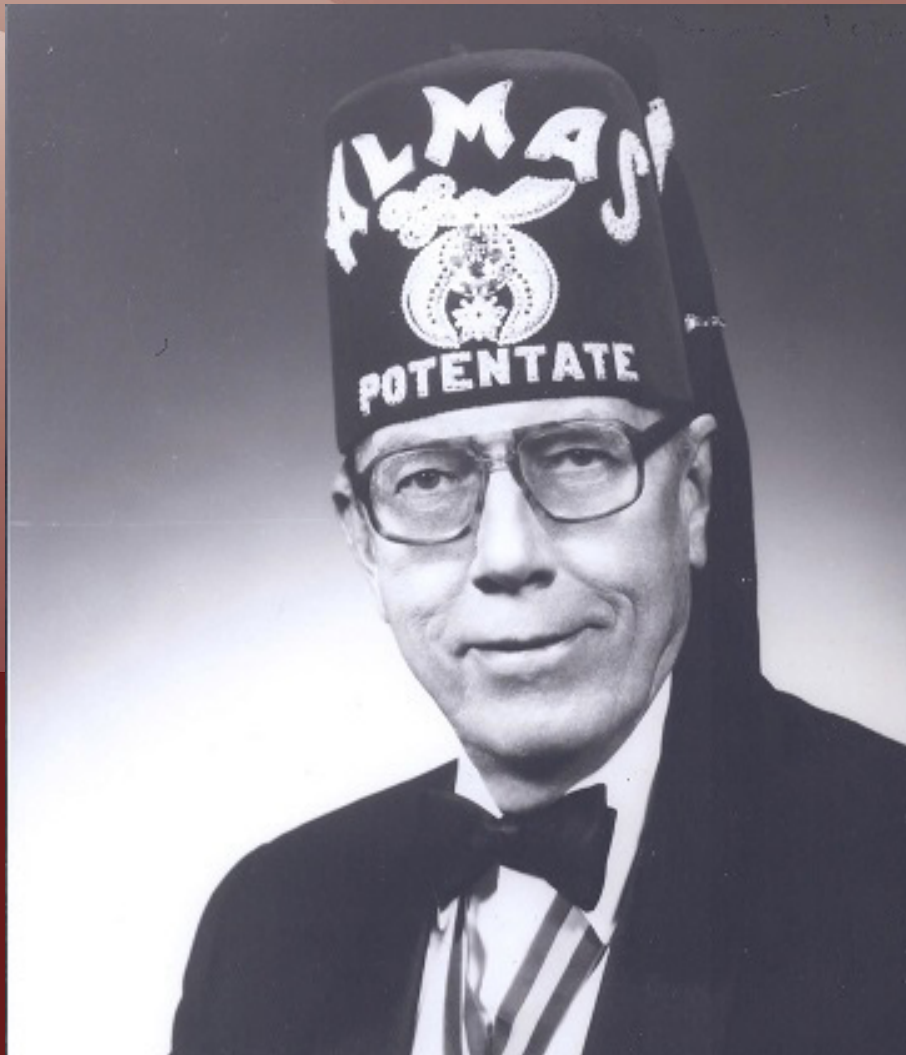


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Robert E. Anson
Blaine H. Asher
Michael Aunzo
Billy J. Baker
Michael Baker
Jay Ivan Barmack
Eduardo Antonio Bertacchi Uvo
Robert W. Biddle
Robert P. Biddle
A. Albert Bliss
Cesar Blanco Avelino
Luciano Carvalho Agrizzi
Alvaro Daniel Cesar Fernandez
Itamar Jose Chagas
Andrew Lambrou Charalambous
Paul K. Christensen
Matthew D. Clarkson
Frank E. Compitello
Raul F. Cruz
Maurice J. Curcio
Richard C. Cutlip, Jr.
Timothy J. Danahey
Aldo Elguera
Lewis C. Ellis
Fred W. Evans, P.P.
Fabricio Rossi Fernandes Lima
Arquibaldo Evangelista Ferreira
Acle Zouain Filho
Alejandro Pablo Fontaina Minelli
Marshall D. Fraim
Clyde D. Garrett, II
Atiako George
J. Kenneth Gibala
Juan Carlos Gomez Pizarro
David Gregory
Mark E. Hartz, P.P.
Douglas C. Holbrook
James C. Holland
Lawrence W. Hynson



