



Nor Rain, Nor Wind, Nor Storm of Night!!!!

By G.W. PAUL WINAM

SUMMER is now fading into the Fall, as I write this article, and the tenth anniversary of 9/11 has just past. We salute all those who stand to protect the safety, and freedom, of our families, as we remember those who were lost on that fateful day, and all who have fallen since in freedom's cause.

Those great days of summer alas, are fading. The Company turned out for both the Braintree, and Needham parades in fine fashion. The ranks a little thinner at Needham, but a fine march just the same. Thank you all who were able to step out and remind America of it's History, on it's Birthday.

A little time off, a funtastic summer muster at **John** and **Randy Ralston's** encampment. I hear it was a great time for all who could attend, thank's **John** and **Randy**. Our next excursion was a little party our Potentate **Jack Grant**, and Lady **Carol**, threw together down in Hyannis. Irene decide to come and try to crash the party, but by this issues title, you can see that the assembled, hardy Nobles of the Northeast Shrine Association were not having any of it. Some events were a little "damp" and "no spark" now has a certain fifer to join with him as his name sake, but the muskets (most of them anyway) fired away to our visiting families at least. Sadly, due to the weather, they were pretty much our only audience, save a few hearty souls whom were not afraid of a little rain. I think our gear should dry out in another month. But a very big "tip of the tricorn" to all who did make it, especially our Capt. **Dick Perry** and his lady **Judi**, and everyone had one hell of a time. We were also blessed with the visit of **Gloria Weinrebe**, who came down for the day and spent the evening out with the Company at "The Roadhouse" with us. For those whom could not attend, if you find yourself in the Hyannis area, the Roadhouse resteraunt is excellent, and strong supporter to Shriner's. The counterpart dinner for the visiting Divans was held there the previous Thursday night.

I usually do not include personal item's in these words of wit, but as it does involve our unit, I thought it might be of interest. Many years ago as your erst-while historian was working through the "chain of command" to tis Captaincy, I met the Potentate of Mazol Shriner's of St. Johns, Newfoundland. We had a great visit all that weekend (a few drams), and upon parting gave me a pin I have treasured ever since. His name is **Bert Avery** of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. At the time I did not have a single pin on me. Fast forward to the present. While down in Hyannis I returned the favor for the current Potentate of Mazol, and divan by pinning each one of them with a Aleppo Minuteman Company pin to return home with, to the Province of Newfoundland.

Due to some conflicting activities of Labor Day, our turnout was a little light for the parade in Marlboro, but we did make some noise. There was some concern about having enough rounds, but I beleive our Exec. in his usual very capable form found a solution. Thank you **Lester**. Lets make a maximum effort for the Alumni Parade in Everett as it is our last official parade this year. You should have received your T.O.D.'s in the mail by now, and heard from our Exec. Officer. It is Sat Oct. 15th and the details are also available on the Companies web site.

I generally like to leave on an upbeat with these little pearls of wisdom, however word has just come of our Captain taking a fall while bringing his Lady Judi to rehabilitation. He will be ok, but did suffer a nasty facture of a couple of facial bones and will likely have to undergo surgery to repair the damage. Please keep both Judi and Dick in your prayers, it has been a rough year for them both.

Upcoming events to be aware of; the Ceremonial on Saturday, November 12th, followed by the HONS fair on the 13th. There are also a number of Shrine fun events coming up which may also be of interest. Last but not least, the Company Christmas party T.B.A. It is time to get back into the swing of things as the year starts to wind up. Ideas and plans for next year, department heads to take inventory and get budgetary request into our Execute Officer for next year to allow time for Captain Perry & Executive Officer Davis time to plan and review prior to the fall deadline.

Have fun, stay safe, and as always a prayer for "our kids."



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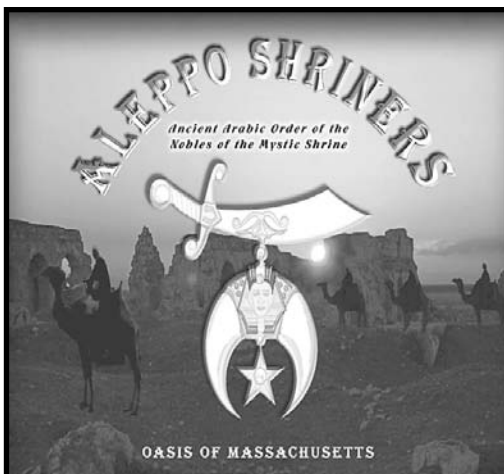
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