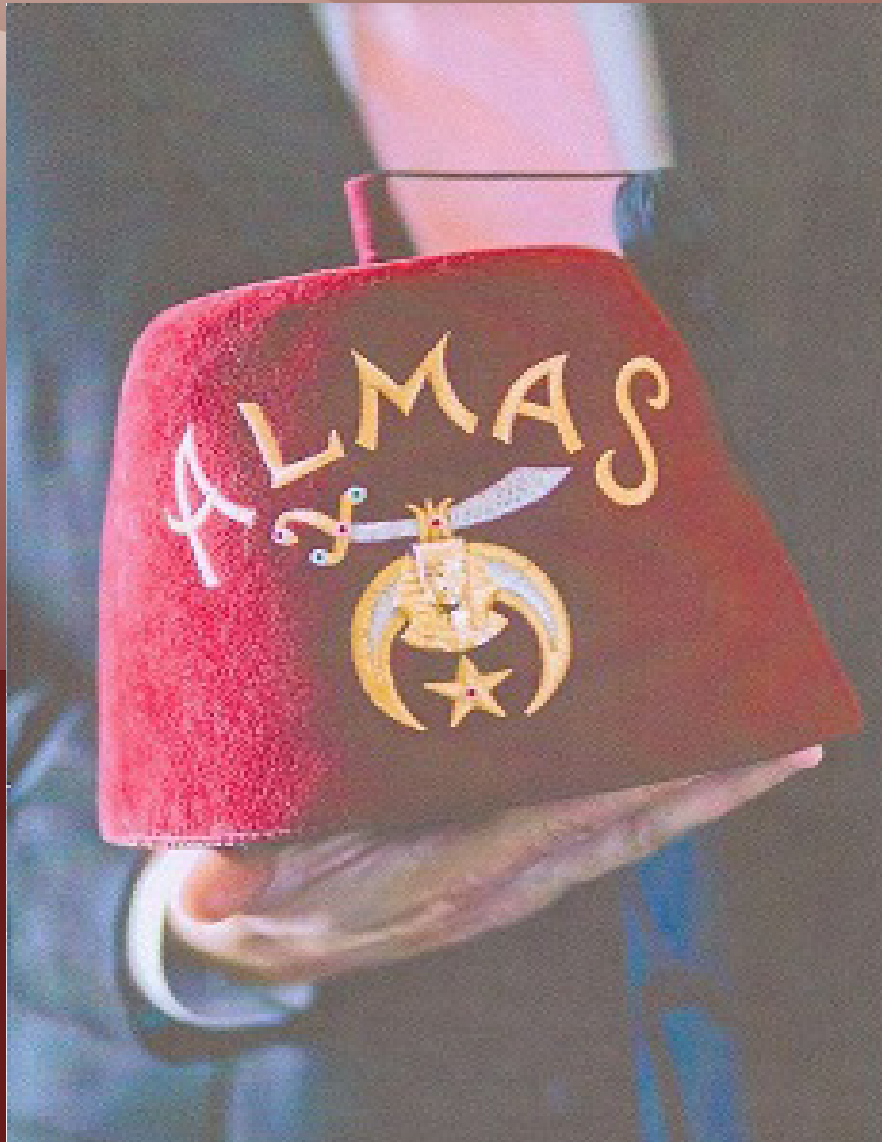


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Potentate's Message



When you read this article we'll be closing in on the holiday season which means my year of serving you as the Potentate is rapidly coming to a close. By now, we have a fully elected Chief Rabban Almost Potentate (C.R.A.P.) who, like all those before him, is already beginning to run the organization.

As Potentate there are many challenges to address over the year. For me, the item I dread, postpone and regularly procrastinate doing is this very article. It's difficult to decide each month what to write - Should I tell what we have done? Should I focus on what we are about to do? How heavy of a message do I share about the fate of the organization? And I wonder, as I have often stated in this article...Is anybody out there? This month is no different. In fact, I'm so late writing this Jennifer has passed the "get the article from the Potentate baton" to the Recorder who offered to replace my article "with some pictures or something". I'm not sure what the pictures would have been. I imagine that Don would likely print selfies from various places around the Temple. If he chose the "or something" option, I can't imagine what you'd be looking at right now. A handprint? His own artistic rendition of my photo drawn in Crayola? Too risky - Here's my article.

