

# Ainad Temple Building Rededication



Saturday, 30 September 2023

1:00 PM

Ainad Temple

609 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois





As Potentate of Ainaid Shriners, I would like to express our sincere “Thank you” to everyone in attendance at this special event and especially those who have supported our restoration process through your generous donations. Our committee for the event has done a nice job preparing for this day and of course our Clubs and Uniformed Units never disappoint with the great things they continue to do both inside and outside of our Temple. I would encourage all of those who are here today to spend some time to tour our building and see the outstanding renovation work all of our Units have done to their respective rooms with their own funds. This speaks to the ownership and fraternal support we have within Ainaid to accomplish this together.

I would be remiss to not address the incredible support and partnership we have with our Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Michael Jackson and the Grand Lodge. We have worked together on a number of things including this rededication but most importantly.....membership for the Masonic Lodge, Shriners and the other appendant bodies. This relationship has been very important for all of us within Southern Illinois.

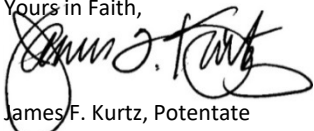
We have also worked very hard trying to improve the area surrounding Ainaid with the support of our partners within both the City of East St. Louis and St. Clair County. We will continue to grow these relationships as they are very important for the health of the neighborhood and Ainaid. We thank those within those governmental entities who have extended their hands to work together for a better East St. Louis and Ainaid. As a collaborative team together, we will succeed.

We will continue our restoration program until we can execute all of the major projects still remaining to be completed. We must remain focused on the end result and realize our great fortune to have the ability to remain in a one of a kind facility with such a great history not only within our organization but within our local community. Ainaid is the only Shriner Temple within Illinois to reside within our original facility which is now 100 years old. This is a testament to all of those who have supported the restoration process through donations or donated labor or materials.

Ainaid has utilized a phased approach to allow us to reside in place and not take on a large amount of debt required by the other courses of action that were considered. Our focus on fiduciary responsibility has allowed us to remain viable as a Temple by maintaining our membership and restoring our facility. We ask that you continue to support our restoration process as we work to finish the remainder of the tasks.

Once again, a huge “Thank you!” to everyone for your great support!

Yours in Faith,



James F. Kurtz, Potentate

# PROGRAM

Entertainment	Ainad Brass Band
Doors Open to Public	12:00 Noon
Entertainment	Ainad Brass Band
Event Begins	1:00 PM
Invocation	Grand Lodge Chaplain
Presentation of Colors	Ainad Color Guard
Pledge	Steve Kraus, Marshal
National Anthem	Ainad Brass Band
Opening Remarks	Grand Master
Organist	Grand Lodge Organist
Rededication Ceremony	Grand Lodge
Recessional	
Grand Entry & Introductions	Charles M. Alves, P.P. Ainad Arab Patrol
Brief History	Jim Kurtz, Potentate
Presentations & Acknowledgements	
Ainad Uniformed Unit Introductions	
Entertainment	Ainad Drum Corps
Closing Remarks	
Benediction	Ainad Chaplain
Event Concludes	
Reception Immediately Following	Large Dining Room
Guided Tours Available Upon Request	
Building Closes at 11 PM	



## **AINAD DIVAN**

Potentate	James F. Kurtz
Chief Rabban	Mike Koeneman
Assistant Rabban	RoyLee Mueller
High Priest and Prophet	Broderick "BJ" Srogus
Oriental Guide	Craig Mueth
1st Ceremonial Master	Brian Coppotelli
Captain of the Guard	Asheley Lybarger
Outer Guard	David Schneidewind
2nd Ceremonial Master	Tad Pierson
Marshal	Steven Kraus
Director	Mike Johnson
Treasurer	David Casson, Jr.
Recorder	Bradley Ehinger

## **AINAD OFFICE STAFF**

Administrator	Dan Salvati
Bookkeeper	Gretchen Koehne
Custodian	Bentley Hite

# GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Most Worshipful Grand Master	Michael Jackson
Deputy Grand Master	David Lynch
Senior Grand Warden	Joseph Ferrell
Junior Grand Warden	Gene Smith
Grand Treasurer	Tony Cracco
Grand Secretary	Frank Cline
Senior Grand Deacon	James Williams
Junior Grand Deacon	Angelo Deserio
Grand Chaplain	John Evans
Grand Pursuivant	Mark Osborn
Grand Steward	Dale Marfell
Grand Steward	Christopher Both
Grand Steward	Ronald Croy
Grand Steward	Sean Voegel
Grand Sword Bearer	Chad Lacek
Grand Standard Bearer	Cecil Bradley
Grand Tyler	Jeff Derrick
Assistant Grand Tyler	Ryan Flanagan
Grand Marshal	Dan Yandel
Grand Soloist	Russ McCulley
Assistant Grand Soloist	Noah Panlilio
Assistant Grand Soloist	Mike Kimbrell
Grand Organist	Jeff Miller
Assistant Grand Organist	Charles Duncan
Grand Historian	Merle Fox
Assistant Grand Historian	Bill Shaner
Assistant Grand Historian	Milan Vydareny
Grand Chancellor	John Loayza
Assistant Grand Chancellor	Domenico Mancini
Assistant Grand Chancellor	Luciano Acevedo
Assistant Grand Chancellor	Lars LaBounty

# OTHERS IN CEREMONY

## **Master**

Mark Koehne

## **Senior Deacon**

Andrew Tufto

## **Principal Architect**

Derek Reichert

## **Oldest Master of the Lodge**

Steve Kraus

## **Symbol Bearers**

Mick Kirksey

Larry Sinn

Alex Fitch

Doug Clary

# Rededication Committee Chairs

## **Event Chairman**

Grant Koentz

## **Decorations**

Mary Barbara Kurtz

## **Floor Logistics**

Dale Dohrman

Doug Melvin

## **Grand Lodge Rededication Coordinator**

Dan Yandel

## **Hospitality**

Pam Ingram

## **Kitchen**

Dave Boesch / Kitchen Patrol

## **Parking**

Arab Patrol

## **Ritual**

Charles Heilman, Jr.

