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Saturday, January 3, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.
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Friday, February 6, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.
Business Meeting



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1971	Mahlon W. Hessey	2007	C.J. Rex Williams	2016	Kurt L. Frevel Sr.	2023	Robert B. Creech
1992	Raoul L. Frevel Sr., P.I.P.	2008	Charles W. Needer Jr.	2017	Mark E. Hartz	2024	Thomas C. Napper
1998	John W. Fink Jr.	2009	James L. Davis III	2019	Ernest N. Palmer	2025	Karl F. Ballwanz III
2001	Albert C. Winterling	2011	Charles L. Johnston Jr.	2020	William C. Needer		
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1884	Thomas McCoubrey	1936	J. Purdon Wright	1961	William W. Peat	1985	G. Delmar Boughter II
1885-89	William C. Nickum	1937-38	John H. Zink	1962	Charles W. Cowan	1986	Charles W. Thomas Jr.
1890	William Dochterman	1939-40	E. Elmer Langrall	1963	George E. Rogers	1987	Robert F. Wilson
1891	William C. Nickum	1941	J. Purnell Johnson	1964	George J. Murphy	1988	William J. Fletcher
1892-98	George W. Starr	1942	Adrian H. Grape	1965	George A. Bratt Jr.	1989	Ferd J. Einschütz
1899-01	Charles E. Siegmund	1943	Charles W. Sylvester	1966	G. Maxwell Armor Jr.	1990	Frederick J. Reitz
1902-06	William J. Cunningham, P.I.P.	1944	John H. Hessey	1967	Robert A. Phelps	1991	Theodore H. Wilhide
1907-09	Alexander P. Bayliss	1945	Herbert L. Langrall	1968	Clarence R. Zarfoss	1993	Wilbur C. Jensen
1910-12	Frank W. Dryden	1946	John C. Curlett	1969	William H. Bittorf	1994	D. Hugh Wilkinson Jr.
1913-14	William G. Speed	1947	C. Elmer Nolte Jr.	1970	Carl O. Brudin	1995	Robert L. Simmons
1915	John H. Duncan	1948	Ralph W. Martin	1972	I. Sewell Lamdin	1996	Ralph D. Mason
1916-18	Harry O. Perry	1949	Preston A. Pairo	1973	J. Calvin Smyth	1997	Raymond V. Merkle
1919	Frederick T. Dorton	1950	T. E. Schluderberg	1974	A. Kenneth Hutcherson	1999	James McD. Hossbach
1920	William L.K. Barrett	1951	William F. Hilgenberg	1975	Robert H. Wright, MD	2000	John W. Pickett Jr.
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1926-28	George M. Armor	1954	William L.K. Barrett Jr.	1978	C. Randall Keller	2005	Paul F. Huether
1929-30	Robert A. Sindall	1955	Harry McNamara Ford	1979	Dr. John L. Charlton Jr.	2010	Ronald F. Carlson
1931	Charles W. Galloway	1956	J. Edgar Steigerwald	1980	Frank U. Stewart	2012	F. Carl Weiss III
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1934	Allan Cleaveland	1958	Edmund F. Woelper	1982	Michael N. Mallis	2018	Everette Q. Cook
1935	Whitney W. Jones	1959	George W. Della III	1983	William F. Bauer Jr.	2023*	Joseph F. Baird
		1960	William O. Barnes	1984	Thomas N. Evans Jr.		

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Date of Birth ____/____/____

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If so, what location? _____

When? _____

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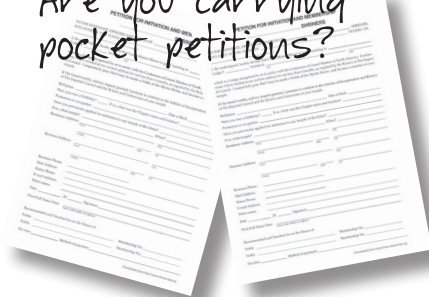
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Greetings to All Nobles and Ladies of Boumi Shriners



2025 Potentate Karl F. Ballwanz III

Once again at the keyboard writing my article for the next addition of the Boumi News. The only difference this time, it will be the last time as the Potentate for such a great and "Noble" organization.

As Susan and I have discussed many times in the past few weeks, is it bitter or sweet as we move on to the next chapter in our lives? From my point of view, it will be Bitter to leave a job (as Potentate) that I have enjoyed the entire year

of 2025, and it has been a fantastic time. Working with a distinguished group of Brothers and Shriners has been amazing and very pleasurable. All of which I will miss and will be a bitter pill to swallow.

Yet, on the other side of the equation, it will be Sweet. More time to be with the grandchildren attending school activities, sporting events, and more importantly watch them grow and become mature young men. Looking at and reflecting on the past twelve months, they were the most gratifying I have ever had. Working with the entire Divan, staff, and the Temple workforce was most pleasing and enjoyable. Working as a team with the Divan and the Temple Staff we accomplished many projects, enhancing our building.

Just to mention a few:

- Men's Bathroom on the first floor was remodeled
- Bathrooms in the garage were remodeled
- New Electronic Sign installed at the entrance of the Temple
- New Train Club Room was

established

- Safety Handrail was installed at the entrance steps
- Excess Landscape Foliage and Trees removed
- Telephones and Computer Systems upgraded
- Reorganized Unit Cages
- Repaired and Replaced the Scimitar Marquee
- Repaired Pond
- Entire Lighting System changed from Incandescent Lights to all LED Fixtures and Lights

I want to thank everyone, again, who helped make these building improvements possible. I would also like to thank all those who organized and ran events for the Temple over the past year. Finally, thank you again to the Nobility for allowing me to serve you in 2025!

Yours in the Faith,

Karl F. Ballwanz III
Illustrious Potentate 2025

A Note from the First Lady

I cannot believe how fast the year went by, we had such a good time. We have met so many wonderful friends as we traveled and visited the many units and clubs as we represented Boumi Temple and our Nobles. As First Lady, I have said all along I had such a great support team. As I reflect on our journey, starting with the luncheon, (it was beautiful) and all the ladies who attended was over whelming. Our Potentate's Ball was perfect and fun. Speaking of fun, I am still thinking about all the fond memories of the "Pajamas and Pearls" breakfast. As always, Virginia Beach was a festive time with the many ladies, guests, and No-

bles hanging out in the hospitality room making great entertainment together. More laughs and smiles than anyone could imagine. Our year would not have gone any smoother without the effort from the entire group of Ladies and the Divan. We are blessed to have had a great team to make our year such a success. Thank you all, it was a blast.



2025 First Lady Susan Ballwanz

Susan Ballwanz

Illustrious Potentate-Elect 2026

Richard H. Jones Jr.



