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Greetings from the beautiful Bluegrass State! I am humbled and honored to have been elected President of ASOB. I will put forth my best effort to

be worthy of your confidence. Tish and I want to thank everyone who attended Imperial and helped to make it such a success. Special thanks to the Nobles of Al Kader and their Ladies for the planning, preparation and hard work. All the events went off without a hitch making this a very special Jamboree. With the help of all the Oriental Bandsmen across the country, we will continue to have another outstanding year of fun and camaraderie, bringing smiles to the children!

First and foremost my hat goes off to our outgoing President and his lovely lady. Ralph and Janelle had a fantastic year. The fun we witnessed at Imperial in Denver was just a glimpse of the fun experienced all year. Congratulations Ralph in surpassing your Ladder of Smiles' goal in presenting a check over 151 thousand dollars to Imperial Sir Jack Jones! Reaching this lofty goal is an honor to all Oriental Bandsmen for the hard work they portray each and every year for our hospitals.

The competition was absolutely fantastic. Parade and fantasy took place at the Imperial Convention Center. We got lots of positive exposure and was appreciated by all the nobles in attendance, as well as local media. Congratulations goes out to all seven bands that competed (Ben Ali, Asiya Camel Herders, Asiya Arabians, Al Kader, El Riad, Khiva, and Al Bedoo). It's a major undertaking to compete at Imperial; so a tip of the Fez to these fantastic bands. I feel it would be the pinnacle of my Oriental Band career to compete at Imperial, let alone win. I have nothing but admiration for all the participants. Job well done.

My plans will be taking me to Cape Cod for the Northeast Field games at the end of August; then hopefully attending CSSA in Kansas City; and in October to Cincinnati, Ohio for the Great Lakes Fall Meeting. Don't forget the ASOB Mid-Winter Meeting/Cruise in March. I hope to see lots of you during my travels for some fun and sweet music.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Jeff Moores, our new Sergeant of Arms, from Melha Temple in Springfield, Massachusetts. If he's anything like his father, Past-President Don Moores, Jeff will be an excellent addition to the ASOB Officer Line. Congratulations Jeff and to all the officers. I look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Until we meet again......from the Bluegrass State, BIG



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Lonnie

Merriman

Greetings to everyone again from the great State of South Dakota:

For those of you that missed being in Denver for the Imperial

Session, I am here to tell you that you missed a great time. Linda and I would like to thank Ralph and Janelle for a wonderful year and a very fun-filled time in Denver. The competition was wonderful and the entertainment seen in the hotel was, let's say, unforgettable. Thanks Kitty and Big.

The ASOB Board, led by Ralph, and with the input of a lot of past presidents and ASOB members, had some hard decisions to make, mostly the printing of our magazine. Putting the Na Khabar online was the right way to go. It looks good, reads good, and is only going to get better, especially with the input and help from our members. So get your articles, pictures, and events on the website and in the magazine. Let's make this the best magazine and website in all of Shrinedom.

It's going to be another great year for the ASOB and I can't wait to work with Richard (Big) Thompson and the rest of the Board to make this the best organization in the Shrine. I would also like to welcome aboard our new Sergeant at Arms, Jeff Moores. He is going to be a great asset to the ASOB.

I will be leaving for Winnipeg, Canada, on the 4th of August for the Midwest meetings and competition. I am also hoping to be in Kansas over Labor Day for the Central States Summer Session.

I will end this article by reminding everyone to try and get to Charlotte next July for the International Shrine Convention. I know Big and Tish will have a wonderful and successful session.

Remember we do it for the kids, Lonnie Merriman



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Vince Bobrosky

Greetings from
the great, very
warm state
of Virginia! I
suppose many
of us have
"enjoyed"the heat
this summer. For
those of you who

have been dealing with floods, tornados, and wildfires as well as the extreme heat, please accept our sympathies.

We have been busy this year with some enjoyable travel and visits. In April, we dodged tornados in Burlington, North Carolina to attend our SASOBA gettogether. After the weather cleared, all enjoyed the beautiful sky that the refreshing wind blew in. And, we also conducted some business!

And then there was Imperial. What can we say about those crazy days in Denver? Be sure to look at the pictures posted on the ASOB website. You will see that President Ralph and Lady Janelle hosted a most memorable Imperial Session in the "Mile High City." First, the hotel was totally cool with talking elevators and unusual décor. The Sixties Dance with Sonny and Cher's (aka Kitty and Big) version of "I Got You, Babe" was more than just entertaining!

(You had to be there.) Other highlights of the trip include a wacky bus trip highlighted by another performance from Kitty and Big, the First 100 Club meeting, Sgt of Arms breakfast, formal reception and dinner, First Lady's luncheon and the gift exchange, along with additional activities and a smokin' Hospitality Room. And Pres. Ralph met his Ladder of Smiles goal - what a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to all who made this possible.

President Ralph had a great year, and we thank him and Lady Janelle for all their hard work (especially in the middle of selling their house and moving to temporary quarters). Ralph was always available to all of us for anything we needed. Mid-Winter in Portland and Imperial in Denver will be fondly remembered. Congratulations to our old friend, Richard Thompson, upon his installation as ASOB president. He will also do a great job in the upcoming year.

Soon after returning from Imperial, we attended the SASOBA's summer gettogether in Wilmington, N.C. President Kenny Brown and his event chairman, Bill Carty, had a program that would be hard to top! There was a Cape Fear River Cruise, a tour of the USS Battleship North Carolina, wonderful dinners with good companions, and a tour of the historic Riverside District. Thanks to all!

Coming up in September are both the MASA and SASA Conventions in Virginia Beach (MASA), and Pigeon Forge (SASA). I will be attending the MASOBA Oriental Band competition which is held on Friday, Sept. 9. Two week later, we will be in Pigeon Forge, TN, on Sept. 22, 23, 24, and 25 for the SASA Convention. All SASOBA events take place on Thurs., Sept. 22.

Please remember our kids by supporting the Ladder of Smiles! Yours in the faith,

Vince



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT David McCarthy

The phrase "Changing-of-the-Guard" is used to refer to a situation in which there is a significant change, and is a time in which new people

are replacing other people in positions of

relative importance. This event we just have witnessed and experienced at Denver, CO. at our 137th Imperial Shrine Session. For those of you who attended and those of you who supported your association and its body of officers, I would like to extend my personal thanks. Assuming the position of 3rd Vice comes with different tasks and responsibilities, my promise to you is to do the very best possible job while also supporting our new President Richard and his Lady Tish (M.) Thompson in their goals and responsibilities for the ensuing year 2011-2012 in support of ASOB and our important philanthropy, "Ladder of Smiles."

Congratulations to our immediate past president, Ralph and his Lady Janelle Jubb. Noble Ralph has become the 80th Past President of A.S.O.B. Just think a bit on that, as to how long our premier association has been in existence. Under the leadership of PP Ralph this past year and the constant watchful eye of PP Mike Hartup, the chairman of "Ladder of Smiles" presented a check to Imperial Sir Jack Jones in the amount of \$151,230.00 at our annual incoming President/Officers Banquet. These impressive numbers were a direct result of "you" as caring individuals, and Oriental Bands working hard and continuous. My Fez goes off to you all.

Congratulations are in order to the bands that journeyed to Denver and entertained the audience in the Denver Convention Center. A real treat for all and a bit of free press was in the Denver Post paper as to how great our Oriental Bands and Association are, with the purpose of supporting our Shrine Kids.

With the new year, we now have a full line of officers, each moving up a chair and a big welcome for our new Sergeant of Arms, Jeff Moores, Melha Shrine Center Springfield, Massachusetts, assuming that important position, Sergeant of Arms. Congratulations to all the nobles from this position of 3rd VP.

Having moved into the electronic media with the Na Khabar you will find more information for the ensuing years' activities. This particular move has permitted a more real time presentation at a reduced cost allowing your officers to do more with less, yet maintaining what I think still is a quality product. A printed copy will still be provided once a year, which will come out as the January issue. In there will be the very important information on the ASOB Imperial Session to be held in Charlotte, NC in 2012 along

with the forms for attendance and band playing requirements.

Your officers are here for your representation to the association. I encourage you to contact anyone of us with suggestions, questions or needed clarifications of matters related to Oriental Bands. We are here to serve you and I'm sure all the other officers feel the same. Without your support this association would just have to fold its "tent" and go home. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are published elsewhere in this publication; please use them. For those of you taking the time to read this article, I would highly encourage that 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 members. Ultimately this will help our Shrine Kids, not to mention keeping our own centers viable. A final thought as we move into the fall activity - let's all put an extra effort toward The Ladder of Smiles. Visit at least one of your hospitals this year and see that your efforts and contributions, "do make it all worthwhile". Go in Peace. Dave Mc



FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT Scot Duncil

Greetings Fellow Sons of the Desert! By the time you read this, another Imperial Session will be history. For those of you unable to attend,

please know that you were missed and you missed a vast amount of fellowship, food and FUN! courtesy of (now Jr. Past) ASOB President Ralph and Lady Janelle. Several breakfasts, luncheons, sit-down dinner/ banquets, snacks, hors d'orves and an Oasis that never closed, insured plenty of opportunities to share memories and make new friends. Except for taking the short walk across the street to the Convention Center for competition, I know some folks never left the hotel! Ralph and Janelle thought of every little detail and everything was executed perfectly in large part to their dedicated fellow AL KADER Oriental Band family, especially I.S. and Director Mel and Lady Kathy Hervey and fellow OBer Vic and Lady Velma Kee. Congratulations to all those Bands that competed, and a tip-of-the-Turbin to KHIVA for WOWing

the crowd and capturing 1st Place Overall – something we all strive to achieve, yet as long as we're having FUN! and entertaining the kids – that is better than any trophy!

There were so many great times had at Imperial that I'm sure they'll be mentioned in other articles, but I do not want to leave out a hearty "Congratulations!" to Noble Jeff Moores, the newly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of ASOB. The NE Region is very familiar with Jeff and I know he'll make it around to the rest of ASOB-land in due time. He is a dedicated Noble and has a strong history in Oriental Bands. Welcome Jeff, looking forward to working with you!

The operations of the A.S.O.B. is stronger than it has been in years, thanks to the foresight of our leaders and the decision of utilizing everyday technology to bring a larger, more diverse and colorful Na Khabar to everyone in a more timely manner. Those of us with computer/Internet access need to be sure that a printed copy is available for our members not having a PC/Internet; ask your Temple Office to print a few extras to have around for potential OBers too.

Newly elected ASOB President Richard and his Lady Tish have big curly-toed shoes to fill and I know our corps of officers and the many active Oriental Bands of *Shriners International* will support and do what we can to spread or unique form of music (?!) as well as our not-so-unique spirit of FUN! and Fellowship.

