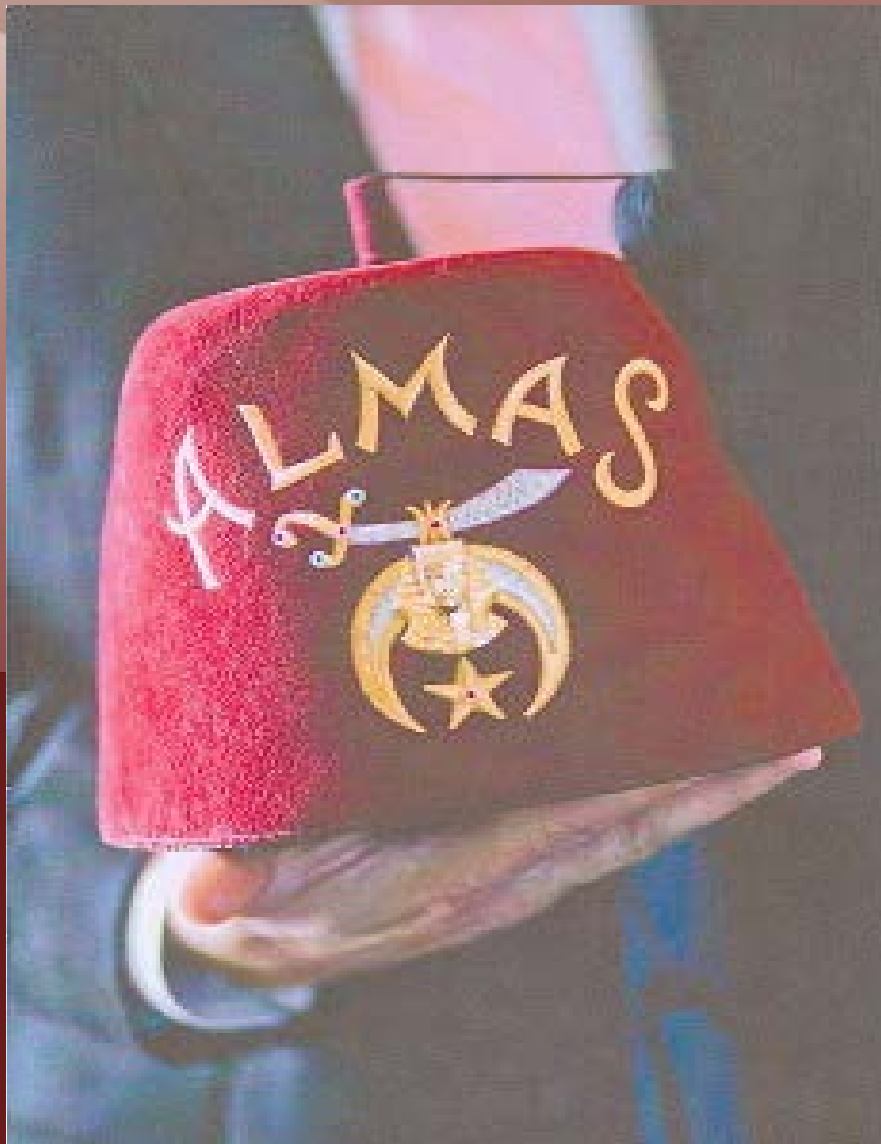


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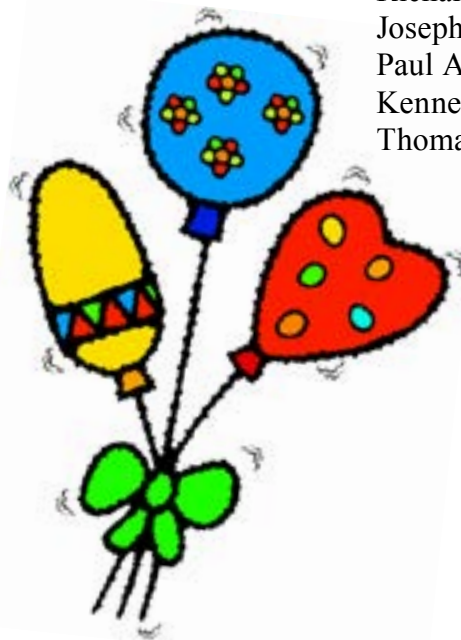
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Potentate's Message



