

Lobster Galore!

North Shore Shrine Club

At the end of the summer last year, the North Shore Shrine Club held a reception for Illustrious Potentate **Albert D. Flight**, at the American Legion Hall in Manchester by the Sea. The scenery was beautiful, overlooking the harbor and the sun shining brightly with wisps of puffy white clouds as a backdrop for the azure green water, wow!

We all are looking forward to those days as we throw one shovel full of snow after the other.

One hundred and twenty Nobles, Ladies and invited guests enjoyed those savory lobsters, without all the mess! Kelly's Roast Beef prepared the lobster rolls, instead of having 120 people wearing lobster. Each lobster roll were filled with two lobsters – wow again!

The feast began with charbroiled hot dogs as a hold-me-over until the steamers were ready. Then out came the salad and fresh corn on the cob. For those that preferred a more traditional meal there was choice strip sirloin steak, which was delicious. Now the club can't wait until next Labor Day weekend to do it all over again!



THE ALEPPO Shriners Director's Staff prepared the steaks at the Potentate's Reception. Left to right are: **Dave Raymond, Richard Bushee and Kevin Mesurace.**



AWARD CERTIFICATES were presented by Past Potentate **Robert L. Pann** and Noble **Leon Golden** at the North Shore Shrine Club Lobster Bash. The Nobles (too many to mention here) received certificates thanking them for their "dedication and commitment to help raise needed funds to pay the costs of transportation for the children and their parents to the Boston and Springfield Hospitals." **Marlin Whitney** was a proud recipient of a certificate.



Christmas With The North Shore Shrine Club

CHRISTMAS came early this December for children patients in the North Shore Children's Hospital in Salem, MA. As we have done for many years Santa and his Elves visited there to bring happiness, a smile and some small gift to those kids in need of medical attention. Left to right are; President **Charles H. Collins**, P.P. **Emerson Brown**, **Carolyn Bohling**, **William S. Macomber**, **Henry "Santa" Brown**, **Maryellen Brown**, **Joyce Brown**, P.P. **John C. Bohling** and Secretary **Donald W. Grant**. Taking photo is **Glover "Ex-Santa" Broughton**.

Temple Hosts Telemedicine Clinics for Shriners Hospitals Patients

Akdar Shriners in Tulsa, Okla., utilizes the latest technology to make Shriners Hospitals for Children accessible for patients in the area.

Across North America, thousands of Shriners volunteer to transport patients to and from Shriners Hospitals for treatment. But the rising cost of gasoline is making weekly trips by van or plane an expensive endeavor. This challenge led Akdar Shriners to find a more economical alternative: establishing telemedicine technology at their temple.

Telemedicine allows doctors to provide medical care to patients in a remote location through interactive video and an audio connection. In 2004, Akdar Shriners became the first of 191 Shriners temples to house a telemedicine suite within its building. The project began with a partnership with Shriners Hospitals for Children — Shreveport and has since expanded to the Shriners Hospitals in Galveston and St. Louis.

"It's very rewarding to know how all this got started: it was just a simple idea to help defray the costs of transportation," said **Ken Hunter**, hospital committee chairman for Akdar Shriners and a member of the Shreveport Shriners Hospital Board of Governors. "It's been a tremendous joy to work with these kids. And, of course, parents are appreciative because it saves them from missing so much work. Instead of a two-day trip to one of our Shriners Hospitals, they can come here for two hours and then go home."

Equipment and supplies for the telemedicine suite were donated by the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa.

The sophisticated equipment includes a video-conferencing system with two 17-inch LCD monitors, a hand-held camera for up-close viewing and a special camera for gait analysis, which allows physicians and patients to communicate in real-time.

"We use high-resolution cameras that can show the accurate color of a burn or incision, and can go inside the mouth of a cleft palate patient," Hunter explained. "It's especially great for cleft palate patients, who need so much follow-up. If it weren't for us, they'd be making frequent trips to Chicago."

A secure high-speed Internet connection is used to download quality video and share supporting materials, such as patient records, charts and X-rays. During weekly Friday telemedicine clinics, volunteer medical professionals are available to provide basic medical care for patients. For example, nurses may apply ointment and redress burns after patients consult with a doctor at the Galveston Shriners Hospital, or an orthotics technician may take measurements for a doctor in Shreveport.

Several other temples are following the lead of



THE ESTABLISHMENT of a telemedicine clinic at Akdar Shriners' temple allows children to continue receiving top-notch care while alleviating the growing cost of transporting patients to Shriners Hospitals.

Akdar Shriners. To help those interested in starting a similar program, Akdar Shriners partnered with Oklahoma State University to create a DVD about their telemedicine suite, and encourage Shriners to visit their temple in Tulsa. To learn more about the telemedicine program at Akdar Shriners, contact Ken Hunter at (918) 836-2528 or hospital@tulsacoxmail.com.

