



# Minutemen News: "Mirror-Mirror"

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**W**ATCH this column for exciting new updates! The 2008 Aleppo Shrine Minutemen are on the horizon. All new, wonderfully different, indescribable (mainly because we are not giving the game away until we are accoutered in the newly approved manner), and don't leave out authentic either.

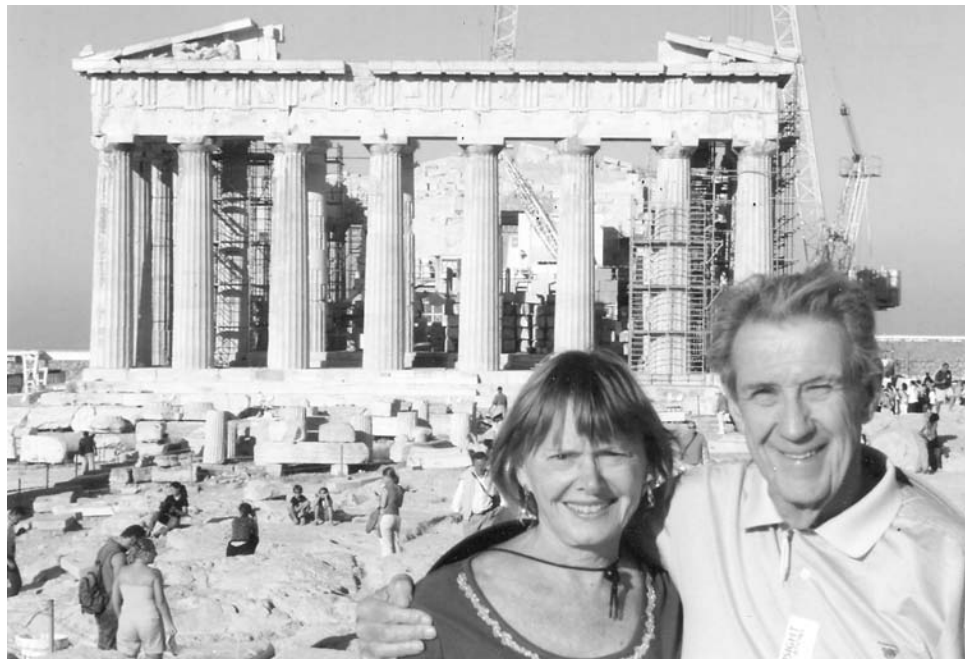
The Minutemen Unit is living the American dream; we are about to go in hock up to our eyebrows. After explaining to Illustrious **Albert D. Flight**, Chief Rabban **Stephen G. Eriksen**, and the rest of our Divan, the problems we were experiencing in putting new Minutemen on the street without recourse to their wearing rags, we were given permission to make a dynamic change that could be supplied by a number of vendors. (Again we are not saying what it is – we are trying to build anticipation here). However, for those who are privy to all the latest information on how business is conducted at Aleppo, for those who informed us that this Unit was "given" money to buy this, or that Unit was "given" money to buy that – whatever you've been having, send me a bottle also. In reality, it's "sign on the dotted line", and this will be your repayment schedule. Thank the Grand Artificer the Potentate and Divan have the authority to help us out when such help is direly needed, and on such generous terms (with no usury either).

As we did when the Minutemen Unit was first publicly presented in 1974, we hope to be ready to roll out the new look at the Bedford Pole Capping, on Saturday, April 12, 2008. The Pole Capping is traditionally the first event of the Revolutionary War reenactment season, leading up to Patriots Day Weekend, the week following. The event commemorates the pre-Revolutionary period when American Patriots announced in the morning a meeting of the local Sons of Liberty that evening by placing a red Phrygian cap (an ancient

symbol of liberty) atop their town "Liberty Pole" or "Liberty Tree." It is also the event where the most suttlers (vendors) display their period goods (clothing, weapons, coins, toys, eating implements, musical instruments, games of chance, books, manuals, currency, just a whole lot of vitally needed stuff). Though the event occurs in April, it's really the place to stock up on the following December's stocking stuffers. Children of all ages, even those in their 70's, will know you really cared to buy the very best (where have I heard that phrase before?).

Black Angus steaks, corn, baked potato, butter and rolls, a bit of grog, and the Aleppo Shrine Minutemen performing "Flags of the Revolutionary War" on the auditorium floor, the June Ceremonial will be a keeper. Though the active marching Units will have seen us in our "new look" in the scheduled "Tours of Duty" (parades) leading up to the June Ceremonial, it will be at the Ceremonial that the attending Aleppo Shrine Nobles and guests will see the new Minutemen Unit perform. Following that glorious spectacle, we will man our recruiting table near the Temple entrance for the hordes of new recruits who will sign their volunteer enlistments for the "duration." (Hint: we provide training in fifes, drums, carrying flags, and those long sticks that go "boom" (aka muskets).

If the readers' excitement cannot be contained and they know in their hearts that they were intended to be Minutemen, fortune smiles. The Unit meets in their 2nd floor barrack room, the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (except July and August, and the third week of December), at Aleppo Temple. We enjoy ourselves the old fashioned way, by actually delighting in what we do to support Shrine Hospitals and the Potentate's Transportation Fund. 2008 Enlistment Papers are now available.



NOBLE Bud Campbell and Lady Juanita were in Greece and Turkey for a nice sixteen day trip.

## Arab Patrol News

By JAMES I. STARRATT

**T**HE Arab Patrol was well-represented at the Northeast Shrine Association Convention by Major **James G. Perkins, Jr.**, and Lady **Phyllis**; Lieutenant **Dave Anderson** and Lady **Clair**; Sergeant Major **John Guthermuth** and his daughter Lady **Janet**; and Lieutenant **James I. Starratt** and Lady **Delores**. It was a fantastic convention with Illustrious **Albert D. Flight** and Lady **Jean** being the perfect hosts. The weather was awesome and the City of Saint John's, Newfoundland was a sight to be seen and a photographer's paradise.

At the October 6, 2007, Ceremonial, Major James G. Perkins, Jr., along with the entire Arab Patrol, presented Illustrious Potentate Albert D. Flight with a donation of one thousand dollars to the Aleppo Cold Sands Fund.

Congratulations to Sergeant **Ed Wallace** and Lady **Arlene** who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Ed and Arlene met at the wedding of this reporter and Lady **Delores**, during which Ed served best man and Arlene was a bridesmaid. They have been blessed with three children, **Scott**, **Stephanie** and **Deborah** who have blessed them with six grandchildren.

Welcome back to our globetrotters, **Galean "Bud" Campbell** and Lady **Juanita** from their recent sixteen day trip to Greece and Turkey. Highlights included a tour of Athens and a visit to the Acropolis, the Parthenon, built to honor the goddess Athena, the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. Their tour included visits to Mycenae, Olympia (the birthplace of the Olympic Games), the monasteries of Meteora, the Island of Mykonos, the Island of Patmos, and the Turkish port of Kusadasi.



ALL READY for the parade at the Northeast Shrine Association Convention in Newfoundland are **James Starratt, James Perkins, Dave Anderson and John Gutermuth**.

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