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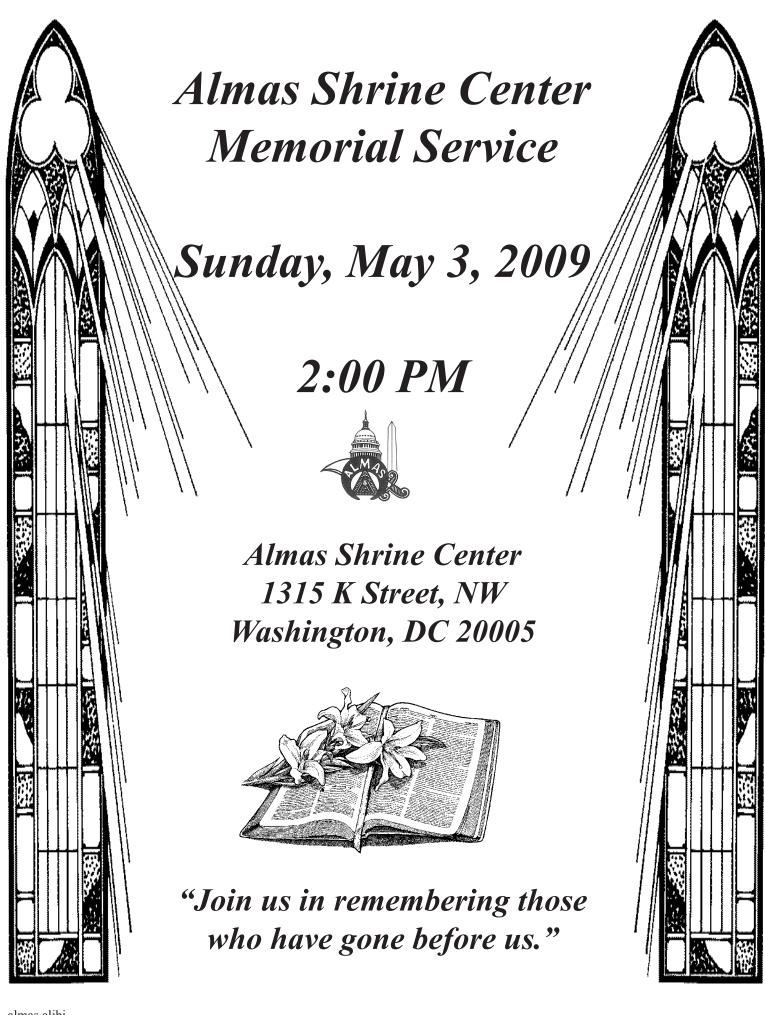


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Nobles and Ladies

On April 4th the Almas Klowns along with the clowns from Boumi, Kena, Kismet and Rhode Island Shriners and the Highlanders from Kena Shriners participated in the Cherry Blossom parade. Congratulations on a Feztastic showing.

On April 11th I attended Su Zu Court's Installation of Officers. Congratulations to Lady Irene Stadick on being installed as High Priestess. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

On April 6th Anacostia Lodge honor me as Potentate of Almas Shriners. I want to thank Most Worshipful Brother William Chaney and the rest of the Officers and members for a wonderful evening. A donation to the Transportation Fund was made in my honor. Most Worshipful Grand Master Kwame Acquaah was also in attendance.

Lady Debbie and I want to thank all of the Nobles and Ladies who honored us by attending the Potentate's Ball. Debbie and I had a really great time and we hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and had a wonderful evening. I also want to thank all of the Nobles and Ladies who worked so hard in helping to put this Ball together.

I want to remind everyone on the Memorial Service on May 3rd. I would like to see as many of you as possible on this day. I know that the families of our Nobles would appreciate seeing the support. This is the time when we can show our support to the Nobles who have gone before. Thank you in advance for that support.

On May 25th we are once again participating in the Rockville Memorial Day Parade. I look forward to seeing as many of the Clubs and Units that can participate. We always have a great time. This year should be no different.

I will end with this, the Grand Master has asked for our help with membership. Have you asked your spouses about the husbands of their acquaintances? What about you colleagues at work? We all know someone. Please help to bring a few good men into our Fraternity. When Freemasonry blossoms so to will the Shrine.

I look forward to visiting with you all soon.

Yours in the Faith

Potentate







Rainbow Girls

Adrienne Gordon, who is the oldest daughter of the Assistant Rabban of Almas Shrine Center, Alan Gordon just finished her year as the Grand Worthy

Advisor, Grand Assembly of Maryland, International Order of Rainbow Girls 2008 - 2009.



She chose as her special project the Philadelphia Hospital and the girls did a fantastic job as you can tell by the photos.