May the Force be with You – *Always!* Scot Duncil



SERGEANT AT ARMS Jeff Moores

Hello Nobles, I am humbled by the confidence that the Officers and Past President's that asked me to consider running for the ASOB line had in me.

I am proud to serve with such a fine line of officers and to work for such a great cause as the Ladder of Smiles. For the longest time, I was a shriner without a unit. That was until I saw all the good work the Oriental Bands were doing to raise money for our Hospitals. I feel very fortunate to be a member of the Melha Oriental Band, and I would like to thank all the members

of my band and their ladies for the support that they have given me over the years.

My band just wrapped up a golf tournament that was run for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children and we raised over \$8000 from that fundraiser. We run about 4-6 fundraisers throughout the year, with some for the hospital, some for the band and some for the Shrine Center. One of the things that I would like to do over the coming years is figure out how we, as an association, can share our fundraising ideas to help some of the smaller bands develop fundraisers for their own.

I work a very odd work schedule that consists of almost every weekend, so traveling to a lot of Association Meetings will be difficult for me, but I will try and make at least a couple of those every year along with our Mid Winter Meeting and Imperial. I am off usually during the week though, so you never know, I may call up a band secretary if I happen to be in your town on a meeting night and try and stop by.

At the end of August I will be finishing up a two-year term as the Northeast Shrine Oriental Band Association (NESOBA) President, and we have a fine 1st Vice President in Noble Peter Hagan to be assuming the reins of our association. I know he will do a fine job for the association. With me becoming the Sgtat-Arms however, we will be needing a representative from the Northeast to serve as the Northeast Ambassador for the ASOB. We will be discussing this at the Northeast Field Days in Hyannis, but if anyone is interested in the role, please feel free to contact either me or our ASOB President, Richard Thompson.

I would also like to welcome our two newest members to the Melha Oriental Band. Chris and Andy Parker have recently joined us. Andy was one of our drummers from years ago and we lost touch with him as he was off wandering the desert. Chris is his son and since Chris found his way to this nomadic clan, it helped Andy find his way back to us as well. We sometimes wonder where to find our new members, well maybe we need to look to some of our older members to help find them. Chris obviously has a love for the Oriental Band and this music. That is evident from this picture taken about 18 years ago at one of our Circus' when he was about 10 years old in uniform, beard and make-up ready to play!



Chris Parker

Once again I would like to thank all that felt I have the right stuff to be a leader of our association and I am sure that I will look to many for advice and guidance throughout the years.

Yours in the Faith, Jeff



SECRETARY TREASURER Mahlon Hariu

As many of you know, we just returned from the Imperial Session in Denver. There was a lot of business at the Imperial level, but not so much with the

ASOB. A large part of our meetings were devoted to reviewing the Na Khabar for the past year. The Officers believe that as the Bandsmen become more comfortable with finding the Na Khabar on line, it will be a win - win for everyone, and certainly cost the Association a lot less per year. Had we continued printing the Na Khabar, we would have had to at least double the dues and perhaps go to two issues rather than three. Now we are looking at going back to an online issue every quarter. Had we continued the way we were going, we would have been out of business by the end of this fiscal year.

I am waiting for a couple of checks for Accounts Receivable to come in and then I

will know how much we can put back into savings this year. You can see our financial statement for last year towards the back of the this issue, along with the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

As in the past few years, I will be sending the Dues Notice out in the middle of September for payment by the end of January. This gives the Bands four months to have the dues remittance approved and mailed, yet every year I am still receiving dues payments in June. I will accept dues payments anytime, but for the life of me, I can't understand why this happens when you have so much time to pay your dues each year. Please remember that I send the notices to the Secretary of the Band as noted on the past years remittance. If the Secretary has in any way changed, unless someone from the band has advised me, I have no way knowing, and the notice goes out as always.

Please remember that all of the Officers can be reached by E-mail, telephone, or mail. All of our addresses are published in the Na Khabar which can be read on www. asob.org at your convenience. Please print a copy of the Na Khabar for those bandsmen who do not have web access.

All the Officers hope that everyone had a nice summer and remember that September brings children back to school. Drive carefully.

Yours in the Faith, Mahlon

APPOINTMENTS



LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN
Michael Hartup

Greetings from 111 in the shade. That's the main topic of conversation around here right now. Triple digit temperatures are forecasted for

the next month, no relief in sight. We're all wishing for cold weather, but remember what you're wishing for...you might get it.

Even Denver was warm, 90 plus degreedays. Imperial Session was remarkable this year. Once again, the Ladder of

Smiles excelled. Imperial Sir Jack Jones accepted your donations of \$151,230.00. The Portland Pussycat, aka Past President Ralph Jubb, exceeded his revised goal of \$150,000.00 in donations for this past year.

During the A.S.O.B. Annual Meeting all officers advanced and a new Sergeant-at-Arms was elected, Jeff Moores from Melha Shriners, Springfield, MA. This is a first for the A.S.O.B., two generations elected to the A.S.O.B. line, Jeff and his father, Past President Don Moores, 2009-2010, from Amara Shriners, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Congratulations go out to President Big (or is that the Big President) Richard Thompson and the rest of his team!

The Big President has announced his Ladder of Smiles goal of raising \$75,000.00 for your kids and your hospitals in the next year. Now it is up to all of us to make this happen. Each regional association, every band, bandsman, our ladies, and even our friends can participate in the Ladder of Smiles.

For those who were not in Denver, we have added some new members to our cast of A.S.O.B. characters. You all remember our Past President 2007-2008, Tutu Tuesday Brewton? We now have a duo; Sonny and Cher, in reality, Big and The Little Pussy... cat. And don't forget our Third Vice President, David McCarthy, otherwise known as The Pithy Texan. I guess that's because he has a way with words. David is from Moslah Shriners in Ft. Worth, TX.

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

I bid you peace....Mike

NOTE: MY CELL PHONE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO (316) 644-1482.



FIRST 100 CLUB CHAIRMAN Morrie Toretsky

Greetings from beautiful Minnesota! Our summer has been very hot, and lot of rain. We hope that everyone who attended the Imperial Session

in Denver had a good time, like we did, and enjoyed themselves very much. Denver was very nice and the hotel was great. We had a beautiful First 100 Club breakfast at 7:00

AM on Wednesday morning, and we want to thank the Al Kader OB for sponsoring it. It was great.

Congratulations Richard Thompson and his Lady Tish, and all the line Officers for the coming year. The ASOB Ladder of Smiles gave the Imperial Sir \$152,000, which was great. We gained five new members in Denver and hope to keep this going. Scot W. Duncil (Al Kader), Mel Hervey (Al Kader), Ronald Perkins (Moslah), George Masson (Asiya), and Randy Brown (Midian), welcome to the Club.

The black camel visited one of our good members John McGee (Ainad), our sympathies and condolences go out to the family.

Please keep me informed of any changes in the First 100 Club roster so I can keep it up to date. We welcome and need new members so we can keep going. Please mail your name, address, shrine center and a check for \$100.00 for each application, payable to ASOB First 100 Club. Mail to Morrie Toretsky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Thank you for your contributions and support of the ASOB First 100 Club.



ASOB COORDINATOR LIBRARIAN Paul Gluck

Greetings!
Another great
year for the
LADDER OF
SMILES. A
wonderful job
by all the bands
that contributed.
Although I

arrived late in Denver it was good to see some old ASOB friends. The competing bands can be seen on ASOB facebook page. Good luck to the newly elected ASOB officers, especially Melha's own Jeff Moores, the Sergeant-At-Arms.

All of the ASOB music library is now on the ASOB web site. If there is a song that your band wants that is not in our library, let me know and I'll see if I can get the music for you.

One of the ASOB approved instruments is the oud or sometimes spelled ud. Although its origin is unknown it is believed to come from ancient Persia over five thousand years ago. The oud is a lute with a pear shaped body. It has a flat top and rounded bowl-like back. The bowl allows the oud to resonate and gives it a particular tone quality. The peg box of the oud is bent back at a very sharp angle of up to ninety



degrees. Most modern ouds have eleven strings, although some have anywhere between eight and thirteen strings. The strings are paired in twos with the lowest string usually single. Unlike most plucked stringed instruments, the oud does not have a fretted neck. Ouds usually have different characteristics and tunings depending on what region they come from. Today most ouds are plucked with a plastic pick. In prior years, such things as bones, wood, tortoise shell pieces, or even eagle feathers were used. Don't be surprised if you see an oud played at a future ASOB competition.

I have had some requests for where to buy musettes. If any oriental band has old instruments they no longer need, please list them on the ASOB web site for sale so other OBs may purchase. I also receive requests on where to buy single reed mouth pieces for musettes and we are currently looking for someone that can make altered mouth pieces for different size musettes. Until next issue, please remember the LADDER OF SMILES.

Musically yours, Paul "Squeezebox" Gluck

AMBASSADORS



CENTRAL STATES
Rick Moody

Greetings from the Mid West and the bands of Central States. I hope you all have had a fun filled summer p a r a d i n g , picnicking, and just enjoying

your fellow Shriners company. I know there is still a lot to come this summer as we get ready for the fall. At this writing, the

Oriental Bands of Kansas will be getting together in Pittsburg, Kansas, for the 38th Annual Shrine Bowl of Kansas. This is a wonderful event to benefit the Shriner Hospitals. The Kansas Shrine Bowl is on July 30. The day of the Shrine Bowl is a huge Parade and the Oriental Bands are always a hit. Have you all been learning this year's competition song? Speaking of Competition, August 31 thru September 3 in Overland Park, Kansas, will be the Annual CSSA Convention. It will be hosted by Abdallah Temple and some great competition is on hand. Abdallah Temple does a great job of hosting the CSSA Convention. I will let you know how things turn out in the next issue of Na Khabar.

I can't end this article without mentioning just why we are Shriners and OB'ers. Of course, it's for the fun but especially for the kids! Remember the Ladder Of Smiles. Be proud of all you do for the kids, keep playing the sweetest music on earth and go get some new candidates for the future of the Shrine. All my best to you, Rick



FLORIDA Robert E. Stihler

I'd like to thank Past Florida A m b a s s a d o r Floyd LaDue for nominating me to be his successor as the Florida A m b a s s a d o r. Floyd had been A m b a s s a d o r since 2007, and with his other

activities and being President of the Great Sahib Oriental band, decided to clean his quill and put the lid on the ink jar. I've got big shoes to fill as Floyd has performed in a most admirable manner. I guess Floyd is/has been my mentor, as I followed him as FSOBA President in 2008. When I became FSOBA President, there were many phone calls and e-mails for suggestions and advice, so I imagine I'll continue to seek his guidance.

