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Greetings. I hope this finds you and your family well and that you have all enjoyed this past holiday season. May the New Year

hold nothing but good times, great health and wonderful fellowship. May we all remember what we have to be thankful for.

Since Imperial, I have kept busy with travels that have taken me to Kansas City for the CCSA oriental band festivities. I was met there by 3rd VP David and Sandy McCarthy and Past President Joe and Theresa Brewton. Special thanks goes out to Past Presidents Mike and Maggie Hartup and Wayne and Terri Wells, along with the whole Midian OB for making me feel so at home and welcome. The weekend was great and the competition and banquet was superb. So a BIG thanks again to everyone.

My travels then took me to Virginia Beach where 2nd VP Vince Bobrosky and SASOBA Ambassador Nolan Stanley joined me to attend their annual meeting and judge the MASOBA competition which was excellent. It's always fun at the beach. You can't beat the combination of camaraderie and new friends. I hope to see many of you throughout my travels this coming year.

In September, I headed out to the Tennessee Mountains in Pigeon Forge for SASOBA Jamboree. What a weekend! The banquet and the competition was all you could ask for. President Kenny Brown did an excellent job and the newly appointed President, Paul Beaulieu, will have some big shoes to fill. I'm confident that he's up for the task!

The El Hasa Oriental Band loaded up the van and we were off to Cincinnati, OH, for the Great Lakes Winter Meeting. We always have a good time at these and I am looking forward to being there next year. I will get under way with more travel

after the first of the year and hope to make several more association events. If you need help from the ASOB officers with judging or would like their attendance, please give me a call and we will make every effort to accommodate your requests.

Thank You to Donna Sambor, who has been doing an outstanding job with the Na Khabar. I want to encourage all bands to submit articles, pictures and information to the Na Khabar. Along with the magazine, we have improved our web site so if you haven't been on it you need to check it out. Dave Glass, JR Batesole and David McCarthy have been doing a fantastic job. We are blessed to have them. Thank you guys for all you do.

Everyone is invited for a fun-filled Mid-Winter ASOB Cruise/Meeting, scheduled for March 5th - 10th on Carnival Cruise line aboard Carnival Paradise, sailing from Tampa, FL. Details can be found at www.asob.com. You can find a tab on the left hand side of the home page, marked "Mid-Winter Meeting." We have a putt-putt golf tournament, karaoke, and a whole lot of fun planned. It is not too late and we'd sure love to see you. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and give me a call at (606-922-2702).

Ladder of Smiles is doing well. This year's goal seems like a hefty one. I'm sure with the help of all Oriental Bandsmen, our goal will be attained. Mike Hartup has done a great job for us all as Chairman. Please continue to help out with donations; I encourage all bands to participate. I thank you all for your support, and I know all of our kid's thank you as well.

I would like to say thank you to all of the ASOB officers and Past Presidents for their help and support so far this year. Thanks to Mahlon for all his patience and thankless work as ASOB Secretary, I don't know what we would do without him.

Mark your calendar for the first week of July. We have a really special week planned for Imperial in Charlotte, NC. ASOB will be at Sheraton airport and you are invited come individually or with your band as a group. Competition is Monday morning with an awards banquet to be held Monday night, so come and join in on the festivities.

I promise it will be a hoot and as always we will have a lot of fun.

Lastly don't forget our true cause "Ladder of Smiles." From the Bluegrass State... until we meet again,
BIG



**FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT**
Lonnie
Merriman

Hello from the great state of South Dakota! Well with winter approaching and the thermometer falling faster than most people like, I can't wait

for Richards Mid-Winter cruise. I hope to see everybody there, it should be a great time and what a nice place to hold meetings, on a cruise ship.

Things are taking shape for Charlotte in July, thanks to all the hard work Big is doing. I hope every one can make it to the Imperial Session, it should be very informative and a fun filled 4 days. I hope to see lots of bands there for competition. No matter how (BIG) or small your band is, it is always fun to compete.

I do not know all my travel plans yet for the upcoming year but I hope to see a lot of you on my travels around the different Oriental Band functions.

Things are starting to take shape for the 2013 Imperial Session in Indianapolis. If things go the way I have it planned we will be staying at the downtown Hilton 2 blocks from the Convention Center. I am going out there to meet the manager in the middle of December and take a closer look at the hotel, go over all the needs the ASOB requires and see if we can work out a deal that's good for all parties involved. More to come on all that later.

By the time this article comes out the Holidays will be over, but I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and we will be seeing you all in the upcoming year, so until then, remember we do it all for the kids.

Yours in the faith,
Lonnie Merriman 1st VP



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
Vince Bobrosky

Greetings from the beautiful state of Virginia! By the time you read this article, a new year full of new opportunities will have arrived,

and I wish you all the best in 2012.

In September, I had the honor of attending the MASA Shrine Convention in Virginia Beach, and I enjoyed it very much as always. These are a great bunch of Shriners! Also, I served as a judge at this year's competition. The participating MASOBA bands gave outstanding performances. We are hoping to be able to join them in Lancaster, PA, for their Mid-Winter meeting – they are such a fun and welcoming group.

Also in September, my regional Shrine organization, SASOBA, met in Pigeon Forge, TN, for our annual convention. Our own ASOB President and last year's SASOBA President, Richard Thompson, member of El Hasa Temple, was in attendance. It was delightful to have ASOB's 3rd VP, Dave McCarthy, and his Lady Sandy join us for the week. They both were a big hit with everyone, and Dave took great pictures like he always does. I think you can find those pictures on the ASOB site or on Facebook. Dave and Sandy, you made the good time even better! The evening festivities were hosted by Amran Temple and our SASOBA President, Kenny Brown, along with his very able Master of Ceremonies, Bill Carty. Installed that evening as the new SASOBA President was ACCA's own Paul Beaulieu. He and his Lady France have been loyal and hard-working members of the organization. ACCA is also fortunate to have Steve Meagher as Sgt. at Arms. He is a great addition to our band and he will serve the organization well.

We would not want another year to go by without mentioning ACCA's ASOB Ambassador, Nolan Stanley. Both he and his Lady Mary are dependable hard workers and have been for many years. Their contributions to our organization are too numerous to mention in this article, but our heartfelt thanks and love go out to both of you.

We are looking forward to the ASOB

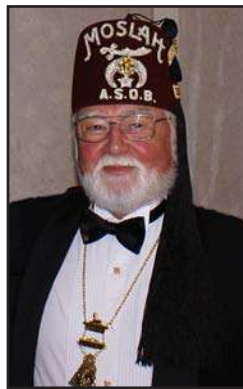
Mid-Winter Meeting and Cruise in March! Hopefully there will be warm days as we wander through the Gulf of Mexico!

My temple is off to a great Ladder of Smiles year. We began in August with our Watermelon Festival in Richmond, VA, and our goal is to finish in the top ten this year! In saying that, we hope all temples in ASOB have high expectations for raising funds for the kids, which of course is what we're all about. Congratulations to the Oriental Bandsmen of Melha Temple for having front runner status - way to go, guys!

I hope that you and yours had a wonderful holiday season!

