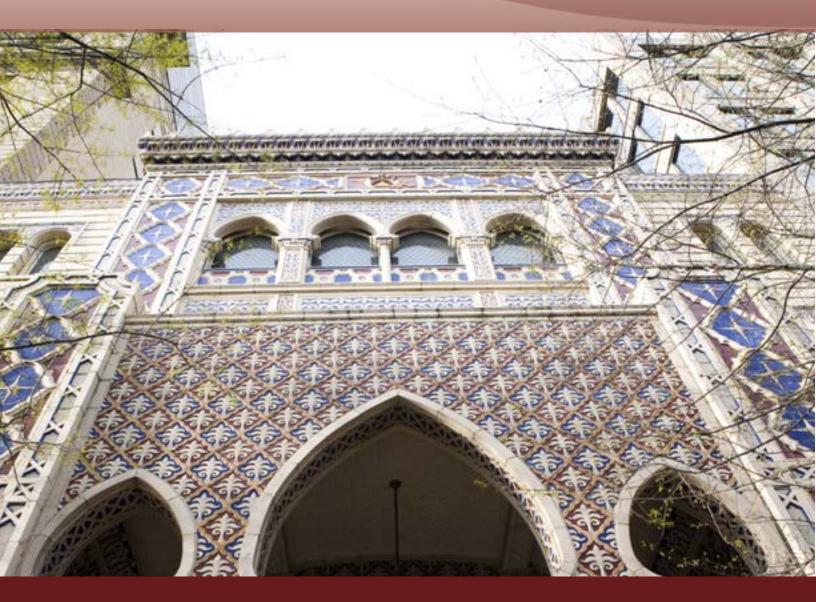
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tentate's Messag



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Summer has finally arrived, the time for travel and vacations. I hope everyone had a very pleasant summer and are now looking ahead to the activities coming up in the fall. I attended several activities and did a lot of travelling this summer but did not do much vacationing.

The luncheon honoring our 50 year members and Past Potentates was a very nice event. We presented a 50 year pin to one of our senior members and paid tribute to several of our Past Potentates. The following day I attended the Eastern Star Ball which was held in the Almas Ballroom. This was a very enjoyable event. It was then off to the Scottish Rite Center for the Pen Falkner evening. Next was the Almas Ceremonial where we initiated 12 new nobles. Please get to know them and invite them to join your units and clubs. We need to keep them interested in our activities. The dinner following the Ceremonial was an outstanding event thanks to Hiram Takoma Lodge who planned the dinner. Next was the Scottish Rite Golf Tournament. Needless to say, I contributed several golf balls to the woods along the course but we all had a great time. The next activity on my agenda was the Counterparts Weekend at Irem Temple. Here I met and discussed common problems with potentates from other temples.

On June 25, many members of Almas took advantage of my offer to attend the Baysox game in Bowie. It was a beautiful night for the game, the beer was cold, we met many Star Wars characters and enjoyed the fireworks after the game. Next came the monthly Board Meeting where several items of business were discussed. So much for the month of June.

In July several members attended the annual Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida. Yes, the weather was mighty hot! Much business was taken care of each day. We voted on many items presented to the membership. The new Imperial Potentate and Imperial Divan were installed. Upon returning home, I accompanied the NW-BCC Shrine Club to a wonderful dinner meeting at Old Europe in Georgetown. We discussed the Shrimp Feast scheduled for August 14. Next it was back to Pennsylvania to attend the Irem Shriners Potentate's Ball. We celebrated with members of numerous Temples in attendance. The program was outstanding. The next activity was to attend the Marine Corps Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks in Washington. If you didn't attend, you missed a great event. There were 12 Nobles and spouses present. Thanks go to Bruce French, for arranging this trip.

I then attended the Peruvian Club celebration of Peru's Independence Day. There was a great crowd, excellent food and lots of music and dancing. The next day we attended the South East Shrine Club meeting at Mamma Stellas where we had great food and good conversation. The Almas Golf Tournament in August was really a great time for those who participated. Were you there?

