



**ALMAS SHRINERS, WASHINGTON, DC**

HAVING FUN AND HELPING KIDS

# **The Almas Alibi**

*July 2021*



## *Meanderings from the Potentate...*

Nobles:

I hope everyone is well and safe. The light is shining brightly at Almas Temple.

By the time you read this, we will have a number of new Nobles from our Ceremonial that was held on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Noble Jean-Paul Dongmo and his cast members for a great degree.

Most of your Divan will be going to Houston, TX for the Shrine Imperial Session and Parade, happening July 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. When we return, I will give you a rundown

of any important news in the next addition of the *Almas Alibi*.

I am also happy to report that Shriners Hospitals for Children has once again been nationally ranked in two specialties in the 2021-2022 Best Children's Hospital rankings published by the U.S. News & World Report.

The following locations ranked in pediatric orthopedics:

- #7 – Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis
- #13 – Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie
- #22 – Shriners Hospitals for Children – Northern California
- #28 – Shriners Hospitals for Children – Salt Lake City
- #41 – Shriners Hospitals for Children – Lexington

The following location ranked in pediatric urology:

- #37 – Shriners Hospitals for Children – Northern California

Yours in the Faith,

**George Stoklas**  
***Potentate 2021***

## **Almas Wall of Honor**

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The next time you visit Almas Temple, take a few minutes to look at the Wall of Honor located outside the dining rooms. This project was started in 2016 with the purpose of commemorating the name of a Shriner who was special to you. It also provided a small source of income for the Temple.

Additions to the Wall have been dormant for over a year now, but it is time we continue to honor our members, past and present, who have done something meaningful to, or for you, as a Shriner. Perhaps a relative who made you aware of the work of the Shrine, a mentor who helped you on your way, or someone who you think has made worthy contributions to our many programs. They do not even have to be a member of Almas. They could be a member of any Shrine Temple.

Give this some thought. The cost to have a plaque placed on the wall is \$100. For further information or questions, please contact [III. Fred Evans](#), Past Potentate of Almas.

**White House Christmas  
Ornaments Available from the  
Yacht Club**



The Almas Yacht Club is again selling White House Christmas Ornaments. This year's edition commemorates President Lyndon B. Johnson and depicts the family's 1967 Christmas tree in the Blue Room of the White House. **Cost remains \$21 each.** These collectable ornaments make great gifts for friends and relatives.

Please contact Fred Evans (301-460-1982 / [fwevans@verizon.net](mailto:fwevans@verizon.net)) or Jesse Villarreal (703-282-6366 / [jv1301@aol.com](mailto:jv1301@aol.com)) to place your orders.

As always, all proceeds from the sales of these ornaments are for the benefit of the Almas Yacht Club, and are not tax deductible.

## Upcoming Events

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- **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 Almas Shrine Golf Tournament



## 2021 Shrine Golf Tournament

Monday, October 18th. More details coming soon!



## Almas Yacht Club Fishing Trip

Almas Yacht Club is hosting a fishing trip on August 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

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# Living Past Potentates

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
David W. Finn	2003	Fred W. Evans	2016
Kenneth J, Collins	2004	Michael A. Gordon	2017
Lonnie L. Ramos	2006	Jeffrey D. Holt	2018
Jeffrey G. Bodie	2007	M. Frank Ireton	2019
Donald R. Ferguson	2009	George E. Perez	2020

# 50 Year Members

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George W. Haller III  
George E. McKenney  
Tasios Backus  
Clifton P. Campbell  
Kenneth M. Griffith

Louis E. Ernest  
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## **The Almas Transportation Fund**

*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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A FEW KLOWNS IN FUNNY  
COSTUME TO ENTERTAIN  
CHILDREN AND LOVE BEING  
FUNNY.

PARTICIPATE IN PARADES  
AND ALMAS TEMPLE  
ACTIVITIES.

SHOW YOUR INNER AND  
OUTER SELVES AND MAKE  
CHILDREN AND ADULTS SMILE.

DRIVE THE KLOWN FIRE  
ENGINE OR BE A HOSE MEN.

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