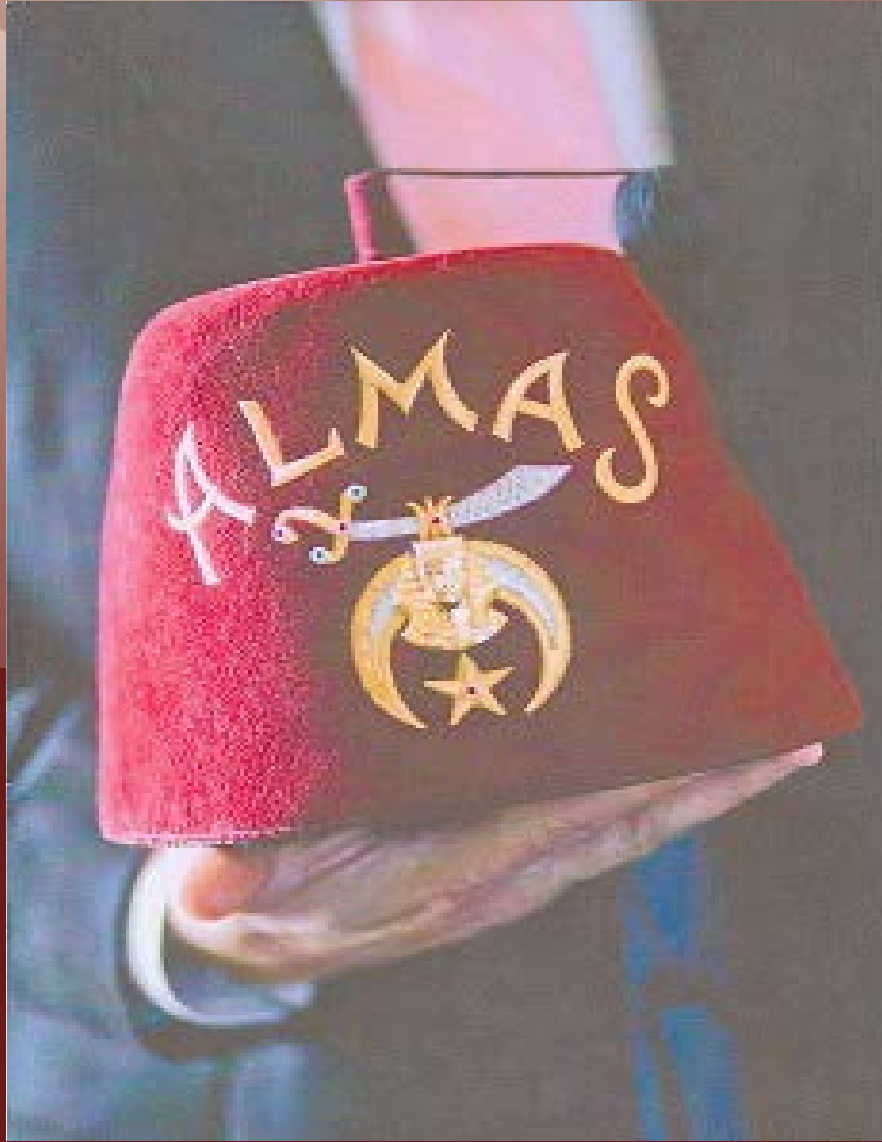


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Potentate's Message



"History for Sale: Harrisburg's Zembo Shrine Put on the Market." I read this headline in early February in the Harrisburg News which was discussing the sale (at an overall loss) of the Zembo Shrine Building. Zembo, like many Shrine Centers, has seen a downturn in membership and an increase in costs over the years with few increases in revenue. Personally, this is the third Shrine Temple's building that I'm aware of being sold in the last six months. It's headlines like these that cause me grave concern for the future of Almas Shrine Temple.

Nobles - It's time for change

We must **solidify** our financial future. Each year Almas Shrine spends more money than we receive. How much? Let's just say the figure is measured in hundreds of thousands of dollars. If you would like the details, please come to a business or board meeting and find out. Under current conditions, an article about Almas selling our building will probably be printed in 2022, just five years from now. I have formed a committee to evaluate how to address this including the possibility that our "building rental business" isn't worth the cost we incur. It's very possible that if we only use our building for fraternal purposes we could actually save money.

