



Legion of Honor News



By JOHN BOHLING

DON'T look now but it looks like the leaf on that maple tree over there is just changing to a "red-rust" hue. It will be interesting to see what colors we have after our strange, hot summer and wet spring.

But fall also means the parade season is coming to an end. East Boston will draw the shade on the season as always. Marlboro was a milestone for the Legion of Honor as we saw a six to one ratio in the number of "trailerites," as opposed to the "street pounders," participating in the parade.

For the first time in my Aleppo career I was forced to ride by some balky knees. Also, P.C. and current Chaplain, **Ralph Frye**, took up a seat on the left side and seemed to enjoy the view. Hopefully we can both make a few more appearances on foot before we are forced to become members of the mobile forces. So much for the malingerers! 2nd Lt. Commander, **Sam "Hoyt" Siggins** and Sgt. Major **Russell Wright** were the only two able bodies to walk the route.

Along the route I was privileged to see "**Buddy Mangini**" who honchos the East Boston Parade. He said he is looking forward to seeing Aleppo out in force there.

On a sad note, we lost a loyal member to the caravan of the Black Camel. Noble **Albert Hunt**, a long-time loyal member passed away recently. His daughter and son-in-law, **Beverly** and **Tom Rawson**, have been long-time supporters of the Shrine and its programs.

They are especially active in the pull-tab program, acting as a collection point in Wakefield and gather hundreds of pounds a year towards that effort.

At Al's request the LOH provided the Honor Guard at his wake. As a final request he was buried

with his LOH Fez. Well done thou good and faithful servant. Your final months were long and painful. May you find your peace and rest in the Celestial Lodge. 'Til we meet again.

We have made a few repairs to our Jeep, hopefully it will carry us many more miles.

Finally on a happy note, by now you should all know about my love of the "old days" of baseball and its characters:

Yogi Berra, as a coach with Houston in the 1980's when asked if the water in the whirlpool bath was too hot for him said, "I don't know. How hot is it supposed to be?"

On being presented with a check for appearing on a pre-game show, by announcer **Jack Buck**, Yogi said "how long have you known me Jack, and you still can't spell my name??" The check was made out to Bearer!!!

Next is old **Casey Stengel**. Casey came to the mound, the pitcher said, "I'm not tired." Casey said, "Yeah, but I'm tired of you!"

Casey sits down on the bench next to veteran outfielder **Bob Ceru** (that's for you old time fans) and says, "Nobody knows this, but one of us has just been traded to Kansas City!"

Finally, I think Yogi's best bit of advice: "Don't take the road less traveled, nobody goes there anymore!!"

Good advice!

'Till next time.
P.S. whatever became of the "House of David" baseball club?? Let me know.



THE LEGION of Honor took part in the Labor Day Parade in Marlboro, MA.

Don't Forget To: "Chuck-A-Buck"



Square & Compasses Day

THE 6th Annual "Square & Compasses Day" will be held on Saturday, October 16th from 9am - 3 pm. Every Lodge building in Massachusetts will be opening its doors and inviting the public to come in and learn more about Freemasonry and the men who have discovered their Greatness because of it.

"Square & Compasses Day" is an integral part of the membership development strategy in Massachusetts. Since the first Open House in 2005, membership in Massachusetts has skyrocketed. Between 2000 and 2004, Lodges were averaging about 700 new Master Masons per year. For the last two years, more than 1,500 men have been raised to the sublime degree.

Once again Bro. Benjamin Franklin is returning to the radio, cable, and WGBH airwaves to promote "Square & Compasses Day" and to create awareness of Freemasonry and its values. Every Massachusetts Mason is encouraged to participate on "Square & Compasses Day": head down to your Lodge and talk with public about the fraternity, or bring a friend or relative in who you might think would make a good Mason. To learn more visit AskaFreemason.org.



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HALEY Meixsell, a patient here for many years, and her family delivered these hand made pillows for many staff members at the hospital. A few months ago, Haley and her family called and asked for the names of all the RCU nurses, the therapeutic services department, and the security guards. Then they worked to hand craft personalized pillows for each staff person. We were all so very surprised when we received this large donation of pillows. As we handed out the pillows, each staff member spoke of how touched they were that this family had spent so much time making her/him a pillow. Many times, we heard people remark what a kind and thoughtful gift, one that touches the heart.



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