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I would like to take this time in my first article as President of ASOB to thank everyone who has helped me along the journey to this unbelievable opportunity. It

is a journey that I never had imagined would happen. I have been fortunate enough to have served my band as Caliph (president) and to serve the Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands as President. Now I have the privilege of serving the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands as President and for this I am grateful and proud. I know that I will do the job to the very best of my ability.

I must take this opportunity to thank my partner in crime, who has been my guiding light through all of this. She is the one I met at a Rainbow girl carwash so many years ago, thank you Katie for being by my side through this incredible journey.

I am proud to serve with a slate of officers that will be an asset to ASOB. These Nobles have served their Bands, Shrine Centers and Associations and are now serving this Association with the same commitment. We cannot go forward without a special thank you to Past President Jeff Moores for all the work and effort that he put into having a great year for this Association. He did not back up but charged ahead in working to improve and promote ASOB, for that we will always be grateful. I would like to thank the unsung nobles of ASOB who work as Ambassadors for this Association. It is through them that the officers are able to keep up with the activities of Bands and Associations alike. I would also like to thank my Divan that has supported me through my time on the line.

It was great to get to participate at Imperial and watch four bands compete

with their best efforts in their parade and fantasy performances. This is so important to the future of Oriental Bands by keeping the interest and the fun in the forefront. With this in mind ASOB will be holding its First Annual ASOB Jamboree in Kansas City on March 31, April 1, and April 2 of 2017. It will be a chance for bands to be judged at a competition before they go to compete at their home Association. It will also give your bands a chance to see what others are wearing for costumes and how they play their music. We are working to make this a fun time for all. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza and this is where all activities will be held. The hotel is about two blocks from the Country Club Plaza which is a mecca of restaurants and bars. The food ranges from pub grub to fine steaks and anything in between. The shopping in this area is second to none. This will be the ASOB competition for 2017 that everyone will want to be a part of. There is a registration form in this issue of the Na Khabar for meals and how to make your hotel reservations.

The officers are busy now making arrangements to attend as many Associations as possible. We are choosing up sides to attend as many as possible this year. If we could get the dates of your events we will do our best to attend each and every one.

I want to ask everyone to stop and think about the Ladder of Smiles and how it helps our kids. I would like to remind you that 100% of these funds go directly to our hospitals. The accounts for this are always open to the inspection of the members to see how our chairman, Mike Hartup, works and he is always happy to answer any question about this fund.

Again I want to thank everyone for the support as we begin on this journey and I hope that we all have fun along the way.

Yours In The Faith,
Tom Crow



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
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*Let's Build
a Strong
Association*

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B a n d s m e n ,
The Association of Shrine
Oriental Bands
can only be as

effective as the support it obtains from its membership. This support is expressed by the payment of annual dues payable by January of each year. I, like many of you, belong to many organizations in my professional and private life. If I choose to continue to be a member of any one of these organizations, I pay my dues, which then allows me to enjoy the full benefits that organization has to offer.

Alas we seem to have a different model at play within our Association. Some of us choose to pay only if we are attending Imperial or regional competitions. Some of our bands pay only partial memberships choosing to pay for only a small portion of their active band members. Aside for feeling clever with our money management skills we collectively contribute to the existence of a weak association not capable to execute some of its basic duties.

Let me share a current example with you. As the Oriental Bands community ages some bands are ceasing to exist. The lack of available funding prevents our Association of collecting surplus uniforms and instruments for storage and redistribution to bands which may be in need of them. The reason is simple. The Association lacks the funding required to rent storage in key parts of the country. The outcome is that costumes and instruments that could be available to bands in need end up in flea markets or the trash heap. A

bigger disappointment ends up being our inability to equip new bands with surplus equipment for the same reason. However all hope is not lost. **You Are the Key to a Strong Association.** Talk to your band's secretary/treasurer. Ensure that the Association fees have been paid for all band members. With your help and some new fundraising initiatives being planned by your Association Executive we can build a strong association and the first step for any band wishing to have access to surplus band equipment. Thank you in advance for your support.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
Harry Pressman

How time flies! The year is half gone which means I'm a year older. My mind tells me I'm only 40 but, my body

says 106.

In April, I had a wonderful visit to El Karuba in Alexandria, Louisiana, for a "Hoe Down." Those folks sure know how to throw a great party. Lots of fun, good food and friendship.

In June, I attended the Texas Shrine Association Annual Meeting in Pasadena, Texas. Thanks to Texas Shrine Oriental Band Association President, Mike Pinson, for making the arrangement, we attended a fantastic breakfast at Kelly's Restaurant.

We just returned from Imperial in Tampa, Florida. The Oriental Band members met at the Doubletree Hotel on July 3rd. Meetings, meetings and more meetings followed by everyone gathering at an incredible hospitality suite where we enjoyed brotherhood, booze, laughter and of course, food. July 5th was celebrated with an Oriental Band parade and competition of the 4 bands that attended. Closing out a terrific ASOB week was the installation

of officers banquet hosted by outgoing President, Jeff Moores. Your new ASOB officers installed: Tom Crow, President (Moslah), Chris Tsaros, First Vice President (Al Azahar), Harry Pressman, Second Vice President (Arabia), Darren DeHass, Third Vice President (Al Bedoo), Secretary/Treasurer, Don Moores (Amara).



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The announcement over the loud speaker verifies the message on my phone, the gate for my flight has changed. I

look around to find that my new gate is directly across from where I am sitting, so I gather myself up and cross the walk way to my new destination. We are all asked to sit down and we would be called up to give us our new seat assignments since the plane has been downsized. They are even offering some pretty large stipends for anyone willing to take flights to other destinations. Name after name is called, I am beginning to worry that I will not have a seat on the plane. Finally my name is called and I am able to board. This was my experience at the Denver airport on my way to Imperial Session this year. Thank goodness this did not set the tone for what turned out to be a fantastic trip!

The ASOB annual meeting, I am beginning to think that it is every bit as much about great food as it is music and comradery. My experience is that we eat very well. I truly enjoy great food and good conversation and had the opportunity to exercise both while in Tampa. Steak to seafood and everything in between. The conversation was just as fulfilling and I enjoyed my time with everyone immensely.

Okay so I didn't eat the whole time that I was at Imperial, I did find time to attend the meetings, video the competition, take a few pictures, and even occasionally found some time to sit in the hospitality room with everyone. I really enjoy the competition, seeing all the effort that goes into creating these great performances. The real reason I record the competition is that it allows me to take home notes. You just never know where inspiration comes from and I watch those videos over and over again. Each of the bands did a wonderful job and kept the audience on the edge of their seats. If you want to see the videos, be sure to sign up for Facebook and go to the ASOB Facebook page. There you will find all of the videos, tons of photos and everything ASOB.

Being the "new guy" on the block and with my previous limited exposure to the ASOB, I am still soaking in everything. The heritage, the myths and the direction for the future of our association. The latter is the challenge for our executive board, to find ways that we can help each of the bands become stronger and thrive therefore doing the same for our association. I spoke about community before and I still feel just as strongly that we need to create a nurturing and active community of bandsmen. It sounds like a lot of work, but it does not have to be. Send us a picture of your band in a parade or at a party. Create a Facebook page for your band and let everyone know about it. Send an email with an idea you might have or write an article for the Na Khabar, little steps by each of us can add up to do great things for all of us. If you have questions on doing any of these things, feel free to get a hold of me, I would be more than happy to help get you started.

The gifts given via the Ladder of Smiles are vital to the work of our hospitals and should be a great source of pride to each and every member of those bands that contribute. Once again you did an amazing job and raised over \$100,000 to be given to

help our hospitals. Though our Shrine Philanthropy is very important, we would not be able to raise any of that money if we are not looking to the other elements of Shrinedom; having fun, brotherhood and creating opportunities for the public to see and hopefully question what the Shrine is all about. The Oriental Bands in my eyes are positioned like no other unit to accomplish all of those things. If you are a band that does not raise money for the Ladder of Smiles for whatever reason, maybe consider setting out a "tip" bucket at each of your meetings or at your Oasis and give those funds. One of the goals that we would like to see accomplished is 100% participation from all the bands to give something to the Ladder of Smiles each year. Even if it is contributing \$5, though I can tell you it would add up to more than that every year.

If you need ideas to raise money, again reach out to the ASOB or another band, helping each other with our goals is again a part of being a community. You are not alone, and through the ASOB we can unite all of our bands. Sharing ideas is huge and can lead to more participation, friendships and fun. Isn't that the real reason each of us joined the Shrine in the first place? Es salam alaikum, my brothers!



**SECRETARY/
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Don Moores

Greetings Bandsmen! We have just completed another successful year is our history. We, in Florida, were glad to treat so many of you to our wonderful summer, a season we sometimes wish would just go away. Be thankful though, that during the week of the

Imperial Council Session in Tampa, home of Shriners International and the Shriners Hospital for Children-Tampa, we had no significant rainfall during the whole week. I believe I remember only one relatively small shower.

