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32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Shriners  
All-Star Classic  
June 18, 2010  
Gillette Stadium, Foxboro

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## Fun with a Purpose

### ALEPPO SMOKER 2010

By STEVE ERIKSEN  
CIGAR GUY

**T**HIS year's Aleppo Smoker broke all attendance records, and the money raised went to the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. There are many people to thank for making this not just a night, but an event. The biggest thanks has to go to two people First, Noble **Chet Paris** who helps to bring new ideas to the event each year and is the Smoker's biggest promoter. Second, our #1 sponsor and partner in this night of fun, **Steve Straus**, owner of Pleasant Smoke in Malden. These men work all year long coming up with new ideas, finding new cigars, and lining up potential sponsors. These two men are a very big part of the success of our Aleppo Smoker.

If you haven't been to one of the Aleppo Smokers let me tell you what it's all about and help you experience the

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From left to right: Steve Smerlas, Glen Ordway, Ill Steve Erikson, and Steve DeOssie, all happy at the conclusion of another successful event



By MARK STOUGHT

**T**HE 2010 Aleppo Circus was a blast! Ambitious acts, frenetic fun, and voluminous volunteerism are the alliterative catchphrases of this year's Circus. Heads were shaved, faces were painted, and a lot of kids were provided a necessary service in the form of the first-ever Aleppo Shrine Circus MYCHIP event. However, as I would like you all to keep reading this article, I'll leave that particular item for later on. First, on with the show!

To get the show on the road, our Potentate, Ill. **Jeffrey Arnold** along with Circus Chairman **Roger Metcalfe** and Noble **Chet Paris** took center ring to welcome the crowd and the Colors were presented. Illustrious Jeff donned an uncommon ensemble; a white sequined morning coat with red sequined trim, his Fez, and to top it off - his clown shoes. During the twelve performances different Aleppo Units presented the colors, and after the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, he introduced the ringmaster, **Ms. Adriana**, and it was time for the Circus to begin!

The Donnert Brothers came out with a thrilling display

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## Get Ready for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Football Classic

June 18th at Gillette Stadium

By PETER SIMMONS  
FOOTBALL CHAIRMAN

**T**HE 32nd Annual Shriners Football All-Star Classic is just a little over a month away and planning for the event is nearing completion. For the first time we will be playing the game at Gillette Stadium, home of the three-time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots. This is the first year of a three year agreement to play the Shrine Football Classic at Gillette Stadium.

Planning for the event began with the naming of 102 players representing 75 different schools in eastern Massachusetts and the annual Player's Orientation held on Saturday, March 13th at Reading Memorial High School. Players, parents, and coaches attended the orientation session and were provided an overview of what Shriners are about and what the Shrine Football Classic is trying to accomplish. Highlights of the day included a video presentation of a Shrine patient success story,

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## A ROCKIN' NOBLE PARTY III

By STEVE ERIKSEN  
MEMBERSHIP GUY

**O**UR Rockin' Noble nights are getting better and better. On April 16, Aleppo held its third Rockin' Noble Night. If you don't already know, these events are membership information nights - opportunities to bring in prospective candidates and find out about our hospital system, Aleppo, its Units and Shrine Clubs. The evening began with registration of prospective candidates, often which Mentors from the Membership committee provided guided tours of the building. Many of the Units prepared for the Tours by having their Unit rooms staffed with uniformed personnel on hand to answer questions about what their unit does.

Capt. **Bill Ball** of the Motor Patrol had one of their cars on display in the Fez Room for all to

see. After the tours of the Aleppo Shrine Center and the Unit Rooms, everyone gathered in the Fez Room for a great meal prepared by Chief Steward **Dave Tucker** and the Stewards. These men and women do a super job in the kitchen. After dinner, we were entertained by the Aleppo Oriental Band. I'm sure the prospective candidates didn't expect this. **Tom D'Esmond**, Administrator at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston was on hand to give a presentation about the Burns hospital, the hospital system, and some of our patients. Illustrious Potentate **Jeffrey Arnold** was introduced and talked about Aleppo and what it is we do. Ill. Jeff pointed out some of the Unit

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NOBLE Fred Pedro, who had been elected to be a Shriner in the past but had not been able to attend a Ceremonial, was invited to be obligated and receive a Fez. His wife was given the honor to Fez him at the Rockin' Noble Night III. On the left is Ill. Potentate Jeffrey Arnold.

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