
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

March 2003

The 2003 Season Officially Begins!

Well, let's hope the snow is over for this year, as the white stuff seems to keep on coming. As March begins, our parade season also officially kicks off with the St. Patrick's parade in Baltimore. The parade will be held on Sunday the 16th, starting at 2 p.m. The bus will be leaving the band hall at 12:15 p.m. and should return no later than 4:30 p.m. For those who choose to drive, the parade will start at 2:00 p.m. at the Washington Monument on Charles Street. With the way this weather is going, we can only hope that the parade will not be cancelled. This will not be just any St. Patrick's parade, but it has special meaning with the movie being made, "Ladder 49". The forms that you signed have been sent to the movie company. At this time, I am not sure where we are in the parade; we should be notified this week. For those who are waiting for their uniform coats, they should be in this week, and I will have them for our March 10th rehearsal. Also, don't forget about our first concert of the season on Saturday, March 15th at the Westminster Town Mall at 12:00 noon. Sandy will let you know the details for this job.

Please let me know by the end of March your plans for Ocean City. The price for the rooms this year will be \$95.00 per night for the Ocean front rooms and \$75.00 per night for pool



Rehearsal at the band hall on John Street in Westminster. side rooms. I have sent each of you that have access to E-mail, a registration form to fill out and send back to me. If you haven't received it, please notify me so that I can get one to you. The dates for this year's convention are Monday, June 16 through Wednesday, June 18. The opening ceremonies are Monday morning on June 16th and the parade will be held on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. I will let you know of the cost for your stay in April.

I want to thank everyone who has been attending our rehearsals, as we have been having great attendance and the music sounds terrific. Keep up the good work. Don't forget that refreshments are served on the last Monday of March. Also, please check the attached schedule and mark your calendars as the summer jobs are starting to trickle in. That's it for now gang, see you at rehearsal.

Greg

Director's Corner

Hey Gang! Concert time is just around the corner. We will be playing a concert on Saturday, March 15 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Mall of Westminster for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Business fair that will be held there that weekend. We need ya'll there to make a good presentation for the "hometown" crowd. You never know who may hear us and book us for another job! I would appreciate knowing who can and can't make it!

Parade Marches for 2003 are:

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| 1 = March "Salutation" | #935 |
| 2 = Flashing Sabres | #221 |
| 3 = Sounding Brass | #225 |
| 4 = Algeria | #259 |
| 5 = With Flags Unfurled | #157 |
| 6 = King Cotton | #13 |

These selections have been posted on the band's website at www.westminsterband.com.

#6 is for when we have a good size band with all instrumentation. Steve will have to figure out how to let us know he will give the number "6" on the street. :-)

Keep coming out for rehearsals - we have a lot of work to do before the end of April. I know this weather has played a little havoc with attendance, but I'm glad to know we had a huge crowd out on February 23rd.

Thanks to Ted for jumping in quickly to run rehearsal that evening since I know he has alot on his plate with schoolwork! And thank you to those who conveyed your sympathies to David and I on the passing on of his uncle Melvin Miller.

That's all for now - see ya!

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Sandy Remember When...

I'his month we have a little something different. Below are pictures of two of our current members. Can you tell who they are? Keep those pictures coming! Jim M.

