



FIRST CLASS all the way for the Charles River Valley Shrine Club's brunch as Illustrious Potentate Albert D. Flight gets his meal.

Charles River Valley Shrine Club

ON Sunday, September 23rd, the Charles River Valley Shrine Club honored our Illustrious Potentate **Albert D. Flight** with a noontime brunch at the beautiful Thompson Country Club in North Reading. The Potentate, his Lady and their guests enjoyed fine food and beverages overlooking the manicured grounds of the club. President **Dave Howard** greeted the Illustrious Sir and his guests promptly at 12:00 noon for a social period and then a buffet-style brunch.

The Potentate was presented a check for the Transportation Fund and a beautiful lithograph of an eight-man crew team rowing on the Charles River as a thank you gift from the club for leading our Temple. President Howard, in his comments to the attendees, reminded everyone of how important the Shrine Clubs are and that we should all be jumping on the coattails of the membership growth our lodges have been experiencing. The Charles River Valley Shrine Club brought in ten new members this year and has added more social events to its roster.

The next event, which will be going on during the publishing of this issue, will be on Saturday, December 15th, when the club will see the Regal Players perform "It's Christmas Time" at the Waltham High School. Shortly after that, President Howard's term comes to a close. So, if you miss the Regal Players, please come to the Annual Meeting in February, 2008, next to the Potentates Reception, it is the high point of the year. Last year's Annual Meeting was the first clam bake of the year! See what we do this year!



A LITHOGRAPH of an eight-man crew team rowing on the Charles River was presented to Illustrious Potentate Albert D. Flight by the Charles River Valley Shrine Club.

2008 Potentate's Ball

By CHARLES "BUCKY" BUCHANAN



THE highlight of the Aleppo Shriners' social calendar is always the Potentate's Ball Weekend. This year, enjoy the gala affair on Friday, February 1, thru Sunday, February 3, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham, Massachusetts.

They will kick off the weekend Friday night with Aleppo's Island Cruise, which will include games, Calypso sounds, Latin Rhythms and an Island Fare Buffet. And, of course, you should appear in your Island Cruise attire.

Saturday morning the Aleppo Casino will open for business. So bring your rabbit's foot and enjoy the games. Saturday evening, the Ball gets into full swing with the Grand Entrance, a delicious dinner with a choice of Charbroiled Filet Mignon or Grilled Salmon Filet, and dancing to "Hush." Tickets for the Island Cruise on Friday night will be \$30.00 per person, and for the Banquet on Saturday night \$45.00 per person.

Hotel rooms are available Friday and Saturday at \$97.60 per room per night, including tax. Guests who stay Saturday night will enjoy a full breakfast buffet on Sunday morning for \$18.00 per person.

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Saturday April 19, 2008

6:00 pm - ???

Social Hour (Cash Bar): 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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Memorial Service

By CHARLES "BUCKY" BUCHANAN

THE Annual Memorial Service for those Nobles whose demise was announced during 2007 will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2008, at the Shrine Center in Wilmington, Massachusetts. This solemn and impressive service for the families and friends of our departed Nobles will be conducted by the Chaplains of Aleppo Shriners on the Mezzanine Level at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chaplains will be assisted by the Officers of Aleppo Shriners, the Aleppo Color Guard, Aleppo Temple Chanters, Aleppo Temple Guard, and the Aleppo Temple Marching Band.

Three outstanding Nobles whose demise was announced during 2007 will be eulogized during this memorial service. Families and friends of the Aleppo Nobility are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow the service.

Memorable Raisings: Nova Scotia to Manila

By HERMES BOYATIS

A grandfather's and a father's papers have often guided the beginnings of Masons in unusual and fascinating circumstances.

We recall the documents discovered by Margaret Colburn in her grandfather's papers at Luxor Temple Oasis of St. John, A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1913. So ornate, so eye-catching, the design and wording surely were unique.

Equally dramatic is another document your editor received October 23 from a friend in the Boston Public Library, **Linda DeSimone**. Her mother had just died, and she was sorting through the mementos and treasures left behind. Among them, the raising of **Alfred A. DeSimone** at Lincoln Masonic Temple, Olongapo Zambales, on January 19, 1952 at 7:30 o'clock.

The Officers were a mix of nationalities — Greek, Swedish — but, of course, mainly Filipino. Their program included a chorus singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and a vocal solo, Abelardo's "Kundiman ng Luka."

Your editor felt, as our Aleppo readers will, that it was remarkable that Al was present, so soon after WWII, where he had served as a Navy Seabee. He enjoyed, with all his Masonic friends, the ceremonial necessities, the music, the dancing, the refreshments. This momentous raising was under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands.

Once again, a memorable raising.