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BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Portland unit under construction and remodel

Greetings, Nobles...

Your 2010-2011 ASOB Elected Officers would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and we look forward to serving you during the coming year. Please feel free to call on us as well as your Regional Ambassadors for help in whatever way we can be of assistance.

The purpose of this letter is to address an issue that has now become something we can no longer ignore if the financial stability of our Association is to remain viable. The NaKhabar is a communication vehicle we are all proud of, is unparalleled in Shrinedom and yet has become the single largest reason we are in dire fiscal straits at the time of this writing. Take into consideration the following 5-year data as provided by Mahlon Hariu Secretary/Treasurer ASOB outlined below:

ASOB Facts

	Year 2006	Year 2010	Difference		Transfers to Operate
Total Bands	98	71	-27		
Dues Paying Members	1488	999	-489		
Total Savings Account	\$26,587.06	\$9,039.45	-\$17,547.61		
Total Income	\$16,585.00	\$12,041.00		2005-2006	-\$3,000.00
NaKhabar Printing Cost	\$9,756.83	\$7,345.87		2006-2007	-\$6,000.00
NaKhabar Mailing Cost	\$7,362.01	\$6,677.87		2007-2008	0.00*
Total NaKhabar Cost	\$17,118.84	\$14,023.74		2008-2009	-\$3,000.00
Total NaKhabar Cost/issue	\$5,706.28	\$4,674.58		2009-2010	-\$5,000.00
Deficit Income to					
NaKhabar Overall Cost	-260.84	-1982.74		Total	-\$17,000.00

(* 1st year of Patron Fund)

These are but a few of the cold hard facts that have become more and more alarming over the last decade. Knight Printing, which has done such a great job over this time, is now out of business and we are only able to provide this September 2010 issue because of the relationship we have with one individual – Donna Sambor. Consider what would happen if something happened to her or she loses interest in helping us.

At the Imperial Session in Toronto, your officers were forced to make a decision for the overall benefit of the Association and for its members. Beginning in January 2011, the NaKhabar will no longer be published in paper format. The ensuing issues will only be available in an electronic (.pdf) format on the ASOB website. For those without a computer, we hope every Band has someone that can print the magazine in part or in its entirety for those who do not have access to a computer and the Internet.

We know that this may come as a shock and disappointment to some of you but the bottom line is that, if we do not take this course of action, our beloved ASOB will be bankrupt in 2-3 years (the year Lonnie Merriman/El Riad will be President in Indianapolis).

There was a question of a dues reduction because of the savings with the magazine being published electronically. Simply put, the \$17,547.87 deficit required to keep the ASOB solvent over the last decade must be replenished. We can only do that by keeping the dues as they exist now. It will take 3-5 years considering the dwindling membership we have had to get these accounts back to where they were in 2000. At that time the \$10.00 annual fee will/may be reviewed.

Please consider that a number of positive things will come from this decision:

- 1.) To begin with, the only way we can continue along the path we have been on for the last 10 years would be to initiate a dramatic increase in dues. This would constitute doubling the dues to \$20.00/year and that would be reliant on maintaining the same number of members we have as of 07/30/10. None of us want that and nothing indicates our membership numbers will be constant based on recent history.
- 2.) Additionally, the timeliness of the magazine with increased printing and mailing times virtually go away, thus making the magazine a current vehicle as opposed to it being 3 months out-of-date when it arrives.
- 3.) Having it on the Web may indeed help create more interest outside the ASOB and show other Masons/Shriners and the general public what we do and how much fun it is.
- 4.) There is a "green" initiative that also comes with no printing which is an environmental issue we are all aware of.
- 5.) There will be more space for articles, pictures, calendar events, regional news etc. because we will not be limited to a finite number of pages as we are now.
- 6.) After the first year of operation we hope to be able to go back to four issues instead of the three which was directly dictated in 2001 due to the cost of the magazine.
- 7.) As mentioned earlier, we will be able to replenish the funds we have been forced to compromise to keep the ASOB afloat.

Nobles, this was a very difficult decision that had been debated for 7-10 years and, with the diminishing revenue stream ASOB has coupled with increased printing and postage, there was really no other choice. It should be noted that there were 9 ASOB Past Presidents present and all but one voted for this change.

Donna Sambor has agreed to handle the electronic version of the electronic copy of the magazine which will look and feel the same as it exists now. This will keep the Association from paying a start-up fee to someone else to format the NaKhabar and will consequently reduce the publishing cost to approximately \$750.00/issue. This is wonderful news indeed.

Finally, we welcome your input and fully expect to field a number of questions that will undoubtedly arise. Please contact us if you need further clarification and especially if you have other solutions to this problem.

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Salaam again, from the ASOB. I hope this finds you and your families well, and that you have all enjoyed this past holiday season. We here in the Northwest have just settled in for

a long wet winter with thoughts and wishes of an early spring.

This issue's cover picture is of the Portland Hospital that is currently under construction and remodel. We have titled this Na Khabar, "Building our Future." As we look ahead, I believe that we, as Shiners, are going to have to build better ways to operate and pay for our hospital system. This will take work on the part of all Shiners and the great employees who staff our hospitals.

Coinciding with the theme of "Building our Future," we Oriental Band members must find innovative ways to operate our bands. We must not give up on attracting new members and instilling in them the enthusiasm that we have for our organization. Across the country there are bands that are very successful but many that struggle. Each of us can work together to make sure that we **all** grow.

As we carry forward with ideas for "Building our Future," your ASOB officers and Past Presidents are supporting the usage of the ASOB web page as the vehicle for publication of the Na Khabar. This will save money, provide a timely product and be very convenient for most of our members. We are very aware of our members who do not use the web and encourage your help in making sure these folks obtain printed copies. Please take it upon yourself to be the one in your band to make copies for these individuals.

The Na Khabar will still look the same and will still be produced, set and maintained by Donna Sambor, who has been doing an outstanding job for many years. Your articles will still be submitted to her in the same manner. As always, we encourage all bands to submit articles, pictures and information to the Na Khabar.

Along with the change to the magazine, we have worked to improve our web site as a whole. With the help of Dave Glass, JR Batesole and David McCarthy, we have made several improvements. There are hundreds of pictures on the site and hopes for many more. We have a Quartermaster who can help with your need for instruments and uniforms. Also added is a monthly article from your President called "The Litter Box."

For your audio enjoyment, the yearly competition song has been added as the featured background music. This will be changed each year to feature that year's tune.

We are planning a fun Mid-Year ASOB meeting, scheduled for the 11th-14th of February. It will be held at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn, and details are on the ASOB web site. You can find a tab on the left hand side of the home page, marked "ASOB Mid-Year." We have trips, music, food and lots of beverages and camaraderie planned. If you have not yet decided whether to come, it is not too late and we'd sure love to see you. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and give me a call at (503-475-6017).

With the help of several large donations, the Ladder of Smiles is doing well. In fact, an adjustment of this year's goal seems in order. I thank you all for your support, and I know all of the kids thank you. As always, Mike Hartup has done a great job for us as the Chairman. Please continue to help out with donations, and please encourage all bands to participate.

Janelle and I hope to see many of you throughout our travels this year. We will get under way with more travel after the first of the year and hope to make several association events. If you need help from the ASOB officers with judging or would like their attendance, please give me a call and we will make every effort to accommodate your requests.

I leave you with a few random thoughts (as most of mine are). Thanks to all of the ASOB officers for their help so far this year. Thanks to Mahlon for all his thankless work as ASOB Secretary. When you can, please read the pages and pages of articles authored by many members of the ASOB. These individuals go the extra mile to get their information out to the membership at large.

Last, and probably least, if you get the chance, please wish Joe Brewton a happy sixtieth (60) birthday that he just celebrated in November. I know he looks older, but that's what Texas living will do to you.

'Bye for now, and please travel safe.

Ralph Jubb

ASOB President 2010-2011



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Richard Thompson

G r e e t i n g s
Everyone! Tish and I wish you and your families a happy and healthy Holiday Season and hope the New Year

holds nothing but good times, great health and wonderful fellowship. Let us all remember all that we have to be thankful for.

Thanks to all the SASOBA members and their ladies for their participation and support at the Jamboree in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The ladies luncheon, band competition and banquet were all well attended. We are very grateful to all the members and friends that have supported us these last five years. We love you all. A big congratulations to SASOBA's newly elected President, Kenny Brown and Lady Jane. I know your 2010/2011 year will be outstanding.

The ASOB Mid-Winter Meeting is February 11-14 and we are looking forward to flying out to Portland, Oregon, to see many of our old friends and meeting some new ones. President Ralph Jubb has promised a beautiful weekend. I take that to mean warm and sunny weather.... so I'm really excited to get there.

I hope everyone will mark their calendars for the first of July and plan on meeting with us in Denver, Colorado. President Ralph Jubb and Lady Janelle have a really special week planned for the ASOB Imperial. I promise it will be a lot of fun.

Tish and I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. You

have a special place in our hearts always.

Lastly don't forget our true cause "Ladder of Smiles."

From the Bluegrass State ... until we meet again,

BIG



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Lonnie Merriman

Greetings fellow OB'ers from the great state of South Dakota and the El Riad Oriental Band.

Winter is descending on the plains, and our parade season has ended, leaving us with many wonderful memories of the past year. The El Riad Oriental Band has grown and is, as always, striving for higher goals. However, for the first time, the Oriental Band did not have competition at the Midwest Summer Session. This was a disappointment to all as the camaraderie formed between bands during competitions is invaluable for our growth, but it has proven that there is work to be done - and this is just one aspect I hope to improve on as a national officer.

Meanwhile, Linda and I can't wait to get to Portland in February to see everyone and talk about possible solutions. I am sure that President Ralph and his lovely Lady Janelle will show us a good time and I encourage everybody to show up in Portland. Otherwise, besides going to the Imperial in Denver, I am not sure what my travel plans will be in 2011, but I will try to get to as many places as possible - work and time permitting. That being said, I am sure that the ASOB will be stronger in 2011 due to the officers we have in line, the past officers who have always been very informative and helpful, and all the current and potential new members of the Association.

Until next time, please remember the Ladder of Smiles - we do it all for the kids!

Lonnie Merriman, 2nd Vice President



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Vince Bobrosky

Seasons Greetings to all! At the time of this writing, Maggie and I are in the middle of a shopping frenzy. Even Turkey day was in play.

However, let me

go back to September when I attended the MASA Shrine Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It was great to be with those good folks again. I was honored to be a part of this year's competition by serving as a judge. All 5 bands gave outstanding performances. MASOBA has a great bunch of Shriners, and I'm looking forward to being with the group again in February. Maggie and I had such a good time last year with this group that we are eagerly looking forward to this year's get-together in Reading, PA. MASOBA goes a long way in helping the ASOB Ladder of Smiles reach their yearly goal. President David Troxell of Jaffa Temple had a very productive year, and Scott Gothe is following that good example. John Grumbein, Rajah Temple, is always there to go above and beyond the call of duty.

