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August & September Birthdays

August Birthdays

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 Gustavo Alejandro Alza Ferrari
 John F. Anderson
 Julio Jose Jabra Anffe
 David Applestein
 Fernando Enrique Aquilar Solar
 Manuel L.A. Arantes de Castilho
 Sheldon Arpad
 Roberto Arruda de Amorim
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 James W. Cloud, Jr.
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 Alfredo Corvalan
 Jose Adolfo Crespo Bonadona
 Patrick A. Curtis
 Deodato Janio da Silva
 Sergio Augusto da Silva Borges
 Jose Abdias Dantas
 Manoel de Araujo Rocha
 Paulo Henrique de Ataide Pereira
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 Daniel P. Dolan
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 Kenneth L. Foran
 Bruce D. French
 J. Luis Frenk
 John R. Garrison
 Daniel T. Graham
 Donald H. Hadley
 Charles M. Hall
 Raymond H. Hamden
 Harvey S. Hansen
 Stanley G. Harrell
 Harold Edgar Harriman
 Paul W. Hassler

Prince E. Havelly
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 Charles D. Hillmuth
 William H. Hinze
 Albert Hitt
 James M. Holt, Sr.
 Richard A. Johnson
 Charles O. Johnson
 Willard R. Kesling
 Henry J. Klein
 Gerald Lastfogel
 Charles M. Layton
 James L. Lovelace, Jr.
 Clifford L. Lucrezi
 Walter Leno Maifrede Noronha
 Donald L. Malloreoy
 Giovanni Peredo Maranon
 Stanley Markowitz
 Gerhard Meinzer
 Mark A. Mellow
 Jack A. Mettee
 Gunther Viktor Meyer Zimmerman
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 Luis Jouquin Mujica Santalla
 Charles H. Nalls
 Pablo Negri
 Louis M. Numkin
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 William K. Parsons
 Eleusino Ataide Passos
 Burton Penn
 Sivaldo Pereira dos Santos
 Renato Perurena
 Sergio Peyrot
 Paulo de Tarso Pinheiro Machado
 Austin Pitcher
 Paul A. Porter
 Samuel B. Pullom
 Franklin L. Raines
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 Robert A. Renner
 Walter E. Reutter
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 George J. Stoklas
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 Robert P. Thomas
 Ricky S. Thompson
 Francisco Campos Valverde
 Juan S. Verastegui
 Valdeir dos Santos Vieira

Darryl M. Weiler
 Donald S. Wood
 Steven Wayne Wood
 Luiz Antonio Pinzon Zamo
 Herman Zeitchik

September Birthdays

George R. Adams
 Neil R. Anderson
 Glaucio Antonio de Lima
 Ruben Dario Suarez Arana
 Andres Malan Arduin
 Gustavo Maria Barboza
 Dilmar Antonio Barrionuevo Alves
 Ralph O Bartlett
 Francisco Mario Castillo Bigot
 Walter Boomer
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 Ney Batista Coutinho
 Juan Eduardo Craigdallie
 John F. Cronin
 Raymond J. Crowell
 Janier Jironda Cuba
 Leandro Ferreira da Cunha Junior
 Ayrton Jose da Silva
 Bergmann da Silva Santos
 Adib Wilhan Daher
 Jose Carlos de Freitas
 Marcus V. dos Santos de Oliveira
 William de Paula Alvarenga
 Claudio Eduardo de Souza Lima
 Jurandir Alves de Vasconcelos
 Lawrence J. DeAngelis
 Martin Pedraquosa del Campo
 Aaron W. Dodek
 Francisco Leite dos Santos
 Rafael Alvarenga dos SantosDiago

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Potentate's Message



Two thirds of the year 2014 has gone by and I hope all have enjoyed the cool summer. I find a one year term is not enough for a Potentate to do all he wants to accomplish to build the beloved Almas Shrine community, cultivate, celebrate, grow, transform, sustain and serve and as a vibrant Mason love, respect and care for one another as our obligation require.

Social progress is not automatic. Change does not occur unless somebody of vision, courage and determination makes it happen. The marketing of our facilities must change and start now. Almas has a vibrant place to socialize. Almas CANNOT continue to lose money. Working together we can transform Almas to the Nations Capital's most thriving economic social venue center.

