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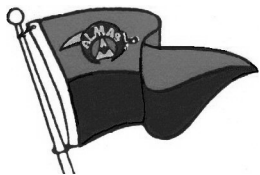
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Trophies and 2 Third Place Trophies.
Congratulation to all!!*

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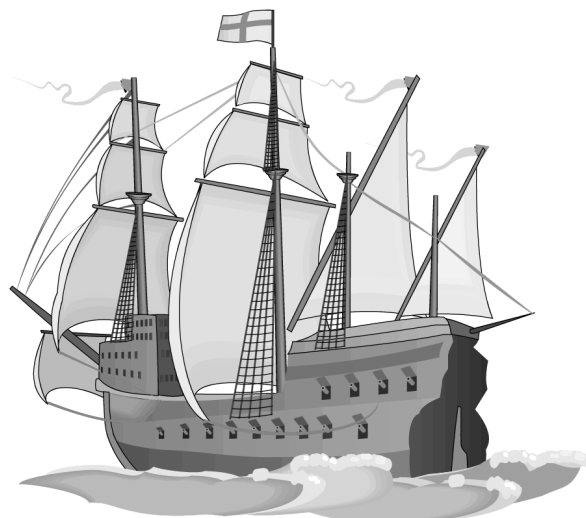
October 17, 2009

Social 2:00 pm
Dinner 3:00 pm

Order from the menu
Seperate checks

Questions & Reservations
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potentate's Message

Nobles and Ladies,

As I sit writing this article I can't help but have a smile on my face. I hope ever body who was able to attend MASA in Virginia Beach had as great a time as my Lady Debbie and I had, and for those of you who could not be there, you missed a great time.

First of all I would to take this opportunity to congratulate Ill. Sir Bill Lanham and his lady Nancy on an outstanding convention. I know I speak for the entire nobility when I say we are extremely proud of both of you.



Secondly I would like to congratulate Ill. Sir Jeff Bodie on another outstanding Ceremonial. You once again performed your part flawlessly. I would also like to congratulate Noble Eric Palmer who was created a new Noble during the ceremonial. Welcome to Almas Shriners and I hope we will see you soon at an event at the Temple.

Also, to Ill. Sir Jeff Bodie and Lady Barbara great job with coordinating all of the vendors at the Market Place. I know that it isn't an easy task and both of you did an outstanding job.

Now to the parade. It brings tears to my eyes and warmth in my heart knowing all of the hard work that each of you did to get ready for the parade. Because of your hard work the Temple received four first place trophies. I want to give a special thank you to Noble Maurice Herbert and the Yacht Club for stepping up at the last minute to help the Legion of Honor in presenting the Colors.



Again I am extremely proud of each and everyone of you.

Don't forget to get out your Halloween costumes. We are planning a great night on October 31st. Lady Debbie and I are looking forward to visiting with you all that evening.

Yours in the Faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald R. Ferguson, Sr.".

Donald R. Ferguson, Sr.





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.**

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THE KIDS!**



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BCC Shrine Club Holiday Dinner
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6:30 PM

Alfio's Restaurant
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Expect further details.



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Halloween Costume Party

October 31, 2009

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Social

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Dinner

***8:00 PM to the Bewitching Hour
Dancing***

\$35.00 per person

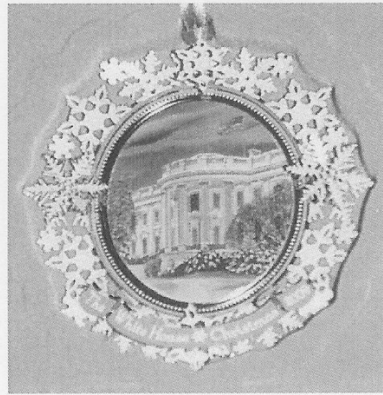


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Pumpkin Carving
Prizes for the winners***

