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All Caravans Lead to Denver in 2011!

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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Thompson. It has been a very fun year and one in which many of our ASOB goals have been met. We added several new bands and raised a great amount of money for the Ladder of Smiles – over \$130,000 so far with a few more months to add to that sum. We now have a Quartermaster, Don Baxter, who is working to help all bands acquire instruments and costumes as they need them. This new benefit is easily accessible on our web page, and Don looks forward to hearing from you.

The Na Khabar has now gone on-line, and with the related savings of \$5,000 to \$8,000 per year, we will be able to replenish the funds in ASOB's depleted savings account. The Na Khabar, with the help of Dave Glass, David McCarthy and JR Batesole, has become a point of reference for all band members across the country. These guys have done a stellar job making sure that the pictures from all of our band's activities are posted on this site for all to enjoy. This is an excellent vehicle to showcase your band activities and will only improve with time as each of us becomes more comfortable with the on-line production. This format also gives your ASOB President the opportunity to write a timely, current monthly article. Your officers recognize that putting the Na Khabar on-line is a big change for the membership, but we are confident that the benefits will outweigh any drawbacks. Many of you will be happy to know that Richard Thompson has committed to publish the first issue of the year in a hard copy format. It is important that we all continue to use this publication to keep connected to one another.

The Ladder of Smiles has done well again this year, and we can all be proud of

ASOB's contributions. A big, big thank you to Mike and Maggie Hartup for your time, energy and level of commitment. Also, thanks to Normie Wold for the reports you provide for the benefit of the ASOB officers and ambassadors.

My travel this year has been somewhat light, what with Janelle and my selling our home and moving into an RV (temporarily) while our new house is being built. It remains to be seen if she can put up with me in such close quarters for the next eight months! I have, however, been very connected via phone and internet and am looking forward to traveling to TSA in June with Mel Hervey and Scot Duncil, ASOB Sgt at Arms. This past February, I traveled "North to Nile," along with a number of my Al Kader band members and ladies/partners, in order to attend Nile's annual Oriental Band Crab Feed. As always, everyone who attended had a great time and enjoyed the hospitality and, especially, that sweet fresh crab. All of your officers have done a great job of getting out and attending your Association events. They have done this to assist with judging, by-law issues, the Ladder of Smiles and sometimes just to have fun. They do this on their own dime and for the love of the Association.

Moving along to the theme of this issue, "All Caravans Lead to Denver," we have an ambitious and entertaining schedule planned. Believe me, no one will be bored in Denver! The complete schedule is listed on the website under "Jamboree." To hit the highlights, the week starts off with the usual business meetings on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday evening, Richard, El Hasa, me and Al Kader will host a two-hour reception on the 3rd floor of our hotel, The Curtis. Virtually the entire third floor of the The Curtis is made up of meeting and banquet space and will be for the exclusive use of ASOB. The reception will be followed by a dinner dance with 60's music that will appeal to all. This event will be open to all bandsmen, ladies, family and friends and will be reasonably priced.

Monday will be a busy day with the competition events starting at 8:00 AM at the Denver Convention Center directly across the street from our hotel. Now that's a real plus! Competition will be followed by a hosted lunch back at The Curtis, and

the Awards Banquet is scheduled for that same night. An event that we are excited to be bringing back to the forefront is ALL-BAND JAM SESSION, which is to be held at the Convention Center. You'll want to be sure and check your schedule for that event.

Another important event is the open ASOB business meeting on Wednesday morning in the Hopscotch Room. This meeting is of interest to all members and is your opportunity to ask questions and express your views on the direction of the Association. This is also the time when our officers are voted upon so it's also an opportunity for a bandsman to step up and run for the office of Sgt at Arms. You'll be joining a fine slate of officers.

Speaking of opportunities, this year in Denver we'll all have the opportunity to reap the rewards of the preparation and cooking of the ASOB Beef Jerky. This delicious repast will be prepared by our own Theresa Brewton in her newly designated position of "The Ol' Jerky Burner." I can hardly wait to see what gets charred this year – mmmmm. Thanks for being such a good sport, Theresa.

I promise that everyone who attends will have a terrific time in Denver, so take a train, a plane or an automobile and be there. It's going to be the party of the year, and we want you there to share it with your ASOB family.

Finally, Janelle and I want to thank each and every one of you for the honor of serving you, the ASOB band members. It's been a privilege, and we look forward to many more years of active involvement supporting ASOB and The Ladder of Smiles.

Yours sincerely,
Ralph K. Jubb, President



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Richard Thompson

Greetings from the beautiful Bluegrass State. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Things are starting

to heat up here in Kentucky. The parade season is just around the corner and OB'ers are starting to make plans for the summer. It looks like it's going to be a busy one.

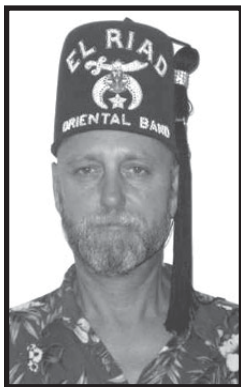
In April, I'm off to Burlington, North Carolina for the South Atlantic Mid-Winter meeting. President Kenny Brown has an enjoyable weekend planned. I am looking forward to it and can't wait to see the whole SASOBA gang. After the weekend I'll be in Charlotte, meeting with hotels for 2012 Jamboree.

May means the band is heading to Smoky Mountain Fun Fest, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. A lot of Temples participate in this weekend and there is a lot of fun and parade competition. I will also be in Louisville, Kentucky, 19-21 for the South East Shrine Oriental Band Hoedown. President Chuck Strothman and the Kosair OB has promised an unforgettable weekend.

On the first weekend in June the El Hasa Oriental Band will be loading up the van and rolling out for the Great Lakes Oriental Band Jamboree in Flint, Michigan. This is always a great weekend and never fails to live up to its reputation. Elf Khurafeh OB has guaranteed it's one we won't forget.

Our President Ralph Jubb has one really special ASOB Jamboree planned in Denver, Colorado. So please make your plans to attend July 2-6. I hope to see you all there.

Lastly don't forget our true cause "Ladder of Smiles." Until we meet again, from the Bluegrass State,
BIG



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

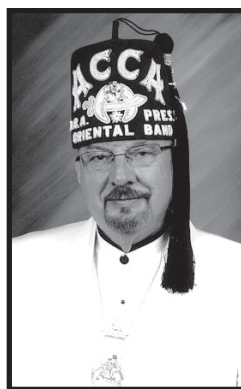
Lonnie Merriman

Sending you this article from the great state of South Dakota reminds me of why Linda and I live here. The El Riad OB marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Sioux Falls and it was colder than a well drillers you know what. But we had 36 bandsmen on the street that day with mouth pieces freezing to our lips and drum sticks breaking in half, but we made it with a little help from the bottle. The oasis afterward was a great time with our significant others (considering we are a stag unit) at our Shrine Center.

Linda and I would like to thank Ralph and Janelle for the great time in Portland at the Midwinter. Their band and Shrine Center treated us like we were one of their own. A special thanks goes out to Joe (Tutu) Brewton for his showmanship at the Ladies Tea and Luncheon.

My travel plans for the year are not set in stone but we will try to make it to TSA in June, for sure Denver in July, Midwest in August and Central States in September. I hope everybody tries to make Denver, Ralph has one hell of an Imperial lined up. It sounds like the competition will be fierce and a lot of fun. The Midwest is just like all the other regions in the country as far as active bands go, but I think our new ambassador, Jim (Moose) Fitzgerald, will work hard with all the bands in the Midwest to try and get new members and be an active body of the ASOB. REMEMBER WE DO IT ALL FOR THE KIDS.

Lonnie Merriman



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Vince Bobrosky

Happy Spring to all! It seems that everyone across the country had a challenging winter. Lady Maggie and I were very happy to spend our midwinter meeting in Portland where the weather was mild and the people were welcoming. President Ralph and Lady Janelle planned a fantastic get-together that we thoroughly enjoyed. (Before I forget it, we want to thank Scot Duncil for picking us up at the airport and showing us around town, and Ralph for taking us back to the airport in the early morning hours.)

In Portland, we were treated to a trip to Multnomah Falls and a wonderful lunch on site. Then we were taken to the Columbia River Gorge where we enjoyed the spectacular scenery and camaraderie. After that, President and Lady Janelle hosted a fifties dance and dinner where we dressed in costume and hit the dance floor, dancing to the music of an excellent band. On Sunday, the ladies went to a luscious tea at the Al Kader Shrine Center where they were served by some of the men wearing outrageous aprons! We raised money for the

Ladder of Smiles and bumped it up a bit with a bid to have Joe Brewton serve a certain table as waiter. Oh, and by the way, we also had a productive business meeting! Thanks to Ralph and other members of Al Kader Shrine Center for all their good planning and hard work.

Later in February, we attended the MASOBA Mid-Winter meeting in Reading, PA, where all the members made us feel warmly welcomed and honored. Many members of Rajah Shrine Center were in attendance and were gracious hosts. At the Ladies' Night Dance, many temples contributed generously to the Ladder of Smiles, which made for a wonderful evening knowing that our Shriner's Hospitals for Children will benefit greatly from MASOBA's generosity.

It's been awhile since we've been with our SASOBA friends, but we will be attending the late midwinter's meeting in April in Burlington, NC.

Looking ahead, we hope to see everyone in Denver for Imperial Session this July.