So what's with the Mandarin hat you ask...? Well, let me explain. I'm a member of three Oriental Bands...Bahia (Secretary); Egypt (Vice President); and Sahib ("quarder"). I decided to wear my Mandarin hat as I thought it would look inappropriate to have three fezes stacked on my head. As some of you know, I'm also known as "The Incense Pot" due to

my being the Inner Guard of Egypt's Tong #54.

We had a great time at the FSOBA Convention in May, hosted by Amara at Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Although the number of Bands participating may have been low, the camaraderie was HIGH and a big thanks to FSOBA President Don Moores and his band for an excellent time.

Congratulations to Araba Noble Butch Cox as he assumes the FSOBA Presidency for 2011-2012.

Have a safe and happy fall. Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals. God Bless You, God Bless Our Troops, God Bless America.



GREAT
LAKES
Randy Proctor

Greetings from the G.L.A.S.O.B.
First off I would like to congratulate R i chard Thompson "Big White" President of A.S.O.B. and congratulations to

the rest of the A.S.O.B. officers.

Two thousand eleven Jamboree was held in Flint, Michigan, hosted by Elf Khurafeh Oriental Band.

Large Class Hadi First Place Medium Class Syrian First Place Small Class El Hasa First Place "Best Over All" Syrian, "Best Director" Steve Goetz - Syrian, and tied for "Best Genie" myself and Richard Thompson "Big White" congratulations to all.

All Bands present were El Hasa, El Khurafeh, Hadi, Syrian, Zoniba and Zora.

At the banquet all bands donated a total of \$3,200.00 to the "Ladder of Smiles."

G.L.A.S.O.B. will be having a fall gettogether hosted by Syrian Oriental Band, at the Drawbridge Inn in Northern Kentucky and the dates will be October 20, 21 and 22, 2011, with a golf outing if weather permits. There will be hospitality all weekend, NO COMPETITIONS, all are welcome.

Next year Zorah Oriental Band will be hosting the 2012 Jamboree June 7, 8 and 9, 2012, they are promising a great time and we would also like the A.S.O.B. officers to attend, all are welcome. See you all next year.

Remember, IF YOU SEE A CHILD WITHOUT A SMILE, GIVE THEM YOURS!

Yours In Faith, Randy Proctor



MID ATLANTIC Kieth Oviatt

Due to business concerns Joanne and I had to cancel our plans to attend the ASOB meeting in Denver. We had looked forward to being there. My con-

gratulations to those who moved up the line and to Jeff Moores who joined the line. I am sure Jeff knows what he is getting into as he follows in his father's footsteps. Also a big thank you to Ralph Jubb on a successful year and that the Ladder of Smiles came out a big winner. I am sure that "Big" will continue the winning tradition and that the Ladder will be as successful as Ralph's year.

Our Mid Atlantic Annual Meeting will be in September after the deadline for this article so I will have to report the next time on the outcome of the elections and competitions. At this time it looks like there will be enough bands to hold a stage competition. The ranks are getting thinner with the folding of Zembo, Boumi, and Syria bands. Also it seems that the other bands are getting smaller with each passing year. There should be some bands represented on the street for the parade competition.

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and help "Big" reach his goal and beyond. Donate often and as generous as you can. A donation in the name of someone who has passed away will mean more in the long run than flowers that fade away quickly. And in closing let me leave you with this thought - As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction.



SOUTH CENTRAL Ronnie McCormick

We had two bands, Habibi and El Karubah, and around 25 bandsmen at the May South Central Shrine A s s o c i a t e

meeting in Muskogee, Oklahoma. We did not

have competition, but we did put on a concert for the gentry at the downtown mall. To the chagrin of most of us, South Central Shrine Oriental Band Association was not even mentioned at the awards banquet.

The trip was fun. SCSA put on a Turtle Degree.....are you a turtle?? And I was elected SCSOBA 2nd VP. In 2012, the SCSA meeting will be in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Things are slow around here, but then this is summer. Business will pick up, and hopefully we will some interesting things to report to you.

Best regards, Ronnie McCormick



TEXAS J.R. Batesole

Greetings and a big Texas Howdy to all of you OBers wherever you are. As of this writing it is a little warm here in the Heart of Texas. So far we have had 20 consecutive 100

degree days and counting. So if you are a little chilled and need a quick warm up, come on down.

I would like to start with congratulations to Ralph "Pretty Kitty" Jubb on a truly remarkable year. For the second year in a row an ASOB President has been forced to reset his Ladder of Smiles of goal upward because the goal was exceeded long before the end of the year. Not only did PK reset his goal from \$100 K to \$150, but he made it and then some. It is hard to do better. Best wishes and congratulations go to Richard "Big" Thompson our new ASOB President and here's hoping that he and his officers have equal success over the ensuing year. For those who may be unfamiliar with "Big" go to the ASOB Facebook page and open up the pictures from Imperial 2011 set 2. He is prominently featured in that

In early June 2011 we completed our Texas Shrine Association convention and competition at Amarillo, with six bands competing in three classes. The Suez OB from San Angelo/Brownwood did not compete this year, but I have it on good authority, Joe Brewton, that it looks like they will try for a comeback next year.

We wish them good luck in their efforts. During our mid winter meeting in April, we discussed an old problem of bands being unable to determine their exact class until they get to the TSA event and we often ended up with a single band in one of the classes. A great idea then surfaced that we adopt the method used by ASOB during the Fantasy competition. Class size rules would become more flexible and bands could then change classes depending on size, at the time of the competition, eliminating the need to project four months in advance and reducing the opportunity for a single band within any given class. Discussion ensued and it was voted to accept the idea. The problem was solved. However, as usual, even the best plans tend to go astray. So we ended up with three bands in the small band class, one in medium class and two in the unlimited class. Alzafar, Hella and Arabia competed in the small band class, while Sharon ended up in medium all by themselves and Khiva and Moslah were matched up in the unlimited class. As could be expected Sharon managed to beat themselves by a narrow margin and took first in all medium categories. As things worked out, medium was the only category where basic arithmetic did not become a major player. After much deliberation, mathematical adjustment, cross checking and the introduction of a lap top, it was finally determined that Alzafar was the winner in all areas of the small category and Khiva was determined to be the winner in all areas of the unlimited classification. Instruction in basic math, forms completion and lap top operation, may need to be offered to next year's judges and TASOB officers prior to the competition.

A tip of the Fez goes to Tim Beecher, our TASOB president this year, who did a remarkable job of keeping up with the scheduling changes directed from TSA with times changing right up to a week or two before the event.

Also, ASOB Ladder of Smiles Chairman, Mike Hartup did a super clean up job at the TASOB breakfast. Mike collected over \$4,800.00 from Moslah, Khiva, Arabia, Sharon, Alzafar and TASOB for the LOS. Thanks to all who contributed and not only give Mike something to do, but put a big smile on his face.

A big tip of the Fez goes out to Joe Kiestler, President of Khiva OB and the entire Khiva OB for hosting the great lunch and libation provided after the competition on Friday. A new standard has been set for

Shrine hospitality. This extra special event, which feed about 100 OBers and their ladies, encouraged all the bands to get together for a little casual food and fellowship. The food was good, the libation plentiful and a good time was had by all.

Congrats to all the winners and to a great TASOB year from Tim Beecher and best wishes to our new TASOB line up for the ensuing year. Danny Settle, from Sharon Temple was installed as our new president and already has a number of plans in place for activity in Tyler Texas next year. Also John Meyer of Khiva Temple was installed as second vice after his election in April. John Barron of Arabia moved up to first vice and has begun his planning for activity in Houston in 2013. Good luck to all.

Well, the word from Denver is already out and once again a Texas band has taken top honors at the annual Fantasy competition. Congratulations are in order to Joe Brewton and the Khiva OB for not only winning the unlimited class but all obtaining the top overall score for this year's fantasy competition. The complete run down on all of the results and scoring are available on the ASOB web page.

As usual I want to take a moment to remind you to visit the ASOB Facebook page to view the pictures that have been posted there from events over the last year to include this year's Imperial activity. I ask each of you if you have pictures you would like to see posted from your band please send them to me at Photos@ASOB.org with a short explanation and I will get them posted for you ASAP.

On a personal note, Les Crawley, Sec. / Treas. Sharon O.B., reports they have 2 members that are now Worshipful Masters of local Lodges. Janson Ruyle at St. Johns #53 in Tyler, and Janson is probably one the youngest Worshipful Masters in TX. And Les Crawley is Worshipful Master at Henry Mars Bell #1371 in Whitehouse, TX. Here's to a productive year for both.

I am still working at keeping the Texas Bands email list current to stay in contact with all of the bands in Texas, I ask that you help keep that list current and if changes are made throughout the year please keep me posted. So if you have changes or additions please let me know at jrbatesole@sbcgloball.net or call me at 817-441-6588.

Well that's all for now

Yours in the Faith

J. R. Batesole Texas Ambassador jrbatesole@sbcglobal.net

BAND NEWS

ACCA

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By the time this is out it will be almost time for SASA. We're looking forward to this year at SASA with great pleasure. This year Noble Paul Beaulieu will become President of South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association (SASOBA). Paul joined the Oriental Band in 2001 and along with his wife, Lady France, has been very active since joining. Lady France has been a very important part of our group as she has always been there when we needed her. Also, Vince Bobrosky will be filling the position of 2nd Vice President this year for Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band (ASOB). We are very proud of these members who will be holding these important positions in the coming year.

We are looking to the future with great pride that our band is staying active and supporting these organizations. I will also be Ambassador for ASOB. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all past members and their ladies to consider becoming active with us once again. We would love to have you join us. For new members, we meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Oriental Band room. Feel free to stop by and check us out. If you need more information contact either Vince Bobrosky or me.

Fraternally, Noble Nolan Stanley





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Thank you for visiting the site. We hope your visit will be an enjoyable one and that you will return to the site frequently for updates.

Shalom,



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Denver was a very nice place for the 2011 Imperial Council Session except for the

extreme heat wave they were having. We had to return to Florida to cool off.

Past President Ralph Jubb had an exceptional year for the Ladder of Smiles, \$151,230.00. Beginning with the 2007-2008 Shrine year through the presentation made to Imperial Sir Jack Jones in Denver, the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands' Ladder of Smiles Program has contributed over one-half million dollars to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. For this, each and every one of the Member Bands and their individual members should give themselves a big pat on the back.

