

Arab Patrol Welcomes New Members

By JAMES I. STARRATT

THE Arab Patrol extends a warm welcome to new member, Patrolman **Raymond A. Whipple**, brother of veteran Patrolman, **Alvin P. Whipple**. Ray, a former member of the Order of DeMolay was raised in John T. Heard Lodge, AF & AM, Ipswich, in 1976 by his father, Past Master Wor. **Raymond A. Whipple, Sr.**

Ray is a graduate of Hamilton High School Class of 1955 and attended Northeastern University majoring in Business Administration, for two years, thence transferred to Fitchburg State Teachers College majoring in Math and Science. Ray began his teaching career at North Reading High School in 1960, earned a Master of Education Degree with a mathematics major from Pennsylvania State University in 1964, returning to North Reading High School as Chairman of Mathematics Department until his retirement in 1999.

Ray and Lady **Donna**, whom he met while a student at Fitchburg, were married in 1963. They have three children, **Lynne, John**, and **Todd**, who have blessed them with seven grandchildren. Ray has been active in his home town of Hamilton, serving on several committees, most notably the Finance Committee and presently the Community Conservation Committee. He has served as an Election Warden since 1966. We wish him a long and distinguished career in our unit.

Major Emeritus **Robert Carlton** and Lady **Lois** are the proud grandparents of

Katherine E. Russell who was recently inducted into the George Washington University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and one of its most prestigious collegiate honor societies. Katherine is a psychology major completing her junior year at GWU. She is the daughter of **John and Roberta (Carlton) Russell** of Peabody. Selection to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior is unusual as most inductees are seniors and only approximately one in one hundred college students are invited to join. Members of Phi Beta include Former Presidents **Bill Clinton** and **George H. W. Bush**, six current Supreme Court Justices, **Tom Brokaw**, **Gloria Steinman** and **Henry Kissinger**.

Congratulations to Colors Master Sergeant **William W. Colmer** who was presented his Fifty Year Masonic Veteran Medal, May 10, 2007, by DDGM **Richard S. Nicoli**.

Sick Bay reports that Captain **Malcolm R. Gavin** is recuperating at home and Lieutenant **Kenneth E. Soderholm** is also recuperating from recent eye surgery. A call, card, letter or visit would be in order.

Arab Patrol Summer Social will be held Saturday, August 18, 2007 at Manchester Masonic Building. Reservations must be made by August 11, 2007.

Arab Patrol is scheduled to work four shows so far this season: Home Show September 28, Castleberry Fair October 12, Card Show November 12, and Castleberry Fair November 23. Sign up forms will be at the drills. Please mark your calendar.



AT A SUMMER parade trying to stay dry are Arab Patrol members, from left to right: **Alvin P. Whipple, Raymond A. Whipple and James G. Perkins, Jr.**

Lobster Roll Lunch

Friday, August 24, 2007 12:00 Noon

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Fireworks Safety Tips

PARADES, backyard barbecues and a brilliant fireworks display. These are things many of us look forward to each Fourth of July.

Tragically, however, thousands of injuries occur around this holiday every year. Often, these injuries could have been prevented.

Shriners Hospitals for Children wants you, your friends and family to be safe this summer. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 9,600 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 2004.

Many of these injuries may have been prevented by taking proper safety precautions.

To help keep you safe, the National Council on Fireworks Safety offers the following safety tips:

- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult present.
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in a trashcan.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Stay away from illegal explosives.

Information courtesy of the National Council on Fireworks Safety Web site.

Park It With The Provost Guard

By CHIEF KENNETH HOWE

ON May 30, Illustrious **Albert D. Flight**, Potentate, invited the Provosts and their Ladies to the Potentate's Suite on the second floor of the Shrine Center. We enjoyed a lovely evening socializing and enjoying delectables and spirits. Thank you, the members enjoyed it very much.

The June 2 Ceremonial was very busy for the Provosts, there were many in attendance and the tent was in the front parking lot. The good news is that we took in four new members: **Jerry Bagley**, a retired Firefighter; **Jack Conti**, an Arms Dealer; **Steve LeBerta**, a Police Officer; **Shawn Thomas**, Network Analyst. Welcome aboard, guys, we look forward to working with you.

On June 6, 2007, Comcast Cable Company held an employee cookout for over 1,500 of it's employees. We had 500 trucks parked on the hill, with many more lined up Fordham Road. What an experience that was organizing the parking lots. Comcast did invite us to eat with them after our parking ordeal was over.

The Shriners All-Star Classic at Bentley College on June 22 went very well. The only thing that dampened it was the torrential rain at 2:00 pm, then the light rain that followed the rest of the afternoon. I would like to thank the ten guys from the Motor Patrol and the four from the Rag Top Unit for their help, and I do mean their great, much needed help at the game. The Fire Brigade had their golf carts out in force to help bring people to the field from the parking lots. Thank you, that helped people get off the driveways and get them to the field faster, keeping the vehicles moving constantly so there was no traffic jams. To the members of the Provost that showed up early to help get the players parked, my heartfelt thanks to you. All in all, it was a very successful night.

The Provost would like to bring to the Nobles attention the handicapped parking spaces in the back of the building. The spots are limited when there is a function at the Shrine, we like to save those spots for the patrons that visit the shows. Unfortunately, volunteers take up many of those spots. When available and the volunteers who come early, please park in the front lot of the building (in front of the main doors). Let one of the Provost in the lots know that you are a volunteer and you would like to know where to park, they will direct you to the appropriate spots. We thank you in advance.

Now the Provost has some time off this summer until the fall, when it will pick up again with lots and lots of activities going on at the Shrine Center in Wilmington.