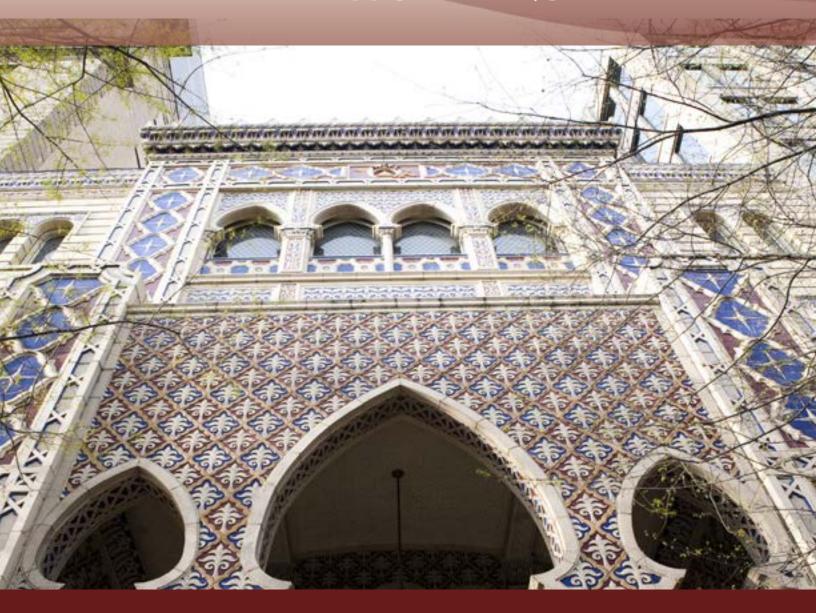
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# Potentate's Nessage

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

It's hard to believe that December has arrived. Winter will soon be upon us. Where has the time gone?

My visit to Crescent Shriners Potentates Ball was a great event. Everyone dressed for the Halloween theme. Some of the costumes were really original and certainly added to the festivities of the evening. Crescent Shrine really knows how to have fun. This was my last social event with the other Temples for the year.



I had the privilege of attending the Annual International Association Legion of Honor Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. This was a very impressive event. I was given the honor of addressing the members of the many Temples represented. It was a great feeling to have five members of Almas present as well as the Imperial Potentate. If you have never attended one of these sessions, you should do so.

We must now look toward the happenings till the end of 2016. We will take care of important business at the December Business meeting where we will elect the officers for 2017 and vote on the coming years budget.

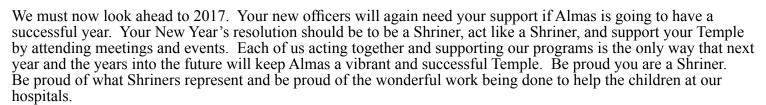
The Board of Directors will meet to finish up the business for

this year and begin planning for next year.

Having taken care of the business of the Temple, we now shift into the holiday celebration mode. Let's finish the year on an upbeat note. I hope you are able to support our clubs by attending some of the parties which are scheduled. The Yacht Club holiday party once again will provide a great evening of fun where many of the gifts that were chosen will end up being "pilfered" by some scoundrel.

The Peruvian Club had a great party with excellent food and dancing, the Northwest-BCC Shrine Club will be celebrating a successful year, the Ladies of the Temple will be treated to a wonderful Holiday Luncheon

and the children will have a holiday party which will include the traditional moon bounce and lots of food.



Yours in the Faith,

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## Almas Shriners Business Meeting

December 1, 2016 7:30 pm



Election of Officers for 2017 and Voting on the 2017 Budget

1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005





Your 2016 Dues card is necessary for admittance.

Wear your Fez.





## George Perez - Candidate for Oriental Guide

George Perez is fortunate to have a very supportive and loving wife who comes from a masonic background. He and his Lady Lesly enjoy the comradery and functions DC Masonry provides. George is in the Information Technology field with an extensive technical and leadership background in System Administration and Cyber Security. In 1998 George earned a Baccalaureate Degree in Criminology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

George Perez is an active member, Officer or representative of: JC3 Chairman of the Education Committee.

