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# November Birthdays



Alberto Pierre Aguirre Rojas  
 Zacharie Amala  
 Raul Dante Ampudia Matos  
 Samuel Anthony  
 Daniel Araujo  
 Edwin Arroyo, Jr.  
 Harold Michael Bacotich Vargas  
 Bruce A. Baily  
 Luiz Carlos Santant Barreira  
 Shawn Dana Bartley  
 Luciano Narezi de Brito  
 James C. Bierach  
 Jose Boggio  
 George H. Bohrer  
 Michael N. Boltz  
 George R. Botic  
 Jorge Budib  
 Generoso G. Calonge  
 Arnildo Emilio Cardoza Daza  
 Julio C. Castro  
 Ruy Cesar Barbosa  
 Diego Chacon  
 L. Blaine Charak  
 Zalmon J. Chelec  
 Jack R. Clapsaddle  
 John P. Coconis  
 Cecil L. Cook, P.P.  
 Danny J. Critchfield  
 Joseph S. Crociata, Jr.  
 Napoleon Rivero Cuellar  
 Wilson Tabare da Rosa  
 Benicio Dantas da Silva  
 Antonio Francisco Favery de A. Ribeiro  
 Jose Valentin Santo de Queiroz  
 Randy Gene DeFrehn  
 Carlos Marcelo Dossena Bustos  
 Dirk F. G. Douglas  
 Albert I. Fallin  
 Waldhemar Oliveira Fernandes  
 Luis Antonio Ferreira  
 Jose Rodezno Ferrufino Velasco  
 Teko A. Foly  
 Robert G. Fowler  
 Wayne R. Fritz  
 Orlando A. Gamarra  
 Antonio Alberto Garayalde Chiarino  
 Sebastiao Belmiro Garcia

Santiago H. Gonzalaz  
 Kurt J. Hamrock  
 Neil E. Hare  
 William D. Harpole  
 Michael G. Harring  
 Melvin E. Harrison  
 Eduardo Herrera Quiroga  
 Robert B. Heyat  
 Shane Williams Higgs  
 David A. Holley  
 Donald M. Holliday, Sr., P.P.  
 Luiz Antonio Horta  
 Daniel Anuar Hosman Benedetti  
 George M. Jabbour  
 Thomas H. Jackson  
 Antonio Joao Ferreira  
 Hilmer H. Krebs  
 Spiro D. Laousis  
 Nick O. Lau  
 George L. Lopez-Balboa  
 Robert E. Lucas  
 Cristian Adrian Flores Maldonado  
 Charles H. Marcus  
 Angel Mariani  
 Joao Antonio Bortolini Marques  
 Marcelo Emilio Gea Martins  
 George E. McKenney  
 William Park McLachlen  
 Alfred C. McMaster, Jr.  
 Luis Carlos Meacon de Vargas  
 Gustavo Floreal Gianre Medina  
 Heber Daniel Mendiverry  
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 Juan Carlos Montano Rivadeneyra  
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 James R. Murphy, Jr.  
 Claudio Toledo Netto  
 James Olevson  
 Roberto Paucar  
 Ruben Payan  
 Fernando Perez Brusciano  
 Atair Pertinhes  
 Tarsis Valentim Pinchemel Alves  
 Leonard Proden  
 Jacobo Romero Quispe  
 William A. Randall  
 Joel D. Ratliff  
 Ramiro Rodriguez  
 Carlos Roberto Ruis Hoz de Vila  
 Thiago Barbosa Scalfoni  
 Joseph R. Schaap  
 Natalio Gelber Schlan  
 Larry M. Silverman  
 Stanford C. Steppa  
 Keene Taylor, Jr.  
 Arthur E. Thorne

William L. Turner  
 Mauricio Aponte Ugarte  
 Calols Urti  
 Andre Vainqueur  
 Charles W. White  
 Edward L. White, Jr.  
 John P. Widener, Jr.  
 William E. Williamson  
 Richard E. Williamson  
 Jacob Wood



# Potentate's Message



Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

The good news is that we got a little reduction in our Tax Assessment, but not as much as we were looking for. At least there will be some precious \$\$\$\$ saved.

