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What a great time we had in Kansas City! This being the first time we have held an event like this, we had no idea what to expect.

What did happen was that we had 140 registered and five bands competing. It turned into an exciting time to be had by all. We had our competition in the morning followed by lunch in the hospitality room. The ASOB annual meeting was held on Saturday afternoon and we elected a full slate of officers. Our new Officers will be President Chris Tsaros, 1st VP Harry Pressman, 2nd VP Darren DeHass, 3rd VP Norm Tinkham, Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Sobek and Secretary/Treasurer Don Moores. This will be great set of officers for the Association.

We had an entertaining time at the banquet giving out the awards to the bands as all were winners. We then gave away some prizes to make the evening complete. The hospitality room was then reopened to celebrate the winners and say our good-byes. The hospitality room could not have happened without friends of ASOB, Luther and Lucretia Carmichael, Gerald and Marie Ledbetter, and 1st Sergeant Isaac and Koleen Bray. Katie and I have work with these people on many events over the years and they are always there to help. Gerald is now the Oriental Guide for Moslah Shrine. Koleen is our daughter and this is the first time that she and her husband have been able to attend an ASOB function. I want to give a big thank you to the ladies of Ararat Temple who were quick to offer their help and support. They provided the centerpieces for our

banquet. I would be remiss if I did not thank Chairman of the Ladder of Smiles, Mike Hartup, for all his hard work. He and his wife Maggie have devoted years to furthering the cause of collecting money to support our hospitals for the benefit of the children treated therein.

The next function for us will be June 19th at Arlington National Cemetery. ASOB officers will be laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 1:15 p.m. that day. All Shriners and their friends and families are invited to attend this ceremony. We will meet one and a half hours before our time at the tomb. There is a shuttle bus available but there is a charge and you need to buy tickets in advance. I hope that we can have a nice turn out.

We will be in Daytona for Imperial in July. ASOB will be at the Hyatt Place Daytona Beach. We will be sharing a hospitality with Al Kadar Shrine Center. The bands that wish to perform will be putting on an exhibition on the Market Place stage on Monday afternoon. There will be no judging of competition as that was done at Kansas City. Come and watch the bands as they preform for the enjoyment of the crowds.

It is with a certain amount of sadness that I write this, my last article, as President of ASOB. It has been a long while since I joined the Oriental Band at Moslah (1985). I had no idea what Oriental Band was. I was told that it would be fun and something that you would remember. Well they were right on both counts, it is fun. I encountered things that will be forever etched in my memory, from parades in San Antonio in front of the Alamo, to the flats in Amarillo, to Mayfest in Fort Worth with hail the size of softballs and everything in between, tropical storms that rolled into Myrtle Beach at the same time we did and blew our loaded luggage cart across the parking

lot, miles long parades at both Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach, getting to know interesting new cities at Imperial and mostly friendships made. The friendships I have made and will cherish for as long as I will wear a Fez. In my humble opinion, they are what makes Oriental Bandsman and their Ladies the greatest part of the Shrine. I cannot go away without thanking my partner for life, Katie. She has been by my side this entire journey and I could not have done the things I have without her support. Thank you. I will always remember my time on the line with the smile that comes from good friendships made and enjoyed along our journey. Thank you for allowing me this time.

Yours in The Faith,
Tom Crow



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
Chris Tsaros

Getting the Future Right

Many of us throughout life's journey on this planet have contemplated of how to get the future right.

Many have tried to convince us they have the right tools to outsmart the market, read the stars to tell our future, for many it is the tea leaves, or the coffee grounds etched on the sides of a cup of Greek coffee.

Lacking any technology that can help us accurately predict the future, we locked a bunch of us in a room and used some good old school, sweat and some prognostication, to arrive at how we might get the future right for all the oriental bands in Shrinedom. This is what we came up with:

Annual Jamboree in Kansas City in late spring after most of the regional associations have held their meetings.

Kansas City has proven to be a great destination for the bands as it is within an almost two day drive for most of the bands. The feedback from this year's Jamboree has proved this to be correct.

Continued emphasis for the Jamboree to be a great venue for competition, offering competitive stage venue, as well as providing experience for bands that wish to up their skills in a supportive and fun environment.

Use the Jamboree as a destination for learning. We will be offering workshops geared to novice bandsmen starting with the 2018 Jamboree in Kansas City.

Use better tools to reach all our members. The hit and miss approach of the past has been relegated to the dust bin of history.

We have deployed a new email utility which in the last 2 months, has helped us provide you with timely information (make sure we have your email). We will continue to use and leverage this technology for cutting edge communications with you our valuable stakeholder.

We are transitioning from the Na Khabar which reached some of you on a quarterly basis, to a Na Khabar which will live as a newly revamped website with timely updates from all the bands. Yes, information and news as they happen. We are aiming to make our new website, the Oriental Band Community's electronic village square. We will reach all our bands to ensure that they have a presence on this website. Live streams from videos you provide, pictures and news of parades, profiles of band members, and anything pertaining to oriental bands you wish to post will all be there. If you already have a web presence we will make sure that you will have the right links to your site.

One feature of the website will be the virtual market place, where instruments and uniforms can be sourced and or traded.

We are currently working on a

fundraising model for the association and all the bands that can help the entire community be better self-funding. More on this as the model takes better shape.

