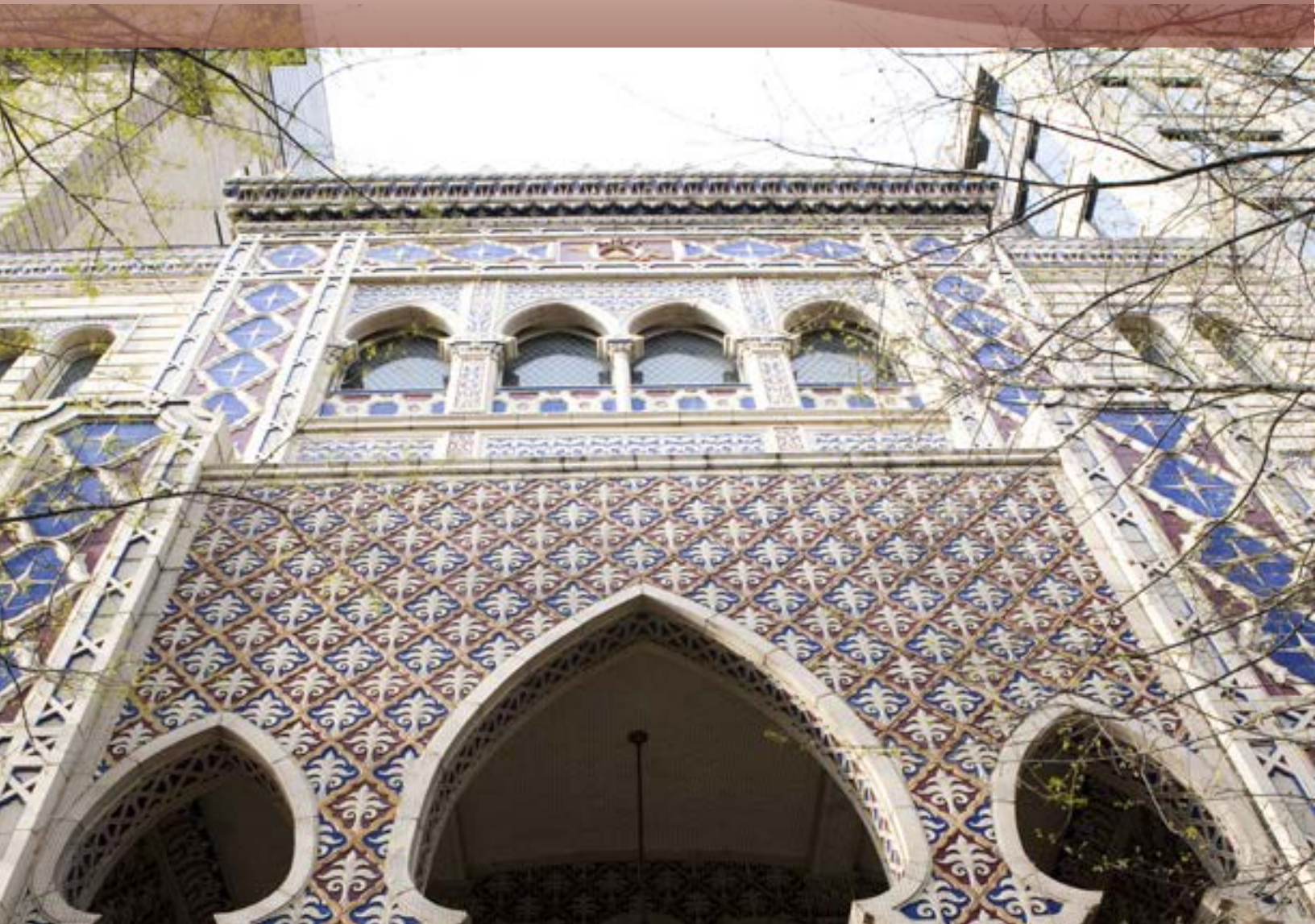


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Potentate's Message



Although the leaves are beginning to fall, activities at Almas are still plentiful for the Nobility and their Ladies. Having looked back at our success at MASA this year, the Board of Directors went back to work looking for ways to improve the image of Almas Temple. A new web site design is in the works which will enable everyone to know what is happening at Almas and keep you up to date with all the news of your Shrine Center. Thanks to Andrew Lawless for his work on this and for putting together a plan which will assist in bringing new members and for increasing the future income from building rental. We have a great facility and we need to make its existence known to the public.