Congratulations to now Past President Jeff Moores for a very successful program for the week and the abbreviated schedule we all enjoyed during the Session. I want to personally thank Jeff's five aunts and two of their spouses that attended and once again worked very hard on the food part of the Hospitality Room. In attendance were (alphabetically): Georgia Bauhofer; Jeanette Conn; Judy Moores Elswick; Jenny and Lowell Howard; Rita and Bill Smith. They came from Ohio, Kentucky and Texas. Thanks to all of you, I am sure Glenda was looking down from above checking on everything being done and being so proud of the help you all gave Jeff.

The Parade and Fantasy went very well with a small number of Bands, the results should be in Chris Tsaros' article elsewhere in this issue. We want to offer our sincere prayers and thoughts to the Nobles and Ladies of the Beni Kedem, who were scheduled to be in Tampa, because of the devastating floods that came to the Charleston area during the week prior and they, therefore, had to cancel. Many of their friends and families were impacted by these floods.

The Strategic Planning Meeting, started two years ago, is up coming in Fort Worth, TX, during October 21st and concluding October 24th. This is the Executive Planning Session to which all Bandsmen are welcome, it is three full days of discussions and planning for the health of the A.S.O.B. as an Association. Anyone wanting to attend is welcome to contact President Tom Crow at the email or phone numbers in the officers section of this issue.

In Tampa the slate of officers was elected going forward into 2016-2017,

and hopefully further the Association's longevity. The new Officers are: Noble Tom Crow, President, (Moslah); Noble Chris Tsaros, 1st Vice-President (Al Azhar); Noble Harry Pressman, 2nd Vice-President, (Arabia); Ill. Sir Darren DeHass, PP, 3rd Vice-President, (Al Bedoo); Sergeant at Arms **VACANT**; Past President Don Moores, Re-elected Secretary/Treasurer, (Amara). As you will notice there was not a Sergeant at Arms elected to serve this year because despite the Officers effort no one came forward to present their name for that position. It is hoped that someone reading this issue of the Na Khabar will see fit to come forward and present their name as a Sergeant at Arms, so the President and the Executive Committee can appoint someone to fill this position and hopefully going forward next year.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the A.S.O.B. will be found in another area of this issue.

Aleikum Es Selam,
Don Moores, A.S.O.B. Sec./Treas.

APPOINTMENTS



**LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN**
Michael Hartup

Summer greetings to all bandsmen and I hope you are enjoying Parade Season. Parade Season here in Kansas

includes heat, wind, thunderstorms and a lot of walking and a lot of hospitality.

Maggie and I spent mid-April in Alexandria, LA, enjoying El Karubah's Cajun hospitality at The South Eastern Shrine Club Hoedown and A.S.O.B. President Jeff Moores' Mid-Winter Meeting. The last of May we visited South Central Shrine Association in

Shreveport, LA. Although there was no Oriental Band Competition we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves visiting with friends we met at previous SCCA meetings. We will see them again next April in Pensacola, FL.

Our next trip was to Tampa, FL, for Imperial Session. Four bands competed in both parade and stage competition, the smallest band had five on stage and the largest band had 17. The Oriental Band from Hadji Shriners in Pensacola, FL, participated in their first Imperial A.S.O.B. competition and went home a winner. We hope to see them back again.

At the A.S.O.B. Banquet in Tampa I was happy to announce that YOUR donations to the Ladder of Smiles totaled \$103,400.62. Congratulations to Amara Oriental Band and Don Moores for their leading the list of top donations this past year.

President Tom Crow announced that his Ladder of Smiles goal for this coming year is \$80,000.00 and with the help of each bandsman, his lady, band, regional association and friends, we can make this number a reality. It just takes some creativeness and thinking "outside the box." Share your ideas with other bands, together we can make this happen. We are looking forward to President Tom's Executive Session in Ft. Worth in October, and learning of his plans for bringing bands together in Kansas City the last of March and first of April. Keep watching the NaKhabar for information. This will be an exciting and fun time for ALL Oriental Bands. Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.

I bid you peace...
Mike

See you at the
ASOB JAMBOREE
March 31 - April 2, 2017
in Kansas City, MO!
More information
on page 27



AMBASSADORS



CANADA
James
Woodley

Hello Nobles,
my name is
Jim Woodley.
I was surprised
and a little
worried when
Noble Jeff
Moores called
me to ask if I
would accept

the position of ASOB Ambassador to Canada. I worry because, as far as I know, there are no instructions for the position. I will do the best I can or until I am fired.

I have heard from Mocha ?, Oshawa, Khartum, Winnipeg and WAWA in Moose Jaw. I am a member of Philae and a Life Member of Tunis OBs. Unfortunately all seem to be losing members to the "Black Camel", old Father Time or other reasons.

Noble Bob Jones, Oshawa, indicated they are down to 6-7 members at practices or on their float. They were the only OB practicing at the Rameses Spring & Fall Ceremonials. This does not bode well for the Rameses OB.

Noble Bernie Gross, Khartum, indicated they have lost one of their most senior and active members, Noble Irv Jackson, to the Black Camel. As many members are unable to parade they have acquired a float.

Noble Gord Stewart, WAWA, indicated they are down to 12 active members. They are seeking information about OB instruments. Gord's e-mail address is: gordon.stewart@sasktel.net

I have not heard from Barry Burchill, Tunis, but I know their numbers are decreasing. I received an e-mail that Noble Jack Pell P.P. and long time member has recently passed. We here at Philae still have 16 members on file but only 5-6 show up for

practice. We were unable to form a unit for the last ceremonial and induction of new Nobles. This is the first time to my knowledge.

My thanks to the Nobles who submitted articles. I had to shorten them to omit repeated remarks and to keep this article a reasonable length. Hopefully we will hear from NFLD to BC for the next issue.

YITF and as Noble Gross wrote, May the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safe and in good health. And may you be successful in raising funds for the kids.

Noble Jim Woodley
ASOB Ambassador to Canada



CENTRAL STATES
Rick Moody

The bands of Central States wish Greetings to you all.

Ahh, do you hear it? It's the sound of sweet music in the air. Yes, the

bands of Central States are busy this summer parading and also practicing for our convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. I am told by the secretary of Central States Shrine Oriental Bands that 5 bands will be attending. Though, it would be wonderful that more bands would attend, it is still going to be a great time to get together and play the sweetest music on this side of heaven. Our host temple, Scimitar, has ensured us that this will be a great convention August 24th thru 27th, 2016, and by the time you read this article, I will have had the pleasure of seeing a lot of you and having a great time. To the bands that are not attending C.S.S.A. this year, we will miss you. I am sure that with all of the local parades that happen this time of year, you will be busy also.

As always, membership is a hot topic with all Temples. Please be

active in your unit and in recruiting new members. A great unit for new members to belong to is the Oriental Band Unit. I guarantee the O.B. has the most fun!

I hope that you have had a great summer and please remember the Ladder Of Smiles.

Yours in Faith,
Rick



FLORIDA
Robert E.
Stihler

Greetings from the Oasis of warm/sunny Florida! Can you believe that 2017 is only three months away? I can't.

I guess the biggest news to report is about the Imperial Session held at Tampa, FL, during 3 to 6 July 2016. Outgoing ASOB President Jeff Moores did a fine job arranging the activities and hospitality hosted by the Melha Oriental Band was superb. No one went away hungry or thirsty!!! Congratulations to Noble Tom Crow on his rise to 2016-2017 ASOB President and to all the other Line Officers.

Participating Bands in the Fantasy were Hadji, Melha, El Hassa and Sahib, each receiving a 1st Place Award for their respective categories. Congratulations to The Great Sahib Oriental Band for receiving the Best Overall Band Award, and a "Big Atta-Boy" to Noble Floyd LaDue of Sahib, named Best Director.

On Wednesday morning, 7/6th, the Oriental Bands escorted Deputy Imperial Potentate Chris Smith into the Pageant at the Tampa Convention Center playing, "When the Saints go marching in."

It's not too early to start thinking about the Hoedown in Kansas City,

3/30/17 to 4/2/17; Hadji Potentate Tom LeCroy invited all to Pensacola, FL, 4/6/17 – 4/8/17; and the Imperial Convention in July at Daytona Beach, FL.

At an "Executive Board Meeting" held on 7/16/16 at the Bridge Tender Inn at Longboat Key, FL, FSOBA President Paul (the Greek) Pante suggested arranging a four or five night cruise for interested Bandsmen and their Ladies sounds good Greek!

On Tuesday, 9/6/16, Hillsborough Lodge AF&M Lodge #25, Tampa, FL, will present their 16th Annual Table Lodge Dinner. This gourmet event is orchestrated by Noble Brothers Walter Schoepf and Karl Degiacomi, members of Egypt Oriental Band.