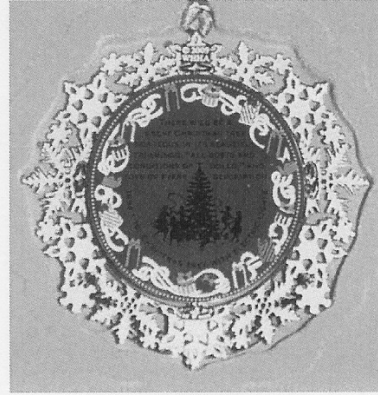
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The Director's Staff of Almas Shrine Center Presents Their
***2009 White House Christmas
Ornament Sale***



(Front)



(Back)

The only president of the United States elected to two nonconsecutive terms, Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd president from 1885 to 1889 and as the 24th from 1893 to 1897. The 2009 White House ornament commemorates the 24th presidency and it is the second of two produced in Cleveland's honor by the White House Historical Association.

This second ornament illustrates the special place of the Christmas Tree in the holiday celebrations of President Cleveland's young family. The central hologram depicts the south facade of the White House after an evening snowfall. The warm glow of the first Christmas tree to be illuminated by electric lights is seen through the tall windows of the second floor Oval Room beyond the center of the columned portico. This softly colored view is based on a modern watercolor rendition by Margaret Huddy, a Washington, D.C. based painter.

The reverse side of the ornament recreates a scene from the tree-trimming parties of President and Mrs. Cleveland, which were held annually for their children and those of cabinet members. The words of a period newspaper report help to describe the president's delight in preparing Christmas day for his young family. A finely crafted gold plated wreath of snowflakes, painted ice blue and white, frames the oval ornament.

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Legion Of Honor

From the Commander's desk:



Greetings!

It is my great pleasure to say that Fall MASA has come and gone. I also have no doubt you will take great pleasure in not reading about MASA, MASA, MASA anymore (at least for the next couple of months, anyway). I harped on it a lot, as a lot was riding on our showing up. Ill. Sir Bill, The Potentate, and the entire oasis were counting on the Legion to lead the parade with dignity and honor. I am proud to say mission accomplished and the Legion walked away with a First Place trophy in the Division II (Temples with less than 1800 members).



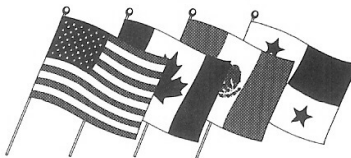
Legion Nobles, that mission was not accomplished without help. Despite attempts to prevent it, we were short two men for the Color Guard at 8:30 Saturday morning. We did not have enough Legion nobles there to fill the extra uniforms we had on hand. In an attempt to salvage the parade for the rest of the Temple, I went to the only other unit in uniform, the Yacht Club, for help. Commodore Maurice Herbert, still recovering from his illness, had the trust in Fred Evans to let him take charge on the parade route. Fred put aside the Yacht Club's shot at a marching trophy and asked for volunteers. Ill. Sir Don Holliday and Rick Hall stepped up to carry flags so every other Unit and Club in the parade could have a chance to win. I would like to say

here and now that we, and the entire Shrine Center, owe a debt of gratitude to the Yacht Club. They deserve a First Place trophy in my book. You see them, you shake their hand.



I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all the Legion nobles who stepped up to the firing line on Saturday morning at MASA: Ill. Sir Lonnie Ramos PC, Don Jennings PC, Len Kahan, and Mark Polansky. Special thanks go out to 2nd Int'l Cmdr Anthony Murray and Lady Jennifer for their help in coordinating our efforts. I am also very proud to say that my daughter Amanda sang an ovation-worthy rendition of our National Anthem at the Awards Gala. Thanks also go out to my daughter Alyssa and my parents Ill. Sir Jeff Bodie and Lady Barbara for helping to sell the Legion raffle tickets at the Marketplace. Last but not least, my loving thanks go out to my wife Theresa for helping me keep it all together.

The next big thing on the calendar is the Wreath Laying at Arlington on Saturday, November 7. Start time is tentatively set for 12:15. For more information, come to the Unit meeting on October 15.



Lastly, I am kicking around the idea of having the Checker painted olive drab so it resembles an old army staff car. The idea has been taken to the Potentate, and he has no objections. If anyone has any feelings one way or the other, or knows someone who can/will do it for cheap, please let me know. As always, I can be reached at 240-626-6973 or rob-inb7823@yahoo.com.

