THE MARSHAL'S BATONS IN THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUMS

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Four of Marshal's batons are shown in four Egyptian museums, the first in Abdeen palace museum in Cairo, the second in the Royal jewelry museum in Alexandria, the third in the military museum in Saladin Citadel in Cairo, and the fourth in Sadat museum in Alexandria. This paper will deal with the origin of the marshal's baton and it existence in Egypt, through describing the known batons in Egypt and prove its importance and the events related to each one of it, and story that could tell about that's to make a full documentation of each piece and to give the tour guides sufficient information, that help them to get rid of the descriptive way that some of them used to describe this objects

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Introduction:

The marshal's baton is a stick carried as a mark of rank, but according to the definitions of word "Marshal" in the dictionaries, it is explained as it was originally refer to a high official in the household of medieval king, prince or noble origin having charge of cavalry, so the history of the word "marshal" assure that it have derived from Germanic compound "markhaskalkaz", which consists of two syllabus "markhas" which means "horse" and "skalaz" which means "servant" to mean "keeper of the horse" then became the official in charge of the cavalry, then in the fourteenth centaury the term start to go out of Germany and start to lose its original mean to be a high official in the household of a king or duke. Later it refers to the most senior army mark in certain armies, or a military official of the highest rank.

After identifying the meaning of the marshal's baton, it is important to trace it is origin throughout the history.in the ancient civilizations like the Egyptian, there were various batons to be hold by the pharaoh, like the mace of king *Narmer* that considered by scholars the origin of the modern marshal's baton. \(^{\text{V}}\)

In ancient Greece, the baton was a sign of the messenger's immunity. Another opinion considered that the origin of the marshal's baton is a cipher device, dates back to 9... B.C., was called "Scytale", (plate no.)

which was a wooden cylinder of specific dimensions around which they wrapped spirally a piece of parchment or leather; they then wrote the message on the parchment, unwound it, and sent it to its destination by a safe courier, who handed it over to the commander for whom it was intended and who, having been provided with an identically dimensioned cylinder, would wind the strip of leather or parchment around his cylinder and thus bring together properly the letters representing the message.

In the Roman Empire was the baton was a consul's symbol of office, and a mark of honor and position; 'then during the Fatimids period(٩٦٩-١١٧١), the king during the important ceremonies and feasts had to have in his had a baton was called "king's bar قضيب الله ", which is a ١.٥ handspan" gilded baton inlaid with gems and precious stones. In the Mamluks period (١٢٥٠-١٥١٧) there was a baton take the same shape of the marshal's baton to be in the hand of the sultan and its name was "Jūmūq جمق " which was a stick with rounded gilded end till it became with a baton bearer who was called "Jūmūqdār". "

the first use of the baton by a military officers was by the French during the reign of king Louis \(\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5}

In the light of the previously mentioned, the marshal as a military rank, and the custom of presenting this rank with a baton, has a French origin that has been circulated to England, then to the majority of the countries where the British conquered, or their military leaders studied in their military collages, but the marshal baton as a symbol of authority has an ancient origin took various shapes but the same function.

Hence, it is important to study the marshal's batons that shown in the Egyptian museums, to clarify the reason behind having it in Egypt, its significance, what symbol represent and it development. Hereafter, four batons will be described and discussed from historical point of view.

\- The marshal's baton of King Fuad I.

The top of the baton adorned with a golden crown with a crescent and pentagram finial, the crown comes out of golden cone-shape ornament which trimmed with a band of leaves. Between the two bands there is two oxidized silver king's name, in *Diwani* Arabic calligraphy, between two branches of laurel. The base of the baton has the same golden cone-shape ornament like that one on the top of the baton, but in upside down position to serve as a base. (Plate no. §)

Without the name of the king's Fuad I on that baton, it would have been hard to believe that this baton belongs to him, especially that there is no one picture representing him with a marshal's baton, even if those few pictures of him in military uniform, that's might be accepted because of king Fuad I desire in not wearing the military uniforms, only in the certain occasions that obligatory has to put on, the reason of this, it can be found in his own words, he said "I noticed that my way of thinking in the things when I wear it (military uniform), it is totally different when I put on my normal clothes" 'Y', so this baton belongs to king Fuad I but he might be never used it.

On one hand, there is no accurate date or a dedication phrase on the baton which makes the dating of the baton need more study. So through the marks on the rim of the cone-shape ornaments in the top and the base of the baton, between the two riveting bolts, could be the key to know its date and the occasion of its dedication.

 the flag by the law no. £ v in 1977, The after the proclamation of the constitution on 19th April 1977.