The International Association Legions of Honor is having the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, on Saturday November 7 at 11:15 am. Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt will be in attendance. Prior to that, a Memorial Service will be held at 8:00 am in the 2nd floor ballroom of the Holiday Inn Rosslyn Hotel located at 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA.

We will be having our second ceremonial for the year on December 5 at 10:00 am in the morning. It will be a closed ceremonial followed by a festive board coordinated by the Nobles and Brothers from Hiram Takoma No. 10, Thank you. Also on November 14 there is another ceremonial in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. We expect a large class. Just for your information the Almas Bolivia Shriners Club is planning to apply for a dispensation to form a Temple; all the best to them.

Don't forget to purchase the 2015 White House Christmas Ornaments, cost \$20.00 each, please contact Noble George Whetzel or any Divan Member if you would like to get one, it makes a great Christmas Gift.

The Yacht Club is having it's Christmas Holiday Party on December 4. On Saturday December 12 is the Almas Ladies Holiday Luncheon and the following weekend, Saturday 19 is the Cabiri Holiday Party. On Sunday, December 13, bring your kids and grandkids to Almas Shriners we are having our Children's Holiday Party.

Special thanks to RWB Roman Volsky for taking care of the picnic for the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. The Scottish Rite, Almas Shriners and MESH helped the Grand Lodge to make a successful event. Everyone had a great time.

Yours in the Faith,

*Joe Cisneros*





# Almas Yacht Club

## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch



Honoring Commodore-elect Frank Ireton  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Cocktails, 6:00 (Cash Bar) Procession and Dinner, 7:00

### Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge

1900 North Fort Meyer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209  
Special room rate of \$74.00 per night plus 14% tax  
Reserve by December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 703-807-2000

### Hospitality, Shenandoah Room, AB

Friday, 7-10 pm Saturday, lunch 12-4 pm Sunday, 7:30-9 am

### MAASYC Meeting Dogwood Room

Saturday 3:00 pm

### Contacts and Questions

Fred Evans fwevans@verizon.net or Frank Ireton, fireton@mac.com

#### AYC Commodore's Ball Reservation Form

##### Per Person Ball/Dinner Deadlines

Early Bird \$65.00 by January 6 Late Bird \$70.00 by January 18

After January 18 and On Site Bird \$75.00

Mail to: Frank Ireton, Commodore-Elect, 6309 Naval Avenue, Lanham, MD 20706

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Shrine Center \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Entrée Choice: Stuffed Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival: Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds from this activity are for the benefit of Almas Yacht Club and are not tax deductible.

## Almas Shriners Business Meeting



November 5, 2015  
7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:

Luis G. Cisneros, Potentate  
&  
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P., Recorder

Your 2015 Dues card is necessary for admittance.  
Wear your Fez.

## Ladies Holiday Luncheon



December 12, 2015

12 Noon

Almas Shrine Center

Cost to Nobles \$25.00  
Ladies are Guests of the Temple

RSVP by December 4, 2015  
to the Almas Recorder's Office 202-898-1688

## Almas Yacht Club



The next meeting of the Almas Yacht Club is November 19th at 7:00 P.M. in the Sphinx Club. This meeting is members only and will include the election of the bridge for 2016. A light dinner of sandwiches and salad will be available for \$11.00. Reservations must be made with Secretary Fred Evans no later than November 17th.

Plans are being made for the Holiday Party to be held at the Almas Shrine Temple on Friday, December 4th. Social hour starts at 6:30 P.M. in the Sphinx Club and a catered dinner at \$25 per person will be served at 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be followed with the annual gift exchange. Each person should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25. Be aware that gift snatchers abound at the meeting. We are in communication with the Jolly North Pole Elf and it is rumored that he will be able to take time from his busy December schedule for a visit. Please have your reservations to Secretary Fred Evans by December 1st.

