

Provost Guard News

Braving the Storms

By KEN HOWE



WINTER is over, spring is here. It was a difficult winter for the Provost. In February, during the Antique Show, there was a major snowstorm which required snow removal equipment to keep up with the parking lots. It actually went well while we were parking cars during all the chaos. After the show, the snow settled and the parking lots were able to be cleared out for the next day's show.

Many thanks to the Provost Guards who braved the storm to keep the patrons safe. This was just one of the many winter shows fraught with snow or rain.

The circus is upon us, and we are very pleased and grateful that the road and sandpit have been rebuilt. They have wreaked havoc on many a car and have been the creators of many complaints. People don't have to fear the many potholes and ruts anymore! Thanks to the Divan for addressing this issue.

My grandson, **JD**, has been volunteering with the Provost for years now, and has recently become a Master Mason. The Provost look forward to having him join Aleppo and the Unit in the future. He has been an asset thus far with parking vehicles, securing the building, and making a safe place for the patrons and customers of the Aleppo Shriners Auditorium.

A big welcome to our newest member **Charles Rooney**.

We are looking forward to the parades this summer and making the Aleppo Nobility proud.

Lastly, anyone interested in joining the Provost Guard can contact **Ken Howe** at 508-746-3342. The Provost Guard meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Provost Guard Squad Room, on the second floor of the Aleppo Shrine Center.



JD AND KEN HOWE

HELP WANTED

The Transportation Unit needs **DRIVERS** to drive tractor trailers for parades, and also **BUS DRIVERS**.

Qualifications:
CDL Class A

Please contact:

Capt. Mark Norton at 1-781-391-9662
or Ted Critch at 978-667-6450



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NEEDED

WRANGLERS
Ability to handle horses before and after parades

DRIVERS
Drive trucks, pooperscooper, and stay with equipment

HORSEMEN
Ride Parades and Events

CALL:

Captain Tom Cinelli

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Meet 2nd Thursday of Month 7:00PM

We Ride for the Children



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Pawsing to Help Kids at Shriners Hospitals

GRACIE knows how to enter a room. The minute she walks in, she commands attention.

But Gracie isn't a Hollywood starlet, or a local celebrity. Gracie is a therapy dog. Her job is to visit health care facilities, like the Erie Shriners Hospitals for Children, where she puts smiles on the children's faces and inspires them with her courage.

You see, Gracie is an amputee herself.

Losing her leg in an accident, Gracie brings a special message of hope and possibility to the children who also have limb deficiencies at the Erie Shriners Hospital.

Gracie provides more than inspiration, however. Studies have shown a person holding or petting a dog can experience a decrease in blood pressure, relief from tension and less depression.

Shriners Hospitals understand the powerful effect animals can have on patient morale and the recovery process, especially in children. Animals like Gracie help kids feel more comfortable and at ease in a hospital setting. Recognizing the benefits of animal therapy, Shriners Hospitals for Children welcome furry guests like Gracie to most of their hospitals, all the while putting the health and care of the patient first.

Visits from therapy animals also give children at the hospital something to look forward to with anticipation. Animals are met with immediate excitement when they accompany their owners for visits to the hospital.

"Everyone smiles and comes around Gracie. It's a nice distraction for just the few moments that we visit," said **Polakowski**.

With each visit, the children get to know Gracie better. And most importantly, they see her overcoming her own disability. Gracie brings a message of hope to the children she visits — that they, too, can live a happy and healthy life.

Jeremy Stacey, a patient at the Erie Shriners Hospital, takes Gracie's message of perseverance to heart. He refuses to let his disability slow him down.

"If a dog is getting along just fine, obviously a kid can do the same thing," said Stacey. "It may be a little harder, but if an animal like that can adapt, anyone can."