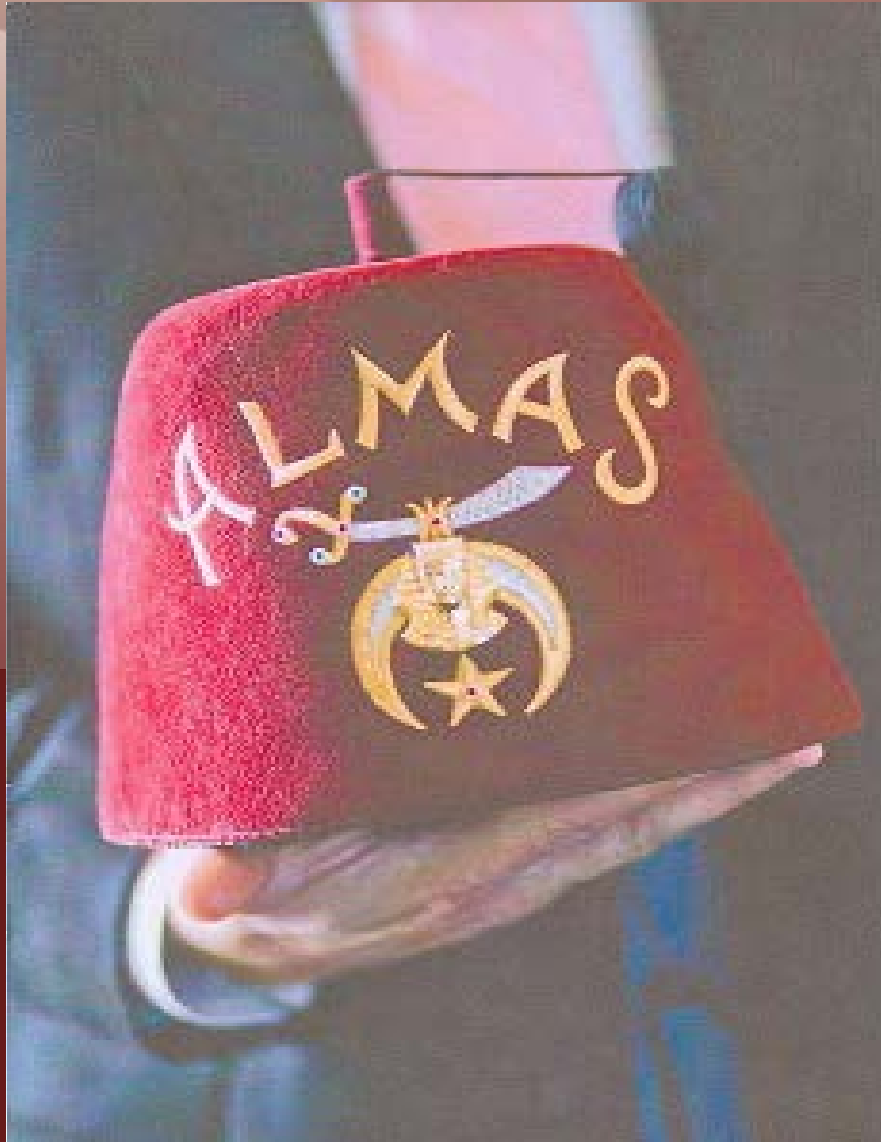


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Potentate's Message



October has been an exciting time for First Lady Vanessa and me. We've had the opportunity to support two first-time activities. We travelled to Rio de Janeiro Brazil, along with Ill. Sir Don Ferguson, to assist Amal Shriners (Sao Paulo) create their first club by initiating 27 new members. Since Almas is the parent Temple of Amal we were asked to ensure they properly engage in this new area while still under dispensation for an official temple charter in 2018. The ceremonial cast from Amal did a great job and Noble Newton Duarte was an amazing host showing us the best of Rio. After catching our breath for a couple days at home we were off to Vienna, Austria to support our new Almas Austrian Shrine Club. Noble Johannes Koller was a wonderful host for Lady Vanessa, Izaak, and myself. I was very excited to see our Austrian team conduct a ceremonial and even more excited to bring the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Austria into Shrinedom. I'm honored to welcome our newest member of Almas in Austria to our great organization. October has been a fun journey bringing in new members abroad. Now, it's our turn to do the same locally in Washington. The next ceremonial is scheduled for December 2nd at Almas Temple followed by a festive board.

