

Provost Guard

By **KEN HOWE**
CHIEF

WELL, the Provost Guard certainly knows winter is upon us. We started off with the Greater Boston Card Show in November with good weather, followed by the Greenberg Train Show. Then the cold weather rolled in during the Jolly Jim Show in December, but we have a great crew and made it through.

There was a break over Christmas and New Year's, then came the Motorcycle Show with cold and snow. The snow plows did a good job keeping the lots clear of snow and everyone parked safely. The Antique Show came and went with some hostile cold weather and more snow on Sunday morning. Unfortunately I wasn't much help because of a cast on my leg, but our newest member (and my grandson) **J.D. Howe** and **Jorge** tackling the snow, **Chet Paris**, **Charles Rooney** and **Dick Witz** directing the cars, it was another successful event. With such a short staff helping, each person came in one at a time to eat and head back out to keep the patrons safe.

The January Ceremonial was cold but dry. It was a very long day. Thanks to those who stayed for the Parade in Review.

The February Home Show started off very cold, but the weekend warmed up a little bit. Lots of visitors passed thru the doors of the auditorium. Thank you to those who helped with that show, those are long days from morning until ten o'clock at night.

At the Re-enlistment Dinner on February fourth, **Nepo Trepanier** became Captain of the Provost and **Charlie Artz** became Lieutenant, with PFC **Jerry Westerman** as the new Quartermaster. Congratulations goes out to them.

It takes a special type of person to be in the Provost Guard. You must like the outdoors in all kinds of weather, and you must like interacting with the public. If you are that kind of person please call Chief **Ken Howe** at 508-764-3342.



Temple Guard

By **RAY ROSCH**
SECRETARY - TEMPLE GUARD

AS Illustrious **Stephen G. Eriksen** once told us at a Temple Guard meeting, "The Temple Guard are the first Shriners that most people meet, and it's very important we make a great first impression!"

Most of the unit's work is to guard the doors at Ceremonials and Aleppo Shriners Auditorium events. We take tickets and answer questions and direct patrons at Shrine Auditorium events. "Where's the rest rooms, ATM, where is this exhibitor, etc.?"

Working indoors means we are "never cold and never hungry." Check out the events listing, and wherever you see a "T" we will be there. We have two shifts during the day - from the event opening to 1 p.m. and from 1 p.m. until event close usually around 4:30 or 5 p.m.

Meetings are held monthly, on the third Monday, in the unit room. Outings are held on occasion. The Temple Guard also participates in every Shrine parade.

Last summer's BBQ was an outstanding success. For the past four years participation has grown. This year the BBQ was catered. Many thanks to Sgt. **Charles Diminico**. At the BBQ Charlie was promoted to his well-earned position of Quartermaster. Also promoted, to Corporal, was **Charles Frizzell**. At our Christmas party, **Ray Rosch** was promoted to Sergeant and **Fred Wenz** to Corporal.

The Temple Guard marched in every parade during the summer, as well as the Northeast Shrine Association in Manchester, N.H. The Unit was proud to carry the Aleppo Banner at the head of all of Aleppo parade units. (Being ahead of the Mounted Patrol has obvious advantages!)

The Temple Guard is always looking for new members. Our Captain, **Ray Minyard**, would love to meet you. We meet in the Unit room at the Shrine Center in Wilmington every third Monday at 7 p.m., except during July and August.



THE PROVOST GUARD presented Illustrious **Stephen G. Eriksen** with a check for \$1,000 for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund at the January 2009 Heads of Units Meeting. From left to right are: Illustrious **Eriksen**; **Ken Howe**, Chief of the Provost Guard; and **Irving Ruggles**.

Saturday
ANOTHER GREAT DAY!

The day could not have been more perfect. Phil and Jenna came to visit with Sarah and we walked the campus (I still can't get over how beautiful it is!). We stopped and had ice cream and played a game of croquet - Sarah's idea! She has *SO* much energy, and there is so much here to keep *US ALL* occupied! She wants to come up next weekend for the watercolor class! Maybe I'll take Sarah to the neighborhood gardens in the morning. We could cut some flowers for her to bring into class. Roses happen to be her favorite. *MINE, TOO!* I love having them visit! This is *BETTER* than I ever imagined!

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