Fraternally,
Robin Bodie, Commander

NCO's vs. Officers:

A Platoon Sergeant and his Platoon Leader are bunking down in the field for the night. The Platoon Sergeant looks up and says, "When you see all the stars in the sky, what do you think, sir?"

The LT replies, "Well, I think of how insignificant we really are in the universe; how small a piece of such a grand design. I can't help but wonder if what we do truly means anything or makes any difference. Why? What do you think, Sergeant?"

"I think somebody stole the damn tent."

A Little Bit Of Almas Shrine History

The Washington Post, Wednesday, April 3, 1912

The Advisory Committee

Discuss Shrine Home

**Nobles of Almas Temple Plan
Campaign for Building**

Advisory Committee Meets

Membership to be Canvassed to Ascertain
Amount of Money That May be Obtained
and the Kind of Structure That is Desired

Reports Made April 23.

The advisory committee recently appointed by Potentate W. Hamilton Smith of Almas Temple, AAONMS, to arrange for the building of a new home and auditorium for the temple met last night at Gude's Hall, 1214 F Street northwest for the purpose of organization and laying plans to arouse interest in the project.

The member of the temple have long felt that their present accommodations were not only inadequate but reflected upon the city and the appeals for funds will not be made solely upon the ground of loyalty to the order, but as well upon that of public spiritedness.

About 60 members took part in the discussion last night. The subject of the amount of the fund to be raised, or the location or details of construction of the contemplated home were not touched upon, however, the business before the meeting being confined as to the most feasible manner of arousing interest and the selection of subcommittees.

The several committees appointed were directed to go out among the membership of the temple and endeavor to determine how large a fund could be secured for the new home and what manner of home was desired by the majority of the members. The committees will make preliminary reports at the meeting of the temple on April 23.

The advisory committee is composed of: William F. Gude Chairman, Lewis Hopfenmaier, vice chairman, Harry B. Cramer, secretary, Ross P. Andrews, Lester A. Barr, Abblite F. Burklin, Fred W. Behrens, Charles H. Berry, W. Wallace Chiswell, Eugene S. Cochran, Robert Coen, William S. Corby, Albert T. Combs, Joseph H. Cranford, Dr. J.B. Gregg Custis, Harrison Dingman, Otto J. DeMoll, Charles H. Dimer, R. Golden Donaldson, Edward H. Droop, William J. Eynon, Adolph M. Fishel, George F. Fleming, Edmund K. Fox, William T. Galliher, Charles J. Gawler, George E. Gibson, James T. Gibbs, Isaac Goldenberg, Isidore L. Goldheim, Louis Goldsmith, Roe Fulkerson, Benjamin S. Graves, Adolphus Gude, S. Fred Hahn, Walter S. Harban, Samuel Hart, Samuel B. Hege, James F. Hood, William B. Holtzclaw, William D. Hoover, George W. Huriebaus, Charles Jacobsen, Jacobus S. Jones, David J. Kaufman, Carter B. Keene, Stirling Kerr, Jr., Franklin V. Killian, Gustave A. Kneessi, Walter H. Klopfar, James B. Lambie, James Lansburgh, Ralph W. Lee, Alvin M. Lothrop, Townley A. McKee, Arthur D. Marks, Edwin S. Marlow, Thomas P. Morgan, Arthur C. Moses, Ben W. Murch, Thomas C. Noyes, James F. Oyster, Andrew Parker, Myron M. Parker, Abraham D. Prince, James L. Pugh, Julius I. Peyser, William F. Robert, Franklin I. Sanner, Abram R. Serven, Louis Simon, Francis A. Sebring, Emmons S. Smith, W. Hamilton Smith, George Spraney, Charles A. Stewart, Brainerd H. Warner, Sidney West, Edmund S. Wolfe, Samuel W. Woodward, and Levi Woodbury.

The following were selected as and executive committee: Lewis Hopfenmaier, chairman, S. W. Woodward, James Lansburgh, D.J. Kaufman, W.D. Hoover, and Benjamin S. Graves.

