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TOUR OF DUTY 50th ANNUAL THOMAS M DONAHUE ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

I am pleased to announce that Illustrious Clifford A. Critch has accepted an invitation to the Aleppo Shriners for participating in the 50th Annual Thomas M Donahue Roslindale Day Parade on Sunday, October 5, 2025.

As Chief of Staff, it gives me great pleasure to provide the following details and instructions.

PLEASE NOTE THE ALEPPO PARKING LOCATION ON PARADE DAY:

Parking will be in front of Aleppo Shriners Auditorium.

Parade Assembly Area: Basile Street at Wasington Street Roslindale, MA

9:30 AM Nobles assigned for unloading their vehicles from the tractor trailers before the start of the parade will meet Mark Norton, Transportation Director **in front of Aleppo Shriners Auditorium**, and will proceed to the parade assembly area for unloading and parade assembly.

Aleppo trucks that are decorated will participate in the parade.

Trucks will be staged along Washington Street in Roslindale Village.

All Units transporting their own equipment and Nobles traveling by private vehicle will proceed to the assembly area to unload their vehicles prior to parade assembly time.

After off-loading, all vehicles will leave the assembly area and proceed to the end of the parade route at South Street and Walter Street.

10:15 AM Nobles traveling to the assembly area by Aleppo Bus / Vans will park **in front of Aleppo Shriners Auditorium** and load from that location.

10:30 AM Aleppo Bus / Vans will leave promptly to proceed to the parade assembly area.

11:30 AM Parade Assembly.

Aleppo Stewards, under the direction of Chief Steward John Maihos, will provide sandwiches, chips, and soft drinks PRIOR to the parade in the parade assembly area.

1:00 PM Parade step-off – rain or shine.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Watts, Sr.

Chief of Staff

This is an annual event sponsored by the Roslindale Day Parade Committee, Inc.; and I urge all Nobles to join me in making an impressive showing for them and their community commemorating their 50th annual parade.

A large crowd is expected this year.

PARADE DRESS

Divan & Ceremonial Masters: Dark Blue Sports Jacket, White Shirt, Kid's Tie, Gray Pants, Jewel, and Fez (unless otherwise directed by the Potentate)
Past Potentates: Grey Jacket, White Shirt, Black Pants, Jewel, and Fez
Appointed Officers: White Shirt, Black Pants, Shrine Cummerbund, and Fez
Uniformed Units: Parade Uniform and Fez
Parading Nobles: White Shirt, Black Pants, and Fez

UNIT HEADS AND/OR MEMBERS: PLEASE return by mail the coupon below to arrive at Shriners Auditorium **NO LATER THAN** one week prior – **September 29, 2025**; or send an email to Maribel Deluca at mdeluca@alepposhriners.com.
It is strongly recommended that all Unit Heads provide their unit's count to Maribel by the deadline.
Your cooperation will assist us in planning bus transportation, and that enough food for collation is prepared. Thank you.

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ALEPPO SHRINERS
99 Fordham Road
Wilmington, MA 01887
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

- [] Yes, I will participate in the **Thomas M Donahue Roslindale Day Parade**
- [] Yes, I will need a ride on the Aleppo Bus / Van from the Auditorium to/from the parade
- [] Sorry, I cannot participate in the **Thomas M Donahue Roslindale Day Parade**

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Please be in the assembly area no later than 11:30 AM. All motorized vehicles participating in the parade are to be inspected by the Boston Police Department Special Operations Unit. Please make sure all operators have a current driver's license, vehicle registrations are current, and there is a current inspection sticker on the vehicles as required.

DIRECTIONS TO THE 2025 ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE:

From Route 128: Take Exit 29A, MA-1A / Dedham exit, which brings you onto Providence Highway (Route 1 North). Proceed straight ahead. Pass **Legacy Place** on the right, followed by **Dedham Plaza** on the left and **Best Buy** and **BJs** on the right. **GET IN THE RIGHT LANE** as you approach the next set of lights. You should be in the furthest right lane before you get to **Staples** (on the right). You will see a bridge ahead of you just beyond the lights. Proceed over the bridge remaining in furthest right lane and hug the black chain link fence. As you go over the bridge you will see a green sign "**Washington Street, Roslindale, Forest Hills, Next Right**". Bear right onto Washington Street as you go over the bridge. You will see **FEDEX/Office** and **Bob's Furniture** across the street where you are bearing right. There is also a green sign pointing right to "Washington Street, Roslindale, Forest Hills". Continue northbound on Washington Street for approximately 3-1/2 miles to parade assembly area.

IF YOU MISS THE TURN ONTO WASHINGTON STREET go through the Dedham Mall at the next set of lights. Bear right before the lights at the **UNO Restaurant** and proceed straight ahead through the Mall, up the hill. Take a left onto Washington Street at **AC Moore Arts and Crafts** store.

FROM POINTS SOUTH: From Route 3 and Route 24, follow signs to Route 128 North (I-95) to Dedham. Take Exit 29A, MA-1A / Dedham exit, and follow directions above.

FROM POINTS WEST: Take the MA Pike (I-90) or Route 9 to Route 128 South (I-95) to Dedham. Take Exit 29A, MA-1A / Dedham exit, and follow directions above.

FROM INTERSTATE 93: Take the exit for ROUTE 203 WEST (Exit 11B from North, Exit 11 from South). Follow Granite Avenue for 1/4 mile and take left on Gallivan Boulevard at **Lucy's American Tavern** (just before the **Eire Pub** across the street). This is Route 203 West. Proceed on Route 203 West (Gallivan Boulevard) and merge onto Morton Street at **Norfolk Hardware**. Proceed 4 miles until you see a block of tall buildings on the right (back of Lemuel Shattuck Hospital) and **Forest Hills Cemetery** on your left.

PROCEED STRAIGHT AHEAD, and as you approach third set of lights get in the left lane. Pass through the lights and move to furthest left lane and see signs "**LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT**" just before a fourth set of lights. Forest Hills Station and the big clock will be ahead to the left. **STOP HERE AND TURN LEFT AT THE ARROW – DO NOT MISS THIS CRITICAL LEFT TURN**. After you turn left pass the lower bus station at Forest Hills on the right and local businesses on the left. Take a right at the third set of lights onto Ukraine Way leading directly back onto Washington Street. **TAKE A LEFT** on Washington Street at the lights and proceed one mile to the parade assembly area.

NOTE: If you miss the crucial left turn before Forest Hills proceed 1/2 mile to make a U-Turn – you will see a sign indicating U-Turn for Route 203 East. After U-Turn, take right onto Washington Street, pass Forest Hill Station on left. (Large trucks and trailers may not be able to make the U-Turn Easily).

FROM THE JAMAICAWAY: At the Jamaicaaway Rotary and Route 203 (near Arnold Arboretum), continue through rotary following Route 203 signs. Stay in the right lane. Pass what used to be the Casey Overpass on right (now torn down). **Bear right** at first set of lights (**at right arrow**), leading to Washington Street. You will pass **Forest Hills Station** on the left. Proceed one mile on Washington Street to parade assembly area.

PARADE MAP

