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As we count our seasons' blessings, we realize how grateful we are to be in our Oriental Bands and to be able, through the

Ladder of Smiles, to assist monetarily in the operations of our Shriners' Hospitals for Children. Turkey Day was great and has me in the mood for a fine holiday season. By the time you receive this publication, the holidays will be behind us and we will be welcoming 2014.

My year as President began with a trip to Branson, MO, to be with all the great nobles of Central States Shrine Assoc. I was accompanied by Nolan Stanley, SASOBA Ambassador. The competition was actually in three parts, including an outside jam session which everyone seemed to enjoy! The second part was the stage competition inside the convention center, and the third was the downtown convention parade. Because of an intestinal bug, which had "bugged" me all week in various degrees, I missed the business meeting. I do apologize to everyone. It was an honor to be able to install the incoming officers, and especially my friend, Bill Bailey, as President. I know he and the other officers will do a wonderful job. Midian Temple walked away with the best Overall Band trophy and many of the other trophies! Nolan and I were very impressed with how well everything came off at this excellent convention, including the infamous Beer Roll! I'll have to explain this to my fellow OBers. It's a shame we can't do this in Myrtle Beach, since we only have sand dunes to work with!

I'm proud to have attended the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) convention in Virginia Beach for the past five years. On Sept. 6, 2013, at the Business Meeting of the Oriental Bands (MASOBA), Jay Laser took over the reins as President, replacing my friend, Jim Miller, who had a big year. I'm sure Jay will carry on the tradition. Five bands participated in the very large MASA Parade! I have so appreciated MASOBA's hospitality (room) during these years!

My own association, SASA, met in Myrtle Beach, SC, on Sept. 19-21. Thursday, Sept. 19, was Oriental Band Day. We had our business meeting at 8:00 a.m., our competition in the afternoon, and our Awards Banquet in the evening. Sam Samson replaced Larry Gregory as President. Larry did an outstanding job in spite of his wife having serious medical problems. She is so much better now, and we are happy to be able to report this. Sam will do a great job, and it will be a busy year for him as Olieka's Chief Rabban and SASOBA President. The highlight of our evening was the Past Imperial Potentate, Alan Madsen, presenting an update on how the Shrine is doing today, and noting new programs added recently that will be helpful especially in recruiting and retaining members.

In the last Na Khabar, there was a flyer about **Mid-Winter's (April) in Charlottesville**. In this Na Khabar, you will find registration information. Please register by March 10, 2014, as that will be the cutoff date of rooms available to ASOB. We will send out a packet approximately a month or so ahead of time to all ASOB officers, elected and appointed, and including all ambassadors. For any and all Nobles who want to attend, please let me know by email or phone, and I will get the info to you ASAP.

## IMPERIAL IN MINNEAPOLIS!

You will find the registration form

and also the meal form, (and tentative schedule of events) in this Na Khabar. Of course we'll have more information in the May Na Khabar, and also we'll have the same registration and meal forms for you to fill out if you have not already done so. We do not need to travel for our competition; it will be held in the hotel, and the parade will be held near the hotel. The competition registration form is also in this Na Khabar. Please get this in as early as possible. **We would love to have as many bands as possible compete! Competition is fun!**

I hope you enjoyed the holidays, and we're looking forward to seeing you in 2014! Remember to call or email if there is anything I can do to help you. Email: [mlloyd32@comcast.net](mailto:mlloyd32@comcast.net), phones: 804-448-4488, 804-994-4168. And remember, Strike up the Band! After all, this is for the kids!

Yours in the faith,  
Vince



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David  
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Greetings fellow Oriental Bandsmen and the beautiful Ladies as well. By the time this article hits the street, year

2013 will be in the memory books and all of us will be looking forward to 2014's numerous activities and planning our busy schedules.

First I trust every one had great holidays; didn't eat too much turkey and had the very Merriest Christmas possible. Great time for families to share the many blessings we have in this country.

A quick review for 2013 for myself

and my Lady Sandy, was really a very busy year. We had something on our "plate" pretty much every month and we meet so many great folks and have experienced such great hospitality. Each time I attend a mid-winter or an association event I find such great ideas and dynamics that many of our Oriental Bands have in motion. Hopefully we can have many of these ideas presented in the future in our publication. This would be a great project for our ambassadors to pursue and share these many accomplishments.

As you know at this time the 140th Imperial Session is set for July 6 thru 10 in Minneapolis. The Oriental Band activity will be centered in the Commons Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. This property just underwent a 15 million dollar renovation and will be the center of our competitions and meetings and great hospitality. I would suggest that you get your reservations in early as rooms will be at a premium. I am aware of another Temple that has blocked rooms in our hotel as well which will make the "cheese" more binding to obtain a room in this hotel with us. Elsewhere in this Na Khabar you will find the registration information. Get your bands and yourselves in gear and get registered. Although we are not right downtown, we are a reasonably short distance from the convention center; getting there is a breeze. Right outside our front door the new light rail system will whisk you right down town to the convention center or out to the Mall of the Americas in minutes if you find the urge to shop. Of course the hotel shuttle is available there as well as the ever present taxi. As a thought I have also "inherited" the ASOB face book web site page to maintain. Come visit us on face book, but better yet would love for any of you to send me a disc of your band pictures or activities and post them for other to see how OBers have fun and support our all important Ladder of Smiles.

Let me thank all of those who have graciously donated to the fund to date, but don't let up now. ASOB President Vince, having set the goal of \$75k has

crossed his fingers (and maybe his toes) that he will reach this goal by July and present Imperial with the check for the kids and our hospitals. It's up to you to see this a reality comes to pass. You will see that your efforts and contributions do make it all worthwhile. Go In Peace.



## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Scot Duncil

Congratulations to the ASIYA Shrine Temple's Arabian Oriental Band of San Francisco! Competition

was enjoyably entertaining and downright fierce as OB's from the Western Association of Shrine Oriental Bands competed for the coveted "World Championship" trophy. Of course, FUN! and fellowship reigned supreme throughout the four days of socials, competitions and entertainment - although word has it that upon returning home, several Nobles saw chiropractors due to their attempts of trying to keep up with the (much younger & prettier!!) belly dancers that held everyone's "attention" during the weekend.

While in Sacramento, I had the honor of installing a full line of officers for WASOB including Richard Heins as President. A tip-o-the-Fez to WASOB Past President Dave Glass for coordinating the venues, meals, entertainment, etc. Kudo's to President Heins and Noble Glass and Family for a Yeoman's (and "YeoLadies") job to insure a wonderful time was had by all.

I'm confident that not only did it occur at WASOB but perhaps discussions pertaining to dwindling membership within our Oriental Bands, Temple, Association and the Fraternity occur on a regular basis; let me tell you that if I had the solution to correct that, I'd willingly share the fix. I do know that at AL KADER,

we are initiating new Nobles and our Oriental Band is slowly growing - and with younger members at that! Sure we have Nobles in their 90's attend but why do they keep coming? What is it about our Fraternity and Oriental Bands specifically that attracts Nobles? For what it's worth, I personally want to belong to and associate with people who are thoughtful and kind to everyone they meet and are likewise well thought of and liked by others - I know some "civilians" that I wish would join our beloved Fraternity and spread their good-naturedness. I am not one to have relations with or even want to be associated with some folks who are thought of as being discourteous, rude or mean-spirited, and unfortunately, you and I both know people with these unsavory traits, so I just keep my distance. You can't choose your family but you can choose your friends. I have been Blessed with a loving and accepting family and I consider the fine men and women of the Oriental Band as my extended family and hope they continue putting-up with my shenanigans.

So, I believe contributing factors as to why our Temple and the OB Unit may be slowly growing is because people see the FUN! we have, the fellowship we extend to others (remember The Golden Rule!) as well as make them aware of our great Philanthropy; hey, maybe we're on to something! FUN!, Fellowship, F(ph)ilanthropy and Family (whether it be traditional or social). When people are not texting, playing games or talking on their cell-phones, people look at us and watch everything we do so remember your vows and extend a hand, share your shoulder and offer an attentive ear.