Almas Shriners have fun and help children.

Are you having fun? Are you helping children? I've been embracing both items all year. We've focused on larger, lower out-of-pocket cost events and we've encouraged everyone every month to support the shepherds and help our local Shriners kids. We have two events in December that you and your families can attend that are fun and support our kids. Come out to the Temple Holiday Party in appreciation of our Ladies, partners and families on December 16th. Put on your UGLIEST holiday sweater, have a great meal and lots of fun during the gift swap. Then, come back on December 17th and join our local Shrine Children's Holiday Party. It's going to be a busy weekend for Santa and you won't want to miss it.

Nobles- I want to leave you this month on a very serious note. All year I have asked you to think about how we can solidify our financial future and offer more to our members. Your divan has been thinking hard about this and will be rolling out some options to you very soon. Let me show you some round numbers:

Fraternal Income - \$150,000 / Building Income - \$400,000
Building Expenses - \$850,000 / Warehouse Expenses - \$30,000 / Fraternal Expenses - \$150,000
Annual withdraw from investments - \$450,000

Can you see a problem? To me there is an obvious choice; liquidate assets, invest and save the proceeds and use our liquid capital to have world class events throughout Washington, DC that will engage new members and grow the fraternity again. Food for thought.

Talk to you next month, unless I give up and let Don replace this article with a little "or something".

Yours in the Faith,



Almas Shriners Business Meeting and Elections

December 7, 2017 7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:

Michael A. Gordon, Potentate

&

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

Wear your Fez



Your 2017 Dues Card is necessary for admittance.



**Please enroll me as a member of the
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Almas Yacht Club

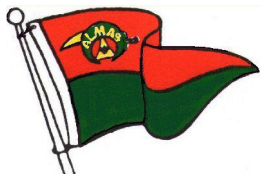
Looking back over 2017, Almas Yacht Club had a busy year. The year included cruises, parades, visitations, and the Commodore's Ball held in June this year. At the August Mid Summer Cruise this year we mixed the schedule up a bit by starting with Brunch at the Annapolis Smoke House, followed by a cruise out of Annapolis and under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The Frostbite Cruise, to be held this weekend as I write this, will feature a different venue from the past. We are going to Tracy's Landing near Deale for social and lunch at the Dockside Restaurant and Sports Bar. These are fun social events and Almas members are invited to join us next year.

In addition to cruises Almas Yacht Club participated in both the Imperial Parade for the first time in many years and in the MASA Parade. A modified version of the Almas Float also appeared in the National Fourth of July parade. Members are encouraged to come out for these and other parades we will be participating in next year.

Our final two events for the year are the business and elections meeting on November 16th and the Holiday Celebration on December 1st. The business is moved forward one week due to conflict with Thanksgiving. This is an important meeting and your presence is needed to help shape the Almas Bridge. Our annual Holiday Celebration will be at the temple with the gift exchange. It is understood that an invitation to join us has been sent to the Jolly Elf. Watch your e-mail for more information on these two events.

Fair winds and following seas shipmates.

Frank Ireton, PC



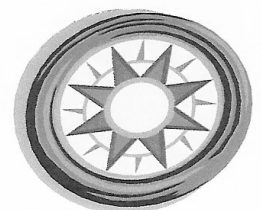
**Almas
Frost Bite Cruise**

N.W. - BCC Shrine Club

ON MONDAY DECEMBER 4, THE CLUB IS HAVING IT'S PRE-SET HOLIDAY PARTY WITH A GROUP TO PLAY HOLIDAY SONGS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. THE COST IS \$20 PER PERSON, WHICH INCLUDES BEVERAGES, APPETIZERS, MEAL AND DESSERT. WE MEET AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL OF FOREST GLEN ROAD. THE ADDERESS IS: 5707 ROSENSTEEL AVE., SILVER SPRING, MD. 20910.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL THE SECRETARY WALTER SIMON AT 301-318-2485.

AT OUR MEETINGS, ALL ARE WELCOME, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT OTHERS.





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 Alan L. Gordon

Joyce W. Jenkins



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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YOU MAY NOT WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE KLOWN UNIT, BUT ALL WE ARE ASKING FOR IS ONE DAY OF YOUR TIME DEVOTED TO HAVING FUN AND MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH. THE FUNNIER YOU LOOK, THE BETTER. IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE KLOWNS IN THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARADES, CALL BOSS KLOWN, WALTER SIMON, AND LET US KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS.

