

February Party!

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February is usually a dreary month after December and all the Christmas parties, but the Shriner's evening party on February 16th livened things up quite a bit.

The evening program started with a good dinner at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. Several people were thanked for their work for the Shrine Club throughout the successful year of 2004. Shriner Ralph A. Brown was given a plaque thanking him for being chairman of the UMass.Dartmouth Track and Field Meet and Football game held at Bridgewater State College.

Past President, Bob Hughes of the King Phillip Shrine Club thanked the Shrine Club of Se. Mass. for collecting over 12 tons of soda can pull-tabs over a period of time. Vaughn J. McKertich, Editor of the Aleppo Shrine News came all the way from Wilmington, Mass to cover the event and take pictures, just a news hound at heart.



Pictured (left to right): Chairman Ralph A. Brown was presented a plaque by retiring President G. Paul Cannan.

Treasurer Vincent Furtado presented the Illustrious Potentate with a check for \$5,000 for the benefit of the children and Shrine Hospitals. This check and others add up to over \$14,000 donated to the Travel Fund.

Illustrious Peter K. Stone then installed incoming President Richard Pierce and his officers for the year 2005. Closing an enjoyable evening, Potentate Stone gave high praise for the Shrine Club of Se. Mass for their success in 2004 led by Club retiring President G. Paul Cannan.