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To All:

Wow what a month for the Association. At the beginning of August, the initial work to revitalize the value of our Association to our membership was fairly well defined. Now the work had to begin. With mostly the help of Ralph Jubb and also contributions from Jeff Moores and Grady Vandiver, the Caliphs were able to identify and receive commitments for the Ambassador positions across all regions. Thank you, Ralph, Jeff, and Grady. This is a big step in our efforts to increase communications between the Elected Line Officers and our member bands. In support of the Ambassadors, Norm Wald's status report was modified and now includes by Association the contact information for each Ambassador, the ASOB Line Officer's contact information who is responsible for visiting each Association this year, and the Past Presidents names and contact information of those that reside in an Association's geographic area. The intent of this document is as a working document that the Elected Line Officers can maintain in coming years.

The Caliphs Zoom meeting on August 22, produced a working document with defined delivery dates for the work to be done. In my personal opinion, it was so gratifying to see the Past Presidents and the Elected Line Officers volunteer to work together to improve our Association. The working document will be distributed once I contact all parties who have deliverables. From the report you will be able to see the progress we are making. For those who missed the Zoom meeting, it was called by the Caliphs with an invitation for the Elected Line Officer to join in and everyone participated.

Turning our attention to the ASOB Website, several updates were presented to President Richard Sobek; however, they have yet to be posted to the Website. Under separate email, the Website changes will be sent to each of you, and as the documents are still under review, improvements, corrections, additions are welcome. As I hold the originals, please forward your comments to me and I will make the recommended changes and submit to President Richard for his approval. Next month the ASOB Website/Na Khahar Committee will be meeting to discuss changes to our Website and to discuss how to create a mini electronic version of the Na Khahar. The Committee needs your ideas so let us know.

Next months the work continues. Will be working on getting Website changes posted sooner, training for the Ambassadors, and focus for the Ladder of Smiles.

Fraternally, Jim