Past Commodore Jay Whitcomb reports that on the weekend of October second, third and fourth he and First Mate Nancy attended the combined LuLu and Crescent Yacht Clubs Ball in Avalon, New Jersey. Miserable weather caused several Nobles planning on attending to cancel. There were about 32 in attendance, but there were no rain-dampened spirits. Other Yacht Clubs present included one couple from Kismet and one couple from Kena. The accommodations were great as were the hospitality and food. Dancing followed the dinner with entertainment provided by DJ Skip Wanner, PC. Commodore Jay reports that thankfully the trip home was dry.

Looking ahead to 2016 the Commodore's Ball and Bridge Installation will be held January 23rd at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge. A special room rate of \$74 dollars plus tax will be available January 22nd and 23rd. Hospitality room will be open the evening of the 22nd and 23rd and the morning of the 24th. A MAASYC meeting is scheduled for Saturday at 3:00 pm. All Yacht Club members are encouraged to attend as this counts toward next year's Evers Trophy award. Information is available on the Almas Yacht Club Facebook page and in the *Alibi*.

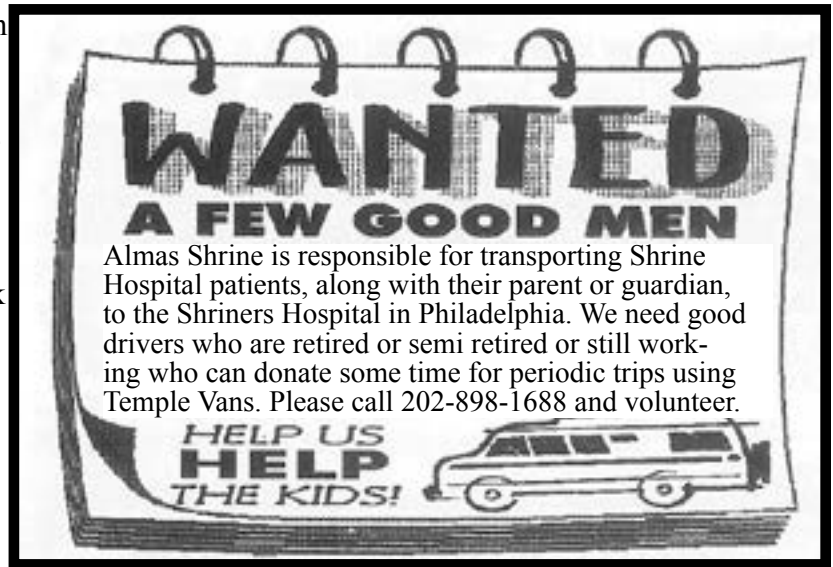
Fair winds and following seas,  
Frank Ireton, Vice Commodore





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***

### ***Other Donations***

Networking for the Arts Foundation

Rockant Inc.

### **Almas Transportation Fund Donations**

Remember a loved one or a friend, make a donation to the Almas Hospital Transportation Fund. Make checks payable to: Almas Hospital Transportation Fund and mail to Almas Shriners, 1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005. Donations to the Transportation Fund are tax deductible.

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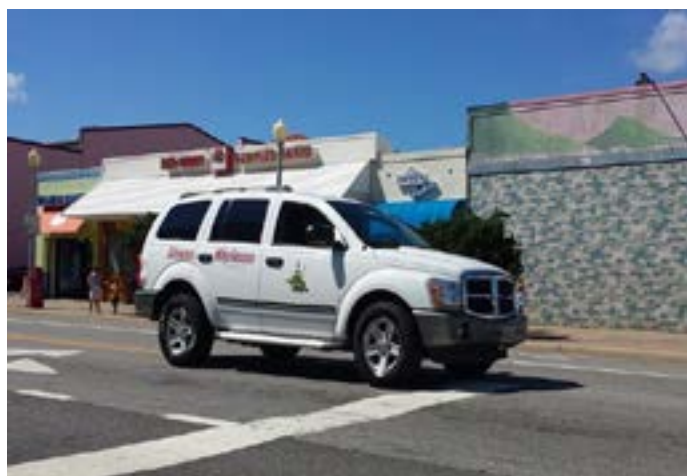
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# Chief Rabban



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The year is rapidly coming to a close and we look forward to the upcoming celebrations and parties. We should also look back to what we have accomplished as Shriners and what each of us contributed to the benefit of our Temple and Shrinedom in general. We will soon be electing officers for 2016 and planning events for the year. Now is the time for anyone wanting to get more involved in the Shrine and Almas programs to step up and make your desires known.