## **Sound**

Dave Ekstrand

## **Tours**

Anne Koleson

## AINAD TEMPLE'S HISTORY

On 3 June 1922, Ainad Shriners broke ground on their new facility with much excitement about what the facility could do for the organization and local community as the membership included many local business and political leaders. Later that same year, on November 22, 1922, the cornerstone was laid by the Grand Master of Illinois with a Masonic ceremony specific for this purpose. Once construction concluded, Ainad Temple was dedicated on 26 October 1923 with over 5,000 Shriners in attendance from across the US and Canada – East St. Louis was decorated in the American colors and those of the Shrine's green, red and orange. East St. Louis also observed it as a holiday. Dedication of the new temple was preceded by "the most colorful parade ever seen in East St. Louis" included Imperial Potentate and his Officers of the Mystic Shrine and temples from New York, Illinois and Missouri. State and local politicians were also present. A blimp from Scott Field dropped flowers across the ceremony from above.



*The above image is the site looking north from the intersection of St. Louis Ave. & North 7th Street. This is the site prior to beginning construction.*

The architect for the facility was the renowned William B. Ittner, FAIA from St. Louis in association with local East St. Louis Architect Albert B. Frankel. Ittner was best known for his iconic school designs and architectural innovations. He was also the Commissioner of School Buildings for the St. Louis Public School System (1897-1910), had earned numerous accolades for his Masonic service and professional career. His legacy firm Ittner Architects, Inc., still remains in business after more than 120 years. Ittner designed hundreds of other buildings across the US and has over 35 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Frankel, who was an Ainad Shriner, designed several significant facilities in East St. Louis (including the Spivey Building which was the only "skyscraper" constructed in the City and is on the National Register of Historic Places) and others across Southern Illinois. Jesse I. Gedney of Gedney Contracting, also an Ainad Shriner, was selected as the Construction Superintendent.





The article at the below right is from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on 4 June 1922. Ground was broken on 3 June 1922. The image above was the setting of the Cornerstone at 2PM Friday, 24 November 1922-Later that day, over 100 new Nobles were initiated.

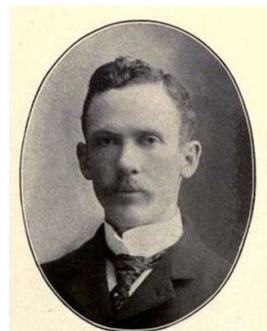
## CEREMONIES MARK BREAKING OF GROUND FOR NEW TEMPLE

The first earth was turned last evening for a Masonic building at East St. Louis to be erected under auspices of Ainad Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A street dance and band concert were given by Ainad Temple's band and drum corps before departing on a special train for the national convention at San Francisco.

C. H. Quackenbush, potentate of Ainad Temple, presided at the ceremonies. Several addresses were given. The dancing was on St. Louis avenue, which was closed to traffic until 9 p. m., after which the members marched to Relay Station. About 250 members of the order, many residing in cities outside of East St. Louis, who are members of Ainad Temple, accompanied by their wives, made up the party.



William B. Ittner, FAIA, Architect



Albert Brur Frankel, Architect

# SHRINERS TRYING TO REFUND DEBT ON AINAD TEMPLE

Owe \$414,767 on East St. Louis Building Erected in 1924—Nothing Paid on It Since 1934.

The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of East St. Louis (the Shriners) has filed a petition for reorganization in United States District Court at Danville, listing liabilities of \$414,767 on its pretentious Ainad Temple, 609 St. Louis avenue, East St. Louis, which it erected and furnished in 1924 at a cost of nearly \$600,000.

The debts are \$220,000 outstanding from the original bond issue of \$350,000, a note for \$82,750, representing a loan from the Mississippi Valley Consistory, a Shriner's organization, at the time the temple was constructed, and \$112,017 in accrued interest on both the bonds and the note. The petition stated no principal or interest had been paid on the bonds since 1934.

The principal assets, in addition to the real estate, building and furnishings, which were given a book value of \$323,239, are \$4969 in cash and \$2836 in accounts receivable.

Under a plan of reorganization, submitted with the petition, half the principal amount of the outstanding bonds and the note would be paid off with new bonds, which would mature in 15 years and bear 2 per cent annual interest instead of 6 per cent, the rate on the present bonds. In addition, each bondholder would receive \$5 in cash for each \$500 face value of bonds now owned.

A note would be issued for the payment of the remaining half of the outstanding debts. The note, to bear 1 per cent interest, would not be paid until the new bonds were retired. It was stated the plan, first offered to creditors in August, 1938, had been approved by 62 per cent of the bondholders owning 70 per cent of the bonds.

Ainad Temple, the scene of numerous conventions, dances and sport events, has a large assembly hall with a seating capacity of 6000 and several smaller meeting rooms. The Illinois National Guard leases the basement at a rent of \$400 a month.

The East St. Louis Shriner organization has a membership of about 1500 persons in Southern Illinois. Its membership totaled 5000 at the time the temple was constructed. The organization's financial difficulties were attributed to the dwindling membership and economic conditions which reduced the number of rent-producing public events at the temple.