2026 Potentate-elect Richard H. Jones Jr. & First Lady Glenna

Richard H. Jones Jr. was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and was raised in the Delaware, Virginia, and Maryland area. Rick graduated from Harford Technical High School in 1985 as an electrician. He worked his way up to Superintendent for a large Maryland electrical company for several years before opening his own business, "Richie Electric" which has been in operation for more than 25 years.

Rick and Glenna were married on February 28, 2020. Their new family consists of 3 sons (Richie, Dustin, and Dalton) and 2 grandsons (RJ and Dennis).

Rick and Glenna reside in Olde Brooklyn Park, Maryland, where Rick has served as the Vice President of the Olde Brooklyn Park Community Association.

Rick is a 4th generation Mason on his mother's side and a 3rd generation Mason on his father's side. Rick began his Masonic affiliation in May 2018 when he joined his great-grandfather's Blue Lodge, Corinthian Lodge #93. Rick followed his two great-grandfathers, his grandfathers, several uncles, and his father's footsteps through the Scottish Rite and obtained his 32° before becoming a member of the Boumi Shriners in March 2019. Rick served as President of the Scottish Rite Fall Class in 2018. In December 2018 he joined the Order of the Eastern Star to which several generations of his family have been members. Rick is a member of Corinthian Lodge #93 and Towson Chapter #70 OES.



2026 Potentate-elect Richard H. Jones Jr.

It is with profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that I am honored to be elected as the 110th Potentate of Boumi Shrine. The journey to becoming your Potentate has been both challenging and rewarding, and I am truly humbled by the unwavering support, encouragement, and friendship that you have shown me along the way.

Your belief in my leadership and your commitment to the values we hold dear have made this achievement possible. I am especially grateful for the steadfast love and support of my wife, the First Lady of Boumi Shrine, whose partnership has been my guiding light. Together with my family, I have been blessed to share this remarkable experience, and their encouragement has strengthened my resolve to serve our Shrine with honor and dedication.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I look forward to working hand in hand with all of you, continuing our proud traditions, and building an even brighter future for Boumi Shrine, Shriners Children's, and most of all the children of Shriners. Thank you for your trust and for walking beside

me on this long journey. Your support means the world to me, and I am deeply honored to serve as your Potentate.

Exciting News: The Imperial Convention for 2026 will be held in sunny Tampa, Florida, from July 12th to July 16th! This promises to be a wonderful trip filled with camaraderie, celebration, and unforgettable memories. I encourage everyone to join us for this special event and make the most of this fantastic opportunity.

Yours in the Faith,

Richard H. Jones Jr.
Illustrious Potentate-elect

From the Desk of the Recorder-Elect



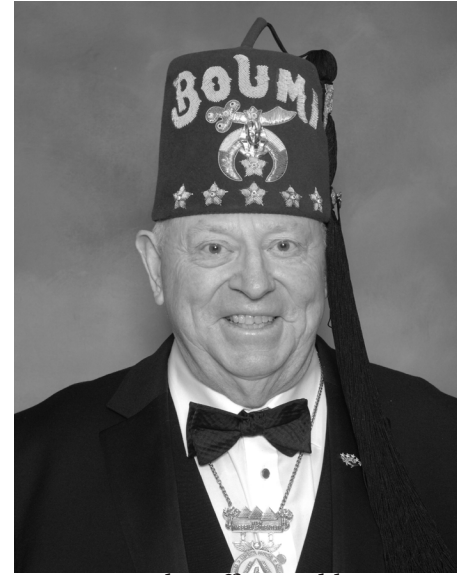
I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family, and we look forward to welcoming you back to a very busy year in 2026 at Boumi Shrine. First I'd like to congratulate the administration of Illustrious Sir Karl Ballwanz on the many events and also the many things that were accomplished in repairing our building this past year. As we start our 142nd year we congratulate our new Potentate-elect, Illustrious Sir Rick Jones and his lady, Glenna, as well as his team who will lead us this year. They've planned many activities from the Imperial Convention in Tampa to the MASA Convention in Virginia Beach, which so many of our members attend with their families. Our regular events like the Children's Easter and Christmas Parties, the Potentate's Ball, the many Crab Feasts and Bull Roasts, and even more events that we have at the temple throughout the year. One such event is our Hospital Night, which has turned out to be a highlight each year. The night that we get to hear how much of a difference we make in the sto-

ries of many children's lives. There's so much to be proud of to hear a family speak about the difference we've made in their lives.

As we move forward again, my biggest concern is membership. Our temple started in 1884 and in 1979 we reached a high watermark of almost 10,000 members. I'm sad to say that this past year we slipped under 1,400 members. This is a trend that must be changed.

In our many different locations, from downtown to our current location at 5050 King Avenue, we have been before the public. We march in many parades and let people know the difference that we make in children's lives at Shriners Hospitals for Children. We need our members to go to their lodge and tell our Masonic Brothers of the great work, fun, and fellowship that we have at Boumi Shrine because that's the only way that we can get members. Your activity at the temple is important to us. If you are a new member or a member who joined many years ago who just has not had the opportunity to be active yet, we ask that you

Raoul L. Frevel Sr., P.P., P.I.P.



please contact the office and let us be the conduit to introduce you to the Unit Heads, Club Presidents, or Committees that you'd like to serve on.

So, as we move forward to 2026, we look forward to seeing you at your Shrine soon and whatever the office staff and I can do to make it that much better for you to be a member please let us know.

Fraternally,
Joe Shriner

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Once again, we come to you from beautiful Lake Hot Sands, where the sand is always warm, the grass is always green, and the water is always blue.

"Hey Tommy Turtle, it's a new year," I announce.

"It sure is Wayne, and with it comes our brand-new Potentate-elect Ill. Sir Richard Jones and our new First Lady Glenna. Congratulations to all!" exclaims Tommy.

"Say, Tommy Turtle, will you and Trudy Turtle be attending the 2026 Leadership Seminar on Saturday, January 10th at 11 am?" I ask.

"We hope to. I hear there is a good brunch there too," says Tommy.

"Nothing like learning about the coming year on a full stomach," I say.

"Trudy just told me she is bringing the Tums," chuckles Tommy.

"She needs to keep them handy, because on Tuesday, January 13th is our first Membership Information Meeting of the year at 6:30 pm," I note.

"Free refreshments there too, along with all the interesting information you know," explains Tommy.

"You know, Tommy Turtle, with Gary Gander and Gurtie Goose still down south, they will be missing our Wednesday Lunch Club starting back up on January 14th at 11:30 am," I observe.

"And it is still just \$5."

"You know Tommy, in all the years I have been going to the Lunch Club, I have never needed Tums."

"I know Wayne, they really do a good job," compliments Tommy.

"You know who else is doing a good job?"

"Who?"

"The Friday Night Bingo crew, that's who. Our first of the year is Friday, January 16th at 6 pm, and of course more food."