Yours in the faith,

Vince



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
David McCarthy

Time again to engage the pen to paper and play catch-up; as well, a little peek into future events and activities.

Recognizing that you are reading this in the New Year 2012, Happy New Year! and I trust every one had a blessed Merry Christmas with family and friends.

Lady Sandy and I were fortunate to attend Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) 2011 which was held in Overland Park, KS, September 1 thru the 3, 2011, with Abdallah Shrine Center being the perfect hosts for a perfect Shrine filled weekend. I was able to capture a few pictures which were posted to the A.S.O.B. web site. Hope y'all visited <http://www.asob.org> to view the festivities. I want to thank Noble JR Batesole, Texas, A.S.O.B. ambassador for managing and uploading those photos hopefully for every one to enjoy. Having said that I would encourage every one to send their OB activities to JR and he will gladly upload your organization's photos to the site for every one to enjoy.

My Lady Sandy and I ventured over to Pigeon Forge on September the 23rd thru the 25th to attend SASOBA, South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association. Another awesome event with good times being with some of the finest Oriental Bandsmen, bar none, anywhere in the country. Personally I would love to see more folks come and participate in other associations events in

addition to their own; as we all are family. This great weekend was capped off with one great Shrine parade through down town Pigeon Forge.

President of ASOB 2012, Richard "Big" Thompson (El Hasa), has set his Mid-Winter event to be held on the high seas out of Tampa, Florida, with a 5-day cruise of the Western Caribbean. The dates set are March 5th thru the 10th. Information can be found on the ASOB web site, <http://www.asob.org> click on the Mid-Winter Meeting tab for further information. This is open to all Oriental Bandsmen and their Ladies. If you haven't visited the site yet, you are really missing out.

Mid-Winter being just 3 short months away it is not to soon for you to set your plans in motion to attend the 138th Imperial Session in July in Charlotte, NC. This year the Oriental Band festivities will be held in the Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find all the necessary information to reserve and register for yourself and your bands. You may also want to visit Imperial's web site at <http://www.imperial2012.com> for a broader view of all the activities. For those of you coming to Imperial please don't forget to make your reservations for all of the Oriental Band activities. The earlier the better. This year I will be hosting the Parade Competitions and Fantasy Competitions, all to be held right on the hotel property. All you have to do is roll out of bed and come and enjoy!

I encourage you to contact anyone of your A.S.O.B. officers with questions or clarifications of matters related to Oriental Bands functions. We are here to serve you, and I'm sure the other officers feel the same as I do. 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 to engage your fellow nobles to participate in every Shrine event possible. The invitation is there to come and visit the other associations. For a starter come on down to Tyler, Texas, on March 23 thru 25, 2012, and enjoy a relaxed (T.A.S.O.B.) Texas Association Shrine Oriental Band Mid-Winter. For more information visit <http://www.caliphliv99moslah.org>

Top of your list should be Nobles having fun and seeking out new band members. Ultimately this will help our Shrine Kids. Let me leave you with the 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.



FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT
Scot Duncil

Greetings Fellow Sons of the Desert! As our tents are feeling colder winds and our camel's fur grows thicker in anticipation of

winter, Oriental Bands are alive, well and remain active in North America! Can it be very long before we have O.B.'s in other countries? I bet not!! Once Nobles in far-away lands know the fun and camaraderie that we're known for, it won't be long before we hear "Song of India" played in Germany, "Turkish March" in the Philippines and "Persian Market" in Puerto Rico.

In order to insure our future, we must continue to share our experiences and reasons as to why we chose this particular fun-loving group out of the many others in Shrinedom! And we must be ever watchful in our Blue Lodges and other bodies, and ultimately at our Ceremonials, for that next Oriental Bandsman. You know those bumper stickers and pins that cryptically state, "To Be One, Ask One", in spite of being a Noble of Mystic Shrine, do you act and walk in such a manner that a Brother Mason or Noble would approach you and ask, how can I join the Oriental Band? You do your part in recruiting new, quality members and, hopefully, "they will come!" We all must have an emphasis on member recruitment and retention as well as promoting timely networking and communication to encourage friendly competition.

I know fundraising efforts are continuing and that Oriental Bands are having socials and parades, with our beautiful (!) music being the trademark by which we are known and the fun and fellowship being the reason Nobles want to join our ranks.

ASOB Ladder of Smiles Chairman, Mike Hartup, is diligently counting all the many donations received for our transportation fund; keep-up the great work guys, the kids need it!

I'm not sure how our President, Richard "Big" Thompson got that nickname, but I'm confident it's because he's doing everything possible to promote communication to the

Associations and Unit Bands, but most importantly, his drive to exceed his Ladder of Smiles goal of \$75,000. In spite of a measly 12% of the bands reporting, you comprise a whopping 35% of the total donations! Come on, guys, the Ladder of Smiles (think: kids!) needs those donations! Times are tough and nowhere are they needed more than in helping children get to our Oasis of care; also known as: Shriner's Hospital's for Children.

Lastly, please forward your communications, pictures and schedule of events to be included in the on-line Na Khabar so we'll all know what's going on in your area and then we can visit and make beautiful music together.

Es salaam alaikum,
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SERGEANT AT ARMS
Jeff Moores

Greetings Nobles, I sure hope 2012 is a much kinder year than we have experienced here in Springfield in 2011. We had a brutal winter, with the most

snow I have seen since I moved here almost 10 years ago. We had a tornado in June, an earthquake in August, Hurricane Irene in September, and then a freak Halloween snowstorm that had some people without power for a week. With all that said, I am hopeful that 2012 will be a great year.

This past September, I completed my two year stint as the president of the Northeast Shrine Oriental Band Association, but have turned over the reigns to a very capable noble in Peter Hagen from Philae Shriners. Read all about it in the Northeast article submitted by Noble Jim Woodley. It was a very wet weekend however, as many that were to attend our Northeast Field Days, were chased away by Hurricane Irene.

For those of you that know me, you know that I have a love of music. That love of music has had me doing quite a bit of traveling this year. In October, I was in Chicago to see the band Widespread Panic perform their Halloween shows. It gave me

the opportunity to get a tour of the Chicago Unit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. That is a very impressive hospital in our network. Then at the end of November, I had the opportunities to see a couple of shows by the Allman Brothers Band in Boston. Once again I was able to arrange a tour of the Boston Unit. This was the first time I have had the opportunity to visit one of our Burn Hospitals.

If you ever question why you pay those dues, participate in parades, and raise money for these hospitals, all I can say is stop by sometime and visit one of them. I have had the opportunity to visit almost 20% of our hospitals, and after every visit it re-affirms why I am involved in raising money for the Ladder of Smiles. I also walk out thinking about new ways to try and raise more money in the coming years. It's not easy to run a fundraiser, but when you see the smiles on those kids faces, and see that their quality of life is getting better from the treatment that they are receiving, it makes it worth all the hard work.

Looking forward to the Mid Winter Meeting this year. In March, I am usually still buried under snow, so this should be just the time to hit the high seas and enjoy some warm weather. Until then, hope everyone has mild winter.