The Poker Tournament in September was very successful and brought in additional funds for the Transportation Fund. We now look forward to the next tournament which will take place on November 15th. Your assistance in organizing this event would be welcome. The Grand Lodge Picnic provided a great opportunity to meet and socialize with others as well as enjoy plenty of food and drink. The kids had a great time getting their faces painted and receiving interesting creations made of balloons.

Those of you interested in joining us on the Almas Temple Cruise in February should make your reservations soon. I plan to have the travel agent visit Almas shortly and answer any questions that may be on your mind about the cruise. I will also be scheduling a "calendar meeting" on November 19, 2015 to make sure everyone's activities are known. All clubs, units and other organizations should get their information together as soon as possible. We want to avoid conflict as much as possible. Hopefully, many of our organizations will be planning fun events for the membership and their ladies. When activities are made known, please plan to take part and support the efforts of the Temple. Will next year be OK, Good or Great? Only you can make it what it will be.

Yours in the Faith  
Fred Evans  
Chief Rabban

## Almas Yacht Club Christmas Party and Dinner



Almas Temple  
Friday,  
December 4, 2015

Social Hour 6:30 pm

\$25.00 per person.

Dinner is being catered this year by the Temple catering service.

It is tradition that each person attending brings a gift to exchange. Suggested minimum, \$20.00. Please have your reservations to Secretary Fred Evans for dinner no later than Tuesday, December 1st. It is rumored that the Jolly North Pole Elf will pay us a visit. This event is open to all members of Almas Shriners. Join us for an evening of fun and good seasonal cheer.



## Daughters of the Nile



It is my pleasure to bring you greetings from Samla Temple No. 51 Daughters of the Nile.

We held our October Session on October 1st. Since Our usual meeting room was in use, we held our Session in the meeting rooms on the mezzanine level. So we had a very cozy Session.

As one of our fundraisers this year we are selling pecans. They are \$10.00 a bag and we have plain, glazed and chocolate covered. If you are interested in buying any of them, just ask any member of Samla Temple or you can contact Diane Logue at [dlogue0207@aol.com](mailto:dlogue0207@aol.com) to place your orders.

On November 7th and 8th we will have our annual Holiday Open House. Look for the ad in this issue of the *alibi* and come join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

Our next stated Session will be November 5th.

Nile Love  
Frances Sunderland, PQ  
Queen Samla Temple No. 51  
[samla51queen@gmail.com](mailto:samla51queen@gmail.com)



## Regular Business Meeting Minutes October 1, 2015

A Regular Business Meeting of Almas Shriners was opened on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 7:30P.M in the Lounge at Almas Temple 1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005. The meeting was opened in regular form by Illustrious Sir Luis G. Cisneros. The Invocation was given by Past Potentate Illustrious Sir John R. Garrison. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Anthony S. Murray.

The following members of the Divan were present:

Potentate	Luis G. Cisneros
Chief Rabban	Fred W. Evans
Oriental Guide	Frank Ireton
Recorder	Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P.
Director	Eddie Dixon
Marshal	Dean Klinger
Captain of the Guard	Fletcher Johnson
Outer Guard	Jose L. Vedia
Aide to the Potentate	William Hines

### ***Recognitions:***

#### **Past Potentates of Almas Shriners;**

Anthony S. Murray 2001  
Royce A. Watson 2005  
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr. 2009  
Rick Hall 2013  
John R. Garrison 2014

