

Almas Alibi



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Potentate's Message



Greetings Noble Brothers!

What a summer! The Nobles of Almas have been busy this summer and here is a brief overview of our accomplishments. We start out with participation in the National Independence Day Parade on the 4th of July. This is one of my favorite events of the year. The Temple mini scooters and the "Jay Bird" fire engine took part in this year's parade. Just a few days after the 4th of July parade, your Temple Representatives were off to the 2018 Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Florida. This year's session went very well for Almas. We have two new chartered Shrine Temples, both Temples coming from the Almas Shrine Family. First, we have Bolivia Shriners, located in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. This Temple was created by members of the Almas Bolivia Shriners Club, with Ill. Sir Odin Bauer serving as their Potentate. Second, we have Amal Shriners, located in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This Temple was created by members of the Almas Sao Paulo Shriners Club, with Ill. Sir Alexandre Barros serving as their Potentate. This is a major mile stone for these two new Shrine Temple and for our Temple. A lot of hard work went into this effort and I see a bright future for both new Temples. Congratulations to the Nobles of Bolivia Shriners and Amal Shriners, from your Brothers of Almas.

Additionally, Almas reached two mile stones of our own. First, we are once again a "Gold Level" Temple, with a positive increase in membership for the year 2017. Congratulations to Ill. Sir Michael Gordon for a great year. Second, back in July 2017, I asked the Temple to take upon themselves a membership goal of 200 new Shriners between the July 2017 period and July 2018 period. We not only met our goal, we exceeded this goal. A great year for membership growth in Almas, now comes the hard part. Operation Diamond is a success, but the work is not done yet, we need to engage these new Nobles and their families. We need to make them feel welcome and valued as members of our Shrine Family. We need to Engage for Shrine Success!

I will close on the Imperial Potentate's visit to Almas. I had the pleasure to show our Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Jim Cain and Lady Patsy around our Capital City. I took pride in introducing them to the inclusive nature of our Temple and the Imperial Sir was impressed. Almas hosted a dinner as an official Shriner welcome to the National Capital area and it was attended by the Divan of Acca Shriners and Kena Shriners along with many of the Almas Nobles and families.



My thanks to the Recorder and the Staff of Almas Shriners for their help. To Noble Richard Drosin, who took several days off to support the Imperial Sir's visit by serving as "Noble Uber" driver for the Imperial Sir. I also would like to say a very special thank you to Kyle Mincey for all his support and help during the Imperial Session and the Imperial Sir's visit. "With out your help and support, none of this would have happened."

Your in the Faith

Potentate



Almas Shriners Business Meeting

September 13, 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.



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- _____ I have previously made a Will leaving a bequest to the Shrine Hospital for Children.
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Parade Day at Daytona Beach Imperial Session



Bolivia Shriners





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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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.

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Chief Rabban - Frank Ireton



It has been a busy summer starting with Almas Shriners hosting a New Member Day in June to introduce new Nobles and family to some of the fun of Shrinedom. Picnic fare of hot dogs, burgers, fixings, chips and beverages served for lunch after social time in the Sphinx Club.

Almas participated in the National 4th of July parade. The ever-popular Almas Klowns Fire Engine put in a appearance but due to operator error(me) did not complete the route. The Hospital Van, accompanied by the Scooter Patrol, finished the route while I , escorted by the DC Police, went in search for an open gas station.

Almas made a good showing at the Imperial Session in Daytona Beach in July. Almas Shriners introduced legislation and saw the charters presented to two of our South American Temples, Bolivia and Amal. Almas Participated in the Imperial parade with the Scooter Patrol, Hospital Van and Almas Yacht Club and were joined in parading by Nobles from

the new Bolivia Temple. Not to over look social activities Almas hosted a hospitality room in a pool side Cabana room and a Temple Dinner at the hotel.

We are half way through the year and there are plenty of activities remaining to continue the fun. Almas members will enjoy a Bowie Baysox game with fireworks on August 25th - contact Illustrious Sir Fred Evans for ticket availability.

The highlight of September will be Fall MASA meeting in Virginia Beach with the inevitable meetings, social activities and parade. There is a rumor the Almas Shriners Spirit Society is planning a Ceilidh (a Celtic Party) on September 21st to celebrate the Fall Equinox. Music, whisky and light refreshments to be had. Get a kilt and join us. No Kilt-no problem. You can still join us.