They collected 233 pounds of tabs to be turned in along with a multitude

of toys, games and other items for the children at the hospital As you can see by the pictures there was a great deal of items to be taken to the Hospital, there are also items under the table. I have been told that the van was very ful. Congratulations girls, job very well done.







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There will be a Special **Business Meeting** on June 4, 2009 7:00 PM

Prior to the Units Meeting







Attest Donald R. Ferguson, Sr. **Potentate**

Attest George E. Whetzel Recorder

For the purpose of voting on Petitions for the Ceremonial scheduled for June 13, 2009

Almas Shriners Ceremonial June 13, 2009



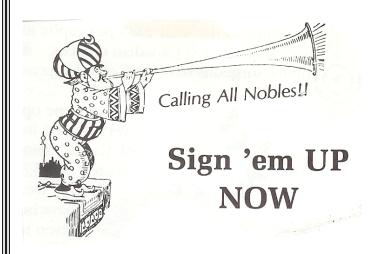


Almas Shrine Center
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Starting at 8:00 am sharp!!
(cast members show up at 7:00 am sharp!

ALL STAR CAST, FEATURING:

Jeff Bodie, Don Ferguson, Bill Hershiser, Paul Friedlander, Grant Berning, John Garrison, Rick Hassler, Ricardo Rodriguez, Alan Gordon, George Whetzel, Lonnie Ramos, Rick Hall, Maurice Herbert and others and many nore, including Guests!!!

Ceremonial followed by refreshments



Call the Recorders Office for further information at 202-898-1688

Get your petitions in by May 28, 2009

Clowns

YOU MISSED IT!!

You missed all the fun and enjoyment of clowning around and making people smile and enjoying the camaraderie of Klowns and Highlanders from other Shrine Centers.

The Klowns were present at the Screening Clinic and were present as hosts of the Ester Egg Hunt, where a good time was had by all present.

On Friday evening, April 3 we had a Parade Fest at the Shrine Center sponsored by the Klowns for all the participants in the Cherry Blossom Parade. Klowns from other jurisdictions, including some wives, joined with us. The next morning on Saturday, April 4, when the parade commenced, not only did the clowns from other jurisdictions join the Almas Klowns in the parade, but we also had a contingent of Highlanders from Kena Shrine in Virginia.

In April, several of the Almas Klowns attended the Clown - A - Rama in Pittsburgh, PA. On May 25, 2009 the Almas Klowns will participate with the rest of the Shrine Center in the Rockville Memorial Day Parade.

Don't forget MASA in Virginia Beach. Make your reservations now and avoid the rush.

As was said before, all the Klowns love parades and activities and have more fun, no matter what the weather may bring. We also enjoy getting together with clowns from other jurisdictions cause we never know what will happen - those guys are always clowning around.

We are a unit where we can be klowns in or out of kostume and will admit to the same. Call Walter Simon at 301-987-1663 or Jay Whitcomb at 301-989-0121 iffin you're interested. We can use your help

Weird Wally Boss Klown (for the present)

Almas Yacht Club

The Club had a good turn out at Crescent's Commodore Ball on March 28th in Philadelphia. Thirteen Noble and guests where in attendance. We were the second largest group, Crescent Shrine Center being the largest.

We had a good meeting at Alfio's Restaurant on March 26th. The Commodore distributed the new Yacht Club Roster to everyone. Many thanks go out to Becky Holiday for all of her work putting this together. There seems no way that we can operate with out the help and directions from the ladies.

We will soon have another cruise down the Choptank River. The date has been set for June 20th with lunch at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant. The cost of the cruise will be about \$15.00 with lunch on your own.

The Mid Atlantic Association Shrine Yacht Clubs Rendezvous will be in July and the Memorial Cruise will be on August 8th. So be sure to put these dates on your calender.

The Memorial Cruise will be in Solomons Island and you will get more details on this event as they come available.

Our next meeting will be on the fourth Thursday of the month at Alfio's Restaurant in Bethesda, we hope to see all of you there. In the mean time if you should have any questions give Jay Whitcomb a call at 301-989-0121 Hope to see you soon. Stay well

Yours in the Faith, Jay Whitcomb Secretary



Chanters Notes

"No singing without fun, no fun without singing."

We need more voices. Do you sing in the shower? Then, put on your clothes and sing with us! We have fun at our rehearsals and our motto is "No singing without fun, no fun without singing."

The Chanters have an ambitious calendar of performances that includes parades, ceremonials and services. The Mid-Atlantic Shrine Chanters Association (MASCA) will meet in Pittsburgh in May. We have a Memorial Service on May 3rd and our annual Memorial Day Parade in Rockville on May 25th. June 13th we will sing in the Ceremonial to support the cast.

