTK)

WELCOME

It is an honor to be serving Ali Ghan Shriners as their 97th Potentate. 2022 is a celebratory year for three significant reasons. It is Shriners International 150th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Ali Ghan Shrine was chartered June 1925 and built in 1938. My wife Sonya will serve as their First African American "First Lady".

Over the past 4 years in serving as an officer on the Divan, we have seen many aspects of how the Shrine functions and plan to continue with some traditional activities as well as implement new ones. A few highlights of our 2022 year are our Community Festival, Rodeo, Motorcycle & Car Show, Parade & Potentate Ball (same day) and Potentate Trip to Cancun, Mexico. All of our scheduled monthly events are published in this calendar booklet. There is something for everyone, so please join us for fun, and philanthropy, as we stay mindful and focused on helping those children in need of Shriners Hospitals. My motto is we are here "For The Kids" FTK.

Our main focus is building community and inclusion for all – children, adults, elderly, disabled and people of all cultures and ethnicities. Although some events are for Shriner families, other events will be open for public attendance. The Shrine will continue serving the community as one of the premier facilities that can be rented for concerts, weddings, receptions, theatre, dance recitals, class reunions, and numerous other occasions.

As a Divan, we will strive to improve and build relationships with new Nobles to increase our membership as well as retain our current membership. As it is said, "together we survive" "separated we fall".

Please join us for a busy, fun-filled year of activities and fellowship. Step up, help us, help others. We can make a difference if we all work together. If you desire to volunteer for any activity this year, please contact us. We thank you for your on-going support.

