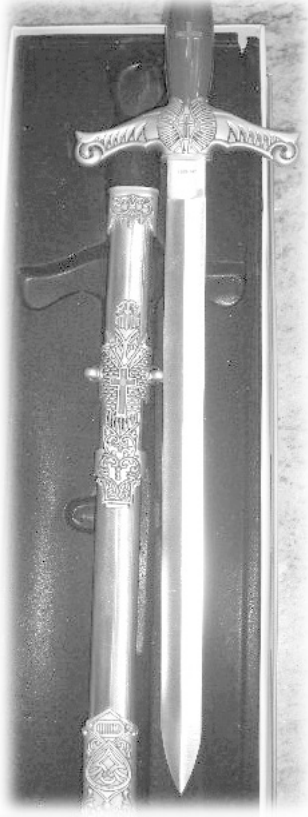


# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc.

**S**IR Kt. Eugene Anthony Capobianco has been traveling back and forth to Greece setting in motion a pilgrimage that will take place April 23 to May 5, 2009. To fund this pilgrimage they are selling merchandise on the website [www.mercysword.com](http://www.mercysword.com). For more information please contact Cappy at [cappy@mercysword.com](mailto:cappy@mercysword.com) or call Toni at 781-322-1123, Mon. to Fri. 9 am to 5 pm.



DURING THE 2008 Aleppo Shriners Circus, the Aleppo Clowns brought in over 280 pounds of pull-tabs. Most of the tabs came from the Quincy Veterans Office by US Veterans who use their services. The Clowns took time in-between shows to unload them into the garage where they will be processed – all the steel and other items will be taken out – then bagged and brought to a recycling center. The money raised is designated for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. Back row, left to right are: Creepy Mouse, Homer, Hoppy, Lefty, Woe-No, High Tower, Snarfie, Laurel & Hardy, and in front left to right: Dusty, and Spike, Boss Clown.

## Bella and Bilbo: Remarkable English Pooches

By HERMES BOYATIS

**H**ER name is **Bella** of Chesterfield, England, a Labrador mixed breed. **David Richardson**, now 76, bought her for \$140 on June 1982 when she was about 3 years old. As the writer says in the July 5 Sun, "that makes her 203 years old, her dog years equal 29, the oldest dog in the world!"

David and his partner **Daisy** recently had to confess that Bella, despite their loving care and fancy food for her nearly toothless mouth, would have to be put to sleep. They even dug a grave in her favorite spot in the garden.

They just couldn't do it! They phoned the veterinarian and cancelled the appointment. As Richardson described it, "When I went out to fill in the grave, Bella appeared behind me and stood there watching. Since then, she's been fine!"

### Bilbo

A Lifeguard Dog

**Bilbo** is a 6-year-old, 200-pound Newfoundland, who passed vigorous tests before joining his owner, **Steve Jamieson**. The two have patrolled the beaches at Sennen Cove off the coast of Cornwall since 2006. Described by Carla Chadick in the June 23 issue of *The Sun*, "Bilbo is credited with saving three lives, using the technique of paddling out to distressed swimmers and pulling them to shore, using a buoy strapped to his harness."

But now the Royal National Lifeboat Institute has taken over the responsibility of patrolling the beaches. Bilbo and Steve must leave the beaches or face a stiff fine!

So it's farewell, Bilbo. Not to worry. He has become a media darling attracting crowds, fan clubs, photo shoots, dog food sponsorship, and maybe even a film! Remember another celebrity pooch, Beethoven!



BELLA, DAVID AND DAISY



BILBO AND STEVE

Aleppo Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S.

# CEREMONIAL AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

## Saturday, January 24, 2009

Aleppo Shriners, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, MA.  
Take Route 93, Exit 39, right off ramp, Fordham Rd. is on left at lights. Aleppo is last building on the right.

**Morning Program - Nobles Only**

8:00 am Candidates report for registration  
 8:45 am Candidates depart for Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston  
 9:30 am Candidates Hospital Indoctrination - Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston  
 11:00 am Ritualistic Degree Team 1st Section - Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington (Come and see your Degree Team at work!)  
 12:30 pm Ceremonial Banquet Buffet Dinner and - 1:15 Rathskeller!  
 Nobles only - Admission by dinner ticket only!


**Public Afternoon Program**

1:00 pm Doors open to the public  
 1:00 pm Band Concert  
 1:30 pm Grand Entrance of Officers (Nobles, Ladies, families, neighbors and friends are invited)  
 1:45 pm Award Presentations  
 2:00 pm Installation of Officers  
 2:45 pm Uniformed Units Parade In Review  
 3:15 pm Complimentary Refreshments in the Fez Room


**Nobles Only** NOTE: Your 2009 Shrine Card is necessary to participate in the above ceremonies. We suggest you obtain yours prior to the week before the meeting. Wear your fez.

**2009 CARD ADMITS YOU**

Petitions for Membership must be filed in the ALEPPO SHRINE CENTER'S Recorder's Office by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, January 23, 2009.  
 Visiting Nobles will be charged \$10.00 to cover the cost of dinner. Aleppo Nobles - FREE. Dinner tickets for Aleppo Nobles must be obtained in advance by mail-in coupon no later than Friday, January 14, 2009. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket return.  
 "The Fez Room" - Aleppo's function room - will be open for refreshments following the Ceremonial.



PETER K. STONE  
RECORDER



STEPHEN G. ERIKSEN  
ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE

**Aleppo Ceremonial Buffet Banquet Dinner**

Enclosed find a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please forward my dinner ticket for the Aleppo Ceremonial, January 24, 2009.  
 Aleppo Nobles Free, visiting Nobles \$10.00. Make checks payable to "Aleppo Shriners"

Noble (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**DINNER MENU**  
Nobles Only

*Chicken Pie  
Whipped Potato  
Butternut Squash  
Salad - Creamy Italian Dressing  
Hot Dogs and Rolls - "A Big Hit"*

**Rathskeller**  
Corned Beef - Roast Beef  
Honey Baked Ham - Roast Turkey  
Assorted Deli Breads  
Potato Salad - Ripe Tomatoes  
Sliced Red Onions  
Mustard, Relish, Ketchup

**Dessert**  
Strawberry & Chocolate  
Ice Cream Sundae  
New England Coffee - Decaf  
Hot Chocolate - Camel's Milk



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