



EMPLOYEES OF THE *Stop and Shop Supermarket in Saugus* visited the *Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston* in December 2008. They brought the children candy and toys and happened to coincide with the annual *Boston Bruins* visit. From left to right are: **Albi Blanco**; **David Faulkner**, Hospital Director of Development; **Gene Giacobbe**; **Mark Stuart**, *Boston Bruins*; **Mark Glover**; **Matt Hunwick**, *Boston Bruins*; **Zdeno Chara**, *Boston Bruins*; **Pat Hickey**; **Deanne Ball**; and **Kevin McHauley**.



2009 Imperial Session San Antonio, Texas



Shriners and their families and friends are all making plans now to attend the 135th Imperial Council Session, which will be held July 5-9, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas.

Like Shriners International, San Antonio is rich in history and tradition, with activities and attractions to entertain people of all ages. The city boasts a wide assortment of restaurants, ranging from Tex-Mex to Deep South cuisine. Shopping is also plentiful, with outlets, malls, galleries, unique shops and Mexican markets. There are also areas in San Antonio where you can find unique crafts, antiques, local art and south-of-the-border imports.

When it comes to attractions, San Antonio has it all: historical sites, including the famous Alamo and four other Spanish missions, art galleries and museums, including the San Antonio Museum of Art and the Witte Museum, which will have an exhibit on the myths and realities of the Wild, Wild West.

In addition to these activities, families can look forward to having a great time at the Shriners' competitions, where clown units, motor patrols, horse

patrols, band units and more vie for top honors. And, of course, there's always the parade, a Shriners specialty looked forward to by youngsters and adults alike.

For more information about the 2009 Imperial Council Session, please visit www.Imperial2009.com, and check back often for updates.

In Memoriam

Mark C. Robinson

July 11, 1946 - December 7, 2008

Beginning his Revolutionary War Reenactment activities circa 1974, during the Bicentennial, he was a Past Captain of the Wilmington Minutemen and Musketman of the Aleppo Shrine Minutemen. The Minutemen Unit sends its condolences to his wife Mary, son **Mark C. Robinson, Jr.**, mother **Mimi**, and family.

Mark will be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known and reenacted with him. He served competently, with quiet warmth that demonstrated steadfast support to his comrades, and was an adornment and light to our entire community.



Remembering Those Nobles Who Left Us in 2008



By CHARLES "BUCKY" BUCHANAN

THE Annual Memorial Service for those Nobles whose demise was announced during 2008 was held Sunday January 4, 2009, at the Shrine Center in Wilmington. The service was conducted for the families and friends of the 186 Nobles taken from the Aleppo Oasis by the Black Camel.

The Aleppo Chaplain and the Officers of Aleppo Shriners conducted the service and were assisted by the Aleppo Temple Color Guard, the Aleppo Temple Guard, the Aleppo Temple Chanters and the Aleppo Temple Brass Band.

Ill. **Stephen G. Eriksen**, Potentate of Aleppo Shriners, welcomed everyone and gave a stirring rendition of the poem "Miss Me But Let Me Go."

The Reverend **Larry A. Zimmerman**, Aleppo Chaplain, gave the Mystic Roll, the number of Nobles whose demise was announced each month of 2008. He was assisted by the Officers of Aleppo Shriners and members of the Aleppo Brass Band during this impressive solemn Candlelight Ceremony.

Illustrious **Peter K. Stone**, Past Potentate and Recorder of Aleppo Shriners, eulogized Noble **Gerald B. Stangroom**, Noble **Stephen Kapantais** and Illustrious **Donald Warren Vose** for their long dedication and service to Aleppo Shriners.

Noble Gerald B. Stangroom was created an Aleppo Shriner on June 6, 1987 and served as Captain of the Aleppo Cycles Unit during 1995 and 1996. He was a constant contributor to the Aleppo

News; writing articles and taking pictures of the activities of his unit.

Noble Stangroom was an avid photographer and had a large collection of Shrine photos. He was a veteran of the US Air Force and had a profound fondness for vintage planes.

Noble Stephen Kapantais was created an Aleppo Shriner on January 29, 1954. He joined the Degree Staff in 1958 and became a charter member of the Aleppo Clown Unit. He served as the Assistant Director of the Clown Unit from 1977 thru 1982 and was appointed "Boss Clown" in 1983. The Clown Unit voted him the "Clown of the Year" in 1977. He became Emeritus in 1986. Noble Kapantais was known for his ballooning and spent endless hours developing new characters and making balloons into any shape.

Illustrious Donald Warren Vose, Past Potentate of Aleppo Shriners, was created an Aleppo Shriner on May 23, 1941. He was appointed to the Aleppo Shriners Divan in 1967. He withdrew from the Divan to serve as the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for the years 1972, 1973, and 1974. He returned to the Divan as the Junior Past Grand Master of Masons, and Chief Rabban of Aleppo Shriners in 1975. He was installed Potentate of Aleppo Shriners on January 20, 1976.

Illustrious Vose, a 33rd Degree Mason, was an active officer in most of the collateral Masonic bodies. He was also the founder of the Aleppo Past Masters Association. He was an Emeritus member of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston, and the president of the Edgartown National Bank.

The Candlelight Service was closed with the hymn "The Vacant Chair" by the Aleppo Chanters. The Reverend Larry A. Zimmerman delivered a very stirring sermon encouraging each Noble to ponder his legacy as a Shriner.

Illustrious Eriksen introduced **Gail Larab**, who sang a solo of the hymn "Amazing Grace." Gail is the niece of Noble **Robert L. Murray** whose demise was announced last year. After the benediction by Reverend Zimmerman everyone moved into the Wilson Room for light refreshments.

Sudden Passing of Deputy Imperial Potentate

ON January 11, 2009, Deputy Imperial Potentate **Terrence E. McGuire** suddenly passed away, five months before he was to be elevated as the Imperial Potentate. Imperial Sir Terry was a consummate humanitarian, and truly embodied the missions of not only Shriners International, but also the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



TERRENCE E. MCGUIRE

He received a doctorate in Education from Texas A&M, and spent 35 years in both public and private education, 15 of which he spent as an assistant superintendent of schools. Imperial Sir Terry also worked as an educational consultant for an architectural firm in San Antonio. He also served in his community as part of the YMCA and many other organizations.

Imperial Sir Terry was a fifty-year Mason in the state of Texas. He served as worshipful Master of triune Lodge in 1997, was named a District Deputy Grand Master in 2000, was active in both the York and Scottish Rites, and served as Potentate of Alzafar Shriners in 1987. He was also Director of Court no. 60, R.O.J., Director General of the 1993 Imperial Session, and received the Legion of Honor from DeMolay.

He was elected to the board of Governors of the Houston Shrine Hospital in 1989, and served for two three-year terms. He was elected an emeritus member of the board when he resigned his position to accept his election to the board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children in 1995. Imperial Sir Terry also served in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Petty Officer, First Class.

"In recognition of a life filled with goodness, dedication to those less fortunate, and charity toward all," Imperial Potentate **Douglas E. Maxwell** proclaimed Imperial Sir Terrence E. McGuire, Ph.D. an Honorary Imperial Potentate.



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