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**June 2009 Ceremonial: Expect the Unexpected!**

By MARK STOUGHT

**T**HE June Ceremonial this year definitely lived up to its name. One might expect that we would have an early morning start, but instead, it was an afternoon. One might expect a rathskeller, but instead there were Omaha steaks. One might expect rain because the dinner was held outside, but the weather was fantastic.

More importantly, one might expect that the turnout would be so-so, but there were well over 50 candidates! The actual total was 62, but that means

that our Membership Chairman, Noble **Phil Kumph**, reached his goal to bring in 50 new Nobles. On an important side note, ten candidates were sponsored by Noble **Fred Santosuosso** of the Director's Staff, and they were almost all from his home lodge, Mount Olivet, in Cambridge.

This is actually quite important, as the membership demographics show that the percentage of members coming from outside the general environs

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**South Triumphs Over North in 31st Shriners Football Classic**

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**T**HE 31st edition of the Aleppo Shriners Football Classic was held on Friday, June 19, 2009 at Bentley University in Waltham, MA. The South posted an impressive 27 – 6 win over the North squad. Despite the unsettled weather and torrential rain that preceded the game, the event was a huge success both for Aleppo and Massachusetts High School football.

In what is normally a very competitive game, the South used a high-powered offense and a dominating defense to stifle the North. The South's **De'Jon Berment** started the scoring with a great 16 yard run to give the South an early 6-0 lead. The North quickly answered with a score of their own when **Melikke Van Alstyne** took a draw up the middle and scampered for a 45-yard touchdown run to even the game at 6-6. At this stage, it looked like the game would be a back-and-forth contest, but , the South's dominating defense, led by **Zach Triner**, overpowered the North offense and did not allow them to score again.

Meanwhile the South's offense came together. The South took the lead for good in the second quarter on a 49-yard touchdown pass from **Danny Guadagnoli** to **Justin Mello**. Mello made a sensational catch on a high pass, made a great cut down the left sideline, and outraced two North defenders for the score. The South wrapped up the scoring for the quarter with two short passes from Dartmouth's **Sean Sylvia**. At the end of the

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**Illustrious Smith goes to Texas**

By PETER K. STONE  
 RECORDER

**O**NE hundred and one Nobles and Ladies joined Illustrious Potentate **Robert F. Smith** and Lady **Helen** in San Antonio, Texas for the 2009 Imperial Session. We stayed at the Hilton Palacio del Rio right on the banks of the River Walk. The Hospitality Room was on the first floor with balconies over looking the same. The Hotel was only one block from the Convention Center, one block from the Alamo with plenty to do all around. The Aleppo Banquet and the pre-parade luncheon went off without a hitch and the food was excellent. Everyone was serenaded at the luncheon by the Divan and attending Past Potentates, something to do with bring on the Chief Rabban.

The days move swiftly with so much to do. The Imperial Session itself consumed most of the representative's time but their Ladies and the attending Past Potentates Ladies all attended the new Imperial First Lady's luncheon. Wednesday evening sixty-two of us attended a Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons concert at the Convention Center. Everyone spent their leisure time enjoying the food, pool, sightseeing and river walk.

With the Potentate on his Segway, the Cycles riding and the Motor Patrol in their Oldsmobiles, we had forty-six Aleppo Nobles participate in the evening parade on Tuesday, July 7. The only rain shower of the week and high ninety

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