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McCarthy

Where is the time going? As we slide into the holiday seasons we tend to get busier. On the personal side, let us not forget

our families in that mix. Since our last "visit" two major events transpired. The month following Imperial, the first trip your officers made was to Central States Shrine Association in Tulsa, OK. Jeff Moores, 1st VP, Tom Crow, 2nd VP and myself had the privilege to judge the Oriental Band competitions which was just awesome. Photos are on the ASOB face book page. The fun and camaraderie we witnessed was par excellence! Just what Oriental Bandsmen expect.

Next major event was an executive council meeting which was held the end of October in Grapevine, Texas. This consisted of your sitting officers and a group of past presidents. The primary thrust of this meeting was to examine the "workings" internal and external of the Association. After two days of intense work the group hammered out a streamlined By-laws and a strategy action plan to take us in a logical direction for future events and operation of the association. Over view is found elsewhere in this publication. As a direct result from these activities I have scheduled another "working session" for our upcoming Mid-Winter Session 12-15 March 2015. This is necessary to assure we are moving in the right direction and to monitor, update our desired outcomes.

Also in this publication please see the form for Imperial in Houston, July. Get your bands registered for the competitions and assure your room(s)

and meals on the proper forms to be sent to the responsible officers. Please include the \$20.00 for each noble with your registration as this is an Imperial requirement. The earlier the better which helps our planning activity for the number of folks attending. Don't wait till the last minute. We have negotiated an excellent room cost with the Marriott Houston Hobby and the convenience of free shuttle service to and from the airport. We are also next to a major freeway that will get you to the Brown Center in about 10 minutes to downtown Houston. Also it has been rumored that Khiva Oriental Band out of Amarillo, Texas, will be the opening act for the Imperial Session in Houston. Looking forward to getting this type of publicity out in shrinedom and hopefully we can garner a few new members in our temples as a result.

Another reminder, if I may, is A.S.O.B. Dues are an important element for your Associations operation, ie; the publication that you are reading this moment. The funds collected are put right back in the association for your benefit. No monies are used by your officers for their travels or personal use. Your officers are very conscientious and sensitive to this old rumor which seems to persist. I assure you that they travel 100% on their own personal funds.

I want to thank the ambassadors for their activity in supporting the association. They are an important pipe line to the association. Remember we in the association are here to support the bands and all bands are here to support our Shrine Ladder of Smiles. It's a collective effort. Don't let up. In closing, I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas and made it into the New Year safely. Go In Peace. Visit us on face book and on our awesome web site: <http://www.asob.org>.

Yours In the Faith:

Dave McCarthy, President 2014-15

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jeff Moores

Greetings from the frigid Northeast! The Melha Oriental Band just finished our last parade of the year with the Florence

Holiday Parade. It was a cold one though at 22 degrees. I think there was as much snow lining the streets for this parade as there was for our first parade of the season back in March.

It is with great sadness that I have to report that the Melha Oriental Band has been visited by the Black Camel. We lost a dear and true friend and a great Oriental Bandsman in Johnny Joseph. Johnny was always there to help us raise money for the Ladder of Smiles and had been a Shriner and OBER for over 50 years. He will be missed by all.

It has been a very busy fall season. In the middle of August, the Melha Shriners hosted the Northeast Field Days in Springfield, Mass. The Aleppo and Melha Oriental Bands got together before the parade and just played together for fun. That is kind of what it is all about, isn't it?

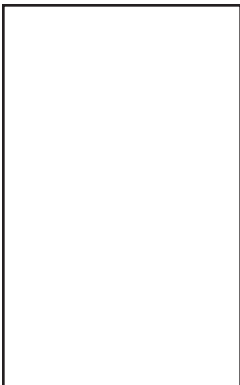
On the last weekend of August I was off to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the Central States Shrine Association. It was a great turnout from the Central States OB's and they all did a great job throughout the weekend.

The next weekend it was off to Virginia Beach for the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association. They had a very productive business meeting and the parade was well attended by the Oriental Bands. After getting to stay home for one weekend, then it was off to Myrtle Beach for the South Atlantic Shrine Association and another great

weekend of Oriental Band fun. South Atlantic did away with the Competition this year and just did a showcase with each of the bands getting up to play for a very energetic crowd. It was capped off with a group jam session where everyone got up and played together.

The most important thing we did this fall though was the Executive Committee Meeting that we had outside of Dallas on Halloween weekend. It was two days of your Officers and Past Presidents working on charting the future of the ASOB. We worked on the Vision and Mission Statement for the association, developed a 24 point action plan with items that need to be completed in 2014, items that need to be completed before our next meeting at the ASOB Mid-Winter Meeting, and items that are more long term. Our intention is to have two of these Executive Committee Meetings a year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, so we can review and modify the actions so that our Association will continue to grow and have relevance to all of the Oriental Bands out there. We also spent time working on changes to the By-laws, which you will find published elsewhere in this issue. If you have any concerns or issues with any changes or the outcome of the Executive Meeting, please let your officers know, so that we may discuss it. One of the biggest changes that we have proposed is the elimination of a Vice Presidents position that will shorten the ASOB line by a year. Speaking of that, we are still looking for a few good men to fill some open positions in the line.

*Yours in The Faith,
Jeff*



**Second VICE
PRESIDENT
Tom Crow**

I hope everyone made it through the Christmas Holidays and the New Year's parties without any major catastrophes.

We were blessed in our home as we were able to have all the family together, which does not always happen. With one son-in-law career Army they are not always able to be with us. It is great to have all of us together at once and to see the grandkids at Christmas. Now that we have had a chance to rest up, it is time to start up the bands. This is the perfect time to start talking with your band about coming to Texas for Imperial Session in Houston. President Dave has been putting in many hours to get a great deal for our hotel stay. We will be having a great time in Houston and you do not want to miss out.

This year my job will be competition chairman and we are looking forward to having a large contention of Oriental Bands. We would like to encourage all bands to let us know if you are possibly coming to Texas for the Imperial Session. You do not have to have a large band to have fun and compete. Bring what you can and enjoy the fellowship with other Oriental Bandsmen. As many of you know last year we had a band consisting of one member, but he played his heart out on that musette. The sooner you can sign-up the better it is for the officers to secure our competition space. Don't miss out on a great time in Texas.

The Executive Committee had a great meeting in Grapevine, TX, in November. We worked on a long range plan that could possibly make ASOB stronger and viable for years to come. I would like to thank all the Past Presidents and Officers for all the time and energy put in to the session. It is that giving that helps make this Association strong. We want ASOB to be here for years to come. I would like to thank President Dave and 3rd V.P. Chris for all their hard work in planning and monitoring this session.

I would also like to take time to encourage all bands to talk to each of your members about the importance of the Ladder of Smiles. All of the monies collected for the Ladder of Smiles are sent for the use of our hospitals. Money can be donated to the Ladder of Smiles for any reason, such as memorials,

celebrations such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings or any landmark event. It can also be designated for any shrine hospital. There are forms available that will make it easy for donations and let you designate where the donation acknowledgment letters be sent. This is a great way to help our hospitals.