"John Deer and Donna Doe told me that they will be attending the trip presentation for 2026 on Sunday, January 25th at 1 pm to see what's in store for this year."

"Hey guys, let's go inside for a spell, it's really cold out here," I suggest.

"Good idea," agrees Tommy.

"Alright guys, on Friday, February 6th at 7:30 pm is the Boumi Business Meeting."

"I know a lot of us will bundle up and come out on Friday, February 20th for the Friday Night Bingo."

"Lots of fun and big prizes and food too."

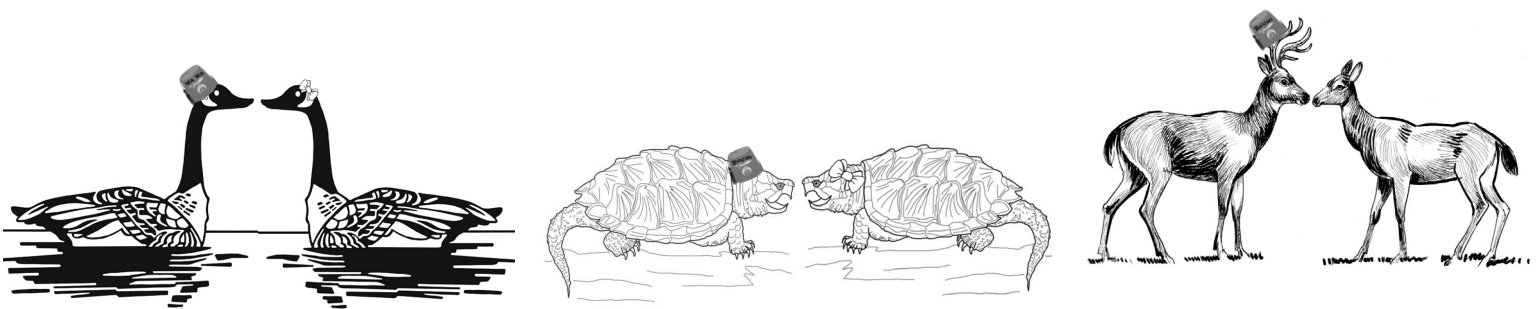
"It wouldn't be a Boumi thing without food, now would it. L.O.L."

Ok folks, be sure and read all the ads in this issue of the Boumi News, I know I missed a lot.

Now, on behalf of Tommy and Trudy Turtle, Gary Gander, Gurtie Goose, John Deer, and Donna Doe, stay warm. Spring is coming.

Now from beautiful Lake Hot Sands, where the sand is always warm, the grass is always green, and the water is always blue, have a safe and warm winter. Oh, Happy Valentine's Day!

Wayne Snyder



Chester River Shrine Club

President-elect Raymond K. Devers

Our Chester River Shrine Club meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Choptank River Yacht Club in Denton. Fellow Nobles are always welcome for a fun visit!

Our October meeting was held on the 21st and we were honored to have our Illustrious Potentate Karl and First Lady Susan to be with us for the evening! We are always very grateful for their fellowship and fun. They offered to take several bundles of tabs back to our temple! These tabs came from family and friends in Bloomington, Illinois!

Our guest speaker for the evening was Kenny Wood who runs a well drilling business in Denton. He has made many trips to Africa to volunteer his expertise on drilling wells for the needy who have no well water at all. Kenny's presentation of helping the needy was well received by all who attended.

Fred Hubbard
CRSC Program Planner

R: Ill. Sir Karl & Lady Susan taking the can tabs from Bloomington, IL!

Below:
Presentation from the Eastern Shore Hospital Night on 11/6/2025



Boumi Ladies (Widows)

We hope everyone in the Boumi Ladies, their families, and the families of Boumi Shrine had a wonderful Christmas season.

November was a busy and enjoyable month for the Boumi Ladies. On Friday, November 7th some of our members attended Boumi Shrine's Hospital Night. The speakers were very interesting and informative about how the Shriners' Hospital impacted their lives. The Memorial Service was Sunday, November 16th, and we provided the refreshments of sandwiches, desserts, and other goodies. It was a lovely service as Boumi honored their Shriners who passed during the year. On Veteran's Day, some members attended the Boumi Brunch honoring our Military Veterans and Active Duty Members. It was wonderful to see many of the Shriners attend the event. On Wednesday, November 19th we "decked the halls" of Boumi for Christmas with beautiful trees and lovely, cheerful decorations. Every place you looked you could see the work of San-

ta's elves.

In January we will take down and pack up the decorations for another year. When Boumi puts out a call for help, the Boumi Ladies will always answer. All of the Boumi Ladies offer their congratulations to Illustrious Sir Karl F. Ballwanz III and his Divan for a successful year. We look forward to the New Year with the incoming Potentate-Elect Richard H. Jones Jr. and his Divan.

Mary expresses a big thank you and much appreciation for all the help and cooperation she received from the ladies this past year.

We meet on the fourth Monday for a short meeting, a delicious lunch, and then to play bingo. It is a lovely and fun afternoon spending time with your friends. May the New Year be a prosperous one filled with blessings, health, happiness, and all good things to come your way. God bless, love, happiness, and blessings.

President-elect Patricia Hieber



Chaplain's Corner

Christmas is over, the New Year is here, time goes on. These special holidays are seasons to remember. As children, we make wishes for what we want at Christmas, as adults we hope and pray for health and the wellbeing of our families.

I have said this so many times, but what we wish for at the end of our lives, unless it is written may not be what we get. When Santa disappointed us we had more time, more years of hope. As young adults we could sometimes fulfill our own wishes and dreams. I come to the temple, write notes to the widows, call some brothers who might be sick, send out get-well cards, and occasionally preside over funerals. After one such event, an older member of the fraternity asked me to preside over his service. I jokingly said let's put it off for a long time, by the Grace of God, we had several more years. He would tell me of when he was a boy, what he wanted me to remember and mention. He picked out music he would like to have played. He mentioned how he hoped to do the service here at the Shrine, with his home lodge doing the Masonic service, but when his time came, no one informed me or his lodge. He was buried by strangers and very distant relatives who were probably more worried about possessions than our Brother's wishes. Yes, we remembered him at the Annual Memorial Service, but for me it was not the same.

