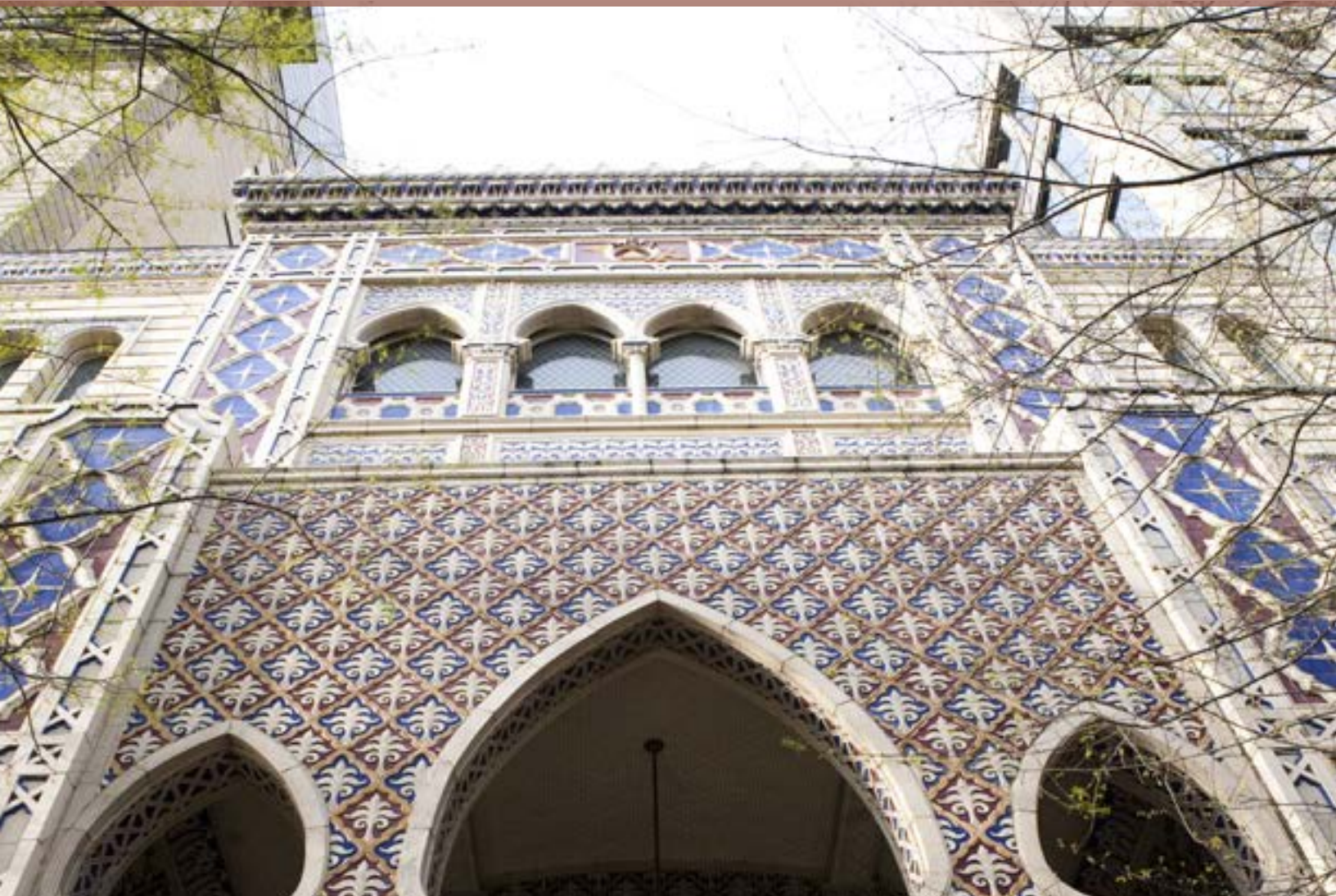


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Michael Baker
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Courtney S. Wessinger
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Aldo Zelada Montero



