



Motor Patrol

By BILL BALL

THE Motor Patrol has been busy since the last paper. We have gotten the cars ready for the first parade, which will be around May 24th. The first of March, we changed the oil and spark plugs on each car. The cars were put on the trailer and the garage was turned into a novelty storage place for the circus.

The novelties arrived the first of April and the Motor Patrol was busy stripping the novelties to get them ready for the circus. The Motor Patrol has been very busy working the circus. The **Katsapetese** family was well represented with **Bill K.** and **Jackie,** **Nicholas** and **Kirstin,** their son and daughter and **Alex Yablin,** the grandson of Billy K. The **Harrell** family was there with their two granddaughters **Abby** and **Jasmines Georgoudis.** We had some great help and we sold a lot of nice lighted novelties. The Motor Patrol members did a great job on the circus this year.

In May, we are having the ladies come to our monthly meeting and after our meeting, we will have a light meal. This will be on Thursday May 21, 2015. We are working on a cookout for the patients of the hospital in July at Aleppo. There will be the same units invited this year as we have done in past years. In May, the Motor Patrol competition team will start getting ready to drill on our maneuvers and we hope to go to Maine for the North East in September.

The snow birds are back from Florida and we hope to see them at the May meeting.

Remember the Motor Patrol is looking for members that would like to drive a scale model of a 1901 Oldsmobile in parades as well as in competition. If you are interested, please call one of the members or find us on the Aleppo Shriners. com.

Happy Motoring

Brass Band Broadcast

By THE BANDMASTER

It is at the fireside that we look for virtue and patriotism; for songs that stir the blood and fire the zeal; for songs of home, of mother, and of love, that touch the heart and brighten the eye. Music teaches all that is beautiful in this world. Let us not hamper it with a machine that tells the story day by day, without variation, without soul, barren of the joy, the passion, the ardor that is the inheritance of man alone.(John Philip Sousa, "The Menace of Mechanical Music," Appleton's Magazine, Vol. 8; 1906).

Noble Sousa wrote these words 99 years ago, just one year after the Aleppo Brass Band was organized and while most of us probably would not judge our stereotypes quite so harshly, the Brass Band continues to keep music alive by making live music.



NOBLE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

This has been quite the winter to begin the Brass Band's 100th anniversary year! As I wrote in the last installment of this column, we had a varied and colorful potpourri of musical selections ready to play for the band concert portion of the January Ceremonial, but due to the blizzard conditions we all experienced at that time, we were unable to play for that event. However, looking ahead to the June Ceremonial, we anticipate having yet another musical program replete with selections both vintage and contemporary for the entertainment of the Aleppo Nobility and guests. I would also like to extend sincere thanks to our Potentate, Illustrious **David Raymond** and the entire Divan for both their understanding of our need to opt out of the January Ceremonial as well as giving us a full hour of concert time in June.

Also facilitating our rehearsals, we have recently received a large number of

new band music charts by way of a generous donation. So we are ready to go, and a surprise blizzard in June seems highly unlikely! As previously mentioned, our program will feature several selections by Masonic composers including **Robert Browne Hall,** **Edwin E. Bagley,** **Mayhew Lester Lake,** Noble **Karl Lawrence King,** Noble John Philip Sousa as well as **our own Noble George L. Cobb,** whose march, "Across the Hot Sands" was dedicated to Aleppo's first band director, Noble **Louis B. Harlow.** Since the upcoming June Ceremonial promises to be a "hot sands" event, Noble Cobb's march seems most appropriate to the occasion.

One of our most popular marches and equally effective in concert or parade settings is "America the Beautiful March" by **Jean Marie Missud** (1852-1941) who was born in Nice, France, but lived most of his life in Salem, MA, and directed the Salem Cadet Band for over 60 years. The bandstand on Salem Common was dedicated to him and the Salem Evening News called him "Salem's most beloved bandleader." Noble John Philip Sousa, himself, paid tribute to him during a special concert at Tufts University when Sousa called Jean Missud to the stage and handed him the conductor's baton. (**Jim McAllister,** Salem Tales, 2000).

This very inventive medley march, written in 1924, combines an original march strain by Missud with the familiar "America the Beautiful" melody by **Samuel A. Ward** (1847-1903) along with the famous poem, "America" by **Katherine Lee Bates** (1859-1929) as the trio or contrasting movement. Moreover, to retain the original feeling of Ward's hymn-like melody, when played as a march, Missud wrote a lyrical and flowing countermelody carried by the baritone horn and tenor saxophone, thus producing a true patriotic masterpiece. The Brass Band has played this trio in many parades and will be playing the selection in its entirety at

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Child Safety Number One

By WILLIAM "CHUCKLES" PETERSON
PRESIDENT

ON Saturday June 13, 2015 the Worcester County Shrine Club will debut their new wheelchair van that the Aleppo Divan, Board of Directors, Elected Officers and all of you, the Aleppo Nobility, so graciously helped the Worcester County Shrine Club procure. The event will be held at the Manor Restaurant, 42 West Boylston St., West Boylston, MA starting at 9am.

The Worcester County Shrine Clubs primary function is to transport children to and from our Hospitals. The Unit is headed by **Wayne Bogar,** Treasurer of the club. Wayne is also one of the principal drivers, Past Captain of the Rag Tops, and is our Ambassador to the Springfield Hospital. The drivers go out early in the morning and give their day to make sure our mission is accomplished. They make sure the children are safe, comfortable, and on time to their appointments. This van will provide a safe and trouble free ride for many years to come.

It all started last fall at our annual golf outing which is held every August at the Greenhill Golf Course in Worcester, this year is on August 28. I was approached by the man who repairs our van and he told me that the repairs he just did revealed the fact the van we had was at the end of the repair cycle and needed to be replaced. We called a meeting of the Board of Directors and with great help from Wayne Bogar our Treasurer we crafted a three year repayment plan that would allow us to replace our tired old van.

We presented our plan to our Recorder **Ernie Pearlstein** who, after reviewing our situation, gave me the proper procedure for this to proceed. Upon receiving our request Illustrious Potentate **Richard Doherty** allowed me to present our request to the entire Board of Directors who unanimously approved the plan and at the Stated Meeting the membership overwhelmingly voted in favor.

Our Recorder, Ernie Pearlstein, spearheaded the project and through a lot of hard work and the help of our friends at Stoneham Ford saved us several thousands of dollars from the prices we had previously been quoted. This entire event is a truly a clear representation of who we are: Shriners working together for the benefit of the children.

On behalf of the Worcester County Shrine Club I would like to thank all of you for your help and support this worthy project. Please attend our debut as there will be photos and hopefully press coverage and an outstanding brunch will be served for a small for a small donation. We all have been part of this from the beginning and should be there for its completion. There is a huge parking lot at the Manor so parking will be ample.

As we expect a large turnout please try to RSVP to enroyppinnock@netscape.net

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