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Tom Crow

I hope that all Oriental Bandsmen and your families had a great Holiday and you are enjoying a Happy New Year. The Holidays are

a favorite time in our house. We love to see the kids and grandkids and they enjoy their time with the family.

In August I got to make my first visit as President to Central States Shrine Association. We were in Little Rock with 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Harry Pressman and Past President Dave McCarthy. It is a great group in Central States and we had a fun time. I enjoy getting to meet bandsmen wherever I go.

For the next stop on our journey, Katie and I attended the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association. This was a great time with the members of the Mid Atlantic Oriental Bands. We got to spend time with a lot of great bandsman and their ladies in Virginia Beach. Getting to watch a Shrine parade that lasts two to three hours on the main street in town was encouraging to say the least. It was great to be joined by ASOB Secretary and Past President Don Moores.

Then we got to spend time in Virginia with our kids and grandkids. We don't get to see them often enough, so it was great to spend a few days with them. We were proud to see our son-in-law in his change of responsibilities ceremony at Fort Meyer. While we were with them we were able to tour the Pentagon, go to the George Washington Masonic Museum, and several other stops. It was truly a great time.

Then it was back on the road to Myrtle Beach and the South Atlantic

Shrine Association. We had another great time with the Nobles and their Ladies in Myrtle Beach. I was asked to be the program for their banquet as they had a vacancy on the program. That gave me the chance to talk about Ladder of Smiles, ASOB, and our Jamboree. It was a good time to talk about ASOB and what we do. It was also good to have 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Harry Pressman, Secretary/Past President Don Moores, P.P. Vince Bobrosky, P.P. Jeff Moores present. It was nice to have the ASOB family show up when we go for a visit.

That brings us to Fort Worth, Texas, in October for the ASOB Executive Session. It was good to have all the officers here for this meeting. We also had Past Presidents Joe Brewton, Ralph Jubb, Mike Hartup, David McCarthy, Don Moores and immediate Past President Jeff Moores. We had a good meeting and hope to move the Association further into the future. I would like to thank all that came and participated in this important meeting and I hope that everyone had a great time.

That brings us to the coming events. We will be having the ASOB Jamboree in Kansas City on March 31st, April 1st and 2nd. We would like to invite all bands to come to this new and exciting event. We will be having concert competition on Saturday and the awards dinner on Saturday. Please talk to your band about coming and enjoy the fellowship with other bandsmen.

The next event on the calendar is a special time in Washington, DC. The ASOB officers will be allowed to place a wreath and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Monday, June 19th, at 1:15. We would like all Oriental Bandsmen and family to please attend. All Shriners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We will be in Daytona for Imperial in July. ASOB will be at the Delta

by Marriot and will participate in the Shrine Parade and bands will be judged in the parade for awards. We will also have a time for an exhibition on stage for bands that want to play without being judged.

As you can see this is a busy year but that is what makes ASOB a great organization.



**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**  
Chris Tsaros

**Kansas City  
2017, A  
Gathering of  
the Bands**

Dear Nobles,  
Best Wishes  
from my family  
to yours for  
a wonderful

2017. Let us collectively look to what is good in all of us, and extend that goodness outward to build a better world throughout next year.

As I sit down to write this column it is -13 F outside with a wind chill of -30 F. In other words it is mind numbingly cold. Thoughts of our upcoming activities ahead bring me to a much warmer state of mind however. As you may be aware foremost in the ASOB calendar this year is a departure from Oriental Band Competitions associated with the annual Imperial activities.

We made this change to make the annual ASOB Competitions more accessible to all our bands. Accessibility to our annual gig has been hampered over the years by a number of factors, chief among them being the following 2 challenges. 1. Changing geographic locations of the Imperial Sessions made it prohibitive for most bands to travel to the events due to the long distance and the associated air travel involved. 2. Right or wrong, over the years the ASOB band competitions become known as an event reserved for elite



and large size bands only. For this the Association takes full accountability for this untruth. We have done a poor job in the past communicating the openness to all bands and fun aspect of this annual event. Most saw little additional value in participating in the annual event.

#### Dealing with challenge #1 by choosing a more accessible location.

The current team of nobles managing the association on our behalf is passionate about bringing to you an annual event so you can enjoy and most important of all, is geographically more accessible. We had long sessions of head scratching, some navel gazing, but mostly used a business planning approach to come up with what we think is a good plan to move forward with.

Kansas City was chosen for its geographic location within the Continental United States. A demographic study showed us that for most of our bands, Kansas City can be reached within a couple of days drive. SO it is road trip time everyone. Pack up the bus, pack up the van, and get on your favorite wheels because we are all gathering in Kansas City. Not ideal to those of us in the upper reaches of the North East or Northwest, but we love living where we are and used to this travel challenge.

Timing the Jamboree in early spring gives you an opportunity to tune up for the upcoming parade and regional competition season. In other words, a good opportunity to tune up before the busy season.

#### A Value Proposition to deal with Challenge #2

**1. Build on your musical talents for free.** The first annual Kansas City gathering of the bands takes on an educational aspect as well as Jamboree format. The foremost music virtuosos in the Oriental Band world will be available to offer workshops in further developing your skills in whether you are a horn player or a percussion virtuoso. You have new members in your band with no musical experience?

Don't quite know how to bring them up to speed? Bring them to Kansas City. You are a music director looking for some insights or lessons learned from other directors? Come to Kansas City and participate in the OB Directors open forum. Helping you build on your musical virtuosity helps you increase the value you bring to your Temple and our Philanthropy.

**2. A Music Jamboree open to all skill levels and band size.** The only qualification required to participate in the Kansas City Jamboree is a desire to perform. Size does not matter (you heard this one before I am sure). Seriously a few years ago a lone noble showed up at our Minneapolis event and declared he was a band of one and wished to compete. He regaled us with his horn and won our hearts with his positive approach, his ambition as well as his skill.

With the jamboree format, we are asking you to join us no matter your perceived skill level. Come ready to entertain us and have a lot of fun. We will have all the performance categories covered so that you can go back to your temple with appropriate recognition.

#### All Oriental Bandmen are frustrated comedians

Most important of all, let us not forget one of the most important outcomes when we get together; and that is that we have mega fun together. At some level I think that we are all frustrated comedian wanna-be's. Kneeling over knee slapping laughter is a common occurrence in our social gatherings.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City as we join the hundreds who will be arriving. Come prepared to have a knee slapping, moon hollering, and eye tearing good old time together.  
Cheers

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See you at the  
**ASOB JAMBOREE**  
March 31 - April 2, 2017  
in Kansas City, MO!

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#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Harry Pressman

Summer is over and I hope all the Oriental Bands are back to work.