If you or your band has someone that is interested in becoming a part of ASOB as either an officer or on one of the committees please let one of our officers know, because we would love to include everyone in the fun and fulfillment of serving.

Also please let the officers know whenever your band or association has an event scheduled. We would love to attend as many of these as possible. We would like to be at your mid-winter, association, or jamboree to meet as many of the great bandsman around Shrine as possible. It is a lot of fun for me to see how other bands preform and party. Hope to see ya'll in Houston in July.

*YITF,
Tom Crow*



**SECRETARY
TREASURER
Mahlon Hariu**

Es Selamu
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Snow, snow,
b e a u t i f u l
snow. Two
days before
Thanksgiving
and tomorrow,
wednesday, we
are to have 3 to

6 inches of the white substance. This will certainly make it easier to track the elusive turkey buzzard we usually have for our Thanksgiving dinner.

The Executive Committee met in Texas the end of October/beginning of November for a needed meeting about the future of the A.S.O.B. You will find the Minutes of this meeting and an updated By-laws revision for your review. We will vote on the changes to the By-laws at the Annual Meeting

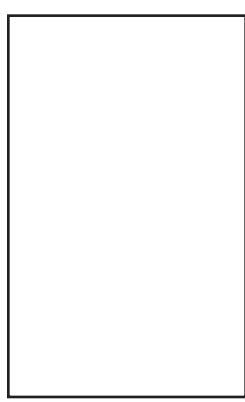
at Imperial in July. Please try to be at Imperial this year, we anticipate a lot of work and need everyone to put their ideas on the table.

Dues Notices were mailed the middle of September. If for some reason the Band Secretary did not receive the notice, please notify me so that I may send out a new notice. As of Thanksgiving, I have only received seven (7) dues remittances.

The First 100 Club is now history. All current members will have Emeritus status on the payment of dues to ASOB, however Morrie was only getting one to two new members a year and this was unsustainable for an organization this size. Plus no one told him when a member passed away, so we had many members on the rolls that either had not paid Shrine dues, or passed away. Secretaries did not notify Morrie when a member died, so we were mailing copies of the Na Khabar to dead nobles. I culled over half of the membership last year and I would bet that if I did the same exercise again this year I would remove another large group of names. Have a nice holiday and Happy New Year.

*Aleikum Es Selam,
Mahlon*

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100 CLUB
CHAIRMAN**
Morrie Toretsky

Greetings from beautiful Minnesota! Our winter has arrived. Early this November we were blessed with

January temperatures in the single digits and snow. I have not received communications of any changes to the roster. We made changes to First 100 Club listings in the September NA Khabar. Please let me know if there are any corrections.

The 2015 Imperial Session will be in Houston, Texas, July 4-8. We are having a First 100 Club Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday July 8, 2015 at the Houston Marriot South at Hobby airport. We need new members for the First 100 Club. Please mail your name, address, shrine center, and a check for \$100.00 for each application to: Morrie Toretsky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55426. Make checks payable to First 100 Club ASOB. You will find the application with this article. Thank You for your contribution and support.

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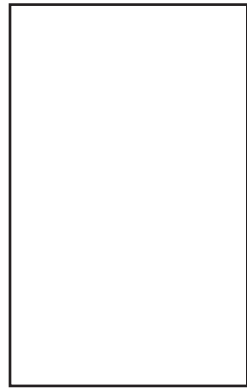
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**LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN**
Michael Hartup

A new year, a new beginning, a new opportunity, a new resolution, each of these is a chance to help our kids and our hospitals.

In this issue of the NaKhabar is a brief history of the Ladder of Smiles. If you have any suggestions about how to increase our fundraising or something you do or your band does, please share it with me (I will include it in my next article) or share it in your next article. Midian Oriental

Band passes a fez at every meeting, (it is amazing how fast loose change adds up). My poker buddies each ante a quarter for the kids every hand they play. Another band fines members for being late, forgetting their fez, etc. Even another band assesses fines for members who leave their mobile phones on and have been known to call them just to hear a ring and get more money for the kids. Your ladies also make contributions to the Ladder of Smiles. One ladies group even sold boxer shorts adorned with the shrine emblem as a fundraising project.

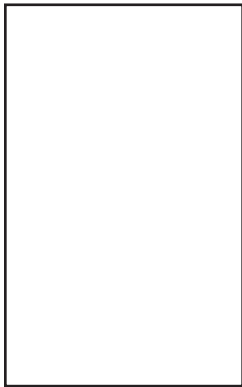
I know there may be snow on the ground (or just plain cold weather) now where you live and July and high temperatures seem a long time away, but it is not too early to think about attending Imperial Session in Houston. Houston is an easy city to reach. There are many things to do and see in Houston and the gulf is not that far away. For those of us who are landlocked, that is a definite attraction. Oriental Bands will have the opportunity to play with and see bands they have not seen before. It would be great to have bands representing all regions participating this year.

There are articles in this issue about your individual bands, your regional associations and your A.S.O.B. Without your input and ideas we cannot grow. Please read, write, and communicate with your ambassadors, appointees, and officers to make the A.S.O.B. a strong organization. This communication begins within your band and the other bands in the association. I encourage you to visit other bands when you can. If you are traveling for business or pleasure and find yourself in an area with an oriental band, visit that band. You are an ambassador for your band and all bandsmen. Not only will you make new friends, you may pick up some new ideas.

It is through the donations of each of us that we can help our kids and keep our hospitals providing excellent care. Be creative and be generous. Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.

*I bid you peace,
Mike*

AMBASSADORS



FLORIDA
Robert E.
Stihler

To all Oriental Bandsmen and their Ladies, I trust all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season, and extend a

“Florida Warm Wish” for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The other day I ran across a September 1986 issue of the Na Khabar and was somewhat stunned as to some of statistics... there were articles from 9 Ambassadors, compared to 7 in the September 2014 issue; and articles from 65 Bands, compared to 13 in the September 2014 issue.

FSOBA President Paul (The Greek) Pante and Secy-Treas Floyd LaDue have been busy formulating plans for the 2015 FSOBA Convention to be hosted by Sahib Oriental Band at Sarasota, FL, during 7-9 May, as a first attempted “No competition, No formal stuff, No pressure” get-together program is being planned. An invitation for this event was sent to all ASOB Officers, Ambassadors and Oriental Band Members ALL, requesting them to communicate this information to the Bands in their areas. It is stressed, that a Band does not have to attend “as a Band”.... in other words, if only one or two Bandsmen from a small Band are interested, please consider attending, as your attendance and participation will help to make this a relaxing, fun filled time. Can you imagine what a Jam Session, (or two), of heroic proportions this would make???

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals.