Potomac Lodge No. 5: Raised Fall 2012 **Scottish Rite of DC: Initiated Spring 2013** Justice Columbia Lodge No. 3: Affiliated Fall of 2014 Masonic Eastern Star Home (MESH) Appointed Representative 2014 **Almas Shriners: Initiated 2016** 

DCSR Assistant Almoner. DCSR 2016 Chieftain, Knights of Saint Andrew. DCSR Orator, Mithras Lodge of Perfection. DCSR Americanism Committee Member.

DCSR Chairman of the 2016 KSA Community Service Awards.

DCSR Director of the 29th Degree, Spring 2016.

JC3 Junior Warden (Acting) 2016.

JC3 Membership Committee.

JC3 Charity Committee.

JC3 MESH Representative.

JC3 Chairman of the UBC Participation

JC3 Masonic Education Proficiency Degree Instructor.

MESH Grants Committee.

GL 2016 Universal Brotherhood Celebration Committee (UMC) member.

Almas Mini Motor Corps Unit. Almas Representative at the Annual Shriners International Membership Seminar, 2016. Almas Mini Motor Corps team at the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Convention, 2016

#### Almas Yacht Club



One of the fun parts of belonging to the Almas Yacht Club is socialization with other temple's yacht clubs and attending Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Club functions. Our year started with the Nur Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball held in February at the Kent Island Yacht Club. In July First Mate Stephanie and I attended the MAASYC three-day rendezvous in Crisfield, VA via SV Second Life, our sailboat. MAASYC Change of Watch was held in September during the MASA meeting and I am happy to say Almas Yacht Club will be well represented on the 2017 Bridge. In October we attended the joint Lulu and Crescent Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball held in the lovely setting of Riverwinds Restaurant located on the Delaware River in West Deptford, NJ. It has been a fun year and we look forward to more events next year.

By the time this is published the November election meeting, held this year at Fratelli's Italian Restaurant in Hyatts-ville, will be complete and a new Bridge ready to be installed. The new Bridge will be announced in the next issue of the Alibi. Vice Commodore Don Ferguson, PP, is planning for the Commodore's Ball to be held in June next year and to be held at the Temple. More on the Ball as plans materialize. Maybe in 2017 we won't have a blizzard?

Our final event of the year is the AYC Holiday Celebration on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at the Sphinx Club. Social hour at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00 for \$25.00 a person. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle. This year the theme will be Ugly Sweater with a prize for the ugliest sweater. Dig deep in the closet and shake the mothballs out the ugly sweaters for the contest. Dinner will be followed by an anonymous gift exchange. Each person is to bring a wrapped gift. Be aware! Gift snatchers abound at the meeting. We are in communication with the Jolly North Pole Elf and it is rumored that he will be able to take time from his busy December schedule for a visit. An invitation is extended to Almas Shriners to join us for this fun annual function.

Frank Ireton, Commodore



## Daughters of the Nile



Hello and Greetings from Samla Temple No. 51 Daughters of the Nile.

We had two fundraising events this fall. In October we met at The Watsons Home for a fun time and delicious Italian Dinner to benefit our ways and means budget. Thanks to Christine & Royce for sharing their home and thanks to all that came out.

In November, we had a Wine Tasting at The Olney Winery. It was well attended and a BIG success, the proceeds will go to the Surgical Navigation System for Children's Spine Surgeries for Shriners Hospitals for Children ® in Philadelphia, PA. When you see Pr. Diane Logue ask her about this worthy cause. Thanks to our members who contributed their

time and talents before and during the event.

Each year Samla Temple contributes to the Daughters of the Nile Convalescent Relief Account, or CRA and Convalescent Endowment Fund, or CEF to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children ®. The CRA is referred to as the NOW fund, as it provides money for a specific fiscal year. CEF is the Workhorse of our Philanthropy, as it is an irrevocable Trust Fund. Each year, the interest income of the Endowment Fund is distributed.

"Count Your Blessings" and when you see Pr. Josephine Foly ask her how you can help the Children.

Thanks,

Virginia Schweitzer, Queen Samla51queen@gmail.com





The Almas Transportation Fund is in need of a little boost. If you know of a friend or family member who has a birthday or some special occasion coming along, think of a donation in their honor. We will be very happy to receive this kind donation

and acknowledge everyone for their generosity. Thank you in advance for helping the children of the Shrine Hospital system.