After taking a few weeks off in July, I

attended the Central States in August in Little Rock. Had a great time and met some terrific people. The drive from Houston was beautiful and I really enjoyed the solitude. Got to see my grandkids in McKinney, Texas, on the way home. Really enjoyed seeing them.

The second weekend in September, I flew to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for the South Atlantic get-together. For me, it was like a homecoming as I am from that part of the country but it had been years since I was there. South Atlantic did a credible job raising money for the "Ladder of Smiles."

In October, went to Fort Worth, Texas, for the ASOB Mid-Winter. Have to say that President Tom Crow and his lovely Lady Katie put on a grand weekend. Stayed in the "Stock Yards" at the Hyatt. We made a lot of progress at our business meeting. The top of the agenda was discussing the ASOB Jamboree in Kansas City, March 31st, April 1st and April 2nd. We are looking for a big turnout. Spent balance of October and November in Houston enjoying the rest.

On December 6, I'm going to visit About Saad Shriners in Panama City, Panama. They are starting an Oriental Band and I'm looking forward to having them join our family. Amara Shrine and Don Moores donated costumes to the new band and our 1st Vice President Chris Tsaros gathered instruments from his Shrine Center, Al Azhar, and shipped them to Panama. The ramrod for this project was Dr. A.J. DiCaro

from Arabia Shriners. For those bands planning on being in Kansas City, PLEASE get your registration form in ASAP so I can order trophies.

Looking forward to spending the holidays with my family and friends here in Houston when I get back from Panama. My Lady Joni and I want to wish all a very happy and safe Holiday Season. Not being politically correct, that means Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukkah and a Very Merry Christmas.



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Don Moores

**H o l i d a y  
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B a n d s m e n :**  
Another year came and is now about gone with only Chanukah and Christmas Seasons left in this year. I

hope each one of you and your families had the best celebration ever and that 2017 will be the happiest, healthiest and prosperous year ever. This is usually the continuing wish every year, always hoping the next will be better than the last.

Since the last article it has been a busy time. The day after Labor Day, Bambino, my four-legged buddy, and I left home to attend the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association in Virginia Beach and in particular, Mid-Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association activities, which are scaled down. MASOBA had a good year last year with President Robert Reid leading, Wayne Grumbein was elected and installed as President for 2016-2017 and is looking forward to another successful year. We wish him the best in his year of leadership and look forward to a great year for MASOBA. Their Past President and Ladies Banquet will be in late February in Reading, PA.

From Virginia Beach it was then to Myrtle Beach, SC, for the South

Atlantic Shrine Association and the SASOBA events. SASOBA holds all of their activities on the Thursday before SASA is supposed to begin, but lately it seems that the SASA events are once again bleeding into the special day SASOBA was granted about five years ago. SASOBA 2015-2016 was led by Randy Blake, Beni Kedem, it was a very successful year and Jeff Allen, Amran, was elected and installed 2016-2017 President. All of us in the ASOB wish each of the officers much success in 2016-2017.

In October, the Executive Committee Meeting was held in the Old Fort Worth Stockyard Historical area of Fort Worth, President Tom Crow had a very busy weekend of meetings and fun activities planned. It was a very successful work and fun filled time in the Stockyards area. The minutes of the Mid-Year meeting and the Executive Committee meeting are elsewhere in this issue.

Dues notices were mailed in October, as of today we have had eight bands with their dues paid for 2017, one band is welcomed back into the fold of the Association, Medinah Shrine Oriental Band. If your band did not receive their dues notice please have your Secretary or Treasurer notify me and I will mail another copy out, I only had good addresses for the bands that paid last year but the dues notices went to the last Secretary of record in our files. We need bands to pay their dues to the A.S.O.B. as soon as they can because the cost of printing this single issue of the *Na Khabar* is rather significant. The January 2015 issue was \$4,185.59: Layout \$700.00, Printing \$1,625.13, Mailing \$1,860.46. The decision before us is: **Can we afford to continue to print even one issue?** Our Current Balance is \$1,873.47, as you can see we are operating frugally and need dues paid as soon as they can be paid. The balance of the cost for the current issue will have to be paid before this issue can be mailed.

Yours in the Faith,  
Donald Moores  
A.S.O.B. Secy./Treas.

## APPOINTMENTS



**LADDER  
OF SMILES  
CHAIRMAN**  
Michael Hartup  
Happy New Year! I hope this year is one of many parades, great friends and fellowship, and the sweetest music this side

of heaven.

Maggie and I are looking forward to 2017 and the many activities scheduled. **Weather permitting**, we plan a trip to Pennsylvania in February for the Rajah/Lancaster County Oriental Band Ladies Night and Past President's Ball. Mother Nature does not always cooperate with us for this trip but we keep trying.

In March, we will be in San Antonio for the T.A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting and the next weekend, in Kansas City for the First Annual A.S.O.B. Jamboree. The following weekend we plan to visit South East Shrine Association in Pensacola, Florida. In June we will be in Washington D.C. for a very special event. The A.S.O.B. has the privilege of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. This is not only an honor but also a once in a lifetime opportunity.

July will find us in Daytona Beach, Florida, for Imperial Session, and in August we will be back in Kansas City for Central States Shrine Association meetings and competition. It looks like a busy six months for us. All of these meetings and activities are open to any bandsman and I encourage each of you to visit another band and/or regional association. More fun, friendship and fellowship, you won't find a nicer group of guys than Oriental Bandsmen!

President Tom and his officers have planned the First Annual A.S.O.B.



Jamboree for March 31 through April 2, 2017. The information and registration forms are in this issue of the Na Khabar, so fill them out and send them in! I am hoping we have a good number of bands participating so we can look forward to the second annual. Midian Oriental Band will be there with our rendition of "Caravan."

President Tom set his goal at raising \$80,000.00 for our kids and our hospitals through the Ladder of Smiles. This is a reachable goal and with your help this will be a reality. I recently received a letter from an attorney regarding a bequest left to the Ladder of Smiles from an Oriental Bandsman who was visited by the Black Camel. What a thoughtful gift and I know our kids will benefit from this bandsman's generosity. This is just one way to make a gift a reality.

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

I bid you peace...

Mike

## AMBASSADORS



**CENTRAL STATES**  
Rick Moody

Greetings from the bands of Central States. Wow, is it me or what? The older I get, the faster the time goes! The year 2016 flew by

and another great year was experienced by the bands of Central States. I wish to thank the officers of the ASOBCSSA and especially, Richard Sobek of Abdallah Shrine, for putting together a fantastic Central States experience for all the bands that attended Little Rock, Arkansas, this past summer. Also, thank you to ASOB President Tom Crow and

the other ASOB officers that were kind enough to attend and judge this year's oriental band competition. A great time was had by all.

