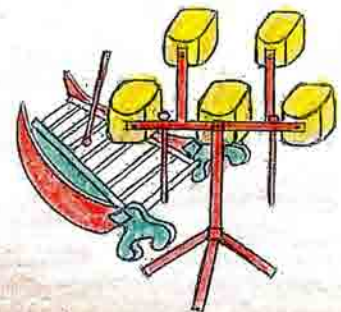
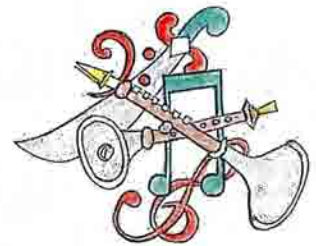
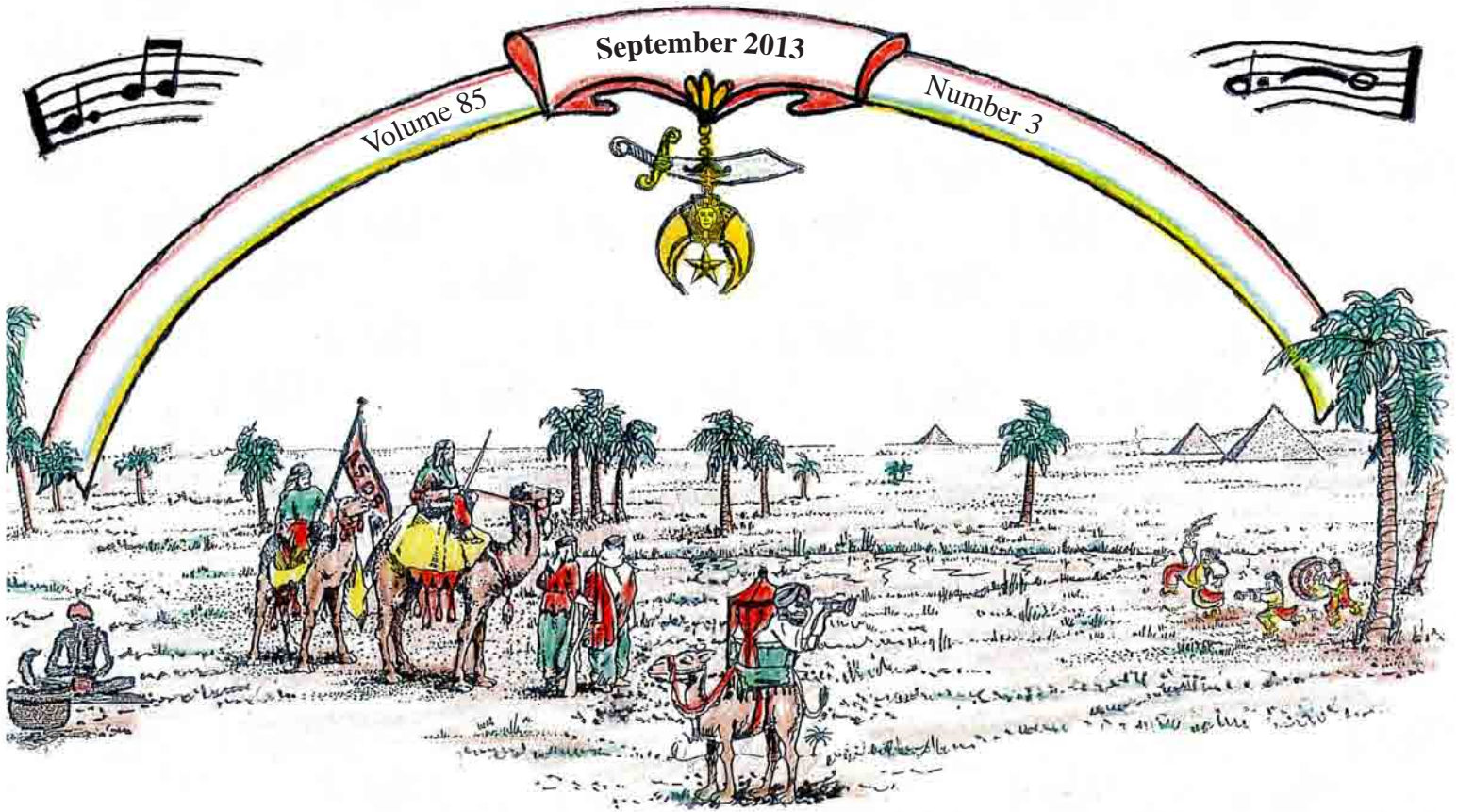


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Greetings from the Old Dominion state of Virginia! In some ways it seems like yesterday when I had the honor of going in line as Sergeant at

Arms in San Antonio. Many good things have happened in my life since doing so. Traveling, meeting and making friends throughout Shrinedom, and learning how this great organization functions have been among the most gratifying experiences of my many Shrine years. As President, I know I will continue to be humbled by the mission of this organization and the people who make it happen year by year.

In this "Year of the Ambassadors," one of my goals is to give recognition to all Ambassadors who are being encouraged to be even more involved in the various regions. With Ralph Jubb being the Ambassador Coordinator, I believe we can make this a good year of communication with all Oriental Bands. Consequently, we hope this will assist in increasing membership (another of my goals) in our great organization through this communication. My goal for the Ladder of Smiles for this year is \$75,000, and with everyone's involvement, we hope to meet and pass this amount! Remember, "Strike up the band for the kids!"

I cannot go any further in the article without mentioning the wonderful past year Lonnie Merriman and his Lady Linda presided over. Beginning with Midwinter in Sioux Falls where Maggie and I enjoyed the warm hospitality of all the good folks of El Riad, to the 2013 Imperial in Indianapolis, which was extraordinary in all events, Lonnie and his band and family helpers worked tirelessly to achieve the positive results. If you missed his karaoke on Sunday evening, you missed one of the highlights of the convention. What fun we had! A big thank-you goes out to Lonnie for his leadership.

We want to welcome our newest addition to the line as Sergeant at Arms, Chris Tsaros, and his Lady Carmella. Chris has many talents, and I'm sure he'll be a great contributor to the line as years go by.

At this point I would like to thank Acca Oriental Band whose members have been unfailingly supportive of me, and I want to mention specifically my Chief Aide, Nolan Stanley and his Lady Mary; Personal Aide, Bland Wade and his Lady Judy; Woody Brooking and Lady Deannie. Also, I want to thank all the Past Presidents and the line officers, appointed officers, bands, and certainly the ladies of A.S.O.B. for all the assistance and guidance you have given me over the past years. A.S.O.B. is truly a team!

MIDWINTER - MIDWINTER - MIDWINTER! It will be held in **Charlottesville, Virginia, on April 24, 25, 26**, coinciding with Virginia's Dogwood Festival! Specifics will be in the January issue. Besides taking in the famous Michie Tavern, Jefferson's Monticello, the Boar's Head Inn, all famous locations, don't forget we will take part in the big parade in downtown Charlottesville on Saturday the 26th. Bring your band uniforms and instruments, if possible, and we'll supply what you can't bring. Those who want to walk may walk; those who need to ride can ride. We will play "Abdul," our competition piece for 2014. We're hoping that Joe Brewton will be our director! I am soliciting 4th Vice President Tom Crow to be our genie if he wishes, and if there is anyone else who wants to dress up and march as a genie, feel free to do so! What a group we will make on the parade route! Please note the flyer included in this Na Khabar. Specifics in the January issue.

As all of you know, **IMPERIAL IN 2014** will be held at in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (The Commons is our hotel.) Information is in this copy of the Na Khabar. Reserve your spot early!!! We really want you there!

In closing, I want to remind you to help out in promoting our Ambassadors as they work to increase membership and contributions to the Ladder of Smiles. After all, that's what we're all about!

Yours in the faith,

Vince



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
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The Wheels of Time continues to turn. Congratulations to Junior Past President Lonnie Merriman for providing a great Oriental Band

convention in conjunction with Imperial Session in Indianapolis this past July. A very enjoyable time was had by those who extended themselves and attended. A BIG thanks for those Oriental Bands making that big effort to attend and participate. Many of them we don't get to see that often.

All the best to our new, duly elected president, "Ski"; Vince Bobrosky and his Lady Maggie, and not to forget all the officers who also moved up a notch, our best to them as well. I would be remiss also if I didn't congratulate Noble Chris Tsaros of Al Azhar Shrine Temple from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for taking on the mantle of A.S.O.B. as Sergeant at Arms. This certainly rounds out the organization, which makes us a truly international one. We in the officer line, are always pleased to see good men take on the responsibility and obligations of the organization. Looking forward to working with Noble Chris and his Lady Carmella in the ensuing years. New Blood, New Ideas!

Looking ahead, a busy year awaits the organization. First order of business is working for the new Ladder of Smiles Goal of \$75,000 set by Pres. Vince. Also check out the many new Unit Ambassadors in the front of the magazine. These Ambassadors will be contacting you, the Oriental Band Units to find out your various activities. My thought is why not beat them to the punch, and you contact them first. As a suggestion why not post on facebook A.S.O.B. web page what is going on in your respective organizations. This would also help the Oriental Band community and Officers to plan visits to your Associations. Your ASOB officers have a commitment to visit as many associations as feasible during the

year. This becomes a little of a challenge if we don't know when or where. This is something the nobility out there in the hinter lands could be a great help to keep us informed.

As I write this article we have just come back for the 139th Imperial Session in Indianapolis, Indiana. What a hoot! One activity that I attended was a pub crawl, sponsored by the "Young" Shriners of Murat Temple there in Indy. Have you ever seen about 250 folks in green shirts all together in mass and going into various pubs in downtown Indianapolis? Pure fun. Pictures are posted on facebook on the ASOB side. Other events and happenings are there as well from the Imperial Session. Nobles, you and your Ladies that do not attend are missing out on a lot of fun of the activities that are there for you.

As this article is readied for press, my Lady Sandy and I will be in Branson, MO, where we will be attending Central States Shrine Association Fall Session. This year the host Temple is Moolah, from St. Louis. Looking at the schedule on the internet it would appear to be non-stop fun. At a minimum I would encourage each one of you to attend your own respective association session. Much planning and work effort is exerted for YOUR entertainment and ultimately our Shriners Hospitals are the true beneficiary. I encourage you to contact anyone of your A.S.O.B. officers with questions or clarifications of matters related to any Oriental Bands functions. We are here to serve you, and I'm sure the other officers feel the same way. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are published elsewhere in this publication; please use them. For those of you reading this article, I would highly encourage you engage your fellow nobles to participate in every Shrine event possible. The invitation is also there to come and visit the other associations. We should be Nobles having fun and seeking out new members. Ultimately this will help our Shrine Kids. Let me leave you with this thought; let's all put an extra effort for **The Ladder of Smiles**. You will see that your efforts and contributions do make it all worthwhile. Go in Peace.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Scot Duncil

Greetings Fellow Sons of the Desert! If you were not in Indianapolis for this year's Imperial Session and the ASOB festivities and

competitions, you chose the wrong year to not attend! (Past) President Lonnie and Lady Linda and President Vince and Lady Maggie made everyone feel right at home with a great hospitality room that was manned 'round the clock with lots of tasty things and plenty to keep your whistle wet. The HILTON was within easy walking distance of the Convention Center and downtown Indianapolis is nothing like I remember it was when I visited there many years ago; it's now clean, well-maintained and Hoosier mid-western hospitality made us all feel very welcome.

I'll bet a dollar to donuts that my fellow officers and those Ambassadors that were in attendance are all going to comment - and rightfully so! - on the fun times we had, so I'm not going to steal anyone's thunder or repeat myself; however, congratulations and many thanks to Past President Lonnie for an excellent year. I know President Vince expects to exceed his lofty goal for the Ladder of Smiles as at his swearing-in, several thousand dollars were donated on-the-spot!

Later in July I attended my professional society's annual conference in Minneapolis, MN (site of the 2014 Imperial Session and if you can imagine Indianapolis on steroids, you should plan to be there!!). This year, it seemed that there was almost a common thread by the presenters with a focus on communications, cohesiveness and improved/increased team-work, etc., all with the goal to improve patient care (for those of you that may not know, I'm the Radiology Manager at Shriners Hospital for Children (SHC) in Portland, OR).

After spending five 10-hour days with 1,200 fellow imaging administrators and getting our juices flowing, re-invigorating our minds to "imagine the possibilities," I got to thinking about the overall message of the conference and how it related to small facilities such as Shriners and to huge

hospitals like Mayo, out-patient imaging centers, and so on, as well as how our international attendees could apply the same communications tools at their facilities. It dawned on me that communication and teaching tools could apply to radiology just as they could to nursing or physical therapy or laboratory, etc. Heck, why stop with healthcare! The manner in which we interact with our co-workers might be a little bit more professional than how we talk with our neighbors, those we see in our place of worship or even at the barber shop, but it is nonetheless, how we would want to be treated - with courtesy and respect; some call it the Golden Rule.

I must admit that even at such a small place as SHC there are the usual pressures such as budgets, staffing, patient flow, etc., but the over-riding payback that fills my emotional checkbook is the reward of being able to contribute to improving the quality of life for our special patients. We are all very proud of our great philanthropy and we need to show the staff at our facilities just how much we appreciate their heart-felt efforts.

In spite of there being 22 SHC's in North America, everyone is not fortunate to have one in their town; however, there is a Shriners Hospital for Children in Minneapolis so I encourage you to mark your calendar now and make plans to attend the Imperial Shrine Session there 06-10 July 2014.

