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Hello fellow
OBers: The
weather in
South Dakota
is so nice right
now for the
second year in
a row. For the
first time in a
long time the

temperature for South Dakota is way
above normal. No snow yet either, which
makes it nice.

I hope the weather is this nice in
April for the Midwinter Meeting in
Sioux Falls. The meeting is set for April
4 - 6, 2013 (Thursday through Saturday).
Thursday night will be a casual meeting
for the officers. Friday at 10:00 a.m. will
be the Annual Meeting and a Ladies'
brunch and fun time. Friday night we
will be going to a local establishment
for supper ("dinner" for those of you not
from the Midwest area) compliments of
the El Riad Oriental Band. Saturday will
be a trip to my hometown so everyone
will understand why I am the way I am.
Saturday night will be supper at a Sioux
Falls restaurant, which will be on your
tab. After supper we will be going to the
El Riad Shrine for the 22nd annual OB
Spring Fling (our annual fundraiser). I
promise you will have a great time! This
event will also be the treat of my Band
and Linda and I.

I am hoping to make a few trips this
spring to meet new friends and renew
some old friendships that I have made
over the last 18 years of belonging to the
ASOB.

IMPERIAL IN INDY: What can I
say? Centrally located at the downtown
Indianapolis Hilton; competition at the
Convention Center; walking distance to
over 400 restaurants and lounges - it just
doesn't get any better than that!!!

So with no more to say, I would
think that we could have a lot of bands
there for competition. Let's get back to

the old days when we had more bands
compete. I have seen small bands win
overall and I have seen unlimited bands
not win a trophy. But let's face it - win
or not, we all go to the convention to
raise money for our kids. Competition
is fun for all and we put a show on for
everybody there to see. When the day is
done, win or lose, it all comes down to
the kids, which in the ASOB case is the
Ladder of Smiles.

I would like to take this opportunity
to thank Dave Glass for all the work and
time he has put into the website the last
few years. Without his leadership in this
area, we would not have the website we
have today. Thanks Dave! And I would
like to thank Bonnie Redmond for taking
over the webpage. She is doing a great
job and I am looking forward to working
with her.

I made a big goal for the Ladder of
Smiles this year, but I know with the hard
work from our members and the great
feeling it gives us all when helping our
kids, we will have no problem achieving
that goal.

I will end this article hoping everyone
had a great holiday season and Linda and
I are looking forward to seeing everyone
in 2013. If there is anything I can help
you with, please let me know and I
will do my best to help you out in your
endeavors. That is what your elected line
officers are here for - to help you in any
way we can.

Yours in the Faith,
Your President,
Lonnie Merriman



**FIRST VICE
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Seasons
Greetings and
Happy New Year
to all Oriental
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throughout
Shrinedom.
Activities for
the Na Khabar

reporting began with MASA in Virginia
Beach in September. Noble Bland Wade
and I attended the MASOBA business
meeting which is always informative and
colorful! Congratulations to Jim Miller on
becoming President for the 2012-13 year.
Jim will do a great job. And how about
the Grumbein family? Three generations,
John's father, John, and his son, who just
came in as Sgt. of Arms, will have served
as President of MASOBA. What family
can top that! Of course, it's always good
to be with ASOB Secretary Treasurer,
Past Potentate, Malon Hairu.

SASOBA was just around the
corner at Myrtle Beach in September.
Paul Beaulieu and Lady France planned
a wonderful program and brought it off
with flying colors. Our competition was
fantastic this year! Congratulations to
Larry Sommers who became president of
SASOBA for 2012-13.

We're looking forward to attending
the Midwinter meeting in Sioux Falls
in April. We know Lonnie will show
everyone a wonderful time.

It's looking like Midwinter for 2013
will be in Charlottesville, VA, in April
during the Dogwood Festival. I hope
many of you are able to attend. Hope
everyone had a blessed holiday.

Yours in the faith,
Vince Bobrosky,
1st Vice President



**SECOND VICE
PRESIDENT**
David McCarthy

As I prepare
this article
everyone
has had their
turkey fix and
moving into
the Christmas
mode.

Although we
here in Texas are still experiencing
super weather in the 70s and even up to
80, I'm sure that will be short lived.

On a very sad note a very close

friend and our A.S.O.B. Texas Ambassador, J.R. Batesole who was appointed by Past President Ralph Jubb in 2010 passed. J.R. had a long battle with cancer and the Grand Architect of the Universe called him home. Rest in Peace good friend.

As you read these articles, a New Year is underway. I would hope you are readying your bands for the upcoming year and that you are planning to come to Imperial in Indianapolis in July. President Lonnie Merriman has promised an outstanding time and we are located right downtown about three blocks from the convention center and all the Shrine activity. In addition our ASOB officers are trying to plan our year to visit our many associations. Get your reservations in to our Secretary/Treasurer. Check here in the magazine. I encourage you to talk to your respective ambassadors and have your mid-winter and all your associations activities posted on our new ASOB web-site. This is a great way to share your events and hopefully get other Nobles to participate or at a minimum have an ASOB officer visit your areas.

This year a primary duty as 2nd VP is to "solicit" articles for your magazine, the Na Khabar. As I travel from association to association I find there is a tremendous interest as what other bands are doing. How they maintain and enjoy their units and increase membership in Shrinedom. YOU can read some of these articles on line, right here in this publication. I request that for those of you who haven't participated yet, appoint a responsible individual and help spread the OB word and share with us what your Oriental Band activities are in the Na Khabar as what you are accomplishing. If I can help you in any way to get this going; just drop me an e-mail with your thoughts/requests.

Another request I have of you is have your bands purchase an ad, even if it is but a small ad in the Na Khabar, touting your band. Contact our secretary treasurer or myself and we will certainly expedite this process. This would accomplish a couple of

things. First it displays your existence. Showing your meeting place, time and schedule shows your fellow bandsmen if they are traveling in your area, a chance to have fraternal intercourse. Lastly the funds for these ads help displace the heavy cost of providing this fine magazine to all Oriental Bands and to those reading it on-line.

Once again, as I close this article please go visit your Oriental Band activities at www.asob.org, click on the facebook Tab for some great pictures of your many activities. Great times are being had and you can share these activities as well, by just sending your pictures to share. (You don't have to be a face book member to view.)

