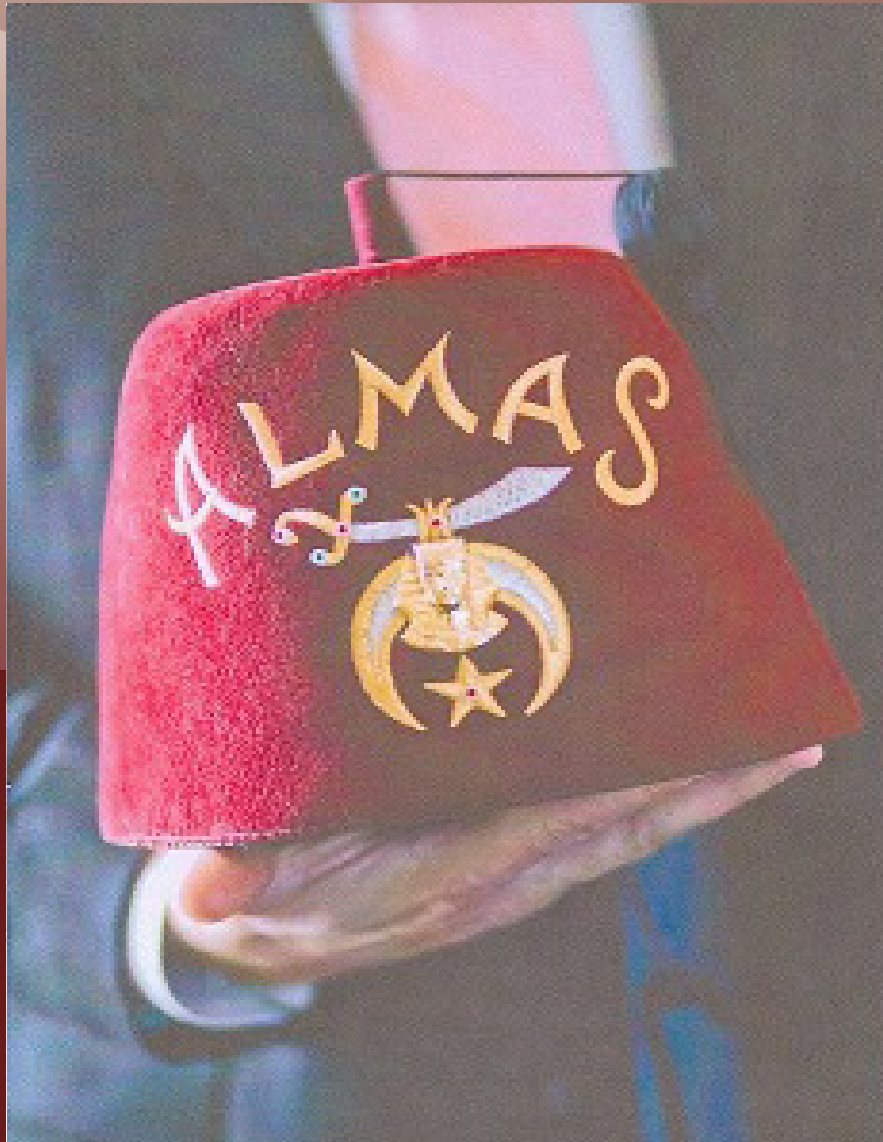


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Potentate's Message



Greetings Nobles,



This will be my first greeting to you as your Potentate and I am humbled by the trust that you have placed in me to lead our Temple this year. The Divan and I were installed at our January 6th Installation and I want to thank everyone who ventured out into the cold temperatures to take part. The fellowship we shared helped warm us all and I am sure the "Moonshine" helped also.

We started off a busy February with the Temple Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4th starting at 4:30 pm. See the flier for more information on this annual event sponsored by the Almas Klowns Club. Next up will be our Valentine Celebration on Sunday, February 11th. The first Temple parade of the year will be the Chinese New Year Parade on Sunday, February 18th. This will be our second year attending this parade, and I hope that we have as great an attendance as we did last year. Remember to wear "Red" for Good Luck, it is the Year of the Dog.

This year our Temple will be focusing on membership growth in Almas. Back in August 2017 we started a new membership goal of adding 200 new Almas Shriners by the 2018 Imperial Session. To help add a little motivation, the Divan has added a new incentive program. We are offering any Noble who is the first line signer of 10 new petitions, between January and December 2018, a Temple Life Membership. The requirement to obtain this award, is that the petition must be for a new candidate for Almas Shriners. This is a great opportunity and I encourage all Nobles to take part.