Amazing what can happen when we put some bandsmen in a room lock them up throw away the key and ask them to come up with things for a better future.

Did we get it right? I don't propose we lock all of you up and throw away the key, but you can help us by giving us feedback. What can we do better, what have we left out? I would like to hear from you. Contact me at christsaros@gmail.com. Let's start building a better future together.

Chris Tsaros
President Elect



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
Harry Pressman

Things have been quite down my way. Since we last met, the 1st Annual Jamboree was held in

Kansas City. We had 5 great bands that participated. Our President Tom Crow put on a fantastic weekend.

The end result was very favorable from everyone who attended. I sincerely hope that more bands will come to Kansas City next year. The date and place will be announced at a later date. Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the 2017-2018 season.

Here in Texas, we are getting ready for the Texas Shrine Association meeting that will take place the second weekend in June. Karem Shriners are the host temple this year. Unfortunately they don't have an Oriental Band, but promised that the 6 bands in the Texas Association that attend will have a great time.

My summer will be filled with college graduations of my granddaughters that will keep me on the road and broke. I will also be trying to heal my broken body. Trust me when I say "getting old is not for sissies." Hope to see all of you in Kansas City in 2018.



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
Darren DeHass

Can you say WOW!? What a tremendous time in Kansas City. If you did not go, you better believe you missed out on a great

OBE (Oriental Band Experience)! It was a great setting and the plans were well laid out. President Tom and Lady Katie did a great job getting this all set up and coordinated. A huge thanks to all of those bandsmen and their ladies who came out to support this new endeavor of the ASOB. You are the reason that we do what we do, and why Oriental Bands are the greatest Shrine unit going. I won't rehash the whole weekend here, I think you will get the idea from all of the officers' reports.

For my part of the weekend, I attempted to do a Facebook Live Stream of the competition. I was not completely successful, but I learned a lot from the attempt and those lessons will move us forward for next year. Yes, I intend to try it again next year. I did get the whole competition recorded and it can be found on the ASOB Facebook page as well it has been uploaded to YouTube, search for ASOB 2017 Jamboree. If you did not make it this year, start planning now to attend next year. Encourage your band to come and compete, though you are all welcome to attend even if they don't. I promise you will have a great time!

Next year the Jamboree will be in Kansas City again, it is a great central

location that is easy to get to from just about anywhere. I always think you should take a few extra days, if you are able to, and really enjoy the area as well. I did just that, I had family in the area and had the opportunity to catch up with them after an extended absence. I also visited several of the local attractions. I ended up going to the Kansas City Sea Life Aquarium, the National World War I Museum and Memorial as well as a visit to Ararat Shrine Temple. A big thank you goes out to Noble Recorder Mike Wheeler who gave us a personal tour of the facility. Those are just a few of the highlights, there is so much more to see and explore in the area. As many of you know, I think quite a lot about food and K.C. has a lot of great restaurants to experience as well.

The Jamboree was not just about the fun, though there was a rather large emphasis on just that, but we also had our Annual Meeting. We walked away from that meeting with a full slate of officers for the ensuing year. That in and of itself is very encouraging. I want to extend my congratulations to each of those elected officers and say that I am looking forward to working with each of you over the next few years. The work that is being done within the ASOB should ensure a bright future for our organization and our bands. I am also seeing a lot of enthusiastic leadership coming from our bands. It was wonderful meeting many of you in person for the first time as well as seeing friends. I am keeping an eye on those people to help keep the Oriental Bands working and growing, continuing to further our influence both within Shrinedom and throughout the world. Just as a quick reminder, we are the very public face of Freemasonry and as such we have a rather large responsibility to show the best of ourselves and our fraternity when we are in the public view. Please keep that in mind when ever out representing our Shrines and organizations.

I will leave you with one last thought that I have expressed before,

but believe it is worth repeating. None of the officers of the ASOB are inaccessible nameless faces. We are here to help our bands, because this is our organization and we want the same things that you want. We truly like hearing from you and working with you. So if you have questions or ideas that you wish to convey, please reach out to one of us. You will hear back from us and we will work to implement your ideas that help strengthen the ASOB. We are all in this together! Es salaam alaikum, my brothers!



**SECRETARY/
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Don Moores

Greetings
Bandsmen!
We have just returned from the 1st Annual Jamboree held in Kansas City, MO. I am pleased

to announce that we had a wonderful turnout of over 140 Bandsmen and Ladies. The other good news is there will be another Jamboree in 2018, again in Kansas City, MO. The final date will be finalized and announced in Chris Tsaros' article in early May 2017. The Holiday Inn Country Club Resort did a wonderful job of being our host hotel for this year's Jamboree and will likely be the same location next year.

Our 2017 Annual Meeting, normally held during the Imperial Session was held at the Jamboree. Minutes of the Annual will be in this issue of the *Na Khabar* as well as the financial reports. There will be no Annual Meeting held at the Imperial Session in Daytona Beach during the 2017 Imperial Session, this will free up the members to attend Imperial Sessions, which we have been unable to do because the Imperial Sessions conflicted with the A.S.O.B. meetings and activities. I am looking forward to being able to attend some of these

sessions I have missed in the past. In Daytona Beach we will be staying at the Hilton Place Daytona Beach, 3161 S. Atlantic Ave. The hotel will be shared with AL Kader Shriners, Portland, OR. The cost of the first nights room rate (excl. taxes) is \$159.00 plus the \$20.00 Imperial fee. Please get your room requests in as soon as possible because we have a limited number of rooms.