The end of the year brings with it several important events. Please join the International Legion of Honor on November 4th for a wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery. This event is attended by the Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske and is an event you will not forget. In late November, I'll be travelling to South America to initiate 30 new Almas Nobles in Espirito Santo, Brazil, visiting our club in Montevideo, Uruguay and then joining the first Ceremonial of the Bolivia Shrine Temple (Under Dispensation).

December brings the holiday season to Almas. This year we're planning a great Temple Holiday Dinner Party with our Ladies, Partners, and significant others as honored guests on December 16th. Bring a wrapped gift to exchange with someone else (You'll get a chance to steal someone else's gift so consider bringing something everyone will want –OR–bring something funny that no one will want and see what happens!).

The next day, on December 17th please come back to Almas and meet our hospital patients at our Children's Holiday Party. The Almas Peruvian Club has graciously volunteered to run the event but I'd ask everyone to please attend and show support for the kids.

It's amazing how quickly 2017 is coming to a close. It's been a great year so far and I look forward to celebrating the holidays with you.

Yours in the Faith



Amal Shriners Ceremonial in Rio de Janeiro

Almas Shriners Business Meeting



November 2, 2017 7:30 pm

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Attest:

Michael A. Gordon, Potentate
&
Donald R. Ferguson, Sr., P.P., Recorder



Wear your Fez



Your 2017 Dues Card is necessary for admittance.

Bylaws of Imperial Council

1.11 Election Regulations

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the Printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices by a unit, club, Noble or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(b.) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b) the Imperial Potentate may suspend the offending Noble and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.

(c.) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Almas Yacht Club

Looking back over 2017, Almas Yacht Club had a busy year. The year included cruises, parades, visitations, and the Commodore's Ball held in June this year. This August's Mid Summer Cruise this year started with Brunch at the Annapolis Smoke House followed by a cruise out of Annapolis and under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The Frostbite Cruise to be held this weekend as I write this will feature a different venue from the past. We are going to Tracy's Landing near Deale for social and lunch at the Dockside Restaurant and Sports Bar. These are fun social events and Almas members are invited to join us next year.

In addition to cruises Almas Yacht Club participated in both the Imperial Parade for the first time in many years and in the MASA Parade. A modified version of the Almas Float also appeared in the National Fourth of July parade. Members are encouraged to come out for these and other parades we will be participating in next year.

Our final two events for the year are the business and elections meeting on November 16th and the Holiday Celebration on December 16th. The business is moved forward one week due to conflict with Thanksgiving. This is an important meeting and your presence is needed to help shape the Almas Bridge. Our annual Holiday Celebration will be at the Temple with the gift exchange. It is understood that an invitation to join us has been sent to the Jolly Elf. Watch your e-mail for more information on these two events.

Fair winds and following seas, shipmates.

Frank Ireton, PC



N.W. - BCC Shrine Club

YOU ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS OF
THE N.W. – BCC SHRINE CLUB

THE CLUB MEETS EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, EXCEPT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. WE DON'T MEET IN OCTOBER DUE TO A MEETING IN THE OLD EUROPE RESTAURANT DURING THAT MONTH AND DUE TO THANKSGIVING IN NOVEMBER. WE MEET ON THE 1ST. MONDAY IN DECEMBER FOR A HOLIDAY PARTY. WE HOST A BULL AND OYSTER ROAST IN MARCH AND WE GO AGAIN TO THE OLD EUROPE IN JULY OR AUGUST.

WE MEET IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL OFF FOREST GLEN ROAD IN SILVER SPRING. IF YOU LIVE IN THE AREA, DROP IN AND ENJOY THE FOOD AND COMPANY. CALL WALTER SIMON, THE SECRETARY, AT 301-318-2485 IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.