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



MID ATLANTIC
Keith Oviatt

First I would like to congratulate Jeff Moores on having a successful year as our leader and thanks for all you did on

the behalf of ASOB. Also congrats to Tom Crow for his willingness to take the reins for the next year. I am sure he will do as good a job as Jeff. Those moving up on the line will have some big shoes to fill.

MASOBA Annual Meeting will be held in Virginia Beach on September 9 at the Convention Hall. Pres. Rob Reed will call the meeting to order and in short term will call for the election of officers and will become a "has been." Wayne Grumbein will take the reins of leader and someone not yet named will become Sgt. at Arms. Next article we will know who will be in

charge of the blender.

In June the Shrine Hospital, Erie Unit, held an open house event for the community with many Temples from the Mid-Atlantic represented. Our own Emily Mellish was one of the featured speakers who thanked the Shriners for all they have done for her. Also speaking was a young lady from Canada. She had severe Scoliosis and at the age of 14 her ribs were almost touching her hip. The doctors in Canada said they would be able to operate in 4 years. The family contacted a Canadian Shriner and 2 weeks later she had her operation at the Erie Unit. She is now 20 and her back is as straight as an arrow. She wore a backless dress so everyone could see how straight her spine is.

Next issue I will have the results from Virginia Beach and the update on some of the parades and other events.

The thought for today: As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters always aim downward!!



SOUTH ATLANTIC
Nolan Stanley

Greetings from your fellow Oriental Bandsmen from the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASOBA). From the reports received,

sounds like Tampa was the place to be in July. Congratulations to the bands competing and a "huge" congratulations to our new President, Tom Crow and Lady Katie. Wishing you only the best in the coming year. Also, a big congratulations to Jeff Moores on a very successful and productive year.

Officers and members of SASOBA have been busy making plans for the year. President Randy Blake held his Spring Meeting in Charleston, WV, in April. His meeting was well attended by members from several states that

make up SASOBA. Randy and his Lady, Susan, planned a full, fun-filled weekend. I think everyone who came away from the casino that night came out with more money than they went in with, which is always a good thing! The friendships that have been built over the years thru attending SASOBA and other Shrine events are truly remarkable.

Preliminary plans for the year were discussed and then finalized at the Summer Meeting held on the weekend of July 22-24 at Lake Norman, NC. Lake Norman has been a favorite spot for SASOBA meetings for several years because of its location, shopping for the women, and a restaurant named Mickey and Moochies, which has the best 7-layer chocolate cake you'll ever find! It has also been mentioned the martinis are pretty good too. Again, President Randy and Lady Susan were excellent host. SASOBA will hold their competition, ladies brunch, business meeting and awards banquet at the Sea Mist Resort on Thursday, September 15, 2016, during SASA in Myrtle Beach. The business meeting and ladies brunch will be held at 10:00, followed by the competition of the bands at 2:00, then the awards banquet at 7:00 that evening. We are very honored to have Mr. Kenny Garvens, Imperial Board Shrine International, as the guest speaker at the banquet. Everyone is invited to attend any and all of the events and have the opportunity to hear the best music in the world during the competition!!

The current SASOBA Officers are: Randy Blake, President; Jeff Allen, Vice President; Forest Demanes, 2nd Vice President; Dave Tucker, 3rd Vice President; Hurf Bolyard, Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Meagher, Sgt of Arms. SASOBA Officers and members look forward to another great year and wish peace and happiness for all members of ASOB.

Fraternally,
Richard Stanley,
SASOBA Ambassador



TEXAS

David Dodgen
Fellow Oriental
Bandsmen, my
name is David
Dodgen, the
2016 ASOB
Ambassador
for TEXAS.
Just as an
introduction,
I am a past

President (Caliph) of the Oriental Band from Moslah in Fort Worth and Past President of Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands. My efforts this year will be to highlight what's happening in the great State of Texas regarding our oriental bands.

ARABIA in Houston performed at TSA in June and had two members attend Imperial. They also have a band get-together planned for the summer.

KHIVA in Amarillo reports they are dark until October. Joe Brewton will have them ready by mid-October. They put on quite a show at TSA.

ALZAFAR in San Antonio is preparing to host TASOB Mid-Winter in 2017 on the Riverwalk. More information will be presented by Bill Nanes, current TASOB President. Great showing at TSA competition also.

SHARON in Tyler is already planning TASOB Mid-Winter for 2018. I know Les Crawley, TASOB 1st VP, will do a bang up job. Les also made a rubber chicken famous at TSA competition.

MOSLAH in Ft. Worth is also preparing for Mid-Winter in 2019 under the direction of 2nd VP Terry Posey. At TSA, Moslah performed concert competition in full tux. Classy!

More to come from Texas in the future. Don't forget to support the Ladder of Smiles!

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BAND NEWS

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(Above front L to R), President Ed Harvey, Don Marah (driver), QM W. Richard Sobek, Gary Bennett PP, Chris Robertson, (rear L to R) Mike Cook, Ron Maybell, Les Volentine, Treasurer Gregg Loeser, Tut McAfee, Bill Murray, Jamie Thornton, Director Don Best PP, and Honoree DRep Greg Sippel riding Seroyia the Abdallah Oriental Band Mascot. I was also there but was standing in a line.

Summer must be here, another very successful Lenexa, KS, Community Parade is part of history.

President Bruce Fischbach submitted a resignation as President, due to overwhelming duties. Kansas Governor's committee on Veteran Affairs, Past Kansas V.F.W. Commander, the many duties at the V.F.W., a new job that takes him out of town ALOT, we can just imagine! Thank you Bruce for all you do for the OB and our veterans.

Soooo, VP Ed 'the Fez' Harvey, camel wrangler extraordinaire, is the new President and King of the Mighty Sons of the Desert. Contrats Ed, we know you will serve THE BAND well as you always have.

Our own Abdallah OB, President Ill Sir Gary Bennett P.P., Kansas



ShrineB owl, be forew elcomings peech at Kansas Shrine Bowl Banquet.

We, the BAND, attended the Kansas Shrine Bowl in grand fashion July 27 in Emporia, KS. The five Temples (Abdallah, Arab, Isis, Midian, Mirza) of the Great Desert of Kansas manage to gather for football and of course the brotherhood. The Oriental Bands delivering the 'sweetest music this side of heaven' for the morning parade.

Seroyia, Abdallah Oriental Band Mascot, has been extremely popular, she? would hand out more autographs than the home team, KC Royals, if she? could write, Seroyia just spits on everyone!



Abdallah OB has performed in eight (8) parades, one being for Mirza Ceremonial Parade in Pittsburg KS, and then one banquet, the Red Zone Banquet for the Kansas Shrine Bowl Eastern team, and this season has many more to perform.

Upcoming CSSA 2016 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the last weekend of August stands a good chance at having more competition at the ASOBCS (Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of Central States) event with a couple of returning Oriental Bands. I'll let you know how the Abdallah Oriental Band dominated...LOL.

If we don't see you in Little Rock for ASOBCS/CSSA, I hope to see everyone here (KC) for the 1st ANNUAL A.S.O.B. JAMBOREE, March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017.



Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade 2016

Bruce Fischbach,
THE END.

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This article is from the Al Bedoo archives, we thought it might be an interesting read since so many have had questions about the Al Bedoo Oriental Band. It was originally published in the Al Bedooings, our temples monthly publication. We may run a small series of these archived articles over the next couple of Na Khabar's including one written by the infamous Arnie Berger himself. We do not have the dates on these articles so please keep that in mind while reading these. This is a part of our bands history.

Oriental Band Is One Of Al Bedoo's Oldest Uniformed Bodies

by William J. Speare (date unknown)

The forerunner of the present Oriental Band made its first appearance in Sheridan, Wyoming, in the year

1926. The Band who supplied the initial impetus to forming this group was Noble Dennis O'Brien who was the director of the Al Bedoo Shrine band at that time. Most of the original members were a part of the Shrine Band and they necessarily performed in duo capacities.

Thereafter, Noble Dick Hall was appointed Captain of the Oriental Band and the group appeared in Seattle in 1930 with about 32 members. In 1926 there were only three Temples which had an Oriental Band and Al Bedoo was one of them. In 1928, Dick Hall was one of four representatives attending an Oriental Band meeting in Chicago. The depression years caught up with this Oriental Band and it was disbanded in 1934 and 1935.

William Bunney was Potentate of Al Bedoo Temple in 1937 and 1938. He approached S.L. Braida with the request that an Oriental Band be organized. At the time Dennis O'Brien was still director of the Al Bedoo Shrine Band and S.L. Braida was a member of the band. It was the Potentate's desire that a completely separate and performing unit be established to take part in ceremonials and become a part of the uniform bodies. Syl Braida accepted this assignment with the understanding that he would still belong to the band and eventually return to that organization.

