

North Shore Shrine Club Installation of Officers

By CARL OHLSON

THE North Shore Shrine Club's Installation of Officers was held on January 29, 2017 at Philanthropic Lodge in Marblehead, MA. A moment of silence was held for **Phil Kumph**.

The meeting was well attended. Illustrious Potentate **Francis J. Mason** installed the officers as follows: President, **Earl Bethune**; 1st Vice President, Illustrious **Theodore Polonsky**; 2nd Vice President, **Angelo Liapis**; Treasurer, **David L. Cross**; Secretary, **Gary Bartlett**.

Earl presented a bouquet of flowers to his Lady **Maryann**, the Potentate's Lady **Joann**, and outgoing President **Ken Zeller** for his Lady **Charna**. President Earl gave an overview of the upcoming year.

Treasurer **Robert L. Baker**, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Boston, gave an excellent speech about the Boston and Springfield Hospitals. Aleppo spent over \$400,000 from the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund this past year. Robert Baker told the group how important this fund is; it is the difference of life and death for the children we help. It also enables children to receive the physical and mental assistance that the hospital provides to the children and their families.

Twenty-five percent of this money came from the North Shore Shrine Club!! He said the members should take pride that they raise these large sums of money that make this possible. This is truly an astonishing fact which should make the members extremely proud.

Leon Golden made a presentation of \$8,351.39 to Illustrious Mason for the Transportation Fund, bringing the 2017 year to date total to \$19,084.35, which is a great start for the first month of the year. Leon had the individuals who canned stand up and be recognized. Canners are needed to cover all the locations available, so if anyone is available to assist Leon, please give him a call; he will greatly appreciate your efforts (617-548-7971).

President Earl Bethune thanked the outgoing President, Ken Zeller, and presented him a North Shore Shrine Club hat and jacket.



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