



MID-ATLANTIC SHRINE ASSOCIATION

June 1, 2026

TO: MASA POTENTATES, RECORDERS, AND COLONELS/DIRECTORS OF SHRINE CENTER UNITS

Enclosed are the Parade Orders, the Parade Line Up Registration Sheets, and the Instructions for the MASA Parade to be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Saturday, September 12, 2026. The Parade Order package contains:

General Parade Orders

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MASA Parade Line-Up Link

It is important that the MASA Parade Line Up Registration Sheet be completed and submitted no later than **July 31, 2026.**

The Colonel/Director of Units of each Shrine Center or his representative, and the Head of each Unit Association are required to attend a meeting with the MASA Parade Marshal on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Suite 1, 2nd floor at 11:30 AM or immediately following the conclusion of the business meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to convey all final parade orders and all Shrine Centers can receive any special instructions.

If you have any changes to your line-up, please submit these changes to your final parade line-up prior to this meeting.

If I can be of assistance to you, please feel welcome to call or write at the address or phone number below.

Yours In The Faith,

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MID-ATLANTIC SHRINE ASSOCIATION (MASA)
ANNUAL FALL MEETING
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2026

GENERAL PARADE ORDERS

PARADE DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2026

STEP-OFF TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PARADE REGISTRATION NOTICE:

!!! VERY IMPORTANT !!!

All Units participating in the Parade must be registered and listed on the "MASA PARADE LINE UP" form. All Nobles participating with the Units **MUST BE REGISTERED**. Parade Marshals at the Staging Area just before step off will monitor this. This is an Insurance Requirement that covers MASA in the event of any incident that could cause a claim.

ASSEMBLY AREA AND REPORTING TIME:

Areas indicated for each Shrine Center Parade Position Number are shown on the enclosed sheet. Shrine Center Potentates are responsible for their Units being at the designated Parade Assembly prior to step off time. In order to keep the parade moving forward, should a Shrine Center not be in position, the Parade Marshals will direct the next Shrine Center to proceed ahead of their scheduled position.

ROUTE OF MARCH:

From the Staging Area between 9th Street and 17th Street, north on Atlantic Avenue from 17th Street to 29th Street. This is a parade marching distance of approximately 1.5 miles.

MASA DIGNITARY REVIEWING STAND:

The reviewing stand will be on the east side of Atlantic Avenue at 25th Street.

PARADE MARSHALS:

Marshals will be stationed in the Staging Area and along the parade route in case you need assistance. They will also relay and direct any orders to any Shrine Center or its Units from the Parade Marshal or the Director General. They will request that proper intervals be kept and ensure that all parade orders are adhered too by those in the line of march.

PARADE DISPERSAL AREA:

The Dispersal of Shrine Center Units is to be on 29th Street between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Avenue. Vehicles used for pick-up, such as Trucks/Vans and/or Buses must park on the east side (ocean side) of Pacific Avenue starting at 29th Street and Pacific Avenue. Please move out of the area as quickly as possible to make room for the next dispersing Shrine Center.

SALUTES AT MASA DIGNITARY REVIEWING STAND:

Each Unit in the parade will execute one (1) salute as they proceed through the reviewing area at 25th Street.

COLOR GUARDS:

See enclosed memo "Proper Display of National Flags" from Shriners International, (revised October 2017).

HORSE PATROLS:

All Horse Patrol Units must furnish immediate clean-up-crews following the Unit.

VEHICLES:

No Shrine Center shall have more than one (1) Official Car in the parade.

Shrine Centers having R.V. Units will be allowed only one R.V. in the parade to represent that Unit.

Tractor trailers and support vehicles are not permitted in the Parade.

FLOATS AND MOVING EQUIPMENT:

All floats and display vehicles shall comply with all requirements in construction as set forth by the Imperial By-Laws. All materials used in the construction of the floats must be either fireproof or fire-resistant, and all must have the required safety equipment needed to safeguard the parade spectators.

All floats shall have at least a minimum visibility of 180 degrees with 90 degrees on either side of a center line of the float. All vehicles in the parade must adhere to this order.