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ASOB 2nd VP
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THIRD VICE PRESIDENT Jeff Moores

Greetings Nobles, Imperial 2013 in Indianapolis was another great time. It was great to once again see some of the bands that we had not seen

at an Imperial in quite some time come out and compete. A great job by the Syrian and Medinah Oriental Bands and all the others as well. It is only unfortunate that we did not get a few of those other Indiana bands come out and compete, like Hadi and Zorah.



Lonnie and Linda and all of their Aides put on a great event at our downtown hotel. I would also like to congratulate our newest Line Officers with the election of Noble Chris Tsaros from Al Azhar Shriners in Calgary being elected our newest Sergeant at Arms. Chris has a lot of good ideas for our Association and Oriental Bands in general. I look forward to working with him for the years to come.

Just a month before Imperial in early June I had the pleasure of traveling to Northern Kentucky to attend the Great Lakes Shrine Oriental Band Associations Jamboree. It was a great weekend and I really enjoyed seeing all of the five bands that were there and competed. It was fun to see Elf Khurafeh from Michigan, Syrian from Cincinnati, Hadi from Evansville, Zorah from Terre Haute and El Hasa from Ashland. One of the highlights from the weekend was the Friday Night jam session that had each band play a few songs and then everyone getting together to just play. It was also a great weekend for the Ladder of Smiles with over \$8,000 being donated by all those bands that were there. I know that Lonnie and Vince had as much fun as I did this weekend and I look forward to trying to make it next year with the El Hasa boys in West Virginia.

My upcoming travel plans to take me to Central States in Branson, MO, in August and then in September I am off to Cornwall, Ontario, for my own region's Northeast Field Days hosted by Karnak Shriners. We have our business meeting on Friday, Competition on Saturday (if we can get enough bands) and then I am planning to head off to Montreal on Sunday. On that Sunday they are planning to lay the cornerstone for our new Canadian Hospital and I am planning to be there. I really look forward to these trips to visit with some old friends and make some new ones. I truly feel blessed to have such good friends all over the country.

As for the happenings in my own band, we just wrapped up our Annual Golf Tournament for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children and raised over \$5,000. We had great weather this year, which made up for the wash out that we had the year before. We also are planning our Annual Halloween Dance as well. It will be coming up on October 26th. If you are in the Springfield area that weekend and want to come, just let me know.

Hope to see you in my travels around the country, so we can sit down and have

a drink and talk about the Oriental Bands and the Ladder of Smiles that we love so much.

Yours in the Faith, Jeff



FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT Tom Crow

I would like to thank the members of ASOB for electing me to the office of Fourth Vice President. As with most things,

the unknown often turns out to be more than we anticipated, both with respect to the responsibilities and the blessings. It is through ASOB that I have met some of the greatest people in Shrinedom. I cannot tell you how much this has meant to my lady Katie and I. I would like to thank Lonnie, Linda and the El Raid Oriental Band and their Ladies for all of their hard work on behalf of the organization and on their outstanding hospitality. The hospitality they provided in Indianapolis was fantastic and absolutely made the trip to Imperial special for all that attended. I would like to give them a big TEXAS thank you. I would also like to thank those that attended the Sergeant At Arms Breakfast, especially the Moslah Divan and the Shrine Hospital Board of Governor members that were in attendance. It was an interesting time for those that made it to the breakfast, as we raised almost \$ 700.00 for the Ladder of Smiles, and after all, that is our primary purpose - raising money for our kids.

It is never too early to start making plans for your band to come to Minneapolis in July of 2014. ASOB President Vince has been hard at work planning a fun time for all. Once again, I ask that you PLEASE send us the information on anything that is going on in your association or band so that we, as officers, might have a chance to attend. We would love to attend as many events as possible but we must first know about them. It is through this networking that we form relationships and that we can become aware of your needs and accomplishments.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Chris Tsaros, the new Sergeant at Arms for ASOB. He now has possession of the

suitcase with the flags. Just don't forget them, you never know when you will need them.

Tom Crow
4th V.P. ASOB



SERGEANT AT ARMS Chris Tsaros

Greetings to all from the Pacific North West and the beautiful city of Calgary, where the Can-Do attitude of the western spirit is alive and well.

To start please accept my gratitude for the trust you have shown in me by electing me as your new sergeant at arms. I feel privileged to have joined a team of dedicated leaders who have a firm hand on the challenges at hand and a great vision on how to overcome them.

You may well have read about the devastating floods that hit our city in the month of June. As hopeless as it may have looked under 8 feet of water for the venue of our annual Stampede Outdoor Show, organizers declared that the show will go on (in 2 weeks) "Come Hell or High Water," and incredibly enough they did it. In fact the sale of T-shirts with that logo raised 2.0M\$ for flood relief. Neighbors pitched in to clean up houses devastated by the flood in an unprecedented show of solidarity and support. Two thousand volunteers turned out to register for that effort. And it still carries on to this day.

It takes a community to overcome challenges too big for any one person to deal on their own. Our collective challenges whatever they may be, can be turned into tomorrow's opportunities with all of the Oriental Bandsmen working together as a community. Everyone has something of value to contribute.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the next few years, and I hope to infect you with a bit of Can-Do spirit for a great future for Oriental Band Music and our bands that perform it. The Oriental Band Academy as our collective project will require many hands to make it a reality. Stay tuned, the call to action is coming.



SECRETARY TREASURER Mahlon Hariu

The 2013 Imperial Session is over and much has happened to your shrine. I would hope that your Potentate told you about the Annual Meeting and the business that was done there. If he didn't, ask him, I know he will be happy to tell you about it.

The Oriental Band had a good meeting. We were able to vote on the changes to our By-Laws to correct spelling and bring them into line with the Imperial By-Laws. Our name is now Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International to go along with Shriners International. Elsewhere in this publication you will find the minutes from that meeting. I would ask you to take a few minutes to review the financial information that is published for your benefit.

On a personal note, it appears that your Secretary/Treasurer will be moving and in so doing, having to change his address, phone number, and e-mail address. Please check the website for an update with this information. Also, it will be updated in the published Na Khabar in January 2014. Joanne and I are looking forward to the move and hope all goes smoothly as far as the ASOB is concerned.

Elsewhere in this publication you will find the results from the Parade and Fantasy Competition. Your officers had a hard time trying to pick the winners from the excellent bands competing.

The officers are already working on next year's Imperial, to be held in the Twin Cities (St. Paul/Minneapolis). We are staying in a nice hotel and you will hear more about this in the month ahead.

Until we meet again, Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Holidays.
Yours in the Faith,
Mahlon

NOTE: Secretary/Treasurer Mahlon E. Hariu will be moving in September. Please watch the website for his new address, phone number and e-mail address prior to the next issue of the Na Khabar.

APPOINTMENTS



LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN Michael Hartup

Greetings from wet, wet, wet Kansas. It's hard to parade in the rain. Musettes and drums sound different when they are wet. So do Oriental

Bandsmen!

Maggie and I recently returned from Imperial in Indianapolis and are getting ready for Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) in Branson, MO. We had a great time in Indianapolis, seeing old friends and making a few new ones. Congratulations go out to all the officers but especially ASOB President, Vince Bobrosky and your new ASOB Sergeant at Arms, Chris Tsaros from Al Ahzar Shriners in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Welcome to the ASOB family, Chris and Lady Carmella. (If you are interested in becoming an A.S.O.B. officer, please call any current officer or Past President for information and encouragement. We always need good men to step up. Remember, it is YOUR organization!)

This year in Indianapolis six bands competed. Congratulations go to all the bands, the scores were close and in my opinion, each was a first place band. Let's have more bands competing in Minneapolis in 2014. It's not too early to brush up on this year's competition tune, "Abduhl," and make plans to join us next year.

Immediate Past President Lonnie raised over \$75,000.00 for The Ladder of Smiles during this past year. Those contributions came from regional associations, bands, bandsmen and their ladies, and friends. Imperial Sir Stauss was pleased to receive these donations at the incoming A.S.O.B. president's luncheon in Indianapolis. At that luncheon, President Vince announced a goal of raising \$75, 000.00 for The Ladder of Smiles during his year. Our kids and our hospitals are the beneficiaries of your support and generosity. I know it gets harder every year to raise money so we need to be more creative in our efforts. Those of

you who have unique or new fundraising ideas please share them with your fellow bands and bandsmen, everybody benefits.

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

I bid you peace.

Mike

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FIRST 100 CLUB CHAIRMAN Morrie Toretsky

Greetings from beautiful Minnesota! Our spring and summer has not been very good. We hope that everyone who attended the

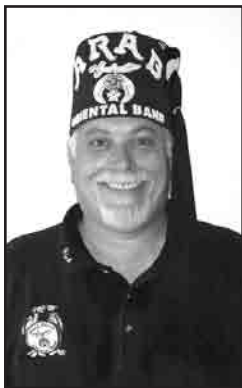
Imperial Session in Indianapolis had a good time and enjoyed themselves very much. Indianapolis was great and everything was close together. Our room at the Hilton was like a suite.

We had a beautiful well-attended First 100 Club Breakfast at 7am on Wednesday morning. Congratulations to Vince Bobrosky and Lady Maggie and to all the line officers for the coming year. We welcome our new Sergeant at Arms, Chris Tsaros, from Al Azhar. The ASOB Ladder of Smiles gave the Imperial Sir \$75,000 which was great.

I am not receiving any communications from band secretaries or members of

family or friends so the roster can be kept up to date. We have three new members. John L. Seastead (Zem Zem), Chris Tsaros (Al Azhar) and James "Moose" Fitzgerald (El Riad), welcome to the club. We do need more new members, so we can keep going. Please mail your name, address, Shrine Center, phone number and check for \$100.00 for each application, payable to ASOB First 100 Club. Mail to Morrie Toretzky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Thank you for your contributions and support of the ASOB First 100 Club.

AMBASSADORS



CENTRAL STATES
Rick Moody

Greetings from the bands of Central States. The bands of Central States have been very active playing in parades all over the Midwest. It is amazing how

well the Oriental Bands are received by spectators along the parade route in even the small communities that host a parade. What a great way to attract new Shriners to our fold.

The Central States Shrine Association will be gathering August 21st thru 24th in beautiful Branson, Missouri, this year. Our host temple, Moolah, with the help of Abou Ben Adhem temple, has been busy getting the venue prepared for 3 days of outstanding competition. I will report the results in the next issue of Na Khabar.

Another event that just ended was the 40th Annual Shrine Bowl of Kansas to benefit Shriner's Hospitals. The five Kansas Temples got together for a great time in Topeka, Kansas, and yes, Oriental Bands made their presence known in the Shrine Bowl Parade.

A message to the bands of Central States, please email me and let me know what activities you are involved in, so I can include you in my article for the Na Khabar. Also, submit your own bands article. Everyone would love to read what great things and fun you're having. My

email address is rdmoody@sbcglobal.net. Keep playing beautiful music and always remember, it's for the kids. Contribute to the Ladder of Smiles. Yours in Faith, Rick Moody



FLORIDA
Robert E. Stihler

Summer is upon us in beautiful Florida at the time of this writing, but when this article appears in the September issue, the trees up north may be starting

to turn into the fall colors, but here in the land of sunshine, the palm trees will still be green.

The FSOBA held a very important business meeting at Egypt Shrine Center in Tampa, Florida, at the FSA Convention on May 4th, and after lively discussion, including supportive comments by Sahib Shrine Center, Treasurer Noble Ken Shipley, it was moved, seconded and passed that the FSOBA remain "alive." Noble Shipley stated that the 2015 FSA/FSOBA Convention is scheduled to be held at Sahib, and they are looking forward to being the 2015 host. The 2014 FSA/FSOBA Convention is scheduled to be hosted by Azan Shrine Center, Melbourne, Florida.

The highlight of the May 4th meeting was Egypt's tong #54 presentation of the mandarin degree. Seventeen neophytes met the mandarin and \$605.00 was contributed to the Ladder of Smiles for the hospitals. It was estimated there were 45-50 members present to observe the neophytes meet the mandarin.

On June 14th, the black camel visited Noble Phil Staples of the Sahib Oriental Band and took him to continue playing the bass drum with the big band in the sky. Heartfelt condolences to Lady Stephanie and family.

Congratulations to the great Sahib Oriental Band for earning a first place trophy in the fantasy competition, and a second place trophy for the parade at the Imperial Session held in Indianapolis, IN. Nobles and Ladies of host El Riad Oriental Band provided an outstanding hospitality to participating bands from El Hasa, Kiva, Midian, Sahib and Syrian. Well done!

Lastly, congratulations to Noble Vince Bobrosky on his elevation to 2013-2014 ASOB President, and his line officers.

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals.

God bless you - God bless our troops - God bless America!



MID ATLANTIC
Kieth Oviatt

If you missed Indy, you missed a good time. The ASOB hospitality room was open and the camel's milk was flowing. Lonnie and Linda and the crew from El Riad did a superb

job of making sure everything was top notch. Squeezebox was there to entertain with music and as far as I know the hotel management only came up once to remind us to keep the doors closed.

The ASOB parade and stage competition was first class. The bands that took part were excellent and I am glad that I did not have to judge them. The only problem with the stage competition was the fact that the room was like an airplane hanger and the acoustics were not good. The Shrine parade was held on a cool damp evening and I did not stay for the whole parade.

When Lonnie was elected to Sergeant at Arms he said he would not cut his hair until he left office. He was good to his word and at the banquet he was able to donate 14 inches of hair for the Locks of Love project. During the business meeting Lonnie became a has been and the other officers moved up a spot with Vince Bobrosky taking over the helm of the ASOB. This was due to the fine election procedures implemented by Jim Whitehouse, and Chris Tsaros was elected to Sgt. at Arms position while Mahlon Hariu was retained as Sec./Treas.