#### **DONATIONS**

In Honor of Ill. Sir Fred W. Evans
Almas Northwest Shrine Club

In Memory of Grace Haines
(Jennifer Murray's Mother)
Don & Becky Holliday
Bill & Alma Jean Bridegum

In Memory of F. William Hershiser, P.P.
Grant & Beverly Berning
Don & Becky Holliday

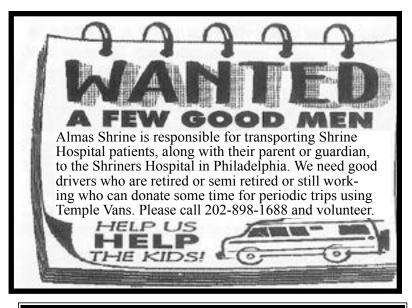
In Memory of William E. Chaney, Jr. PGM
Washington Daylight Lodge #14
Capitol 104 Children's Fund & PG Forest # 139
Tall Cedars of Lebanon
Jay & Nancy Whitcomb
Grant & Beverly Berning
Don & Becky Holliday
Robert Drechsler
Bill & Alma Jean Bridegum

In Memory of Marvin Fowler, PGM 1950 Roberta Fowler

In Memory of A. Wallace Moore, Jr., P.P.
Grant & Beverly Berning
Don & Becky Holliday

In Memory of William Bartlett Grant & Beverly Berning

In Memory of Lilian Hall
(Rick Hall's Mother)
Bill & Alma Jean Bridegum



#### Almas Transportation Fund Donations

Remember a loved one or a friend, make a donation to the Almas Hospital Transportation Fund. Make checks payable to:
Almas Hospital Transportation Fund and mail to
Almas Shriners,

1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005. Donations to the Transportation Fund are tax deductible.

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Person(s) to whom acknowled	Igment is to be sent:
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In Memory of Don Myers Bill & Alma Jean Bridegum

In Memory of Evelyn Patricia Fuller (Bobbie Hassler's Mother) Bill & Alma Jean Bridegum

**Other Donations**MESH Charities



## Assistant Rabban - Jeffrey D. Holt

Hello Nobles!

"Time flies when you're having fun" is often used humorously when you are talking about an activity which was not enjoyable. I know, "Time flies when you're having fun" at Temple Business meetings. Trust me "Time flies for me too" but your Divan is attempting to change that. Who knows more about having fun than the Shriners.



Within a few days our Temple will hold elections for the 2017 Divan members and also vote on the 2017 Temple Budget. This is the time for you to have your say and I strongly encourage all Nobles to come out and take part in the business of running your Temple. Your Divan is listening but you need to speak up and make us aware of your concerns.

I will be standing for election as the Chief Rabban of Almas Shriners and I want to share with you my concerns and where I will be focusing this upcoming year. I strongly believe in the Units and Clubs of our Temple. I want to help our Units and Clubs to reengage the Nobles of Almas. I will be visiting the Units and Clubs in the National Capital Area to listen to your concerns and help lay down plans to help them grow. In October I started my journey of Unit Reengagement with a trip to the Almas Motor Corps. I was warmly welcomed by the Director Noble Eddie Dixon and the members of the Motor Corps. We shared honest and open discussion of their needs and plans for the upcoming year. I'm impressed with the commitment of time and personal resources given by the members of this Unit as they represent Almas. I left this meeting with a better understanding and appreciation of this Unit. If you are a member of Almas and have not yet joined a Unit, please consider joining Almas Motor Corps. My journey of Reengagement will continue into the new year and I plan to visit other Units and Clubs to listen and share fellowship with the Nobles of the "Diamond of Shrinedom" Almas.

There are two important dates in December 2016 that I hope you will take the time for and join me at the Temple during the busy holiday season. The first date is the December 1st Almas Shriners Business Meeting. I respectively request your continued support as I stand for election as the Chief Rabban for Almas Shriners. The second date is December 17th, which is the Winter Ceremonial at Almas Temple. If it's been a while since you have been at the Temple, the time is good to come "Home to Almas". So help us welcome new Nobles into the Fellowship of Noble Brothers. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Temple!