The ways and means committee is composed of Charles A. Stewart, chairman; Ross P. Andrews, Fred W. Behrens, Joseph H. Cranford, Otto J. DeMoll, Edward H. Droop, William J. Eynon, Isidor L. Goldheim, S. Fred Hahn, Samuel Hart, Carter B. Keene, Gustave A. Kneessi, Arthur C. Moses, William F. Roberts and Edmund S. Wolfe.

Klowns

YOU ARE MISSING IT!

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

At MASA, our Klown Unit, while not great in numbers but great in spirit, won first place Clown Trophy in our division. What a great feeling.



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 jurisdiction cause we never know what will happen - those guys are always clowning around. In 2011, our neighboring Kena Shrine Clowns will host a Clownarama where a great time is had by all. We really would like to have your smiling face join the Unit. If you are in another Unit or Club and would be interested in suiting up for a parade where it would not impact on your Unit or Club, we would love to have you join us at such time.

We are trying to get Klowns together to take part in a Thanksgiving Parade in Silver Spring and it would be great to have more clowns participate.

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 iffin you're interested. We can use your help.

Weird Wally
Boss Klown (for the present)

Almas Shrine Center Business Meeting

December 15, 2009



7:00 PM

Elections



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



Attest:

Sir Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., Potentate

George E. Whetzel, Recorder

Your 2009 dues card will be needed for admittance.

Martha

the center pages are photos of MASA done as a two page spread

And I am not sending because I can not split it into two pages. There are no words on the page other than:

Mid Atlantic Shrine Association Convention,
Virginia Beach

MASA Photos

Happy New Year!

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Almas Shrine Center Ballroom

*\$25.00 per person/ \$50.00 per couple
9:00 PM to 2:00 AM*

*Open Bar, Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres followed
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Dancing to The DJ by Doug and Mirtha's Memories

Reservations due by December 25, 2009

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Greeters

I hope all had a good summer vacation. The greeters are very proud of our secretary Ill. Sir William M. Lanham, P.P. and his wife Nancy for their excellent work as President and First Lady of the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association for 2009. They did a super job of representing Almas Shriners.

Our next meeting will be on October 15, 2009. In addition to discussing joining forces for our 2009 holiday luncheon we will be discussing "turning the reins over" to our other members. Greeters must make members feel at home and help their families to enjoy all of our Shrine events, Greeters need to make members want to be a part of our great fraternity. We need to be thinking and planning not just talking about where we want to be in five years. We have to lose the "my year" syndrome! It is our year, it is our temple, it is our fraternity and we all together must work harder to save it.

"We are family" I thank each of you for all you have already done and will continue to do.

Yours in the Faith,
John R. Garrison
President

Shepherds

Welcome to our new drivers, Jay Barmack and Daniel Elias. The Shepherds need drivers for periodic trips using Temple vans to go to BWI airport for trips to Boston and for trips to our Philadelphia Shrine Hospital.

On Thursday September 17, 2009 Ill. Sir Ralph Connolly, P.P. and his wife Connie; Ill. Sir Donald M. Holliday, P.P. and John Garrison attended the Hospital Board Meeting in Philadelphia at the Hospital Conference. We were welcomed by Rick Gailer, Chairman of the Board; met: Dr. Mulcahey, Director of Rehabilitation and Clinical Research; Dr. Michale Selzer, New

Research Director and Dr. Randal Betz, Chief of Staff. Dr. Betz spoke on the Puerto Rico Paradigm. Dr. Betz was happy to hear about our Uruguay and Brazil members.

Thanks to Ill. Sir Anthony S. Murray's P.P. hard work we received a certificate of appreciation in recognition of holding a mini clinic for Shriners Hospital for Children.

Mark and save the date of December 11, 2009 at 9:00 am there will be a dedication of the new 33,000 square feet research center, 6th floor of the Temple Center. All Shriners, Ladies and Friends are invited to attend. Lets make Almas presence be shown.