Yours in the faith,
Vince



FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT

David McCarthy

Well, 2011 is off and running and I mean running. A new year always means "new" activities and new faces. Before we

look to up-coming events it would only be fair to comment on ASOB's Mid-Winter event in Wilsonville, OR this past February. President Ralph (PK) and his Al Kader crew did an outstanding job on putting on a most enjoyable event. To get a little "flavor" check out the pictures that are posted on ASOB/Facebook for a little peek into the weekend that all present thoroughly enjoyed and now are just a pleasant memory, thanks to Ralph and his lovely Lady Janelle. The next time some one tells you this is a man's organization, tell them to get real. Our Ladies are an integral part of our Shine activities. Men, thank them every chance that you get. As I work towards the deadline of 1 April to get this article in on time, my

Lady Sandy and I are busy packing for the Texas Association Shrine Oriental Band (TASOB) Mid-Winter in the “Big” city of Amarillo! Texas, April 1st thru the 3rd. By all indications and the published schedule, Noble President Tim Beecher (Khiva) has an exciting weekend planned for all those attending Oriental Bandsmen of Texas and visitors, with a little business mixed into the fun activities. I plan to take some pictures, and I invite you to enjoy them on Facebook on the www.asob.org side of the web. If you haven’t visited us on the photo segment of our web you are really missing an outstanding web site that is maintained by web master, Noble Dave Glass (Ben Ali) and the photo section by Noble JR Batesole of Fort Worth, Texas (Moslah).

The thought crosses my mind that maybe you haven’t participated individually or as a band in the Ladder of Smiles? Noble Mike Hartup, Ladder of Smiles chairperson, would love to “hear” from you or your band. This is one of the most important activities that we as Oriental Bandsman can participate in. There are many ways that you can accomplish your donations, either through individual gift, in memory of, or thru your band collectively. Our hospital kids benefit and you and your band/temple are recognized with 100% of the funds reaching our hospitals. Let’s put Noble Mike to work!

Looming on the horizon in June, Texas Shrine Association (TSA) will have their session in Amarillo, Texas. James Hughes PP, President of TSA is of Suez Temple. West Texas being a bit spread out has put the call out and Khiva Temple has stepped up to the plate to hold the activities in their community in Amarillo to meet the facilities requirements. This fun time is due to happen June 2nd thru the 5th. Anyone out there is more than welcome to come and join in on the fun!

Now right on the heels of TSA there is an event called IMPERIAL. This year we are in Denver, Colorado. How much more central and convenient than that can you get. The date to remember is July 3rd thru the 7th. Rumor has it that it is a bash and a half. To check this out further, first go to the ASOB web site at <http://www.asob.org> and explore the schedule of fun and then explore the Imperial site at <http://imperial2011.com>. I think you will find there is more than enough for everyone to do. Things this year are centrally located and all participating bands will be together and be able to fully interact. I encourage you to contact anyone

of your officers with questions or clarifications of matters related to Oriental Bands and upcoming activities. We are here to serve you, and I’m sure that all the 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 helps our Shrine Kids.

Let me leave you with the 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 e-edition, we’ll be in the “thick” of Parade season – proudly marching and playing our

beautiful (!) melodies for all to enjoy.

For those of you unable to attend February’s ASOB Mid-winter event in Portland, know that you were missed. President Ralph had all 3-days planned down to the minute and if anyone went hungry or thirsty it was their own fault. Winter’s wet, gray skies did not dampen the fun and fellowship of our gatherings and in spite of the weather, the beautiful northwest Columbia River Gorge and Pacific coast is a sight to behold – anytime of year. Yet, the Mid-winter could have been held in my dingy basement and been a success as the hospitality provided by President Ralph and Lady Janelle can not be beat – our organization is truly Blessed having this wonderful couple in our midst.

Your Board of Officers are receiving extremely positive feedback regarding the electronic format of the Na Khabar. You can’t get any more timely than emailing with almost instantaneous updating of the ASOB website. We all know President Ralph sleeps with his cell-phone (oh, and Janelle, too!)

as he’s constantly on the phone with Ober’s and other Shriners in an effort to share the latest news – most of it true! – but utilizing technology to have the Na Khabar on-line is saving the ASOB literally thousands of dollars, many hours of labor as well as getting news and updates to you as timely as possible. Thanks to you all for having faith in your officers to implement this program – more improvements to come!

Because we’re utilizing the WorldWideWeb, I want to take a moment to share important news from Shriners Hospital – Montreal. Go to the following link to see the newest – and safest – technology in Diagnostic Imaging: http://montreal.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110317/mt1_sca_n_110317/20110317/?hub=MontrealHome. Without having electronic access, you’d have to wait to read on paper about this next great step in X-ray technology that greatly reduces the amount of radiation to our special little patients. You *WILL* be reading more about this next generation of imaging in my future columns.

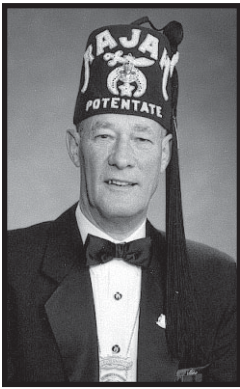
Our Band’s are aggressively working towards beating President Ralph’s lofty goal for the Ladder of Smiles so don’t hesitate in at least taking up a collection at your next Temple or Unit Stated Meeting, emptying the tip jar and send those donations to Michael Hartup PRONTO!

I also hope everyone reading this is planning to attend Denver / Imperial. If you’ve never been to Denver, please know it will have great weather, the people are welcoming and there are lots to see and do in the area and to again hold an Imperial Session there is a great opportunity to renew fraternal acquaintances, make new ones and show-our-stuff at the competitions and parade.

Always be watchful and keep a “Mystic Eye” open while attending Blue Lodge, Rite and Temple functions for the next lucky Brother to recruit and join our band of fun-loving revelers!

Again, 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



**SECRETARY/
TREASURER**

Mahlon Hariu

Thank you, thank you, thank you one and all. The dues have been coming in very well this year and it looks like we will be able to put some money back

in our savings. As you may remember we had to take money from our First 100 Club savings account to help pay for the Na Khabar, the past few years. This year we should be able to put a little bit back in savings. I have heard how many Bands have worked together to be sure that those Bandsmen who do not have computers have had copies of the Na Khabar printed by one of their members who does have a computer. To those unselfish nobles I tip my fez. This is very heartening to see what can be done when we all work together. Again, THANK YOU. I will keep all of you informed of our steady gain in future communications.

As of this date, we have reservations for seventy-three (73) rooms in Denver. We will soon have to start turning in unreserved rooms, so if you are going, please send me your reservation shortly. I do not want anyone left behind when we cross the sands to wonderful Denver. Our President has worked very hard to see that we all have a good time in Denver and I can tell you from my own experience, Denver is a great city for walking and shopping, not to mention great restaurants. We will have our competition and parade at the Convention Center, about a block from the Curtis Hotel. The Marketplace will also be at the Convention Center. The Headquarters Hotel is only a few blocks from the Curtis and is an easy walk from the Curtis. The Curtis is geared up for us and we should have a good time.

The Officers and Ambassadors had a teleconference the end of March to be sure we are ready for Imperial. We usually have a couple of these teleconferences each year. It saves money on travel and telephone bills. Our Webmaster, Dave Glass, puts these together for us and does a great job getting everything ready for the meeting. It helps us stay informed about how all the Bands are doing and if there are any problems that we should be aware of in the organizations. If you have any questions or concerns, please

contact your Ambassador who will bring your concerns to the Officers. We want to answer all questions and concerns quickly. See you at Imperial.

Yours in the Faith,
Mahlon

APPOINTMENTS



**LADDER OF
SMILES**

W. Michael
Hartup

Parade season is here and Mother Nature is playing cruel jokes again. One day it is almost 80 and the next day it is snowing. I guess

April Fool's Day is a time of year instead of just one day.

Maggie and I traveled to Portland for the A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter meeting. Al Kader really had things organized. The highlight of the weekend was a Ladies Tea. The food was wonderful and the service was even better. Your officers and the past presidents present were the servers. They were splendid in their pink aprons! Past President Twinkle Toes Brewton wore a pink tutu that matched his apron. The officers and past presidents' ladies bid on the server for their table and I'll let you guess who had the honor of serving them. What a sight, a pink tutu and a cigar! The tea raised over \$1,000.00 for the Ladder of Smiles.

We also were in Amarillo for the T.A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter meeting. Once again, Khiva entertained us in good Khiva style. We will return on Amarillo in June for T.S.A., and then it's off to Denver for Imperial Session.

Imperial Session will be here soon and unlike President P.K.'s band, we are practicing the new song. P.K. says his band doesn't practice, they rehearse. We'll see who practices and who "rehearses" in Denver. Rumor has it that the competition this year will be enthusiastic. If you don't have your reservations in yet, it's not too late.

Ask President P.K. about his new friend, The P.T., President P.K. was tired of being the only officer known by just initials.

President Ralphie Boy revised his goal this year to \$150,000.00 since we received two generous bequests. We are still short of our goal so dig a little deeper! We will be presenting our donation to Imperial Sir during an open session in Denver. This is quite a milestone, as this has not been done before. I hope we have a good representation of Oriental Bandsmen there for the public presentation. Our donations speak well of our dedication to our kids and our hospitals.

Remember the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile. I bid you peace.
Mike



**FIRST 100
CLUB**

Morrie Toretzky

Greetings from beautiful Minnesota. We had a wonderful fall until mid November, then the snow started and continued into March. On

the level in the yard we had two feet and more, along the driveway seven feet of snow.

I am not receiving many communications from band secretaries to keep me informed of any changes in the First 100 Club roster so it can be kept up to date. We welcome and need new members in the ASOB First 100 Club.