A fantastic event is coming to the Midwest and I hope all the bands of Central States will attend. ASOB will be holding its First Annual ASOB Jamboree in Kansas City on March 31, April 1 and April 2, 2017. Please plan to attend. This is an opportunity to see some of the best oriental bands perform in the nation, and you can be a part of it too. Information for this event is located in the September issue of Na Khabar, and most likely this issue. The email is [www.asob.org](http://www.asob.org). I can also send you information by emailing me at [rdmoody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdmoody@sbcglobal.net).

A message to all the bands of Central States. Please email me with your new officer roster. I would really appreciate it. It would help me keep you better informed about different events, news, etc. that you may want to know. Please email me at [rdmoody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdmoody@sbcglobal.net). Together, we make a big difference in kids' lives. Remember, why we do what we do. God Bless Oriental Bands.

Your humble servant,  
Rick



**FLORIDA**  
Robert E. Stihler

Well, 2017 is here and let's hope for a GOOD YEAR! From what I hear, the Great Sahib Oriental Band is well on its way to a good year with

having secured several new members to include Karen Anderson and Marty Jordan. Noble Jordan has been a busy bee having orchestrated several projects and will also be the new *Na Khabar* Scribe, thus permitting Paul "The Greek" Pante to dry off his quill.

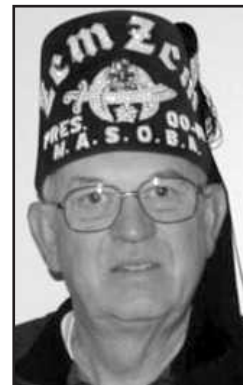
Congratulations and Best Wishes to their new Band Officers - Nobles Don Clements, President; VP Harold Eady; Secretary Marty Jordan; Treasurer Tom McGill and Music Director Floyd LaDue.

The Greek has arranged a 5 night Band cruise to the Caribbean in March which should be "oceans" of fun.

The "Boys in the Band" at Egypt are hanging in there, but with health issues, their activities have been somewhat curtailed. Although their activity has been low, their camaraderie has been high in hopes that they might "snare" ("drumatically" speaking), a new member or two to increase the ranks.

Unfortunately, I have had no input from some of the other Florida Bands, so I'm unable to relay their activities.

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals. God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America.



**MID ATLANTIC**  
Keith Oviatt

At the annual meeting of MASOBA held at Virginia Beach on September 9, 2016, the election of officers was held. Prior to the election

the roll call assured us that all elected officers were present as well as 7 Past Presidents. ASOB Officers present were President Tom Crow, Secretary/Treasurer Don Moores, Sec/Treas. Emeritus Bud Moore and myself. Before the business portion of the meeting, Keith Oviatt introduced 10 year old Emily Mellish, a Shriner kid. She gave a short speech thanking the Shriners for all they have done for her. I might mention that Emily has several projects (bracelets, photos and ties) in which she donates the money back to Shrine Hospitals. To date, in a little over 4 years, she has raised over

\$60,000. Pretty good for a girl whose parents were told when she was born that she would probably never be able to sit up. Tom Crow told of a young man that was injured playing football and the local hospital was going to write him off to a wheelchair. After treatment at Shriner's in Galveston he is now playing college baseball. These are just two of the examples of why we are Shriners!

The election of officers was held and Wayne Grumbein was elected President with other line officers moving up. The Sgt. at Arms and protector of the blender position went to Warren Lewis of Irem Shrine. Needless to say the position of Sec/Treas went to John Grumbein without any opposition. The officers were installed by Ill. Sir Larry Bortz, Potentate of Rajah Shrine. The election of Wayne Grumbein marks the third generation of Grumbeins to hold that office! A collection was taken amounting to \$338 for the Ladder of Smiles. On Saturday morning the parade results were as follows - Jaffa 1st place with Rajah in second and Irem Director Fred Dietrich won best Drum Major.

Just a thought: The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close. Don't forget the Ladder of Smiles - it is what we are all about.



*MASOBA Pres. Wayne Grumbein, Emily Mellish & ASOB Pres. Tom Crow*



*MASOBA officers being sworn in.*



## **NEW YORK/ ONTARIO**

Bob Jones

The NYOASOB is now down to two bands - Hamilton and Oshawa. Both are struggling to put members on the street.

By way of activities both are holding events during the year, however finding it difficult to have enough members to play the music.

During the year, Hamilton was the official Oriental band at the Rameses Spring Ceremonial in Niagara Falls and Oshawa Oriental Band played at the Rameses Fall Ceremonial in Toronto.

Oshawa is now down to five active members - 2 musettes, 2 side drummers and 1 bass drum. Hopefully the Oshawa Band can survive and we trust Hamilton will also.

Because of the difference in the US and Canadian Dollar going to the states is expensive. We would dearly love to attend ASOB events. Annual dues are coming up and we will see how many renew their membership in ASOB.

I know Hamilton had an issue with a donation to the Ladder of Smiles a couple of years ago and I trust it has been resolved.

Not much more, except both bands are still alive North of the Border in the NYOASOB. Remember the Ladder of Smiles and our Shriners Hospitals for Children.



## **SOUTH ATLANTIC**

Nolan Stanley

Greetings from the South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association (SASOBA). SASOBA consists of OB

bands from seven states. As we have moved through the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays we are ready to start a new year. Hard to believe we will be beginning the year 2017. These years are really flying by and members of SASOBA are working hard to keep up.

At our annual Convention we had a great turnout in Myrtle Beach, SC. Our festivities were held on Thursday, 15 September at the Sea Mist Convention Center. The day started with breakfast and a business meeting for the men. At the same time Lady Susan was entertaining the ladies at brunch with a Christmas in September theme. The ladies reported it was lots of fun and everyone went home with a special Christmas gift.

The always impressive Beni Kedem Oriental Band took the honor of Overall band in the competition held that afternoon. No competition is complete without the world famous Ralph Cavalieri as the MC. He never disappoints with his timeless and sometimes funny jokes.

Annually at the banquet an outstanding band member is presented with the Bandsman of the Year Award. This year the recipient was Ellis Abrams, ACCA Oriental Band. It is with a heavy heart that we report Ellis recently passed away and will be deeply missed. Ellis was an active member of the ACCA Oriental Band and SASOBA for more than 35 years.

We were honored to have ASOB President Tom Crow, Lady Katie, and ASOB Past Presidents Jeff Moores and Don Moores spend time with us in Myrtle Beach. Thank you all for coming. We would like to extend our thanks to Noble Randy Blake, Lady Susan and the SASOBA officers for a very enjoyable time with fellow Oriental Band members and their spouses. It is during times like this we are able to connect with old friends and appreciate what the Shrine is all about as we support the Childrens' Hospitals thru the Ladder of Smiles.