The next week, my own regional Shrine organization, SASOBA, met in Myrtle Beach, SC, for their annual convention. Most all of the Oriental Band functions are held on Thursday, including 2 morning meetings and competition at 2:00 p.m. An outstanding evening was hosted by our own ASOB 1st VP Richard Thompson and his Lady Tish, continuing SASOBA's great jamboree tradition. The SASA parade on Saturday attracted thousands of onlookers up and down the parade route.

Just recently I visited Jericho Shrine Center in Kingsport, TN, to offer our assistance in helping the Oriental Band get back into SASOBA/ASOB. The contact information was given to our President Ralph, who has personal knowledge of this temple and its Oriental Band because he and his band attended Jericho's jamboree in the 90's. I am presently working with Kazim Temple's Oriental Band, Lynchburg, Virginia. The members are playing but not participating in SASOBA functions. Hopefully they will join us soon.

We are looking forward to the Mid-winter's meeting in Portland, Oregon, and understand that President Ralph has some pretty interesting plans for all who attend! Hope everyone had a blessed holiday season!

Yours in the faith,
Vince



FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT

David McCarthy

Where to start. After the Imperial Session in Toronto, back to Texas to catch our breath and prepare for the fall

activities. Out of the "chute" and off to Oklahoma City for Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) on September 2nd thru the 4th. A great time was had by all participants. India Temple of Oklahoma City was the host, and a fine job they did getting everything organized and put in place. Mother Nature provided us stellar weather for the parade day and everything went off without a hitch. The awards banquet, that evening, was enjoyed by all. Special appearance from Imperial Sir, Mike Severe, was a highlight for the evening. He stopped by to express his support for the Oriental Band Community and recognized the Ladder of Smiles efforts of the Oriental Bands followed by awards and installation.

A big thank you for outgoing President Rick Moody (Arab) and with a new slate of officers being installed, congratulations to Noble Walt Aikman (Midian) for assuming the office of President of CSSA. I'm sure we will be looking forward to 2011 CSSA which will be held in Overland Park, KS, September 1st thru the 3rd 2011. Mark your calendars!

September the 23rd thru the 25th, my Lady Sandy and I found ourselves on the "left" coast, in Portland, Oregon, for a fun-filled weekend at the Western Association Shrine Oriental Band (WASOB) event. President Scott Duncil (Al Kader) had it all put together, with all events going off without a hitch. Culmination of all the events saw a new slate of officers to be led by President Bill Bellamy (Asiya Arabians) for 2011. Stay tuned for their session in 2011! Events will be in the San Francisco

Remember the Kids!

area which I'm sure you would thoroughly enjoy. Mark your calendars for this one also.

By the time this article goes to press the Christmas Holiday Season will have passed. I wish you and yours all the best for the ensuing year. President of ASOB, Ralph (PK) Jubb (Al Kader) has set his Mid-Winter events to be held in Wilsonville, OR. The dates set are February 11th thru the 14th. Information resides on the ASOB web site, <http://www.asob.org>. If you haven't visited the site yet, you are really missing out. Noble Dave Glass (Ben Ali) the web master, has breathed new life into the site and is doing a superb job. In addition to all the great information, you will find a link to Facebook and some GREAT pictures of the different bands activities. Let's see some of your units photos. These photos are prepared and placed on there by Noble JR Batesole (Moslah) for your viewing pleasure. No small task. Thanks JR.

Remember your officers are here to assist you on any Oriental Band matter. I encourage you to contact anyone of us with questions or clarifications of matters related to Oriental Bands. We are here to serve you, and I'm sure the other officers feel the same. Without your support this association would just be a hollow organization. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are published elsewhere in this publication; use them. For those of you reading this article, I would highly encourage you engage your fellow nobles to participate in every Shrine event possible. Top of the list should be Nobles having fun and seeking out new band members. Ultimately this will help our Shrine Kids.

Let me leave you with a thought; let's all put an extra effort for The Ladder of Smiles. You will see that your efforts and contributions do make it all worthwhile. Go in Peace.



SERGEANT AT ARMS

Scot Duncil

Greetings Fellow Sons of the Desert!

By the time you get this edition, the holidays will be over and we'll be in the middle of winter. I'm

confident our brothers on that desolate island called Hawaii regret not being able to

experience Mother Nature's talents of snow, ice, frigid temperatures, etc. Oh well.

During this slow time of year, it's a perfect opportunity to think of all those who made an impression on you, helped you with a project or does something on a routine basis (fund raiser, degree work, shoveled snow, whatever). When we were kids we all learned to say "please" and "thank-you." I know we all say these simple words everyday but they can make such a difference when we share them with feeling or in writing. I attended a meeting recently and as one of the servers cleared the table after dinner, I looked her directly in the eye and said, "Thank-you, that was a great dinner and thanks for being so attentive to our group." She stopped for a second, smiled and said, "You're welcome, it was my pleasure." I'm sure most people thanked those who made the evening enjoyable, but never assume; we all need to take just a few seconds and acknowledge the efforts of others. The spoken word takes only a few seconds. For those we know personally and are blessed to have in our lives, a hand written note – no matter how poor the penmanship – makes such a lasting impression.

Just because most of us do not parade during this time of year, I know we're still active in the Oriental Bands! Rehearsing our beautiful (!) music, creating or maintaining our costumes, uniforms and parade equipment, polishing our instruments, attending Blue Lodge, Rite and Temple functions and keeping a watchful eye and ear for the next lucky Brother to recruit and join our wonderful Unit!

You all are making great progress in helping our President and the A.S.O.B. make a very positive impact on The Ladder of Smiles! Contributions are excellent but more can be done so keep-up the fantastic work that more children can get to and receive treatment at "the *World's Greatest Philanthropy*", Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Yours in the Faith,
Scot Duncil,
A.S.O.B. Sgt-at-Arms

WE DO IT FOR THE CHILDREN!



SECRETARY/TREASURER

Mahlon Hariu

Well, here we are, the beginning of December. Thanksgiving is over, the turkeys are out of hiding, and there is a full slate of holiday parties on the

agenda. Lady Joanne and I hope that all have a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Dues Notices have been sent to the secretaries of record on September 20th. I know that some bands have new secretaries since their dues were sent last year, but have not told me, so the secretaries that signed the dues form last year are the ones that I sent the forms to this year. If you received the form and are no longer secretary, please forward to the new secretary for review and approval for payment. Dues are due by the end of January so please try to honor these obligations by that date. We have received dues from only fourteen (14) bands and two (2) individuals as of this date.

So far, I have received a total of sixty (60) reservations for the 2011 Imperial Hotel (Curtis, downtown). We are going to have to order more rooms since we only asked for fifty (50) rooms initially. This is the first time in a few years that we have stayed at a downtown hotel where the Ladies and Nobles could walk to dinner and see the sights in a downtown area. This promises to be a great Imperial Convention, don't be left at home while the rest of us are having a good time. See you all at Imperial.

Yours in the Faith,
Mahlon



LADDER OF SMILES

W. Michael Hartup

Happy New Year from the Land of Oz, or is that ah, it's cold out here. Needless to say, our fireplace is getting a workout. On Thanksgiving,

(if it were warm) Maggie would turn on the

air conditioner and expect me to start a fire in the fireplace.

Several people made a vow in Toronto at the Incoming President's Luncheon to refrain from mentioning President Ralph and a feline in the same breath, sentence, paragraph, or room. President Ralph said the reference wounded him. Those making that solemn vow were sincere until President Pretty Kitty created an email address of prettykitty@asob.org. Now it's open season for everyone on President PK so get creative and give the furtive feline the "honor" due him.

ASOB Mid-Year is in Portland February 11-14 and other meetings and competitions are listed in the Na Khabar and on the A.S.O.B. website. Take the time to check them out and even attend. Any bandsmen can attend any of them. I guarantee you will see old friends and make new ones there.

Although it is just the first of the year, it is not too early to make plans for Imperial Session in Denver. Denver is an easy city to reach and there are many things to do and see. The A.S.O.B. hotel is in downtown Denver and just a short walk from the convention center. Rumor has it that even this early at least five bands have shown interest in attending. Even No-Show Nile could compete, maybe.

The Ladder of Smiles has been the beneficiary of monies from several estates. During Past President Don Moore's year the Ladder received a bequest of \$70,000. Since July 7, the start of President Ralph's year, the Ladder has been the recipient of over \$71,000.00.

You too can remember our children and the Shriners Hospitals for Children in your will with a bequest of a percentage your estate or a dollar amount. Until then, any and all donations will be appreciated, even in pennies. Past President Norm Wold, how much does \$66.00 in pennies weigh?

Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.

Until next time, I bid you peace.
Mike

Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.





FIRST 100 CLUB

Morrie Toretzky

Greetings from beautiful Minnesota. We had a great fall season till about mid November, then came the snow. We hope that everyone had

a safe and wonderful holiday season.

In August we had our MSOBA Summer Session in Sioux City, Iowa, hosted by Abu Bekr. We had two bands and did not have a competition.

The black camel visited four of our members, Alex Czemerynski, Claude Saunders, Donald McNair, and W.J. Lewis, all from Rameses Hamilton. Our sympathies and condolences go out to their families. I want to thank Ralph Weston from Rameses Hamilton very much for sending me information about the OB members. I wish other bands would do the same.

On Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 7:00 AM we will have a First 100 Club Breakfast at the Curtis Hotel in downtown Denver, Colorado.

We welcome new members. Please mail your name, address, shrine center, and a check for \$100.00 with each application to: First 100 Club ASOB, Morrie Toretzky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55426. Make checks payable to First 100 Club ASOB. You will find an application below. Please keep me up to date on any changes.

Thank you for your contributions and support.

**APPLICATION FOR THE
A.S.O.B. FIRST 100 CLUB**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Shrine Center _____

Please make check payable to
A.S.O.B. First 100 Club in the amount of \$100.00.
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Minneapolis, MN 55426

AMBASSADORS



FLORIDA

Floyd LaDue

Greetings All Oriental Bandsmen! Well, the Winter/Holiday Season is upon us and Florida gets very active and quite crowded. We welcome our northern brethren

back just in time for several parades, ceremonials, Christmas shows and other activities. Yes all areas sound like sugar and spice and everything nice, but let's have a reality check. It is true that some Florida Oriental Bands are still struggling while others are increasing in membership. Whichever category our bands may fall in it will never stop us from playing our sweet music and doing whatever we can for our Shrines, our Children's Hospitals and most of all our "Kids". The cooperation between bands is a testament to our commitment to continue. One band will join another band to assist during an event, individual band members will lend a hand or a drum or a horn as needed to fulfill a request from another band. Unfortunately this is not just a Florida situation - other Oriental Bands from various areas face this same issue. But, we will all continue to enjoy what we do, help those who need help and never give up playing our sweet, sweet music. The deserts we travel are hot but we can take the heat and the challenges - We are Oriental Band members. Enough said.