On the other hand, the red velvet that covers that shaft of the baton could lead to the color of the Egyptian flag before it turned to green color during the kingdom era, that might be an acceptable reason of choosing the red color but there is another reason behind this color, that this baton was made in London, so by a simple comparison with the standard shape of the English marshal's batons, the resemblance is clear, it both have the same design and color and shape, only two differences the first one is instead of the crown on the top there is a representation of St. George slaying the dragon and the second is instead of the crescent with the pentagram there is a crowned lion, which means that the red color here not referring to the sultanate flag or whatsoever but it's part of the official shape of the English marshal's baton.

On the whole, we can conclude that this marshal baton was presented to king Fuad I from England, in the period from YAth Feb. 1977 to 19th April 1977, in the occasion of the independence of Egypt, even if it was nominal, to congratulate him in taking the full authority on Egypt, especially on the Egyptian army.

Y- The ebony marshal's baton of King Farouk I.

In the Royal Jewelry museum in Alexandria, the ebony field's marshal baton of King Farouk I (\\frac{1977-1907}{1977}\) is shown (Plate no.\(\gred)\), with \(\gred)\) cm. height and \(\gred)\) cm. diameter, \(\frac{1}{7}\) with \(\gred).\(\frac{7}{7}\) grams golden chain of \(\frac{7}{7}\) carats of England, the baton weights \(\frac{950}{20.7}\) gr. \(\frac{7}{2}\) The cylindrical ebony baton takes the shape of an ancient Egyptian column that has a golden capital of a blooming lotus and its pistil adorned with engraving of king Farouk I name, in *Diwani* calligraphy, between two branches one to the left is of oak and the other to the right is of laurel, and down to the two branches is engraved the king's coronation date \(\frac{17}{2}\)-\(\frac{1}{2}\)-\(\

The base of the baton takes the same capital of a blooming lotus but its pistil adorned with a high relieve of a golden royal Egyptian crown with a crescent and pentagram star finial and down to this capital, the golden chain wraps around the baton. The shaft adorned with the royal Egyptian

symbol the crescent with $^{\tau}$ pentagrams $^{^{\tau}}$ repeated eighteenth time, ordered in four vertical lines, two lines with five and the other two with four.

Through this description, it can be deduce that the baton made in England and presented to the king in the occasion of his coronation, without the Council of Regency, when he attained his majority eighteen lunar years according to the Law of Succession in Yath July 1977, and that could give an explanation to why there are eighteen crescent on the shaft of the baton?, so it is quite clear that was intentionally done to symbolize the eighteen lunar months.

To present the king with the marshal's baton on his coronation day, was important sign as it represent his full authority of the army and that according to the constitution, that's according to article $\xi \tau$ that tells "The King creates and grants civil and military ranks, orders and other titles of honor.." and article $\xi \tau$ that tells "The King is the Commander-in-chief of land and navy forces and shall appoint and dismiss officers, declare war, make reconciliations, and conclude treaties...", both articles gave the king the supreme authority in dealing with the army, so it was logic that King Farouk I received a marshal's baton, so this baton represent the authority of the king on the Egyptian army.

The baton appeared in the hand of king Farouk I in one of the most important event in his political life that was during the historical visit of king of Saudi Arabia Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud (۱۹۳۲-۱۹۵۳) to Egypt in January ۱۹٤٦, (plates no. ۷, ۸, ۹ and ۱۰) when he came to repay the visit of king Farouk to Saudi Arabia in ۱۹٤٥, and to fasten the relationship between the two kingdoms, and to negotiate the establishment of the Arab league.

The circumstances of these pictures represent how king Farouk I with the military uniform, holding in his left hand the Ebony marshal's baton, that reflect his authority that was given by the Egyptian constitution, and to send a message that he a legal powerful ruler with full ability to leads the Arab countries.

▼- The Ivory marshal's baton of King Farouk I.

In the order and decoration hall in the military museum at Saladin citadel in Cairo, the Ivory marshal's baton of King Farouk I is shown. (Plate no. 11) With or cm. high and i cm. diameters and a o. Tr gr. of the carat gold chain, with London assay office mark, the baton weights at the caracteristic structure.

The baton takes the shape of *Palmiform* column, with an incised capital of eight palm fronds lashed to the top of the baton, coming out from the Capital a royal Egyptian crown with a crescent and pentagram star finial, of ha carat gold. The base of the baton has a high relieve of papyrus stem sheaths of the base of the *Papyriform* column.

The shaft of the baton adorned with ١٣ golden pentagram stars, each star has a name of one of Mohamed Ali Dynasty victorious battles engraved in Arabic with the year of the battle, which are "Acre عصا ۱۸۳۲, "Sudan "السودان" المهرد "كوتاهية المهرد" "المهرد" المهرد" المهرد "المهرد" المهرد" المهرد "المهرد" "المهرد" المهرد "ال

Consequently, the baton was presented to the king Farouk I from the Egyptian royal artillery as a symbol of loyalty in 1950, but the battles names on the baton has a star with Palestine with the year 1954 which means that this baton was dedicated firstly in 1950, then a new star was added after Palestine war 1954.