There were approximately 20 members in the original group forming the Oriental Band. It is interesting to note that out of those 20, four of the members went on to become Potentates of Al Bedoo Temple. From this nucleus the unit grew. The uniforms were obtained and those uniforms were made up in Billings, Montana. They were far more colorful than the present day band uniforms. Thereafter, beards and makeup were introduced as a traditional and distinctive characteristic of the Oriental Band.

The Band became a truly independent performing unit. It took part and helped in ritualistic work at

ceremonials. The Band was drilled and though it was never a precision marching unit, they became pretty good marchers. Syl continued his work and guidance of the Oriental Band until World War II. At this time he left for the service in the Armed Forces and Howard Smith held the band together during this period. After the War, Braida returned to the Oriental Band for a period of time. There were other Captains of the Oriental Band and Noble Braida left the band when he became Potentate in 1952.

Many changes in the Band gradually took place. The uniforms were discarded and authentic uniforms from Jordan were purchased for the Band. Additionally, songs and patter in the Arabic language were introduced. Makeup and beards were considered and their use refined. Production numbers were developed and this continued to the point where the Band truly could put on a performance of the concert type. Credit for the initiation and implementation of all of these factors is due to Arnold A. Berger. He was music director under the band during this growth period.

In the early 1960s under the leadership of Matt Woodrow and the direction of Noble Berger, the Oriental Band achieved some of its finest honors. In championship competition the Al Bedoo Oriental Band won the World's Championship for three years in a row. The cup representing this achievement was retired to the Al Bedoo Oriental Band and is now among the trophies of Al Bedoo Temple.

Historically and today, the Al Bedoo Oriental Band has enjoyed a close working relationship with the Potentates of Al Bedoo Temple. In addition to helping with the ritualistic work and performing at ceremonials, the Band has consistently traveled to Shrine functions as the Potentate's representative. These appearances have been inside and outside the State of Montana. Like all units in the uniformed bodies, the Oriental Band has had its

ups and downs but has always been a vital unit of Al Bedoo. Since the last World Championship was won, there has been some let downs in out-of-state activities. The present Band is a blend of old and new members under the leadership of C.H. Graham. Arnold A. Berger is still the musical director and interest and activity is increasing. Several out-of-state trips are now planned for the coming year and Potentate Eck has indicated his desire to have the Oriental Band represent him at several functions throughout the State of Montana and outside the State of Montana.

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The past couple of years have been very hard on the membership of the Amara Oriental Band. Failure to attract new members and a downturn in retention of other members. We had not paraded in over eighteen months and because several of us were out of town at the last ceremonial we were unable to perform.

However, on a good note Amara Shriners had a very good contingent at the Imperial Session in Tampa this year. The entire Divan was in attendance as well as several Past Potentates, two members of the Oriental Band, members of the Mariners and some at large members. It was an amazing learning exercise for the members who had not previously attended an Imperial Council Session.

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands lead Imperial Potentate-elect Chris Smith and Lady Ethel into the Pageant on Wednesday morning. The Association put together a band of fourteen members, which included Don Moores (Amara) and Jeff Moores (Associate Member of Amara).

Imperial Sir and his Lady were escorted by the Band and members of the Hadji Shriners Untouchables Unit, a unit that goes to many Mardi Gras Parades to the tune of "When The Saints Go Marching In," the Imperial Sir's theme. The following seven Shrines contributed members to the combined band: Amara, Egypt, Hadji, Melha, Midian, Moslah and Sahib. I hope I have not forgotten anyone, if so, I apologize.

This is the second year the Oriental Bands have had the opportunity to make a presence at a main event of the Imperial Session. Last year in Houston, the Khiva Oriental Band, Amarillo, TX, was featured and played at the Opening Session of the Session and then this year the Pageant.

Yours In the Faith,
Don

ARAB

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Greetings from the Arab Oriental Band! Here we are in the thick of the hot summer months and the Oriental Band is just as hot. We will be ready for CSSA in Little Rock, Arkansas, to give our best in the competition and to once again enjoy the brotherhood and camaraderie we share at this special event. Our Potentate, Jim Whitehead, and Unit Director, Robert Gifford, will be joining us as we kick out the jams. How cool is that?

We recently performed in a parade in one of our small towns in Kansas. They are always great fun. The crowds love to see the Shriners. We are also very excited about performing on July 30 for the Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade. However, despite our enthusiasm and success, we sure could use a few more OB members to strengthen the Unit. I guess we'll just have to keep

working on all those new Nobles who have recently joined our wonderful fraternity. We have recently snared two previous OB unit directors. Maybe a third is in the cards.

I don't have much else in terms of noteworthy news to share at this time. We, like many other Oriental Bands we have met, just keep plugging along through the good times and the tough times. We find a way to persevere. So it is with this final note that I proclaim to our OB Brothers around the country, that the mighty, mighty, Arab Oriental Band is still here and ready to do our part to fulfill the ultimate goal of helping the children and continue to play that sweet music we all know so well. Enjoy and be safe.

Faternally yours,
Adam L. Villalobos

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This will be my "Swan Song" as Scribe for the Bahia Oriental Band.

In May, 2016, I submitted a letter of demit from Bahia Shrine Center, and thereby, also the Oriental Band. I turned over all my Secretarial files to President Millard Smith and Treasurer Robert Woodall, the only two active members of the Band. The Band has three additional inactive members, one of whom resides in Texas.

After much contemplation, I decided it was time to leave due to various reasons, (a hoped-for move to the Sarasota, FL, area, a decline in Bahia Band activity, the cost of three Temple and Band yearly memberships, etc).

I assured them that this was not "Good-bye" as I would continue to have periodic contact as ASOB Florida Ambassador.

I wish the Band God Speed, Fair Winds and Following Seas and that the Band will have re-growth after the Temple secures new quarters due to the sale of its Pembroke Drive location.

Gob Bless the children in the hospitals. God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America.

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Unfortunately, the Band was not able to participate at the Imperial Session, held 3-6 July 2016, even though it was in our "own back yard." Father Time is creeping up to a number of our members which prohibited entering as a Band.

Yours Truly, (also an Associate Member of Sahib Oriental Band), played with The Great Sahib Oriental Band. With seventeen members, Sahib was placed in the "Unlimited" category and received a First Place Award, and also an award for Best Overall Band. Noble Floyd LaDue was awarded a plaque as Best Band Director.

Traditionally, the Band is "dark" during July and August, so we'll see what September brings.

On Tuesday, September 6th, Hillsborough Lodge #25 will present their 16th Annual Table Lodge Dinner, orchestrated by the Band's very own Nobles Walter Schoepf and Karl Degiacomi. I've attended 14 of the 16 dinners and they have always been outstanding gourmet events.

Lady Gail Demeter celebrated a birthday on August 1st, so a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Gail!!!

Remember the kids in the hospitals. God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America

Remember the Ladder of Smiles

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HERE WE GO AGAIN! Hella Temple Oriental Band came into being January, 1966. The 1966 Potentate, Morris B. Bently appointed E. C. "Dutch" Wahrmond as Director and Bob Burns as Captain. The Hella Oriental Band made their first appearance before the Nobility at a stated meeting on April 21, 1966. The Band received a standing ovation for their rendition of "Slave Girl" and "The Saints." At the 1966 Shrine Convention, the band appeared as a non-competing marching unit for the first time. For over fifty years, the Hella Oriental Band has competed many times and has won many awards under the direction of Dutch Wahrmond, Andy Jackson, Jerry Norvell and Jim Mutzabaugh. Just four Directors over fifty plus years! AND among the members of the band, four became President of TASOB, Frank Skaer, Andy Jackson, Lonnie Welch and Jim Mutzabaugh and Kurt Plaut served as President of ASOB. Thank you Sirs!

But then, sometimes we encounter a lot more dust and pot holes on the road of life! 2015 was one of those years for the Hella Oriental Band. But that was then, and now is now! Now, in this case, is Sunday, July 24, 2016, Hella Temple, the official roll out date for the return to action for the Hella Oriental Band, celebrating 10 new members and extending an invitation to the Ladies to "literally join the band" and play an instrument of their choice. Our Ladies will be working side by side on our committees and playing in the band on all occasions except competition. Imagine! A new dimension in family fun in support of the Shriners Childrens Hospitals!

This power behind the enthusiasm

for the Hella Oriental Band is the Hella Divan! Our Potentate, Ill. Sir Wayne Osborne, a longtime member of the band, jump started the Hella Oriental Band back onto the road to success, and was joined by the Divan joining the Hella Oriental Band! WOW! Welcome SIRS!

Another power base is the friends of the band like Lady Kris Hargove. Lady Kris, how do we appreciate you? Let us count the ways! Lady Kris is our champion Oriental Band membership petition bringer in. Thank you Lady Kris for your many years of "gitter done" broad brush action steps supporting Hella Shriners and the Childrens Hospitals!

Thank you Lord, Great Architect of the World for your blessings and directions. Watch over us and guide us with your special strength and directions for brotherly love in action.

