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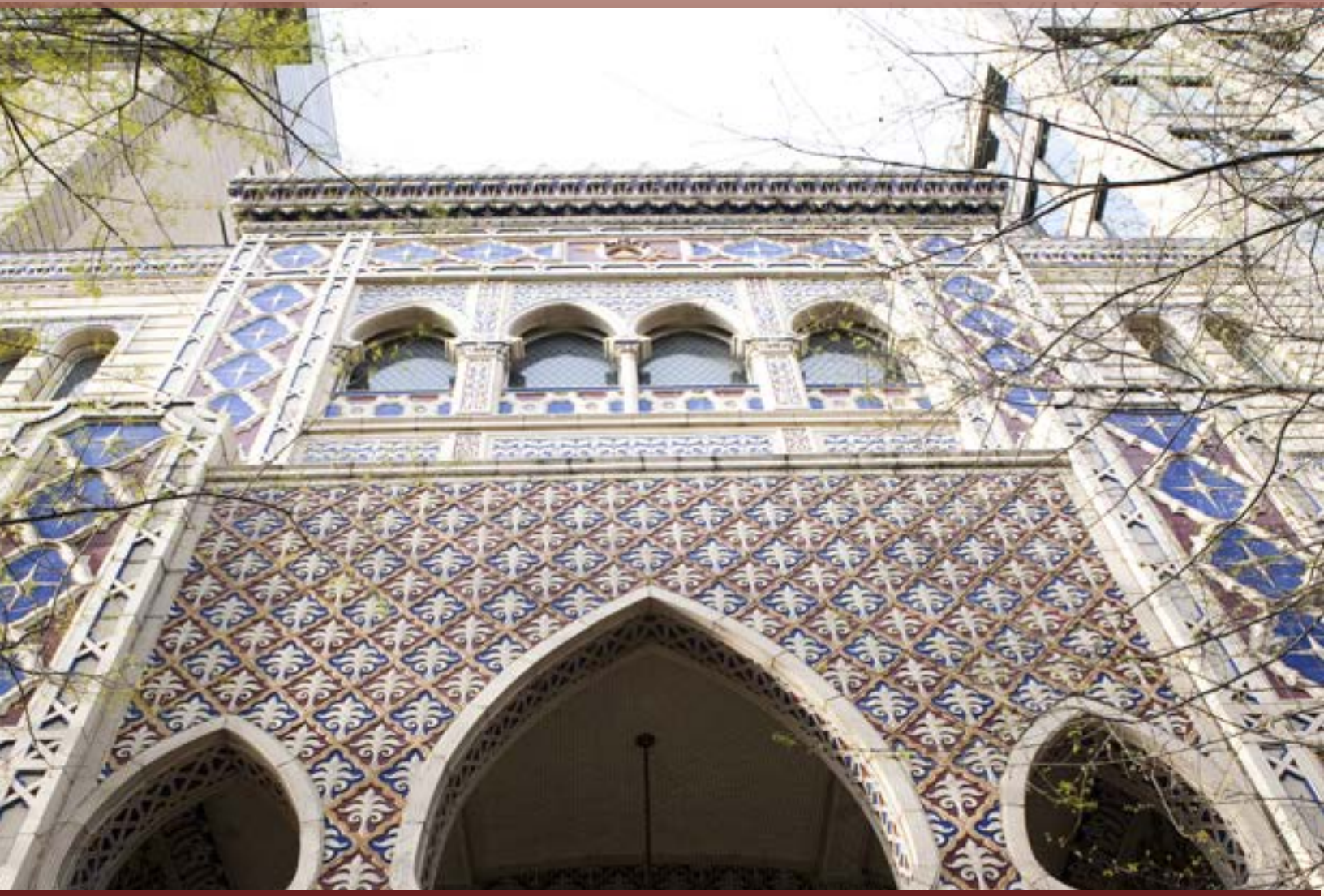