Furthermore, King Farouk appeared with this baton in a two pictures^{rv}, in the first picture (plate no. ¹) king Farouk I in his military uniform seated in the middle, with the ivory marshal's baton in his left hand. Seating to his right Mahmoud Fahmy ElNokrashi pasha who was the prime

minister of Egypt two times in the reign of the king Farouk the first period was from 75th Feb. 1950 to 10th Feb. 1951, the second period was from 9th Dec. 1951 till his assassination in 75th Dec. 1955, then Ahmed Atia pasha, is seated to the right of the Prime minister, who was the national defense minister in the second cabinet of ElNokrashi, but only from 9th Dec. 1951 till 19th Nov. 1954, 5th When king Farouk insist to change him with Mohamed Haider Pasha. 5th

Then to the left of the king there are the grand Chamberlin Omar Fathy pasha and the president of the Royal court then to his left the minister of finance Ibrahim AbdelHady Pasha who became also president of the royal court in \\\^{th}\ Feb. \\^{9\\xi\circ\'}\\^{\xi'}\ and many others of the Egyptian army.

[£]- The ebony marshal's baton of Sadat.

The Ebony baton takes the shape of an ancient Egyptian temple column with a composite capital with blooming papyrus flower, its pistil adorned with "Sinai star" with an Arabic inscriptions "۱۹۷۳" "Sinai ۱۹۷۳". The petals of that flower are blooming and closed lotus flowers alternatively, each petals colored with green, red and blue. All of that comes out of five meander lines represent, the word *mw* in ancient Egyptian language that means water, here resembling Suez Canal, then there are a donation phrase in white Arabic inscription on an indigo background, that tells:

"من القوات المسلحة إلى قائدها الأعلى الرئيس محمد انور السادات تقديراً ووفاءً ٥ يونيو ١٩٧٧"

"From the armed Forces to its supreme commander the president Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat appreciation and loyalty o June 1977"

Then there is the emblem of the supreme commander which composed of two crossed swords between two laurel branches forming a circle which close on the top with the hawk of the Egyptian flag then, the hawk breast adorned with the Egyptian flag colors. Then the rest of the baton adorned with a branch of laurel goes in cylindrical way around the baton, till a decorative bronze base which the baton end with.

This baton was dedicated to President Sadat after giving a speech in his meeting with the second Army, on oth May 1977, in the occasion of the reopening of the Suez Canal. The baton was presented by the vice primeminister and the minister of the armed forces, General Mohamed Abdel-Ghany EL-Gamasy, to express the appreciation, trustfulness, loyalty and thankfulness of Egyptian Armed Forces to the supreme commander president Sadatⁱⁱ.

In that occasion they named the baton "the leadership baton" not "Marshal's baton", what lead us to understand that this baton not referring here to the Marshal as military rank but it represent the highest rank in the army. And what confirm this opinion that the General EL-Gamasy was promoted to Marshal Rank but without a Marshal's baton or whatsoever.

The baton was symbol of leadership and in the opinion of president Sadat himself was a necessity to complete the military uniform, (plate no. \(^{\circ}\)) and that may be clear from what was told by Jehan Sadat "To stress the pride and importance he had always felt serving as an officer in the Egyptian Army, he would finish out his appearance by carrying a field marshal's baton under his arm, an affectation which I did not like." People will think you are showing off, and you are not a show-off," I would protest. But, insisting that his stick represented "the true style of military life," he always carried it anyway. Except for that last October \(^{\text{th}}\), did he forget it? Or did he not take it out of deference to me?"

By other words, Sadat wanted to send a massage by his military appearance holding his baton that confirm his supremacy over the army that cause the victory in 1977, so he emphasis his power and authority by this baton, and this massage was not so clear for many who considered his military uniform with the marshal's baton is representing his "Flashness" and "love of pomp and status".

According to mentioned words of Jehan Sadat, related between this baton and the life of the late president, made others imagining that in this baton was his luck and protection phylactery which cause his death by forgetting taken it with him when he was assassinated.

Results and Conclusion

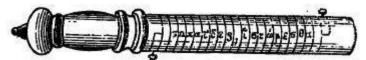
Throughout this study on the four marshal's batons that shown in the Egyptian museums, it can conclude that the batons were made of various materials like gold, ivory and Ebony, and were decorated with various floral ornaments like papyrus flower, lotus flower, laurel leaves, oak leaves and palm fronds. Also, animal motifs were used in decoration like the cobra and the hawk wings, besides, the geometrical design like stars, pentagrams, crescents and meander lines, with the scripting design as *Diwani* calligraphy.