Following SASOBA officers were installed for the 2017 year:



President- Jeff Allen, 1st Vice President - Forest Demanes, 2nd Vice President - Dave Tucker, 3rd Vice President - Steve Meagher, Secretary/ Treasurer - Hurf Bolyard, Sgt of Arms - Ralph Cavalieri. President Allen has already made plans for exciting get-aways for his mid-winter and summer meetings. Details to follow in next article. Wishing everyone a prosperous and peaceful New Year! Remember everything we do is for the kids!

Fraternally,  
Richard Stanley, SASOBA Ambassador



*Installation of SASOBA Officers*



*Past ASOB President Jeff Moores, SASOBA President Randy Blake, ASOB President Tom Crow, & SASOBA Ambassador Richard Stanley*



**TEXAS**  
David Dodgen  
Greetings All from Texas Ambassador David Dodgen! The dates for the 2017 T.A.S.O.B. Mid-winter are March 24 to

26, 2017. The hotel is the El Tropicano and it is located on the north end of the River Walk. The hotel has hosted the T.A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter before and they look forward to a repeat visit by our Association.

Sharon Oriental band participated in the Tyler Rose Parade on October 15



*(picture of us getting in line and ready)*

and we did indeed entertain the thousands of people lining the streets of Tyler. The crowd hoops and hollers when the band comes down the street and some even try to dance in the streets. Not really sure what kind of dancing they could do to our music. Had a fair amount of band members to participate and had a fun-filled day.

Afterwards Sharon had their Fall Ceremonial. The band participates in this also, which is always a fun time. The Illustrious Potentate, Mr. Wayne Osborne, from Hella, joined us for our ceremonial and asked the Sharon band to come and play for Hella's Fall Ceremonial in November. What a great honor for our band. We will be going to Hella November 12 to play in their ceremonial. We are excited to be given this honor.

Oriental Band Mid-Winter for 2018 in Tyler is taking shape. The dates will be March 23-25. We have made a lot of arrangements, contracts signed and are now trying to get our fundraisers in order. We have a lot already accomplished and are working on the small stuff. I am getting excited now that we have all the major deals done. I know that all will enjoy what we have planned and hope everyone

comes to Tyler.

Moslah Oriental Band has elected new officers for 2017. Caliph Gene Kolvig, Sheik Chris Hendry, and Recorder Nick Epting. The Band has been busy with Circus Ad Sales as the Moslah Shrine Circus approaches in Mid-November. That is it for now!!

David Dodgen  
Moslah Oriental Band  
Past Caliph, Past TASOB Pres.

## BAND NEWS

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As the year comes to a close, the Abdallah Oriental Band has one more parade - Ottawa, Kansas, Christmas Parade. Surprisingly, even in adverse weather this parade is one of the largest, most anticipated of the year. Maybe because the season brings hope and anticipation of peace, camaraderie and joy for all. With that in mind, we, The Band, wish that all our fellow Bandsmen and their families have the most joyful year.

Abdallah OB must be doing something right as we gained five new members this past year: Don Marah, Chris Robertson, Tyler Boxberger, Ron Maybell and affiliate member, Tut McAfee. Congrats guys, welcome to the sound, color and spirit of Abdallah!

Anticipation of the upcoming 1st Annual ASOB World Jamboree in Kansas City, MO, March 31 thru April 2, 2017, is working at the back of our minds since this event is taking place in our backyard. Situated in the heart of the country makes this a much more available competition, no excuses left. We hope to see all of you here for this historical event. (See Ad this issue)



The Band is also making plans for our regional 2017 Central States Shrine Association Convention, Labor Day weekend, here in Overland Park, KS. The ASOBCS competition is always spectacular and well attended since Overland Park is centrally located within the region. The OB hopes all the ASOBCS Bands bring their 'A' game.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! This article being due on the first of December, happens to also be the same date as the installation of the 2017 incoming officers of the THE Band. ABDALLAH ORIENTAL BAND 2017 OFFICERS:

**President:** Ed Harvey  
**Vice President:** Don Marah  
**Treasurer:** Gregg Loeser  
**Secretary:** Roy Samuel  
**Quartermaster:** Don Best PP  
**Sergeant At Arms:** Richard Sobek  
**Director:** Appointed By Potentate (2017)

Fraternally Yours,  
Roy Samuel

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Amara Shriners Oriental Band is continuing to have membership problems. Failure to attract new members, the Executive Committee Strategic Committee was meeting in October when Amara had their ceremonial. Therefore no one was there to play for the Ceremonial. We paraded once in the last eighteen months with three members.

We are hoping for a better year in 2017 but the only unit growing in our Shrine Center are the Mariners, which ride the parades in a boat; and Motorcycles, which a lot of members have joined. Counting the Widow's Sons we have three units of motorcycles. Pray for the Oriental Band.

Yours In the Faith,  
Don Moores

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Summer is gone and things are back in full swing in the Oriental Band! We had a great stated meeting in September and November where we enjoyed wonderful meals and welcomed in several new members! We are always excited to get some new blood and even more excited when we have had numerous new members this Shrine year.

I want to thank Bill and Barbara Oakley for volunteering to set up and work the Oriental Band table for the Fall Ceremonial. I would also like to give Barbara thanks for helping me with the meal for the stated meetings. She has been a life-saver these last two years and was instrumental in helping us get our float refurbished.

At our called meeting in October we presented our 2017 slate of officers that were elected at the November stated meeting: President - Cam Lipe, Vice President - Michael DeFrance, Secretary/Treasurer - Mike Mann, Music Director - Clarence Wittwer. As you can see we have plenty of newer faces stepping up to give us old band guys a break.

Another important discussion item at the November meeting was the ASOB Jamboree in Kansas City, Missouri, starting on March 31st and running through April 2nd. The general thoughts are that we try to attend and compete as a small band. As Director Elect I am going to make it happen if at all possible.

One final note is that it was decided by the group to hold our holiday party on Saturday, December 17th at 6PM in the band room. We will be doing a Mexican theme potluck so bring your favorite Mexican dish. As always we will do a White Elephant gift exchange and we ask that each couple bring a gift of not over \$15 in value for a Noble and a Lady and those flying solo just bring a single gift.

That is all for now my friends. I hope to as many of you as possible at the called meeting!

Fraternally yours,  
Clarence L. Wittwer

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As of this writing, (29 Nov 16), the Band has not held its 2017 nominations/election of 2017 Band Officers, but I suspect, as in the recent past, the sitting officers will remain "in their chairs."

I trust all had a Very Merry Christmas/Hanukkah and a safe entry into 2017. Remember the kids in the hospitals God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America!