Thanks also to Chief Rabban Paul Friedlander for driving the Shepherds Float in the parade at Virginia Beach and coming home with a 1st. Place Trophy. We all can be very proud of our Shepherds group. Thank you for all the time you spend behind the wheel.

Yours in the Faith,
John R. Garrison
President

Chanters

The Almas Chanters were given a distinct honor at the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) Fall Meeting. While not being able to compete in the Mid Atlantic Shrine Chanters Association (MASCA) competition on Friday morning of the convention, the Chanters did enter the calliope in the MASA Parade on Saturday morning and on Saturday evening was awarded a 1st place trophy in Division II for Chanters Floats.

There are many people to thank for this distinct honor, as follows:

Noble Ernie Palmer and his Lady
Kathy
Noble Eric Palmer
Noble Huss Demeral
Noble Andrew Plaxen
Noble Bill Bridegum

Nobles Ernie and Eric Palmer and Lady Kathy assisted in making sure everything

was in working order prior to bringing the calliope to Virginia Beach. Noble Ernie also hand made a new protective cover for the calliope for use in storage and during transport. In addition, Nobles Ernie and Eric transported the calliope to and from Virginia Beach. Noble Huss Demeral assisted in working with the generator and fashioning a custom exhaust system for the generator that is presently mounted on the calliope trailer. Nobles Andrew Plaxen and Bill Bridegum assisted Nobles Ernie and Eric and myself in getting the pipes on the calliope and getting the decorations on the float prior to the parade. They also helped in getting the float broken down for transport back to DC after the parade.

Riding the calliope was Noble Alan Gordon playing at the keyboard, and Nobles Eric Palmer, Bill Bridegum and Andrew Plaxen on the benches. In addition, for a short time, Noble Bill Miskovic was a passenger on the float.



Illustrious Sir Don Ferguson commented after the award was made that it was the team work of everyone involved that made the award possible.

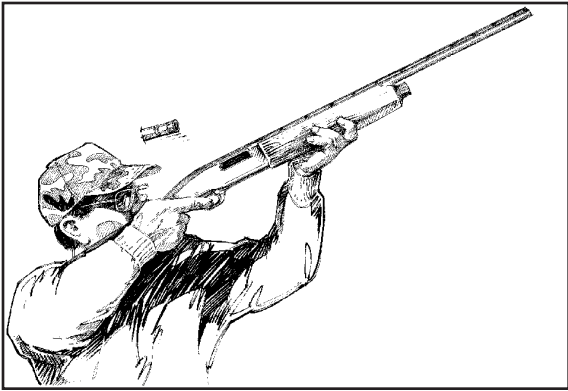
The challenge that faces the Chanters now is to get back into the practice room and start working on next year's competition piece with the intent on competing with our MASCA counterparts and to repeat the triumph of 2009 when we go to 2010 Fall MASA.

The Chanters meet on the 1st Thursdays of every month immediately following the Uniformed Units Meeting. All are welcome to attend. Singing ability is not required.

Yours in the Faith,
Alan Gordon
President



Almas Shriners if looking for Shooters!



A Masonic Sporting Clay Shoot is scheduled for November 21, 2009 at P.G. Trap and Skeet Club in Greenbelt, MD. We want to have a good team represent Almas Shrine at this and other future shoots.

Any Almas Shriner with an interest in Shooting Sporting Clay, please contact Rick Hall at 301-599-9137 or rickhall57@verizon.net as soon as possible for more details. We will need to schedule a practice or two and get ourselves together before this event.

ONLY CANDIDATES MAKE A CEREMONIAL—GET YOURS TODAY!



Su Zu Court, Ladies Oriental Shrine

Our last meeting was held on September 17th at the Almas Shrine Center. Many of our ladies wore beautiful Mu Mu's for our Hawaiian Night. We had many colorful leis for them to wear. Two new candidates were voted on to join Su-Zu Court. I will let you know later when we will have our Ceremonial. Let's try to get more ladies interested in joining LOS, then we could have a few more join with our other candidates in the Ceremonial. I also want to thank Debbie for getting a caterer so we were able to have a delicious tropical dinner before our meeting.