James F. Galvin, East St. Louis real estate dealer, was appointed trustee by District Judge Walter Lindley, and instructed to take charge of the property, but to permit the Shriners continued use of the building.

Ainad Temple was erected not only as the headquarters for Ainad Shriners but also in response to a growing need in the region for a public venue for conventions, sporting and social events within the community. At the time the facility was constructed, it was said to be the largest auditorium south of Chicago. Its auditorium is still impressive today with more than 2,000 of the original individual wood seats and a large wooden floor adequate in size for basketball and other large events. It also boasts two dining rooms and a full commercial kitchen in the basement.

At over 86,000 square feet, the facility is remarkable in mass and colorful decoration, especially, in light of the neighborhood it sits within. The facility was an immediate success and hosted an abundance of diverse events from the time it opened. However, during the Great Depression, the membership dwindled as well as the activities within and Ainad Shriners nearly lost the facility but petitioned to reorganized its debt in late 1939. Five years later, in October of 1945, the Bonds were paid-off and a celebration was held at Ainad Temple in commemoration of the accomplishment.

It has been a noteworthy facility in the history of East St. Louis and St. Clair County ever since its construction due to the activities and events held within its walls. It is an anchor of hope in East St. Louis as it remains as one of the few structures in the downtown area that is in good condition and well maintained. Unfortunately, it falls just outside of the current Historic District designated by the City and identified in the National Historic Register.

Its importance to the community is that it has been the foundation of the social activity within the community and some would say the entire Metro-East due to the multitude and diversity of events held at the facility by a broad-range of organizations and agencies. Today, it continues to be utilized for social activities for the community as there are few facilities of its size to host larger events.

## All Bonds Paid Off on Ainad Temple

Ceremonies to mark completion of payment for Ainad Temple, 609 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, will be held Thursday with more than 3500 members of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine expected to join in the celebration. The building was erected in 1923 at a cost of \$800,000.

A parade and banquet will feature the day-long celebration which will begin with a reception at 10 a. m. for visiting Shriners from the St. Louis and Southern Illinois areas. Initiation ceremonies will be held for new members, according to Jack H. Mundinger, Shrine potentate. Fred Buck, grand marshal, will be in charge of a parade which will start at 3 o'clock.

Ainad Temple still remains the headquarters for Ainad Shriners whose jurisdiction includes the majority of Southern Illinois south of Springfield. With over 3,265 members, Ainad Shriners currently has the largest membership of the five Temples located within Illinois and is 4th largest of the 201 located around the world. The building remains an active facility and is leased to local organizations from within the local community on a regular basis in addition to Ainad Shriners holding their own events at the facility.

The facility has accommodated many different types of activities from numerous organizations beyond Ainad Shriners. It has seen, conventions, concerts, charitable events, banquets, bond rallies, beauty contests, dances, car shows, charity events, circuses, competitions of all kinds, conventions, entertainment, expositions, fund raisers, funerals, governmental agencies, home shows, military, minstrels, movies, political and union rallies, TV and radio shows, religious, sporting events, fallout shelter (designation for 1,117 persons in 1962), and many fraternal events.

There also have been many important celebrities who have performed or spoke at Ainad Temple over the last 100 years including one of the most famous being Amelia Earhart who was one of the speakers during the 2-3 April 1936 meetings for the 21th Annual Teachers Federation. Other important figures were comprised of actors, entertainers, healers, politicians, religious, medical, military and union leaders, etc. from the local to national level. Some of the notable national celebrities and entertainers included: The Grand Ole Opera, Ernest Tubb, Tennessee Mountain Boys, Drifting Cowboys, Faron Young, Kitty Wells, Ray Price, Jessie Owens, Johnnie & Jack, Pearl Bailey, The Andrew's Sisters, Frankie Avalon, Chuck Berry, Edgar Bergman, Lee Greenwood, Spike Jones, Charlie McCarthy, Jackie Mason, George Murphy, Mel Tillis, Manny Harmon, both Army and Navy Bands, and local TV and radio shows.



*Car shows were common at Ainad. This is the Basement Circa 1962. Credit—Art Jacobs.*

# GUARD UNIT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN E. ST. LOUIS

## Governor Agrees to Payment of \$400 Per Month for Temple as Armory.

Governor Horner yesterday confirmed the payment of \$400 a month to the Ainad Temple of East St. Louis for the use of its basement as a National Guard headquarters. The temple has consented to pay the light, water and heat for the unit.

The basement measures 150 feet by 120 feet and includes two wings 40 by 50 feet each. The state has consented to appropriate \$1500 for the building of partitions to set off stock rooms for army equipment.

The guard unit will include two sections, Battery E, 123 Field Artillery, consisting of 60 enlisted men commanded by Captain R. F. Salvage of 52 Signal Hill Boulevard, and the Third Battalion Headquarters Combat train, consisting of 27 enlisted men commanded by Captain H. J. Schiermeyer of East St. Louis.

The unit will use motorized guns of the 155 millimeter Howitzer type. The guns and the trucks used to move them will be garaged in the basement headquarters.

Enlistments will start July 6 and will continue for one week. The age requirements shall be between 18 and 45. The enlisted men will receive \$1 for their appearance at drill once a week. However, pay will not start until the unit has been recognized by the government. The guns and equipment, such as uniforms, will be furnished by the government.

According to Captain Salvage, the unit will net St. Clair County, the boundaries of which will be used for enlistment requirements, \$20,000 a year in salaries and maintenance.