Faithfully Yours,



Mark E. Lathrop,
Potentate 2022



VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 12th 7:30 - 10:30 PM

~~~ Dance To ~~~

**Slick Rick and the Blaze Band**  
**Ali Ghan Shrine Ballroom**

**Tickets**  
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Advance sales **\$25 couple**  
**singles \$12.50**

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lucky ticket holder



## February 2022

Every Wednesday from 5:00 - 8:00pm **Ace of Clubs** game  
(Food available every Wednesday)

Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Pizza & Wings Night

Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day Dance  
(Music By: Slick Rick and the Blaze Band)

Saturday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - Voice of Freedom Awards (NAACP)

Sunday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - Meat Bingo

## March 2022

Every Wednesday from 5:00 - 8:00pm **Ace of Clubs** game  
(Food available every Wednesday)

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Pizza & Wings Night

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Regional Masonic Mtg.

Sunday, March 13 - Alzheimer's Bingo

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Tristate Concert

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Quarter Auction

Sunday, March 27 - Memorial Service

For further information check out our Facebook page  
**Ali Ghan Shriners**

or

Call the Recorder's Office 301-722-5970



Meet the 2022 Divan Ladies



Tammy & Jim



Sonya & Mark



Michelle & Mike



Tammy & Roger



Katie & Blaine



Regina & Bruce



Ali Ghan represents  
for the introduction of our 2022  
Potentate Elect, Mark & Lady Sonya  
MASA 2021




From MASA  
to 2022  
Let the fun continue



**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

**Attention Units and Clubs**  
**Red Fez Articles are due no later than**  
**the 24th of each month!**  
**Email them to > redfez@gmail.com**

**Send article in WORD program OR if you need an advertisement made we can do that. Please include the following information when submitting.**

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**Unit or Club name**

**Date, Time and Place of event**

**If there is a dress code or suggestion**

**Deadline for signing up for the event**

**RSVP and Contact information**

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***A Tip of the Fez and a Huge Thank You  
form your Potentate and my Lady Sonya***



*To the Knights of Saint Andrew for providing the Arch of Steel. To the Ritualistic Unit for escorting our guests and incoming Divan, my Lady and myself through the arch of steel. To Tim Schupfer for being our Master of Ceremony. To Jay Cochrane for your bagpipe talent that piped us through the arch of steel. To Lil Jacobs and Becky Beachy along with their volunteers, Kay Cochrane, Lisa & Lola Lake & Joanna Hogbin for preparing a fantastic reception. Thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies that donated sweet treats for the reception. To the volunteers that spent countless hours setting up and decorated the Ballroom, MaryKay Leighty, Ellen Hill, Susan Schupfer, Susie Miller and our family & friends. Ill. Sir Mike Kerns for installing our officers, the merchandise and assisting with everything throught the years. Susie Miller & James Conner for your photography talent.*





*Thanks to all that supported the Gary Miller Memorial give-a-way. The drawing was held on 12/31/21  
 Dave Iser won the go kart  
 Mike O'Bryan won the Earnhardt jacket*

*Thanks to Lady Susie and their daughters, Cari & Brigitte for donating the go kart & jacket. A \$3000 donation was made to Shriners Hospitals in Memory of our 2008 Potentate Gary & in Honor of Ill. Sir Mark Lathrop.*



**First Lady's 2022 Project**

I hope to keep the momentum of donations coming in by including the children. "Kids Helping Kids" by repeatedly filling of the jars that I am providing, with their loose change. Parents and grandparents can also help them with this. The coin filled jars should be brought to the Ace of Clubs on Wed. nights or the Recorder's office M - F 10:00-2:00. When returning the filled jars, please include the child's name & their record the amount in his child that ends the 2022 year with the most a VISA gift card. We will be giving VISA gift cards to the top two doners. Thank you for your help.



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## Re Temple #118 News

**2022 February "Sweet Treats" Opportunity Calendar:** You have the opportunity to win a gift card or certificate or other items during the 28 days in the month of February. Tickets are \$10.00 and our Queen will draw the winning names via Re Temple's "Facebook" page each day in the month of February. Contact a member or the Pr. Recorder @ [Re118recorder@gmail.com](mailto:Re118recorder@gmail.com) or [jmhall@atlanticbb.net](mailto:jmhall@atlanticbb.net) if you want opportunity tickets. Tickets and funds are due before January 31, 2022.

Our next Stated Session will be a Ceremonial and Stated Session held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Rehearsal for the Ceremonial will be held on the same date at 11:30 a.m.

Judith Hall, Pr. Recorder



### *Sonya's Summer Project* *Proceeds to Benefit Shriners* *Hospitals for Children* **(FTK)**

**Community Festival, Saturday, June 11, 2022**  
**at Ali Ghan Picnic Grounds**  
**There will be something for everyone**

**Games for kids, Super Heros, Entertainment,**  
**Local Service Organizations, Free Giveaways,**  
**Various Food Venders, Merchandise & Raffles**  
**Volunteers Will Be Needed.....Contact**  
**Sonya at 301-876-1259**

*From the desk of the membership Chairman*

Nobles,  
One important goal is raising funds for our Shriner Hospitals, and our next critical goal is to increase our membership numbers. 2021 was a challenging year for growing our numbers.

|                 | 2021   | 5 years ago, |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| Begin/Regular   | 676    | 803          |
| Creations       | 10     | 14           |
| Affiliations    | 1      | 1            |
| Restorations    | 3      | 6            |
| Associations    | 1      | 1            |
| Demits          | 7      | 9            |
| Suspensions     | 40     | 1            |
| Expired         | 31     | 27           |
| Expulsion       | 0      | 0            |
| Resigned        | 1      | 6            |
| Associate Drops | 2      | 1            |
| End/Regular     | 611    | 781          |
| Gain/Loss       | -65    | -22          |
| Gain/Loss %     | -9.62% | -2.74%       |

The above data shows a continued decline in membership over the past five years. Our temple cannot continue this path of declining Nobles. I ask each one of you to help grow our Temple and Units. As a team, we need to invite fellow Brothers to become Shrine/Masons. Let us also encourage worthy men to petition our Blue Lodges. One way to do this is to invite Masons or prospective Masons and their families to our events. This will highlight our great temple and what it really means to be a Shriner. I recently invited a friend and his wife, to join Tammy and I for the eggnog party. Afterwards he asked for a petition and he is in the process of joining our temple. I challenge each one of you to bring in one new Noble to keep our membership numbers *growing*. We need to continue to help support our Shriner's Hospitals for Children.  
Fraternally,  
Jim Kalbflesh, Assistant Rabban / Membership Chairman  
**FOR THE KIDS CHOOSE TO INCLUDE**

*From the desk of the Assistant Rabban*

**Congratulations** to Illustrious Sir, Mark Lathrop and the fellow Divan Officers on their 2022 election and installation. I personally want to thank everyone who worked as a team to make this installation a great success. There were a couple last minute glitches that came up, but we came together to make this installation a huge success!

Secondly, I want to **thank you**, for electing me as your Assistant Rabban for 2022. I am truly humbled by your support, and I will do my best to move Ali Ghan forward in 2022! As a reminder to everyone, I encourage each one of you to review your Maryland Masonic Manual. The Tenets of our profession, which are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Lets all work together to resolve our differences using these Tenets as our guide.

I have had several conversations with Noble's concerning the future of Ali Ghan. The number one concern from them is that we have lost our way. They feel that more fundraising needs to be done for the children. We must get back to working together and start raising funds for Shriners Hospitals. My goal for us is to raise \$20,000.00 dollars. This seems like a lot of money but as a **team** we can accomplish this goal! Please contact me if you are interested in chairing a fundraising event. Let us all come together as a team in 2022.

I am certain that Illustrious Sir Mark would welcome your support with all our endeavors.

## Callin' all ShRine kiN

Noble Darrell Lake is in the process to try and restart the Hillbilly Clan Club based out of Ali Ghan. At this time, he would like to see what kind of interest there would be.

If he receives enough interest from other Nobles he will work to set up a meeting to discuss the next steps.

Please reach out to Noble Lake if interested

He can be reached at

[Dirtypunk315@gmail.com](mailto:Dirtypunk315@gmail.com)

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### NOVEMBER 2023

- ◆ Walt & Irene Growden  
in memory of Sgt.  
Vernon Growden



### OCTOBER 2027

- ◆ Roy Pepper

### SEPTEMBER 2020

- ◆ Bill and Darcy  
DuVall, P.P.

### DECEMBER 2019

- ◆ Carla Cunningham

### JANUARY 2020

- ◆ Irene Brant In memory  
of Harold 'Pete' Brant

- ◆ Charles Hardy

### MAY 2020

- ◆ Lollie Fridinger in  
memory of Jack  
Fridinger
- ◆ Jane Heavner in  
memory of Roger  
Heavner

### SEPTEMBER 2020

- ◆ In memory of Mary  
Jane Kershner

### MARCH 2021

- ◆ Pam Shirk in memory  
of Allen Shirk P.P.

### MAY 2021

- ◆ Margaret Seaber in  
memory of Francis R.  
Himmelwright

### OCTOBER 2022

- ◆ Marilyn, J.R., John,  
and Jack Robinson

### APRIL 2023

- ◆ Jackson Lawson




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