We are spending old money and it's time for new investment. **Nobles, only you can help!** I am proposing that we establish a permanent irrevocable trust to serve as an endowment for the future of our organization. Revenue and market appreciation from the endowment could be leveraged for fraternal activities. This will create a long term source of revenue for Almas Shriners. Would you consider donating to your Shrine's Future? Has your time at Almas been fun and fulfilling? If so, please consider a bequest to Almas Shriners as part of your estate planning or give a donation to the endowment now. There are also smaller ways to help as well - such as the Honor Plaques program being run by Illustrious Sir Fred Evans.

We also need to **strengthen** our activities. Better activities are more fun which encourages more participation which leads to more members and more revenue. **Nobles, there's no fun without you!** So far in 2017 attendance at our events has been higher than in recent times but we must sustain that pace. I'm writing this message on March 14, 2017. Our Potentate's Ball and Charity Party are just over two weeks away. So far we've had far more tickets and tables sold to Masonic Lodges and other bodies than we have had nobles. At this time we have about eighty people signed up, (50 as tables from other bodies, 14 for past potentates, 15 of my personal friends and family and 2 from the nobility.) I know Shrine Masons tend toward last minute RSVPs but we really need your support in registering as soon as possible to get an accurate head count.

Upcoming Events:

April 1: Potentate's Ball - sign up www.almasshriners.org
April 8: Cherry Blossom Parade - Come **support** the community as a clown on the Fire Engine.
April 9: Children's Easter Parade - Peruvian Club is hosting this great event to support our Hospital kids.
May 20: Temple Picnic at Alan Gordon residence.
May 21: Almas Memorial Service

Yours in the Faith,



Almas Shriners Business Meeting



April 6, 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.

Daughters of the Nile



On March 11, 2017 Daughters of the Nile held their Installation of Officers. It is with great pleasure and honor that we welcome our new line of officers: Diane Regner as Princess Royal, Josephine Foly as Princess Tirzah and Adriana Orsi as Princess Badoura. We are also very pleased to welcome our two very new members Norma de Escamilla and Vanessa Gordon.

The soloist Kristen Engelke came from Glen Arm, Maryland to share her vocal talents, "The Lord's Prayer" and the "The Prayer" with us.

Joy Lawson, the parent of one of our patients at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, was a wonder to hear and a reminder of so many of the things that we take for granted. I am most appreciative that she was so willing to share of her time and personal experiences. We are off to a wonderful start and we welcome you to join us.

Sincerely,
Diane Logue
Queen





Almas Peruvian Shrine Club

Cordially Invites Everyone



(Your Children, Neighbors Children, Grand Children and Great Grandchildren)

to the

Almas Shriner's Annual Easter Egg Roll



Sunday, April 9, 2017

From 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

At the Almas Shrine Center
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005



Please R.S.V.P. no later than
April 7, 2017 to the
Almas Shrine Center at
202-898-1688





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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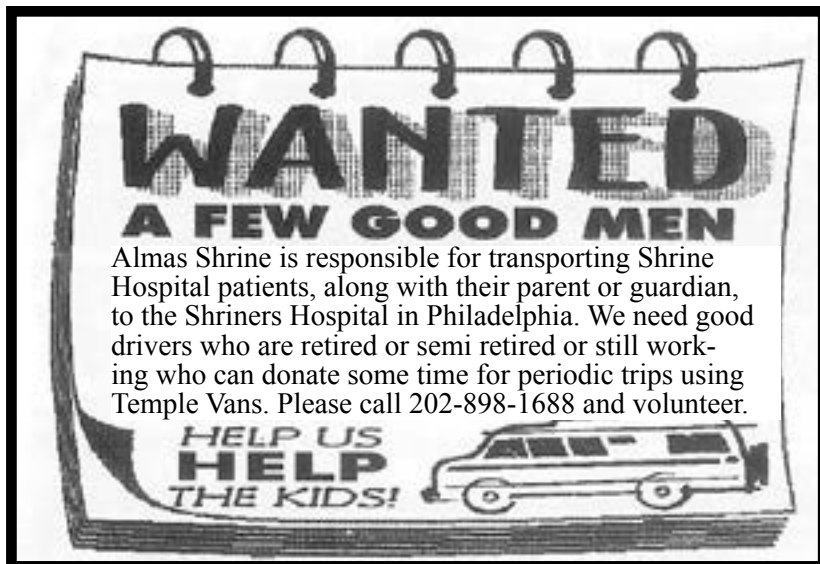
Northwest-BCC Shrine Club

In Honor of Walter Simon on becoming a Great Grandfather for the first time.