The results of the Election of Officers for the year 2017-2018 was held in Kansas City and are included in the Annual Meeting Minutes. Congratulations to Chris Tsaros, Al Azhar Shriners, upon his election as President of the A.S.O.B., effective in July 2017, for the ensuing year.

Congratulations to our outgoing President Tom Crow for a very successful event in Kansas City. The Fantasy went very well with five Bands, the results should reported in Harry Pressman's article elsewhere in this issue.

The Strategic Planning Meeting, started two years ago, will be held in November in Calgary, AL, Canada in November. This is the Executive Planning Session to which all Bandsmen are welcome, it is three full days of discussions and planning for the health of the A.S.O.B. as an Association. Anyone wanting to attend is welcome to contact President-elect Chris Tsaros at the email or phone number in the Officers Section of this issue.

Aleikum Es Selam,
Don Moores
A.S.O.B. Secretary/Treasurer

*Be sure to join us
for the*
**2018 JAMBOREE
in Kansas City, MO**

May 4th & 5th

APPOINTMENTS



LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN
Michael Hartup

The First Annual A.S.O.B. Hoedown, held in Kansas City last month, was a big success and I

hope the start of a new tradition. The bandsmen and their ladies attending enjoyed the fun and fellowship. President Tom and Lady Katie hosted a terrific hospitality room. Keep watching for announcements about the Second Annual Hoedown and make plans to attend. Vice President Darren was responsible for the live feed of the competition.

President Tom has arranged for the A.S.O.B. to take part in the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington, VA on Monday, June 19 2017. Maggie and I plan to be there for this momentous event.

Imperial Session is in Daytona Beach, FL, July 9 - 12 and the A.S.O.B. has a limited number of rooms on hold, so if you have not yet made your reservations please hurry! The deadline is fast approaching.

President Tom set his goal at raising \$80,000.00 for our kids and our hospitals through the Ladder of Smiles. This is a reachable goal and with your help this will be a reality.

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

I bid you peace...
Mike

**The Ladder of Smiles
Makes it all Worthwhile**



AMBASSADORS



FLORIDA
Robert E. Stihler

I can't believe that come next month, 2017 will be half gone.

In February 2017, Lady Nancy and I moved to

Bradenton, FL, so I am no longer a member of the Bahia Oriental Band.

Bahia Shrine Center at Orlando, FL, has been sold with a new location in Apopka, FL, however has not yet occupied the site. Their Stated Meetings have been held at various Shrine Clubs. The Bahia Oriental Band has only two "active" members, President Millard Smith and Treasurer Robert Woodall.

On 25 March 2017, the Egypt Oriental Band at Tampa, FL, had a called meeting. Due to difficulty in gaining new members and declining health issues, the Band sadly agreed to fold its tent.

It is with heavy heart to report the passing of Noble John Pettibone on 31 March 2017. Brother John had been a Musette player of Egypt Oriental Band since 1975... 41 years of loyal, dedicated service. His music, joyful personality, and camaraderie will be sorely missed. Our sympathy and condolences go to Lady Georgia and family.

From 3 to 16 March, Sahib Oriental Band "Cruise Director" Noble Paul (The "GreeK") Pante and Lady Miriam; Noble Floyd LaDue and Lady Joan; Noble Tom Perez and Lady Pat; and Yours Truly and Lady Nancy enjoyed "oceans of fun" during a cruise to the western Carribean.

On 26 March, the Sahib Oriental Band played for a very appreciative audience at the Pleasant Lakes RV

Park in Bradenton, FL. As per usual, Band Director did an outstanding job including members of the assemblage to join in, playing a variety of percussion instruments. A GREAT time was had by all. Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals.

God Bless You – God Bless Our Troops – God Bless America



MID ATLANTIC
Keith Oviatt

MASOBA Mid-Winter Meeting was held on February 25 in Reading, PA with Spring like weather instead of the

usual snow and low temperatures.

The officers having assumed their proper positions with but one exception, Sgt. at Arms Warren Lewis was missing. He did show up even though being a bit late. This of course demanded a fine to go to the Ladder of Smiles. ASOB Sec./Treas. Emeritus Bud Moore and myself represented the ASOB. Business was conducted in short order and the attendees retreated to the Hospitality Room. The Ladies of the Rajah Oriental Band once again outdid themselves by providing a wonderful lunch of homemade soups, sandwiches, and deserts.

The Awards and Banquet was held that evening. ASOB Past Presidents, Paul Gluck and Vince Bobrosky were in attendance as well as Sec./Treas. Emeritus Bud Moore and P.P. Mahlon Hariu. A total of \$5,700.00 was presented for the Ladder of Smiles.

The next meeting of MASOBA will be held in Virginia Beach on Sept. 9.

If it does not matter who gets the credit, much can be achieved!

BAND NEWS

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Here is one of those articles from Al Bedoo's past. This one written by probably the most famous director in all of the Oriental Bands in history, Arnold "Arnie" A. Berger P.P. He had quite the influence on Shrine OB's not just Al Bedoo. He was a very flamboyant leader and knew instinctively how to create drama and a show. His leadership as director of our band for almost 40 years solidified his name in the archives of Al Bedoo and the ASOB forever.