Professional sports played at Ainad included: basketball (Harlem Globe Trotters, New York Celtics, New York Renaissance, and St. Louis Brewers) wrestling, boxing (professional & Golden Glove), etc. in addition to high school, college, and other amateur sporting events. East St. Louis High School played all of their basketball in the facility for many decades. Numerous other basketball tournaments including those for conference and regional play-offs were held at Ainad.

Other organizations who utilized the facility on a regular basis included: Boy Scouts, fraternal organizations (Elks, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, Odd-Fellows, Lions, Moose, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, etc.), labor unions (Teachers, Teamsters, Pipe Fitters, Police, etc.), religious/churches, and social organizations (Daughters of the American Revolution, Literary Club, Schubert Club, Philharmonic, Junior Service Club, etc.) Other events of significance included use by the government for as a polio, small pox and flu immunization center for the community and schools. One such example was on December 3, 1932, according to the Belleville Daily News Democrat, over 3,200 children were vaccinated for smallpox in the basement under direction of the Health Department.

Many organizations had significant relationships at Ainad Temple and included the Illinois National Guard (123rd Artillery Battery and Third Battalion Headquarters) which leased Ainad's basement beginning in 1937. During World War II, the building was used as a mustering point for units prior to departure for the European and Asian theatres for battle. Units would drill in the auditorium as well as the basement. Also, the US Army had a communications unit there during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, as the regional headquarters for Civil Defense until the mid-1970's and as a fall-out shelter for 1,070 per a St. Louis Globe-Democrat article from August 2, 1962.

## E. St. Louis High to Graduate 247

Diplomas will be awarded 247 graduates of the East St. Louis Senior High School at commencement exercises to be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday in Ainad Temple, East St. Louis.

The principal address will be made by Dr. A. W. Clevenger, high school visitor from the University of Illinois. The diplomas will be presented by Miss Bernice Goedde, president of the board of education.

*Belleville News Democrat, 7 June 1948*

## 40,000 View Sixth Pageant of Progress at East St. Louis

**Thelma Flanigan of Centralia Is Queen of Egypt.**

A crowd estimated by police at 40,000 persons viewed the sixth annual Pageant of Progress parade last night as it wound its way through the streets of East St. Louis to the Ainad Temple, where the "Queen of Egypt" was crowned for 1929-1930.

Miss Thelma Flanigan of Centralia was crowned queen before a crowd of 10,000 persons from all parts of Southern Illinois who were present to see the new queen take her place on the throne.

Miss Flanigan alighted from the Queen's float under a canopy of lights stretched across St. Louis avenue, and entering the temple, advanced up the center aisle to receive the crown from Charles A. McCormack, reigning potentate, under a flood of golden lights celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Edison's invention of the incandescent lamp.

Miss Flanigan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flanigan of Centralia, Ill. She is 21 years old and was graduated from Centralia High School in 1927. She is society editor of the "Centralia Sentinel."

*St. Louis Globe Democrat, 22 Oct 1929*

East St. Louis High School had most of their major events at Ainad from 1931 until the late 1950's. Beginning in 1931, they began holding all of their graduation ceremonies at Ainad as they had outgrown their existing facility's capacity. They held the graduations there until 1954 (last record found). East St. Louis High School also played all of their basketball games at Ainad through the 1956-57 season when their new High School was constructed. They also held other events such as proms and dances at Ainad. Other high schools also had relationships. For example, Belleville Township High School also held many events at the facility such as dances, Donkey Basketball, etc.

The Teachers Federation (Illinois Education Association) met annually at Ainad for many decades (beginning in 1925 with approximately 2,500 teachers in attendance growing to over 5,500 teachers in the last record found on-line in 1957). They again met in the past several years due to a power outage at another venue. In addition to their multi-days meetings, they also had notable keynote speakers and entertainment such as the St. Louis Symphony at these sessions.

Conventions were also integral to Ainad's success as an event center. The Illinois State Medical Society, AMVETS, Milk Producers, Meat Cutters, fraternal organizations, labor & trade unions of all types, etc. had annual events and drew thousands for each of the different events. Similarly, shows, exhibitions and miscellaneous competitive events outside of sporting events were numerous and included beauty contests, dance competitions, drum & bugle, dog shows, home shows, etc.

Political functions were also popular functions at Ainad. A variety of fundraisers, rallies, dances and dinners included politicians from mayors, to governors, Senators and even a Vice-Presidential candidate have been present and most recently beyond local politician's events, Illinois Governor Pritzker the speaker at the August 4, 2021 annual Obama Dinner.

There were also numerous dances, fundraisers, memorials, war-rallies, recruiting, etc. all in support of the US armed forces' veterans and active-duty soldiers.

# AINAD TEMPLE'S ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN INTEGRITY

Originally designed in a Moorish theme, Ainad Temple's original design integrity remains very close to its original construction for the majority of the facility. The colorful, custom terracotta elements which adorn the exterior are all still intact. These terra cotta elements are all located on the front portion of the building while several horizontal bands of smooth limestone wraps the entire perimeter of the exterior façade. Additionally, there are also multiple horizontal bands of darker masonry (two courses high each band) for the full elevation of the façade. The original limestone parapet caps remain but are now concealed beneath the newer aluminum flashing and membrane roofing to ensure the parapet remains watertight. There is more decorative cornice work and terra cotta balustrades which cap the front building masses ahead of the larger massing of the remainder of the building.

