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TEMPLE GUARD, SECRETARY

It has been a busy winter at the Aleppo Shriners Auditorium which makes it a busy winter for your Aleppo Temple Guard. In January, unit members were on hand for the Massachusetts Bridal and Wedding Expo, the Boston Antiques and Design Show and Sale, and teh January Ceremonial.

In February, unit members worked the 2017 Motorcycle Expo and will be on hand for the return of the Boston Roller Derby. Working these events is a great opportunity to meet and greet the public and to help further our common charitable cause. If you should attend an event at the Shriners Auditorium and see the Temple Guard collecting tickets, please stop to say hello. Unit members always enjoy greeting a Brother or Noble.

In unit news, the Aleppo Temple Guard is pleased to welcome two new members to the unit, Noble **Gerome Matteo** and Noble **Wayne Standley**. Both men are dedicated to the craft and are wonderful additions to the team.

Captain **Charlie Diminico** is wintering in Florida, but he remains in contact and communicates regularly.

If you're interested in learning more about the Temple Guard, join us for one of our monthly meetings, held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the unit suite on the second floor at the Aleppo Shrine Center. We hope to see you there.



Unit member **Freeman "Whitey" Sommers** greets attendees to the 2017 Northeast Motorcydle Expo.



Past Captain **Clement "Ski" Warsheski** collects tickets and greets people at the Boston Antiques and Design Show.



Helping to Stay Above Meet the 2nd Ceremonial Master Myles H. Mackay

SELF-PROCLAIMED "baby Shriner," Noble **Myles H. Mackay** was appointed 2nd Ceremonial Master at the January Ceremonial. He was raised a Mason in 2012 and became a Shriner in 2013.

Myles is a very active Mason belonging to four Lodges: King Hiram's in Provincetown, where he is Master; Adams Lodge in Wellfleet, where he is Junior Warden; a member of St. Martins in Chatham; and a charter member of Scimitar Lodge in Wilmington. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite. He states that "the Masons are my family; I spend most of my time going to Lodge and hanging around with Masons."



"In my first year of being a Mason, I was going to meetings four times a week. I was immersed, dragged by two other Masons all over the place; it was so much fun."

While he was visiting a Lodge in Dennis, some Shriners were giving a presentation about the Shrine and the things they do. Directly after the meeting, he asked for an application and filled it out. "I thought all that they do was incredible, and it looked like fun - and so far has been a blast," he responded about why he joined. He went to the Northeast Shrine Field Days and had so much fun. He said "Shriners have so much fun; they laugh at each other and laugh at themselves." He called it "stupid, good, clean fun."

Myles is an active member of the Cape Cod Shrine Club and the Cape Cod Fire Brigade where he marches in a lot of parades. He is a funeral assistant down on the Cape where he also loves to go to the beach.

Myles took about a month to think about the appointment when asked by Ill. **Frank Mason**. "It was a big decision and a big commitment to not take lightly." So far he has met a lot of the greatest people and can't wait to learn more about the Shrine, the inner workings, and educating the public more about the Shriners and the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Myles Mackey receiving his fez from Illustrious **Frank Mason**.

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Nobles may choose to pay the Life Per Capita Tax by paying a one-time amount of \$900.00, in lieu of the current annual per capita tax of \$30.00. Although this is not a tax-deductible donation, the Life Per Capita Tax member will never have to worry about paying more in the event of a tax increase in future years.

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Aleppo membership dues invoices for 2017 has already been mailed to the membership. It is highly recommended that Nobles consider purchasing a Life Per Capita Tax Membership for \$900.00. By doing so, a Noble will save \$30.00 per year. By sending a check or money order to Aleppo Office prior to December 31, 2017, made payable to "Shriners International" in the amount of \$900.00, the Life Per Capita Tax Membership will become effective in 2018. Life Per Capita payment made in 2017 will activate the Life Per Capita Membership in 2018.

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