Al Bedoo Oriental Band
by **Arnold A. Berger** (*deceased*)

The full name of the 'Shrine' is Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In 1953, the heads of the Al Bedoo Oriental Band decided that we would endeavor to become as authentically Arabic as possible. At that time, we had a member of the band, one Bud Mollohan, who was an employee of the Interior Department, associated with water use and conservation.

His section was closed down and Bud was transferred to Jordan, the country, not a small town in Montana. Who could quarrel with the infinite wisdom of the government's decision to transfer a Montana irrigation expert to the near East to teach Arabs water conservation?

In any event, Bud was able to get pipe and plastic supplies to Jordan and became a favorite of (King) Hussein. Through his efforts, he obtained uniforms for us. Our local newspaper had our photographs on the front page when we first paraded in our new uniforms. Copies were sent to Bud, who showed them to the King. When Hussein became convinced that we were not portraying Arabs in a demeaning manner, he was delighted and presented all band members with the medallions worn by the Jordanian Legions. These were worn by all members of the band until recently.

Bud also became friends with General Glubb, who trained Hussein's legions. When General Glubb retired, he toured the United States on a speaking tour. He visited Bud in Billings. Bud prevailed on the Band to perform for him. He believed we were Arabs. General Glubb then obtained the Red and White Kufiyahs, which were a part of the official uniforms of the Arab Legions.

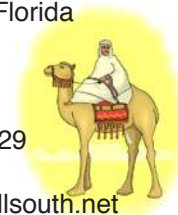
We gradually learned the type of music, and learned phrases of Arabic, which we now use, from exchange students.

The Arabs use their drums not only with other music, but in war as well. Great groups of drummers were utilized to spook the horses of the crusaders. Our emphasis is on percussion. Therefore, in our various competitive situations, if the judges are turned on by the percussion, we score well. If they are melody oriented, not so good.

Salaam Aleikum!
Yours very truly,
Arnold A. Berger

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Greetings to all Bandsmen! Amara Shriners is having a great beginning to the new year 2017. The sale of the Amara grounds and building are progressing after a few small issues were able to be resolved. We have received substantial earnest money against the sale price. The Building is just too big and costly for the current membership and we are hoping to find a place acceptable to all and more appropriately sized.

The band has not increased membership in the last year, we are stagnant in our membership but hope to get back into the swing of things in the future. I am sure after the sale of the building is finalized and we know the future of our location things will begin to get better.

We are now looking forward to a great time in Daytona Beach at Imperial. We always renew old acquaintances and make new ones at Imperial. Best wishes for a great spring and Imperial Session.

Aleikum Es Selam,
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It is with heavy heart that I report the passing of Noble John Pettibone on 31 March 2017 after declining health. Our sympathies and condolences go to Lady Georgia and family.

Brother John had been a member of Egypt Oriental Band since 1975... a

long 41 years of faithful service. His expertise with the musette, his ever cheerful smile, and his loyalty with the Band will be acutely missed. Over the years, John had held various positions of leadership with the Band, and had also served as the Outer Guard with Egypt's Tong #54 Mandarin Degree Team.

At a called meeting on 3/25/2017, the Band members decided that it was time to "retire" our musettes and drums, vacate its tent, and in due time, return its Charter to the Temple.

We fondly remember the "good ol" days, in the mid-late 1980's, when the Band had 32-35 Bandsmen marching in a parade, (we were much younger then), and more recently on our float, enjoying the crowds lining the route appreciative of the best kind of music this side of Heaven. But time has taken its toll and we need to leave the oasis.

As the Mighty Mandarin would say... Ahh Sooo! Remember the kids in the hospitals.

God Bless You – God Bless Our Troops – God Bless America.

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It's been awhile since I've done this and for that, I apologize. Our year ended in grand style with a great Christmas party that our Junior Past Sultan and his Lady "craftily" planned, organized and celebrated. Thank you Illustrious Mike Crafton & Lady Stacey for your dedication and effort leading the KOB thru 2016. So for now Mike, please hang your portrait on the wall of Past Sultans - it's way overdue.

Now, with that out of the way, the gauntlet is thrown to our 2017 Sultan, Illustrious Sir, Scott Woolery and Lady Sharon. He's done a good job... so far.

Our new Emir, or second-in-command, is another Illustrious Sir, Glenn Pate and his Lady Patty. See a pattern here? I guess it takes 5 years of training to ready oneself to lead this ragtag unit. Like Illustrious Mike said last year, he was more nervous taking command of the KOB than when he was leading the Shrine. At times, we can be challenging to pull by the lead.

Our big fundraiser of the year, Crab Fest 2017, was another outstanding success thanks to our members and the many non-members who chose to help the Band that night. We essentially were sold out with what had to be about around 350 people in the building January 14th. We had the ballroom full of fresh crab, the main level with the casino and the third floor hopping with dance and a live band. We had plenty of help this year from an ROTC unit from a nearby High School. The young and brave assisted with serving the crab and sides at each table. With their help, and expert guidance from Karen Frymoyer, we had the room served in 15-20 minutes. Thanks to expert bar keep, the bars on each floor easily kept up with the demand. We would be remiss without a special shout-out to Ralph Jubb (and his grandson) from the Al Kader Shrine Oriental Band out of Portland. His recipes and crab expertise is always welcome in the building, especially on this night of the year. But most of the appreciation should go to our leaders who have so much experience at organizing this event (the 4th annual), and it shows as it runs so much smoother each year. No doubt, most of the committee heads are ready to have new people take on their jobs next year. Hopefully, others in our membership will step up.