The Amara Oriental Band wishes the A.S.O.B. Officers elected in Denver a very successful year and we support them fully. Congratulations to President Richard (Big) Thompson, El Hasa; First Vice President Lonnie Merriman, El Riad; Second Vice President Vince Bobrosky, Acca; Third Vice President David McCarthy, Moslah; Fourth Vice President Scot Duncil; Sergeant at Arms Jeff Moores, Melha; and our outstanding Secretary/Treasurer Mahlon Hariu. Congratulations and best wishes for 2011-2012. We will see them at Imperial in Charlotte, NC next year July 1-5, 2012.

The Florida Shrine Oriental Band Association (FSOBA) turnout for our convention in Palm Beach Gardens was smaller than we originally expected but we had a good event, reconnected with old friends and made some new friends as well. Next year we will be going to Araba Shriners in Ft. Myers, FL.

Our parade season has dwindled down to very few parades ending the spring season with the North Palm Beach Heritage Parade and then the FSA parade on the first Saturday in May. Our parades will start back up in late October or early November.

The Amara Shriners Oriental Band is being led this year by President Larry Fox; First Vice President Tom Smith: Second Vice President Ewell Menge and Secretary/ Treasurer Don Moores.

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. You are welcome to contact the writer of this article at the above email address or phone number. We will try to get you to a rehearsal, event or meeting.



BAHIA

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Traditionally, the Band "goes dark" during July and August, so there's not too much news to report.

On 2 June, the Band hosted the Stated Meeting Dinner, and per usual, "Cookie" Millard Smith did an admirable job preparing a delicious dinner of chicken and all the fixins. A BIG THANKS to all the Bandsmen and Ladies who helped to make the dinner a success.

The FSA/FSOBA Convention was hosted by Amara Shrine Center at Palm Beach Gardens in early May. The Amara Oriental Band was the gracious host for the FSOBA part and all who attended had a great time. Participating bands were Amara, Araba, Azan, Egypt, Sahib, and Yours Truly from Bahia. Unfortunately there were not enough prospective neophytes for presentation of the Mandarin Degree, so the next one will be at the 2012 FSOBA Convention hosted by Araba in Ft. Myers, FL.

After many years as the Florida Ambassador of the Na Khabar Magazine, and doing an outstanding job, Noble Floyd LaDue of the Great Sahib Oriental Band at Sarasota, FL asked to step aside. Yours Truly has volunteered to pick up his quill and borrowed his ink jar. I've got big shoes to fill.

Come September, the Band will renew its schedule with Business Meetings and practice on the first Tuesday of the month. To the Nobility and Bandsmen visiting The Land of the Mouse, if you happen to be in or near Orlando on a first Tuesday, drop by for a Toddy for the Body.

God bless the children in the hospitals — God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops God Bless America

CAIRO

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We are about half way through our parade season from seven to eight participating. We have been looking for new members but without much luck. However, even in small numbers, we have received much applause and enthusiastic response from the sidelines.

July being a quiet month, August means more parades. First off is our football game parade, with most temples in the Northeast participating. At the end of August is the field days, this year on Cape Cod hosted by Aleppo shriners, we always look forward to these functions as well as joining other Oriental Bands from the Northeast.

KHIVA Amarilla, Texas

Joe Brewton

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Greetings from Hotter-n-Hades West Texas... We hope all of you are in a more moderate climate than the one the Khiva Oriental Band has been over the course of this blistering summer. We have already set the all-time record for the most days over 100 degrees in history with a total of 30 at the tie of this article and both August and September still looming on the horizon. Anyway...

The Band has been very busy throughout this year and is now going to kinda kick back until late fall before returning to practice. President Joe Kiestler has done just a superlative job in leading us and making sure we met all commitments and some mighty goals we set in place back in January, all the while having great fun accomplishing them. Great job, Joe!!!

Our annual Vidalia Onion fundraiser is behind us and it was a real success as the Band worked diligently for three weekends to be sure we sold out. This provides the bulk of the funds we use to operate on over the course of each year and Tim Beecher spearheaded this effort. He should be patted on the back for a fine job in seeing that we manned all locations here in Amarillo. Thanks, Tim...

June saw Khiva host Texas Shrine Association competition and six Oriental Bands competed at a very high level. Kudos go to Arabia (Houston) for competing even though they had a number of their members fall ill just before or during the trip here. No matter the numbers, they performed admirably and entertained the crowd in grand fashion. Alzafar (San Antonio) and Hella (Dallas) rounded out the small class and they all played well. Sharon (Tyler) was in Large Class alone this year but you would

never know they had no competition by the show they put on because it was special indeed. As has been the case for the last 25 years, Khiva and Moslah (Fort Worth) went head-to-head in the Unlimited Class. Both performances were memorable. I will not detail the results as the Texas Ambassador will no doubt relay this info in his article.

During TSA, our Band hosted a luncheon on the third floor of the Temple where all Oriental Bandsmen and their ladies were invited to enjoy deli sandwiches along with the usual chips, etc., as well as dessert. This forum provided a unique avenue for all the Bands that attended to mix and mingle in a fraternal way this writer has not seen at anytime at TSA. As competitive as the Texas Bands are, it was wonderful to observe these dedicated Nobles talking among each other (it should be noted that there were more than a few adult beverages shared along with the usual number of stories and jokes).

President Ralph Jubb, Sergeant-at-Arms Scot Duncil and Band Director Mel Hervey from Al Kadar Shrine in Portland, Oregon, came to Amarillo and we were privileged to have these three Nobles from WASOB travel here to serve as judges for competition. Our thanks to these men for serving in that capacity. We hope you had as good a time as we did having you here.

Thirty-five members of our Band made the trip to Denver for Imperial Competition in July. The hotel was really unique and everyone enjoyed the hospitality that President Jubb and 1st VP Thompson put together. Having the parade indoors was a real plus and made it more intimate and interesting for the spectators. There were seven bands that competed and all played well. Khiva won First Place in both Parade and Fantasy in the Unlimited Class as well as the Best Overall Band trophy.

Our Band would like to congratulate "Ralphie Boy" or Mr. Jubb as one of our chemically deranged cymbal players likes to refer to him (he answers to a gaggle if other monikers, the majority of which cannot be related in this forum) on a banner year as ASOB President. In addition to raising over \$150,000.00 for the Ladder of Smiles, he instituted things for the betterment of the Association. No one has communicated (or at least tried) any better then Ralph. Congratulations on a great year, PK.

For those who worked closely with him and endeavored to embrace the inevitable changes he took on so proactively and honorably, it was a true pleasure and a year we will not soon forget. For those who did not – Oh, well... It might be prudent to remember what Harold Wilson (former Prime Minister of England) said, "He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution which rejects progress is the cemetery."

As-Salamu Alaykum



















MELHA Springfield, Massachusetts

Leo Plourde leop08@charter.netaaa



Hi all from the northeast, what a summer we are having out this way - tornados, micro burst, what's next a hurricane?

We at Melha would like to congratulate our own Jeff Moores for being elected Sgtat-Arms for the A.S.O.B.

We had our golf tournament at Westover on July 30th. There were 121 golfers and we raised \$8,200 for the hospital.

By the time you read this we would have participated in the Northeast competition and parade held out at Cape Cod. We are working on more fundraisers for both the hospital and our Shrine Center, so we are staying busy out here.

Hey Squeezebox are you still out there? Just checking. Well keep playing that sweet OB music, it keeps our shoes curled up.

NILE Seattle, Washington

Bruce Garner Mill Creek, WA 98012

15000 Village Green Dr. Condo 50 mrnibs@comcast.net

Greetings fellow camel drivers from the Great Northwest! We here at Nile have had a most unusual summer. First the weather here, unlike the rest of the country, has been mostly like it is here in the winter. That is rainy day after rainy day! Ad Naseum. Here it is the end of July and finally, there seems to be some sun in the future. The Shelby Mustang can finally come out of its den!

The other unusual, and sad, aspect of this summer has been the passing of numerous Nobles and medical issues within the Band which necessitated canceling out our planned appearance at the Imperial Session in Denver.

The following Nobles were taken by the Black Camel since the first of the year: Timm Timmreck-Genie, Phil Leungpercussion, Luke Long-musette, John Pentland-percussion, we also lost Noble Ed Thornton's Lady Yoshiko. We miss all of you!

Those under current medical care are: Ben Neff-drummer, Bert Tcruz-drummer, Frank Martinez-cymbals, Reg Armfieldmusette, Dave Barney-percussion, Parker Johnston-percussion. May the Great Architect of the Universe provide a speedy recovery for all.

The parade season has had its issues

as well with the hitch on our giant float breaking in Squiem Parade just as we were about to form up. We were most fortunate that this happened at a couple of miles per hour rather than at parade speed, which could have caused more doctor visits.

We managed to complete a couple of other parades the most recent being the Mt. Lake Terrace Parade last night which went off well with about 20 Nobles in attendance.

We pulled together last week to put on the annual summer picnic at Nile Shrine Center, it went fairly well under Pasha I Acki (the erstwhile member of Al Bedoo!) Mueller, the micro brewery was mighty fine as were the roasts cooked by Noble Ed Thornton and his crew. Some good things remain constant! The next parade is not until October 1st, unless we opt to go to Sunfair in Yakima in mid September.

The next big event is the main fund raiser for the children and the fiduciary needs of the Band. The Corn Booth is slated for August 25 thru September 5. This and the issues as previously mentioned preclude our participation in PNSOBA. Hopefully, next year will be better for all aspects of our Band! That's about it for now, stay tuned!!

2002 Imperial World Champions

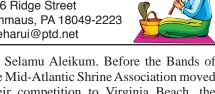
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Meets at **Nile Shrine Center** Mondays, 7:00 PM 6601 244th St., SW Mountlake Terrace Washington 98043 Exit 177 (W) off I-5

RAJAH Seattle, Washington

Mahlon Hariu 636 Ridge Street Emmaus, PA 18049-2223 meharui@ptd.net



Es Selamu Aleikum. Before the Bands of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association moved their competition to Virginia Beach, the beginning of September, we used to go to one meeting a month for July and August. Now, because of the competition, we meet every Tuesday for rehearsal in July and August. If any other Bandsmen happen to be in the area, just call me for time, place and directions to our meetings.

This year's Oriental Band Picnic was

cancelled because of no interest. It is getting harder to get the families together for any function. The children and grandchildren have their families going in different directions at all hours of the day and night. It used to be that if you couldn't walk to it, you didn't go. Just another case of the tail wagging the dog.

Shortly we will start getting ready for our combined Ladies Night, Past Presidents Ball with the Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Band. This year it will be held in Lancaster, and all aspects of the evening are handled by the Lancaster OB. They always do a wonderful job and we all welcome the opportunity to get together for a good time.