Now as we near the time for family gatherings, welcoming friends to join in the joyous festivities and total thanks for all the good we have and what we give to others. We enjoy our bands, we enjoy our events, we enjoy the public exposure, we enjoy our cause. It is therefore our duty to support our organization, our bands, our hospitals, our national officers, our Na Khabar (the communicator of the A.S.O.B.).

So let's look forward. May 4th to May 11th The Florida Shrine Association will hold its yearly event in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, which will be sponsored by Amara Shrine. The Oriental Band portion for this event will be handled by President Don Moores, recent past president of the

A.S.O.B. So if your time and schedule allows, come on down and enjoy. Also, we all look forward to the upcoming Imperial to be held in Denver, CO. So let us go full force ahead and let Oriental Bands be heard throughout the land. Until next time - Enjoy - Have Fun - Stay Safe

Floyd LaDue



MID ATLANTIC

Keith Oviatt

The Annual Mid-Atlantic meeting was held on September 10, 2010 in Virginia Beach. All officers were present as was ASOB 3rd VP

Vince Bobrosky, South Atlantic Ambassador Nolan Stanley, myself and Sec/Treas. Emeritus Bud Moore. Elections were held and Pres. Dave Troxell (Jaffa) was promoted to the position of "Has Been." Everyone moved up a spot with Scott Gothe (Salaam) becoming our President. 1st VP went to Ted Werkheiser, Jr. (Rajah); 2nd VP Jim Miller (Jaffa); 3rd VP Jay Laser (LCSC) and the Sgt. of Arms remained empty. The office of Sec/Treas was once again handed to the able hands of John Grumbein (Rajah). The Sgt of Arms position will be discussed at the Mid Winter meeting in February.

It was announced that the Oriental Bands of Boumi and Zembo have become inactive and will be dropped from the rolls of ASOB and MASOBA.

There were four bands declaring that they would be competing for the stage trophy, they were Jaffa, LCSC, Rajah and Irem. Following the meeting the stage competition was held. Rajah was declared the winning band and Fred Dietrich (Irem) was the solo winner. The judging was done by the outstanding trio of Vince Bobrosky, Nolan Stanley and Bland Wade from Acca Shrine Center.

The Mid Winter meeting will be held in Reading on Feb. 26, 2011, in conjunction with the combined Rajah/LCSC bands Ladies/Past Presidents Night. For further information on the event contact John Grumbein at 7520 Trexler Circle, Trexlertown, PA, 18087 or jkgrumbein@aol.com



NEW YORK/ONTARIO

Bob Jones

Greetings from the Province of Ontario. I have been in contact with the four bands in Rameses. Membership continues to be a challenge.

All Rameses

Oriental Bands promote an event or two during the year and continually donate to the SHC Canadian Unit in Montreal or the LADDER OF SMILES. Hamilton sponsors a Ham Roll each fall. Sudbury sponsors a Fall Harvest Ball Dinner and Dance, Steak Fry and Corn Roast. Oshawa usually has two events each year. Owen Sound is struggling but their President Steve Silk is getting them out to a few practices and hopes to be in the parade in Collingwood.

The Oshawa O'Band hosted an Irish Pub Night in March and had a large crowd out for a scrumptious Irish meal and music by a local band called the "Par Three."

The Oshawa, Sudbury and Hamilton bands all paraded in Collingwood for our Spring Ceremonial. This was a great Ceremonial as all the accommodations were in the beautiful resort area of Blue Mountain.

I notice from our Treasurer that 3 of our bands have paid dues and hopefully we will see donations to the Ladder of Smiles forthcoming.

I have visited with all bands in one way or another. I attended the regular meeting of the Shriners Club of Hamilton in September and gave out President Ralph Jubb's pins. The band is now riding a float and attending several parades. This band donated \$5,000.00 to the Ladder of Smiles at the Imperial Sessions in Toronto. Congratulations Hamilton.

I attended the Rameses fall ceremonial in Owen Sound and also the Ramoca Shrine Club. The Oriental Band is trying to get back on its feet. We had a great time in Owen Sound.

My Lady Tina and I are attending a regular meeting of the Sudbury Shrine Club on Dec 2 and will speak to the members of the band at that time. There is a submission from this band in this copy of the Na Khabar. The Oshawa Band has 17 members and they usually have 5-12 members out for a parade. The cold weather does not allow some of the older members to parade, but they still come out to practice.

Still nothing from any New York Shrine centres as to if or when they will have an Oriental Band.

As Ambassador I attended the fantasy competition with the Rameses-Oshawa Oriental band. They were very pleased with their performance and being the only band in attendance gracefully took all the awards. Thank you to the executive for coming to Toronto and it was a shame more American bands did not attend and take in the hospitality of Toronto and Rameses Shriners.

That's all for now and **REMEMBER THE LADDER OF SMILES.**



NORTH-EAST

Jeff Moores

Greetings Nobles, the winter season is fast approaching and once again we have put up the uniforms. The Spring parades will be on us sooner than we

think, so don't put up the instruments and keep practicing that sweet Oriental Band music we have all come to love.

We had a great time in Halifax this year for our Northeast Field Days. The Nobles of Philae Temple did an excellent job of hosting us this year. We had a very well attended Business Meeting on Friday afternoon with over 30 nobles in attendance. We were once again pressed for time due to a planned Friday night dinner. Next year we may look to move the meeting up an hour or two, so our meeting does not get cut short. The competition was great as well, even if we did only have two bands participating. Congratulations to the Mazol Oriental Band for taking the 1st Place plaque, and a sincere thank you to the Philae Oriental Band for competing against them and taking the 2nd Place plaque.

In early September I had a great visit with the Aleppo Oriental Band on one of their practice nights. Aleppo is looking forward to hosting our Northeast Field Days next year out in Hyannis, and hope that we will get some participation from our Northeast bands.

On a personal note, I am finishing up my second year as Master of my Lodge, so I hope to have some more free time to spend on Shrine and Oriental Band activities. I want to make a few more visitations this year

similar to the visit I made to Aleppo. Don't be surprised if you hear from me that I may be coming to visit on one of your Business Meeting nights.

That's all for now and I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Jack Salsbury

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest. Although we are all known as "Sons of the Dessert" it seems more like "Sons of the Tundra" in

these parts. I would like to wish all a happy Holiday Season and happy New Year! All of us in the Pacific Northwest are looking forward to the opportunities that abound this year for competition. First, we will have a PNSOBA competition in Butte, MT, this year and then following that, all of us have the great opportunity to attend a geographically close Imperial competition in Denver, Co. I encourage all of the PNSOBA bands to attend both if possible. Al Bedoo will be committing to both, and hope to see a great level of competition this year.

As always I ask that you look to your lodges and participate where you can, I strongly recommend that if you play an active part in your local lodges that your band will benefit. It may take a year or more for the fruits of your efforts to bear, but trust me, nothing as great as brotherhood and fellowship comes quickly and your band will be forever greater for your efforts.



SOUTH ATLANTIC

R.L. "Rusty" Johnson

Greetings from the SASOBA! Everyone had a great jamboree at Myrtle Beach, on September 16, 2010. The Nobles went home in a wonderful mood

and a greater love for the Oriental Band! The 8:00 A.M. breakfast was well attended by

the officers and eight past Presidents of SASOBA and nobles, "Big" Richard was grateful for the excellent turnout.

There were thirty-five nobles present and seven bands represented at the 10:00 business meeting. Meeting called to order by Pres. Richard "Big" Thompson, invocation by Chaplin past Pres. Hurf Bolyard, Beni Kedem; Pledge of Allegiance by Sergeant of Arms, Larry Gregory, Oasis; Sec./ Treas. P.P. Harold Moore of Beni Kedem read minutes of the summer meeting. Motion made to accept minutes as read. Minutes approved!

Audit Committee Chairman Nolan Stanley, Acca, reported the budget was in order and approved!

The bands for competition were Small Bands - Acca and Amran; Medium Bands - El Hasha and Oasis, and Large Band - Beni Kedem.

The most important business of the morning was the nominations for the SASOBA Oriental Band of the year. There were four Oriental band members submitted, the officers and Past Presidents and band representatives voted. They will be announced at the award banquet!

A Ladies Brunch was enjoyed at 10:00 A.M. Stage Competition was held at 2:00 P.M.

The award banquet was at 6:30 P.M. after a wonderful dinner enjoyed by 130 nobles and their ladies. The officers for 2010 were installed. The new Sgt. of Arms, Robert V. Smith, Beni Kedem was introduced. The SASOB Bandsmen of the Year was presented with a plaque. (Vince Bobrosky, Acca)

Trophies were presented. Small Band, 1st Place - Acca, 2nd Place - Amran; Medium Band, 1st Place - El Hasha, 2nd Place - Oasis; Large Band, 1st Place - Beni Kedem; Overall Band - Beni Kedem; Drum Major, Vince Bobrosky, Acca.

Bill Carte was presented a service award for a job well done! There was \$835.00 received for the Ladies of Smiles.

Remember, let us share in the care, it is for kids.

President Kenny Brown, Amran O.B. is planning a great 2011 year!

R.L. "Rusty" Johnson

2010-2011 SASOBA Schedule of Events

*President Kenny Brown
Amran Shrine Oriental Band*

Mid-Winter Meeting
Burlington, North Carolina

Ramada Convention Center
2703 Ramada Road - I-85

Date: April 22-24, 2011

Summer Meeting
Wilmington, North Carolina
Hilton Wilmington Riverside
301 North Wate Street
Date: July 15-17

2011 South Atlantic Shrine Oriental
Band Association
Jamboree in the Mountains
Holiday Inn
3230 Parkway
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
Date: September 22-25



SOUTH CENTRAL

Ronnie McCormick

According to the September issue, El Karubah Band ranked 8th in the country in our contributions to the LOS in 2010. We are proud that we usually do

well by the Hospital System, particularly since we are in an area with a population of probably less than 200,000 folks. This may be about to change, or we may have to work harder to do that in the coming year.

First, we get a nice check from the local Mardi Gras Association to perform in one of the local Mardi Gras parades. That check usually winds up in the Shrine Hospital coffers. We expect that check to be smaller this year because of the economy, or it may not even be. To digress a bit, our throws at this parade are a little different from what you'd expect. Our fearless leader, Billy O'Neal (ASOB PP 1987-88), in his business has a supplier which has moon pies in its products line. Every year, the supplier furnishes us a couple of flats of moon pies explicitly to be used as a throw in this parade. It is an ideal throw, because it is soft so as not to welcome a lawsuit from someone who is hit by one. I guess it would take a cream puff to do something like that. Folks see us coming and clamor for our throws.

Another money problem is that one of our other undertakings is under fire. We will straighten this one out, but our LOS contributions may suffer in 2011.

Things are slow in SC. This year, about the only thing done was the officers' installation. Some of the folks installed were not the ones who were elected, and it appears that the business meeting was scheduled so that not all the members would be present. I did not make the meeting! But I reckon I will attend mid-winter and will go to Muskogee next May.

Merry Christmas,
Ronnie McCormick,
Ambassador, SCSOBA



TEXAS

JR Batesole

Greetings Nobles, I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and that Santa was good to you and yours. In general, the fall has been pretty quiet in Texas.