I want to take a few minutes to welcome the two newest Nobles of our Temple. First, I want to welcome the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, MWB and now Noble Richard Bautista to the ranks of our Nobility. It was my personal honor to Fez my friend and my Grand Master prior to my Installation on January 6th. Welcome Most Worshipful Grand Master! Second, I want to welcome the Worshipful Master of my Mother Lodge Federal Lodge No. 1, Worshipful Master Larry Von Weigel. Welcome Worshipful Master!



Be Well Nobles!

Jeff D. Holt,



Almas Shriners Annual Business Meeting



February 1, 2018 7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW
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Attest:

Jeffrey D. Holt, Potentate

&

Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P., Recorder

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Almas Yacht Club

Happy New Year and Happy Valentines Day from the Almas Yacht Club:

We certainly hope that you have had a great holiday and are looking forward to a great 2018. Wishing all of you and your significant others a very happy Valentines day.

I was installed as the Almas Yacht Club Commodore the same day as the Installation of Illustrious Sir Jeffrey D. Holt, January 6, 2018 by Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr.

By the time you are reading this we will already have had our Commodore's Ball, on January 20 at Kena Temple in Fairfax with the members of the Kena Yacht Club. Look for the next alibi with the news of the Commodore's Ball.

This year we are planning to have many activities like a barbecue in June and August as well as our participation at the Mid Atlantic Shriners Yacht Club, a cruise over the Potomac and much more.

In the month of February I will be participating at the Mid Winter Meeting of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs at The Florida Villages in Orlando, Florida.

As I am writing this article I received the sad news of the passing of Lady Sandy Herbert. Our condolences, thought and prayers go out to Maurice Herbert and the family.

Happy Sailing, Nobles
Luis G. Cisneros
Almas Yacht Club Commodore, 2018

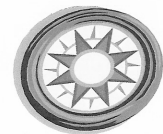


N.W. - BCC Shrine Club

ON SUNDAY MARCH 18, THE CLUB IS HAVING IT'S ANNUAL BULL AND OYSTER ROAST. THE COST IS \$30 PER PERSON (CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE) WHICH INCLUDES BEVERAGES, FRIED OYSTERS, HOT DOGS FOR KIDS, BEEF, OYSTERS AND CLAMS ON HALF SHELL AND DESSERTS. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A TRASH AND TREASURE TABLE AND DOOR PRIZES. WE MEET AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL OFF OF FOREST GLEN ROAD. THE ADDRESS IS: 5707 ROSENSTEEL AVE., SILVER SPRING, MD. 20910. SEE ALIBI FOR FURTHER DETAILS. WE ALSO HAVE MONTHLY DINNER MEALS AT \$20 A PERSON.

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BOSS KLOWN (FOR THE PRESENT)**



Chief Rabban - Frank Ireton



And so the New Year begins. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir JD Holt, installed as the 2018 Almas Potentate. A nice turnout for the installation started the year off with a reception catered by Atlantic Catering and live music to entertain guests. Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr. from Boumi Temple was the installing officer for the 18th year in a row. Not wanting to pass up the opportunity I invited him to serve as the installing officer for 2019 and, not to be out done, Noble George Perez, Assistant Rabban, invited him to serve at the 2020 installation for the 20th time. It is nice to have some of the 2019 year planning in hand.

Check the Almas calendar on the back page of this Alibi for upcoming events. The Almas Klowns are sponsoring a Superbowl party on February 4. The doors will open at 4:30 PM with a game time at 6:30. RSVP to Head Clown Walter Simon or the Temple Office by February 1 if you wish to attend. There will be games, food, and fun. Come on down and cheer on your favorite team or jeer your least favorite team. Ravens and

Redskin fans can commiserate on missed opportunities over an adult beverage of choice.

Our first of several 2018 parade appearances will be the Chinese New Year's Parade on February 18th. Dress warmly and wear your Fez. Time and meeting place to be announced on our website and Facebook pages. We are looking to participate in more of the local parades this year. If you know of a parade in your area let us know and we will see if it can be worked into the schedule.

Business meetings are on the first Thursday with social and dinner prior to the meeting. Your attendance at the meeting supports Almas and keeps you informed of upcoming events. Illustrious Sir Holt has put forth a goal of 100 new members for Almas over the next year. This is in support of Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske's "I am committed, are you?" with the goal of growing Shrine membership. Illustrious Sir JD Holt's other goal is near and dear to me, that of focusing on Almas Units and Clubs. Almas Shriners members are encouraged to become actively involved in the clubs and units to share in the fun of Shrinedom. If you have suggestions on improvement of the Unit and Club experience contact Illustrious Sir JD or any of the Elected Divan.

