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*Imperial Sir, Douglas E. Maxwell
visits Almas Shrine Center*

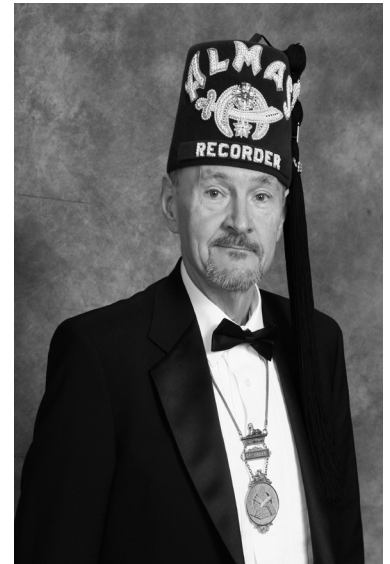
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*There will be a Special
Business Meeting
on June 4, 2009
7:00 PM
Prior to the Units Meeting*



*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*

Potentate's Message



Donald R. Seymour





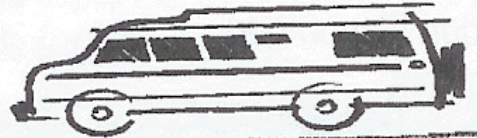
The Almas Transportation Fund is in need of a little boost. If you know of a friend or family member who has a birthday or some special occasion coming along think of a donation in their honor. You will find the form on page 18. We will be very happy to receive this kind donation and acknowledge everyone for their generosity.

Thank you in advance for helping the children of the Shrine Hospital system.

WANTED A FEW GOOD MEN

Almas Shrine is responsible for transporting Shrine Hospital patients, along with their parent or guardian, to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. We need good drivers who are retired or semi retired or still working who can donate some time for periodic trips using Temple Vans. Please call 202-898-1688 and volunteer. WE NEED YOU NOW.

HELP US
HELP
THE KIDS!



Su Zu Court No. 21

*Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America
cordially invites you to join us in celebrating
the annual visit of our Grand High Priestess.
Patricia "PC" Mabray of Humble Texas*

*The PHP Club will host a buffet luncheon
August 21, 2009*

at Colony South Hotel, Clinton, MD.

Cost \$25.00



*August 22, 2009 at Almas Shrine Center
6:00 pm Dinner in
Honor of the Grand High Priestess.*

For Reservations and further information contact:

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PICNIC AND PARTY CENTRAL

Almas Shrine Center Picnic

Saturday, July 18, 2009

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Prince Georges Knights of Columbus
9450 Cherry Hill Road
College Park, MD 20740

Barbecued Chicken, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans
Soda and Camel's Milk

\$25.00 per person

Children 10 and under free

Bring your lawn chairs and your favorite dessert. No glass containers, please.
There is a pool on site and if you would like to swim, it will be an additional charge of
\$4.00 per person payable to the Knights of Columbus.

Please make check payable to Almas Shrine and mail to:
1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

I've enclosed \$ _____ for _____ Reservations for the Shrine Picnic

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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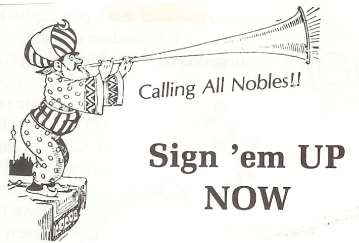
Almas Shriners Ceremonial June 13, 2009

Almas Shrine Center
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Starting at 8:30 am sharp!!
(cast members show up at 7:00 am sharp!)



ALL STAR CAST, FEATURING:

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



Ceremonial followed by Brunch

Call the Recorder's Office
for further information at
202-898-1688

50 Year Members & Past Potentate's Brunch

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



*Come for the Ceremonial and
stay to honor our
50 Year Members and Past Potentates.*



Call the Recorder's Office with your reservations.

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Klowns

YOU ARE MISSING IT !!!

You are missing all the fun and enjoyment of clowning around and making people smile and enjoying the camaraderie of other Klowns.

As you saw in the last alibi. The Klowns made quite an appearance at the Cherry Blossom Parade. Klowns from other jurisdictions participated in the parade. We must have made a hit as the Klowns have been invited to participate in the National 4th of July Parade on the Mall.

Several of our clowns attended the Clown - A - Rama in Pittsburgh, PA and had a great time. On May 25th the Klowns were in the Memorial Day Parade in Rockville, MD. along with other Units and Clubs of Almas.

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 really would like to have your smiling face join the Unit.

We're a Unit where we can be Klowns in or out of Costume and will admit the same. Call Walter Simon at 301-987-1663 or Jay Whitcomb at 301-989-0121 if you're interested. We can use your help.

Weird Wally
Boss Clown (for the present)

Almas Yacht Club

Ahoy All:

We had a good turnout for our April meeting at Alfio's.

It was a special meeting as both of our Princesses were there. Sarah A and Lindsey Bridegum. They also brought their brother. It was a Bridgum mini reunion.