There was a business meeting the first week of October where new happenings were discussed with the Nobility. Were you in attendance to get the latest news about Almas and to contribute to the discussions? If you weren't you should have been. The future and direction of Almas needs your ideas and help. There was a fund raiser scheduled for Oct. 8 by the Shepherds, unfortunately it had to be cancelled. Were you planning on attending to lend your support?

I took the opportunity to have lunch with the NW-BCC Shrine club at Old Europe in Georgetown. We enjoyed a very good German meal. Next it was off to New Jersey to attend the LuLu/Crescent Yacht Club Ball. It's always a pleasure to get together with the other Temples of Mid Atlantic Shrine Association. It was then hurry home to attend the Almas Yacht Club final "Cruise" of the year at Pirates Cove restaurant. We have never had a bad meal there and the camaraderie was well worth the trip. Everyone and their Ladies are always welcome at our Yacht Club events.

Yet to come is the Peruvian Shrine Club "La Noche De La Marinera". The month ended with my Lady and me attending the Crescent Potentate's Ball in New Jersey.

Now we should be looking to the events in November. Check the calendar in this issue to see what might interest you. Please make an attempt to support our unit and club activities. Plan to attend the business meetings. These meetings are where the future of your Temple will be decided. Please show your pride as a Shriner and be a part of this process.

Yours in the Faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred W. Evans".



Almas Shriners Business Meeting

November 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.

Almas Yacht Club



Holiday Celebration



Sphinx Club — \$25.00 Per Person

Friday, December 2nd — 6:15 Social, 7:00 Dinner

An invitation is extended to all Almas members to join us for this fun annual function. Dinner will be followed by an anonymous gift exchange. Each person is to bring a wrapped gift. Be aware! Gift snatchers abound at the meeting. This year the theme will be Ugly Sweater with a prize for the ugliest sweater. Dig deep in the closet and shake the mothballs out of those ugly sweaters for the contest. Scuttlebutt is that the Jolly Elf will take time from his busy December schedule for a visit.

RSVP by November 30 to Don Ferguson, dferguson@almasshriners.org

Almas Yacht Club



Almas Yacht Club will be wrapping up the 2016 meeting campaign with the November 17th election meeting. This meeting is members only and traditionally stag. The meeting will be held this year at Fratelli's Italian Restaurant, 5820 Landover Road, Hyattsville, MD. Social starts at 6:00 with dinner at 6:45. Dinner will be followed with a brief meeting and election of 2017 Bridge officers.

Our final event of the year is the AYC Holiday Celebration on December 2nd and will be held at the Sphinx Club. Social hour at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00 for \$25.00 a person. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle. This year the theme will be Ugly Sweater with a prize for the ugliest sweater. Dig deep in the closet and shake the mothballs out the ugly sweaters for the contest. Dinner will be followed by an anonymous gift exchange. Each person is to bring a wrapped gift. Be aware! 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. An invitation is extended to all Almas Shriners to join us for this fun annual function.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Commodore for the Almas Yacht Club this year and I thank the membership for the privilege. It is an excellent learning experience and expansion of one's leadership skills to serve in a position such as this. While AYC may be short on boats, our club members are strong in supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Land yachts take the place of water yachts to bring us together. AYC social functions and meetings provide a wonderful platform to enjoy the light of Masonry and the fun of the Shrine. I invite Almas Shriners to join us at any meeting or cruise next year.

Frank Ireton, Commodore.