Besides, it is proved how important is the marshal's baton to the Egyptian rulers, and represent an important events in the modern history of Egypt, the marshal's baton might be presented from other countries to the ruler of Egypt, like what happened with king Fuad I, or from the army to the ruler like king Farouk and President Sadat; and for all of them wasn't presented for obtaining the marshal military rank, but to represent the supreme authority of the ruler of the army according to the Egyptian constitution, and represent also the army loyalty to its supreme commander.

the batons of king Fuad I and his son farouk I are designed in England, that represent who was those kings related to Britain in General to receive a gift from it, or to make the batons there, as we found that the gold in the three batons with British hallmark signs.

Finally, it is obvious the importance of the marshal's baton from the historical side, and it's proved how rich with symbols and decorations that could be used in the explanation of the tour guides, so it is recommended to take more care in the way of demonstrating it in the museums, and to put the related historical photos beside it, to complete the experience of the museum visitors by a historical events and knowing how their owners looks like.

Plates



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Plate no. Y: The marshal's baton of King Edward VIII- after: Corinna Pike and Christopher Mccreery, Canadian Symbols of authority, Dundurn, Toronto, Y. Y., p. oq



Plate no. ": the marshal's baton of King Fuad I (by the researcher)







Plate no. 5: the top and the base of the marshal's baton of King Fuad I, in between the name of king Fuad I in *Diwani* Calligraphy (by the researcher)



Plate no.°: the ebony marshal's baton of King Farouk I (by the researcher)





Plate no.7: the base of the ebony marshal's baton of King Farouk I with the name of the king and the date (by the researcher)



Plate no. ٧: king Farouk I with the marshal's baton in his left hand, with King Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud, the Prime Minister El-Nokrashi pasha to the left of the king, and to the right of King Abdul-Aziz Ahmed Hassanein pasha, the chamberlain to King Farouk- in Almazah before the military parade After: ١٩ص مكتبة الملك فهد الوطنية، زيارة الملك عبد العزيز آل سعود التاريخية لمصر، ص



Plate no. A: king Farouk I with the marshal's baton in his left hand with the sons of King Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud and to his left hands appears Ahmed Atia pasha, the minister of the national Defense.in Almazah before the arrival of Saudi Arabia king to start the military parade

مكتبة الملك فهد الوطنية، زيارة الملك عبد العزيز آل سعود التاريخية لمصر، ص٧٩



Plate no.⁹: king Farouk I with the marshal's baton in his left hand with King Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud and to his left hands, both seated watching the military parade in Almazah, and behind between the two thrones appears Abdul-Rahaman Azam pasha who became the first secretary-general of the Arab league.

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Plate no. ' :: king Farouk I with the marshal's baton in his hand with King Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud, both seated hearing the explanation about the heavy artillery.

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Plate no. ۱ : the ivory marshal's baton of king Farouk I After: رأفت عبدالرازق ابو العينين، الازياء الشرفية والعسكرية وزينتها في عصر الاسرة العلوية، $4 \pm 2 \times 10^{-5}$

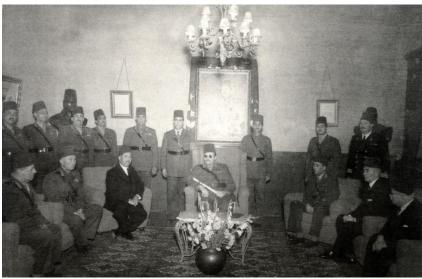


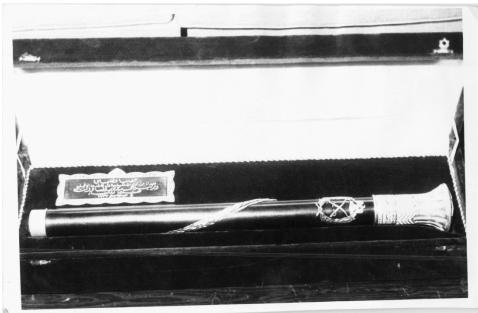
Plate no. 'Y: king Farouk I with the ivory marshal's baton in his left hand, to the right of the king El-Nokrashi pasha then Ahmed Atia pasha, the left of the king Omar Fathy pasha, then Ibrahim Abdul-Hady pasha

After: Bibliotheca Alexandrian Archive



Plate no. '7': the ivory marshal's baton of king Farouk I, while he receiving a gift from the army officers.

After: Bibliotheca Alexandrian Archive



After: Bibliotheca Alexandrian Archive



Plate no. \circ : President Sadat with his full military uniform holding in his hand the marshal's baton, in a commemorative photo during the celebration of \(7^{th} \) Oct. \(1977 \). After: Bibliotheca Alexandrian Archive.

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One of the earliest column types used in Egyptian temple like the granite column used in temples of king Unas of the fifth Dynasty and it was used during the Greco-Roman period too.

That feature appeared in the Pharaonic New kingdom columns.

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