### August Birthdays

- Daniel Aldecosea
- Luiz Gerson Almada
- Gustavo Alejandro Alza Ferrari
- John F. Anderson
- Julio Jose Jabra Anffe
- David Applestein
- Fernando Enrique Aquilar Solar
- Manuel L.A. Arantes de Castilho
- Sheldon Arpad
- Roberto Arruda de Amorim
- Benhur Augusto Barbieri
- Agusto F. Barrerda
- Kevin C. Barry
- John K. Bass
- Grant R. Berning, P.P.
- Dennis A. Bettendorf
- Joao Bitencourt
- Jeffrey G. Bodie, P.P.
- Joazir Bucair
- Phillip N. Buford
- Valdemir Domingos Carbonera
- Carlos E. Carrasco Blacutt
- Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr.
- Leonardo Cimino Junior
- Dardo A. Cioli
- James W. Cloud, Jr.
- Marcos Benedito Correca Gabriel
- Alfredo Corvalan
- Jose Adolfo Crespo Bonadona
- Patrick A. Curtis
- Deodato Janio da Silva
- Sergio Augusto da Silva Borges
- Jose Abdias Dantas
- Manoel de Araujo Rocha
- Paulo Henrique de Ataide Pereira
- Odenir Luiz de Carvalho
- Jose Fernandes de Castro Junior
- Lazaro Augusto de Souza
- Luis F. Demuro
- Cristo Preieiro dos Colas
- Robert S. Dodd
- Daniel P. Dolan
- Cesar Augusto dos Reis
- Celso Zandonas dos Santos
- Walter Engle
- Jorge Estenssoro Moreno
- Amarildo Jose Faria
- Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P.
- Kenneth L. Foran
- Bruce D. French
- J. Luis Frenk
- John R. Garrison
- Daniel T. Graham
- Donald H. Hadley
- Charles M. Hall
- Raymond H. Hamden
- Harvey S. Hansen
- Stanley G. Harrell
- Harold Edgar Harriman
- Paul W. Hassler
- Prince E. Havely
- Franz Ivan Heredia
- Charles D. Hillmuth
- William H. Hinze
- Albert Hitt
- James M. Holt, Sr.
- Richard A. Johnson
- Charles O. Johnson
- Willard R. Kesling
- Henry J. Klein
- Gerald Lastfogel
- Charles M. Layton
- James L. Lovelace, Jr.
- Clifford L. Lucrezi
- Walter Leno Maifrede Noronha
- Donald L. Mallorey
- Giovani Peredo Maranon
- Stanley Markowitz
- Gerhard Meinzer
- Mark A. Mellow
- Jack A. Mettee
- Gunther Viktor Meyer Zimmerman
- Ryan W. Miskovic
- Marcelo Benites Monteiro
- Luis Joaquim Mujica Santalla
- Charles H. Nalls
- Pablo Negri
- Louis M. Numkin
- Reinaldo Alerto Pandolfi Caballero
- William K. Parsons
- Eleusino Ataide Passos
- Burton Penn
- Sivaldo Pereira do Santos
- Renato Perurena
- Sergio Peyrot
- Paulo de Tarso Pinheiro Machado
- Austin Pitcher
- Paul A. Porter
- Samuel B. Pullom
- Franklin L. Raines
- John W. Randall
- Robert A. Renner
- Walter E. Reutter
- Edmilson Rizzi
- Nestor Rodriguez
- Sebastian Rojas Nunez
- Moacyr Rosado
- Joshua Leonard Rubin
- Marco A. Saavedra
- William Douglas Monteiro Santos
- Jamir Moreira Silva
- William G. Sizemore
- Daniel C. Smith
- Ransome Stanley
- George J. Stoklas
- Robert H. Stone
- William T. Strahan
- Howard W. Terrell
- Robert P. Thomas
- Ricky S. Thompson
- Francisco Campos Valverde
- Juan S. Verastegui
- Valdeir dos Santos Vieira
- Darryl M. Weiler
- Donald S. Wood
- Steven Wayne Wood
- Luiz Antonio Pinzon Zamo
- Herman Zeitchik

