



ALMAS SHRINERS, WASHINGTON, DC

HAVING FUN AND HELPING KIDS

The Almas Alibi

June 2021



Meanderings from the Potentate...

Nobles:

I hope everyone is well and safe. The light at the end of the tunnel has become brighter with most of the covid restrictions lifted for in-person functions.

However, it is with deep sadness that I must report that Jennifer Murry, wife of our Past Potentate Tony Murry, passed into the hands of The Grand Architect of the Universe on May 24th. There will be a Celebration of Life for Jennifer on Saturday, July 17th, at Almas Shrine. Please plan on attending.

There are a number of events coming up in the near future. Please look at the calendar of events elsewhere in this month's Alibi.

Chief Rabban Jesse Villarreal is looking for Nobles to help with our crab feast and picnic on Saturday, June 19th from 1 PM until 6 PM. Please contact him at 703-282-6366 if you can help make our event a success. The crab feast will be held at to [Centennial Lodge Hall at 6110 Croom Station Road in Upper Marlboro, MD](#). Bring the whole family and friends, but you MUST register so we have enough food for those attending. Please call our Recorder, ILL. Don Ferguson at 202-898-1688 and register, or email him at dferguson@almasshriners.org with your count.

We will be having our first Ceremonial of the year on Tuesday, June 29th with a number of candidates to become Shriners. Please contact Jean-Paul Dongmo, Cast Director, if you would like a part in the Ceremonial, and plan on attending that evening to show support to our new Nobles and Almas Temple.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic, if not before.

Yours in the Faith,

George Stoklas
Potentate 2021

Ill. George Stoklas Driver's Lounge Dedicated in Philadelphia



Left to right, Executive Director of MESH Charities, PGM Jesse Villarreal, Chair of MESH Board, Peter W. Brusoe, Illustrious George J. Stoklas, WB Graham C. Keithley, Master of William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge #7.

On May 14, 2021, Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge #7, assisted by MESH Charities, Inc, presented the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital with a donation of \$10,000 to name the Driver's Lounge in honor of their member and our current Potentate, Illustrious Brother George J. Stoklas.

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, June 19** – *Almas Crab Feast & Picnic*
- **Tuesday, June 29** - *Ceremonial for new candidates*
- **Monday, June 21** – *Divan Meeting*
- **Wednesday, June 23** – *NW/BCC Shrine Club Meeting*
- **Sunday, July 4 thru July 8** – *Shrine Imperial – Houston*
- **Saturday, July 17** – *Memorial Service for Jennifer Murray – Almas Temple*
- **Monday, September 2** – *Almas General Membership Meeting*
- **Friday & Saturday, September 10 & 11** – *MASA – Virginia Beach*
- **Monday, October 18** – *Almas Golf Tournament*

- **Saturday, November 13** – *Potentates Ball*



2021 Crab Feast!

Saturday, June 19th from 1:00-6:00pm. Family and friends are welcome!



2021 Shrine Golf Tournament

Monday, October 18th. More details coming soon!

You **MUST RSVP** to the Almas office at (202) 898-1688 / reservations@almasshriners.org, or our Chief Rabban, MWB Jesse Villarreal by calling: (703) 282-6366. He could also use a few Nobles to help him the day of.

[Centennial Lodge Hall, Upper Marlboro, MD](#)



Almas Yacht Club Fishing Trip

Almas Yacht Club is hosting a fishing trip on August 9th out of Deale. The outing will entail the following, plus lunch upon returning to dock:

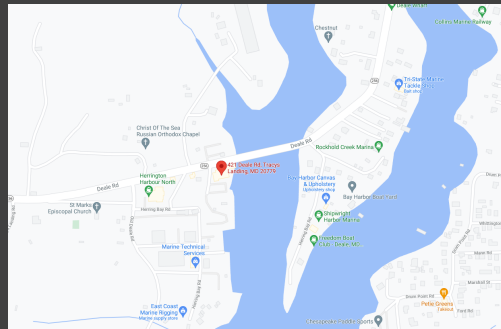
- Up to six hours on the water
- Trolling, chumming, bottom fishing
- Includes all fishing licenses and insurance
- Includes all rods, reels, bait, and tackle
- Includes ice for you catch
- \$75 per person

You may bring: food (sandwiches in your own cooler), beverages of your choice (*remember water, dehydration is real also we are not encouraging alcoholic beverages*), non-slip shoes, rain jacket (better safe than sorry), sweater or light jacket as it gets chilly out on the water, sunglasses, sun screen, camera, lucky fishing hat, and a cooler to transport your catch home.

Reservations are required and we can only take 25. To reserve your spot contact Fred Evans at fwevans@verizon.net or Commodore Jesse Villarreal at jv1301@aol.com or text at 703-282-6366.

Dock Address:

[421 Deale Rd.](#)
[Tracy's Landing, MD 20779](#)



Driving directions from DC -Take Rt. 495 to Rt. 4. Take Rt. 4 south 15 miles, take right onto Rt. 258 (Bristol/Deale). Follow Rt. 258 5 miles to first stoplight. At the stoplight make a right onto Rt. 2. Proceed 1/4 mile and take first left onto Rt.256. Follow Rt. 256, 2 1/4 miles to Dockside Restaurant & Sports Bar. Turn right to rear of restaurant to unload (under arch next to restaurant); then park in lot in front of restaurant.

Important: You must be at the dock by 6:00 AM.

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Charles W. Corey III	1985	Alan L. Gordon	2011
Grant R. Burning	1998	Ricardo Rodriguez	2012
William M. (Bill) Lanham	2000	Rick Hall	2013
Anthony S. (Tony) Murray	2001	John R. Garrison	2014
Donald M. Holliday, Sr.	2002	Luis G. Cisneros	2015
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