A Texas contingent did pay a visit to Portland, Oregon, in late September for the WASOB Jamboree. In the group were TASOB Jr. Past President and current ASOB 4th Vice President David McCarthy and his lady from Moslah Shrine, with Past TASOB President Harry Pressman and his lady along with TASOB 2nd Vice President John Barron and his lady from Arabia Shrine. The event was held in Wilsonville, Oregon, home of Al Kader Shriners and our ASOB President Ralph Jubb. It was a special occasion for Nobles Pressman and Barron as the host of this year's competition and President of WASOB was no stranger to them. Noble Scot Duncil is something of a Texas transplant having been a long time member of the Arabia Shrine Oriental Band from Houston, Texas. Lots of fellowship and tons new friends were in order and each left having totally enjoyed being invited. David shot a group of pictures, that are now available on the ASOB face book page, Harry did some judging and John tried to keep Harry out of harms way. One of the highlights of the weekend after the competition had concluded was a ballyhoo with members from all the various Shrines involved, each playing a special number and others joining in. While the Sheik of Araby was a popular number, Noble John Barron entertained the crowd by singing the song

to the ladies present and explained, "That's how we do it in Texas." A good time was obviously had by all as evidenced by the photos. Speaking of the photos, get a look at the Bengal Lancer costumes that the Sacramento guys wear.

Of course, it is now time to hit the ground running in preparation for this year's TSA competition which is scheduled for June in Amarillo. The Amarillo guys did a great job hosting the event in 2007 and I expect the same or better this year. After all, what else is there to do in Amarillo? The other big event coming up near term is the TASOB mid winter which will also be held in Amarillo the first weekend in April. Hopefully the average temperature will be above 30 by then and most of the snow and ice will be gone.

In the tradition of my predecessor, Jerry Wyatt Jr, I must ask that the Texas bands update me with new information on your band officers and current director as most have had elections and installations by now or relatively soon. Email address is the most important but I would also like phone numbers and residence addresses if possible. It is critical to have the emails in order to facilitate real time communication. There are still two locations, Galveston and Corpus Christi which I am told have oriental bands that I have yet to hear from. Please help me out. My email is jrbatesole@sbcglobal.net or you can call at 817 441-6588. Feel free to email or call if you have any input or have questions regarding ASOB. Speaking of ASOB be sure to check out the updated ASOB web site at ASOB.org and while there check out the face book page for photos of a number of events of the last year to include the WASOB jamboree, Central States Shrine Association and of course TSA. If you have photos of your band you would like added to the page please send them to me at Photos@asob.org. I will process them as fast as possible and get them posted to the face book page. You do not have to be a face book member to look at the photos, but membership is required to tag the photos after they have been posted.

Here's hoping that everyone has a great 2011 and a special thanks to Noble John Barron of Arabia for his contributions to this article.

Yours in the Faith,
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TOP BANDS

Top 10 Bands

Lancaster County OB	\$32,601.16
Al Azhar OB	\$11,750.00
Nile OB	\$6,272.01
Melha OB	\$3,370.00
Abdallah OB	\$3,169.00
Tunis OB	\$2,500.00
Al Kader OB	\$2,425.00
Midian OB	\$1,900.00
Acca OB	\$1,731.00
Abou Ben Adhem OB	\$1,000.00

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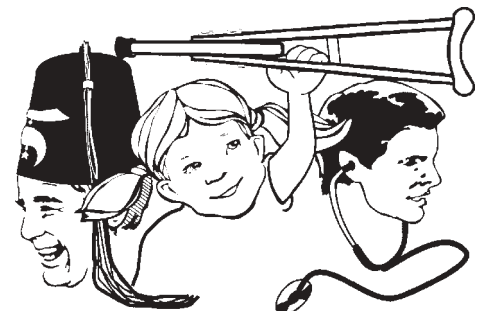
Moslah OB	\$850.00
Zem Zem OB	\$775.00
Amara OB	\$500.00
Arab OB	\$500.00
Beni Kedem OB	\$500.00

Other Bands

Ismailia OB	\$500.00
El Karubah OB	\$483.68
Al Bedoo OB	\$400.00
Irem OB	\$400.00
Cairo OB	\$300.00
El Katif OB	\$237.00
ArabiaOB	\$200.00
Ararat OB	\$200.00
Asiya OB	\$200.00
Jaffa/Clearfield OB	\$200.00
Gizeh OB	\$141.10
Rahah OB	\$130.00
El Bekal OB	\$120.00
Ainad OB	\$100.00
Khiva OB	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$6.00

100% Participation

to the *Ladder of Smiles* in 2011



BAND NEWS

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As we wrap up the “parade season” we now go into the season of holiday parties and fundraising for the band and for the Ladder of Smiles. I am relatively new to the Oriental Band but have got some great nobles to work with me to “indoctrinate” me properly into the OB. It is going to be a great 2011 and we are going to grow the band! We will have two members come off the Divan (back to back Potentate’s) and anxiously await their return. We also still have two members on the Divan.

Our band participated in six parades this year with another coming in December. We went to Central States Shrine Association convention in Oklahoma City and tied for 1st in Ballyhoo; got a 2nd in the Parade category and well – participated in Fantasy. The best was the impromptu Ballyhoo at the hotel in the parking lot at 10:30 at night. We had two other Oriental Bands participate with us, always a great time when nobles and their ladies can get together for fellowship and a good party.

We held a Mandarin Degree this past March and will be doing another one in the spring of 2011. We also held a Camel Herder’s Degree at our Ceremonial in October and had 19 participants. Finishing the year we will have our Oriental Band Holiday Party Dec 3rd and will have our Oriental Band sponsored Holiday Gala on December 11th. We will be working with the Ladies of the Oriental Band to fill baskets for our Fruit Basket Sales and we will aid in the sales of the baskets as well. We will be selling them for \$25 each and the proceeds go to the Ladder of Smiles. What would we do without our ladies?

The officers of the Abdallah Oriental Band are: Roy Samuels – President; Bruce Fischbach – Vice President; Secretary/Treasurer – Gregg Loeser.

Lastly, moving into 2011 we are already looking at playing in the Fantasy Competition at the Imperial Session in Denver in July. We are looking forward to going, since we are a small band, perhaps

we can make a splash in a BIG way!

Please have a safe, happy and prosperous holiday season! Being a Shriner is Feztastic!

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Happy Holidays from ACCA Shrine Oriental Band!! By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be over. We hope everyone counted their many blessings and had their share of turkey with all the trimmings. We were thankful for the full moon and good weather during the pork festival in October. Everyone sampling the ribs reinforced our claim they were the best they had ever tasted.

Participating in the Ashland Christmas parade put us in the holiday spirit. It was a beautiful picture perfect day and the crowds were very appreciative, as always. We look forward every year participating in this parade along with the Richmond and Colonial Heights Christmas parades. Noble Vince Bobrosky is definitely a crowd pleaser. Money collected from Vince’s “fans” is donated to the Ladder of Smiles at the end of each year. Surprising how many dollars he can accumulate in his waistband.

We have had quite a year. As our thoughts move toward the Christmas and New Year season we look forward to new opportunities to share our “unique” style of music. We are grateful to be a part of the ACCA Shrine Center and for the fellowship of old and new friends. There is an open invitation to be a part of the Oriental Band. Practice is held on Thursday evening at 7:00 except for the first Thursday of the month. Come give us a try, we have a drum or horn waiting.

Fraternally yours,
Nolan Stanley



Let's keep looking
for those new
ASOB Candidates!

Aleppo

Wilmington, Massachusetts

The Aleppo OB Scribe
Identity & Whereabouts Unknown



ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND CELEBRATING OUR 60th YEAR

REHEARSALS on THURSDAYS at 6:30 PM
From the Second Thursday in January
To the Second Thursday in November
Oriental Band Room
Second Floor
90 Fordham Road
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Exit 39 off Interstate 93
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
<http://www.oband.mysite.com>

News of the termination of printed hard copies of NA KHABAR came as a bit of a disappointment to us and the reasons offered to explain the decision which brought this about were neither compelling or convincing and essentially ignored the issue of the “elephant in the room” which is one of a dramatically declining membership. Several years ago when technological advances in communications were expanding, efforts were made to incorporate email and internet technology into the arsenal of ASOB tools and they were met with various reactions including a sense that the internet posed a threat to NA KHABAR. The sentiment was that NA KHABAR was the jewel of the Organization and that “wither goeth NA KHABAR, there too goeth ASOB” and there was the additional concern that many members, at the time, might not have had access to the new electronic media. At the time, neither email or internet technology were presented to replace NA KHABAR but were presented to augment and complement it and the resources available to ASOB. Now comes the disappointing news that we have received regarding NA KHABAR and the message which accompanied that news, both of which were delivered in a rather cold and callous fashion making the medicine even that much more difficult to swallow - some people really should occasionally be required to revisit “MARY POPPINS” and be reminded of the virtues of “a spoonful of sugar” (not that the matter should be sugar coated, but that the presentation clearly was lacking)!

The message which came with the news was foreboding and discouraging. It was neither upbeat or positive and, in many respects was presented in the nature of a “fait accompli” avoiding the issue of the reported approximate 33% decline in membership over the last 4 years resulting in a current membership that has dipped below 1,000 and an even more dramatic decline over the last 10-15 years, inter alia. None of us can say what the future holds in store for the Organization but, though disappointed in what was reported, we hope that it will be a bright one and that the noble goals of it will be assiduously and diligently pursued, in whatever fashion, well into the future.

Before leaving the matter and, at the risk of being likened or compared to the protagonist of the following story, it may be beneficial to all to reflect on the message of a very special play written by HENRIK IBSEN in 1882 whose poignancy and relevance are quite germane. It is titled, An Enemy of the People and a very short, but adequate synopsis of it can be found in WIKIPEDIA. Quoting from WIKIPEDIA, “An Enemy of the People addresses the irrational tendencies of the masses, and the hypocritical and corrupt nature of the political system that they support. It is the story of one brave man’s struggle to do the right thing and speak the truth in the face of extreme social intolerance. [It argues] that in matters of right and wrong, the individual [often] is superior to the multitude, which is easily led by self-advancing demagogues.” The frustration experienced by the main character in the play manifests itself in revelations and proclamations that, 1. “the strongest man in the world is that man who stands most alone” and 2. [a] “minority may be right, a majority is always wrong.” Having gone down this path, commendation, applause, and kudos are given to the sole Past President of ASOB (of those who voted on the issue) who, as a voice crying in the desert (vox clamantis in deserto), had the integrity and fortitude to do the right thing, speak the truth, and champion principles which have long been held high by the Organization whether those principles were right or not. That also makes for a bit of wonderment as to whether unwarranted or undue adherence to those principles, in itself, may have been the or a causal factor for the situation - we will never know but we should reflect on that and make note of it before history writes its own version of events as it is so wont to do.