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Antonio Martelli Junior
Dean E. Klinger
E. Sam Koontz
Guenter Krejs
Jerry E. Larrow
Glenn R. Looper
Jerry Marathon
Matthew S. McGinley
Bruce McMullen
Wayne A. Mills
Deria N. Moeis
Robert L. Moore
Paulo Roberto Moulin
Habakuk Ndzerre
Cesar F. Pena
Andreas Penk
Ben Gil Price
Ralph Dementri Ransom
Bilal M. Raschid
Richard Reccardi
George Reid, Jr.
Christopher Rivera
Terry Lee Royce, Sr.
Gualberto Ruiz Estellano
Michael J. Runfolo
Norman L. Spears
Christopher Stokes
Sten Esaias Tegner
George A. Valais
George D. Vassiliou
Jose L. Vedia
Oscar H. Viera
Charles H. Volkman
Billy J. Walker
Robert C. Wallace
Allen David Warnes
Royce A. Watson, P.P.
Courtney S. Wessinger
Guilherme Zem



Potentate's Message



Es Selamu Aleikum Nobles of Almas Shriners,

February has been an exciting and very busy month for the Potentate. I am not complaining, I LOVE wearing my Fez! We started the month out attending the DC Scottish Rite Installation program on February 3rd, and as usual, it was a First Class Affair. My personal thanks to the SGIG, Ill. Leonard Proden for the warm hospitality. The Almas Klowns hosted the annual Super Bowl Party that was enjoyed by all. Congrats to the Eagles Fans for a great game. Next Year Redskins, Next Year!

Kyle and I had the honor to host the Temples Valentine Celebration, an event that can be summed up in three words: Chocolates, Roses, Champagne! Thank you to all that came together to put this great event on. Almas took part in its first parade on February 18th, by participating in the Annual DC Chinese New Year's Parade. I want to wish everyone Gong Hey Fat Choy, which is literally "Wishing you to be prosperous in the Year! Happy Year of the Dog, Almas!

If you were unable to make it out to these events, do not worry. The Month of March is loaded with fun events too! On March 17th Almas Spirit Society will host its second annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. This was a very popular event last year, and I know it will be a great time. The NW/BCC Shrine club will have its annual Bull & Oyster Roast on March 18th; I already have my tickets and hope to see you all there. The Temple's Easter Egg Roll will be held at the Temple on March 24th, so please bring your kids, grand kids, or great grand kids out to this fun event. I heard from a very reliable source that the Easter Bunny would make an appearance with a basket full of goodies for kids of every age.

In closing, I must take a minute to share the news of the passing of one of our own Nobles. Ill. Sir Charles S. Iversen, PP passed to the Celestial Temple on January 27, 2018. I had the honor to share time with Ill. Sir Iversen during my time at the DC Scottish Rite. Ill. Sir Iversen served Almas Temple as Potentate 1986, the Centennial Year of Almas. I have asked that his Potentate portrait be placed on the front cover of this Alibi issue as a fitting tribute to a Past Potentate, Noble, and Brother who served this Temple with honor.

Aleikum Es Selam,

Jeffrey D. Holt



Almas Shriners Business Meeting

March 1, 2018 7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:

Jeffrey D. Holt, Potentate

&

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

Wear your Fez



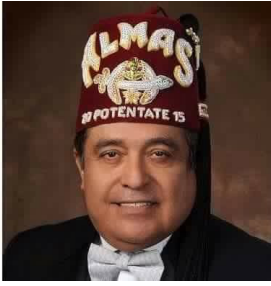
Your 2018 Dues Card is necessary for admittance.

Save the Date
May 19, 2018
Almas Crab Feast
Location: Home of Alan Gordon, P.P.
Cost: \$25.00 per person

The background of the flyer features a large pile of cooked crabs, a box of Old Bay Seasoning, and wooden mallets. The text is overlaid on this image. The background also includes a collage of newspaper clippings related to the Almas Shriners.