As many of you know I have been in the real estate business for over five decades. To continue to run a business beyond significant growth one must do marketing. Let me share my marketing five P's.

1. People. I surround myself with people who know how to do things I cannot do or should not do. I pay attention to employee productivity, engagement, career pathing and performance measurement. I try to make people exceptional and better.

2. Product. Commit resources to areas of growth. Get employees and members excited about the future.

3. Process. To scale anything, you need process. Karl Benz may have invented the automobile but Henry Ford made it saleable into mass production with his assembly line. Again, bright people can help.

4. Policy. Culture is perhaps the most important part of policy. Culture has been defined as an unwritten set of social norms. In Almas

everyday life, this usually exhibits itself as "That's the way we do things around here." or "That's the way it has always been or done." The Fed Chairman is a great example of policy, every word or non-verbal cue they use is dissected by financial markets and results in cascading effects.

5. Pupil. Your work is never done. Organizations that innovate adapt. Organizations (companies) that do not innovate become extinct. A few decades ago, who would have ever thought that behemoths like Kodak or the Postal Service would be fighting for their lives? But technology made their narrowly focused business models obsolete.

We must share best practices and weed out inefficiencies. Again social progress is not automatic but change must occur.

Change in food services and the dining public is evolving to vegetable-focused restaurants. Evolution of carnivore from beef to beets. The fact that we may live longer is, so to speak, gravy. Not coincidentally, I have invited a few of the country's elite chefs to do demonstrations, creating tasting menus in Almas' dining rooms. Please call the office to be entered on the list of interested in attending in November or on another date to be announced.

These summer months have been busy and enjoyable. I have attended a 4th of July Parade, Imperial Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota, The Peruvian Shrine Club's Independence Gala, Almas Golf Tournament, Daughters's of the Nile Supreme Visit and a Yacht Club Cruise.

These first days of September will be spent at Virginia Beach for the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association Session where we will not only take care of the business of MASA but hopefully spend a few hours on the Beach.

Check the calendar in this issue for upcoming events that you may like to attend. Put them on your calendar so that you do not miss out on the activities here at the Temple and else where that will be taking place from now until the end of the year.

There is a Temple Business meeting on September 30th at 7:30 pm.

October has an Hispanic Heritage Party and a Halloween party.

November brings a Special Business Meeting on November 6th and that takes us into the Holiday season and the year will be over before we know it. Don't let it get away with out your participation in these events.

Thanks again for your participation and support.

Yours in the Faith,

John R. Damiano



September Birthdays

Douglas Carmona
 Peter A. Driscoll
 Carlos Eduardo Lisboa
 Akram R. Elias
 James T. Feezell
 Gordon L. Ferguson
 Adilson Figueiredo
 Alvaro Grohmann Filho
 Craig Fitzpatrick
 Ronald Adrian Forti Castrillo
 Marcelo Francesquini de Campos
 Lucas Francisco Galdeano
 Anderson A. dos Anjos Garcia
 Ricardo Javier Garcia Peredo
 Clyde E. Grimm
 Thomas L. Groppel
 Arnaldo Toral Hidalgo
 Melvin Hirshman
 Kenneth D. Hubbard
 Blyne E. Hutzel
 Rubens Jolando
 Emilo Jose Marguardt
 Joel R. Kahn
 Dan B. Lane
 Andrew Lawless
 Brenardo Leis
 Jarbas Leite Fernandes
 Louis Levy
 E. Kendall Lorenz
 Wilton Dayber Berriel Macedo
 Fernando Marcilio Carvalho
 Milton Coscio Marquez
 Renato Pareskian Martins
 Thomas R. Mason
 Richard A. Matson
 Raymond F. McMullen
 Diego Milstein
 Scott David Miskovic
 Charles C. Moser
 Robert Issamu Nakamura
 Roberto Neiva de Mesquita
 Idelfeson Neves Publio
 Walter Alves Noronha
 Keith W. Northup

