



By JAMES I. STARRATT

## Past Major Robert N. Cann, Jr., Named Arab Patrol, Major Emeritus

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Past Major **Robert N. Cann, Jr.** on being named Arab Patrol, Major Emeritus by Illustrious Sir **Dennis E. Reebel** at the June 8, 2013 Ceremonial. Noble Cann became a Shriner in 1975 under the sponsorship of **Harvey Waugh** and **Roger Waugh**. Having a military background, and a graduate of Norwich Academy he immediately joined the Arab Patrol, and was assigned to the First Platoon under the command of then Lt. **Warren Richardson**. When the special drill team was formed a few years later commanded by then Major **Wally Clark** (and later by Major **Hagop "Jack" Demirdjian**) he became a member. The drill team subsequently won several competitions, culminating with winning the first place trophy at the Imperial Session competition in San Antonio, Texas. Past Major Cann served as Sergeant Major under Major

Demirdjian from 1990-1992, and was appointed major in 1993, serving as such until 1999. During his tenure as major the Arab Patrol ran the Vidalia Onion program and the Aleppo Temple Benefit Auctions for several potentates. Due to his increased involvement in his blue lodge, Bob could not continue to serve as major, however he continues to attend numerous Shrine and Arab Patrol events, and supports all our efforts. The honor was well deserved and we extend our thanks to him for the service he has rendered to Aleppo Shrine and the Arab Patrol.

Thanks to the Nobles who attended the June Ceremonial and especially to the Major Emeritus team of **James G. Perkins, Jr.** and **Robert N. Cann, Jr.** for filling in, and performing the major's duties in the absence of Major **James I. Starratt**.

Congratulations are also in order to Patrolman **Clifton Peabody Elliott** who recently was presented his Fifty Year Past Master Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, presented by District Deputy Grand Master **William E. Yanakakis**, at the John T. Heard Lodge, AF and AM June 5, 2013. Cliff was Master of New Meadows Lodge in 1963 and shared the evening with several 50 Year Veterans Medal recipients who were raised in 1963, and were in attendance. It was a wonderful night for all in attendance and more especially when Cliff shared some of his recollections of his years in the Fraternity as well as his advice to the younger masons in the room, and told them that they were very lucky to be a mason in Massachusetts. Cliff continues to serve the Fraternity and is a steadfast

and faithful member of the Aleppo Arab Patrol.

Thanks to the Patrolmen who were able to attend the Millbury Parade namely, Lt. **Frederick Tibbetts**, **David Elliott**, **Cliff Elliott**, **Bud Flumerfelt**, Major **James I. Starratt**, **Paul Starratt**, **Larry Zimmerman** and **Phil Post**. It was a long day but we enjoyed the camaraderie, and the photo ops with Miss Massachusetts and Miss Massachusetts Teen, prior to step off.

Welcome back to Major Emeritus and Lady **Phyllis** who recently returned from a week long cruise to Bermuda.

Arab Patrol extends our deepest sympathy to Patrolman **Raymond A. Whipple Jr.** and Lady **Donna** on the recent, untimely passing at the age of forty-eight, of their daughter **Lynne K. Whipple**, following a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Lynne was born in Beverly, Mass. August 27, 1964. She was a graduate of Hamilton-Wenham High School Class of 1982, and went on to graduate from Salem State College where she earned a bachelor of science degree cum laude in

geography. She was employed as a Paraprofessional with the Pelham, New Hampshire, Elementary School System. Among her interests, Lynne coached baseball for kids with disabilities in Pelham, and was active in her own children's sporting events where she was known as "The Track Mom." In addition to her parents, Lynne is survived by a daughter **Emily K. Mallard**, two sons **Ben R. Mallard** and **Timothy S. Mallard**; two brothers, **John M. Whipple** and his wife **Carrie**, and **Todd S. Whipple** and his wife **Ashley**; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.



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Left to right are: **Robert N. Cann, Jr., Ill.**, **Dennis E. Reebel**, and **James G. Perkins, Jr.**



**Paul Starratt** got a photo with **Miss Teen Massachusetts Taylor Higgins** prior to step-off of the Millbury Parade.

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