WEIRD WALLY
BOSS KLOWN (FOR THE PRESENT)



Chief Rabban - J. D. Holt



It is hard to believe that December has arrived. Winter is quickly approaching and change is in the air at Almas. Four years ago this month I was asking for your vote to be the Oriental Guide for our Temple. You honored me that night by electing me to serve you in the elected Divan of Almas. For reasons beyond my knowledge, you have continued to elect me higher in the Divan line. I now stand before you once again, asking for your continued support as I stand for election as your Potentate for the year 2018.

I will share two main reasons why I wish to be your Potentate next year. Reason one is we are approaching a time when we will have to make tough decisions on the financial future of our beloved Almas. I will not dodge these tough decisions, but will face them now and not in the future. I see a bright future for Almas and, with a few changes, we will set future Potentates of Almas on a more secure financial footing to continue the mission of Shriners.

Reason two is we need to create more Nobles for Almas Temple, locally as well as internationally. I believe that we are at the beginning of a Shrine Masonic Renewal in the National Capital Area, as well as in our International Clubs. The answer to our membership problems lies in each of us. I will take upon myself to visit our local Masonic Lodges to bring the message of Almas Shriners to our local Brethren. I ask that you do the same in your local Lodges. It never hurts to ask, "Hey are you a Shriner?" One of my favorite quotes by Peter Drucker is "Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes...but not plans", sums up where we are currently at Almas. We need to take all the problems, ideas and hopes for the future and work them into a plan for our Temple and commit ourselves to the future of Almas.

Four years ago, I committed to you as a newly elected Oriental Guide, that I would always be available to listen to any Nobles concerns or ideas relating to our Temple. That has not changed; I am still in need of your ideas and prayers as I hopefully move into the Potentates office. My door will always be open to the Nobility of Almas and you are all welcome to come by and share your ideas and a glass of "Whisky".

Finally, I must thank Ill. Sir Michael A. Gordon and Lady Vanessa for representing Almas this past year. Thank you for setting such a good example to follow. Kyle and I have big shoes to fill.

Almas Divan 2018 ... Let's get to work!

Noble JD Holt



Almas Ceremonial Cast

*The final rehearsal for the Ceremonial on December 2, 2017 has been set for December 1st. at 7:00 pm.
at the Shrine Center 1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005*

Please contact Alan Gordon, P.P. via email at agordon@algcpa.com to let him know that you will be at the rehearsal and if you are interested in taking a part in the Ceremonial Cast.

Assistant Rabban's Ramblings - Frank Ireton



Seasons greeting to Nobles of the Shrine. The end of the year is upon us and it is time to spend time with family and friends. This includes your fraternal family—your Blue Lodge and the Concordant and Appendant Bodies to which you belong. Reflection on the past year can help us chart a path for 2018 and it is this reflection that brings us closer together as a family and as friends. Also, it is charting the path for the ensuing year that leads to a successful year.

As you may have seen published in the Alibi, Almas Temple is having a Temple wide Holiday Celebration this year on December 16th. Potentate Illustrious Sir Michael Gordon is urging all of the Units and Clubs to join in to alleviate some of the numerous year-end parties we attend every year. There are plans in the works for entertainment to include an Ugly Sweater Contest and an invitation has been sent to the Jolly Elf to take time from his busy schedule for a visit. Watch your e-mail, and Almas Facebook page for more information on the party. The next day, December 17th, will be the Children's Holiday Party from 2:00–4:00 PM. Bring kids, grand-kids, or anyone else's kids. Even grown up kids are welcome to attend so join us for this fun event and spread some Holiday love and cheer. The Jolly Elf will make a special trip from the North Pole for this party to help spread the seasonal cheer.

