

By RICK BARTLETT

THE Aleppo Fire Brigade is celebrating their 35th anniversary this year. A couple of upcoming events will help celebrate the anniversary, on July 21st the Fire Brigade will be having a catered BBQ in the Fez Room and on August 25th they will be feasting on lobster at their annual Lobster and Clambake which will be held at Fosters in York, Maine. If you are interested in attending either of these events, contact Chief **Ken Zeller** or any Fire Brigade member.

Chief Emeritus **Wes Tucker** was in attendance at this past Ceremonial in June. He was sitting in his usual spot, to the right of where Chief Zeller usually sits. I had a chance to sit with him for a few minutes and asked him about his Masonic life and found out some very interesting facts about this very interesting Noble.

Noble Tucker started his Masonic life 58 years ago at Acacia Lodge in East Gloucester, MA. He worked his way through the chairs, becoming Master of Acacia Lodge in 1962. Thus receiving his 50-year Past Masters Medal in 2012! Noble Tucker also became District Deputy of the 9th Masonic District in Gloucester in 1992 and 1993. For all his work in Masonry, Noble Tucker received the Joseph Warren Medal in 2001.

When Noble Tucker was appointed Chief of the Aleppo Fire Brigade, he was the third leader of the Fire Brigade, but only the 2nd Chief. Captain **William LaCounte** and Chief **Charles Jensen** were the other leaders of the Fire Brigade. Chief Ken Zeller is now the third Fire Brigade Chief, but the fourth leader. Congratulation to the Aleppo Fire Brigade on its 35 years of service, 1978 to 2013, to the Aleppo Shrine!

Thank you to all the charter members that had the insight to form this unit and to all that have made it what it is today and what it will be in the future!

The Fire Brigade would like to say hello to the following that are in our thoughts, Lt. **Henry Brown** and Lady **Joyce**, Noble **Sid Durkee** and Lady **Diane**, Capt **Ralph Quilty**, Noble **Carl Ohlson Sr.** and Lady Pat, and Noble **Bill Linskey**.



1978 – 2013  
35 PROUD YEARS



THREE CHARTER MEMBERS of the Aleppo Fire Brigade got together at the June ceremonial. Nobles **Peter Robinson**, **Bob Robinson** and **Bill Manning**.



AT THE JUNE Ceremonial, 30 members of the Aleppo Fire Brigade were in attendance and assembled to have their picture taken. For the past few years, the Brigade has seen a rise in membership and also a rise in attendance not only at the Ceremonials, but also during parade season. The Brigade has added 4 more seats to their mini Fire Engines and now can seat 22 members. During the June Ceremonial, the Brigade had eight members marching with 22 riding behind the marchers. It was an awesome sight to see all those Red Jackets assembled together! The June Ceremonial also saw the ranks of members grow as one of our newest Aleppo Nobles, **Shawn Burke**, joined the Aleppo Fire Brigade. Noble Shawn lives in Maynard, MA and is employed as a Cambridge, MA Firefighter. Welcome Noble Shawn to Aleppo and more importantly, welcome to the Fire Brigade!

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CHIEF **Ken Zeller** and Chief Emeritus **Wes Tucker** had fun at the June Ceremonial.



I TOOK A photo of Lt. **Henry Brown** while at the foot-ball game the other night and when I downloaded it, I started to laugh. He reminded me of an old TV show called **Grizzly Adams**. I googled it and found that there was a real person, James "Grizzly" Adams, from the early 1800's, that the show brought to life. The inset is a sketch of Grizzly, am I right?

– Rick Bartlett



ON JUNE 22, 2013 at the 2013 Aleppo Shrine All Sar Football Game, members of the Aleppo Fire Brigade lined up their "mini fire engines" and posed for a photo before they went to work helping shuttle fans from their cars to the entrance of the football stadium. Members in attendance, from left to right, are Noble **Carl Ohlson Jr.**, Lt. **Dave Wright**, Capt. **Rick Bartlett**, Deputy **Gary Bartlett**, Noble **Bill Linsky**, Chief **Ken Zeller**, Lt. **Henry Brown**, Deputy **Bob Robinson**, Lt. **Ray Johnson**, Capt **Earl Bethune** And Noble **Dick Mann** (missing from photo is Capt. **Ron Morreale**). Congratulations to all the participants of the game!