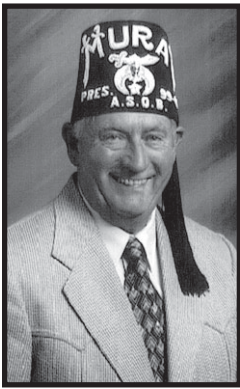
The black camel visited Ken Munro (Tunis) and Robert (Bob) Johnson (Beni Kedem). Our sympathies and condolences go out these families.

On Wednesday, July 5, 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 check payable to First 100 Club ASOB. You will find an application on page 21. Please keep me up to date on any changes. Thank you for your contributions and support.



See you at the
1ST 100 CLUB BREAKFAST
at the 2011 Imperial Session!



HISTORIAN

Al Zumpe

Where is Souix Falls, South Dakota? It is located in the Southwest part of South Dakota and is the home of our very own ASOB, 2nd Vice President and Director of the El Riad

Oriental Band. If you have ever been through the Sioux Falls Regional Airport, you surely saw the unique flight control tower that looks much like an Indian Tepee. The city got its name from all of the beautiful water falls and naturally the Sioux Indians.

The El Riad Oriental Band was organized in 1932. The Oriental Band has grown over the years to where the membership now exceeds 50 active members.

Their colorful uniforms, along with the many different musical instruments they play, make for an attention getting combination.

The band regularly appears at many local and regional parades throughout the year, as well as all El Riad Shrine Ceremonials and Midwest Shrine Association Summer Sessions. The Band has won many awards and trophies throughout the years at these various venues and competitions over the years.

Many members of the Oriental Band have taken an additional active role within the El Riad Shrine organization and counts within its former and present members, 9 Past Potentates.

The El Riad Oriental Band meets at the El Riad Shrine building on Thursday nights and guests are always welcome.

The Murat Gun Club has approximately 50 nice marching uniforms that they would like to donate. Some are brand new and all are in great condition. If you have or know of an Oriental Band in need of uniforms, please get in touch with me. You can email me at Albert.Zumpe@stoops.com



AMBASSADORS



CENTRAL STATES

Rick Moody

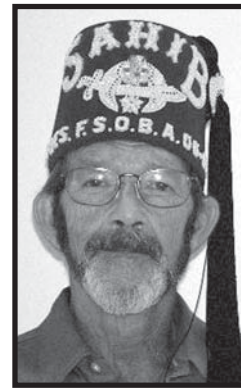
Greetings from Central States! The parade season has already started and I know the bands of Central States are already out there spreading the

word how Feztastic it is to be a Shriner. The next big gathering will be in July for Imperial and I have been told that Midian Temple of Wichita will be attending. I will be in Colorado, also, representing Arab Temple as a Divan Rep. I will try to attend the competition to root Midian on. There is some great competition from some of North Americas best Oriental Bands. If you have never been to an Imperial gathering of ASOB, you really owe yourself the experience. It's a lot of fun plus you meet some great Shriners. I hope to visit with you there. The bands of Central States will have their gathering August 31st thru September 4th in beautiful Overland Park Kansas, (a suburb of Kansas City). I know that Abdallah Temple has a great time and competition planned.

I have heard that some of the Temples are having a tough time keeping ahead of the black camel and our oriental bands have suffered also. Don't give up! Remember why we became Shriners and always keep it fun. Fun is additive and when people see that you are having fun; they can't help but have fun also. This is our best way to recruit new members. Remember the kids! Remember the Ladder Of Smiles. My best wishes to you all.



*See pages 23 and 24 for
2011 IMPERIAL SESSION
information! You can also find
information on our website.
This year's Imperial will be in
beautiful Denver, Colorado, July 2 -6.
We hope to see you there!*



FLORIDA

Floyd LaDue

Greetings to all Oriental Bandsmen! Well the days are getting longer and Florida is starting to warm up. That means some of our fellow Nobles and Oriental band members will

shortly be heading North to their main residence while others venture towards a vacation spot for relaxation and enjoyment. We wish them well and look forward to their return.

For those of us who remain, there is still a busy schedule of events to be part of. Parades, ceremonials and other Shrine activities will keep us all in practice. All bands are looking forward to the FSA event coming up in May in Palm Beach Gardens. FSOBA President Don Moores has put together an excellent program for our Florida bands to enjoy. Beyond May comes the big event - July - Denver - The Imperial. President Ralph Jubb and the fantastic ASOB officers will accomplish a well planned, organized and fun filled event in the mile high city. We are looking forward to it. Well let's keep it short but also let us always support your Shrine, support your fellow Noble, support your band and most of all support the Ladder of Smiles. We have a purpose, a goal, let us keep going forward. Until next time - Enjoy - Have Fun - Stay Safe.

Floyd LaDue



MID ATLANTIC

Keith Oviatt

The Mid-Winter M A S O B A meeting was held in Reading, PA on Feb. 27, 2011 in conjunction with the combined Ladies/Past Presidents' Night

with Lancaster County and Rajah Oriental Bands. There were 7 Past Presidents of MASOBA present and the ASOB was represented by 3rd VP Vince Bobrosky, Sec/Tres Mahlon Hariu, Sec/Treas Emeritus Bud

Moore and myself. The meeting was presided over by Pres. Scott Gothe with the other elected officers in their respective places. There being no Sgt. of Arms at this point, Steve Slogik of the Jaffa OB volunteered his name and was immediately elected, sworn in and given the badge of his office - the BLENDER! It was announced that there may be a couple of candidates for Sgt of Arms at the annual meeting in Virginia Beach in September.

Secretary Grumbein said for a stage competition to be held in Virginia Beach there should be a minimum of 4 bands competing. He will need to hear back from the bands by April 15 in order to make arrangements. Due to time constraints it was decided that no pancake makeup will be used. Persian Market was chosen as the competition tune. Vince Bobrosky offered his services and members of his band to be judges if the competition is held.

The new Sgt. of Arms passed the fez and \$102 was raised from the members present plus a check for \$500 from Salaam at the meeting and over \$3000 was donated at the banquet for the Ladder of Smiles.

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and all of the good it does. Giving is sharing, sharing is caring, caring is loving, and loving is living!



NEW YORK/ ONTARIO

Bob Jones

Another year is upon us and hopefully a 100% contribution from members of NY/Ontario. During the past 6 months I have personally spoken to all 4

Oriental Bands in Ontario. The only other band on my list is Kismet and no contact has been made. This band is on Long Island, New York and usually attends the MASA activities. Hamilton, Oshawa and Sudbury continue to have events that help out the LOS. See the write-up from the Shriners Club of Hamiton, Oriental Bands. At the Imperial in Toronto, Hamilton donated \$5,000.00 to the LOS. Congratulations.

Oshawa recently sponsored a St. Patrick's Night and should be sending a donation in the near future. Oshawa O'Band is also sponsoring a "Mandarin Degree on April 29 and expecting a good turnout for

this fun event. This degree is put on by the Hamilton Oriental Band.

All the O'Bands are looking forward to the spring and summer parades and especially to the Rameses Ceremonial in Niagara Falls, Ontario, the weekend of June 10, 11 and 12. A good weekend is planned.

I am looking forward to visiting with all the O'Bands at the Spring Ceremonial in North Bay and will report to you in the next issue.

If only we could have some O'Bands resurface in Upstate New York, New York/Ontario would be well represented from both areas.

I was speaking to the Oriental Guide from Damascus Temple in Rochester and he informed me their O'Band was re-grouping. Here's hoping we have another band to visit.

As I was involved in the Peterborough Valley Scottish Rite degrees on March 26, I was unable to attend the conference call and trust it was successful. That's all for now and Remember the Ladder of Smiles.



NORTH- EAST

Jeff Moores

Once again the ground in the northeast has begun to thaw and we are starting up a new parade season. My band has already participated in two St,

Patrick's Day parades and have been practicing regularly. Plans are already underway for our Northeast Field Days this year to be hosted by Aleppo Shrine Center out on the cape in Hyannis, Massachusetts. We hope to have a few more bands make the trip this year than we had last year. This year's competition tune for our Field Days will be "Saing Yang". It can be downloaded from the ASOB website or if anyone needs a numbered copy of the music, please feel free to contact me. These are great times for us to get together with our fellow Oriental Bandsmen and enjoy some awesome fraternal relations. If we don't start getting some more participation from the bands in our association, we may not be able to carry on with the Northeast Shrine Oriental Band Association much longer. We still have an open position for a Vice President this year and will need a 1st and 2nd Vice President

at this year's NESOBA business meeting. If you feel that you would like to help lead our Association in the near future, please let me or our Secretary, Noble Jim Woodley know that you are interested.

I was remiss in my last article in not putting in the pictures from our Northeast Field Days from Halifax last September. We had two bands compete in the Philae Oriental Band and the Mazol Oriental Band. Unfortunately, none of the bands from the States made it up. The Mazol OB took the first place plaque and the Philae OB was a close runner up. Also, Noble Dave Bartlett and Noble Bob Hollett from the Mazol OB took home the Maple Leaf Trophy for the duet. I know the Aleppo Oriental Band is hoping that the Mazol Oriental Band makes the trip this year, because they want a shot at taking the Maple Leaf Trophy back.