This article is, of course, being written around the holidays and thoughts that come to mind are those of appreciation, thanksgiving, love, ("For God so Loved the world the He gave ..."), celebration and however you and yours observe the Holidays and well beyond the new year.

Es salamu alaikum / Peace be upon you!  
Humbly yours in the Faith, Scot





### THIRD VICE PRESIDENT Jeff Moores

As I begin to write this article I realize that it is just the beginning of the holiday season, but by the time you will be reading

it, it will most likely be into the winter and the holiday season will be over. It is also that time of year when we elect new officers to lead our bands for the coming year. My own band just elected our new core of officers for the coming year, and unfortunately we have a Past President filling every officer role this year for the first time in our 66 year history. I suspect that there are many bands around the country that are having the same difficulties. I know that the bands in my Northeast Region are struggling to get new members into the band.

In September I travelled to Cornwall, Ontario, for our Northeast Shrine Oriental Band Association (N.E.S.O.B.A.) meeting and competition at our Northeast Field Days. At our meeting on Friday afternoon, we had a really good discussion about some of the things that we might need to do differently. We had no bands come to compete this year with the exception of the Host Temple, Karnak. We did take the opportunity to elect Noble Ron Henderson from Aleppo Shriners as the President of our Association for the next two years. Congratulations Ron! On Saturday morning, the Karnak Oriental Band treated us to a little exhibition of their talents prior to the parade.



Here is a photo of our NESOBA President Ron Henderson presenting the 1st place Plaque to Noble Jim High.

Next year the Northeast Field Days will be coming to Springfield to be hosted by Melha. This will be the 60th Anniversary of our Northeast Oriental Band Association, so we will be planning some extra activities.

As I am the Competition Chairman this year, I want to discuss the item that was under New Business from the minutes of the Annual Meeting. We had a very good discussion about the competition trophies that we get every year. It is one of the largest expenses that the association incurs for the Imperial Session, and the number of bands that compete every year has been as few as 2 and as many as into the teens. Since we many times do not know how many bands are going to compete until days before the competition, we always plan to have a full complement of trophies. We discussed eliminating the large trophies and going to a plaque. We are considering doing this mainly for two reasons. One, the plaques will be much less expensive than the trophies and two, they will be much easier for the bands who are not driving to be able to pack in their luggage for the trip home. Everyone that was at the Annual Meeting in Indianapolis was in favor of this change. We are going to discuss it once again at our Mid-Winter Meeting in April, so if you have any opinion one way or another, please feel free to send it to me and I will make sure that your voice is heard. As for the coming competition, please let me know if your band intends to compete this year, so we can plan for a great event. You don't always need a big band to compete and win. I came across this photo from the 1990 Imperial Session in Chicago. The Melha Oriental Band at this time had a band in the 20-30 members, but brought only 5 for Imperial. I thought many of you could appreciate the photo, in that it has our ASOB Past President Paul Gluck on the street with the band a good 10 years before he served the

Association. The note on the back of the photo reads "For once Loftus 'in step', Gluck out!" Hope to see you all at our upcoming completion.



Yours in The Faith, Jeff



### FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT Tom Crow

It is time again to say hello to all Oriental Bands men everywhere. I hope all had a Happy Thanksgiving,

Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Now that the holidays are past it is time to get down to Imperial business. Please find the reservation form for the Awards Dinner and the Incoming Presidents Luncheon that are in this issue of the Na Khabar, please return them as soon as possible so that you do not miss these great events.

One of my goals is to increase participation of all bands across ASOB not just at Imperial, but at your local events as well. This will help build your band and get exposure which can help with new members for your band. I would particularly encourage Texas bands to plan to attend Imperial to support your incoming President, and fellow Texan, David McCarthy.

On the same topic, it would be a great help in planning if you could get your reservations in as soon as possible. It is never too early to inform ASOB that

your band will compete in 2014. We want to make everything run as smoothly as possible for competitions, but this requires preplanning.

I would like to thank Central States Shrine Association, especially Past ASOB President and Ladder of Smiles Chairman, Mike Hartup and his lady Maggie, and the Midian Oriental Band for all their wonderful hospitality and all that they did to make our trip to Branson enjoyable. It was a great time.

Texas Association of Oriental Bands (TASOB) will be holding Mid-Winter in Amarillo hosted by Khiva Oriental Band on March 28-30, 2014. If you would like to attend this event please contact Khiva for details. Also, for your calendar, Texas Shrine Association will have their competition in Mesquite, Texas, June 4 thru 7, 2014. If you have dates for your Associations please pass them to the officers so that we can make plans to attend. Hope to see you at Imperial.

Yours in the faith,  
Tom Crow



**SECRETARY  
TREASURER**  
Mahlon Hariu

Summer is over and your officers are hard at work getting everything ready for the 2014 Imperial Convention in Minneapolis.

We will be headquartered at the Minneapolis Commons Hotel, 615 Washington St., Minneapolis, MN. This hotel sits on the campus of the University of Minnesota, right in downtown Minneapolis, a stones throw from restaurants and shopping. For those of you that know how to work a computer, you can Google the hotel for information. It was just renovated this year, so take it easy on the decor. Looks like a good choice to me.

Did you know that the Secretary

and spouse moved to the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA at the end of September? In so doing, his meant a new address, phone number and e-mail address which you will find below:

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I did not order the dues notices before we moved for fear the printer would mail them to the old address. They were ordered the first week we moved, but as of now, have not arrived, so I send them out to all the bands as soon as they arrive at my house. I try to give all the bands ample time to save their money for the dues notice but this year is the exception. I will not be cold hearted about this, so I will give everyone an extra day to mail their information and check back to me.

I hope that all bandsmen and their families had a great holiday. Now it's time to get back to rehearsals for the competition piece. I know that you are all chomping at the bit to get up there on the stage and play your darndest. I wish you every success this coming Imperial and I will be there to spur you on to victory.

Aleikum Es Selam,  
Mahlon

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## APPOINTMENTS

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**LADDER  
OF SMILES  
CHAIRMAN**  
Michael Hartup

Greetings from ever changing Kansas. We went from lush and green to bare and brown and we are now waiting for cold and white. I

don't like "cold and white" but Mother Nature has her own agenda.

The holidays are over and it is time to take a look at events and activities around the A.S.O.B. and other Oriental Bands and their regions. A good place learn about these events is right here in the Na Khabar. The articles from the ambassadors and individual bands should include information about their upcoming activities and events. Any Oriental Band would welcome any bandsman to their meetings, practices, events, and parties. You meet the nicest people and make good friends at these visits.

President Vince announced that the A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting is April 24 - 27 in Charlottesville, VA, during the Dogwood Festival. There is a lot to see and do in that area so it should be a great weekend.

Imperial Session is July 5 - 10 in Minneapolis, MN. The A.S.O.B. hotel is The Commons Hotel on Washington Ave. and I understand that is where the competition will be. It is not too early to get your reservations in because we may not be the only Shriners at that hotel. If you have not attended an Imperial Session, you are missing out on a lot of fun and fellowship as well as making a lot of new friends. A "good time is had by all" who participate in the A.S.O.B. activities. The registration information is in this issue, so make your plans now. See you in Minneapolis!

The Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) competition is August 28 - 30 in Tulsa, OK. The annual CSSA competition is always a fun time and I would love to see some new faces in the crowd. You too can be there and enjoy some of Midian's famous hospitality. If you are interested, call or email me for more information.

President Vince announced that his Ladder of Smiles goal is \$75,000.00 and with half of his term remaining, he is about halfway there. It is only with OUR dedication to OUR kids and OUR hospitals that we can make this happen. Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.

I bid you peace, Mike



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**FIRST  
100 CLUB  
CHAIRMAN**  
Morrie Toretzky

Greetings from the land of sky blue waters. We had a beautiful fall, the weather was just right, but a little

dry. We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. I don't have any notifications for any changes in the roster. Please send me information so I can keep the roster up to date.

