

# Legion of Honor

By JOHN BOHLING

WELL, summer's over the hill. "Tax Free" weekends are just a fond memory. Cookouts, I guess they are still being held, but fall is approaching fast and with it comes "Parade Season."

Parade season means a need for able bodies to walk the routes. Unfortunately old man time has been throwing a lot of us in the only "mandatory count" we used to see, courtesy of Gillette Razors on Friday nights. As a result, our Legion of Honor trailer could suffer from "over-sale" problems worse than some discount airlines. Our Color Guard is starting to look like the famous painting "The Spirit of '76."

The only cure for this is new blood. Preferably blood with no viagra traces. So if you are an honorably discharged veteran and are able to walk, give some serious thought to check us out.

Enough said on this subject.

Our unit was present for the Grand Lodge activities in Provincetown in August, a full report of that will be in the next issue.

We, as a unit, like all of the Uniformed Units, were caught off guard by the passing of First Ceremonial Master, **Stephen T. Bissett**, who was also the liaison of our unit to the Divan. Just prior to his passing Steve gave us a beautiful model of a Blue Angels fighter aircraft along with one of their flags. This will serve as a continual reminder of

what he did for us. Although not a veteran, he will always remain one of us. Somewhere in the Celestial Lodge we know, "the show must go on."

Thanks to all who have given time to assist the Provost Guard with parking cars at various shows. That money really comes in handy.

Now that I have you deeply engrossed, it's time to address the matter of our Aleppo Flag Fund. This fund, which is administered by the Legion of Honors is used for purchase and replacement of our flags which fly on the three poles in front of the building. Because they fly 24-7, we need all-weather types. The most costly is the Aleppo logo flag which by necessity is hand cut and hand sewn, and costs approximately \$400 each. We are looking into possibly seeking a quantity price on them, but the cost will be increasing for the total bill. The U.S. and P.O.W. flags cost substantially less, since they are purchased in multiples. We are fortunate to be able to get flags which have flown above the Capitol Building in Washington thanks to our First Lieutenant Commander, **John Kandres**.

If every member of Aleppo could give just one dollar, we would have a substantial kitty to draw from for years to come!

To assist with this endeavor, we would like for you to meet our fund-raiser, Chuck-A-Buck. He will hopefully convince you to chuck a buck into our Aleppo Flag Fund.



## Aleppo Brass Band New Band Manager Appointment

By ALEXANDER MOLES  
BAND PRESIDENT

CONGRATULATIONS to Noble **Daniel Nager**, newly appointed by Illustrious **Albert D. Flight**, as Brass Band Manager, and many thanks to Noble **Elliot Farnsworth**, for his hard work and enthusiasm during his past years as our Band Manager.

Noble Dan, saxophonist, joined the band in 1997.

He is replacing Noble Farnsworth, who joined the Brass Band in 1996 and plays tuba. Dan's leadership abilities were recognized for the membership recruitment efforts and team organization he assumed. Always present at rehearsals, ceremonies, and recruitment functions, Noble Nager has suggested ideas to keep our musicians properly

dressed, and equipped. He has instituted "call lists" to get communications delivered through section leaders to their fellow nobles, and he looks forward to implementing new ideas to keep the band organized and equipped for its parades and other events.

Noble Elliot Farnsworth, in addition to being our valued tuba player, has not only been our Band Manager for the past several years, but also accepted the position of elected treasurer, when that office became vacant. Since he joined the Brass Band, Elliot has been a very valuable member of both the band organization and the Aleppo Shrine Center. His business expertise made it possible for the band to maintain proper physical and financial records, and he remained very active in recruitment of new Shriners and band members. With tireless enthusiasm, Elliot introduced the idea of a "regional" division of the Brass Band to encourage new members, and established a Plymouth division of the band in an attempt to attract those musicians from the southern reaches of the Aleppo district. Elliot's musical talents are not just limited to his tuba playing, he also remains a very active member of the Aleppo Chanters.

Some of the special achievements of Noble Elliot include: computerization of band files and membership; scheduling of band events; email notifications; and financial records. The concept of the parade "riding band," to accommodate the needs of our senior members, was fostered by Elliot. The 24-foot "riding trailer," which replaced the 40-foot 5th wheel-trailer was made possible by Elliot's and band members' efforts. This new trailer has a white canopy to protect the bandsmen from the hot sun and rainy conditions. It also allowed for a regular pickup truck to haul the bandsmen during parades and not be limited to a 5th wheel tractor or specially modified pickup truck.

Noble Elliot indicated that his family life has forced him to re-direct and re-prioritize his energy. The band thanks Noble Elliot for his hard work and accomplishments as band manager. We now look forward to Noble Daniel Nager continuing his efforts to provide the band with equal inspiration and enthusiasm. As band president I wish BOTH my fellow Nobles the best, and support them in their new directions.

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Rehearsals:  
7-9-PM, 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings (subject to change) at the Aleppo Shrine Center, 99 Fordham Road, (2nd floor), Wilmington, MA.

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