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Potentate's Message



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

This past year has gone by all too quickly. The First Lady and I are very thankful and proud to have had the opportunity of serving Almas. As your Potentate, I have kept Almas foremost in my mind and tried to do my best to bring success and recognition to the accomplishments of the Temple. I am even more proud to be called a Shriner and I am devoted to upholding the principles for which we stand and for the services which we provide.

There are many activities that I had planned but was unable to bring to fruition. Nevertheless, I hope that you feel that I have served you well. One very important lesson that I learned was that long range planning is an essential part of any leadership position. Although I was unable to spend a great deal of time at the Temple, I had great faith in the ability of the devoted members of my Divan to get things done. For that I sincerely thank them.

Now the future of Almas is in the hands of your newly elected officers. They will need your support for the good of the Temple and for all the Nobility. I encourage you to communicate with them and whisper good counsel in their ear. Give them ideas to help Almas grow and thrive in the years to come.

I have suggested many times that you ask yourself why you became a Shriner. Think about that question once again. Why did you become a Shriner? Are you proud to wear your FEZ? Are you supportive of the philanthropy which we support? Do you become involved in the activities made available to you? Do you try to keep in contact and encourage those who are no longer able to keep up with many of the events and activities of the Temple because of health reasons or age?

I have been a Shriner for 46 years and I have enjoyed every minute of it. When I was initiated as a Noble, I promised to fulfill my responsibilities and support Shrinedom to the best of my ability. I am doing my best to do that and I will continue as long as I am able. As I step down from the Oriental Chair, I challenge each and every one of you to be a Shriner as best you can.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me. I am also very grateful for the support of my Lady Imelda. She has provided good counsel and suggestions on how to make things attractive and meaningful at all the events for which I was responsible. She was a great Ambassador for Almas everywhere we travelled. I am a firm believer that our ladies are a very important segment of our Temple family. Without them and their support, many of the activities of Almas would not be successful. I am a Shriner, always will be, and I am proud of it!

Yours in the Faith

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

Fred W. Evans



Almas Shriners Annual Business Meeting

Closed Installation of 2017 Officers

January 5, 2017 7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:

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

Wear your Fez



Your 2017 Dues card is necessary for admittance.

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? _____

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

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Almas Yacht Club



It has been a fun filled year for Almas Shriners Yacht Club. AYC's five major events of the year include the Commodore's Ball, three cruises, and the Holiday Celebration in addition to our regularly scheduled meetings.

We started the year in January with the Annual Commodore's Ball and a major blizzard that shut down the city, trapping early arrivals at the hotel. The blizzard prevented most of the registered attendees from traveling to the ball. Hunkering down with a well stocked bar and hospitality room prepared for 80 attendees we weathered the storm with games and fellowship. Our DJ had arrived early as well so we had entertainment for the dinner and dance. I understand that Commodore Elect Ill. Sir Don Ferguson is planning on breaking the Snow Ball jinx by holding his ball in June. We

will see how that works out.

AYC's three cruises are Shakedown, Mid-Summer Memorial, and Frostbite. We started with the Shakedown cruise out of Annapolis on the Severn River followed by a luncheon at the Dock Street Bar and Grill. The Mid-summer cruise/picnic was via land yachts to PC Don and First Mate Becky Holliday's quarterdeck wrapping summer activities with a barbecue and potluck lunch. For the Frostbite Cruise we returned to Pirates Cove Marina and Restaurant in Galesville for a wonderful lunch in a beautiful setting.

Our final event of the year, Almas Yacht Club Holiday Celebration, was held at the Sphinx Club December 2nd. Highlights of the celebration included a social hour, buffet dinner, 50/50 drawing, ugly sweater contest as well as the traditional gift exchange. The jolly North Pole Elf showed up in time to over see the festivities. Unfortunately he was not able to stop naughty people who claimed other people's gifts.

Almas Yacht club is an active participant in the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. Our presence at the Summer Rendezvous in Crisfield, Maryland was noted, among other highlights, for the glaring auto correct that was not caught before printing. Also, AYC will have a strong presence on the MAASYC bridge this upcoming year with Ill. Sir Rick Hall, PC, as Commodore, Ill. Sir Fred Evans, PC, as Rear Commodore, and myself as Fleet Captain. We look forward to the MAASYC Rendezvous at Spring Cove Marina and the Hill Billy Bash in July.

All in all it has been a fun and challenging year as Commodore of the Almas Yacht Club. First Mate Stephanie and I have enjoyed the fellowship and fun that comes from participating in Almas Shriners activities. I strongly urge all members, but in particular the newer members, to become involved in a unit or club. There is no better way to enjoy the benefits of belonging to Almas Shriners. Join in, take an active part, become an officer in the unit or club, and lead the way. Your participation enriches your life as well as making Almas Shriners strong and vibrant.

Frank Ireton, Commodore.



Daughters of the Nile



Greetings and Happy New Year from Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile. We would like to Congratulate Ill. Sir Fred Evans and Almas Temple on a successful year and say thanks for all the support throughout 2016. To the new officers of Almas Temple we look forward to working with you in 2017.