Until next time, Aleiekum Es Selam. Mahlon

ZEM ZEM

Erie, Pennsylvania

Keith Oviatt 366 Patti Lane Pittsfield, PA 16340 (814) 563-4286 / knjoviatt@verizon.net

It has been very hot and dry in Northwest PA this summer. Not much to report. We have been to 2 parades and played for the Ceremonial. We are planning on a couple more parades this year if it cools down. We did gain one new member, Tom Carr who joined the Shrine last year. John Seastead who underwent back surgery is now healed and doing well.

In the last issue I mentioned that we were preparing for our upcoming Reverse Drawing. We sell 200 tickets and only the last ten have a chance at the big prize. I am happy to report it was a great success and we were able to make a donation to the Hospital that night and will have a check later for the Ladder of Smiles.

Support the Ladder of Smiles because the first sign of character is what one does, the second is what one gives.

Zenobia



Meets 1st Monday of every month. Zenobia Shrine 8048 Broadstone Blvd. Perrysburg, OH 43551

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

- APRIL THRU JULY, 2011 —

IN MEMORY OF

ED TATE

By: Moslah Shrine Lady Bedouins

BILL AULD

By: Moslah Shrine Lady Bedouins

DEE LENZINI

By: Moslah Shrine Lady Bedouins

JACK ADLER

By: Moslah Shrine Lady Bedouins

PAUL SANDSTROM

By: Moslah Shrine Lady Bedouins

DOROTHY HALE

By: Moslah Bedouin Oriental Band

MILDRED GUEST

By: Mike and Maggie Hartup

WILLIS AND MARIAN HARTUP

By: Mike and Maggie Hartup

YOSHIKO THORNTON

By: Norm and Sarah Wold

HELEN MURPHY

By: John Paulson

THEMIS WARD

By: John Paulson

MERLE MARTIN

By: Billy and Brenda O"Neal

JEANETTE LORENZ

By: The Bandettes

ROBERT F. JOHNSON

By: Norm and Sarah Wold

Morrie and Corrine Toretsky

Mike and Maggie Hartup

Keith and Joanne Oviatt

J.V. "Bud" Moore

Don and Glenda Moores

Paul "Squeezebox" Gluck

David and Dorothy Miller

Peter and Cy Lawn

Beni Kedem Oriental Band

WV Dept of Agriculture

The Caliphs

Jim Whitehouse

Melha Oriental Band

Randy and Kandi Brown

H.L. "TIM" TIMMRECK

By: Nile Oriental Band

Norm and Sarah Wold

HARVEY E. MCKENNEY

By: Sudbury Shrine Club O.B.

GUS KWACZEK

By: Al Azhar Oriental Band

ROSS STINSON

By: Al Azhar Oriental Band

BILL TOUGH'S MOTHER

By: Al Azhar Oriental Band

BARBARA ROBERTSON

By: Al Azhar Oriental Band

JEANNETTE COCHRANE

By: Al Azhar Oriental Band

BETTY CARNES

By: Sharon Oriental Oand

JOHN PENTLAND

By: Nile Oriental Band

JOHN W. MCGEE

By: John McGee Family

RAYMOND & LIZ SEASTEAD

By: John and Debbie Deastead

LUKE LONG

By: Nile Oriental Band

PHIL LEUNG

By: Nile Oriental Band

DIANE HOOPER

By: Melha Oriental Band

FRED JEWER, P.P.

By: Melha Oriental Band

IN HONOR OF

RICHARD "BIG" THOMPSON

By: Bill and Rita Smith

2011/2012 PATRONS LIST

BRONZE: (\$10.00) SILVER: (\$25.00) GOLD: (\$75.00) PLATINUM: (\$150.00) LIFE: (\$1,000.00)

*W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

Joe Brewton (Khiva)
Peter Lawn (Gizeh)
Donald Moores (Amara)
James W. McIlhattan
Richard Thompson
Khiva Oriental Band

Maggie Hartup (Midian) Midian Oriental Band C. Vince Bobrosky Gerry & Joann Suttner

^{*} Indicates second donation

TOP TEN 7/5/11 - 7/31/11

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Nile Oriental Band	. \$1,577.10
Melha Oriental Band	\$700.00
Al Bedoo Oriental Band	\$600.00
Moslah Oriental Band	\$300.00
Sahib Oriental Band	\$250.00
Kalurah Oriental Band	\$120.00
El Karubah Oriental Band	\$105.11
El Hasa Oriental Band	\$100.00
Midian Oriental Band	\$100.00
Salaam Oriental Band	\$100.00

11-15

Ben Ali	Oriental	Band	\$25	.00
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TOP BANDS 7/7/2010 - 7/5/2011

Top 10

Sabaar Oriental Band	\$37,277.48
Lancaster County Oriental Band	1.\$34,636.16
Al Azhar Oriental Band	\$14,442.91
Nile Oriental Band	\$7,072.01
Al Kader Oriental Band	\$5,665.00
Tunis Oriental Band	\$5,000.00

Melha Oriental Band	\$3,795.00
Abdallah Oriental Band	\$3,169.00
El Karubah Oriental Band	\$3,018.68
Beni Kedem Oriental Band	\$2,980.41

11-15	
Khiva Oriental Band	\$2,695.00
Moslah Oriental Band	\$2,425.00
Midian Oriental Band	\$2,016.00
Acca Oriental Band	\$1,931.00
Zem-Zem Oriental Band	\$1,585.00

Other Bands
Ismailia Oriental Band\$1,500.00
Rajah Oriental Band\$1,292.00
Elf Khurafeh Oriental Band \$1,034.00
Syrian Oriental Band\$1,034.00
Abou Ben Adhem Oriental Band . \$1,000.00
Rameses/Sudbury Oriental Band . \$1,000.00
Azan Oriental Band\$720.00
Irem Oriental Band\$700.00
Amara Oriental Band\$675.00
Hadi Oriental Band\$634.00
Araba Oriental Band\$630.00
Ainad Oriental Band\$600.00
Alzafar Oriental Band\$600.00
Zenobia Oriental Band\$534.00

Arab Oriental Band\$500.00

Jaffa/Clearfield Oriental Band \$475.00
Sharon Oriental Band\$455.00
Arabia Oriental Band\$450.00
Cairo Oriental Band\$415.00
Al Bedoo Oriental Band\$400.00
El Hasa Oriental Band\$284.00
Sahib Oriental Band\$250.00
Korein Oriental Band\$240.00
El Katif Oriental Band\$237.00
Ararat Oriental Band\$200.00
Asiya Oriental Band\$200.00
El Kahir Oriental Band\$200.00
Gizeh Oriental Band\$191.10
El Bekal Oriental Band\$120.00
El Riad Oriental Band\$100.00
Zuhrah Oriental Band\$65.00
Aad Oriental Band\$25.00
Ben Ali Oriental Band\$25.00
El Zagal Oriental Band\$25.00
Khartum Oriental Band\$25.00
Mocha Sault Oriental Band\$25.00
Mocha Waterloo Oriental Band \$25.00
Osman Oriental Band\$25.00
Rameses/Hamilton Oriental Band\$25.00
Salaam Oriental Band\$25.00
Miscellaneous\$6.00

Melha Oriental Bano

Wishes the ASOB another great year for the Ladder of Smiles



We meet every Friday night for social hour and band practice at 6:30.

> Our Business Meeting is the 1st Friday of each month.

Melha Shriners, 133 Longhill Street, Springfield, Mass

Amara Oriental Band

Wishes the ASOB and President Richard "Big" Thompson a Successful Year



Band Rehearsals 1st and 4th Wednesday

Our Business Meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 Our Ladies, the Harem Belles, meet at the same time.

Amara Shriners, 3650 RCA Blvd. Palm Beach Gardens, FL

You are invited to ASOB Mid-Winter Cruise | Meeting



5-day Western Caribbean Cruise sailing from Tampa, FL - aboard Carnival Paradise 3/5/2012

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Monday, Mar 05	Tampa, FL		4:00pm
Tuesday, Mar 06	Fun Day at Sea		
Wednesday, Mar 07	Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands	8:00am	3:00pm
Thursday, Mar 08	Cozumel, Mexico	11:00am	8:00pm
Friday, Mar 09	Fun Day at Sea		
Saturday, Mar 10	Tampa, FL	8:00am	

^{*}Category 4C Interior Cabins - \$424 per person for the first and second guest in each cabin

To book your room, call 1-866-721-3225. Select Option 5. Group booking number is 318KQ0 or ASOB.







Carnival reserves the right to re-instate a fuel charge for all guests, up to \$9 per person per day.

^{*}Category 6B Ocean View Cabins - \$469 per person for the first and second guest in each cabin

^{*}Categories OB-GS Suite Cabins - based on cabin availability and current rates quoted accordingly

^{*}Government taxes/fes are additional at \$51.64 per perosn.

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of North America Annual Meeting - July 6, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of North America was held at the Curtis Hotel, Denver CO, on July 6, 2011. President Ralph Jubb called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM, MDT.

President Jubb called on A.S.O.B. Chaplain, Gerald Suttner to give the invocation, followed by the Shrine pledge to the flags of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Panama, lead by Sergeant At Arms, Scot Duncil. President Jubb then asked the Sergeant At Arms, Noble Scot Duncil, to read the Roll Call of those present. A.S.O.B. Officers - 6, Past Presidents - 9, Voting Delegates - 18.

A.S.O.B. Audit Report:

The Auditors reported that all books of the Treasurer and Ladder Of Smiles Chairman where correct and proper. No discrepancies were found and the Ladder Of Smiles Chairman and Treasurer were commended on keeping good records.

A.S.O.B. Sec./Treasurers Report:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2009, and the Mid Winter Meeting, as they were published in the Na Khabar and sent by E-mail to all concerned. Motion Approved. The Secretary/Treasurer then gave the Financial Report for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the three accounts operated by the A.S.O.B. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read since it had been audited prior to the meeting. Approved. (The full report will be published in the September 2011 issue of the Na Khabar.) The Secretary/ Treasurer reported that he had attended the M.A.S.O.B.A. Mid-winter Meeting in Reading, PA. President Jubb then asked the Secretary/Treasurer if the Association had any unpaid bills or communications. The Secretary/Treasurer reported no outstanding bills or previously uncommunicated communications.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President:

Noble Richard Thompson reported that all was set for the 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC. The ASOB will be housed at the Airport Sheraton which is about a five minute ride from downtown. We will be publishing the January 2012 Na Khabar in printed form.

Second Vice President:

Noble Lonnie Merriman reported that the 2013 Imperial would be in Indianapolis

Third Vice President:

Noble Vince Bobrosky reported that he had visited a number of Bands and Regional Organizations in the country during the year. All was set for the Competition.

Fourth Vice President:

Noble Dave McCarthy thanked all for their help this year, and advised that the Banquets where in order.