Greeting Nobles, Spouses and Friends,

First Lady Vanessa and I are very humbled by the showing of support at the Almas 2017 Installation of Officers. Thank you to Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Ill. Sir Tony Murray, and the Installing team for a great program. For a snowy January day in Washington we had nearly 150 guests in the audience including Almas' newest member the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the District of Columbia, Roman Volsky. Also in attendance were the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Guatemala, Julio Cesar Aldana and six past Grand Masters of the District of Columbia.

Everyone in attendance was moved by the heartfelt story of Shriners care from Joy Lawson, a parent of two patients at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. Joy inspired us all to continue in our efforts and demonstrated for us what the love and kindness felt by the parents and patients in our system looks like.

On the same day as our installation in Washington our U.K. Shrine Club was hard at work having a ceremonial to initiate six new nobles. It's great to see Almas growing around the world!

Nobles – This year we are going to focus on three areas:

- 1) Strengthen Almas Shriners through the Fun and Fellowship of our Fraternity
- 2) Support the World's Greatest Philanthropy Shriners Hospitals for Children
- 3) Solidify the future of our Temple through financial actions and member engagement

I suspect that most likely you became a Shriner to support one of these three areas. This is our call to arms, so please join us for the fun and fellowship. As a result, I assure you the labor of love for the Hospitals and the hard work to strengthen our Temple will be far easier.

All of our events are published at AlmasShriners.org and we will make available a downloaded Calendar and one page overview of the year's activities. I hope you will participate in some of the following upcoming Activities in your area:

January 26th – Yacht Club Installation (Washington)
January 29th – Chinese New Year Parade (Washington)
February 5th – Super Bowl Party (Washington)
February 11th – Valentines Party (Washington)
February 17th – Herring Feast (Austria)
February 17th – Congresso Shriners (Sao Paulo)
February 18th – Boumi Shriners Potentate Ball (Baltimore)

Finally, a very special thank you to Illustrious Sir Fred W. Evans and Lady Imelda for their work at Almas Temple in 2016. Fred did a great job of leading us and setting the stage to allow future divans to take Almas forward. I'm grateful for the amount of flexibility he gave me to lay a framework for 2016. Please continue to support Ill. Sir Fred with his Honor Wall Fundraiser. We would all like to see the wall full of plaques!

Yours in the Faith

Michael A. Gordon



Almas Shriners Annual Business Meeting



February 2, 2017 7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:

Michael A. Gordon, Potentate
&
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P., Recorder

Wear your Fez



Your 2017 Dues card is necessary for admittance.

On the Road to Recovery

Paul Friedlander, P.P., Colonel of the Units is starting the new year off with a bang. Both the Legion of Honor Checker and the Clowns Fire truck are getting some much needed repair. They are getting some tender loving care up in Hagerstown, Maryland and should be back on the road all bright and shiny new.

Looking forward to a great year of good weather and many parades. Let's get out there and let the community know what the Shriners do and that we have fun doing it.



Daughters of the Nile

Greetings from Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile.



I had the pleasure of attending the open installation of Almas Shriners on Saturday, January 7, 2017. It was a very nice ceremony and reception. Congratulations to Potentate Michael Gordon and the 2017 Divan.

If cabin fever is hitting you hard, it's time to get out of the house and come to Samla's game night on Saturday, February 25th at the Watson's home. Look for more information in this Alibi or contact me at vlschweit@hotmail.com.

Thursday, February 2nd Stated Session

Saturday, February 11th Luncheon

Saturday, February 25th Game night

Thursday, March 2nd Elections, Past Queen's Night and an Initiation is planned

Saturday, March 11th, Installation of new Officers



Virginia Schweitzer, Queen

Samla Temple No. 51

Daughters of the Nile

Washington, D.C.