Not too soon to start your plans to come to the 139th Imperial Session June 29 to July 3, 2013, in Indianapolis, IN. The Oriental Band festivities are being held in the Hilton Indianapolis downtown, just three short blocks from the Convention center where we will be holding our competitions. You may also want to visit Imperial's web site at <http://www.imperial2013.com> for a broader view of all the complete shrine activities as they emerge. I encourage you to contact anyone of your A.S.O.B. officers with any 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. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are published elsewhere in this publication; please use them. For those of you reading this article, I would highly encourage you engage your fellow nobles to participate in every Shrine event possible. Top of your list should be Nobles having fun, just maybe you may find a new band member. Visit your Blue Lodge. 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.

YTIF:

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Greetings my Fellow Sons of the desert! During this special season of giving thanks for the many blessings we, our family and friends

have received this year, and the tradition of giving gifts builds steam, let us not forget to also give thanks for our Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Think about when the last time you visited a Shriner's Hospital – well, that's too long ago! Our patients and families are extremely appreciative of our specialized centers of healing and when they see a FEZ, WOW!, stand back as they almost always go up to the Noble and tell their story and express their heart felt gratitude.

The Mission of our hospitals: Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special health care needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment. Provide for the education of physicians and other health care professionals. Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families. This Mission is carried out without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, or ability of a patient or family to pay and would never come to fruition without the generosity of countless individuals, believe it or not, mostly non-fraternal!

Today more than ever, the need for monetary contributions, especially to our transportation fund, the Ladder of Smiles, is very much in need to continue helping our special little patients; so please, during this season of acknowledging blessings, don't forget to give where it will do the most good!

Being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine

is indeed an honor and a privilege for me personally and being an employee at a Shriner's Hospital is a double whammy of good fortune – I only wish I could wear my FEZ while on duty!

Es salaam alaikum,
Scot Duncil, ASOB 3rd VP



**FOURTH
VICE
PRESIDENT**
Jeff Moores

It's that time of year again when the weather for those of us in the Northeast starts to turn cold and we put up our uniforms for

several months until St. Patrick's Day comes back around. It's also that time that we start passing on the leadership of our units to the newly elected officers of our bands. Congratulations to all our newly elected officers.

Back in September we had a very productive meeting of our Northeast Shrine Oriental Band Association (N.E.S.O.B.A.) at our Northeast Field Days in Bangor, Maine. The President of the Melha OB, Mike Avery, made the trip up with me and we had a great time. The Business Meeting was attended by a representative from well over half of the bands in the Northeast. It was also very good to see all the hard work paying off in Rhode Island with this band being in attendance and growing once again. Saturday morning was our competition with participation from the Aleppo and Rhode Island Oriental Bands. The Anah Oriental Band had a great band that we would have loved to have seen in competition. Maybe next year!



The Rhode Island Oriental Band



The Aleppo Oriental Band



*The Anah Oriental Band in the
Northeast Parade*

Please read the Northeast article submitted by our Association President Pete Hagan for those results.

Next year we are headed to Cornwall, Quebec, to be hosted by Karnak Shriners. I'm sure that will be another good time since our own Ill. Sir Henry Brisson will be helping with the planning.

In November the Melha Oriental Band hosted a Mandarin Degree during the Shrine Centers Fall Ceremonial. We were honored to have three members of the Aleppo Oriental Band come over and join us for the Mandarin Degree that evening. We hope Ron, Jon and Michael enjoyed our hospitality and their visit with the Mandarin!

I would like to congratulate our two newly elected officers of the Melha Oriental Band as Chris Parker is our President Elect and his father Andy Parker is his 1st Vice President. Chris has set a lofty goal for fundraising this year and I look forward to working with him to try and achieve that goal. There is no greater philanthropy than the hospitals that we work so hard for and our own "Ladder of Smiles".

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a very prosperous 2013 as we start the New Year.



**SERGEANT
AT ARMS**
Tom Crow

Hello to all Oriental Bandsman. It is a sad time for Moslah Bedouin Oriental Band. We lost one of the keystones

of our unit, J.R. Batesole. He lost a courageous battle with cancer and gallantly suffered for years from the severe side effects of his treatments. During this time he never let it slow him down no matter what his condition. He was an active member of the Moslah Bedouins as well the ASOB Ambassador to T.A.S.O.B. He had a laugh that would light up a room and a sense of humor that was devious. Many received his photos after he had used his creative abilities to put you in your worst light. As it was said at the service, JR got to the gates of heaven and immediately introduced himself and requested the by-laws and the protocol; it has to be done right.

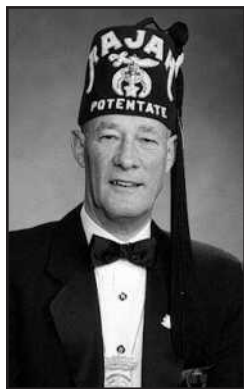
Speaking of doing it right, now is the time to tune your tambourines, change the drum heads, wet your reed and get them ready for the coming parades and competitions. This also means that it is time to make your reservation for the Imperial Session in Indianapolis. The more bands that compete at Imperial, the better the competition is for all. Please talk to your bands now, and let them know how important it is to attend. This is a tremendous opportunity for fun and fellowship.

This is also a good time to think about membership for your band. There are nobles in every Shrine Center that are looking for somewhere to be involved. These Nobles that can be a great addition to your band and you might keep a noble from leaving your Shrine Center because "there is nothing here for me." Don't lose a Noble because we did not extend a welcoming hand to a fellow Noble.

I would like to ask the Ambassadors as well as the Bands to please send me

your calendars for events, parades and competitions. I would like to attend as many events as possible each year. As your ASOB officers we can only attend if we know the schedule.

Yours in the faith,
Tom Crow



**SECRETARY
TREASURER**

Mahlon Hariu

The Dues Notices were sent in October with a CD about the Ladder Of Smiles. Please play this CD, particularly for the new members. It

might also be helpful to review it with your Divans so they know about the Ladder of Smiles. Please try to have your meetings to approve your dues payment and send your remittance before the end of January 2013.

You will notice that our website has undergone some changes. We hope you approve of these changes and continue to view the website for information about the Association. If you have an idea that would benefit this communication tool, please pass it on to your officers for our review at the annual meeting.

I am writing this missive on "Black Friday" with the TV blaring about all the people at the malls shopping for the holidays. I always think that there are more people shopping each year, but then again there are more people on this earth.

Elsewhere in this issue is the information for the 2013 Imperial. I was at the last Imperial in Indianapolis and it is a very walkable city. We will be housed at a downtown hotel, within walking distance of the Convention Center and Headquarters Hotel and shopping. Join us for a great time and wonderful competition.

