

# Motor Patrol

By KEN HURRELL

WELL Thanksgiving is over and I think we have all had enough turkey and all the fixin's' as well as enough football over the long Holiday weekend.

We now have the opportunity to look forward to Hanukkah, Christmas, New Years Day and the year 2008. I always look to the new year for a lot of new things and changes in our lives. Some are good and some are bad, but it always seems to work its way out so that most of us are happy or satisfied. We in the Motor Patrol are looking forward to renovating our new trailer, every member has good ideas and lots of knowledge to bring forth so that our renovation will be a success.

We had three parades during the months of November and December which we were in dire need of, as our funds were at rock bottom. On November 24th we did a parade in Malden along with other Aleppo units. On December 2nd we did a parade at Merrimac NH, and on December 9th a parade in Boston's North End. That's all for this year, and we look forward to the upcoming parade season; most of us in Motor Patrol really enjoy doing Parades, it just does something for you.

On December 13th we will be having our annual Motor Patrol Holiday Party with our wives and some invited guests. This year's affair is being held at the Hilltop Steak House in Saugus and I know a good time will be had by all.

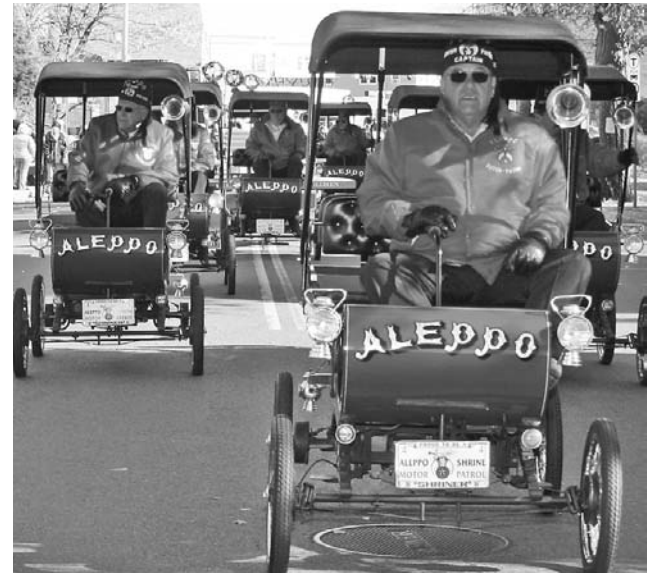
Winter is here and it would be nice to see a lot of you members on the sidelines at our January Ceremonial; the Installation of our new Potentate will take place along with a lot of other great things, and I know you will have a great time.

Recently our Past Captain **Bill Reid** and his Lady **Nancy** along with myself and my Lady Emily took a day and paid a visit to one of our oldest members **Richard (Barry) Johnson III** who is still in the Kathleen Daniel Nursing Home, 485 Franklin

Street, Framingham, MA 01702. Our visit found him in good spirits and with a crisp and alert mind. We spent the entire afternoon with him and enjoyed every minute. Our only disappointment was that we couldn't take him out for dinner. We plan to make another trip soon. If you get a chance please drop Barry a line or card especially during the holidays.

For those of you who didn't go to Newfoundland you missed a spectacular trip; the people were some of the nicest and most pleasant that we have encountered in a long time. The tours were great, the dinner theater was outstanding and the food was good.

Hope to see you all soon, and until then, happy motoring.



THE ALEPPO Motor Patrol went for a drive on a brisk day at the Malden Parade.



## Legion of Honor

By JOHN BOHLING

WINTER is here; even though as I write this there are still most of the leaves are still on the trees.

But, it is time to get ready for the "off" season. Our trailer has been shuttled to its winter quarters and our Jeep will be getting some updates. It seems too bad that we Legionnaires can't receive an "updating" ourselves. However, I guess there are not many spare parts left for us whose warranties have long expired.

It seems that our exteriors have bulges and wrinkles where there ought to be smooth and flat surfaces. Some of our headlights are dimmed, and our motors are beginning to "knock." So it seems, like the seasons, we must also try to adapt to our aging cycles.

Now that I have you nodding your heads in agreement, let's move on to things we can look at positively.

Thanks to the Neponset Valley Shrine Club for the American Flag, which was given to the Legion.

It will receive a place of Honor in our unit room.

Our condolences to Noble **Fred Trudell** on the passing of his great Lady **Jacquie**. This is a loss we all share.

Late news from the "Vermont Bambi Open," final score: Bambi – 1; **Wendell McMillan** – 0. Our Commander had to withdraw in the first period due to the successful block thrown on him by "chuck-hole," resulting in one broken and one sprained ankle.

Next year will be different, we hope. Wendell does lead in the overall standings by quite a margin.

By the time you read this we will have had our Annual Holiday Party. Thank you to First Lieutenant Commander **John Kandres** for his annual efforts.

John used to command "Fort Kandres" in North Reading, scene of many a great "active duty" session.

However, along with his new deputy commander, he has relocated to a new headquarters on the North End of Revere Beach, the likes of which Erwin Rommel would have envied. What a view, all the way to Old Blighty. Best wishes John and **Cindy** in your new location.

Thanks to all the Uniformed Units and a few scattered Nobles who have donated to the Aleppo Flag Fund. Because of their generosity, we now have a new Aleppo Flag on the pole in the front of the building. Hopefully in the future we can reduce the cost of these flags, and we are currently working on that.

In the last issue we introduced you to Chuck-A-Buck, our new mascot for the Flag Fund. Please, Nobles, help us keep this fund solvent!

Lastly, the Legion hopes that each and every one of you and your families have a great holiday and the coming year treats you kindly.



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