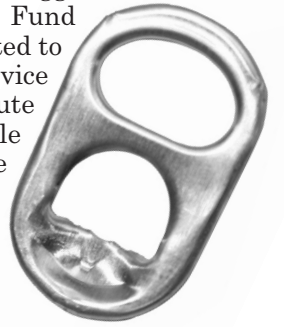




Pull-Tab Program Keeps Growing With Help from the Community

Reggie Cabrera is an exceptional guy and has a really big heart, especially when it comes to children. When Reggie heard about Aleppo's Children's Transportation Fund and the pull-tab program he sprang into action and wanted to get involved. He helped to establish a community service project called "Tabs into Cash," which he would distribute collection boxes throughout the community where people could deposit their tabs. Reggie would then collect the tabs and bring them down to the Aleppo Shrine Center. So far he has had great success and is excited as the program he initiated keeps growing.



(Left) Reggie Cabrera received a plaque from Paul Agostino, Children's Transportation Fund Chairman, and Aleppo's Recorder Peter K. Stone.

(Inset) Reggie wanted to give Paul Agostino a hand processing some of the hundreds of pounds of pull-tabs being processed at the Aleppo Shrine Center.



"Thank You for a Wicked Good Year!"

Hi Nobles,

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy New Year to all of you. I have a list and I'm checking it twice to make sure that I don't forget to say "Thank You" to all of you who supported Aleppo Temple and our Hospitals this year.

The first name on my list is **Lynne**. Thank you to my wife Lynne for being at every event and supporting me and Aleppo throughout the year. We had a Wicked Blast this year and it wouldn't have been half as much fun without you.

Thank you to:

Sheila Bissett, Maribel DeLuca and the Aleppo office staff for everything you do. Calling me early mornings, at work, at night, giving me a hard time, losing my van. – Just Kidding. Your efficiency, experience, warmth, and enthusiasm make being Potentate a breeze.

Peter Stone for sharing your rookie year as Recorder with me. I've never been Potentate before either. I don't think we missed too much. You always seem to have everything covered.

To our Circus Chairman - **Roger Metcalfe**, who tried out some new ideas, kept what was proven, made it fun, and had a great Circus.

Chet Paris, who did a great job running the Circus Marketing Campaign and as Chief of Staff orchestrated our biggest parade revenue year ever.

Phil Kumph who has been doing a great job as Membership Chairman and if I'm nice to him, he may let me stay on his membership committee next year.

Dave (and Lady Robin) Raymond. As Chief Aide, Dave did a superb job, particularly at the Potentate's Ball (The Prom), Imperial Session, and The Northeast Field Days. Thanks again Dave and Robin.

Thank you to **Don, Coletta, and Leslie Petterson**. Don, as Assistant Chief Aide along with his lady, and daughter provided a wealth of information and insight to our Chief Aide. The Pettersons can always be found working at Aleppo events such as Roller Derby and Ultimate Fighting. Thanks for all you do.

Paul Agostino for doing a great job as Chairman of the Transportation Fund. With Paul, members of the Rag Top unit, the North Shore Shrine Club and others, the Transportation Fund has been doing outstanding this year.

Thank you to **Leon Golden** who has expanded our canning efforts by leaps and bounds.

Thank you to **Skip Greaves** for volunteering to send out all the thank you letters to those who donate to the Transportation Fund.

Peter Simmons for running a great Football Game to support our Transportation Fund.

Jeff and Lori Arnold for running our Gala New Year's Party.

Rich and Connie Doherty for running our St. Patty's party. Thank you Rich for accepting the appointment as 2nd Ceremonial Master. I know you'll do a great job.

Tom Friberg and the Aleppo Newspaper staff for doing an outstanding job with this publication. Thank you to **Skip Trahey** for showing up everywhere I went and taking pictures of every event. Skip really earned his nickname: "The Stalker."

Charlie Rivers, Colonel of the Uniformed Units for keeping the Units informed and the lines of communication open.

Thank you to all the Unit Heads, and Shrine Club Presidents. Each of you works hard to keep your Unit and Club vibrant.

Thank you to the Divan for making the job of Potentate enjoyable, interesting, and fun.

To make sure I didn't forget anyone on the list, the last on the list is "YOU." Thank you all for your support during 2008. I really did have a "Wicked Good Time" this year. I hope you did too!

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