

The Replacements

If the battery in your automobile dies, you replace it! If the star player on a major sports team has an injury, they don't replace him, they put in a substitute.

In the ancient battles, throughout the world, both sides had people whose sole purpose was to carry the banner or flag. If the flag carrier fell during the battle, there was always someone to pick up and carry the flag. Will you be the new "flag carrier?"

As a member of the world's greatest philanthropy, instead of just being a dues card holder and a pin and ring wearer, why not become a member of one of Aleppo's Units? Preferably the Oriental Band!

The same situation applies to the Oriental Band. Some of its members, like myself, cannot march anymore. We don't dispose of them like a worn out item. Hopefully find and put in a "substitute." Are you willing to be a substitute?



Noble "Rick, on the left, and his "Replacement", Noble "Bob" is on the right. Noble Rick also has another son, Rick Jr. in the Band!

Opening day for the Red Sox has come and gone, as well as the opening day parade for the Oriental Band. Instead of watching or reading about the parade, why not be a part of it? Way back in 1968, I remember the thrill I had marching in my first parade in Andover. You too, can have a similar feeling!

If you have any interest at all in finding out more about the Oriental Band, please contact one of the Officers listed below or attend a rehearsal on a Thursday evening at the Aleppo Shrine Center, on the second floor.

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Members of the Worcester County Shrine Club braved the chilly weather to march in the St Patrick's Day parade on Sunday March 9, 2008. They marched alongside the Melha Shrine Center. They had a great turn out with six Mini-Kars and the fire trucks in the parade.



Legion of Honor

By JOHN BOHLING

DON'T look now, but today I put away the old snow shovels and boots and dragged the 50 lb. bag of snow melt into the closet for a long hiatus 'til next season!

Following that project, I went to fill up the wife's car at the local gas station. Maybe it's just me, but I think the man that runs the place was wearing an eye patch and carrying a cutlass. Anyway, it was cunningly cute how the parrot took all my cash.

On the way home though, I heard the swamp "peepers" singing, so it looks like spring is here!

It would be nice, if we could pick up a few more parades to fill up our schedule, so we could afford to gas up our rolling stock to take to the parades. End of the griping.

Just as we were getting used to increasing our roster by two new members, we received word of the passing of Noble James Malanson. Jim was a long time member of the LOH and an active participant in all our activities, both official and social. We lovingly referred to him as "Handsome Jim" as he always told us how good looking he was, and what a great racquetball player he turned out to be.

Jim was a Navy veteran of WWII, having served as a C.B.(Seabee) through some of the toughest battles in the Pacific Campaign, including Iwo Jima. Never one to embellish his service, Jim always emphasized the horror and sacrifice which military service entails.

So, to you "Handsome Jim," we turn down the glass, and wish you God Speed on this new beachhead. We are sure the beach master will welcome you home.

Have you noticed how many of the Divan smoke cigars!? It seems that before too long, the sign of the crescent will be replaced with Churchill's "V-for victory" sign. Maybe now that Castro is done, they can find a decent supplier.

Please, try to remember to support "Chuck-A-Buck" in our ceaseless efforts to raise money for our Flag Fund.

Also remember that we are always looking for new blood. All honorably discharged veterans are eligible, regardless of dates of service.

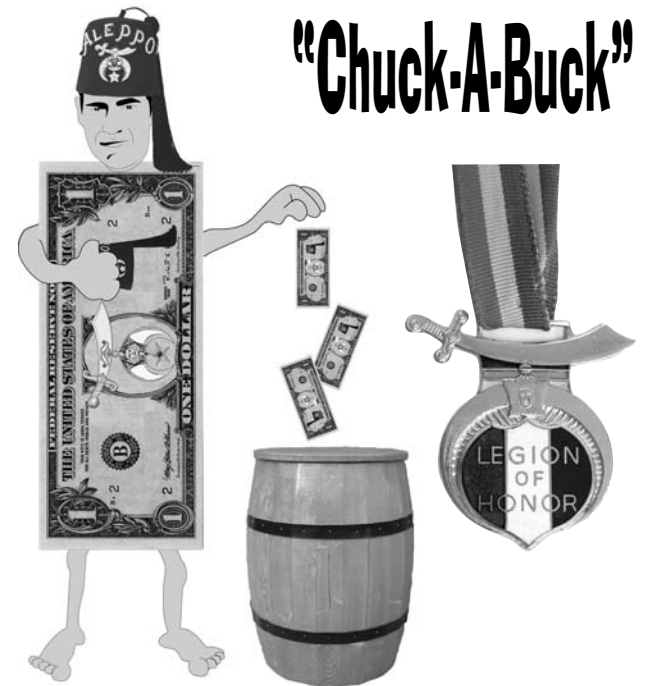
Just a few quotes on fashions before we close:

Give feminine fashions time enough and they will starve all the moths to death – *Anonymous*

Fashion is what one wears oneself. What is unfashionable is what other people wear – *Oscar Wilde*

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months – *Oscar Wilde*

Till Next Issue!



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