Sincerely in the Faith,
Clyde Smith Captain, Hella O.B.



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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! The Band had a summer that created forceful mixed emotions.

We had an amazing time at the fourth of July parades. Our unit joined the Brass Band creating a big band sound with an Arabic motif! The villages of Niles, Skokie and Morton

Grove enjoyed our performances under the direction of Noble Howard Giesen. Later that week many members, some with their wives and others "bacheloring it," (quite an old phrase, isn't it?) were able to attend a barbecue at my new home in Roscoe, Illinois. Some members had to drive more than two hours to get to our home! My son, Efrain, manned the flames. We gorged on hamburgers, hotdogs and salads. Tempting desserts were provided by Howard's wife, Bea, and my daughter-in-law, Margot. My profound thanks to my wife Sony, my sons and grandchildren who worked so hard to make our afternoon such a pleasant one.

The sadness of the loss of two of our nobles is overwhelming. Bill Cummings and Howard Blair were called to their Creator within three weeks of each other. Our hearts go out to their wives, Isobel and Leal, as well as to their families. Our hope is that they took their horns with them so that they can play with so many of our bandsmen now gone.

Bruce M. Allman, Scribe

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Hello OB brothers from the Northeast. Hope all are having a great summer. Right now I am writing this at beautiful Hampton Beach. I love it up here! The water is a little on the cold side but it is very refreshing. This year has been a very busy one for the Melha OB. Parades, fundraisers and Tampa Imperial have been keeping us out of trouble... somewhat. As always we have a lot of fun doing what we do.

Let's just get right into Tampa shall we. OK, here we go. It started out with the arrival and setting up one of the best hospitality rooms I have ever been a part of... outstanding job Jeff. From the Wahoo to the bourbon balls,

everything was first class all the way, let me say it again, great job Jeff. It was a week of meeting up with old friends and making some new ones. If you missed this year, you missed a good one. That's just the feedback that I have gotten from folks from all over.

We competed and won in the medium band class, but the best part was everyone playing Sinbad together at the end. It just proves that we sound so much better when we are all playing together. Speaking of playing together, for all the guys that played in the Pageant for Imperial Sir Chris Smith, it was so awesome to be a part of. Playing under the leadership of the great Floyd Ladue, I got the honor of playing next to The Greek. What a great time we all had.

As far as what is going on at Melha, we have some parades coming up. Like everyone else we are having a hard time attracting new members, so our numbers on the street seem to keep dwindling. One thing that I personally am trying to do is cross train guys to play more than just one instrument. Even with a small band we can do big things.

In closing, I would just like to thank all those who did travel to Tampa. I would like to thank Jeff on a great year and an outstanding job with the festivities in Tampa. As always, remember our kids in our hospitals and the docs and staff that make it all work. Remember the men and women who fight for our freedom every day. If everyone carried a tooth pick no one would have to carry the log.

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Well... here we are moving toward the fall months and hopefully some cooler weather. Moslah Bedouins, in June,

made the trip south from Fort Worth to Houston, in between the floods, for a great time mixing it up with the Texas Oriental Band community. Our Caliph, Bill Conn & his Lady Beth, with their trusty crew, provided us with some great hospitality and liquid libation to prepare us for competition and parade activities. Thanks go to the “crew” and Bill & Beth.

TASOB’s annual breakfast was enjoyed by many and congratulations to the new slate of officers. Elsewhere in the magazine check out the new President of TASOB 16-17, Noble Bill Nanes, (Alzafar) plans for the association. Great time promised in San Antonio in March 2017 and you don’t have to be from Texas to come, partake and enjoy. All are welcome.

July found this ole boy and his Lady in Tampa, FL, for Imperial Session with the ASOB Oriental Band community. Another fine time, check out our pictures on Facebook in the ASOB section. There, the new President from Moslah, Tom Crow, took the reins of the association. All enjoyed the weekend of competition and camaraderie with fellow bandmen and their ladies.

The future holds some new things to get involved in. Stay tuned. Folks, when or wherever possible, you are missing out if you don’t attend these activities. Support your associations and especially the Oriental Band communities. Don’t forget the Ladder of Smiles!

Since this writing is in late July most folks’ temples are in their “dark” period, recharging and ready to go into the fall activities. Moslah Bedouins Caliph Bill Conn quite successfully instituted a Bedouin nite out once a month during the “dark months” at a local restaurant. This has been a great success to keep the unit engaged and in touch thru this period.

The unit is fully engaged in selling circus ads as Moslah Circus is slated for the November time frame and the “men” are anticipating the annual

weekend outing in Perrin, TX. Time to kick back, relax and recharge for the falls activities. Until the next time we meet, go in peace.



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Greetings from the Great Northwest! I am writing this as the weather has been quite salubrious! Seventy-five to eighty with sun!!


The Band is in the throes of rebuilding the musette section. We’re in as good of shape as possible for PNSOBA this coming August in Billings, MT. We will have fun and we look forward to seeing old friends at the venue in MT.

The parade season has been good this year starting in LaConner on April 9th. It was good to see Lila Long. Parades following were: Oak Harbor - April 23, Sequim - May 7, Bellingham - May 21, Port Orchard - June 25, Sedro-Woolley - July 4, Mount Lake Terrace - July 29, PNSA - August 11-13, and lastly, Granite Falls - October 1.

Since I was late writing this, it is necessarily short!! That’s about all my thumb can write on the I-Phone right now!

Stay Tuned!
Bruce Garner
Keeper of the Scrolls
Nile Oriental Band

**2002 Imperial
World Champions**
Vancouver, B.C.



Meets at
Nile Shrine Center
Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
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Mountlake Terrace
Washington 98043
Exit 177 (W) off I-5

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Greetings from the hot humid Sarasota, Florida. What a great Imperial Convention held in Tampa, Florida. The temperature was hot, hot, hot, over 90° everyday. I want to personally congratulate Jeff Moores on having a well planned and well executed weekend of great hospitality (thanks to his Seven Sisters Bakery!!!) and good competition. We enjoyed the camaraderie of all the past presidents and all the line officers. Congratulations to Tom Crow for advancing to his new position as president of the Association Shrine Oriental Bands International 2016-2017. We all know that he will do a fantastic job.

Jeff, you're also to be congratulated for raising over \$100,000 during your year as president. It gets harder every year to raise that much money as our membership declines. Thanks to all the line officers for all the efforts to keep our ASOB going forward.

I want to thank the members of the Great Sahib Oriental Band for the hard work they put in over the past few

months. It paid off with our winning the best overall award and our fearless director, Floyd LaDue, taking the best director award.

A big thanks goes out to our Sahib divan for helping us out at the Monday night parade, when we found out at the last minute we needed people to walk to escort our float the whole parade route.

Hope to see a lot of bands in Kansas City next March 30th-April 2nd for the Hoedown, and at the Imperial Convention in July in Daytona Beach, Florida. We may be getting smaller in numbers but we're certainly not lacking the enthusiasm.

Again, thanks Jeff for a great convention and for the successful raising of money for the Ladder of Smiles.

Yours in the faith:
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Summer has arrived and we have started our parade season! First was the annual

zoo parade in Erie that marks the zoo opening for the summer. It is one of the biggest parades of the year in Erie.

In June the Oriental Band was out in full force for the Shrine Hospital Erie Unit for their open house event. More on that event in the Mid-Atlantic Ambassador's article. Our Northeast Parade marked the 60th year that we have been there. They always present us with a nice check for the hospital. It is the largest fireman's parade in PA but the problem is that this year the fire trucks behind us must have thought that the crowd wanted to hear their sirens more than our delightful renditions of the classical music from our talented musicians. The next few parades should have better playing conditions.

Our annual reverse drawing event had to be postponed from May until September due to some members health issues. There are some other events where we will be represented for the Temple to get the word out about the hospital.

Next time I may have more to report, hopefully a new member or two and not a black camel at our oasis.

The older I get, the better I was!

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



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

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

Melha Shriners
133 Longhill Street
Springfield, Mass

Be sure to visit
OUR website
ASOB.ORG
for the latest
information!

