

## Kendall J. Jones – Master of Masonry, Building and Cuisine

By HERMES BOYATIS

**M**Y interview of Kendall commenced on Sunday, February 10, in preparation for his conferral as a 33rd Degree Mason on August 26 in Providence, Rhode Island. Virtually thousands of people north and south of the Border and across the Atlantic have witnessed the wonders of **Kendall Jones!**

To begin with his beginnings: "I was born in Taunton on April 29, 1928. My mother, **Edna C. Eaton**, was born in Mansfield; my dad, **Hiram Chester Jones**, in Taunton. They were parents of 13 children: seven girls and six boys? a lucky number!" he laughed.

His happiest times: My marriage to **Barbara** sixty-one years ago. We have raised four girls: **Kendra, Laurie, Wendy, and Betsy**; and, of course, we are blessed with many grandchildren.

Before we moved to Kendall's rise in Masonry, we wondered about his construction of edifices. "I built," he said, "Bramble Bush Medical Center in Falmouth; designed and built Cawnacome and Weary Travelers in Pocasset; Social Harmony Lodge, Wareham, of which I'm a lifetime member; and hundreds of houses all over the Cape. I can't name them - I've been at it for 61 years!"

His education? "I attended grammar school and high school in Taunton and never finished because I felt, at sixteen, that I needed to go to war. But such a desire mandated the signature of my mother, who said absolutely no. There was a virtual family feud. My dad telling ma, "Let him go." In tears, she acquiesced, but it all turned out all right, as you can see!"

"I joined the U.S. Maritime Service, crossing the Atlantic to Antwerp, Belgium, to pick up survivors of the Battle of the Bulge. My most terrifying experience was in the English Channel when the waves were so high, turning our ship up and over like a cork stop!"

Now to Kendall's cooking. "Once again, I owe so

much to my mother. She taught me when I was a little boy - from baking bread to roasting all kinds of birds and meats. My favorite offerings to our diners are quahaugs, clams - all kinds of seafood chowders." We know about his famous game dinners. Where does he go hunting? "There's a bookful of stories there!" he laughed. "I hunt and fish with the MicMac Indian Nation in Newfoundland for our venison and more!"

How did you manage with all the recent Cape storms and power outages? "Thankfully, I have my own club generator and sprinkler system."

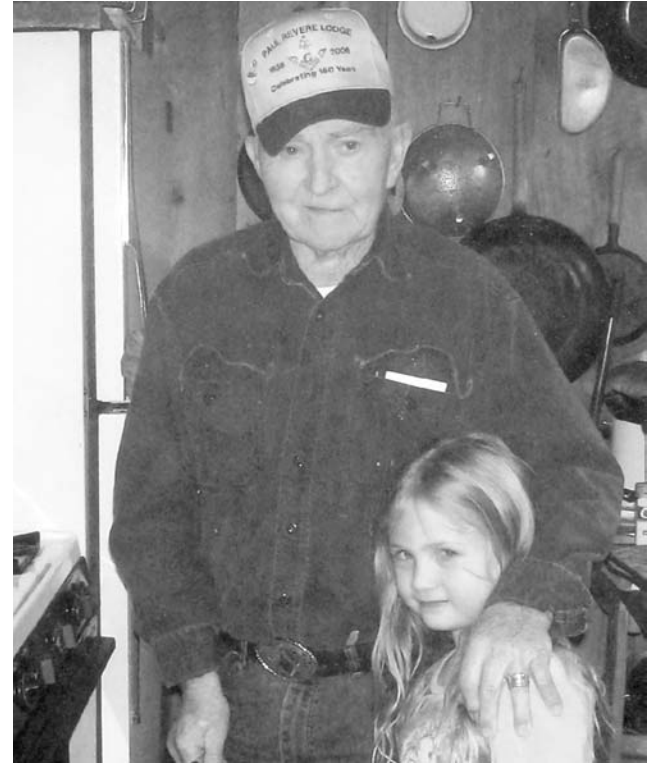
Do you cook at home? "Not usually. Barbara is a great cook. I know that when I get home from Weary's, she'll have a super supper waiting for me."

Other travels besides World War II and Newfoundland? "Barbara and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary aboard the Pacific Princess, traveling to Porta Vallarta and Mazatlan, Mexico. We've been on most of the Shriners' cruises."

At last we arrived at Kendall's Masonry and Shrinedom. Any awards? "I have been honored with the 50-year veteran's Medal for Masonry; Knight York Cross of Honor; and the Joseph Warren Medal for Distinguished Service. In 1959 I was raised in DeWitt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich, became Master there, followed by District Deputy Grand Master for all of Cape Cod. In 1980 I became Past Master of Mariners Lodge in Cotuit."

He said, "It took me twelve years to reach all these stations. For the past four years I have been Past Master of Cawnacome Sunshine Lodge." Unbelievable energy and commitment! He added, "It's not Masonic, but it is, like my goals as a Shriner, dedicated to children. I am a member of the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Cape Cod, assisting in the Sheriff's program for helping children fight drug abuse, gangs, and other dangers."

Ever relax? "I read a lot, but the books **MUST** be true! I watch TV news and westerns. It was great



**KENDALL J. JONES AND HIS GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, HALEY.**

seeing President Reagan as a rider."

Besides your few free times, do you have time for church? "We always do our best to get to the services at our Methodist Church in Bourne."

Do you and Barbara have any companions at home? "You bet! We have a dog, Honey Dew, two parakeets, and an African Grey parrot, BooBoo, who talks up a storm."

"On Saturday, April 29th, my friends, my family, everyone is welcome when I celebrate my 80th birthday at Weary's. My heart doctors kinda keep me shaped up. I've reached the peak of my life. I don't expect to do much more except my charity work."

## Aleppo Brass Band Sounds of Spring... Let the Band Play On

### 2008 Festival of Music Manchester, NH

Aleppo Brass Band, as a member of the Northeast Shrine Band Association, is joining them at the 2008 Festival of Music in Manchester, NH. The field days will be held at the Bektash Shrine Center, August, 2008.

On Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 10:00 am, members of Aleppo, Bektash, Kora, Melha, and Sphinx Temples will join together for present a Mass Band concert. The concert and musical activities will continue all day and conclude with a parade at 1:00 pm. All these events are free to all who attend. Come join us and show Aleppo support to the Northeast Shrine Band Association.

### Centurion Honored

Like the "Energizer Bunny," musicians never fade away and the "Band Plays On." Aleppo Brass Band member, Noble **Harold Boyer** (below) was honored for achieving his 100th birthday on March 25th. Noble Boyer is still active with the Brass Band and its activities at the ceremonials, parades and concerts. Come one and all to the next Aleppo ceremonial and meet Noble Harold Boyer personally and congratulate him yourself.



**D**O you play a musical instrument? Have you wanted to be in a parade? Do you want to hear specialty music (Irish, Polish, German, Dixieland, Pop, or any unusual song)? If so, why not have great musical moments by joining the Aleppo Shriners Brass Band.

The concert and activity season has returned. It's time to come out of hiding and become active again with your favorite group. The band has 5 "gigs" booked for this season. Join us for our summer performances. Come share the excitement of parading (we make music from a trailer), playing at Civic events, Aleppo Ceremonials and other Shrine events.

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