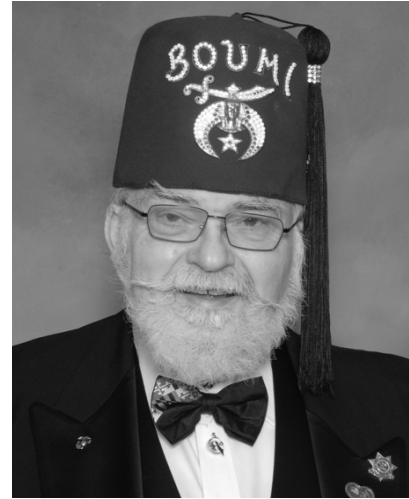
I keep folders on those who make requests for end of life services at my Church. Nobles, it must be written out, or a part of your will. We have several lawyers who are members of our temple, please talk to one of them or your own. It says in the Episcopal Prayer Book, do

not die suddenly and unprepared. Yes, I know the difference between spiritual and material, but our lives are a mix, a blend of who we are. Our families, if they outlive us, may follow your wishes, but only if they know what they are.

In Blue Lodge, Past Master Jewels should be returned to the lodge. All our Masonic Paraphernalia, unless there is a Mason or Noble in the family, should be returned, and as always let someone know where your apron is!

My wife and I took off the week after Christmas, December is a busy month for me as a church man. We traveled to Williamsburg, met and ate with friends, and reminisced about our first time there with PGM Steven Ponzillo. We celebrated St. John's day at the Masonic Temple and attended church services at Bruton Parish as we do every year. On my Sundays off I still try to attend church where all I have to do is worship, not lead.

January is installation month. You should try your best to attend at least one, if not your own lodge's. Think back to when your journey started, so that you might consider how best it is going to end. Life requires planning, so Brothers from the beginning to the end may you and your families enjoy a healthy and happy New Year. Take care, stay safe, and God Bless.



Big Rigs

—Captain-elect Matthew M. Florian

It has been a pleasure being the Captain of the Big Rigs for 2025. We finished 2025 with a bang. We had the White Marsh Christmas Parade. Additionally, we had the Festival of Trees. Lastly, we had the Boumi Children's Christmas party.

My wish is to enter the New Year with positive momentum for the incoming Captain.

*Tom "Pudgy" Preisinger
Captain 2025*

Brass Band

—Bandmaster-Select Toby A. Ziegler

The Brass Band is looking for new members to join us for rehearsal on Tuesday nights! If you or someone you know enjoys playing an instrument, feel free to come on out! All are welcome.

We play at most of the Boumi Business meetings, the Children's Easter & Christmas Parties, and with enough players, in the parades. Sometimes we also have the opportunity to play at Bonnie Blink! If you know of any nursing homes looking for entertainment, please let me know!

Maryland Masonic Youth

DelMar Job's Daughters

Happy New Year (for real this time)! We want to thank Ill. Sir Karl Ballwanz for all his support during 2025! From hosting the Tri-youth Murder Mystery (making a return appearance on February 21) to letting us meet in the unit rooms and inviting us to give a presentation for your membership at the May business meeting. We had a great time working with you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Next, big congratulations are in order for Potentate-elect Rick Jones! We hope you have a successful year in 2026 and are happy to assist wherever we can.

DelMar Job's Daughters began their Installation season in November. It starts slowly, with the Grand Bethel Installation, followed by the Miss Job's Daughter Pageant in December, and takes off like a shot in January with Bethel Installations. On November 22, Summer Neblett, Boumi's favorite receptionist, was installed as the Grand Bethel Honored Queen. This is the last position she will hold as a "Daughter" in Jobies. In Job's Daughters you reach majority at age 20, but in the DelMar Grand Bethel you can still be a Daughter until age 25 (or finishing a term you were installed for before turning 25). Since Summer will hit that mark in January, this was the last term she could be installed as an officer. The members elected her to serve as Honored Queen, and we know she has a lot of fun activities planned for them!

On December 6 at the Scottish Rite in Baltimore was the annual Miss Job's Daughter Pageant. In DelMar we can have up to 3 Misses to represent and work for the Daughters of the jurisdiction. The Miss Job's Daughter serves as the representative of Jobies to the other members of the Masonic Family Organizations in Maryland and Delaware. Miss Junior Jobie serves as a representative for the Jobie to Bees, who are just too young to join, but still welcome to come to our events and have their own meetings. To achieve either of these 2 offices requires passing take home and in person written tests, judges interviews, recitation of initiation lectures, judging on how you carry yourself, and how well you can think and speak on your feet. The last Miss is the Miss Congeniality. She serves as the youth H.I.K.E. (Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment Fund – JDI's official charity) coordinator for DelMar. This Miss is chosen by a vote of the Miss and Jr. Miss contestants

Miss Job's Daughter Sadie Daugherty on the day of pageant. This year the Miss Junior Jobie of DelMar is Melody C. from Bethel 36 in Towson, MD and the Miss Congeniality & Miss Job's Daughter of DelMar is Sadie D. from Bethel 55 in Port Deposit, MD.

Unfortunately, the end of the year was painful for DelMar Job's Daughters this year too. In November the bethel in Newark, Delaware closed. This puts DelMar down to 7 Bethels (Dover, Glen Burnie, Bel Air, Towson, Hollywood, Port Deposit, & La Plata). With this heartbreaking development, we need help more than ever. As we have mentioned, this is not a new problem for any of our organizations, but if we don't work together to try and solve it, we will all eventually disappear.

If you have a daughter or granddaughter, niece, cousin, or close friend or neighbor who has a daughter that is between the ages of 7 and 19 reach out to them and to your local Bethel and see if you can attend one of the fun activities that Bethel has coming up. Looking ahead on the DelMar JDI calendar are Bethel Open Installations (January 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, & 11th for sure), Craft Night on January 24, the Murder Mystery Party on February 21, Mother Mick Tea & Bingo in March, and trips to Medieval Times & South Mountain Creamery in April to name a few. If you don't have a daughter or girl to sponsor (our membership is no longer based on a direct relationship with a Mason), come to a bethel event and see if you can help as an adult volunteer. We need them, too.

Emily Candler
Grand Marshal



R: PIP Raoul Frevel Sr. presents GBHQ Summer with the gavel



Maryland Masonic Youth



Maryland DeMolay

State Master Councilor Gabriel Castro

Hey everyone! It's me again, Gabriel Castro, the State Master Councilor of Maryland DeMolay for 2025-2026. I hope you all had a great Holiday Season, and a great start to your New Year! I just want to share with you some of the events and activities we've been having throughout the past couple of months.

First, Maryland DeMolay wishes to congratulate the new Potentate of Boumi on his election as well as his Divan on their elections and appointments. We look forward to working with all of you this next year. If you ever need anything from Maryland DeMolay, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Maryland DeMolay is continuing to stay active around Maryland and beyond. Throughout the past few months, I've had the pleasure of representing DeMolay across the Masonic Family at events such as: Tall Cedars of Lebanon International Convention, Maryland Order of the Eastern Star Grand Reception, Maryland York Rite Sessions, Grand Master's Banquet, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Installation. Back

in October, we had the privilege of being able to attend and perform some of our memory work at Harvest Home Day. We also held our Honors and Awards day in the Gothic Room of the Grand Lodge, where we recognized and honored many individuals for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to mentoring the young men of DeMolay.