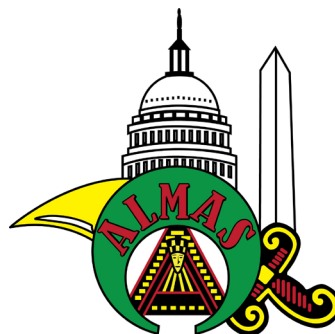
At our December meeting we will be electing Divan Officers for 2018. While the Elected and Appointed Divan are charged with conducting the Temple's business, they cannot do this in a vacuum. Your input is vital as to what events we should participate in or what events you would like to see happen in the future. Chief Rabban JD Holt is working on appointed Divan positions. Check out the listing in the back of the Alibi to see if you would like to step into one of the positions. All positions are good leadership training positions if you are interested in moving up into the Elected Divan.

One of the last items on an Almas Business Meeting agenda is calling on Almas Units and Clubs for reports of activities. Nobles, some of the units and clubs are in serious need of participation and help. It is at the unit and club level we see the Shrine at work and play. Take for instance the Flag Unit. At the present time the Flag Unit has one active member. For the first time in several years the Flag Unit had its float in the Fourth of July Parade thanks to the help of several Almas members present at the pre-parade preparations. The Almas Clowns always participate in the parades and other Almas events such as the Children's parties. The clowns are in need of members to bolster their ranks. Head clown Noble Walter Simon would love to hear from you and show you the ropes to one of the Shriners endearing groups. These are great ways to get Almas Shrine and Shrinedom out in front of the public.

On a personal note I have mentioned in the past about wearing my Almas hats, jackets, or shirts with Almas and Shrine emblems. Today we had our dog at the Vet's office for his yearly check up and immunizations. The Vet Technician noticed my Shriners Hospital hat and commented about how much she admires the work of the Shriners and the Shriners Hospitals. She was particularly taken by the television commercials with "that cute kid" who we know as Alec Cabacungan. I always make sure to have a Potentate's pin in my pocket to give to people who comment on the hospitals as a token of thank you for the recognition. It is a warm fuzzy feeling to have people thank you for supporting the work of the Shrine and the hospitals. As Oriental Guide George Perez pointed out the last meeting it also rededicates a Shriner to continue the work.

Yours in the Faith.

Frank Ireton
Assistant Rabban





Temple Holiday Dinner Party

December 16, 2016

*Almas Shrine Center
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC*

*Social 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 PM
\$25.00 per Noble and one Guest*

*Please bring one wrapped gift valued at
\$25.00 for a gift exchange.*

Dress for the Occasion, Holiday Casual.

There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest.

*RSVP to the Temple Office by December 13, 2017
202-898-1688*

Children Holiday Party

December 17, 2017

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

*Almas Shrine Center
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005*

*Bring the Kids,
the Grand Kids
and anyone else's Kids
to see the Jolly Elf
from the North Pole*



Almas Shriners Fall Ceremonial

December 2, 2017

**Almas Shrine Center
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005**

**9:00 am Orientation of Candidates
10:00 am Ceremonial**

Initiation Fee \$225.00

**A Festive Board will take place
following the Ceremonial at
approximately 12:00 Noon**

**Cost \$25.00
Payable to Almas Temple**

**RSVP to Almas Temple by
November 30, 2017**

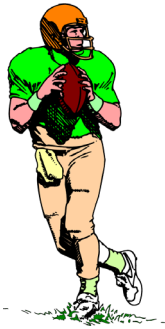
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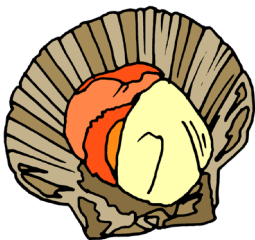


at Almas Shrine Center
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC



NW/BCC Bull & Oyster Roast
March 18, 2018

at the Knights Of
Columbus Hall
9707 Rosensteel Avenue
Silver Spring, MD



Daughters of the Nile



First I'd like to extend my heart-felt thanks to all of those that made our Supreme Visit so successful. A special thanks to Chief Rabban – J.D. Holt, for stepping up to the plate while our Potentate Mike Gordon was traveling the world collecting potential members. J.D. did an eloquent job speaking on behalf of the hospital at our banquet. And a special thanks to our Banquet Committee for all their hard work and for not letting anyone leave hungry.