Fernando Cuellar Nunez
 Paulo Roberto Oliva
 Edward J. Ostrusky
 Ronald E. Page
 Byron J. Pateras
 Joseph Penzo
 Renato Moraes Pereira da Luz
 Alfonso Manuel Perez Cobas
 Urban T. Peters
 Hernan Pflucker
 Charles Arthur Phillips
 Robert H. Plante
 Michael V. Porco
 Gustavo Puggina Rogatto
 Anil C.S.Rao
 James H. Reed, Jr.
 Luiz Eduardo Ribeiro dos Santos
 Felipe Raul Ricagni Alvariza
 Thomas I. Richardson
 Thomas F. Riffe
 Jian Pablo Rodriguez Dubravel
 Valdimir Sallis Soares
 Jose Marcos Mazzucca Salvatore
 John S. Samperton
 Jorge Invanko Kuljis Santos
 Hugh A. Shawen
 William L. Shelton
 Matthew L. Smith
 Robert H. Starr
 Oscar Tenuta
 William A. Todd, Jr.
 Charles W. Tomlin
 Roberto Marcelo Uvillagomez Lino
 Victor Morales Valdivia
 Tomas Luciano Velasco Zeballos
 Jeremy Webb
 Richard A. Whitley
 Marshall N. Willner
 Douglas E. Windsor
 John W. Yaag
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 Dale E. Zimmerman

Past Potentate, A. Wallace Moore & Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Past Imperial Potentate and Almas Past Potentate, L.P. Stuart



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_____ I prefer to make a cash contribution at this time of at least \$100.00, which is tax deductible.

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 Shrine No. _____

Address _____

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Please have the certificate read :

Peruvian Shrine Club presenting the Potentate with a check for the Transportation Fund.



Left to right: Michael Gordon, Luis Cisneros, Roberto Paucar, Potentate, John Garrison, Alan Gordon, P.P. & Fred Evans

Temple Business Meeting

September 30, 2014
7:30 PM

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:
John R. Garrison, Potentate

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

Wear your Fez.



Your 2014 Dues Card needed for
admittance.



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.

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In Memory of Theodore Kahn

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In Memory of Gloria Greenwald *(Iris Gordon's Mother)*

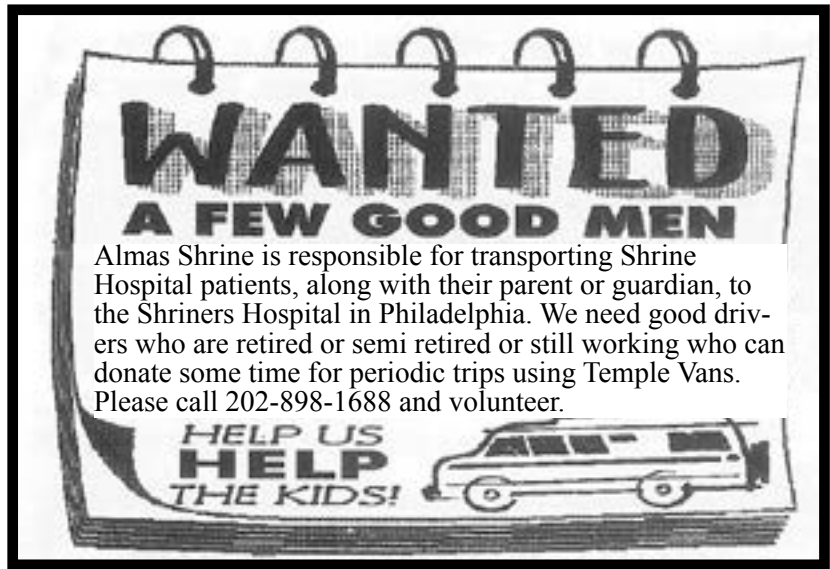
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Walter Simon & Bonnie Forman



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Almas Peruvian Shrine Club



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Imperial Session Report

Recorder's Report:

The elected representatives, Ill. Sir John R. Garrison, Nobles Luis G. Cisneros, Fred W. Evans and Ill. Sir Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P. travelled to Minneapolis, MN for the 140th Imperial Convention July 4 - 10, 2014. Also, at the convention were Ill. Sirs Alan L. Gordon, P.P., Anthony S. Murray, P.P., Lonnie Ramos, P.P., Royce Watson, P.P. and Noble Michael A. Gordon, and present from our clubs in Brazil were Nobles Antonio Kato, Marcos Hans, Genilto Nogueira, Wesson Pinheiro and David Filho.

