

# The Aleppo Provost Guard

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function, believe it or not. Look at it this way: if you had a terrible time trying to park at the Auditorium, would you come back?

Despite the rigors of the job (three weekends a month almost every month for as many hours as a person is willing to give), the Provost Guard attracts a wide range of people. The members range in age from their 30s to their 70s (and we can't leave out **Irving Ruggles**, who at 86 is still out there going at it!). The Provosts volunteer a lot of time, and they even attend the Imperial Sessions every year to work. There is an umbrella group for Provost Guard units called the International Association of Shrine Provosts (IASP), and Aleppo has three living past Colonels-in-Chief of the IASP: Colonels **Tom O'Brien**, **Mike Segall**, and **Allan Ray**.

Let it be said that the Provost Guard is all work and no play, I would call your attention not only to the camaraderie generated by working together in adverse conditions, but in the words of Chief **Ken Howe**, "we have a lot of social fellowship, so it isn't always hard work. Our 50th Anniversary party was a great night, with cocktails and a tremendous roast beef dinner, and we try to have a few social events during the year for the unit, like our summer cookout, and our winter event in the Fez Room."

So, if you're wondering, "does it work?" Let's let the Chief answer that: "While we want guys who are fit and can work in all sorts of adverse conditions, which you would think would cause a huge amount of turnover, in fact, the guys we get come in and stay in. The long-term commitment we get means that everyone knows and gets along well with everyone else." It's pretty fair to say that it does.

The Provost Guard meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Provost Guard Squad Room.



# The Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts

**T**HE Southeastern Massachusetts Shrine Club held their Potentates Reception in November 2007. The event took place at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford, MA. Over fifty (50) Nobles attended with Chief **Stephen G. Eriksen** representing the Aleppo Divan with a contingent from the Aleppo Shrine Center. The guest of honor was **Carrie Holmstrom**, a burn victim from the area who was treated in the Shriners Hospitals for Children over the past year.



PRESENTING Chief Rabban **Stephen G. Eriksen** with a check for \$30,000 for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund is the Shrine Club President, **Alan Tabor**.



**Alan Tabor**, Shrine Club President (left) with Noble **George Panagakos** and **Carrie Holmstrom** with the blanket presentation.



REPRESENTATIVES from Rhode Island Temple also came to the Potentate's Reception. From left to right are: **Illustrious Frank "Sparky" Dimascio**, Aleppo Chief Rabban **Stephen G. Eriksen**, and Noble **John Mello**.

## HELP WANTED

The Transportation Unit needs **DRIVERS** to drive tractor trailers for parades, and also **BUS DRIVERS**.

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before and after parades

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Drive trucks,  
pooperscooper, and  
stay with equipment

**HORSEMEN**  
Ride Parades  
and Events

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Meet 2nd Thursday of Month 7:00PM

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