TASOB Mid-Winter conference was held in San Antonio the weekend before we headed out to Kansas City. Our Director Joe Brewton and Past Sultan John Meyer were able to attend. I hear that our Alzafar Oriental Band counterparts did a really great job down on the Riverwalk. They paid a

fitting tribute to our late 2017 TASOB President, Bill Nanes. I'm sure that they did a quite competent job organizing our association's Oriental Band events and competition at the All-State (TSA) competition in Waco this year.

The President of ASOB and his lovely lady came to visit us at our stated meeting in December and extended an invitation to the first-ever ASOB Annual Jamboree in Kansas City. After he most eloquently told us the ASOB's intentions, one of creating a more central competition location as compared to the next few years of Imperial in Florida, we made the decision not to disappoint him (we knew we wouldn't be going to Daytona anytime soon too). Practices started again and we had a short time to get our business in order. We arrived in Kansas City at the Country Club Plaza Holiday Inn and thankfully found the well-appointed Hospitality Room waiting to relieve our dry throats and empty bellies. That evening, the band traveled as a group and imbibed in what KC is so famous for at Joe Stack BBQ. The next day, we joined four other bands and played to the crowd. We brought 21 members with us so that put us in our own category- we competed against ourselves and we won that rivalry. That night, despite its duration, the awards banquet went well. In fact, the entire weekend was first-rate considering this was its inaugural run. Big cigars should go to President Tom Crow and his ASOB officers for their vision creating this event. We hope this event will continue to be a success in the future and grow in size and popularity with Oriental Bands nationwide.

There is much to be grateful for so far this year. Our members (well, most) seem to have fully recovered from their ailments, and the various shoulder replacements and knee and back surgeries. Our prayers go to everyone out there not feeling or doing well at this time, including the children in our hospitals. But our hospital staff and doctors sure can provide quick recoveries.

There is not much else to cover with the Khiva Oriental Band right now so until next time, here's to our leaders and decision makers and the important decisions they make that provides the best for our Oriental Bands, Hospitals, Shrine Associations and Shrine Centers.

the scribe.



The Bands of ASOB Jamboree 2017



Best Director - Joe Brewton



Joe Brewton - Director's Award



KOB - Best Overall Band



Our Past Sultan receives his very deserved gift from the Emir (R)



Khiva OB having a good time



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How time flies! The new year is full of activities sending us in all different directions. Moslah Bedouins are keeping quite busy with their activities. A weekend at Texas Motor Speedway, under the guidance of Noble Jerry Wyatt helping to put a few much needed dollars in the Units operating till. Store front collections and Temple functions as well.

Although the band struggles with withering numbers, it is anticipated that the Bedouins will perform at state Texas Shrine Association this year at Waco in June. Keeping my A.S.O.B. "roots" healthy I made a trip to Pensacola, FL, with my Lady Sandy to S.E.S.O.B.A. to participate in their 2017 Hoedown, hosted by Hadji Temple under the watchful eye of its president Tommy LeCroy. See a few pictures attached. Visiting other associations is such an eye opening experience that I recommend to all Oriental Bandsmen should do. Looking forward to next year's S.E.S.O.B.A, where it will be in Nashville, TN, April 19 thru 21, 2018.

Changes are in the offering for A.S.O.B. in the ensuing year. I would like to thank Ms. Donna Sambor our Na Khabar publisher for the past years. I understand that she is retiring. I wish her well, and again thank you for what you have done for the association. The Na Khabar is not going away, however you can expect to see some changes. Till the next time we meet, stay safe. YTIF.



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Greetings from the Great Northwest! I'm writing this from pool side in Sun City West as I am down here for my annual trip for Mariners Spring Training and to see players who have lived with us during their stint with the Everett AquaSox. It's about 85 luscious degrees and my carcass is pain free.

The Band continues in the throes of rebuilding the musette section. It is hoped that the section will be in shape for PNSOBA this coming July in Seattle. If all goes well we should have bout seven musettes!

Our first event was being the Honor Guard for the first Stated meeting this year. The second, will be playing at the Daughters of the Nile Installation on April 2nd at the temple.

The parade season starts in LaConner on April 8th. It will be good to see Lila Long. Parades following are: Sequim - May 13, Bellingham - May 27, Sedro-Woolley - July 4, (PNSA) Mount Lake Terrace - July 29, Lake City - August 5, and lastly, Granite

Falls - October 7th.

Darrick Hayman is Sultan, Frank Martinez (who was one of my Masonic Teachers when I went thru the 1st three degrees) is Pasha 1, and Pasha 2 is George Pentland. Norm Wold and I are Treasurer and Secretary respectively. I wish us all luck in our endeavors.

If you happen to be in town, we meet in the Nile Temple basement on Monday nights at 6:30 pm.

That's about all my thumb can write on the I-Phone right now! Stay Tuned!

Bruce Garner
Keeper of the Scrolls
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Greetings from the now melting tundra of the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania.

After performing for the first section of Rajah Ceremonial in December, the Band took a few weeks off for the holidays to re-group and rest the month of January.