Yours in the Faith,
Mahlon

APPOINTMENTS



**LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN**
Michael Hartup

Greetings from Kansas. As I write this article the weather outside is delightful... or not, 76 one day and 16 the next. One of

these days Mother Nature is going to give us a "Gotcha" and decide to let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

In October, 2nd Vice President David McCarthy, Lady Sandy, Maggie and I spent two weeks in Italy drinking wine, eating pasta, drinking more wine, enjoying the scenery, drinking a lot of wine, eating chestnuts roasted on an open fire, and of course the ladies went shopping.

The Black Camel visited one of our own, Noble J.R. Batesole. J.R. worked tirelessly as Texas Ambassador for the A.S.O.B. and was a champion for the Ladder of Smiles. His shoes will be hard to fill. Noble Johnnie Wallace from the Moslah Bedouins volunteered to be acting ambassador in honor of his good friend.

I know it seems early, but it is never too early to make your reservations for Imperial Session. The 2013 Imperial Session is in Indianapolis, Indiana. Check the dates, practice the competition piece, and get those registrations in! The forms are in this issue.

I know times are not the best for some 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.

If your band or association has a special or unique fundraising event, please include that information in your Na Khabar articles. We all need new and different ways to raise money for our hospitals.

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

I bid you peace,
Mike



**FIRST
100 CLUB
CHAIRMAN**
Morrie Toretzky

Greetings from the Land of sky blue waters! We had a beautiful fall, it was dry and unusually warm, with a few hot days.

We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

The black camel visited one of our great members, Norman J. Fournier (Melha), our sympathies and condolences go out the family. Many times no one notifies me of any changes, and that is hard to keep the roster up to date.

We need new members in the First 100 Club. Please mail your name, address, shrine center and a check for \$100.00 for each application to Morrie Toretzky, 2551 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Make checks payable to First 100 Club ASOB. You will find an application on the following page.

On Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at 7 AM, we will have the First 100 Club Breakfast at the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites. That address is 120 West Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Please keep me up to date on any changes. Thank you for your contributions and support.



APPLICATION FOR THE A.S.O.B. FIRST 100 CLUB

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AMBASSADORS



FLORIDA
Robert E. Stihler

I trust all had a Very Merry Christmas and wish all a Joyous and Prosperous New Year. With a new year upon us, let's strive to

do our best in gaining new members. I know all the Bands could use additional Puffers and Pounders. Additionally, let's put forth continued efforts to help meet President Lonnie Merriman's Ladder of Smiles goal of \$85,000 and 100% participation.

Again, I want to congratulate the Great Sahib Band on their most successful participation at the 2012 Imperial Session. They are, indeed, a Great Band.

The Egypt Oriental Band is gearing up to provide a memorable FSOBA Convention at Tampa, FL in May. The Band's Tong #54 and Dragg'n Lady Dungeon #16 will present their respective degrees. Let's spread the

word to all, that these degrees are open to all the Nobility and their Ladies. Proceeds from the degrees are contributed to the Ladder of Smiles.

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 MASOBA meeting was held in Virginia Beach on September 7, 2012 with all line officers present. Ted Werkeiser

presided over his last meeting and Jim Miller was elected as our new president. All officers moved up one spot as Ted became a "has been". Wayne Grumbein was elected as Sgt. at Arms. This makes a third generation in the MASOBA line as both his father and grandfather have served as president of MASOBA. The officers were installed by Ill. Sir Foster Snively of the Jaffa Shrine Center.

Ten Past Presidents were present as were ASOB officers 2nd VP Vince Bobrosky, Sec/Treas Ill. Sir Mahlon Hariu, Sec/Treas Emeritus Bud Moore and myself. The Ladder of Smiles raised \$447.00 by donation, parade registration and fines.

There was no stage competition due to lack of bands. However 4 bands competed on the street: Lulu, Lancaster County, Irem were on Floats and Jaffa marched. The results were Jaffa took first place marching, Jaffa's drum major also took 1st place honors in that category. Irem took first place riding with Lulu in second place.

The mid-winter meeting will be hosted by Rajah Oriental band held in Reading on February 23, 2013. This will be followed in the evening by the combined Rajah/Lancaster Co. ladies/

past presidents banquet with dancing to follow. For more information and reservations contact John Grumbein at jkgrumbein@aol.com.



L-R: Sec/Treas John Grumbein, Sgt. at Arms Wayne Grumbein, 3rd VP Rob Reed, 2nd VP Steve Slogic, 1st VP Jay Laser, President Jim Miller



NORTHEAST
Jim Woodley

Greetings to all my fellow bandsmen.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the bands that participated in

this year's fantasy competition.

It was truly an honour to help present the award for top oriental band and duet. The dedication and the enthusiasm displayed during the competition made it all the more inspiring to both me and the crowds of onlookers.

The shrine oriental band units are some of, if not the oldest units in our respective temples. It is with this in mind that I reflect on this year's fantasy competition, realizing that we carry both a long heritage of participation and pride in representing our respective temples.

It is my hope that we, as bandsmen, can continue to inspire other members of our organization to come out and participate.

It is up to us to carry the flag forward. Now is the time for us to work together.

I look forward to seeing all of you, both new faces and old, at next year's fantasy competition in Cornwall, Ontario.

Again I would like to express my congratulations to all participants.

Sincerely yours
Noble Peter Hagan
N.E.S.O.B.A PRESIDENT



1st Place - Peter Hagan & Bob Haley



*2nd Place - Mike Avery
& Arnie Pepper*



*Maple Leaf Trophy - Bob Haley,
Jack Zimmerman & Jeff Moores*

See you at the **Midwinter Meeting**
April 4 - April 6, 2013
in Sioux Falls, South Dakota!