Almas Yacht Club

Greetings from the Bridge



On January 20, 2018 we had our joint Installation and Change of Watch at KENA Shrine Temple in Fairfax, Va. I was installed as Almas Yacht Club Commodore for the year 2018 by Illustrious Sir Jeffrey D. Holt, Almas Shrine Potentate 2018. The Commodore for Kena Yacht Club Noble Don McLean was installed by Illustrious Sir Larry D. Parks, Kena Shrine Potentate 2018. Thank you to Ill Rick Hall, P. P. / P. C. for his excellent role as Master of Ceremonies. I believe that everybody who attend the ball had a great time.

Special thank you to our Vice-Commodore Jesse Villarreal and Lady Sandy for taking care of the February meeting for Almas Yacht Club at Clyde's Restaurant in Chevy Chase, MD.

Our Fleet Captain, José A. Escamilla and Lady Norma have been, working diligently in securing a Boat Tour on the Potomac and Lunch at the Chart House in Alexandria, Va. For Saturday April 28, confirmation to follow.

On a sad note we lost our Illustrious Sir Charles S. Iversen, 33° Almas Potentate 1986 and Member of our own Almas Yacht Club, SGIG of the Scottish Rite 1991-2001 and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington D.C. 1990

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Commodore. Luis G. Cisneros
Vice-Commodore Jesse Villarreal
Rear Commodore
Fleet Captain. José Escamilla
Secretary. Fred Evans
Treasurer. Bob Noel



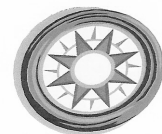
Yours in the faith.
Luis G. Cisneros, Commodore 2018

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 PAGE 10 OF THE ALIBI FOR FURTHER DETAILS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, YOU MUST HAVE TICKETS IN HAND OR WAITING AT DOOR, BUT WE MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP A WEEK IN ADVANCE SO WE CAN GIVE THE CATERER AND OYSTER MAN AN ACTUAL COUNT.

WE ALSO HAVE MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS AT \$20 A PERSON. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL THE SECRETARY WALTER SIMON AT 301-318-2485.

AT OUR MEETINGS, ALL ARE WELCOME, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT OTHERS.





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.

DONATIONS

In Memory of Don Jennings
Doris A. Muse

In Memory of Sandy Herbert
George & Judy Whetzel
Alma Jean Bridegum
Robert F. Drechsler

In Memory of Charles S. Iversen,
PGM, P.P.
Robert F. Drechsler
Grant & Beverly Berning

In Memory of Melvin Asterken
Irwin B. Pescov

Other Donations

Super Bowl Tips from Mel Harrison



Almas Transportation Fund Donations

Remember a loved one or a friend, make a donation to the Almas Hospital Transportation Fund. Make checks payable to: Almas Hospital Transportation Fund and mail to Almas Shriners, 1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005. Donations to the Transportation Fund are tax deductible.

Date..... Amount \$.....

In Memory of.....

In Honor of.....

Person(s) to whom acknowledgment is to be sent:

Name.....

Address.....

City & State..... Zip.....

Name of Donor(s).....

Address.....

City & State..... Zip.....



Krazy Klown Korner

STILL WANTED A FEW KRAZY ACTING YOUNG MEN



ALMAS KLOWNS HAD A SUPER BOWL PARTY AT THE SHRINE CENTER. LOOK AT ALL THE FUN YOU MISSED. COME JOIN US AS WE PARADE IN APRIL AT THE CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT THE SHRINE CENTER AFTER THE PARADE. WE NEED YOU TO SHOW YOUR INNER AND OUTER SELVES AND MAKE KIDS AND ADULTS SMILE

AT PARADES.

MOST KIDS AND ADULTS LOVE KLOWNS AND LOVE TO HAVE PICTURES TAKEN WITH KLOWNS. WOMEN, AND CHILDREN ALSO CAN TAKE PART IN LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARADES. WE HAVE A KLOWN FIRE ENGINE AND WE ALSO TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND WE ALSO TAKE PART IN SEVERAL LOCAL PARADES. YOU CAN WEAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES, EVEN LONG JOHNS AND NIGHTGOWNS, IF CLEAN AND DECENT. ANYTHING THAT MAKES YOU LOOK FUNNY.



YOU MAY NOT WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE KLOWN UNIT, BUT ALL WE ARE ASKING FOR IS ONE DAY OF YOUR TIME DEVOTED TO HAVING FUN AND MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH. THE FUNNIER YOU LOOK, THE BETTER. IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE KLOWNS IN THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARADES,



CALL THE BOSS KLOWN, WALTER SIMON AT 301-318-2485,
AND LET US KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS.