Philae Oriental Band



Mazol Oriental Band



Nobles Dave Bartlett & Bob Hollett

Please don't forget the Ladder of Smiles and the Children in our Hospitals. Keep those fundraisers going and give as generously as you can. The Melha Oriental Band is running a Golf Tournament on July 30th, with all net proceeds to benefit the Hospital. Read more about it in Noble Leo Plourde's article. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver in July and on Cape Cod in August.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Jack Salsbury

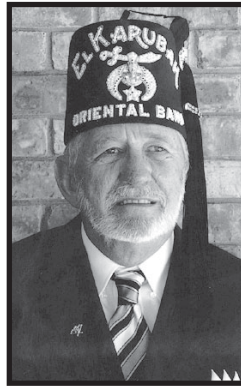
Greetings from the Pacific Northwest, we are finally seeing the light of spring here and although the wind is blowing mightily it is a good sign

that warmer days are ahead. I hope that all the bands have their parades mapped out and are looking forward to playing for everyone in them, and joining us all at Imperial. Al Bedoo had a great time at our annual Saint Patrick's Day parade with a great warm day and a very large crowd turnout. Our schedule is mostly set for the summer and our band is looking forward to great competition in Denver, CO, at Imperial as well as Pacific North West Competition in Butte, MT.

As master of my lodge it is also my pleasure to give greetings from Ashlar Lodge #29 in Billings, MT. I call on all Nobles and Oriental Bandsmen to look to their lodges and help where they can. Al Bedoo Oriental Band has seen a great upsurge of new members, both young and old, looking to become better men first with teachings of out Masonic Brotherhood, and later with the friendship and camaraderie in our Oriental Band. I promise you that any time you spend in your lodge will benefit your band in ways that you can't imagine. Remember, only Masons become Nobles, and if your there working with the newly made members your band will have the opportunity to make a great first impression.

I hope everyone has a great summer full of great music and entertainment for all. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones in Denver, and enjoying a competition that brings us all together for a great cause.

Sincerely,
Jack Salsbury



SOUTH CENTRAL

Ronnie McCormick

Greetings from the sunny South (Central). It's not always that way. Four of us from El Karubah were scheduled to attend Mid Winter in Muskogee,

OK, a few days ago. We had an ice storm, something that may happen a couple of times during the lifetime of a genuine health nut. Roads between here and there were iced down, and many of them were simply closed. We are used to asphalt where the rubber meets the road, do not have folks who can safely navigate icy roads, and so we cancelled out. Communications being what they are in SC, we do not know what transpired at the meeting.

We were supposed to elect 2011-12 officers, which is not a big deal. We have enough vice presidents so that every band in SC has a representative on the governing board. We usually get to elect someone to be Sergeant at Arms with the rest of the officers simply moving up one notch. It doesn't always work that way, though. I, personally, was elected third VP three times on my way to the presidency. Hopefully, if elections were held, I will be 2nd-VP elect. But, probably, we will elect and install officers at our May 25-28 meeting in Muskogee.

When I become President, at all our meetings, I will make a space available for the Ambassador to give us a run-down on what is going on around the country. Usually, he is not even recognized as the ASOB rep. And every band in SC will have a list of the officers, together with their address and phone number.

Aside from that, everything is great here. The robins came a couple of weeks ago, and now the dogwoods are blooming.

Bless you all,
Ronnie McCormick
South Central



TEXAS

JR Batesole

Greetings and a big Texas Howdy to all of you O'bers throughout the fruited plain. I have just returned from an extended weekend on the Texas High Plains with Khiva Oriental Band in

Amarillo for the annual Mid Winter meeting of the Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (TASOB). A good time was had by all and the weather was great, for Amarillo. There was actually no snow on the ground, the sky was clear and the temperature was in the 80's.

This year's meeting was attended by representatives from Alzafar (San Antonio), Moslah (Ft. Worth), Sharon (Tyler), and Arabia (Houston). Hella (Dallas) and Suez (San Angelo) were not in attendance. Hella indicated that they had conflicting commitments. However, their director, Jim Mutzabaugh's, email appeared to be code for a potential parole restriction. Suez had indicated that they could not compete this year and thus would not attend.

We had several ASOB dignitaries on hand for the event to include the current ASOB 4th vice president, David McCarthy, and ASOB past presidents, Joe Brewton, Jim Whitehouse and Ladder of Smiles chairman Mike Hartup. It should be noted that Mike left town with his pockets a lot fuller with Ladder of Smiles money than he came with. The final total was not available as of my departure, but the live auction, shuffleboard tournament and donations at the breakfast meeting easily exceed \$2000 with more to come in from the silent auctions, casino night and other activities.

Congratulations to our TASOB president, Tim Beecher, and his secretary/treasurer/father, Rick Beecher, as well as the entire Khiva Oriental Band for putting on one great show for everyone. They clearly understand the true meaning of Shrine Hospitality. Aside from the mandatory director's and general meeting there was a wide variety of activities to please most any interest. These included golf, shuffleboard, a ladies wine tasting and luncheon, a casino night, a great Texas BBQ dinner, live auction and Cowboy Poetry exhibition on Saturday night and for the more rowdy bunch a bike

Remember the Kids!



rally/ride out and around Palo Duro Canyon. All of this and more for only \$130 per couple, what can I say? The food and liquid refreshment was great and plentiful, the hotel was outstanding and Khiva's temple facility, a turn of the last century Masonic building, was just super. Of course, Joe Brewton won the Shuffleboard tournament (look out PK this does not bode well for your forecasted match up with Joe), but this could be due to special shimming and leveling of the board along with a set of balanced pucks specially adapted to Joe's hand.

Congratulations are in order for John Meyer of Khiva OB, newly elected to the TASOB line up during the Mid Winter Meeting. John will assume the office of 2nd vice president at our meeting during TSA in June of this year.

I also had opportunity to spend a little time with Danny Settle of Sharon Temple, our current 1st vice president and he revealed that next year's Mid Winter will be in Tyler, Texas during the third week of March 2012. There is not a better time to be in East Texas than early spring and his initial planning looks to provide a great time for all who attend. I hope to see many of you there.

As usual Dave McCarthy and I got a number of photos of the event and I hope to have them posted to the ASOB face book page in the next few days for your enjoyment. Speaking of photos don't forget if you have photos of your band's activities please send them to photos@asob.org with a short explanation. I will see that they get posted to the face book page in short order

Lastly for those who are unaware this year's Texas Shrine Association meeting, ceremonial and competitions will take place in Amarillo, Texas June 1st through the 4th, 2011. The OB competitions will occur on June 3rd, Friday morning at the Amarillo Civic Center, Coliseum. TSA general information, schedules and accommodations information can be found at the Khiva web site <http://www.khivashrine.org/>. Well that's all for now.

Yours in the Faith
J. R. Batesole

TOP BANDS

TOP 10

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| SABAAR OB | \$37,277.48 |
| LANCASTER COUNTY OB | \$34,611.16 |
| AL AZHAR OB | \$14,202.91 |
| NILE OB | \$6,782.01 |
| AL KADER OB | \$4,540.00 |
| MELHA OB | \$3,470.00 |
| ABDALLAH OB | \$3,169.00 |
| TUNIS OB | \$2,500.00 |
| ACCA OB | \$1,931.00 |
| MIDIAN OB | \$1,916.00 |

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| BENI KEDEM OB | \$1,560.00 |
| ZEM ZEM OB | \$1,385.00 |
| RAJAH OB | \$1,172.00 |
| ABOU BEN ADHEM OB | \$1,000.00 |
| EL KARUBAH OB | \$983.68 |

OTHER BANDS

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| MOSLAH OB | \$850.00 |
| AZAN OB | \$720.00 |
| IREM OB | \$700.00 |
| ARABA OB | \$630.00 |
| AMARA OB | \$575.00 |
| ARAB OB | \$500.00 |
| ISMAILIA OB | \$500.00 |
| CAIRO OB | \$415.00 |
| AL BEDOO OB | \$400.00 |
| JAFFA/CLEARFIELD OB | \$275.00 |
| SAHIB OB | \$250.00 |
| KOREIN OB | \$240.00 |
| EL KATIF OB | \$237.00 |
| ARABIA OB | \$200.00 |
| ARARAT OB | \$200.00 |
| ASIYA OB | \$200.00 |
| EL KAHIR OB | \$200.00 |
| GIZEH OB | \$141.10 |
| EL BEKAL OB | \$120.00 |
| AINAD OB | \$100.00 |
| EL RIAD OB | \$100.00 |
| AAD OB | \$25.00 |
| EL ZAGAL OB | \$25.00 |
| KHARTUM OB | \$25.00 |
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| MOCHA SAULT OB | \$25.00 |
| MOCHA WATERLOO OB | \$25.00 |
| OSMAN OB | \$25.00 |
| RAMESES/HAMILTON OB | \$25.00 |
| SALAAM OB | \$25.00 |
| ZUHRAH OB | \$25.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | \$6.00 |

2009/2010 PATRON'S LIST

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| Clay Frotten (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
| Lady Val Frotten (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
| Malcolm Toltom, P.P. (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
| Lady Val Schmidt (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
| Peter Brown (Al Azhar) -2010 |
| Leigh McNeill (Al Azhar) -2010 |
| Lady Irene Nelson (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
| Lady Dorothy Grace (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
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| PhilUnderwood (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
| John Hart (Al Azhar) Alberta G.M. - 2010 |
| Jerry Schmidt (Al Azhar) 2010 |
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| Ben Neff (Al Azhar) 2010 |
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| Cheryl Cusson (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
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| Mac McAdam (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
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| Terry Dean (Al Azhar) - 2010 |
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| Leigh McNeill (Al Azhar) - 2010 |

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| Joseph Rees (Rameses/Hamilton) - 2010 |
| Norman Funnell (Rameses/Hamilton) - 2010 |
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| Gerald Suttner - (Ismailia) 2010 |
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| Donald Marshall - (Salaam) 2010 |

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BAND NEWS

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Well here we go a new year and exciting opportunities ahead of us. We finished off 2010 with our Holiday Gala which was very nice (except for the bitter cold and snow that kept some people away). We just finished up a Mandarin Degree on March 26th. Since prior to the 26th I was a Neophyte; I have since been introduced to the Mandarin and have a whole new attitude about the Most Beautiful Degree! We had 12 nobles go through the degree and we followed the degree with a dance. Although not a full dance floor, the nobles and ladies on the floor were of the highest quality. A very good time was had by all!

