



COMING TOGETHER for a fundraiser to support Kevin Borges and his family are, from left to right: **Joe Galvin, Joe Scullari** (members of the Somerville, MA, Fire Department) **Thomas Grant**, a member of the Cape Cod Fire Brigade; **Mr. Borges and Kevin Borges, Christine Foley, RN**, (Kevin's home care nurse), and **Paul Sullivan** (of the Somerville, MA, Fire Department).

Making A Little Boy Smile



Kevin Borges, from Everett, MA, was born with a Neurotubular Defect (Spina Bifida) that causes paralysis. He has a VP shunt and brain stem narrowing that requires he have a tracheotomy and the use of a ventilator for sleep. He requires one-on-one nursing care around the clock. Regardless of all his needs, Kevin is always smiling and happy and is loved very much by family and friends. On October 26, 2008, **Thomas Grant**, a member of the Cape Cod Fire Brigade, along with three members of the Somerville, MA, Fire Department, came together for a fundraiser to help support Kevin and his family. The day was a success, with over 100 friends and family members attending, but the highlight was seeing the smile on Kevin's face as he drove around in the Cape Cod Fire Brigade's "little fire truck" with Thomas Grant.

"Potentate's Message"

What a great start to lead what I consider to be the best Shrine Center of North America. Thank you for electing me to the position of Potentate for 2009. I would like to thank Past Potentate Illustrious **Robert F. Greene, Sr.** for appointing me as Second Ceremonial Master in 2003. Also, thank you to the rest of the Divan for your continuing support and to our Recorder, **Peter K. Stone**, for being the installing officer.

During the January 24th Ceremonial, Aleppo had 31 new Nobles cross the desert sands. The membership committee, led by Noble **Phil Kumph**, worked hard to get the candidates off to a good start with Aleppo's new Mentor Program. Each candidate was assigned a mentor to show them around the building, introduce them to the different units and give them a chance to ask questions as they went along. The mentors will be staying in contact with their candidates, asking them to come to different functions, and allowing them to see what Aleppo is really about. If you are interested in helping the membership committee or becoming a mentor, contact Phil Kumph at 978-535-2203 or come to a membership meeting at the Director's Staff room on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Aleppo Shrine Center.

Membership will be one of, if not the most important, challenges that we will be facing in the coming year. My slogan is "5K NO WAY." "What does that mean?" you say. Well, Aleppo's membership has dropped to 5,100 Nobles, 5K NO WAY means that we do not want it to drop any further. I am challenging every Noble, Unit, and Shrine Club to compete with each other to see who can get the most candidates. On April 17th, 2009, we will be having a Rockin' Noble Party in the Fez Room for Nobles, their Ladies, friends and guests who might show an interest in Shrinedom. Look for the ad in this issue of the paper.

If you missed the Ceremonial, you missed a great drummer and speaker, **Dan Caro**. Dan, who is now a member of Jerusalem Shriners, is an accomplished jazz drummer sought after all over the country but mostly in New Orleans. He is also an inspirational speaker for the Shrine of North America. He was burned over 70% of his body at the age of two and was a patient of the Shriners Hospital in Boston, and later at the Hospital in Galveston. His recuperation and drive to become an active part of society is overwhelming.

Dignitaries from the Northeast consisted of twelve Potentates and Chief Rabbans along with other members of their Divans joined the Aleppo Nobility at the Potentate's Ball and visitation which was a lot of fun. A huge thank you to Chief Aide **Ken Hurrell** and Assistant Chief Aide **Charles Diminico**. They, along with the rest of the Aides and all the Ladies made sure the weekend was a great success. Friday night held a delicious buffet with the **Bob Darling** show as the entertainment. On Saturday, twenty-four visitors elected to take a tour of the Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston. Thank you to **Ted Critch** for driving the bus. I was surprised at how many of our visiting Nobles have never been to the Hospital. They were very pleased with the tour. During the morning those who didn't take the trip were entertained by a casino atmosphere. Saturday night was the Potentate's Ball with the usual pomp and circumstance, an exquisite dinner and dancing to the music of "Hush." Our Recorder Peter K. Stone and his small elves were a HUGE hit.

Make sure you save March 17th for the St. Patty's Day party in the Aleppo O'Fez Room being chaired by First Ceremonial Master **Richard Doherty**.

This will be the last year of raising monies for the Cold Sands Fund. Any donations to help pay this off will be greatly appreciated. By having air conditioning throughout the auditorium, we have been able to secure more shows during the warmer months, making Aleppo Shriners Auditorium a more sought-after venue.

We need to keep supporting the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund to ensure that our patients and their families are taken care of. The Transportation Fund helps with transportation of patients, and sometimes housing for their families so that they may stay together through dramatic times.

Have you signed up for San Antonio? The 2009 Imperial Session and competitions of our marching units will be held there from July 4th to July 9th.

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Potentate Aleppo Temple - 2009



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