

Second Ceremonial Master Richard Doherty

JUST before we put our Aleppo Shriners News to press, **Rich** (he prefers this name), reached his richly-deserved appointment to the Divan by Illustrious Potentate **Stephen G. Eriksen**!

Your interviewer asked him about his work and family prior to his Aleppo life. "I earned my B.A. from Northeastern University in marketing, while working full-time. Now I am senior territory manager, charged with overseeing work environments. When I have a few hours, my life is Temple time!"

Rich was born in Brickbottom, Somerville, and brought up in Concord. Moving fast forward, we asked about his happiest time so far.

"When," he said, "I married my lovely **Connie** (Crittenden). We honeymooned in Nova Scotia by way of Yarmouth, the best trip of our endless travels." Skipping family and fun for a moment, we asked about their other journeys, "For nine weeks in 1976 in a brand-new Suburban, we drove our way across the USA to virtually all the National Parks we looked Abe Lincoln, George Washington, and the other guys straight in the eye! We have traveled north and south of the border to Mexico and recently to the Caribbean. We love camping, especially along the beaches and the mountains of Maine."

We have been blessed with a son **Michael** and twin daughters, **Amy** and **Kelly**. Michael is an architectural designer and became a Shriner at the Ceremonial on January 26, 2008; Amy is in the Sales Department at the Marriott Hotel in Burlington; Kelly is a clinical research manager

and, he added proudly, "the mother of our delightful granddaughter, **Anna**!"

We returned to Rich's travels in Freemasonry and Shrinedom. "I followed my father, **Stephen J. Doherty III** in my dedication to Shriners' goals. First, I served as Master of Corinthian Lodge, Concord, (at Paul Revere Lodge) on its 200th Anniversary. Also in Concord, I became High Priest of Walden Pond Royal Arch Chapter, Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council R&SM. In addition, I am the Warder of Boston Commandery #2. I became a Shriner in 1987."

We couldn't resist asking how our 56-year-old sees himself. "I'm six-foot tall, and balding." We challenged him with, "You are six-foot tall and on the lean side."

Prior to Rich's appointment to the Divan, he was appointed an aide by Illustrious Potentate Richard W. Shaw, followed by chief aide to both Illustrious Peter K. Stone and Illustrious **Alexander D. Campbell**.

"For about sixteen years I served as chairman of Concessions for Aleppo Circus and Rodeo with a staff of forty." He laughed, "we offered such healthy goodies as popcorn, pretzels, fried dough, ice cream, nachos, and cotton candy. Truly a mother's nightmare! Personally I prefer Italian, Chinese, seafood, and hotdog's! This coming March Connie and I will be running the St. Patrick's Day party." For one year he found the time to volunteer for the Aleppo Shriners All-Star Football Classic for former Chairman Robert F. Smith. Our remarkable Rich



NEWLY INSTALLED *First Ceremonial Master Richard A. Doherty and Illustrious Potentate Stephen G. Eriksen.*

volunteers as much as he can, while still working full-time and spending time with his family.

We talked back and forth, returning to his family joys. "Last year on Labor Day weekend, we put aside our labors for a stay at the Boardwalk Resort at Disney World. We had a blast, I introduced Anna to chocolate cake and cheesecake!"

Loathing to cease interviewing Rich, we concluded with, "Any pets? Goals?" What's next?"

"In addition to our growing family, Amy is expecting her first child, we have one in-door cat, not too bright, named Mickey (as in Mouse, of course). My goal is to have fun, enjoy my family and continue doing what I can for Aleppo and the children at the Shriners Hospitals!"

2008 Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr. Medal Recipients

NOBLE NICHOLAS HERMES BOYATIS

Noble Hermes Boyatis was created a Shriner in Aleppo Temple on January 25, 1974. Over the years, he became acquainted with Noble **Vaughn Joseph McKertich**, the acclaimed and venerable Editor of the Aleppo Shriners News. Hermes is a master of literary word. He joined with Editor McKertich many years ago, writing stories of interesting Nobles and their accomplishments. He was helped all these years by his lady Jane, who in her own right is a literary talent.

Upon the passing of Editor Joe McKertich, Noble Hermes promised Executive Editor, **Harvey J. Waugh** that he would work as hard as he could to continue the excellent quality of the Aleppo News and win another Dromedary Award. The Dromedary is the highest recognition of a Shrine temple publication in national competition. His prognostication was a prophecy, because, along with Noble Hermes, Noble **Charles C. Buchanan**, Noble **Mark Z. Stought** and Aleppo News Production Manager, **Thomas W. Friberg** they won the coveted Dromedary Award.

For his dedication to the Shrine and his many years of service assisting in the production of the best Shrine newspaper in the country, it is appropriate to present to Noble Nicholas Hermes Boyatis, the highest award in Aleppo Temple, the Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr. Medal, for service above and beyond the call of duty.

NOBLE JAMES G. PERKINS, JR

Noble James G. Perkins, Jr., was created an Aleppo Shriner on January 21, 1966. He soon joined the Arab Patrol in 1968 and has been a valued member of that unit for almost forty years. He served as Second Lieutenant in the First Platoon from 1974 to 1989 and First Lieutenant of the First Platoon from 1985 to 1990. He was elevated to staff position in the Uniformed Units and was promoted to Captain.

Assuming the role of Executive Officer in 2001 he was appointed Commanding Major of the Arab Patrol by Illustrious Potentate **Peter K. Stone** in 2005 where he continues to serve in that position today.

For Jim's extraordinary service to the Arab Patrol over the last forty years, he is certainly deserving to receive the Robert Gardiner Wilson, Junior Medal for service above and beyond the call of duty.

ILLUSTRIOUS ALBERT D. FLIGHT

Illustrious Sir Albert D. Flight, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, was created an Aleppo Shriner on December 3, 1977. He joined the Arab Patrol in 1983 and began climbing the ranks as Corporal of the Second Platoon in 1985. He was elevated to First Lieutenant of Platoon "A" in 1991 and served eight years in that office prior to becoming Commanding Major of the Arab Patrol in 1999. He served in that position until Illustrious Potentate, **Alton L. Moore** appointed him Second Ceremonial Master in 2001.

Illustrious Sir Flight was also a dedicated volunteer in the annual Shrine Circus and eventually served as Circus Chairman for three successful years.

For his many years of service in the Uniformed Units and Aleppo Divan, Illustrious Sir Albert D. Flight, Potentate of Aleppo Temple in 2007 is certainly deserving to receive the Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. Medal for service above and beyond the call of duty.



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THE 2008 RECIPIENTS of the Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr. Medal, from left to right: **Nicholas Hermes Boyatis, Illustrious Albert D. Flight, and James G. Perkins, Jr.**