As we prepare for the parade season, we are planning to attend six parades this year including the CSSA parade in Overland Park, KS. Abdallah Temple is pleased and honored to be hosting the Central States Shrine Association Convention September 1st – September 3rd. We will be hosting the Ballyhoo in the Marketplace – it was a tremendous turn out for us last year in this venue. We will also be having a hospitality room on Thursday and Friday, and will be having an organized and informal (I know very different) Ballyhoo with all bands wishing to participate after the Awards Banquet back at the host hotel.

We have added a new member, Mike Cook, who actually had some music experience. He is a drummer and actually started digging into the pile of drums we had, found a set of twin toms (which have not been used in about 20 years), cleaned them up, tuned them up and did an awesome job March 27th when the band performed our Hospital Skit for our Red Zone BBQ. The BBQ honors those HS football players playing in the Kansas Shrine Bowl in July. We are pleased to have Mike in the Band. We also got two of our Past Potentates back in the band and our Divan Rep actually is also an OB member!

We have purchased some new shirts to help look like a real unit and to be uniformed. We have a renewed enthusiasm in the band and at our first formal OB function we had an additional 4 members play in the band which actually made us look bigger! We are going to have a great year.

Our plan at this point is to play 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!

Again, I would not be doing my job if I did not thank our ladies who do so much for us and work so hard to help make our functions the successes they are. Thank you so much Ladies! Please have a safe and healthy summer!

Sincerely
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With winter over and spring officially here we're planning to have a really good year. We're off to a great start with two new members. Thanks to Bill Walters and Clint Hues for coming on board with us. We look forward to adding their musical talents to the Oriental Band. We are glad to have Paul and France Beaulieu back with the group. They have been in Florida for several months. We would like to thank Illustrious Howard Sovel and Noble Ralph Cavalieri, Kena Shrine Center, for their support by giving us equipment for our band. This was a huge gesture and very much appreciated.

Once again we are preparing to go to SASA in September in Gatlinburg. Noble Paul Beaulieu will be going in as President of South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association (SASOBA). Plans are being made for his reception and to have a good time while we are there. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 in the Oriental Band Room, so stop in and say Hi! As always, we are looking for new members that want to have fun. Contact Vince Bobrosky or me.

Fraternally,
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Greetings from the Rose City! We've caught a glimpse of the sun and are looking forward to warmer, drier days ahead but the winter did

not slow us down. During the past few months we hosted a packed house for our annual Crab Feed fundraiser. Almost 500 guests feasted on fresh Dungeness crab (or baked chicken) with all the sides. The proceeds will help offset expenses for instrument maintenance and towards our elaborate motorized floating Sheik's tent.

A week after our Crab Feed, we traveled north to NILE O.B. and enjoyed their hospitality for their Crab Feed fundraiser. There's nothing finer than enjoying a beverage, feasting on fresh seafood and socializing with fellow Oriental Bandsmen! OBers from Al Kader also assisted a local Shrine Club for yet another Crab Feed with the proceeds donated to the National Marfan's Syndrome (a disorder of the connective tissue that holds all parts of the body together and helps control how the body grows.)

Again this year, our O.B. was invited to play for the Ladies Oriental Shrine at their Spring Hat Show and Social. These brave (*for inviting us back again!*) and creative Ladies put anything on their bonnets that's not nailed down!

President Ralph & Lady Janelle enrolled members of Al Kader Oriental Band and hosted the A.S.O.B. Midwinter session. Almost 3 dozen attended the weekend of events including tours of the beautiful Columbia River Gorge, Multnomah Falls (the 2nd tallest waterfall in N. America), a microbrewery, a High Tea for the Ladies – which alone raised over \$1,200 for the Ladder of Smiles. Saturday night, several OBers and Ladies strutted their stuff while enjoying rock-n-roll music courtesy of the Johnny & the Rockets band. There was plenty of snacks, food and beverages with very little down-time as Pres. Ralph and Lady Janelle had something planned virtually every minute.

This weekend, we just finished playing for our Temple's annual Shrine Circus where we invited several young "wannabe" musician's to bang the gong and beat the bass drum; heck - at times the beat was so regular, I couldn't tell if a youngster or OBER was playing!

Al Kader O.B. will be assisting our Divan in hosting Imperial Sir George Mitchell and several Imperial officers as they travel to Portland for the formal dedication of the remodeling project and new building addition at the Shriners Hospital-Portland Unit.

While here, Imperial Sir Mitchell will be in the lead convertible at our first parade of the year at The Cherry Blossom Festival, in The Dalles, OR.

Our Oriental Band along with our historic Temple Calliope and a float from the Shrine Hospital will be highlighted a few weeks later as we appear in the Starlight Parade – the kick-off event for the annual Portland Rose Festival; this is the nation's second largest floral parade amidst a month-long festival with dozens of events.

Whew, is it winter yet?! I'm tired already!! I hope to see many of you in Denver for Imperial – safe travels! *Aleikum Es Selam*, Scot Duncil

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As usual this year has opened with a busy schedule for AMARA Shriners, in January-March we have been very active with numerous activities: In January several of us went to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa to attend the Annual East-West Shrine Game Players visit and interaction with the children in our care on the Sunday before the East-West Shrine Game in Orlando, this was a great time for the children and adults in attendance to see the interaction of the players with our patients; The following Saturday Amara Shriners took bus to Orlando to attend the game on an very cold and windy day for South Florida; A parade was held at the end of January at the South Florida Fair; February, Amara Nobles and Ladies manned booths for the Annual ArtiGras Art Festival and attended the SHC-Tampa Hospital Days in Tampa, once again taking fifty-five Nobles and Ladies to the event, the Divan arranged for the bus to take all that wanted to go at no cost to the attendees, over half of those taking the trip had never previously visited the Tampa Hospital; March, we are working two concession stands at Roger Dean Stadium, where the Florida Marlins and the St. Louis Cardinals, hold their Spring Training for the upcoming baseball season, we had a game every day for the entire month of March and two games on one day this year, we have to provide eighteen people a day to run the concession stands, we are sure glad when the games are over.

All of the planning has been completed for the Florida Shrine Association Convention held May 4 – 8, 2011. All of the events for the Florida Shrine Oriental Band Association (FSOBA) have been planned and we are now implementing our plans. Our

turnout for the FSOBA is smaller than we originally expected but we expect to have a good event and meet with old friend and meet some new friends as well.

We have held several parades in January – March time-frame and are expecting to have several more in this next quarter, if Florida, most of our parades are held during the Spring, Fall and winter months as it gets too hot at other times of the year.

We have paraded at the South Florida Fair, Singer Island's St. Patrick's Day Parade, St. Lucie St. Patrick's Day Parade and North Palm Beach Heritage Parade on May 2nd.

If you are going to be in our area please call the AMARA Shrine Center office in Palm Beach Gardens (561 627-2100) and ask to be put in touch with someone from the Oriental Band. One of the members of the Karnak Oriental Band, Montreal, spends some of the winter months with us and for the last two years has participated with us in the early part of the year, Noble Jim High, Karnak's OB Director and his Lady Kathy, You are welcome to contact the writer of this article at the above email address. We will try to get you to a rehearsal, or meeting.

Arab

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The Oriental Band will be busy as usual this year. We started off the year with our performances at the Shrine Circus. I understand the Temple may have done better this year financially. That would be great considering the weather on the first night of the circus was a bit challenging with a power outage and even a leaking roof that threatened to dampen one of the toy booths. Fortunately, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of all those who attended. We gave away two bikes and offered up a great sampling of what the Mighty Arab Oriental Band is capable of.

Our next endeavor will be to partner with our Brothers in the Arab Patrol to host two pancake feeds this year. The first one on March 26 will have been history by the time you read this article, but the next one is scheduled for October 15. Mark your calendars. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so you might as well get your nutrition at Patrol/OB Pancake feed. Globbs of syrup and butter on your pancakes are good for you.

The ever popular Hor d'oeuvres night at the lounge will be even more exciting on Friday, April 22 when the OB teams up with

the Ritualistic Cast to offer up great cuisine to go along with your Camel's Milk.

Spring Ceremonial on May 7 will be here before we know it. We have much work to do to for CSSA so we might as well start now and tighten up our chops for what I hope will be another great ceremonial.

After much consideration, the OB has decided that we will not participate in Imperial this year. However, there is much excitement about Central States in Overland Park. I think we will have great participation by the OB and as always, have a good chance to win it all. Whatever the outcome, we always have a wonderful time together.

Azan

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The year is passing too quickly. We're preparing for the Spring Ceremonial which soon will be upon us. This will be our first chance to introduce our exotic music to the new Nobles. Perhaps there will be some among them that are musically inclined.

Maestro Don Weber was explaining the intricacies of the musette to new band member, PP Denny Shivers, and said, "Cover this hole; that's where the noise comes out – I mean music."

We'll be attending the Florida Shrine Association convention in May. There will be performances by the bands this year, but no competition.

Fellsmere, FL has a spring parade each year and it always has a theme. This year the theme is the town's 100th Anniversary, and again we'll be participating. It's wonderful to see the amazed faces among the music lovers as we go parading by.

We'll be bussing tables as usual at Azan's annual fish fry. We formerly served wine at Azan's functions, but were relieved of that – something about a shrinkage factor.