Sergeant at Arms:

Noble Scot Duncil advised that he had sent the flags and books home by trailer.

President:

Noble Ralph Jubb thanked all for their great help and participation this past year.

Ladder of Smiles:

Noble W. Michael Hartup reported that we collected, during the 2010/2011 year, \$151,230.00, which will be turned over to the Hospital at the Presidents Luncheon today. The "Kick Off" fund for incoming President Richard Thompson was run as usual. Donations are being cheerfully accepted by Noble Joe Brewton and will be turned over to Noble Hartup at the end of the Imperial. Goal for 2011 - 2012 is \$75.000.00.

First 100 Club:

Noble Morrie Toretski reported that the First 100 Club has lost 3 and gained 0 members for the year 2010/2011 as of this Meeting. Noble Morrie will do more promotion of the First 100 Club this year. He added that during this Imperial Session he had gained 3 new members which will reflect in 2012.

Music Librarian:

Noble Paul Gluck again reported that he has a great amount of music available for bands. Get it on the Web, it's all there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made and seconded that a band member can only compete in one band at Imperial. Approved. A motion was made and seconded to send a request to change our name, removing "of North America" from the title. Will revisit this at the Mid-Winter Meeting.

ELECTIONS

President Jubb conducted the Nominations. President Jubb called for nominations for the office of President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Richard Thompson to the Office of President for the year 2011/2012 Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Richard Thompson as President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Lonnie Merriman for the office of First Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasure was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Lonnie Merriman to the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year of 2011/2012.

Nominations were than opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Vince Bobrosky to the office of Second Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Vince Bobrosky as Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Dave McCarthy for the office of Third Vice President . There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Dave McCarthy as Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Fourth Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Scot Duncil for the office of Fourth Vice President.

There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Scot Duncil as Fourth Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Jeff Moores for the office of Sergeant At Arms. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Jeff Moores as Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012. A motion was made and seconded to nominate III Sir Mahlon Hariu, P.P. 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 III. Sir Mahlon Hariu, P.P. as Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2011/2012.

The President then asked all who had been elected whether or not they would accept the position. All answered positive. President-Elect Noble Richard Thompson gave an acceptance speech which was short and sweet. All programs that Noble Jubb put in place will continue. The Ladder Of Smiles goal for the year 2010/2011 will be \$75.000.00.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Jubb relieved all Officers of their assignments and will need the President Elect to reappoint them to their new duties after he takes office at the luncheon today.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in harmony at 10:02 AM EDT.

The Benediction was given by the Chaplain, Noble Gerry Suttner asked for a moment of silence for Past President Robert Johnson who had just passed away in 2011.

Yours in the Faith, Mahlon E. Hariu, P.P. A.S.O.B. Sec/Treas.

Association of Shrine Oriental Bands

Summery of U.S. Operating Funds July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011

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LADDER OF SMILES 1961-2011

BAND And	LOCATIONHermantown, MN	1961-2010 \$-	2010-2011 \$25.00	TOTAL \$25,00
	Livermore,CA			
	Overland Park, KS			
	Springfield, MO			
	Sioux City, IO			
	Baton Rouge, LA			
Acca	Richmond, VA		\$1,931.00	\$5,078.34
Ada	Havre, MT	\$3,409.00		\$3,409.00
Akdar	Tulsa, OK	\$225.00		\$225.00
	Tacoma, WA			
	East St. Louis, IL			
Al Amin	Corpus Christi, TX	\$401.00		\$401.00
	Anchorage, Alaska			
	Calgary, Alberta			
	San Diego, CA			
	Billings, MT			
Al Chymia	Memphis, TN	\$135.00		\$135.00
	Wilsonville, OR			
	Broadview Heights, OH			
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	Lewiston, ID.			
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	Tampa, FL			
	Tampa, FL			
	Anaheim, CA			
	Ashland, KY			
	Denver, CO			
	Cedar Rapids, ID			
	Salt Lake City, UT			

El Karubah	Shreveport, LA	\$33,268.34	\$3,018.68	\$36,287.02
	Spokane, WA			
	El Paso, TX			
	Galveston, TX			
El Riad	Sioux Falls, SD	\$1,805.00	\$100.00	\$1,905.00
	Fargo, North Dakota			
	Phoeniz, AZ			
	Flint, MI			
	Saginaw, MI			
	Vancouver, BC			
	Evansville, IN			
	Pensacola, FL			
	Garland, TX			
	Medford, OR			
	Oklahoma City, OK			
	Fort Still, OK			
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	Reno, NV			
	Winnipeg, Manitoba			
	Cheasapeake, VA			
	Amarillo, TX			
	New Hyde Park, NY			
	Lewiston, ME			
	Rawlings, WY			
	Louisville, KY			
Lanoble Club	······································	\$200.00		\$200.00
	Plymouth Meeting, PA			
	St. John, New Brunswick			
Mahi	Miami, FL	\$566.00		\$566.00
	St. Johns, Newfoundland			
Mecca	New York, NY	\$1,865.00		\$1,865.00
Medinah	Addison, IL	\$1,105.00		\$1,105.00
Melha	Springfield, MA	\$72,305.96		\$76,100.96
	Wichita, KS			
	London, ON			
Mocha	Sault St. Marie, ON	\$1,325.00	\$25.00	\$1,350.00
Mocha	Windsor, ON	\$11,361.88	\$25.00	\$11,386.88
Mohamed	Peoria,IL	\$611.00		\$611.00
	Jacksonville, FL			
Moslah	Ft. Worth, TX	\$15,121.00	\$2,925.00	\$18,046.00
Moslem	Southfield, MI	\$12,613.05		\$12,613.05
	Indianapolis, IN			
	Mountlake Terrace, WA			
	Wilmington, DE			
	Charlotte, NC			
	Lexington, KY			
	St. Paul, MN			
	Cranston, RI			
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Philiae	Halifax, Nova Scotia	\$2,374.00	\$150.00	\$2,524.00

Pvramid	Millford, CT	\$2.803.00		\$2.803.00
	Reading, PA			
	Hamilton, ON			
Rameses	Oshawa, ON		\$1,000.00	\$15,865.00
	Owen Sound, ON			
	Ramaco, ON			
	Sudbury, ON			
	Madisonville, KY			
	Tucson, AZ			
	Pine Bluff, AR			
	Sarasota, FL			
	Livingston, NJ			
	Kentwood, MI			
	Little Rock, AR			
	Rogers, AR			
Sharon	Tyler, TX	\$1,110.00	\$455.00	\$1,565.00
	Newington, CN			
	New Bern, NC			
	Sudbury, Ontario			
	San Angelo, TX			
	Pittsburgh, PA			
	Cincinnati, OH			
	Akron, OH			
	Omaha, NE			
	Rockford, IL			
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WISC Donation		\$723.00	фо00.12	\$1,333.12
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KICK OFF FUND			\$500.00	\$4.793.00
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FANTASY DONATION	·	\$1,330.00	\$483.00	\$1,813.00
CENTRAL STATES		\$1,490.00		\$1,490.00
GREAT LAKES		\$24,824.83		\$24,824.83
MID-WEST		\$3,560.70		\$3,560.70
NEW YORK - ONTARI	O	\$2,194.75		\$2,194.75
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SOUTH ATLANTIC		\$24,746.00	\$835.00	\$25,581.00
SOUTH CENTRAL		\$1,464.71		\$1,464.71
TEXAS		\$8,242.61	\$500.00	\$8,742.61
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TOTAL TO DATE		\$2,277,386.08	\$151,230.00	\$2,428,616.08