The Imperial Session will be here in Minneapolis this coming July and we hope to see many of you here attending it. On Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at 7:00 AM, we will have the First 100 Club Breakfast at the Commons Hotel in Minneapolis. The address is 615 Washington Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55414. 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 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South,

Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55426. Make checks to First 100 Club ASOB. You will find the application with this article. Thank you for your contribution and support.

## AMBASSADORS



**CENTRAL  
STATES**  
Rick Moody

Greetings from the Bands of Central States.

The bands of Central States had another busy year of parading, raising money

for the kids and just having fun. Our convention this year was held in beautiful Branson, Missouri. The host temple, Moolah Shrine, with the help of Abou Ben Adhem put on a first class event. The band participation and competition was tremendous this year, plus, a lot of money was raised for the Ladder of Smiles. It was close but the top overall Band from CSSA was our brothers from Wichita, Kansas-Midian. Congratulations. Well, another new year is upon us. Should you need any help with anything or have any questions concerning Oriental Band stuff, please contact me at [rdmoody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdmoody@sbcglobal.net). I will always try to assist you. Keep playing that beautiful music and remember we play for the kids. Yours fraternally, Rick Moody



**FLORIDA**  
Robert E.  
Stihler

The Florida Bands trust all the Nobility and their Ladies enjoyed a Very Merry Christmas and wish all

a Joyous and Prosperous New Year. Wishes too, that ASOB President Vince Bobrosky and his Officers are on their way to meeting their 2013-2014 Ladder of Smiles goal.

The year of 2013 ended on a positive note for several of the Florida Bands. The November Ceremonial at Sahib Shrine Center had a class of approximately 13 new Nobles, of which, I understand, might bring one or two new members to the Oriental Band. The ceremony was excellent and the Band, under direction of Noble Floyd LaDue, did their usual superb presentation.

Noble Jeff Powers of the Araba Oriental Band reported that their Band had a gain of three new bandmen consisting of musette, glock and drum. Congratulations!

Egypt Oriental Band performed at Egypt's December Ceremonial Parade of Units on 7 Dec. 13, followed by the Showcase of Units. AND ..... following all this, the Band held its annual Christmas Dinner at the Colonnade Seafood Restaurant, orchestrated by Lady Georgia and Noble John Pettibone.

The Bandmen of Azan Oriental Band are working on the FSA/FSOBA Convention scheduled for 4/30/14 to 5/3/14 at Cocoa Beach, FL.

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 election of officers for the upcoming year was held in Virginia Beach at the annual meeting. Results were that everyone

moved up a position with Jay Laser (LCSC) becoming the President with Steve Slogik, Robert Reed, Wayne

Grumbein backing Jay up. The new Sgt. At Arms is Mahlon Riesel (LCSC) whose duty is to carry the blender with him at all times. ASOB Pres. Vince Bobrosky was in attendance at the meeting.

The Mid-winter Meeting will be held in Lancaster on Feb. 22 with the annual combined Past President/Ladies night of the LCSC and Rajah Oriental Bands. It will be held at the Eden Resort Inn in Lancaster. For reservations and more information contact Gerald Fetter, 12 W. Liberty St. Lancaster, PA, 17603. This information is also on the ASOB website. He will be sending out invitations with more information in December. The annual meeting will be held in Virginia Beach on Friday Sept. 5.

It is my sad duty to inform everyone that MASOBA Past President Ted Helsel passed away on November 26. Our condolences go out to Lady Dot and family.

A thought to remember – Handle a problem when it is big enough to see but small enough to solve.



**MID WEST**  
James "Moose"  
Fitzgerald

Greetings to all fellow Oriental Band members throughout Shrinedom. Twenty-thirteen has come and gone. What an

eventful year it was, from the ASOB Mid-Winter meeting in Sioux Falls, Imperial convention in Indianapolis and our mid West Shrine Association meeting in Duluth, MN. Throw in a handful of parades throughout the summer and it was a busy but fun time.

Our Mid West Shrine Association meeting was held in Duluth, MN 14-17 August. We had 3 bands compete but had fellow Nobles representing all other Mid West active bands. El Riad took the top spot with AAD and Kartum in hot pursuit. Prior to our stage competition,

Imperial Potentate John Cinotto and Deputy Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss addressed the bands and audience that came to enjoy the performance. The main topic was membership. Following the competition, an awards luncheon was held and the hat was passed around for the "Ladder of Smiles."

This coming year should be as exciting and hectic as 2013. ASOB Past President Lonnie Merriman and I plan on attending the ASOB Mid Winter meeting in Charlottesville, VA, on 24-25-26 April 2014. The Imperial Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN, in July. As of this writing, 5 bands from the Mid West Association plan on competing. August 21-22-23 the Mid West Shrine Association Meeting/Jamboree will be hosted by El Riad Shrine in Sioux Falls, SD. If any of you fellow bandsmen are heading to or from the Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, SD, during these dates, stop in Sioux Falls and we'll show you some Mid-West hospitality. I will try to mail out information packets to those interested, as in maps, points of interest, and a "Sioux Falls Visitors Guide." E-mail me at moose@bmtc.net if you would like me to send you or your band a packet. Sprinkle in a few local parades and it will once again be a great year!

Remember to recruit new Shriners, as they are our lifeline to survival. Yours in the faith,  
James "Moose" Fitzgerald



**NEW YORK/  
ONTARIO**  
Bob Jones

Since my last writing I have been in contact with the Sudbury Oriental Band and will be visiting them on December

5. The Sudbury band is very active in the community along with their Colour Guard. This past year they celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a 50th Anniversary Banquet and Celebration.

Rameses Temple is holding the Spring Ceremonial in the Beautiful City of Sudbury. The O'Band will be in the forefront of the festivities.

The Oshawa Oriental Band has had an active few months with parades and events. Since Labour Day the O'Band was in 3 Fall fair parades and will finish up on December 14 with having participated in 5 Santa Claus parades. The weather has been fair to cold, especially for the fingers of our 3 musette players.

The Oshawa band was visited by the Black Camel on 2 occasions. Long time member and bass drummer, Reg Sherren was called to the GLA September. Reg received his 30 year award last February and was seen doing his thing as late as Labour Day in the Kinmount Fair Parade. Side Drummer Jim Rogers was called in early August. Jim had been ill for almost 2 years but had come out to practice and parades when he could. Jim was also Ambassador of the Oshawa and District Shrine Club for many years and was awarded Ambassador Emeritus in 2011. These two members will be sorely missed as the numbers of our band is diminishing.

We are still on parade albeit with as few as 5-6 members, 2-3 musettes, 2 side drums, bass drum and cymbals. The three musettes practice each Wednesday morning, just to keep our lips and maybe learn a new tune (we have about 20 tunes in our repertoire). The whole band of which we can get out to practice on Sunday morning amounts to about 13. The band just held an event on November 9 and as reported last year a Neil Diamond night was held, over 130 attended. We are looking ahead to St. Patrick's Day and another Pub Night. Activity abounds.

Hope to see all in Minneapolis in July. Remember the Ladder of Smiles





# **SOUTH ATLANTIC** Nolan Stanley Hello, from the South Atlantic. In September members of South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Bands Association (SASOBA)

came together in Myrtle Beach for our annual meeting, competition, and banquet. We always squeeze as much as we can into one day as this is held in conjunction with South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) convention.

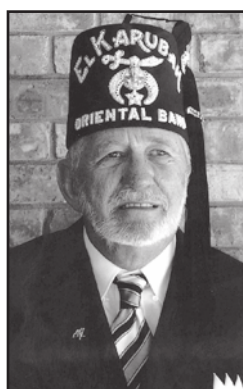
During our banquet the following officers were installed for the upcoming year: President Sam Sansom, Oleika, Nicholasville, KY; 1st Vice President Bobby Smith, Beni Kedem, Charleston, WV.; 2d Vice President Randy Blake, Beni Kedem; 3d Vice President Jeff Allan, AMRAN, Raleigh, NC.; Secretary/Treasurer Harold Moore, Beni Kedem; and Sgt of Arms Nolan Stanley, ACCA, Richmond, VA.