WEIRD WALLY
BOSS KLOWN (FOR THE PRESENT)



Chief Rabban - Frank Ireton



Chief Rabban Rambles On.

Congratulations to the Almas Klowns for a super Super Bowl party. A nice crowd enjoyed the famous Clown popcorn machine along with assorted snacks. Half time food included a selection of BBQ meats and side dishes. Dessert topped off the food offerings with a special cake ordered by the Boss Clown Weird Wally—he tried to tell us he was up all night baking and decorating but we know better. The Sphinx Club bar was open for adult and other beverages and in the capable hands of Noble Melvin Harrison. Plans are being laid in for a repeat bash next year. But I am not sure we can offer as exciting a game ending as this year.

Our first of several 2018 parade appearances will be the Chinese New Year's Parade on February 18th. We are planning on having the fire engine there this year along with the scooter patrol and the Legion Checker. Dress warmly and wear you Fez. The next scheduled parade will be the Cherry Blossom Parade on April 14th. As with last year we are expecting a big turnout for the parade with several other Shrine Temples participating. If you have been thinking about joining the Klowns this is an excellent opportunity to jump in. This parade is another opportunity to show the Fez. Come on down and celebrate getting your taxes done on time. We are planning participation in several other parades through the year. Watch the Alibi for announcements.

Once again I will plug two of my favorite themes, business meetings and club activity. These are the heart and soul of Almas and where the fun begins. Business meetings are on the first Thursday with an open bar social and a plated dinner prior to the meeting. Your attendance at the meeting supports Almas, keeps you informed on Temple operations, and of upcoming events. Almas Shriners 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, an idea for a new club, contact Illustrious Sir Jeff Holt or any of the Elected Divan members.

Yours in the Faith.

Frank Ireton
Chief Rabban

St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour



Saturday, March 17th

6:00—10:00pm



Sphinx Club, Almas Shriners Temple.

Irish Whiskey and Snacks,
50/50, and Whiskey Raffle

Open to all DC, MD, and VA Shriners, Masons,
and Prospective Members

\$10.00 Includes Two Whiskey Samples

Céad Míle Fáilte

Assistant Rabban - George Perez

Spring Equinox

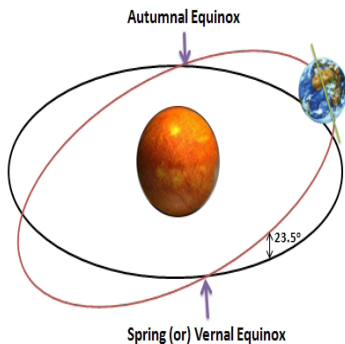


The Spring Equinox is arriving and unlike the centuries of old, the tilt of the earth is of miniscule fear. During this time of the equinox, and for an ephemeral moment of time, the earth is suspended in place at a point in time when the earth is neither closer to or further away from the sun.

The earth's axis is tilted at an angle of about 23.5° in relation to the ecliptic plane, the plane which is coplanar with earth's orbit around the Sun and henceforth the Sun's apparent orbit around earth. On the other days of the year the Southern Hemisphere or the Northern Hemisphere tilts slightly towards the Sun. But on the two equinoxes, the tilt of the earth's axis is perpendicular to the Sun's rays. During the equinox, night and day are nearly the same length – 12 hours – all over the world. This is the reason it's called an "equinox", derived from Latin, meaning "equal night."

Equinoxes and solstices are opposite on either side of the equator, and the March equinox is known as the "spring (vernal) equinox" in the Northern Hemisphere and as the "autumnal (fall) equinox" in the Southern Hemisphere. The equinox marks the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north.

The March equinox is celebrated as a time of rebirth in the Northern Hemisphere. Many cultures celebrate spring festivals and holidays around the March equinox, such as Easter and Passover.



The equinox is symbolic to the balance of all points of the compass. At each of those compass points, there is the center from which the needle point pivots. The center is similar to the point at which a pendulum during its back and forth travel drops to an absolute 0 point, the instant between the furthest of its arc's reach. At this point, for the ephemeral moment, balance is in perfect harmony before the plumb line travels away in its motion.