Daughters of the Nile



Greetings from Samla Temple No. 51

As a fundraiser, we are selling Plain, Cinnamon and Chocolate Pecans. Proceeds go to Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Philadelphia, PA, specifically the Surgical Navigation System for Children's Spine Surgeries. This new system offers computer-assisted real-time, low-dose, high-resolution 2D and 3D CT scans before, during and after surgery. Imagine being able to make sure surgical goals are being met while the surgery is still in progress! Each bag is \$10.00, contact any of our members to place your order or Pr. Royal, Diane Logue at dlogue0207@aol.com.

Remember to "Count Your Blessings" and support Pr. Badoura, Pr. Josephine Foly's project for Convalescent Relief Account (CRA) and Convalescent Endowment Fund (CEF).

Upcoming events:

Thursday, November 3rd at 7:30pm – Regular Stated Session. Founder's Day Observance.

Sunday, November 6th 2-5pm - Wine Tasting at the Olney Winery in Olney, MD

Please join us for wine, food and fun. – contact Diane Logue at dlogue0207@aol.com for more information.

Thursday, December 1st at 7:30pm – Regular Stated Session.

Thursday, January 5th, 2017 at 7:30pm – Regular Stated Session.

Virginia Schweitzer, Queen
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.

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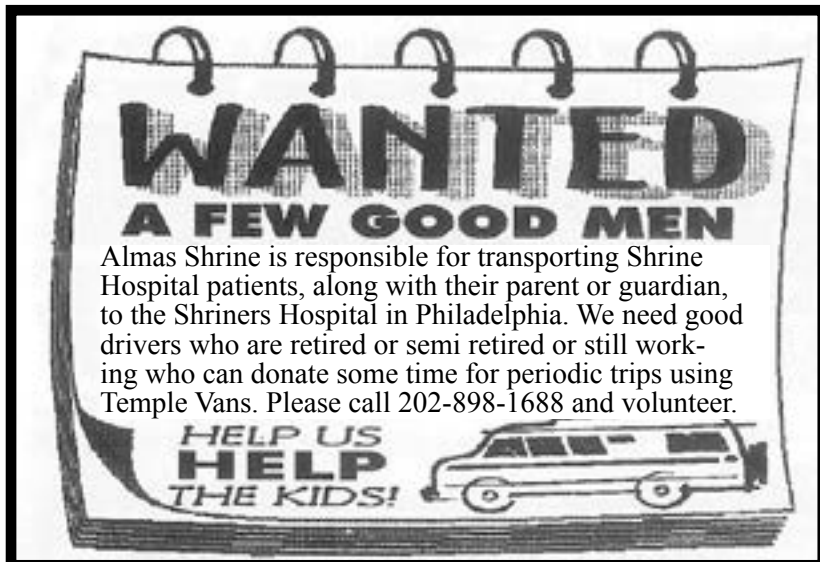
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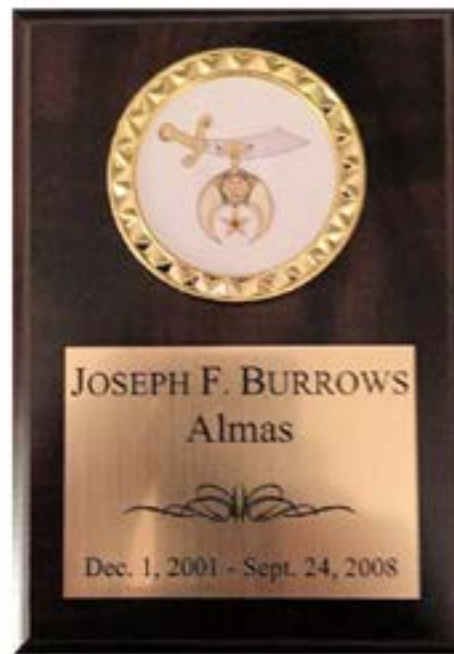
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Chief Rabban - Michael Gordon

Hello Nobles!

As always the fall is busy time for Almas Shriners. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a few accomplishments and highlight some major upcoming events.

