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Potentate's Message



September was another month for Almas Shrine to shine. Fall MASA at Virginia Beach, was Almas legacy of people who live their lives with wisdom, confidence, discipline, fulfillment and perseverance to reach goals. Our members went about their days more positive, more encouraging to others around them, living with passion, serving others. Attendance was good.

We brought home trophies. Almas Yacht Club won two plaques from the Summer Rendezvous. One was for the remote controlled boat race and one for the boat parade. Almas Motor Corp. brought home trophies for competition on Friday, 1st Place in Drill and 1st Place in the Obstacle course. They also received a 2nd place for Four Wheels in the Parade on Saturday. Almas Yacht Club received a trophy for their float in the Saturday parade as well as the Shepherds Club. Good Job and congratulations to all who worked so hard.

Ill. Sir Rick Hall, P.P. won the Art Raffle "Red Skies at Night" painted by Noble Frank Ireton. There are still prints for sale if you are interested. Contact Noble Ireton or any Yacht Club member.

Thanks to all who worked the Hospitality Room. Our ladies out did themselves. The After Parade Lunch was a sell out with families.

Almas may not be the largest Shrine Center but we did what's right, our best, and treated others the way we want to be treated and that's it. Our finest legacy of all - OUR PEOPLE. I thank everyone who made MASA a success and for the opportunity to represent you.

Many nobles arrived back from MASA on Sunday, September 7 to attend the D.C. Grand Lodge Picnic sponsored by the Scottish Rite. The D. C. Grand Lodge of Instruction on September 29 was well attended. On September 11, Almas attended the Patriot Day Service. We welcomed Fall on September 23 and Happy Rosh Hashanah to all on September 24. September was Healthy Aging Month - Try new things, travel, learn to paint, take up a musical instrument - the sky's the limit.

Almas is persistent in its investment in its basic organizational infrastructure. Driven to do more with less we still request our staff to do the training required to do their jobs with confidence. We can not improve by

merely throwing money at the latest management fad, we must think, plan and act carefully about where we need to improve and what we want to accomplish, we must share best practices and weed out inefficiencies.

Check the calendar in this issue for upcoming events that you may like to attend and don't forget the White House Christmas Project. See the ad on page 16 for all the information.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve Almas.

Yours in the Faith.

John R. Garrison

John R. Garrison





Almas Transportation Hospital Van Special Project

Date: _____ Amount: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp Date _____



As part of the Transportation Fund, there has been a recent initiative to raise funds for a new van.
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Almas Shriners, 1315 K Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20005

I am a member of _____ Shrine.

Sign _____ Shrine No. _____

Address _____

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Please have the certificate read : _____



And We Support Our Hospital



III. Sir Royce Watson and Christine Watson receiving their Silver Plaque along with III. Sir Ralph Connolly and Connie Connolly and III. Sir Paul Friedlander at the Donor Recognition Ceremony at Philadelphia Shriners Hospital on September 17, 2014



Attest
John Garrison
Potentate

Almas Special Business Meeting

November 6, 2014

7:30 pm Meeting

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005



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

Wear your fez.

Your 2014 dues card is required for
admittance at all Business Meetings.





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 Honor of The Watsons' 50th Wedding Anniversary

Royce & Christine Watson

In Honor of Frank Ireton

His Shipmate

In Memory of Richard Bryan

Pauline Bryan

In Memory of Sister Ellen Coleman Past Matron of Takoma Chapter # 12

Neal F. Jarvis

Other Donations

Al B Col Ives #14
Richard Hassler



Almas Transportation Fund Donations

Remember a loved one or a friend, make a donation to the Almas Hospital Transportation Fund. Make checks payable to:
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Sunday, October 12, 2014
Social Hour Begins at 4:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

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301-879-2949

Cost is \$25 per Person
Proceeds to Benefit the Temple (Not tax Deductible)

Menu includes:
Garden Salad,
Lasagna,
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Please RSVP by detaching the form below and mailing your reservation for dinner
with check (made out to Samla Temple No. 51) to:

Helen Pearson, PQ
1002 Elmcroft Blvd., #101
Rockville, MD 20850

Deadline is October 5, 2014

If you have any questions, please call at 301-990-3552 or email sispearson@msn.com



Come and Challenge your Knowledge of Italian Trivia



Name: _____

No. Attending: _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Fall MASA Report

Recorder's Report,

There were 260 representatives representing 23 Temples of MASA at the Business Meeting held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 in Virginia Beach, VA.