### September Birthdays

- George R. Adams
- Neil R. Anderson
- Glauco Antonio de Lima
- Ruben Dario Suarez Arana
- Andres Malan Arduin
- Gustavo Maria Barboza
- Dilmar Antonio Barrionuevo Alves
- Ralph O Bartlett
- Francisco Mario Castillo Bigot
- Walter Boomer
- Felipe Bortoli dos Santos
- Peter Brusoe
- Luther J. Bryan
- Edgar Camacho Bustios
- Jackie M. Calloway
- Andre Cardoso Tavares
- Leandro Casagrande
- Z Chris
- Timothy H. Conner
- Clifford Cooper
- Roque Cortes Pereira
- Orlando Costa Marques Leite
- Luciano Magno Costalonga Varejao
- Ney Batista Coutinho
- Juan Eduardo Craigdallie
- John F. Cronin
- Raymond J. Crowell
- Janier Jironda Cuba
- Leandro Ferreira da Cunha Junior
- Ayrton Jose da Silva
- Bergmann da Silva Santos
- Adib Wilhan Daher
- Jose Carlos de Freitas
- Marcos V. dos Santos de Oliveira
- William de Paula Alvarenga
- Claudio Eduardo de Souza Lima
- Jurandir Alves de Vasconcelos
- Lawrence J. DeAngelis
- Martin Pedraqosa do Campo
- Aaron W. Dodek
- Francisco Leite dos Santos
- Rafael Alvarenga dos SantosDiago

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Two thirds of the year 2014 has gone by and I hope all have enjoyed the cool summer. I find a one year term is not enough for a Potentate to do all he wants to accomplish to build the beloved Almas Shrine community, cultivate, celebrate, grow, transform, sustain and serve and as a vibrant Mason love, respect and care for one another as our obligation require.

Social progress is not automatic. Change does not occur unless somebody of vision, courage and determination makes it happen. The marketing of our facilities must change and start now. Almas has a vibrant place to socialize. Almas CANNOT continue to lose money. Working together we can transform Almas to the Nations Capital’s most thriving economic social venue center.

As many of you know I have been in the real estate business for over five decades. To continue to run a business beyond significant growth one must do marketing. Let me share my marketing five P’s.

1. **People.** I surround myself with people who know how to do things I cannot do or should not do. I pay attention to employee productivity, engagement, career pathing and performance measurement. I try to make people exceptional and better.

2. **Product.** Commit resources to areas of growth. Get employees and members excited about the future.

3. **Process.** To scale anything, you need process. Karl Benz may have invented the automobile but Henry Ford made it saleable into mass production with his assembly line. Again, bright people can help.

4. **Policy.** Culture is perhaps the most important part of policy. Culture has been defined as an unwritten set of social norms. In Almas everyday life, this usually exhibits itself as “That’s the way we do things around here.” or “That’s the way it has always been or done.” The Fed Chairman is a great example of policy, every word or non-verbal cue they use is dissected by financial markets and results in cascading effects.

5. **Pupil.** Your work is never done. Organizations that innovate adapt. Organizations (companies) that do not innovate become extinct. A few decades ago, who would have ever thought that behemoths like Kodak or the Postal Service would be fighting for their lives? But technology made their narrowly focused business models obsolete.

We must share best practices and weed out inefficiencies. Again social progress is not automatic but change must occur.

Change in food services and the dining public is evolving to vegetable-focused restaurants. Evolution of carnivore from beef to beets. The fact that we may live longer is, so to speak, gravy. Not coincidentally, I have invited a few of the country’s elite chefs to do demonstrations. Creating tasting menus in Almas’ dining rooms. Please call the office to be entered on the list of interested in attending in November or on another date to be announced.

These summer months have been busy and enjoyable. I have attended a 4th of July Parade, Imperial Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota, The Peruvian Shrine Club’s Independence Gala, Almas Golf Tournament, Daughters’s of the Nile Supreme Visit and a Yacht Club Cruise.

These first days of September will be spent at Virginia Beach for the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association Session where we will not only take care of the business of MASA but hopefully spend a few hours on the Beach.