MEMORIALS *and* DONATIONS

April thru July 2016

In Memory of:

HELEN JACEK

BY: PAUL "SQUEEZE BOX" GLUCK

GLENDIA MOORES

BY: JUDY ELSWICK
ROBERT AND GEORGIA BAUHOFFER

GRAGG WILSON

BY: JOE BREWTON

PETE SOLBRIG

BY: JOE BREWTON

JOHN MARCIN, JR

BY: RAJAH ORIENTAL JEWELS
MAHLON AND JOANNE HARIU
BERNARD AND NANCY STANO
JOHN AND SHARON GRUMBEIN

HARRY J. HUHN

BY: RAJAH ORIENTAL JEWELS
RIC AND MILLY VIGNEVIC
MAHLON AND JOANNE HARIU
NICHOLAS AND CAROL VIGNEVIC
JOHN AND SHARON GRUMBEIN
BILL AND DIANE BUSCH
HANOVER TOWNSHIP

JACKIE COTTRELL

BY: HARRY AND JONI PRESSMAN

DON STOCKWELL

BY: CAIRO ORIENTAL BAND

RONALD CECIL POWELL

BY: PHILAE ORIENTAL BAND

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TOM STINE

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MIKE MAITLAND

BY: AL AZHAR ORIENTAL BAND

ROBERT CARLSON

BY: AL AZHAR ORIENTAL BAND

PETER LAWN

BY: THE CALIPHS

EDWARD G. KRITCHKO

BY: ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND

FELIZ "TONY" CAPPOLA

BY: GARY P. MOREAU

DAVE TYBURSKI

BY: GARY P. MOREAU

STEPHANIE THOMAS

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In Honor of:

DR. A.J. DOICARO'S BIRTHDAY

BY: HARRY AND JONI PRESSMAN

TOP BANDS

Top Ten 2015-2016

AMARA ORIENTAL BAND	\$40,861.19
MELHA ORIENTAL BAND	\$13,919.57
NILE ORIENTAL BAND	\$5,099.49
EL KARUBAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$3,982.00
KHIVA ORIENTAL BAND	\$3,875.00
MOCHA ORIENTAL BAND	\$3,000.00
ACCA ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,222.00
AL BEDOO ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,220.00
RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,827.00
LANCASTER COUNTY ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,665.00

11-15

RAMESES-OSHAWA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,500.00
MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,410.00
AL KADER ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,115.00
MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,085.00
ARABIA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,068.00

Other Bands

HADI ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,050.00
SYRIAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,020.00
ABOU BEN ADHAM ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,000.00
BENI KEDEM ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,000.00
ELF KHURAFEH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00
ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$960.00
EL RIAD ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$925.00
ARARAT ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$617.00
ZENOBIA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$610.00
ALZAFAR ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$582.00
AL AZHAR ORIENTAL BAND	\$550.00
ABDALLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$500.00
SHARON ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$500.00
EL HASA ORIENTAL BAND	\$400.00
SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND	\$400.00
INDIA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$200.00
ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
ARAB ORIENTA BAND.....	\$100.00
CAIRO ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
EL BEKAL ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
EL KAHIR ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
PHILAE ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
ZORAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
MEDINAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$75.00
ZUHRAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$75.00
AZAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$50.00
HADJI ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$50.00
OLEIKA ORIENTAL BAND	\$50.00
AL MENAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$25.00
CLEARFIELD CLUB ORIENTAL BAND	\$25.00
KORA ORIENTAL BAND	\$25.00
BAHIA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$10.00

Top Bands July 2016

RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$585.00
ISMALIA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$500.00
MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$450.00
CAIRO ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
SALAAM ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
ARABIA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$25.00

2016 PATRON'S LIST

BRONZE: (\$10.00)

SILVER: (\$25.00)

GOLD: (\$75.00)

PLATINUM: (\$150.00)

LIFE: (\$1,000.00)

RAMESSES - HAMILTON OB

****W. Michael Hartup (Midian)**

***Joe Brewton (Khiva)**

(Memory Theresa Brewton)

Peter Lawn (Gizeh)

***Donald Moores (Amara)**

(Memory Glenda Moores)

James W. McIlhattan

Richard Thompson

Khiva Oriental Band

Maggie Hartup (Midian)

Midian Oriental Band

C. Vince Bobrosky

Gerry & Joann Suttner

** Indicates second donation*

*** Indicates third donation*

PUBLISHER



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BILL NANES

1949 - 2016



The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tampa Airport - Westshore on July 5, 2016. President Jeff Moores called the meeting to order on 9:00 A.M. EDT.

President called on the Chaplain, Vincent Callahan, to give the invocation, followed by the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance, led by Sergeant at Arms Darren DeHass, PP. President Moores then asked the Sergeant at Arms for a Roll Call of the voting delegates present: A.S.O.B. Officers - 5; Past Presidents - 11; Voting Delegates - 4.

A.S.O.B. AUDIT COMMITTEE

REPORT:

The Auditors, consisting of Tom Crow, Chairman; Harry Pressman and Darren DeHass, PP, reported that all of the books of the Treasurer and Ladder of Smiles Chairman had been audited and no discrepancies were found. The Ladder of Smiles Chairman and Treasurer were commended on keeping good books.

A.S.O.B. SECRETARY/TREASURERS

REPORT:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting and the Mid Winter Meeting of 2016, as they were published in the Na Khabar and sent by E-mail to all concerned. Discussion held regarding the motions approved regarding the Bank Resolutions and the holding of the Fantasy in 2016 be amended to add following to the resolutions, "and will be presented to the Annual Meeting for approval," the following statement be added after the motion approval of the Jamboree, "and will be presented to the Annual Meeting for approval." Motion approved for the Annual Meeting and As Amended for the Mid-winter Meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer then gave the Financial Report for July 1, 2015, through June 30,

2016 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 is published in this issue of the Na Khabar.) The Secretary/Treasurer reported that he attended the M.A.S.O.B.A. Mid-winter Meeting in Reading, PA, the S.E.S.O.B.A. Hoedown and the A.S.O.B. Mid-winter Meeting in Alexandria, LA, and the TASOB Meeting in Pasadena, TX, the second week of June, 2016. It was reported all bills had been paid with the exception of bills related to the Annual Meeting, those being Honorariums, Plaques for Competition, Caliph's Plaque, refund of the Hotel First Night and Registration for the Members of the Beni Kedem Oriental Band, unable to attend because of the devastating floods which had hit the Charleston, WV, area. A moment of silent prayer was held for those folks in the disaster area.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Ladder Of Smiles Chairman:

Noble Mike Hartup announced that at the end of June the total for the Ladder of Smiles was \$98,322.02. He reported that there would be other donations through the Annual Banquet that he would receive for the year 2015-2016, before he started a new collection for the 2016-2017 year.

First Vice President:

Noble Tom Crow reported that he was at the S.E.S.O.B.A. and Mid-winter Meeting as well as the T.A.S.O.B. Convention and Competitions.

Second Vice President:

Noble Chris Tsaros reported that we had a very successful competition and that the judging was very consistent. No further report.

Third Vice President:

Noble Harry Pressman reported the

attendance at the S.E.S.O.B.A. and Mid-winter Meeting as well as the T.A.S.O.B. Convention and Competitions.

Sergeant At Arms:

Ill. Sir Darren DeHass had no report.

President:

Noble Jeff Moores reported on attendance at the S.E.S.O.B.A. Hoedown and the A.S.O.B. Mid-winter Meeting in Alexandria, LA, G.L.S.O.B.A. Meeting and Competition in Flint, MI, as well as the M.A.S.O.B.A. in Reading, PA. He expounded on the issues at the Flint Meeting in regards to the fact they had not seen an A.S.O.B. Officer in attendance in several years and appreciated his attendance. He also reported there was an issue with the judging of the director of one band received no points from one judge, which he thought was unjustified.

Noble Jim Whitehouse then asked the Vice Presidents and Sergeant at Arms how many Associations they had attended except their own Association during the last year: Tom 2, including A.S.O.B. Mid-winter; Chris 2, including A.S.O.B. Mid-winter; Harry 2, including A.S.O.B. Mid-winter; Darren 0. Noble Whitehouse stated it was very important for the lower line officers to make an appearance at the meetings of these Association because failure will cause them to be less responsive when they are in charge and asking the bands and Associations to support them and the Ladder of Smiles.

Jeff mentioned he had traveled to Springfield, MA, to present Chris Parker, A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year, his certificate and plaque. At the same time he introduced Chris Parker and he was properly received.

Noble Jeff announced the newly elected Imperial Potentate Chris Smith and his Lady Ethel have requested the A.S.O.B. put together a band to lead them into the Pageant on Wednesday morning July 6,

2016. He took a count of the members who would be available to be the lead band and we had ten members that would be there. Rehearsal will be held in the Hospitality Room at 12:00 today.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Noble Jim Whitehouse moved we adapt the motions discussed earlier in this meeting approved at the Mid-winter meeting regarding banking resolutions, the motion was seconded and the motion approved.

Noble Whitehouse then moved we adapt the motions discussed earlier in this meeting approved at the Mid-winter meeting regarding the Jamboree to be held in Kansas City, MO, on March 31, April 1-2, 2017, the motion was seconded. The issue was then opened for discussion before the vote. The question was raised regarding would there be anything going on for the A.S.O.B. in Daytona Beach at Imperial in 2017. Much discussion was held before the vote was taken on the motion, the motion was approved.

Discussion continued regarding the Daytona issue and the reasons for the Jamboree was discussed in detail. We have had up to 5 band who have said they would be in Daytona, but most of them would not be staying with the A.S.O.B., which would cause a significant cost to be added to the officers in rooms for meetings and competition if we had a very small number of rooms in the hotel selected. After the discussion, 1st Vice President Crow said he would go the Daytona for a day after the conclusion of this convention to discuss the room situation and hotel availability.