God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America



**MID
ATLANTIC**
Keith Oviatt

At the annual meeting of M A S O B A held at Virginia Beach, the following were elected to serve: President Steve Slogik of Jaffa,

1st VP Robert Reed, 2nd VP Wayne Grumbein, 3rd VP Mahlon Ressel, Sgt. at Arms Luke Schofield and Sec/Treas. John Grumbein. Jay Lasser was elevated to the position of ‘Has Been.’ The meeting was attended by several past MASOBA Presidents and ASOB officers: Vince Bobrosky Past ASOB President, 1st VP Jeff Moores, Sec/Treas. Emeritus Bud Moore and Ambassadors Nolan Stanley and Keith Oviatt. There was no stage competition but on Saturday morning the parade competition saw Irem in 1st place with Jaffa in 2nd and LuLu in 3rd place.

The 2015 Mid-Winter meeting will be at Reading on February 28. This will be in conjunction with the combined Rajah/L.C.S.C. Oriental Band’s Ladies/Past Presidents Banquet in the evening. For more information and reservations contact John Grumbein at jkgrumbein@aol.com. I have also received information from Floyd LaDue about a fun weekend in Florida in May. Hosted by FSOBA for a general weekend opened to all OBER’s. No competition just a fun weekend. More info will be in the FSOBA article.

Hope everyone had a good Holiday Season and the PC Police did not give you a bad time. Remember that we parade so the children in the hospitals will benefit. Give to the Ladder of Smiles in memory of someone, in honor of a birthday, anniversary or any other occasion. Also remember to look at the doughnut, not the hole.

BAND NEWS

Abdallah

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Unfortunately THE Band was visited by the Black Camel this year, Al Harvel, retired musette player. R.I.P... Al!

An Epilog from THE Band’s September article. I stated we had been practicing HARD for the 2014 ASOBCS Competition at Tulsa, OK, Labor Day Weekend. It paid off as Abdallah Oriental Band earned 1st Place for Ballyhoo, Fantasy, and Parade in Medium Band and Best Director in Medium Band. The surprise came when Abdallah OB played a medley of Louie, Louie and Low Rider. The audience could finally relate to some of our music.

Abdallah OB has had a good year. A lot of parades and events. Our second TX Hold’em Tournament for the year was held in October and THE Bands last parade, Ottawa Holiday Parade was in Ottawa, KS, Thanksgiving weekend. No relaxing, we have next year’s tune to learn, Luanlu, ha ha ha ha

Congratulations go out to Abdallah OB 2015 Officers, President Don Best PP, Vice President Bill Murray, Treasurer Gregg Loeser, Sergeant at Arms/Quartermaster (also ASOBCS 3rd VP) W Richard “Bear” Sobek and of course myself as Secretary.

A BIG thanx goes out to Ed “the Fez” Harvey, Seroyia the Abdallah OB Mascot wrangler, and W Richard “Bear” Sobek for reviving Seroyia and caring for her at her public appearances.

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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Howdy from the green mountains of Vermont. We had a snow storm the day before Thanksgiving so we look like our neighbors to the East, New Hampshire, which are the white mountains. We are all for the year with parades and will retain the same leadership as in 2014 and a few years prior, when you only have nine bandmen, it’s hard to elect a new line of officers, and to be honest, the present staff are doing a good job, we are still performing.

Had our end of year dinner at the Black Rock here in Springfield, food exceptional and steady flow of camels milk. UPDATE: New Hampshire was victorious in the Maple Sugar Bowl game.

Came in third in donations to the Ladder of Smiles last issue of the NA KHABAR, all in band happy with our amount to help our kids. By the time you read this article, the holidays will be over and we will be into a new year, so wishing all had a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Here we go into another year ... where-or-where did 2014 go??? The Band had another Annual Christmas Dinner at the Colonnade Seafood Restaurant following the Fall Ceremonial on 6 December 2014. The dinner has been orchestrated by Lady Georgia and Noble John Pettibone for many years, and as usual, it was greatly enjoyed by Band members, past and present, as well as some of our Band Widows.

W Richard “Bear” Sobek

REMEMBER: We be THE Band.....!
Color, Sound, Spirit and Fun of the Abdallah

Yours in Faith
Roy Samuel, Secretary
Abdallah OB, ASOBCS 4th VP

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Bahia Oriental Band continues to be “dim,” but we have occasional “called meetings” to discuss items of interest.

At our last meeting, Noble Millard Smith volunteered to be President for 2015, and Noble Robert Woodall and Yours Truly continue as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

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



Hopefully, Egypt's Tong #54 will present its nationally acclaimed Mandarin Degree at the May 2015 FSA/FSOBA Convention hosted by Sahib Shrine and the Sahib Oriental Band at Sarasota, FL.

In the meantime... Remember the kids in the hospitals. God Bless You, God Bless Our Troops, God Bless America

Irem

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The ASOB Nobility can be very proud of our Oriental Band. This all started several months ago with our rehearsals in preparation for the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association's convention. Early in September President James Hudock guided our camel caravan through the villages and nearby water holes arriving at the Virginia Beach Oasis.

The night before the parade competition the band gathered at the campfire with each one realizing his important role to bring honor to our Temple. The following morning we assembled at the parade line-up. Included were musetters James Connors and Stephen Dreater; drummers James Hudock, Warren Lewis and Anthony DeLeo along with percussionists James Mason (gong), James Roberts (tambourine), John Powell (cymbals) and Luke Schofield (block). All along the parade route Director Fred Deitrich amazed the spectators with his scimitar and our oriental music which they cherished and applauded vigorously.

That evening at the Awards Banquet with Divans from 24 MASA Temples present, the Irem Oriental Band was awarded "First Place - Oriental Bands - 2014". We are pleased to mention the Irem OB has won First Place Honors for the past three years at MASA!!

In addition at the MASOBA meeting Luke Schofield, a member of our band since 1994, was elected sergeant-at-arms and will eventually be

its president in 2018. Luke will become the fourth member of the Irem Oriental Band to serve as MASOBA President.

This past November we had our 103rd Annual Meeting in which the following officers were chosen: Director - Fred Dietrich, President - James Connors, Vice President - Warren Lewis, Secretary - Olin Evans, Treasurer - James Roberts and Financial Secretary - Stephen Dreater.

Being one of the oldest Oriental Bands in Shrinedom, we are hopeful our bedouins will flourish once again in 2015!!

Khiva

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The year 2014 is now in the books for the Khiva Oriental Band. And the old question comes up, "where did it all go so fast". To help answer that, most of the following is our year in review.

January, our Sultan decided that he needed more in his life so he ran for Oriental Guide and was blessed with an opportunity to help lead Khiva Shrine with his successful campaign during elections. He has performed admirably as both our leader and as OG. Now, after a year of cow-towing to the rest of the Divan, I wonder if he's thinking if it was a rash decision on his part.