Yours in the Faith, Jeff



SECRETARY TREASURER
Mahlon Hariu

The Dues Notices have been sent in September as usual. As of this writing I have only received dues from seven (7) Bands. We only have two

more months to pay dues, please try to pay your dues on time. Since we are going to publish this January issue of the Na Khabar, we need cash to pay for it. Had we published the September issue, we would not have had sufficient funds to pay for that issue. Please help me keep the Na Khabar going so we can keep everyone informed about all the Bands going on.

The 2012 Imperial Session is in Charlotte, NC. Please find the reservation slip in this issue of the Na Khabar and if your band is going to attend, mail your information and

payment for the first nights lodging plus the Imperial fee, in the amount of \$149.00. As of this writing we have received two reservations, and one of them is mine. You will also find the reservation form for the Awards Dinner and Presidents Lunch. Please send this info and payment to the responsible Officers. If anyone has any questions concerning Imperial, give me a call or E-mail me at mehariu@ptd.net

As we come to the end of this year, Joanne and I would like to wish all Bandsmen and their families a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Yours in the Faith,
Mahlon

Session. The 2012 Imperial Session is in Charlotte, North Carolina. Check the dates, and get those registrations in! The forms are in this issue.

I know times aren't the best for all of us but our children and our hospitals depend on all of us for support. Bandsmen (and their ladies), bands, and regional associations have been generous in the past and we are counting on their help again this year. Maybe your donation might not be as large as it was last year but it counts just the same.

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

I bid you peace,
Mike

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APPOINTMENTS

**LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN**
Michael Hartup



Greetings from Kansas. I can't comment on the current weather as this article is submitted early. Maggie and I (as well as

David and Sandy McCarthy and Norm and Sarah Wold) are sailing down rivers from Amsterdam, through Germany, to Vienna. The girls are visiting every Christmas Market they can find while we guys search out German pubs.

Since the River Cruise left mid November, the Ladder of Smiles month was closed on November 15. Any donations received after that date will be combined with the December donations and will appear in the next issue of the Na Khabar.

The Black Camel visited one of ours, Noble Jerry Suttner. Jerry worked tirelessly for many years filming our A.S.O.B. Imperial Parade and Fantasy Competitions and selling the recordings with ALL the proceeds benefiting the Ladder of Smiles. He will be missed.

Please look in this issue of the NaKhabar for the Ladder of Smiles Guidelines. It is a handy guide about how your donations are handled.

I know it seems early, but it's never to early to make your reservations for Imperial



**FIRST
100 CLUB
CHAIRMAN**
Morrie Toretzky

Greetings from beautiful Minnesota! We had a beautiful fall, it was a little dry and unusually warm, some hot days. We hope that

everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season, best wishes for the coming year.

I am very happy to report that we didn't lose any members this period. Many times no one notifies me of any changes, and that is hard to keep the roster up to date. We need new members for the 100 Club. Please mail your name, address, Shrine center and a check for \$100.00 with each application to: Morrie Toretzky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Make checks payable to First 100 Club ASOB. You will find an application below.

On Wednesday, July 4, 2012, at 7:00 AM, we will have the First 100 Club Breakfast at the Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel.

Please keep me up to date on any changes. Thank you for your contributions and support.



**ASOB
COORDINATOR
LIBRARIAN**
Paul Gluck

Happy Holidays! Wish you all a happy holiday season and healthy and prosperous New Year.

It is sad to report the passing of a dear friend, Noble Jerry Suttner of Ismailia Oriental Band. Jerry was an honorary member of my band as he has played his musette with us at a number of parades and other occasions as I have with his oriental band. My sincere condolences to his wife JoAnn and their family. Also on a sad note the passing of Terri Plaut. My sincere condolences to past ASOB president Kurt and their family.

I was recently asked if there is a list of approved instruments for use in ASOB competition. To the best of my knowledge there is no such list but I remember many years ago there was discussion about allowing timpani drums and it resulted that timpani drums are not allowed unless the tuning mechanism is removed. Instruments must be of an Oriental heritage. Such as the oud which I wrote about in the last issue of the NA KHABAR. Most bands use either a

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single reed or double reed musette as their melody instrument. There are many other instruments such as the oud or sitar that could be used for melody but due to the low resonating sound they project they are not widely used by oriental bands in parade situations. Most percussion instruments are allowed though, such as bells or glockenspiel and various forms of drums.

Until next issue keep practicing and remember the LADDER OF SMILES.

Musically yours,

Paul "Squeezebox" Gluck

AMBASSADORS



CENTRAL STATES
Rick Moody

Greetings from the bands of Central States! The 2011 Version of Central States Shrine Association Convention is in the past and the bands of Central

States had one of the best Conventions of recent history. A lot of gratitude must be given to our hosts for organizing the band competition and festivities, Abdallah Oriental Band of Overland Park, Kansas. This year's convention was in Overland Park, Kansas, and a total of 60 bandsmen were registered from six bands. We did have one representative from Bedouin Temple in Muskogee, Oklahoma, that was there to see what all the fun and excitement was about and they are looking into getting a band started at their Temple.

The weather was hot and so was the competition. At our competition, we have what is called Ballyhoo. This competition gets the weekend going. Ballyhoo is all about getting the crowd excited and into the music that we play. The bands can play any music that they want to and putting on a good show is what this is all about. Congratulations to El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for winning small band; Arab Temple, Topeka, Kansas, medium band; and Midian Temple, Wichita, Kansas, large band competition.

Next, we competed in what is called Fantasy. This is the part of competition

where we must play this year's required song. Did anyone have a tough time with this year's competition song? Holy Cow! I know our band had to have a few more practices to half way get it right. But anyway, congratulations go out to El Kahir Temple for winning medium band Fantasy Competition and Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, for large band Fantasy Competition. For Parade Competition Arab Temple and Median Temple came out on top and the President's Award, or best overall band, went to Midian Temple. Congratulations to all the bands that competed.

At our awards banquet, a lot of money was collected for the Ladder of Smiles to help support our Shriners Hospitals. Isn't that what it's all about? Thanks to all the bands that contributed.

We did have a first. Thanks to Steve & Jerri Dowdy, Ararat Temple, we had a group picture taken just after Fantasy Competition. A very colorful group.

Well, for now, that is all there is to report on. I know all the bands of Central States have had a full and fun 2011, parading and performing. I know that I appreciate and am honored to be the ASOB Ambassador to this great bunch of guys. Oh, by the way, a special thank you goes out to our ladies, whom we must not forget, for all of their support and putting up with our antics.



FLORIDA
Robert E. Stihler

Va Va Voom... Another year has gone - KaBoom. Goodbye 2011 - Hello 2012. I trust all had a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

With a combination of luck and work, hopefully the President's goal for the Ladder of Smiles will not only be met, but also exceeded. It would be wonderful if the Florida Bands could meet a 100% participation. Sumpin is better than nuttin. A little from each equals a "lottle" from all.

