

# Aleppo Brass Band

## Melha Travels East To Aleppo

By ALEXANDER MOLES

**T**HE Aleppo Shrine Brass Band was honored to have seven members of the Melha Temple Military Band join us at our January ceremonial. Our own **Ed Otting**, an associate member, clarinetist, is very active with several affiliated bands and organizations like SBANA, NESBA, and frequently rehearses and joins in other activities of the Melha Military Band. He was instrumental in having bandsmen share their talents through the universal language of music. He suggested the interaction and exchange of talents between the neighboring Shrine Temples. With the visitation of the Melha Military bandsmen, we have a new beginning in instilling camaraderie, exchange of ideas, friendship and membership retention. Even the talents of one person can make a change for a group as a whole.

We thank you, Melha Military Band and Ed, again and hope more opportunities arise in the sharing of Shrine ideals and friendships.



## Patient Becomes Musician Ambassador Dan Caro

The Aleppo Shrine Brass Band was honored to have Noble **Dan Caro**, percussionist and Shriner, join them at the Aleppo Ceremonial on January 24, 2009. Dan is a past patient of the Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston, has found success in fulfilling his dream to become a musician. Mr. Caro lost his fingers and toes from his third degree burns over 70% of his body. As stated in his presentation, **Robert Tibbetts**, Director of Volunteer Services at the Boston Burns Hospital, kept him inspired that his dreams can be achieved. Now an accomplished drummer, Dan has performed with many bands from New Orleans to Boston. Noble Caro also was the guest speaker and Ambassador during the ceremonial.

The Aleppo Brass Band, is proud to have accompanied you in your solos and having you as a guest band member.

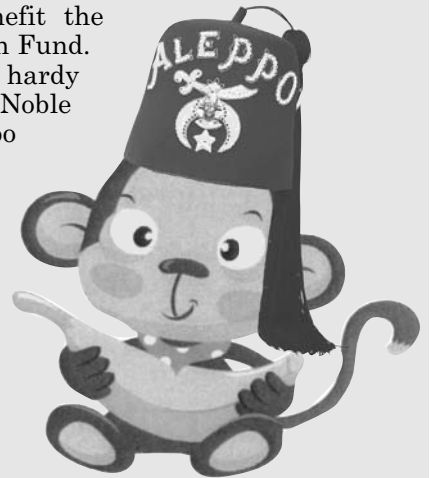
## Director's Staff News

By KEVIN G. MISURACA

**A**S the Director, **Kevin G. Misuraca** and Assistant, **Richard Bushee** look back at 2008 they would like to thank the members of the Director's Staff for their turnout and participation in the 2008 parades. Special thanks to **Fred Santosuosso** and **David Howard** for transporting our equipment to and from the parades. They look forward again to lending our hands behind the scenes when the Aleppo circus comes along in April, and to bringing out "BIG AL" again for the 2009 parade season. Also, they look forward to designing and building new stunts for the next hot sands ceremonial. Make sure you watch for the next country western night to benefit the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund.

The Director's Staff members send out a hardy congratulations to our former Director, Noble **David Raymond** as he joins the Aleppo Divan as 2nd Ceremonial Master. The members wish him well, it's always nice to have friends in high places.

By the way, for those Nobles wondering what happened to the Plaque for Director Emeritus Noble **Lawrence C. Newton**, the original Plaque had some mistakes on it, so the Director's Staff had a new plaque made. It is now hanging in the upstairs area where the pool table is, as it should be.



## Aleppo Bandsman in Memoriam

**Robert R. Giddings** was an active clarinet player and member of the Aleppo Shriners Brass Band. Robert was a Past President of the Northeast Shrine Band Association (NESBA). He also was a clarinet player in the Althia Grotto Band in Worcester, MA. He retired as a Math teacher in the Leicester, MA school system. Both he and his late wife **Mary** enjoyed traveling during their retirements from teaching. Both are sorely missed.

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