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Potentate's Nessage

October was another month for Almas Shrine to shine. October 2-10, Almas had a great cruise on the Grandeur of the Seas. Many Shrine centers and Masonic organizations have taken the same cruise but Almas outshined them all. Noble Paul Mc-Cauley took ill the day before our departure and could not go but his daughter Lori Austin, who was going to accompany him, came along. We were very glad she did as she was a delight. Try to join our Chief Rabban Luis Cisneros and Lady Ingrid on a Caribbean cruise from Baltimore on the same ship leaving in April 2015.

On October 17, 2014 the Greeters meeting was well attended with five Divan members and five Past Potentates. There was plenty of discussion and decisions made as to how we can rejuvenate the Greeters Unit and make it a better group. Look for coming changes soon.

I have been attending Lodges to represent Almas Shriners: Hayastan #94 on October 19, Eastgate #34 on October 20, Hiram Takoma #10 on October 23. Please join me. Almas has a Noble, a friend in every Blue Lodge in our jurisdiction. Please attend your Blue Lodge on a regular basis so you can share what Almas Shrine has to offer

I wish to thank our Alibi editorial staff for allowing me to change and update some of the alibi contents: a picture of our real hospital van, expansion of our sick and shut-in nobles listing and advertisement notices.

Geoff Cleveland, a new noble from Temple Noyes Cathedral Lodge #32 has hosted monthly Happy Hours for the lodge at the Shrine Center with much success. On those nights, contacts and petitions were given out for men to join District of Columbia lodges. We encouraged the men, once comfortable in their blue lodge, to join Almas Shrine. Those already a member of a blue lodge received welcome greetings to join Almas Shrine. The Grand Master of DC also held a meeting at Almas in October. We appreciate all the masonic organizations who use our venue for their events large or small.

We have had two poker tournaments so far this year to benefit the Almas Transportation Fund. What is a plus for this event is exposure for our Almas Shrine venue. During the tournament breaks the attendees who wish to see the center are taken on a tour, given proper brochures and encouraged to call our event planner during normal business hours. We also spoke about the World's Greatest Philanthropy, Shriners Hospital for Children.

"Going green" may seem like a daunting task, but it does not have to be. Almas is getting started taking one step at a time. I always say "He has half the deed done who has made a beginning." A goal without a plan is just a wish. The Almas board and staff have a strategic plan that will take us into the future. The Board is developing a coherent plan, a mission statement to take advantage of opportunities to green our operation and become more competitive and eco-conscious of basics in recycling, reducing waste, energy efficiency and to more in-depth concerns such as green marketing, communication, business travel and employee benefits. Almas needs your support for a sustainable, socially responsible organization whose mission aligns with your values. As always, I (we) welcome your input.

On November 1, 2014 you are invited to the International Association Legions of Honor Wreath Laying at the Arlington Cemetery and on November 11, 2014, we celebrate Veterans Day. Please take time to thank our service members for their contribution to our great United States of America and our freedom.



Yours in the Faith

John R. Darnion





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COMMUNICATION FROM SHRINERS HOSPITAL

Please contact Geoff Cleveland at (202) 661-9562 or geoff.cleveland@gmail.com with any questions.

To: Shrine Transporters

We are currently screening for Ebola and other illnesses at our hospitals and have provided you some guidelines for transporting patients and families to us.

To protect the health of others and yourself, the hospital has initiated an Active Illness Response Plan which includes screening for Ebola. The following rules and restrictions are now in place. Please take note of the following:

Please screen yourself and those you are transporting for:

- 1. Trips to Africa (West Africa).
- 2. Contacts with a person ill with Ebola.
- 3. General health wellness no exposure to communicable diseases i.e., measles, mumps, chicken pox and respiratory virus.
- 4. No fever, Runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

If anyone has positive findings, please **DO NOT** travel to the hospital. Instruct the family to call the hospital and reschedule their clinic visit or surgery.



ALL persons arriving at the hospital must be healthy and free from illness, exposure/symptoms of Ebola or active illness.





Attest John Garrison Potentate

Almas Special Business Meeting November 6, 2014 7:30 pm

> Business Meeting December 4, 2014 Elections 7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 Attack

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

Wear your fez.



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



Almas Ceremonial Cast

December Ceremonial

Over the past couple of years, there has been much discussion of the Shrine and its relationship with Freemasonry. This has been exacerbated by events in Arkansas. Here at Almas, we consider ourselves Masons first. In order to reflect and to strengthen this relationship, changes are being made to the Ceremonial of Initiation to be more closely tied to what is done in a Masonic Lodge.

While the script of the Ceremonial is dictated by Shriners International, the floor work will be very different. We are also working to improve the quality of the work. The cast is already working on their parts. New members have been recruited to fill new roles as some cast members are moving to different positions. All in all, this will be a very different and exciting Ceremonial and one that should not be missed.