MASOBA was represented by John Seastead and myself along with Mahlon. While we were there we were able to distribute several DVD's of the Emily Mellish story. Hopefully those that got them will be able to show them at various functions throughout Shrinedom.

The annual business meeting of MASOBA will be held in Virginia Beach on September 6. Due to lack of interest by bands (could it be we are getting old) there will not be any stage competition.



MID WEST **James "Moose" Fitzgerald**

Greetings from the Mid-West Shrine Association. Another Imperial Session is in the books, and what great time was had in Indianapolis! A big thank you

to last year's president Lonnie Merriman. As one of his aides I had a fantastic time. Lonnie and Lady Linda out did themselves. From the karaoke night, the hospitality room, the competition, the lunches, and banquet, I hope those in attendance had fun and the hospitality was to your liking. Check out the photos posted on the ASOB facebook page. Shriners' International also posted a 12 minute video on youtube with very good exposure of the Oriental Bands. It is also accessible from the ASOB facebook page.

Congratulations to Vince Bobrosky on his election as the A.S.O.B. President. I look forward to working with Vince as both the Mid-West ambassador and as one of his aides. I will do everything in my power to assist him in his presidency to achieve his goals.

It was good to see fellow OBers from around the U.S. and Canada. Those that I have met in Denver and Charlotte, good to see to see old friends again.

Congratulations to our new sergeant-at arms, Chris Tsaros, from Calgary. He and his Lady Carmella are a great addition to the ASOB Line and fun to be around. He has some fantastic ideas to share with any band.

Life has started to take shape in the MSA. As this article goes to print, MSA Summer Session will have been held in Duluth, MN. (August 14-17). As of this writing, the MSA OB President, Les Kruse, has informed me of 6 or 7 bands to be in attendance. Whether to compete or observe, as long as they are represented. I would like to be able to report in the next issue, that all have joined, or rejoined the ASOB.

Start making plans for next year's Imperial Session to be held in Minneapolis, MN. Vince and Lady Maggie are sure to make it memorable. He has a good group of aides lined up, and we will make the most out of Mid-West hospitality.

Don't forget to recruit new members. It is our lifeline of survival. Yours in the faith, James "Moose" Fitzgerald



NEW YORK/ONTARIO **Bob Jones**

Congratulations to ASOB new President, Vince Bobrosky. From all that I have heard he will be doing a fine job for our Association. His fresh ideas will do us well.

As previously noted New York/Ontario now is an all Ontario Association. There are no bands in the New York area. Rameses Temple has three bands. They are Oshawa, Sudbury and Hamilton. Our three bands have been performing at parades and ceremonies. Oshawa and Sudbury both attended the Spring Ceremonial Parade in Kingston Ontario. Oshawa performed during the ceremony at Old Fort Henry in Kingston. Sudbury Oriental Band and Colour Party are an active group and have several events each year. Noble Gord Fraser is doing a great job. The 2014 Rameses Spring Ceremonial will be held in the beautiful city of Sudbury in June 2014. The O'Band is planning many activities leading up to this ceremonial.

Oshawa sponsored a Neil Diamond impersonator last November and a St. Patrick's dinner and dance in March. Both of these events were well attended. Parades are being attended and we are looking forward to the fall fair parades and Christmas parades.

Again, congratulations to the new ASOB line for the 2013-14 year. Remember the Ladder of Smiles.



SOUTH ATLANTIC **Nolan Stanley**

Greetings Nobles! Since our last article a lot of things have taken place. Most important was the installation of Acca's very

own Noble Vince Bobrosky as President of ASOB in Indianapolis in July. We are extremely proud of Vince and wish him the best in the coming year. He will make a great leader for ASOB and do great things for the Association of Oriental Bands. Congratulations, Vince. Also, in Indianapolis the ladies were treated to a wonderful lunch hosted by Linda Merriman and a brunch and gift exchange hosted by Vince's lovely lady, Maggie. I understand the food was wonderful and the ladies enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people and get together to catch up on what has been happening since they were last together. It was a great experience the time we spent in Indianapolis and look forward to the spring meeting in Charlottesville then Minneapolis in July.

The South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association (SASOBA) held their summer meeting at Lake Norman, NC, on the weekend of 19 July 2013. There was great representation of Oriental Bands present for this weekend. The following Shrine Centers' Oriental Bands were represented: Beni Kedom (Charleston, WV), Amran (Raleigh, NC), Oasis (Greensboro, NC), Oleika (Lexington, KY), Kena (Fairfax, VA), and Acca (Richmond, VA). I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noble Larry Gregory, SASOBA President from Oasis Shrine Center, and his Lady Evelyn for hosting a great weekend. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This is always a favorite weekend with SASOBA members. After much discussion it was decided we have been going to Lake Norman since 1999 (just missing a couple of years here and there). On Saturday the ladies enjoyed shopping and the men headed out to the NASCAR and Harley Davidson shops after their meeting, but the favorite thing to do is eat. If you get to Lake Norman, stop in at Mickey and Mooch. Not only do they have great food you won't believe their 7-layer chocolate cake!

The summer meeting is really an excuse to get away for the weekend for great fellowship, to find great restaurants, do some shopping and squeeze in a little time to conduct business. The next adventure for the SASOBA family is Myrtle Beach. If you are in the area stop by the Sea Mist Resort on Thursday, September 26. The day starts off with the business meeting for the men, brunch for the ladies, then competition at 2:00 and the awards banquet at 6:00. It is definitely a fun filled day and

one we look forward to every year. Guest bands are welcome to participate in the competition. If you would like more information let me know and I'll pass your information on.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Vince and all the incoming ASOB officers and look forward to another great Oriental Band year. Have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward first to a great time in Myrtle Beach then move on to the activities for next year.



WESTERN
Frank Kastl

Greetings to all Oriental Band Leaders and Bandsmen-

Western States and wither-so-ever-disbursed: As your new ASOB Ambassador (Western States) along with Norm Tinkham (Associate Ambassador), our goal is to keep you updated and hope you keep us updated on things related to our beloved oriental bands in the West. Bands from our Western states have always had a high level of enthusiasm for band activity and of course the WASOB annual Jamboree. As you know, there were two

years where WASOB did not have a jamboree. Other priorities replaced needed meetings and the Association went into hibernation for a while. No harm done, but now we need to get going again! Norm and I have been working to get things moving with WASOB and have been in contact with Dave Glass- WASOB Secretary (he also wears a superman outfit but that is a secret).

I am happy to say we will have a WASOB Jamboree scheduled at the Ben Ali Shrine Center, Sacramento CA, October 4 & 5. This is a two day event (Friday & Saturday). Of course Dave Glass, WASOB Secretary, will be sending out info soon. Hotel room arrangements are being made at the Sacramento Hilton. It will be great to see everyone again and play a few tunes.

We were hoping all Western bands would attend (even if a soloist is there) but according to our research and making contacts it now appears only 4 bands will come to the jamboree. Norm Tinkham's research indicates Asiya, Al Kader, Ben Ali and Phoenix will be actively participating in the WASOB Jamboree. However, it is never too late for WASOB Oriental Bands to send at least a small combo/soloist so we can get WASOB organized once again and go forward with what we do best- having fun and supporting the hospitals! In addition, the Asiya Arabians will host the Mandarin Degree on Friday night at another location (not actually part of the WASOB activities). This is a fun degree and if you have not done so make sure you sign up. Again, Dave Glass is to send out a flyer with full info. Dave can be reached at (916) 454-5335 (afternoon is best).

Norm has contacted El Bekal and they are trying to get the band going again but nothing definite. It would be nice to see those guys again.

Since I am updating the WASOB roster, I am urgently requesting that all persons representing their Band drop me a line or call me with info about their band and if it is still active and if tentatively going to the jamboree. Some of the info in this report comes from temple recorders rather than Band leaders so there are some concerns that bands are fading out to some extent in our area. If updating me please provide the names and emails of the band officers so the info I have is up to date and proper communication is established. Please let me/Norm know what your band is doing this year so we can include the info in the Na Khabar.

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BAND NEWS

Acca
Richmond, Virginia

Steven Meagher
Oriental Band President



Greetings from the Acca Temple in Richmond, VA. My name is Steven Meagher, President of the Oriental Band. We are a small band, but trying to grow larger. The band is very close and we have a great time entertaining and raising money for the children. At the head of our band our director, Vince Brobosky, has just been installed as President of ASOB. He is committed to our band and will make a great ASOB President. He won't do it alone however, he will have the full support and dedication of our unit. In addition to us he will, as always, have the help of his wonderful lady Maggie to help him and encourage him in every moment of his time as President.

Now here is what we are doing locally for the children, we are fundraising like crazy, including yard sales, pork butt sales, and the annual watermelon festival that occurs in early August. We also anticipate the band coming to Minneapolis next year to support our Director. Our members are very committed to helping the children out in every way we can. We always look forward to September, which includes the Annual SASA convention that is taking place this year in the lovely city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We will be hard at work practicing every week in August and September to prepare for a great performance.

I can speak for all of us when I say, we all love what we do for the children. Personally, I, along with my lovely lady Sandy, can't think of a better cause to be a part of. We all hope to see you all in Minneapolis next year. Remember, we are committed to the Children's Hospitals, and helping everyone live a happier and healthier life.

Thanks,
Steven Meagher



News (and various links to videos of our performances) from the Aleppo Oriental band may be found at our website which is located at:

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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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A HUGE 'Howdy' from the members of the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band in San Antonio, Texas. I do not know how long it's been since our band submitted an article for the Na Khabar, but I want to start making it a habit. Thanks to our current Texas TASOB president for giving me the heads-up.

First of all, the Alzafar Oriental Band (AOB) travelled to Wichita Falls for TSA competition. We entered in the small band category due to the AOB numbers that were able to travel at that time of year; end of school and all. We shared first and second



places for concert and showmanship with Arabia from Houston, Texas. They, having the upper hand in overall scoring, took home the flag. Congratulations Arabia and ALL of the Oriental Bands who competed. The AOB had a lot of fun being among our Oriental Band brothers from throughout Texas. We'll see what happens next year. IT'S ALL FOR THE KIDS.

The AOB is in the 'dark' period at this time. This normally occurs after our TSA competition. We do have our stated meetings which are required by our by-laws (third Monday of each month). But our regular band practices each Monday is shut down. We start up again after our August stated meeting. We are also 'dark' during December.

Even if we are in the 'dark', the AOB members are awoken periodically by events we enjoy during this time. The most important event is having our Oriental Band Ladies join us for dinners at nice



restaurants. At the last (July 15th), most of the AOB members and their ladies attended and enjoyed the social and dinner. But first,



the AOB had to elect the new band director for next season. That did not take but a minute; our Oriental Band ladies were more important. I therefore announce that I was elected to serve a second term. And no one was having liquor (humor) !!!

Another event was a call from our Shrine Oriental Guide to help in beautifying our Shrine Center. So on July 21st, a nice number of AOB members answered the call along with other unit members of our Shrine and their family members. The objective in this phase was to paint all of the curbs needing refreshing, i.e. disabled parking, fire lanes, etc., and believe me folks, we have a lot of curbs due the size of our parking lots and marked areas.



Approximately fifty Alzafarees and about 4 hours were needed to complete the tasks. And there was no slacking off! We ended with a well deserve "pit" style lunch and a fantastic Shrine Family social. Nice!!! Who knows, perhaps he will be among the AOB percussion section soon. Hummmm!

We also have parking lot islands that were up for grabs. So, as President and Band Director of AOB, I claimed a nice one, with oak trees and all. Now our band needs to make the island look nice. I will

be calling on the AOB members and family to attend an outdoor social to beautify our claim when San Antonio gets below 101 degrees. Check out my future newsletter updates for the results.

The one huge event coming up is the Alzafar Shrine Circus in San Antonio. This event takes place on September 13, 14 and 15. The AOB will be selling tickets at the booth as we have done for many years. We are there from sunrise to sunset in this small four window ticket booth provided by the coliseum where the circus takes place. But no matter, we pack thousands at each show with our AOB members (small band) and some family volunteers. A few times that I can remember, the Fire Marshall ran out and stopped the ticket sales!!! Nice job AOB!

During the remainder of my term as president of AOB (ends December 31 unless re-elected) and my new second term as band director, I will make it my priority to increase the size of our band by at least one horn and three percussionists. Many of our members are up there in age. But they are NOT being replaced. Not by a long shot! These guys are Texas stuff and are our most seasoned musicians. I just want to increase the numbers for more music selection opportunities.

So before I sign off, I invite any Shriner, no matter where on the globe and well vouched for, please visit our Shrine Center when in San Antonio, Texas. You can contact me via my email address and phone number at the head of this article. I will be most honored to welcome you and be your host at our Shrine Center. And if possible, your host in San Antonio. Just give me a notice.

I also invite everyone to visit the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band Newsletter, **The Musette**. You can access the publication at asob.org/alzafar-shrine-oriental-band.html. I publish this newsletter and update it every two months or less. There are many colorful photos, recent events info, parade schedule, and much more. Even a Humor Box for crying aloud!

After accessing the website and seeing the header page, click on 'Newsletter' on the bottom right. There you will see our newsletter. It is in PDF format. You can therefore easily print and read it in one of your most comfortable 'room' in the house.

Thank you all Nobles!!!