Bonnie Forman

Other Donations

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Almas Shriners/Jack Chaillet Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, August 7, 2017

**Renditions Golf Club
1380 W. Central Ave.
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410-798-9798**



**Individual Golf Package \$75.00
(Includes Lunch)**

1. _____
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Shotgun Start: 9:00 A.M.
Lunch & Awards: 2:00 P.M.**



**Corporate Sponsor \$500.00
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Assistant Rabban - Frank Ireton



With January and February under our belts Almas is off to a great start this year. In my last month's ramblings I mention the upcoming Imperial Session in Daytona Beach this July. We are working on getting the Almas Fire Engine and Checker cab to Imperial for participation in the parade. And, on the subject of parades, you may have seen the photo in the last Alibi of Illustrious Sir Michael riding a small scooter during the Chinese New Year parade. There is talk of forming a scooter patrol for participation in Shrine and other parades. Illustrious Sir Alan Gordon purchased a scooter and Illustrious Sir Michael was able to obtain two more scooters. Contact him for details if you are interested in joining the patrol.

March 17th will see the inauguration of the Almas Shrine Spirit Society at the Temple at the St. Patrick's Day party. The party is open to all Almas Shriners, family, and friends (21+). Tasting samples and light refreshments will be available. We will be working with the distributors and beverage representatives to highlight distilleries, and breweries in monthly tastings. Watch for Society events on the Almas website and in future *alibis*, then join us to expand your tasting horizons and learn the difference between whiskey and whisky.

Did you make your reservation for the Potentate's Ball? Come out and support Illustrious Sir Michael and First Lady Vanessa's big event. The gala evening will feature dining and dancing to the sounds of Prince Havelly and his Royal Highness Band. About 9:30 The Fellowcraft Band will kick off the Charity After Party. If you do not attend the Potentate's Ball there is a \$25.00 admission charge for the After Party with proceeds supporting the Almas Transportation Fund.

Finally, in his closing remarks at the last business meeting, Illustrious Sir Michael pointed out that we all know at least two other Almas Shriners. He urged us to contact them and bring them to Almas meetings and events. Take that one step farther and talk to non-Shrine Brothers at your lodge meetings and invite them to join us. Many of our activities are open to non-members and are a good recruiting tool. I look forward to seeing you at the next Almas event.

Frank Ireton,
Assistant Rabban,



Almas Yacht Club Invites you To a Day on the Bay Aboard SV Second Life

Almas Yacht Club is selling raffle tickets for a one day outing on the Chesapeake Bay. SV Second Life is a 36 foot

Hunter sailboat with a sloop rig. Date of the trip will be mutually decided by Skipper Frank Ireton, PC and winner of the raffle and will be dependent on weather conditions.

We will depart from slip F7 at Shipwright Harbor in Deale, Maryland at 9:00 am and will return around 5:00 pm.

Lunch, snacks, and beverages will be provided.

Raffle Tickets can be purchased from
Almas Yacht Club Bridge Officers or
via email: fireton@mac.com

Tickets are \$10.00 each

Or three for \$25.00.

Proceeds benefit Almas Yacht Club and are not tax deductible.

High Priest & Prophet-Andrew Lawless

4 plus 1 equals 1



Once a year, the four Shrines in the State of Virginia get really organized – and Almas is catching up.

Shrine life can be very packed with activities and events, such as Potentate's Balls, Ceremonials, Imperial Sessions, MASA Conventions, Installations, Rodeos ... and we have got to organize one on K-Street - Outhouse Races.

To make sure that they can support each other and are not double-booked, the four Shrine Temples in Virginia meet once a year to coordinate schedules. The meeting is for members of the Divans, but not the Potentates. For one, this may be more fun. But most importantly, Potentate's have no business there. The forum plans for the future Potentates, if duly elected as projected.

This year, the four Virginia Temples kindly invited Almas to participate in the planning meeting. We have joint missions and values, so the Almas Divan whole-heartedly embraced the idea and gratefully participated in the 2017 meeting earlier this year. It was a wonderful experience and display of friendship, fun and hard work. The line of the Grand Lodge of Virginia actively participated as well to make sure that their schedules for the next five years align with those of the other Shrine Temples in the area.

We all know how much such coordination is needed. Who has not experienced conflicts because Shrine, Scottish Rite and Grand Lodge of DC have over-lapping key events?

Yes, there was camels milk and great potluck food (every temple contributed and shared generously). Most importantly, we all got to know each other better and renewed our vow to support each other as much as we can.

I already know which events I will attend in 2020, if duly elected. Divan members of the same position hammered out their plans for the year when they are supposed to be Potentates. After all, we may be five temples but we are part of one fraternity. United we rise.