The Ceremonial will be Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 am in the Oasis Room at Almas. This inaugural version of the Ceremonial will be for Nobles only. Immediately following the Ceremonial, the Temple will be holding the annual Ladies Holiday Luncheon with a special guest in attendance. See page 10 for more information on the Ladies Luncheon.

Please make sure you come to both of these events to support your Temple and to thank our Ladies for allowing us to do all that we do to help the children.

Alan Gordon, P.P.





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.

DONATIONS



In Memory of David Myers

Don & Betty Myers

In Honor of My New
Great Nephew
(Abraham Horace Vincent
Lynch)

Jack Besoner

Almas Transportation Fund Donations

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2015 Sale Date: April **28**, 2015

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And We Went Cruising



Aboard the Grandeur of the Sea for the Potentate's Cruise, traveling to Portland and Bar Harbor Maine, St. Johns, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Attending were Bill and Alma Jean Bridegum, Jay and Nancy Whitcomb, Fred and Imelda Evans, Tony and Jennifer Murray, Don and Debbie Ferguson, Charles Potter and his godson, Lori Austin, daughter of a member, and John Garrison, Potentate.

A good time was had by all!!



Almas Greeters

After a long period of dormancy, the Almas Greeters are making a resurgence. The Greeters met on October 16th to reorganize and determine their future.

The purpose of the Almas Greeters is to greet visitors attending the Temple functions and to serve as ushers as requested by the Potentate. They also serve as Honor Guards at memorial services.

During the meeting on October 16th several actions were taken as follows:

- 1. Subject to approval by the Potentate, the Greeters voted to no longer be considered a Unit. The bylaws will be rewritten to establish the Greeters as a Club.
- 2. The greeters will re-model themselves after the AASR Knights of St. Andrews. As such, new Nobles will be invited to join. It is hoped that the performance of the duties of a Greeter will help new Nobles learn more about what Almas does and meet other Nobles until they can determine, on their own, what other Clubs and Units they may be interested in participating with.
- 3. As part of their initiation fee, new Greeters will be provided with a tie that will be unique to the Greeters. In addition, the Greeters are requesting that the Divan approve the purchase of unique sashes to be worn when performing their functions and which will be returned to the Temple at the end of each event. White dinner jackets will no longer be required.
- 4. All past potentates not previously considered were voted to be offered honorary membership. Based on records available, this covered Illustrious Sir Bill Hershiser to the present.
- 5. There were also some banking and financial matters discussed.
- 6. The officers of the Greeters will remain in place until new membership can Be developed to elect new officers. Presently, the officers are as follows:

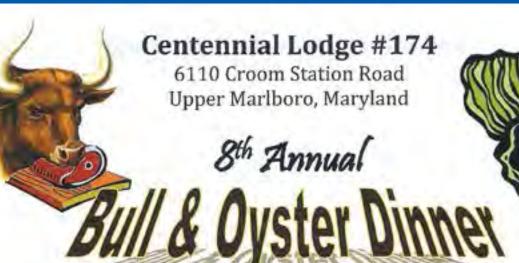
a. Director John Garrison, Potentate

b. Deputy Director Tony Mahfoudi

c. Secretary Bill Lanham, Past Director, P.P. d. Treasurer Alan Gordon, Past Director, P.P.

The Greeters will generally meet on the third Thursday of each month as long as there is business to discuss. Absent that, they will meet at the call of the Director. The third Thursday in November conflicts with another Club of Almas, so there will not be a November meeting.

Yours in the Faith Alan Gordon, P.P.



November 8, 2014 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

50/50 Drawing Tickets Also Available

Jack Collins, P.M. 240-381-5588 Jim Cloud, P.M. 301-574-9077

RSVP by November 3

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Daughters of the Nile



The season of Thanksgiving is almost upon us, a time that naturally encourages us to count our blessings. Among the many blessings in my life are the acquaintances I have made through various Masonic organizations. It always warms my heart to see so many people dedicated to supporting all the worthy causes that those organizations endeavor to help.

Soon the busyness of the season will take over our lives, so remember to take a few moments every once in a while to remember the children that we help and also to bring a little cheer to someone who needs a boost.

Samla Temple is hosting its annual Holiday Open House on December 6th and 7th at the home of Past Queen Helen Pearson. It is a fund raiser for the temple and for just \$15, you can come either day (or both) and enjoy a casual afternoon full of good food and good company. For additional details, see the flyer in this alibi or feel free to contact me.

Nile Love Queen Rachael Sunderland samla51queen@gmail.com



Assistant Rabban



Travels with the Assistant Rabban

We had a great time on the Potentate's Cruise from October 2nd to 10th. The weather was good and the food aboard the ship was excellent. On the stop in Portland, Maine we found the city to be quite interesting and the lobster was outstanding. Next stop in Bar Harbor, Maine provided another gastronomical delight. Then it was off to Saint John, New Brunswick. Here the tour of the city proved quite interesting. Next stop was Halifax, Nova Scotia. Learned a lot of history and made a visit to the cemetery where many of the victims of the Titanic are buried. Then it was a leisurely two day trip sailing to Baltimore arriving home on Friday morning.