But rather than belabor the issue, let us turn to some of our BAND news. As reported previously, last year was a very good year for us. The New Year, however, is starting off on a bit of a down note. Two of our long time members have had to be placed on our sick and disabled list. NOBLE LESTER OSHRY, our Assistant Director, has been ill for some time despite which he has made Herculean efforts to attend as many of our rehearsals and events as possible. Body and health permitting, there is no question but that he would continue to be in attendance, however, such is no longer the case and we do miss his magnetic personality and his presence and wish him the very best. In the same vein, NOBLE ROBERT BROWNE, recently had his ability to participate with us seriously curtailed. We worked several years to get BOB back into the BAND recognizing his recent obligations to attend to his wife which required his being on sabbatical for a while and we were only successful in luring him back this past year after she passed away. It was a bittersweet accomplishment and one that, unfortunately, is becoming more bitter with NOBLE BOB’S incapacity. We also wish him the very best and were delighted to have him participate with us last year and for the many years before then as well.

Following a brief Holiday break and a great Holiday Party, we reconvened our rehearsals to participate in the traditional Installation of Officers Ceremonial at Aleppo in January. We look forward to another good year under the leadership of our new administration, wish them the best in their efforts throughout the year, and are excited to recognize that this year’s NORTHEAST FIELD DAYS will be hosted by Aleppo in August in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. We would like to invite and encourage everyone to come join us there and participate in the anticipated fun. CAPE COD is a great place to be at any time of the year but even more so during the summer. Come for the festivities and plan to stay to enjoy the CAPE.

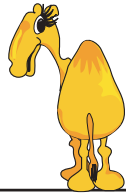
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The Winter Parade Season in the Palm Beach area began with the Veterans Day Parade on November 11. This parade serves as a warm-up for a rapid succession of community holiday parades. This year the Amara Shriners scheduled three parades on Saturday, December 4, followed by another parade on Sunday, December 5. On the following weekend, December 11 and 12, we got some relief in that we had only a single parade on each day. We close the winter parade season with a “marching parade” (we actually walk) through the Midway of the South Florida Fair on January 30. We didn’t make all the parades, but we participated in as many as our resources allowed.

After the winter parade season we ready ourselves for the spring parade season which starts with St. Patrick’s Day. Carefully scheduled around the parades, the Amara Oriental band members and their Ladies enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of one of our members. The host provided a roasted turkey and each guest brought a side dish. Starting at 4:00pm on a December afternoon, we enjoyed the food and fellowship before gathering beside the pool for a bit of singing and an impromptu Oriental Band Jam Session.

Officers for 2011 were installed at the January meeting of the Amara Shriners. Noble Larry Fox will serve as President, Tom Smith will serve as First Vice President, and Ewell Menge will serve as Second Vice President. Noble Don Moores, Past President of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands, will continue in his position as Secretary/Treasurer. Until we meet again, please support the Ladder of Smiles!

Arab

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Oh, how time flies. It doesn’t seem that long ago we were planning for CSSA in Oklahoma and now it’s over. We were a small band and, in fact, most everyone

participating was a small band with the exception of our brothers down south in Wichita, the mighty Midian Oriental Band. As usual, we had a wonderful time and came away with a 1st place trophy for Ballyhoo and a 2nd place trophy for Fantasy. It won't be long and we'll be getting fired up for CSSA in Overland Park in 2011. We are also giving serious consideration to attending the 2011 Imperial Session in Denver. That would be a hoot!

We always receive wonderful support at CSSA from our Potentate. Thank you Illustrious Sir, Larry Tice and special thanks are in order for our Divan Representative, Brad Koehn. We truly appreciated his support and assistance at CSSA.

We have a couple of new, young members in the OB who are anxious to participate and we are anxious to have them take part in our unit. We welcome Brian Penrod and Kevin Reed to the unit. However, we can always use a few more good men. Hopefully, the Fall Ceremonial will be as fruitful as the Spring Ceremonial in terms of new Shriners and more importantly, new Shriners interested in being part of one of the most exciting units in the Temple - Oriental Band.

Having fun and breaking bread together is important in maintaining our fellowship and it's always nice to join another Arab Unit or Club for a gathering. That's exactly what we did recently when the Topless Unit invited the Oriental Band to join them for a great catfish dinner at the Temple. Those of us that made it were treated to a great meal and fellowship with brothers we may not see all that often. Provost Guard has graciously invited us to join them for their Christmas dinner and dance. Sounds like it will be great time.

This is a special time of year with all the upcoming holidays bringing together family and friends. It's a time to be especially thankful for what we have and to share our good fortune by supporting the children who most need our help. Also, with Veterans Day coming up, be sure to thank our military veterans for their service. Happy Holidays and be safe.

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The black camel has carried off two of our band ladies. One was Betty Rubeor who

passed away a few weeks after we lost her husband, Past Potentate Russ Rubeor, a talented horn player. The other was Dixie Lee Collins, spouse of bass drummer George Collins. Our prayers and sympathy are with both families.

The band performed in Melbourne, Florida's "Honor America" parade in July, and now we're in the midst of the Christmas Parades. It's wonderful to see the amazed looks on the faces of music lovers as our float goes by. Spreading a little culture is most gratifying. Our Potentate, Ill. Sir Denny Shrivvers, has been practicing with the band, and we're hoping he'll seek gainful employment with us after January.

Our Christmas Party will be held at Patrick Air Force Base's Collocated Officers/NCO Club again this year. At that function Prez Bob Bauer will announce the winner of the "Bandman Of the Year" award. No doubt the winner will give a gracious acceptance speech; several bandmen have theirs worked out. Band widows will be present, as will most of the Divan members and Ladies.

The annual ABATE Toy Run will occur in early December and bandmen and Ladies will be pitching in to help. It's very colorful. Several thousand bikers will be participating, and almost all will have a large stuffed animal mounted on the back of their motorcycles as they roar in. Shriners Hospitals are among the beneficiaries of the run, and the Imperial Sir generally rides on the twenty mile run often on a side car. We are looking forward to the visit of Imperial Sir George Mitchel and First Lady Deanna.

Congratulations to our 2011 officers: Wes Allen, Prez; Don Weber, Veep; and George Jennings continues as Secretary/Treasurer. This is the third time Wes has been Prez. Don Weber also is our perennial Director — we must keep him healthy.

Merry Christmas, and may the New Year be a great one for us all! Until next time, keep on strutting!

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Where did 2010 go??? Why do the years go by faster with each passing year??? I trust all had a Merry Christmas; Happy Holiday; and a Joyous New Year.

Since the September issue of the Na Khabar, several changes have affected the Band. Due to a decline in participation, the Band has temporarily discontinued its first Tuesday Night Covered Dish Dinner. We continue to have our Business Meeting and practice on the second Tuesday of each month. The GOOD NEWS is that we have picked up two Associate Members, Brian Johns on horn, and Kurt Bock on percussion. WELCOME ABOARD !!

At the time of this writing, (19 Nov 2010), the Band will participate in the Bahia Ceremonial, 19-20 November 2010 at the Lake County Shrine Club. This will be the first exposure for our new Bandmen to provide our melodious melodies to the new Nobles of Bahia.

Congratulations to the new 2011 Band Officers... Noble Gayle Brown will lead as President; Bobby Williams as Vice-President; Bob Woodall as Treasurer; and Yours Truly as Secretary.

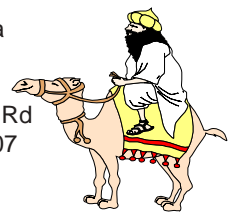
The Band will hold its Annual Fish Fry on Good Friday, 22 April 2011.

God Bless the children in the hospitals
God Bless You - God Bless our Troops -
God Bless America

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Greetings from Sacramento, California, home of the Ben Ali Bengal Lancers and winners at the 2010 WASOB Jamboree this past spring in the greater northwest. The event was hosted by the Al Kader Temple of Wilsonville, Oregon. Everything during the Jamboree came off as the great comedian Billy Crystal would say as "Marvelous".

We have selected and installed our officers for the ensuing year. Noble Dave Glass, Past WASOB President, installed the following Nobles, Sultan: Bob Mosely, Rajah: Jim Bennett, Secretary: Paul McDaniel, Treasurer: Jim World. And of course we will be keeping in position our great Director: Rick Heins. We are looking forward to a busy and great 2011. We will be striving to enlist some new members in our ranks as we go thru the year doing our many performances, parades and dinners.

This past year was a sad one for our unit as we lost two of our very valued bandmen. Veteran horn Dick Tatti and our long time

great drummer Walter Kerley were taken from us. We miss them and will always feel their presence as we perform.

Until our next writing I will simply close by quoting the late and ever so great Red Skelton by saying, "God Bless."

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Greetings and salutations from up in the Green Mountain state. We have put our instruments in moth balls for this coming winter season. Had our first dustin of snow on Nov 27. Must be great to perform all year in warmer climates.

Sadden to report, Vermont, in the Shrine Maple Sugar Football, got beat again by New Hampshire, can't remember last time Vermont won. Not being a computer whiz, hopefully this new procedure for our NA KHABAR WILL WORK, here's trying!

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Our Band is still hanging in there. It is hard to get new members. The new members just do not seem to want to play in a band because it takes too much of their time to try to play an instrument today.

The Veterans Day parade in the City of Tampa was very large and our Band waited for over an hour and a half before entering the parade. It was a very cold and windy day, which is something we rarely have down here at this time of the year. Two of our ladies were kind enough to have coffee, tea, and an assortment of nice coffee cakes in the band room before and after the parade.

About a month ago two of our Band members, one a musette player and the other a quad drum player, went down to Sarasota to play with Sahib Oriental Band. They really enjoyed joining with them to play many songs to a large audience.

Have fun blowing your horn and pounding your drums. God Bless the Children.

Irem

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Welcome to the Realm of the Sons of the Desert. Once again we extend hearty greetings to all of our bearded travelers of the hot sands. As sounds and sounds from our practicers energized us for all of our activities, the Irem OB had good fortune at the Virginia Beach MASA Convention.

At the Friday morning OB competition, our band won two First Place Awards-Combo and Solo. The "combo" consisted of Steve Dreater - musette, Bob Rhoads-congo, Jim Hudock-bass drum and Jim Mason-cymbals, as they played "ALI-OOP." Our second award demonstrated the talents of Director Fred Dietrich playing "MARCH SLAV."

Saturdays parade witnessed the Irem OB entertaining the spectators consisting of musettes-Fred Dietrich and Steve Dreater, drums-Bob Rhoads, Olin Evans and Jim Hudock and percussionists-Jim Roberts, Jack Powell and Jim Mason. It's amazing how the parade watchers enjoy taking pictures of our colorful costumes and getting a big kick from our golden shoes with their turned-up toes.

The Friday evening boardwalk "Night Shirt" Parade displayed the talents of our Sheiks and Meri Aides as once again we won the second place trophy. In addition, the Meri Aides basket raffle brought in big \$\$\$ in which they donated \$400 to the "Ladder of Smiles" in recognition of our bands upcoming 100th Anniversary.