A tip of the Fez to the Great Sahib Oriental Band for giving a hand to the Araba Band at their Ceremonials. During 2011, Noble Paul Pante, "The Greek", of Sahib, and Noble Dick Bennett of Araba,

had some ill health, but with prayers, their health has been restored and they're back with their respective Bands.

I encourage all of the Florida Bands to contribute articles to the Na Khabar. It would be nice to have 100% participation. Only two Bands contributed articles for the September 2011 issue.

In September 2007, a combined All Florida Band traveled by bus to the SASOBA Convention at Myrtle Beach, SC, and had a fantastic time. As a guest, the Band performed last and received a standing ovation. Hopefully "Organizer Extraordinaire", Paul Pante will be able to put another trip together in 2012.

Egypt Oriental Band at Tampa, FL, has undergone a room switch with the Keystone Kops, since the latter needed a larger room. With a decline of Bandsmen, the Band couldn't justify remaining in a larger room.

FSOBA President Butch Cox has been working on the 2012 FSA/FSOBA Convention scheduled for 2-5 May at Araba Shrine Center, Ft. Myers, FL. Registration forms are available via the Internet, with a room rate of \$79.00 per night plus tax.

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

The annual M A S O B A membership meeting was held at Virginia Beach on September 9, 2011, was opened with prayer and presided over by President Scott

Gothe. In attendance were all officers of the line and 6 Past Presidents of MASOBA. Also present were the following ASOB officers: Richard "Big" Thompson, 2nd VP Vince Bobrosky, Sec./Treas. Emeritus Bud Moore, SASOBA Ambassador Nolan Stanley and myself. A collection for the Ladder of Smiles was taken in the amount of \$549.00.

President Gothe gave his farewell address and then election for new officers was held with Ted Werkheiser, Jr. (Rajah) being elevated to the position of President.

The other officers moving up one spot on the board and Rob Reed (Jaffa) coming in as Sgt-at-Arms. John Grumbein remained as Sec/Treas. "Has been" Gothe was given the honored Past President's chair and the new officers were installed by Ill. Sir Ron Klee, Jr., Potentate of Rajah Shrine.

It was announced that the Mid Winter Meeting will be held in Lancaster on Saturday, February 25 with L.C.S.C hosting the joint L.C.S.C/Rajah Ladies-Past Presidents Banquet and Dance in the evening.

Following the meeting the stage competition was held and Rajah was declared in 1st place and Irem 2nd. Doug Paulus (Rajah) took 1st place and Scott Gothe (Salaam) 2nd in the solo competition. Rajah also took the combo prize. The judges were ASOB Pres. "Big" Thompson, 2nd VP Vince Bobrosky, and Nolan Stanley.

Saturday the parade competition was held with Jaffa 1st in the marching category, Rajah 1st in the Large Riding Division and Irem 1st in the Medium Riding division.

Don't forget the Ladder of Smiles as that is the reason we became Oriental Bandmen.

In passing let me tell you that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day" makes my day! Try to do something to make someone's day a little brighter.



NORTHEAST
Jim Woodley

Greetings from the Northeast. Noble Jeff Moores has asked me to submit an article for the upcoming Na Khabar as he has recently taken

on "Moore" duties in ASOB.

Our 2011 Northeast in Hyannis Cape Cod is now history with a "stormy" send off. We had anticipated four units would be present but, hurricane Irene made travel a bit difficult to justify. We missed their participation and hope all is well.

At our annual meeting and election, Noble Pete Hagan, Philae, was elected President, allowing Noble Jeff some time off after his term to take on his new duties in ASOB.

The 1st Vice President's position is still vacant but word has it there is a willing

candidate who will step forward at the next Northeast. Noble Richard Lemerise Jr allowed his name to stand for 2nd Vice President and was elected.

It was decided at the meeting to once again eliminate the "competition tune" after a couple years of use. It was decided that some of the bands did not wish, or could not learn a new tune each year.

On Saturday morning we held our competition. Aleppo proved to be the winner and Melha, second place. Both bands performed very well and it was a joy to watch and hear them.

It is our sincere wish that all who participated in the Northeast got home safely. It was a long wet drive back to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Look forward to seeing more Oriental Bandmen at the next Northeast in Bangor, Maine.

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Noble Bob Haley accepting NESOBA 1st place for Aleppo



Noble Mike Avery accepting NESOBA 2nd place for Melha



Noble Peter Hagan, Philae Temple, is installed as President of N.E.S.O.B.A. by Noble James R. Woodley



TEXAS
J.R. Batesole

Greetings Nobles, I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and that you survived all the good food and drink without gaining too many pounds and that the jolly

fat fellow was kind to you. The fall season has continued to be dry here in Texas and we have not had a great deal of reported activity with our Oriental Bands. The Sharon OB at Tyler is, of course, working hard on planning our mid winter activity and Jim Whitehouse, past ASOB president and San Antonio bandsman, continues to travel the world aimlessly like a lost hobo.

A big thanks and congratulations go out to the Khiva OB on being the first in Texas to send in their ASOB dues for 2011. Good show Khiva. It is good to know that someone actually may be paying attention and being proactive.

Information on the upcoming TASOB mid winter has been posted to the TASOB web site which can be found at <http://www.caliphliv99moslah.org/index.html>. The event is scheduled for 23 - 25 March 2012 in Tyler, Texas. Specific hotel, costs, registration information, tentative schedule and contact information can be found on the web site. Sharon has sponsored a mid winter at this hotel before and it is a great location for the activity. It is a full service establishment with plenty of dining establishments and other entertainment nearby. On top of that you can hardly find

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a better time of the year to be in Tyler. The temperature will probably be warm without being hot, the humidity should be down, the azaleas should be in bloom and it looks like a good time for all.

We have all been very lucky in that ASOB 3rd Vice President, David McCarthy, attended the Central States Shrine Association convention in Overland Park, KS, in early September 2011 and then went on to attend the South Atlantic Shrine Association convention in Pigeon Forge, TN, in late September. The good part is that he brought back several hundred really great pictures from both events. Selected photos have all been posted to the ASOB face book page for your viewing pleasure. Don't know how to find it? Go to the ASOB web page at www.asob.org and select the ASOB on Facebook tab then select ASOB. This will take you straight to the pictures. Special thanks go out to David for providing these pictures. They are great.

Do you have Oriental Band pictures you would like to see published on the ASOB site? Just send them to me at Photos@ASOB.Org or use my personal email jrbatesole@sbcglobal.net. Pictures to large to send by email, send me a disk to 475 Elbow Court, Weatherford, TX 76087 and I will do the rest.

Lastly, in keeping with a long established tradition, I, once again must ask that the Texas bands update me with new information on your band officers and current director as most of have had elections and installations by now or relatively soon. E-mail address is the most important but I would also like phone numbers and residence addresses if possible. It is critical to have the emails in order to facilitate real time communication. My email is jrbatesole@sbcglobal.net or you can call at 817 441-6588. Feel free to email or call if you have any input or have questions regarding ASOB.

Yours in the Faith
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BAND NEWS



THE ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND



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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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Where did 2011 go ??? It's hard to believe it's the start of a new year. I trust all had

a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hopefully the Great Conductor in the Sky will bless us with some new members in 2012 and will instill fresh vigor in the Bandsmen to become more active in opportunities to participate.