#### **Officers of Other Shrine Organizations;**

Anthony S. Murray, P.P., Past Commander IALOH  
Melvin E. Harrison, Past President of the Shrine Treasurers Association  
Eddie Dixon, President MAASMC  
Royce A. Watson, P.P., Past Commodore, MASA LOH, MASA Knights of Mecca

#### **Officers of Other Masonic Organizations;**

Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P., Grand Inspector, Grand Lodge of Maryland

#### **Officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia;**

Fred W. Evans, Grand Chaplain  
E. Jay Whitcomb, Assistant Grand Chaplain

The Potentate welcomed everyone. The minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Meeting were read by the Recorder Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P. A motion was made by Rick Hassler and properly seconded by William Hines to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed. A press release from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in reference to the Masonic Celebration of Thanksgiving and Remembrance to be held on October 10, 2015 at 2:00PM. General Order #5 was also read to the members present.

### ***New Business***

The Recorder read a resolution to raise the dues from \$ 40.00 to \$65.00 annually. This resolution will be voted on at the Regular Business Meeting on November 5, 2014 after due and timely notice is given to each member.

### ***Unit & Club Reports;***

**Clowns** - E. Jay Whitcomb has made arrangements to have the fire truck looked at to see what needs to be done to have it repaired. They are looking forward to the 2016 Cherry Blossom parade. The Kena clowns will be hosting the Clown-A-Rama in 2017.

**Directors Staff** – Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P. mentioned they were selling White House Christmas ornaments again this year. See George Whetzel and the Elected Divan.

**Legion of Honor** – Anthony S. Murray, P.P. spoke about the IALOH wreath laying at Arlington Cemetery on November 7, 2015 at 11:05A.M. The Memorial Service will be held on the same day at 8:00A.M at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn, VA.

**Mini-Motors** – Eddie Dixon announced they received a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for drill competition and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy for the obstacle course at Virginia Beach. They would like to know if the Temple would purchase a used school bus from Prince Georges County at a cost of \$4,000.00. The Potentate stated the Board of Directors would discuss it and let them know.



**NW-BCC** – Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P. announced the next social event for the club will be at the Old Europe Restaurant on Sunday, October 18, 2015. All are welcome to attend.

**Shepherds** – Carlos Landazuri presented drivers awards to: Rick Hall with his 3<sup>rd</sup> award, Santiago Gonzales with his 4<sup>th</sup> award, George Whetzel with his 4<sup>th</sup> award and Frank Ireton with his 5<sup>th</sup> award.

**Yacht Club** – Frank Ireton announced the Frostbite Cruise and Memorial Service will be held at Pirates Cove Restaurant in Galesville, MD on Saturday October 17, 2015 at 1:30P.M. The Yacht Club received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy for the float in the parade at Virginia Beach.

Rick Hall, P.P. recognized Frank Ireton for his hard work in organizing a Color Guard for the parade, stating that without that no trophies would have been given to the Temple.

### ***Sick Report;***

John R. Garrison, P.P. said Marion K. Warner has made a full recovery. Marion would even like to start coming back to activities at the Shrine. Royce A. Watson, P.P. has visited with Len Kahan, he is doing better.

The Black Camel report noted the we lost two Nobles since our last meeting. A prayer was given by Fred W. Evans.

### ***Announcement;***

Fred Evans is looking for nobles who want to become more involved. He will be setting a date for a meeting to discuss his cruise for 2016.

Rick Hall, P.P. announced that Kena Shriners voted at a special meeting to sell the building in Fairfax and purchase a building in Chantilly.

The Potentate gave a special thank you to Eddie Dixon for his hard work with the Mini-Motors. He also wanted to thank Frank Ireton for his hard work in preparing the float at Virginia Beach. The Potentate also talked about his trip to Uruguay to visit with the club. The club is looking to initiate approximately 50 nobles before the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P.*

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## Dues Increase

At the Temple Business meeting on October 1, 2015 a proposed change was presented to increase the dues. This proposal would increase the Temple dues from \$40.00 to \$65.00 annual. Because dues notices have already been sent for 2016, this increase, if passed would take effect starting in 2017. This proposed change will be voted on at the Temple Business meeting on November 5, 2015.