The Irem Sheiks gathered in November for their Annual Meeting and choosing of Desert Leaders. When the sands had been casted and counted, Sheik Jim Roberts was declared the Chief Sheik of the Desert.

To rule the desert with Sheik Jim, the following were designated as governing sheiks. Number one, VP James Mason; Scribe of the Records, Olin Evans; Keeper of the Gold, Bob Rhoads. Our stout-hearted up front guide is Director Fred Dietrich with captain of Drums Bob Rhoads; and Wagonmaster, dues collector and captain of Musettes Steve Dreater.

Our director of the Irem soul music will again be insisting on a sincere dedication to musical excellence as we enter into our 100th Anniversary year.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to 2011 - the Irem Oriental Band's 100th Anniversary year with great expectations from the leadership of our officers.

Jaffa

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The winter season has moved into Central PA which means things are slowing down for the Oriental Band.

Under the leadership of Director Dave Troxell, the Jaffa Oriental Band placed 1st amongst the other Oriental Bands at the MASA Convention parade held in Virginia Beach. This is the third consecutive year that the 1st place trophy was presented to Jaffa. Also, Jaffa Shrine Center was presented with the 1st place overall trophy. Congratulations to Potentate Bill Troxell and all Nobles of Jaffa.

The annual Jaffa Oriental Band election of officers were recently held for the year 2011. Officers to lead the Oriental Band are: Bob Mains-President, Jerry Kyler-Vice President, Jim Miller-Secr/Treas, Dave Troxell-Director, Larry McIntire-Warder and Dick Henry-Chaplin. Thanks for Joe Boley for doing an excellent job in 2010.

Always remember, "WE MARCH SO KIDS CAN WALK"

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Greetings Nobles from the Great White North. As we are now in winter, officially, and the temperatures are below freezing and we have snow on the ground, we can legitimately make the claim of being the great white north. Visit us and find out for yourself what winter is like in Canada especially in Manitoba! Perhaps our long hard winters make us known to be friendly and helpful to everyone we meet, as we all have to put up with a climate that can be a little stressful at times, to say the least.

Our Band, over this last year, has lost a few of our long time members to the Black Camel and our numbers are getting pretty thin. This is one of the reasons why the Band did not attend the Midwest in Sioux City, Iowa. We really couldn't form a band with the number of bandsmen we had available. There were some events, however, that we were able to attend.

We made band history this year by assisting in the opening of this summer's

Ceremonial. This is the first time we have participated, along with the Ritualistic Unit and the Chanters, in providing music for this event. It was quite an experience for us and we believe it added to the solemnity and importance of the occasion. We also attended a small number of parades, as many as our numbers could support, and enjoyed them all. At present, we are trying to address increasing our numbers.

Our music Director, Noble Irv Jackson, is offering music lessons to anyone interesting in learning how to play a musette. We hope to attract some new members by this approach and that he will be successful in this endeavour. We will also offer drum classes if we receive requests to do so. We will beat the bushes and see what transpires.

As a New Year is upon us, our wish for all the Nobles of all the Bands is to have a healthy and prosperous year. May we all be successful in meeting our personal goals and providing the means for our kids to grow into healthy adulthood. Above all else Nobles, may this year bring peace and contentment to you.

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To all who read this, I hope the holiday season has left you good fortune and health. In our Band it seems that never a month goes by without one of our members undergoing some surgical procedure or losing a loved one and when this happens, we all pull through and provide support whether it be a card, flowers, visits, calls or prayers. Surely in these matters we are not much different from any other Oriental Band or Masonic Organization. I guess what I am trying to say here is that I am so thankful to be associated with such an extended family.

Among our membership is a young man that has become an inspiration to me. Without getting too specific, he was born with serious feet and leg deformities and went into the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas before age two. After many surgeries, procedures and therapies, he was finally able to walk without any aids and was later able to pursue his passion, playing baseball throughout his school years. He "witnessed" this to me and a fellow Shriner at a recent Oriental Band event. I listened to



December 2010 Stated Meeting about to start.



Winemaster Dick Handley at your service.

his story and didn't ask too many questions - I just listened. Today, no one would suspect Justin Shelton had any such trials during his childhood. He said that he is a Mason and Shriner today because of his experiences as a child who received so much help at an early age. He has a lovely family now and he coaches his girl's softball team. He brags about their athletic skills at such an early age (they are under 10). Perhaps he sees his childhood in their eyes, and because of this he is more aware of how important our mission remains as Masons and as Shriners. I pray we can get more members like Justin. I'm proud to call Justin a fellow Mason, Shriner, Oriental Band member and friend.

We have just finished what I think is a recent milestone for the Band - a relatively easy and successful fund raiser. Thanks to a generous benefactor in Dallas and our Caliph Joe Brewton, we were able to obtain four tickets to the Dallas Cowboys vs Philadelphia Eagles game at Cowboys Stadium on December 12th. The tickets were in a "Silver Suite" and included VIP parking. We threw in \$200 spending money as part of the winnings. As the fates would have it, the Cowboys were (and might still be as this is read) undergoing turmoil at that time with what turned out to be a lame-duck coach with a 1-7 record. I tried to sell tickets to Cowboy fans I personally know but some

refused to buy any while saying their interest in the team has wained this year. Like those who follow any team, there are many "T-Shirt Fans" out there. Nevertheless, many tickets were sold by the membership and it turned out to be one of our largest fund raisers in many years despite how the 'boys were playing or whoever was coaching them. Congrats go to those who really sold the tickets. We are truly blessed to have had such a one-time opportunity to stage something like this at the end of the year.

In April 2011, the Khiva Oriental Band will host the Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands Midwinter Conference. Our current President of TASOB, Tim Beecher, is pulling it all together as this is written. I give Tim an early plug while he endures the thankless job as the President. This date is only some four months away. We hope to have it all together and done before the next Na Khabar is out. Two months later, on the first weekend of June, Khiva Shrine will host our state shrine convention here in Amarillo. One month after TSA, we set our sights on Imperial in Denver. We have decided to go as Denver is relatively close to Amarillo and we have always had a great time there. So, lots of planning, plotting and practicing happening here. Hopefully with all this going on, we can slow down, take a deep breath and realize why we are Shriners. We are here for the Children!

Have a great New Year!
The KOB Scribe.

Mazol

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada

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Since the beginning of 2010 the **Mazol Oriental Band** has been very active. In addition to regular practices the Band has been involved in the following activities: Participation in the **Annual Potentates Installation** ceremony held in January 2010. The Band is now over a very successful **Flipper Dinner** on May 11th serving approximately 250 Dinners as well as 100 Flipper Dinner take-outs. In September 2010 the Band was represented and on parade at the **North East Shrine Association Field Days** in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Band came first in the Band Competition for duet participants and won the Maple Leaf Trophy. Performers were Noble Bob Hollett

(musettee) & Noble Dave Bartlett (tomtom). In addition the FULL Band placed First in the Band Competition & took home the First Place N.E.S.O.B.A Plaque. Next year the Band hopes to be in a position to defend its title at the Northeast Field Days at Hyannis Port in Mass.

The Band holds practice every first, second & fourth Tuesday of each month at the St John's Shrine Club & a band meeting every second Tuesday of each month.

The Band also has a very active website, we suggest you all pay our site a visit which is also embedded in the Temple web site under Unit Links: **mazolshriners.com**

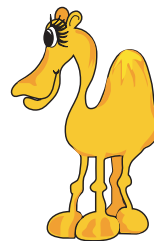
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Two thousand eleven is here and Midian Oriental Band is alive and well! It's cold and there are no parades but we keep busy practicing on that non-oriental band competition song for this year. Our band does have plans to go to Imperial in Denver and compete but first we have to

learn the song!

Our elections are over and we have some new officers but our director will be Noble **Jerry Craft** for at least 1 more year. Who knows from there? We have 3 of our Midian guys on the line now at Central States ASOB. Noble **Walt Aikman** is president this year, Noble **Bill Bailey** is 4th VP and Noble **Dan Krenke** is Madam Secretary for the organization. We need nobles from the other Central States Bands to step up and run for office for a more balanced approach!

We have two steak feed fund-raisers a year which have been real good for our financial health. We give them a 2 pound sirloin (which they cook themselves over a charcoal fire) all the trimmings and unlimited camel's milk in a mug for \$20. We usually net about \$1,000 or so and have a lot of fun doing it.

Our circus is coming in May this year at our new downtown arena here in Wichita. The OB is back manning a novelty booth which we have done for many years after a short stint at ticket taking! Circus ticket and ad sales are also another way we make money for our group.

Looking forward to seeing some of our old friends next summer in Denver and playing our brand of beautiful music together!

The picture below is Midian OB member Noble **Mike Hartup**, past ASOB President, at the WASOB meeting doing what he does best...raising money for the Ladder of Smiles!



Moslah

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The Moslah Shrine Bedouins returned from being dark over the summer months rested and ready to support the Moslah Shrine Circus (Oct 7 – 16). For ten straight days the Bedouins worked their normal jobs and then spent their weekends and evening manning the souvenir booths and ticket gates. Once again the Moslah Shrine Circus was a great success and the Bedouins were responsible for two thirds of the circus souvenirs sold. Additionally, we have just now returned from our Annual Bedouin weekend retreat, which includes good brotherhood, great cooking and creative entertainment.

We now look forward to the holiday season spent with family, Brothers and good friends, including our Formal Christmas Party on December 10.

The Moslah Bedouins would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Shrine Brothers a “Wonderful Holiday Season” and a “Great New Year”!! See you in 2011!!!

In the interim, please feel free to stop by our website at <http://www.moslahbedouins.com/>

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Another day in Happy Valley as we sit here in the snow. Here, there is little snow removal and things come to a standstill...I will not comment on the drivers in the area...LOL. However, we always get less snow than everywhere else. For that I am thankful! Also, we are battling coyotes, who live in the area, my wife was stalked by one last week. I now accompany her when walking the Schnauzers. My insurance policy is spelled H and K!

Thanksgiving has come and gone with my usual need to loose more weight afterward! The older I get the harder it is to let go! Think I need to get lost at sea for a few weeks.

First let me congratulate the perspective nominees for office within the Band: My

crystal ball indicates that all were elected (you must keep in mind that I got the ball through the Acme Crystal Ball Company whose products have been known to be wrong). For Sultan: Tom Caldwell; for Pasha I , Joachim “Acki” Mueller; for Pasha II, Tony Bernales; Keeper of the Purse, Norm “The World’s Finest Simple Player” Wold; for Keeper of the Scrolls, yours truly, despite my many short comings! Trustees: Ed Thornton - 1 year; Bert Tcruz - 2 year; Gaylord Schaudies - 3 year. I know all will do a good job and congratulations.

