

Memories!

By EARL T.

LOOKING back over my forty-year membership in the Oriental Band, I have a lot of old photos, fond memories and many good friendships. The memory bank in my brain is chock-full!

I'm in the process of converting 2,400 35mm slides into digital photos and putting them on CDs. As I go through them, the fond memories keep coming back. "I remember that Maple Leaf Jamboree in Montreal in 1989."

How is your memory bank? Why not start a "Shrine" file of good times and memories? If you become a member of the Oriental Band, a memory file will open in your brain's memory bank. Why not increase the file size?

Our Director, Noble "Rob" Johnson, has many memories of the Oriental Band, starting at an early age! In the photo, "Rob" and his sister, Cheryl (Johnson) Moran are shown with their grandfather, Noble Roy Haskell, who was a Charter Member of the Oriental Band. The photo was taken at "Shrine" Day at Whalom Park in the seventies. "Rob's" memory bank was opened at an early age, but, yours can start as soon as you become a member of the most colorful unit in Aleppo. Why not give it some consideration? Now that you are a Noble in Aleppo, why not get involved by joining a Unit, preferably the Oriental Band!

If you are the least bit curious or interested, please call or email one of the officers listed below and I am sure they will answer any questions you might have.

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Noble Phil Post

By HERMES BOYATIS

PHIL Post is a great example of a long-time Shriner who volunteers because he has the time. A lifelong resident of Beverly, MA, Phil was raised a Mason in Liberty Lodge in Beverly in 1958, and he just recently received his Veteran's Medal. He became a Shriner in 1969 at the Armory in Boston, and while he has been active with the North Shore Shrine Club and their activities since that time, he never joined a Shrine Unit until just a few years ago, when he joined the Arab Patrol.

With all the emphasis we put on getting new members to join units right away, Phil is somewhat of an anomaly – it took him almost 35 years to join a Unit! "It was simply a matter of having the time," Phil said. "I worked as a foundry foreman for my entire career, and at times I had three jobs at once just to support my family, because I didn't want my wife (Carol) to have to work. Now that I'm retired, I have the time to give, so I do." This is not to say that Phil wasn't active, though – he joined the North Shore Shrine Club soon after he became a Shriner and has been active in their events ever since.

Now that he has the time, though, he does indeed give of it! Jim Perkins is the first (but not only person) to say that "Phil is a reliable and dedicated volunteer. When we remodeled the downstairs restrooms at the Aleppo Shrine Center (see the article on page 23), the only person who was there more than Phil was Nils Nordberg."



PHIL POST AND HIS WIFE CAROL

Legion of Honor

By JOHN BOHLING



IT was the Legion of Honor's great pleasure to participate at this year's Circus by presenting the Colors at the evening shows. The highlight, of course, was opening night which was dedicated as Veteran's Night. At that time we were honored to have a "Gold-Star" mother assist us.

I have presented our nation's flag many times, but this one was the most moving by far. No one else in the auditorium was close enough to be able to experience the gamut of emotions that were present. As the national anthem was played, I witnessed pride, memories, sorrow, tears and the love that I'm sure can only belong to a parent whose child gave their life in service to our country. May God bless her and all parents who have walked the "Gold-Star" road.

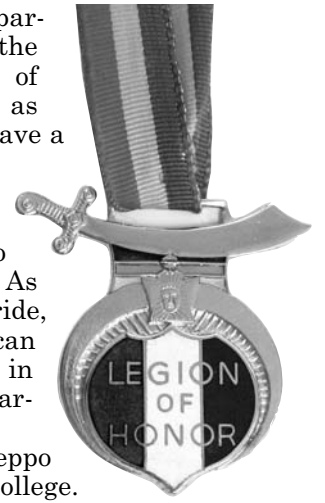
We also had the opportunity to be at the Aleppo Shriners All-Star Football Classic at Bentley College. First Lieutenant Commander John Kandres led our contingent. He also just happens to be an alumnus.

In addition, the LOH is planning to go to Manchester, NH, for the NSA convention.

By the time this edition hits the street we will be heavily into the summer season. I sincerely hope one-and-all have a safe and great time.

For you baseball fans who remember back when it was a game and not a Dow Jones statistic; this guy joined the Cleveland Indians in 1956, he was a "switch-pitcher." So, why don't you remember him? His fellow pitchers Lemon, Feller, Garcia, Wynn and Score might be the reason.

"Sic-Transit Militarium" The army has changed it's policy on married couples living and sleeping together in the Iraq war zone. "Couples rows" have been set up in army camps in Iraq since 2006! What's next, lace trimmed sand bags from Bernie and Phyl's on the top of their split-level designer bunkers. – American Legion Magazines, July 2008



Research to Better Inform Patients

Facial skeletal deformities in children occur as a result of congenital, developmental or traumatic events, and can be devastating. Disproportionate growth of the facial skeleton leads to anatomic differences and problems with chewing and speaking. Not to mention issues with self-esteem and social acceptance.

For children with these conditions, reconstructive surgery is necessary to restore not only the normal biologic boundaries of the facial skeleton, but also to restore function needed for eating and speaking, and a sense of well-being that will allow the child to integrate with his or her peers. But surgery to correct the uneven growth of the face is frequently done during late adolescence — an already difficult time for many teens.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is conducting a research project that will help in understanding how teens and their families make a decision to have the corrective surgery. The research project will measure the effect of the condition on the adolescent's ability to eat, speak, breathe and interact with peers. It will also compare the effects of orthodontic treatment with and without reconstructive surgery on each of these variables.



Researchers are working to understand the psychological and behavioral effects of improving the appearance of children with severe facial deformities.

The ultimate goal is to measure the impact of surgery on the adolescent's quality of life. The hope is that we will be better able to educate patients about the types of changes that may occur following facial skeletal reconstruction. The study will also increase knowledge of the relationship between physical changes (improved appearance, chewing, nasal breathing and speech) and psychological effects like self-esteem.