

The Colonels Corner

Uniform Units Reception and Dinner

By NOBLE ERNEST A PEARLSTEIN
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THE Heads of Unit meetings began with a prayer by Noble **William Peterson** followed by the pledge to our flag lead by the LT. Colonel **Jerry Matteo**.

At the May meeting Assistant Chief of Staff Noble **Thomas Grant** gave a run down of parades, and at the June meeting a report of parades were presented by The Chief of Staff Noble **JP Howe**.

Noble **Roger E. Medcalf** Aleppo Circus gave a report on the success of our Shrine Circus. with a presentation to the Potentate of surprise memorabilia from the event.

Noble **Phillip R. Kumph** gave another inspirational speech on Membership and the importance of its success.

Our recorder Ill. **Peter K. Stone** PP presented the time line along with important information about our Ceremonial that was held on Saturday June the 8th and requested that for the future he would like to see a few units put a demonstration on to display their units. The recorder also shared information about the Northeast Field days of location and events.

This was followed by many representatives of our units that mentioned their various programs they where either running or supporting Noble **Rich Gorman** spoke on the upcoming Country and Western Night on Friday, September 13th at 7 pm.

Comments were made in our May meeting by The High Priest and Profit **Theodore Polonsky**.

The June Heads of Units comments were made from our Illustrious Potentate Ill. **Dennis Reebel**.

I would like to thank you all for supporting our parades and Our Aleppo Shrine Center Activities.



PRESENTATIONS

Noble **Leon Golden** made a presentation from Moses Michael Hays Lodge and the North shore Shrine Club.

Noble **Bill Ball** of the Motor Patrol made a donation to the Transportation fund.

Noble **Ken Howe** made a donation to the Transportation Fund in memory of Noble **Carl Wold**.

Ill. **Peter Simmons** made a donation from **David Ionellie** of Anologic Matching donation.

Noble **Ron Moore** made a donation from the comedy night proceeds for the Transportation Fund.

Chief Rabban Noble **Richard A. Doherty** made a donation from the Divan for the Heritage fund.

Chief Steward Noble **John Maihos** made a donation to the heritage fund from the Stewards.



CHIEF STEWARD **John Maihos** presented a donation for the Heritage Fund.



MEMBERS OF THE Aleppo Rag Top Unit presented Ill. **Reebel** with a check for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund



NOBLE **Leon Golden** along with members of Moses Michael Hays Lodge and the North shore Shrine Club made a presentation at the May 2013 Heads of Units Meeting.

Teddy Bear Clinic

A playful group of two and three year olds clutch their teddy bears as they step on the footprint path to check in, the first stop of the Teddy Bear Clinic, sponsored by Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston. **Robert**, an energetic three-year-old, holds Clifford, his stuffed animal dog that hurt his ear when he fell down the stairs. He checks his dog into the clinic, where he receives a certificate with his dog's name, interests, and injuries. The paw prints lead Robert to the first room, where Clifford is weighed and measured. He is then led to the room where Clifford's ear is wrapped in gauze and a Superman band aid is applied to the injury. Next, Robert has to put on his mask and hat in order to enter the operating room, where he can hear his dog's heart-beat, and watch the medical team perform any necessary surgeries, applying antiseptic first, of course. Finally, Robert takes Clifford to get his ear wrapped in green bandages and a splint put on it to ensure recovery.

For 31 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston has been partnering with the Boston Children's School to offer children The Teddy Bear Clinic. "It's all about what the kids want and what the teddy bears need," says **Diane Topliffe**, who has been coordinating this event for many years. "Some teddy bears have broken bones, and some are just sick." They all gather here, in the hospital clinic, to help their beloved teddy bears, dogs, bunnies, and turtles feel better.

Boston Children's School, located in Charles River Park, across the street from Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston, has about 45 to 55 students, all ranging from the ages of two years and nine months, to seven years. It has been around since 1965, and accommodates students from all over the world. **Judy Langer** has been the school's director since 1981, and is a key player in the Teddy Bear Clinic. The tradition was started by moms at the school who were nurses. The first year the nurses came to the school, but in the years following, it has been held at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston. In order to prepare the kids for their outing to the hospital, the children go through a unit on hospitals and learn

about children who have special needs, and may be in a wheel-chair or on certain medications. Langer states, "We are very fortunate and lucky to have special relations with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston." She adds that they love when the patients are able to participate in the clinic as well.

Judi Fabbri, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston is another key player in the Teddy Bear Clinic. Her nursing students at Salem State University celebrate their last day of their clinical experience by participating in the clinic, filling in as official teddy bear doctors, along with other Boston Shriners Hospital employees. **Jessica Morehouse** and **Catherine Winslow**, two Salem State University students commented, "We were able to teach them how to use antiseptic and listen to the heart beat. They got to wear masks—they were pretty happy about that." All the kids "heard" their teddy bear's heartbeat.

Retired teacher and grandmother of one of the children, **Sarah Ramsey** said, "This tops everything." In her 35 years of teaching, she had never seen anything like the Teddy Bear Clinic, and was thrilled that she could participate with her granddaughter. As the children hold their bandaged bears and follow the footprints out of the hospital, they wave goodbye to the doctors, and thank them for healing their teddy bears. This special clinic is another way that Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston brings awareness of the hospital and its services to the community.



PR INTERN **Victoria Cruz** entertains **Robert** and his dog **Clifford** while they wait for the clinic.

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