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

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George & Judy Whetzel

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George & Judy Whetzel

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George & Judy Whetzel

In Memory of E. Louise Cohen

Hiram-Takoma Lodge # 10

In Memory of Chester B. & Sarah C. Whetzel

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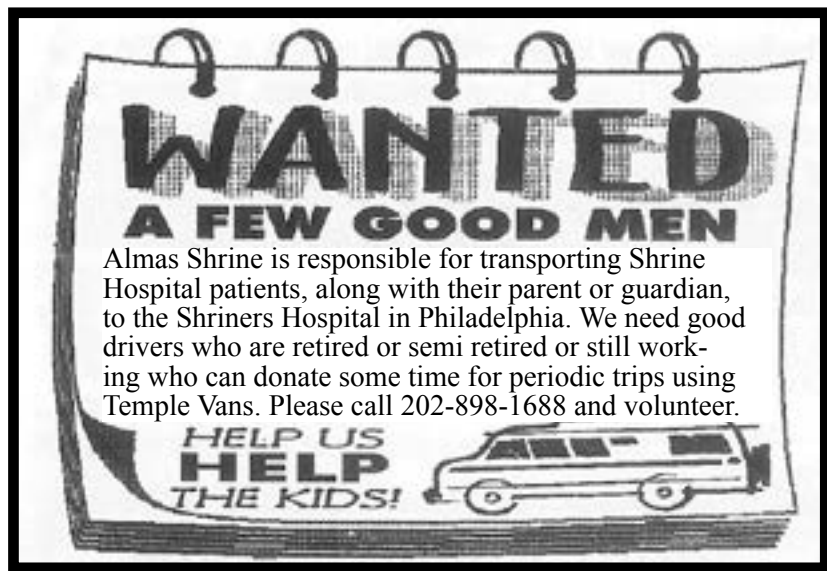
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Almas Transportation Fund Donations

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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WE NEED MEN TO SHOW THEIR INNER 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 KIDS ALSO CAN TAKE PART IN LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARADES. WE HAVE A KLOWN FIRE ENGINE AND WE TAKE PART IN THE CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE. WE ALSO TAKE PART IN SEVERAL LOCAL PARADES. YOU CAN WEAR HALLOWEEN CUSTOMS, 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 BOSS KLOWN, WALTER SIMON, AND LET US KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS.



**WEIRD WALLY
BOSS KLOWN (FOR THE PRESENT)**

Chief Rabban - J. D. Holt



November has arrived and we enter the season of Thanksgiving. Each November I take time to review the past year and give thanks for the gifts that the Good Lord has bestowed upon me. This year, I'm most thankful for the journey that I have taken with you as Chief Rabban of Almas Shriners. It's been a lot of work preparing for 2018 but I have grown in the wisdom that has been passed down to me by Past Potentates of our Temple. I truly know that I will not be alone and if you choose to elect me as your Potentate for 2018, I will work each day to live up to the high standards set by those who have already served our Temple so well. I respectfully and humbly ask for your support and prayers as we set out to bring back old traditions and start new traditions at our beloved Almas. We truly are a "Diamond" in the Rough!

I would like to add a few words of thanks to Nobles who have risen to serve Almas this past month. During the DC Grand Lodge Picnic, the Peruvian Club stepped up and helped with a successful drive for the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital. The Nobles of the Peruvian Club helped collect a substantial amount of toys for our kids. Our Peruvian Club is one of Almas' most active clubs and they continually host social activities to help support our Shrine mission. I deeply appreciate the members of the Peruvian Club and I'm looking forward to your next event!

Finally, I want to thank our Assistant Rabban, Noble Frank Ireton and Lady Steph, who drove the Temple's new van to help collect the toys at the Grand Lodge Picnic. I always seem to find Frank and Steph where there is work to be done. They are my support troopers. A future Potentate couldn't ask for a better future Chief Rabban. Frank and Steph... Thank you Again!

Nobles, Let's Get Committed!

Noble JD Holt



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Assistant Rabban's Ramblings - Frank Ireton



As we come to the end of the 2017, Almas can look back at a successful year. We had a strong showing at several of the area parades this year. Thanks to the leadership of Ill. Sir Michael Gordon the Almas Clowns Fire Engine has been rebuilt and put back into service. It is always a hit at parades. Almas had a small but dynamic presence at the Imperial Session this year and was instrumental in making some changes to the Imperial Code as well as shepherding two new Temples from South America. The year is not over and several key events will take place between now and the end of the year. Check the calendar printed in the Alibi. Come out and take part in your Temple.

The Fall Ceremonial will be December 2nd at the Temple. Ill. Sir Alan Gordon, PP, is again heading up the cast work and seeking Nobles to take part. In addition to speaking parts there are non-speaking parts. If you want to take the plunge and get into the Ceremonial, contact Illustrious Sir Alan. You do not have to be part of the Cast to attend. Show up, support the work of the Cast, support the candidates, and support your Temple.