Upcoming events include the SASOBA spring meeting held April 17, 18, 19 in Lexington, KY, and the summer meeting also held in Lexington July 17, 18, 19. In September we will again return to Myrtle Beach, SC, for the annual meeting. President Sansom has promised everyone a great time in Lexington for both the spring and summer meetings. If you would like more information, let me know and we'll get the information out to you. We have a great time at both these events (no matter where they are held) and would love to have others join us. Lexington is a very diverse city with lots of activities to enjoy. Our very own ASOB President, Vince Bobrosky, will be having a meeting in Charlottesville, VA, on April 24, 25, 26. These dates coincide with the Dogwood Festival hosted by the city of Charlottesville which includes a parade on Saturday, 26 April. Vince would like to invite everyone to bring their uniform and

instrument and be part of ACCA Oriental Band and perform in the parade. It would be great fun to have a mixture of members from Oriental Bands across the country and Canada participate in the parade as one group. Think about it...

As the holiday season approaches I would like to wish everyone a blessed and safe holiday. As always remember the kids we work and play so hard to support.

Respectfully, Nolan Stanley



# **SOUTH CENTRAL** Ronnie McCormick

The year's activity began on May 16, 2013, in Baton Rouge, LA. Acacia Temple hosting the annual SCS.

A "Rollin on the River" was held at the beautiful Belle of Baton Rouge. Activities and competition was held throughout the city, even some on the beautiful L.S.U. campus.

The South Central Oriental Band meeting was attended by a variety of member temples, but we were so pleased to have to very distinguished guest, Mike Hartup, LADDER OF SMILES chairman, and David McCarthy, ASOB 2nd Vice President. Words of encouragement were given by both of these fine Nobles. Election of officers was held with all officers moving up, and the election of Brian Watson of Acacia Temple, as the new Sgt at Arms. Our new president is Ronnie McCormick from El Karubah Temple.

A "Dukes Mixture" Ballyhoo was held the following day with bands from various Temples participating. President elect reminded all the importance of raising money for the L.O.S. It could not go without mentioning that his own band, El Karubah, has been the top money raiser for the LOS the past

3 years. This is more than any other Oriental Band in North America.

McCormick also reminded everyone of the SCSA annual meeting on May 22-24, 2014 in Shreveport, Louisiana, hosted by El Karubah Temple. The El Karubah Oriental Band plans to host a full blown hospitality room for all OBers. There was also some discussion on the Imperial that will be held in Houston, Texas, in 2015, by ASOB V/P David McCarthy. Several bands from the South Central are planning on this event. Once again, all are welcome in Shreveport, May 22-24 for the SCSA.

## **PATRON'S LIST**

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Khiva Oriental Band

Maggie Hartup (Midian)

Midian Oriental Band

C. Vince Bobrosky

Gerry & Joann Suttner

*\* Indicates second donation*

*\*\* Indicates third donation*

**DON'T FORGET** 

**Deadline for the next issue of the NA KHABAR is April 1st!**

We'll see YOU at the  
**2014 IMPERIAL SESSION**  
in Minneapolis, MN, July 5th!





# 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,



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

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## Alzafar

San Antonio, Texas

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Greetings from the members of the Alzafar Oriental Band (AOB) in San Antonio. This is the second AOB newsletter I have submitted to Na Khabar. I hope for those who read my first enjoyed it.

Our Oriental Band has been busy since the last writing. The most important event is our practice sessions each Monday afternoon. One other is our election of officers for 2014 held on November 18th and I will cover the results first.

The officers for 2014 did not change much. In fact, the existing 2013 primary officers were re-elected. With that said, I will be continuing as band President for the 2014 term. I was also re-elected as the Music Director for 2013-2014 last July. What a hoot! A new vice president was nominated however. Our officer's installation will be held on December 9th at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio during our annual Christmas dinner. Our ladies and others will be joining us as usual. Check out my December band newsletter in late December to see photos of this event; [www.asob.org/alzafar-shrine-oriental-band.html](http://www.asob.org/alzafar-shrine-oriental-band.html) Our November issue is currently up on the web. Check it out.

Since the last Na Khabar submission, we made some progress on our parking lot island. A large stone with our logo was created and placed. However, much work is still needed to get the island beautified as I planned. The goal is to get this project done by January in time for the spring bloom.



During August, the Oriental Band made the Boerne, Texas, Kendall County Fair parade. Alzafar Shrine always attends this Boerne parade and one other. And as usual, we had a super time.



The Alzafar Shrine Circus is behind us now. It was a huge success. Every Alzafar unit worked it in some way during the three days the circus was held. Historically, the Oriental Band sold tickets in a booth. This year, that changed (boo hoo). We sold novelties as did just about every other Shrine unit it appeared. The band hopes we are given our old job back next year.







Following the circus, our band headed for the Floresville, Texas, Peanut Festival. This parade seems to grow every year. The folks out there really know how to enjoy a good parade. Our bass drummer lives in this town and I'm sure the residents who know Dwaine spotted him on the band trailer.



The last event just before this writing was the Veterans Day parade. Our Shrine makes sure we get out there and support our veterans. Many units of our Shrine were present and of course our Oriental Band. We have one more parade scheduled for the year and that's the Sattler, Texas, Christmas parade in December. What makes this parade unique is that our ladies and kiddos have their own float in the line-up. Super!! See our parade schedule in our newsletter.



The action is not over. There were other parades scheduled but not before our Alzafar Shrine Halloween party for the kiddos. This year's party was the best yet. Our OG and his volunteers put on a fantastic show as they brought in a huge collection of spooks; artificial and live! Many units decorated their rooms and passed out goodies for the kids, old and young. Our Oriental Band was sure to have our own gig in our band room.



We will be going dark for a few weeks starting on December 9th or just after our officer's installation. We will be back in full force on January 6th. I will have our music title selections for the 2013-2014 season finalized by then. I think the members of the band hammered out what we want already. We may even have some fresh young band members among us when we return; including our current OG. But we are holding on to our seasoned members. No way will these guys go anywhere!

Please visit our newsletter on the web. I update this newsletter every month end or so. The next article will be launched in late December. [www.asob.org/alzafar-shrine-oriental-band.html](http://www.asob.org/alzafar-shrine-oriental-band.html). At the bottom of the header page you will see 'Newsletter'. Click on it to read our news. And if you happen to be in San Antonio, give me a holler, 210-827-3596. It'll be my pleasure to show you around. Enjoy! Thank you all Nobles!!!

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It is hoped that the Nobility and their families had a Very Merry Christmas



and look forward to a Joyful Prosperous New Year. I had asked Santa for some new members for the Band, but he didn't come through.

Due to a decline in Bandsmen attending the Business Meetings/ Rehearsals, it was decided to go "dim" ..... not dark .... but "dim" for a while. At an "emergency meeting", the officers agreed to remain in office and that we will hold the Band's Annual Fish Fry on April 18<sup>th</sup> and host the Stated Meeting Dinner on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully my article in the May issue of the Na Khabar, will be bright.

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

## Cairo

Rutland, Vermont

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Cairo's Oriental Band, starting in October, is in hibernation for the winter. We will need some new bodies for the next coming season, thin on musettes, as usual. New Hampshire defeated Vermont again in the Maple Sugar football game in Hanover, NH, at Dartmouth Collage. Hope all obers and families had a Merry Christmas and have a prosperous and Happy 2014. To you and yours.

## Egypt

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After many years of being Egypt Oriental Band's Scribe to the Na Khabar, Noble John Pettibone, (Scribe Emeritus), has closed the lid on his inkwell and dried off his quill. I don't recall when Noble John first started

writing the articles, but I understand it was about the time he purchased his first Chinese musette from Marco Polo. I'm not saying Noble John has big feet, but it'll be a challenge to fill his footprints.