Fundraising: September was a great month for the Almas Transportation fund. We had two major events raising over \$10,000 from a Poker Tournament and Charity Concert. Thank you to Federal Lodge for championing the concert and to all of the DC lodges who supported the event and made donations. We also had several nobles raise month this month for Shriners Hospitals for Children by selling CDs at a local concert



Welcome UK Nobles: Over the last few weeks we have been engaging with the Nobles in the United Kingdom. They are excited to be engaging with Almas Shriners and we are equally excited to have them come join us as members.

South America Temple Coming Soon: We've been working extensively with the Nobles in both Santa Cruz, Bolivia and Sao Paulo, Brazil to ensure they have what they need to petition for new Shrine Centers at the 2017 Imperial Session.

Member engagement: We need your help!!! It's important for us to reach out to our membership and encourage them to participate in Shrine activities. If you are willing to volunteer some time for making phone calls to our members please drop me a line almas@michaelgordon.com

Upcoming International Visits:

November: Visits to Bolivia, Sao Paulo, Espirito Santo and possibly Uruguay.

December: Visits to the Brasilia and the UK.

Upcoming Event. Mark your calendars!

November 3rd – Almas Business Meeting

November 6th – Daughters of the Nile Wine Tasting at Olney Winery.

December 1st – Almas Elections and 2017 Budget Approval Meeting

January 7th – Installation of 2017 Divan.

I hope to see you there.

Michael A. Gordon

Almas Shriners Business Meeting

December 1, 2016



7:30 PM

**1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005**

**Election of Officers for the
year 2017 and voting on
the 2017 Budget.**



**Make sure you have your 2016 Dues card
and come to help make the decisions for a
new year in Almas Shriners.**

*The Almas Yacht Club Presents
The Almas Shrine Center's
2016 White House Holiday Ornament Project*



The 2016 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Herbert Hoover, who served as the thirty-first president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. It is inspired by the fire engines that responded to the 1929 Christmas Eve fire at the White House and toy trucks presented to children by the Hoovers the following Christmas. The four-alarm fire brought nineteen engine companies and four truck companies to the White House. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass, plated with nickel and 24-karat gold, and the engine carries a Christmas tree for delivery to the White House. This year's ornament design was created by art student Kayla Whelan, the winner of a national art school design competition created by the White House Historical Association.

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The Winter Ceremonial is December 17 at Almas Temple. It is time to start planning. Unless I am told otherwise, I will presume that everyone will be returning to their same parts. If that is not the case, please let me know as soon as possible. I am already aware of a couple of parts that might be coming open. In the meantime, anyone wanting to take a part, please contact me ASAP at AlmasPote2011@gmail.com. Parts will be given on an as available basis.

We also need people to assist Noble Eddie Dixon on the Second Section. If you are interested in the Second Section, please let me know as this is becoming an integral part of the initiation experience.

Rather than a festive board, the Potentate has decreed that we should have a coed luncheon after the Ceremonial. This luncheon may be occasioned by the usual toasts. During the Ceremonial, our ladies will be given a presentation on the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals, thereby maintaining the closed Ceremonial we have come to enjoy.

I'm looking forward to another great Ceremonial.

In the Faith,
Alan L. Gordon, P.P.
Ceremonial Director

HELP, HELP AND MORE

HELP

To date, the Klowns have had no new applicants. It's unbelievable that our younger members do not want to bring smiles to children and adults at parades. There is no greater feeling than to have a small child come out and give you a hug. Many people love to have their picture taken with a Klown or Klowns. Over the years, I must have had my Klown picture all over the world or country.

We need your help in building up the Klown Unit. We have two Klowns who are young in spirit but old in physical ability. Regretfully we have a few Klowns who are young but are not able to make many parades due to family or work.

Please do not let the Unit fall by the wayside. Consider giving the Unit some of your time.