A BIG THANKS to Music Director Noble Brian Johns for his diligent efforts to increase the Band's music library. Although it might be true that spectators along a parade route only hear one, or part of one song, it quickly becomes rather boring for Bandsmen to have a limited number of melodies.

It's been a very long time since the Band has ventured from the Oasis of the Mouse, (Orlando), so hopefully the Band will participate at the 2012 FSA/FSOBA Convention in May, hosted by Araba Shrine Center at Ft. Myers, FL.

God bless the children in the hospitals – God Bless You – God Bless Our Troops – God Bless America

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Greetings from your Northern California SOB's. We have all our players in position for 2012 as we had our installation of officers 9 November 2011. They are Sultan: Jim Bennett, Raja: Dave Glass, Treasurer: Tom Krummel, and last but not least yours truly Secretary: Paul McDaniel.

We are coming off a great year under our Junior Past Sultan, Bob Mosely, and his 2011 crew. We were 100% effective in the past year as we made all of our commitments. A special thanks to our veteran member Roy Ono who has been available to drive our trailer for our many events. Also at our evening of installation of officers we paid recognition to all of our many veteran members. Yours truly was the MC who elaborated on many of our great times, events, of gone by happenings. It was a very nostalgic evening, a time to

remember, and an overall great evening. Our great veteran members were all presented with beautiful and well inscribed plaques.

We are currently standing by and awaiting the details for our 2012 Jamboree. We look forward to seeing all the other and hopefully many bands. And as always we are looking for a few good men. Till next time as the late and great Red Skelton always said "God Bless".

Amendment: Newly installed Sultan Jim Bennett has submitted his resignation and last year's Sultan, Bob Mosely, will remain in position for the year 2012.

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Greetings nomads of the desert, time to put ink to paper. Our band did not make the Northeast Field Days held in Hyannis, Mass, hosted by Aleppo. Between illness and fear of hurricane Irene our ranks were depleted, which made it impossible to perform. Our president, Greg Washburn, and his lady Brenda and our secretary, Dave Allen, and his lady Cammie attended. Our hotel, Days Inn, did not charge us for unused rooms, we sent a large donation in their name to the Ladder Of Smiles. Our officers remain the same, President Greg Washburn and Vice President Ed Fenton.

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The Irem Oriental Band conveys fraternal greetings to all of our ASOB bandsmen as they enjoy the mystic tales of their caravaning Bedouins.

The 2011 Virginia Beach MASA convention was a rewarding experience especially being our bands 100th Anniversary. After the MASOBA Annual Meeting the competition between the participating bands took place. Each band was allowed to play two warm-up tunes followed by the competition number – "the Beggars." After all the bands were finished, the Irem OB was awarded "Second Place."

The Saturday Parade consisted of 23 MASA Temples. Once we stepped off, Director Fred Dietrich had us entertaining the parade spectators with our oriental style of music. That evening at the MASA Banquet and Awards Program, we were presented with a beautiful trophy inscribed "MASA 2011 Parade, Division 1, 2nd Place-Oriental Band." A rap on the Gong is extended to our band members for these two awards: Musettes – Steve Dreater and Jim Connors; Drums – Bob Rhoads and Olin Evans; and Percussionists – Jim Roberts, Jack Powell and Jim Mason.

This past June the "Irem Outdoor Ceremonial" was dedicated in honor of our band's 100th Anniversary. A beautiful plaque was presented by Potentate Mark Mettler that day to our president, James Roberts, commemorating this historic achievement.

As the Irem Oriental band enters into the SECOND CENTURY of its history the following officers were elected for 2012: President-James Mason; Vice President-James Hudock; Secretary-Olin Evans; Treasurer-Robert Rhoads, Financial Secretary-Stephen Dreater and Director-Fred Dietrich. With a fine line-up of officers and a full complement in the band, it should be a tremendous 2012.

With the Winter Solstice upon us we have gone into hibernation with our tent flaps closed. Rehearsals will resume in February to prepare for the upcoming Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade – the third largest one in the USA.

In closing, the Irem Oriental Band extends our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012 to the readers of Na Khabar.

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Being that the high plains of Texas was so dry and windy, almost totally devoid of moisture and hotter than ever on record, the fall (and now winter) season we are now experiencing was highly anticipated. Mother Nature has not disappointed thus far. While still too dry, Khiva Shrine and its surrounding environs have been treated to more moderate climate conditions and even a significant late October snowfall

that was welcomed despite the temporary inconvenience it may have provided.

Reflecting back, 2011 was another eventful year for the Khiva Oriental Band. We were busy April 1st being hosts of the Texas Association of Shine Oriental Bands Mid-Winter Conference, and also helping host the Texas Shrine Association All-State Ceremonial June 4th in Amarillo. And then came Imperial Session on the July 4th holiday. Some of us attending were glad to see fireworks over the skies of downtown Denver as such was forbidden over much of dry, arid Texas this year. The Band saved its own fireworks for the competition floor, but enough as that has been touched on here before. For members who chose not to traverse the beautiful route from here to there, thankfully Amarillo is blessed with good non-stop connections to Denver (although some of us were stung with the \$90 taxi fare from the airport to the Curtis).

As he implicated with his all-embracing article last issue, the Caliph (director) has us all kicking-back until January with practice. But we have kept active with other activities with our Center since it "came back to light" in September. That includes a few parties, parades, fund raisers, odd jobs- such as keeping a large contingent of Junior League ladies entertained one night, and being an integral part of the Khiva Fall Ceremonial. Just things like any other active Band does during the "off season". Our Caliph armed our members, who competed at Imperial (in addition to our Divan), with fitted caps to honor the event- and he discovered that we had some really big heads to fit.

Back to the Fall Ceremonial, the Band made its presence known as we sponsored Aaron Brummer as our Candidate for the Khiva ring. Aaron took on the identity of Taco, a south of the border satyr mix of a bandito hombre and pack mule (maybe some goat in there too). He clopped and danced with his amigos around the Shrine floor with a theme of fiesta and bandellero debauchery while hand-delivering pequeño cervezas from his cart he pulled. Aaron's wife Kristie and his east of the border father-in-law, fellow KOber Wayne Wheeler, had a great time with their hat-dancing and just being amusing - period. Our candidate had plenty of tough competition that campaign night with three other quality opponents- two being our Potentate's sons and the other being the Khiva Shrine Oriental Guide. The next day after all candidates

had experienced and survived the “hot sands,” courtesy of our crack Director’s Staff, it became apparent after a tally of those present, that our Taco was the winner of the Khiva ring. The Band always has fun at Ceremonials but it’s much more gratifying when one of our own takes the competition.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, the Band thanks Sultan (President) Joe Kiestler and his right arm, Lady Sheila, for their relentless pursuit of quality leadership during 2011. Joe guided us with military-like presence and “gung-ho” motivation. My only regret is that Joe will not be at the helm again in 2012 although we have some very capable officers in the wings. Maybe they will be wise enough to appoint Joe as head of some committees (hint). Thanks again Joe!