You can find all dates on Almas website at <https://www.almasshriners.org> along with key dates for Almas, DC Scottish Rite and Grand Lodge of DC. The events calendar on the Almas website updates every night so that you can stay current with Temple activities. If you register for the events and pay online, you will always have a complete record of your payments. Check out the new website to see all the improvements and enhancements that we are making to the website in real time and you can now read your *alibi* on your phone, tablet or computer.

Andrew Lawless,
High Priest and Prophet



Ann, Dylan and I received a very warm welcome at the 4-temple meeting. Kena is unfortunately missing on this photo because they got stuck in traffic. But Geoff Lyster, HPP of Kena and I had many insightful conversations later that evening.



Divans and their Ladies met with their counterparts to foster friendship and plan mutual support at the 4-temple meeting. Almas joined the event for the very first time. Note the Potentate in the making on the right



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First Lady Vanessa Gordon
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Mardi Gras**

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Saturday, April 1st

5:00 Social Hour with Open Bar

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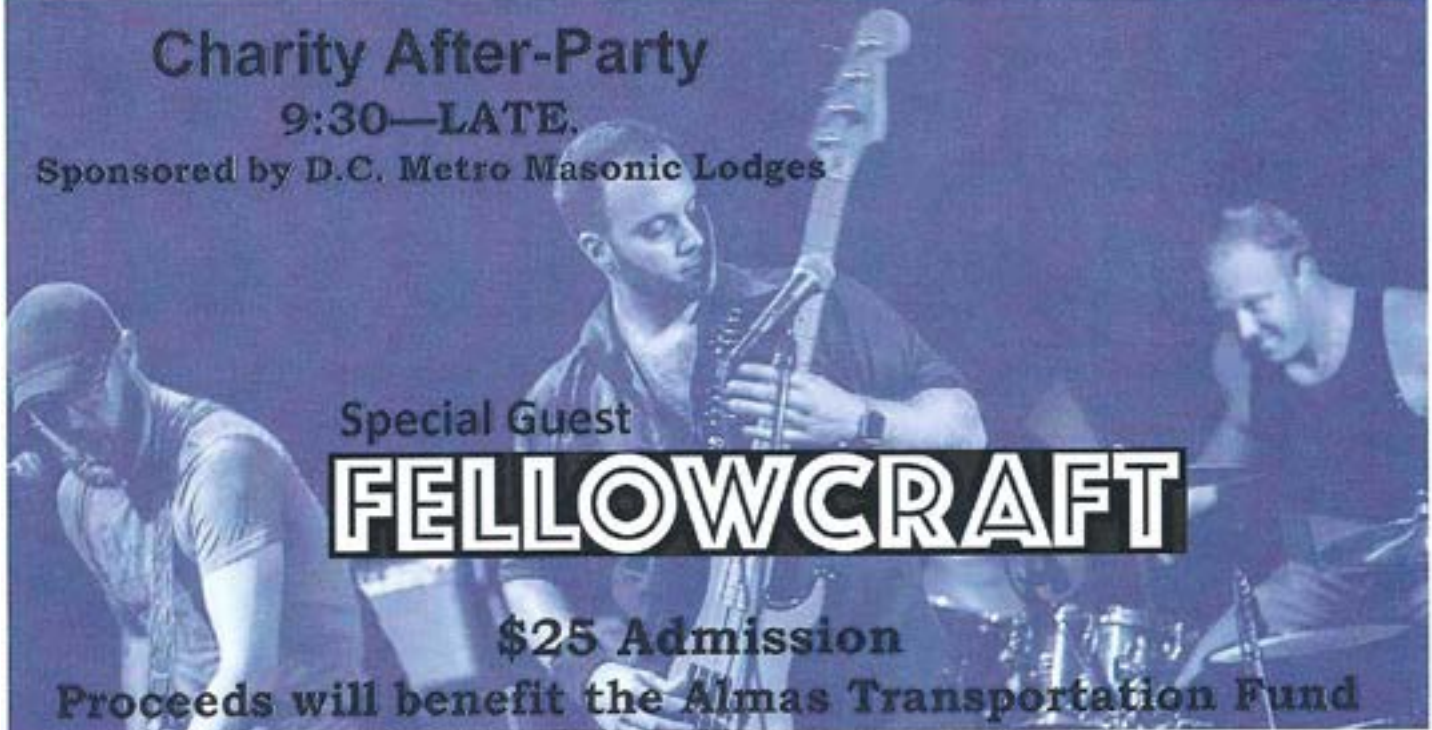
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Almas Shriners, 1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

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Phone Number: _____ **Unit:** _____
Significate Other: _____
Credit Card # _____ **EXP Date:** _____

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Check in Dates: (Remember there is a 3 night minimum stay.)