Yours in the Faith! Noble JD, Assistant Rabban

Please enroll me as a member of the 100 Million Dollar Club					
I have previously made a Will leaving a bequest to the Shrine Hospital for Children.					
I have made a provision in my Will leaving a bequest to the Hospitals.					
I prefer to make a cash contribu	I prefer to make a cash contribution at this time of at least \$100.00 which is tax deductible.				
Make check payable to: Shriners Hospitals for Children and mail to Almas Shriners, 1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005					
I am a ı	member of Shrii	ne.			
Sign	Shrine #	#			
Address	City	State Zip			
Please have the certificate read :					



# Come and join the Nobles as we honor our Ladies.

## The Almas Yacht Club Presents The Almas Shrine Center's 2016 White House Holiday Ornament Project



The 2016 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Herbert Hoover, who served as the thirty-first president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. It is inspired by the fire engines that responded to the 1929 Christmas Eve fire at the White House and toy trucks presented to children by the Hoovers the following Christmas. The four-alarm fire brought nineteen engine companies and four truck companies to the White House. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass, plated with nickel and 24-karat gold, and the engine carries a Christmas tree for delivery to the White House. This year's ornament design was created by art student Kayla Whelan, the winner of a national art school design competition created by the White House Historical Association.

Name			
Address			
City	St	ZIP	
No. Ornaments	X \$20 Plus Shipping Total		

#### Cost is \$20.00 Each

For an additional charge of \$7.00 we will mail 1–3 ornaments to you. Contact us for shipping costs on 4 or more ornaments.

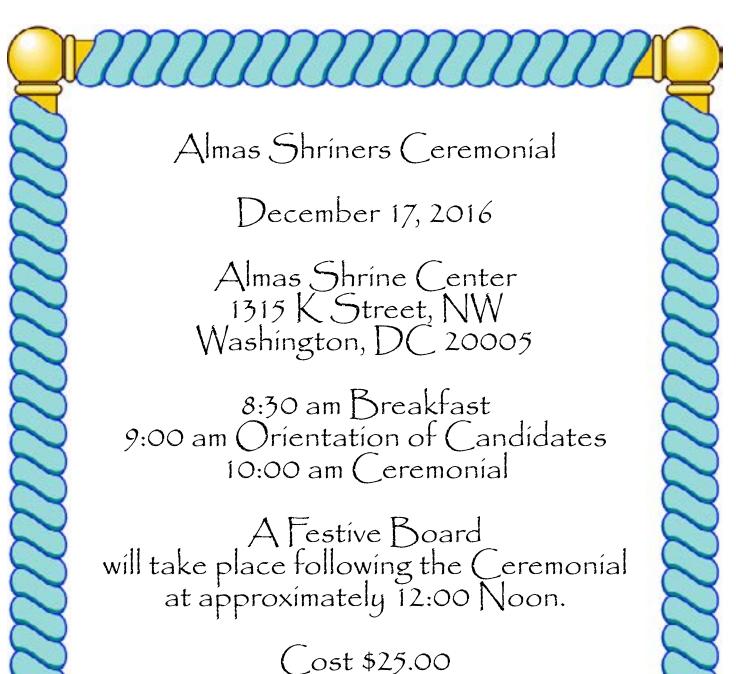
#### Make checks payable to Almas Yacht Club

Send all orders to:

Frank Ireton, Commodore, 6309 Naval Ave., Lanham, MD 20706 E-mail: fireton@mac.com

Or contact any Almas Yacht Club Flag Officer

Proceeds from this project are for the benefit of Almas Yacht Club and are NOT tax deductible



Cost \$25.00 Payable to Almas Temple

There will be activities for your significant other so invite them to join us.

RSVP to Almas Temple by December 12, 2016 202-898-1688

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#### ALMAS SHRINERS



Fred W. Evans Potentate Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P. Recorder

To the members of Almas Shriners,

Article 5.1 of the Almas Shriners ByLaws states; The initiation fee shall be determined at a stated or special meeting of the Temple after notice has been given to each member stating the proposed amount of the initiation fee. It must be paid in full prior to initiation. If a candidate is rejected or accepted and does not present himself for initiation, he is entitled to the return of his fee upon request.

At the Stated Meeting on November 3, 2016 a motion was made and properly seconded to charge no initiation fee to a candidate outside of the US and the initiation fee for all other candidates will be \$125.00.