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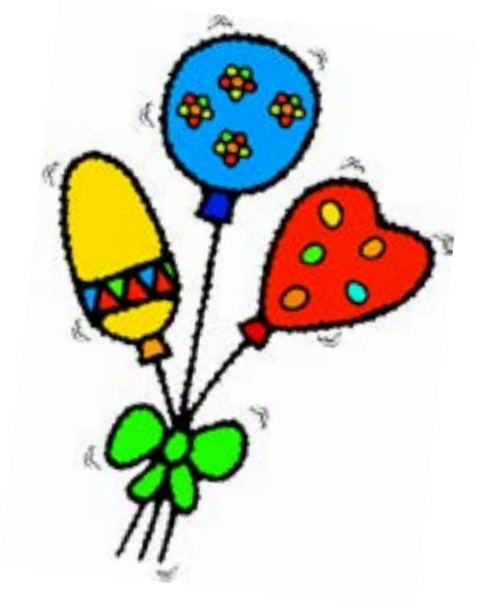

Potentate's Message

Ahoy, all ye land lubbers!

Having survived a week at sea with my Lady Imelda and some of the Almas seagoing folk, catching up with everything that didn't get done while we were gone is hard to do. But it was well worth the time away on the Potentate's Cruise. The weather was excellent and the seas were calm and peaceful. Everyone had a great time visiting and shopping at some of our neighbors in the South. Now we must move on to other upcoming events.

Now that March is over and spring is here, we don't have to worry about bad weather interfering with our upcoming activities. Once again the children had a great time at the Annual Easter Egg Roll. I hope you took the opportunity to have your picture taken with that funny rabbit. Who knows, maybe it was Mrs. Rabbit this year. Many thanks to those who assisted with and put this event together.

I also want to thank those who assisted at the *Who* concert. Hopefully there were a great number of CDs sold to give the Transportation Fund a nice boost.

Nobles, now is the time to take your Lady out shopping for some new duds so she will be a hit at the Potentate's Ball. You should get your reservation in as soon as possible so you get a good seat. If you want to have a really full day, come out and be a clown in the Cherry Blossom Parade that same day.

We always have many opportunities to have Shrine Fun and hopefully many of you will continue to take advantage of the events. Those of you who have chosen not to participate are missing out on some good times. It is not always necessary to jump in and expend a great deal of energy, but sometimes it is just as rewarding to see others enjoying the camaraderie.

Later this month, the Annual Spring MASA meeting will take place. Hopefully Almas will have a better attendance than it has had in recent years. Shriners can't have fun all the time, sometimes there is a little work to be done. If you are able, please attend the Spring MASA meeting.

There have been numerous installations of officers in various units and clubs. I hope those of you who have accepted a position will do your best to lead that organization in a manner to bring credit to Almas. Remember, you chose to be a Shriner and promised to uphold its principles.

If you or your organization has a concern or suggestion to improve Almas, please let me know before the Board Meeting on April 25 when I hope to have the entire Divan together.

I am still waiting to hear if anyone has seen or heard from Al Mas. Where is he?

Yours in the Faith,

Almas Shriners Memorial Service

Sunday, May 15, 2016
2:00 PM

Almas Temple
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

"Join us in remembering those Nobles who have gone before us."

Almas Shriners Business Meeting
&
Special Election for Trustee

April 7 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

I am happy to bring you greetings on behalf of the ladies of Samla Temple No. 51. We would like to thank the members of Almas Temple for supporting us. We have just started our 87th year and could not have done so without their generosity.

We are already busy at work as we have plans to initiate a few new members this spring. The newly installed officers and members are also working on social and fundraising activities for the year, so look for those announcements in the future pages of the Almas Alibi. We are proud to offer our time and talents to help the children of the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Philadelphia, PA.

We invite you to save the date of Saturday, August 13, 2016. Samla Temple will be welcoming the Supreme Queen to our nation's capital and we will be hosting a banquet in her honor at Almas Temple. We will share the details as they develop in the next few months.

All the best,
Virginia Schweitzer
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 Honor of
Sister Cathy Feyen, WM

Unity Chapter #112 OES

In Honor of
Brother John Jordan, WP

Unity Chapter # 112 OES

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.

Date..... Amount $.....

In Memory of.....

In Honor of.....

Person(s) to whom acknowledgment is to be sent:

Name.....

Address.....

City & State..... Zip.....

Name of Donor(s).....

Address.....

City & State..... Zip.....