We are happy to welcome new member, Pr. Bonnie Forman to Samla Temple. We are glad that you have joined us! We regularly meet on the 1st Thursday of every month (except July & August). Samla is looking for more new members; woman, who are 18 years old or older. Contact me or any member for additional eligibility requirements and information on joining.

2017 Sessions and Activities:

January 5th at 7:30 pm - Session

End of January "Game Night" at the Watson's

February 2nd at 7:30 pm - Session

February 11th - Luncheon

March 2nd at 7:30 - Session, Past Queen's Night & Elections



Queen, Virginia Schweitzer

Samla51queen@gmail.com
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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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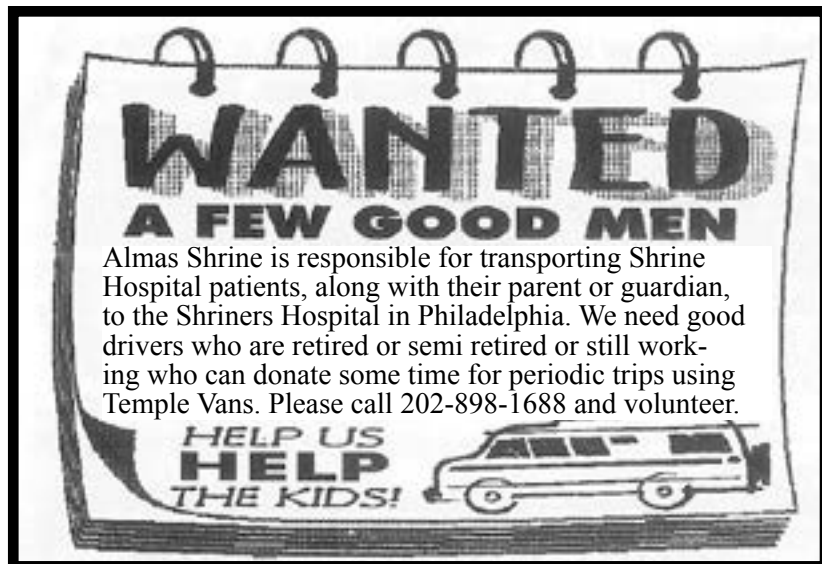
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charitable contribution.**

Assistant Rabban - Jeffrey D. Holt



Dear Nobles of Almas,

A New Year is fast approaching us at Almas, and I know 2017 will be a Great Year for our Temple. The Nobles of Almas have elected a great man and mason to lead us into 2017. I look forward to working with Noble Michael A. Gordon, and the elected and appointed Divan to help make Almas the jewel of Shrinedom.

A Special Welcome to the newly elected Oriental Guide Noble George E. Perez and Lady Lesly, we are looking forward to working with both of you this year. I am deeply humbled and honored to have been elected to serve Almas as the Chief Rabban. I will work this year on your behalf to help strengthen our Units and Clubs.

I hope to see each of you at the Temple Open Installation on January 7th.
Let's make 2017 a Year to Remember. See you around the Temple!

Yours in the Faith!

Noble JD
Chief Rabban Elect



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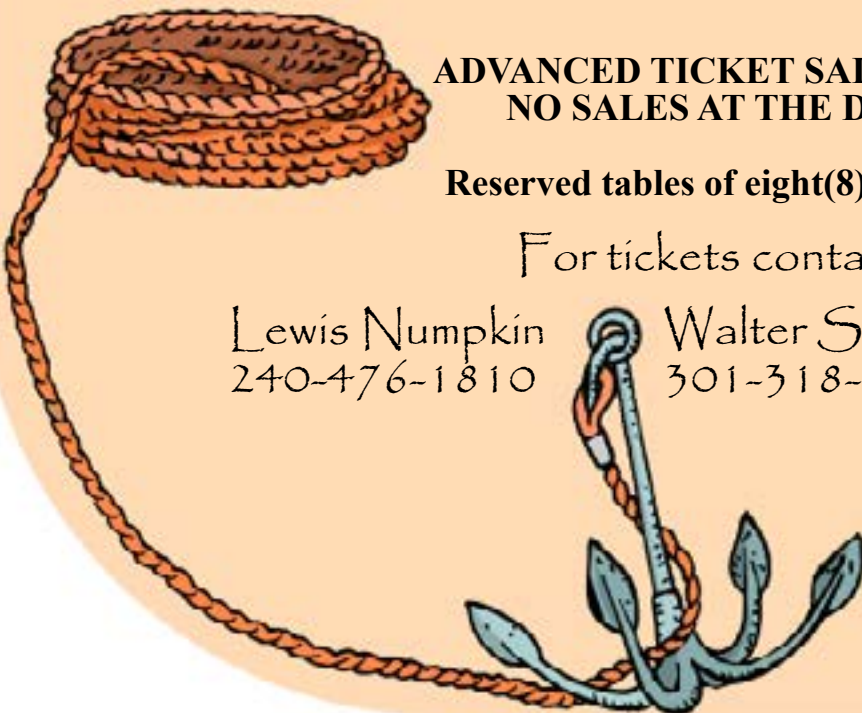
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19	Aruba	1:00 PM	10:30 PM
20	Curacao	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
21	At Sea		
22	At Sea		
23	Miami	8:00 AM	

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The East-West Shrine Game® has been a staple of college football since 1925 and is the longest running college all-star game in the nation. The game has consistently proven to be a successful starting point for players seeking a professional career in football. Typically, there are more than 265 East-West Shrine Game alumni on NFL rosters each year. The game's executive director, Harold Richardson, a former NFL general manager and coach, is confident that the game is noticed by the appropriate decision makers, and said, "With all 32 NFL teams represented by GMs, coaches and scouts during the week of the game, our players have the best opportunity to showcase their talents and receive their first glimpse of life in the NFL."