After recent renovations to replace the non-original glass block and single pane aluminum windows, which were installed at some time unknown, the newer replacement windows are very similar in appearance to the original design of William B. Ittner/ A.B. Frankel's construction documents. At some point, it is believed in the 1950's, the two original skylights were removed from the auditorium and roofed over. An arched ceiling was added in the auditorium, assumed to at the same time the skylights were removed.

Circular windows which now are only visible from within in the auditorium's attic space (created by the ceiling addition) were bricked in at the exterior façade. The brick rowlock surrounds of the original circular windows are still visible at the exterior facade. One round window remains in its entirety but is only visible from within the auditorium's attic space. The other windows and frames are all missing.



*The above images depict the interior of the Auditorium's attic space.*

Roof mounted ventilators were removed from the auditorium roof in 2023 during a reroofing project related to a storm event which damaged them along with the roof itself. The ventilators had not been functional for many years and were rusted through causing leaks. Older non-original mechanical units were removed from the lower roofs in 2017 during an earlier roofing project and in 2019, new HVAC units were located on both the roof of the Candidate's Room and Administrative wing's roofs. The original boiler, piping, and radiator systems were removed and replaced with high-efficiency zoned HVAC for the entire facility. The facility was not utilized during the summer months due to a lack of air-conditioning prior to this work.

An elevator lobby was added in the 1990's at the rear of the facility and the windows to the north were closed in to match the color of the brick at the same time.

All of the electrical wiring and panels from 1923 have recently been replaced with new code compliant wiring and equipment when the work was executed in two phases starting in 2017 and completed in 2023. This work was initiated due to several recent electrical fires directly related to the deterioration of the original cloth wiring and other non-code compliant electrical modifications completed throughout the life of the facility. Additionally, the new high-efficiency electric HVAC system required an increased electrical capacity than what currently existed within the facility. Interior linear fluorescent lighting in the Candidate's Room and public corridors were replaced with a modern version of the original classroom fixtures. All historical light in the main lobby and stairs remain but have been restored, rewired and relamped with led lamps which replicate the original. The original lobby doors remain, however, the side dock doors were replaced with metal doors. The original serving line remains in the Large Dining Room.

Of the five original restrooms in the basement. Three are in very close to their original condition, with the exception of new ceilings and unit heaters being added. Some domestic supply piping had to be abandoned in place and new surface mounted copper installed to replace it as the original was imbedded in the existing masonry walls. However, it was thoughtfully done and meets current code. Almost all of the porcelain sinks and toilets are original in addition to the marble toilet partitions and wood partition doors. Many of these restroom elements are consistent with other Ittner designs found elsewhere. A new restroom was added in the southwest corner of the facility on the First Floor as no other restroom was available on this floorplate. The design utilized subway tile and other elements to align with the original restrooms which remain in the Basement's floorplate.

Much of the work has been completed in regards to the major building systems. There still is a significant amount of restoration to be completed. Recently, select plaster repair has been executed with more to follow. The public spaces at the interior still require miscellaneous repairs and/or replacement of finishes including new paint throughout. Major projects of significance which still remain are remediation of asbestos at the Auditorium and refinishing and repairs to the wooden floors across the Main Floor plate. Other on-going and annual maintenance needs to be continued to avoid the pitfalls of the past which allowed the exterior to deteriorate and allow moisture to enter the exterior envelope causing damage to both the exterior and interior. This includes select tuckpointing and sealing of the masonry and terra cotta at the exterior as needed according to the life-cycle of the products utilized to do so.

Current efforts to gain registration with the National Historic Register are moving forward as we have already gained approval to do so from the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Once registration is gained, we will have other opportunities to explore regarding grants and other vehicles for funding assistance that can supplement our current restoration funding.



*The top image is an aerial view of the site from 1951 showing all of the residential structures surrounding Ainad Temple. Note that on the auditorium roof, the two original skylights were still in place. In November of 1958, the East St. Louis City Council approved the vacation of the alley behind Ainad and set forth the demolition of residential structures for the parking lot which currently exists behind the facility now shown on bottom image which was taken prior to the restoration process beginning in 2015.*

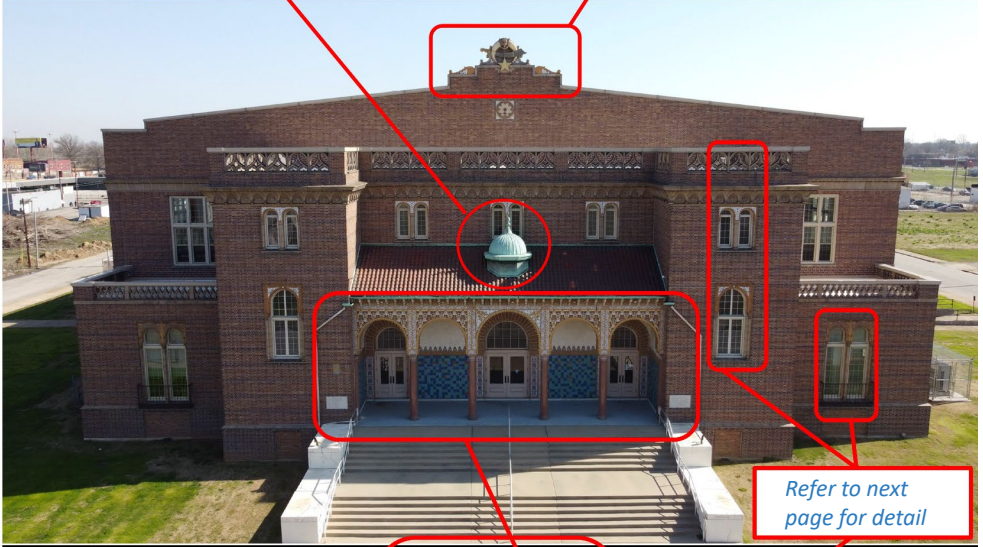
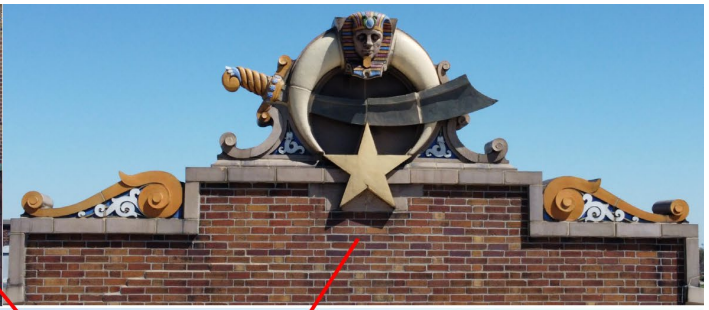
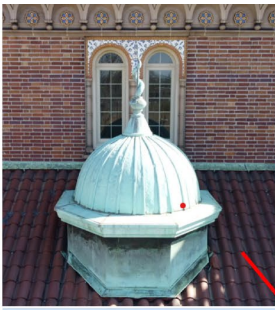