To say that the week was a busy one for us would certainly be an understatement. Beginning on Sunday the 15th in Philadelphia I carpoled up with some of the members of Zitta. Although they didn't have a musician, they really didn't need one as many of their members could sing a cappella - very nice. Tuesday was Zitta's Supreme Visit at Boumi in Baltimore, where their patrol performed after the Ceremonial. Wednesday, of course was our wonderful Ceremonial, where our ladies were outstanding! Thursday found me at El Manrah for their Visitation and Banquet and I met for the first time one of our Past Queens,

Susan Kidwell. I'm happy to report that Past Queens Fran Sunderland and Rachael Sunderland represented us on Friday at Re Temple in Cumberland.

Our November session was dedicated to our Founder, where we puzzled our way through not only our historical names but our current ones also.

A special welcome to our new Princess Mary Landazuri!!! We welcome you and hope your schedule will allow you to join with us in some of our upcoming events.

Congratulations Princess Marietta Dongmo who delivered a baby boy on the evening of Saturday October 21st!!!

Special Opportunities:

*Capitol Tour - This is a 'very special behind the scenes tour' that the general public doesn't have the opportunity to see. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please see Princess Bonnie with your \$10 donation. It is Saturday, December 2 @10:00 at the Capitol Building.

FUND Raisers:

As always, we are most appreciative of your support for our various Fund Raisers. All funds raised by Princess Royal (nuts, wine tasting) will go directly to support the Shriners hospitals and all funds raised by Princess Tirzah (FlipGive and Candles) will go to support Samla Temple.

Nile love,
Queen Diane



J. D. Holt, Chief Rabban,
Supreme Queen & Diane Logue,
Queen Samla Temple



Supreme Queen & Diane Logue,
Queen Samla Temple w/Candidate
Mary Landazuri and Supreme
Appointees

In Memoriam

Adolph J. Koenig
6/3/1928 - 10/23/2017

William A. Todd, Jr.
9/18/1934 - 10/29/2017

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

(as of 11-23-2017)

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

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Woodstock, VA 22664
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491 Highway 17, # 232
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Thursday Night Dinner

December 7, 2017 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
\$15.00 per person.**

**Call the Temple Office at
202-898-1688 to make your
reservation by Wednesday,
December 6, 2017
before 12 noon.**

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Looking forward to seeing
everyone.



Petition for Initiation and Membership in *Almas Shriners*

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Almas Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Washington, Desert of the District of Columbia: I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____
Lodge # _____ Located in _____. Which is a lodge recognized by or in amity with the conference of
Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six(6) months, as
required by the By-Laws of Shriners International. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine
and become a member of your Temple. If I am found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles
of Incorporation and the By-Laws of Shriners International and the By-Laws and Ceremonies of your Temple.

Birthplace: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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Hat Size: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____
(Initials are not sufficient)

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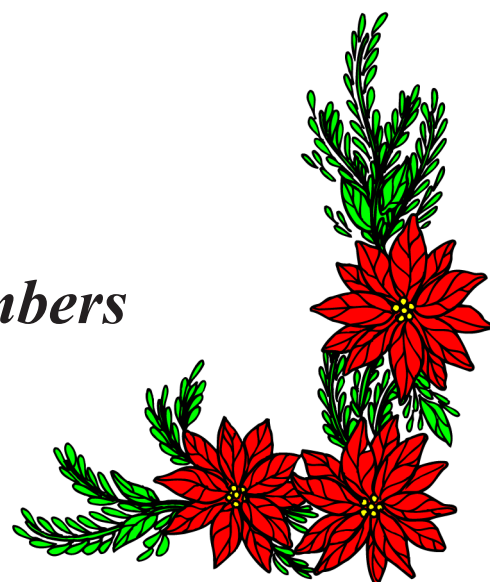
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10	11	12 Hanukkah Begins Scottish Rite	13	14	15	16 Temple Holiday Party
17 Children's Holiday Party	18 Board Meeting	19 Scottish Rite	20 Hanukkah Ends Motor Corp. Mtg.	21 Yacht Club Meeting	22	23
24 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day Temple Closed	26 Scottish Rite	27	28	29 Legion of Honor Mtg.	30

JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Years Day Temple Closed	2 Scottish Rite	3	4 Annual Business Mtg. & Budget & DON	5	6 Open Installation
7	8	9 Scottish Rite	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day Temple Closed	16 Scottish Rite	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Scottish Rite	24	25	26	27
28	29 Board Meeting	30	31 Legion of Honor Mtg.			



*Happy Holidays
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from the Divan and Members
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