SPECIAL MOTOR CORP UNITS:

All "**Licensed**" Approved Parade Entries must abide by Virginia State Law regarding "Helmet Usage" and "Safe and Lawful Operation" of vehicles while in the MASA Parade, including the line of march, going to, and leaving the parade area.

NOTE: No "**Unsafe Maneuvers**" are permitted.

All "**Unlicensed**" Approved parade entries must operate their vehicles in a safe and appropriate manner while in the line of march. Helmets are required for drills. "Wheelies" or other "Trick Maneuvers" will only be permitted if these vehicles are rigged with the appropriate equipment to allow for such tricks or stunts. Spectator safety and normal operating rules must be considered when performing any "Curb to Curb" maneuvers.

Two, three, four, and eighteen wheel mini vehicles, that are not licensed to drive on the street, will need to be trailered to the start of the parade and picked up at the end of the parade. Vehicles traveling from headquarters will be provided an escort from the convention center.

Alternative: The City of Virginia Beach has given us permission to use the bike trail on the boardwalk. Two, three, and four wheel mini vehicles will be permitted to travel in groups, using the bike route on the boardwalk from their hotel to the beginning of the parade. All safety and normal operating rules are to be followed. The speed limit on the bike trail is five (5) miles an hour. There will be bicycle police patrolling the bike area. Any person out of order could receive a citation. All vehicles will proceed single file on the bike trail. Parade marshals at the end of the parade, at 27th Street, will direct you to the bike path back to your hotel.

PARADE INTERVALS:

Shrine Centers & Appearing Units:

Intervals of 80 feet between Shrine Centers must be kept. Units within the Shrine Center must keep an interval of 40 feet between units. (Note: Unforeseen outside events that may cause this are taken into consideration).

Motorized Units Placement:

No Motorized Motor Corps Unit shall be located in the first or last position of the Shrine Center lineup, unless they are the only unit, or one of two participants of the Shrine Center.

PARADE DISCIPLINE:

- 1) Shrine Centers not ready to fall into the line of march at the designated time & place will be required to fall in at the end of the parade.
- 2) All Parade Movements must be forward at all times with the required intervals and cadence as regulated by Shrine Parade Regulations within Shriners International Protocol, revised 2021.
- 3) Non-Shriners: Other than the police escort, dignitaries, distinguished guests, and Shriners Hospitals for Children patients and any necessary caregiver, only Shriners are permitted in Shrine Parades.
- 4) Impersonations. No impersonations of ethnic groups, females, or political figures are allowed in parades.
- 4) NO Alcoholic beverages are permitted to be carried or consumed while participating in the Parade. The "NO Alcohol" Mandate applies to whether you are in the line of march or dressed as a Noble with Fez watching the parade.
- 5) The use of Cannons, Fire Crackers, Water Pistols or any other objectionable items of this type are not permitted.
- 6) Vehicle Equipment. No motorized vehicles shall engage their emergency lights or sirens while participating in the Parade. Use of these would be a violation of Virginia State Law.
- 7) Throwing Objects. No candy or other objects shall be HANDED OR THROWN from any vehicle in the parade.
- 8) If the above does not include all the rules, general orders and/or any edicts of the Imperial Council Sessions, it is implied that they are covered here also.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS WHILE AT THE BEACH:

Virginia Beach Rescue Squad	911
Virginia Beach Police Dept.	911

PROPER DISPLAY OF NATIONAL FLAGS

Introduction

Shriners International, as its name states, is an international fraternal organization. As such, Shriners International simply is not knowledgeable of all historic or current controversies or debates in each member country regarding the proper display of flags or images that reasonably can be construed as a reference to a flag. As a result and to maintain the Principles of the Order and Ethics as stated in the bylaws of Shriners International, it is believed that it is in the best interests of the Order and the Nobility that only the following flags be displayed by a Noble (in his capacity as a member of Shriners International) or by a club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant organizations of Shriners International: a national or state flag as a “state” is defined in §101.3(n) of the bylaws of Shriners International, a temple flag as defined in Article 21 of the bylaws of Shriners International, or the Imperial Potentate’s flag. In most countries or jurisdictions, such as the United States of America, the position on the right of the speaker (the left of the audience) is the position of honor. A different protocol may prevail in other countries or jurisdictions.