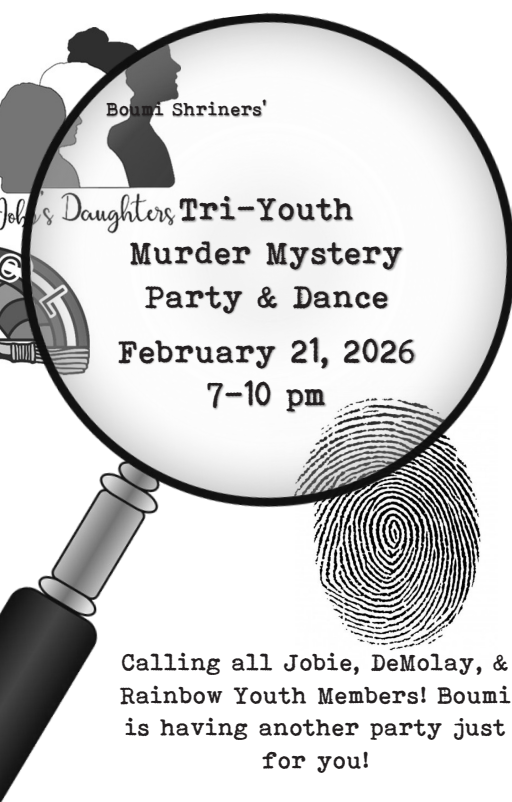
In November, I had the absolute pleasure of attending Boumi's Hospital Night for the first time. It

was an amazing experience to see all the workings of the Shriners' Hospitals and listen to experiences and stories from some of the patients. I really admire all the philanthropy that the Shriners do, and I hope to attend again. Also in November, we also held a Tri-Masonic Youth Hospitality Suite following the Grand Lodge Installation. One of my goals this year is to help build the connections between all three youth groups with events like these. I believe that the more we work together, the stronger we are across the board.

In December, Maryland DeMolay participated in the FEZtival of Trees. Our tree's theme was "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", featuring a music theme with a turntable, vinyl records, and more. The FEZtival of Trees is one of my favorite events, and I've really enjoyed working with the Boumi Shrine these past couple of years.

Continuing with my term this year, we're taking an aggressive stance on membership, and we are doing all that we can to help DeMolay in Maryland grow and thrive. We are always looking for young men to join our amazing organization, as well as adults to assist as advisors to the young men. It's not often that you can find an organization that has been around for more than 100 years and continues to thrive while teaching timeless values, character building, leadership, and helps one to forge lifelong friendships and brotherhood. I am extremely grateful for all the sponsoring bodies and other Masonic groups that have supported us in the past and continue to offer their support into the future so that we can continue to share an organization that holds a special place in my heart while being able to do what we love. If you are interested in becoming an advisor and sharing your special skills with our members, please visit www.beademolay.org to get started or contact our Executive Officer Dad Carl Michel at eo@mddemolay.org.

It's always a pleasure seeing our Masonic family at events like Boumi's Hospital Night and FEZtival of Trees. If there's ever anything Maryland DeMolay can do to support Boumi Shriners or the rest of our Masonic family, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you at our events. Our calendar can be found at www.mddemolay.org.



Calling all Jobie, DeMolay, & Rainbow Youth Members! Boumi is having another party just for you!

A flyer with more details will be sent to your chapters, bethels, & assemblies!

RSVP to the Boumi Office by
Feb. 13 at 410-391-6400

Provost Guard

—Commander-elect Danny J. Riggin Sr.

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Holiday Season. I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. I am proud and honored to be the 2026 Provost Commander-elect. I would like to thank my brothers who have stepped up to take an office in the Provost unit this year.

We are doing a 50/50 Raffle this year as a fundraiser. \$5.00 for one ticket, 5 tickets for \$10.00 and 10 tickets for \$20.00.

We are hoping to get some of the Provost members who have been inactive for a while to come to at least 2 or 3 meetings this year. We only have 8 meetings in a year so if you haven't attended in a while, please try to come to 2 meetings.

It would be nice to add a few more members to the unit. If you are an active or retired Police Officer, Firefighter, or EMS personnel you can become a member of the Provost Guard Unit.

Dues are \$35.00 per year. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Provost unit room on the lower level of the Shrine. We go dark in July and August.

We are planning to have a lot of fun this year so don't miss out.

Scimeter Club

—President-elect David A. Jacoby

The end of the year is fast approaching as I write this article. We had our first ever Gun Bingo, and it turned out to be quite successful, so we are looking forward to having it again next year. We want to give out a thank you to all who were involved in this, but most especially John and Dawn Peery who organized the event.

By the time you read this the elections will have been held, so I would like to congratulate all who have won. Also remember, installation will be January 3, 2026 so please make your plans to attend. The Leadership Seminar will be the following Saturday, January 10, 2026, please make sure all your officers are in attendance as this is always a very informative seminar.

Hoping each and every Noble and their family had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for all you do.

The Sunshine Fund

—Author Kenneth S. Kiessling

We would like to bring to everyone's attention a long-time program, that has become nearly forgotten here at Boumi Shrine. This program has been a part of the Shrine for many, many years and is in trouble for becoming non-existent. The Sunshine Fund was created a long time ago to help us as Master Masons to remain true to our obligation to "help a poor distressed brother Master Mason". This fund is to assist our fellow Nobles when appropriate. This fund has been dwindling and is on the verge of becoming non-existent. This fund is reliant solely on the donations of our members and friends. We wanted to bring this to the Nobility's attention to keep this very important and well needed program alive, so we can continue to help our brothers in need. We challenge all units and clubs to please donate to this well-needed fund with whatever is in the length of your cable tow.

Brew Club

—Cellar Master-elect Timothy A. Heitman

Cheers, fellow brewers, Nobles, and friends! This is your Brewmaster, Tim Heitman. I truly enjoyed serving in this role over the past year—so much so that I'll be continuing as Brewmaster for 2026!

As we kick off a new season, we're raising a glass to the adventures that shaped our club this past year. We toured a lineup of breweries, sampled the craft at a couple of wineries, and even explored a distillery—each stop giving us new ideas and a deeper appreciation for the world of fermentation. We also brewed several beers that were showcased at Shrine events, including the successful Baseball, Brews, & BBQ gathering!

Looking ahead, we plan to revisit many of these experiences and add even more to the calendar. To stay in the loop about upcoming events, consider joining our email list—just send us a message at: brewclubtap-room29@gmail.com.

Our meetings are typically held on the fourth Friday of each month and everyone is invited!

Cheers to what's fermenting next!

Zitta Temple No. 27, DoN

— Queen Shannon Dunnigan

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! I hope time was well spent visiting with family and friends. The new year is now upon us, and I hope 2026 has many great things in store for you and me!