Our first "Crab Fest" fundraiser took place in February with much assistance from our dear friends from the Al Kadar and Nile Oriental Bands. The inspiration for this was hatched during a brain storming session with Al Kadar's Ralph Jubb in the ASOB room at the Indianapolis Hilton, the year prior during Imperial Session. It was preceded by months of careful planning and preparation. The resulting Crab Fest was an overwhelming success and it put the Band on solid financial footing for the rest of the year.

March found the Band hosting

Texas Shrine Oriental Bands at the TASOB Mid-Winter conference. The Band, thanks to then TASOB President John Meyer, pulled out all the stops and welcomed our attendees to Amarillo and Khiva Shrine (and Palo Duro Canyon). We were honored by the attendance of ASOB officers, President David McCarthy, our long distance attendee, Jeff Moores, Tom Crow and Mike Hartup. The Band has received lots of positive feedback from the other bands from that weekend.

April and May brought on the numerous practices conducted by a determined dictator or rather director. He, with a stroke of confidence, decided to slice our two-a-weeks to one, a few months before competition time. The second week of May brought the start of the Vidalia onion sales drive over several weekends. Before we had Crab Fest, this was our biggest fund raiser of the year. Then we had Homer's Backyard Ball later in May. This is a large outdoor music festival and its proceeds, after expenses, go to local charities. Thanks, in part, to our O.B. members that helped with logistics such as support at the gate, ushering, serving, etc., Khiva Shrine has become one of the financial benefactors of this event making this a very successful fundraiser for our Temple. This event provides some good exposure for Shriners and our mission.

The first week of June brought on the TASOB, All-State competition in Mesquite. We stayed with several of our fellow units of Khiva Shrine at the official Khiva Inn. The 29 members, who traveled downstate, were good enough to keep our championship streak alive. It was good getting to watch all the other competing Bands from Texas. Our July was dark as we decided to sit this year's Imperial Session out and prepare for the journey to Houston, July 2015. August brought on our great Oriental Band Victory Party at our gracious hosts, Diane and Lloyd Seitz. September, we came back to life with our stated meetings and the planning and scheming that goes on at such - seriously, it seems that we must

always be diligently planning at least a few months ahead. Fair season had arrived with the Tri-State Parade. As we progressed down the parade route, it seemed to have grown larger every year.

October kicked in with a huge fund raiser, the Khiva Car Party. Many units of Khiva were occupied with various duties. It is no exaggeration to say that there were at least 1000 people in the building that night. Other figures thrown around ranged from 900 to 1200 people. We had three bars on three levels. The Oriental Band was especially preoccupied with manning the new lower level bar. The lines were long but we got the product out without too much complaint. The “door prize” that night was a new shiny black 2014 Corvette, hence the name Khiva Car Party. The Band bought 10 tickets and they went bust that night but what fun it was being there and helping out. Our members, who participated, were instrumental along with the other units to help make this one of our Shrine Center’s most important nights of the year.

Some of our members regularly participate in our bi-annual Khiva Outreach Clinic that our Shrine holds in Amarillo during May and October. Here, we invite families with children who are current patients and those who are not and need our help from the four-state region to come and be evaluated by the Houston Hospital Chief of Staff and his support personnel. At this clinic, our patients can be fitted with braces, they can be scanned and if necessary, pre-admitted to the Houston Orthopedic Hospital. As you can imagine, it’s a rewarding experience to be able to participate and be a part of changing a child’s life for the better during these clinics.

Our contributions to the month of December will have most likely been participation in the Center City Electric Light Parade. Annually, this tends to be our favorite parade that we are a party to. Our December stated meeting will include nominations and elections for

our new leaders for 2015.

Early 2015 will include our Second Annual Crab Fest on Saturday, February 28th. At the moment, planning is in full mode. We had about 17 corporate tables last year and we are planning to have even more corporate presence this year. We hope to have some very fresh Cancer Magister (Dungeness) flown in here from Oregon. The land-locked locals here seem to appreciate this unique, succulent opportunity that we offer them.

If we could only have a year without illness, sadness and loss, but they say there’s more to life than happiness. Our loss of Theresa Brewton still tugs at us. Several of us have lost parents and that will leave a hole in you the rest of your life. Some of us have been seriously ill. Our Caliph (director), Joe Brewton, needed some plumbing work on his heart and his procedure went well. He looks great as he is now back to his “fighting weight.” Our Sultana, Carole Pinson had several health setbacks earlier this year but she has been on the mend and is her usual, bubbly self. We have had the usual amount of hip, shoulder, knee and back procedures. Everyone affected seems to be on the mend now.

Our Director just distributed our 2015 song Luanlu to the membership. I guess we better get right on it ... not! Band has been so fortunate to have received its share of new members this year. We really appreciate you guys. You are destined in history as members of the O.B. and will probably provide fodder to our 10, 20 or 30 year or more members, if you haven’t provided that by now.

May the year 2015 treat all reading this well. Hopefully you and your family had a quiet, reflective and restful holiday season. And may God bless our children, doctors and staff throughout our Shriners system, all of the members of the Khiva Oriental Band and the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands.

*Till next time,
the scribe*

All you can eat at Crab Fest 2014

August’s Khiva Victory Party

Behind the scenes at Crab Fest

*Friendly card game at the TASOB
Mid-Winter Conference in Amarillo*

Homer's Backyard Ball
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May's KOB Vidalia Onion sales drive

Joe & Theresa Brewton
enjoying Crab Fest 2014

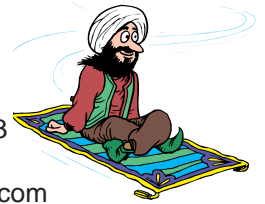
September KOB Stated Meeting

The TSA OB Unlimited
Class traveling trophies

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Khiva 2014 Potentate Scott
Woolery with a patient at the
May Khiva Outreach Clinic

KOB running the bar at the
October Khiva Car Party

The Horns listening
carefully to the Caliph

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at All-State 2014

The Khiva Kar Party door prize

Greetings Nobles! Many of you know that the Medinah Oriental Band was the original Oriental Band in all of Shrinedom. We were established in 1899 and have been continually in existence since that time. That's the good news. Here's the great news – we're growing! Two of the graduates from Medinah's Spring Class of 2014 have joined our ranks. Brother Nobles Tristan Tabotabo and Edgar Tacadena saw the light and signed up to be musette players swelling our membership total to 28. Welcome to both Brother Nobles.

On July 4th, 2014, we participated in three parades. Medinah's Brass Band shared our float, and under the able direction of Brother Nobles Howard Giesen (Oriental Band) and Chuck Masny (Brass Band), the crowds were amazed and delighted with the quality and amount of music

that we all performed. In addition to our performance, we had a hotdog cook-out with the appropriate liquid refreshments and, as you might guess, it was fun – lots of fun.

Our musical OV was held on September 21st in conjunction with the Brass Band. We had a stellar turnout and dazzled the crowds and the Divan with the scope of our repertoire. In addition, Brother Noble Bruce Allman, our Musical Director was named Bandsman of the Year. It was a well-deserved honor and long overdue. Way to go, Bruce!