We look forward to singing with you.

Yours in the Faith

Jim Goldberg Vice President



Legion Of Honor

Greetings from the Commanders Desk,

I have exciting news: the Walter Reed Army Medical Center has approved our application to take 15 wounded Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom soldiers to a Bowie Baysox game on Sunday, June 21st. The wounded soldiers have no family present and recovering from their wounds with little to bring joy into their lives. Transportation from Almas (or some other rally point) to the Walter Reed, the stadium and back has been arranged. A buffet and seating on the Baysox Sky Deck will be included. The only cost to us is the food and transportation. We are looking for financial sponsors and 15 volunteer attendees for the soldiers. Please see the fund raising flyer included in this issue to contribute and/or volunteer for this worthy cause.

Old Business: Legion Nobles, I cannot say it enough; It is extremely important that each one of us has Fall MASA on the brain. Those of you already planning on attending, I send my sincerest thanks. Those of you who are not planning on coming, please try to make it down for a least the Saturday parade on September 12th. This year's trip to Virginia Beach is a special one. As you are all aware, our own Past Potentate Illustrious Sir William M. Lanham is MASA President this year. It has been 51 years since an Almas Shriner has been a MASA President and both he and Nancy have been extremely busy representing MASA and Almas with honor. This is our chance to honor Ill. Sir Bill and Lady Nancy in return. As a sitting MASA President's home shrine center, OUR LEGION WILL BE THE LEAD UNIT IN THE PARADE I

cannot underscore the importance of solid participation. We need every Legion Noble attending MASA in uniform and up front. Marching with the Legion must be your first priority for Parade Day. We need you. If you need a uniform, call me at 240-626-6973 or e-mail me at robinb7823@yahoo.com as soon as possible. The adjutant and I will make sure you have what you need. It is an honor to be in the Legion of Honor. We cannot let ourselves, our shrine center or Illustrious Sir Bill down.

Fraternally, Robin Bodie, Commander Almas Legion of Honor

"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled and less than that no man shall have."

Theodore Roosevelt, on Patriotism





The Almas Shrine Center Legion of Honor

Requests your help in

Sponsoring A Wounded Warrior

The Almas Legion Of Honor, with the approval of the Potentate and The Walter Reed Army Medical Center, will be taking 15 soldiers wounded during combat in Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom to a Bowie Baysox game on Sunday, June 21st. These Wounded Warriors have no family present and recovering from their wounds with little around that brings a smile. An opportunity to get out of the hospital and enjoy life is rare for these soldiers. We want to make sure they know someone out there cares about them. The Legion Of Honor has arranged transportation from Walter Reed to the stadium and back, a buffet for the troops, seating on the Baysox SkyDeck, and an in-game recognition for these Wounded Warriors. We are looking for sponsors for this event, and volunteers willing to help attend to the soldiers. If you can help us make a difference to these Wounded Warriors, please complete the form below and mail it in as soon as possible. For more information, please contact me at 240-626-6973.

Thank you,

Robin Bodie, Commander Almas Legion Of Honor

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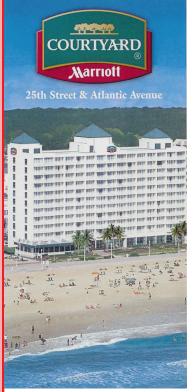
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Mid Atlantic Shrine Convention September 9 - 13, 2009 Virginia Beach, Virginia



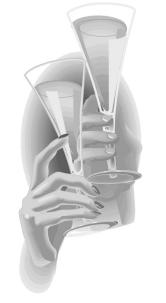
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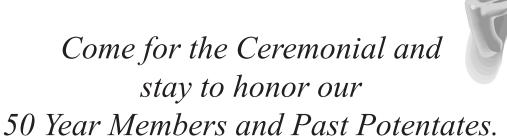
A Deposit of \$66.00 is required with your registration. That includes a \$9.00 M.A.S.A. Hotel fee and \$7.00 for one persons Convention Registration fee. The balance of your deposit \$50.00 will be applied to your first night's room rate. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALMAS SHRINE and mail to 1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Room reservations are due no later than July 31, 2009. Cancellations must be made by August 3, 2009.

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Room Request: Standard Special Needs:	_			

50 Year Members & Past Potentates Brunch



June 13, 2009 10:30 AM \$25.00 per person



Call the Recorder's Office with your reservations.



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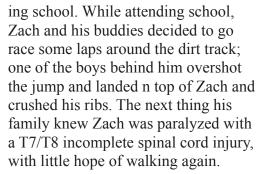


GO ZACH!