On Saturday I attended the Almas Yacht Club's "Frostbite cruise" were we had a wonderful lunch at Pirate's Cove Restaurant in Galesville, MD. Sunday I participated in the D.C. Grand Lodge Day of Thanksgiving. After a day off for Columbus Day I attended the Scottish Rite Feast of Tishri at the Scottish Rite Center.

On Saturday October 18th, I participated in the Grand Lodge Visitation to Maynilad Lodge in D.C. and then traveled to Virginia to attend a dinner of one of the ladies organizations. Next it was the Northwest-Bethesda Chevy Chase Shrine Club monthly meeting at the Old Europe Restaurant in Washington.

After all this fun and food, it was time to get back to serious business at the monthly Board of Directors Meeting. It doesn't look like the month of November is going to be any less busy. Where else but with Masonic Family can you have such a good time and get together with so many good friends and meet new people? So until next time, have fun and participate.

Yours in the Faith, Fred Evans

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As We Kick Off The Holiday Season!

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Almas Yacht Club

Ahoy Mates,

I don't suppose that you could call the Potentate's Cruise a Yacht Club function, but we had the Commodore, Secretary, past Commodore and their ladies Nancy, Imelda, and Alma Jean with Potentate Ill. John Garrison, Illustrious Don Ferguson and Debbie, Illustrious Tony Murray and Jennifer, Charles Potter and his God-son Frank. Needless to say we had a fine time. The weather cooperated and the seas were fair, at least for the most par.

On Saturday the 18th we had a nice crowd at Pirates Cove in Galesville, MD for our final "Cruise" of the year.

Our November meeting will be a Nobles only meeting to nominate officers for the upcoming year. This is tentatively scheduled to be at Past Commodore David Gregory's on the 4th Thursday of November and then in December our Holliday (is that one L or two?) get together "dock side" at Ill. Royce and Christine Watsons.

Hopefully if we all have been good a special guest has been invited to drop in. Sure hope he remembers where Royce lives. This will be on Friday December 5th.

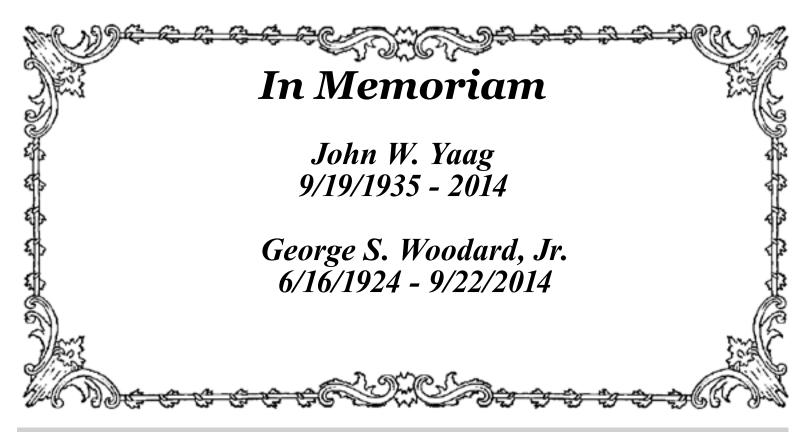
Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 18, 2015 for our Commodores Ball in Annapolis. A good time will be had by all.

Looking forward to seeing you Jay Whitcomb, Commodore Nancy Whitcomb, (Jay's compass)









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

(as of 10-31-14) If you know of a Noble who is ill or shut-in please call 202-898-1688.

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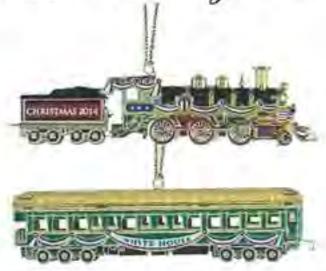
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Thursday Night Dinners

Make your reservation by calling Thelma Barmack at 301-598-3623 or the Temple Office at 202-898-1688 no later than the **Wednesday** before.

Deadline for the next *alibi* is the 5th of the month

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY MOI	NDAY TUESDA	Y WEDNES	SDAY THURSDA	Y FRIDA	Y SATURDAY
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9 10	11 Veterans D	12	13	14	15 DC Grand Lodge Annual
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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	
7	8	9	10	11 Screwballs Holiday Party	12 DC Grand Lodge TI	13 hird Communication
14 Children's Holiday Party	15	16	Motor Corp. Mtg.	18	19	20
21	Board Meeting	23	23	25 Christmas Holida	26 y Temple Closed	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				New Years Day Temple Closed	2	3 Open Installation
4	5	6	7	8 Screwballs	9	10
11	12	13	14	Greeters	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day Temple Closed	20	21 Motor Corp.	22 Flag Unit	23	24
25	26 Board Meeting	27	28 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club	29	30 Legion Mtg.	31

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