Summary of Changes to the By-Laws

1. In the header, remove "A.A.O.N.M.S." and replace with "Shriners International."
2. Change year amended to be the year we approve the changes, Possibly 2013.
3. In Article 1, Section 1, remove "of North America, A.A.O.N.M.S."
4. In Article 1, Section 2, replace "the North American Association" with "this Association".
5. In Article 1, Section 3, replace "the Imperial Council North American Shrine Organization" with "Shriners International".
6. Create a new section in Article 1 defining the Ladder of Smiles to read "Section 4 – This association will facilitate and manage a Fund known as the "Ladder of Smiles" to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children."
7. In Article III, Section 1, replace "Sessions of the Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S." with "Annual Session of Shriners International."
8. In Article IV, Section 7, subsection (a), replace "printed" with "published", since we have now gone to an electronic format for several issues each year.
9. In Article IV, Section 7, subsection (a), correct typo, "with" was misspelled.
10. In Article IV, Section 7, subsection (b), change that the bond shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary/Treasurer and A.S.O.B. records.
11. In Article IV, Section 8, remove reference to the quantity of issues for the Na Khabar.
12. In Article IV, Section 8, correct typo "Secretary-Treasure" should read "Secretary Treasurer"
13. In Article IV, Section 8, remove last sentence of Section 8. The association uses a non shriner as the editor of the Na Khabar, so this report cannot be made at the Annual Meeting.
14. In Article VIII, Section 1, replace "printing" with "publication", since we have now gone to an electronic format for several issues each year.
15. In Article VIII, Section 2, add the year and location that these By-Laws revision are adopted.

BAND NEWS



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

<http://www.oband.mysite.com>

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,



THE ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND



THE OFFICIAL ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND LOGO

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From the Second Thursday in January
To the Second Thursday in November

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Greetings to all from the "Oasis of the Mouse," that's Orlando... as in Florida. I trust all had a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous Prosperous New Year.

The Bahia Oriental Band had a good year of 2012, although we could use some new Puffers and Pounders. Our Annual Fish Fry on Good Friday and the June Stated Meeting Dinner were successful and looking forward to these events in 2013.

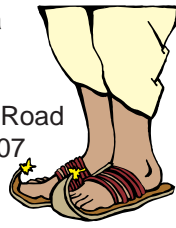
The 2012 Band Officers were "re-elected" and will remain in place for 2013.

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

Ben Ali

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Greetings from your Ben Ali Bengal Lancers in Northern California's capital city of Sacramento. We have been somewhat busy this past quarter as we have participated in parades, special functions and ceremonials.

We had our 2013 officers installed at our November 2012 dinner which took place at one of our favorite dining places in Sacramento "Espanol's." Our WASOB President Ed Killmer installed the following: Dave Glass, Sultan; Risk Heins, Rajah; and Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Krummel. The Quartermaster position will be filled with volunteer Noble Dave Glass. At the installation

of officers dinner we had, as our very special guests, Ben Ali's High Priest and Prophet Sid Leutholz and his lady Margaret.

Our unit will be sporting new band jackets which will be black with beautiful bright symbols and colorful lettering. Noble Glass has been able to locate and purchase them from a very reputable dealer.

Since our last communications we lost one of our dearest and most valuable veteran members. Noble Roy Ono was taken from us in an auto accident on 1 November 2012. Roy always drove our unit in all of our many parades. He received a MVV "Most Valuable Veteran" award and plaque in 2011. He is going to be very much missed. Past Potentate and veteran SOB Dan Scott spoke for the unit at his church service and delivered the Masonic funeral service at the Sacramento veterans cemetery. Again Roy was a very special and much loved member of our unit and will be missed by all.

As you read this communication we will have had our various meetings that will inform and prepare us for the upcoming 2013. We are looking forward to a productive year and hoping for new members to join our ranks.

Until next time as the late and ever so great Red Skelton always said, "God Bless."

Cairo

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Greetings from the green mountains of Vermont. At present, they are still green, but will be white in the very near future. The band is now in hibernation for the winter, still have eight music players and a driver, Wayne Fisher, that pulls

our float. Clyde Twitchell, our cow bell player is still active at the age of 92.

Sorry we missed Bangor for the Northeast, I was looking forward to going, and from there to camp in the North Maine Woods. It's a shame how the bands in the Northeast don't compete anymore and have fewer members to play, our band included.

The black camel came to our tent, taking Louis Levasseur, a charter member of the band, learning the ways of our music from Melha Oriental Band in 1977 going to Springfield, Massachusetts, to practice every Friday. Louis was quite man, getting me in the Blue Lodge, Cairo, and then the oriental band. We had an awful lot of fun together. This leaves one charter member left, Don Stockwell, former scribe to the NA KHABAR is in a nursing home in Vernon, Vermont.

Our secretary's wife, Cammie Allen, had quite a time of it. She now has a pacemaker to keep her heart ticking normally. It sure is a lot of fun when you get into the 50s. Hoping all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to all a good night.

Irem

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***"Best Oriental Band in Parade"
at MASA***

Salaam, oh travelers of the desert. Relax, quench your thirst with some camels milk and abide with us to some fascinating tales of the Irem OB.

Our band at the recent MASA convention at Virginia Beach was

awarded by the judges - "Best Oriental Band in Parade". This was truly a memorable occasion particularly since 2012 is the 101st anniversary year of our band. Director Fred Dietrich and President James Mason as well as all the band members were jubilant in our efforts. A reverberating rap on the gong by Jim Mason is extended to musetters Steve Dreater and Jim Connors; drummers Bob Rhoads, Olin Evans and Jim Hudock; tambouriners Jim Roberts and Luke Schofield and percussionists Jack Powell, Joe Albert and Luke Schofield.

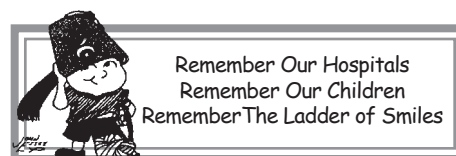
On November 13 our "Sons of the Desert" gathered for our 102nd Annual Reorganization meeting. After a brief but spirited campaign with a minimum of mud-slinging and promises, the Irem Sahibs made their mark in the sands as the following Camel Herders were elected to guide us through the coming year. They are Director Fred Dietrich, President James Hudock, Vice president James Connors, Secretary Olin Evans, Treasurer Robert Rhoads, Financial Secretary Stephen Dreater, Captain of Drums Bob Rhoads and Captain of Musettes Steve Dreater.

I would be remiss if I did not say "THANKS" to our immediate Past President James Mason. He did a bang-up job these past two years and had many activities and ideas to keep the band on the go.

Our band recently participated in the Wyoming Valley Veterans Parade with thousands of spectators applauding us along the parade route.

As the wailing winds bring winter's white covering to our oasis, we will be forced to keep our tent flaps closed and nestle by the fireside. However, we will be looking forward to the Scranton upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Annual Irem Shrine Circus.

Until the next time - keep in mind the Ladder of Smiles!



