

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



LOADING UP bag after bag of pull-tabs to be brought to the recycle center are (from left to right): **Paul Agostino, Robert L. Pann, Dave "Hutch" Hutchinson, and Roger Metcalfe.**



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2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1991 *Honorable Mentions: 2006, 2002, 1993, 1990, 1989*

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Transportation Fund Going Full-Speed!

I would like to thank Illustrious Potentate **Albert D. Flight** and Chief Rabban **Stephen G. Eriksen** for their confidence in my ability to step into the shoes of Past Potentate **Robert L. Pann** to head the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. Robert did an extraordinary job in this program and it is an honor to continue working with Aleppos Units, Shrine Clubs, communities, individuals, schools, businesses and every one else who put a part of their life into raising the funds necessary for Aleppo to continue helping the children who are patients of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

I would also like to take this chance to request the entire Nobility to participate and help in any way that they can. Most important is the need for drivers to transport the children to their appointments at the Boston and Springfield Hospitals. We are in short supply and high demand for these individuals. Currently, we have only a handful of volunteers to do the driving and it is hard to do the scheduling with so few. Remember, some of the patients are in wheelchairs requiring two volunteers for those trips. Please call **Sheila** for more information or to sign up to be a driver at 978-657-4202 ext. 20.

The Tab Program is doing extremely well. In the first year of processing them here at the Aleppo Shrine Center, we have collected over 5,000 pounds. All the money received from the sale of the tabs goes directly to the Children's Transportation Fund. There has been a lot of participation from the community and businesses, and we thank them for their generosity, as well as the individuals who assist in collecting and processing them.

The Canning Program, under the direction of **Leon Golden**, continues to be a success. The program consists of Aleppo Nobles who spend the day at one of the many grocery stores that support the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund, while carrying cans in which customers may place their donations. The number of locations allowing the Nobles to do this has been growing steadily. Any volunteers who can spend time at one of the stores please contact Leon Golden at 617-548-7971.

Once again I would like to thank each and every one of you for your assistance and dedication in achieving the goals that we have set for ourselves.

The Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm, at the Aleppo Shrine Center in Wilmington.

Fraternally yours,

Paul J. Agostino
Chairman, Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund
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International Association of Shrine Provosts to meet in 2008

Dear Nobles,

The intent of this letter is to reach members of your Shrine Center who may be interested in becoming members of the International Association of Shrine Provosts, (IASP).

The IASP serves as an umbrella organization to all Shriners who have an interest in or have been involved with the police, security, or military service. The object of the IASP is to promote good fellowship and safe clean fun among the membership and the general Nobility, and to exchange ideas of benefit to member organizations. Provosts, security police, or military units or clubs of all Shrine Centers are eligible for membership.

The IASP meets annually during the Imperial Council Session. The 2008 Imperial Council Session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri and the IASP will be hosting its annual breakfast meeting. All members and their ladies are encouraged to attend this event. During the Annual Breakfast meeting a local law enforcement officer is recognized by the IASP for his/ her contribution to the betterment of policing in the St. Louis jurisdiction.

Yours in the Faith,

William Lutman
Colonel in Chief

Happy Holidays From The Aleppo News Staff

The Aleppo News staff would like to wish everyone and their families a happy and healthy holiday and new year. We thank you for all you do for Aleppo Shriners and for all your participation in the Aleppo News.

We look forward to providing you with up-to-date news about Aleppo, the Shriners and the Shriners Hospitals for Children in 2008.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Aleppo News Staff

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Sat., January 26, 2008
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