

## Masonic Military Fund Supports Guard and Reserve Families

**I**N June of 2007, three Masons from Central Massachusetts developed an additional Masonic Military Support Fund with two different missions. It assists all military families and children back home and participates in welcoming home the troops from theatre of operations. Deployment affects everyone; not just the service member, but spouses and children as well. The Masonic Military Support Fund wants to develop a statewide network of Masons to volunteer in order to respond to acute and chronic problems that arise through deployment of National Guard and Reserve soldiers, and we need your help.

The aim of the MMSF is to say "Thank You" to the families of mobilized military personnel who may live outside the support radius of a military base or post, by assisting with the support they lack. MMSF will assist Military Family Support Centers with an expanded network of support services, and link them to individual Masons who are best equipped to respond effectively in emergency aid for family members of deployed service personnel.

Service members who risk life and limb on a daily basis should not be asked to sacrifice their families too. You can support the troops in a concrete way by donating your time, your talents and your gifts. Donations give real meaning to the words "We Support Our Troops" as these troops are able to worry less about the Home Front and focus more on their mission. Your generosity and support can make a huge difference by providing a Masonic communication lifeline between the family members, and by reducing the stress for both military members and the family. Please consider their sacrifices as you consider your donation. Make checks payable to the Masonic Military Support Fund.

Send to: Masonic Military Support Fund, PO Box 491, Leicester, MA 01524-1316



TEAM FREEDOM MASONIC Military Support Fund was in communication with the 182nd SAPPERS from Newburyport for their year-long deployment in Iraq, sending them Masonic literature, prepaid calling cards, magazines and other items. They were asked by their commander to come and assist with their welcome home function at the Newburyport Elks in July 2008. That day they were assisted by the Aleppo Clowns and brethren from Newburyport. From left to right are: Paul "Lefty" Johnson, Worshipful George Noble, Ernie "Rollo" Pearlstein, Brother Bill Moore, and Ray "Matey" King.

## ALEPPO PIPE BAND

By AL DODGE

**T**HE Aleppo Highlanders are always looking for new recruits. If there are any Nobles, Brother Masons or any others who play the pipes and might entertain the thought of joining this proud Kiltie unit, I might add that "WE NEED YOU," like that old cliché "Uncle Sam Needs You!!!" The Aleppo Pipe Band needs anyone who would enjoy the many experiences that come to a member of this fine unit. All are welcome to meet us at the Ceremonial's which are usually held in the months of Oct., Jan., and June of each year. The band meets on Tuesday evenings at the Aleppo Shrine Center from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.



The Aleppo Pipe Band performed at the Wentworth Institute in Boston in May and August. We have been performing there for more than thirty years. Wentworth Institute holds their commencement ceremonies twice each year. Wentworth makes a very nice donation to the Shriner's Hospital in Boston. Members in attendance for both engagements were: Drums, **Robert A. Wright** (Band Dir), **David T. Wright** (Dir. Emeritus), and **Robert G. Jessee**, Bass Drummer. Pipers: P/M **Daniel F. Millett**, **Walter D. Harmer, Sr.**, **Robert L. MacNeil**, **Robert H. Archibald**, and pipers **Douglas S. Yatsunami** and **Albert S. Dodge, Sr.** added to the roster for the August performance. Aye, Listen Up! The stork delivered a baby boy to Band Dir. Robert A. Wright and Lady **Jane Wright** on August 28. Laddie **Jonathan Frederick Wright** weighed in at 8lbs.2oz. Baby Jonathan was welcomed in by his sister **Allison** and his two brothers **Kevin** and **Matthew**. The proud grandparents are Noble David T. Wright and Lady **Marie**. Noble David performs with the Aleppo Highlanders as a drummer.

Congratulations to all!

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Social: 11:00 am  
 Lunch: 11:30 pm  
 Attire: Street Dress or Pant Suit  
 Deadline: January 17, 2009  
 Tickets: \$30

**MENU**  
 Sirloin Tips  
 or  
 Fresh Baked Scrod

# Aleppo

## 2009 Ladies Luncheon

*Come Celebrate the Year Ahead with  
 The Potentate's Lady!*

### Saturday, January 24, 2009

at the

**The CRESTVIEW**  
**Banquet & Meeting Facilities**

36 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA 01801  
 www.crestviewfunctions.com chef@crestviewfunctions.com  
 781-935-4994

Complimentary bus transportation from Aleppo at 10:30 am. Arrive at 11:00 and enjoy a no host gathering with our new First Lady and Friends.

**Coming from the North on Rte 93:**

Take Rte 93 South to Exit 36 (Montvale Avenue), take a right at the bottom of the exit ramp, proceed about two miles, the Crestview is on the right just before Woburn Center

**Coming from the South on Rte 93:**

Take Rte 93 North to Exit 36 (Montvale Avenue), Take a left at the bottom of the exit ramp, proceed about two miles, the Crestview is on the right just before Woburn Center

Please complete and return this form along with your check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**Aleppo Shriners • 99 Fordham Rd. • Wilmington, MA 01887**  
**Attention: Maribel DeLuca**

Yes, I will attend the Potentates Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, January 24, 2009

**Selection:**  Sirloin Tips  Baked Scrod

Check here if you intend to take the bus from Aleppo \*Bus leaves Aleppo at 10:30 am

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$30.00 per ticket. Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lady's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