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 _____
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 _____
Thursday, September 7, 2017 _____
Friday, September 8, 2017 _____
Saturday, September 9, 2017 _____



Special Needs: _____





Almas Temple Picnic & Crab Feast

May 20, 2017

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**At the home of
Ill. Sir Alan Gordon
3708 Monitor Place
Olney, MD 20832**

**Cost:
\$10.00 per person**

**RSVP to the Temple Office
at 202-898-1688**

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Almas Website updates

How to Check What's Happening At The Shrine

We have revamped our website. If you have not seen it yet, go check it out here: <https://www.almasshriners.org/>

While we have designed the website to be informative for Masons that are interested in becoming Nobles, it keeps existing members up-to-date with what's going on inside and outside the temple – in real time.

Here are the most important resources:

Events (<https://www.almasshriners.org/events>): The calendar includes the Almas Shrine calendar and also lists key events from DC Scottish Rite, Grand Lodge of DC, and Shrine Temples in Virginia. The calendar updates every day overnight. Do you want your event listed? Send an email to info@almasshriners.org.

Almas *alibi* (<https://www.almasshriners.org/category/almas-alibi>): All new issues of Almas alibi are now available online in digital format. You can now read the entire *alibi* on you mobile phones, tablets and computer. You can download each issue as well.

Photos (<https://www.almasshriners.org/photo-gallery>): Did you miss an event but still want to see who was there and what happened? This is the page to go. Do you want to share photos from your event? Send them to admin@almasshrine.org.

Pay Your Dues (<https://www.almasshriners.org/dues>): You can pay your dues online here. Note that you do NOT need an account to pay online. It is also true that creating an account will help you keep track of your payments, purchases and donations. Just click the box 'Create an account?' before you submit payment.

Roadmap (<https://www.almasshriners.org/kanban/board>): We are updating and improving the website every day. Go to this board to see what's on the to-do list and how we are progressing. If you have an account, you can add your own wish list or send an email to admin@almasshrine.org.



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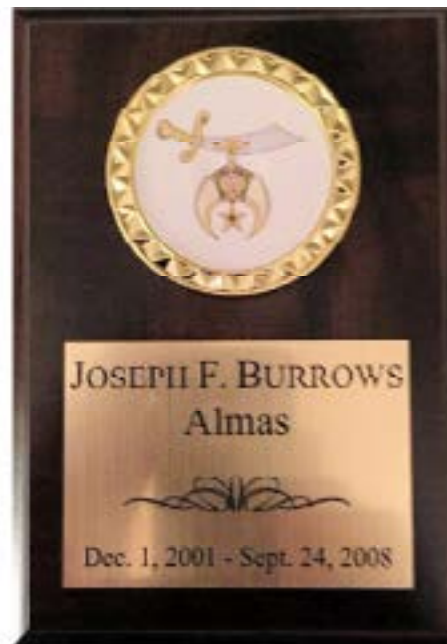
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(as of 3-24-2017)

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Thursday Night Dinner

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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.**

Call the Temple Office at 202-898-1688 to make your reservation by Wednesday, March 1st before 12 noon.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone.



Delicious Deals

Starter

Crispy Romaine Salad

Entree

Grilled Beef Sirloin w/Bordelaise Sauce

Grilled Salmon w/Teriyaki Soy Sauce

French Cut Chicken w/Wild Mushroom Sauce

Sauteed Green Beans
Steamed Jasmine Rice

Dessert

Cheese Cake w/ Seasonal Berry Coulis
Seasonal Fresh Fruit



Save the Date

June 10, 2017

**Almas Yacht Club
Commodor's Ball**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Potentate's Ball April Fool's Day
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	24 Board Meeting	25 Scottish Rite	26 Northwest/BCC Shrine Club Mtg.	27 Yacht Club Mtg.	28 Spring Legion of Honor Mtg.	29 MASA
30 Southeast Shrine Club Mtg.						

MAY 2017

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

JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Business Mtg. & DON	2	3
4	5	6 Scottish Rite	7	8	9	10 Yacht Club Commodore's Ball
11	12	13 Scottish Rite	14 Motor Corp Meeting	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20 Scottish Rite	21 NW/BCC Shrine Club Meeting	22 Yacht Club Meeting	23	24 Ceremonial
25	26 Board Meeting	27 Scottish Rite	28	28	30 Legion of Honor Mtg.	

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