In December 2013, the Band had a very busy schedule with the Ceremonial's Parade of Units and Showcase of Units and the Band's Christmas Dinner held at the Colonnade Seafood Restaurant, all on the same day. Lady Georgia and Noble John Pettibone have been orchestrating the dinner for many years and always come up with a top-notch affair.

The Tarpon Springs and Safety Harbor Christmas Parades were on the 21st.

For the traveling Nobility, if and when you get to the Tampa Bay Area on a Wednesday evening, stop by Egypt's Activity Building, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, and meet The Boys in the Band. The Temple Stated Meetings are usually the second Wednesday, so the Band does not meet.

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

## El Karubah

Alexandria, LA

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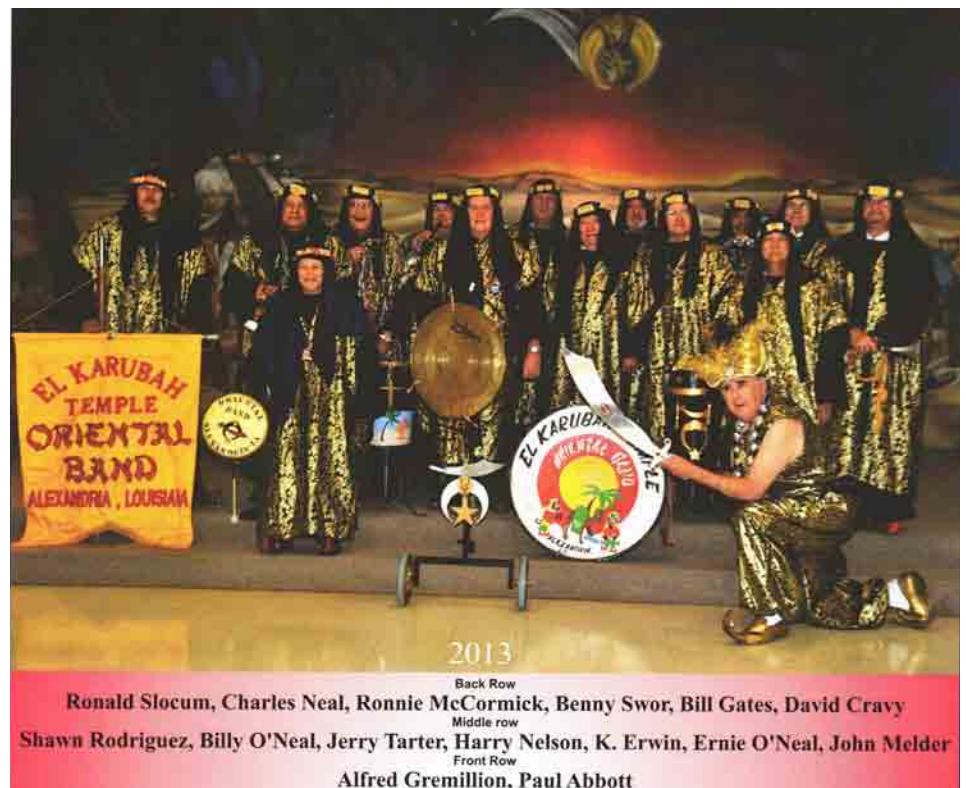
Wow!! What a year 2013 was for our band. Once again for the 3rd year, this little Oriental Band from El Karubah was the number one band in all of Shrinedom, raising money for the Shrine Hospitals thru the Ladder of Smiles...Great Job!! Just a note we are one pace to do it again this year.

The Band recently finished two large endeavors: 1) The Cenla Shrine Circus in September with the band members very much involved. 2) Our own food concessions trailer at the Annual Parish Fair. Both events were very successful.

By this time all of our Drums have been refurbished and ready for another 50 years. This was all handled by our own Bucky Dunbar.

We were in the annual Pecan Festival parade followed by four Christmas parades in the area. Weather was cold but fun.

We had our drawing in December for our annual Ladder of Smiles raffle. This year we raised over \$10,600.00



2013  
Back Row  
Ronald Slocum, Charles Neal, Ronnie McCormick, Benny Swor, Bill Gates, David Cravy  
Middle row  
Shawn Rodriguez, Billy O'Neal, Jerry Tarter, Harry Nelson, K. Erwin, Ernie O'Neal, John Melder  
Front Row  
Alfred Gremillion, Paul Abbott



for LOS. If you guys want to hear more on raising monies for the Ladder of Smiles, we would be proud to share our success.

Plans are underway for a trip to the Southeastern "Hoedown" in Pensacola, Florida, in early spring.

On a sad note, our band lost one of our "greatest," Noble Benny Swor. Benny was a friend to all. Always had a positive attitude. His humor was always an inspiration to all.

This past year was under the leadership of President John Melder. Great work... John!

Billy O'Neal

## Irem

Wilkes-Barre, PA

Olin W. Evans, Jr.  
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Wilkes-Barre, PA 28702



To all of our Na Khabar subscribers we ask you to nestle in your favorite chair and read about the various and interesting tales from the many contributing Oriental Bands. The Irem OB extend our warmest greetings to all the members of the ASOB and we wish you great expectations for 2014.

This past November our Irem Bedouins, while imbibing some cool camels milk, cast their sands to elect our officers for the ensuring year. When the sands were counted it was declared that our able leader Jim Hudock would retain his Presidency. He will also be assisted again by our Vice President Jim Connors. Yours truly was chosen to record the happenings in the desert. Our able Treasurer Bob Rhoads was reelected to guard our shekels particularly with this expertise in knowing how to balance the books. Recorder Steve Dreater will record our attendance and collect dues in addition to maintaining our caravan trailer.

Not to be forgotten is our Director Fred Dietrich who will again unveil our musical capabilities. For the second year in a row the Irem Sheiks were declared "Best Oriental Band in Parade" at MASA. This all started with

rehearsals as our Director repeatedly cracked his whip until the music was satisfactory to his standards. Needless to say all of our band members this past September at MASA were very much elated at gaining our beautiful trophy.

With the winter solstice upon us our bedouins will close their tent flaps for some weeks of winter hibernation. Come mid February we will spring open the tent flaps in preparation for the Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade.

As we come to the close of another year and look back to our activities for 2013, it makes an oriental bandsman very proud when he thinks of his contributions and talents in helping a crippled or burnt child return to a happy, healthy and normal life. Yes it's WONDERFUL TO BE A SHRINER.

## Khiva

Amarillo, Texas

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Hello to all from Amarillo, Texas-- what is quickly becoming the wind energy capital of the nation. All too often, all you have to do is step outside to understand why that's becoming a reality.

Our Caliph, Joe Brewton, distributed a copy of the 2014 competition piece "Abduhl" a few months ago for those bandsmen that might be so inclined to start practicing. Several members attempted it a few times and made the decision that this is a task best left for more serious times, such as early 2014.

The Band was the official "mixologists" of Khiva Shrine's annual fund raiser, the Khiva Car Give-Away and Auction which takes place in September. Over the years, the Shrine Center has given away many vehicles as the door prize -- this year was a 2013 Cadillac. At this event, (which is done in place of the Shrine Circus) the Oriental Band has been doing its

part by tending the bar and "mixing" drinks. This is all to assure that next year's Shrine Center budgetary goal is met while having a blast. About a month later, the band hosted a Shrine fund raiser called "Vegas Night". Vegas Night was lots of work and while not exactly a bust, it turned out to be a disappointment in terms of attendance; however, it was a great time for those who had attended. After the gaming shut down, and prizes were awarded to those lucky participants and the party moved to the ballroom. There was a D.J who had loud amps, spinning lights and disco balls, plenty of smoke and mirrors, and lots of great music. Again, a great time was had by those who did attend.

