

# Masons from Across the Pond Bearing Gifts

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request I had made as he returned home from a previous visit – that he, having been Emergency Medical Service personnel in London, and they being somewhat associated with the Fire Brigade, might get a variety of patches, buttons, or whatever from the Fire Services that we could then present to the Aleppo Fire Brigade for their extensive collection. So that's how that started.

On Wednesday, September 16th, prior to our own version of a Fraternal Visit to nearby Friendship Lodge in Wilmington, Louis, Gordon, and I (Patrick had returned to London for business reasons the previous day) were met in the spacious Aleppo Shrine Center parking lot by Cape Cod Fire Brigade member **Peter K. Stone**, Recorder of Aleppo. Between the Unit Doors of the Minutemen and Fire Brigade (wasn't that an auspicious coincidence), Louis presented Noble Stone with three cloth tableaus (one a history of fire apparatus in England, another the Badges of the British Fire Services, and lastly that of an 19th Century Fireman rescuing a damsel from a house on fire). Not seen in the photo recording this generous event was a pile on the case beside us containing Fire Service Hat Badges (each worth its weight in gold), buttons, shoulder pips and two complete mint sets of the recently issued Fire Service stamps by Her Majesty's Postal Service, with one set to go to Cape Cod Fire Brigade. The Aleppo Fire Brigade has a very good start on a collection of their colleagues' paraphernalia in Jolly Olde. An unexpected bonus was at least one shoulder patch, shoulder boards, and buttons of the London Emergency Medical Service; these will be presented by Noble Stone to the Aleppo Medical Corps. Both Louis and Gordon

said they very much appreciate what the work of the Shrine of North America accomplishes, and if it were within their power, they would organize a similar charity in England.

Finally, a word has to said about the motive of their visit, i.e. the dedication of the Prince Hall Memorial in the venerable Revolutionary War Circle of the Cambridge Common, where the immortal Washington took command of the Continental Army in July, 1775. For financial reasons (after a monumental effort we are yet short \$30,000 of the \$100,000 needed to finish the monument), the actual dedication was postponed (hopefully until November), but a ceremony dedicating the completed site preparation was held in the Parish Hall of the First Church Congregational, at 11 Garden Street, across from the Common (because it hardly ever rains in the Commonwealth). Both our Grand Master, MW **Roger W. Pageau**, and the Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge A. & F.M., Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, MW Brother **Anthony I. Jakes**, were principals in this event hosted by Cambridge City Mayor **E. Denise Simmons**, without whose assistance the monument may not have become a reality. I had the very high honor of commanding (in the guise of Brother **John Hancock**) the presentation of the National and Regimental Colors of the glorious 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Reenactors) in the opening ceremony. During the program, MW Pageau, having previously presented the Prince Hall Monument Committee with a \$5,000 contribution on behalf of our Grand Lodge, presented at this event with assistance from Grand Treasurer R.W. **Lawrence**



PMWB Gordon Ballard, Mayor E. Denise Simmons of Cambridge, SLGR-PPAR Louis Courtney, PMWB Patrick Howell on prepared site of Prince Hall Tablet Monument.

**J. Smith**, another contribution in memory of Prince Hall Grand Lodge Grand Master, MW Brother **John G. Bynoe**.

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"So my friends from across the pond experienced a memorable visit. They brought with them the very spirit of fellowship that first spawned Masonry in this Commonwealth more than 275 years ago. We will miss them while they are parted from us, and look forward to their return.

.....Now if they only knew how to speak English!"

*Roll the Credits.*

## Aleppo Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S. CEREMONIAL and Installation of Officers



### Saturday, January 23, 2010

Aleppo Shriners, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, MA.

Take Route 93, Exit 39, right off ramp, Fordham Rd. is on left at lights. Aleppo is last building on the right.



**Nobles Only** NOTE: Your 2009 Shrine Card is necessary to participate in the above ceremonies. We suggest you obtain yours prior to the week before the meeting. Wear your fez.

2009 CARD ADMITS YOU

Morning Program - Nobles Only		Public Afternoon Program	
8:00 am	Candidates report for registration	1:00 pm	Doors open to the public
8:45 am	Candidates depart for Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston	1:00 pm	Band Concert
9:30 am	Candidates Hospital Indoctrination - Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston	1:30 pm	Grand Entrance of Officers (Nobles, Ladies, families, neighbors and friends are invited)
11:00 am	Ritualistic Degree Team 1st Section - Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington (Come and see your Degree Team at work!)	1:45 pm	Award Presentations
12:30 pm	Ceremonial Banquet Buffet Dinner and - 1:15 Rathskeller!	2:00 pm	Installation of Officers
	Nobles only - Admission by dinner ticket only!	2:45 pm	Uniformed Units Parade In Review
		3:15 pm	Complimentary Refreshments in the Fez Room

Petitions for Membership must be filed in ALEPPO SHRINE CENTER at Recorder's Office by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Aleppo Nobles are FREE with ticket request sent to Aleppo. Visiting Nobles will be charged \$10.00 for the cost of the meal. Meal tickets for Nobles must be obtained in advance by mailing in the coupon no later than Friday, January 15, 2010. Send self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket return.

"The Fez Room" - Aleppo's function room will be open for refreshments at 11:30 am.



ROBERT F. SMITH, POTENTATE

PETER K. STONE  
RECORDER



ROBERT F. SMITH  
ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE

### Aleppo Ceremonial Buffet Dinner

Please forward my dinner ticket for the Aleppo Ceremonial, January 23, 2010.

Aleppo Nobles FREE, visiting Nobles \$10.00.

Visiting Nobles, make checks payable to "Aleppo Shriners".

Send Ticket to:

Noble (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ \* Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope

Send to: 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, MA 01887

### DINNER MENU Nobles Only

Beef Steak Pie  
Whipped Potato  
Peas and Onions  
Salad - Creamy Italian Dressing  
Hot Dogs and Rolls -  
"A Big Hit"

### Rathskeller

Corned Beef - Roast Beef  
Honey Baked Ham - Roast Turkey  
Assorted Deli Breads  
Potato Salad - Ripe Tomatoes  
Sliced Red Onions  
Mustard, Relish, Ketchup

### Dessert

Strawberry & Chocolate  
Ice Cream Sundae  
New England Coffee - Decaf  
Hot Chocolate - Camel's Milk



THE PROVOST GUARDS' new golf cart was out on duty during the Home Show recently. Driving is Chief **Ken Howe**, riding shotgun is Capt. Emeritus **Irving B. Ruggles**, and holding on in the back is PFC **Jerry Westerman**. Someone needs to tell Jerry that there is a seat on this cart!