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Greetings from the great State of Kansas, where some of the most awesome Oriental Bands call home. It's that time again, when parades are in full swing and the Oriental Band begins preparing for the competition events at Central States. The CSSA will be held in Branson, MO, this year. The Arab Oriental Band members have changed somewhat over the past few years and the band is smaller in size, but despite the circumstances, the OB will give it their best as they have every year for the past several years.

On the parade front, the Oriental Band performed at the Dover, KS, parade on June 15 and rocked the town of Waverly, KS, in a July 15 parade. As usual, nobles were treated to a great BBQ after the Waverly parade at the home Illustrious Sir, Paul Clarkson. The parades got us warmed up for the Shrine Bowl parade held July 27 in our own back yard. It was great to see all the people out participating in the various events. It was a fantastic football game where the East came out victors. All in all, a great time was had by all and we look forward to the return of the Shrine Bowl in Topeka.

There are lots of other fun events coming up for the OB and the Arab Temple. The OB will once again team up with our Brothers in the Arab Patrol for our Fall Pancake Feed. That's a few months away, so in the meantime, we will just enjoy the summer fun.

While it has been mentioned before, I offer as a reminder to please help us spread the word to all of our nobles and our ladies that the new Shriners' Slogan is... "All care at Shriners Hospitals for Children is provided without regard to a patient or family's ability to pay." This is an extremely important change to our way of doing business.

Enjoy the summer and stay cool to our Oriental Band Brothers!

Arab Oriental Band Meeting Information: The Oriental Band meets at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Shrine in our very own private Oasis located upstairs in the Temple. We welcome any Brother who

would like to stop by and see what we are all about. We have a wonderful group of men who enjoy playing music even though the majority of the members have no real musical background. We have a great time performing and we are always competitive at Central States and Imperial. We look forward to another great year of fellowship and the continuation of our efforts to help the children.

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With the Band having been "dark" during July and August, hopefully the Bandsmen will have had a restful and enjoyable summer and now ready to renew our "Puffin and Poundin." The first meeting and practice will be September 10th, so we'll be getting our lips pursing and toes-a-tapping preparing for the October 4th and 5th Fall Ceremonial.

As mentioned in the May issue of the Na Khabar, the FSOBA portion of the 2013 FSA Convention held at Egypt Shrine Center in Tampa, FL, was canceled due to a lack of adequate Band participation, but a Business Meeting was held on May 4th. Representatives from Egypt, Sahib, Yours Truly and Chief Rabban Noble Jim Gillespie from Bahia were in attendance and it was voted to continue the FSOBA. Hosts for the 2014 and 2015 FSA/FSOBA Conventions will be Azan and Sahib respectively.

Following the Business Meeting, Egypt's Tong #54 presented the Mandarin Degree and seventeen neophytes were "acquainted" with the Mighty Mandarin. It was estimated that about 45 to 50 members witnessed the event and \$605.00 was contributed to the Ladder of Smiles. God Bless the children in the hospitals. God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America!

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Greetings nomads from the green mountains of Vermont. We will miss again the Northeast field days, put on by Karnak in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, which is the fourth in a row, never before have we missed so many. Wish great success to all bands competing. I wonder about next year with the field days being held by our neighbors to our South. Melha always puts on a good weekend of activities.

Our last outing will be the New Hampshire Vermont Maple Sugar bowl game August 3rd at Dartmouth College. Maybe this will be our year for victory. After the parade, we will have our band luncheon at the Weathervain.

After the Bellows Falls parade, we had a great cookout at the home of our President Greg and wife Brenda, two great cooks. Good time had by all, plenty of food and camels milk. After an illness, Cammy Allen, wife of our secretary and bass drummer, is looking good.

El Riad

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What can I say about the El Riad Oriental Band except we have been really busy this summer. We have marched in several parades in the area this summer and have a few more to go before the snow starts flying and we hang up the uniforms for another season.

It was a great time in Indy at the Imperial Session and the competition for the Oriental Bands was outstanding. It is fun competing when the bands have fun and play the music as well as everyone did this year. I hope to see everyone in Minneapolis next year so we can make the competition bigger and better than ever.

By the time this comes out we will have traveled to the Midwest Summer Session in Duluth, MN. I am sure it was a great

time, it's always fun and the competition is usually a fun-filled morning.

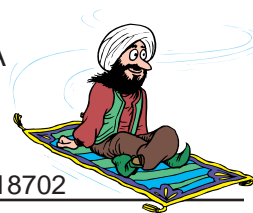
Our big party is coming up in October for the Halloween costume party and dance with the Rumbles. Some of you got a small taste of our party when you were here for Midwinter. Just double the fun and add a lot of great costumes to the mix and that will give you some idea what this party is like

That's about it from Sioux Falls, SD. Hope to see all of you in the near future.

Irem

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Greetings Noble Travelers of the hot sands. Sit down in our favorite chair along with some camels milk and read about the activities of the Irem O.B.

When the signs of spring were approaching our sultan, Jim Huddock, stood on the balcony of his minaret and announced to our bandsmen to open their tent flaps and prepare themselves for the upcoming caravans.

The first test was our yearly participation in the Scranton St. Patrick's Day parade. We have been in this parade since 1966 and is the third largest one in the U.S.A. As usual the spectators enjoyed our Arabic style of music and applauded us all along the parade route.

The following month the 64th Annual Irem Shrine Circus came to town for eleven performances starting on Easter Monday. As usual our bandsmen helped erect the bleachers and later dismantled them. In addition the band sold various novelties during the shows and excelled their salesmanship by breaking last year's record.

Our schedule continued with the May 4 West Pittston Cherry Blossom Parade followed by the Kingston-Forty Fort two mile Memorial Day parade.

As usual our band caravanned the novices across the hot sands at the June 8 Irem Outdoor Ceremonial. The following week we participated in the Waymart Association 2013 Pride and Patriotism parade on June 15.

As you can see our band is very well recognized in Northeaster PA and the spectators truly enjoy our music and showmanship.

Our rehearsals for July were shared with our ladies. We are especially grateful to Jack and Kathy Powell for inviting us to their Lake Sheridan summer home and to Jim and Paula Connors for having us at their beautiful outdoor pool and garden.

During the month of August our rehearsals will concentrate on the upcoming Virginia Beach MASA Convention. All efforts will focus on retaining our last years award of "Best Oriental Band In Parade."

All in all with conventions, parades, ceremonials, etc., we must admit to a very successful year to date. We are ever so grateful to our President Jim Huddock and Director Fred Dietrich for guiding our crew of hard working and dedicated officers and members.

In closing, remember the Ladder of Smiles!!!

Khartum Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Greetings from the Great White North, although technically the title will not be legitimate until winter when the snow flies. Regardless, I think we can still retain the title especially in the province of Manitoba where snow is on the ground for about six months of the year.

Khartum Shrine is in the middle of the parade season so the Band is fairly busy attending a small number of parades that we committed to. We are also preparing to attend the summer Midwest in Duluth, Minnesota, in August. This is a great opportunity for us to make new friends and continue friendships with old ones. We will be entering the Oriental Band competition and hope to do quite well. We have added a couple of new members to the Band so we will see how that works out in terms of the competition. But the camaraderie and hospitality are the most important things to be gained from participating in this event.

The Bandsmen had an interesting experience this year. We were asked to play our music for music students at two local universities. The students apparently appreciated us playing for them by offering a round of applause after each song. And on talking to them after our performance, they indicated their delight in us playing for them. It was very nice event, as it makes you feel good when your efforts are appreciated.

This weekend we will be involved in one of the major parades in our schedule. It is a street parade in a town named Gimli in Manitoba and it is always well attended with participants and audiences. The Band always has a good time at this parade.

Well Nobles, it is time to vacate my office, close down my computer and return to my mundane life. It has been very nice communicating with you and hope that all experience good health and happiness. And please, remember our kids.

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It's difficult to realize another year's worth of competition is in the books and it's nice to sit back and relax and get ready for some fundraisers! We were very pleased with the outcome of competition and feel honored that Khiva won first place in our class at the All-State Competition in Wichita Falls, and at Imperial Session in Indianapolis.

We would like to thank the ASOB President, Noble Lonnie Merriman and his merry men of El Riad Shrine of Sioux Falls, SD, who were the hosts at Imperial. We arrived and checked in to some very spacious suites at the Hilton and most of our band visited the well-appointed hospitality suite of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (ASOB). The group was quite efficient and some of their members and wives kept us well entertained. Thank-You for a great time at Indy.

As part of Imperial, the ASOB arranged a karaoke night for all the bands in one of the hotel's ballrooms on Thursday night. Sparsely attended at first, the room grew with each hour that passed. The Japanese word *Karaoke* translates to "empty orchestra" in English. And in some cases, that night, it was an appropriate definition. No harsh judgments are implied on the singing abilities of our contingent there. Various voices from Khiva hit the stage like Wayne Wheeler, Recorder, Wilton Manley, Chief Rabban Scott Woolley, Illustrious Sir Rodney Weaver, Matt Crafton, Jack Buckner, Ray Higgs, Kira Colburn, Jack Buckner, and, of course, yours truly. I am sure someone was left out- my guess is that you didn't make such a big impression in

our mind (and that's a good thing). It was like a scene from "*America's Got Talent*". The evening turned out to be an rip-roaring success and thus we experienced a great way to tolerate each other's singing. *Trust us. . . we'll be seeing Karaoke in our future again. . .*

We'd also like to thank John Barron, TASOB President 2012-2013 for his efforts and coordination at our Texas Competition in Wichita Falls, Texas. A good time was had by all and once again, the folks at Wichita Falls were wonderful!

Despite so much injury, rehab and recovery in our Band this year, yet here is another, so far, very successful and blessed year. There are so many thanks to go around. Our support from the Ladies, our families, our Divan and their families (hope they didn't feel like groupies this year), and our dedicated members and officers. A special thanks to our Caliph, Joe Brewton, in helping us reach our goals. John Meyer, Sultan



As close to a IndyCar as most of us got



Chill'n out before the Caliph arrives



Khiva Caliph has a captive audience in the hospitality suite



Khiva Divan and members walking from Monument Circle in beautiful downtown Indianapolis



Khiva Oriental Band at the 2013 Shrine Imperial Session in Indianapolis, IN



Khiva Oriental Band during Shrine Imperial Fantasy Competition



Partaking of the apple 'shine before God and man



The instruments have arrived



The Sopranos debut the karaoke party



Winding down with shuffleboard before the trip to Imperial

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Greetings Nobles and friends. How busy have we been this summer? Very. We've had a very successful circus this year. The weather was great and the crowds were large. A good combination for the band to gather donations for the circus programs. The whole band came together for the weekend, had some great times, saw some great acts, and supported our temple. As always, our ladies came out to support us and did a great job keeping us full of food (and in line) so we had energy to garner those donations.

Parades have kept us busy this year as well. We have had the usual ones, Memorial Day and the 4th of July, as well as some special parades for a few town celebrations like the Oxford 250th anniversary. There has been a great showing at all the parades so far and the band has sounded excellent. I guess all of the practice is starting to pay off. If any visiting Noble ever would like to see us in action, we practice every Friday except the first of the month which is our business meeting. Please feel free to come visit.

We just held our 25th Annual Melha Oriental Band Golf Tournament. There were 24 foursomes that all had a great time golfing for the ladder of smiles. Luckily this year we did not have to endure thunderstorms and torrential downpours. Yours truly had the distinct honor of winning a trophy this year – for being on the last place team. Overall we were able to raise \$5200 for the Ladder of Smiles. What a great day.

We continue to have a great deal of paper drives. Vincent Callahan has been working very hard with lots of local businesses to get us out there and get the word out and collect the donations. It's always great to be at one of these events. The feedback you get to hear from the public is great. We love to hear how we have helped the families and friends of those who come to chat with us. It's especially touching when we get to see former patients who come and thank us.

Well that's all folks. Hope you get to enjoy the rest of your summer. See you next issue.

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The Moslah Bedouins have stayed busy throughout the summer months. In May, by invitation, we made our sixth appearance at the Historical District parade. In June we traveled to Wichita Falls, Texas, to participate in the Texas Shrine Association (TSA) competition. Saturday, at the downtown TSA parade we were the only Oriental Band unit to participate as we walked the two miles of parade route. In July we traveled to Granbury, Texas, to fulfill an invitation to participate in the Granbury Fourth of July parade. This

event boasts of having over three-thousand spectators and is a fine event at which to display the Fez and show people what Oriental Band music is all about. We are constantly told we are one of the favorites out of over two hundred entries.

Our Sheik, Kenneth Beck, has been leading the Bedouins in the annual circus ad sales campaign for the upcoming Moslah Shrine Circus in October. Typically, the Bedouins are among the top two units in ad sales. Once October rolls around and the Circus starts we will be profoundly involved in the operation of the shows covering operations from ticket reception to souvenir sales.

Our band practices will resume—on a limited basis—in September after a summer hiatus. Caliph Kenny Mattoon will once again unite the troops as we prepare for the various fall and holiday activities. As always, we believe the Bedouin Oriental Band is the best unit Moslah has to offer.

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The Band has been fairly busy this spring and summer. We have participated in the La Connor, Sequim parades. There would have been more but, due to the bridge collapse on I-5, we did not do our usual rota. We have been able to have around 18-22 Nobles show for these events. Not too shabby! The last parade is this fall in Granite Falls with a possible cookout at Noble Jake Jacobson's place in Snohomish.

Last weekend the Band did its usual credible job at the Nile Shrine Center Picnic, the usual 15 of us showed up for this event and fund raiser. Despite equipment shortages we were able to throw together a good time for those who sowed. The weather, as it has been all summer was spectacular!! Nobles Mark Goldberg and Acki Mueller were shanghaied into running the soiree. Given the nature of communications and equipment FUBARs, (the proverbial oriental fire-drill!) they did a good job.