We have been staying busy the past couple of months as we continue to have fun participating in various activities with our other Masonic family organizations! From traveling to attend other local temples' official visitations, to the Grand Lodge installation, to the Miss Job's Daughter of DelMar pageant we have been helping support our other Masonic family groups.

We once again made stockings for Shriners Children's Philadelphia. We were able to make and stuff 100 stockings to match last year! Thanks to all who helped, we and the children we help certainly do appreciate it! We had several Job's Daughters and even some ladies who just love sewing help us out with the stockings this year. Big shout out to you all! A few of us ladies were able to drop off the stockings on Donor Day at the hospital and have an awesome lunch while we were there!

We had a ton of fun helping with this year's FEZtival of trees! Helping at the kid's craft table was a blast! We also participated in several holiday parades which are always fun to see the joy in children's faces as we go by. To think something as simple as bubbles can make a face brighter, it is well worth the participation!

We continue to spread the word of how great an organization Daughters of the Nile is through partic-

ipation in parades and attendance at other Masonic group events. We are all one big family and although one of our main goals is raising money for Shriners Children's, it is also to have fun and fellowship together while building lifelong friendships.

To those who may be interested in joining and have not yet heard of us. We are an organization of women who meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall with the exception of summer months. We do have a ritualistic part to our meetings, however that is not all we do! We plan and host several activities from just fun get togethers to fundraising activities to help benefit the several Shriner's hospitals. Unless you are an officer there is nothing you have to memorize for the sessions. Please do not let that be a deterrent to you wanting to join!

If you know anyone who may be interested in our organization and/or who is looking to be part of a larger organization that helps do good for others, please let us and them know! Our ladies tend to be very active with different groups related to Boumi Shrine and belong to other organizations within the Masonic family as well. We look forward to attending the many activities throughout the year with you all and continuing to raise/donate money to Shriners Children's. Please continue to stay well, safe, and warm. I hope to see everyone soon!



Bou-Tem-Sci

— President Judi Mahaffey

Happy New Year to everyone from Bou-Tem-Sci! We hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

In January, our meeting will be held on Monday, January 19th, at 11am. Looking forward to our new year of fun and fellowship in 2026.

Our February meeting is on Monday, February 16th, at 11am. We will be celebrating Nobles Day. We are looking forward to hosting the newly installed Potentate and his wife, as well as other nobles who will be in attendance.

I hope everyone stays warm and cozy during our winter months. Just remember, Spring begins on March 20th!



Blues Band

— President-elect Robert C. Candler

Just a note to let everyone know that the Blues Band is here and awaiting your call. We are available to play for your event.

We are always looking for additional musicians to join our ranks. If you play or sing and are looking for a way to display your musical prowess, check us out.

You can reach me at evdbob@hotmail.com, this is the best way to get in touch.

Legion of Honor

As we bid goodbye to 2025 and usher in 2026, the LOH is looking forward to an exciting new year filled with many Legion and Shriner activities. With the new addition of the LOH military jeep brigade last year, LOH Nobles are excited to participate again in the time-honored tradition of parades and events honoring our Nation and its people.

The LOH would like to recognize and pay tribute to Noble Peter F. Phillips, PC, PIC and Ill. Sir James L. Davis III, PC, PP for their many years of dedication to the leadership and service as Past Commanders of the LOH. Their selfless dedication to Boumi Shriners and the LOH is an example of the embodiment of our Masonic values.

Carrying on the proud traditions of the LOH are the newly elected officers for 2026

- Noble Dennis Leland – Commander
- Noble Stephen C. Knapp – Executive Officer
- Noble Scott G. Lapp – 1st Lieutenant
- Noble Berry Bunker – 2nd Lieutenant

Appointed Offices 2026

- Ill. Sir James L. Davis III, PC, PP – Adjutant
- Noble James G. Cullison, PC – Treasurer
- Ill. Sir Ernest L. Carter, PP – Chaplain

Commander-elect Dennis W. Leland

The Shriners Legion of Honor (LOH) is a specific unit within Shriners International for members who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of their respective countries. It is not a separate organization from Shriners International itself, but rather a specialized group within a local Shrine temple. The primary objectives of the Legion of Honor are to foster a spirit of patriotism, love of country, and flag; to perpetuate the memory of their fallen comrades in arms; to promote friendship and cooperation among LOH units and other Shrine units; to provide an official Honor Guard for parades, ceremonies, and other special functions.

Boumi Shriner Nobles who are veterans and active or retired military interested in learning more about the LOH and our unit, please contact Noble Stephen C. Knapp (stphnknpp2@gmail.com).

*Noble Stephen C. Knapp
LOH Executive Officer*

Gun Club (Clay Busters)

President-elect David R. Sandy

Hello Nobles and Ladies, I hope this message finds you well. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. I would like to congratulate our new officers for 2026. The new president is Dave Sandy, First Vice President is Ben Ludwig, Second Vice President is Bob Candler, Treasurer Bob Ludwig and Pete Ludwig will be our Secretary. Please join me in supporting them this upcoming coming year.

Our club is doing well thanks to the support of our members.

As always, we are looking for new members to join our club. So come out and enjoy some fun and fellowship with the members of the club. We shoot the second Saturday of the month at the Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center. Meeting starts at 9:00 shooting starts around 10:00. Guests are welcome to join us. Ladies are definitely welcome to join us as well.

Rick Williams

Model Railroad Club

President-elect John J. Schoene III

The club is now meeting on the third Wednesday at 7 PM in the train room. No meeting in July or August. We are looking for new members or volunteers to help with the layouts and operate trains. If you like model trains join us for one of our meetings. Call Ron Burdyski 443-882-5178 or Don Rogers 443-567-1155 for more information.

We have operating layouts for N, HO, O, and G scale trains. We added an upper wall G scale train in 2025 and there are plans to expand the HO layout in 2026. We are always making changes to our layouts. If you get a chance, stop by the train room to see what we have.

We welcome our newest member, Greg Benson! Our officers for 2026 are: John Schoene III President, Don Rogers Vice-president, Bill Minor Secretary, and Ron Burdyski Treasurer.