This summer Almas had a visual presence at the DC Masonic Family Picnic held at Glen Echo Park. The new Shepherds van was on site and served as a toy drop off point for the Shriners Philadelphia Hospital. Picnic attendees were asked to bring a wrapped toy as a donation to the Hospital. Members of the Peruvian Club coordinated reception of the toys and a big thank you is expressed for their efforts. Four large bags and several smaller bags were filled as well as cash donations. The toys will be delivered next time the van makes a trip to Philadelphia.



December 7th there will be a business meeting, dinner, and elections at the Temple. This year we have two openings for the elected Divan due to Noble Andrew moving to Ireland. In addition, Chief Rabban JD Holt is looking for Nobles to step up and take one of the appointed positions. Check Almas Shriner's Directory printed on the back page of the Alibi for a list of appointed positions. Your help is needed to fill positions. Become part of the Almas leadership team and insure smooth operation of the Temple. Contact Recorder Don Ferguson, PP, or Chief Rabban JD Holt for information. Your vote counts in the election of officers to move Almas ahead over the next few years. As a reminder, Bylaws of Imperial Council prohibits certain forms of electioneering. These Bylaws are published in the Alibi.

Yours in the Faith.

Frank Ireton
Assistant Rabban

Almas Ceremonial Cast

Rehearsals for the Ceremonial on December 2, 2017 have been set. They will be held on November 20th, 29th and December 1st. at 7:00 pm. at the Shrine Center 1315 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Please contact Alan Gordon, P.P. via email at agordon@algcpa.com to let him know that you will be at the rehearsal and if you are interested in taking a part in the Ceremonial Cast.



Almas Shriners Fall Ceremonial

December 2, 2017

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

**9:00 am Orientation of Candidates
10:00 am Ceremonial**

**A Festive Board will take place
following the Ceremonial at
approximately 12:00 Noon**

**Cost \$25.00
Payable to Almas Temple**

**RSVP to Almas Temple by
November 30, 2017**

202-898-1688

**Petitions need to be in the
Recorders Office before
November 2, 2017**





Save the Dates for next month.

Temple Holiday Dinner Party
December 16, 2016

*Almas Shriners
1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC*

Social 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 PM

Childrens Holiday Party
December 17, 2017

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

*Bring the Kids and the Grand Kids and
anyone else's Kids to see the Jolly Elf
from the North Pole.*

Candidates for Election

Brother Richard Drosin was born in Kinshasa, Congo on May 27th, 1988. He was initiated, passed, raised (March 2014) at East Gate Lodge #34. He was elected as class president in May 2014, for the Spring Reunion Class for Scottish Rite, and was also selected as a Fellow and is the Current Secretary for the Knights of St. Andrews, and also served as the Color Guard Commander during the 2015 Bi-Annual session. He is also the current PR Chairman for Almas Shriners and also was the 2x Membership Chairman for Almas Shriners which brought in over 55 members during his tenure. His other Masonic bodies include Royal Arch and The Cryptic Council, outside of Masonry, Bro Richard is also a Martinist.

Professional and Experience

Served in the US Army under the 101st Airborne Division, Combat Aviation Brigade. Bro Richard was a member of the Metropolitan Police Cadet Program. Bro Richard has extensive experience in administrative management and was appointed as a Facilities Supervisor for DC Child and Family Services where he was the youngest Manager in the agency, before returning to the Federal Government as a Risk & Emergency Manager.

His education includes an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice, and also a bachelor in criminal justice. Richard obtained his Masters in Management with a concentration in Project Management from Colorado Technical University, he also has a Masters Certificate in Human Resources from Villanova University and is also a Green Belt Six Sigma.

In his spare time Brother Richard enjoys giving back to the community, he helps veterans with their transition back to the workplace and also helps people with job coaching, interviewing and resume writing skills. He also enjoys movies, documentaries, playing soccer, and being a Foodie.

Divan Strategy

Noble Richard Drosin's plan is to improve relations with DC Government, Prince Hall Shriners, and improve the marketing and local awareness of Almas Shriners. Noble Richard will bring youth, strong leadership experience, and a different viewpoint into the Divan, while still being able to learn from those leaders who have served before him.