Potentate's Message



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

As we moved into the month of February, many things have happened or are scheduled to occur. The Board meeting scheduled for January was postponed until Feb. 1 because of the “Blizzard” but we were able to catch up on the pending business of the Temple. Although the attendance at the monthly business meeting was not as normal, we were able to accomplish a great deal. The Klowns did a good job for the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 7. Attendance was not what we would have liked to see, but a good time was had by all, especially those who were rooting for the winner. Next was the Valentine Party which provided a great time for the 35 people who attended thanks to the efforts of the French Club. Next was the Chinese New Year’s Parade. Again thanks to those few Nobles who suffered in the cold to show the Almas name. To those who participated and showed the Almas spirit at the events these past two months, you have my sincere appreciation in showing how to have fun as a Shriner. My Lady and I, along with several other couples, departed on the Potentate’s Cruise on Feb. 26. This trip included a visit and tour of the Shriners Hospital in Galveston, Texas. Those of you who have never visited one of our hospitals should do so to see what a wonderful job your support makes possible. Watch the Alibi for upcoming events: St. Patrick’s Day Party, the Easter Egg Roll, the Potentate’s Ball and others. Nobles and Ladies, please plan to support your Temple events along with the members of the Divan and their Ladies. Ask yourself, “why did I become a Shriner”? By the way, has anyone seen Al Mas lately? He hasn’t been seen for a long time.

Yours in the Faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred W. Evans".





*The Almas Latin Club
Cordially Invites Everyone*



*(Please Bring Yours, Your Friend's, and Your Neighbor's
Kids, Grandkids, and Great-Grandkids)*

To The

Almas Shrine's Annual Easter Egg Roll



Saturday, March 26th, 2016

From 1:00 to 4:00 PM



(With A Special Guest Appearance From The Long-Eared Fellow Himself)

At The

Almas Shrine Center

1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC

Please R.S.V.P. by No Later than March 22nd, 2016 to the

Almas Shrine Center at 202-898-1688



Almas Shriners Business Meeting
&
Special Election for Trustee



March 3, 2016
7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005



Attest:
Fred W. Evans, Potentate
&
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P., Recorder



Your 2016 Dues card is necessary for admittance.
Wear your Fez.

Daughters of the Nile



It is my pleasure to bring greetings from Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile. This will be my last article as Queen of Samal Temple. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve in this office. We have had a great year and I want to thank everyone for their support.

However, Samla Temple needs members. We are not at this time able to fill our line.

So if you know of a women who is eligible to join us, please let me know. If you are a member and have not been able to attend, we would love to have you join us. We have a wonderful group of hard working ladies.

I wish our in coming Queen and her Officers a great year.

Nile Love
Frances Sunderland, PQ
Queen Samla Temple No. 51
samla51queen@gmail.com





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 Ann Prieto

Alan L. Gordon

In Memory of Sarah Bitting

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In Memory of Don Myers

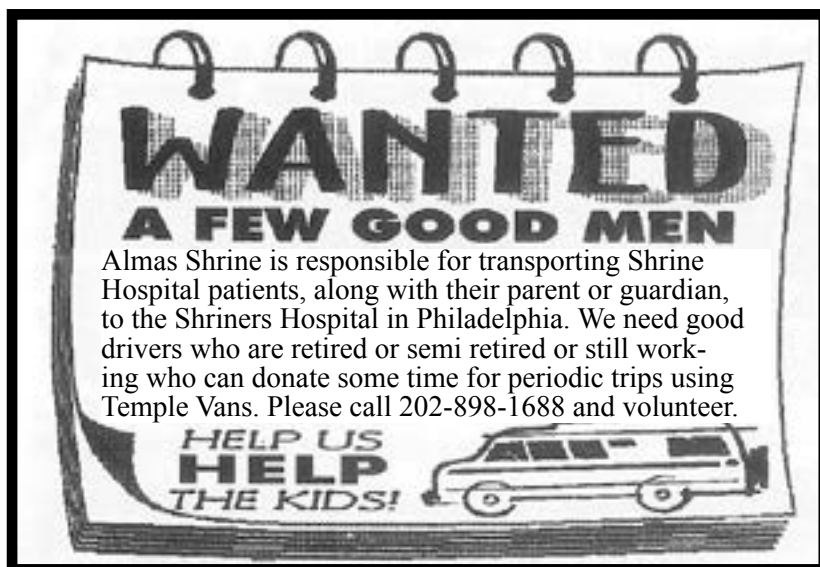
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In Honor of Ill. Sir Fred & Imelda Evans

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Other Donations

Almas Temple Southeast
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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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Chief Rabban



The following is a small excerpt that was published in Knight Templar Magazine, February 1996, by Sir Knight Wayne T. Adams. The highlights are mine.