The month of February brought with it an event almost every weekend. On February 11, the Band, along with the Rajah Motor Corps, hosted the annual Night at the Races at our Shrine Complex. The two units worked hard all evening selling tickets and serving food and beverages. The weather held out for us and we again had a sellout crowd. This is one of the larger unit sponsored events at Rajah. It takes the cooperation of at least 40 Nobles and ladies from both units to make it happen. We hope all came away winners.

One week later the two units were together again for the annual Motor Corps / Oriental Band Member Appreciation Night. The crowd of around 60 enjoyed a great meal and libation followed

by entertainment by the organist for Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Bob Trimble and M.A.S.O.B.A. President Wayne Grumbein and his Lady Julie's children, Jarrett and Jayden playing selections on the piano. Wonderful talents!

The following week it was off to the Inn at Reading for our annual Ladies Night. We incorporate our Ladies Night with the mid-winter meeting of M.A.S.O.B.A. We were honored to have in attendance with us two past presidents of A.S.O.B., Nobles Paul Gluck and Vince Bobrosky and their Ladies. The hospitality, as always, was great. The ladies did a fantastic job with the food and Noble Ted Werkheiser Jr. did a fine job with the liquid refreshment.

At Saturday evening's event the Illustrious Sir of Rajah Shrine, Dave Evans, presented service awards to the following Nobles. Nobles Jay Huhn and Donald Heimbecker received 15 year service awards. Nobles Ted Werkheiser Jr. and Richard Sosoka received 30 year service awards. Quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to all! Also at Saturday evenings dinner, A.S.O.B. P. P. Paul Gluck collected over \$5,700.00 in donations for the Ladder of Smiles.

The month of March brought with it some snow and the Rajah Shrine Circus. The Oriental Band again did its share with supplying novelties to the stands for sale. After 8 shows we still don't

have those circus songs out of our heads.

In closing, please remember the Ladder of Smiles and our kids in the hospitals.

Until next time,
John

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Not much to report as winter winds down. We are working on our annual Reverse Draw Party on the last of May. Parade Schedule is set for the summer. Looks like it is going to be a busy summer. The camels are in the barn and will soon have to be stirring. Will have to wake up the musicians as well so they can get their instruments dusted off and tuned up.

Three of us went to Reading in February for the MASOBA Mid-Winter meeting, MASOBA Past Presidents Keith Oviatt, John Seastead, and our Ambassador Dick Sullivan. Usually it is snowing, blowing and really miserable, however this year the sun was out and 70 degrees.

Should have more news next time! Remember the Ladder of Smiles.

Melha Oriental Band
*Wishes the ASOB another
great year for the
Ladder of Smiles*



*We meet every
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If you know of a member who needs transportation to a meeting please contact him. Let's increase our attendance.

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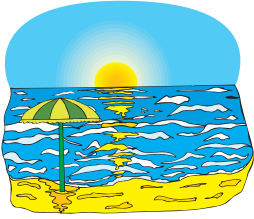
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July 9 - 13, 2017



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I/We plan to attend the 2017 ASOB Imperial Session. Please reserve a room at the **ASOB Headquarters Hotel**, Delta by Marriott, Daytona Beach, Florida

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Your room type preferences will be submitted with your reservation and are subject to hotel availability.

- King Bed Two Beds No Preference Non-Smoking Smoking
 H/C Accessible Small refrigerator for medical purposes

Hilton Honors Card # _____

Please remit \$159.00 U.S. Funds plus \$20.00 Imperial Fee. Make cheque/check payable to: Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (cancelled cheque/check is your receipt.) A confirmation email will be sent to you, if you listed your email address.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

July 2017

Monday, July 10

1:00 pm

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

Tuesday, July 11

5:00 pm

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

Wednesday, July 12

9:00 am

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

Have a safe trip home!

TOP BANDS 2017

Top Ten

RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$13,645.00
NILE ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,799.00
LANCASTER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB ...	\$2,450.00
AL KADAR ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$2,070.00
ABDALLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,500.00
ACCA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,400.00
MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,105.00
ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,047.00
BENI KEDEM ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,000.00
ISMAILIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00

11-15

MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$740.00
EL RIAD ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$700.00

ABOU BEN ADEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$500.00
ARARAT ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$500.00
AL AZHAR ORIENTAL BAND	\$400.00

Other Bands

EL KARUBAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$350.00
CAIRO ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$340.00
ARABA ORIENTAL BAND	\$200.00
EL KAHIR ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
INDIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
SALAAM ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
SHARON ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
ARABIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$75.00
AL BEDOO ORIENTAL BAND	\$66.00
KHIVA ORIENTAL BAND	\$60.00
SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND	\$50.00

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands was held at the Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, MO on April 2, 2017. President Tom Crow called the meeting to order on 2:00 P.M. CDT.

President called on the 3rd Vice-President Darren DeHass to lead the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance, 2nd Vice-President Harry Pressman gave the invocation. It was determined from the sign-in sheets that we had a quorum. There were nine Past Presidents in attendance.

A.S.O.B. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Auditors, consisting of Chris Tsaros, Chairman; Jim Whitehouse, Past President and Joe Brewton, Past President reported that all of the books of the Treasurer and Ladder of Smiles Chairman had been audited and no discrepancies were found. The Ladder of Smiles Chairman and Treasurer were commended on keeping good books.

