

Aleppo Brass Band

BANDMASTER **Robert Foucht**, and the members of the Brass Band take this opportunity to welcome Noble **Richard (Rick) Fardy**, as our newly appointed Assistant Bandmaster.

In March, medical matters temporarily took Bandmaster Foucht out of commission. Rick was then called on to man the conductor's podium for our March rehearsal, which he did ably with skill and enthusiasm. In addition to being a valued horn player in the Brass Band, Noble Fardy plays with other bands in the area, and he has some other musical skills which were revealed at our last rehearsal.

The Aleppo Brass Band looks forward to another exciting year playing for parades and other events for the Aleppo Shriners community. Come and listen, watch and if you can, join in. The Brass Band is always looking for musicians to join us in the band. We have often have openings in every section of the band. If you play, or have played a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument, we probably have an seat waiting for you in the band. If you are interested in the Brass Band or have any questions we can answer. Please call Bandmaster Bob Foucht or Band Manager **Dan Nager**.

Present Brass Band Schedule:

Rehearsal: June 11, 2009
Wilson Room, 7:00-9:00 pm

Ceremonial: June 13, 2009
Auditorium, 3:00 pm

Parades:

Newton Memorial Parade
May 17, 2009 at 1:15 pm

Somerville Memorial Parade
May 24, 2009 at 1:00 pm

Wilmington Parade
May 25, 2009

Osterville Parade and Fair
July 18, 2009

Please contact: B. Robert Foucht, Bandmaster 978-922-6462, Dan Nager, Band Manager 978-535-1372, or any bandsman for details.



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Charles River Valley Shrine Club

THE Charles River Valley Shrine Club Annual Meeting was held on February 1, 2009, in the Aleppo Shrine Center Fez Room. Sixteen members were present including Illustrious Potentate **Robert F. Smith** and Lady **Helen**.

The meeting was opened at 12:10 pm by President **George Sarafinas** who welcomed all, and then recessed for lunch. When the meeting was called back to order, President George gave his report for the 2008 year, which was accepted. The Treasurer was on vacation so his and the Secretary's reports were read by the Secretary. Both reports were accepted by the members present.

President George then called for the nominating committee's report for the 2009 year. Chairman **Robert Brown** read the slate, which was accepted by the members present. President **Peter M. Bloom**, Second Vice President **Harold Greenberg**, Treasurer **Frederick Shaw**, Secretary **Ralph M. Quilty**, Directors: George Sarafinas, **Robert Brown**, **David Howard**. Trustees: **Robert Greene**, **Jack Bennett**, **Jeffery Rosenberg**. The elected Officers present were sworn in by Illustrious Robert F. Smith.

The door prize, a hand-made afghan made by **Shirley Quilty**, was won by Lady Helen. The "guess the number of M&M's in the jar" was won by Past President David Howard. The opportunity table was distributed successfully after which President George called on the Potentate for his remarks. The meeting then adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Change

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cult to match or emulate ... and, in deference to all parties involved, no effort will be made to do so.

Four of our members, Noble **Nick Markos**, Noble **Gerry Neault**, Noble **Al Richards**, and Noble Earl Spicer, have been under the weather and we would like to wish them all the best.

"Change" also refers to the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and half dollars that we invariably carry about and which we would encourage you to consider donating (at least a portion of) along with any other denominations to the worthy causes of the Shrine. Consider well the great weight and burden this kind deed will relieve you of.

It would be remiss to not wish Noble Rob Johnson, Noble Bob Haley, and Noble Earl Spicer the best in their new endeavors and to thank them for the efforts they either have undertaken or are currently undertaking on behalf of the band.

It would also be remiss to not note and welcome aboard the most recent new members of the band, Noble **Dennis Reebel**, Aleppo's Oriental Guide and Noble **Steve Hoffman**. Needless to say, we will be looking forward to Noble Dennis' future installations as he progresses up the Aleppo line as well as his and Noble Steve's participation with the band.

The author would also like to make it known that the band has its own website which is frequently updated and is more current than any article written months in advance can ever hope to be. All are encouraged to join the thousands who have already visited the page since its inception and visit the page occasionally (please leave a note in the Guest Book when you do visit). The website is located at:

http://www.geocities.com/oriental_b

From roughly mid-January to mid-December, we hold rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM outside of the band room which is located on the second floor of the Aleppo Shrine Center in Wilmington, Massachusetts. All are welcome to join us for the rehearsals.

On April 2, 2009 we held our Annual Business Meeting and found all matters to be in order. Our Treasury is sound despite the recent downturn in oil revenue and the economic mayhem of the world, and the harem members are behaving themselves! Nonetheless, we agreed to take a private magic carpet ride to Washington to plead our case for some of the "bailout" funds so that we can better pay the bonuses due our member constituents. We are always on the lookout for more members to add to the band and the harem - if you are interested in joining the band just come to one of our rehearsals and sign up (no music skill is needed - in case you haven't figured that out yet). As for new harem members - any female spouse, daughter, or other female acquaintance or relative is welcome to join the harem (there are no current openings for eunuchs or other male positions) - contact the author about these prospects as he has, subject to appropriate dispensations, claimed all rights of the primogenitor! (They had to make the job appealing in some fashion - even after the draw - now they just have to explain this all to me!)

Finally, the author notes that the traditional Shrine greetings and counter greetings really convey wishes in one direction or another but not both. With that in mind, as well as being aware of a single Middle Eastern word that conveys greetings of salutation, peace, well-being, and farewell --- it is with this word, during this author's authorship, that this and future articles will be concluded.

Shalom
The Oriental Band Scribe

Scribblings of the Scribe:

May the fleas of one thousand camels infest the crotches of those who oppose you and may their arms be too short to scratch!



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