September holds the promise of raising funds at the Evergreen State Fair and our corn booth, which is our main fund raiser. Nobles Ed Broker and his Lady Liz, Norm (the worlds finest simple player), Parker Johnston, etc., all will ably, just as

in the past, do a great job! Speaking of our Norm, he has been recuperating from a fall in Mexico that necessitated a short stay in hospital. His Lady Sarah, in my opinion, saved his life with her CPR intervention! He is on the mend and doing better.

Tonight we are having a meeting to discuss attendance and other things of import to the Band. It is my hope that this will provide a new infusion of enthusiasm for the Band that I love and have had the pleasure of being a member for 21 years!

The rest of the quarter will be fairly quiet excepting playing at the center's Ceremonial this fall, where I am sure we will kick butt!

That's about it for now. So stay tuned!!

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Es Selamu Aleikum. A few hardy souls traveled forth to Indianapolis for this year's Imperial Session. It was good to see many from the Mid Atlantic states representing MASOBA at the ASOB Annual Meeting.

Rajah OB and Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Band are now getting ready for the combined Christmas Party. Because we hold it at a hotel at Christmas time, we must start early in order to get in line for food service and entertainment. The two bands get along well and we always have a good time together at our parties.

We are starting to get requests for Halloween Parades already. About the time we think that we have a schedule figures out, a town will change it's normal parade day, and we are left scrambling to rearrange our schedule so as not to disappoint our many fans that dance along with us down the street.

Until next time,
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The Band has not had the ability lately to venture to some of the A.S.O.B. functions, or the Imperials in the States, but we should plan to get involved again. Our presentation of \$2000 to the "Ladder of Smiles," and \$500 to the "Na Khabar," hopefully puts us in the good standing. There is so much more our band has to offer and quite frankly we are missing out on the fun and fellowship. Some of the stories from previous travels that could be told would bring tears and/or laughter, from those that have had the opportunity to spread their wings and travel to places like Texas, California, Boston, Denver, and so many more places. The band is a very close unit and hopefully it will with new members remain a very viable commodity in our club. It all starts by showing up at the meetings, or joining a unit. We are mandated to have fun so the children can enjoy their lives to the fullest.

We continue to satisfy some of the local parades but numbers are declining, but for the faithful great things are possible. We need new members but where are they? Look to the Lodges for the next candidate and unit member. We have to get out to the lodges and create an interest in the Shrine. Set up a time for video presentations or invite potential members to our clubs. We have and will accomplish much more, so when the spirit moves you, "get up and do something."

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Colin Blakelock
Unit Director



Greetings from sunny Oshawa. Well, so far we've had a two week heat wave and now the temperatures are below seasonal but comfortable. As usual, everyone is complaining that the summer was late in arriving and when it did it was too hot. Now it's "not a very good summer." There's just no pleasing us.

Well, what has the Oshawa and District Shrine Oriental Band been up to of late? In

March we hosted an Irish themed Pub Night which was well attended and I think enjoyed by all. Our chef Cindy provided a great meal and dancing was to a live band, Cyril Way and The Working Class Heroes who played a good variety of music for all tastes.

The end of March saw the start of our annual parade season with the Pickering Easter parade on the 30th. This was followed on June 1st by The Brooklin Spring Fair parade and on Fathers Day, the 16th we had the Oshawa Fiesta parade. Fortunately the weather cooperated for all parades and good times were had by participants and spectators.

There has been a bit of a lull over the summer months, which is normal but we start again with parades at the end of August and go right through until a week or so before Christmas.

On November 9th, the Oriental Band will be hosting a Neil Diamond Concert featuring Mark Thomas. We had Mark doing his Neil impersonation last year to a sell out crowd and the response was so good that we thought we would have him back for a return visit which is eagerly anticipated by all. We should have another sell out on our hands.

There's not too much happening with the band at the moment. We will soon be re starting our practice sessions to get us up to scratch for the upcoming parades but like most other bands we need new blood. Where it will come from I don't know as we don't seem to be getting too many new members these days and some of our more senior members are finding it harder to continue. A sign of the times I think.

In closing I'd like to wish you all a great summer (what's left of it) on behalf of The Oshawa and District Shrine Oriental Band.

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Greetings O.B.ers across the country from the beautiful west coast of Florida. Well, the Imperial Convention in Indianapolis is over and a great time was had by all. We want to congratulate Lonnie and Linda Merriman on choosing a great central location for our host hotel and on running a very open and welcoming hospitality room, where every bandsman attending felt comfortable and well taken care of.

Sahib O.B. wants to congratulate all the bands competing as they all did a tremendous job on stage. It was a very close competition but Sahib O.B. was proud to take home the 1st place trophy for the on-stage competition in the medium band category. Syrian won it for the large category and Khiva won it for the unlimited as well as over-all category. Congratulations go out to Joe Brewton and his boys for their dedication. It takes a lot of it to keep a band at that level and to travel every year to Imperials and they deserve all the accolades.

We congratulate Lonnie on achieving his goal for the Ladder of Smiles and wish Vince Bobrosky good luck in the coming year on achieving his goal. Congratulations also to all the line officers as they move up and big congratulations to the new "Greek Jr.", Chris Tsar and his lady, Camilla, on their election as the new Sargeant At Arms. Looking forward to getting to know them better.

Summer is a quiet time here in Florida for our band, but Labor Day and fall and winter celebrations are just around the corner and we're ready to start practicing again.

TO THE GREAT SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND - A JOB WELL DONE!!!

Yours in the Faith,
Greek

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The Sudbury Shrine Club Oriental Band & Colour Party are celebrating our 50th anniversary and are sporting a commemorative summer shirt with our Shrine Logo and 50-Year embroidery... our members appearance in our special shirts were just the envy of all at our recent Kingston Ontario Ceremonial!

The band has a busy summer parade schedule in our northeastern Ontario region, and are also preparing for our 2014 Rameses Shriners Ceremonial Parade to be held in our Sudbury home town. Much effort and planning are being directed at drawing maximum community attendance and focus on the Shrine and our purpose. We'll be practicing over the winter to hone our musical skills toward our local parade!

Our Oriental Band & Colour Party supports the Ladder of Smiles, our Rameses Shriners Childrens Transportation Fund and

our Sudbury Childrens Treatment Centre Botox Programme.

Pictured is our band and colourful float in a Little Current Ontario parade.



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Well we survived the winter, and now as I write this it is in the 90s. We have only had one parade so far this year as several communities have canceled parades due to the economic climate as well as "burn out" of the organizers. It seems the same people do the same jobs over and over with no new blood to help. We will be playing for a couple of college homecoming parades including my Alma Mater.

Our gal, Emily Mellish, is now able to use her left leg and ride a bike. This is a big accomplishment for her as some doctors wanted to amputate that leg until she went to Shriners. She is still selling her bracelets and as she cannot make all of them herself she has many helpers. They had a beading party and 50 people showed up at the hospital to help her make bracelets one evening. Her bracelet project has raised over \$21,000 for the Shrine Hospital - Erie Unit. Her parents take her wherever there is a request for Emily to tell her story. She has her story on a DVD and if you would like to have a copy for your band, Lodge or any program, just contact me and I will see that you get a copy.



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2012-2013 TOP 10 BANDS

El Karubah Oriental Band	\$11,370.00
El Riad Oriental Band.....	\$8,025.00
Melha Oriental Band	\$7,051.70
Elf Khurafeh Oriental Band.....	\$5,000.00
Nile Oriental Band.....	\$4,547.08
Moslah Oriental Band.....	\$2,920.00
Lancaster County Oriental Band	\$2,910.00
Rameses - Hamilton Oriental Band.....	\$2,000.00
Midian Oriental Band	\$1,875.25
Zem Zem Oriental Band	\$1,865.00

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Al Bedoo Oriental Band	\$1,604.00
Acca Oriental Band	\$1,600.00
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OTHER BANDS

Rameses-Oshawa Oriental Band	\$1,344.11
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Syrian Oriental Band	\$1,040.00
Hadi Oriental Band	\$1,000.00
Ismailia Oriental Band.....	\$1,000.00
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Zenobia Oriental Band.....	\$750.00
Arabia Oriental Band.....	\$670.00
Beni Kedem Oriental Band	\$605.00
Azan Oriental Band	\$525.00
Ararat Oriental Band	\$500.00
Mocha Oriental Band.....	\$500.00
Sharon Oriental Band	\$500.00
Araba Oriental Band.....	\$445.00
Al Kader Oriental Band.....	\$430.00
Jaffa Oriental Band	\$375.00
Cairo Oriental Band.....	\$335.00
Al Zahar Oriental Band	\$300.00
Abou Ben Adhem Oriental Band.....	\$250.00
El Hasa Oriental Band	\$250.00
Korean Oriental Band.....	\$250.00
El Kahir Oriental Band	\$200.00
Irem Oriental Band	\$200.00
El Bekal Oriental Band.....	\$170.00
Alzafar Oriental Band.....	\$125.00
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Salaam Oriental Band.....	\$100.00
Zuhrah Oriental Band	\$80.00
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NEW TOP BANDS

Nile Oriental Band.....	\$1,879.00
Ismailia Oriental Band.....	\$1,000.00
Melha Oriental Band	\$1,000.00
Acca Oriental Band	\$600.00
Al Bedoo Oriental Band	\$500.00
Moslah Oriental Band.....	\$500.00
Sahib Oriental Band.....	\$350.00
Khiva Oriental Band.....	\$270.00
Jaffa Oriental Band	\$200.00
El Karubah Oriental Band	\$25.00

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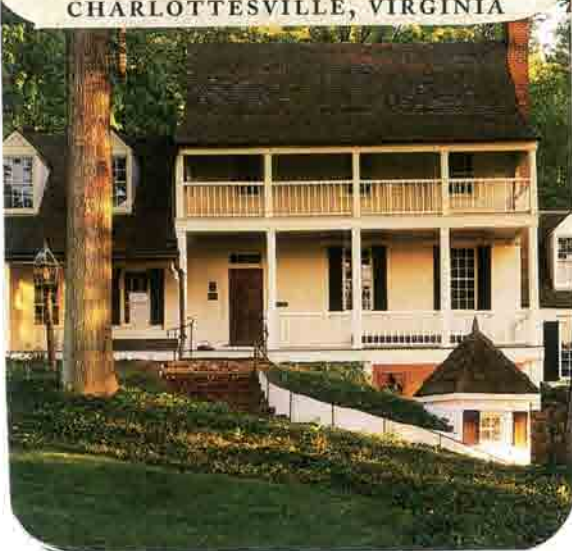


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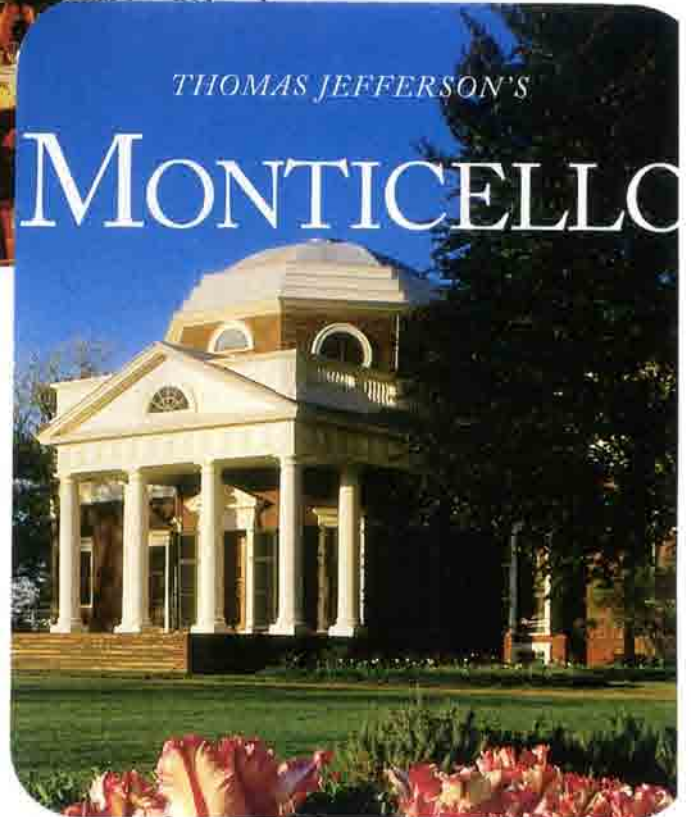
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2014 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 5 - July 10, 2014

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All times and meeting room info will be printed in the Na Khabar in January.

To: Mahlon Hariu
Re: 2014 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session
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(610) 965-5652

A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

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I/We plan to attend the 2014 ASOB Imperial Session. Please reserve a room at the ASOB Headquarters Hotel, The Commons Hotel

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Shrine Center: _____

Noble: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Room Type Preferences

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

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International
ANNUAL MEETING
July 3, 2013

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International was held at the Indianapolis Hilton on July 3, 2013. President Lonnie Merriman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, EDT.

President Merriman called on A.S.O.B. Chaplain to give the invocation, followed by the Shrine pledge to the flags of all Shrine Countries, lead by Sergeant At Arms, Noble Tom Crow. President Merriman then asked the Sergeant At Arms, Noble Tom Crow, to read the Roll Call of those present. A.S.O.B. Officers - 5, Past Presidents - 11, Voting Delegates - 8.

