

ALEPPO PIPE BAND

By AL DODGE

THE Aleppo Highlanders are always seeking new recruits who only need to have a desire to join this proud Kiltie unit. New members are welcome to join the Color Guard, Pipe, or Drum sections. Instructions on practice and all other important information will be given on Tuesday evenings between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. excluding holidays, etc. Piping instructors will be P/M **Richard N. Rehlander** and P/Sgt. **Walter D. Harmer**. Drum instructor is D/Sgt **Robert A. Wright** and Color Guard is D/M **William P. Davis**. The Aleppo Pipe Band performed on Saturday, September 26, 2009, for the installation of Master Elect **Robert H. Archibald**. Noble Bob was installed as Worshipful Master of United Brotherly Lodge AF&AM, Marlboro. The event was well attended by all the offices of United Brotherly Lodge and representatives of the Grand Lodge of Mass along with many family and friends who witnessed "THE PIPING IN" of the Illustrious Worshipful Robert H. Archibald to a stirring rendition of Will Ye No Come Back Again. Worshipful Bob found it to be a humbling experience as it is thought Worshipful Bob became the first Worshipful Master in his age bracket of 70 years young (a quick check of lodge history supports this claim). We wish Worshipful Master Bob to his chair in the East to be a rewarding experience and may your term in office be everything you hope it to be. Congratulations Worshipful Robert H. Archibald. The large group of attendees (approx. 150) were invited to attend a scrumptious catered dinner held in the lodge dining room, after which entertainment for listening and dancing was performed by the Aleppo Swing Band. A great time was had by all.

The Aleppo Pipe Band performed at Wentworth Institute for August 23 commencement exercises. The band was a welcome sight for the hundreds of faculty, students, families, relatives and friends. The weather was picture perfect and the beat of the drums and skirl of the pipes was the ideal situation for such a performance. The members in attendance were: Drums, Dir/DM/Sgt Noble Robert A. Wright, Noble **David T. Wright** and Noble Alan B. Archibald, Pipes, Noble Pipe/Sgt **Robert L. MacNeil**, Noble **John M. Bell, Sr.** Acting Pipe Major **Douglas S. Yatsushashi**, Noble Robert H. Archibald and Noble **Albert S. Dodge, Sr.**

Note of Sadness:

The passing of Dir./Sec./Treas./Emeritus Noble **Leonard W. Jackson** was received with great sadness. Noble Leonard was a founding member of this pipe band when being formed in 1979. Noble Len took on the positions of Asst. Dir/Sec/Treas. and performed with the drum section until retirement. If this correspondent's memory is correct, Noble Len performed with the band for more than twenty years. Noble Len passed away on 11/08/09. He lived 93 yrs. He is survived by his wife Lady **Dora**, who is also in her 90's, and their children and grandchildren. Noble Len was the brother of Noble **Warren Jackson**, who is a member of the Brass Band. The Aleppo Pipe Band extends their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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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.

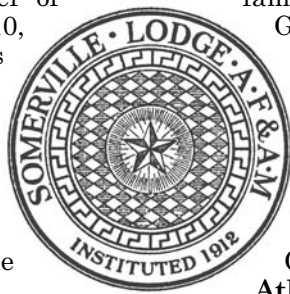
Bagpipe teachers can be expensive, especially with four or more appointments a month. We will start you on the right path, and with daily practice, and weekly or by-weekly coaching, a surprising outcome will occur. You will now be able to play the practice chanter, read pipe notes (nine of them) and 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.



Robert "Skip" "The Stalker" Trahey – Master of Somerville Lodge

ALEPPO Photographer **Robert "Skip" Trahey** was installed as Master of Somerville Lodge on October 10, 2009. Skip is seen at most of Aleppo's functions taking many photos (most of which can be viewed on the Photo Kiosk at the Aleppo Shrine Center). Past Potentate **Steven G. Eriksen** gave him the moniker "The Stalker" since Skip was always there taking pictures whenever he turned around, the nickname has since stuck.



The installation was attended by many friends, family members, and representatives from Grand Lodge and other lodges, as well as several Nobles, volunteers and staff from Aleppo Shriners. One of Wor. Skip's best friends, Wor. **R. Steven Shankle**, who came up from Abbyville, Mississippi, to be the installing Marshall for him. The rest of the Installing Suite were members of Boston Chapter Order of DeMolay. RW **Kenny Atkins** was the Installing Master. RW **Bob**

Doherty installed the appointed officers with the help of Wor. **Robert L. Goodwin, Jr.** The installing Chaplain was **Herbert W. Mower**.

After the installation everyone was invited downstairs for dinner and entertainment.



2010 OFFICERS of Somerville Lodge, from left to right are: Bro. **Sergio R. Deassis, Jr.** Steward; **Scott Lucas, Sr.** Deacon; RW **Robert McNary**, Ritualist/Chaplain; RW **Herbert W. Mower**, Treasurer; Wor. **Jeffrey A. Northrup**, Sr. Warden; Wor. **Robert S. Trahey, Jr.**, Master; Bro. **Jose Aguir DeSouza, Jr.** Warden; Wor. **Donald A. Coutoumas**, Secretary; Bro. **Kenny Manzi**, Sr. Steward; Wor. **Robert L. Goodwin, Jr.**, Marshall; Bro. **Randy Goodwin**, Tyler. Not pictured is Wor. **Johnnie S. Dalrymple, Jr.** Deacon.



After being installed as Master of Somerville Lodge Wor. **Robert S. Trahey** was presented with a gavel from his cousin, Bro. **Doug "Homer the Clown" Peters** and Doug's son **Jimmy Peters**.