Note that at the Imperial Session in July, 2015, Shriner's International voted to increase the annual per capita assessed for each Noble from \$15.00 to \$30.00. A breakdown of the annual dues is as follows:

	<u><b>2015</b></u>	<u><b>2016</b></u>	<u><b>2017 (Proposed)</b></u>
Almas Dues	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$65.00
Per Capita to Shriners International	15.00	30.00	30.00
Hospital Assessment	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Totals	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00



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## *Liberty of the Seas*

Seven-Night Western Caribbean Cruise, February 28-March 6, 2016  
from \$705.08<sup>†</sup> per person plus airfare

Please join **Fred** and his **Masonic friends** as you sail the Western Caribbean aboard RCI's **Liberty of the Seas**. Round-trip from Galveston, Texas, you will visit Honduras, Belize, and Cozumel, Mexico. Roatan welcomes divers and snorkelers eager to explore the thriving coral reef. Boaters, beachgoers, and water-sports fans enjoy the sparkling seas, too. Belize City is your gateway to an array of adventures in this tiny nation, like hiking in the rainforest, cave-and-river tubing, bird watching, exploring Mayan ruins, and enjoying the gorgeous Caribbean coastline. Cozumel features great diving, snorkeling and beaches, marine-life encounters, botanical gardens, trails and shopping in the town of San Miguel.

Your vacation package includes:

- Seven-night cruise aboard RCI's *Liberty of the Seas*
- Meals and entertainment on board ship
- Port charges, departure taxes, and government fees

### Western Caribbean Cruise February 28, 2016 Itinerary <sup>†</sup>

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
1	Galveston, TX		4:30pm
2	At Sea	--	--
3	At Sea	--	--
4	Roatan, Honduras	8:00am	5:00pm
5	Belize City, Belize	8:00am	5:00pm
6	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00am	5:00pm
7	At Sea	--	--
8	Galveston, TX	7:00am	

A fully refundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to reserve your cabin. Rates, which expire on October 31, 2015, start at \$705.08<sup>†</sup> per person, based on double occupancy, for a promenade stateroom and \$1,055.08<sup>†</sup> for a deluxe ocean view stateroom. Some staterooms can accommodate a third and/or fourth person. Please call Linda Cleveland at 301-662-8080 or Carol Morris at 301-471-1295 for availability and rates. Airfare is extra.

Category*	Accommodations	Cruise-Only Rate <sup>†</sup>
PR	Promenade View	\$ 705.08
E3	Deluxe Ocean View Balcony	\$1,055.08

\* Other categories may be available. Please call for rates.

<sup>†</sup> Rates and itinerary are subject to change without notice.  
Fuel supplement, if imposed by RCI, is extra.





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**Important Information:**

- Final payment will be due to Antietam Travel Service on December 4, 2015.
- A valid Passport is required. Boarding will be denied without proper documentation.
- You should seriously consider purchasing trip cancellation/interruption insurance. Please call Linda at Antietam Travel Service at 301-662-8080 or Carol at 301-471-1295 for details and rates.
- Airfare is extra. Please call Linda for availability and rates.
- Space is very limited at these special rates, which expire on October 31, 2015, so please book early.

Please call Carol Morris at 301-471-1295 or Linda at 301-662-8080, or send an email to [catsmorris69@gmail.com](mailto:catsmorris69@gmail.com) or [linda@ats.travel](mailto:linda@ats.travel) to reserve your stateroom.

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Enclosed is my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ at \$250.00 per person. Please make check payable to Antietam Travel Service, Inc. *OR* complete the credit card information below.

