

Aleppo Oriental Band Change

By THE ORIENTAL BAND SCRIBE

IN a rather infamous and despicable short book, the movement of cheese within a closed maze populated by rodents is used to moralize about the inevitability of "change" and what the consequences of how one reacts to it may be. The book essentially pontificates that "change" happens, that it should be anticipated, and that, to survive, one should adapt to it and go with the flow or move forward. "change" does not only happen in confined spaces nor is it only a challenge to those of diminutive stature, vermin, or those who are otherwise physically or mentally challenged.

"Change" happens everywhere and the Aleppo Oriental Band has experienced a good deal of change over the last few years (especially so more recently) and it is best to deal with it all from the beginning.

Several years ago (and for a variety of reasons) we were a somewhat disenchanted group akin to wayward merchants on the hot sands of our oasis. That eventually led to a change in our leadership which ushered in a period of several years of leadership under Noble **Rob Johnson**. Under Noble Rob, we made some tremendous progress in improving our perspectives and outlook on things and that contributed to an increased membership. We stood strong and essentially saved a sinking ship and strengthened it. The approach that Rob took and the results that came about were impressive and we are grateful for the efforts that he undertook and the accomplishments that he achieved. As circumstances would have it, however, some recent positive family matters have required Noble Rob to resign as Director (though he promises to continue participating with the band as time permits) and he has been replaced by Noble **Robert (Bob) Haley**.

We are all looking forward to moving ahead under Noble Bob's direction and, given his abilities, we have some renewed great expectations for the band. We are anticipating participating in the parades and ceremonials throughout the year and are looking forward to defending our Northeast titles in Burlington, Vermont.

Another "change" that has come about is in the authorship of these articles, and the short straw was drawn by the new author. For many years the responsibility has been that of one of our senior members, Noble **Earl Spicer**. Noble Earl, at one time or another, has been an inspiration to every member of the band. He possesses a wealth of knowledge concerning the band that can never be replaced and he has done an exemplary job in all of the positions that he has held with the band. He is and has been one of the band's most dedicated members for over forty years and the standards he set will be difficult to match or emulate ... and, in deference to all

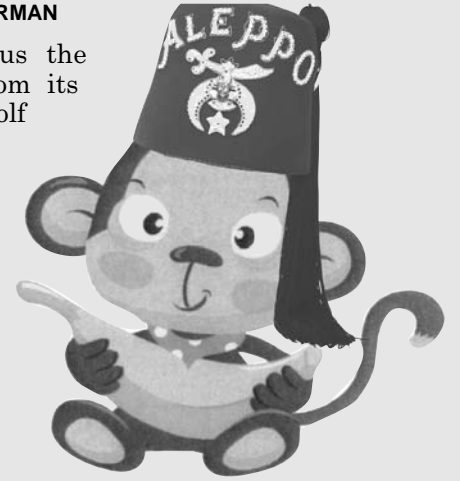
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Director's Staff News

By RICHARD GORMAN

AS the 2009 parade season is upon us the Director's Staff is looking for help from its members in doing maintenance on the golf carts and trailers. The trailer that is use to haul the golf carts needs to have the deck replaced. The golf carts themselves need to be washed and waxed. We also will be building new stunts for the June Ceremonial.

The Director's Staff has also started back up our Sunday morning breakfast. So come up on Sunday mornings and join us for breakfast at 9 am. We have a rotation of top-notch chefs from the Director's staff.



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I hereby promise and commit to contributing 10 cents per mile for a maximum of _____ miles traveled by Bill Roberts as he travels on his BMW motorcycle around the United States between May 1, 2009 and August 1, 2009. Bill expects to travel approximately 10,000 miles and your generous contribution for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund is greatly appreciated. I understand that 100 percent of this donation will go directly to support the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. As a contributor, and the reason for your email address, you will be periodically notified of Bill's travels along with photos as he stops along his way.

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BILL Roberts has been planning a road trip by motorcycle around the country to raise funds for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. He will depart from Wilmington, MA on May 1, 2009, travel south to Florida, west to San Diego, north to Seattle, finally returning to Wilmington. Bill estimates that the trip will cover 10,000 miles, and he would like fellow Nobles to sponsor him for ten cents a mile up to whatever maximum amount the donator feels comfortable donating. His goal is to raise \$20,000 for the Aleppo Shrine Children's Transportation Fund. Checks are to be sent directly to the Shrine Center, and made payable to the Aleppo Shrine Children's Transportation Fund. Bill will be updating all contributors via email as he makes his way across the country.