On Saturday, July 5th we had a meeting with the Jurisdictional Lines Committee to consider Item 11 on the Call to propose exclusive jurisdiction in the Federal District of Brasilia in the country of Brazil. After that meeting we had another meeting with the Dispensation and Charters and Jurisdictional Lines Committees to discuss Item 17 which is a petition to form a new temple known as Hikmat Temple in Cuiabá, Mato Grosso in the country of Brazil. Both meetings were positive.

On Monday morning, soon after the opening of the business meeting, Imperial Sir John A. Cinotto called for a motion to accept Item 17 on the Call. After a favorable report from G. David Powell, Hasan Shriners, Tony R. Krall, Zuhrah Shriners made the motion. After a proper second and there being no discussion a unanimous vote was taken to approve the motion. Imperial Sir John A. Cinotto presented the charter, under dispensation, to Genilto Nogueira. G. Fred Widmyer gave a favorable report on Item 11 on the call. Ill. Sir John R. Garrison made a motion to accept Item 11 on the call. After a proper second to the motion a unanimous vote was taken by the representatives to give Almas Shriners exclusive jurisdiction in the Federal District of Brasilia in the country of Brazil.

On Monday afternoon Imperial Sir Douglas E. Maxwell gave an outstanding report on the state of Shriners Hospitals for Children ®. The last thing on the agenda for the afternoon session was the election of the Board of Directors and Officers for Shriners International. A nomination of the officers to advance one station was made. A unanimous vote was taken to accept the nominations. Imp. Sir John A. Cinotto was running against Imp. Sir Douglas E. Maxwell for Chairman of the Board of Trustees. After a close vote Imp. Sir Douglas E. Maxwell was re-elected.

There were two candidates running for Imperial Outer Guard. Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven, Omar Shriners and James E. "Ed" Stolze, Jr., El Zaribah Shriners. The Representatives elected Kenneth G. Craven to serve as Imperial Outer Guard. After the vote was taken James E. Stolze withdrew his name asking the Imperial Recorder to cast a unanimous ballot for Kenneth G. Craven.

If you would like to know about all of the legislation from this year's Imperial Session, feel free to contact me at the Temple office.

Wednesday morning was the Pageant for the Imperial Potentate-Elect Dale W. Stauss and Lady Cheryl. Kem Shriners did an outstanding job with the pomp and circumstance. First Lady Cheryl revealed her new fundraising program, The Journey of Hope, which will support transportation assistance programs for our patients and families. The Public Relation program was presented Wednesday afternoon. Joe Dertinger of Waconia, MN and Katie Ladlie of Troy, MO were introduced as the new National Patient Ambassadors for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Shriners International welcomes three new Shriners to the boards, re-elected two more, and honored an additional member with emeritus status. Elected Imperial Outer Guard: Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven of Omar Shriners in Charleston, S.C. Elected Trustee: James A. "Jim" Doel of Tunis Shriners in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Re-elected Trustee: Skip D. F. Stanaway of Al Kader Shriners in Wilsonville, OR. Re-elected Trustee: Peter Diaz, M. D. of Bahia Shriners in Orlando, FL. Emeritus Trustee: Gary W. Dunwoody of Scimitar Shriners in Little Rock, AR. Appointed Imperial Chaplain: Jerry B. Oliver of Zuhrah Shriners in Minneapolis, MN.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for electing me to serve as a Representative. If you have any questions about this report feel free to contact me.

Yours in the Faith,
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P.
Recorder



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Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Time: 1:30 PM
(Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1:30 PM)

Place: DC Scottish Rite Center
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(Free parking in rear)

Registration Fee: \$25.00 through September 10, 2014
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Dress is casual

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For more information, contact Alan L. Gordon, Junior Grand Steward at agordon@dcgrandlodge.org.