Samla Temple Game Night

February 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm

**At the home of
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**Cost \$ 15.00 per person
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at 7:00 pm**

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Wii Games
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at 301-879-2949**



**Snacks & Drinks
provided**



Proceeds are for the benefit of Samla Temple #51 Ways & Means and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.



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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In Honor of Don & Becky Holliday
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Bill & Nancy Lanham

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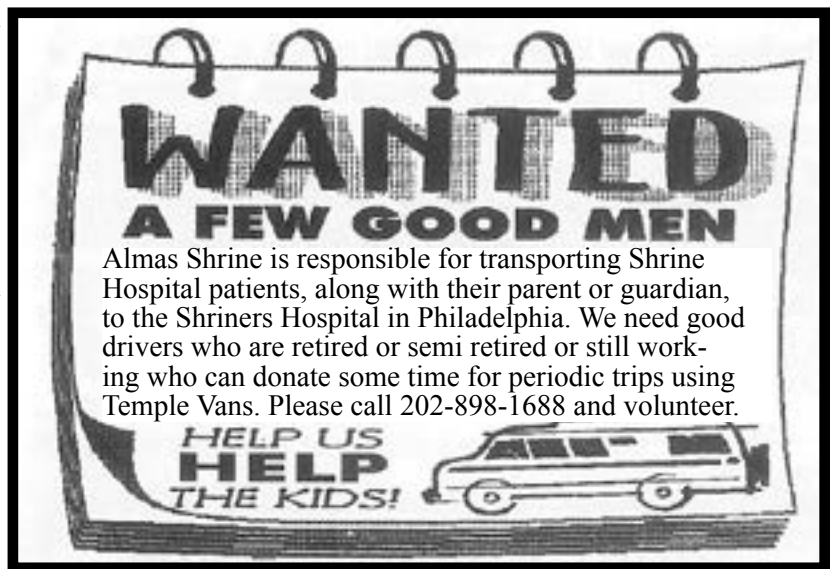
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Daniel T. Graham

In Memory of Charles & Toy Johnson
Mike & Polly Johnson

In Memory of William E. Bridegum
Rick & Bobbie Hassler
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In Memory of Hall Harriman
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Chief Rabban - Jeffrey D. Holt



Nobles,

Prior to the installation of our Temple's 2017 Officers, I had the privilege to take part in the initiation of the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, MWB Roman Volsky, now also Noble Volsky. It was a joy to see my Friend, Brother and Grand Master become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. I was asked to deliver the Shriners Creed at the end of the initiation ceremony. I spent some time prior to this ceremony reading over the Shriners Creed and I was moved by the simple but profound meaning in this creed. This is a creed that all Nobles should hear often, not just during their Ceremonials. It has a deep meaning and reminds us of our duties as Shriners. Below is our Creed and I hope that each of you will take the time to reread it and remember our Noble institutional calling.

Noble JD
Chief Rabban

Shriners Creed

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

Public Relations



I am looking forward to serving as the Public Relations Chairman for 2017. We have a lot of exciting new ventures. The goal is to appear on TV, local newspaper and bring more awareness to the Shrine. We are hoping to connect with local city officials and council members so we can have a good rapport with the city. I will need your help so please be ready to assist. We are heading in a new direction and it's one we should look forward too.

We will be using Evites, Facebook and other means to engage people about Almas. So my advise is Share!! Share!!!

One of the things that helped me with membership was word of mouth. We will need all forms of it to succeed.

Thanks in advance for all of your help.