For more than 90 years, some of the best collegiate football players from across the United States and Canada have participated in the East-West Shrine Game. Currently, more than 71 game alumni have been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and more than 200 have a place in the College Football Hall of Fame. Many of the NFL's most recognized and decorated players, including Tom Brady, Brett Favre and John Elway, have competed on the East-West gridiron.

A Football Tradition with a Serious Mission

In addition to serving as one of the NFL's primary sources for players, the East-West Shrine Game benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and helps support its three-part mission of providing expert specialty care to children, conducting innovative research and offering educational opportunities to medical professionals. The most important pre-game tradition is the team visit to a Shriners Hospital, which gives the players an opportunity to witness firsthand the true purpose of the game. "Going to the hospital was a very humbling experience," said Baltimore Ravens player and East-West Shrine Game alumni, Trent Steelman. "Those kids have more courage and tenacity than any football player I know, and that I will never forget."

The 2017 Game

The 92nd annual East-West Shrine Game will take place Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., and will be broadcast live on

NFL Network, with a kickoff time of 3 p.m. EST. Tickets for the 2017 East-West Shrine Game are now available for purchase. For Shriners and their guests, a special Premium Reserved Seating Ticket Package is available in advance for \$30 per person, and includes a reserved seat in a premium section, a \$10 concession voucher, and a 2017 East-West Shrine Game calendar. For Potentates, Divan members and their guests, a \$50 VIP Club Suite Ticket Package is also available. General Admission tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance on shrinegame.com, and on game day at Tropicana Field Box Offices.

To learn more about the game, please visit **shrinegame.com**. To purchase special ticket packages for Shriners, please call the East-West Shrine Game office at 813-281-8686.



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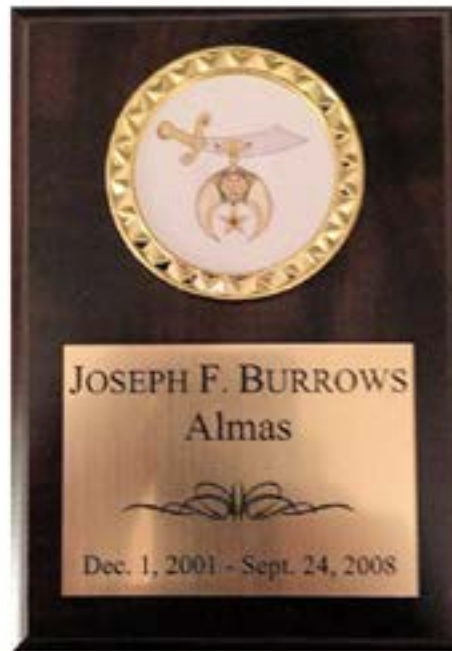
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if you have questions.

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In Memoriam

Milton P. Gelb
7/31/1925 - 10/3/2016

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(as of 12-31-16)

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Thursday Night Dinner

January 5, 2017 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, January 4 th before 12 noon.

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Plaques for the *Wall of Honor* will continue to be available to anyone who would like to remember a fellow Shriner. Please contact Fred Evans, PP for information or to order a plaque. Cost is \$100 and checks should be made payable to Almas Shriners. This is a great way to support your Temple and at the same time recognize those who have contributed to Almas. Please try to keep the information to be placed on the plaque to 40 characters if possible. It is requested that multiple plaques for the same individual be avoided. Those who have been recognized to date are:



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John Phillip Sousa
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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 Temple Closed	21
22	23 Board Meeting	24 Scottish Rite	25 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club Installation	26 Yacht Club Installation	27	28
29 Southeast Shrine Club Mtg.	30	31 LOH Mtg.				

FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Business Mtg. DON	3	4
5 Super Bowl Party	6	7 Scottish Rite	8	9	10	11 Valentine Party
12	13	14 Scottish Rite	15 Motor Corp Mtg.	16	17	18
19	20	21 Scottish Rite	22 NW/BCC Shrine Club Meeting	23 Yacht Club	24	25
26	27 Board Meeting	28 Scottish Rite				

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Business Mtg. & DON	3	4
5	6	7 Scottish Rite	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Scottish Rite	15 Motor Corp Meeting	16	17	18
19 NW/BCC Bull & Oyster Roast	20	21 Scottish Rite	22 NW/BCC Shrine Club Meeting	23 Yacht Club Meeting	24	25
26	27	28 Scottish Rite	29	30	31 Legion Mtg.	

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