

# The Aleppo Hillbillies

By MARK STOUGHT

WHEN you think of hillbillies, the first thing that comes to mind is probably **Buddy Ebsen** as **Jed Clampett** in *The Beverly Hillbillies*. Now, even though Buddy Ebsen is a member of the DeMolay Hall of Fame, we aren't talking about his brand of hillbilly. Instead, we're going to look a little closer to home, at Bunker Hill Clan #126 of the Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree.

The Hillbillies are another one of the things at Aleppo that many people unfortunately know nothing about, and probably should. Founded here at Aleppo in 1991, the Hillbillies are a fun-loving group of people. One of the stated aims of the Hillbillies is "to promote sociability among members and to provide finances for the Children's Transportation Fund." The Hillbillies donate around \$1000 per year to the Transportation Fund, and also participate in parades.

The Hillbillies held an initiation on August 23, 2007 in the Fez Room. It was attended not only by **Jeff Arnold** and **Stephen Erickson** from the Aleppo Divan, but also nine initiates from Rhode Island Hillbilly Clan #66, which is in the process of being revitalized. Amongst the attendees from Rhode Island were a Past Potentate and members of the Director's Staff. While it might

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MEMBERS OF the Rhode Island Hillbilly Clan #66 came for the Hillbilly Degree, from left to right are: **Andy Hencler; Bob Correia; Clark Cate; Alberto Rubio; Norm Ouellette; Clay Roffey; Aleppo Potentate Albert D. Flight; Aleppo Noble Hedley Ash; Ernie Slocum; Steve McGuire; and Jerry Plemmons.**

SKIP TRAEHY PHOTOS



WITH THEIR fine hats and corn cobs at the Hillbilly Degree on August 22, 2007 are left to right: **Jack Betts; Stephen Eriksen; Fred Green; Kenny Zeller; Albert D. Flight, Aleppo Potentate; Kurt Nichey; Jeff Arnold; Mark Stought; Hedley Ash; Russ Carter; and Paul Marlin.**



**JACK BETTS** with the perfect hat! An out-house and corn cob pipe, gotta love it!

## Annual Potentate's Ball Weekend



At The  in Framingham, MA

### Sheraton Hotel



**Friday - Feb. 1** Wear your shorts and sandles. *(Just like the Cape Cod Fire Brigade!)*

Come join us on our Island Cruise with FUN, Games, Calypso sounds and Latin Rhythms. An Island Fare Buffet awaits those who board! \$30.00 per person to board Aleppo's Island Cruise

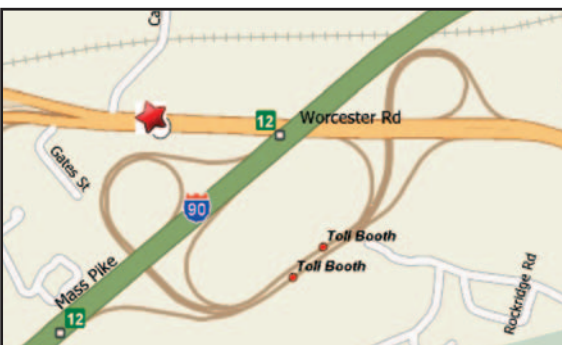
**Saturday - Feb. 2**

Grand Entrance, Banquet, and Entertainment - \$45.00  
Dinner with our Northeast Shrine guests and Dancing to "Hush"  
Choice of Charbroiled Filet Mignon or Grilled Salmon Fillet  
Enjoy a full breakfast buffet on Sunday with Saturday night stay.

**Sunday - Feb. 3**

Enjoy Breakfast ! Have a Safe Trip Home!

Of course..... every cruise has a casino on board and we will too!  
Our casino will open Saturday Morning, so stay with us on Friday night and join the FUN at the Aleppo Casino.



**FROM EAST**  
Follow the Mass Pike (I-90) West to Exit 12 (Route 9 West towards Framingham). Bear left after teh toll. Stay in the right lane. The hotel is the first building on the right.

**FROM NORTH**  
Take Interstate 93 South to Exit 37B (Interstate 95 South/Route 128 South towards Waltham). Follow to Exit 25 (Interstate 90 West Mass Pike). I-90 West to Exit 12 (Route 9 West towards Framingham). Bear left after teh toll. Stay in the right lane. The hotel is the first building on the right.

**FROM WEST**  
Follow Mass Pike (I-90) East to Exit 12 (Route 9 West towards Framingham). Bear left after teh toll. Stay in the right lane. The hotel is the first building on the right.

**FROM SOUTH**  
Take Interstate 95 North to Exit 6B (Interstate 495 North towards Worcester). Continue on I-495 North for about 25 miles. Take Exit 22 (Mass Pike I-90 East) towards Boston. Take Exit 12 (Route 9 West towards Framingham). Bear left after teh toll. Stay in the right lane. The hotel is the first building on the right.



### Potentate's Ball Weekend

Please send \_\_\_\_ ticket(s) for the Friday night dinner and entertainment Feb. 1, @ \$30.00 per person..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send \_\_\_\_ ticket(s) for the Potentate's Ball Sat., Feb. 2, @\$45.00 per person..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Selection: \_\_\_\_ Charbroiled Filet Mignon \_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon Fillet

Please make hotel reservation for a \_\_\_\_smoking \_\_\_\_non-smoking room at the Sheraton Ferncroft Resort @ \$97.60 per room, per night (includes tax) on \_\_\_\_ Fri. night \_\_\_\_ Sat. night..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Enclosed find a self-addressed, stamped envelope for ticket return*

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Aleppo Shriners" and send to: Maribel DeLuca, 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, MA 01887