Richard Drosin
1st Ceremonial Master
Public Relations Chairman
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Northwest / BCC Shrine Club
invites you to our

Bull and Oyster Roast

Sunday March 19, 2017

At Rosensteel Council Knights of Columbus Hall

9707 Rosensteel Avenue
Silver Spring, MD

Food Served from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Cost \$30.00 per person

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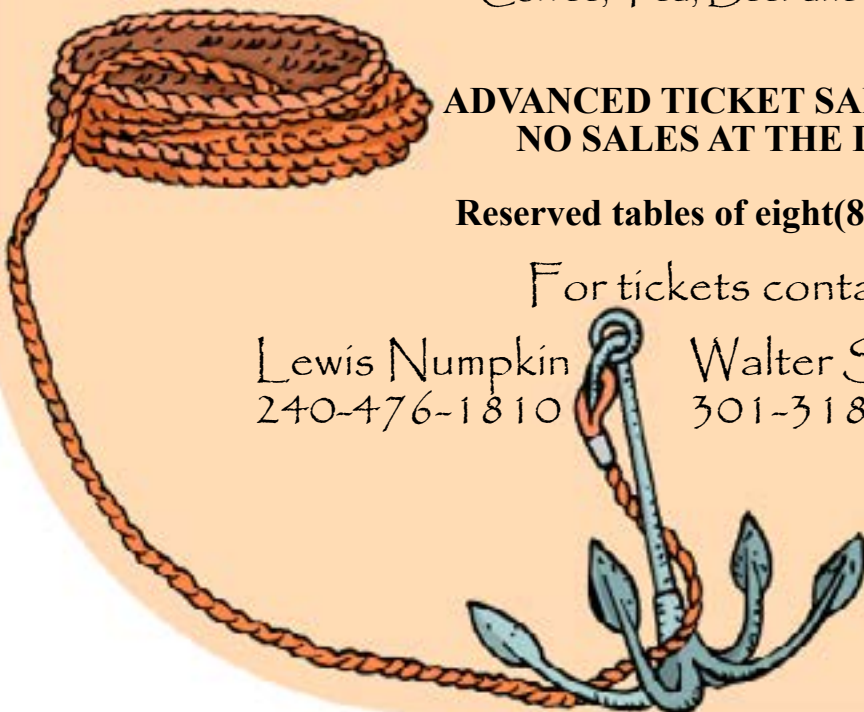
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Walter Simon
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Jay Whitcomb
301-404-7221



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February 11, 2017 Valentine Dinner Dance

6:30 pm Social
7:00 pm Served Dinner

\$50.00 per person

RSVP February 3, 2017
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Almas Yacht Club

As we start the New Year Almas Shriners Yacht Club looks forward to another fun filled year and new leadership. The Bridge for 2017 will be Ill Sir Don Ferguson, Commodore; Noble Bruce French, Vice Commodore; Ill Sir Luis Cisneros, Rear Commodore; Ill Sir Michael Gordon, Fleet Captain; Noble Bob Noel, Treasurer; Ill Sir Fred Evans, Secretary; and Noble Walter Simon, Chaplin. Installation of the Bridge will be at the regularly scheduled January 26th meeting. In a change from the past, and hopefully to avoid snow storms, Commodore Elect Don is moving the Commodore's Ball from January to June 10th and has invited Kena Shriners Yacht Club to join us this year at Almas Shriners Temple. Watch for announcements to be published and make your reservation early. Also, dates have been set for the Shake-down, Mid-summer, and Frostbite cruises as well. These will be published in the Alibi, on the Almas web page, and on the Yacht Club Facebook page.

Potentate Illustrious Sir Michael Gordon is keen on promoting Almas Shriners during his year and is interested in seeing the Yacht Club take a more active part in parades. In addition to our normal participation at the MASA parade we are planning on participating in local civic parades. On a wider front Almas Shriners will be taking part in the 2017 parade at the Imperial meeting in Daytona Beach July 9–13. Preliminary logistics of transporting Almas vehicles including the Clowns fire truck, Checker cab, and Yacht club float with the Almas pickup are being explored. One possibility is following Boumi Shriners lead of renting a semi truck and trailer. This will require a driver with a Class A CDL license and any Almas member who holds the license is urged to contact Ill Sir Michael Gordon. Participation in any of these parades will require assistance from the membership. Step up, volunteer, and take an active part in your club and Shrine.