In closing, I want to emphasis the importance of your attendance at the business meetings. In addition to voting on new candidates we will be continuing the discussion on the future of Almas. Your Divan needs to hear your thoughts as we navigate these waters. Also, get out and support the Units and Clubs activities to make them strong so we can enjoy the fun and social aspects of being Shriners as we support our hospitals.

Yours in the Faith
Frank Ireton
Chief Rabban

Almas Shriners Spirit Society
Celebrates Mabon
Celtic celebration of the Autumnal Equinox
With a whisky tasting

Sphinx Club, Almas Shriners Temple
Light refreshments
Friday, September 21
6:00-9:00
Tastings start at 7:00
\$10.00 cover charge
Open to all Shriners and Master Masons
Proceeds are for the benefit of Almas Spirit Society and are not tax deductible.





*Presentation from the
New Shrine Temples to
The Almas Shrine
Officers at the Temple
Dinner in
Daytona Beach, FL.*



High Priest & Prophet - George Stoklas



IMPERIAL SESSION
JULY 2018

Here we were in beautiful Daytona Beach, Florida, the site of the 2018 Imperial Shrine Session. This was the first Imperial Session that Peggy and I have attended. During the course of the session, we had the pleasure of meeting Imperial Divan members including our new Imperial Potentate for 2018-2019, Imperial Sir Jim Cain. The information we derived from these one-on-one encounters was invaluable. We also met other Divan members, not only from around the country, but from around the world. The highlight of the Imperial Session was seeing our two South American Temples, Bolivia Temple and Amal Temple in Brazil, formally receiving their charters. We also had the opportunity to renew friendships with many of those we met during March when we attended Divan orientation in Tampa.

Our headquarters was the Shores Resort and Spa situated right on the beach. Our Illustrious Sir J. D. Holt, put Kyle in charge of our fantastic hospitality suite and there was plenty of good food, drink and great fellowship with the members of the Almas Divan, their families and friends all sitting around the suite and cabana at the end of the day going over the events that had transpired. Kyle was not only our tour guide but was our chauffeur for all events and he always got us to our destination in record time. What a joy it was having him with us.

The Shrine Mart was outstanding with vendors from all over the country. We had the opportunity to meet the vendors and place orders with several of them while there.

Who doesn't love a parade and the parade was amazing. Clowns, funny cars, floats and music made it a festive evening. It was amazing to see the look of pure joy on the faces of the children as they watched the parade go by. We older folks thought it was pretty neat too as we watched it pass by while we sat in our lounge chairs.

Yours in the Faith
George Stoklas
High Priest & Prophet



Iris Gordon, Kechi & Peggy Stoklas



Fezzie was collecting pins in the market place. Take a look at the bottom left of his shirt and you will find Almas.



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The Almas Yacht Club Presents the

2018 White House Holiday Ornament



This year's ornament is designed to illustrate three significant changes made by President Truman during his administration, one to the Presidential Seal and two to the White House itself. One side of the ornament features his celebrated Truman Balcony, added in 1947-48 to the South Portico and the other side features his renovated Blue Room, which was dismantled and rebuilt during the renovation of 1948-52.

The Presidential Seal featured at the top of the ornament reflects the design as changed by Truman. Originally the American eagle looked toward its left talons, which holds a cluster of spears, weapons of war. Truman, in the autumn after he took office, had the seal redesigned, turning the eagle's head away from the spears to its right talons, which holds the olive branches of peace.

Contact Ill. Sir Fred at 301-460-1982 to order your ornaments

Cost is \$20.00

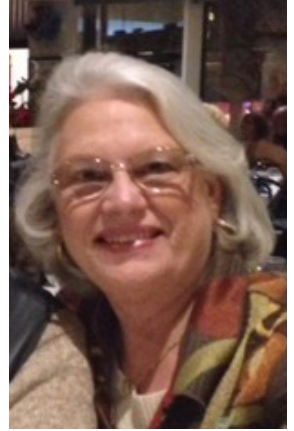
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Daughters of the Nile

Hello Ladies, Hope that you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun things to do and lots of family time.