Chief Rabban

Last month I suggested that if you read my article to drop me a quick note. I bet you can't guess how many responses I received. We have nearly 1000 members so you would think my inbox must have been flooded, right? Two responses. One…. Two… The first was from a Noble that I have never met. Noble Basil – Thank you for your note; I hope to see you at an upcoming Almas activity and meet you in person. The second was from Ms. Diane from one of our Lady's groups – Thank you Diane. To the other 999 members of Almas my hope is that you read these articles and simply didn't have the time to send an email. The Alibi costs the temple nearly $10,000 a year to produce, print, and ship so if it's going straight to the recycle bin maybe it's time to rethink it. On to this month's thoughts…

Event planning is hard! If you have ever tried to plan a large group event the first obstacle to overcome is the calendar. Are there any other events the same day at Almas, the Grand Lodge or the Scottish Rite? Does this date conflict with other Shrine Temple's events, Holidays, or other major obligations? Once a date is set the real work begins: What type of event it is? Formal or Casual? Will there be a meal served? Buffet or Plated? Is there entertainment? Band or DJ? Then once you think everything is sorted you realize that the cost is $500 per person and no one will come. Time to start cutting back.

It may only be the middle of April but as you read this please be aware that planning has already begun for some of the major 2017 events. Dates for a few key events have been deconflicted and now the real planning can begin. This is where I need some help and will once again make a call for you to drop me a note. If you are willing to help plan events next year please contact me at almas@michaelgordon.com

Mark your calendars!

Saturday April 1, 2017 – Almas Potentate Ball. It's April Fools day so break out your party beads and get ready to party Mardi Gras style.

Monday July 10, 2017 – Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, FL. http://www.imperial2017.com/

Saturday July 15th – Sunday July 23rd, 2017 – Potentates Cruise! Come for Imperial and stay for the cruise or just come join the cruise fun. We'll set sail on the brand new Carnival Vista for 8 nights (Miami, Grand Turk, La Romana, Aruba and Curacao). I have pre-negotiated prices, based on double occupancy, from $885 to $1465 plus taxes and port charges. I'm working final approvals from Imperial and will have the official details for you soon. In the meantime check out this ship! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_E4LySdEi8

I hope to see you all soon during the activities that Illustrious Sir Fred Evans has planned for the rest of 2016. Fraternally,

Mike Gordon
Chief Rabban

2017 IMPERIAL SESSION

Carnival

Almas Yacht Club Summer Cruise
Sunday, May 22
Annapolis City Dock
Departs at 12:30 PM

A spectacular 6-mile 90 minute narrated cruise on the beautiful scenic Severn River—classified as a U.S. scenic river. View the historic Annapolis Harbor including the banks of the U.S. Naval Academy. Then explore the gorgeous banks, wetlands, and impressive waterfront homes of the region along the calm, protected waters of the Severn River. This cruise is open to all members of Almas Shriners and guests.

Boarding will begin at 12:15 sharp, you should be in line no later than 12:00. Beer, wine, mixed drinks, non-alcoholic beverages, and snacks available for purchase on board. We will have a group lunch following the cruise for those interested. Location of the lunch to be announced. Lunch is not included in cruise registration.

Cruise cost is $25.00 adults, $10.00 ages 3–11. Reservations must be to Maurice Herbert, AYC Secretary, no later than May 15.

Parking Information

There are several parking garages located in the central business district. As with the dock area, these fill up early. An alternative is to park at one of the three garages served by the Circulator, a free trolley that runs every 10 minutes, and stops at the dock area. See map below for details.

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301-254-5893
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Maurice Herbert
AYC Secretary
mauriceherbert@hotmail.com

Name_____ Adults____ Children____
Address_____
Phone_____ E-mail_____
I am interested in the group lunch: Yes_____ No_____
You must register in order to receive a ticket at the group price. A limited number of tickets may be available at the ticket kiosk on the day of the cruise.

Proceed are for benefit of Almas Yacht Club and are not tax deductible.

Spring Ceremonial
June 11, 2016 10:00 am

Almas Temple
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Total cost:

Initiation Fee	$110.00
Temple Dues	$40.00
Hospital Assessment	$5.00
Per Cap.	$30.00

Petitions will be voted on at the Business meetings on the 1st. Thursday of the month.
Please turn them into the Recorders Office no later than the Wednesday before.

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 ? _____

Residence Address:

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

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Business Address:

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# _____

ALMAS POTENTATE'S BALL

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.