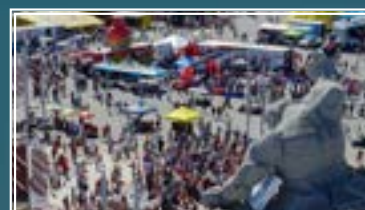
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Daughters of the Nile



It's been a busy summer for Samla Temple! Since the last *alibi*, we have attended our Surpeme Session and welcomed the new Supreme Queen to Washington, DC.

Our Supreme Session was held June 1-5 in Omaha, NE. There was one day during the session that we were held in the convention center due to tornado warnings and high winds...a very different experience from anything we have here in DC! But we made the most of it as Nile ladies do and everything turned out fine. At the Surpeme Session, it was reported that Daughters of the Nile contributed over \$2 million to the Shriners Hospitals for Children over the last Supreme Temple year. About \$46,000 of that total went to the Philadelphia Hospital.

On Thursday, August 14th, we welcomed the Surpeme Queen Marsha Sowers to Samla Temple. We held a ceremonial where we initiated a new Princess, Donna Runyan. Afterwards we held a banquet, which included a performance by our patrol. It was our pleasure to welcome Illustrious Sir, John Garrison, Potentate of Almas Shrine and members of his Divan. We are so happy you could join us for this special evening. The banquet was wonderful and it was easy to see that the committee had worked hard to make it a day to remember.

We will be having an Italian Dinner on Sunday, October 12th. On December 5th and 6th, we will be holding a "Holiday Open House" fundraiser, which is a nice time to take a break from your hectic holiday schedules and enjoy some good food and good company. This will be our third year holding the Holiday Open House. It is very informal, you can come to either day or both, at any time while it is in progress. Stay tuned for details in future *alibis*.

Nile Love
Queen Rachael Sunderland



Assistant Rabban



Summer break is over and it's time to get back to serious work at Almas. Although things have been quiet at the Temple, your Assistant Rabban has been kept quite busy. I attended the Kena Yacht Club Pirates Ball in May along with several other couples from Almas. We had a great time.

It was back to the Temple for the Almas Memorial Service where we honored our departed brethren. In June I attended the Spring Ceremonial where we initiated several new Nobles and honored our Past Potentates with a lunch. Later in June it was the Latin Club Luau which was a wonderful program of music and dance with excellent food.

The next day the Yacht Club had its Shakedown Cruise at the Washington Harbor Patrol. We were taken for a ride on the Potomac in several rescue boats and then enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

From July 4 to July 11, I attended the Imperial Session in Minneapolis Minnesota with the other members of the Divan and several Past Potentates. A great deal of business was conducted and a dispensation to open a new temple, Hikmat, in Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Brazil was granted. We joined in celebration with our brothers from Brazil who were in attendance.

Later in July it was off to MAASYC annual rendezvous in Solomon's Island. Yacht Clubs from the Mid Atlantic area met to have a great weekend of fun and food. It was then back to serious business at the Board Meeting on July 28th.

Looking forward to MASA in Virginia Beach.

That's it for now
Fred Evans
Assistant Rabban





Almas Yacht Club Art Raffle and Print Sale

Raffle tickets \$5 each, 3 for \$10. Drawing held at Virginia Beach MASA

Do not need be present to win

Tickets available from AYC Bridge Members



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All profits are for the benefit of the Almas Yacht Club and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.

Krazy Klown Korner

There were five brave Almas Klowns who attended the National Fourth of July Parade in down town DC. It was a beautiful day. Just the right temperature with a light breeze. Not our usual steaming weather.

It would have been better if we had more klowns in uniform to participate. We had a great time but as you can see, our ranks are dwindling. We need help. Join us and have a great time also. Clowns, unlike ordinary folks, are expected to make fools of themselves hiding behind the greasepaint. What's your excuse?

Once you do it in costume, you will love meeting the people on the sidelines.

Get moving and join the Klown Unit

Yours in the Faith,
Wierd Wally
(Walter Simon)
&
Jay Whitcomb



Left to right: Jay Whitcomb, Ruben Payan, George Whetzel,
Kenny Collins & Walter Simon

Almas Yacht Club

I guess we lose track of all the goings on in the summertime. Each year time seems to go faster.

We just got back from the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs weekend in Solomon's Island. There were over 100 in attendance.