On the 23rd of June Almas Shriners held an Open House for the new members that joined during the Joint Ceremonial with the Scottish Rite in May and we were asked to have an informational table set up. It was a wonderful afternoon of meeting new members of the Shrine and their families and we were very fortunate to be able to collect two petitions for new members for the Daughters of the Nile. Thank you to the ladies who joined me that afternoon.



We will be voting on these new petitions at our next Session which will be held on September 13, 2018. Remember it is the second Thursday not the first this month as members will be attending the Mid Atlantic Shrine

Association in Virginia Beach.

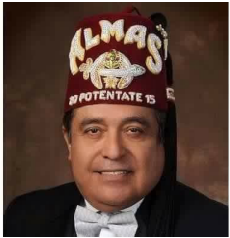
In July I attended the Shrine Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Florida and in the market place I had the pleasure of meeting our Supreme Queen, Shirley A. Henley. Shirley will be visiting Samla Temple on August 22nd and I know that we will have a great time with her.

See you all in September

Jennifer Murray, P.Q.
Queen Samla Temple



Almas Yacht Club



Noble Shipmates hoping you had a great summer. We at the Yacht Club were busy at Almas, Mid Atlantic and International Yacht Clubs.

Lets start with our participation in the Summer Rendezvous from July 27 thru 29 at Knapps Narrows Marina in Tilghman, Maryland. We had the Yacht Clubs from Crescent, Lulu, Nur, Khe-dive, Kena and Almas. We had great weather and on Saturday we were able to hold our Memorial Service for our departed members, SGI Emeritus Ill Charles Iversen and our First Mate Sandy Herbert among others from the visiting Temples. That evening we enjoyed a wonderful meal with our fellow Yacht Club members of Maryland Crab Cakes and Fried Chicken.

Please don't forget the Almas Yacht Club Fundraiser. The 2018 White House Christmas Ornament. This year it honors Noble Brother Harry S. Truman, 33°, who served as the thirty-third President of the United States. Please contact our Secretary Fred Evans, P.C., P.P. of Almas Yacht Club if you would like to purchase one or more.

Ill. Sir Fred Evans, P.C., P.P. will be installed as Commodore of the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs on September 7th at the Double Tree Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA.



Our next meeting will be on September 29th. We are planning to have a Lunch Cruise on the Potomac or at one of the restaurants near a river or lake.

Luis Cisneros, P.P.
Commodore



**Join Samla Temple No. 51
Daughters of the Nile**

as we hold a

QUARTER AUCTION

**to raise funds for the
Shriners Hospitals for Children**

**Davis Hall - 9217 51st Avenue
College Park, MD 20740**

**October 20, 2018
Doors open 2:45 pm
Bidding starts 3:30 pm**

**Your donation of \$15 gives you one bidding paddle
and chips for bidding
additional paddles available**

\$20 at the door as space allows

**Contact Sue Kohn (sue_kohn@hotmail.com)
to secure your spot by October 15, 2018**

Happy to receive your donation of items!



Imperial Sir Jim Cain visits Almas Shriners



At the White House



Almas Shriners



At the Scottish Rite



At the Scottish Rite

In Memoriam

George B. Kline, Jr.
6/9/1931 - 4/24/2018

Carl England, P.P.
1/28/1938 - 6/8/2018

Cecil L. Cook, P.P.
11/7/1927 - 7/26/2018

**Almas Shriners Sick and Shut-in Nobles,
Give them a call or send them a card.**

(as of 8-22-2018)

If you know of a Noble who is ill or shut-in please call 202-898-1688.

Paul Adams
549 Valley Mill Road, #201
Winchester, VA 22602
540-459-9337

Scott Miskovic
Summit Place Assisted Living
491 Highway 17, # 232
Little River, SC 29566
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Thursday Night Dinner

September 13, 2018 is the Temple
Business Meeting and the
Daughters of the Nile Session.

