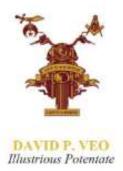


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TOUR OF DUTY 2024 MERRIMAC, MA SANTA PARADE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

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 – <u>clockwise</u> (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.

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Divan & Ceremonial Masters:	Dark Blue Sports Jacket,	White Shirt, Bartl	ett Tie, Gra	y Pants, Jewel,
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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.

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

Name	
11	Sorry, I cannot 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

Yes, I will participate in the 2024 Merrimac, MA Santa Parade

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.