Upcoming events include the Ladies Appreciation Night, this December 4, where we honor the Ladies who enable us to be what we are. We also honor Band Members who have been outstanding in their endeavors on behalf of the Band and the children. The Crab Feed is next up in February, this is a lot of fun as usually, several ASOB members show up and we

Philae

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Jim Woodley



The 2010 Northeast was a great success because we had a commitment from Mazol We had many representatives from Shrine Centers in Canada and the USA. It was unfortunate for our public that we had such a poor turnout from our American Shiners. This is not a put down Nobles, but I find it hard to support an organization that welcomes Canadians when our dollar was the equivalent to \$0.63 and we still supported the event. I know times are tough and we are all getting older and unable to march. What is going to happen when the Shrine numbers cannot support our Children’s Hospitals. I ask you one and all to continue to support our charity.

As an afterthought, Mazol Oriental Band blew us out of the harbour with their talent. In old Navy terminology that would be “BRAVO ZULU.”

I am including a photo I took at our Annual “Apple Blossom Parade” held in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. We enjoy participating in this parade because of the wonderful response from the local populace and the weather in the spring is wonderful. Also our chance to show off our revised Oriental Band uniforms. Red & White - Canada’s official colours.

Noble Jim Woodley



play!! The Parade season begins next April in LaConner at the Tulip Festival. I might add here that the Band is NOT going to PNSA and PNSOBA as it is scheduled for the same time as we to the Evergreen State Fair Corn Boothe. We, instead, plan on going to the Imperial Session in Denver. We usually, have fun when we do this and sometimes, we have actually won!!

Past PNSOBA President, Ben Neff continues to battle medical issues, he’s had a horrid year! Please keep him in your prayers.

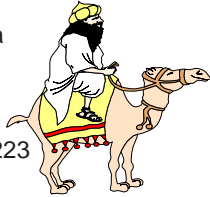
I must now comment on the format change. I for one, will miss the Na Khabar in the printed form. There is something to be said for actually holding your work and reading it in magazine form. Those who do not have e-mail, will not be getting the articles. The upside, as I understand things, is that the issue will come out a lot faster!

I guess that is it till next time! Stay tuned!

Rajah

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Es Selamu Aleikum. Last weekend the temperature was in the mid sixties, this weekend we are in the mid forties with a stiff wind. Of course it is after Thanksgiving, so this is about right.

The World Famous Rajah Shrine Oriental Band has finished this year's parade season. We did five parades in two weeks. Not bad for a bunch of old men. The economy is still not good, so many of our parade towns either cancelled this year's parade or did not have money to offer donations to any band they asked to participate. It is still wonderful to see the children (and adults) along the parade route, dancing to our music.

The MASA Convention was held the weekend after Labor Day in Virginia Beach. We did hold a MASOBA competition this year since we had a sufficient number of bands to compete. The World Famous Rajah Shrine Oriental Band was once again crowned the winner of the Stage Competition and took second place in Parade Competition.

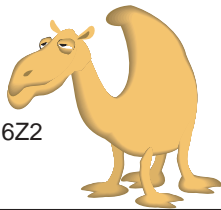
This being the Christmas Season, we are getting ready for our Christmas Party in December. This is usually a wing-ding of an affair with a real band, not the Oriental Band, playing for our dancing pleasure. In December we also elect our officers for the coming year. Our band is small, which means that most nobles are an officer more than once.

Aleikum Es Selam,
Mahlon

Rameses - Oshawa

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Greetings from the Oshawa Shrine Oriental Band. Our summer has flown by with attendance at the Rameses Ceremonial in Collingwood in June and the Imperial in Toronto in July. The Oshawa Band started the parade year with the Easter parade in

Pickering. A beautiful April day greeted us with warm weather and a good turn-out of band members. In June we attended the Brooklin Fair and the crowds were larger than other years. Practicing was the order of the day for most of June, preparing for the Imperial Sessions in Toronto.

The opening of the Imperial Session on July 4 saw 11 band members on stage performing for over 3000 Shriners and Ladies. On July 5 the band attended the Fantasy competition and being the only band performing swept the awards. Even though no bands showed up from the United States the band members of Oshawa performed admirably and were pleased with their program. Thank you to the Executive of the ASOB for your support and encouragement. The President's Award banquet went well and it was great to see the executive and Past Presidents and Ladies of the ASOB. Congratulations to Ralph Jubb on his attaining the office of President of the ASOB and to the new executive for 2010-2011.

We have a full schedule of parades from September to December with our fall ceremonial in Owen Sound. The Owen Sound Ceremonial in October saw only 4 members of the band taking part in the ritual. Three musettes - Noble Doug Wanamaker, Noble Archie Hindorff and Noble Bob Jones rode with the Ramoca O'Band and had a great time in the parade.

We are in the Christmas parade mode at the moment and have completed 2 of 4 parades. Weather has turned cold and we are looking forward to the last parade on December 11.

I would like to thank Bob Kellar for his years of dedication to the O'Band. Bob was our lead drummer for many years and we will miss your expertise. Bob is spending most of the fall and winter in Florida and decided to retire. Bob and Betty enjoy your retirement.

Also to Barry Williamson who has also decided to retire for health reasons. The band thanks you for your years of service. Your musette will be missed. No more solos.

Until next time, remember the Ladder of Smiles.

Sahib

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Greetings from the flatlands of FL! We are a very busy band this time of year, with parades, ceremonial, etc. The Fiesta Parade in Venice was great with people lining the streets to see our performance. We played on stage there to a large audience. Made \$100 for the Ladder of Smiles. By the time you get the next Na Khabar, we will have completed four parades, a ceremonial and the Christmas Party for the kids. A busy time indeed. Our new band president, none other than the wiry, athletic, best cymbal player in N.A., Floyd LaDue, will once again lead us in 2011. The other new officers are Don Clements, 1st vice-pres., Harold Eady, 2nd vice-pres., Siegfried Pahl, sec., and Charlie Tacy, treas. Phil Staples will be our assistant band director. All of these fine OBERs volunteered gracefully.

This is for the ALPO Kennel OB from somewhere north of Boston: Please read pg. 14 of the last Na Khabar and you'll see why we are writing this article. The Unknown Writer, probably written by an attorney, maybe Aaron, who knows!!! We miss Robert Browne. He's a super individual BUT THE TRUTH IS: when he came to Sarasota from the "ALPO" OB, he sat in the back of our large room and watched us practice. He eventually told us he was from the "ALPO" OB and we welcomed him with open arms. He said he played the drums so we gave him one and did he ever need help. He played with one stick and didn't know anything about drum beats. For the next 3 years our percussion section labored hours, days, and weeks helping him. He finally learned how to play with 2 drum sticks and we taught him all the rudiments of how to handle and play the drum with two hands. We taught him rim shots and how to hit the side to make wood sounds. Our band misses him but understands why he went back north and surely know how much help the ALPO OB needs.

From your article it sounds like you think you're the best band in Massachusetts, if not all of the northeast. NO NO !! Around 90 miles west of you is a great band called MELHA, in Springfield, which is the number one band in all of New England musically, but especially in contributions to

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the Ladder of Smiles. (Check pgs. 26 & 27 of NaKhabar) Case closed!! Oh, I was just told that you want to challenge us in Denver at the Imperial. Our music director, Floyd, said, "Bring them on!" Don't be like the NO SHOW RIVER BAND from Seattle. I APPOLOGIZE! I thought you were called the ALPO OB. I stand corrected. It's the Aleppo OB. Sorry guys. See you all in Denver. WOOF WOOF! Remember the Ladder of Smiles.

Yours in the faith,
The Phantom

Sudbury

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The Sudbury Shrine Oriental Band was established in 1963. This year we will celebrate our 45th Anniversary. The Oriental Band is a vital part of the Sudbury Shrine Club. We provide musical enjoyment to the Nobles, their Ladies and the public while promoting the Sudbury Shrine Club and Shriners as a whole. The Band raises many

needed funds for our Club and the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Currently we are striving to rebuild and revitalize our band membership by recruiting all interested Shriners to join the band as active members.

The band participates in a wide variety of activities including all Shriner functions with their Ladies and friends and often times this involves being invited to numerous public functions throughout the year. The following is our calendar of activities for 2011. Please note that many of these dates are still tentative.

- May 28- Annual Steak Fry
- June 13- Spring Ceremonial Parade- North Bay
- June 27- Elliott Lake Parade
- July 1- Espanola Parade
- July 11- Blind River Parade
- Aug 2- Little Current Parade
- Aug 16- Providence Bay Parade
- Aug 20- Annual Corn Roast
- Sept 25- Band/Ladies Night Party
- Oct 29- Annual Harvest Ball Dinner and Dance

Submitted by Wah Chung – Past Chairman of The Sudbury Shrine Oriental Band/ Colour Party

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The Zem Zem OB has gone into hibernation for the winter. We didn't make very many parades this past year but are hoping to make more next summer. We may have picked up a couple of new members from the last ceremonial. They have not committed yet but we are hopeful. Our annual Christmas party will be held Dec 5 in the Sharon, PA area this year. In January we will start practices and make plans for spring and summer activities.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and remembers to contribute to the Ladder of Smiles during this holiday season. Think of those children who are in our hospitals this joyous season as they are the reason we are active in Oriental Bands. Remember also that you should never try to make anyone like yourself, you know and God knows that one of you is enough.

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Melha Oriental Band

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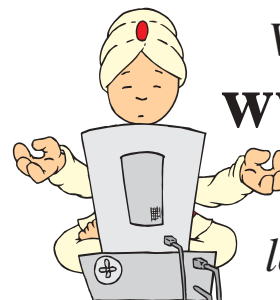
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Dress: Casual
Host: Ralph Jubb
- 4:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Red Rover Room
Competition & Delegate Registration / Banquet Tickets On Sale Location: Lobby
Host: Vince Bobrosky & Dave McCarthy

Sunday, July 3rd

- 8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Red Rover Room
- 10:00 am Elected Officers and Past President's Meeting Location: Hopscotch Room
Dress: Casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, no jewel and no nametag
Host: Ralph Jubb
- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Competition & Delegate Registration / Banquet Tickets on Sale Location: Lobby
Host: Vince Bobrosky & David McCarthy
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm President and 1st VP Reception Location: Red Rover Room
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Host: Ralph Jubb and Richard Thompson
- 5:30 pm Music Director's Meeting Location: Hopscotch Room
Dress: Casual
Host: Vince Bobrosky
- 6:30 pm Hospitality Room Closes for Dinner/Dance
ASOB 60's Party, Everyone is invited to the Dinner/Dance Location: Marco Polo Room
Dress: Casual, including ASOB officers
Hospitality Room Opens after Dinner/Dance

Monday, July 4th

- 7:00 am Make-up Room Opens Location: Hopscotch Room
- 8:00 am Parade Competition Location: Convention Center
Dress: For officers not competing - ASOB shirt, tan pants, jewel, nametag, and fez
Ladies Dress: Leopard jacket and black shirt, nametag
Host: Vince Bobrosky
- Immediately After Parade Comp. Fantasy Competition Location: Convention Center
Host: Vince Bobrosky
- After Fantasy Delegate Registration / Banquet Tickets On Sale Location: Lobby
Owner: David McCarthy
- After Fantasy Hospitality Room Opens / Lunch for all Location: Red Rover Room
- 4:00 pm Hospitality Room Closes
- 5:00 pm Cocktail Reception, by Invitation Location: Hopscotch Room
Dress: Formal tux with white dinner jacket, white tux shirt, black tux pants, black shoes, jewel and fez (no nametag)
Ladies Dress: Formal (cocktail attire)
Host: Ralph Jubb and Richard Thompson
- 6:00 pm Social Hour (no host) Location: Marco Polo Foyer
- 7:00 pm President's Award Banquet Location: Marco Polo Room
Dress: Same as Reception
Host: Ralph Jubb