As Fleet Captain for MAASYC I have been working with MAASYC Commodore Ill Sir Rick Hall to pull together plans for the Summer Rendezvous to be held at Spring Cove Marina in Solomons Island July 28–30. A block of rooms has been set-aside at the adjoining Holiday Inn and as usual hospitality duties will be shared among MAASYC Clubs. Announcements will be coming out shortly with dates of events and themes. This is always a fun event and the setting at Spring Cove Marina and Solomons Island makes it an easy trip for Almas members to participate.



I would like to again express my and First Mate Stephanie's thanks for your support in making this a fun and rewarding year. The club only succeeds when members pull together. Thanks to the support and help our fundraiser ornament sale was a success and a check for \$3,000.00 was presented to Ill Sir Michael Gordon for the Transportation Fund.

Finally, it is with great sadness that Almas Yacht Club mourns the loss of Past Commodore Bill Bridegum who passed over the bar on January 4th. PC Bill and First Mate Alma Jean have been fixtures at Almas Shriners Yacht Club and his presence will be missed. Please join us in condolences to First Mate Alma Jean and keep her in your thoughts.

Please Join Us

Frank Ireton, P.C.
Fleet Captain, MAASYC



Ugly Sweater Competition during the 2016 Holidays. See what fun we have.

*Pr. Royal Diane Logue and
Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile*

*Cordially invite you to attend the
Open Installation of Officers*

*Saturday, March 11, 2017
2:00 p.m.*

*Almas Shrine Center
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Parking Garage access on 13th street.

*Virginia Schweitzer
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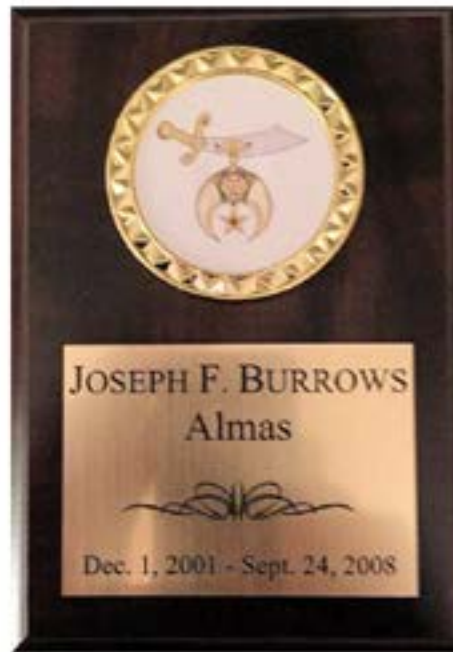
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Marion K. Warner
5/29/1923 - 12/18/2016

Victor Manuel Valverde
3/21/1933 - 12/28/2016

William E. Bridegum
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Thursday Night Dinner

February 2, 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
\$15.00 per person.**

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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 Valentine's Day	15 Motor Corp Mtg.	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day Temple Closed	21 Scottish Rite	22 NW/BCC Shrine Club Meeting	23 Yacht Club	24 Legion Mtg.	25
26	27 Board Meeting	28 Scottish Rite				

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ash Wednesday	2 Business Mtg. & DON	3	4
5	6	7 Scottish Rite	8	9	10	11 Daughters of the Nile Installation
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14 Scottish Rite	15 Motor Corp Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 NW/BCC Bull & Oyster Roast	20 Spring Begins	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.	

APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Potentate's Ball
2	3	4 Scottish Rite	5	6 Business Mtg. DON	7	8 Cherry Blossom Parade
9 Easter Egg Roll Palm Sunday	10	11 Scottish Rite Passover Begins	12	13 Maundy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18 Scottish Rite Passover Ends	19 Motor Corp Mtg.	20	21	22
23 Southeast Shrine Club Mtg.	24 Board Meeting	25 Scottish Rite	26 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club Mtg.	27 Yacht Club Mtg.	28 Spring LOH Mtg.	29 MASA

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