Brother George J. Stoklas, Jr.

was born on August 21, 1950, in Washington, DC, to George J. Stoklas, Sr. and Mary M. Stoklas. Having been schooled in the Washington, DC school system, I graduated in 1968 from Woodrow Wilson High School in Tenleytown and attended University of Maryland, majoring in Engineering. From 1971 to 2005 was the owner of Embassy Camera, Incorporated, 1735 Connecticut Ave., NW Washington, DC.

Since becoming a Master Mason in 1992, Freemasonry became an integral part of my life when I became a member of William R. Singleton-Hop-Lebanon Masonic Lodge No. 7. I have been an active member in this lodge being its Worshipful Master in 2000 and current Secretary from December 2004 to present.

In addition to life membership in William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge No.7, I am also a founding and life member of Italia Lodge No. 2001, member of Justice-Columbia Lodge No. 3 and treasurer of Harmony Lodge No.17 from 2013 to present. Other Masonic bodies include: William R. Singleton Chapter No. 4 Royal Arch Masons, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine and St. John's Mite Association of the District of Columbia, serving as its President from 2003 to 2005.

I am a Life Member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Washington and was bestowed KCCH at its 200th Anniver-

sary in Charleston, SC on October 3, 2001 and received the 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary Award at the 2017 Biennial Session. I was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor in June, 2010.

I became a member of Almas Shrine in 2001 and am also a member of Northwest-BCC Shrine Club and a Hospital Shepherd

My Grand Lodge service to our Grand Master(s) include - Grand Lodge Photographer 2000-2002, Grand Sword Bearer - 2003, Aide to the Grand Master - 2004, Grand Persulvant - 2005, Assistant to the Grand Master - 2008, Special Assistant to the Grand Master - 2010, Aide to the Grand Master - 2011, Special Assistant to the Grand Master - 2012 and Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies - 2013. I was awarded the Valentine Rentzel Award by Most Worshipful Robert H. Starr. In 2016 I received the Grand Lodge Service Award voted by the membership. I was elected Grand Lodge Treasurer 2014 and have served in that capacity since that time.

In addition to the above involvement with the Washington DC bodies, outside of this area, I am additionally a member of Oasis Shrine Temple, Charlotte, NC and was Captain of the Oasis Shrine Hospital Tripsters in 2013 and 2014. I am a member of the Red Fez Shrine Club, Charlotte, NC 2005 to present and was its Treasurer from 2005 to 2009. AI am also a member of the Steele Creek Masonic Lodge No.737, Charlotte NC.



Candidates for Election

Brother Noble Franklin

Gayoso is fortunate to have a very supportive and loving family who enjoy the camaraderie and functions DC Masonry provides. Born and raised in Peru, Brother Franklin held leadership positions with the government's Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Forestry and Wildlife and the Department of the Navy. As a University Professor with the University of Garcilaso de la Vega, Federico Villarreal, he instructed and helped craft the young minds of the future leaders and entrepreneurs of the country of Peru.

In 1974 Brother Franklin added to his rich and hectic family, civil service and academic life by seeking further light on our beloved craft. He was initiated, passed and raised in the just and constituted lodge of Tupac Amaru No. 42 where he began this great adventure which led him to lead and mentor our brothers.

Brother Franklin and his family immigrated to the United States in 1987 where he worked for several firms before he secured a position with the Department of Homeland Security and eventually retired from government service. Upon his arrival to the United States, he wasted no time in pursuing a higher education and earned a Master of Science in International Management and Finance in 1992 from Southeastern University, Washington, DC.

Brother Franklin affiliated with Washington Daylight Lodge No. 14 in 1992 and served as Master in 2000. Additionally in 1992 he was a founder of the Alianza Fraternal Americana Lodge No. 92 and in 1996 he served as its Master. In 1992 he was initiated in the Scottish Rite and served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2003. Brother Franklin's service to the Scottish Rite earned him the trust and respect of the Scottish Rite and in 2005 he received the 33rd degree.

Brother Franklin has been a proud and active member of Almas Shriners since 2010 and currently serves as President of the Almas Peruvian Shrine Club. This club hosts social activities for the purpose of raising funds and fostering camaraderie among all of the Shrine members.