On October 5, the band participated in another local parade. Again, the Brass Band shared our float. The temperature was 52 degrees when the parade kicked off and we sure warmed up the crowd with our musical prowess.

On October 18th, the Oriental Band participated in Medinah's Fall Ceremonial. Our oriental-sounding music added both background and authenticity to the proceedings. We had a good turn-out to boot.

Finally, we're all looking forward to our annual Christmas Party. This year it will be held at the Medinah Oasis on December 12. More fun and frolic to come....

Tim Wycislak, Scribe

Melha

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Seasons Greetings from the Pioneer Valley. Melha Oriental Band just marched in the Florence Christmas parade in 20 degree freezing temperature but the warm cheering of the kids in the crowd on the sideline made every step along the parade route worth it.

Chris Parker has been re-elected as the band President - he must be doing something right to be elected a third time, as they say, "Third Time Is A Charm."

We are working out our routine for the Imperial Session in Houston as a small band in support of our own Jeff Moores as he will hopefully be elected as ASOB President at the annual meeting. It has been a few years since Melha has competed at Imperial and we hope to have a lot of FUN in Texas.

This past September Melha hosted the Northeast Field Days in Springfield with parade and banquets and even a fun day at Six Flags amusement and water park. Members of Aleppo Oriental band took first place in duet competition edging out Melha.

On a sad note we have lost another long time member of the oriental band, John Joseph. He served our country in WW2 in the Pacific in such battles as the invasion of Okinawa. John worked for me as a bartender and was well liked by the patrons for his many stories and dancing with a tamborine or finger cymbals as I played oriental music on the squeezebox. Our sincere condolences to John's wife Jeannette and family. A tip of the Fez to John for all he has done to support our hospitals. In closing, please remember the LADDER OF SMILES.

*Musically yours,
Squeezebox*

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Sitting here looking at the frost on the roofs, and snow on the ground, 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! Seattle drivers will be running around with their hair afire till the roads clear!!

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 6th is the Annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Center with prime rib being on the menu! It will be good!

We will be electing new officers for the forthcoming year in December. The Nobles nominated are: Larry Gillespie - Sultan; Wes Decker - Pasha 1; Darrick Hayman - Pasha 2; Keeper of the Scrolls - yours truly; Keeper of the Purse - Norm Wold. Trustees are: 1 year Ed Broker, 2 year Acki Mueller, 3 year Jim Hutchins. I anticipate a great year for the Band and these Nobles!!

We will be doing a CrabFeed in February, which our Director, Jim Hart, is patiently getting us ready for! 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!!!!

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Greetings from the sunny (not snowy) southern shores of Lake Erie. Parade season has come and gone. The last parade for the year was at Conneaut

Lake, the home of our Illustrious Pote, Bryan Ferguson. We had a good turnout for this parade. Now our instruments have been given a chance to rest for the rest of the winter in order to be in tune next year. We did gain one new member, Dick Sullivan, who is a welcome addition to our clan.

By the time this is your hands we will have had our band Christmas Party with several Divan members present as well as the Oriental band sweetheart, Emily Mellish and her family. A local TV station had a telethon for the Shriner Hospital-Erie Unit and Emily was one of the Shriner kids featured.

Penn State Behrend Hosts Beads4Needs. Reality Check, a Penn State Behrend service organization, hosted a Beads4Needs party in early November. Over 80 Penn State students came out to help string beads. The students said it was very inspiring to hear Emily's story and learn about her journey. At the end of the night well over 1000 bracelets were finished. Reality Check looks forward to hosting this event again next year.

Esther Bax, wife of Willie Bax, our 50 year band member has been having some health issues and we wish her well.

If you always do what you have always done, nothing new will ever get done.

*Emily at the WJET TV
Telethon held at the hospital*

A HISTORY OF THE LADDER OF SMILES

The following was researched and presented in the Na Khabar issue dated March 2002 by Noble Stanley L. Snyder. Stanley was a Past President of the Association of Shrine Oriental Band of North America and was Chairman for the Ladder of Smiles for over eleven years.

Harry LeBarron, Al Bahr Oriental Band had an idea. He felt the oriental bands, the showcase of Shrinedom, should do more than blow horns, beat drums and clash cymbals. He suggested a Shrine Hospital Fund for the oriental bands. The suggestion was accepted in 1960 by the association officers, R.N. Parkhill - 1959-60 President and R.L. Price - 1960-61 President. Harry LeBarron served as secretary/treasurer for five years. Harry was a real character. His life was interesting and exciting. Ken McElroy, Zenobia Oriental Band, took over as secretary/treasurer, but gave it up after two years. The Imperial Session was held in Washington D.C. in 1965 and again in 1967. It was at the 1967 Session that C.R. Brough, then ASOB president, appointed George H. Vanderwende as secretary/treasurer of the ASOB Ladder of Smiles Shrine Hospital Fund. The title was changed to general chair in 1976. In 1980, George H. Vanderwende submitted his resignation as general chairman. At the Imperial Session in 1980, Imperial Potentate Claypool, before the assembled delegates, presented a plaque from the Imperial Council to Noble Vanderwende for his thirteen years of service to the Shrine Hospitals ASOB Ladder of Smiles.

In 1981, Past President Willard Pfluge was appointed chairman. After the death of Bill Pfluge in 1987, George H. Hewell, Past President was appointed to as chairman. After the death of his beloved wife, Ann, in 1992, George gave up the job and I, Stanley Snyder, Zembo Oriental Band, was appointed chairman.

In 1984, Past Presidents George H. Hewell and Edward Sanders came up with the idea of memorial. With each donation, a list is presented to the Na Khabar showing who passed away and who donated in their behalf to the Ladder of Smiles. Also, the family receives a memorial card recognizing this donation. This project has worked very successfully for our philanthropy.

The years 1960-67 showed a total of \$52,281.87. Over the years since the inception through the George H. Vanderwende years, the total increased to \$442,712.11. Since then through January 2002, the collections have totaled \$1,471,258.25. This nobles, is a history we should be very proud. Let us continue with the precedent set before us. Our goal is to reach one and one-half million dollars in total this year.

UPDATE

Past President Stanley Snyder retired as Ladder of Smiles Chairman in July 2003. I was appointed chairman to succeed Stan. From January 2002 through July 2014, your donations have totaled \$1,110,496.06, contributing a grand total \$2,581,754.31 to Shriners Hospitals since 1961. We are looking forward to reaching the three million dollar mark.