It was a great weekend with 20 or so boats from Nur, Khedive, Kismet, Boumi, Crescent, Kena and Almas. We were represented by 15 Nobles and guests. Nancy and I had the opportunity of motoring down the Bay with Frank Ireton and Stephanie Stockman. There were a lot of threatening storms for our return trip, but the return was smoother than the trip down. A most relaxing time.

Our main accomplishment was winning the small boat race piloted by Frank Ireton. Our club hosted hospitality on Friday night-delightfully filling. Many thanks to the ladies. The guys did some too, but not as much as the fairer sex. There were Boat Parades and Boat decoration competitions. The theme for the weekend was Gilligan's Island. Kena Shrine Center won the prize for the most Gilligan look-alike dress.

On August 9th we had a cruise around the Thomas Light in Annapolis preceded by a lunch on our own. twenty-two Nobles and guests were there. At this cruise we took a few moments to reflect and appreciate our members that have passed away over the past year, Nobles Howard Nilson, Don Boltz and Rayford Robel.

We expect to have a float in the MASA Parade September 6th and are working on it now. In October we will have another outing. You will be advised accordingly. Our regular meetings are the fourth Thursday. We will be in a new location for the upcoming year. We will advise. We have a lot of good fun, great fellowship and great food. Tomorrow we diet.

Hope you have had a busy, fun and productive summer - Stay well.

Jay Whitcomb
Commodore



In Memoriam

Milton L. Becker
12/7/1919 - 4/15/2014

Carlos Alberto Hanney
5/28/1948 - 6/20/2014

Lawrence W. Bartee
6/13/1924 - 8/2/2014

Theodore M. Kahn
10/31/1926 - 5/29/2014

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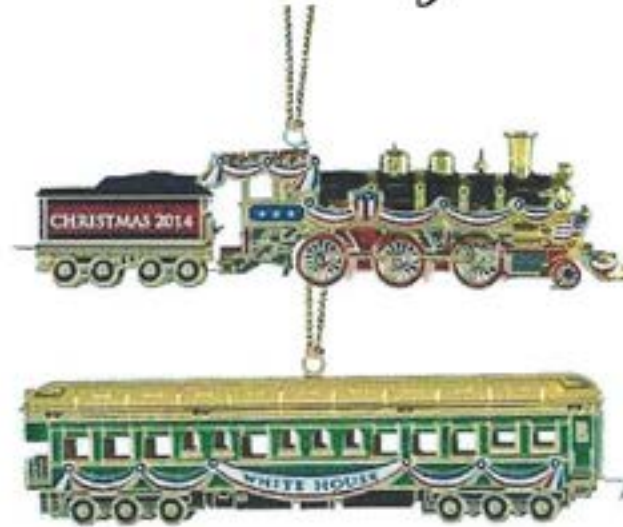
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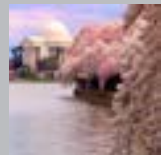
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day Temple Closed	2	3	4 Fall MASA, Virginia Beach, VA	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Screwballs	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Board Meeting	23	23 Northwest-BCC Shrine Club	25 Rosh Hashanah Flag Unit	26 Peruvian Shrine Club Mtg.	27
28 Southeast Shrine Club	29	30 Temple Business Mtg.				

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Uniformed Units & DON	3 Potentate's Cruise	4 Yom Kippur
5	6	7	8 Potentate's Cruise	9 Screwballs	10	11 Hispanic Heritage Party Yacht Club Cruise
12	13 Columbus Day Temple Closed	14	15 Motor Corp.	16 Greeters	17	18
19	20	21	22 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club	23 Flag Unit	24	25 Halloween Party
26	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	31 Legion Mtg. Halloween	

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Peruvian SC 5th Anniversary Gala IALOH Wreath Laying
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4	5	6 Special Business Mtg. Uniformed Units & DON	7 Scottish Rite Reunion	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day Temple Closed	12	13 Screwballs	14	15 DC Grand Lodge Annual Communication
16	17	18	19 Motor Corp.	20 Greeters Yacht Club Elections	21	22
23 SESC Mtg. 30	24 Board Meeting	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed	28 Thanksgiving Temple Closed	29

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