Our annual Sweethearts Dinner was held recently, and our Trophy Ladies were properly feted. Prez Wes Allen said nice things about our Ladies and presented each a long stemmed rose. We're getting together again soon at a Mexican restaurant.

Horn player Bob Palmer has returned to us after hip surgery and we're glad to have him back. There's no relationship of course, but he recently told the group, "If I didn't like beer so much, I'd join AA."

Have a great summer, and good lunch at Imperial 2011. Until next time, keep on strutting!

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On Sunday, March 6th, the Band participated in the Winter Park, FL, St. Patrick's Day Parade. A BIG THANKS to Noble Jeff Pierson for pulling the Band trailer. Although we may have been small in number, we made up for it in our enthusiasm. Attached are two pictures, one of the Band and trailer, and one of our Genie, VP Bobby Williams.



April is just around the corner and *Oh My* what a busy month it will be for the Band. It starts off with the Bahia Shrine Circus on the 2nd and 3rd, at which the Band will sell novelties; the Band business meeting and practice is on the 5th, the Bahia Ceremonial is on the 8th & 9th, **AND**, the Band's Annual Fish Fry is on the 22nd. Fish

Fry Chairman, PP John Pierson and his head "cookie" Noble Millard Smith, will do another great job for the Band's primary fundraiser. All Hands, (that's Navy talk), turn to for this one.

May finds the FSA/FSOBA Convention hosted by Amara Shrine Center at Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Egypt's Tong #54 will present the Mandarin Degree, and Dungeon #16 will present the Dragg'n Lady Degree.

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

Ben Ali

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Greetings from the great sunny Sacramento Valley where we have had a record year for rainfall, along with a record year of snowfall in the nearby Sierra, Nevada, mountains. But we have no complaints as we always fear the "D" word.

For the first part of the 2011 year your Ben Ali Bengal Lancers Shrine Oriental Band has been hard at it. We have in position the following: The Sultan for the year is Bob Mosely, The Rajah is Jim Bennett, The Keeper of the Scroll is once again (Our old Sarge) Jim World, and for the Secretary, Yours Truly, Paul T. McDaniel.

We had a great installation of Officers. We performed at the Ceremonial in December, that is all except yours truly who was Ho Ho Ho-ing as Santa for our Ladies at the annual Ladies Bazaar. We had a really great joint P.V. (Potentates Visit) with another unit, our Marching Patrol, where we welcomed in our 2011 Potentate Mike Grottkau and his Lady Shannon along with all the Divan members. The event took place at one of Sacramento's greater dining places, "The Buggy Whip." A good time with fellowship and great food was enjoyed by all. We performed on the fifth of March in the great Marysville Bok Kai parade. This is said to be the oldest parade in our state, And guess what? It has never rained on the parade.

We are in the practice mode and getting ready for the upcoming Elk Grove parade, the San Ramon parade and our annual Shrine night at The "River Cats." This is always great evening with our wonderful minor league baseball team. And of course we are

all looking forward to our time in Denver, Colorado in July. With all of this I will close as we anxiously await meeting with all of the other SOBs, and for now as the late, great Red always said, "God Bless."

Cairo

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Report from the best oriental band in Vermont, as we are the only one. Been a long winter, not to brutally cold, but an awful amount of snow. As writing today, we have an additional four inches. It's time to get our instruments out and tuned up for the up coming season. We lost two of our retired charter members, former director Gordon Smith and speed drummer John Godfrey.

Officers for this year remain the same as last year, with nine members, it's hard to change, so when your in, your in.

Vermont lost again the New Hampshire and Vermont Maple Sugar Football game, reminds me of the Brooklyn Dodgers, as there saying was, wait till next year.

First parade is Loyalty Day in Rutland, Vermont. Have four super bingo's again this year, first being May 7th. This is a great event for Cairo. Looking forward to the Northeast Field Days put on this year by Aleppo, who always do a terrific job for prior Imperials, Northeast and Jamboree. Field Days are August 26-28 and are being held on Cape Cod. I worked at times on the cape for the New Haven railroad, also the ship I served on in the Navy, the USS Salem CA139 is a museum, docked in Quincy, Mass., will stop and relive memories of days gone by aboard her.

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We now have a new Band President, Larry Lane. He has had the experience as he has been in our Band quite a few years. Our Music Director is still Bill Martin who does a fine job for us.

The F.S.O.B.A. will be in Palm Beach Gardens, May 5-7th. Our Band puts on the

Mandarin Degree each year and it is quite a bit of equipment to organize and get it to the convention.

At our last practice we had Craig Neuman there and hopefully he may join the Band in the percussion section.

Enjoy blowing your horn and beating your drum.



Egypt Oriental Band ready for Parade of Units at December Ceremonial 2010

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Irem Oriental Band Celebrates 100th Anniversary! This year, 2011, marks the 100th anniversary of Irem Temple's Oriental Band. In 1911 under the term of Potentate, John C. Bell, the Oriental Band, or as it was then known "The Bedouin Band", was organized under the leadership of Thomas Rowley. "Bedouin" meaning nomad or tent dweller, the band consisted of 24 members who eventually learned their skills with enthusiasm mastering the musettes, tom toms, tambourines, bass drum and gong. Their first number "To Allah", composed by C. Edward Tite, is still used today caravanning the novices over the hot sands.

In 1920 the Bedouin Band was organized into the Drum and Bugle Corps and Oriental Band of which C. Edward Tite, a chartered member of the Bedouin Band, was appointed Director and Captain. In 1954 Noble Tite was elected Director Emeritus after 33 years as its Director. George Harris, a member of the band for 32 years, was appointed Director and served this position for 16 years.

In 1970 Noble Harris and T.A. Edison Cooke were named Director Emeritus and President Emeritus. Noble Cooke, a member of the band for 47 years, had served 29 years as President. During this year the band elected its fourth Director – Noble Elmer

Chase. That June the unit, which for 50 years had served in a dual capacity as a Drum and Bugle Corps and Oriental Band, converted the corps into a complete O.B.

With this change, the band, which was accepted into the ASOB in 1952 but not able to compete in ASOB and MASOBA competition due to the dual capacity, was now eligible and eager to compete.

Since then the band has won numerous trophies and awards, most particularly on May 24, 1972, when we were named "International Champions" at the Ottawa Jamboree. After serving as director for 25 years, Elmer Chase retired at the close of 1994 and was appointed Director Emeritus. His brother, Emmanuel Chase, who served as assistant director for many years, was elected the fifth director in our band's history. In 1998, Assistant Director Warren Fetzer, took over the reign as Director. Being a former assistant bandmaster with the 79th Division Army Band, he knew how to get ATTENTION and that he did as we won several awards until his demise in 2006. Since then our band has been under the capable leadership of Fred Dietrich, Jr., a Past President of MASOBA, who has guided us to several trophies at Virginia Beach and numerous parades within our Shrine jurisdiction.

IT HAS BEEN AND IS A WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION – MAY IT NEVER END!!

Khiva

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Because we haven't done this yet here, the Khiva Oriental Band would like to thank Jack Buckner for his thank-less work leading the Band as Sultan (Presidente) in 2010. Thanks Jack - you kept us somewhat straight and entertained along the way!

Our new el Presidente must be the "partier". He and his committees have organized two great ones this year already. Our Super Bowl Party was very well attended. We fired up the new 55" flat screen upstairs, which was so generously donated to the Band by el Presidente, Joe Kiestler and Primera Dama de la KOB, Lady Sheila. "Mucho Gracias" to both of them, as they got the BAND up to date - we still have the two big cathode ray tube sets in the corners.

We had plenty of heavy snacks, finger foods and of course, Cerveza.

At the party, the Band had a "shower" for our Snake Charmer and family to help get them on the road to replacing everything they lost when fire consumed their home and contents a week earlier. Band members filled two tables with necessities that included cookware, towels ... sheets, tools and everything in between. Also included was a washer and dryer. Kevin, Kira and Kelsey Coburn were at a loss for words when they saw it all. Thank You to Wayne Wheeler (for the idea), Kristie and Aaron Brummer, Shari Higgs and all who helped organize the shower and all who brought things for the Coburns. They sure appreciated it! It's not an over statement when someone describes us as being one big extended family.

Our next occasion was beyond the Scribe's description due to his unfortunate absence. So, our Sultan graciously agreed to contribute the following wrap-up: "What a great unit to belong to...The Oriental Band that is. On March 12th, we had a Beer/Wine tasting party with great food. What an outstanding fun event. Thanks to the generosity of "The Schrowangens" we had 108 bottles of beers with 36 different varieties!!! We also had many different wines brought by the attendees. So, as you can imagine, we had a wonderful time tasting the different kinds of beers and wine as well as the delicious food brought by everyone. Then there was the games... shuffleboard with people lined up to play and there was this other game called a "Beer Pong Game". It was a very competitive game with the First Lady Patty Pate and Band Wife Kristie Brummer winning way more than the "guys" thought that they should. Congrats to them both and they sure enjoyed celebrating the winning to say the least. To sum up, this great event in one word...WOW!!! I'm already looking forward to the next party." As was said before, our new Sultan likes to party.

We pray that our new Illustrious Sir Glenn Pate and his Lady Patty will continue to have a great and successful year at the helm of Khiva this year. Glenn and his Divan have some great people helping them which will be much needed as our Shrine Center prepares to host the Texas Shrine Association Convention in June. It is always fun to be a member of Khiva Shrine when we host the 12 Temples of Texas.

