

Recorders Ramblings

EDITORIAL



It is with great pleasure I dedicate this article to the many volunteers with whom we are so blessed to share our various programs. Starting out with a big tip of the hat to the office volunteers that have the proud name of the Jolly Elders, who, combined with our regular volunteers, support the Aleppo office on a day to day basis, help with the countless mailings of our programs. I can't imagine what it would be like if they weren't there to support us.

There are many volunteers who come in droves to help at our famous Aleppo Circus who share their many days and nights away from their homes and families just to make sure the circus is a success. They work every day signing up volunteers, in the kitchen, manning the box office, selling concessions, novelties and tickets for the rides, or just being here and working various jobs that make it all happen. A big Tip of the Fez to all of the Uniform Units as well as our Circus Committee lead by the 2014 Circus Chairman **Roger F. Metcalfe** and all with those that adorned the green shirts, "you guys looked sharp." When the patrons were exiting the auditorium, they were all smiles and said how much fun they had, it was very rewarding hearing them say such nice things.

Thank you to the Circus Daddy's and Moms; this



The Recorders Office will be closed during the following holidays in 2014:

- May 26 – Memorial Day
- July 4 – Fourth of July
- Sept. 1 – Labor Day
- Oct. 13 – Columbus Day
- Nov. 27 & 28 – Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
- Jan. 1 – New Years Day

Recorder wants to say thank you for all of you who are there to make our Shrine grow and glow – you make us all proud.

We are very happy to announce that for the first time the Town of Wilmington will be having their Fourth of July celebration right here at the Aleppo Shrine Center. The town of Wilmington is building a new High School and for that reason cannot hold their regular celebration at the town center. A list of dates and times of the celebration can be found on page 27. We are pleased to support the town with their annual Fourth of July Celebration.

I am pleased to announce that your Divan and Activities Officers prepared a most impressive presentation on a proposal for a much needed roof replacement to the membership at our recent special meeting on April 8, 2014. The proposal for the cost was presented for a vote which was passed by the membership.

I would like to thank the Divan, the Activities Board and Trustee's as well as the membership for their due diligence and detailed attention directed to this most important investment of our future endeavors for our Aleppo Shrine Center. We are looking of a start date of July 21, 2014. This includes stripping and replacing the old roof.

I would like to request for you to please be aware of your surroundings. If you see something that needs attention, especially of a safety issue, report it to the Recorders office. We are pleased that things are looking positive for Aleppo.

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2010, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1991 *Honorable Mentions: 2006, 2002, 1993, 1990, 1989*



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We Will Miss You Robert "Skip" Trahey

By THOMAS FRIBERG

It is with great sadness that we have had the untimely passing of our beloved **Robert "Skip" Trahey**, Aleppo Chief Photographer. Anyone who has gone to an Aleppo event has met or seen Skip. He has been an integral part of the Aleppo News, documenting not only local events but the Imperial Sessions, NESA, and other trips taken by our members.

Skip was raised in Somerville Lodge in 1975 and served as Master in 2009 and 2010. I had the pleasure of being there and documenting his installation for him as he had done for so many others. He was very proud that day as were all those who showed up in support of him.

In 2003 he joined Aleppo and the Clown Unit where he attended the Aleppo Shriners Clown College and graduated in 2006. He also graduated the Northeast Shrine Clown Institute in 2011 and was a member of the International Shrine Clown Association. Several years ago he decided on his "clown costume," a lion called "Braveheart the Lion." He was so excited to get it made and wear it to the circus, which he did, complete with camera. He would also wear his costume during parades



while taking photos. Even though his shoes did a number on his feet, he still donned the costume and went out there. This year he made sure he got his clown cards made so he could hand them out at the circus. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to be there to do it himself, so his fellow clowns handed them out for him to all the kids.

No matter where you ran into Skip, he had a camera in his hands; he loved taking pictures. The photos he took were used in everything from the newspaper to the internet, on promotional materials and anything else you can think of. He was an integral part of the Aleppo office, volunteering on a daily basis to help in any way he could; proofreading, mailings, even bringing visitors around for a tour of the Shrine Center while they were here.

During my nine years here Skip has been my friend; he has been a part of my daily life here at Aleppo and others as well. He is going to be missed and we hope that he knows the impact he has made on so many people, how many smiles he has put on so many faces, how he has frozen time in all the photos he has taken to be enjoyed by others.

Thank you Skip for all the memories, we miss you.

**Next Ceremonial
Saturday, June 7, 2014
Sign Up Your
Masonic Friends**