*The original design of the front lobby is intact with the original light fixtures which have been restored as well as all woodwork, doors, and ceramic tile floor where the Shiner emblem was embedded in the floor in front of the middle set of doors. The lights in the Lobby and Stairs were removed, taken apart, cleaned and when appropriate, refinished and then rewired and relamped with new led bulbs matching the original. The details on the Lobby fixtures are hand painted and considerable care had to be utilized when cleaning them.*



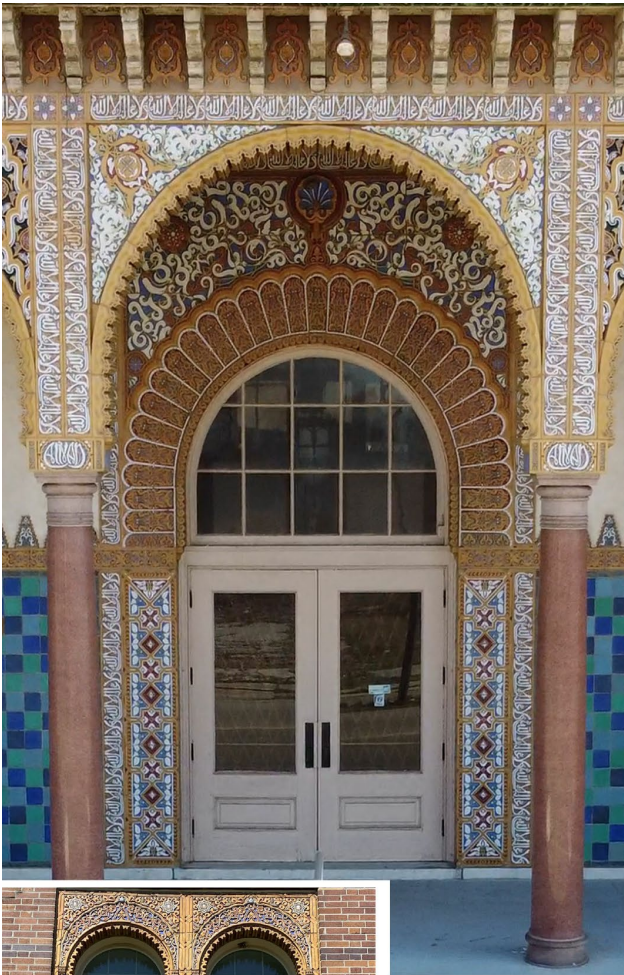
*Throughout the majority of the facility's public spaces, the original woodwork, doors, and decorative features remain intact. The light fixtures in the Corridors and Candidate's Room were replaced with linear florescent fixtures at some point. However, the restoration replaced those with a modern version of the original classroom fixtures as depicted in the above images. The decorative column caps remain with "Ainad" and the Shiner emblem designs on alternating sides. They occur on the two columns at each corner of the Corridor.*



Refer to next page for detail



The middle image is the south elevation along St. Louis Avenue. The top row left image is the copper copula which is located in the tile roof above the loggia and to the right is the decorative terra cotta Shiner emblem which sits atop the parapet at the south façade above the main entrance. The bottom image is the loggia with polished granite columns, terra cotta detailing in addition to a ceramic tile wainscot. Note the signage to the left which indicated the fall-out shelter designation.



*The images on this page depict the detail of the main entry at the Loggia and the four different types of terra cotta ornamentation above each specific window type. Note the variety of bright colors utilized at the terra cotta. The polished granite columns at the Loggia are capped by "Ainad" cast into the terra cotta. The repetitive Arabic text borders has been translated to "There is no other victor other than God."*

*The window to the left is from the original location of the Office and Potentate's Office. The upper window on the right is typical of all upper windows on the front façade and on the side of the front stairs. The window below it is typical of the window located at both stairs at the landing between the First and Second Floors. The terra cotta balustrade above the stairs and Loggia are the same, however, the balustrades at the lower roof above the original office / Potentate's Office locations are different.*