What 2012 holds for us will be hopefully written here next December. The Mayan calender seems to think we are in for a wild one. Our Band might experience another “wild one” although it’s hard to fathom topping 2011- stay tuned and keep checking at www.khivaorientalband.org.

Hopefully, the new year will be benevolent to our hospitals, patients and staff and allow them a continued prosperity. May 2012 be your halcyon-time all year. The Scribe



***KOB ceremonial candidate
'Taco' Brummer***

The KOB carny wagon has a customer!



***Khiva Oriental Band
Sultan Joe Kiestler and Lady Sheila***

October Snow at Khiva

***Wayne Wheeler's Hat Dancing as
Kristie Brummer cheers him on.***

KORA
Lewiston, Maine

Carl Seaward



Greetings Nobles:

The Kora Oriental Band is completing another successful year. We have again been able to donate to our two hospitals and Kora Shrine. This year we participated in all initiation ceremonies by providing the “Oriental Flavor” to our new candidates. We were well received by all in attendance. A big thank you goes to Barry Irish for providing us with a vehicle to haul our trailer as well as beating the bass drum. Don Gordon did an excellent job driving our parade routes. It was good to again have our trailer full of performers! We had up to four musettes and six percussionists on board!



***KOB 'Tent Crew' so hard at work at the
carny wagon fund raiser***

***Taco riding his trusty mount at the
Khiva Fall Ceremonial***

To help us wind up the year our President, Willard Boothby, with the help of his son, planned a lobster-steak feed for band members and their ladies.

Our leadership will remain the same as last year. Director, Wayne Whitney; President, Willard Boothby; Assistant Director, Andrew Ridlon; Vice-President, George Walker; Treasurer, George Woodman; Band Leader, Dave McCausland; and Secretary/ Scribe, Carl Seaward.

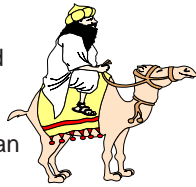
We are looking forward to next year. The Northeast Shrine Association Field Days will be held in Bangor next summer. We hope to be able to participate in the Oriental Band Competitions. Our parade and ceremonial duties should be about the same as 2011.

I hope to see some of you as I travel this year. A special hello to Morrie! Remember the Ladder of Smiles.
Yours in Faith, Carl

MAZOL

St. Johns, Newfoundland

Bill Edwards
Public Relations Chairman
mazoloasis@gmail.com



Since the beginning of 2011 the Mazol Oriental Band has been very active. In addition to regular practices the Band has been involved in the following activities:

Participation in the Annual Potentates Installation ceremony held in January 2011.

The Band participated in the Summer Ceremonial & Stated Meeting held on the Burin Peninsula & hosted by the Booth Shrine Club July 15th-17th.

The Band is now over a very successful Flipper Dinner on May 10th serving approximately 250 dinners as well as 100 Flipper Dinner take outs.

The Annual Band BBQ took place at the Club on August 2nd.

The Band participated in the St. John's & Mount Pearl Santa Claus Parades on November 27th & Dec 3rd respectively.

The Band holds practice every first, second & fourth Tuesday of each month at the St. John's Shrine Club & a Band Meeting every second Tuesday of each month.

The Band also has a very active website we suggest you all pay our site a visit to our web site which is also embedded in the Temple Web Site under Unit Links... mazol shriners.com Band email address: mazoloasis@gmail.com

NILE Seattle, Washington

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Well, here we are again, another year has passed and another is beginning. The Shelby is up on blocks for the winter and the snorkel has been installed on my commuter mobile. We have had about 4 inches of rain here in the great Northwest in this week of Thanksgiving. Rivers are threatening to flood and roads have water all over them.

I hope the forthcoming years is better to us than the year past. The Band had a lot of medical issues and passages via the Black Camel. Let us hope the camel stays in his pen for awhile and those afflicted will be themselves soon. Speaking of the Black Camel, we lost, just yesterday, Past Sultan and Past President of PNSOBA, Ben Neff. A fine man and a good friend of mine. Our thoughts are with Paula and Ben's family at this time of sadness.

The Band decorated the entry to the Temple for Christmas, Lady Henrietta Armfield, again, generaled us through the process and it looks rather nice.

Kudos to Acki Mueller for setting up a lovely ladies Appreciation Night on the 2nd of December. We enjoyed ourselves.

Elections were held in December with the following results:

- Sultan: Acki Mueller
- Pasha I: Tony Bernales
- Pasha II: John Strobel
- Keeper of the Purse: Norm Wold
- Keeper of the Scrolls: Bruce Garner
- Trustees:

- 1 year - Bert Cruz
- 2 year - Gaylord Schaudies
- 3 year - Tom Dahl

We wish all these Nobles good fortune in the forth coming year!!

A tip of my rather gaudy Fez to Tom Caldwell for a job well done.

I would like to personally thank Noble James Hart for his outstanding work over the last 17 years as our Director. He led us to several PNSOBA Championships and an Imperial Championship. He displayed remarkable patience with those of us whose attention span is less than 1 minute. I shall miss his hand at the tiller.

We just played a couple of weeks ago, (Jim's swan song), for Ceremonial. We

kicked ass and took names. I haven't heard us this tight in quite some time.

Next season starts with the parade at La Conner, it will be strange to do this without our Luke Long being there as the Camel visited his tent this past summer.

We will seriously begin practice with our new Director Dave Barros in January, I hope he is trainable!!! LOL

That's all for now.
Stay Tuned, Bruce

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

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Meets at
Nile Shrine Center
Tuesdays, 6:30 PM 6601
244th St., SW
Mountlake Terrace
Washington 98043
Exit 177 (W) off I-5

RAJAH

Seattle, Washington

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



Es Selamu Aleikum from the winningest Band in MASOBA. The World Famous Rajah Shrine Oriental Band walked away with all the first place trophies. Another fine year for the Band.

We have cancelled our Holiday Party because the Saengerbund, where we meet, scheduled another function on our party night and it is too late to try and find another location for a Holiday party at this late date. We will try again next year.

Come February, we will have our combined Ladies and Past President's Night with the Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Band, to be held in Reading this year. We always have a great time together because both have been friends for many years.

It looks like the Band will be going to Imperial this summer. It is as close as it will ever be, and we need to rehearse so we do not lose our edge. We love to compete against larger bands to see just how good we really are in competition.

Until next time,
Aleiekum Es Selam.
Mahlon

SYRIAN
Cincinnati, Ohio

John Longsworth
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Milford, OH 45150
John.Longsworth@ge.com



Hello and Best Wishes for a great upcoming 2012 year from the Syrian Oriental Band.

The final months of 2011 proved to be a busy one for our Band with the fall parades and a fundraiser for our Band holding a Buffet Dinner in conjunction with a Cincinnati Bengal's - Baltimore game. Special thanks to Ennie Jim, owner of Jim & Jack's on River Road in Cincinnati where we held the Fundraiser, and thanks to our members, our Ladies, family and friends who worked or supported this effort.