The Band participated in several parades early this year and is making an attempt to participate in one more before the year's end. The September Tri-State Fair Parade had big crowds on the sidewalks to which the band members on the float pandered to by waving and gesturing like some kind of royalty to the tune of Hava Nagilia. Unexpectedly, we took aboard our poor, stranded, Oriental Guide and his Mini-Vette which suddenly stopped in the middle of the street. Regrettably, we did not have a petition for membership on us at the time. Our next parade was a bright, cool November Veteran's Day parade, with again a large crowd. As we approached the reviewing stand, the band stood and saluted the dignitaries on the stand. Khiva Shrine received five trophies in the parade that day and one of them was ours. In a short time, the band will participate in Amarillo's Parade of Lights Christmas Parade.

Every year, Khiva Temple sponsors Shrine Hospital Outreach Clinics in the months of May and October in Amarillo. During these clinics, the Houston Shriners Hospital Chief of Staff and his crew fly up and administer to the Shrine's patients in our region. As you can imagine, the expertise they bring is incomparable. They perform follow-up treatments, make braces, perform x-rays, schedule rehab and if

needed, make arrangements for future treatments at the Houston Hospital. This service provides much comfort and convenience for those who can't afford the 600 mile trip to Houston. We typically schedule anywhere from 45-60 patients for the doctors to see. The clinic makes a huge difference in the lives of the children and parents that attend. Just being there and taking part is what makes being part of the Shrine organization meaningful and worthwhile.

For information, the Texas Mid-Year Session will be hosted by the Khiva Oriental Band and held in Amarillo, Texas, on March 28 to March 30, 2014. Although still somewhat in the planning stages, it looks to be a fantastic time for all attending. Details for the session will be coming out before the end of the year. We'll be starting off Friday with an indoor "Carni Night" including shuffle-board, carnival type games, blackjack, prizes, concession food including hand-dipped corndogs, cheese on a stick, hotdogs, and plenty of liquid refreshments. Saturday is starting to come together but needs more work. Of course there will be planned activities for the ladies as well!

Well, time to close, so here's hoping that you have a great, safe, and Blessed Holiday Season and an even better New Year.

During the holiday season and New Year, please remember why we are Shriners and Masons. Collectively, we have the capability of making life better for our families, friends, and children in our communities and we are made better men because of it!

Yours in Faith,  
John Meyer



*Aboard the KOB float during the Tri-State Fair Parade*



*Bill & Barbara Doyle, long timers with the KOB, are presented with special 'memory stimulation' photos at the November Stated Meeting*



*Blackjack tables at the Khiva Vegas Night*



*Houston Hospital Orthotics manufacturing a brace for an Amarillo patient at the October Khiva Outreach Clinic*



*Khiva Chief Rabban Scott Woolery and new Oriental Band member spreads good word to the television media at the Khiva Outreach Clinic*



*Khiva Oriental Band running the West bar at the September Khiva Car Party*



*The beautiful Khiva Shrine Center as seen on the Fair Parade route*



*The craps table action at the KOB Khiva Vegas Night*



*The OB awaits the start of the November Veteran's Day Parade*



*With exception to the left, all pictured are KOB members working at the October Khiva Outreach Clinic in Amarillo*



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Here's sending all the best to you in this new year.

The Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Band (LCSCOB) is on the winter break as this is written, but that does not mean we are sitting on our laurels from the past year.

We had summer and fall performances at the Caddy Shack in Manheim, PA. The food and friendships are always great. A lot of chicken and ice cream were on the menu.

In September, the band traveled to Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) in Virginia Beach. We participated in the workings of Mid-Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association (MASOBA) on Friday, September 6th, where two LCSCOB members were elected to the 2013-2014 MASOBA line. Jay M. Laser, director, was elected president, and Mahlon Ressel, past president, was elected as sergeant-at-arms.

We performed in the East Petersburg parade on September 21st, the New Holland Farm Show, and the Manheim Farm Show parade on October 2nd, and October 9th, respectively. The last parade found us decked out in long underwear hidden away beneath our black pants and red uniform coats.

December 2nd marked our Christmas celebration party and meeting with the ladies. A good time was had by all.

We are currently preparing for the Past Presidents' Ball, and the MASOBA Mid Winter meeting. These events will take place over the weekend of February 21-23, 2014. The Best Western Eden Resort is where the fun will happen for the combined LCSCOB / Rajah Oriental Band event.

"We Parade So  
Children May Walk"



**Nile**  
Seattle, Washington

Bruce Garner  
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Hope everyone had a Happy and well stuffed Thanksgiving. I know I am thankful to be alive!! Another successful bout with the big C!!

The Band had a pretty good year despite our Sultan not being around much as Canada was giving him grief!!

The parade schedule was severely curtailed due to a bridge closure on I-5 North of Seattle thus limiting where we could show to do parades. Next year will be much better!!

The world's finest "Simple" Player is back from a serious medical procedure and is his usual "mellow" self!! LOL Norm Wold brings a lot to the ambiance in the Band Room.

This month we had nominations for officers for 2014 They are as follows:

Sultan: Rollie Ignacio

Pasha 1: Larry Gillespie

Pasha 2: Jim Hart

One Year Trustee: Tom Dahl

Two Year Trustee: Ed Broker

3 Year Trustee: Wes Decker

I wish all this fine men luck in the forthcoming year!

Here is a good time to salute our outgoing Director Jim Hart, he led our band to several PNSOBA Championships and the World Imperial Championship in 2002 in Vancouver, BC. He, as you can see, was railroaded into serving as the Pasha 2 and he will do a great job. In my mind he should be remembered for putting up with me in the band room as I can be grumpy!! He was patient with the rest of us as well. He also had a knack for arranging tunes in a flowing manner for competitions. His successor, outgoing Potentate Jim Hutchins, has big shoes to fill!!

Upcoming, we are getting ready for the Ladies' Appreciation Night in December which is where we have a Christmas Party and honor ourselves and the Ladies!! February brings the

Crab Feed at the Temple and then preparation for the parade season and PNSOBA in Boise Idaho.

,  
So Stay Tuned,  
Bruce Garner  
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**Rajah**  
Reading, Pennsylvania

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Greetings from the frigid Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania! It's said that some things come back to haunt you. Well, I'm baaaack. Our correspondent for the past years, Illustrious Sir Mahlon Hariu and his lady Joanne, have moved to the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA. I guess I'm it again! Good luck in your new home Illustrious Sir! Thanks for taking this over for all those years.

That being said, I'll bring you up to date for the Rajah Oriental Band.

In September a few of us ventured to Virginia Beach for the annual M.A.S.A. convention. Unfortunately, we did not have a sufficient number of Bandsmen there to compete in the parade. Most just watched from the sidelines and few of us took up and helped some of the other units from Rajah.

The month of October brought us the usual Halloween parades. The Band only did four parades this year due to conflicts in dates. We did have a great showing in all parades and were received well by the spectators. Our thanks go out to Noble "Stretch" Sosoka for always finding us an oasis to meet at.



The month of October also brought sadness to the Band. The Black Camel visited Noble Don Koch. Nobel Don was our bell player. He was a member for 28 years.

The Band is now preparing for the Rajah Ceremonial in December. At this Ceremonial our most senior member of the Band, Noble John Marcin, will reach the milestone of 50 years as a Shriner. Congratulations Noble John! It's been an honor to have known you for those 50 years (and maybe a few more).

In February, the Band will once again team up with the Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Band to honor our Past President's and our Ladies. The date of the event is February 22 and will be held at the Eden Resort in Lancaster. This will be in conjunction with the M.A.S.O.B.A. mid winter meeting.

By the time you read this the 2013 holiday season will be history. From all of us in Rajah, we hope you had a very merry, joyous and safe Holiday. Remember the kids. Bottom line, it's what we're about.

John

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Greetings from Sarasota, FL - It's hard to believe by our weather that the holiday season is here, but we do feel sorry for those of you who are starting your winter hibernation!!! For us it's parade season and the welcoming back of our Snowbirds! A great time of the year!

Sadly, we report the loss of one of our bass drummers, Phil Staples. He was a great O.B.er and loved our band. We all miss him each week at practice. We're very thankful however for the return of our other longtime bass drummer, Jim Austin, and welcome him back after a long summer absence.

