



THE SIX CHAIRS were delivered to the hospital on December 22, 2007, and will be placed in the family area of the facility for the siblings and patients to enjoy for many years to come.

Left to right are: Brothers **Joe DeNicola**, **Harvey Jacobvitz**, Worshipful **Bob Olsson**, Brother **Phil Garrett**, Worshipful **Bill Peterson** and Miss **Kelly** from the Hospital.

## Lodge Donates Rocking Chairs to Shriners Hospital–Boston

By BRO. (NOBLE) JOSEPH DENICOLA

DECEMBER 22, 2007 - Old Colony Lodge of Hingham, MA. As part of Old Colony Lodge's (OCL) Bicentennial Celebration, the Brothers made a gift of children's rocking chairs to the Shriners Hospital for Children–Boston.

The idea was that the oldest child of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, OCL, to give something to the youngest children that the Masons help. This was wholeheartedly received by the Brothers of Old Colony.

The chairs were made by Nichols & Stone of Gardner, MA, who did a wonderful job and are craftsmen in their own right.

Each chair has a square and compass on the top with "Old Colony Lodge, A.F. & A.M. - Hingham, MA" around the symbol. On the back of one is a brass plate with the Lodge, date and note that it was a gift to the children of the Shriners Hospital for Children–Boston from "the oldest child of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

Worshipful **Bob Olsson** led a group to tour the Hospital and enjoyed lunch with their host Noble **Craig Walsh**. Old Colony's December 11th meeting was held 200 years to-the-day from their first communication in Hingham. Right

Worshipful **Richard Austin** presided in the East for the evening to assist OCL in commemorating their Birthday. Originally Institute in the neighboring town of Hanover 15 years earlier... OCL was granted permission 200 years ago to relocate to Hingham. As such; Old Colony is 'the oldest child of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts', it was a special night with over 125 members and guests on the sidelines.



Right Worshipful **Hamilton Lee Potter**; outgoing DDGM also from Hingham, was presented a 'Full-Size' rocker by acting Master **Joseph DeNicola** from the Brothers to congratulate him on his term and pending 'retirement'.

## Charles River Valley Shrine Club

CHARLES River Valley Shrine Club held its Annual meeting on February 10, 2008, where **George Sarafinas** was elected as the new President. Illustrious Potentate **Stephen G. Eriksen** attended and installed the new officers. The attendance was good at the Thomson Country Club in North Reading, MA. A wonderful brunch was enjoyed by all as well as the opportunities table. Past President **Dave Howard** won the door prize, an Afghan, and donated it to the Shriners Hospital for Children–Springfield.



**Burn Awareness Week**  
Preventing Gasoline Burns



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## Important Information for Parents

### Gasoline Use:

- DO use gasoline only to fuel an engine. That is its only use!
- DO remember that gasoline vapors can be ignited by a spark, flame or other source of heat that is located many feet away.
- DON'T use gasoline anywhere near a barbecue grill.
- DON'T use gasoline to light a barbecue grill or to start or accelerate a fire.
- DON'T use gasoline as a cleaning fluid or solvent.

### Handling Gasoline:

- DO handle gasoline in a responsible manner.
- DO remember that an engine that is still warm can ignite gasoline vapors. Only add gasoline when an engine is completely cool.
- DON'T allow children to touch gasoline or a gasoline container, even under supervision.
- DON'T handle gasoline near a flame source, such as matches, lighters and pilot lights on stoves and water heaters.
- DON'T use gasoline indoors.
- DON'T siphon gasoline by mouth, as it is harmful or fatal if swallowed.
- DON'T induce vomiting if gasoline is swallowed. Instead, seek immediate medical attention.

### Storing Gasoline:

- DO store gasoline only in an approved gasoline container.
- DO store gasoline in a well-ventilated outside storage area that is not attached to your home, such as a shed or garage, preferably in a locked cabinet. Be sure there are not any ignition sources nearby.
- DO place the gasoline container out of reach of children.
- DO keep only the minimum amount of gasoline required (generally, no more than a gallon).
- DON'T store gasoline in a glass jar, milk jug or any other non-approved container.
- DON'T store gasoline anywhere inside a home or vehicle.
- DON'T store gasoline near a source of heat or sparks, such as a hot water heater, furnace, clothes dryer or any appliance that uses a pilot light.

### About Gasoline Containers:

- DO check gasoline containers for compliance with the ASTM F852 standard, which establishes performance requirements for portable gasoline containers intended for reuse by consumers. This compliance is indicated in writing on either side or the underside of all approved plastic gasoline containers.
- DON'T put anything other than gasoline in a gasoline container.
- DON'T drink anything out of a gasoline container.

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# COLD SANDS FUND

IN 2005, five members of the Aleppo Divan agreed to repay a loan from the permanent fund. Each was to repay \$44,000.00 in his year as Potentate in order to install air conditioning in the auditorium. Three of those five have already successfully met their commitment and in those three years, Aleppo and its Nobility have enjoyed a balanced budget. This results in growth for the temple and more to share with the Aleppo Nobles and Units. The Aleppo Units have been the largest contributors to this endeavor.

Illustrious **Stephen G. Eriksen** needs your help. He also has a commitment to repay his portion of the loan. He understands that our first commitment is to the Shrine Hospitals but hopes you will find a way to assist him with his promise to repay the Aleppo Permanent Fund. A fiscally strong Shrine Center is better able to support our Shrine Hospitals.

Illustrious Eriksen thanks you in advance for the support you will show him and Aleppo in the coming year.