



The Past Potentates gathered to light then blow out the candles on the birthday cake for Ill. Ralph S. Cohen.



Ill. Ralph S. Cohen received a plaque from Ill. Robert F. Smith, Potentate, for his accomplishments.

Neponset Valley Shrine Club Chinese Buffet

THE Neponset Valley Shrine Club has held a Chinese Buffet and Luau and Potentate's Reception for many years now. Last year they didn't have one, so of course they received many phone calls about it since then. Ill. Robert Pann, Past Potentate, and Lady Sylvia made sure it went on this year.

What a great turnout with over 275 people in attendance, many to join in recognizing Ill. Ralph S. Cohen, Past Potentate, for a lifetime of great accomplishments. Illustrious Potentate, Robert F. Smith presented him with a plaque on behalf of President Bob Goodman and the Neponset

Valley Shrine Club.

The chinese buffet was brought (not cooked) by Chief Steward Al Gebow and his crew into the Fez room where 24 Nobles and Ladies served the many hungry guests. There was plenty of food, with many people taking some home for later.

A gathering of Past Potentates came in honor of the two honored guests. They were asked up to light candles on a very large birthday cake for Ralph Cohen. The cake was then served for dessert.

The dance floor was then open with the Aleppo Swing Band playing the rest of the evening.



Aleppo Gears Up

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but come early before the good ones are gone. You can also pick up some presents for loved ones this holiday season.

The New Year's Eve Party on December 31 is always a blast. Come ring in the New Year with great food, music, dancing, and balloons, lots of balloons. If you haven't been give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

The Aleppo Memorial Service is on January 3, 2010. We Shriners like to have fun, but we also do great work. Come and join us as we remember those who the Black Camel took from us during this past year.

The first Ceremonial of 2010, which is also the Installation of Officers, will be held on January 23, 2010. Make sure you replace thyself and recruit some new members. The Membership Committee has been working hard, but they still need your help.

The Ladies Luncheon on January 23 at the Thomson Country Club in North Reading with a bus leaving from the Aleppo Shrine Center the day of the Ceremonial. Come celebrate and support the new Potentate's Lady.

Another grand event is the Potentates Ball Weekend which is being held on February 5-7, 2010, at the Sheraton Framingham. Bring your Lady and put on your fanciest duds and head to the Ball on Saturday night. The night before is always an extremely fun time with a themed party where you can let loose. Then there are the dance lessons on Saturday, so you can learn new steps or learn your first ones to get out on the dance floor with that special someone.

Get green and stop by the Aleppo O'Fez room for the annual St. Patrick's Day Party that will be on March 17, 2010. .

Lastly (at least for the time being) the Sixth Annual Aleppo Smoker is on March 21. Smoke 'em if you got 'em, and if you don't got 'em, come here and get 'em! This has been a hugely successful and popular event which sells out fast and is an amazing time. The dinner is top notch, as a matter of fact so are the cigars, spirits, entertainment, and don't forget about the raffle items (which are top quality items and sports memorabilia).

The Circus is coming in April and the Thirty-first Annual Aleppo Shriners All-Star Football Game in June. This is just the beginning!

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CHIEF STEWARD NEEDED

It is with great sadness that after his many years of dedication to Aleppo, Chief Steward Emeritus Al Gebow is stepping down from his position in the Aleppo Shriners Auditorium kitchen. His faithful support of so many Potentates will be appreciated forever.

**WITH THIS NEWS WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
 LOOKING FOR A NEW CHIEF STEWARD.**

Applicant must have a vast knowledge of the culinary arts, running a kitchen, ordering food and supplies for various events, working well with a volunteer staff and making arrangements with caterers.

THIS IS A VOLUNTEER POSITION.

The "Galley" is open during many events of the Shriners Auditorium: Ceremonials, Home Show, Ultimate Fight, Antique Show, Roller Derby, Castleberry Fair, Circus to name a few.

To apply for this position, please contact Peter K. Stone, Recorder who will bring it before the board.

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