Check the calendar in this issue for upcoming events that you may like to attend. Put them on your calendar so that you do not miss out on the activities here at the Temple and else where that will be taking place from now until the end of the year.

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Yours in the Faith,

John R. Damian

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Peter A. Driscoll
Carlos Eduardo Lisboa
Akrum R. Elias
James T. Feezell
Gordon L. Ferguson
Adison Figueiredo
Alvaro Grohmann Filho
Craig Fitzpatrick
Ronald Adrian Forti Castrillo
Marcelo Francesquini de Campos
Lucas Francisco Galdeano
Anderson A. dos Anjos Garcia
Ricardo Javier Garcia Peredo
Clyde E. Grimm
Thomas L. Groppel
Arnaldo Toral Hidalgo
Melvin Hirshman
Kenneth D. Hubbard
Blyne E. Hutzel
Rubens Jolando
Emilo Jose Marguardt
Joel R. Kahn
Dan B. Lane
Andrew Lawless
Brenardo Leis
Jarbas Leite Fernandes
Louis Levy
E. Kendalf Lorenz
Wilto Dayber Berriel Macedo
Fernando Marcilio Carvalho
Milton Coscio Marquez
Renato Pareskian Martins
Thomas R. Mason
Richard A. Matson
Raymond F. McMullen
Diego Milstein
Scott David Miskovic
Charles C. Moser
Robert Issamu Nakamura
Roberto Neiva de Mesquita
Idelfeson Neves Publio
Walter Alves Noronha
Keith W. Northup
Fernando Cuellar Nunez
Paulo Roberto Oliva
Edward J. Ostrusky
Ronald E. Page
Byron J. Pateras
Joseph Penzo
Renato Moraes Pereira da Luz
Alfonso Manuel Perez Cobas
Urban T. Peters
Hernan Pflucker
Charles Arthur Phillips
Robert H. Plante
Michael V. Porco
Gustavo Puggina Rogatto
Anil C.S.Rao
James H. Reed, Jr.
Luiz Eduardo Ribeiro dos Santos
Felipe Raul Ricagni Alvariza
Thomas I. Richardson
Thomas F. Riffe
Jian Pablo Rodriguez Dubravel
Valdimir Sallis Soares
Jose Marcos Mazzucca Salvatore
John S. Samperton
Jorge Invanko Kujlis Santos
Hugh A. Shawen
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Victor Morales Valdivia
Tomas Luciano Velasco Zeballos
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Peruvian Shrine Club presenting the Potentate with a check for the Transportation Fund.

Left to right: Michael Gordon, Luis Cisneros, Roberto Paucar, Potentate, John Garrison, Alan Gordon, P.P. & Fred Evans
Temple Business Meeting

September 30, 2014
7:30 PM

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:
John R. Garrison, Potentate

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

Wear your Fez.

Your 2014 Dues Card needed for admittance.
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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In Memory of Gloria Greenwald
(Iris Gordon’s Mother)
Rick & Bobbie Hassler
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In Memory of Isaac Friedlander
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Tony & Jennifer Murray
Dean Klinger & Edie McKenna
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In Memory of Jonathan Binstock’s Grandmother
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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
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2015 Sale Date: April 28, 2015

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With our thanks,

Dale W. Stauss
Recorder’s Report:

The elected representatives, Ill. Sir John R. Garrison, Nobles Luis G. Cisneros, Fred W. Evans and Ill. Sir Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P travelled to Minneapolis, MN for the 140th Imperial Convention July 4 - 10, 2014. Also, at the convention were Ill. Sirs Alan L. Gordon, P.P., Anthony S. Murray, P.P., Lonnie Ramos, P.P., Royce Watson, P.P. and Noble Michael A. Gordon, and present from our clubs in Brazil were Nobles Antonio Kato, Marcos Hans, Genilto Nogueira, Wesson Pinheiro and David Filho.