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

*W. Michael Hartup
Chairman, Ladder of Smiles*

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

August through November 2014

In Memory Of

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JAN WITHEE AND BOB BOBST
TOM AND KATIE CROW

JUDY HOBACK

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BAND ASSOCIATION

HAROLD AND EVELYN MOORE

DONALD WAMSLEY

BY: AL SHAMAL ORIENTAL BAND

JOHN BURROUGH

BY: AL SHAMAL ORIENTAL BAND

HAROLD RUFENACK

BY: AL SHAMAL ORIENTAL BAND

LONE SAUL

BY: HAROLD AND EVELYN MOORE

JOHN McCALLUM

BY: TEDDY McCALLUM

VICKI T. STUBBS

BY: MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND

LOUIS LAUDRY

BY: SOUTH CIRCLE TRACTOR SALES

GLEND A. MOORES

BY: DONALD W. MOORES
MICHAEL MOORES
JEFFREY S. MOORES

LADDER OF SMILES GUIDELINES

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

1. Checks made payable to the Ladder of Smiles (Canadian funds) are deposited in the Ladder of Smiles Canadian band account. U.S. funds are deposited in the U.S. bank account. All donations are acknowledged by letter to the donor and the proper band is given credit for the donation. (Please note which band is to receive credit.)

2. In addition, if the donation is "In Memory Of" the family of the deceased receives a memorial card acknowledging the donation and naming the donor. If the donation is "In Honor of" the honoree receives a card acknowledging the donation and naming the donor.

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

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

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



ASSOCIATION OF SHRINERS ORIENTAL BANDS, INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING



October 30 - November 2, 2014

Names of Members Present: President David McCarthy, 1st VP Jeff Moores, 2nd VP Tom Crow, 3rd VP Chris Tsaros, SEC/Tres. Mahlon Hariu, P.P., Past Pres. Michael Hartup, Past Pres. Don Moores, Past Pres. Joe Brewton, and Past Pres. Jim Whitehouse.

OUR VISION: A healthy Oriental Band Community for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for children.

OUR MISSION: To provide the tools for fun, music, recruitment and fundraising for the oriental band community.

The meeting was opened by President David McCarthy at 0900 hours on October 31, 2014 with a prayer and the Shriners pledge to the flag. President McCarthy then turned the meeting over to the facilitator Chris Tsaros for the remainder of the Meeting. This is Chris's area of expertise so he was elected to keep us on track and accomplish all that was needed do our business the next two days. We broke our priorities into four (4) parts by date to be accomplished and who was accountable for completion.

A. Priority

- a. Establish an ambassador Conference call framework to be deployed every two months. - Dave
- b. Place an ad in the Na Khabar for a nomination for a Communications Professional for the newly created Communications Portfolio. - Chris
- c. Send minutes of all meetings to all members within two weeks of the meeting date. - Mahlon
- d. Develop and communicate a brief skype utilization job aid for the use of the strategic workshop. - Dave & Chris
- e. Hold a skype conference call with all strategic workshop participants. - Dave
- f. Lock off on Tampa Imperial schedule. - Jeff
- g. Send results of the Strategic Meeting to all Past Presidents. - Joe
- h. Identify all bands that held ASOB membership that has lapsed and has not been renewed. - Jeff

B. Priority

- a. Identify all active bands who are not members of ASOB - Jeff & Dave
- b. Create a complete ASOB individual member list - Mahlon & Jeff
- c. Identify which regional associations have not had a representative on the ASOB executive line. - Jeff
- d. Create an Oriental Bandsman of the Year award criteria - Jim & Chris
- e. Create a certificate recognizing the "Formal Ambassador appointment" - Don
- f. Create a formal recognition to the oriental band with the top donations to the Ladder of Smiles - Mike & Don
- g. Prepare a revised roles and responsibilities document for the ASOB executives - Jeff & Tom & Jim
- h. Improve the layout of the website. - Jim & Don & Bonnie
- I. Provide a better position and content for the Ladder of Smiles on the website - Mike
- j. Lock off on Kansas City Jamboree Schedule - Tom & Chris

C. Priority

- a. Na Khabar to every paid member - Mahlon & Bonnie
- b. Focus OB Na Khabar stories on individual members supported with picture - Dave & Jim
- c. Explore with the Na Khabar Editor how to improve the layout of the Na Khabar - Chris
- d. Generate a job description for the Quarter Master - Dave & Jeff

D. Priority

- a. Define the cost and steps required to support the creation of education components (Music Academy) on the website. - Chris
- b. Explore the possibility of holding a Mid-Winter OB launch meeting in Europe - Dave & Chris

A complete review of the By-laws was completed with the following items to be brought to the floor of the assembly at the Annual Meeting in 2015. A motion and second has been made on all the following items.

- A. That an Executive Committee Meeting (planning workshop) be called by the ASOB President prior to November 1st.
- B. That the Executive Committee Meeting, Mid Winter, and the Annual Meeting be based on the management and updating of the ASOB Action Plan.
- C. That the position of 4th Vice President be eliminated.
- D. That the President shall appoint a Communications Director to manage all types of media communications.

The following items were discussed in no particular order.

- Ladder of Smile
- Ambassadors - Need Job Description
- Na Khabar - Communication to members, regional, and Imperial
- Bands Need to have fun
- What are the plans for the future
- We have no charter from Imperial - get one or put together ourselves
- Communicate this outcome with all Temples and Imperial
- Norm wold will be retiring at end of year.
- Need someone to do his work
- Find out about Skype
- Create invoices for ads in Na Khabar and send yearly
- Possible change of Jamboree location and time
- Need two nobles for line by next Annual Meeting
- Excel list of all members by Temple
- Write and send minutes of all meetings
- Set up Skype and have someone help me do this
- Workshop in Europe for OB
- Move to make 1st 100 club Chairman an Emeritus and all members receive all rights and privileges afforded them by annual meeting members
- At Annual Meeting, need motion to pay bill for upcoming year.

Yours in the Faith,

Mahlon E. Hariu, P.P., A.S.O.B. Sec/Treas

A.S.O.B. “Working” Mid-Winter 2015

March 12TH - 15TH GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

12 March

ARRIVE, CHECK IN HOTEL, HOSPITALITY - HOTEL HOST IN LOBBY AREA
WINE, BEER AND HORS D'OEUVRES 5PM - 8PM

13 March

BREAKFAST TILL 10AM IN HOTEL
9AM BUSINESS MEETINGS IN ASOB HOSPITALITY SUITE
1PM TRIP TO NINE ELEVEN AMERICAN AIRLINE MEMORIAL
HOSPITALITY IN ASOB HOSPITALITY SUITE AFTERWARDS
7PM LEAVE FOR NO-HOST DINNER - LOCAL

14 March

BREAKFAST TILL 10 AM IN THE HOTEL
9AM BUSINESS MEETING IN MEETING ROOM - UP DATE “DASH BOARD”
10 AM - LADIES LEAVE FROM HOTEL LOBBY FOR SHOPPING VENTURE.
1PM - 2PM - NO HOST LUNCHEON IN AREA FOR MEN.
7PM SPECIAL DINNER HOSTED IN LOCAL RESTAURANT BY PRESIDENT