Don Rogers

First Responders' Night

October 3, 2025



Veterans' Brunch

November 11, 2025



Past Potentates' Lunch

September 26, 2025



Hospital Night

November 7, 2025



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JANUARY 2026

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				1 Boumi Office Closed Crescent Lodge	2 	3 Full Temple Installation <i>Private Party LR/UR</i> Highlanders
4 	5 Concordia Lodge	6 King David's Lodge Brass Band	7 Eastern Shore S.C. Ambassadors SJP DeMalay	8 Crescent Lodge	9	10 Leadership Seminar <i>Private Party SCR</i> <i>Private Party UR</i> Gun Club
11	12 DoJ OES Concordia Lodge Western MD S.C. Arab Patrol Camel Wheels Clowns	13  Membership Info Meeting <i>Private Party BR</i> King David's Lodge Brass Band	14 Shepherds Magic Carpets SJP DeMalay	15 Catonsville S.C. Pa-Po-Peake S.C. Provost Crescent Lodge	16 3rd Friday Dinner & Bingo Big Rigs	17 <i>Private Party UR</i> <i>Private Party SCR</i> Legion of Honor
18 <i>Private Party SCR</i>	19 Bou-Tem-Sci Concordia Lodge Financial Advisors Divan Meeting	20 Mar./Apr. Boumi News Deadline King David's Lodge Zitta DoN Chester River S.C. Potomac River S.C. Motor Corps Brass Band	21  Adoniram RAC Model Railroad Club SJP DeMalay	22 Crescent Lodge Hamilton S.C.	23 Brew Club	24 Zitta DoN
25 Trip Presentation <i>Private Party UH</i>	26 Boumi Ladies Concordia Lodge	27 King David's Lodge Hillbillies Brass Band	28 Yacht Club Cig-Car Club Color Guard SJP DeMalay	29 Crescent Lodge	30 Ocean City S.C.	31

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1	2 DoJ OES Concordia Lodge	3 King David's Lodge Brass Band	4 Ambassadors Eastern Shore S.C. SJP DeMolay	5 Crescent Lodge	6 Boumi Business Meeting	7 Private Party BR Private Party SCR Highlanders
8 	9 Concordia Lodge Western MD S.C. Camel Wheels Arab Patrol Clowns	10 Membership Information Meeting King David's Lodge Brass Band	11 Magic Carpets SJP DeMolay	12 Crescent Lodge Scimeter Club	13	14 Gun Club 
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22	23 Boumi Ladies Concordia Lodge	24 King David's Lodge Brass Band	25 Yacht Club Cig-Car Club Color Guard SJP DeMolay	26 Crescent Lodge Hamilton S.C.	27 Ocean City S.C. Brew Club	28 Private Party BR

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- Mar. 6 - Business Mtg
- Mar. 10 - Membership Info Mtg
- Mar. 13-15 - St. Patrick's Weekend
- Mar. 20 - Bingo
- Mar. 20 - May/Jun. BN Deadline
- Mar. 21 - Children's Easter Party
- Mar. 26-29 - Spring M.A.S.A.
- Apr. 10 - Business Mtg
- Apr. 14 - Membership Info Mtg
- Apr. 17 - Bingo
- Apr. 18 - Motorized Units Roast
- Apr. 19 - Ladies Luncheon
- Apr. 26 - Testimonial Dinner
- May 2 - Potentate's Ball
- May 4 - Golf Classic
- May 7 - Bingo
- May 8 - 100 Club Luncheon
- May 12 - Membership Info Mtg
- May 17 - Car Show
- May 20 - Jul./Aug. BN Deadline
- May 25 - Boumi Office Closed
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Hillbilly Clan No. 67

Greetings once again from the Raban of Hillbilly Clan 67, and his lady Cuzin' Weezie. What an exciting time for the hillbillies from Boumi. After accepting international positions with the International Hillbillies, we have traveled near and far supporting everything that Shrine Hillbillies are known for: raising awareness and funds for our Shriner kids! In November we travelled to Sudan Shrine and the Columbus County Shrine Club in Riegelsville, North Carolina for their annual Fish Fry Thursday. This Shrine Center is located between a local pulp mill and a lumber mill. The lumber mill produces pine 2x4 studs and the pulp mill produces filling for disposable diapers and paper towels. We got a great history lesson on Carolina Pines including the growing, harvesting and replanting of the forests for generations to come. I must add that these two factories ordered over 400 fish lunches for their employees and the locals continued to support this club's fundraising efforts by purchasing over 200 to go meals. While lending a hand at this event, we were invited to stay over for their Hillbilly Fall Fling Hoedown sponsored by Wilmington Shrine Club the following evening. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend. We made our way to Ridgeville, South Carolina for Clan 189's Mason Hillbilly Revival on Saturday where we met up with other Imperial Hillbilly officers past and present from Michigan and Ohio. The Hillbilly Revival is an annual event where they successfully raised \$44,000.00 for Shriners Children's in just 4 hours at their fish fry and oyster roast. After a brief sight seeing tour of Charleston and a chance encounter with a local sweetgrass basket weaver, we made our way back home to Maryland. Then we made our way to Nur Shrine to visit our cuzin's in New Castle, Delaware for their annual Hillbilly spaghetti dinner.

Now for local news. Congratulations to the winners of our recent raffles: Tom Iacobani won the Woodford Reserve and Ravens engraved drinking glasses in a beautiful wooden box, Sarah Barnes won the hand made Hillbilly Quilt, and Daryl Gammernan won the bottle of Jägermeister. Thanks again for supporting our efforts. We have a couple of fundraisers still underway. We will be raffling off a custom wooden fez case. By the time this article is published, we will have a winner of this awesome prize, and you will be able to see him bringing this case to a business meeting near you! But we can't stop there. In March we are sponsoring our

first Hillbilly Spaghetti Pig-out. We hope this becomes an annual event supported by all of the clubs and units at the temple.

Of course, we are always asking for your support in collecting cans and tabs in the designated areas at the temple. In an effort to promote the collection of tabs and cans, we have engaged the residents of Brightview Senior Living in Bel Air, Maryland. They are steadily collecting cans and tabs to help our Shriner kids. A big thank you goes to Brightview Bel Air and to Richard Conant for leading the Hillbilly Charge on this one.

We have at least 8 hillbillies committed to traveling back to Pikeville, Kentucky for Hillbilly Days 2026. A big thank you to Dave and Holly Spangler, Tim and Suzanne Smith, and John and Pam Markowski who joined us in Pikeville last year and have already made plans to attend in 2026!

Are you a Hillbilly? We'd love to see you come back to the meetings and join in on the fun and fellowship.

As a Boumi Hillbilly we get an opportunity to travel and meet Hillbillies of other clans and outhouses all over the country. It is awesome to be able to see growth as a club and be able to see it catch the attention of the international leadership. One-time dues and you are a life member is a pretty good bonus too (and you get to wear some really nifty custom patches too!) The greatest thing about being a Boumi hillbilly is the care that is shown for each other within the group. A common theme among hillbillies is unity, fun, no pressure, great group of people working together for a common goal; supporting our Shriner kids.

Join today and be a part of the fun and fellowship on the fourth Tuesdays of odd months in the unit room at the Boumi Temple. I know this guy who has petitions. I'm just sayin'!