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Hi from the Hammer as the locals call it, or Hamilton, Ontario, as the rest of the globe knows it. It's a fresh day here north of the 49<sup>th</sup>/. Yes, we have snow and it's 32 degrees Fahrenheit, as Uncle Sam calls it, or 0 degrees Celsius to us Canucks! Not only is the weather a changin', change is the air everywhere and indeed it is the watchword these days. Not only do we see change politically, we see it literally everywhere we turn, some for better and otherwise. Indeed, change has affected our local blue or craft lodges, concordant bodies and our beloved Shrine as well. Admittedly, it would seem that lodges, like churches and other groups, are all struggling and suffering from a downturn in membership and attendance. Certainly, the Shriners' Oriental Band of Hamilton

is no exception. Yes, like others, our unit is struggling. However, on the bright side, our Hamilton Oriental Band is blessed to have a loyal and determined executive and membership which embraces hope for a brighter future, embracing change and making the best of that future.

Our band executive has quite a number of repeaters and retreads! Our secretary, Noble John McGragh continues to serve faithfully; our treasurer, Noble Gary Knox, is just as determined to help our cause; and our vice president, Noble Ken Gibson, loves the band like family; our director, Noble Subash Rai, has the energy and optimism to move mountains; and the prez, that's this scribe, can't understand defeat!

On the plus side, in the spring, our band played the Rameses spring ceremonial. Moreover, we held a fabulous Mandarin Degree with Sub Rai, the Mandarin, holding court and our fabulous Noble, Past D.D.G.M., Bud Funnell excelling in his soothsayer's part. Well, we had fun and we made almost \$1,200.00 cdn. for the transportation fund.

Unfortunately, we did not parade this past year, once due to a lack of players for the Canada Day parade and later due to the lack of availability of a vehicle properly equipped to tow our float. However, we are hopeful that with the striking of a degree team this next year and promoting the Shrine in craft lodges, our fortunes will improve.

Currently, we are in the middle of selling tickets for our upcoming "Turkey Roll" which is really a club fundraiser with the support of many club members selling tickets. The draw will be held on December 10, 2016.

In closing, on behalf of all igloo dwellers above the 49<sup>th</sup>//, we wish those in the banana belt and wherever you are a Very Merry Christmas and Very, Very Best New Year 2017. Remember to keep your stick on the nice, Nobles!

## **IREM**

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Once again the Irem Nobility can hold their heads high with regards to its Oriental Band. The occasion marks another successful MASA convention in which our Director Fred Dietrich was selected as "Best Director in Parade." A special rap on the gong as Luke Schofield was elected to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of MASOBA and will serve his presidency starting in July 2018.

This past November the Irem OB held its 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in which the following officers were chosen: Director - Fred Dietrich, President - Warren Lewis, Vice President - Paul McNamara, Secretary - Olin Evans, Treasurer - James Roberts, and Financial Secretary - Stephen Dreater.

With the winter solstice approaching we will take a few weeks of winter hibernation. Come March rehearsals will be in order for our annual participation in the Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Being one of the oldest Oriental Bands in Shrinedom we are hopeful our Bedouins will flourish again in 2017.

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Warm Chicagoland Greetings to all Oriental Bandsmen. After I stop shivering I'll tell you the news! Our Oriental Band had quite a pleasant Fall season. Our Ceremonial Performance was hailed by many as the best one in quite a few years. I believe this to be true because a politician told me!

Our XMAS Banquet was held at the Medinah Shrine Center Oasis. All

who attended were quite joyous and satiated. The Band and its Director, Howard Giesen, wish everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Bruce M. Allman, Scribe

## **MOSLAH**

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Here we go into a New Year, new opportunities and a new government to boot! Let's pray on this one.

Finishing out business of 2016, the last event that I was able to attend was Central States in Little Rock, AR. A great time and with good attendance from the Central States OB community not to mention some great hospitality. I also was given the opportunity to judge the Oriental Band competitions and put a few photos on Face Book.

Locally here in Moslah land we had the annual Bedouin Men's outing in Perrin, Texas, which found the guys having a weekend of male bonding. Pictures are also on Face Book, check us out.

A cadre of Bedouins turned out for the fall street drive, which found the Bedouins in Weatherford just outside of Fort Worth to the west. We must keep the hospitals in our focus.

November being upon us found the annual Shrine Circus to be attended to. Again a dedicated group of folks did the job. The Unit also had its election process this past November and congratulations go to Noble elect Recorder "Nick" Epting for being accepted to the position of recorder for 2017. By the time this article hits the "street" a new slate of officers will have taken the reins. The new year promises to offer many challenges and opportunities for the Bedouins.

The Unit is looking forward to the Mid-Winter meeting, which will be



held in March on the beautiful River Walk in San Antonio. Stay tuned for more information on this great event.



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Another Thanksgiving has passed and my stomach is thoroughly stuffed, as if you could tell, LOL!

The Band has basically folded its tent for the winter, as there are no parades planned.

On November 28th, the Draggin Ladies will be decorating the Temple foyer with the usual decorations. The Band members show up to help out in the effort. Erik Busby made seriously good gumbo!!

The Annual Ladies Appreciation Night will be held on December 10th at the Temple. There will be a Prime Rib dinner for all who attend.

At this time I would like to congratulate our going Sultan Ed Broker for a job very well done. Not bad for a re-tread from Brooklyn!

We are in need of more horn

players. I hope we switch to single reed so as to encourage others to play or join the band with this in mind!!

The incoming Potentate has asked the Band to play at his Installation and Celebratory Ball. He must have hearing issues!!

The Officers were nominated for next year and, most likely, will be elected on December 4th. The Nominees are: Darrick Hayman for Sultan, Frank Martinez for Pasha 1, George Pentland Pasha 2, Keeper of the Purse Norm Wold and Keeper of the Scrolls Bruce Garner. Trustees for 2016: Jim Hutchins for the 1 year position, Ed Broker for the 2 year position and Wayne Duke for the 3 year position. All will do a credible job I am sure.

It's colder than my first wife's heart! Hope we get a thaw soon! Hasn't been raining or snowing just cold! That's all my ink for now!

Stay tuned!  
Fraternally, Bruce Garner

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Yes, it's true. The Oriental Band is still alive and kicking. After a few "technical difficulties" we have an article in the Na Khabar again. I will try my best to bring us up to speed for the past few months. Bear with me.

The Black Camel visited two of our most senior members over the summer. Noble John Marcin Jr., the most senior member of our Band, with 50 years of service, passed away in July. John, along with my late father George, escorted me to the old Rajah Shrine on 6th Street in 1975 and made sure I was well taken care of for the second section. I, along with many members of the Band, have some great memories of John. He will be sorely missed.

A few days later, Noble Harry Huhn Jr., father of our President Jay Huhn, passed away unexpectedly. Noble Harry had 35 years with the Band. Another "unforgettable" member, Noble Harry, with his "Harryisms" always put a smile on your face. Our most sincere, belated condolences go out to his Lady Jeanne and family.

