



Step Up to The Plate

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IT'S enough to make you proud. There he stood on Saturday morning, March 28th, at the Wilmington Minutemen Company Headquarters, our very own Musket Sgt. **Jay Jolicoeur**, an NRA Certified Black Powder Instructor, conducting his premier Flintlock Musket Safety Course as Musket Safety Officer of the Massachusetts Council of Minutemen and Militia. Though Jay had extensive experience out West teaching Boy Scouts about Cap Lock Black Powder Arms, it was just last year that he and his son **Adam** (also an Aleppo Minuteman and NRA Certified Instructor), successfully completed the Unit requirement of receiving their Mass Council Musket Safety Card. Such training is required by the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth in order to parade on the street under arms or participate in Revolutionary War reenactments within the borders of Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Council of Minute Men & Militia course is one of the accredited courses accepted by the Adjutant General and is an organization in which the Aleppo Minutemen hold membership.

Present also for this year's training were newly minted Aleppo Minutemen **Keith Guidette** and **Lester Davis**. Their class included members of the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), as well as the Massachusetts and Vermont SAR's (many of the latter two are Brothers in Lebanon Lodge, Boston), and other Rev War Units. Accompanying our enlistees was Exec. Officer Lt. **Dan Corshia**, Music Lt. **Ed Magiera** (a Licensed Revolutionary War cannoner who was present to assist in the following Cannon Safety Course), Drum Cpl. **Bill Wayne** (Adjutant of the Mass Council), and I, Lt. Mukhabir al Azar **Harry G. Orcutt** (former Chairman and Major General Commanding of the Mass Council - 2000 through 2008).

Before the class commenced, I made a presentation to the assembled Wilmington Minute Man Company of a Revolutionary War-style cape that had belonged to one of their late Past Captains, **Mark C. Robinson**, who was also a member of our Unit, to which his family had donated a portion of his reenactment clothing. It was a style of cape we do not employ, but one of the members of his other Wilmington Company, will wear it with pride. His barely used



Lt. Harry G. Orcutt presenting Mark C. Robinson's Colonial Cape to the Wilmington Minutemen Company back in March 2009.

Aleppo Minuteman Uniform, purchased through a loan our Unit secured with Aleppo, was sold at its full purchase price to an incoming member. That payment was forthwith remitted to Aleppo to reduce our loan balance by that amount. Other donated items were returned to our stocks for re-issue. The Unit very much appreciates the thoughtfulness of Mark's family in making the donation.

Our two newest members are moving with dispatch to acquire our uniform and be properly accoutered. Each has placed an order with our musket vendor, the Middlesex Trading Company of Charlestown, NH, though it will be some weeks before they both can join us in the field under arms.

Before the next issue of this exemplary publication is printed, the Unit will have participated on April 4th with the Massachusetts 2nd Corps of Cadets, at their Salem Headquarters in celebrating the 372nd Anniversary of the first Colonial Militia Muster in North America. Then, on April 11th, we return to the venerable Bedford Pole Capping ceremony, and from April 22nd to 26th, to the Aleppo Shrine Circus selling the best damn hotdogs on the planet, both events having previously been reported in these pages.

Getting back, for a moment, to the commendable Musket Safety Course taught by our Sgt. Jolicoeur – near its conclusion he was speaking on bayonet handling safety, when he said, "It was really remarkable when I purchased this musket," holding it up for all to see, "that the bayonet fit absolutely perfectly. Let me show you." He had purchased his 1777 Charleville musket through the Unit purchasing program wherein we get an appreciable discount from the previously cited vendor. While he was affixing his bayonet I raised my hand, which he acknowledged, at which point I said, "The reason your bayonet fits so perfectly Jay, is that I fitted it before you received it." I didn't want to burst Jay's bubble, but I thought he should know that we take care of each other in the Unit.

We again invite all interested Nobles who yearn to emulate their Patriot ancestor heritage (which is automatically bestowed upon all American citizens no matter whence they or their parents came), to drop in on our Muster, the first Thursday of each Month (except July and August), at 7:30 p.m., peruse our resplendent headquarters room, and partake of our regular after meeting collation.



SAFETY FIRST! Members of the Minutemen Unit took part in a musket safety course. From left to right are: Drum Cpl. **Bill Wayne**, Musketman Enlistees **Keith Guidette** and **Lester Davis**, Music Lt. **Ed Magiera**, Lt. Mukhabir al Azar **Harry G. Orcutt**, Musket Sgt. **Jay Jolicoeur**, Exec. Lt. **Dan Corshia**.

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In Memoriam

George Leonard "Lenny" McIntosh

November 9, 1932 – March 10, 2009

More than 60 Masons (many of them Nobles) from numerous Lodges and Concordant Bodies attended Masonic Services conducted by Nehoiden Lodge at the Eaton Funeral Home in Needham for Wor. **Lenny McIntosh**, a Brother who devoted most of his adult life to Masonry. Lenny, a veteran of the Korean War, was the beloved husband of the late Lady **Evelyn (Atkinson) McIntosh**; during their 52 years of loving companionship they brought forth a son **Don**, and daughters **Joy** and **Kim**, who survive them along with several grandchildren and a great grandchild. The Aleppo Shrine Minutemen, who mounted a Guard of Honor for their Coronet Guidon Bearer, and stood at attention under arms about his flower bedecked casket during the Wake and Masonic Service, send their supporting condolences to the entire family.

Lenny was a Past Master of Nehoiden Lodge, and an affiliated member of Norfolk, Wellesley, and Major General Henry Knox Lodges (in the last serving as Marshal). He was a Past Master of Waltham Triad Lodge, Past Commander of Demolay Commandery #7, Treasurer of Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, and Past Illustrious Master of Cryptic Council Royal and Select Masons. This list of service to the Fraternity, compiled by his numerous friends, though likely inadequate, is certainly indicative of Lenny's steadfast commitment to the Craft.



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