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(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Annual Children's Holiday Party



Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015



From 1:00 to 4:00 PM

At the

Almas Shrine Center

1315 K Street, NW

Washington, DC 20005



Special Visitor to Arrive Around 2:00 PM

R.S.V.P. by no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688





*The Almas Director's Staff Proudly Presents Their  
2015 White House Holiday Ornament Project*

***It Lights Up!***



***Please see George  
Whetzel or any of the  
Elected Divan members  
for your ornaments.***

The 2015 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Calvin Coolidge, who served as the thirtieth president of the United States from 1923 to 1929. A depiction of the first National Christmas tree crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24k gold is illuminated from within and hung with ornaments representing the events of Coolidge's unique life and presidency.

For the first time, the ornament includes an illuminating feature with an LED light incorporated into the design. Discretely enclosed inside the tree design, a small switch on the back of the ornament allows the light to be turned on and off. When turned on, the soft white light casts a warm glow through the windows of the Coolidge White House. Both the north and south facades are included in the ornament design. In total 14 individual ornaments are included on the tree which is topped with a star similar in design to the first National Christmas Tree.

At 5:00p.m. on Christmas Eve 1923, President Coolidge pressed a button and lighted strings of more than 2,500 electric bulbs on the National Christmas Tree, a 60-foot tall fir from his native Vermont, on the Ellipse. More than 6,000 people then arrived on the White House grounds at the Coolidges' invitation to sing Christmas carols and enjoy the music of the U.S. Marine Band. President Coolidge became the first chief executive to preside over a public celebration of the Christmas holidays.

*The 2015 White House Historical Association Christmas Ornament features a lightbulb and battery that are estimated to have 100 hours of display life. The number of illuminated hours is an estimate and not a guarantee. The light bulb and battery cannot be replaced, nor can the ornament be returned for a replacement after the lightbulb burns out or the battery runs out. The ornament has been designed so that you may enjoy it for years to come without the light feature. Thank you for your understanding.*

**Cost: \$20.00 each**

(For an additional charge of \$7.00 we can mail from 1 to 3 ornaments to you.  
Please contact me for orders of 4 or more so that I can accurately calculate the postage.)

**Make your checks payable to:**

***Almas Director's Staff***

**Send all orders to:**

George Whetzel, 7619 Kipling Parkway, Forestville, MD 20747-1861

**If you have any questions please contact George Whetzel at:**

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# *Ceremonial*

As we moved into October, we started planning for the next Ceremonial Initiation. We are anticipating some changes in the cast and there may still be some openings. Also, some Nobles have asked if they can be part of the ceremonial going forward. The answer is a resounding YES! Anyone interested in being in the cast or stage crew is asked to contact Alan Gordon, PP at [Almaspote2011@gmail.com](mailto:Almaspote2011@gmail.com). While the rehearsals have already started and most parts have been assigned, we are always willing to accept new cast members. There are parts that have been left out in the past that we can put back in providing we have sufficient members to fill the parts.

Noble Bruce McMullen has investigated clip-on microphones for those cast members with speaking parts.

Since the last ceremonial, I've been approached by several new members asking about the "fun stuff" we do at ceremonies. There is a "Second Section" of the Ceremonial that covers 'fun stuff' as some have put it. However, Shriners International has issued as part of General Order #1, the following:

Section 335.1 of the bylaws of Shriners International states that Shriners shall not "promote or take part in any engagement or enterprise prohibited by the law of the land". A number of states and provinces have laws commonly referred to as 'anti-hazing' laws. In order to comply with the law, and the best interest of the Order, no temple shall use electricity, nor condone any activity or conduct that may cause the candidate embarrassment, distress or injury.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that all temples, officers and Nobles are to scrupulously abide by the laws of their respective jurisdictions and the proscriptions enumerated in the previous paragraph. It is possible that this may require some modification of the "Second Section" of your ceremonial of initiation and, if so, these modifications are to be implemented forthwith.

So long as we can stay within the guidelines noted above and presuming the Divan approves, we can begin to develop a new "Second Section".

The next Ceremonial initiation for new members will be December 5, 2015 in the ballroom at Almas Temple starting at 10:00 A.M. Due to popular demand, this will be a CLOSED ceremonial. In addition, through the efforts of Hiram Takoma Lodge #10, the Temple may be holding a "festive board" in the Oasis Room immediately after the Ceremonial at which those new members of the June and December classes who have purchased a fez will be presented with one. More information on the festive board will be forthcoming.