Khartum

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Welcome Nobles, from the great white north. This year the title great white north is most appropriate because the prairies, where Khartum lives, has had a major snowstorm just recently. This was the first snowstorm of the year and, as usual, caused havoc on the highways and on the other types of streets with vehicles sliding into ditches and into each other. We motorists seem to forget how to drive on snowy and icy conditions that we encounter here every winter. It does keep driving interesting though, to say the least.

This month our Band elected a new slate of officers for the ensuing year. These Nobles will be installed at our next meeting at our "Gentlemen's Dinner" which is a tradition of the Band's. We generally, at this time of year, enjoy the camaraderie of sitting down and socializing over a good meal. Later, the officers are installed into their respective offices and that pretty well sums up what occurs at such meetings. It is really quite a nice evening as business generally is kept to a minimum, allowing the evening to remain focused on the hope for a good year for the Band and its members.

We also have our Ladies Night coming up. This is where we pay respect to our Ladies and widows of the Band. Generally held at an upscale restaurant, in a quiet area within the restaurant or in a separate room. This is an informal evening, and we almost always invite Nobles from other units and their Ladies to join us. This makes for a very pleasant evening.

In terms of music, we should be playing at the Potentate's Reception although we still have not received an official request, as yet. This is where the new Potentate receives the Nobles of Khartum and invited guests. It is a very nice reception, again a very positive

and harmonious gathering. The Band always enjoy playing our music at this event.

Well Nobles, it's time to put my keyboard away, turn off my computer and do what I do best: sitting on the chesterfield falling asleep while watching television. As usual, we wish all Nobles continued good health and don't forget about our kids.

Khiva

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As this is written it is almost December. So far it's hard to grasp that especially when Khiva Country is experiencing such awesome weather right now. It will all balance out later with usual unpleasant weather. Also, it seems just yesterday since last writing this column in July. Such is time now that things seem to happen faster the more "seasoned" one becomes. Twenty-thirteen has arrived quickly, that is assuming there will be a new year. It seems that some visionaries feel that the earth ends as we know it, on the 21st of December. Well, if you are reading this, it didn't happen.

Preparations now being made for our 2012 officers nominations, elections and our Christmas party. We were invited to participate in the Christmas Parade of Lights in downtown Amarillo on the evening of November 30th. The past few years have almost been short sleeve weather, and this year was no exception. The parade is now one of the largest in Amarillo, even rivaling our fair parade. We enjoyed being in it again this year with our float illuminated with lights, our music quite "impromptu" and having a great time representing Khiva Shriners. The parade theme was "The Nutcracker" so what do we do? We get one of our "shorter" members in a squirrel costume, holding two large acorns with a banner overhead

that reads, "The Original Nutcracker". I don't think it won any parade awards as this was perhaps too conceptual for the small ones- we routinely have a different slant on things in this Band.

Khiva Shrine Center's largest fund raiser was for decades, the circus. But, over the years, it became more of a loss than an asset for the Shrine Center. So, in its place, over the last 10 years, our Center has had a great party night where the door prize is a truck, a Cadillac or this year, a 2013 Corvette. The "Lucky '13 Party", as it was named this year by our Chief Rabban, was held on October 13th and the Band volunteered to man the bars. The Shrine Center had a total population of 600-800 that night on three floors and as one would assume, our Oriental Band mixologists toiled keeping the libations pouring as lines for drinks snaked around corners at times. Afterwards, from the Chief Rabban's mouth, "proceeds from that night will greatly lessen the financial pressure on Khiva Shrine in 2013" and Khiva Oriental Band contributed to the bottom line by keeping the liquid flowing.

The Oriental Band, in the early to mid-nighties, held a two-day sabbatical of sorts later called "Skunk Fest" due to those varmints who would pay them a visit or two or three... "Skunk Fest" traditionally starts on Friday evening and members would camp over-night and participate in fellowship with one another before the Saturday fun when family and friends were invited to join in. After more than fifteen years, "Stu" Stuart and the "older guard" of the Band decided to reestablish the two-day event at the tranquil, private pond northwest of Amarillo where it had always been held. With what little rain we have had this fall, it decided to rain on that planned weekend, so Skunk Fest was rescheduled a few weeks later on October 19th & 20th.

Friday evening, had only a sliver of moon, very dark, full of bright stars and muffled sounds of swoosh, swoosh from almost over-head wind turbine towers. With beverages abound, we

were treated to ribs and sausage thanks to our Caliph, Joe Brewton. After the Illustrious Sir and Chief Rabban arrived, a group of about 16 talked about every relevant and irrelevant subject, except party politics (praise be), around a campfire that burned strong until early morning. Sometimes, we broke up into small groups, some of which attempted to chip golf balls across the large water hazard into strategically placed feed buckets. Using one heck of a flashlight to illuminate the buckets, some shots made it to the other side but a majority didn't and you would hear an inevitable sound of bloop in the inky waters. Later a line formed under the tent pounding (tenderizing), and seasoning steaks for the planned next day lunch. With the evening cool settling in, everyone would migrate back to the campfire to toast whatever side that needed warmth. There were a few that chose to tent that night, but most who stayed attempted to sleep within the confines of their vehicles. One, who you would have thought to have known better, tried to sneak out of his SUV to relieve himself only to reveille the camp with an anti-theft alarm at 3:30 am.

The next morning, all present were treated with omelets to order by our Emir, John Meyer and a dutch oven breakfast casserole by our Sultan, Rick Beecher accompanied with breakfast potatoes by son, Tim Beecher. More fun and activities, until lunch when the steaks were served off the Caliph's grill. Salad, baked potato and dessert accompanied our meal. After some digestion, we pulled our stakes up and were out of there by 3:30. My two-day recollections of the event were (are) clouded by a home made "October Octane" libation served up the night before. We may need to rename this. No Skunks showed up- someone forgot to bring them. Hopefully this will happen again this year- it was a great time.

Two of our members, Don and Rita Schrowangen, recently toured the Shriners Hospital in Montreal, Canada, and they returned with quite an impression of the plans they saw on

display for the elaborate new facility currently under construction. Don told us that it will be the largest Shrine hospital in our system when complete.

We learned at our November stated meeting that locally, there is a Shriners Hospital patient that from birth was expected to never walk, but after her treatments from Shriners, not only does she walk, she is on the varsity track team at a local high school. Madison, as her senior project, organized a charity 5K “fun run” on December 1st with all the proceeds going to the Hospitals. Thanks to our patients like Madison and our 2012-2013 Patient Ambassadors, J  r  my Gabriel and Hunter Woodall, that give back by representing all that is right about our kids and Shriners Hospitals.