As if this love and dedication to the Craft were not enough, Brother Franklin has served the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia five times as Aide to five Past Grand Masters. His service was under the leadership of PGM, William F. Chaney, Jr., PGM Mansour Hatefi, PGM Robert Starr, PGM Albert McNair Smith and PGM Robert Heyat.

Brother Franklin's service was not isolated to the Craft. Before his long and overdue retirement, his community service and dedication to our society was just as important. He served as Team President of George Mason University's Early Identification Program, and received honors from the Hispanic Committee of Virginia for his exceptional efforts. As a leader and former professor, he served as a panel member for the Fairfax Public School System College Partnership and English as a Second Language Programs.

Brother Franklin's service to our craft, service to our communities and government service to our country have earned him the respect, trust and admiration of our brothers. We can be assured that when Brother Franklin takes the initiative or volunteers to a task, it will be preformed to the fullest and more importantly to its conclusion. He will do so happily and humbly without ever a thought of recognition. The success of our Craft and our beloved Almas Temple will always be his top concern.

***Temple Election
for Officers for
2018
will take place
at the December
Business Meeting
on
December 7, 2017***

***If you are
interested in
running for
office
contact
Donald R.
Ferguson, P.P.,
Recorder***



Daughters of the Nile



First I'd like to extend a wonderful welcome to our newest member, Virma Gamarra who was initiated on October 5th. I would like to extend an invitation to Virma and to everyone to attend our upcoming activities which include:

- November 8, 2017 Zitta Temple (Baltimore) is sponsoring a hospital tour to Philadelphia - Contact Queen Diane Logue
- November 12, 2017 White Christmas (Montgomery Playhouse) - Contact PQ Virginia Schweitzer
- December 2, 2017 Capitol Tour - Contact Queen Diane Logue

Last month our Princess Tirzah, Josephine Foley kicked off our Ways and Means with our first Baked Potato Dinner at the home of Past Queen Christine Watson. It was a most delightful and delicious event. Princess Josephine will also be selling Yankee Candles and has also introduced our FlipGive fund raiser, where you can make money simply by shopping on line. You are able to purchase from a large variety of stores and each give us a percentage back into our fund raising account. So, if you are an online shopper, please sign up with us. You can contact Princess Josephine to get the link for the website and you can share it with everyone who would like to help us raise money.

Princess Royal Dianne Regner has ordered a variety of pecans which will be delivered shortly and will put you to the challenge of "I'll bet you can't eat just one"

Over the past month I have been inspired watching Kechi Okwchi become one of the finalists on America's Got Talent. Kechi at the age of 16 was one of 2 survivors of the Sosoliso Airlines Flight # 1145 crash in Nigeria that killed 107 people. Ketchi was horribly burned and she and her family moved to Texas in 2007 for treatment at Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston. While she was undergoing more that 100 surgeries, she said music was her escape. You just never know how an act of kindness will impact the lives of others or how those others may impact the world.

Again I extend an invitation for you to join us in our activities and you can contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Diane Logue
Queen Samla Temple
samla51queen@gmail.com





In Memoriam

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

(as of 10-24-2017)

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

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524 Hollingsworth Road
Woodstock, VA 22664
540-459-9337

Scott Miskovic
Summit Place Assisted Living
491 Highway 17, # 232
Little River, SC 29566
843-685-5554



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Thursday Night Dinner

November 2, 2017 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 it 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,
November 1, 2017
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? _____

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Business Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Hat Size: _____ Spouses Name: _____

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NOVEMBER 2017

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

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Ceremonial
3	4 NW/BCC Shrine Club Holiday Party	5 Scottish Rite	6	7 Business Mtg. & DON	8	9 Peruvian Christmas Celebration
10	11	12 Hanukkah Begins Scottish Rite	13	14	15	16 Temple Holiday Party
17 Children's Holiday Party	18 Board Meeting	19 Scottish Rite	20 Hanukkah Ends Motor Corp. Mtg.	21 Yacht Club Meeting	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day Temple Closed	26 Scottish Rite	27	28	29 Legion of Honor Mtg.	30
31 New Year's Eve						

JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Years Day Temple Closed	2 Scottish Rite	3	4 Annual Business Mtg. & Budget & DON	5	6 Open Installation
7	8	9 Scottish Rite	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day Temple Closed	16 Scottish Rite	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Scottish Rite	24	25	26	27
28	29 Board Meeting	30	31 Legion of Honor Mtg.			

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