

# North Shore Shrine Club

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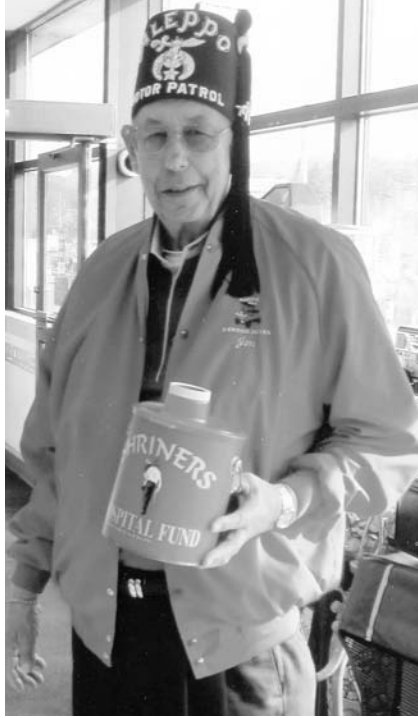
**T**HROUGH the efforts of so many Shriners standing for hours at storefronts throughout the North Shore and the Commonwealth, the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund has reaped huge benefits. So far this year over \$54,000 has been collected and turned over to the fund. At the November Ceremonial over \$5,000 was presented by North Shore Shrine Club President, **Paul "Lefty" Johnson**, to Illustrious Potentate, **Robert F. Smith**.

One of the devoted Shrine Club and Motor Patrol members, Noble **James Chronis**, donated part of his Saturday collecting at Shaws Supermarket in Saugus on Route One south. Many Nobles are recruited throughout the North Shore to volunteer for the "cannings." More and more grocery stores are allowing Aleppo Nobles the opportunity to collect donations outside of their establishments.

This article cannot be complete without mentioning the Noble who spearheads this operation, Noble **Leon Golden**, who has taken it upon himself to organize the tremendous task of locating the many generous businesses that allow our "canners" to do what they do and also schedule the many volunteers to man these locations.

Thank you Noble Golden and also to all the other Nobles that help in this "Noble" effort.

**NOBLE James Chronis** is just one of the many "canners" manning the grocery stores on the North Shore who are gracious enough to let the Aleppo Shriners collect donations for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund.



# Clown Festival

**O**N Sunday, October 18, 2009, the Aleppo Clowns stopped by the Philanthropic Lodge in Marblehead for the North Shore Shrine Club Clown Festival. Home-made spaghetti and meatballs were served for lunch along with a nice spread of appetizers, cold drinks, salad, rolls, desert, coffee and tea.

The kids had a blast as the clowns came out with the magical shenanigans of "**Gino**" **Galant** assisted by "**Matey**" **King** and "**Doo Dad**" **Rausch**. Of course North Shore's president, **Paul "Lefty" Johnson**, was there, but not in make-up. He was just overseeing the "work" of the day. While Lefty enjoyed an appetizing lunch, his Lady **Maureen** was in the galley cooking up a storm. A big thank you to Maureen for all her efforts in making this a great event.



THE GIRL on the left was mystified when the items in the container she was holding would change and/or disappear and the boy on the right couldn't understand why the fan he was holding just fell apart for no apparent reason.

# Blue Lodge Happenings

By RALPH REED

Greetings Brothers and Nobles,

Thanksgiving is over, and the holiday madness has just begun. Did you get up in the middle of the night to go shopping? My family decided that sleeping in was the better option. We are going with a much simpler Christmas, not so many unneeded gifts. We plan to go with a couple of thoughtful gifts then make a larger donation to our favorite charity. This is a gift that will keep on giving. Hope you can afford to make a small donation this season to the charity of your choice, as well as during the year.

Did you miss me from the last issue of the Aleppo news? My wife and I were in Italy celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary. We went on a tour based out of two hotels, one in Sorrento, and the other in Rome. We had a blast, but at one euro per minute at the hotel, there was not a lot of computer time. We met some great people on the tour, one couple that we got very close to turned out to be a Mason from Woburn. Didn't know he was a Mason until the very last part of the trip, when we were exchanging email address' and he saw I was using my Masonic address. It's a small world. We travel to Europe and meet a brother from Winchester. Hi **Doug** and **Patty**.

I want to make one thing perfectly clear. My lodge, Ancient York is very close to Pentucket lodge. We meet in the same building, we share events together, we consider Pentucket Lodge to be our sister lodge. We like Pentucket. I consider the Master of the lodge, Wor. **Wayne Standley Jr.** to be a personal friend. We have a lot of brothers that have affiliated between the lodges. Please keep this in mind while I tell you this story.

Masonry in Massachusetts is booming. The open houses and radio and TV ads are bringing in droves of new men. This is a good thing. AYL seems to be doing degree work every single meeting. Pentucket is also bringing in a bunch of new men. In September, Ancient York and Pentucket ended up doing a joint meeting on the first degree. Pentucket initiated four and we did two. It was

so fun meeting Pentucket's officers mixed with ours and both Masters sat in the east. It was a good meeting. The only "problem" was that we both forgot to do something for collation. Thank goodness, we live in a college town. Called the local pizza joint and ordered ten pizzas, sure no problem, 15 minutes, they would also deliver soda and chips.

When the pizza was delivered, Wor. **George Tournas** PM of Pentucket and I were waiting. The pizza guy, Michael, asked "Is this a Mason hall?" "Sure is, you should join. "I'd like to, but I thought you had to know someone?" "Hey, you know us, you have my credit card in your hand." "Ok, how do I join?" This is where George hands him one of his Masonic business cards. You and I should be carrying them all the time, just for occasions like this. **Michael Daley** says he'll be in touch.

George invites him to the next lodge of instruction. We'll have him meet some people, get a feel of what is going on in the Lowell district. George is the current master of 12th LOI, I'm chaplain. I told you the lodges were close. When our potential candidate showed up, we were busy and could not sit with him. I grabbed the first two guys I knew and asked them to hang with Michael. These just happened to be **Tim Curran** and **Kevin Waterhouse**, both of AYL. We listened to a short talk about the new CHIP equipment by **Ken Atkins**. The entire LOI group was then

asked to move downstairs for hands on instruction on the new systems. I took Michael, and asked him if he wanted to fill out the paperwork to start his Masonic journey. All the small rooms in the Lowell building

were full of LOI candidate, so we ended up sitting in The Learning Center lobby to conduct our pre-app meeting. When we were done we came to the dining hall, where we're asked "where the heck were you? We've been looking all over for the three of you." Pentucket thought they were going to claim Michael as one of their own candidates. Oops, too late.

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