Before, I close, with the passing of our ASOB Texas Ambassador, J.R. Batesole in late November, we belatedly wish to express our sincerest sympathies to the Batesole family. May God bless you, as he did us, for allowing us to know J.R. in what little time we have on this earth.

Here’s hoping that, so far, Lucky ‘13 is going well for all of us.

the scribe



Breakfast at Skunk Fest



Happy hour before the friday ribs



Lots of people along the Electric Light Parade



Oriental Band manning the bar at the Khiva Lucky 13 Party



Pitch wedge in total darkness



Site of Skunk Fest 2012



The Caliph leads the drums along side the KOB float in the Electric Light Parade



The Squirrel on the KOB Electric Light Parade float

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Louisville, KY 40220
(502) 499-2090
(502) 438-0667 Cell



Es Selamu Aleikum from the winningest band in the SESOBA. The great Kosair Oriental Band.

We have accomplished everything we set out to do this year, it was great. Many parades, three ceremonials, Arch Mason presentation and a few to do’s around the Shrine Center. Thanks to our President Estill Jackson and all of his committees for jobs well done.

Kosair set out to bring in 220 new Shriners this year but fell a few short, however our numbers improved dramatically. In addition, our Band has increased. By the way, Kosair celebrates its 125th year through the end of 2012.

The Oriental Band has been around since 1919. We call ourselves Nomads, just wandering through the desert. All of our uniforms are different and we play some really weird instruments as most Oriental Bands do.

We had elections for the upcoming year and Al Dixon was elected President, Paul Moon to 1st Vice President, Estill Jackson to 2nd Vice President and Joe Graves to Secretary/Treasurer. Charles "Chuck" Strothman will continue to be our appointed Unit Director. Our percussion Director will continue to be Joe Graves and Jack Diehl will continue to be our Band/Horn Director. Our Drum Major/Genie Earl Arnett will continue and our truck/float driver will continue to be Bud Houghton. Bud does a great job of getting us to all the parades.

After our installation and Christmas Party we will be setting our sights on our first fund raiser for 2013, a Mardi Gras Costume party and dance in February. We have several projects planned each year concerning fund raising, this being just our first for the year.

The SESOBA will have its elections and competition in the Spring in Lexington, KY. We would like to put on a Mandarin Degree but need help. If anyone has knowledge of the degree and how we go about setting it up, please let me know. If anyone is interested in attending the SESOBA in 2013, contact the Olieka Shrine Center in Lexington or call us, we would be glad to help.

It has been several years since we competed at the Imperial. We will be in Indianapolis in 2013. We are practicing every chance we get. We really want to compete and do well. With the direction we get from Jack and Joe, we should do pretty well or at least we sincerely hope to.

Possibly this time next year we will have a new Shrine Center (Temple). We just sold the Kosair building to a local college. Our Planning Committee is looking at several locations to find a suitable location, be it raw land for a new building or an existing building we can renovate.



This picture of the Kosair Oriental Band was taken at our last competition in Nashville, TN, at Al Mena Temple.

Until next time,
Aleikum Es Selam

Melha
Springfield, Massachusetts

Jeff Moores
spanmoon67@yahoo.com



Greetings from much trampled Western Massachusetts, apparently ground zero for climate change and the next apocalypse. After enduring hurricanes, tornados, freak unseasonable blizzards, and earthquakes, the Melha Oriental Band stands strong.

Our shrine centers annual ceremonial just brought a new class of shiners into the world, and right there to greet them was the Mandarin. We introduced 16 to the Mandarin and all proceeds go to the Ladder of Smiles, Ahh So! What a great way to end the year with a fun time had by all.

Now that it's winter, all the parade outfits are put away for the year and we focus planning on how we're going to be the top contributor to the Ladder of Smiles in 2013, watch out EL Karubah. Congrats to all of our members for helping us be the second highest in 2012 with \$11,565. There are so many events we do that helped us reach this.

We had great golf tournament numbers this year, but not so great golf, as a massive thunderstorm prevented us from playing (and struck the house next to my parents with lightning, very scary). Vincent Callahan did a great job with organizing our many paper drives this year. Our president elect, Chris Parker did an outstanding job with his pasta night, and as always Gary and Terry Moreau with all of their bus trips. A lot of work goes into organizing all these events and without them we would not be able to contribute what we do. A him for all these folks, and if there's anyone I forgot, please curse me out at the next business meeting.

Some of the Melha OB made it to Charlotte in 2012 and had a blast. We hope we can show up in Indy in 2013 and show all of you how much fun we have with Melha. We have our annual circus coming up in May of 2013, so if any of you are in the area, come stop by and see why it's the greatest show on earth. We can always use extra volunteers, and have a great hospitality room for those that do come to see us. Well fellow sons of the desert, wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

Nile
Seattle, Washington

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Sitting here looking at the frost on the roofs of the other condos in my housing area. Not a pretty picture as it reminds me of the upcoming road conditions to follow later on this winter! I know I wax whiny but, snow removal in these parts SUCKS!

Thanksgiving just passed and the turkey carcass is in the freezer pending a date with the boiler to make soup! My Lady Debra did a finest kind effort for the holiday and I tried to be good but may have put on a couple.

This week, the Band is to decorate the lobby of the Shrine Center under the able leadership of Lady Henrietta

Armfield and the Draggin Ladies of the Nile Shrine. I predict that it will look grand as usual. The Band members always assist with this venture as well.

December 1st is the Annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Center with prime rib being on the menu! It will be good!

January 5th brings the band to being both the Honor Guard for the Investiture of the incoming Potentate Jim Hutchins. We are also scheduled to play for the event as well. Our fearless leader, Jim Hart, has us practicing diligently for the event. As diligently as 25 men can maintain their attention span to play a single tune! Scary thought, though I am certain we will rise to the occasion.


We will be electing new officers for the forthcoming year in December. So I will report results for this in the next missal. I will add here the Joachim "Acki" Muller did a good job leading us through the Desert this year! The next two years will be interesting!

We will be doing a Tong Degree really soon and am looking forward to seeing the countenances of Nobles as they behold the Mandarin!!!

I cannot think of much else to add excepting to say that we here in the great North West wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, especially those who fell victim to Sandy!