Yours in the Faith.

Frank Ireton
Chief Rabban



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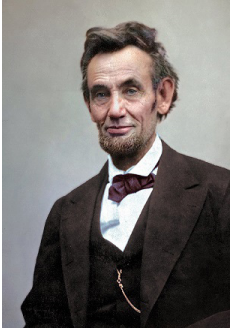
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“Presidents’ Day”

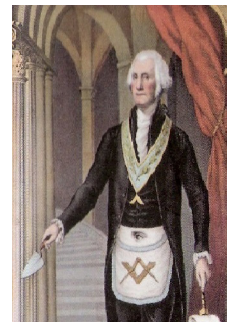
“Presidents’ Day” is celebrated on the third Monday in February each year as a day to recognize all presidents, past and present. Some consider it a celebration of certain key presidents, such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

“Presidents’” Day was originally established in 1885 in recognition of President Ill. Bro. George Washington, it is still officially called “Washington’s Birthday” by the Federal Government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22nd, Ill. Bro. Washington’s actual day of birth, the holiday became known as “Presidents’ Day” after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Ill. Bro. Washington, according to the calendar which has been used since the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old-style calendar in use back then, he was born on February 11. In 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.

At the time, Ill. Bro. George Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

Ill. Bro. George Washington’s Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s. It was not until the late 1870s when it became a Federal Holiday. Senator Steven Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas was first to propose the measure, and in 1879 President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday initially applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it expanded to the entire country. At the time, Washington’s Birthday joined four other nationally recognized Federal Holidays; Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving Day. This was the first holiday which celebrates the life of an individual American.



As Deity would have it, our country way given President Abraham Lincoln, a revered president born on the 12th of February. The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both Houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address.

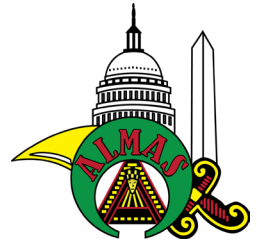
The change from Washington’s Birthday to “Presidents’ Day” began in the late 1960s when Congress proposed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This law shifted the celebration of several Federal Holidays from specific dates to a series of predetermined Mondays. While the holiday in February remains officially known as Washington’s Birthday to the Office of Personnel Management, it has become known as “Presidents’ Day” to the general public. This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Presidents Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as President.

Lawmakers debated combining Washington’s birthday celebration with Lincoln’s birthday, but the act never established the observance of both birthdays as one. Interestingly, even though William Henry Harrison and Ronald Reagan were also born in February, “Presidents Day” never actually lands on a president’s birthday. All of their actual birth dates are too early or too late in the month to fall on Presidents’ Day.

Presidents Washington and Lincoln remain the two most recognized leaders of “Presidents’ Day” and is now seen as a day to recognize the lives and achievements of all of America’s Chief Executives. Some lawmakers have objected to this view, arguing that grouping George Washington and Abraham Lincoln together with less successful Presidents minimizes their legacies. Most firmly agree, as Ill. Bro. Washington’s achievements far over shadow the achievements of those who have come after.

Almas Shriners Super Bowl Party

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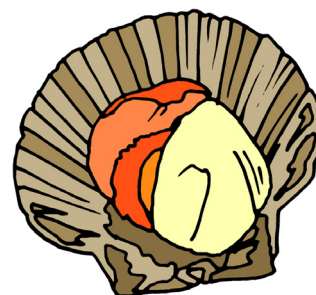
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4 Super Bowl Game	5	6 Scottish Rite	7	8	9	10
11 Valentine Celebration	12	13 Scottish Rite	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18 Chinese New Year Parade	19 President's Day Temple Closed	20 Scottish Rite	21 Motor Corp. Mtg.	22 Yacht Club Meeting	23	24
25	26 Board Meeting	27 Scottish Rite	28 NW/BCC Shrine Club Mtg.			

MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Business Mtg. & DON	2	3
4	5	6 Scottish Rite	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13 Scottish Rite	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration St. Patricks Day
18 NW/BCC Bull & Oyster Roast	19	20 Scottish Rite	21 Motor Corp. Mtg.	22 Yacht Club Meeting	23	24 Easter Egg Roll
25 Palm Sunday	26 Board Meeting	27 Scottish Rite	28 NW/BCC Shrine Club Mtg.	29	30 Good Friday	31 Passover Begins

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Sunday	2	3 Scottish Rite	4	5 Business Mtg. & DON	6	7
8	9	10 Scottish Rite	11	12	13	14 Cherry Blossom Parade
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