The financial report as of August 31, 2014 is as follows:

Receipts	\$9,805.15
Disbursements	\$8,331.83
Total as of 8-31-2014 is	\$6,006.10

Investments: There are 3 Certificates of Deposit with the Bank of Hampton Roads totaling \$116,114.10

Total assets are \$122,110.10

There were three Imperial Officers present at the meeting. There were Imperial Sirs Gary J. Bergenske, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Joseph "Joe" Savaglio, Imperial Captain of the Guard and Kenneth G. Craven, Imperial Outer Guard. During the meeting Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske spoke about the need to raise the per capita tax paid to Shriners International. If you are interested in finding out why there is a need for the increase please call me and I will discuss it with you.

There were two candidates for Imperial Outer Guard present. They were Illustrious Sirs James E. "Ed" Stolze, Jr., El Zaribah Shriners and Richard G. Burke, Yaarab Shriners.

The election results for 3rd Vice President were as follows;

Keith A. McKnight, Zem Zem Shriners	88 votes
Henry J. Haughey, Crescent Shriners	55 votes

Illustrious Sir Henry Haughey withdrew his name and instructed the secretary to cast an unanimous ballot for Illustrious Sir Keith McKnight.

Future Convention Dates:

2015 Spring Meeting

March 13-15, 2015
Ramada Plaza
Newark Airport, NJ

2015 Fall Meeting

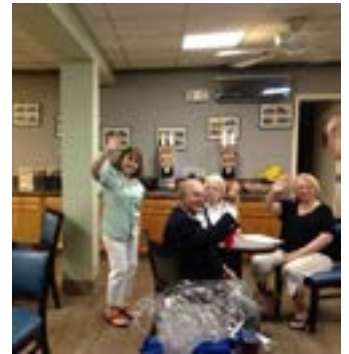
September 9-13, 2015
Doubletree Hotel
Virginia Beach, Va

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



2011 Potentates attending MASA in Virginia Beach, VA, with our own Alan Gordon, P.P. 2011

MASA Virginia Beach



MASA Virginia Beach



**Ill. Sir William Lanham, P.P.
Ill. Sir John Garrison
Assistant Rabban Luis G. Cisneros**



Yacht Club



Motor Corp.



Shepherds Club

Daughters of the Nile



Fall has arrived here in our nation's Capital! Autumn has always been my favorite time of year. I love the change from hazy, hot and humid to milder weather, the crispness in the air and all the beautiful colors of the changing leaves. Although it does mean a return to a busy schedule after a summer break, it also means seeing Masonic friends and acquaintances that I haven't seen for a couple of months.

Coming together to work for a common cause, for the children, creates a special bond between all of us. At our Supreme Visit banquet in August, Past Potentate Paul Friedlander informed us that the radiology project at the Philadelphia Hospital was now fully funded, proof of what we can accomplish with that special bond.

Samla Temple invites you to a dinner at the home of Past Potentate Royce and Past Queen Christine Watson on Sunday, October 12. This is a fund raiser for the Temple, but it is also an opportunity to enjoy good food and good company and to celebrate the bond we share as part of the Almas Family. For information and to make reservations please contact our Ways and Means Chair, Virginia Schweitzer at vischweit@verizon.net

I'd like to leave you with one of my favorite quotes: "Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."-Stanley Horowitz.

Nile Love,

Queen Rachael Sunderland



Assistant Rabban



Travels with the Assistant Rabban

Functions and meetings are getting back to normal now that summer is about over. I attended the visit by the Supreme Queen of the Daughters of the Nile on August 14. It was a very nice affair and the dinner served was quite good.

It was then back to work at the Board meeting on August 25. We discussed the preparations for MASA coming up in September as well as some other pressing items.

This year at MASA in Virginia Beach, ALMAS was rewarded for their hard work. The Motor Corp. brought back two trophies and the Yacht Club brought back one along with the Shepherds Club. Congratulations to those involved.

It was back to the Temple for the Board meeting on September 22 and the Business meeting on September 30.

Now we look forward to the Potentate's Cruise which will take place from October 2 through October 10. This should be a great trip as we head North to New England and Canada.

That's all for now,

Fred Evans
Assistant Rabban





Centennial Lodge #174

6110 Croom Station Road
Upper Marlboro, Maryland



8th Annual
Bull & Oyster Dinner

November 8, 2014

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Music by
Durham Station Bluegrass



Adults: \$22.00 Kids: 7-11 yrs - \$12.00 6 & under Free

50/50 Drawing

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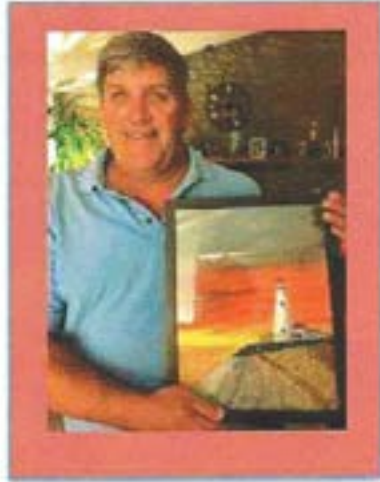
Jack Collins, P.M. 240-381-5588