You are hereby notified we will be voting on this motion at the Stated Meeting on December 1, 2016.

Take due notice there of and govern yourself accordingly.

Yours in the Faith,

Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P. Recorder

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# Shrine Sweatshirts



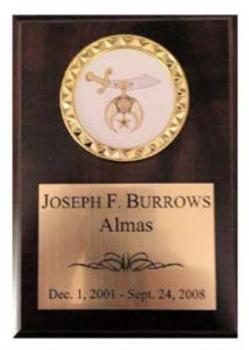
Medium Blue Sweatshirts with Shrine Symbol, SM - 4X \$45

Call Imelda Evans to order: 301-460-1982

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# ALMAS Wall of Honor

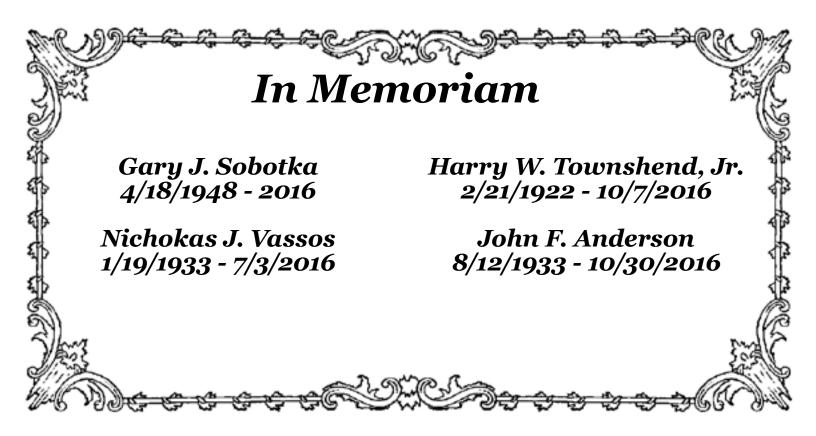
Honor or Memorialize a Masonic friend or relative with a plaque like this one



A special wall consisting of these plaques will be created at Almas. Cost \$100 per order.

Wording and formatting of the engraving is to be specified by the buyer, and should be limited to 40 letters. Please send orders to the Almas Office, 1315 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. Checks should be made out to ALMAS Temple. Call Fred Evans at 301-460-1982 if you have questions.

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Almas Temple Sick and Shut-in Nobles, Give them a call or send them a card.

(as of 11-30-16)

If you know of a Noble who is ill or shut-in please call 202-898-1688.

Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.
Dogwood Forest Assisted Living
253 North Main Street # 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009
770-410-9169

Paul Adams 524 Hollingsworth Road Woodstock, VA 22664 540-459-9337



# Thursday Night Dinner

December 1, 2016 is the Temple Business meeting and the Daughters of the Nile Session.

Dinner will be served starting at **6:00 pm** in the dining room and it is open to all who make reservations.

The cost is \$12.00 per person.

Call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688 to make your reservation by Wednesday, November 30th before 12 noon.

Catering by Catering Resources

Looking forward to seeing everyone.













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#### **DECEMBER 2016**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Business Mtg. & Elections DON	Yacht Club Holiday Party	Peruvian Party
4	5 NW/BCC Shrine Club Holiday Party	6 Scottish Rite	7	8	9 DC Grand Lodge 3rd Com	10 Ladies Holiday Lunch
Children's Holiday Party	12	Scottish Rite	14	15	16	Ceremonial
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Observed	27	Motor Corp Meeting 28	29	30	Hanukkah Begins 31
Christmas Day	Temple Closed				Legion Mtg.	New Year's Eve

#### **JANUARY 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Hanukkah Ends New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Observed Temple Closed	3	4	5 Business Mtg. DON	6	7 Open Installation
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day Temple Closed	Scottish Rite	18 Motor Corp Mtg.	19	20 Inauguration Day	21
22	Board Meeting	Scottish Rite	25 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club Installation	26 Yacht Club Mtg.	27	28
Southeast Shrine Club Mtg.	30	LOH Mtg.				

#### Save the Date

# Sunday February 5, 2017 Join Almas Shriners at the Super Bowl



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