ALMAS Shrine Center

1315 K Street, NW

Washington, DC

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 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 _____

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

Mark Your Calendars Now for Imperial Session 2016 in Tampa

The 2016 Shriners International Imperial Session is scheduled for Sunday, July 3 through Thursday, July 7, 2016 in Tampa, Fla. Tampa is home to the headquarters of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Tampa Shriners Hospital, and Egypt Shriners. In addition to being a community that strongly supports the Shriners organizations, the nation's 54th largest city offers a unique and exciting experience for everyone.

Once considered the Cigar Capital of the World, Tampa Bay is a vibrant region with a rich, cultural heritage. Visitors can experience a lively downtown area, thriving arts scene, expansive culinary offerings, exceptional shopping, serene river excursions, and thrilling attractions. With all this and more, Tampa surely offers a wide range of entertaining things to do for all ages.

Discover Tampa Bay

Our city is looking forward to welcoming you to the unique blend that is Tampa, centrally located with easy access by air, highway and waterways. A laid-back city with plenty of opportunities for adventure, Tampa is a one-of-a-kind destination surrounded by glistening bay waters on Florida's gorgeous west coast.

The 2016 Imperial Session will be held at the Tampa Convention Center, a world-class 600,000 square-foot space offering stunning waterfront vistas. Located along the beautiful Riverwalk in downtown Tampa, the convention center is boat accessible, and situated near many of Tampa's premier attractions, first-class accommodations and topnotch restaurants. Adjacent to the center, you'll find one of the area's leading attractions, The Sail, a 360-degree waterfront bar and performance venue.

Downtown Tampa is also home to a diverse collection of cultural organizations, including the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts and Patel Conservatory, Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa Museum of Art, Glazer Children's Museum, Tampa Theatre and Henry B. Plant Museum.

For fun and relaxation, pay a visit to downtown's Channelside Bay Plaza, where you can shop 'til you drop, get a bite to eat, grab a drink, and enjoy the Mediterranean style courtyard on the water. You may even want to take a relaxing dining cruise on the bay, or spend time at the spectacular Florida Aquarium. To explore even further, hop aboard a unique, vintage streetcar, the TECO Line Streetcar, and bounce between downtown Tampa, Channelside, and world-famous, historic Ybor City.

Outside the downtown districts, the Tampa Bay metropolitan area offers even more to see, do and

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explore. For starters, golfers can take advantage of the diverse courses available, thrill-seekers can ride the roller coasters at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, and sports fans can catch a Tampa Bay Rays game at Tropicana Field, which is also home to the East-West Shrine Game. And don't forget our many surrounding beaches, parks and recreational trails.

However you decide to experience the Tampa Bay area – whether you choose to relax at an outdoor cafe, stroll along the Riverwalk, unwind at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, or float down the Hillsborough River alongside the graceful manatees that populate our area, we know you will have a great time exploring our favorite city.

Join Us for the Most Important Event of the Year

Shriners International invites all nobles, ladies and their families to join us for the 142nd Imperial Session. Imperial Sirs Jerry Gantt and Chris Smith, the 2016 Imperial Session Committee members, and Egypt Shriners look forward to being your hosts in picturesque Tampa.

To learn more about everything this Sunshine State destination has to offer, please visit visittampabay.com.

For more information about the upcoming Imperial Session, please visit tampa-2016.com, facebook.com/2016ShrinersImperialSession, or download the free app by searching "2016 Shriners Imperial Session" on your smartphone or tablet.

Future Imperial Sessions:

July 9 - 13, 2017 – Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 15 - 19, 2018 – Daytona Beach, Fla.
June 30 - July 4, 2019 – Nashville, Tenn.
July 5 - July 9, 2020 – Kansas City, Mo.

Shriners International

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Almas Yacht Club

Springtime is upon us and it is time to start thinking about the Almas Yacht Club cruise calendar. Almas Yacht Club cruises are open to members of Almas Shriners and guests. Fleet Captain Bruce French has been at work making arrangement for this year's cruises. The Shakedown cruise will be a spectacular 6-mile 90-minute narrated cruise on the beautiful scenic Severn River. View the historic Annapolis Harbor including the banks of the U.S. Naval Academy, then explore the banks, wetlands, and waterfront homes of the region along the calm, protected waters of the Severn River. This cruise boards at 12:15 sharp and departs from Annapolis Town Dock at 12:30 on May 22. Participants must register to receive the discounted cruise price and reserve a seat. Annapolis cruises tend to sell out and a limited number of tickets may be available at the cruise kiosk on the day of the cruise. Details on booking and parking for the cruise can be found on the cruise announcement in this issue of the *Alibi*. Information on the Mid-Summer and Frostbite cruises will appear in later issues.

