

# ALEPPO PIPE BAND

By AL DODGE

**T**HE Aleppo Pipe Band performed at Wentworth Institute, Boston on Sunday, May 19, for their Spring Commencement exercise. The band performance was spectacular and one could tell by the applause from the hundreds of spectators present. The band members in attendance were: Drummers, Noble **David T. Wright**, and Noble **Robert A. Wright**, Pipers included Acting P/M **Douglas S. Yatsuhashi**, and Nobles **Robert L. MacNeil**, **John Bell**, **Duncan Ferguson** and **Albert S. Dodge, Sr.**

The Aleppo Highlanders also performed at Wentworth Institute for the August 23rd Commencement exercise as well. This is always a very exciting experience and the band members performed with a great sense of pride and satisfaction. The program showed a listing of more than five hundred graduates, the spectators more than doubled that number and the response was thunderous from start to finish.

Note: The dedication of the Aleppo Pipe Band over these many years (thirty plus) has given the band members a sense of pride and satisfaction knowing the institute sends a nice donation to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children – Boston for their time and talents.

Band members present were: Drums, Noble David T. Wright, Noble Robert A. Wright (Dir), and Noble Alan B. Archibald (Sec). Pipes, Noble Douglas S. Yatsuhashi (Acting P/M), Noble **Robert H. Archibald**, Noble John M. Bell, Noble Walter B. Harmer, Sr. (P/Sgt), Noble Robert L. MacNeil (P/Sgt) and Noble Albert S. Dodge, Sr.

Note of sadness: Mrs. **Genevieve Finlayson** passed away on June 15. Jenny was the widow of Noble **Gerald Finlayson** who served in our pipe section for 16 years. Noble Gerry predeceased his wife by three years. Together forever, may they rest in peace.

Note: As the present correspondent for this article, I again put out the request for any and all members of this great Shrine Temple to consider signing up to perform in any sections which includes colors, drums and pipes. One only has to come see us on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., here at the Mosque. The band has two piping instructors, Emeritus P/M **Richard N. Rehlander**, and P/Sgt. **Walter D. Harmer**, while the drum section is under the direction of Dir/Drum Sgt. Robert A. Wright. The experience of marching with this fine and proud Kiltie Unit, we hope will inspire one and all to join.

Anyone interested may call any of the following members:

Director: Robert A. Wright – 781-393-0141  
Drummer: Alan B. Archibald – 508-393-3416  
Piper: Walter D. Harmer, Sr. – 978-387-8671  
Piper: Albert S. Dodge, Sr. – 978-667-7635

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EVERY SATURDAY for part of the year the St. Aspinquid Lodge in York, Maine, has a flea market. The tables for the event need to be set up and taken down each time. Five kids came forward: **Brett Gerry**, **Heather Tanner**, **Betsy Rose Gerry**, **Jacqueline Tanner** and **Thomas Conlin** who are associated with/related to Masons, came forward to do the job. One of the kids has a brother who was treated at the Shriner Hospitals for Children – Boston, and so they all decided to donate the money they received to the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. **Marc DuMoulin** presented Transportation Fund Chairman **Paul Agostino** with a check for \$500. Certificates of Recognition were presented to Marc to bring back for each of the kids.



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## Do you want to play the Bagpipe?

If you really want to learn to play the Bagpipe, the Aleppo Pipe Band has an offer for you. We can help you learn in the least time, at little cost. The only basic cost is the price of the practice chanter and your time. The Pipe Band supplies the information and a person to coach you on a weekly or by-weekly period. You learn the rest at home.

Bagpipe teachers can be expensive, especially with four or more appointments a month. We will start you on the right path, and with daily practice, and weekly or by-weekly coaching, a surprising outcome will occur. You will now be able to play the practice chanter, read pipe notes (nine of them) and go on to the next level, learning the music. You will still need coaching at this level but it's part of the game.

You don't need the cost of a Bagpipe as yet. The Bagpipe is another phase of learning and must be done in the right order. The Pipe Band wants new members and this is a great opportunity for you as well as the Pipe Band. Welcome aboard.



## Aleppo Cycles Unit

By KEN AUSTIN

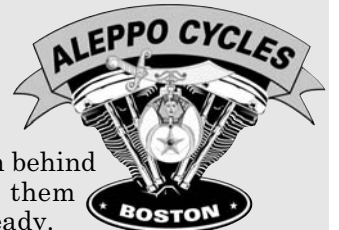
**I**T'S beginning to become apparent why the Cycle Unit is renovating their room... we need to make space for the trophies! Not only did the Unit bring home three trophies from the Imperial, we can now display three more from the Northeast Field Days in Burlington, VT. Congratulations to the Competition Team for a first place in Drill, first place in Obstacle Course (**Ron Morse**, **Dave Veo**) and a first place in the Slow Ride (**Gerry Wentworth**, **Dave Veo**). It is worth mentioning how proud we are of our newer members who have taken to the competition field for the first time this year. It's great to see the "young blood" continuing the tradition and a special thanks to our ladies who are our biggest cheering section.

With the onset of the colder weather, it won't be long before our regular Tuesday night drills move into the auditorium and the bikes get their off-season maintenance. A tip of the fez to all of the guys who roll up their sleeves and do what is necessary to keep our bikes in optimum running condition. Riding the bikes is not all fun and games...

there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to keep them parade and inspection ready.

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 27th, at Applebee's Restaurant, 2 Elm Street, Woburn. Between the hours of 11:00AM and midnight, when you present the ad found elsewhere in this issue of the Aleppo News, the Cycle Unit will receive 15% of your total bill (before taxes & gratuity). What a great excuse to take the family out to a great meal and support the Cycle Unit at the same time. We hope you'll participate! You can see the ad on page 26 of this paper.

In closing, it is with great sadness that we must report the passing of our friend and Noble, **Rubin Russell**. Although Ruben hadn't ridden during the last few years, he was always ready to lend a helping hand and offer his support to the Unit. He could always be found with his "sidekick" and unofficial mascot of the Unit, Carlos (his Chihuahua) at his side. Rest in Peace, dear friend.



THE CYCLES UNIT participated in the Labor Day Parade in Marlboro on September 7, 2009.