On a positive note, the Band represented Rajah Shrine in the Goodwill Fire Company's 90th Anniversary Fireman's Parade in Trexlertown. How long can a parade be in Trexlertown you may ask? Not long at all. The hot, tired, Nobles in the parade retreated to John and Sharon Grumbein's afterward for replenishment of vital fluids. It was a great day!

In September we made the annual pilgrimage to the MASA convention in Virginia Beach. On Friday morning Noble Wayne Grumbein and Donald Heimbecker were elected to the offices of President and 3rd Vice President of the Mid Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association respectively. Illustrious Sir Larry Bortz did the honor of installing all of the officers of the Association. It should be noted that Noble Wayne is now the 3rd generation to become President of the Association along with his late grandfather George and father John. The Band is very proud to have Wayne and Don serving in the Association. The Band entered competition in the MASA Parade on Saturday and came away with a surprise 2nd place finish. I guess we weren't that bad after all.

We have now just completed the Halloween parade season. Yes, it's finally over. The Band did a good job of representing Rajah Shrine in the Lehigh Valley. The "Camel" put on over 400 miles and is now resting comfortably in its stall at the complex. Thank you to all who unselfishly gave of themselves to participate in the parades!

It's not too early to advertise the



annual Rajah Oriental Band Ladies Night to be held Saturday, February 25, 2017, at the Inn at Reading, Reading, PA. This will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter meeting of M.A.S.O.B.A. For more information, contact John Grumbein at 610-395-6578 of jkgrumbein@aol.com

The Holiday Season is now closing in upon us. From the Rajah Oriental Band and its officers, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very happy, safe and peaceful New Year.

John

### **RAMESES-OSHAWA** Oshawa, Ontario

Bob Jones  
99Keewatin St. S.  
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 6Z2  
rojones4@gmail.com



Greetings from North of the Border. Our parade season is about over at the time of writing. Weather has been okay for playing. Our numbers are dwindling and we have a challenge each parade hoping we have at least 5 members out. We are down to 2 musettes and 3 drums on parade but we keep on playing.

The band held two events during 2016 and both were well attended. The most recent was a Legends of Rock and Roll night with dinner.

The band attended the Rameses Fall Ceremonial in November and performed quite well. At least the members present thought so.

We are struggling as most bands are and age is a factor. We have a float, but now excuses of I can't step up or afraid of falling. Age sucks. We are looking forward to 2017 and hopefully will survive.

The Oshawa Oriental Band and members wish all ASOB members and their families the best of the season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Remember the Ladder of Smiles.

 **2017 IMPERIAL SESSION**  
in Daytona Beach, Florida, July 9-13  
.....Mark your calendars!.....

### **SAHIB** Sarasota, Florida

Sec. Martin (Marty) Jordan  
146 Juniper Trace  
Parrish, FL 34219  
941-981-2687  
ShrinerMJJ@aol.com



Greetings from Sarasota, FL, and the Sahib Oriental Band. This is my first article for The NA KHABAR as the infamous "Greek," aka "Mr. Nice," Past President of A.S.O.B., has decided after many, many years to give his pen a rest. He graciously anointed me to this position of scribe and I hope that my articles may be as interesting as his. He is not going anywhere and is now the OB'ers cruise director. Greek, thank you for leaving me with the empty pen, your insight and support. Most importantly "THANK YOU" for your over thirty years as an OB'er and your service to A.S.O.B.

I could not be any more proud than I am in assuming this position and that of Secretary for the OB. A quick little bio about myself. I have been a Shriner for over 36 years. After recently retiring as a Fire Chief in Maine I moved to Florida and affiliated with Sahib.

The holidays are behind us and all those New Year's resolutions are in the works...LOL. Our Potentate Carroll Scribner enjoyed a very successful FEZtival of Trees which is our Shrine's third largest fund raiser. The OB tree was 7 ft. tall and decorated with all gold ornaments. Bidding to purchase this tree was blustery.

Where did 2016 go? Here we are in 2017 and it is gearing up to be even busier. After a great showing at the Imperial Convention we started back with our weekly rehearsals and busy parade schedule. A new sense of enthusiasm has taken place within the OB with attendance at virtually 100% of our members. An active new member recruitment is underway with OB promotional materials, including business cards, pens, and signs, given to every member to share. All members were awarded a new patch & collar

pin for our uniforms signifying our 1st Place Championship win at the July Convention Competition.

With the new Imperial rule allowing non-shriners to be part of the units, we have now taken in our first such member, Lady Karen, as a new horn player. She is proving to be a great asset to the OB. We certainly feel the relaxing of this rule will certainly allow us to recruit new members for the OB more easily and spur more growth for A.S.O.B.

Here are some of the facts and history about our band compiled by "Greek." Since our inception in 1982 to present, the band has been to 26 Imperials and won 12 First Place trophies and 9 Second Place trophies. Some of the places we have visited are (but not limited to) Denver (2), Boston (2), Atlanta, New Orleans, Las Vegas, Birmingham, Minneapolis, Toronto, Miami, San Antonio, Indianapolis, Baltimore, St. Louis, Vancouver B.C., Dallas, San Francisco, Chicago, etc. In addition, we have been judged to be the Best Band of show not once but 4 times.

We are so proud of this 34 year history and it could not have been accomplished without the past and present OB members. We have so much appreciation for the tireless efforts of A.S.O.B. and all its leaders, along with all the past and current A.S.O.B. member bands. As they say, no one goes it alone. The friendships, fellowship, competition along with the joy of playing such unique music is priceless. It goes without saying that the 2016 award of Best Band Director to our Director Floyd LaDue was well deserved. Lastly, but most importantly, to the wives and significant others who grease the wheels to keep us going no matter where we are, we must honor with our coveted Gold Plated Musette Award!!! As you all know without their support there would be no OB'ers.

Sadly, we report the loss of one of our Bandsmen, William Caraker aka Billy Bob. Our deepest sympathy is sent to his family and wife, Dee. A contingent of OB'ers attended his funeral dressed



in our Red Blazers.

We would like to say thank you to Past Potentate Scribe and his Lady Sandy for such great support of the OB during 2016 and we look forward to you joining us again. We welcome our new Potentate William Balkwill and his Lady Gail and wish them a very successful 2017. He is so impressed with the OB that he has requested we perform at his Potentate's Ball this month.

Fundraising is always on our minds and by the time you read this we will have participated in our first fund raiser of the year. Through the generous invitation of a local Sarasota, Florida restaurateur, we were asked to be at his establishment on a busy Tuesday night of snow bird season. We were given a donation of 20% from all patrons bills. He says he just loves the Shriners and what we do.