A.S.O.B. SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:

The President called for the reading of any of the Minutes of previous meetings. The Secretary Reported that all of the minutes of previous meetings had been printed in previous issues of the NA KHABAR. It was moved and seconded, the reading of the minutes be dispensed, the motion carried.

The Secretary/Treasurer was asked for the Financial Report for July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, for the three accounts operated by the A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. The motion was approved. (The full report is published in this issue of the Na Khabar.) The Secretary/Treasurer reported that he had attended no regional meetings in the last quarter. It was reported all

bills had been paid with the exception of bills related to the Annual meeting, those being Honorariums, Plaques for Competition, printing cards letterheads and stationary of the newly elected officers, Past President's Jewel, Card and 1st Ladies necklace and 2 plaques.

The Secretary/Treasurer of the A.S.O.B. announced we had received a Letter of Termination from the Royal Bank of Canada of our account in their bank. Since we have been having problems getting the Signatories changed since Donald Moores took over a Secretary/Treasurer in Houston, it has been decided for Chris Tsaros to pursue a different bank which will work with us much better than the RBC. The Secretary/Treasurer moved and was seconded, to give Chris Tsaros the authority to interview other banks and come to a conclusion as to the bank giving us the best service to receive Canadian Bands Dues and Donations to the Ladder of Smiles for the benefit on the Canadian Shriners Hospital for children. The motion carried unanimously. It was further moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the Signature Authority would be Granted to Chris Tsaros and Donald Moores.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Ladder Of Smiles Chairman:

Noble Mike Hartup announced at the end of March the total for the Ladder of Smiles was \$34,652.00. He reported that there would be other donations through the Annual Banquet and carrying through June 30, 2017 that he would receive for the year 2016-2017, before starting a new collection for the 2017-2018 year.

First Vice President:

Noble Chris Tsaros reported that he was looking at a new website and Newsletter

communication tools. Donna Sambor has informed because of ill health of her mother, her software she was using for the NA KHABAR layouts was not up to date and costly to update, she would not be continuing to do the layouts. Chris has been discussing a new system which will have an initial cost of about CDN \$6,500.00, A motion was made and seconded to give Chris the authority to move forward with the proposal he presented and the meeting. Chris also announced that the Music Academy was progressing slowly and announced that there could be some demonstrations of events to make fun of ourselves and laugh at each other, more information will follow.

Second Vice President:

Noble Harry Pressman reported we are having problems with the number of bands paying their dues for the current year, the Secretary had given him a report showing on 52 bands had paid dues for 2017. He asked all of the members present to contact band in their regions which have not paid dues to please do so as soon as possible..

Third Vice President:

Darren DeHass, PP, reported on the email blast system he had set up at the beginning of the year and reported he had received positive comments from several on the recipients of Kansas City Jamboree he had sent to the list..

Sergeant At Arms:

The Sergeant at Arms position has been vacant since July 1, 2016. No report.

President:

Noble Tom Crow reported on attendance at the Shrine Regional Leadership Conference held in Chicago and the regional leaders and unit leaders present had all addressed many of the

same issues, attendance at Regional Meetings and declining membership. The President also announced that the A.S.O.B. would be staying at the Hyatt Place in Daytona at a cost of \$159.00 per night plus the \$20.00 Imperial fee. The location of the hotel is where AL KADER Shriners will be staying and we would be sharing the Hospitality facility .

The President also announced and invited the Membership to attend the laying on a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery on June 19, 2017 at 1:15 P.M. Tom's Son in Law is assigned to the Pentagon and has arranged for a tour of the Pentagon for 20 people to be included on the tour on June 20, 2017. All people must be properly vetted by Pentagon Security.

It was announced letters have been received from the Potentate, the Ambassador of the Region concerned and an officer of the A.S.O.B. of the recommended Bandsman of the Year. The motion was made, seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

It was unanimously agreed the Jamboree held in Kansas City was a great success and it was discussed that the Jamboree would be held in Kansas City again next year a little later in the year, approximately the first week in May. This was left with 1st Vice-president Tsaros to determine with the hotel the best week for this event.

ELECTIONS:

President Crow conducted the nominations and elections. President Crow called for nominations for the office of President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Chris Tsaros to the Office of President for the year 2017/2018. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and

the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Chris Tsaros as President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018, Noble Tsaros acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Harry Pressman for the office of First Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Harry Pressman to the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year of 2017/2018, Noble Pressman acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ill. Sir Darren DeHass to the office of Second Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Ill. Sir DeHass as Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018, Ill Sir DeHass acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Norm Tinkham for the office of Third Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/ Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Tinkham as Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018, Noble Tinkham acclaimed his willingness to serve, through a text message.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018. A motion was made and seconded to nominate W. Richard "Bear" Sobek for the office of Sergeant At Arms. There

being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/ Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Sobek as Sergeant at Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018, Noble Sobek acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Don Moores for the office of Secretary/ Treasurer. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Second Vice President was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Don Moores as Secretary/ Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2017/2018, Noble Moores acclaimed his willingness to serve.

President-Elect Noble Chris Tsaros gave an acceptance speech which was short and sweet.. The Fall Meeting will be in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Noble Tom Crow relieved all appointed Officers of their assignments effective June 30, 2017 and will need the President Elect to reappoint them to their new duties after he takes office in July 2017

Dr. A. J. DiCaro, gave the members a short summary of the new Band in Panama City, Panama, Abou Saad Shriners. He announced they had received the donated instruments, uniforms and there would be a trip to Panama City in November to present them with their charter as the first International Band in Shriners International.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in peace and harmony at 3:10 P.M.