Potomac River Shrine Club

—President-elect Brian M. Jestes

The Nobles of the Potomac River Shrine Club are looking forward to the holidays—spending time with family, swapping stories (the clean versions, anyway), and giving thanks for the brotherhood that ties us together all year long.

A big salute to Illustrious Sir Karl Ballwanz and Lady Susan for steering the club through a memorable 2025 with style, energy, and just the right amount of mischief. Job well done!

As the new year rolls in, we're looking forward to Rick Jones taking the helm as Potentate-elect, with Lady Glenna riding shotgun. If the past year was any indication, 2026 is going to have just as much laughter, fellowship, and charitable work—only with new jokes and slightly different dance moves.

Happy Holidays and a feztastic New Year from our family to yours!

P.S. Drive safe, Nobles—the tiny cars are fun until the state trooper asks why a 250-lb man is driving a Barbie Jeep.

Yan Karavai

Yacht Club

—Commodore-elect Ronald W. Parker

If you are not a member already and would like to join, we would love to have you. We are always looking for new members. You do not have to have a boat to join. Any questions, suggestions or inquiries can be directed to Commodore Ron Parker at 410-591-8872 or Vice Commodore Don Rogers at 443-567-1155.

By the time you read this, our Christmas Party at Boumi Temple, held jointly with the Yacht Club, the Model Railroad Club, and Crescent Lodge will already have happened - and we can confidently report (from the distant past, as this goes to print) that we ate and drank well!

As we say goodbye to a memorable 2025, we look forward to the new year and all that 2026 will bring. We normally meet at 6 PM on the 4th Wednesday in March, May, July, and September. The July meeting is the Divan Cruise and is held at Commodore Ron Parker's house. Our meetings for 2026 will be: Wednesday March 25th at LoonaSea in Middle River, Wednesday May 27th at Tom Iacaboni's house, Wednesday July 22nd Divan Cruise at Ron Parker's house (we might launch the potentate down the river again to see if he floats!), and Wednesday Sept 23rd, location to be determined. We also have plans for a day lunch at Tiki Lee's on Back River, Wednesday August 5th with a rain date of Thursday August 6th.

Clowns

—Director-elect Daryl M. "Skippy" Gamerman

Boumi's Clown Unit had a busy holiday season, starting with juggling training from a professional clown. What a thrill to know another way to make a child smile! That's what clowning can do you know. We also participated in the White Marsh Parade and Boumi's FEZtival of Trees. We hosted the Boumi Masonic Family Christmas Party, showing off our new juggling skills. New for this year we invited local foster care families in the area to join in on the fun, another way to let more people know what Shiners do to support our community. We are happy that one of our Clownettes, Pixie, is back from major surgery. Our Boss Clown, Skippy, was doing double duty running the unit and helping his wife recover.

All newer (and older) Nobles should think about what they are doing to give back to the community as a Mason. Remember Albert Pike's famous quote:

"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others, and the world remains and is immortal." Becoming a Boumi clown is a fun way to do for others and the world. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm, in the Clown Room on the lower level of the Temple. We will gladly teach you how easy it is to put on clown makeup, and we have plenty of extra costumes too. If any units are having family events and would like to have some clowns to entertain the children, please contact the Clown Unit Director: Daryl "Skippy" Gamerman at 410-259-6229 trubluscout1959@aol.com

We are looking forward to seeing some much-needed new faces at our next meeting on Monday January 12th at Boumi Temple, 7:30 pm Lower Level. Anyone that is looking for fun and fellowship and a great way to help children is always welcome.

David "Buzzy" Wineholt

Western Maryland Shrine Club

Happy New Year! Our annual Christmas Party was enjoyed by all in attendance on Monday December 8th. The Zest Dining Room at Carroll Lutheran Village continues to treat us exceptionally well with both fantastic meals and service. We would also like to thank those that made the trip from Baltimore and Frederick for joining the festivities. We had numerous members of the 2025 Divan, as well as members from the Potomac River Shrine Club. This was a fantastic evening of fun, fellowship, and a time to enjoy the season with the Nobles and Ladies.

Regarding December, I should also mention that the tree the Club sponsored at the FEZtival of Trees looked fantastic and I understand it was popular with the attendees. I saw several of our members sponsoring trees through their businesses or family and the Boumi ballroom looked spectacular for the event. Congratulations to the Chairman, Randy Dietrich, for the success of this event, along with those that help make this possible each year.

Nobles, we have not been mailing postcards regarding the meetings, the Annual Crab Feast, or Christmas Party because of the cost of the postage, time required from member Scott Brown to design, print, address, and mail, but more so because the results have not shown an increase in participation. Please make sure we have your email address and telephone number so we may contact you by those means. The Boumi News

and the Boumi website are a good way of keeping up to date with news about Western Maryland Shrine Club, but your attendance is the best way to be informed and keep you active.

Please continue to remember those members who could use our help with travelling to and from a meeting or just need someone to visit or call them on occasion. This time of year, those Nobles need extra attention as the holiday period ends and those long dark winter nights begin.

Coming in the next edition, an introduction to our new Divan Rep, and his Lady, for 2026. Thank you to our immediate past Divan Rep Rick Jones and Lady Glenna for your participation and support of the Club during 2025. Best wishes from our Club for your year, 2026!

Meetings have resumed as normal, the second Monday of the month, Monday, January 12th. Installation of Officers will take place at this meeting. Ladies are always welcome to attend, their attendance is encouraged and appreciated.

We meet at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, using their beautiful Zest private dining room. The times are as follows 6:00pm for happy hour, 6:30pm for meals, and 7:00pm for a brief meeting. For detailed venue directions reach out to Noble Scott Brown, 443-340-7089.

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Chaplain, Fr. Walter Burgess, is available to chat or for counsel in person or by phone on most Thursdays at Boumi, and his cell phone at any time.

Nobles, Ladies, & members of the Masonic Family wishing to be included on "Prayer List" email must contact Assistant Chairman Joan Mezzoff and provide contact information.

If you are sick, recovering from an injury, or wish to report a death to be included in the "Prayer List" email, please contact Assistant Chairman Joan Mezzoff and provide any details you wish to include in the email.

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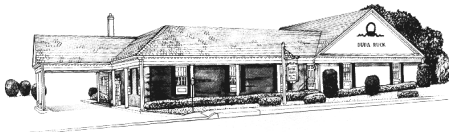
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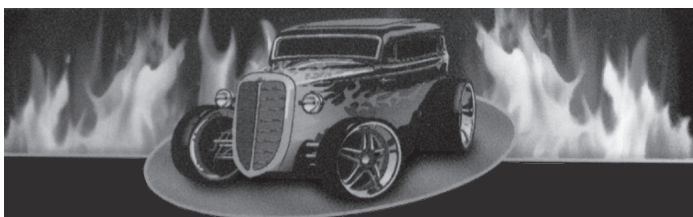
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