A.S.O.B. AUDIT REPORT:

The Auditors reported that all books of the Treasurer and Ladder Of Smiles Chairman had not been audited as yet, but would be audited following the meeting. After the meeting an audit was performed and no discrepancies were found. The Ladder Of Smiles Chairman and Treasurer were commended on keeping good records.

A.S.O.B. SEC./TREAS. REPORT:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2012, and the Mid Winter Meeting, as they were published in the Na Khabar and sent by email to all concerned. Motion Approved. The Secretary/Treasurer then gave the Financial Report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for the three accounts operated by the A.S.O.B. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. Approved. (The full report will be published in the September 2013 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. The Secretary/Treasurer reported no outstanding bills or previously uncommunicated communications.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President:

Noble Vince Bobrosky reported that all was set for the 2014 Imperial Session in Minneapolis/St. Paul. The ASOB will be housed at a Downtown Minneapolis Hotel. Mid-winter will be in April 2014 in VA at the Dogwood Festival.

Second Vice President:

Noble Dave McCarthy reported that the 2015 Imperial will be in Houston, TX, at the Marriott. Mid-winter in March 2015.

Third Vice President:

Noble Scot Duncil's Imperial will be in Daytona Beach, FL.

Fourth Vice President:

Noble Jeff Moores's thanked all for their help this year, and thanked all for getting their reservations in early.

Sergeant At Arms:

Noble Tom Crow thanked all officers and Nobles for their help this past year.

President:

Noble Lonnie Merriman thanked all for their great help and participation this past year.

Ladder Of Smiles:

Noble W. Michael Hartup reported that we collected, during the 2012/2013 year, \$75,670.00, which will be turned over to the Hospital at the Presidents Luncheon today. The "Kick Off" fund for incoming President Vince Bobrosky 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 2013 - 2014 is \$75,000.00 for Noble Vince.

First 100 Club:

Noble Morrie Toretzki reported that the First 100 Club has 269 members out of 300 slots for the year 2012/2013 as of this Meeting. Noble Morrie will do more promotion of the First 100 Club this year.

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. Paul also reported that he is trying to organize a band to play at the East/West Shrine game.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion having been made and seconded at the 2012 Annual Meeting to change the name of the Association from Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of North America to Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International, and to change all references in the By-Laws from North America to International. Further it was voted to do some housekeeping to the By-Laws to correct misspelled words. The full corrected copy is attached as an addendum to these minutes for future reference. A motion was made, and seconded, to make all these changes to the By-Laws. A vote at two consecutive

annual meetings is needed to change the By-Laws, and this has been done with this vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to change the awards from trophies to plaques at the Parade and Fantasy Competition. Seconded and approved. This was done to save money and to make it easier for everyone to take their awards home on airplanes.

ELECTIONS:

President Merriman instructed Past President Jim Whitehouse to oversee the nominations. Past President Whitehouse called for nominations for the office of President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Vince Bobrosky to the Office of President for the year 2013/2014. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Vince Bobrosky as President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble David McCarthy for the office of First Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for David McCarthy to the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year of 2013/2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Scot Duncil to the office of Second Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Scot Duncil as Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Jeff Moores for the office of Third Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Jeff Moores as Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the

year 2013/2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Fourth Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Tom Crow for the office of Fourth Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Tom Crow as Fourth Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Chris Tsaros for the office of Sergeant At Arms. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Chris Tsaros as Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ill 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 Ill. Sir Mahlon Hariu, P.P. as Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2013/2014.

The President then asked all who had been elected whether or not they would accept the position. All answered positive.

President-Elect Noble Vince Bobrosky gave an acceptance speech which was short and sweet. All programs that Noble Merriman put in place will continue. The Ladder Of Smiles goal for the year 2013/2014 will be \$75,000.00.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Merriman 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.

The 4th Vice President escorted the new Sergeant At Arms to the Ladies Luncheon for introductions.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in harmony at 10:01 AM EDT.

The Benediction was given by the Chaplain.

Yours in the Faith,

Mahlon E. Hariu, P.P.
A.S.O.B. Sec/Treas.

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International Summery of U.S. Operating Funds, July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013

Balance: July 1, 2012	\$6,898.61
Revenue:	
2013 Patrons Fund	\$1,000.00
ASOB Dues.....	\$7,848.00
C&A Dues Transfer.....	\$1,700.00
Fantasy Registration (2012).....	\$ 70.00
First 100 Club	\$ 300.00
Imperial Rooms 2012.....	\$ 40.00
2013 Imperial Rooms.....	\$7,256.00
Interest Income.....	\$ 1.59
Na Khabar Advertising	\$ 129.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.....	\$18,344.59
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2012	\$25,243.32
Expenses:	
1st 100 Club Badges	\$ 32.72
Honorarium.....	\$3,000.00
Bank Image Fee	\$ 64.39
Imperial Binder Fee (2014).....	\$1,000.00
2012 Imperial Refund	\$ 142.00
2012 Imperial Hotel Payment.....	\$5,964.00
Na Khabar Mailing	\$2,017.55
Na Khabar Printing	\$1,442.00
Na Khabar Typesetting.....	\$2,100.00
Postage	\$ 170.88
Stationary	\$ 499.05
Trophies	\$1,130.00
Imperial Meals	\$ 158.00
Imperial Ad	\$ 750.00
ASOB Flags	\$ 74.09
Awards	\$ 820.38
Total Expenses: July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.....	\$19,365.06
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2013	<u>\$ 5,878.14</u>

U.S. Savings/First 100 Club Summery of Account July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013

Balance: July 1, 2012	\$16,143.59
Revenue:	
Dividends & Interest.....	\$2,326.18
Total Revenue: July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.....	\$ 2,326.18
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2013	\$18,469.77
Expenses:	\$ 0
Total Expenses: July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.....	\$ 0
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2013	<u>\$18,469.77</u>

Canadian Checking/Savings Account Summery of Account July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013

Balance: July 1, 2012	\$4,914.48
Revenue:	
Dues	\$1,170.00
Ladder Of Smiles	\$2,244.00
Patron Fund.....	\$ 500.00
Donation.....	\$ 100.00
Imperial Rooms.....	\$ 104.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.....	\$4,014.00
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2013	\$9,032.48
Expenses:	
Monthly Bank Charge.....	\$ 45.00
LOS Transfer.....	\$3,370.00
Monthly Bank Service Charge.....	\$ 16.00
Total Expenses: July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.....	\$3,431.00
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2013	<u>\$5,601.48</u>

LADDER OF SMILES 1961-2013

BAND	LOCATION	1961-2012	2012-2013	TOTAL
Aad.....	Hermantown, MN.....	\$25.00		\$25.00
Aahmes.....	Livermore, CA.....	\$1,957.00		\$1,957.00
Abdallah.....	Overland Park, KS.....	\$32,610.71	\$1,200.00	\$33,810.71
Abou Ben Adhem.....	Springfield, MO.....	\$65,920.77	\$250.00	\$66,170.77
Abu Bekr.....	Sioux City, IO.....	\$121.00		\$121.00
Acacia.....	Baton Rouge, LA.....	\$1,031.75		\$1,031.75
Acca.....	Richmond, VA.....	\$5,078.34	\$1,600.00	\$6,678.34
Ada.....	Havre, MT.....	\$3,409.00		\$3,409.00
Akdar.....	Tulsa, OK.....	\$225.00		\$225.00
Afifi.....	Tacoma, WA.....	\$920.00		\$920.00
Ainad.....	East St. Louis, IL.....	\$220.00		\$220.00
Al Amin.....	Corpus Christi, TX.....	\$401.00		\$401.00
Al Aska.....	Anchorage, AK.....	\$15.00		\$15.00
Al Azhar.....	Calgary, Alberta.....	\$96,432.24	\$300.00	\$96,732.24
Al Bahr.....	San Diego, CA.....	\$17,838.05		\$17,838.05
Al Bedoo.....	Billings, MT.....	\$1,960.00	\$1,604.00	\$3,564.00
Al Chymia.....	Memphis, TN.....	\$135.00		\$135.00
Al Kader.....	Wilsonville, OR.....	\$13,114.50	\$430.00	\$13,544.50
Al Koran.....	Broadview Heights, OH.....	\$429.00		\$429.00
Al Koran.....	East Liverpool, OH.....	\$608.48		\$608.48
Al Menah.....	Nashville, TN.....	\$125.00		\$125.00
Al Shamal.....	Edmonton, Alberta.....	\$4,010.00		\$4,010.00
Al Sihah.....	Macon, GA.....	\$1,173.00		\$1,173.00
Alcazar.....	Montgomery, AL.....	\$3,917.75		\$3,917.75
Alee.....	Savannah, GA.....	\$1,820.25		\$1,820.25
Aleppo.....	Wilmington, MA.....	\$4,225.00		\$4,225.00
Algeria.....	Helena, MT.....	\$432.74		\$432.74
Ali Ghan.....	Cumberland, MD.....	\$98.00		\$98.00
Almas.....	Washington, DC.....	\$6,597.10		\$6,597.10
Alzafar.....	San Antonio, TX.....	\$11,546.31	\$125.00	\$11,671.31
Amara.....	Palm Beach Gardens, FL.....	\$26,597.00	\$1,429.46	\$28,026.46
Amran.....	Raleigh, NC.....	\$273.34		\$273.34
Ansar.....	Springfield, IL.....	\$1,287.00		\$1,287.00
Antioch.....	Dayton, OH.....	\$6,858.00		\$6,858.00
Arab.....	Topeka, KS.....	\$3,270.00	\$100.00	\$3,370.00
Araba.....	Fort Myers, FL.....	\$12,105.17	\$445.00	\$12,550.17
Arabia.....	Houston, TX.....	\$19,752.60	\$670.00	\$20,422.60
Ararat.....	Kansas City, MO.....	\$9,132.24	\$500.00	\$9,632.24
Asiya/Islam Arabians.....	San Mateo, CA.....	\$2,991.71		\$2,991.71
Asiya/Islam Cammel Herders.....	San Mateo, CA.....	\$30.00		\$30.00
Azan.....	Melbourne, FL.....	\$14,257.95	\$525.00	\$14,782.95
Bagdad.....	Butte, MT.....	\$31.00		\$31.00
Bahia.....	Orlando, FL.....	\$1,950.25		\$1,950.25
Ballut Abyad.....	Albuquerque, NM.....	\$84.00		\$84.00
Bektash.....	Concord, NH.....	\$3,206.19		\$3,206.19
Ben Ali.....	Sacramento, CA.....	\$13,002.57		\$13,002.57
Beni Kedem.....	Charleston, WV.....	\$20,821.83	\$605.00	\$21,426.83
Boumi.....	Baltimore, MD.....	\$41,479.86		\$41,479.86
Cairo.....	Rutland, VT.....	\$5,276.00	\$335.00	\$5,611.00
Calam.....	Lewiston, ID.....	\$50,760.14		\$50,760.14
Crescent.....	Burlington, NJ.....	\$772.00		\$772.00

Cyprus.....	Albany, NY	\$663.00	\$663.00
Egypt.....	Tampa, FL.....	\$2,159.88	\$2,159.88
Egyptians.....	Tampa, FL.....	\$201.00	\$201.00
El Bekal.....	Anaheim, CA	\$37,848.28	\$170.00
El Hasa	Ashland, KY	\$7,982.33	\$250.00
El Jebel.....	Denver, CO	\$365.00	\$365.00
El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids, ID	\$7,089.48	\$200.00
El Kalah	Salt Lake City, UT	\$858.00	\$858.00
El Karubah	Shreveport, LA.....	\$36,287.02	\$11,370.00
El Katif.....	Spokane, WA.....	\$881.00	\$881.00
El Maida.....	El Paso, TX.....	\$2,219.00	\$2,219.00
El Mina.....	Galveston, TX.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
El Riad	Sioux Falls, SD	\$1,905.00	\$8,025.00
El Zagal.....	Fargo, ND	\$25.00	\$25.00
El Zaribah.....	Phoenix, AZ	\$1,660.25	\$1,660.25
Elf Khurafeh.....	Flint, MI.....	\$50,240.00	\$5,000.00
Elf Khurafeh.....	Saginaw, MI.....	\$16,730.00	\$16,730.00
Gizeh.....	Vancouver, BC.....	\$70,100.00	\$70,100.00
Hadi.....	Evansville, IN	\$6,753.00	\$1,000.00
Hadji.....	Pensacola, FL.....	\$56.00	\$56.00
Hella.....	Garland, TX	\$3,014.00	\$3,014.00
Hillah.....	Medford, OR.....	\$200.00	\$200.00
India	Oklahoma City, OK	\$801.00	\$801.00
India	Fort Still, OK	\$5,059.00	\$5,059.00
Irem.....	Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$16,061.00	\$200.00
Isis.....	Salina, KS	\$91.00	\$91.00
Ismailia.....	Buffalo, NY.....	\$10,219.00	\$1,000.00
Jaffa.....	Altoona, PA.....	\$4,771.00	\$4,771.00
Jaffa-Clearfield.....	Clearfield, PA.....	\$9,260.53	\$375.00
Jericho.....	Kingsport, TN	\$3,350.00	\$3,350.00
Jerusalem.....	Destreham, LA.....	\$1,265.32	\$1,265.32
Joppa	Biloxi, MS.....	\$1,497.62	\$1,497.62
Kaaba	Davenport, IO	\$2,666.00	\$2,666.00
Kalif	Sheridan, WY.....	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kalurah.....	Endicott, NY	\$1,380.00	\$1,380.00
Karem.....	Waco, TX	\$20.00	\$20.00
Karnak.....	Dollard des Ormeaux, QU	\$16,076.73	\$16,076.73
Kazim.....	Roanoke, VA	\$1,087.50	\$1,087.50
Kena	Fairfax, VA.....	\$5,376.98	\$5,376.98
Kerak Arabians	Reno, NV	\$30,948.55	\$30,948.55
Khartum	Winnipeg, Manitoba	\$25.00	\$25.00
Khedive.....	Cheasapeake, VA.....	\$8,919.10	\$8,919.10
Khiva.....	Amarillo, TX.....	\$44,736.21	\$1,500.00
Kismet.....	New Hyde Park, NY	\$13,422.00	\$13,422.00
Kora.....	Lewiston, ME	\$365.00	\$365.00
Korein	Rawlings, WY.....	\$8,445.66	\$250.00
Kosair.....	Louisville, KY.....	\$105.00	\$105.00
Lanoble Club.....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Lu Lu.....	Plymouth Meeting, PA.....	\$9,766.00	\$25.00
Luxor.....	St. John, New Brunswick.....	\$677.00	\$677.00
Mahi	Miami, FL.....	\$566.00	\$566.00
Mazol	St. Johns, Newfoundland	\$405.00	\$405.00
Mecca.....	New York, NY	\$1,865.00	\$1,865.00
Medinah	Addison, IL	\$1,105.00	\$1,105.00