Our Director for Syrian's O.B. during most of 2011 was Steve Goetz, who worked for Shriner's Hospital in Cincinnati. Steve received an excellent job opportunity with the Shriners Imperial Office in Tampa, Florida, and is now enjoying his new job and the Florida weather. Our thanks go to Steve for the time and effort he put in with the Band. Former Director of our Band, Randall Proctor, has taken over the Band's Conductor duties for Syrian, while David Rees has been named as our new Director.

The Syrian Oriental Band meets every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. If you're ever in the Cincinnati area on a Wednesday, drop in and say Hi. Take care and have a great 2012 year.

John Longsworth,
Syrian O.B. Scribe

ZEM ZEM
Erie, Pennsylvania

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



Season's Greetings from the Southern Shores of Lake Erie. We didn't make very many parades this past year due to several reasons some of which were health related. Hopefully next parade season those problems will be behind us and we will be able to participate in more parades.

We had our elections for the upcoming year and John Putnam was elected President and Tom Carr takes over at VP. Tom is a new member to the band and is a welcome

addition. The other officers remain the same.

Our Christmas get together will be (was) held at the Temple on Dec. 11 with several Divan members in attendance. Next big event before parades start will be our Annual Reverse Drawing on May 9, 2012. This is an event that is eagerly awaited.

Don't forget the Ladder of Smiles as the reason we parade is for those kids that need help. The thought for the day is no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

Zenobia

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

TOP 10 BANDS

Melha Oriental Band.....	\$10,591.55
Abdallah Oriental Band	\$2,872.50
El Karubah Oriental Band.....	\$2,505.11
Cairo Oriental Band	\$2,000.00
Nile Oriental Band	\$1,577.10
Acca Oriental Band.....	\$1,566.87
Midian Oriental Band	\$1,388.00
Amara Oriental Band	\$1,000.00
Al Bedoo Oriental Band.....	\$600.00
Abo Ben Adhem Oriental Band	\$500.00

11-15

Arab Oriental Band	\$500.00
Ararat Oriental Band.....	\$500.00
Irem Oriental Band	\$450.00
Araba Oriental Band	\$350.00
Moslah Oriental Band	\$350.00

OTHERS

Rajah Oriental Band.....	\$346.00
Sahib Oriental Band	\$250.00
Lancaster County Oriental Band.....	\$220.00
El Bekal Oriental Band	\$120.00
Kalurah Oriental Band	\$120.00
El Hasa Oriental Band	\$100.00
India Oriental Band.....	\$100.00
Salaam Oriental Band	\$100.00
Zenobia Oriental Band.....	\$100.00
Clearfield Club Oriental Band	\$75.00
Zem Zem Oriental Band	\$70.00
Gizeh Oriental Band	\$50.00
Ben Ali Oriental Band	\$25.00
El Raid Oriental Band.....	\$25.00
Khiva Oriental Band	\$25.00
Rameses/Hamilton Oriental Band.....	\$20.00

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

August thru November 2011

IN MEMORY OF

Gerald "Jerry" Suttner

By: Joe and Theresa Brewton
 Lonnie and Linda Merriman
 David and Sandy McCarthy
 Mike and Maggie Hartup
 Paul "Squeezebox" Gluck
 Melha Oriental Band

Scotty Cribbes

By: May Cribbes

Terri Plaut

By: J. V. "Bud" Moore
 Mike and Maggie Hartup
 Paul "Squeezebox" Gluck

Bonnie Reed

By: Clearfield Shrine Club OB

John K. Reilly, Jr

By: Clearfield Shrine Club OB

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By: Clearfield Shrine Club OB

Rudolph Himmler

By: Oriental Jewels
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IN HONOR OF

Irem Oriental Band 100 Years

By: Meri-Aides

Days Inn, Hyannis, Ma

By: Cairo Oriental Band

LADDER OF SMILES GUIDELINES

I have been asked many times about how to handle donations to the Ladder of Smiles. These guidelines assure that your donations are handled correctly and credited to the correct bands.

1. Checks made payable to the Ladder of Smiles (Canadian funds) are deposited in the Ladder of Smiles Canadian band account. U.S. funds are deposited in the U.S. bank account. All donations are acknowledged by letter to the donor and the proper band is given credit for the donation. (Please note which band is to received credit.)
2. In addition, if the donation is "In Memory Of" the family of the deceased receives a memorial card acknowledging the donation and naming the donor. If the donation is "In Honor of" the honoree receives a card acknowledging the donation and naming the donor.

~~IN HONOR OF~~ is issued by the hospital acknowledging the donation. If appropriate, a Canadian tax receipt is also forwarded to the donor. In addition the procedures listed in Numbers 1 and 2 (above) are followed.

4. The donations will be listed in the Na Khabar on the "Top Ten Bands" list and if "In Memory/Honor Of" listed with the memorials also.

These procedures keep donations from ALL bands uniform. These also provide a proper paper trail for your band, the Ladder of Smiles, and the Imperial Council.

NA KHABAR ADVERTISING RATES

1 col. inch	\$15.00	4 Col. inches	\$47.00	1/2 page	\$165.00
2 col. inches	\$25.00	5 Col. inches	\$58.00	Full Page	\$315.00
3 col. inches	\$36.00	1/4 page	\$86.00	Inside Cover	\$350.00

10% Discount for three issues NOTE: a 50% discount will be given to each band for ads announcing their meeting place and time, if payment of three issues accompanies order. Contact Mahlon Hariu, P.P., for information (610) 965-5652 or mehariu@ptd.net. Make checks payable to ASOB and mail to: Mahlon E. Hariu, P.P., Secretary/Treasurer ASOB, 636 Ridge Street, Emmaus, PA 18049-2223. Be sure to include your ad information.

2011/2012 PATRONS LIST

BRONZE: (\$10.00)

SILVER: (\$25.00)

GOLD: (\$75.00)

PLATINUM: (\$150.00)

LIFE: (\$1,000.00)

*W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

Joe Brewton (Khiva)

Peter Lawn (Gizeh)

Donald Moores (Amara)

James W. McIlhattan

Richard Thompson

Khiva Oriental Band

Maggie Hartup (Midian)

Midian Oriental Band

C. Vince Bobrosky

Gerry & Joann Suttner

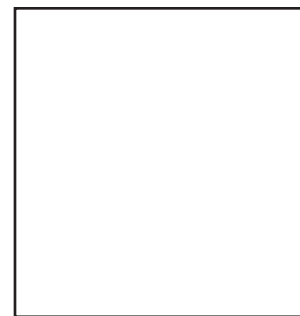
2011/2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Central States, August 9-11, 2012, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

* Indicates second donation

Amara Oriental Band

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



Band Rehearsals 1st and 4th Wednesday

**Our Business Meeting is on the
3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30**

**Our Ladies, the Harem Belles,
meet at the same time.**

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

You are invited to ASOB Mid-Winter Cruise/Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

*Government taxes/fes are additional at \$51.64 per person.

To book your room, call 1-866-721-3225.

Select Option 5. Group booking number is 318KQ0 or ASOB.