On Saturday, July 5th we had a meeting with the Jurisdictional Lines Committee to consider Item 11 on the Call to propose exclusive jurisdiction in the Federal District of Brasilia in the country of Brazil. After that meeting we had another meeting with the Dispensation and Charters and Jurisdictional Lines Committees to discuss Item 17 which is a petition to form a new temple known as Hikmat Temple in Cuiabá, Mato Grosso in the country of Brazil. Both meetings were positive.

On Monday morning, soon after the opening of the business meeting, Imperial Sir John A. Cinotto called for a motion to accept Item 17 on the Call. After a favorable report from G. David Powell, Hasan Shriners, Tony R. Krall, Zuhrah Shriners made the motion. After a proper second and there being no discussion a unanimous vote was taken to approve the motion. Imperial Sir John A. Cinotto presented the charter, under dispensation, to Genilto Nogueira. G. Fred Widmyer gave a favorable report on Item 11 on the call. Ill. Sir John R. Garrison made a motion to accept Item 11 on the call. After a proper second to the motion a unanimous vote was taken by the representatives to give Almas Shriners exclusive jurisdiction in the Federal District of Brasilia in the country of Brazil.

On Monday afternoon Imperial Sir Douglas E. Maxwell gave an outstanding report on the state of Shriners Hospitals for Children ®. The last thing on the agenda for the afternoon session was the election of the Board of Directors and Officers for Shriners International. A nomination of the officers to advance one station was made. A unanimous vote was taken to accept the nominations. Imp. Sir John A. Cinotto was running against Imp. Sir Douglas E. Maxwell for Chairman of the Board of Trustees. After a close vote Imp. Sir Douglas E. Maxwell was re-elected.

There were two candidates running for Imperial Outer Guard. Kenneth G. “Kenny” Craven, Omar Shriners and James E. “Ed” Stolze, Jr., El Zaribah Shriners. The Representatives elected Kenneth G. Craven to serve as Imperial Outer Guard. After the vote was taken James E. Stolze withdrew his name asking the Imperial Recorder to cast a unanimous ballot for Kenneth G. Craven.

If you would like to know about all of the legislation from this year’s Imperial Session, feel free to contact me at the Temple office.

Wednesday morning was the Pageant for the Imperial Potentate-Elect Dale W. Stauss and Lady Cheryl. Kem Shriners did an outstanding job with the pomp and circumstance. First Lady Cheryl revealed her new fundraising program, The Journey of Hope, which will support transportation assistance programs for our patients and families. The Public Relation program was presented Wednesday afternoon. Joe Dertinger of Waconia, MN and Katie Ladlie of Troy, MO were introduced as the new National Patient Ambassadors for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Shriners International welcomes three new Shriners to the boards, re-elected two more, and honored an additional member with emeritus status. Elected Imperial Outer Guard: Kenneth G. “Kenny” Craven of Omar Shriners in Charleston, S.C. Elected Trustee: James A. “Jim” Doel of Tunis Shriners in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Re-elected Trustee: Skip D. F. Stanaway of Al Kader Shriners in Wilsonville, OR. Re-elected Trustee: Peter Diaz, M. D. of Bahia Shriners in Orlando, FL. Emeritus Trustee: Gary W. Dunwoody of Scimitar Shriners in Little Rock, AR. Appointed Imperial Chaplain: Jerry B. Oliver of Zuhrah Shriners in Minneapolis, MN.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for electing me to serve as a Representative. If you have any questions about this report feel free to contact me.

Yours in the Faith,
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P.
Recorder
Announcing

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Catechism and Proficiency

In many jurisdictions, candidates are tested on their proficiency by the use of a catechism. We have such a catechism in our Grand Jurisdiction. At the School, the catechism will be discussed in detail along with the five booklets normally presented to candidates as they progress through the degrees.

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Time: 1:30 PM
(Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1:30 PM)

Place: DC Scottish Rite Center
2800 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(Free parking in rear)

Registration Fee: $25.00 through September 10, 2014
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Dress is casual

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**Daughters of the Nile**

It’s been a busy summer for Samla Temple! Since the last alibi, we have attended our Supreme Session and welcomed the new Supreme Queen to Washington, DC.