Noble Tsaros expounded on the reasons for the Kansas City selection and it was determined that the Kansas City event would continue and Daytona would also be considered for the bands attending the 2017 Imperial Session.

ELECTIONS:

President Moores 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 Tom Crow to the Office of President for the year 2016/2017. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Tom Crow as President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Chris Tsaros for the office of First Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Chris Tsaros to the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year of 2016/2017.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Harry Pressman 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 Harry Pressman as Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Illustrious Sir Darren DeHass 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 Ill. Sir Darren DeHass as Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for

the year 2016/2017. No motion was made nominate a Noble for the office of Sergeant At Arms. There being no nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017 was left as an open position to be filled by appointment if someone comes forward. The position was left open since no one stepped up to fill the position.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Don Moores for the office of Secretary/ Treasurer. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Second Vice President was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Don Moores as Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2016/2017. The President then asked all who had been elected whether or not they would accept the position. All answered to the positive. President-Elect Noble Tom Crow gave an acceptance speech which was short and sweet. The Ladder Of Smiles goal for the year 2016/2017 will be \$85,000.00. The Fall Meeting will be in Ft. Worth.

Discussion was held in regard to the website management, at present we do not have an acceptable website. Tom Crow suggested a person he would try to contact, someone he knows who would be a good candidate for webmaster.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Noble Jeff Moores relieved all appointed Officers of their assignments and will need the President Elect to reappoint them to their new duties after he takes office at the combined Banquet.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in harmony at 10:20 AM.

The Benediction was given by the Chaplain.

Yours in the Faith,
Donald W. Moores
2015/2016 Sec./Treas.

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International
Summery of U.S. Operating Funds, July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

Balance: July 1, 2015.....	\$ 5,577.58
Revenue:	
ASOB Dues 2015.....	\$ 280.00
ASOB Dues 2016.....	\$6,710.00
Fantasy and Caliphs Trophies.....	\$ 246.00
Fantasy Registration.....	\$ 0
Patron's Fund.....	\$1,000.00
2016 Imperial Rooms.....	\$4,335.00
2016 Registration Fee (Binder).....	\$ 680.00
Awards (Rajah).....	\$ 241.79
C&A Transfer.....	\$1,154.00
Transfer From Susquehanna Bank (BB&T).....	\$2,000.00
Closeout of Fulton Band to BB&T.....	\$ 110.70
Total Revenue: July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$16,757.49</u>
Revenue Balance: June 29, 2016.....	\$22,335.07
Expenses:	
Honorarium 2015.....	\$3,000.00
2016 Imperial Hotel Refund (Cancelled).....	\$ 141.00
2016 Imperial Hotel DoubleTree.....	\$4,335.00
Na Khabar Printing.....	\$1,625.13
Na Khabar Mailing.....	\$1,860.46
Na Khabar Layout.....	\$2,100.00
Postage.....	\$ 95.39
Stationary.....	\$1,632.30
Plaques - Competition 2015.....	\$ 391.00
Plaques - Bandsman of Year & Past Pres.....	\$ 100.07
PP Jewel, Card & 1st Lady's Pendant.....	\$ 365.83
Awards.....	\$ 241.79
Website Maintenance.....	\$ 47.88
Transfer to Susquehanna Band (BB&T).....	\$2,000.00
Closeout of Fulton Bank to BB&T.....	\$ 110.70
Harland Clarke Checks for BB&T Account.....	\$ 24.52
Total Expenses: July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$18,071.07</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$ 4,264.00</u>

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International
Summery of Canadian Checking Account, July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

Balance: July 1, 2015.....	\$2,978.73
Revenue:	
A.S.O.B. 2016 Dues.....	\$1,440.00
Ladder of Smiles.....	\$1,100.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$2,540.00</u>
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2016.....	\$5,518.73
Expenses:	
Monthly Bank and Service Charge.....	\$ 72.00
LOS Transfer.....	\$1552.00
Total Expenses: July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$1,624.00</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$3,984.73</u>

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International
Summery of Edward Jones Savings Account July 1, 2015 thru May 27, 2016
Formerly 1st 100 Club Savings Account

Balance: July 1, 2015.....	\$ 19,111.21
Revenue:	
Dividends & Interest.....	\$ 440.14
Change in Value.....	\$ 867.01
Total Revenue: July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$ 1,307.15</u>
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2016.....	\$ 20,418.36
Expenses:	
Fees & Charges.....	\$ 51.11
LOS Transfer.....	
Total Expenses: July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016.....	<u>\$ 51.11</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCE: May 27, 2016.....	<u>\$ 20,367.25</u>

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Aahmes	Livermore, CA	\$1,957.00		\$1,957.00
Abdallah	Overland Park, KS	\$35,839.46	\$500.00	\$36,339.46
Abou Ben Adhem	Springfield, MO	\$67,670.77	\$1,000.00	\$68,670.77
Abu Bekr	Sioux City, IO	\$121.00		\$121.00
Acacia	Baton Rouge, LA	\$1,031.75		\$1,031.75
Acca	Richmond, VA	\$12,319.63	\$2,222.00	\$14,541.63
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, Alaska	\$15.00		\$15.00
Al Azhar	Calgary, Alberta	\$100,090.96	\$550.00	\$100,640.96
Al Bahr	San Diego, CA	\$17,838.05		\$17,838.05
Al Bedoo	Billings, MT	\$6,684.00	\$2,220.00	\$8,904.00
Al Chymia	Memphis, TN	\$135.00		\$135.00
Al Kader	Wilsonville, OR	\$16,629.50	\$1,115.00	\$17,744.50
Al Koran	Broadview Heights, OH	\$429.00		\$429.00
Al Koran	East Liverpool, OH	\$608.48		\$608.48
Al Menah	Nashville, TN	\$125.00	\$25.00	\$150.00
Al Shamal	Edmonton, Alberta	\$4,310.00		\$4,310.00
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	\$100.00	\$4,325.00
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	\$12,421.31	\$582.00	\$13,003.31
Amara	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	\$41,851.46	\$40,861.19	\$82,712.65
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	\$3,595.00	\$100.00	\$3,695.00
Araba	Fort Myers, FL	\$14,000.17		\$14,000.17
Arabia	Houston, TX	\$20,772.60	\$1,068.00	\$21,840.60
Ararat	Kansas City, MO	\$11,244.24	\$617.00	\$11,861.24
Asiya/Islam Arabians	San Mateo, CA	\$4,142.71		\$4,142.71
Asiya/Islam Cammel Herders	San Mateo, CA	\$30.00		\$30.00
Azan	Melbourne, FL	\$14,782.95	\$50.00	\$14,832.95
Bagdad	Butte, MT	\$31.00		\$31.00
Bahia	Orlando, FL	\$1,950.25	\$10.00	\$1,960.25
Ballut Abyad	Albuquerque, NM	\$84.00		\$84.00
Bektash	Concord, NH	\$3,206.19		\$3,206.19
Ben Ali	Sacramento, CA	\$13,402.57		\$13,402.57
Beni Kedem	Charleston, WV	\$30,386.23	\$1,000.00	\$31,386.23
Boumi	Baltimore, MD	\$41,479.86		\$41,479.86
Cairo	Rutland, VT	\$10,732.00	\$100.00	\$10,832.00
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	\$38,188.28	\$100.00	\$38,288.28
El Hasa	Ashland, KY	\$8,582.33	\$400.00	\$8,982.33
El Jebel	Denver, CO	\$365.00		\$365.00
El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, ID	\$7,539.48	\$100.00	\$7,639.48
El Kalah	Salt Lake City, UT	\$858.00		\$858.00
El Karubah	Shreveport, LA	\$70,579.02	\$3,982.00	\$74,561.02
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	\$13,290.00	\$925.00	\$14,215.00
El Zagal	Fargo, North Dakota	\$85.00		\$85.00
El Zaribah	Phoenix, AZ	\$1,660.25		\$1,660.25
Elf Khurafeh	Flint, MI	\$57,240.00	\$1,000.00	\$58,240.00
Elf Khurafeh	Saginaw, MI	\$16,730.00		\$16,730.00
Gizeh	Vancouver, BC	\$70,250.00		\$70,250.00
Hadi	Evansville, IN	\$9,753.00	\$1,050.00	\$10,803.00
Hadji	Pensacola, FL	\$56.00	\$50.00	\$106.00
Hella	Garland, TX	\$3,139.00		\$3,139.00
Hillah	Medford, OR	\$200.00		\$200.00
India	Oklahoma City, OK	\$1,001.00	\$200.00	\$1,201.00
India	Fort Still, OK	\$5,059.00		\$5,059.00
Irem	Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$16,836.00		\$16,836.00
Isis	Salina, KS	\$91.00		\$91.00
Ismailia	Buffalo, NY	\$13,219.00		\$13,219.00
Jaffa	Altoona, PA	\$4,771.00		\$4,771.00
Jaffa-Clearfield	Clearfield, PA	\$10,060.53	\$25.00	\$10,085.53
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	\$16,126.73		\$16,126.73
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	\$85.00		\$85.00
Khediye	Cheasapeake, VA	\$8,919.10		\$8,919.10
Khiva	Amarillo, TX	\$49,272.21	\$3,875.00	\$53,147.21
Kismet	New Hyde Park, NY	\$13,422.00		\$13,422.00
Kora	Lewiston, ME	\$365.00	\$25.00	\$390.00
Korein	Rawlings, WY	\$8,945.66		\$8,945.66
Kosair	Louisville, KY	\$110.00		\$110.00
Lanoble Club		\$200.00		\$200.00
Lu Lu	Plymouth Meeting, PA	\$16,191.00		\$16,191.00
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	\$75.00	\$1,180.00
Melha	Springfield, MA	\$97,413.49	\$13,919.57	\$111,333.06
Midian	Wichita, KS	\$48,367.43	\$1,410.00	\$49,777.43
Mocha	London, ON	\$18,340.00	\$3,000.00	\$21,340.00
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	\$29,986.00	\$785.00	\$30,771.00
Moslem	Southfield, MI	\$12,613.05		\$12,613.05
Murat	Indianapolis, IN	\$14,353.04		\$14,353.04
Nile	Mountlake Terrace, WA	\$90,277.01	\$5,099.49	\$95,376.50
Nur	Wilmington, DE	\$19,588.00		\$19,588.00
Oasis	Charlotte, NC	\$2,929.33		\$2,929.33
Oleika	Lexington, KY	\$705.00	\$50.00	\$755.00
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	\$2,774.00	\$100.00	\$2,874.00
Pyramid	Millford, CT	\$2,803.00		\$2,803.00
Rajah	Reading, PA	\$43,593.96	\$1,827.00	\$45,420.96