# 2023 Ainad Shriners Divan



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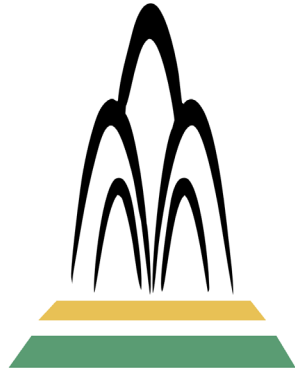
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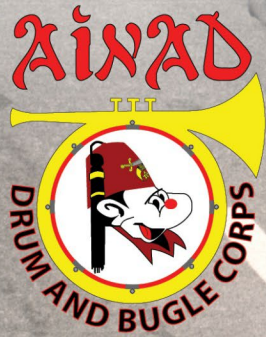
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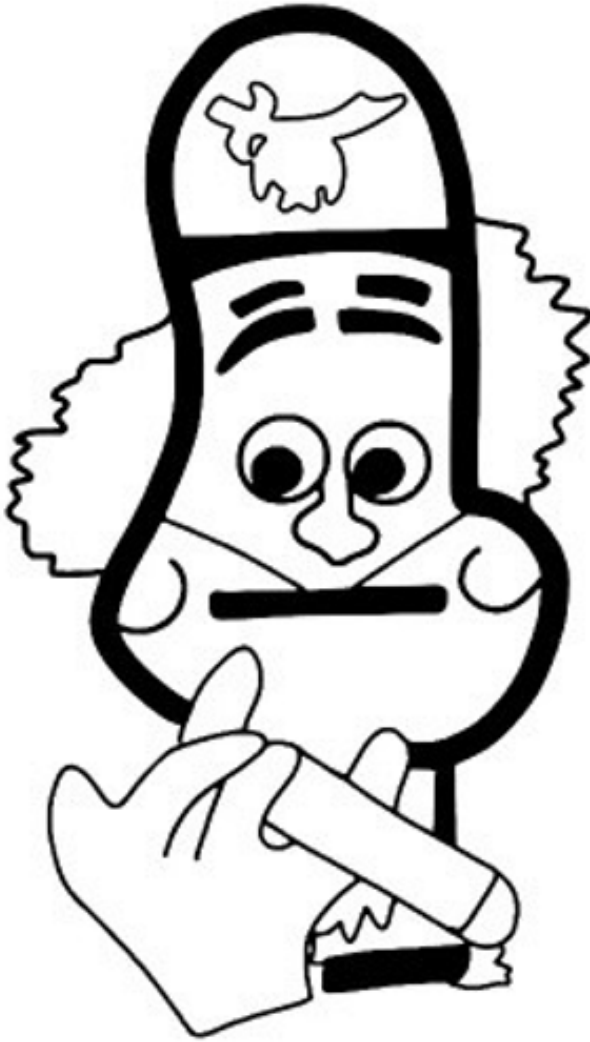
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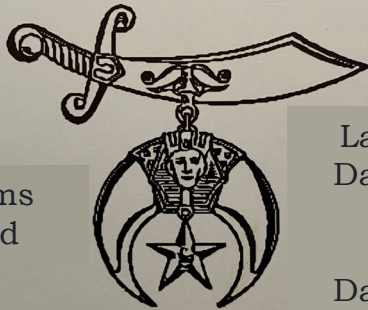
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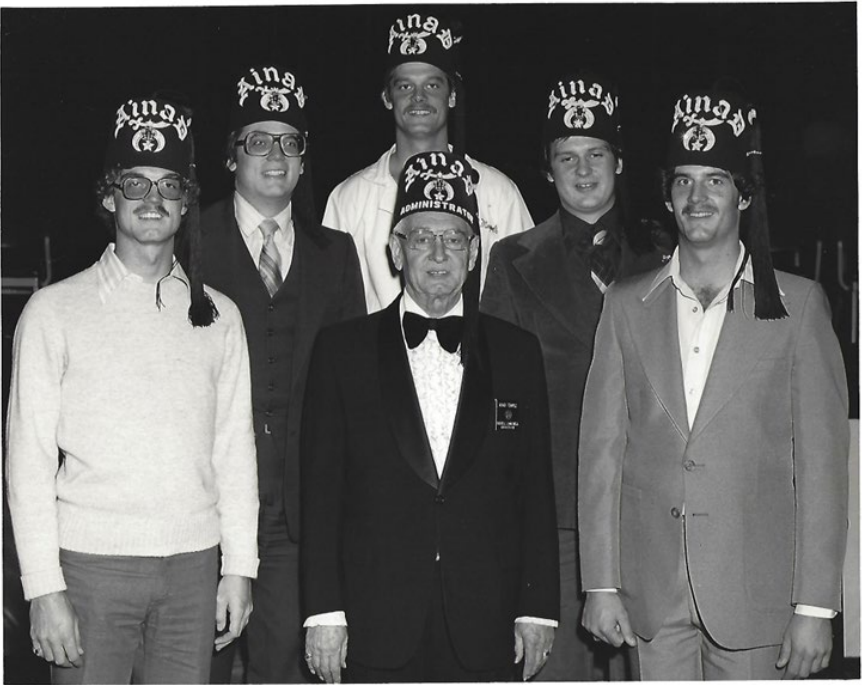