LIFE MEMBERS OF ASOB FIRST 100 CLUB

Club # 001C	First Name David	Last Name Ramsdell	Temple I Melha	Date Joined 7/4/99	109 110	Chester Paul	V S	Roberts, Jr. Shively	Beni Kedem Scimitar	5/1/87 10/20/87
002C+	Dr. Andrew	Smith	Sabbar	12/20/05	111	Leo		Kottas	Algeria	10,20,0,
003C+	David	Glass	Ben Ali	7/20/07	112	Curtis	D	Iverson	Algeria	
005B	Douglas E	Wanamaker	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/86	113A	James	Č	Porrett	Zembo	12/20/99
006A	Blayne E	Hutzel	Alamas	770700	114	James	R	Austin	Sahib	10/20/87
007A	William G	Payne	Nur	10/31/86	115		В	Moore	Zembo	10/20/87
007A	012E	Cole	Rameses/Hamilton		116	Charles	Н	Stowers, Jr.	Beni Kedem	10/20/87
010A+	Donald W	Moores	Amara	7/5/04	117A	Norm	L	Wold	Nile	11/6/04
		Tarcea					L			
011C	George		Mocha/Windsor	3/21/01	118A+	Lonnie		Merriman	El Riad	2/5/09
012E	Robert W	Sanderson	Melha	11/12/96	119	John	т	Hogg	Tunis	1/11/87
013A	Leonaed E	Reid	Rameses/Oshawa	10/31/84	120	A	J	Scobie	Tunis	1/11/87
014A	David	Kerr	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	121A	James	F	Gadsbey	Sabbar	11/20/01
015B	Raymond E	Webb	El Karubah	10/31/84	122	William		Cook	Tunis	1/11/87
016B	Bud	Wilhite	Syrian	7/4/99	123	Owen	J	Osborne	Tunis	1/11/87
017A	William M	Baker	Zembo	7/10/85	124	Kenneth	J	Vannon	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
018A	David C	Martin	Saladin	10/3/84	125A+	Jeffrey	_	Moores	Melha	7/5/06
020A	Chris J	Demetropoul		10/31/84	126	John	G	Pell	Tunis	1/11/87
023C+	E. Keith	Oviatt	Zem Zem	6/15/05	127	Alex			Rameses/Hamilton	10/27/87
025B+	Ralph K	Jubb	Al Kader	3/20/10	128A	Jamie	T	Wold	Abdallah	2/10/99
026A	Richard	Palsa, Jr.	Melha	7/6/00	129	James		Poston	Al Meneh	11/5/87
027B +	Wayne L	Wells	Midian	2/4/06	130	Stansell	В	Robinson	Alcazar	1/25/88
030B	John	Baxter	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	131B	Charles		Carroll	Zuhrah	11/15/00
031C	Raymond	Fosnot	Zembo		132	Robert	D	Daniel	Al Meneh	4/7/88
032B	Roy T	Binns	Rameses/Hamilton	4/4/95	133	Donald J	E	Warner	Mocha/Windsor	4/7/88
034A	Gerald D	Tarter	El Karubah		134	Frank	L	Keller	Zembo	4/7/88
35C+	Robert R	McGregor	Rameses/Hamilton	3/10/09	135	Robert	D	Hoover	Acacia	1/26/88
037B	Ralph J	Hines	Abdallah	7/4/99	136A+	Herb		Wizansky	Amara	7/5/04
038A	Ronald N	Cole	Tunis	3/16/97	137	Merle	L	Martin	El Karubah	1/26/88
039B	Albert	Moore	El Karubah	1/6/86	138	Thomas	N	Boyette	Morocco	3/1/88
042C	Bland	Wade	Acca		139A+	Ardey		Peterson	El Zagel	6/15/05
043A	Clyde W	Ransom, Jr.	Beni Kedem	11/1/84	140	John	S	May, Jr.	Acacia	3/1/88
047A	Billy E	O' Neal	El Karubah	10/31/84	141A	Thomas	D	Silk	Mocha/Windsor	3/27/00
049B	Donald H	Winterton	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94	142	Ken		Gibson	Rameses/Hamilton	3/1/88
050A	Anthony	Dimov	Zembo	12/6/96	143A	Wayne		McCarthy	Gizeh	7/6/00
054A	Kurt L	Plaut	Hella	10/31/84	144A+	Mike		Kruger	Philae	12/1/09
055B	Leo M	Halvorson	Al Azhar	7/4/99	145A+	Raymond	ı	Leese	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04
057A	Paul B	Leach	Araba	10/31/84	146	Roland		Nelson	Egypt	4/7/88
058A	Sam J	LaMonica	Moslem	10/31/84	147	Harry	G	Wills, Jr.	Hadji	4/7/88
059A	Michael	Karczeuski	El Zagel	3/24/00	148	Curtis	G	Gordy	El Karubah	4/7/88
060D+	Steven R.	Hanson	El Zagel	5/21/07	149	Hagop		Hagopian	Tigris	5/28/88
061B	Dr G. N	Casto, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87	150A	Vince		Pucci	Tunis	7/11/02
064A	William S	Pauly	Beni Kedem	5/1/07	151A	Burt	R	Panke	Tunis	7/11/02
067B	Thomas E	Brown, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87	1517	John	IX	Grumbein	Rajah	7/20/88
068A	Robert T	Bobst	El Bekal	4/19/01	153	R	С	Walsh	El Maida	7/20/88
070B	Hubert	Jacob	Moslem	7/17/01	154	Bob	C	Appleton		7/20/88
070B		Weirich	Zembo	11/26/04	155	Frank	A	Skaer	Egypt Hella	7/20/88
071A+ 072B	James E Leonard H	Taylor	Mocha/Windsor	11/20/04	156A+	Robert	E	Jones	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05
072B	Robert S	McBride	Cairo		157	John	S	Brown, Jr.	BenHur	7/20/88
073A 074B	Edward R	Sanderson	Melha	11/12/96	158	W Guy	3	Wiles, Jr.	Beni Kedem	7/20/88
074B 077A	Charles M	Schofield, Jr.		11/12/90	159	W Guy Phillip		Sanderson	Karem	7/20/88
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	Don Rov T		Rameses/Oshawa		161A	Hal	G	Williamson	Korein	
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086C	William	Moldovan	el	3/27/00	163	Charles	C	Mabee	Sabbar	11/12/88
087A	Curtiss L	Moen	Zuhrah	11/1/97	164A	Richard		Smart Sr.	Melha	11/12/96
088A	Jess W	Kitchen	Beni Kedem	5/1/87	165B	Donald		Lewis	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02
090A	William A	Wood	Beni Kedem	5/1/86	166	Chuck		Wells	Egypt	12/28/88
091B	Morris	Toretsky	Zuhrah	4/1/97	167A+	Joe		Brewton	Khiva	7/6/05
094A	Ted	Ross		0/312/1984	168	Claude	O	Fowler	Bahia	
096A+	Edward	Carey	Mocha/Windsor	2/10/03	169A	Richard		Smart Jr.	Melha	11/12/96
097B+	Robert E	Hazen	Zembo	11/1/05	170	Gary		Moreau	Melha	11/12/96
099B	Darrell	Thompson	Calam		171A	William	Α	Franson	Jaffa/Clearfield	
100A	Harold	Holmes	Mocha/Windsor	10/30/01	172	Ross	N	Yontz	Zembo	11/14/89
101	Dr. James	Schwanebeck		12/20/95	173A	Edward		Oczkus	Melha	11/12/96
102A+	Edward	Jakubowsky	Al Azhar	11/18/06	174A	Norman	J	Fournier	Melha	12/10/97
103B+	Scot W	Duncil	Al Kader	7/5/11	175	John	В	Smith	Tigris	2/5/90
104A	Gordon F	Kartenson	El Zagel	5/1/99	176	Robert	E	Marks	Tigris	3/26/90
105	C. Alvin	Stevens	Alcazar	5/1/87	177A	Wally		Webb	Tunis	2/1/96
106	Richard T	Geisel	Jaffa	5/1/87	178	Elmer	F	Wright	Salaam	6/19/90
107A+	James	Acri	Zembo	11/26/04	179A	Willie		Price	Ainad	3/26/02
108	Kenneth G	LaButte	Moslem	5/1/87	180B+	Barry		Williamson	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05

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181	Roland	Б	Redelings	Al Aska	7/20/90	231A	Thomas	A	McMillan	Gizeh	7/6/00
182	Paul	D	Gluck	Melha	10/1/90	232	Ronald	L	Capps	Midian	7/4/93
183A	Milton	A	Malcher	Sabbar	12/6/96	233	Ben		Yetter	El Bekal	7/5/93
184	Alvin	S	Goodman	Zembo	11/3/90	234	Charlie		Duffin	Al Azhar	7/21/93
185	Paul		Pante	Sahib	1/26/91	235	Arthur	F	Dukellis	El Bekal	11/4/93
186A	Isaac "Ike	e"D	Bomberger	Zembo	7/11/02	236	Cornelius	s M	Schwarz	Tigris	
187	Leonard	J	Turner	Karnak	1/28/91	237A	Kenneth		Swift	Melha	7/4/99
188	Robert		Knight	Melha	4/29/91	238	Morton	Ι	Brodsky	Mocha/Windsor	
189	William	A	Kellar	Rameses/Oshawa	5/6/91	239B+	Vince		Bobrosky	ACCA	7/1/08
190	George	M	Hilburn	El Maida	5/21/91	240A	Michael		Geier	Midian	7/18/96
191	Donald	A	Fuhrman	Zembo	7/1/91	241	Gerry		England	Mocha/Windsor	7/10/50
192		В	Blackburn	Zenobia	7/2/91	242	2		Falkingham	Mocha/Windsor	
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	Lawrence		Pray	Mocha/Windsor			Ian		Hughes	Mocha/Windsor	1/0/06
194		E	Althouse	Rajah	7/4/91	244	James	L.	Beauregard	Melha	4/9/96
195	Ron		Hengst	Acacia	7/13/91	245A	Albert	L	Zumpe	Murat	7/18/96
196A	John		Cantrell	Beni Kedem		246	Harold		Washbrook	Mocha/Windsor	
197A	Randy		MacNevin	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02	247	E David		Hobbs	Sabbar	11/4/93
198A	Donald		Borck	Moslem	12/6/96	248	Ronald	A	Bowman	Zenobia	
199	Allen	Е	Smith	Zembo	11/22/91	249	Carroll		Rahm	Korein	7/23/94
200	Clay		Otto	Gizeh	1/23/92	250	Neal	M	Johnson	Korein	7/23/94
201A	Dr. Roger	r N	Sybrant	Korein	5/5/01	251	Jerome		Wohlman	Sabbar	7/23/94
202	James	R	Woodley	Philae	1/23/92	252C+	Leonard		Tashman	Amara	7/3/09
203A	Dean	R	Cowan	Al Azhar	7/4/99	253	George	P	Drake	El Maida	7/23/94
204	D	0	Hill	Khartum	4/24/92	254	Steven	G	Miller	El Maida	7/23/94
205	P	J	Lawn	Gizeh	4/24/92	255	Ralph	A	Weston	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95
206	John	J	Lawn Loftus, Jr.	Melha	7/1/92	256A+	David	A	McCarthy	Moslah	6/15/10
207	William	C	Broom	Morocco	7/1/92	257	Norman		Funnell	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95
208	E	J	Hare	Tunis	11/1/92	258	Gordon		Procunier	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95
209	Harold	M	Millman	Morocco	11/24/92	259	M	M	Pascoe	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95
210A+	Alex		Airey	Mocha/Windsor	2/10/03	260A	Ray		Grant	Tunis	2/1/96
211A	George	Н	Wohlleben	Nile	7/10/98	261A	Alex		Mady	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02
212A	Arron	Е	Budnitz	Aleppo	7/6/00	262	James	В	Clifford Jr .	Zembo	2/12/96
213A+	Tom		Perez	Sahib	7/6/05	263A+	Gerry		McQuarrie	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04
214A	Douglas		Clark	Al Azhar	7/4/99	264	Norman	A.	Roper	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96
215	Ned		Griffith	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93	265A	William		Carey	Zembo	11/19/00
216	Norman		Hughson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93	266	Alex		Caird	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
217	Robert		Sutherland	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93	267	William		Moncur	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96
218B	Eric		Busby	Nile	6/12/02	268A+	Norman		Hall	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04
219A	John		Douthwright	Melha	0/12/02	269	Charles	T	Forsyth	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
220	R Irwin		Sinclair	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93	270	Walter	W	Fraser	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
221+	Gordon	P		Al Azhar	11/18/06	270		W			12/22/94
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222	James		Oliver	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93	272	Allan	D	McLaughlin	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
223	Kevin		Wilson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93	273A	Mahlon	Е	Hariu	Rajah	6/1/02
224A	Mike	M	Avery	Melha	11/20/97	274A	Gerald	J	Bailey	Melha	3/7/96
225A	W	M	Hartup	Median	7/10/98	275A+	Mel		Hervey	Al Kader	7/5/11
226A	Leonard	R	Gold	LuLu	7/18/96	276B+	Ronald		Perkins	Moslah	7/5/11
227	Marvin	J	Smith	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93	277A+	George		Masson	Asiya	7/5/11
228	Tom		Labrie	Melha	2/19/96	278A+	Randy		Brown	Midian	7/5/11
229	Eugene	C	Smith, Sr.	Melha	5/11/93	279	•				
230	Eugene	C	Smith, Jr.	Melha	5/11/93	280					