Speaking of the Bridegum's, Almas Jean and the Yacht Club Ladies did a spectacular job getting folks out for the Potentate's Ball. I didn't think that ladies liked to dress alike, but they all looked great in white and black outfits with a big red sash at the waist. The guys always dress the same but everyone had red ties and cummerbunds. As usual the

ladies made us all look good. The music was good as well as the food. A great time was had by all!

Coming up on June 20th is the Shake down Cruise at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant, along with a ride of the authentic Paddle Wheeler on the Choptank river. Cruising down the river on a summer afternoon sounds wonderful. What more can you ask for? If you are inclined for this lazy afternoon excitement call the secretary Jay Whitcomb at 301-989-0121 and make your reservations now.

Hope to see you all there

Jay Whitcomb
Secretary



Daughters of the Nile

Daughter's of the Nile Supreme Visit scheduled for

***August 16th
3:00 pm***

Session with Banquet to follow.

For further information contact:

***Vicki Knott
12402 Chalford Lane
Bowie, MD 20715
301-464-2767
stormrider312@aol.com***



*Chanters
Notes*

Legion Of Honor

CHANTER CHATTER





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

Yes, I can help!

----- Sponsorships -----

\$100.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ Other Amount: \$ _____

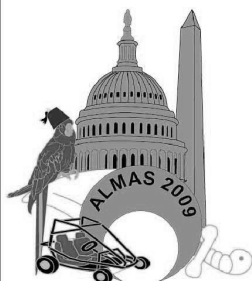
Name: _____ Title: _____

-----Volunteers -----

(Your time would be needed from approx 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on 6/21/2009)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Make checks payable to: Almas LOH
1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005
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Mid - Atlantic Shrine Convention

September 9 - 13, 2009

Virginia Beach, Virginia



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Standard & King \$146.77 per night
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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.**

Name of Noble: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Lady's Name: _____ Unit: _____
Name on Registration Badge: _____



Standard Room

Check in Date:
Wednesday, September 9, 2009 _____
Thursday, September 10, 2009 _____
Friday, September 11, 2009 _____
Saturday, September 12, 2009 _____



Suite

Room Request: Standard _____ King _____ Suite _____
Special Needs: _____

Mid-Atlantic Shrine Convention Activities

September 9 - 13, 2009

CABIRI BANQUET & INSTALLATION

The Cabiri Social & Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Convention Center Meeting Room # 2. Tickets will be \$35.00 per person. Dress: Slacks, Shirt with Fez & Street Dress, pantsuit or Capri outfit.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The Ladies Luncheon and entertainment will be held in the Convention Center Ballroom on Friday, September 11, 2009. Social 10:30 am with a cash bar available, lunch 11:00 am. Tickets will be \$27.00 each. Make reservations through the Recorder's Office. **Deadline July 24, 2009.** Dress: Street Dress or Pantsuit.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Dancing to D.J. will start at 8:30 pm at the 24th Street Park. Admission by registration badge. Dress: Casual

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY GALA

The President's Trophy Gala will be held in the Convention Center Ballroom on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. Make reservations through you Recorder's Office. **Deadline: July 24, 2009.** Dress: Men - Coat, tie & slacks w/Fez, Ladies -Sundress, pantsuit or capri outfit.

SHRINE-O-RAMA

Thursday evening at 8:00 pm there will be a Shrine-O-Rama in the Convention Center. Consult your program for details. Admission by registration badge only.

REGISTRATION \$7.00 PER PERSON

Pre-registration deadline is July 24, 2009. After July 24, 2009 registration must be obtained at the Convention Center for the cost of \$10.00.

PARADE

The parade will start at 9:30 am Saturday, September 12, 2009 for a distance 1 1/2 miles. Consult your program for parade route.

ALMAS AFTER PARADE PARTY

The After Parade Party will be held at the conclusion of the parade, approximately 2:00 pm at Fish Bones Restaurant, 12th and Atlantic Avenue. Cost will be \$18.00 per person. Make your reservations through the Recorder's Office. Dress: Casual.

NIGHT SHIRT PARADE

Friday, September 11, 2009 the Night Shirt Parade will start at 8:30 pm at 22nd Street on the Boardwalk. Trophies to be presented to Shrine Centers at 9:00 pm

Activities Form

Please note that one registration was included with your room deposit

Name: _____

Name: _____

_____ @ \$7.00 each \$ _____

Ladies Luncheon

_____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

Cabiri Banquet

_____ @ \$37.00 each \$ _____

President's Trophy Gala

_____ @ \$45.00 each \$ _____

After Parade Party

_____ @ \$18.00 each \$ _____

Make checks payable to Almas Temple and mail to:
1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Deadline for reservations is July 24, 2009

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Potentate's Ball



Sock Hop

June 27, 2009



Almas High School Gym
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Social: Immediately after the game
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Dancing 8:00 PM - Until

Music from the 50's with "Tommy D"



Break out your Poodle Skirts and Pegs
Join in the Twist Contest

Cost \$25.00 per person

Sock Hop



Name: _____ Number attending _____

Check Amount _____ Phone Number _____



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Proposed Change to the By-Laws

The Membership Committee and various Nobles propose the following By-Laws change.