Our numbers are dwindling like all other Shrine O.B.'s across the country, but what we lack in numbers we make up for in enthusiasm.

We also were sorry to hear about the death of an A.S.O.B. P.P., Charlie Robinson, from Vancouver. He was a great friend and advisor to the A.S.O.B. as Parliamentarian for many years. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Birdie.

December brings our Christmas parades and parties and we always look forward to sharing the season with our fellow bandsmen. The band especially enjoys playing for and with the Shrine children at their Christmas party.

January will see in our new Potentate, Rocky Kearney and Lady Wendy, as we say good-bye to our present Potentate, Bill Zurlo and Lady Stacey and thank them for all their support of our unit this past year. We wish them well as they relax and enjoy a well deserved rest.

In February the O. B. will sponsor a musical program to raise money. Lots happens at our Shrine during the winter months as we have our snowbirds here to help support our events.

The holidays will be over by the time you are reading this, but hope all had a blessed Christmas and will enjoy good health and good fellowship in 2014.

Yours in the faith,  
Paul (Greek)

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Parade season is over and it was a short one for us. We had eight capable bandsmen on the wagon for the few parades we went to.

We had our election of officers and Herb Armes is President again, Tom Carr is VP and the other officers remain at their stations. Due to lack of members at practice (rehearsal) we have moved our business meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. We

meet at the Shrine Center at noon for lunch and have our business meeting following our lunch.

Our Christmas party will be over by the time this article hits the newsstands. We will have a good representation from the Divan along with band members and their ladies. Also in attendance will be our gal Emily and her family including sisters Taylor and new baby Lauren. Eight year old Emily just underwent her 18th operation. This one was to adjust the rod in her back.

John Seastead and I with our ladies are planning to represent Zem Zem and MASOBA at ASOB Pres. Vince's bash in Charlottesville in April as well as attending Imperial.

Thought to remember - We learn from our mistakes, and most of us never lack study tools.

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## 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/MEETINGS BY REGIONS

### **CENTRAL STATES**

*CSSA 2014 Ceremonial*  
Host: Bedouin Shrine  
Tulsa, OK  
August 27-30, 2014

### **FLORIDA**

*Florida Shrine Association Annual Meeting*  
Cocoa Beach, FL  
April 30-May 3, 2014

### **GREAT LAKES**

*Jamboree*  
Huntington, WV  
June 5, 6, 7, 2014

### **MID ATLANTIC**

*Mid-Winter Meeting*  
Lancaster PA  
February 21, 22, 2014

*MASA Convention*  
Virginia Beach, VA  
September 4-5, 2014

### **MIDWEST**

*Mid-Winter Meeting*  
Sioux Falls, SD  
February 20-22, 2014

*Convention*  
Sioux Falls, SD  
August 21-23, 2014

### **NEW YORK/ONTARIO**

Reported no events/  
meetings scheduled

### **NORTHEAST**

*Northeast Field Days*  
Springfield, MA  
August 21-24, 2014

*Business Meeting 8-22-2014*  
*Competition 8-23-2014*

### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

*PNSA Convention*  
Boise, Idaho  
August 6-9, 2014

### **SOUTH ATLANTIC**

*Mid-Winter*  
Lexington, KY  
April 17-20, 2014

*SASA Convention*  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
September 18-21, 2014

### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

*SCSA Convention*  
Host: El Karubah  
Shreveport, LA  
May 22-24, 2014

### **SOUTHEAST**

*80th Annual Convention*  
Jacksonville, FL  
August 6-10, 2014  
No OB Meetings reported

### **TEXAS**

*TASOB Mid-Winter*  
Amarillo, TX  
March 28-30, 2014

*TSA-Texas Shrine Assoc.*  
Host: Hella Shrine  
Dallas, TX  
June 5-7, 2014

### **WESTERN**

Reported no events/  
meetings scheduled

## 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.*

*Melha Shriners, 133 Longhill Street,  
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## 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.**

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## EDITOR



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# MID-WINTER

(Spring)

Charlottesville, VA

Dogwood Festival

April 24-27

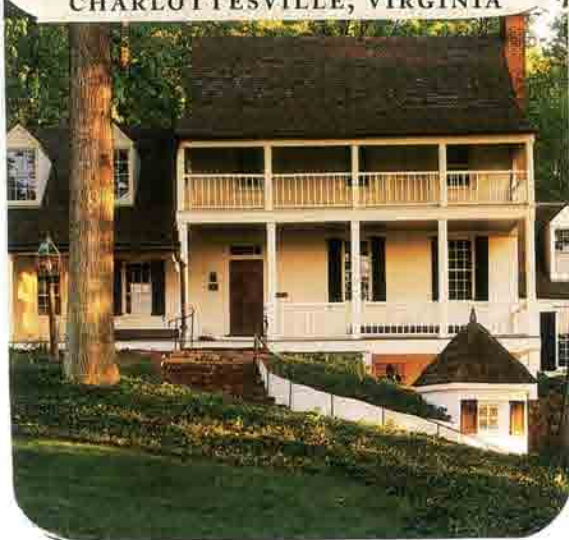


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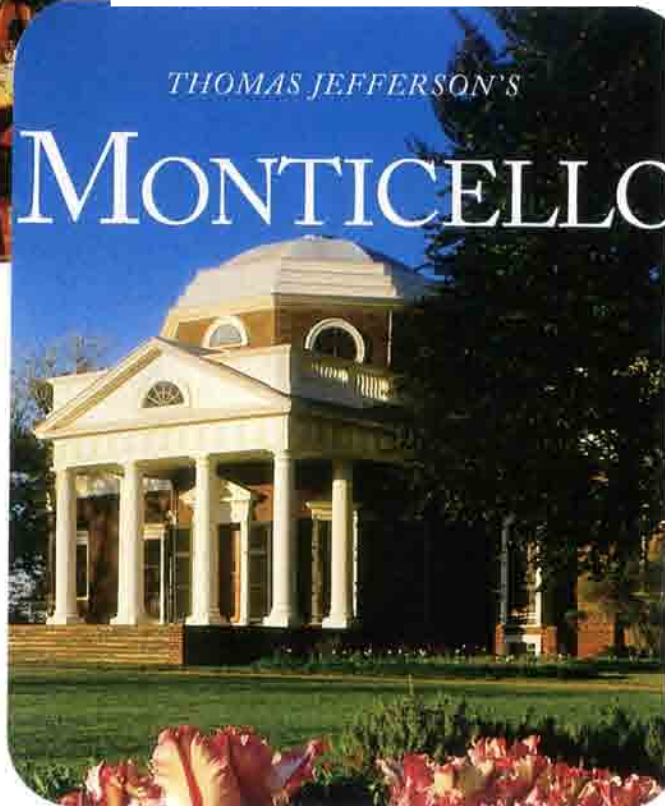


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# A.S.O.B. MID-WINTER MEETING

Thursday, April 24-Sunday, April 27, 2014



## Dogwood Festival In Charlottesville, Virginia



*Includes:*

- **A.S.O.B. Business Meeting**
- **Visit to Monticello, Home of Thomas Jefferson (on the Prez)**
- **Visit to famous Michie Tavern for Lunch (on the Prez)**
- **Participation in Dogwood Festival Parade (your participation is optional, but we hope you'll parade with Acca Temple Band – bring uniform; your Fez will serve as head piece.)**
- **Shopping at the large Antique Mall**

Call Rich Baker or Brooke Harler at the Holiday Inn, 434-977-5100 to reserve your room at the discounted rate of \$134 per room by March 10, 2014. (After this date, reservations will be accepted based on space and availability). Please use group code ASO for room registration. Check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is 12:00 noon.

There is an airport in Charlottesville, VA. The name of the airport is Charlottesville Albemarle Airport. It has an official website, [www.gocho.com](http://www.gocho.com), which is very helpful – many airlines serve Charlottesville, some directly from large cities. There's lots of info on the site.