Tuesday, July 5th

- 8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Red Rover Room
- 9:00 am Sergeant At Arms Breakfast Location: Hopscotch Room
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or tan shorts, jewel, nametag and fez
Host: Scot Duncil
- 11:30 am First Lady's Luncheon Location: Marco Polo Room
Dress: Business Casual or Leopard wear, by Invitation
Host: Janelle Jubb

Wednesday, July 6th

- 7:00 am First 100 Club Breakfast Location: Hopscotch Room
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or tan shorts, jewel, nametag, no fez
Host: Morrie Toretsky
- 8:00-9:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Red Rover Room
- 9:00 am ASOB Annual Meeting Hopscotch Room
Dress: Red Jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt and tie, jewel, nametag, fez
Host: Ralph Jubb
- 9:00 am Ladies Gift Exchange Location: Red Rover Room
Dress: To be determined by the Incoming President's Lady
Host: Tish Martin, by Invitation
- 11:30 am Incoming President's Luncheon Location: Marco Polo Room
Dress: Same as ASOB Annual Meeting
Host: Richard Thompson
- 2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting Location: Hopscotch Room
Dress: Travel Clothes
Host: Richard Thompson
- 2:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Red Rover Room



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Monday, July 4, 2011 • Cocktails (no host) 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM

Please mark your choice of Entree, \$46.00 per person, U.S. or CDN Funds

_____ **Chicken Marsala**

_____ **Teriyaki Salmon**

Either served with: salad, rolls, seasonal vegetables, starch, coffee, iced tea and dessert

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, July 6, 2011 • Cocktails (no host) 11:00 AM / Lunch 11:30 AM

Please mark your choice of Entree \$40.00 per person U.S. or CDN Funds

_____ **Cider Glazed Pork**

_____ **Herb Roasted Chicken**

Either served with: salad, rolls, seasonal vegetables, starch, coffee, iced tea and dessert

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A.S.O.B. Fantasy Registration

IMPORTANT - Please Print
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(Name of Band and Temple)

We will attend the ASOB Fantasy Parade

We will will not compete for trophies. There will be approximately _____ performing members.

Signature _____

Title _____

Address _____

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Send to:

Vince Bobrosky
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Ladysmith, VA 22501

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Band Information

This is Preliminary Information Only

(Name of Band and Temple)

City/State _____

Member of Regional Associations _____

Year Organized _____ Number of Members _____ Number Performing _____

Officers: President _____

Vice President(s) _____

Secretary _____

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Director _____

Current Shrine Honors _____

Past Shrine Honors _____

Additional Remarks _____

Submitted By: _____

Date: _____ Title: _____

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

Any band desiring to appear in the A.S.O.B. Fantasy shall notify the Chairman of the Fantasy Committee by mail. A form is furnished for this purpose. Please indicate whether the Band will appear in the Stage Presentation, the Parade or both, and indicate the number of bandsmen who will be performing. Additionally please indicate if the band desires to compete for awards, as it is permissible to appear for exhibition only. Bands appearing for exhibition only will receive Judge's Sheets for their performance review, but the exhibition scores will not be included in the Fantasy competition.

For those bands wishing to compete in the Fantasy (Stage Performance, Parade or both), there will be a registration fee of \$2.00 per member, payable either in advance or during the Music Director's Meeting. Registration for the Fantasy and Parade competition will be open through the Director's Meeting. To be eligible to perform all Bands must register prior to the conclusion of the Director's Meeting. All bandsmen appearing in the performance are counted as A.S.O.B. members in good standing. The number of performing bandsmen cannot be more than the number of current A.S.O.B. dues members for a band. The A.S.O.B. Secretary/Treasurer will confirm that the number of performing members is equal or less than a band's current A.S.O.B. membership total. Should a discrepancy occur regarding the number of performing members, a band can make payment for current dues to the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer at the Music Director's Meeting to correct this situation. Performance Class assignment will be made at the Director's Meeting based on the number of bands and the number of performing bandsmen in each band. After the class assignment is announced, a drawing to determine the order of appearance within each classification for the Stage Presentation and Parade will occur. One number will be drawn by lot for each band in their respective classification. Once the Music Director's Meeting is over, no changes to the classification or order of appearance will be allowed.

Judging will be based for stage performance and parade as follows:

	Stage	Parade (Marching)	Parade (Float)
Make-up/Costumes	10%	0%	0%
Overall Sound	10%	0%	0%
Showmanship	10%	20%	20%
Appearance	10%	20%	20%
Musical Presentation (Warm-up Numbers)	25%	60%	60%
Musical Presentation (Competition Number)	35%	0%	0%

*Note: Showmanship for units riding on a float includes points for the float itself.

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

Small	19 members and under
Medium	20 to 29 members
Large	30 to 39 members
Unlimited	40 members and over

*Note: Classifications may be changed numerically, dependent upon number of bands participating.

There will be a Best Oriental Band trophy awarded to the Band who has the highest overall point accumulation for the Fantasy and Parade.

First and Second Place trophies for Fantasy and Parade will be awarded based on the highest and next to highest score for a category.

A Caliphs trophy for the most outstanding Music Director will be awarded at the discretion of the Caliphs.

The Concert Number will appear in issues of the Na Khabar and all bands are required to play it. It shall be the closing number of each presentation. Arrangements and/or embellishments to the theme can be at the discretion of the band, and they may be as elaborate as they wish.

Each band shall have warm-up numbers WHICH MUST BE OF ORIENTAL MOTIF before presentation of the Concert Number. However, the band must remain on stage at least eight (8) minutes and not to exceed twelve (12) minutes. There will be a loss of five (5) points per minute (or fraction thereof) for any over/under time. Time will commence following the announcement of the band by the M.C. and the first sound made by a band member whether it is spoken, sung or played by an instrument. If the competing band elects its own introduction, entrance or other opening spectacle, time will run from the commencement of such activity. Personal microphones are not permissible and if used, that band will be disqualified. Pyrotechnics will be permitted.

All music played by competing bands including warm-up numbers must be of Oriental motif. There will be an automatic five (5) point penalty for any visible music used during Fantasy/Parade competition. There can be limited solo presentation not to exceed one (1) minute. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. The same solo rule applies to music played at the point of Parade judging which is designated by appropriate street signs.

Make-up: Beards should look authentic and make-up when used shall be applied so that the resulting character is believable.

Costumes: Bands are asked to be appropriately dressed in Oriental and Mid-East motif-type costumes; however, due to political climates and concerns for showing respect for our military, bands may wear non Oriental or Mid-East costumes as long as the band's costumes are uniform. As an example, points would be taken away if a band had members in unit shirts and slacks and other members in Oriental or Mid-East costumes. As long as a band has a uniform look, judging will not be reduced. Neatness should be considered.

Showmanship: This is the flourish and enthusiasm shown by all members and the originality of performance and presentation.

Overall Music Presentation: Playing ability, music of Oriental motif, and arrangement will be highly considered. Continued playing ability will be most important in Parade and concert.

Judging: Will be made up of impartial judges who have knowledge about musical, theatrical, marching, showmanship and costuming. Judges will be briefed by selected member of the Fantasy Committee and their will be no identification worn such as name tag, fez or other types of Shrine Center identification at this briefing.

Float Design: Must be of Oriental Motif, indicative of Oriental Bands.



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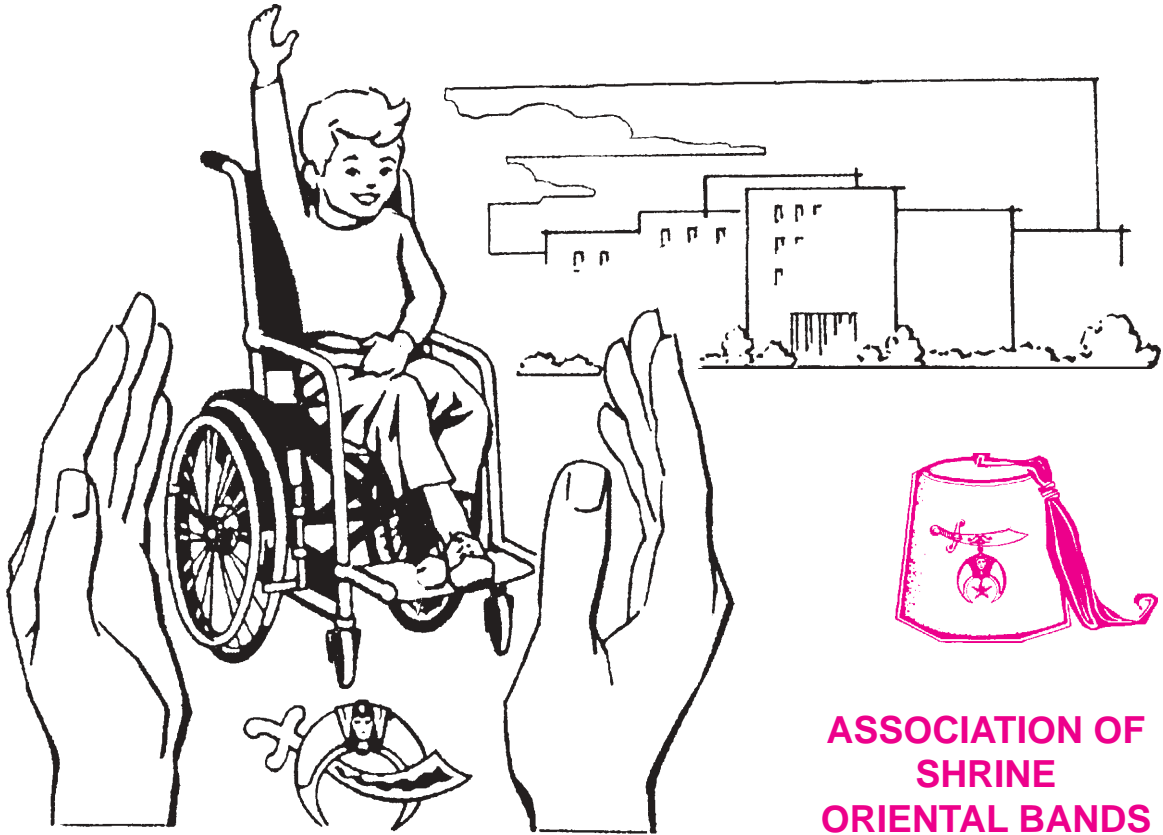
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- \$100,000 to the Ladder of Smiles •
- 100% Participation of Bands to the Ladder of Smiles •
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