We are now looking forward to the visit of the Supreme Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, the NW-BCC Shrimp Feast, the Yacht Club Mid-summer cruise at the home of PP Don Holliday and then the month of August ends with the monthly Board Meeting.

As we look forward to September, the activities will continue. A business meeting on September 1 needs everyone to attend and be a part of what is happening at Almas. This is your temple and needs your support and participation in its business decision making. Now is the time to be making your plans to attend MASA at Virginia Beach. You are going aren't you?

Yours in the Faith,

Seed W Evens

Potentate



Almas Shriners Business Meeting



September 1, 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.

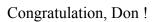
Almas Shriner makes his 500th trip.



On Thursday, June 14, 2016, Past Potentate and valued Shriner driver Don Holliday, Sr. made his 500th trip to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital. Fellow Noble Maurice Herbert rode along as they transported Chanel and her son Latrell for his clinic appointment. Don made his first trip in 1992 to the original Philadelphia Shriners Hospital located on Roosevelt Blvd. Since then he fell in love with the official philanthropy of Shriners International and has made the trek from the Washington, DC area to north Philadelphia. Don is a member of Almas Shriners in Washington, DC and is an associate member of Boumi Shriners in Baltimore, MD. His trip total was made on behalf of both temples. He enjoys

helping other Drivers mark their milestones by keeping the drivers log up to date. Over the years, Don has also helped the public relations department transfer all of the Drivers log records from the binders to the computer Drivers Log program. Don is always a great ambassador of the Philadelphia Shriners

Hospital. He has represented Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals at many informational booths, speaking engagements and even at combined federal campaign events. Our hats off to Don for hitting this milestone that only three other Shriner Drivers have made.





Almas Yacht Club



Summer is drawing to a close and the Almas Yacht Club is preparing for the Fall/Winter seasons. It has been a fun and productive summer with the Mid-summer cruise/picnic via land yachts to PC Don and First Mate Becky Holliday's quarterdeck wrapping summer activities. Thanks to Don and Becky and AYC members who participated in the cruise.

Almas Yacht Club participation in the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Club Rendezvous boat parade in Crisfield doubled this year with the addition of Bill Bunting's MV Trouper II. Trouper II made a nice addition to the parade along with SV Second Life. Parade winners

will be announced at the MAASYC dinner in September at MASA. This year AYC was asked to lead the joint MAASYC Memorial Service for members and mates. Commodore Frank Ireton and PC Jay Whitcomb conducted the service. Though not announced until the MAASYC dinner, early results of



the Remote Controlled boat race indicate that AYC's Hydrocat won for the third time. PC Rick Hall's RC jet ski entry suffered from speed and control failure and was ultimately rescued by the chase boat. AYC won the best costume for the dinner theme this year in spite of a spelling gaff (my gaff) on the tee shirt graphic. Theme this year was Sponge Bob Square Pants—it is a long story.



Coming up this fall AYC will enter a float in the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association parade during the September Virginia Beach meeting as well as participate in other MASA and MAASYC activities. This year we will see AYC Past Commodore and Past Potentate, Rick Hall installed as MAASYC Commodore at the annual dinner. Members are encouraged to attend the dinner and installation. Other fall events include the popular Frostbite Cruise that will be held on October 15th at Pirate's Cove Restaurant in Galesville and the annual Christmas Party to be held at Almas Temple December 4th. September 22nd

will be the last scheduled AYC meeting at the Temple with First Mate's in attendance. The November 17th meeting is election night and will be stag. Almas Shrine members are invited to join us at Almas Yacht Club meetings.

Frank Ireton, Commodore.

Daughters of the Nile



with Almas Shriners.