We will send out a packet with specific events and dates approximately one month before the meeting. These packets will go to all elected and appointed officers, and also to the ambassadors.

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## TOP BANDS

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### TOP 10 BANDS

MELHA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$6,809.12
EL KARUBAH ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$5,375.00
CAIRO ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$5,000.00
NILE ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$4,578.85
AMARA ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$2,500.00
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### 11-15

MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$700.00
MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$670.00
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RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$350.00
SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$350.00
KHIVA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$345.00
JAFFA ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$200.00
EL KAHIR ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$150.00
IREM ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$125.00
EL BEKAL ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$120.00
ARAB ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
INDIA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$100.00
LANCASTER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB .....	\$70.00
AAD ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$60.00
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EL ZAGEL ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$60.00
KHARTUM ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$60.00
ZUHRAH ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$60.00
GIZEH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$50.00
PHILAE ORIENTAL BAND .....	\$50.00
ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$25.00

# 2014 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 5 - July 10, 2014

**A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel**



**The Commons Hotel  
615 Washington Ave. Southeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55414**

Contact Mahlon Hariu, A.S.O.B Secretary / Treasurer for all questions:  
**Phone: 717-287-2120 / Email: mehariu@gmail.com**

**\*\*\* Room Rate is \$139.00/night (plus tax) AND \$20.00 Imperial Fee \*\*\***

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

To: Mahlon Hariu  
Re: 2014 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session  
623 Garfield Dr  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-8497  
(717) 287-2120

## **A.S.O.B. Reservation Request**

The Commons Hotel  
615 Washington Ave. Southeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55414  
(612) 379-8888

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

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Noble: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

STASH Card # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit \$139.00 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 2014

### Saturday July 5

(Set up Hospitality Room)

3:00 pm - Elected Officers Meeting ..... Location: President's Room

**Dress: casual... casual... casual...**

**Owner: Vince Bobrosky**

4:00 pm - Hospitality Room Opens..... Location: TBA

4:00 pm-6:00 pm - Competition and Delegate Registration

Banquet Tickets on Sale ..... Location: Lobby

**Owner: Tom Crow and Chris Tsaros**

### Sunday, July 6

8:00 am - Hospitality Room Opens..... Location: TBA

10:00 am - Elected Officers and Past President's Meeting ..... Location: Think 5

**Dress: casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, jewel or name tag**

**Owner: Vince Bobrosky**

11:00-3:00 pm - Competition and Delegate Registration

Banquet Tickets on sale..... Location; Lobby

**Owner: Tom Crow and Chris Tsaros**

2:00 pm - Hospitality Room Closes ..... Location: TBA

3:00-5:00 pm - President's Reception By Invitation..... Location: Hospitality Room

**Dress: red jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt and tie, jewel, name tag and fez**

**Ladies Dress: Business casual attire with name tag**

**Owner: Vince Bobrosky and David McCarthy**

5:30 pm - Music Director's Meeting ..... Location: Think 5

**Dress same as Welcome Reception**

**Owner: Jeff Moores**

6:30 pm - Family and Friends Dinner - ASOB Individual Dinners (Make own arrangement to be with your own band and family)

8:30 pm - ASOB Hospitality Room Opens after Family Dinner ..... Location: TBA

### Monday, July 7

7:00 am - Make-up Room Opens ..... Location: Next to Meridian Ballroom

8:00 am - Parade Competition..... Location: Outside Hotel

**Dress: for officers who are not competing ASOB shirt, tan pants, jewel, name tag, and fez**

**Ladies Dress: tropical shirt or bright colors, name tag**

**Owner: Jeff Moores**

Immediately After Parade - Fantasy Competition ..... Location: Meridian Ballroom

**Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, name tag, no jewel or fez**

**Owner: Jeff Moores**

After Fantasy - Delegate Registration ..... Location: Lobby

Banquet Tickets on sale

**Owner: Tom Crow and Chris Tsaros**

After Fantasy - Hospitality Room Opens ..... Location: TBA  
 5:00 pm - Cocktail Reception by Invitation ..... Location: Pinnacle Ballroom Foyer  
*Dress: formal tux with white dinner jacket, white tux shirt, black tux pants, black shoes, jewel and fez (no name tag)*  
*Ladies Dress: Formal (Cocktail Attire)*  
*Owner: Vince Bobrosky and Daivd McCarthy*  
 6:00 pm - Social Hour ..... Location: Pinnacle Ballroom/Foyer  
 7:00 pm - President's Award Banquet ..... Pinnacle Ballroom  
*Dress: Same as reception*  
*Owner: Vince Bobrosky and David McCarthy*

## Tuesday, July 8

8:00 am - Sergeant At Arm's Breakfast ..... Location: TBA  
*Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or tan shorts, jewel, name tag and fez*  
*Owner: Chris Tsaros*  
 9:00 am - Hospitality Room Opens ..... Location: TBA  
 11:30 am - First Lady's Luncheon ..... Location: Think 4  
*Dress: Business casual*  
*Owner: Maggie Lloyd*  
 6:30 pm - Depart for No Host ASOB, Past ASOB, ..... Restaurant Name: TBA  
 Ambassadors and Guest Dinner  
*Dress: Officers and Ladies - casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no jewel, name tag or fez*

## Wednesday, July 9

7:00 am - First 100 Club Breakfast ..... Location: TBA  
*Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, or tan short, jewel, name tag, no fez*  
*Owner: Morrie Toretsky*  
 8:00 - 9:00 am - Hospitality Room Opens ..... Location: TBA  
 9:00 am - ASOB Annual Meeting ..... Location: Think 6  
*Dress: red jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt and tie, Jewel, name tag, fez*  
*Owner: Vince Bobrosky*  
 9:00 am - Ladies Gift Exchange ..... Location: Think 4  
*Dress: To be determined by the Incoming President's Lady*  
*Owner: Sandy McCarthy*  
 11:30 am - Incoming President's Luncheon ..... Location: Pinnacle Ballroom  
*Dress: Same as ASOB Annual Meeting*  
*Owner: David McCarthy*  
 2:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting ..... Location: TBA  
*Dress: Travel clothes*  
*Owner: David McCarthy*  
 3:00 pm - Hospitality Room Opens ..... Location: TBA

*Thank you one and all and have a safe trip home!*



## NAMES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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# 2014 Imperial Session

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



The Commons Hotel, 616 Washington Ave., Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55415

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2014**

Noble's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lady's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Center \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD BANQUET**

Monday, July 7, 2014 • 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**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cabernet Braised Beef Short Rib**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lemon and Rosemary Chicken**

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

### **INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 • Cocktails (no host) 11:00 AM / Lunch 11:30 AM

**Please mark your choice of Entrée, \$42.00 per person, U.S. or CDN Funds**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Maple Glazed Pork Loin**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ancho Honey Glazed Salmon**

Either served with: salad, artisan dinner rolls, coffee, iced tea and chefs selected dessert

**Amount Enclosed**

Please make your cheque/check **payable to Tom Crow** and remit to:

**Tom Crow**  
**3805 Winifred Dr.**  
**Fort Worth, Texas 76133**



# 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:*  
**Jeff Moores**  
**129 Spruceland Ave.**  
**Springfield, MA 01108-2519**

## ASOB Imperial Session

Please Print

## Band Information

This is Preliminary Information Only

(Name of Band and Temple) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State\_\_\_\_\_

Member of Regional Associations\_\_\_\_\_

Year Organized\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members\_\_\_\_\_ Number Performing\_\_\_\_\_

Officers: President\_\_\_\_\_

Vice President(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer\_\_\_\_\_

Director\_\_\_\_\_

Current Shrine Honors\_\_\_\_\_

Past Shrine Honors\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Remarks\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Title:\_\_\_\_\_

## Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

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

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

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

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

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

### CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Notes

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*Abdullah*

1976 Fantasy

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

*Competition Selection*

Na Khabar  
Mahlon Hariu  
623 Garfield Dr  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-8497

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