

Motor Patrol

Meets 2nd Thursday

The Motor Patrol is comprised of 27 members, eleven automobiles, replicas of 1901 Oldsmobiles, and a scale model of the Shrines Hospital. Motor Patrol members are required to keep the antique cars in excellent condition as they participate in many parades and Shrine functions. This standard of excellence has allowed the Motor Patrol to capture many 1st Place awards in both International and Northeast competitions. The officers of our unit are greatly involved in all International Motorcorp activities. The full trophy cases in their unit review are a tribute to the excellence and dedication of all members of this unit. The Motor Patrol Ladies, known as the Road Runners, attend various parades and competitions through out the country to spur the members on. They are a great asset in assisting at all fund raising events sponsored by the Shriners. The Motor Patrol runs many social activities and functions, which always include the ladies. The Unit is currently soliciting new members to become a part of this great tradition. Why Walk When You can Ride!

Fire Brigade

Meets - 3rd Monday

One the most active and dedicated units of Aleppo is its Fire Brigade. Always in attendance at Temple functions, their bright red jackets are evidenced as they stand at their duty posts. They present a colorful appearance in every parade. Their Fire Truck is a known symbol where even then go.

Pipe Band

Meets - Tuesdays

The Pipe Band has made a name for itself for their authentic Scottish appearance. The swirling kilts, twirling drumsticks and strutting drum major attract much attention in parades. Many members never know how to hold a pipe let alone play one until they joined the unit, and now have become very proficient.

Legion of Honor

Meets - 3rd Tuesday

The Legion of Honor is Aleppo's Uniformed Marching Unit. Membership in the Legion of Honor is restricted to veterans and active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces and/or former military allies of the United States, who have honorably served their country in times of war and peace. Members of Aleppo's Legion of Honor include men who have fought in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.

Lighting Unit

Organized 1979

What would a circus or rodeo be without bright, rotating lights or a spotlight on a featured performer? The Lighting Unit controls the electrical panels and provides all manner of lighting for all performance. They organized, set up and maintain the in-house sound system. They even participate in parades with no lights to worry about.

Swing Band

The Shriners Swing Band is a seventeen piece "Big Band" comprised of five Saxophones, four Trumpets, four Trombones, Bass, Guitar, Drums and Piano. The band members are dedicated and are all volunteers. The monies that are raised for band's performances are donated to the Shriners Burns Hospital in Boston for patient care.

Fire Brigade Cape Cod Unit

Organized 2002

The Cape Cod Fire Brigade is Aleppo's newest Uniformed Unit. Cape Cod Fire Brigade consists of 30 active members who attend various parades, conventions, and get together thru-out the country for the purpose of raising money for the Hospitals. The organization is comprised of four officers (Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant) plus 26 very dedicated members. The CCFB has 12 units of motorized replicas of fire and ladder trucks, individually owned, with our motto of "We Ride so Kids can Walk."

Cycles

Meets - Tuesdays

The Aleppo Cycle Unit is composed of ten 2007 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster motorcycles, which represent Aleppo Temple in parades, ceremonials, and other functions as directed by the Potentate. Within this unit are the Precision Motorcycle Drill and Competition Team, composed of eight expert precision riders who are members of the International Association of Shrine Motor Corps and the Northeast Association competition. Membership is open to all Aleppo Shriners who are either presently motorcycle riders or who are willing to learn to be one. - Why not come ride with the proudest motorcycle team in all of Shrinedom?

Well Noble, did you see anything you liked? You'll notice that some Units meet weekly and some only meet as needed. To find out more about a Unit that interests you, talk to a member of the Unit, talk to your Sponsor or Mentor, call our Recorder at 978-657-4202 X213, or e-mail the Membership Guy - Steve Eriksen at seriksen@microsemi.com.
Get Involved - Join a Unit!



ALEPPO UNITS

"Have More Fun"

Hi Noble,

Now that you have crossed the hot sands of the desert and joined Aleppo Shrine you may now take part in one of our premier Uniformed Units. To be an active Shriner and receive the full experience of being a Shriner, being a member of a Uniformed Unit is the place to be. Take a look at our various Units and see if there's a place for you. All the Units have one thing in common, they support;

"The World's Greatest Philanthropy"

Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Director's Staff

Meets - Tuesdays

This unit is the one that organized the many stunts which highlights the initiation of candidates. The unit meets weekly for planning programs and social times. Unit members include an artist, engineers, cabinet makers, carpenters and lab technicians; all of whom contribute their "know how" to provide ceremonial entertainment.

Brass Band

Organized 1915

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Aleppo's band has won many honors over the years since its organization began in 1915, being originally known as a Band and Drum Corps. The stirring music of this unit is always the highlight of any parade or Ceremonial.

Chanters

Meets - Mondays

The Chanters supply vocal music at Ceremonials and other functions, presenting a showcase of color, harmony and musical aptitude. Especially appreciated is their appearance at the annual Memorial Service for Aleppo's departed members. Members enjoy gathering together for rehearsals as well as outings and sharing in Aleppo's special program.