15 March

DEPARTURES AND SAFE JOURNEY HOME

HOTEL INFORMATION AND REQUIRED DATA

Spring Hill Suites; Dallas DFW North Grapevine



-972-724-1111

To Reserve On-Line for King follow the link:



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ASOB MIDWINTER

COME AND PARTICIPATE, AS IT IS YOUR ASSOCIATION. AMBASSADORS AND BAND REPRESENTATIVES
HAVE AN INPUT TO THE ACTIVITIES AS WELL. PARTICIPATE. “TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE”

2015 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 4 - 8, 2015

A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel

Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport
9100 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77017-7009
(713) 943-7979

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

Phone: 717-287-2120 / Email: mehariu@gmail.com

Mail form to: Mahlon Hariu, Re: 2015 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session

~~BOG(OPHWS)~~

***** Room Rate is \$94.00/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 Marriott South
9100 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77017-7009
(713) 943-7979

I/We plan to attend the 2015 ASOB Imperial Session. Please reserve a room at the **ASOB Headquarters Hotel**, Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport

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

Marriott Rewards Card # _____

Please remit \$94.00 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 SESSION SCHEDULE

JULY 2015

Saturday July 4th

- SP** ~~OHFWHG2IAHUV0HHWLQ~~.....Location: Presidents Suite
Dress: Casual
Host: Dave McCarthy
- 4:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Port Lavaca Room
 4:00 pm Competition & Delegate Registration
 Banquet Tickets Pick-Up..... Location: Lobby

Sunday, July 5th

- 8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Port Lavaca Room
DP ~~(OHFWHG2IAHUV0HHWLQ~~
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Dress: Casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, no jewel and no nametag
Host: Dave McCarthy
- 11:00–3 pm Competition & Delegate Registration
 Banquet Tickets Pick-Up..... Location: Lobby
- 3:00 pm Potential of observing Khiva OB do open General Session
 Details to be provided in May Na Khabar
- SP0XVLFUHFWRUV0HHWLQ**Location: TBD
Dress: Casual

Monday, July 6th

- 7:00 am Make-up Room Opens..... Location: TBD
 8:00 am Parade CompetitionLocation: Rear Parking Lot
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nametag, and fez / Ladies Dress: Red White and Blue mix and nametag
 Immediately go to - Fantasy Competition Location: Corpus Christi Room
 Banquet Ticket Pick-Up after Competition Location: Lobby
 After Fantasy - Hospitality Room Opens Location: Port Lavaca Room
 Lunch for all
- 4:00 pm FREE Evening

Tuesday, July 7th

- 8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Port Lavaca Room
 9:00 am Sergeant At Arms Breakfast.....Location: Spintz Bar & Grill
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or tan shorts, jewel, nametag & fez
Host: Dave McCarthy & Jeff Moores
- DP** ~~)LUVW/DGV/XEKHRQ~~..... Location: Marco Polo Room
Dress: Business Casual by invitation
Host: Sandy McCarthy

- 5:30 pm Cocktail Reception Social Hour (no host) Location: Foyer
 Dress: Formal Tux with White Dinner Jacket, white tux shirt, black tux pants,
 (dark suit acceptable) black shoes, jewel & fez (No nametag)
 Ladies Dress: Formal (Cocktail Attire)
- 7:00 pm PresidenWVAward Banquet..... Location: Marco Polo Room
 Dress: Same as Reception
 Host: Dave McCarthy

Wednesday, July 8th

- 7:00 am First 100 Club Members Breakfast Location: Hopscotch Room
 Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, or tan shorts, jewel, nametag, no fez
 Host: Morrie Toretzky
- 8:00: am Hospitality Room Opens Location: Port Lavaca Room
- 9:00 am ASOB Annual Meeting Location: TBD
 Dress: Red Jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie, Jewel, Nametag and FEZ
- 9:00 am Ladies Gift Exchange..... Location: Pasadena Room
 Dress: To be determined by the Incoming PresidenWVLa/GHVLJQH
- 11:30 am Incoming PresidenWV Luncheon..... Location: Marco Polo Room
 Dress: Same as ASOB Annual Meeting
 Host: Jeff Moores
- 2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting Location: Hopscotch Room:
 Dress: Travel Clothes
 Hospitality Room Opens till? Location Port Lavaca Room

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

At this time scheduling is tenuous. Changes will happen.

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2014-2015 PATRON'S LIST

BRONZE: (\$10.00)

SILVER: (\$25.00)

GOLD: (\$75.00)

PLATINUM: (\$150.00)

Rameses - Hamilton OB

LIFE: (\$1,000.00)

**W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

*Joe Brewton (Khiva)

(Memory Theresa Brewton)

Peter Lawn (Gizeh)

Donald Moores (Amara)

James W. McIlhattan

Richard Thompson

Khiva Oriental Band

Maggie Hartup (Midian)

Midian Oriental Band

C. Vince Bobrosky

Gerry & Joann Suttner

* Indicates second donation

** Indicates third donation

Association of Shrine Oriental Bands Of Shriners International

BY-LAWS As Amended 2013

ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 – This Association shall be known as the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands.

Section 2 – The purpose of this Association is to promote the organization and betterment of Oriental Bands among various Shrine Centers; to create and devise instruments that fit in with the ritualistic style and display purposes of this Association; to originate and encourage the development of suitable and appropriate music which can be played on Oriental Band instruments; to promote cordiality and good fellowship among its members.

Section 3 – This Association, as a body, shall not use its influence in any way nor take sides in any manner whatsoever in the affairs of Shriners International nor shall it enter into collusion with others having that intent.

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.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership in this Association shall be composed of Active Members, Members-at-Large and Life Members.

Section 2 – An Active Member shall be a Shriner who is a member of a Shrine Oriental Band affiliated with this Association.

Section 3 – A Member-at-Large shall be a Shriner, formerly an Active Member of a Member Band of this Association, but whose Band has disbanded; or who has moved his place of residence from the jurisdiction of the Band of which he was a former member; or who has become a member of the “Retired Veterans” group that is recognized by his band. In order to qualify, as a Member-at-Large, such Shriner shall pay such annual dues as required by Active members to the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands.

Section 4 – Life Membership

- (a) All Past Presidents of the Association shall receive a Life Member Certificate upon completion of their term of office and thereafter shall be exempt from payment of annual dues to the Association.
- (b) Prior to June 25, 2002, A Life Member shall be a Shriner who is an Active Member in the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands who has acquired life membership upon payment of the requisite fee (\$100.00) to the Association and who shall thereafter be exempt from payment of annual dues to the Association.
- (c) After June 25, 2002, A Life Member shall be a Shriner who is an Active Member in the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands who has acquired life membership upon payment of the requisite fee (\$100.00) to the Association who shall thereafter receive a Life Member Certificate but will continue to pay annual dues to the Association.

Section 5 – Shrine Oriental Bands desiring to affiliate with this Association shall submit an application on a form furnished by the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer, listing its Officers and Members, and signed and approved by the Potentate of their Shrine Center, together with the current year’s dues, and upon approval of the Secretary Treasurer and the President, shall then become a member of this Association.