Our Supreme Session was held June 1-5 in Omaha, NE. There was one day during the session that we were held in the convention center due to tornado warnings and high winds…a very different experience from anything we have here in DC! But we made the most of it as Nile ladies do and everything turned out fine. At the Supreme Session, it was reported that Daughters of the Nile contributed over $2 million to the Shriners Hospitals for Children over the last Supreme Temple year. About $46,000 of that total went to the Philadelphia Hospital.

On Thursday, August 14th, we welcomed the Supreme Queen Marsha Sowers to Samla Temple. We held a ceremonial where we initiated a new Princess, Donna Runyan. Afterwards we held a banquet, which included a performance by our patrol. It was our pleasure to welcome Illustrious Sir, John Garrison, Potentate of Almas Shrine and members of his Divan. We are so happy you could join us for this special evening. The banquet was wonderful and it was easy to see that the committee had worked hard to make it a day to remember.

We will be having an Italian Dinner on Sunday, October 12th. On December 5th and 6th, we will be holding a “Holiday Open House” fundraiser, which is a nice time to take a break from your hectic holiday schedules and enjoy some good food and good company. This will be our third year holding the Holiday Open House. It is very informal, you can come to either day or both, at any time while it is in progress. Stay tuned for details in future alibis.

Nile Love
Queen Rachael Sunderland

**Assistant Rabban**

Summer break is over and it’s time to get back to serious work at Almas. Although things have been quiet at the Temple, your Assistant Rabban has been kept quite busy. I attended the Kena Yacht Club Pirates Ball in May along with several other couples from Almas. We had a great time.

It was back to the Temple for the Almas Memorial Service where we honored our departed brethren. In June I attended the Spring Ceremonial where we initiated several new Nobles and honored our Past Potentates with a lunch. Later in June it was the Latin Club Luau which was a wonderful program of music and dance with excellent food.

The next day the Yacht Club had its Shakedown Cruise at the Washington Harbor Patrol. We were taken for a ride on the Potomac in several rescue boats and then enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

From July 4 to July 11, I attended the Imperial Session in Minneapolis Minnesota with the other members of the Divan and several Past Potentates. A great deal of business was conducted and a dispensation to open a new temple, Hikmat, in Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Brazil was granted. We joined in celebration with our brothers from Brazil who were in attendance.

Later in July it was off to MAASYC annual rendezvous in Solomon’s Island. Yacht Clubs from the Mid Atlantic area met to have a great weekend of fun and food. It was then back to serious business at the Board Meeting on July 28th.

Looking forward to MASA in Virginia Beach.

That’s it for now
Fred Evans
Assistant Rabban
Almas Yacht Club Art Raffle and Print Sale
Raffle tickets $5 each, 3 for $10. Drawing held at Virginia Beach MASA
Do not need be present to win
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All profits are for the benefit of the Almas Yacht Club and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.
There were five brave Almas Klowns who attended the National Fourth of July Parade in downtown DC. It was a beautiful day. Just the right temperature with a light breeze. Not our usual steaming weather.

It would have been better if we had more klowns in uniform to participate. We had a great time but as you can see, our ranks are dwindling. We need help. Join us and have a great time also. Clowns, unlike ordinary folks, are expected to make fools of themselves hiding behind the greasepaint. What’s your excuse?

Once you do it in costume, you will love meeting the people on the sidelines.

Get moving and join the Klown Unit

Yours in the Faith,
Wierd Wally
(Walter Simon)
&
Jay Whitcomb

Left to right: Jay Whitcomb, Ruben Payan, George Whetzel, Kenny Collins & Walter Simon

I guess we lose track of all the goings on in the summertime. Each year time seems to go faster.

We just got back from the Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs weekend in Solomon’s Island. There were over 100 in attendance.

It was a great weekend with 20 or so boats from Nur, Khedive, Kismet, Boumi, Crescent, Kena and Almas. We were represented by 15 Nobles and guests. Nancy and I had the opportunity of motoring down the Bay with Frank Ireton and Stephanie Stockman. There were a lot of threatening storms for our return trip, but the return was smoother than the trip down. A most relaxing time.