Melha	Springfield, MA	\$76,100.96	\$7,551.70	\$83,652.66
Midian	Wichita, KS	\$44,527.08	\$1,875.25	\$46,402.33
Mocha	London, ON	\$17,840.00	\$500.00	\$18,340.00
Mocha	Sault St. Marie, ON	\$1,350.00		\$1,350.00
Mocha	Windsor, ON	\$11,386.88		\$11,386.88
Mohamed	Peoria, IL	\$611.00		\$611.00
Morocco	Jacksonville, FL	\$24,276.83		\$24,276.83
Moslah	Ft. Worth, TX	\$18,046.00	\$2,920.00	\$20,966.00
Moslem	Southfield, MI	\$12,613.05		\$12,613.05
Murat	Indianapolis, IN	\$14,353.04		\$14,353.04
Nile	Mountlake Terrace, WA	\$74,949.33	\$4,547.80	\$79,497.13
Nur	Wilmington, DE	\$19,588.00		\$19,588.00
Oasis	Charlotte, NC	\$2,452.33		\$2,452.33
Oleika	Lexington, KY	\$705.00		\$705.00
Osman	St. Paul, MN	\$25.00		\$25.00
Palestine	Cranston, RI	\$3,025.00		\$3,025.00
Rhode Island Shriners	Cranston, RI	\$120.00		\$120.00
Philiae	Halifax, Nova Scotia	\$2,524.00	\$50.00	\$2,574.00
Pyramid	Millford, CT	\$2,803.00		\$2,803.00
Rajah	Reading, PA	\$38,515.00	\$1,475.00	\$39,990.00
Rameses	Hamilton, ON	\$61,684.06	\$2,000.00	\$63,684.06
Rameses	Oshawa, ON	\$15,865.00	\$1,344.11	\$17,209.11
Rameses	Owen Sound, ON	\$25.00		\$25.00
Rameses	Ramaco, ON	\$3,078.00		\$3,078.00
Rameses	Sudbury, ON	\$2,289.75		\$2,289.75
Rizpah	Madisonville, KY	\$100.00		\$100.00
Sabbar	Tucson, AZ	\$65,082.23		\$65,082.23
Sahara	Pine Bluff, AR	\$820.00		\$820.00
Sahib	Sarasota, FL	\$16,756.85	\$840.00	\$17,596.85
Salaam	Livingston, NJ	\$27,293.95	\$100.00	\$27,393.95
Saladin	Kentwood, MI	\$12,172.00		\$12,172.00
Scimitar	Little Rock, AR	\$5,311.28		\$5,311.28
Scimitar, N.W.S.C.	Rogers, AR	\$33,996.39		\$33,996.39
Sharon	Tyler, TX	\$1,565.00	\$500.00	\$2,065.00
Sphinx	Newington, CN	\$100.00		\$100.00
Sudan	New Bern, NC	\$1,442.50		\$1,442.50
Sudbury	Sudbury, Ontario	\$150.00		\$150.00
Suez	San Angelo, TX	\$1,745.00		\$1,745.00
Syria	Pittsburgh, PA	\$15,363.00		\$15,363.00
Syrian	Cincinnati, OH	\$49,492.65	\$1,040.00	\$50,532.65
Tadmore	Akron, OH	\$935.00		\$935.00
Tangier	Omaha, NE	\$636.60		\$636.60
Tebala	Rockford, IL	\$12,957.00		\$12,957.00
Tehama	Hastings, NE	\$59.00		\$59.00
Tigris	Syracuse, NY	\$1,875.00		\$1,875.00
Tripoli	Milwaukee, WI	\$3,065.00		\$3,065.00
Tunis	Ottawa, ON	\$34,012.60		\$34,012.60
Yarrab	Atlanta, GA	\$3,217.00		\$3,217.00
Za-Ga-Zig	Altoona, IO	\$1,050.00		\$1,050.00
Zamora	Irondale, AL	\$218.00		\$218.00
Zelzah	Las Vegas, NV	\$8,750.00		\$8,750.00
Zem Zem	Erie, PA	\$40,252.92	\$1,865.00	\$42,117.92
Zembo	Harrisburg, PA	\$54,197.75		\$54,197.75
Lancaster County	Lancaster, PA	\$244,800.49	\$2,910.00	\$247,710.49

Zenobia	Toledo, OH.....	\$181,943.01	\$750.00	\$182,693.01
Zorah.....	Terre Haute, IN	\$4,580.45		\$4,580.45
Zuhrah.....	Minneapolis, MN.....	\$2,190.00	\$80.00	\$2,270.00
Amonymous Donation		\$225.00		\$225.00
Misc Donation.....		\$1,533.12		\$1,533.12

REGIONALS

KICK OFF FUND.....	\$4,793.00	\$560.00	\$5,353.00
ALL FLORIDA.....	\$4,697.84	\$605.00	\$5,302.84
ASOB (Projects, Fines & Memorials)	\$56,210.57	\$1,095.00	\$57,305.57
ASOB (Past Presidents)	\$3,807.00		\$3,807.00
CALIPHS	\$900.00		\$900.00
SGT AT ARMS BREAKFAST	\$306.00	\$680.00.....	\$986.00
FANTASY DONATION	\$1,813.00	\$365.00	\$2,178.00
CENTRAL STATES	\$1,490.00		\$1,490.00
GREAT LAKES.....	\$24,824.83	\$635.00	\$25,459.83
MID-ATLANTIC.....	\$12,902.66	\$572.00	\$13,474.66
MID-WEST.....	\$3,560.70		\$3,560.70
NEW YORK - ONTARIO	\$2,194.75		\$2,194.75
NORTHEAST	\$2,491.00	\$350.00	\$2,841.00
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	\$11,852.56		\$11,852.56
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	\$25,581.00	\$547.00	\$26,128.00
SOUTH CENTRAL.....	\$1,464.71		\$1,464.71
SOUTHEASTERN	\$6,729.00		\$6,729.00
TEXAS.....	\$8,742.61	\$400.00	\$9,142.61
WESTERN.....	\$7,903.16		\$7,903.16
INTEREST ACCUMULATE.....	\$11,558.31	\$30.29	\$11,588.60
TOTAL TO DATE.....	\$2,428,616.08	\$75,671.61	\$2,504,287.69

LIFE MEMBERS OF ASOB FIRST 100 CLUB

<u>Club #</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>						
001C	David	Ramsdell	Melha	7/4/99	043A	Clyde	W	Ransom, Jr.	Beni Kedem	11/1/84
002C+	Dr. Andrew	Smith	Sabbar	12/20/05	047A	Billy	E	O' Neal	El Karubah	10/31/84
003C+	David	Glass	Ben Ali	7/20/07	049B	Donald	H	Winterton	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
005B	Douglas E	Wanamaker	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/86	050A	Anthony		Dimov	Zembo	12/6/96
006A	Blayne E	Hutzel	Alamas		054A	Kurt	L	Plaut	Hella	10/31/84
007A	William G	Payne	Nur	10/31/86	055B	Leo	M	Halvorson	Al Azhar	7/4/99
009A	012E	Cole	Rameses/Hamilton	10/31/84	057A	Paul	B	Leach	Araba	10/31/84
010A+	Donald W	Moores	Amara	7/5/04	058A	Sam	J	LaMonica	Moslem	10/31/84
011C	George	Tarcea	Mocha/Windsor	3/21/01	059A	Michael		Karczeuski	El Zagel	3/24/00
012E	Robert W	Sanderson	Melha	11/12/96	060D+	Steven	R.	Hanson	El Zagel	5/21/07
013A	Leonaed E	Reid	Rameses/Oshawa	10/31/84	061B	Dr G.	N	Casto, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
014A	David	Kerr	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	064A	William	S	Pauly	Beni Kedem	
015B	Raymond E	Webb	El Karubah	10/31/84	067B	Thomas	E	Brown, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
016B	Bud	Wilhite	Syrian	7/4/99	068A	Robert	T	Bobst	El Bekal	4/19/01
017A	William M	Baker	Zembo	7/10/85	070B	Hubert		Jacob	Moslem	
018A	David C	Martin	Saladin	10/3/84	071A+	James	E	Weirich	Zembo	11/26/04
020A	Chris J	Demetropoul	Tripoli	10/31/84	072B	Leonard	H	Taylor	Mocha/Windsor	
023C+	E. Keith	Oviatt	Zem Zem	6/15/05	073A	Robert	S	McBride	Cairo	
025B+	Ralph K	Jubb	Al Kader	3/20/10	074B	Edward	R	Sanderson	Melha	11/12/96
026A	Richard	Palsa, Jr.	Melha	7/6/00	077A	Charles	M	Schofield, Jr.	Bekdash	
027B+	Wayne L	Wells	Midian	2/4/06	078B	Rick		MacKee	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/2002
030B	John	Baxter	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	079B	Don		Sloman	Rameses/Oshawa	3/1/00
031C	Raymond	Fosnot	Zembo		084A	Roy	T	Hay	Hadji	5/1/87
032B	Roy T	Binns	Rameses/Hamilton	4/4/95	086C	William		Moldovan	el	3/27/00
034A	Gerald D	Tarter	El Karubah		087A	Curtiss	L	Moen	Zuhrah	11/1/97
35C+	Robert R	McGregor	Rameses/Hamilton	3/10/09	088A	Jess	W	Kitchen	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
037B	Ralph J	Hines	Abdallah	7/4/99	090A	William	A	Wood	Beni Kedem	5/1/86
038A	Ronald N	Cole	Tunis	3/16/97	091B	Morris		Toretsky	Zuhrah	4/1/97
039B	Albert	Moore	El Karubah	1/6/86	094A	Ted		Ross	Moslem	10/31/1984
042C	Bland	Wade	Acca		096A+	Edward		Carey	Mocha/Windsor	2/10/03
					097B+	Robert	E	Hazen	Zembo	11/1/05