As a precursor to the state convention, TASOB President Tim Beecher and the KOB have been busy with plans for Texas

Association of Shrine Oriental Band's Mid-Winter Conference, also here in Amarillo on April 1st (no fooling). We will have a hospitality room at our official hotel, the Marriott Courtyard on Polk St., right around the corner. So attendees will be close by for the "Saloon Night", meetings, games, auctions, hospitality and dinner at the Shrine Center. Hopefully, the KOB and Khiva Shrine will provide a great oasis to the Oriental Bands of Texas (and ASOB too). They have even thought of ordering up great weather. No doubt, their efforts will be successful, but how do you top the last one here in 2008 where we "pierced" the sitting ASOB President on the final night. Watch for a wrap-up of this event (probably several) in the next Na Khabar.

Practice has been going steady every Monday evening now. Our new music is challenging and has gone through several "enhancements" but we seem to be making headway. Eventually practice sessions will go twice weekly as we get closer to competition here in Amarillo, June 3th, 4th & 5th. And then unfortunately it will continue through June until the Imperial Session July 4th. We look forward to being with our brethren bandsmen in Denver!

Shrine Centers in some seven southern U.S. states hosted the IHOP National Pancake Day on March 1st at which free short stacks were served all day. Donations collected in these locations went exclusively to Shriners Hospitals. The KOB had been asked to man the doors and make our presence well-known at one of the local IHOPs that shrove Tuesday night from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. IHOP says that they surpassed their fund-raising goal of 2.5 million this year although that amount also included what was raised for the Children's Miracle Network at IHOPs outside the region. Anyway, it has become a great fund raising opportunity for the hospitals. That night, noble Jack Flake of the KOB, who has a reputation for such antics, decided to "borrow" a fez from a certain Caliph and wear it that night at the restaurant. Who knows what point he was trying to make, if any, but he seemed to be making a "what if" statement that night. And thanks be to God, it wasn't at least for the A.S.O.B. (see accompanying photo).

Finally, our Shrine Center will be touring our 2 Texas Shrine Hospitals the end of April. Our Sultan, yours truly, will be along to make the trek to Galveston/

Houston with other Khiva Shriners. We are excited and will surely be overwhelmed at what we will experience and see on this trip. This is a pilgrimage every Shriner should make at least once in his lifetime. Having been on a previous journey in 2004, I had a quick revelation of what our purpose is that no penned description would do justice.

Hasta la vista,

The Scribe



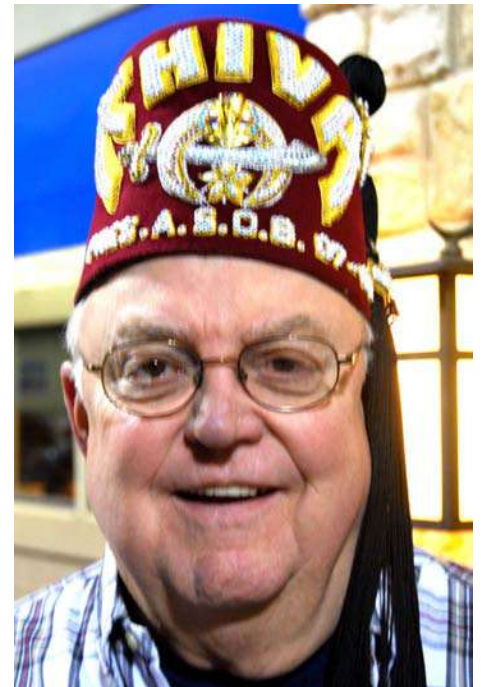
2011 KOB Beer Pong Hustlers



Hangin' out before the half enjoying the new flatscreen upstairs



OBers Grady Wilson and John Meyer with a Khiva Clown at IHOP night



Jack Flake with his Past President ASOB guise



The Coburns express gratitude for all their gifts at the KOB Superbowl party

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Since the beginning of 2011 the Oriental Band has been very active. Our Band practices are held as follows: First, Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm at the St. John's Shrine Club. New members are most welcome either to come and share fellowship, good music or contemplate joining.

Band Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month at the St. John's Shrine Club, 530 Topsail Rd., St. John's, NL.

The Band participated in the Annual MAZOL Potentates Installation ceremony held in January 2011 at Holiday Inn on Portugal Cove Rd.

The Band is having a Seal Flipper Dinner on May 10th and hope to be serving approximately 250 dinners as well as 100 Seal Flipper take-outs. (a delicacy in this neck of the woods as well as a fine healthy food source and cholesterol reducer).

The Band will be performing at our Annual Garden Party held in August each year in partnership with the Ladies of the Sabre at the St. John's Shrine Club.

In September 2010, our Band was well represented and on parade at the Northeast Shrine Association Field Days in Halifax.

The Band also has a very active website, <http://mazolshriners.com> (follow links for Units) Band email address: mazoloasis@gmail.com. Nobles we suggest you all pay our site a visit as there are many other Shrine ... Masonic Links ... other items of interest on our web site.

Noble John Bartlett our Band Director and all members of the Band wish all Nobles ... Ladies a safe and happy summer.

Noble Bill Edwards

Melha

Springfield, Massachusetts



Leo Plourde
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Greetings OBers from the Northeast! Wow what a winter, glad it is over. Hopefully everyone came through it ok. We have a few new members and are starting to show numbers on the street again, which is a really good thing for us. July 30th the Melha Oriental Band will be holding their annual Golf Tournament at the Westover Golf Course in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Cost is \$100.00 per person, anyone interested please contact Leo Plourde at leop08@charter.net. We are also looking for hole sponsors, they are \$50.00, all net proceeds from this event are going to the Springfield Shriners Hospital.


We are practicing and hoping to compete in competition at the Northeast this year, who knows, maybe we will be able to get numbers to go to the Imperial Session. We miss SqueezeBox around our area, he has been marching with the Mummies. When he gets a chance he marches with us but as long as he is gone, we are all in step.

Well, this was my first article that I have ever written, hopefully it will get better as time goes on. For now keep playing that sweet music and raising money for Ladders of Smiles.

Leo Plourde

2002 Imperial World Champions
Vancouver, B.C.

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Here I be in Peoria, AZ, laying by the pool and doing the spring training thing. Think the Mariners will suck again this year, do they need bats or what!! But being a fan, I remain ever hopeful. Our weather in Seattle has been really wet and it actually snowed a few times this winter, I will not expound on how Seattle drivers are when the weather turns! But, it ain't pretty! Here it is 80 and I feel pretty good.

In January, the new Sultanate began under the hand of Tom Caldwell. I wish him and the rest of the officers a great year.

February saw us dong the Annual Crab Feed for about 600 people. It went well under the auspices of Acki Mueller (otherwise known as the phantom member of Al Bedoo). Many others helped out in the effort, including Ed Thornton, Parker Johnston, Debbie Garner and many others. We made some dinars for the children.

March has seen the Band working towards getting our act together for the parade season and Imperial. Hammers and tongs so far - it will get better guaranteed!

April will see the start of the parade season at the LaConner Luke and Lila Long Soiree. We will be picnicking before the event. This originally started with just the Band "parading" through several bars, playing for beer and laughter! It has since morphed into a more formal affair that is held in conjunction with the Tulip festival.

We have several parades through the Imperial Session in July in Denver. Then we slow down as the season ebbs.

Tom Caldwell, Ben Neff, Bert Cruz, Tim Timmreck Frank Martinez, Ed Thornton and myself have had, or is in the process of, weathering medical issues. I do hope that

all of us get better. I encourage all you to get your hides examined for skin cancer. I just was fortunate enough to and have myself checked out and ended up having a melanoma removed. Fortunately, they got it all. Which leads me to concluding with my status at the pool. Am wearing a Burka this year and staying out of the sun. Things like this do get one's attention.
Fraternally, Bruce

Philae
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Jim Woodley



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Illustrious Sir Fred Jewer last October. Fred was the oldest living Past Potentate of Philae Shriners. He was President of NESOBA in 1965. Fred has been President of the Philae Oriental Band for many years and was one of our strongest supporters.

Before his death he was instrumental in arranging for new uniforms for the unit in anticipation of the Northeast in 2010. Unfortunately, he never got a chance to wear his.

We was a Mason, York Rite member, and a Shriner for 55+ years. Farewell True and Faithful Brother!
Aleikum Es Selam,
Noble J.R Woodley, Sec/Treas, NESOBA



Rhode Island AB Parade with our new Philae uniforms as we prepare for the Apple Blossom Parade in Nova Scotia

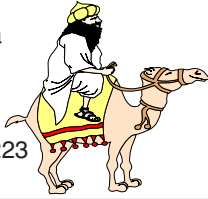


*BEST in Fantasy
Fred presents the trophy to Noble Arnie Pepper*

Rajah

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Es Selamu Aleikum. For those of you who do not live in Pennsylvania, we have a weather prognosticator by the name of Phil. This year Phil was pulled out of his bed by a bunch of clowns in top hats and asked to foretell the weather for the next couple of months. Phil being an obliging fellow, lied through his teeth and said how wonderful the weather would be for the coming six weeks of winter. We of little intelligence, listened with wrapped enthusiasm and proclaimed Phil the prophet of all-time. How quickly the fickle public can turn on a prophet. If we could find Phil now, we would Bar-B-Que him and pass him around at Band Meeting as a snack.

Speaking of Bands, we are starting to rehearse for the MASA Convention, the beginning of September, in Va. Beach. The Mid Atlantic Oriental Band used to have a Jamboree each year put on by the Band of the current president. Because of poor attendance by the Bands at these Jamborees, we opted to have a competition at MASA each year when most of the Bands would be in attendance. We will be ready to compete. Will the rest? Wait until the next installment of the Na Khabar to get the low down on this year's competition.