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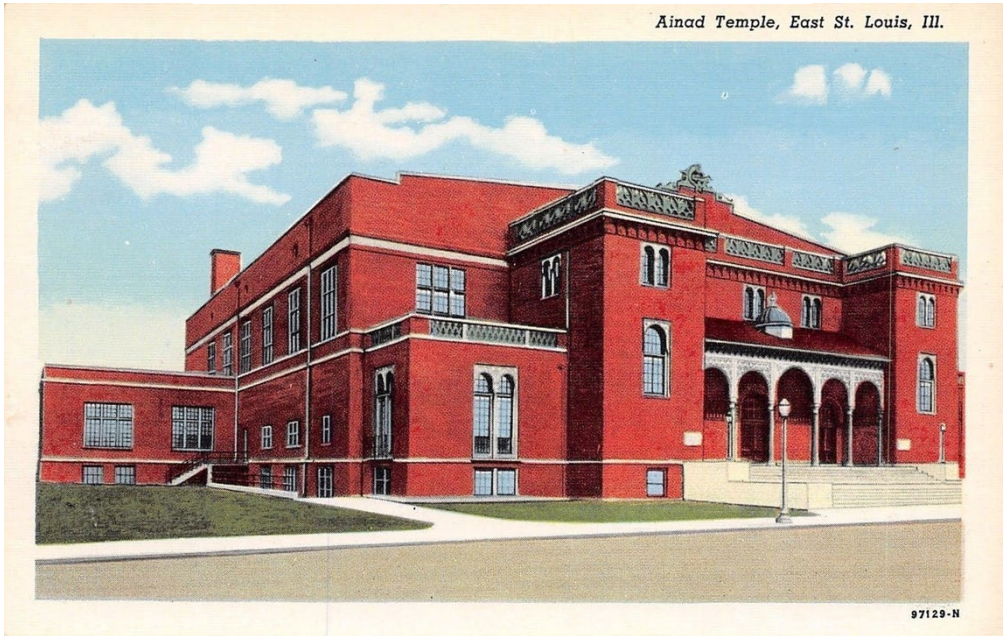
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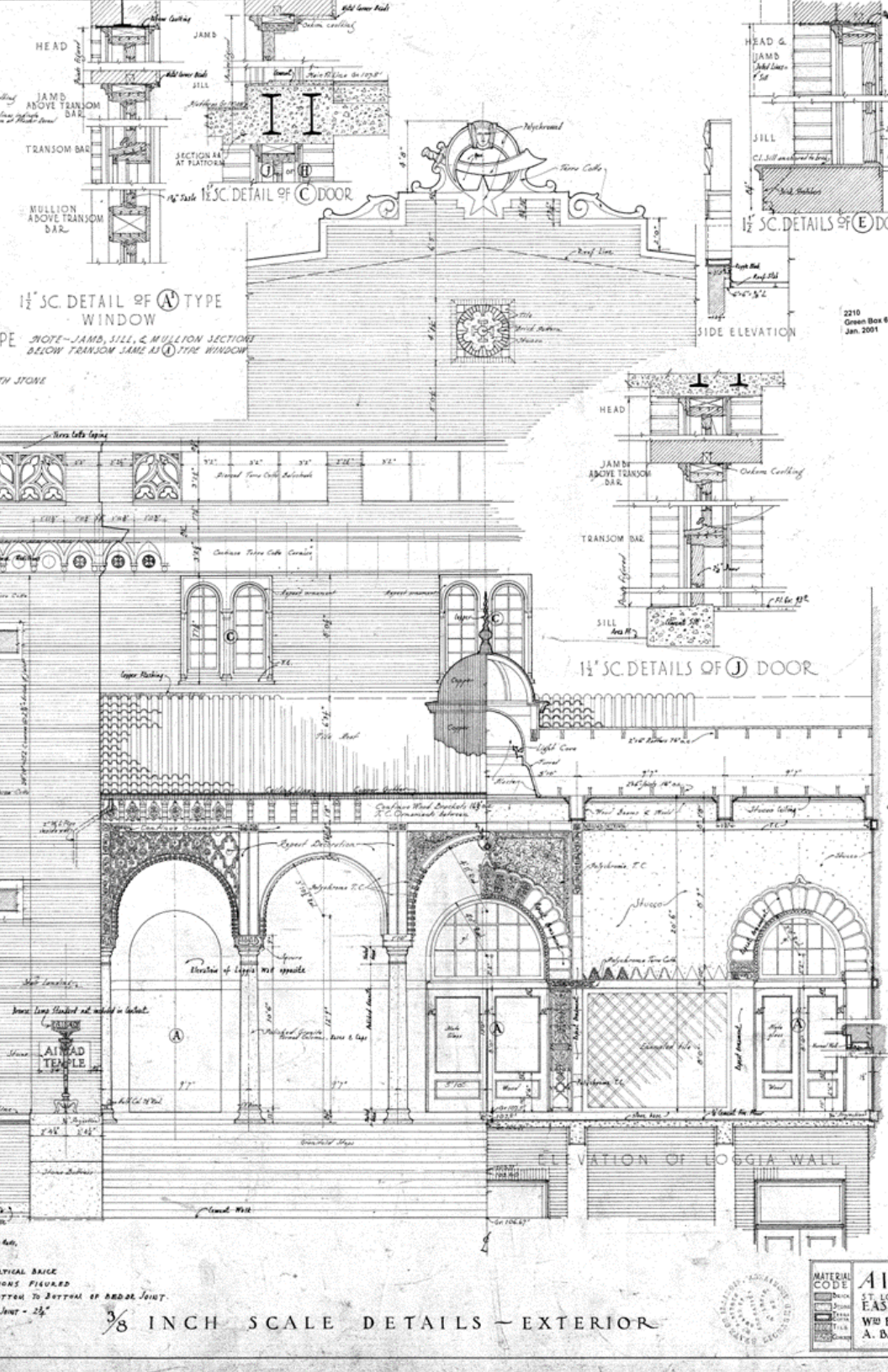
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