We feel that current members of the Armed Forces should be given a 15% discount in their initiation fee. This discount would be applied to the initiation fee only (current initiation fee is \$100.00; the discount would be \$15.00). The annual dues, Hospital assessment, and Per Capita fee would not be affected. This discount would still be within the limits allowed of the minimum required initiation fee required by the Imperial By-Laws. We believe that this discount would encourage the members of the Armed Forces to join the Shrine.

The By-Laws now reads:

Section 5.1 Initiation Fee. 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. The initiation fee shall not be less than prescribed by the bylaws of the

Imperial Council. 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.

The proposed change to the By-Laws would be to ADD the following sentence:

Active members of the Armed Forces will receive a discount of 15% of the current initiation fee.

If approved the By-Laws would then read:

Section 5.1 Initiation Fee. 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. The initiation fee shall not be less than prescribed by the bylaws of the Imperial Council. 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. Active members of the Armed Forces will receive a discount of 15% of the current initiation fee.

Almas Grand Lodge Golf Tournament

Monday, June 29, 2009

11:00 Am Registration & Lunch

1:00 PM To Your Carts

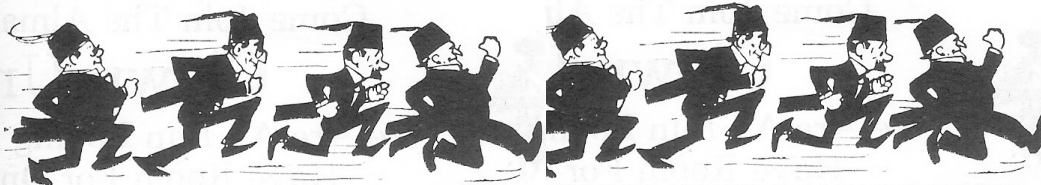
1:30 PM Shotgun Start

5:00 PM Dinner & Awards

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information
Contact Chairman:
Lonnie Ramos
301-627-1580***



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In Memoriam

Murray Polonsky

12/8/1922 - 2/00/2009

Richard B. Baldwin

10/28/1935 - 2/5/2009

Jeffrey R. Goldstein

6/11/1945 - 4/10/2009

Conrad E. Bloom, Jr.

1/8/1924 - 4/12/2009

**Almas Temple Sick and Shut-in Nobles,
Give them a call or send them a card.
(as of 5-31-09)**

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

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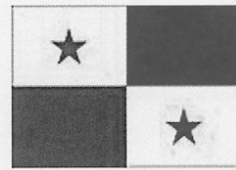
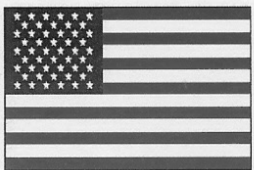
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The Almas Shrine Center
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The 2009 Commander's Ball

Honoring
Commander Robin Bodie
And his Lady Theresa

August 15, 2009
Almas Shrine's Grand Ballroom

\$50.00 per person
Black Tie & Evening Gown
6:00-7:00 Cocktail Social
7:00-7:30 Introductions
7:30-9:00 Dinner
9:00-11:30 Dancing
Cash Bar

Limited number of rooms available at the Crowne Plaza Hamilton for \$99.00 per night. Call 1-800-263-9802 and mention Almas Temple before July 16th, 2009 for reservations.

Buffet Menu

Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Demi
Chicken Breast Stuffed with Goat Cheese and Sun Dried Tomatoes
Sautéed Vegetable Medley with Fine Herbs
Rice Pilaf

Name: _____ Title: _____

Lady: _____ Shrine: _____

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**If you are attending the
1st. Thursday meetings:
Please remember to contact**

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301-598-3623**

**or the Temple Office at
202-898-1688**

**And make reservations no
later than the previous
Wednesday A.M.**

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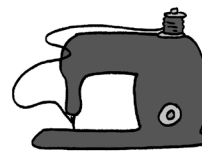
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Thelma Barmack

In Memory of H. Rodgers Gore

Edna Gore

In Honor our 13th Wedding Anniversary

Michael L. Shuman



Almas Transportation Fund Donations

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

Date..... Amount \$.....

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In Honor of.....
Person(s) to whom acknowledgment is to be sent:

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Address.....

City & State..... Zip.....

Name of Donor(s).....

Address.....

City & State..... Zip.....

June 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Uniformed Unit Special Business Mtg. Klowns, Chanters DON.	5	6 Rajah & Zem Zem Potentate's Ball Boumi's 125th Anniversary
7	8	9	10	11 Screwballs	12	13 Ceremonial 50 Year Members & P.P. Luncheon
14	15	16	17 CHSC Mini Motors Motorcycle Club	18 Greeters LOH LOS	19	20
21 Vets outing at Baysox Game	22 Board Meeting	23	24 NWSC	25 Flag Unit Yacht Club	26	27 Sock Hop
28	29	30				

July 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
..... Imperial Session, San Antonio, Texas						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Irem Potentate's Ball Temple Picnic
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Boumi's MASA Weekend	10	11	12	13	14 Boumi's MASA Weekend	15 Legion of Honor Commander's Ball
16 Daughters of the Nile Supreme Visit	17	18	19	20	21	22 Ladies Oriental Shrine Grand Visit
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					