As Masons, we may parallel the equinox to the measurement of our point within a circle, the plumb line achieving the 0 point in its swing up to its furthest reaches. It suggests these instances of the pendulum's 0 point are the high or low points of our lives and are the moments of transition between two periods. Our teachings instruct us that the plumb measures our vertical stance, but when given motion, it also demonstrates the path of our circumference, our rotational motion around our axis. As the plumb traces its circumference, in the space of the sphere, it also orients back through the center marking the furthest points of our radius.

The equinox could be viewed as more than a transition point from one place to another or from one idea to another. This can be seen as being initiated to Masonry encompassing the start of one inner idea transitioning to another, the growing path of our thoughts and its sway of our own internal growth. This point on our earth's compass is similar to ours as we strive to circumscribe and keep within bounds of our Deity, Society, all mankind, but more especially with a brother Mason.

Northwest/BCC Shrine Clubs

Annual Bull & Oyster Roast

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Cost: \$30.00 per person



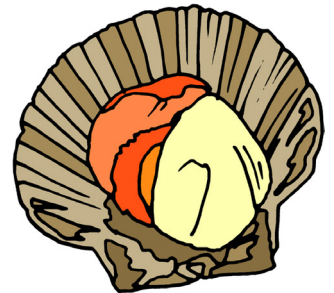
Includes
Raw Oysters & Clams, Fried Oysters
Hot Dogs, Sliced Beef
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Clam Chowder
Home Made Desserts
Soda & Beer

From 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Rosensteel Council Knights of Columbus Hall
9707 Rosensteel Avenue
Silver Spring, MD

Make your reservations no later than
March 9, 2018 with:

Walter Simon 301-318-2485
Jay Whitcomb 301-989-0121
Louis Numkin 301-933-0537





Almas Shriners

Annual Easter Egg Roll

**Saturday, March
24, 2018**

**from
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

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

**Please RSVP no later than
March 22, 2018
to
Almas Shrine Center
at 202-898-1688
or
Reservations@almasshriners.org**



Daughters of the Nile



Wishing everyone a Heartfelt February!!!

It certainly has been a cold winter, so cold in fact we wound up canceling our January meeting, but we are back for February!!!

Last month, I had the opportunity to see Gloria Estefan's - "Get On Your Feet" performance at the Kennedy Center, but totally didn't expect to see the Shriners' Rockin' the Conga line!!! I'm not sure where those Shriners came from, but I'd love to see the Almas Shriners give them a run for their money!!! Maybe at the next Potentate's Ball?

In the meantime, and on another note, as Pete Seeger writes:

"To everything
There is a season
And a time to every purpose, under heaven
A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap"
A time to be Queen, a time to be Past Queen!

And so, as term comes to a close, it has been both an honor and privilege to serve as Queen of Samla Temple #51 for this past term and I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the Shriners of Almas, for without your support there would be no Daughters of the Nile. We have done our best to support you and your hospital over the past year and look forward to teaming up with you for many more future events. Speaking of which....Our Wine Tasting Fund raiser for Shriners' Hospital wouldn't be complete without the presence of a few fezzes and maybe even a clown or two! Perhaps we can even pipe in some Conga music! So please:

**Join us at the Olney Winery for a Wine Tasting Fund raiser on
March 4, 2018, 12 noon – 4 pm**

All proceeds go to Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Philadelphia, PA.

Sponsored by Samla Temple No. 51, Daughters of the Nile in Washington, D.C.

**Ticket price: \$25 per person on-line (\$30 at the door)
One ticket for 5 tastes of wine (or a single glass of wine)
Appetizers and desserts**

**There will be drawings for baskets and 50/50
To purchase tickets in advance at www.olneywinery.com/winery-events/
(Scroll down and find our event on March 4th)**

**Purchase a bottle of wine and \$10 benefits the hospital and
You will be entered in a raffle to win a wine gift basket.**

Olney Winery, 18127 Town Center Dr, Olney, MD 20832

We hope that you will bring a friend and sip a little wine with us for this most worthwhile event!

See ya – On Your Feet,
Dancing Queen Diane



The DISPATCH

INFORMATION *to* INFLUENCE POSITIVE *Change*. EVERY DAY.