The announcement for the 2016 Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs summer rendezvous has been released. It will be forwarded to Almas Yacht Club membership in due time. The rendezvous will be held July 14–17 at Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, Maryland. Limited housing is available at two motels and there are several condo units available to rent. Check out the flyer for more information. The boat parade and RC boat race will be Friday during the day, Almas Yacht club shares hospitality with Boumi and Kismet. There will be a pizza party Friday evening with a Bingo tournament. The MAASYC meeting is Saturday followed by boat decoration judging. MAASYC social and dinner will be at the Tawes Museum and catered by the Waterman's Restaurant.

The best ships are friendships.

Frank Ireton, Commodore

Assistant Rabban

I just returned from attending the Assistant Rabban Conference in Tampa, FL, and I had a great time. Several subject matters were covered, to include Shrine Protocol, Divan Planning, Fundraising, and Team Work. The presenters covered the material as well as they could in such a short time frame. But to be totally honest, the best subject matter covered, wasn't actually covered in a class room. I'm referring to the subject of "Having Fun". I received several ideas of activities that might help our Temple from counterparts in others Temples. I shared a few ideas that we had recently started at Almas, and several Nobles loved our ideas. These brain storming ideas led to your Assistant Rabban receiving several drinks as my counterparts asked questions on how we worked these new ideas into our Temple functions.

One evening's discussions led to the topic, of what would the "Knickerbocker Noble 13" feel about the present state of our Shrine. I'm referring to the Ill. Sirs Walter M. Fleming & William J. Florence, and the 11 Master Mason who started in 1871 what would become today's Shriners International. These 13 Nobles mused about the need for more fun in Masonry, and set about creating a place for this fun, based on Masonic principles, but with more emphasis on having fun. We asked ourselves why we became Shriners, and for the most part we all stated "To help support Shriners Hospitals for Children."

Nobles of Almas Shriners, I will ask you the same question: "Why did you become a Shriner"? Have we as a fraternity placed too much emphasis on supporting our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children? Please don't misjudge my statement. I fully support our Hospitals, and that is a BIG part of why I'm a Shriner. The Shrine wouldn't be the Shrine with our hospital mission. But I also believe the Shrine, isn't really whole without the original mission of our fraternity, which is to have fun.

In closing I will remind each Noble, of a question that was asked to each of us as we became Entered Apprentice Masons, "What came you here to do?" Why did you become a Noble, a Club or Unit Officer and yes, even a Divan officer? Nobles of Almas let's continue the great work that we do in supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children, but let's also give the same effort to just having a little fun.

Yours in the Faith,
Noble JD Holt

"Against the assault of laughter, nothing can stand"
Brother Mark Twain

Centennial Lodge #174

THE
GRAND MASTER
AND PATTY
WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS YEAR'S EVENT. COME AND JOIN THEM FOR SOME FUN AND GOOD SHOOTING!

Sporting Clays Shoot

April 30, 2016

PROGRAM

Targets and lunch are included in your entry fee.

Lunch will be catered by Wyvill's Tavern.

9:00 am Registration at Club House

9:45 am Shooting Starts

12:00 pm Lunch

TROPHIES / AWARDS

MASONIC TROPHIES

- Masonic Champion
- Runner-Up
- 3rd Place

NON MASON TROPHIES

- Open Champion
- Runner-Up
- 3rd Place

OPEN TROPHIES (Mason & Non Mason)

- 4th Place thru 15th Place

WOMAN TROPHIES

- Winner and RU

JUNIOR TROPHIES

- Winner and RU

5 MAN TEAM

- Winner
- Runner –up

ENTRY FORM

Entry for this event is $75 per person.
Participants 16 and under $30

Are you a Mason? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name_____

Address_____

_____

Phone: H_____ W_____

Entry Amount Enclosed $_____

Please make your checks payable to:
Centennial Lodge #174 Holding Corp.

