



And the Beat Goes On!

By EARL T.

THIS is the fifty-sixth parade season for the Aleppo Oriental Band! There have been a lot of changes since its creation in 1951. There are no "Charter Members" remaining. The oldest members of the band are Noble **James A. Harvey** and myself, **Earl T.**, with forty years as members.

Our memory banks are filled with recollections of all the good times we've had as members of this extraordinary band. What is in your memory bank? Why not fill it with memories of the good times yet to come in the Oriental Band? Get to know the bandsmen as well as fellow "OBers" in the Northeast and throughout North America. There are opportunities to become an Officer in several Oriental Band Associations, too. However, this is not a necessity, many bandsmen remain as such, still enjoying all the good times without the work that goes along with an Officer's term.

If your Shrine memories are in limbo, why not consider joining the Oriental Band? There is time to get into the current parade season, which runs until October. When you join the Oriental Band, you become a contributor to the "Ladder of Smiles," the charity of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of North America (ASOB), which has donated over one and a half million dollars to the Shrine Hospitals! They have donated more money to the Shrine Hospitals than any other National Unit!

Get more information by contacting one of the Officers listed below, or drop by any Thursday evening at the Aleppo Shrine Center, second floor in the Oriental Band room and enjoy an evening of good music while we practice and get you signed up. Try it, we know you'll enjoy it!

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The North Shore Shrine Club

CLOWN FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 28, 2007

Starting at 1:00 pm
 at Philanthropic Lodge

62 Pleasant Street, Marblehead, MA

at 1:30 pm Join us for a
 Complete Home-Made Italian Dinner
 Pasta • Meatballs • Lots More



After dinner the real fun begins as the Aleppo Clowns get hysterical! Don't miss the balloons galore, crazy antics and belly-busting laughter.

COST IS ONLY \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE HALF PRICE (\$5)
 PRE-SCHOOLERS ARE FREE

Checks (payable to *North Shore Shrine Club*) can be mailed to:
 Don Grant • 58 Jersey Street • Marblehead, MA 01945-2452
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Want to Have Fun?

AS members of Aleppo's Oriental Band, we not only rehearse, perform in parades and at Masonic functions, but we also have "Fun."

This photo taken at the Imperial Session in July, 1989, in Orlando, Florida, has (left to right): Noble **Jackie Shallah**, a Charter Member of the band, playing the Dumbag, a Mid-Eastern drum; Ill. Sir **Sal Russo**, Potentate, a guest cymbal player; Noble **Ed Kolhonz** playing the musette; and yours truly, **Earl T.**, on the tambourine. We played in the hotel lobby playing for the enjoyment of everyone passing thru.

Many years ago, the Oriental Band used to go out evenings, at conventions and perform at various places, such as malls and even in the street! However, this practice was discontinued as the bandsmen became older.

There is a saying in Masonry, "Replace thyself!" This applies to the current bandsmen. For those who are reading this and do not belong to one of Aleppo's fine units, why not consider joining the Oriental Band?

Motoring With The Motor Patrol

By KEN HURRELL

HERE it is, officially summer and we had high hopes to go to Anaheim California, for the International Shrine Convention and compete with our cars. We all had our sights set on taking first place in our competition class, when our bubble was burst.

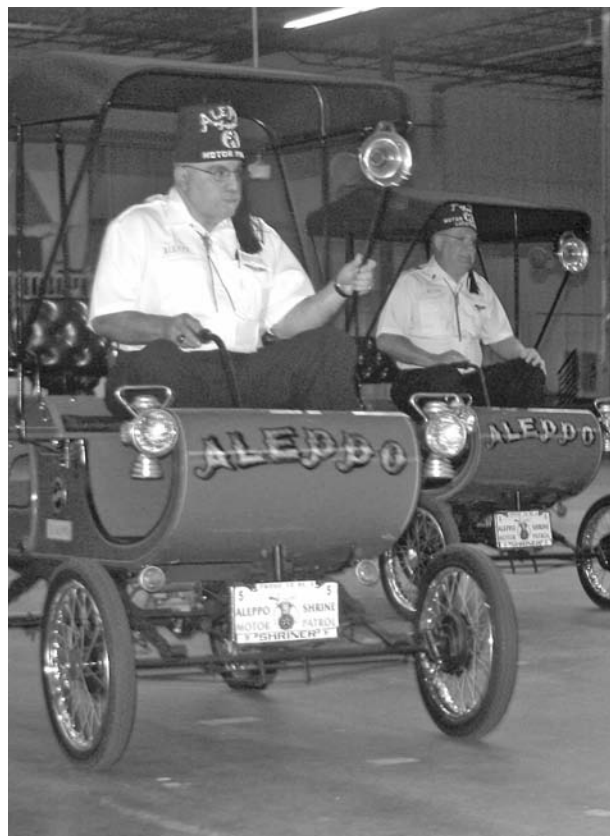
Let's back up a bit and let me try to explain. We reported to the Shrine Auditorium for practice on Tuesday evening at our usual time and we were greeted by our Captain who said, "don't take any cars out yet as I would like to have an important meeting with all of you." We asked, "here in the garage or what?" His reply was "no, how about upstairs?" So upstairs we went. **Skip** started to explain about the State DOT coming on the property and inspecting all of the trailers. The Clowns, Cycles, Fire Brigade and ours. Guess what? Every trailer passed, but the Motor Patrol Trailer. We were told that the following was wrong: the kingpin needed to be replaced, and new tires all around, axle bearings replaced, and rear suspension work totaling about \$10,000. We as a unit decided that it was ludicrous to put that kind of money into a vehicle that is 44 years old. Furthermore if we did, what would go wrong next?

The key thing was SAFETY and with a bad kingpin, anything could happen, including losing a trailer. So Skip went back to the Potentate and told him how we all felt, full of disappointment of not being able to compete and win. The potentate agreed and told Skip to put together the info with proposed figures so that he could take it to his meeting on the 19th of June. Here now we sit, a group of men ready to go with no cars to ride.

Barry Johnson is still in the Kathleen Daniel Nursing Home 485 Franklin Street, Framingham, MA 01702. Send him a card or visit. He would love to see you or hear from you.

The Motor Patrol Picnic and Outing for the Shrine Burn Center Children will be held at the Temple on July 22nd. We will be having our usual breakfast, cooked by Skip and **Carol** to start off the morning. After breakfast we will start setting everything up so that we are ready when the kids arrive. This year the Mounted Patrol, Fire Brigade and the Clowns will assist us. The kids, their family members and the Hospital staff look forward to this event each year, as we do with our wives and friends.

Well that's all for now, until we meet again, **HAPPY MOTORING!**



THE MOTOR PATROL doing their routine at the June 2, 2007, Ceremonial, always in excellent formation.