Rajah's Christmas party and Ladies Night was a resounding success again this year. You'd think that our Director, John Grumbein would, after all these years of doing this, learn how to do it, but no, he has to do it again next time. Along with our Ladies Night, we held the MASOBA Mid-winter Meeting. We had a good attendance for this meeting and have everything settled for competition September. We now combine our Ladies Night with Lancaster County Oriental Band's Past Presidents' Banquet. The attendance was good this year and shows what can be done when you join together in fraternal brotherhood.

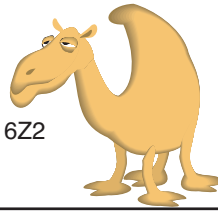
Until next time, Aleikum Es Selam.

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Greetings from the Oshawa Shrine Oriental Band. Hard to believe we are into another year and parade season is upon us. The winter has seen the band practicing each Sunday morning averaging 10-12 members each day. We are attempting to have 3 sets representing about 12-20 new and old tunes. Things are coming along. Sure would like to be practicing for Denver, but due to age etc. the band will not be going. Will attempt to have a couple of members at the Fantasy. Our first parade is the Pickering Easter Parade. The band held a successful St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance on March 11 and a good number of Nobles and friends came out for the "Wearin' O' the Green". The next event is on April 29 when the O'Bands will host a "Mandarin Degree," this is always a fun night.

In January the O'Band held a potluck supper and Noble Doug Wanamaker and Director Bob Jones gave out achievement awards to several members. A good time was had by all. Thanks to the Ladies for the delicious food, a feast befitting a king. We welcome Noble John Deacon to the band. Noble John is presently playing the gong and when needed, the bass drum. John is also learning the musette. John played horn in a former life and I am sure will be an excellent member of the unit. Our treasurer Noble John Spink resigned for personal reasons and we welcome Noble John Deacon and Noble Fergie Ferguson as our Treasurer and Assistant. We wish Noble John success in his future endeavors.

The O'Band is looking forward to the Rameses Spring Ceremonial, this year to be held in beautiful downtown Niagara Falls, Ontario. Dates are June 10, 11 and 12. It should be a good time. Until next time, remember the Ladder of Smiles.

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Bonjour mes amies: Greeting from the Nobles of the Shriners' Club of Hamilton,

"Oriental Band Unit."

Although we have not sent in a communication for some time, it does not necessarily follow that we have been idle. Last year we performed our allotted tasks as usual, with some exception. We reduced the number of parades attended and we slipped on some of the commitments, this left us with a feeling of uneasiness. This was not an intentional decision but rather one out of necessity. Failing health and obligations restricted our involvement. Although we persevered through the winter parades it has taken its toll. There is no denying those more senior nobles that did turn out to the parades are certainly to be praised for their efforts. There seems to be a message in the fact; when one reaches a certain age, Mother Nature is less forgiving. The chill of that Northern Blast of Arctic Air penetrates through the heavy clothing down to the very essence of ones being. Therefore unless we have an influx of new members our winter parades are now in jeopardy. So the general consensus is, if you can smile and wave and be proud to be a member of the Oriental Band Unit, you qualify and you will be received accordingly. Our float has proved to be a very useful part of our array. Now those that are restricted in walking can enjoy the events with less stress to the engine and all those other parts of the body that drive us in our senior years.

Our annual Turkey Raffle held in December of 2010 was very successful and the band donated Three Thousand Dollars, (\$3000) to Rameses Transportation Fund. We also were able to donate Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5000) to the Ladder of Smiles, at the Imperial, in Toronto, Canada. We may be few in numbers but we are committed, and not unlike the "Grinch," our heart seems to grow larger each year. We were pushed and prodded by our President (2010) Noble Andrew Vachal and we had a very successful year. Thanks, "Noble Andy!"

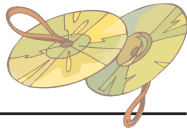
This year 2011 we have Noble Sandy MacMillan at the helm. He is more than qualified to fill the position of President of the Oriental Band, and we look forward to great things this year. Starting off the year will be a Mandarin Degree, April 29th, at the Oshawa Shrine Club. What a great way to start off the year's events with fun and frolic, and we will throw in a great deal of laughter. I will keep you posted as to the success of the degree in future submissions.

Remember the Kids!

REMEMBER!

Deadline for the January issue is December 1st.
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Sudbury
Sudbury, Ontario



Gord Fraser, Chairman

The Oriental Band and Colour Party held a very successful Perogi Dinner at All Peoples' United Church March 18th, enjoying a great turnout and many takeout orders. Many thanks to Noble Lome Chuipka and the "boys in the band" for the great food... I'm among those that thoroughly enjoyed the time and fellowship with our group in preparing the food.

The members of the church that participated in serving food and "cashiering" at the door just added to the conviviality of the evening... their participation and the attendance of many of the parishioners, our Shriners and Masons made the event a complete success. Here's hoping the event will be financially a success, that we may present it again next year!

The Oriental Band welcomed Noble Stephen Pierce to our percussion ensemble! Noble Steve joined with us in his first practice and amazed us all with his percussive talent!

The Band has added a new "voice" to our percussive sound with a pair of finger cymbals, and is looking to borrow two bass drums toward a 4-note bass tuned sound. Two more percussionists will soon be required...our search for new members continues! Hopefully our young strapping new Nobles will, like Steve, park their camel at the Band's Oasis and seek membership in the Oriental Band's tent.

(The preceding was taken from the Sudbury Shrine Club Scimitar. Thanks to Noble Gord Fraser for the write up.)

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We have been hibernating during the past winter in part due to the amount of snow we have had.

Plans have been made for a couple of parades and our upcoming fund raiser - our Annual Reverse Drawing which will give us our operating expenses and donations to the Ladder of Smiles and to our Erie Unit of the hospitals.

John Seastead and I attended the MASOBA mid-winter meeting in Reading. John has since undergone back surgery in Pittsburgh.

Other than that all I can say is we are looking forward to summer and be sure to Remember the Ladder of Smiles. There is no end to the good we can do if we don't care who gets the credit!

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- 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
Open to all, Dress Casual for all except for the ASOB officers
Dress: Red Jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie, jewel, nametag & fez
Ladies Dress: Business Casual attire with nametag
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

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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 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send to:

Vince Bobrosky
P.O. Box 2
Ladysmith, VA 22501

ASOB Imperial Session

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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 _____

Treasurer _____

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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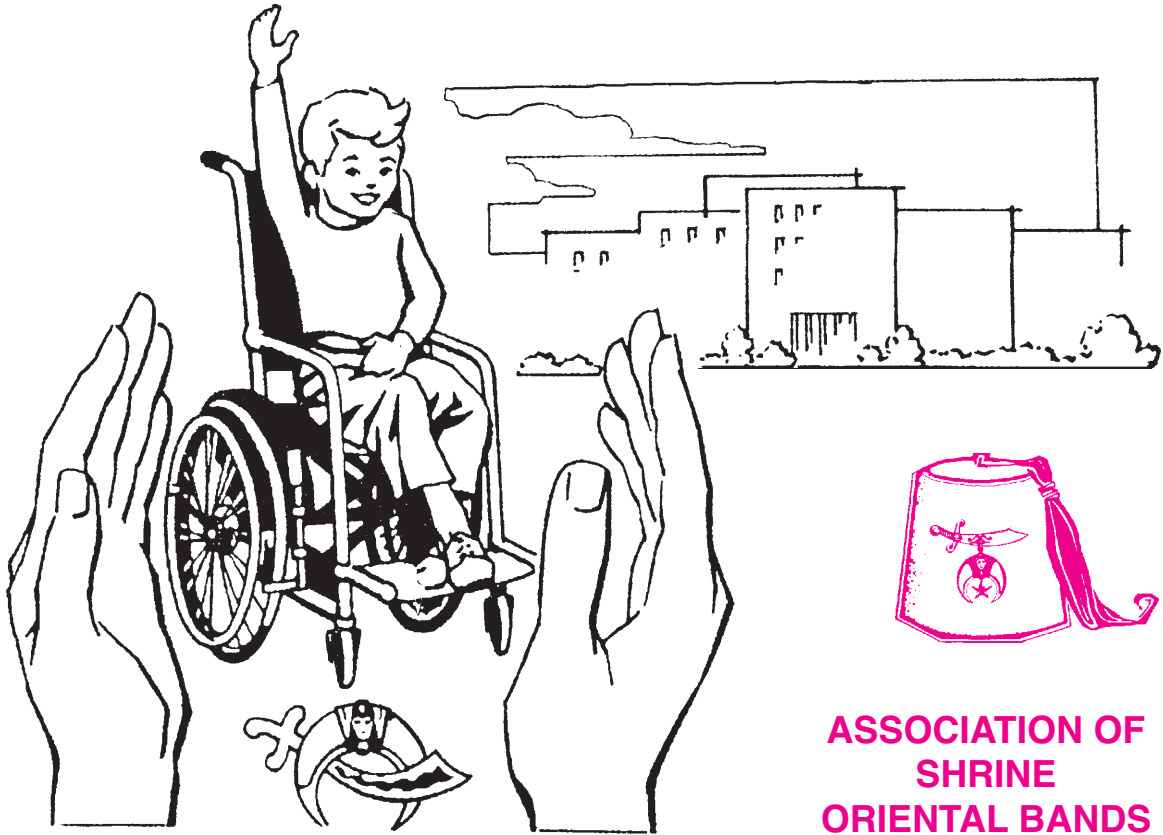
GOALS FOR 2010-2011

- \$100,000 to the Ladder of Smiles •
- 100% Participation of Bands to the Ladder of Smiles •
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 - New Online Monthly Articles •
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