Rameses	Hamilton, ON	\$63,684.06		\$63,684.06
Rameses	Oshawa, ON	\$20,809.11	\$1,500.00	\$22,309.11
Rameses	Owen Sound, ON	\$25.00		\$25.00
Rameses	Ramaco, ON	\$3,078.00		\$3,078.00
Rameses	Sudbury, ON	\$2,494.75		\$2,494.75
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	\$18,396.85	\$400.00	\$18,796.85
Salaam	Livingston, NJ	\$27,593.95		\$27,593.95
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	\$2,365.00	\$500.00	\$2,865.00
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	\$52,579.65	\$1,020.00	\$53,599.65
Tadmora	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
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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	\$44,112.92	\$960.00	\$45,072.92
Zembo	Harrisburg, PA	\$54,197.75		\$54,197.75
Lancaster County	Lancaster, PA	\$252,608.49	\$1,665.00	\$254,273.49
Zenobia	Toledo, OH	\$183,093.01	\$610.00	\$183,703.01
Zorah	Terre Haute, IN	\$5,080.45	\$100.00	\$5,180.45
Zuhrah	Minneapolis, MN	\$2,420.00	\$75.00	\$2,495.00
Aonymous Donation		\$225.00		\$225.00
Misc Donation		\$1,595.12		\$1,595.12

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MID-WEST		\$3,580.70		\$3,580.70
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST		\$11,852.56		\$11,852.56
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SOUTH CENTRAL		\$1,581.71		\$1,581.71
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WESTERN		\$7,933.16		\$7,933.16
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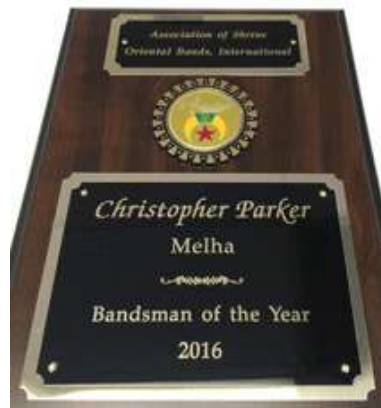
A.S.O.B. 2016 BANDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



It is with great pleasure to report that Noble Chris Parker won the Inaugural 2016 ASOB Bandsman of the Year award. In 2015 the ASOB Executive Committee established this award for a Shriner who demonstrates leadership in his band and the entire Oriental Band Community, run fundraisers for his band and Shrine Center as well as the Ladder of Smiles and attend regional and international functions. Chris was nominated for this award with letters of recommendation from Ill. Sir Brian Conner, Potentate of Melha Shriners and Noble Domenic Distefano, ASOB Northeast Ambassador and Chief Rabban of Rhode Island Shriners.

Chris is serving his third year as the President of the Melha Oriental Band (if he ever gets it right, maybe they will let him fade into being a Past President). He has served his Shrine Center as caretaker. He is on the membership committee and also a dedicated member of Team Circus.

He has run many fundraisers for the benefit of either the band, the Shrine Center or the Ladder of Smiles. He runs a Pasta Dinner in the spring, a Golf Tournament in the summer and a Halloween Dance in the fall



as a fundraiser, and all have been big successes over the years. He has also been instrumental in building a mutually beneficial relationship with the Rhode Island Oriental Band. It

is not uncommon to see the Rhode Island Shrine Oriental Band at Melha Parades and events or Melha Shrine Oriental Band at Rhode Island Parades and events.

These recommendations were read at our Mid-Winter Meeting in Alexandria, Louisiana, and the Executive Committee voted unanimously to bestow this award upon him. In May, I flew up to Springfield and presented a certificate of this award to him at an Oriental Band Business Meeting. While there I made arrangements with Chief Rabban to present the plaque to him at the May Stated Meeting of the Shrine Center. Wish I could have been there, but I heard that he got a standing ovation from the nobility that night.

The ASOB Executive Committee is looking for nominations for the 2017 ASOB Bandsman of the Year. Make sure you get your letters of recommendation to the Secretary before the next Mid-Winter Meeting.

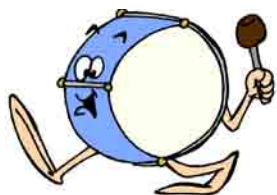


Jeff Moores, ASOB Pres. 2015-2016, Chris Parker, Ray Turini, Chief Rabban Melha Shriners



Ray Turini, Chief Rabban, Chris Parker, Brian Conner, Potentate

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March 31 thru April 2, 2017

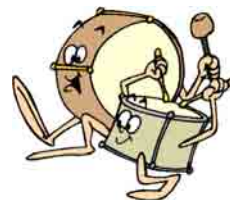
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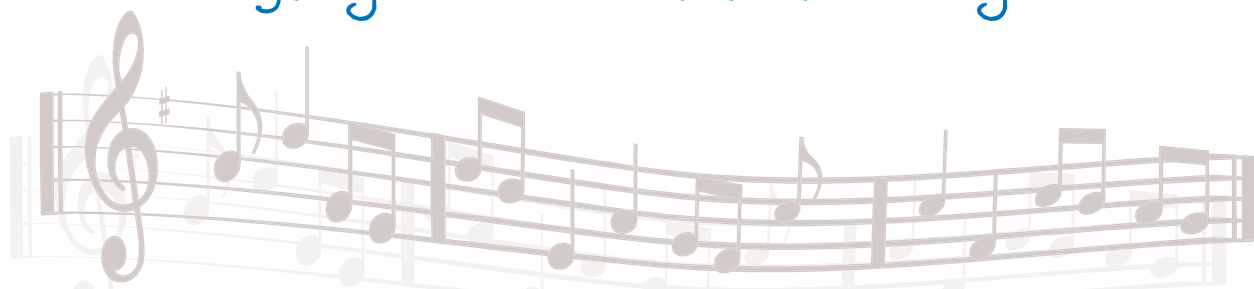
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Secretary _____

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Additional Remarks _____

Submitted By: _____

Date: _____ Title: _____

COMPETITION TUNE 2017

CARAVAN

Musical score for 'Caravan' featuring guitar tablature. The score consists of seven staves of music. The first six staves contain the main melody, and the seventh staff shows a final chord. The tablature is written in a style where numbers 1-5 represent frets, 'b' for flat, and 'T' for trill. The notes are written on a treble clef staff.

Staff 1: 2 2 bT 2 5 3 2 1 5 3 3 2 bT 2 bT 2 3 5 3

Staff 2: 3 2 b2 3 b3 4 5 b5 6 6 2 2 bT 2 5 3 2 1 5

Staff 3: 3 3 2 bT 2 bT 2 3 5 3 3 2 b2 3 b3 4 5 b5

Staff 4: 6 6 0 bT 2 5 6 2 5 6 2 3 / 2 3

Staff 5: 6 5 4 4 5 2 2 bT 2 5 3 2 1 5

Staff 6: 3 3 2 bT 2 bT 2 3 5 3 3 2 b2 3 b3 4 5 b5

Staff 7: (Final chord)



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