WEDNESDAY

January 31, 2018

SOD Bomb Tech Receives NSDAR's Distinguished Citizen Medal

The District of Columbia State Society awarded **Master Patrol Officer Paul Friedlander** the NSDAR Distinguished Citizen Medal on January 27, 2018. The award was made following a presentation Master Patrol Officer Friedlander made to members at the DC Society Chapter House.

MPO Friedlander joined the Metropolitan Police Department on June 25, 1973 as a Police Cadet. In 1988, MPO Friedlander was assigned to the Bomb Squad as a Bomb Technician. MPO Friedlander still currently serves as the Senior Bomb Technician and Bomb Squad Technical Commander. In a volunteer capacity, he is the Assistant Chief of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad (WVRS) and serves as Chief Engineer

in charge of apparatus design and production.

The DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal is presented to an individual who has contributed to the defense and/or security of the community in an exceptional manner and who fulfills the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its



members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 177,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org or connect with DAR on social media at facebook.com/TodaysDAR, twitter.com/TodaysDAR and youtube.com/TodaysDAR.

Submitted by Captain Robert Glover



Help Samla
Temple No. 51
Daughters of
the Nile

Support Shriners Hospitals
for Children in Philadelphia,
PA.

On Sunday, March 4, 2018,

12 pm-4pm

At Olney Winery
18127 Town Center Drive
Olney, MD 20839

Ticket price: \$25.00 per person
(\$30.00 at the door) includes:
One ticket for 5 tastes of wine
or a single glass of wine,
appetizers and desserts.

Purchase a bottle
of wine and \$10.00
will go to the
Hospital. For each
bottle you pur-
chase, you will be
entered to win a
wine gift basket.



Go to the winery website to
purchase tickets.
www.olneywinery.com



Fraternal Fundraising Guidelines
An Excerpt from General Order No. 1:
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 Use of Name "Shriners Hospitals For Children." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 Commercial Use of Name. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.

(b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

(c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.

(d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.

(e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the *Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the potentate of that temple.*

(1) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(2) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(b) All Shrine temples and their units, Shrine clubs, Shrine Associations and their units and Imperial Sessions of Shriners International are prohibited from engaging telemarketing firms and direct mail firms to assist with fundraising for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Any existing contracts may be completed, but not renewed. No new contracts are permitted without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees.

(c) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution. The remaining net proceeds from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children and may not be designated or restricted in any way other than for research at one or all of our hospitals.

(d) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the *Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting* provisions of any General Order.

(e) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.

(f) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

(a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds. Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____ Shriners) (_____ Shrine club) activities." "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

(b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

(c) There must be compliance with the *Revenue Act of 1987* provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

(a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

(b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.

(c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any General Order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Prior Permission:

Every Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, temple, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations is prohibited from entering into any telemarketing agreement or contract to raise money for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the *Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, Florida 33631-3356.*

8. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

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In Memoriam

Clifford L. Lucrezi
8/26/1933 - 1/22/2018

Charles S. Iversen, P.G.M, P.P.
12/9/1920 - 1/27/2018

Howard L. Robbins
5/18/1931 - 12/24/17

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March 1, 2018 is the Temple
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open to all who make reservations.

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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? _____

If so, to what Temple? _____ When? _____

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Business Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Hat Size: _____ Spouses Name: _____

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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

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Sunday	2	3 Scottish Rite	4	5 Business Mtg. & DON	6	7 Passover Ends
8	9	10 Scottish Rite	11	12	13	14 Cherry Blossom Parade
15	16	17 Scottish Rite	18 Motor Corp. Mtg.	19	20	21
22	23 Board Meeting	24 Scottish Rite	25 NW/BCC Shrine Club Mtg.	26 Yacht Club Meeting	27Spring MASA	28
29 Olney Day Parade Southeast Shrine Club Meeting	30					

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Scottish Rite	2	3 Business Mtg. & DON	4	5
6	7	8 Scottish Rite	9	10	11 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion/ Almas Ceremonial	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Scottish Rite	16 Motor Corp. Mtg.	17	18	19 Almas Crab Feast
20 Almas Memorial Service	21 Board Meeting	22 Scottish Rite	23 NW/BCC Shrine Club Mtg.	24 Yacht Club Meeting	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Temple Closed Rockville Parade	29	30	31		

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