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
Reading, Pennsylvania

Mahlon Hariu, P.P.
636 Ridge Street
Emmaus, PA 18049-2223
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Es Selamu Aleikum from the winningest

Band in MASOBA. The World Famous Rajah Shrine Oriental Band is alive and well having just finished our abbreviated parade season. We only had six town parades this fall due to many towns holding their parades on the same nights. There are usually four weekends in October, and about thirty towns try to hold their parade on the weekend. As you can see, this doesn't work to the benefit of the parade participants. The only problem with being in a parade, is that you don't get to hear the other bands, many of which are very good. This area in particular has high schools with wonderful music programs, not to mention the numerous colleges, large and small, with great music programs. There are any number of high school and college music programs throughout the year that anyone can attend if you desire.

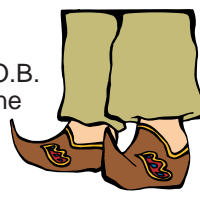
December is Ceremonial time at Rajah, and we are in rehearsal for the wonderful music that we provide to the attendees. It is truly gratifying to hear them clamor for more as we leave the stage. We would acknowledge the standing ovations with more of our wonderful music, but it seems that most Potentates have a tin ear and each and every one threaten us, within an inch of our lives, if we play another note.

After the Ceremonial, we put our instruments away for a couple of months for a long overdue vacation, then it is back to weekly rehearsals for Imperial. We will see if we can get the fellows to go this year since it is so close.

Until next time,
Aleikum Es Selam,
Mahlon

Sahib
Sarasota, Florida

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Twenty-twelve has come to an end so Happy 2013 to all. The best part will be it's NOT AN ELECTION YEAR!!

Our hearts go out to all who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Know that all of us in Sarasota feel for you.

It's been a busy fall season for us. We participated in the Englewood Pioneer Days Parade, the Venice Sun Fiesta Parade, the Venice Christmas Parade, the Sahib Fall Ceremonial, the Sarasota Christmas Parade (huge crowd) and are looking forward to the Children's Christmas Party which our band plays a great part in.

Our band lost a great member and even a greater friend when the black camel visited Chris Kellog in October. Our sympathy goes out to his wife of 60 years lady Peg. He played the drum with us at Imperial in Charlotte this past July. He will be very much missed.

Our "Best O.B. Director in Shrinedom; FLOYD LaDue has us practicing regularly so we can be in good shape with all that is going on in December.

Come January it's all practice for the Imperial in July in Indianapolis. I hope Norm Wold, and his No Show Band can make it to Imperial this year.

Wishing all a very Happy & Prosperous New Year from The Great Sahib Oriental Band.

Yours in the faith,
Greek

Zem Zem
Erie, Pennsylvania

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Seasons Greetings from the southern shores of Lake Erie. The holidays are over and a new year beginning. We held our elections and Tom Carr was elected to lead us for the following year. Herb Armes is the VP, John Seastead is still the keeper of the purse and I am still the corresponding Secretary as well as director. I just can't get anybody that wants to get up and wave their arms and shake their fists at the group. The instruments are getting their winter rest

so they will be ready to go in the spring.

Our Christmas get together was held at the Shrine Center on December 9th. In attendance were several Divan members as our guests. We also had a very special guest, Emily Mellish, one of the Shriner kids. In her brief 7 years she has had 16 operations. She was born with spina bifida and severe Scoliosis and a severely constricted left leg. She undergoes bi-annual surgeries to lengthen the rod in her back as she grows. She is now supporting a cast on her left leg as she has had operations to straighten and lengthen her leg. While recovering from her surgeries she started making bead bracelets, which she sells and gives the money to the Shrine Hospital (Erie Unit) in her words "to help other kids." She has donated over \$9,500.00 back as her way of saying, "Thank You Shriners." If you would like to see a video of this amazing little girl, go to www.facebook.com/Beads4Needs. This is a child that the doctors said when she was born would probably never be able to sit up. This is why we need to support the Ladder of Smiles for children like Emily.

Let me leave you with this thought - The darkest night that ever fell on Earth never put out the stars. For the Mellish family, I am sure that Emily's condition when she was born it would have been that dark night, but as Emily grows the stars are shining brightly.



Emily Mellish

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***

Amara Oriental Band

Wishes the ASOB 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**

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

August through November 2012

In Memory Of

Chris Kellogg

By: Sahib Oriental Band
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By: Northeast Shrine Oriental
Band Association

Harold Miller

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Lonnie And Linda Merriman

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By: J. V. "Bud" Moore

Ruth F. Nichols

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By: Jan L. Withee

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By: Beni Kedem Oriental Band

Scottie Alford

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J.V. "Bud" Moore

Don Beck

By: Isaac And Lois Bomberger
J.V. "Bud" Moore

In Honor Of

William Cuevas, Jr

By: Lancaster County Shrine Club
Oriental Band

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 e-mail a high resolution photo for better quality. Articles written for the Na Khabar may be edited. Thank you!

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Zenobia



Meets 1st Monday of every month.

Zenobia Shrine
8048 Broadstone Blvd.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

2013 IMPERIAL SESSION

June 29 thru July 3, 2013



A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel

Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites

120 West Market Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204



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

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SUNDAY NIGHT DANCE ● **COMPETITION** ● **PARADE** ● **BANQUET** ● **INCOMING PRESIDENT**
for everybody (if it works out) **LUNCHEON**

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

To: Mahlon Hariu
Re: 2012 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session
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A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

The Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites
120 West Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 972-0600

I/We plan to attend the 2013 ASOB Imperial Council Session. Please reserve a room at the ASOB Headquarters Hotel, The Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites

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 \$142.00 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: _____



ASOB IMPERIAL SCHEDULE



Saturday, June 29

- 3 PM Elected Officers Meeting.....Location: Circle City 11
Dress: Casual
Owner: Lonnie Merriman
- 4 PM Hospitality Room OpensLocation: TBA
Competition & Delegate Registration, Banquet tickets on sale
Owners: Scot Duncill & Jeff Moores

Sunday, June 30

- 8 AM Hospitality Room OpensLocation: TBA
- 10 AM Elected Officers and Past Presidents MeetingLocation: Circle City 10
Dress: casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, jewel or name tag
Owner: Lonnie Merriman
- 11 AM-3 PM Competition and Delegate Registration, Banquet tickets on sale
Owners: Scot Duncill & Jeff Moores
- 2 PM Hospitality Room Closes
- 3-5 PM President's Reception (by Invitation)Location: TBA
Dress: red jacket, tan pants, ASOB shirt and tie, jewel name tag and fez
Ladies dress business casual with name tag
- 5:30 PM Music Director's Meeting.....Location: Circle City 11
Owners: Scott Duncill & Jeff Moores
- 6:30 PM Dinner on your own
- 8-11 PM Dance PartyLocation: Indianapolis Ballroom