Our main accomplishment was winning the small boat race piloted by Frank Ireton. Our club hosted hospitality on Friday night-delightfully filling. Many thanks to the ladies. The guys did some too, but not as much as the fairer sex. There were Boat Parades and Boat decoration competitions. The theme for the weekend was Gilligan’s Island. Kena Shrine Center won the prize for the most Gilligan look-alike dress.

On August 9th we had a cruise around the Thomas Light in Annapolis preceded by a lunch on our own. twenty-two Nobles and guests were there. At this cruise we took a few moments to reflect and appreciate our members that have passed away over the past year, Nobles Howard Nilson, Don Boltz and Rayford Robel.

We expect to have a float in the MASA Parade September 6th and are working on it now. In October we will have another outing. You will be advised accordingly. Our regular meetings are the fourth Thursday. We will be in a new location for the upcoming year. We will advise. We have a lot of good fun, great fellowship and great food. Tomorrow we diet.

Hope you have had a busy, fun and productive summer - Stay well.

Jay Whitcomb
Commodore
In Memoriam

Milton L. Becker
12/7/1919 - 4/15/2014

Carlos Alberto Hanney
5/28/1948 - 6/20/2014

Lawrence W. Bartee
6/13/1924 - 8/2/2014

Theodore M. Kahn
10/31/1926 - 5/29/2014

Ralph W. Moore
5/28/1928 - 6/22/2014

Blayne Hutzel
9/22/1936 - 8/15/2014

Stanley Katzman
5/7/1940 - 6/5/2014

Irving I. Davidson
1/19/1921 - 11/30/2013

Gilbert “Gib” Rice

Almas Temple Sick and Shut-in Nobles,
Give them a call or send them a card.
(as of 8-31-14)
If you know of a Noble who is ill or shut-in please call 202-898-1688.

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The Almas Director's Staff Proudly Presents Their

2014 White House Holiday Ornament Project

The 2014 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Warren G. Harding, who served as the twenty-ninth president of the United States from 1921 to 1923. As a young boy, Harding dreamed of being a locomotive engineer—a wish that was to come true for 51 minutes when he was president; he took over the controls on the Alaskan railroad during the “Voyage of Understanding,” his famous transcontinental speaking and sightseeing tour. The Presidential Special, the train that carried President Harding west at the outset of his ambitious voyage and that would tragically carry his casket back east following his sudden death, just two months later, is the inspiration for our 2014 ornament.

Decorated with gold tones and enamel finishes, the 33rd annual White House Christmas Ornament is our first ornament to be comprised of two pieces, which can be hung as two separate ornaments or linked together. The locomotive is a detailed miniature replica of one of several steam-powered locomotives that pulled the Presidential Special; it is attached to the coal car that held its fuel. The other miniature car is the Superb, the president's private heavy-weight Pullman car. The last car on the Special, the Superb was outfitted with a public address system. President Harding made appearances and delivered speeches at stops across the country from a platform at the back of the car. The last known photograph of President Harding is an image of him on the Superb shortly before his death in a San Francisco hotel on August 2, 1923. On August 3, President Harding's casket was placed on board the Superb and began a return trip to Washington, D.C., during which an estimated 5 million people paid their last respects.

Cost: $20.00 each
(For an additional charge of $6.00 we can mail from 1 to 3 ornaments to you. Please contact me for orders of 4 or more so that I can accurately calculate the postage.)

Make your checks payable to:

Almas Director's Staff

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George Whetzel
7619 Kipling Parkway
Forestville, MD 20747-1861

If you have any questions please contact George Whetzel at:
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E-mail: gewhetzel@gmail.com

Proceeds from this project are for the benefit of the Almas Director's Staff and are NOT tax deductable.
If you are attending the 1st Thursday meetings & want to have dinner, please contact:

Thelma Barmack at 301-598-3623 or the Temple Office at 202-898-1688

Reservations are a must!
Call the office by 12:00 noon on Wednesday prior to the dinner.
Cost of the dinner is $12.00 per person

Deadline for the next *alibi* is the 5th of the month

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