Jim Cloud, P.M. 301-574-9077

RSVP by November 3

Benefit for Scholarship Fund

**Congratulations
Past Commodore Rick Hall
on winning the Almas
Yacht Club art raffle.**



Limited printing of the Almas Yacht Club art raffle is available as a 10 x 12 numbered and signed print. Printed on heavy stock, the matted prints are \$20. Contact AYC Rear Commodore Frank Ireton, fireton@mac.com

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

Almas Yacht Club

Ahoy Knobles !

Weird Wally, Almas' only Clown in the MASA parade, walked with the Yacht Club.

It may be he gave us good luck to win first place in the float division for the Yacht Club. We barely had enough marchers, but somehow we succeeded.

Many thanks to Nobles that helped. We know that it was Rear Commodore Frank Ireton who did most of the work on the float - from the design, building and hauling it down to Virginia Beach and back. Many thanks, Noble Frank.

At the awards banquet on Saturday night, we received the Trophy, but we also got a couple of plaques at the Yacht Club Banquet on Friday night. One for the Motor Controlled Boat Race and one for the Boat Parade at the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs Rendezvous this summer. A FANTASTIC SURPRISE AND REWARD!!

We all agreed that to eliminate stress we are going to start working on next year's float soon. We would appreciate any help and ideas from club members. All of your thoughts are important even if you can't march.

October we will be "cruising" for dinner at Pirates Cove in Galesville. Contact the Commodore for more information.

Please call the Secretary, Fred Evans 301-460-1982 or Jay Whitcomb 301-989-0121 for directions. We meet on the fourth Thursday. Don't hesitate, I understand from the Membership Department that there are a few memberships available. Don't miss out on this opportunity for fun and fellowship. Saturday, October 11th will be our Frost Bite Cruise. We will let you know about the time and location soon.

Fair Winds,
Jay Whitcomb
Commodore

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In Memoriam

***James A. Robinson
12/17/1918 - 5/20/2014***

***Howard W. Terrell
8/25/1946 - 8/22/2014***

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

(as of 9-30-14)

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The Almas Director's Staff Proudly Presents Their

2014 White House Holiday Ornament Project



The 2014 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Warren G. Harding, who served as the twenty-ninth president of the United States from 1921 to 1923. As a young boy, Harding dreamed of being a locomotive engineer—a wish that was to come true for 51 minutes when as president, he took over the controls on the Alaskan railroad during the "Voyage of Understanding," his famous transcontinental speaking and sightseeing tour. The Presidential Special, the train that carried President Harding west at the outset of his ambitious voyage and that would tragically carry his casket back east following his sudden death, just two months later, is the inspiration for our 2014 ornament.

Decorated with gold tones and enamel finishes, the 33rd annual White House Christmas Ornament is our first ornament to be comprised of two pieces, which can be hung as two separate ornaments or linked together. The locomotive is a detailed miniature replica of one of several steam-powered locomotives that pulled the Presidential Special. It is attached to the coal car that held its fuel. The other miniature car is the Superb, the president's private heavyweight Pullman car. The last car on the Special, the Superb was outfitted with a public address system. President Harding made appearances and delivered speeches at stops across the country from a platform at the back of the car. The last known photograph of President Harding is an image of him on the Superb shortly before his death in a San Francisco hotel on August 2, 1923. On August 3, President Harding's casket was placed on board the Superb and began a return trip to Washington, D.C., during which an estimated 3 million people paid their last respects.

Cost: \$20.00 each

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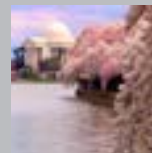
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1st Thursday meetings
& want to have dinner,
please contact:

Thelma Barmack at
301-598-3623
or the Temple Office at
202-898-1688

Reservations are a must!
**Call the office by 12:00
noon on Wednesday
prior to the dinner.**
Cost of the dinner is
\$12.00 per person

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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
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

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NWSC Holiday Party	2	3	4 Business Meeting Elections DON	5 Peruvian Shrine Club Hospital Visit & Yacht Club Holiday Party	6 Ceremonial Ladies Holiday Party
7	8	9	10	11 Screwballs Holiday Party	12 DC Grand Lodge Third Communication	13
14 Children's Holiday Party	15	16	17 Motor Corp. Mtg.	18	19	20
21	22 Board Meeting	23	23	25 Christmas Holiday Temple Closed	26 Christmas Holiday Temple Closed	27
28	29	30	31			

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