The display of any other flag or image that reasonably can be construed as a reference to any other flag by a Noble (in his capacity as a member of Shriners International) or by a club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant organizations of Shriners International is prohibited without the written permission of the Imperial Potentate.

It should be the intent of Shriners to display the national flag of those Shrine Temples who are in attendance at that event or parade.

Buildings.

Flags may be displayed outside of appropriate buildings. If only one flag is displayed, it must be the flag of the country or jurisdiction where the event is taking place. It is acceptable to fly flags of all countries wherein a Shrine temple exists as long as they are of similar size and height. It is also acceptable to fly additional flags such as state and provincial flags, the Shriners International flag, the Shriners Hospitals for Children’s flag and the temple flag.

At Shriners International headquarters, the flags of the United States and Canada are to be flown at all times. The flags of other countries or jurisdictions where Shrine temples are located are to be displayed on a rotating basis for a period of one month.

In an Auditorium.

The national flag where the assembly is located, when used on a speaker’s platform and displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When it is displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, and at shrine functions where the assembly is located, it should be displayed at the speaker or clergyman’s right as he faces the audience or congregation. It is proper to have the national flags of other Shrine countries or jurisdictions at the speaker’s right (next to the host state’s flag, in sequence towards the speaker) in the order of their charter dates with any other flags at the speaker’s left.

At Parades.

The national flag of the country or jurisdiction where the parade is located may be either on the marching right, that is, the flag’s own right, or if there are a great number of other flags, it may be in front of the center of that line. If not inconsistent with protocol, it is recommended that the national flags be paraded side by side and in front of state, provincial, and other local flags, with the flag of the country or jurisdiction having the position of honor on the marching right in the order of their charter dates.

Other flags which temples may wish to parade should be in a line immediately following the national flags in the following order and beginning on the right: state or provincial flag; Shrine temple flag; Imperial Potentate’s flag; Past Imperial Potentates’ flags, and other flags.

One of the most common violations of international flag usage is the dipping of national flags at reviewing stands, during the playing of the national anthems, and other occasions. Unless the protocol of the country or jurisdiction states otherwise, national flags should never be dipped; however, all other flags should be dipped as a mark of honor.

In Front of Shrine Temples and Club Buildings.

When national flags are displayed in front of a Shrine temple or Shrine club building, they should be flown from separate staffs at the same height and the flags should be of approximately equal size. The flag of the country or jurisdiction in which they are being displayed should be in the position of honor in accordance with that country or jurisdiction’s protocol. In most cases this is the extreme right (a person’s own right as he faces outward of the building’s entrance).

Half-Staff.

When a country or jurisdiction in which the flags are displayed proclaims that its flag should be flown at half-staff, it would be improper to fly the other flags at full staff. Therefore, the flags of the other countries or jurisdictions should not be flown during that period.

Order of Charter Dates

The order is as follows: United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Germany and Brazil.

Competition.

When the flags are used in competition, consult the International Association Legions of Honor regulations and the Shrine Association’s regulations.

SHRINE CENTER - ORDER OF MARCH

1. City of Virginia Beach, Virginia - Police Motorcycle Escort
2. Color Guard – 2026 – Zembo Shrine Center
3. Honorary Grand Marshal
4. MASA Director General
 - a. Noble William D. Richards, Irem Shrine Center
5. Ranking Imperial Officers
6. Past Imperial Officers
7. MASA Officers 2026
 - a. President – Ill. Sir Michael Smith, P.P. Zembo Shrine Center
 - b. 1st Vice-President – Ill. Sir Fred Soutter, P.P. Kena Shrine Center
 - c. 2nd Vice-President – Ill. Sir Jeff Hawkins, P.P. Osiris Shrine Center
 - d. 3rd Vice-President – Ill. Sir Vince Etzel, P.P. Crescent Shrine Center
 - e. 4th Vice-President – Ill. Sir James Miller, P.P. Zem Zem Shrine Center
 - f. 4th Vice-President Elect – To be Determined
 - g. Secretary/Treasurer – Ill. Sir Michael A. Gordon, P.P. Almas Shrine Center
 - h. Executive Board Member – Ill. Sir Frank Williams, P.P. Salaam Shrine Center
 - i. MASA Chaplains
8. Distinguished Guests