“If we want our newly Raised candidates to take an active part in Lodge life, we need at least to give them an introduction to Masonry. Ritual alone, no matter how well done, is not going to make a knowledgeable Mason or an active Lodge member. If we want a man who believes in Masonry, a man who is an active Lodge member, **we have to take the time to show, to teach, to guide that new Mason** to a clearer understanding of the tenets of his profession as a Mason. In short, **we cannot just Raise a candidate and then drop him.**”

We have to start by making sure that we, ourselves, **have a positive attitude.** Masonry has much to offer. It has been a source of wisdom and personal satisfaction to millions of good men. Its principles and its benefits are as valuable and as timely today as they ever have been. Still, this question confronts us: **Why are not more young men today interested in joining and participating in our Fraternity?** I believe the answer, in large part, is that we fail to present Masonry in ways that appeal to a younger generation of men. The men we want are activity oriented. We want the men who would rather to Do something than Be something.”

While written twenty years ago these words hold true for today’s Masons and today’s Shriners. Almas has initiated many new nobles over the last year and we must be sure to welcome them with open arms to our Fraternity. Several of these new nobles are already working hard to make a mark on Almas by bringing in new members, sponsoring events, and engaging in our clubs and units. That said, if we want our nobility to flourish we must, as Sir Adams stated, ensure that once we make a noble we don’t just drop them.

It’s incumbent upon our more seasoned nobles to pass down the knowledge of our organization. While never intended to be a secret, much of the knowledge of Almas lives, like Ritual, in the minds of our members. We must recall that we were once new and admonish ourselves that these new nobles do not know what we know. They have likely never run a club but offer to do so with great enthusiasm. They have



never organized a parade but are willing to find their way with or without us.

They have never sponsored one of our annual events even though they do so with great pride. Our new nobles are finding their way but **they are doing so the hard way.** Please take some time to meet our new members, share with them your stories of fun and fellowship and while you are together pass on a few of those Almas secrets and help make us a stronger temple.



This month I’d like to thank our members of the newly formed French club who hosted our Valentine’s Day Party. I would also like to thank Nobles Richard Drosen, Fred Cheeseborough, and Earl Dale for braving the cold to support the D.C. Chinese New Year Parade. The weather may not have cooperated but it was great fun.

Do you read these articles? I’d love to hear from you. Tell me what you think. After all, this is YOUR Shrine. Email me: almas@michaelgordon.com

Yours in the Faith
Michael A. Gordon



Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile

Cordially Invites You to Join Us for our

Installation of Officers

Saturday, March 19, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Frances Sunderland, PQ

Retiring Queen

Virginia Schweitzer

Pr. Royal



Hump Day Happy Hour

Wednesday,
March 9, 2016

5:00 PM till 9:00 pm

Open to all Shriners,
Master Masons
and Friends.

Light refreshments will be
served



Petition for Initiation and Membership in *Almas Shriners*

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Almas Shriners, situated in the Oasis of Washington, Desert of the District of Columbia: I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge # _____ Located in _____. Which is a lodge recognized by or in amity with the conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six(6) months, as required by the By-Laws of Shriners International. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and become a member of your Temple. If I am found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of Shriners International and the By-Laws and Ceremonies of your Temple.

Birthplace: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Were you ever a DeMolay? _____ If so, what was the Chapter Name and Location? _____

Profession or Occupation: _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any Temple of the Order? _____

If so, to what Temple? _____ When? _____

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Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Hat Size: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____
(Initials are not sufficient)

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of:

Noble: _____ Shrine # _____ Noble: _____ Shrine# _____

Northwest-BCC Shrine Clubs Annual Bull and Oyster Roast



Sunday, March 20, 2016

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Includes:

***Raw Oysters & Clams, Fried Oysters
Hot Dogs, Sliced Beef
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Clam Chowder
Home Made Desserts
Soda & Beer***

From 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

***Rosensteel Council Knights of Columbus Hall
9707 Rosensteel Avenue
Silver Spring, MD***

***Make your reservations no later than
March 11, 2016 with:***

***Luis Numkin - 301-933-0537
Jay Whitcomb - 301-404-7221
Walter Simon - 301-318-2485***



Proceeds from this activity are for the benefit of Northwest-BCC Shrine Club and are not tax deductible.



**Honoring
Illustrious Potentate Fred Evans
and First Lady Imelda**



Saturday, April 16, 2016

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Open Bar

Procession & Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Dancing to Shelley, 8 - 11 p.m.