On June 14, members Helen Pearson PQ, Mary Ann Williams PQ, Christine Watson PQ and her husband Royce met me in Indianapolis, Indiana for the 100th Annual "Royal Jubilee" Supreme Session. The weather outside was quite hot but inside, the J.W. Marriott Hotel did their best to keep everyone comfortable. At the opening ceremony, my patrol unit Helen, Mary Ann & Christine, dressed in Red, White and Blue escorted me into the convention center where I proudly walked up to the microphone and announced my name and Samla Temple, No. 51. Later in the week, we were awarded the 1st place prize for our 2015/2016 newsletter. We were also recognized as having a significant increase in contributions to the Philadelphia - Shriners Hospitals for Children - we had more than doubled our donations from the previous year. These are two nice achievements for our temple and we are excited to share the news

In July, many members and friends gathered at the home of Christine Watson, PQ for a picnic. It was a fun time catching up and socializing with everyone. Thanks to the members that planned and contributed to this event.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Dinner - A dinner is being planned at the Watson's Home - details to be announced soon! Nov. 6, Sunday 2-6pm - Samla Temple No. 51 will host a Wine Tasting event at the Olney Winery in Olney, MD.

We hope that you will join us for these events. Please feel free to contact me anytime at vlschweit@verizon.net .

Virginia Schweitzer, Queen Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile, Washington, D.C.





The Almas Transportation Fund is in need of a little boost. If you know of a friend or family member who has a birthday or some special occasion coming along, think of a donation in their honor. We will be very happy to receive this kind donation

and acknowledge everyone for their generosity. Thank you in advance for helping the children of the Shrine Hospital system.

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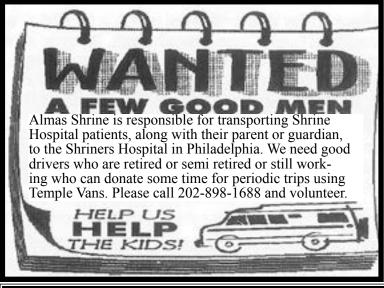
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Chief Rabban

I can hardly believe the summer months have passed and we're on our way into fall and winter here in Washington. I hope everyone took time this summer to relax and escape the everyday. It's been a very busy couple of months for Lady Vanessa and me starting in May when we had our wedding. It was a great time and it was wonderful to have



several members of the Nobility join us for our special day. A special thank you to my dear friend Noble Claudio and his Lady Carla from Hikmat Shriners in Brazil for making the long trip to Washington to join us.

In June, we attended the annual counterparts meeting at Irem Shriners as well as the Potentate's Ball at Ali Ghan. In addition to seeing old friends and making new ones it's always great to see the events put together by other Shrine Centers and bring some ideas back home to Almas. I'd encourage everyone to take the time when you can to travel around MASA and get to know the other temples.

July found us at the 2016 Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida. Thanks to all of the Almas Nobility who traveled to

Imperial to join in the important business of running our fraternity and hospital systems (not to mention having some great fun). Thanks to Almas Noble Steve Orr for the extended hospitality while we were in town.



There was some very important business conducted during the Imperial Session, much of which was focused on finding ways to help solidify the fraternity's financial future without raising per capita dues. All of the proposed measures passed including: Advertising in the Shriners Magazine, Creating a new educational foundation for Shriners (which will allow tax deductible contributions), the direct marketing of Shriner goods to the nobility and the selling of an annual Shrine Yearbook.

There were also two specific pieces of legislation related to jurisdictional lines which affect Almas. First, in Brazil we supported the expansion of territory to Hikmat Shriners. This is not a jurisdictional loss for Almas but since we have been the primary Shrine Center operating in Brazil the Imperial team sought our support in this expansion. In addition, Almas was asked to help support International growth in the United Kingdom, Norway and Austria and were given jurisdiction in those areas. We will be working with Aahmes Shriners (California) who previously held this jurisdiction to understand what has been happening there. We are working with the Potentate at Emirate Shriners (Germany) to see how they can play a role locally. Finally, as a result of our International work I have been asked by the Imperial Divan to represent all of the International Shrine Centers as a member of Shriners International Public Relations Committee in 2017.