099B	Darrell	Thompson	Calam		175	John	B	Smith	Tigris	2/5/90
100A	Harold	Holmes	Mocha/Windsor	10/30/01	176	Robert	E	Marks	Tigris	3/26/90
101	Dr. James	Schwanebeck	Zuhrah	12/20/95	177A	Wally		Webb	Tunis	2/1/96
102A+	Edward	Jakubowsky	Al Azhar	11/18/06	178	Elmer	F	Wright	Salaam	6/19/90
103B+	Scot	W Duncil	Al Kader	7/5/11	179A	Willie		Price	Ainad	3/26/02
104A	Gordon	F Kartenson	El Zagel	5/1/99	180B+	Barry		Williamson	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05
105	C. Alvin	Stevens	Alcazar	5/1/87	181	Roland		Redelings	Al Aska	7/20/90
106	Richard	T Geisel	Jaffa	5/1/87	182	Paul	D	Gluck	Melha	10/1/90
107A+	James	Acri	Zembo	11/26/04	183A	Milton	A	Malcher	Sabbar	12/6/96
108	Kenneth	G LaButte	Moslem	5/1/87	184	Alvin	S	Goodman	Zembo	11/3/90
109	Chester	V Roberts, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87	185	Paul		Pante	Sahib	1/26/91
110	Paul	S Shively	Scimitar	10/20/87	186A	Isaac "Ike"	D	Bomberger	Zembo	7/11/02
111	Leo	Kottas	Algeria		187	Leonard	J	Turner	Karnak	1/28/91
112	Curtis	D Iverson	Algeria		188	Robert		Knight	Melha	4/29/91
113A	James	C Porrett	Zembo	12/20/99	189	William	A	Kellar	Rameses/Oshawa	5/6/91
114	James	R Austin	Sahib	10/20/87	190	George	M	Hilburn	El Maida	5/21/91
115	J Vernon	B Moore	Zembo	10/20/87	191	Donald	A	Fuhrman	Zembo	7/1/91
116	Charles	H Stowers, Jr.	Beni Kedem	10/20/87	192	William	B	Blackburn	Zenobia	7/2/91
117A	Norm	L Wold	Nile	11/6/04	193A	Lawrence		Pray	Mocha/Windsor	3/23/01
118A+	Lonnie	Merriman	El Riad	2/5/09	194	Chester	E	Althouse	Rajah	7/4/91
119	John	Hogg	Tunis	1/11/87	195	Ron		Hengst	Acacia	7/13/91
120	A	J Scobie	Tunis	1/11/87	196A	John		Cantrell	Beni Kedem	
121A	James	F Gadsbey	Sabbar	11/20/01	197A	Randy		MacNevin	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02
122	William	Cook	Tunis	1/11/87	198A	Donald		Borck	Moslem	12/6/96
123	Owen	J Osborne	Tunis	1/11/87	199	Allen	E	Smith	Zembo	11/22/91
124	Kenneth	J Vannon	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94	200	Clay		Otto	Gizeh	1/23/92
125A+	Jeffrey	Moore	Melha	7/5/06	201A	Dr. Roger	N	Sybrant	Korein	5/5/01
126	John	G Pell	Tunis	1/11/87	202	James	R	Woodley	Philae	1/23/92
127	Alex	Czemerynski	Rameses/Hamilton	10/27/87	203A	Dean	R	Cowan	Al Azhar	7/4/99
128A	Jamie	T Wold	Abdallah	2/10/99	204	D	O	Hill	Khartum	4/24/92
129	James	Poston	Al Meneh	11/5/87	205	P	J	Lawn	Gizeh	4/24/92
130	Stansell	B Robinson	Alcazar	1/25/88	206	John	J	Loftus, Jr.	Melha	7/1/92
131B	Charles	Carroll	Zuhrah	11/15/00	207	William	C	Broom	Morocco	7/1/92
132	Robert	D Daniel	Al Meneh	4/7/88	208	E	J	Hare	Tunis	11/1/92
133	Donald	J E Warner	Mocha/Windsor	4/7/88	209	Harold	M	Millman	Morocco	11/24/92
134	Frank	L Keller	Zembo	4/7/88	210A+	Alex		Airey	Mocha/Windsor	2/10/03
135	Robert	D Hoover	Acacia	1/26/88	211A	George	H	Wohlleben	Nile	7/10/98
136A+	Herb	Wizansky	Amara	7/5/04	212A	Arron	E	Budnitz	Aleppo	7/6/00
137	Merle	L Martin	El Karubah	1/26/88	213A+	Tom		Perez	Sahib	7/6/05
138	Thomas	N Boyette	Morocco	3/1/88	214A	Douglas		Clark	Al Azhar	7/4/99
139A+	Ardey	Peterson	El Zagel	6/15/05	215	Ned		Griffith	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
140	John	S May, Jr.	Acacia	3/1/88	216	Norman		Hughson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
141A	Thomas	Silk	Mocha/Windsor	3/27/00	217	Robert		Sutherland	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
142	Ken	Gibson	Rameses/Hamilton	3/1/88	218B	Eric		Busby	Nile	6/12/02
143A	Wayne	McCarthy	Gizeh	7/6/00	219A	John		Douthwright	Melha	
144A+	Mike	Kruger	Philae	12/1/09	220	R Irwin		Sinclair	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
145A+	Raymond	Leese	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04	221+	Gordon	P	Berard	Al Azhar	11/18/06
146	Roland	Nelson	Egypt	4/7/88	222	James		Oliver	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
147	Harry	G Wills, Jr.	Hadji	4/7/88	223	Kevin		Wilson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
148	Curtis	Gordy	El Karubah	4/7/88	224A	Mike	M	Avery	Melha	11/20/97
149	Hagop	Hagopian	Tigris	5/28/88	225A	W	M	Hartup	Median	7/10/98
150A	Vince	Pucci	Tunis	7/11/02	226A	Leonard	R	Gold	LuLu	7/18/96
151A	Burt	R Panke	Tunis		227	Marvin	J	Smith	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
152	John	Grumbein	Rajah	7/20/88	228	Tom		Labrie	Melha	2/19/96
153	R	C Walsh	El Maida	7/20/88	229	Eugene	C	Smith, Sr.	Melha	5/11/93
154	Bob	Appleton	Egypt	7/20/88	230	Eugene	C	Smith, Jr.	Melha	5/11/93
155	Frank	A Skaer	Hella	7/20/88	231A	Thomas	A	McMillan	Gizeh	7/6/00
156A+	Robert	E Jones	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05	232	Ronald	L	Capps	Midian	7/4/93
157	John	S Brown, Jr.	BenHur	7/20/88	233	Ben		Yetter	El Bekal	7/5/93
158	W Guy	Wiles, Jr.	Beni Kedem	7/20/88	234	Charlie		Duffin	Al Azhar	7/21/93
159	Phillip	Sanderson	Karem	7/20/88	235	Arthur	F	Dukellis	El Bekal	11/4/93
160B+	Richard	Thompson	El Hasa	7/5/06	236	Cornelius	M	Schwarz	Tigris	
161A	Hal	G Williamson	Korein	5/5/01	237A	Kenneth		Swift	Melha	7/4/99
162	Gerald	W Suttner	Ismailia	10/23/88	238	Morton	I	Brodsky	Mocha/Windsor	
163	Charles	C Mabee	Sabbar	11/12/88	239B+	Vince		Bobrosky	ACCA	7/1/08
164A	Richard	Smart Sr.	Melha	11/12/96	240A	Michael		Geier	Midian	7/18/96
165B	Donald	Lewis	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02	241	Gerry		England	Mocha/Windsor	
166	Chuck	Wells	Egypt	12/28/88	242	Douglas		Falkingham	Mocha/Windsor	
167A+	Joe	Brewton	Khiva	7/6/05	243	Ian		Hughes	Mocha/Windsor	
168	Claude	O Fowler	Bahia		244	James	L.	Beauregard	Melha	4/9/96
169A	Richard	Smart Jr.	Melha	11/12/96	245A	Albert	L	Zumpe	Murat	7/18/96
170	Gary	Moreau	Melha	11/12/96	246	Harold		Washbrook	Mocha/Windsor	
171A	William	A Franson	Jaffa/Clearfield		247	E David		Hobbs	Sabbar	11/4/93
172	Ross	N Yontz	Zembo	11/14/89	248	Ronald	A	Bowman	Zenobia	
173A	Edward	Oczkus	Melha	11/12/96	249	Carroll		Rahm	Korein	7/23/94
174A	Norman	J Fournier	Melha	12/10/97	250	Neal	M	Johnson	Korein	7/23/94

251	Jerome	Wohlman	Sabbar	7/23/94	267	William	Moncur	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96
252C+	Leonard	Tashman	Amara	7/3/09	268A+	Norman	Hall	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04
253	George P	Drake	El Maida	7/23/94	269	Charles T	Forsyth	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
254	Steven G	Miller	El Maida	7/23/94	270	Walter W	Fraser	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
255	Ralph A	Weston	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95	271	Arthur W	Lorenz	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
256A+	David	McCarthy	Moslah	6/15/10	272	Allan D	McLaughlin	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
257	Norman	Funnell	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95	273A	Mahlon E	Hariu	Rajah	6/1/02
258	Gordon	Procunier	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95	274A	Gerald J	Bailey	Melha	3/7/96
259	M M	Pascoe	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95	275A+	Mel	Hervey	Al Kader	7/5/11
260A	Ray	Grant	Tunis	2/1/96	276B+	Ronald	Perkins	Moslah	7/5/11
261A	Alex	Mady	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02	277+	John L	Seastead	Zem Zem	
262	James B	Clifford Jr.	Zembo	2/12/96	277A+	George	Masson	Asiya	7/5/11
263A+	Gerry	McQuarrie	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04	278+	Chris	Tsaros	Al Azhar	
264	Norman A.	Roper	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	278A+	Randy	Brown	Midian	7/5/11
265A	William R	Carey	Zembo	11/19/00	279+	James	Fitzgerald	El Riad	
266	Alex	Caird	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94					

CHARTER MEMBERS OF ASOB FIRST 100 CLUB

#	Deceased	First Name	Initial	Last Name	Temple				
1	*	Clarence		Compton	Midian				Ben Ali
2	*	W Harry		Maddox	Morocco				Afifi
3	*	Dr. Ralph	A	Benson	Bektash				Cyprus
4		Harold	R	Makinster	Afifi				
5	*	Willard		Pfluge	Murat				
6	*	Robert	C	Schmiedel	Zembo				Murat
7	*	June		Reaves	Sudan				Zenobia
8		Robert	F	Wiles	Murat				Melha
9	*	Harold	A	Kelley	Morocco				
10	*	George		Hewell	Morocco				
11	*	William		Briece	Ararat				
12	*	A Leon		Singer	Al Sihah				
13	*	Hoyd		Brock	Arabia				
14	*	Fred		Funck	Tigris				
15	*	Thomas		Gowling	Rameses/Hamilton				
16	*	Harding	C	Campbell	Al Bahr				
17	*	H	B	Sprenger, Sr.	Kerak/Arabians				
18	*	Charles	F	Roloff	Melha				
19		Arthur		Murphy	Arabia				
20	*	Dr. Albert		Malick	Salaam				
21		John	F	McCray	El Karubah				
22		Gordon		Godair	El Karubah				
23	*	Leonard	W	Lewis	Bektash				
24		Marvin	W	Cartv	Zorah				
25	*	William		Brooks	Rameses/Hamilton				
26	*	Amiel		Michael	Beni Kedem				
27	*	William	A	Briscoe	Beni Kedem				
28		Lenny		Ettinger	Mahi				
29		Olin		Evans	Irem				
30	*	Edgar		Morrison	El Karif				
31	*	Ralph	W	Stanley	Tigris				
32	*	Robert	C	Stone	India				
33		John	R	Scott	Kerak/Arabians				
34	*	Charles	R	Rogers	Al Amin				
35	*	Dr. Porter		Dexter	Bektash				
36		Robert	E	Kerr	Rameses/Hamilton				
37	*	Robert		Parkhill	Al Kadar				
38	*	Madison		New	Al Sihah				
39	*	Ralph		Heinzeroth	Zenobia				
40	*	Norman	R	Moon	Korein				
41		James	R	Harris	El Hasa				
42	*	George		Ball	Ismailia				
43	*	W	J	Seawright	Rameses/Sudbury				
44		Reese		Jenkins	Zembo				
45		Henry	S	Herr	Morocco				
46	*	Gordon	R	Brittan	Rameses/Oshawa				
47	*	Jack	R	Riley	Murat				
48	*	Ember	R	Weris, Jr.	Murat				
49	*	Dr. Dale		Wampler	Zembo				
50	*	George	S	Vanderwend	Almas				
51		Tisdale	P	DeCoe					
52	*	John	N	Zonich					
53		Leland	H	Turner					
54	*	Reg		Pearson	Rameses/Hamilton				
55	*	Benjamin	L	Worthen	Pyramid				
56	*	Harold	L	Jones	Murat				
57	*	Robert		St Pierre	Murat				
58	*	Ken		McElroy	Zenobia				
59	*	Donat	J	Fournier	Melha				
60	*	J	R	Webb	Elf Karubaah				
61	*	C "Mutt"	G	Baker	Yaarab				
62		Ben		Anderson	Al Bahr				
63		David		Fourier	Melha				
64	*	Russell		Babcock	Al Bahr				
65	*	C	E	Jeffries, Jr	Arabia				
66		C	E	Jeffries, Sr	India				
67									
68	*	Arthur	H	Skinner	Tunis				
69		Frank		Kellogg	Afifi				
70	*	Lawrence		Frye	Nile				
71	*	Gene		Porter	Midian				
72	*	R	E	Weigner	Midian				
73	*	Robert		Wagner	Midian				
74	*	Warren	V	Tarkenton	Acca				
75		Charles		Robinson	Gizeh				
76		Charles	D	Brugess	Syrian				
77	*	Wally		Robinson	Gizeh				
78	*	John	E	Weeks	Gizeh				
79	*	Glen	A	Green	Arabia				
80		Elmer		Chase, Jr.	Irem				
81		Arthur		Brock	Alzafar				
82		Carlton		Wertz, Jr.	Al Amin				
83		Kenneth		Hollingshea	El Bekal				
84	*	Isaac	M	Eskanazi	Nile				
85		Robert	H	Lock	Afifi				
86	*	Morris	M	Stern	Ararat				
87	*	Tom		Waymire	Midian				
88	*	Leon		Dalton	Tebala				
89		Kenneth	O	Lewis	Rameses/Hamilton				
90	*	John	W	Reynolds	Rameses/Hamilton				
91	*	W	A	Stricker/Sch	Zembo				
92	*	Walter		Masters	Irem				
93	*	Morris		Cohen	Gizeh				
94	*	John	J	Grenier	El Kalah				
95		William		Carmichael	Mocha				
96	*	Michael		Drakich	Mocha				
97	*	Hugh		Whitlock	Mocha				
98		Roy	E	Taylor	Mocha				
99	*	Kenneth		MacInnes	El Bekal				
100	*	William	H	Reibitz	Moslem				

A.S.O.B. Fantasy Registration

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

(Name of Band and Temple)

We will attend the ASOB Fantasy ☐ Parade ☐

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

Signature_____

Title_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Send to:

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ASOB Imperial Session

Please Print

Band Information

This is Preliminary Information Only

(Name of Band and Temple) _____

City/State_____

Member of Regional Associations_____

Year Organized_____ Number of Members_____ Number Performing_____

Officers: President_____

Vice President(s)_____

Secretary_____

Treasurer_____

Director_____

Current Shrine Honors_____

Past Shrine Honors_____

Additional Remarks_____

Submitted By:_____

Date:_____ Title:_____

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

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

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

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

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

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

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Abdullah

1976 Fantasy

Handwritten musical score for 'Fantasy' by Abdullah, 1976. The score is written on ten staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It features various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. There are several '4' markings above the staves, possibly indicating fingerings or measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the initials 'a.s.o.b'.

Competition Selection

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