Monday, July 1

- 7 AM Make-up Room Opens.....Location: Circle City 11
- 10 AM Parade CompetitionLocation: Convention Center
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, jewel, name tag and fez (for those not competing)
Ladies where your favorite color
Owner: Scot Duncill
- Fantasy Competition immediately after paradeLocation: Convention Center
Owner: Scot Duncill
- After Fantasy, Delegate Registration and Banquet Tickets
Owners: Scot Duncill & Jeff Moores
Hospitality Room Opens

- 4 PM Hospitality Room Closes
On your own for dinner
Imperial Parade Monday night, enjoy yourself watch the parade
- After Parade Hospitality room opens

Tuesday, July 2

- 8 AM Sergeant at Arms Breakfast.....Location: Circle City 8
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or shorts, jewel, name tag and fez
Owner: Tom Crow
- 9 AM Hospitality Room Opens
- 11 AM First Ladies Luncheon.....Location: Corydon Room
Dress: business casual
Owner: Linda Merriman
- 5 PM Cocktail Reception (by invitation).....Location: TBA
Dress: Formal tux with white dinner jacket, white tux shirt, black tux pant, black shoes, jewel and fez (no name tag)
Ladies Dress: Formal (cocktail attire)
Owners: Lonnie Merriman and Vince Bobrosky
- 6 PM Social HourLocation: Victory Ballroom
- 7 PM President's Awards Banquet
Dress: same as reception
Owners: Lonnie Merriman and Vince Bobrosky

Wednesday, July 3

- 7 AM First 100 Club BreakfastLocation: Restaurant
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or shorts, jewel, name tag, no fez
Owner: Morrie Toretsky
- 8-9 AM Hospitality Room Opens
- 9 AM ASOB Annual MeetingLocation: Circle City 11
Dress: red jacket, tan pants ASOB shirt and tie, jewel name tag and fez
Owner: Lonnie Merriman
- 9 AM Ladies Gift ExchangeLocation: Corydon Room
Dress: to be determined by Maggie
Owner: Maggie
- 11:30 AM Incoming President's LuncheonLocation: Indianapolis Ballroom
Dress: same as ASOB Meeting
Owner: Vince Bobrosky
- 2 PM Executive Committee Meeting
Dress: travel clothes
- 3 PM Hospitality Room Opens



2013 Imperial Session A.S.O.B. Meal Reservation Request Form



Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites • 120 West Market Street • Indianapolis, IN 46204

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2013

Noble's Name _____

Lady's Name _____

Shrine Center _____

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BANQUET

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 • Cocktails (no host) 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM

Please mark your choice of Entrée, \$52.00 per person, U.S. or CDN Funds

_____ **Herb Crusted Tilapia Filet**

_____ **Roasted Sirloin of Beef**

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

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, July 3, 2013 • Cocktails (no host) 11:00 AM / Lunch 11:30 AM

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

_____ **Pan Seared Salmon**

_____ **Roasted Pork Loin**

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

Amount Enclosed

Please make your cheque/check **payable to Jeff Moores** and remit to:

Jeff Moores

129 Spruceland Ave.

Springfield, MA 01108-2519

Midwinter Meeting

Thursday, April 4 through Saturday, April 6, 2013

Country Inn and Suites, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 / Phone 605-373-0153

Ask for ASOB Lonnie Merriman room rate.

\$82.00 a nite (plus tax)

Thursday

- Hospitality Room Open
- Informal Officers Meeting

Friday

- ASOB Midwinter Meeting - 10 AM
- Ladies Get-Together and Brunch
- Dinner on Linda and I at a local establishment - 6 PM

Saturday

- Trip to the Falls in Sioux Falls and lunch on Linda and I - 10 AM
- Dinner at a local supper club - 6:30 PM
- El Riad OB Spring Fling (annual fund raiser for our band)
On our band, at El Riad Temple



Visit our website

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*for all the latest
information!*



LET'S KEEP
LOOKING FOR
THOSE NEW
ORIENTAL
BAND
MEMBERS!

*Joanne Oviatt and Emily Mellish
Donor's Recognition Luncheon at the Zem Zem Shrine Center*



Remember the Ladder of Smiles, it's all about the kids!

TOP BANDS

Top 10 Bands

Melha Oriental Band.....	\$6,701.70
Nile Oriental Band	\$4,411.54
El Riad Oriental Band.....	\$4,350.00
Acca Oriental Band.....	\$1,600.00
Amara Oriental Band	\$1,429.46
Midian Oriental Band	\$1,236.00
Abdallah Oriental Band	\$1,200.00
Ismailia Oriental Band	\$1,000.00
Al Bedoo Oriental Band.....	\$804.00
Sahib Oriental Band.....	\$540.00

11-15

Ararat Oriental Band.....	\$500.00
Abou Ben Adhem O.B.....	\$250.00
Rajah Oriental Band.....	\$239.00
El Kahir Oriental Band	\$200.00
Jaffa Oriental Band	\$200.00

Other Bands

El Bekal Oriental Band	\$170.00
Lancaster County O.B.....	\$160.00

Araba Oriental Band	\$150.00
Zenobia Oriental Band.....	\$150.00
Cairo Oriental Band	\$125.00
Al Kader Oriental Band	\$100.00
Arab Oriental Band.....	\$100.00
Khiva Oriental Band	\$100.00
Beni Kedem Oriental Band.....	\$72.00
Lu Lu Oriental Band	\$25.00
Zem Zem Oriental Band	\$25.00
Zuhrah Oriental Band	\$20.00

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:

Scot Duncil

5234 NE Wisteria Drive

Portland, OR 97213-2559

ASOB Imperial Session

Please Print

Band Information

This is Preliminary Information Only

(Name of Band and Temple) _____

City/State _____

Member of Regional Associations _____

Year Organized _____ Number of Members _____ Number Performing _____

Officers: President _____

Vice President(s) _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Director _____

Current Shrine Honors _____

Past Shrine Honors _____

Additional Remarks _____

Submitted By: _____

Date: _____ Title: _____

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

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

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

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

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

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

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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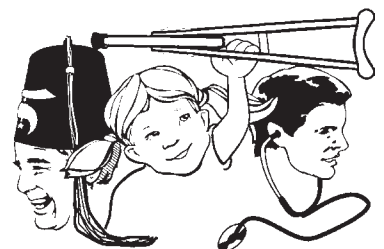
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