We will be celebrating Halloween at our next on October 15th. It will be fun to see our ladies in costume, but if you do not wear a costume, please wear a funny, pretty, scary or other type on mask. There will be prizes for certain categories.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Irene Stadick
High Priestess



Almas Yacht Club

Congratulations to all of the participants at MASA, We did a fine job.

Four First Place Trophies, two second and two third place. A fine send off for our retiring MASA President, Ill Sir William M. Lanham, P.P.

We were disappointed that the Yacht Club Float didn't fare well, but we know what we have to do next year. Our friend at Kismet really had the winner - a fine entry.

Special thanks to our Potentate, Ill Sir Don Ferguson and the Divan who stepped in for ailing Colonel of the Units, Sol Zeidman. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sol for a speedy recovery.

We are pleased that our Commodore Maurice Herbert will be Fleet Captain of the Mid Atlantic Association Shrine Yacht Club for the coming year.

Coming up will be our Thursday meeting at Alfio's in Chevy Chase, Lu Lu's Commodore's Ball in October, Our Frost Bite Cruise on October 17th and Kismet's Ball in November and of course our Commodore's Ball on January 16th. We will be returning to the Annapolis Sheraton which seems to be more convenient for other Temples.

We are looking for a few Good Men (and Ladies) - Know anyone?

Jay Whitcomb
Secretary



In Memoriam

Herbert H. Wright

7/13/1919 - 6/28/2008

Douglas S. Stallings

7/18/1920 - 4/7/2009

John H. Jaeschke, Jr.

8/13/1921 - 6/26/2009

James E. Pries

4/4/1927 - 7/5/2009

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7/2/1914 - 8/1/2009

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3/21/1928 - 7/22/2009

Walter G. Kelly

6/4/1921 - 8/11/2009

Lemoine V. Dickinson

5/7/1921 - 9/13/2009

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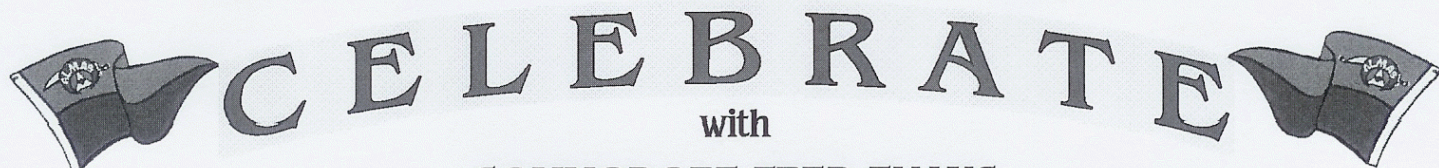
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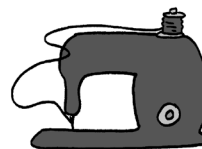
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Unformed Units Klowns, DON	2	3 Crescent Potentate's Ball
4	5	6	7 Chanters	8 Screwballs	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Temple Closed	13	14 CHSC Mini Motors Motor Cycle Club	15 Greeters LOH LOS	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Flag Unit Yacht Club Chanters	23	24 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of DC
25	26 Board Meeting	27	28 NWSC	29	30	31 Halloween Party

November 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Uniformed Units Mtg. Klowns, DON	6	7 International Association Legion of Honor Wreath Laying
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Temple Closed	12 Screwballs	13	14
15	16	17	18 CHSC Mini Motors Motor Cylce Club	19 Greeters LOH LOS	20	21 Annual Com- munication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland
22	23 Board Meeting	24	25	26Thanksgiving Temple Closed	27	28
29	30					

December 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Uniformed Units Mtg. Klowns,DON	4	5 Ceremonial
6	7	8	9 Chanters	10 Screwballs Holiday Party	11	12 Grand Lodge of DC Installation
13 Ladies Holiday Luncheon	14	15 Almas Temple Business Meeting Elections	16 CHSC Mini Motors Motor Cycle Club	17 Greeters LOH LOS	18	19
20 Children's Holiday Party	21	22	23	24Christmas Holiday Temple Closed.....	25	26
27	28 Board Meeting	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Gala		