It seems like next year is just around the corner and there is still a great deal of work to do to prepare for next year's events. I've begun to talk to several nobles regarding their desire to participate in several events but I still need lots of help. There are a few committees which I'd like to get formed immediately including a Shrine Circus Evaluation Committee, a Potentate's Ball Planning Committee and New Noble Retention Committee. If you are interested in supporting any of these committees; all of which will start immediately with the permission of the Potentate, please contact me ASAP: almas@michaelgordon.com

Yours in the Faith

Michael A. Gordon Chief Rabban



Samla Temple No 51 Daughters of the Nile Sunday, November 6, 2016, 2pm – 6pm Wine Tasting and hors d'oeuvres

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I can say no more other that we need all the help we can get to stay afloat. Don't let the Klowns down, Join now or agree to help. You can call me at 301-318-2485 or Jay Whitcomb at 301-404-7221.

Weird Wally Boss Klown





And a good time was had by all. See you next year!!!

















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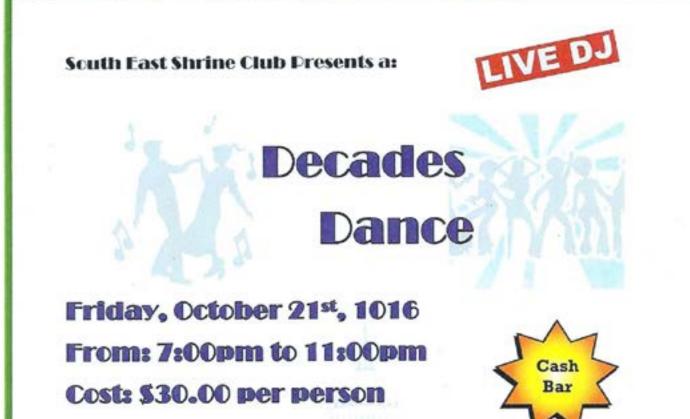
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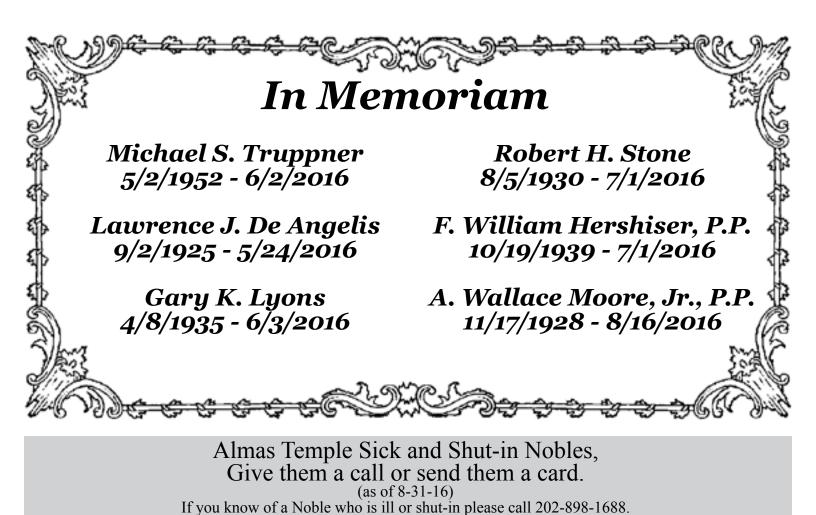
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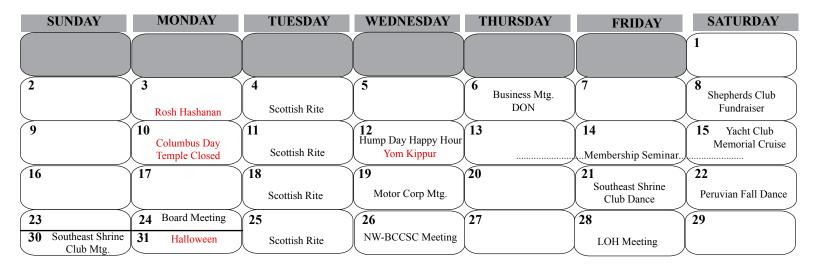
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