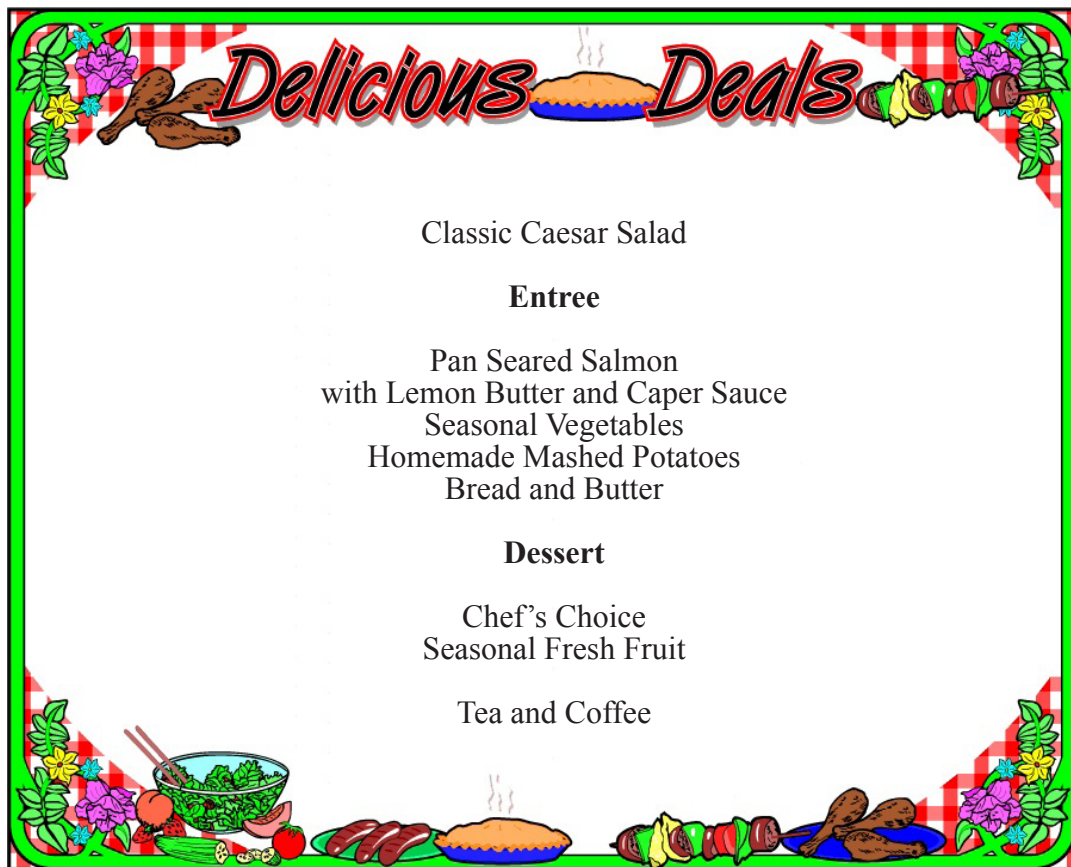
Dinner will be served starting at
6:00 pm in the dining room and is
open to all who make reservations.

**The cost is
\$15.00 per person.**

**Call the Temple Office at
202-898-1688 to make your
reservation by Wednesday,
September 12, 2018
before 12 noon.**

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Looking forward to seeing
everyone.



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? _____

Profession or Occupation: _____

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

If so, to what Temple? _____ When? _____

Residence Address:

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Business Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Hat Size: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____

(Initials are not sufficient)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Labor Day Temple Closed	4 Scottish Rite	5	6 Fall MASA, Virginia Beach, VA.....	7	8
9 Rosh Hashanah Begins	10	11 Scottish Rite Rosh Hashanah Ends	12	13 Business Mtg. & DON	14	15
16	17	18 Scottish Rite Yom Kippur Begins	19 Yom Kippur Ends	20	21 Almas Spirit Society	22
23	24 Board Meeting	25 Scottish Rite	26 NW/BCC Shrine Club Mtg.	27	28	29 Yacht Club Meeting
30 SE Shrine Club						

OCTOBER 2018

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

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Business Mtg. & DON	2 Scottish Rite	3 Fall Reunion
4 Daylight Saving Time ends	5	6 Scottish Rite	7	8	9	10 IALOH Wreath Laying
11 Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day Observed Temple Closed	13 Scottish Rite	14	15	16	17 MD & DC Grand Lodge Annual Communication
18	19	20 Scottish Rite	21 Motor Corp Mtg.	22 Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed	23 Thanksgiving Temple Closed	24
25	26 Board Meeting	27 Scottish Rite	28	29	30	

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