Rotation Year

NOTE: The year beside each Shrine Center indicates the year that Shrine Center is **last** in the parade line up. The following year that Shrine Center rotates to the position behind the Shrine Center representing the lowest ranking MASA Officer.

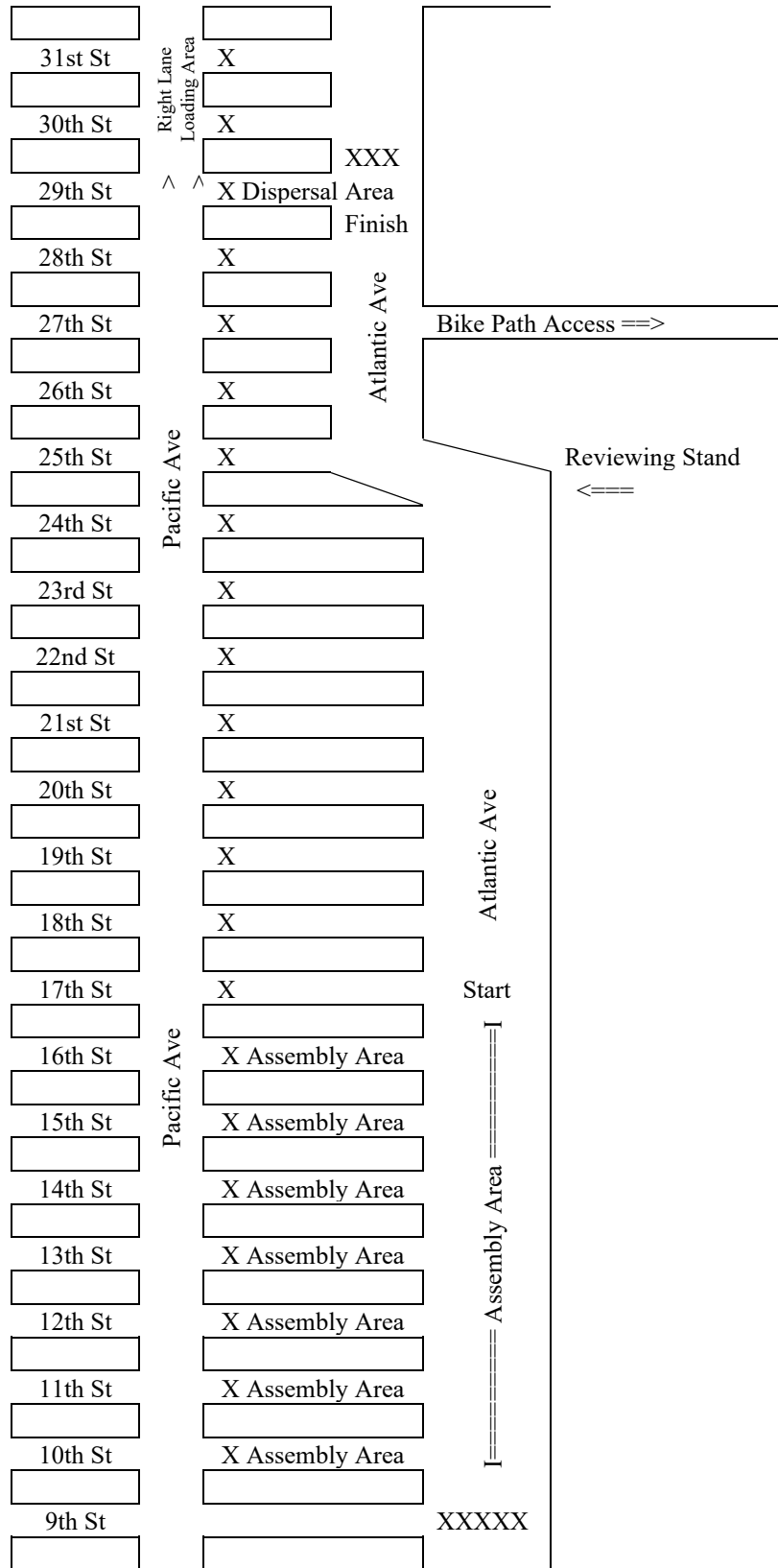
9. Zembo Shrine Center – President's Shrine Center 2031
10. Khedive Shrine Center – Host Shrine Center 2029
11. Kena Shrine Center – 1st VP Shrine Center 2026
12. Osiris Shrine Center – 2nd VP Shrine Center 2039
13. Crescent Shrine Center – 3rd VP Shrine Center 2030
14. Zem Zem Shrine Center – 4th VP Shrine Center 2037
15. Nur Shrine Center 2049
16. Emirat Shrine Center 2048
17. Mecca Shrine Center 2047
18. Cyprus Shrine Center 2046
19. Syria Shrine Center 2045
20. Pyramid Shrine Center 2044
21. LuLu Shrine Center 2043
22. Boumi Shrine Center 2042
23. Almas Shrine Center 2041
24. Acca Shrine Center 2040
25. Kismet Shrine Center 2038
26. Rajah Shrine Center 2036
27. Irem Shrine Center 2035
28. Sphinx Shrine Center 2034
29. Jaffa Shrine Center 2033
30. Salaam Shrine Center 2032
31. Kazim Shrine Center 2028
32. Ali Ghan Shrine Center 2027