So mark your calendar and plan on being at the Ceremonial. Let's fill the sidelines for the new members.

Alan L. Gordon, P.P., Cast Director

# *Electioneering*

Bylaws of Imperial Council

## 1.11 Election Regulations

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the Printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices by a unit, club, Noble or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(b.) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b) the Imperial Potentate may suspend the offending Noble and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.

(c.) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

# ***In Memoriam***

***Thad M. Gregg***  
***7/2/1925 - 8/8/2015***

***Howard M. Bender***  
***11/10/1930 - 9/28/2015***

***William Conway Beall***  
***2/4/1918 - 9/30/2014***

***Kenneth L. Foran***  
***8/14/1941 - 9/20/2015***

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

**(as of 10-31-15)**

**If you know of a Noble who is ill or shut-in please call 202-898-1688.**

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Charlotte Hall Veterans Home  
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Leonard Kahan  
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## Thursday Night Dinner

November 5, 2015 is the Temple Business meeting and the Daughters of the Nile Session.

Dinner will be served starting at **6:00 pm** in the dining room and it is open to all who make reservations.

The cost is \$12.00 per person.

**Call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688 to make your reservation by Wednesday, November 4th before 12 noon.**

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Classic Caesar Salad

**Entree**

Grilled Sirloin Steak, Caramelized Onions w/ Mushroom Sauce

Pan Seared Salmon  
Parsnip Puree and Cranberry Compote

Roasted Chicken Roulade  
sauteed Spinach and Crispy Mushrooms

**Dessert**

German Chocolate Cake  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

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## Almas Latin Club's Pre-Holidays Party

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

6:00 - 7:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 - 10:00 PM Dinner & Fellowship

Mama Stella's Italian Restaurant  
7918 Old Branch Avenue  
Clinton, MD 20735

Cost: \$27.00 per person

(Price includes salad, bread, tea or coffee, dinner entrée from a special menu, plus dessert)

R.S.V.P. by November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to:

Club President Raul Cruz

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**Wednesday** before.



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

# NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Scottish Rite	4 AFA #92 Hump Day Happy Hour	5 Business Meeting & DON	6	7
8	9 Calendar Meeting	10 Scottish Rite	11 Veterans Day Temple Closed	12 Screwballs	13	14
15 NW-BCCSC Shrimp Feast	16	17 Scottish Rite	18 AFA #92 Motor Corp Mtg.	19 Greeters Compass Lodge Yacht Club Elections	20	21 Bolivia Ceremonial DC Grand Lodge Annual Communication Latin Club Holiday Party
22	23 Board Mtg.	24 Scottish Rite	25 NW-BCCSC Meeting	26 Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed	27 Thanksgiving Temple Closed	28
29 Southeast Shrine Club Meeting	30 Legion Mtg.					

# DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Scottish Rite	2 AFA #92 Hump Day Happy Hour	3 Business Mtg. & Elections DON	4 Yacht Club Holiday Party	5 Ceremonial
6 Hanukkah Begins	7	8 Scottish Rite	9	10 Screwballs Holiday Party	11 DC Grand Lodge Third Communication	12 Ladies Holiday Luncheon & Installation
13 Children's Holiday Party	14 Hanukkah Ends	15	16 AFA # 92 Motor Corp Mtg.	17 Compass Lodge Greeters	18	19 Cabiri Holiday Party
20	21	22	23 NW-BCCSC Meeting	24	25 Christmas Day Temple Closed	26
27	28 Board Meeting	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party New Year's Eve		

# JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Years Day Temple Closed	2
3 Almas Shrine Open Installation	4	5	6	7 Annual Meeting & DON	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Screwballs	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day Temple Closed	19	20 Motor Corp Mtg.	21 Greeters	22	23
24 31	25 Board Meeting	26	27 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club Installation	28 Flag Unit Yacht Club	29 Legion Mtg.	30

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