The benediction was given by the Noble Harry Pressman.

Yours in the Faith,
Donald W. Moores
2016/2017 Sec./Treas.

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International
Summery of U.S. Operating Funds, July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017

Balance: July 1, 2015	\$ 4,264.00
Revenue:	
ASOB Dues 2016.....	\$ 45.00
ASOB Dues 2017.....	\$5,450.00
DoubleTree Refund of Flood Cancelation Rooms.....	\$ 847.00
Fantasy and Caliph's Trophies	\$ -
Fantsy Registration	\$ 237.00
Patrons Fund	\$ -
2-16 Imperial Rooms	\$ -
Awards (RAJAH).....	\$ 79.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2016 thru March 31,2017.....	\$ 6,688.00
Revenue Balance: March 31, 2017	\$10,952.00
Expenses:	
Honorarium 2016.....	\$2,000.00
Refunds - Ben Kedem - Flood Cancelations.....	\$ 987.00
Na Khabar Printing	\$1,584.67
Na Khabar Mailing	\$1,364.60
Na Khabar Layout.....	\$1,400.00
Stationary Ladder of Smiles Chairman.....	\$ 78.25
2017 Dues Cards	\$ 181.40
Plaques - Competition 2016.....	\$ 405.00
Plaques - Bandsman of Year & Past Pres.....	\$ -
PP Jewel, Card & 1st Lady's Pendant.....	\$ -
Awards	\$ 79.00
Website Maintenance	\$ 47.88
Total Expenses: July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017.....	\$ 8,127.80
ACCOUNT BALANCE: March 31, 2017	\$ <u>2,824.20</u>

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International
Summery of Canadian Checking Account, July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017

	CDN \$
Balance: July 1, 2016	\$3,894.73
Revenue:	
A.S.O.B. 2017 Dues.....	\$1,060.00
Ladder of Smiles	\$2,000.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017.....	\$3,060.00
Revenue Balance:March 31, 2017	\$6,954.73
Expenses:	
Monthly Bank and Service Charge	\$ 54.75
LOS Transfer.....	\$3,100.00
Total Expenses: July 1, 2015 thru March 31, 2017.....	\$3,154.75
ACCOUNT BALANCE: March 31, 2017	\$ <u>3,799.98</u>

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International
Summery of Edward Jones Savings Account May 27, 2016 thru March 28, 2017
Formerly 1st 100 Club Savings Account

Balance: May 27, 2016	\$ 20,367.25
Revenue:	
Dividends & Interest May 27, 2016 thru March 31, 2017.....	\$ 430.24
Unrecognized Gain/Loss.....	\$ 1,419.16
Total Revenue: May 27, 2016 thru March 31, 2017	\$ 1,849.4
Revenue Balance: March 28, 2017	\$ 22,216.6
Expenses:	
Fees & Charges	\$ -
LOS Transfer.....	\$ -
Total Expenses: May 27, 2016 thru March 31, 2017	\$ -
ACCOUNT BALANCE: March 28, 2017	\$ <u>22,216.65</u>



Association of
 Shrine Oriental Bands
 International

2018
JAMBOREE
May 4th and 5th

HOLIDAY INN
 COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA
 ONE E 45TH ST,
 KANSAS CITY, MO 64111
 PHONE: 1 866 753 7400

*Mark your calendars.
 See you then!*





*Association of Shrine Oriental Bands
invites
Oriental Bandsman, Shriners and Families
to be present as the
ASOB Officers
Lay a Wreath at
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia
Monday, June 19, 2017
Ceremony Promptly at 1:15
Please arrive before 12:15*



2017 KANSAS CITY JAMBOREE

• • • • *Competition Results* • • • •

SMALL BANDS

- 1st Arab Shriners**
- 2nd Abdallah Shriners**

MEDIUM BANDS

- 1st Midian Shriners**
- 2nd El Raid Shriners**

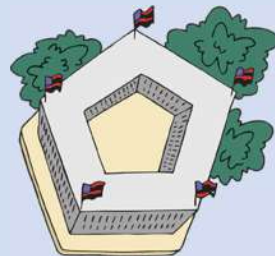
LARGE BANDS

- 1st Khiva Shriners**

Join us for a

TOUR OF THE PENTAGON

Tuesday, June 20th



*Please contact Tom Crow
for information.*

from the

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I would like to thank you for allowing me to be a part of the A.S.O.B. as publisher of the Na Khabar newsletter. Twenty-one years ago Mr. Paul Shively (Scimitar) offered Knight Printing Company in Montgomery, Alabama, the opportunity to edit and print the Na Khabar, we gladly accepted. I have enjoyed getting to know you. The Shriners are a great group of people with big hearts! I hope the Association continues to grow and thrive. Best wishes to you all!

Jamboree Band Registration

IMPORTANT - Please Print
Complete and Return as soon as possible.

(Name of Band and Temple)

We will attend the Fantasy We will NOT attend the Fantasy
There will be approximately _____ performing members.

Send to:
Darren A. DeHass
2997 Daystar Drive
Billings, MT 59102-6826

Signature _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Band Information

Please Print

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: _____

COMPETITION TUNE 2017

CARAVAN

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To send contributions please visit our website at: www.asob.org