SHRINE CENTER - ASSEMBLY LOCATION

Note: If two Shrines are listed, the first Shrine is in front and the second lines up behind the first

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHRINE CENTER</u>	<u>ASSEMBLY LOCATION FACING NORTH</u>
1.	DIGNITARIES/ZEMBO	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 16TH & 17TH ST (RIGHT LANE)
2.	KHEDIVE	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 15TH & 16TH ST (RIGHT LANE)
3.	KENA	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 12TH & 15TH ST (RIGHT LANE)
4.	OSIRIS	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 11TH & 12TH ST (RIGHT LANE)
5.	CRESCENT	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 10TH & 11TH ST (RIGHT LANE)
6.	ZEM ZEM	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 9TH & 10TH ST (RIGHT LANE)
7.	NUR	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 16TH & 17TH ST Left Lane & 16TH St. (IF NEEDED)
8.	EMIRAT/MECCA/CYPRUS/SYRIA	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 15TH & 16TH ST Left Lane & 15TH St. (IF NEEDED)
9.	PYRAMID/LULU	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 14TH & 15TH ST Left Lane & 14TH St. (IF NEEDED)
10.	BOUMI	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 12TH & 14TH ST Left Lane & 12TH St. (IF NEEDED)
11.	ALMAS	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 11TH & 12TH ST Left Lane & 11TH St. (IF NEEDED)
12.	ACCA/ KISMET	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 10TH & 11TH ST Left Lane & 10TH St. (IF NEEDED)
13.	RAJAH	ATLANTIC AVE. BETWEEN 9TH & 10TH ST Left Lane & Right Lane (IF NEEDED)
14.	IREM	10TH BETWEEN ATLANTIC AVE. & PACIFIC
15.	SPHINX/ JAFFA	11TH BETWEEN ATLANTIC AVE. & PACIFIC
16.	SALAAM	12TH BETWEEN ATLANTIC AVE. & PACIFIC
17.	KAZIM/ ALI GHAN	14TH BETWEEN ATLANTIC AVE. & PACIFIC

MASA PARADE – STREET VIEW



MASA PARADE LINE-UP

Use this Link to submit your form:

<https://masashriners.com/parade>

Note: Final changes must be submitted to the MASA Parade Marshal **NO LATER THAN** Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the Uniformed Units Meeting following the MASA Business Meeting.

Once you have submitted the form, please address any questions to:

Parade Marshal:

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