SPONSORSHIPS

Purchase of Advertisement
At a Shooting Station

This event will take place on ten (10) different stations. At each station there will be advertising signs. We are selling advertising to be placed on a sign (approx. 18"x24"). Each sign will cost $100. This makes for an excellent way to promote your company. If you are interested, please let us know by checking the box below. We will contact you.

☐ Yes, I am interested. I have enclosed my check in the amount of $100 made payable to: Centennial Lodge #174 Holding Corp. You may contact me at the numbers listed on this flyer.

General Contributions

$100 Sign Sponsor.....$_____

$50 Sign Sponsor.....$_____

$25 Friend Sponsor.....$_____

Special Note
All ties will be decided by long run.

Deadline for entries is April 22, 2016

Prince George's Trap & Skeet Center
10400 Good Luck Road, Greenbelt, MD

Contact - Bill Bunting 301-627-4950
Ken Wyvill 240-417-6167
Eddie Coffren 301-520-3750

Mail entry forms to :
Eddie Coffren
1855 Mt. Harmony Road,
Owings, MD 20736

AN EXCERPT FROM GENERAL ORDER NO. 1:
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:
   (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
   (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
   (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it com- plies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.
   (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
   (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International shall be promptly mailed to him.
2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:
   (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written per- mission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple.

      A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

      A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the board of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

   (b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fund Raising- Approval And Reporting provisions of the current General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of the current General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.
   (c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fund Raising– Approval And Reporting provision of the current General Order.
   (d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.
   (e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §334.6 & §337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.
3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:
   (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted materials, regarding the use of the proceeds.
   Examples:
   "Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____Shriners) (_____Shrine Club) activities."
   "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."
   (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
   (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.
4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:
   It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.
5. Financial Records:
   (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
   (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
   (c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Chari- table Funds and Activities* provision of the current general order.
6. Notification to Nobility:
   A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of the current general order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.
7. Discipline:
   Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

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In Memoriam

Arthur E. Thorne
11/3/1924 - 2/8/2016

Almas Temple Sick and Shut-in Nobles,
Give them a call or send them a card.
(as of 3-31-16)
If you know of a Noble who is ill or shut-in please call 202-898-1688.

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Thursday Night Dinner

April 7, 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, April 6th before 12 noon.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Delicious Deals

Starter

Baby Spinach, Avocado & Grapefruit Salad

Entree

Broiled Sirloin
w/Marchand de Vin Sauce

Seared Salmon
w/ Grapefruit Emulsion & Tarragon Oil

French Cut Chicken Breast
Marinated w/Rosemary & Thyme

Dessert
Gingered Honey Panna Cotta
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Hump Day Happy Hour

Wednesday,
April 13, 2016

5:00 PM till 9:00 pm

Open to all Shriners,
Master Masons
and Friends.

Light refreshments will be served

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Please enroll me as a member of the
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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

APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Scottish Rite	6	7 Business Meeting & DON	8	9
10	11	12 Scottish Rite	13 Hump Day Happy Hour	14	15	16 Cherry Blossom Parade & Potentate's Ball
17	18	19 Scottish Rite	20 Motor Corp Mtg.	21	22 Passover Begins	23 French Club Installation
24	25 Board Meeting	26 Scottish Rite	27 NW-BCCSC Meeting	28 Yacht Club	29 Legion Mtg.	30 Passover Ends
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MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Scottish Rite	4	5 Business Meeting & DON	6	7 Peruvian Shrine Club Mtg.
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Scottish Rite	11 DC Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication	12	13	14 Membership Open House
15 Memorial Service	16	17 Scottish Rite	18 Motor Corp Mtg.	19	20	21
22	23 Board Meeting	24 Scottish Rite	25 NW-BCCSC Meeting	26 Yacht Club	27 French Club Festive Board	28
29 Southeast Shrine Club Mtg.	30 Memorial Day Temple Closed	31 Legion Meeting				

JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Business Mtg. DON	3	4 50 Year Members & Past Potentate's Luncheon
5	6	7 Scottish Rite	8 Hump Day Happy Hour	9	10	11 Ceremonial
12	13	14 Scottish Rite	15 Motor Corp Mtg.	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Scottish Rite	22 NW-BCCSC Meeting	23 Yacht Club	24	25 Shephard's Club Fundraiser
26	27 Board Meeting	28 Scottish Rite	29	30 Legion Mtg.		

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