Oriental Band

Meets - 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Easily one of the most popular units at any Shrine affair or parade, the Oriental Band with its colorful costumes, music of the musette and the drums, grows in prestige each year, with many trophies being won and displayed in the cases on the auditorium mezzanine floor.

Medical Corps

Organized 1964

Aleppo's Medical Corps works in conjunction with the Medical Staff providing emergency medical assistance at all Shrine functions. Most of its members are either EMT's or have taken advanced courses in CPR. The unit attends all parades and stands ready at all time to be of assistance.

Temple Guard

Meets - 3rd Monday

Most of the unit's work is to guard the doors at Ceremonials and Shrine auditorium events. Meetings are held monthly in the unit room and, outings are held on occasion. The unit also participates in all Shrine parades. The Aleppo Temple Guard is a member of the International Association of Shrine Provosts. One member of the Aleppo Temple Guard has recently served as Colonel and Chief of the I.A.S.P. - Noble Stephen G. Eriksen.

Minutemen

Meets - 1st Thursday

The only Colonial militia in the Shrine is proudly one of Aleppo's outstanding units. The unit has appeared in parades far and wide, even as far as Hawaii, and has brought much credit to the Aleppo. Musters are held monthly with other social events occurring during the year. The firing of the Colonial muskets along a parade route snaps everyone to attention and the fifes and drums demonstrate the Colonial Beat.

Mini-Haulers

The Mini Haulers are scale 16' Tractor Trailers. We are group of 6 Mini Hauler owners, and 8 active members who attend various parades. Most of our members own their own Mini Haulers, and we are always on the lookout for new members that would be able to get involved at that level. But we also need members to be spare drives as needed. Mini Haulers participate in 14 to 18 parades a year. Our Mission Statement is to #1 have fun, and #2 support Aleppo Shrine and our Boston Burn Center. And you haven't lived until you have seen the smiles from the young and old at our parades.

Provost Guard

Meets - Wednesdays

The Provost Guard was founded in 1957 for the purpose of assisting the potentate to assure the safety and welfare of the Nobility, and to perform police duties at Ceremonials, parades, conventions and Shrine functions. The original organization was composed of one Captain, one Sergeant and fifteen members. The present organization is led by a Chief, Major, Captain and 1st Lieutenant, plus thirty very active and dedicated members. The Aleppo Provost Guard is a member of the International Association of Shrine Provosts. Two members of the Aleppo Provost Guard have recently served as Colonel and Chief's of the I.A.S.P. - Noble Alan Ray Jr. and Noble Michael Segal.

Clowns

Meets - 3rd Wednesdays

All the world loves a clown and the Aleppo Clowns are well aware of this as they receive many requests for performances at outside functions. The clowns bring joy to children and adults wherever they appear. Their bright costumes, funny faces and fantastic balloons always bring smiles from to one and all. Our in-house Clown College trains you from beginning to parade ready. One of our members, Ernest "Rollo" Pearlstein, has served as President of the International Shrine Clown Association

Mounted Patrol

Organized 1925

The unit's beautiful palominos are enthusiastically greeted as they lead the various Shrine units in parades. The Mounted unit is a charter member of the International Shrine Horse Patrol and appears not only in parades, but also on occasion, at Northeastern Shrine Association Conventions. Recently, the Mounted Patrol has rodeo "Cowboys" on horseback to the parade schedule.

Rag Top Unit

Meets - 3rd Tuesday

Prized convertibles are driven by members of this unit in parades and provide transportation for dignitaries as well as senior members of other units unable to march.

Stewards

Organized 1967

The Temple Stewards can be found diligently working in the kitchen at Aleppo serving coffee and doughnuts, cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, and making chili or other sumptuous meals during Ceremonials, many fraternal events, and certain shows like the Circus and Roller Derby. During other shows, the Stewards staff the concession stand selling water, soda, popcorn and pretzels. We also feed the Nobles for most public parades. We will prepare sandwiches the day before and meet everyone before the parade kicks off.

Transportation Unit

Organized 1979

This is one of the most vital units in the Temple. Without the Transportation Unit, which is composed of professional drivers, none of Aleppo's equipment would be available at various parades. Members provide tractor trailer transportation all over the country, north, south, east and west, for imperial Sessions and Northeastern Association Conventions. Members serve as jitney bus drivers all day for shows and Ceremonial Day as they transport Nobles from adjacent lots parking to the Auditorium.

Arab Patrol

Meets - 1st or 2nd Thursday

The Arab Patrol being 120 years old is the oldest unit in Aleppo. Two years after Aleppo was chartered, 12 Nobles started the Arab Patrol. Today the Patrol has 60 men which make up the Staff, Color Guard and two Platoons. Competitions are entered at the Northeastern Shrine Association Convention, Shrine Patrol of North America and by invitation at other Temples. Regular drills are held at the Auditorium, Ladies' Nights, outings and other Social Activities are enjoyed by the members. Over the years several Nobles from the unit have become Potentates.