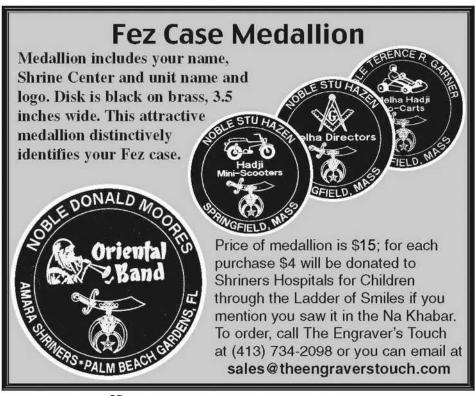
CHARTER MEMBERS OF ASOB FIRST 100 CLUB

#]	Deceased	First Name	<u>Initial</u>	Last Name	<u>Temple</u>	20	*	Dr. Albert		Malick	Salaam
1	*	Clarence		Compton	Midian	21		John	F	McCray	El Karubah
2	*	W Harry		Maddox	Morocco	22		Gordon		Godair	El Karubah
3	*	Dr. Ralph	A	Benson	Bektash	23	*	Leonard	W	Lewis	Bektash
4		Harold	R	Makinster	Afifi	24		Marvin	W	Cartv	Zorah
5	*	Willard		Pfluge	Murat	25	*	William		Brooks	Rameses/Hamilton
6	*	Robert	C	Schmiedel	Zembo	26	*	Amiel		Michael	Beni Kedem
7	*	June		Reaves	Sudan	27	*	William	A	Briscoe	Beni Kedem
8		Robert	F	Wiles	Murat	28		Lenny		Ettinger	Mahi
9	*	Harold	A	Kelley	Morocco	29		Olin		Evans	Irem
10	*	George		Hewell	Morocco	30	*	Edgar		Morrison	El Karif
11	*	William		Briece	Ararat	31	*	Ralph	W	Stanley	Tigris
12	*	A Leon		Singer	Al Sihah	32	*	Robert	C	Stone	India
13	*	Hoyd		Brock	Arabia	33		John	R	Scott	Kerak/Arabians
14	*	Fred		Funck	Tigris	34	*	Charles	R	Rogers	Al Amin
15	*	Thomas		Gowling	Rameses/Hamilton	35	*	Dr. Porter		Dexter	Bektash
16	*	Harding	C	Campbell	Al Bahr	36		Robert	E	Kerr	Rameses/Hamilton
17	*	Н	В	Sprenger, Sr.	Kerak/Arabians	37	*	Robert		Parkhill	Al Kadar
18	*	Charles	F	Roloff	Melha	38	*	Madison		New	Al Sihah
19		Arthur		Murphy	Arabia	39	*	Ralph		Heinzeroth	Zenobia

40	*	Norman	R	Moon	Korein	71	*	Gene		Porter	Midian
41		James	R	Harris	El Hasa	72	*	R	E	Weigner	Midian
42	*	George		Ball	Ismailia	73	*	Robert		Wagner	Midian
43	*	W	J	Seawright	Rameses/Sudbury	74	*	Warren	V	Tarkenton	Acca
44		Reese		Jenkins	Zembo	75		Charles		Robinson	Gizeh
45		Henry	S	Herr	Morocco	76		Charles	D	Brugess	Syrian
46	*	Gordon	R	Brittan	Rameses/Oshawa	77	*	Wally		Robinson	Ğizeh
47	*	Jack	R	Riley	Murat	78	*	John	E	Weeks	Gizeh
48	*	Ember	R	Weris, Jr.	Murat	79	*	Glen	A	Green	Arabia
49	*	Dr. Dale		Wampler	Zembo	80		Elmer		Chase, Jr.	Irem
50	*	George	S	Vanderwend	Almas	81		Arthur		Brock	Alzafar
51		Tisdale	P	DeCoe	Ben Ali	82		Carlton		Wertz, Jr.	Al Amin
52	*	John	N	Zonich	Afifi	83		Kenneth		Hollingshea	El Bekal
53		Leland	Н	Turner	Cyprus	84	*	Isaac	M	Eskanazi	Nile
54	*	Reg		Pearson	Rameses/Hamilton	85		Robert	Н	Lock	Afifi
55	*	Benjamin	L	Worthen	Pyramid	86	*	Morris	M	Stern	Ararat
56	*	Harold	L	Jones	Murat	87	*	Tom		Waymire	Midian
57	*	Robert		St Pierre	Murat	88	*	Leon		Dalton	Tebala
58	*	Ken		McElroy	Zenobia	89		Kenneth	O	Lewis	Rameses/Hamilton
59	*	Donat	J	Fournier	Melha	90	*	John	W	Reynolds	Rameses/Hamilton
60	*	J	R	Webb	Elf Karubaah	91	*	W	A	Stricker/Sch	Zembo
61	*	C "Mutt"	G	Baker	Yaarab	92	*	Walter		Masters	Irem
62		Ben		Anderson	Al Bahr	93	*	Morris		Cohen	Gizeh
63		David		Fourier	Melha	94	*	John	J	Grenier	El Kalah
64	*	Russell		Babcock	Al Bahr	95		William		Carmichael	Mocha
65	*	C	E	Jeffries, Jr	Arabia	96	*	Michael		Drakich	Mocha
66		C	E	Jeffries, Sr	India	97	*	Hugh		Whitlock	Mocha
67						98		Roy	E	Taylor	Mocha
68	*	Arthur	Н	Skinner	Tunis	99	*	Kenneth		MacInnes	El Bekal
69		Frank		Kellogg	Afifi	100	*	William	Н	Reibitz	Moslem
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A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE JULY 2012





Saturday, June 30......

3:00 pm Elected Officers Meeting Location: President's Room

Dress: Casual... Casual... Casual...

Owner: Richard Thompson

4:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Meeting Room A/B

Competition & Delegate Registration – Banquet Tickets on Sale
Owner: David McCarthy & Scot Duncil Location: Lobby

Sunday, July 1.....

8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Meeting Room A/B 10:00 am Elected Officers and Past President's Meeting Location: Meeting Room D

Dress: Casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, jewel or nametag

Owner: Richard Thompson

11:00–3 pm Competition & Delegate Location: Lobby

Registration -- Banquet Tickets On Sale Owner: David McCarthy & Scot Duncil

2:00 pm Hospitality Room Closes Location: Meeting Room A/B 3:00–5 pm President's Reception Location: Meeting Room A/B

By Invitation

Dress: Red jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie, jewel, nametag & fez

Ladies Dress: Business casual attire with nametag Owner: Richard Thompson & Lonnie Merriman

5:30 pm Music Director's Meeting Location: Douglas/O'hare

Dress: Same as Welcome Reception

Owner: David McCarthy

6:30 pm Family & Friends Dinner ASOB Individual Dinners

(Make own arrangements to be with your own band and family)

8:30 pm ASOB Hospitality Room Opens Location: Meeting Room A/B

After Family Dinner

Monday, July 2.....

7:00 a.m. Make-up Room Opens Location: Meeting Room D
8:00 a.m. Parade Competition Location: West Wing

Dress: For officers that are not competing ASOB shirt, tan pants, jewel, nametag, and fez

Ladies Dress: Black, White and Hot Pink, nametag

Owner: David McCarthy

Immediately Fantasy Competition Location: Grand Ballroom

After Parade Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, nametag, no jewel or fez

Competition Owner: David McCarthy

After Delegate Registration Location: Lobby

Fantasy Banquet Tickets On Sale

Owner: David McCarthy & Scot Duncil

After Hospitality Room Opens Location: Meeting Room A/B

Fantasy

4:00 pm Hospitality Room Closes Location: Meeting Room A/B
5:00 pm Cocktail Reception By Invitation Location: Meeting Room A/B

Dress:Formal Tux with White Dinner Jacket, white tux shirt, black tux pants, black shoes,

jewel & fez (No nametag)

Ladies Dress: Formal (Cocktail Attire)

Owner: Richard Thompson & Lonnie Merriman

6:00 pm Social Hour Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:00 pm President's Award Banquet Location: Grand Ballroom

Dress: Same as Reception

Owner: Richard Thompson & Lonnie Merriman

Tuesday, July 3.....

8:00am Sergeant At Arms' Breakfast Location: Douglas/O'hare

Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or tan shorts, jewel, nametag & fez

Owner: Jeff Moores

9:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Meeting Room A/B 10:00 am S.A.S.O.B.A Summer Meeting Location: Meeting Room D

Dress: Casual, Fez, jewel or nametag

11:30 am First Lady's Luncheon Location: Junior Ballroom

Dress: Business Casual Owner: Tish Martin

6:30 pm Depart for No Host ASOB, Restaurant Name: TBA

Past ASOB, Ambassadors Street Address and Guests Dinner Phone Number

Dress Officers and Ladies: Casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants no jewel, nametag or fez

Wednesday, July 4.....

7:00 am First 100 Club Breakfast Location: Restaurant

Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, or tan shorts, jewel, nametag, no fez

Owner: Morrie Toretsky

8:00-9 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Meeting Room A/B
9:00 am ASOB Annual Meeting Location: Junior Ballroom York

Dress: Red Jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie, jewel, nametag, fez

Owner: Richard Thompson

9:00 am Ladies Gift Exchange Location: Meeting Room A/B

Dress: To be determined by the Incoming President's Lady

Owner: Linda Merriman

11:30 am Incoming President's Luncheon Location: Grand Ballroom

Dress: Same as ASOB Annual Meeting

Owner: Lonnie Merriman

2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting Location: President's Room

Dress: Travel clothes
Owner: Lonnie Merriman

3:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Meeting Room A/B

IMPERIAL NIGHT PARADE JULY 4th DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE

A.S.O.B. Fantasy Registration

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

(Name of B	and and Temple)		
	end the ASOB Fantasy will not □ compete for	□ Parade □ r trophies. There will be approximately	performing members.
Signature_			- 0 11
			Send to: Vince Bobrosky P.O. Box 2
Address			Ladysmith, VA 22501
City		State_	Zip
ASOB In Please Prin	nperial Session	Band Information This is Prelliminary Information Only	
(Name of B	and and Temple)		
City/State_			
Member of	Regional Associations_		
Year Organ	nized	Number of Members	Number Performing
Officers:	President		
	Vice President(s)		
	Secretary		
	Treasurer		
	Director		
Current Sh			
Past Shrine	e Honors		
Additional F	Remarks		
		Submitted By:	
Date:		Title:	

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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)	
Make-up/Costumes	10%	`	, ,
Overall Sound			
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	
Large	
Unlimited	

^{*}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.





Articles for publication are due **December 1st** for the January issue, **April 1st** for the May issue, **August 1st** for the September issue. Please have your articles in

by the due date. Be sure to include with your article the name of the association or band, your name and address. My e-mail address is **kpc@elmore.rr.com**. For those who need to submit a photo, please mail a photograph or e-mail a high resolution photo for better quality. Articles written for the Na Khabar may be edited. Thank you!

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