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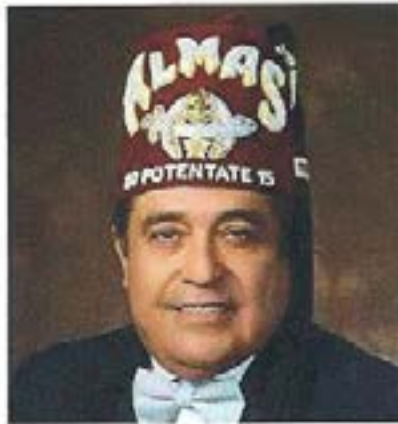
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IASYC APPOINTS NEW DISTRICT COMMODORE

I would like to congratulate Ill. Sir Luis Cisneros, P.P. of Almas Shrine Temple on the position of District Commodore for the State of Washington DC, representing the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (IASYC). As District Commodore of IASYC, one of Ill. Sir Luis primary duties will be to maintain contact with all Shrine Club/ Unit Commodores within the Metropolitan Area of Washington DC and other areas called upon by the IASYC Commodore.

In 1971 IASYC started as a club within the Shrine composed of Shrine boaters in Temple Yacht Clubs, Ambassadors of good will and those affiliated among the boating fraternity. IASYC today represents all of these affiliates. It is a private, self-supporting fraternal Shrine boating association dedicated to the furtherance of the aims of Shrinedom. It has grown and developed since its infancy from the Atlantic seaboard to all areas of the country from coast to coast into Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, the UK, Puerto Rico, Mexico and South America. Its growth and expansion continues with no end in sight. We consider ourselves the most family oriented and premier organization in all Shrinedom.

Ill. Sir Luis Masonic affiliation began at the Alianza American Lodge 92 in Washington DC. Over the years as a Mason, he has held various positions within the fraternity. Ill. Sir Luis became a member of Almas Shrine Temple in Washington DC. He has held many positions and in 2015 held the position of Potentate for Almas Shrine Temple and is currently a member of the Almas Shrine Yacht Club.

In cooperation with the Regional Ambassador of the Mid-Atlantic Region, Ill. Sir Luis will determine which Temple Centers do not currently have an IASYC Yacht Club/Mariners Marching Unit and provide assistance for those Temple Centers who will consider establishing a unit.(not limited to) Club/ Unit new membership promotions and fund raising drives and will forward that information to the IASYC Fleet Captain.

Ill. Sir Luis Cisneros, P.P. can be reached at 703 989-9015 or email luis Cisneros357@yahoo.com be sure to congratulate him when you see him around the Shrine Temple or at a Mariners/Yacht Club Meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Raymond Desrochers IASYC Commodore

In Memoriam

Ezra Roberts
12/14/1927 - 9/25/2016

William E. Chaney, Jr., PGM
7/12/1929 - 10/7/2016

Raul Risso Pedranzini
6/29/1935 - 10/9/2016

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Thursday Night Dinner

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Scottish Rite	2	3 Business Mtg. DON	4Scottish Rite Reunion.....	5 IALOH Wreath Laying
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Scottish Rite	9	10	11 Veterans Day Temple Closed	12
13	14	15 Scottish Rite	16 Motor Corp Mtg.	17 Yacht Club	18	19 MD & DC Grand Lodge Annual Communication
20	21	22 Scottish Rite	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed	25 Thanksgiving Temple Closed	26
27	28 Board Meeting	29	30 Legion Mtg.			

DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Business Mtg. & Elections DON	2 Yacht Club Holiday Party	3 Peruvian Party
4	5 NW/BCC Shrine Club Holiday Party	6 Scottish Rite	7	8	9 DC Grand Lodge 3rd Communication & Installation	10 Ladies Holiday Lunch
11 Children's Holiday Party	12	13 Scottish Rite	14	15	16	17 Ceremonial
18	19 Board Meeting	20	21 Motor Corp Meeting	22	23	24 Hanukkah Begins
25 Christmas Day	26 Christmas Day Observed Temple Closed	27	28	29	30 Legion Mtg.	31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Hanukkah Ends New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Observed Temple Closed	3	4	5 Business Mtg. DON	6	7 Open Installation
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day Temple Closed	17 Scottish Rite	18 Motor Corp Mtg.	19	20 Inauguration Day	21
22	23 Board Meeting	24 Scottish Rite	25 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club Installation	26 Yacht Club Mtg.	27	28
29 Southeast Shrine Club Mtg.	30	31 LOH Mtg.				

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