Zach Campbell is a 22 year old from Weaver Alabama. As a teenage boy, he was into anything that had a motor and wheels. One of his hobbies was motocross racing, also known as dirt bike racing and at 14, he competed in the state champion races. Two months

later, on September 22, 2001 his life changed in a split second.

Zach and a group of teenage boy were testing their newly acquired skills learned at a local rac-



Zach was a high achieving 8th grader whose whole life was suddenly turned upside down. After the accident, he knew he did not want to be in a wheelchair and he knew he wanted to walk. His willpower was proven with every milestone that he made. During the months following his accident, he pushed himself as hard as he could in therapy. He was fitted with orthotics the his family said made him look like he was going to battle in a suit of armor. Zach's grand pop, a Shriner, referred him to Shriners Hospital for Children - Philadelphia.

Zach set some goals for himself and done of his goals was to walk into

high school. He started his first year of high school by walking into the building and he walked the halls of his high school everyday for four years. Zach finished seventh out of his graduating high school class. His teacher wanted him to think about college but he was

race car driver

Zach spent the summer of 2006 shadowing Martin Truex, a NASCAR driver who is sponsored and drives for Dale Earnhardt Incorporated in Mooresville, North

Carolina. He spent his summer time researching and developing how they could put hand controls in a race car. He finishes. After the race in September knew it could work but he needed the insider information that the experts in a NASCAR garage could provide. He skipped the dirt and went straight to the at Lanier National Speedway in Braasphalt.

Six months later, he was successful in putting hand controls in the legend car, also know as a 3.8 scale 1938 coupe. He was interested in competing but he knew that no one had ever had complete hand con-

trols and raced. His dreams were slowly this field for years to come and hopeon the way to coming true. Just a few months later, he was competing at the Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina on the 1/4 mile track

In 2007, he raced at the Lanier Speedway in Georgia. Later, at the awards banquet that was a champion truck on display. The owner asked him if he was interested in being a race car driver for

the truck series. In November, a deal was made to assist Zach in buying the truck and soon after, they converted the truck with customized hand controls. Zach's career continued to grow in March of 2008, he took the road test necessary to obtain his NASCAR not interested. He had license. Proving control over the race dreams of becoming a car Zach passed and the officials were very surprised and excited for him.

> Zach joined the Lanier truck series and six races into the season, Curt Britt Motorsports and Paul Antley, asked him to be a part of their racing team. In 2008 Zach and his racing family allotted enough money to race in ten competitions but with additional sponsorship, he has competed in more than 20 races at Lanier, with 12 top-ten finishes and eight top-five of 2008, Zach was in fifth place in points standing. Zach participated in the 2nd Annual Ice Cold Shrine Bowl

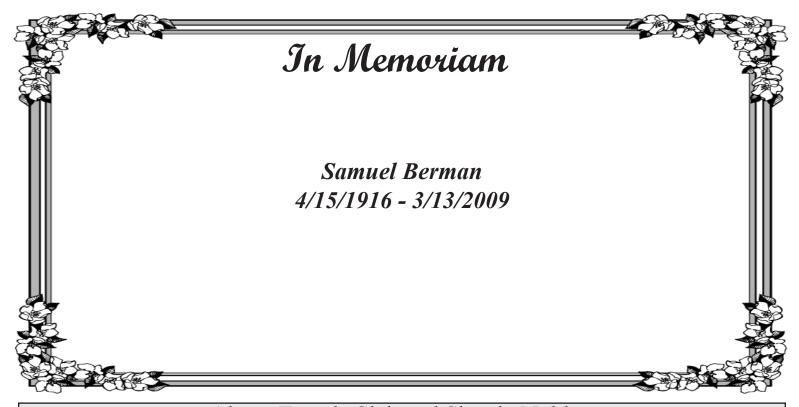
> > selton, Georgia; Yaarab Shriners of Atlanta sponsored the race.

Zach has goals and dreams within the sport of racing and he feels passionate about racing. He wants to be in

fully retire in his 50's and open the door and teach other interested racers to not give up and give them hope.

He comments, "Your attitude and having faith are important." "I was given a second chance to enjoy and love life. I cannot thank my family and the Shriners Hospital for what they have done for me."





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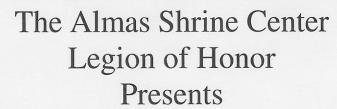












The 2009 Commander's Ball

Honoring
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And his Lady Theresa

August 15, 2009 Almas Shrine's Grand Ballroom

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7:30-9:00 Dinner
9:00-11:30 Dancing
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