*Rooms are available at
the Crowne Plaze Hotel.*

*Contact the Recorder's
Office to make your
reservations.*

202-898-1688

\$175.00 + tax per night

ALMAS Shrine Center

1315 K Street, NW

Washington, DC



ALMAS Potentate's Ball Reservation Form

Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2016

Cost: \$ 65 per person. Please make checks payable to ALMAS Shrine Center

Mail to: Bill Bridegum, 12807 Falmouth Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904



Name _____ Lady _____ No. Attending _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Shrine Center _____ Title _____

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Almas Shriners Valentine Dance





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Carli celebrates a birthday by giving back

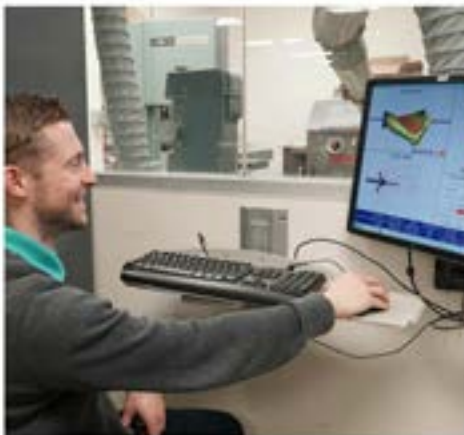
At a recent visit, 18-year-old patient Carli Zeigler presented a donation to staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia with her parents. Carli has been a patient at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital since she was 4 years old and wanted to do something different for her 18th birthday. Instead of gifts for herself, she asked her family and friends to donate to Shriners Hospitals for Children in her honor. The 2015 Saucon Valley High School Homecoming Queen and young philanthropist spends her free time raising money for several organizations that have helped her in the past.

Carli is presenting her check to Joy Young. To find out more about making a gift like Carli did call or email Ms. Terry Diamond at 215-430-4055 or tdiamond@shrinenet.org

O & P department changes name

Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) – Northeast LLC.

This month, the orthotic and prosthetic department officially becomes known as Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) – Northeast LLC. This new name indicates that the O&P department is now a regional fabrication site for Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie, PA.; Boston and Springfield, Mass. Along with the name change, POPS also acquired the new 3-Axis Carver, which will help staff to provide children with braces and artificial limbs that are more efficient, less invasive and more effective.



O & P technician, Richard Schloendorn, demonstrates how the new 3-Axis Carver cuts a mold from polyurethane foam in 10 minutes or less

Almas Yacht Club

The 61st Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch didn't turn out quite as planned. The blizzard moved in Friday after the early arrivers, planning group, and our entertainment for the weekend arrived. The possible break in the blizzard did not materialize as the storm intensified and the event was canceled early Saturday morning. Fortunately, or unfortunately depending on your point of view, we were snowed in and unable to leave the hotel. Being stranded in the hotel with hospitality for 70 people gave way to fun social times and an intimate dinner for 18 in the ballroom. Shelly Abbott, our DJ, gamely played along with us and went ahead with her program. A youth group from Houston, stranded in the hotel with us, joined us for the dancing part of the program. Surrogate grandparents were entertained with some fine line dancing and a Texas style hoedown. It was decided that the Change of Watch ceremony would be amended and conducted at the next business meeting. A shout-out and a huge thank you to Holiday Inn staff for their help during the blizzard.



Almas Shrine Yacht Club is an opportunity for members of Almas Shrine to expand their Shrine membership experience. While we are called a yacht club, our primary goals, like other Shrine units and clubs, are to promote and raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, increase visibility of Shriners and the Shrine mission, provide a place for members to meet in a social environment, and above all, have fun. As I have mentioned in previous articles, boat ownership—while a plus—is not a requirement for membership. You are invited to join us for dinner or at any of the Yacht Club sponsored event to find out what we are about. Fleet Captain Bruce French is working on our three cruises and other Yacht Club events for the summer. Keep a weather eye open for announcements in upcoming issues of the *Alibi* and on our Facebook page. For information on Almas Yacht Club events, follow us on Facebook at Almas Yacht Club. Meeting announcements, event information, registration, and event follow-up photos are posted there.

A ship is safe in the harbor but that is not what a ship is meant for.

Frank Ireton, Commodore

In Memoriam



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

(as of 2-29-16)

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

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Shriners Hospitals
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Thursday Night Dinner

March 3, 2016 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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Looking forward to seeing
everyone.



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- _____ I have previously made a Will leaving a bequest to the Shrine Hospital for Children.
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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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Make your reservation by calling
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no later than the
Wednesday before.



Deadline for the next
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| 22 | 23 Board Mtg. | 24 Scottish Rite | 25 NW-BCCSC Meeting | 26 Yacht Club | 27 French Club Festive Board | 28 |
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