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Illustrious Potentate

TOUR OF DUTY 2024 MERRIMAC, MA SANTA PARADE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

I am pleased to announce Illustrious David P. Veo has accepted an invitation for the Aleppo Shriners to participate in the 2024 Merrimac, MA Santa Parade on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

As Chief of Staff, it gives me great pleasure to provide the following details and instructions.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARKING LOCATION ON PARADE DAY:

PARKING WILL BE AT THE CARPENTER'S UNION BUILDING. NO EXCEPTIONS.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

PARADE ASSEMBLY AREA: Willowdale Drive, Merrimac, MA

10:00 AM Nobles assigned for unloading their vehicles from the tractor trailers before the start of the parade will meet Mark Norton, Transportation Director **in front of the Carpenter's Building**, to proceed to the parade assembly area for unloading and parade assembly.

Aleppo trailers will participate in the parade.

All other Units transporting their own equipment and Nobles traveling by private vehicle will proceed to the assembly area to unload their vehicles prior to parade assembly time.

After off-loading, all vehicles will leave the assembly area and proceed to the end of the parade route – Short's Express on School Street (see directions). The Aleppo Bus/Vans will run until 12:15 PM from Short's Express (see directions) to the parade assembly area.

10:45 AM Nobles traveling to the assembly area by Aleppo Bus/Vans will park **in the designated parking area** and load from the same.

11:00 AM Aleppo Bus/Vans will leave promptly to proceed to the parade assembly area.

11:30 AM Parade Assembly.

Aleppo Stewards, under the direction of Chief Steward John Maihos, will provide sandwiches, chips, and soft drinks **PRIOR** to the parade in the parade assembly area.

1:00 PM Parade step-off – rain or shine.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Watts, Sr.

Chief of Staff

This is an annual event sponsored by the Town of Merrimac, MA; and I urge all Nobles to join me in making an impressive showing for them and their community.

The parade route is 1.1 miles long and begins from Willowdale Drive, proceeds down Church Street to the square, around the rotary – clockwise (backwards to normal traffic flow) giving the large trucks room to turn; down West Main Street (Route 110 West towards Haverhill) to Union Street, left onto Union Street to the Donaghue School. Aleppo units will continue to Short's Express on School Street.

PARADE DRESS

Divan & Ceremonial Masters:	Dark Blue Sports Jacket, White Shirt, Bartlett Tie, Gray Pants, Jewel, and Fez
Past Potentates:	Grey Jacket, White Shirt, Black Pants, Jewel, and Fez
Appointed Officers:	White Shirt, Black Pants, Shrine Cummerbund, and Fez
Uniformed Units:	Parade Uniform and Fez
Parading Nobles:	White Shirt, Black Pants, and Fez

PLEASE return by mail the coupon below to arrive at Shriners Auditorium NO LATER THAN one week prior – November 22, 2024; or send an email to Maribel Deluca at mdeluca@alepposhriners.com. Your cooperation will assist us in planning bus transportation and that enough food for collation is prepared. Thank you.

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ALEPPO SHRINERS
99 Fordham Road
Wilmington, MA 01887
2024 MERRIMAC, MA SANTA PARADE
Sunday, December 1, 2024

- Yes, I will participate in the **2024 Merrimac, MA Santa Parade**
- Yes, I will need a ride on the Aleppo Bus/Van from the Auditorium to/from the parade
- Sorry, I cannot participate in the **2024 Merrimac, MA Santa Parade**

Name: _____ Unit: _____

DIRECTIONS TO THE MERRIMAC, MA SANTA PARADE:

From Aleppo Shriners: South on Fordham Road, turn right onto Concord Street. Turn left onto Route I-93 North and proceed 7.5 miles to Route I-495 North – Exit 40A (Lawrence). Proceed 18 miles to Merrimac, Broad Street Exit (Exit 115). At the top of ramp, turn left onto Broad Street for 0.6 miles, then turn left onto MA-110 West for 0.1 miles; at the traffic circle take second exit onto Route 110 West; take second right onto Woodland Street - bear right onto Winter Street to end. Turn right onto Church Street and proceed to the parade assembly area on Willowdale Drive.

NOTE: This is at the request of the parade committee, to keep a one-way loop around the area.

DIRECTIONS TO THE ALEPPO PARADE PARKING AREA:

After offloading vehicles and for Aleppo Van Shuttle - leave Willowdale Drive and turn right onto Church Street, and proceed to the Rotary, take second right onto School Street, and proceed to the Aleppo Parking Area at Short's Express on School Street (right-hand side). Aleppo Transportation will run shuttle buses from Short's Express to the parade assembly area until 12:15 PM for members parking their vehicles.

Aleppo Shuttle Vans are to return to the parade assembly area by returning on School Street to the Rotary, go three-quarters around and proceed West on Route 110 to Woodland Street – follow directions above to the assembly area.

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To leave the parking area to return to Aleppo, turn right out of the property onto School Street, turn onto Mill Street to the end. Turn right onto Broad Street to the ramp for Route I-495 South and proceed to return to Aleppo.

**MERRIMAC SANTA PARADE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024
ASSEMBLY AT 11:30 AM
STEP OFF AT 1:00 PM**

**ALEPPO PARADE
ASSEMBLY AREA
WILLOWDALE DRIVE**

**PARADE ROUTE
WILLOWDALE DRIVE – FOLLOW CHURCH
STREET TO ROTARY TO ROUTE 110 WEST
TO UNION STREET TO DONAGHUE SCHOOL**

**FROM ALEPPO SHRINERS
FOLLOW ROUTE 495N TO EXIT 115 TOP OF
RAMP TURN LEFT ON BROAD STREET TO
END. TURN LEFT ONTO ROUTE 110, GO
THROUGH ROTARY ON ROUTE 110 TURN
RIGHT ONTO WOODLAND STREET, BEAR
RIGHT ONTO WINTER STREET. AT END
TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURCH STREET AND
PROCEED TO WILLOWDALE DRIVE**

**FROM END OF PARADE TO ALEPPO
PARKING AREA ON SCHOOL STREET
PROCEED AROUND SCHOOL ONTO
MIDDLE STREET, BEAR RIGHT ONTO
SCHOOL STREET, BEAR RIGHT TO SHURT'S
EXPRESS PARKING AREA**

**RETURN TO ALEPPO
TURN RIGHT ONTO SCHOOL STREET TO MILL
STREET, TURN RIGHT ONTO BROAD STREET TO
RAMP FOR ROUTE 495S**