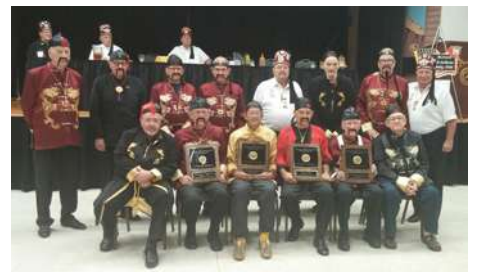
We were invited to play at the East/West Shriners Football Game at the Tropicana Stadium but were unable due to only 16 of us being on the field in such a large venue that no one would hear us. We are honored for the invitation.

In closing, a reminder that your Shrine is the Oriental Band and the Oriental Band is your Shrine. It is synonymous. Participate in your Shrine, your OB. Recruit, recruit, recruit as new members means enthusiasm, growth and, yes, change. Change is good. Without change what happens? Nothing! Participate in and let us enjoy our great organization. Get together, enjoy each other. Our Cruise Director, The Greek, has planned an OB cruise for March which a majority of the OB'ers are going on. This is TEAM building at it's best.

But never forget what we are truly all about, "Playing for the Kids" and our Shrine Hospitals. The Ladder of Smiles is our philanthropy. Let's exceed the A.S.O.B President's goal.

Until next time, I wish all OB'ers, the A.S.O.B. and its officers a truly blessed 2017, with the best health, prosperity and year of growth.

Yours in Faith,  
Marty







**ZEM ZEM**  
Erie, Pennsylvania

Keith Oviatt  
366 Patti Lane  
Pittsfield, PA 16340  
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knjoviatt@verizon.net



Parade season is over and the Holiday Season is upon us. Instruments have been put in mothballs for the winter and bandsmen are at rest.

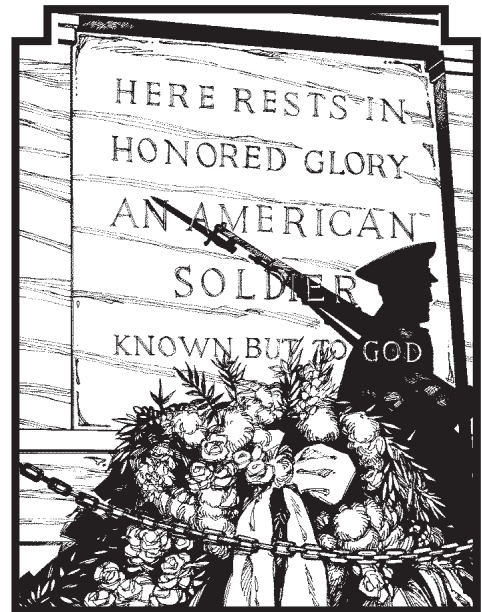
We finished up with the Youngsville Corn Festival and the Conneautville Pumpkin Festival. New officers have been elected with Dick Sullivan as our new President and is also our Drum Major. WE are working on obtaining a couple of new members.

Our Christmas party was held at the Temple on December 11th. This is the first year that our sweetheart Emily was not able to attend due to another operation at Shriner's in Philly on the 6th. We had a good attendance and an enjoyable time.

Our Reverse Drawing was held and were able to make a profit and make a donation to the First Ladies Fund that will be used for a new portable X-Ray machine. The Ladies also had a raffle and were able to send a donation to the Ladder of Smiles.

The Oriental Bandsmen of Zem Zem hope you had a Merry Holiday Season and as well as a safe one.

Thought for the day: There is no greater treasure than a good friend! Don't forget the Ladder of Smiles this Holiday Season as well as the rest of the year.



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**PUBLISHER**



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### Top Ten

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ISMALIA ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$1,000.00
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ARARAT ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$500.00

### 11-15

ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$357.00
EL KARUBAH ORIENTAL .....	\$350.00
AL KADER ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
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CAIRO ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$100.00

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Maggie Hartup (Midian)

Midian Oriental Band

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# 2017 IMPERIAL SESSION

*July 9 - 13, 2017*



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

*July 2017*

**Sunday, July 9**

6:00 pm

Hospitality Room Open for Drinks

**Monday, July 10**

Time TBA

Stage Exhibition .....Market Place Stage  
Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, Fez, Jewel, Name Tag  
Hospitality Room Opens after Exhibition

**Tuesday, July 11**

5:00 pm

Hospitality Room Schedule to be Posted  
Parade Competition Line Up  
Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, Fez, Jewel, Name Tag

**Wednesday, July 12**

9:00 am

Awards .....Hospitality Room  
Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, fez, Jewel, Name Tag  
Hospitality Room Open until Noon

*Have a safe trip home!*



*Join us in July at  
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## **Melha Oriental Band**

*Wishes the ASOB another  
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# The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

## MINUTES OF MID-WINTER MEETING

Old Fort Worth Historical Area, Fort Worth, TX, October 22, 2016

The 2016-2017 Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International, Mid-Winter Meeting was held in conjunction with the Executive Committee Strategic Meeting.

The A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting was opened by President Tom Crow on October 22, 2016 at 9:00 AM with welcoming remarks for all in attendance, the Pledge to the Flag by 3rd VP Darren DeHass, P.P.; prayer by 2nd VP Harry Pressman

A.S.O.B. Officers, and Past Presidents in attendance were: Tom Crow, Chris Tsaros, Harry Pressman, Darren DeHass, Don Moores, Ralph Jubb, Michael Hartup, Joe Brewton, David McCarthy and Jeff Moores.

The Officers in turn reviewed any previously unprinted activities after the last publication of the Na Khabar.

Secretary/Treasurer Don Moores – Further discussion was held regarding the operation of the Association as a business tabled from the last Mid-Winter Meeting. The By-Laws call for a Band that has not paid the current year's dues by the time of the annual meeting to be suspended. Discussion followed to determine the method of reinstatement. It was discussed to delay the re-application to the Association for reinstatement along with the payment of dues for the year the band was suspended and the current year's dues. This will be done for the Dues Year 2017.

In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer will send a second notice card to member bands which had not paid their current year's dues in the April time frame. Also, advertisers in the Na Khabar would also be sent an invoice for their ads.

The Secretary reported on the Financial status of the Association. The dues forms were given to the officers for distribution during their travels. The balances in the three Accounts are:

BB&T A.S.O.B. Operating Account .....	\$ 1,227.75
RBC A.S.O.B. Canadian Account CDN\$.....	\$ 2,763.98
Edward Jones Investment Account .....	\$ 21,281.54

The cost of printing the one issue of the Na Khabar was discussed; the costs for the January 2016 issue were:

Layout .....	\$ 700.00
Printing.....	\$ 1,625.13
Packaging, mailing and postage.....	\$ <u>1,860.46</u>
TOTAL .....	\$ <u>4,185.59</u>

The January 2017 issue of the Na Khabar should run a similar cost, not significantly different. Discussion was held regarding going to 100% electronic issues because of the cost of the printing and mailing services. The Layout costs continue for the electronic issues because of the formatting, etc, is required for the electronic issues. It was decided that we would continue for January 2017 to print and distribute the Na Khabar and discuss this further at the next annual meeting.