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

2012 IMPERIAL SESSION

June 30 thru July 4, 2012

A.S.O.B. HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel

3315 Scott Futrell Drive

Charlotte, NC 28208

Phone: 704-392-1200

FAX: 704-393-2207

(Front of Hotel view)

(Sleeping Room view)

Contact Mahlon Hariu, A.S.O.B. Secretary / Treasurer for all questions:

Phone: 610-965-5652 / Email: mehariu@pdt.net

***** Room Rate: \$129.00/night (plus tax) *****

To: Mahlon Hariu
Re: 2012 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session
636 Ridge Street
Emmaus, PA 18049-2223
(610) 965-5652

A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

The Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel
3315 Scott Futrell Drive
Charlotte, NC 28208
Phone: (704) 392-1200
Fax: (704) 393-2207

I/We plan to attend the 2011 ASOB Imperial Council Session. Please reserve a room at the ASOB Headquarters Hotel, The Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel.

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

Noble: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal Code/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Room Type Preferences

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

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

HHonors Card # _____

Please remit \$129.00 U.S. Funds plus \$20.00 Imperial Fee. Make cheque/check payable to: Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (cancelled cheque/check is your receipt.) A confirmation email will be sent to you, if you listed your email address.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE JULY 2012

Saturday, June 30.....

- 3:00 pm Elected Officers Meeting Location: **President's Room**
Dress: Casual... Casual... Casual...
Owner: **Richard Thompson**
- 4:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: **Meeting Room A/B**
Competition & Delegate Registration – Banquet Tickets on Sale
Owner: **David McCarthy & Scot Duncil** Location: **Lobby**

Sunday, July 1.....

- 8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: **Meeting Room A/B**
- 10:00 am Elected Officers and Past President's Meeting Location: **Meeting Room D**
Dress: Casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, jewel or nametag
Owner: **Richard Thompson**
- 11:00–3 pm Competition & Delegate Location: **Lobby**
Registration -- Banquet Tickets On Sale
Owner: **David McCarthy & Scot Duncil**
- 2:00 pm Hospitality Room Closes Location: **Meeting Room A/B**
- 3:00–5 pm President's Reception Location: **Meeting Room A/B**
By Invitation
Dress: Red jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie, jewel, nametag & fez
Ladies Dress: Business casual attire with nametag
Owner: **Richard Thompson & Lonnie Merriman**
- 5:30 pm Music Director's Meeting Location: **Douglas/O'hare**
Dress: Same as Welcome Reception
Owner: **David McCarthy**
- 6:30 pm Family & Friends Dinner **ASOB Individual Dinners**
(Make own arrangements to be with your own band and family)
- 8:30 pm ASOB Hospitality Room Opens Location: **Meeting Room A/B**
After Family Dinner

Monday, July 2.....

- 7:00 a.m. Make-up Room Opens Location: **Meeting Room D**
- 8:00 a.m. Parade Competition Location: **West Wing**
Dress: For officers that are not competing ASOB shirt, tan pants, jewel, nametag, and fez
Ladies Dress: Black, White and Hot Pink, nametag
Owner: **David McCarthy**
- Immediately Fantasy Competition Location: **Grand Ballroom**
After Parade Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, nametag, no jewel or fez
Competition Owner: **David McCarthy**

After Fantasy	Delegate Registration Banquet Tickets On Sale Owner: David McCarthy & Scot Duncil	Location: Lobby
After Fantasy	Hospitality Room Opens	Location: Meeting Room A/B
4:00 pm	Hospitality Room Closes	Location: Meeting Room A/B
5:00 pm	Cocktail Reception By Invitation Dress: Formal Tux with White Dinner Jacket, white tux shirt, black tux pants, black shoes, jewel & fez (No nametag) Ladies Dress: Formal (Cocktail Attire) Owner: Richard Thompson & Lonnie Merriman	Location: Meeting Room A/B
6:00 pm	Social Hour	Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:00 pm	President's Award Banquet Dress: Same as Reception Owner: Richard Thompson & Lonnie Merriman	Location: Grand Ballroom

Tuesday, July 3.....

8:00am	Sergeant At Arms' Breakfast Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or tan shorts, jewel, nametag & fez Owner: Jeff Moores	Location: Douglas/O'hare
9:00 am	Hospitality Room Opens	Location: Meeting Room A/B
10:00 am	S.A.S.O.B.A Summer Meeting Dress: Casual, Fez, jewel or nametag	Location: Meeting Room D
11:30 am	First Lady's Luncheon Dress: Business Casual Owner: Tish Martin	Location: Junior Ballroom
6:30 pm	Depart for No Host ASOB, Past ASOB, Ambassadors and Guests Dinner Dress Officers and Ladies: Casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants no jewel, nametag or fez	Restaurant Name: TBA Street Address Phone Number

Wednesday, July 4.....

7:00 am	First 100 Club Breakfast Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, or tan shorts, jewel, nametag, no fez Owner: Morrie Toretzky	Location: Restaurant
8:00-9 am	Hospitality Room Opens	Location: Meeting Room A/B
9:00 am	ASOB Annual Meeting Dress: Red Jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie, jewel, nametag, fez Owner: Richard Thompson	Location: Junior Ballroom York
9:00 am	Ladies Gift Exchange Dress: To be determined by the Incoming President's Lady Owner: Linda Merriman	Location: Meeting Room A/B
11:30 am	Incoming President's Luncheon Dress: Same as ASOB Annual Meeting Owner: Lonnie Merriman	Location: Grand Ballroom
2:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting Dress: Travel clothes Owner: Lonnie Merriman	Location: President's Room
3:00 pm	Hospitality Room Opens	Location: Meeting Room A/B

IMPERIAL NIGHT PARADE JULY 4th DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME



2012 Imperial Session

A.S.O.B. Meal Reservation Request Form



Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel • 3315 Scott Futrell Drive • Charlotte, NC

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 20, 2012

Noble's Name _____

Lady's Name _____

Shrine Center _____

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BANQUET

Monday, July 2, 2012 • Cocktails (no host) 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM

Please mark your choice of Entrée, \$48.00 per person, U.S. or CDN Funds

_____ **Pecan Chicken**

_____ **Duo of Pork Tenderloin Medallions**

Either served with: salad, rolls, seasonal vegetables, starch, coffee, iced tea and dessert

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 • Cocktails (no host) 11:00 AM / Lunch 11:30 AM

Please mark your choice of Entrée, \$40.00 per person, U.S. or CDN Funds

_____ **Maple Lacquered Salmon**

_____ **Beef Roulade**

Either served with: salad, rolls, seasonal vegetables, starch, coffee, iced tea and dessert

Amount Enclosed

Please make your cheque/check **payable to Scot Duncil** and remit to:

**Scot Duncil, 4th VP
5234 NE Wisteria
Portland, OR 97213-2559**

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:
Vince Bobrosky
P.O. Box 2
Ladysmith, VA 22501

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 bandmen 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 bandmen appearing in the performance are counted as A.S.O.B. members in good standing. The number of performing bandmen 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 bandmen 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 their will be no identification worn such as name tag, fez or other types of Shrine Center identification at this briefing.

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

EDITOR



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

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

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