



# 2009 Imperial Session San Antonio, Texas

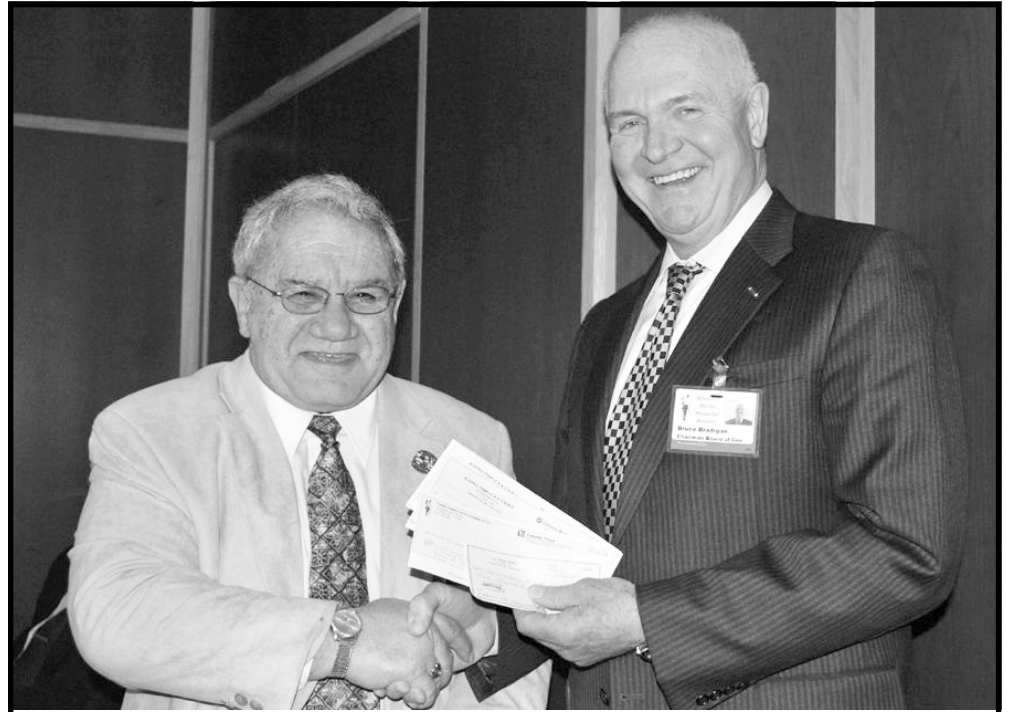
Shriners and their families and friends are all making plans now to attend the 135th Imperial Council Session, which will be held July 5-9, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas.

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](http://www.Imperial2009.com), and check back often for updates.



ILLUSTRIOUS **Robert F. Smith**, Potentate of Aleppo Shriners, presented **Bruce Bradigan**, Chairman of the Board of Governors Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston, more than \$100,000 at his first Board Meeting as Potentate.

## Fire Brigade

By **RICHARD BARTLETT**



**T**HE Aleppo Fire Brigade, under the direction of Chief **Wes Tucker**, is pleased to announce that \$500 was given to the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund from our tab fund. This was done through the efforts of Lt. **Henry Brown** and FF **Terry McCenna** with the help of the Acacia Club of Dracut and the Halligan Club.

The 2009 parade schedules have started to appear. The Aleppo Shrine Fire Brigade will be attending these parades with our mini fire trucks. Last year in 2008, we had a great time at the parades, even when we had a mechanical problem or two. Thank you to all Fire Brigade Nobles in attendance, so we could get all five of our mini fire trucks out on the street for each parade. We hope that 2009 will be as good a year as last year, if not better!

The Fire Brigade would also like to give a huge thank you to all the Nobles who pitched in at each parade last year to help us unload and reload our mini fire trucks from our trailer. We also will take this opportunity to thank the Transportation Unit for being patient with our learning curve with trailer procedures and hauling our trailer to all Aleppo Shrine call of duties.

On March 14, 2009, Deputy Chief **Bob Robinson** conducted a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator (CPR/AED) class for the Fire Brigade. Through his efforts, all members in attendance are now certified in CPR/AED.

CPR is an emergency procedure for a person whose heart has stopped or is no longer breathing. CPR can maintain circulation and breathing until emergency medical assistance arrives. AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnosis the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish effective rhythm.

The Fire Brigade would like to say hello and get well to **Dick Erickon**, **Arthur List** and **Steve "Whip" Cashman**.



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## In Memoriam

### Samuel Joseph Melick



The Aleppo Fire Brigade is very sad to announce the passing of Lieutenant Samuel Joseph Melick on March 24, 2009. Lt. Joe Melick joined the Aleppo Shrine on June 4, 1983 and was a 25-year member of the Aleppo Fire Brigade. He was also the last Chief of the Newton Auxiliary Fire Department.

Lt. Joe Melick was a member of Dalhousie Lodge F. & A. M. of Newton, a member of Gethsemane DeMolay Commandery, the Scottish Rite Bodies and Past Patron of Palestine Chapter #114 Order of the Eastern Star.

Noble Joe was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America for over 60 years; as a young Scout, on four occasions; he was selected to play taps at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

All will miss Lt. Samuel Joseph Melick.



# CHINESE BUFFET AND LUAU

## Neponset Valley Shrine Clubs Potentate's Reception

When: August 22, 2009 Where: Fez Room, Aleppo Shrine

Time: 6:30 pm

Dress: Casual

Cost: \$15.00 per person (pre-paid) (\$20 at the door)

(bring your friends)

### CHINESE BUFFET & LUAU

- Boneless Spareribs
- Chicken Fingers
- Chicken Wings
- Egg Rolls
- Crab Rangoons
- Beef & Broccoli
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- Lobster Sauce
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