Discussion of the Bandsman of the Year was discussed and it was noted that only one bandsman was nominated for the 2015-2016 year. It was recommended the members attending this Mid-Winter Meeting see if we can get some additional competition from the Associations for the next Bandsman of the Year.

Tom Crow summarized the Kansas City Jamboree schedule and procedures. The hotel is under contract and the Na Khabar has the registration and hotel information printed in the latest issue. The number of bands competing at Imperial has been steadily dropping since 2007 and the issue was to have a Jamboree at a more central part of the country. Another advantage of our Jamboree is all of the bands could stay together in one hotel and have the camaraderie of being together. Ladies of Ararat Shriners volunteered to handle decorations and hospitality. Ladies of Abdallah Shriners would like to have Draggin' Ladies degrees and maybe other subordinate degrees. Discussion was had about the Oriental Bands planning to come to Kansas City Jamboree. Plaques will be ordered by Harry Pressman and shipped to him in Houston because he will be driving. Kansas City will be stage competition only. The Annual Meeting will be called by the President to be held at the Jamboree, with the Election and Installation of Officers but, not taking in office until July after Imperial. In Daytona Beach there will be the Parade competition at the Main Imperial Parade and judging in the first couple or three blocks. No formal attire for the Awards Banquet or Installation. These plans for the first Jamboree is a trial to see if it is a feasible alternative to having all of our activities at Imperial. The Music Academy will hold the seminars during the Jamboree to see if we have better attendance at the seminars than in Tampa. A fraternal fundraiser for the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International, in the form of a drawing and you must be present to win, will be held in Kansas City.

Mike Hartup, Chairman of Ladder of Smiles reported on the status of the Ladder of Smiles as of the end of September. This report only includes the months of July through September.

Tom Crow announced he had a letter granting the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands a date to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery on June 19, 2017, at 1:15 PM. This is for the A.S.O.B., not Shriners International. Discussions were held about contact with Shriners International.

Roles of the Officers are designated in the Red Book as recently updated. Darren DeHass is going to investigate the use of an email blast system. The Secretary has a list of about 400 email addresses of members and officers. The 3rd VP is going to be provided with the Secretary's list of emails

and he is going to try to find a service that can provide the email blast at no or little cost.

Discussion was held regarding the transfer of material from Al Azhar consisting of instruments, horns, drums, etc. The cost of shipping this material to Abou Saad in Panama City, Panama is over \$2,300.00 and we had several donations making the total committed to this shipment \$1,800.00. Chris Tsaros stated enough money has been raised to make this happen.

Tom summarized the Officer Line vacancies on the A.S.O.B. Officer line. All of the officers should approach a number of potential candidates. We have no potential candidate for election this year.

The meeting was closed at 11:30 AM.

## The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

# MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STRATEGIC MEETING

Old Fort Worth Historical Area, Fort Worth, TX, October 23, 2016

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

### OFFICERS:

President Tom Crow, 1st VP Chris Tsaros, 2nd VP Harry Pressman, 3rd VP Darren DeHass, P.P., Secy./Treas. Don Moores

### PAST PRESIDENTS:

Michael Hartup, Joe Brewton, Don Moores, David McCarthy, Jeff Moores

**OUR VISION:** A healthy Oriental Band Community for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for children.

**OUR MISSION:** To provide the tools for fun, music, recruitment and fundraising for the oriental band community.

The meeting was opened by President Tom Crow at 9:00 AM on October 23, 2016 with this meeting being a continuation of the meeting for yesterday no prayer or pledge was given. President Crow reviewed the schedule and estimated time schedule for the two day meeting and then turned the meeting over to the facilitator Chris Tsaros for the remainder of the meeting. The following items were discussed:

- Review, update the ASOB Tactical Action Dashboard - Eliminated completed items and added new items as agreed upon; ASOB Tactical Dashboard updated as appropriate.

- Make sure the Bandsman of the Year is in every issue of the

*Na Khabar.* The Bandsman of the year guidelines show up in every issue.

- Finalize the Agenda Jamboree and 2017 Imperial, done at the Mid-Winter Meeting. Discussed and update plans for 2017 Imperial; Discussed plans and locations for these years.

- Music Academy: Discussions were held by the attendees as to goals, plans, staff and faculty. Lack of participation in the seminars at Tampa this year was disappointing. Seminar was cancelled.

- Fraternal Fundraising: Broke into two groups to discuss Fraternal Fundraiser to benefit the Association and completely separate from the Ladder of Smiles. The groups reported on fundraising ideas: Some were above and beyond the upfront monetary required to purchase the item to be raffled. Other items were not large enough to generate the funds to operate our Association.

- Find out about Skype; Chris will help some of us neophytes in setting up and using Skype.

- Discuss continuation of teleconference calls, i.e. Skype or teleconference calls; meetings will continue.

Meeting was closed at 11:30 AM.

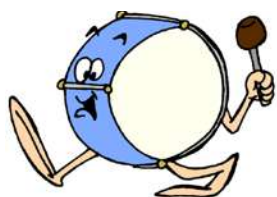
Yours in the Faith,

Donald Moores, A.S.O.B. Secy./Treas.

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# First Annual ASOB Jamboree

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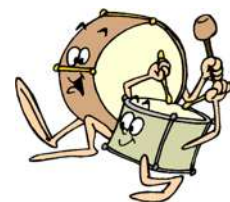
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**Friday, March 31st**

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- Hospitality Room Open 1:00PM till 5:00PM
- Dinner on your own at one of the great restaurants in Kansas City
- Hospitality Room Opens 8:00PM until 11:00PM

**Saturday, April 1st**

- Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet in the hotel dining room.
- Competition @ 9:00AM
- Hospitality Room Opens 1:00PM til 4:00PM
- Cocktails 6:00PM to 6:30PM
- Awards Dinner 6:30PM / Dress Band Shirts & Fez
- Hospitality Room Open After Awards

**Sunday, April 2nd**

- Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet in the hotel dining room before departing.
- Have a Safe Trip Home



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for the **First Annual ASOB Jamboree**

March 31, April 1 and 2, 2017

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Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza



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(Name of Band and Temple)

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There will be approximately \_\_\_\_\_ performing members.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Send to:*  
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## Band Information

This is Preliminary Information Only

**Please Print**

Name of Band and Temple \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Regional Associations \_\_\_\_\_

Year Organized \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ Number Performing \_\_\_\_\_

Officers: President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_

Current Shrine Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Past Shrine Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_



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