Section 6 – Regional Oriental Band Associations shall submit their By-laws to the Executive Committee of the A.S.O.B. for approval before the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands can sanction them. The Member Bands of the Regional Association must also be Member Bands of the A.S.O.B.

Section 7 – Each Regional Secretary shall submit a list of Oriental Bands that are members of their Regional Association to the Secretary Treasurer of the A.S.O.B. prior to the Annual Meeting of the A.S.O.B.

Section 8 – Reinstatement:

- (a) All Oriental Bands that have been dropped from A.S.O.B. membership for any reason may apply for reinstatement.
- (b) They shall submit an application on a form furnished by the A.S.O.B Secretary Treasurer, listing its Officers and Members, signed and approved by the Potentate of their Shrine Center, together with the dues for the current year plus the dues for the preceding year.
- (c) Upon approval of the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer and the A.S.O.B. President, the band and its members shall be reinstated as members.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The annual Meeting of this Association shall be held during the Annual Session of Shriners International, at such time and place as may be determined by the Convention Committee of the Imperial Council.

Section 2 – The annual Mid-winter Meeting of this Association shall be held at a time and place as directed by the President. The members of the Executive Committee will attend this meeting.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

- (a) The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Fourth Vice President, a Sergeant At Arms, and a Secretary Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the Annual Meeting and who shall serve until their successors have been elected and installed.
- (b) The order of election of officers shall be: If two (2) candidates shall be proposed for election, the candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be elected, (in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the vote cast). If more than two (2) candidates shall be proposed, the candidate receiving in excess of fifty per cent (50%) of the votes cast shall be elected. In the event neither of the candidates receive the votes required, then the (2) candidates with the largest number of votes will be subjected to a run off vote and the candidate with the majority of the votes cast shall be elected.

Section 2 – The Board of Governors shall consist of:

- (a) The Elected Officers of the A.S.O.B.
- (b) All Past Presidents of the A.S.O.B.
- (c) The Secretary of each Regional Association or alternate appointed by him.
- (d) One elected or appointed Representative from each member Oriental Band of the A.S.O.B. with proper credentials for presentation to the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer.
- (e) If the regular designated Representative is unable to attend, his band may select an alternate, and he shall qualify and function as a Representative.

Section 3 – Meeting Responsibilities for Officers

- (a) The Board of Governors shall transact all the business of this Association at the Annual Meeting.
- (b) Active Members and Members-at-Large shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and may participate therein, but shall not have any vote and may not propose any motion unless he is a representative of his own Oriental Band.
- (c) The Elected Officers of this Association and the Past Presidents shall constitute the Executive Committee. Said Committee may transact the interim business of the Association.
- (d) The President of the A.S.O.B. shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee and said Committee shall have the authority to fill any vacancy until the next Annual Meeting, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Governors.

Section 4 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and carry out all orders and resolutions of the Association. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall appoint all Committees and fill any vacancies occurring therein. He shall, at least one day prior to the Annual Meeting, appoint an Auditing Committee of not less than three (3) to audit the books and accounts of the Association and will audit the books and accounts of the Ladder of Smiles Fund and report their findings to the Association at said Annual Meeting.

Section 5 – The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. The remaining Vice Presidents shall, in their order, in the absence of the President and the First Vice President, perform the duties of the President. They shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the President.

Section 6 – The Sergeant At Arms shall properly tile all meetings of the Association. He shall provide a Registration Book wherein each person attending the meeting of the Associations shall register his name and Temple and shall deliver the same to the Secretary Treasurer of the Association at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. He shall also provide identification badges or insignia for member of the Board of Governors, cost of same to be paid by the Association.

Section 7 – Secretary Treasurer

- (a) The Secretary Treasurer shall keep all records of this Association and record its minutes; he shall receive all dues and funds of the Association which shall be kept in separate accounts for accountability and deposit same in a reputable bank, covered by Federal Deposit Insurance, in the name of the "Association of Shrine Oriental Bands" and disburse the monies from these funds on the order of the Executive Committee; he shall, within three (3) months after the time of the Annual Meeting, cause to be published in the Association's Official Publication, Na Khabar, a summary of his annual report, together with a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The Secretary Treasurer shall give good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such an amount as the Executive Committee shall require, and the cost of said bond shall be paid out of the Association's Treasury. This bond shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary/Treasurer and A.S.O.B. records.

Section 8 – The Editor of the Na Khabar shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee. He shall take care of all the duties pertaining to the publishing of the issues of the Bulletin. He shall transmit all of the monetary receipts of the Na Khabar to the Secretary-Treasurer

of the A.S.O.B. at least once each month and shall be issued a receipt for the same. He shall approve and submit all bills incurred in the publication, to the Secretary Treasurer for payment. He shall submit an accounting of the receipts and expenses of the Na Khabar to the Auditing Committee.

ARTICLE V – DUES

Section 1 – The annual dues shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars, per member of each band; Ten (\$10.00) per each Member-at-Large and shall be paid into the Treasury of this Association on or before March 1st of each year. The Association shall, from the receipts, pay the expenses of the Secretary's office, the rental, if necessary, of Headquarters and Convention meeting rooms during the Annual Meeting, and there shall be furnished a copy of the Na Khabar in such quantity as deemed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2 – Should the dues of any Affiliated Band, or any Member-at-Large not be paid before the Annual Meeting is called to order, it and all its members or the offending Member-at Large, shall be denied all the rights and privileges of the A.S.O.B. and shall be immediately suspended from membership. Reinstatement of such Band and its members or such Members-at-Large, shall be under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 – Membership cards in this Association, signed by the Secretary, shall be issued at Active Members and Members-at-Large upon payment of the Annual Dues. A Life Membership card, signed by the Secretary, shall be issued to all members acquiring that status.

Section 4 – A charter shall be issued to each Member Band of the Association. The Charter shall remain the property of the Association and shall be surrendered to the Secretary Treasurer should the Band to which it has been issued become non-affiliated for any reason.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – The President shall appoint a Publicity Chairman, who shall publicize the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands at every opportunity and offer all possible assistance to the Convention Committee of the Annual Meeting of the A.S.O.B.

Section 2 – Each Regional Oriental Band Association and each Oriental Band shall appoint or elect one member who shall act as an Associate Editor and Correspondent to the A.S.O.B. publication, the Na Khabar.

Section 3 – The President shall appoint a Convention General Chairman, who shall appoint all committees to make and direct all arrangements for meetings and entertainment to be held by the Association. Any expenditure not covered by the Host Oriental Band must have the approval of the President of the A.S.O.B. and a report made at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4 – The President shall appoint a General Chairman of the Ladder-of-Smiles who shall direct and coordinate all Shrine Children's Hospital fund raising activities of the Association. The Chairman shall recommend to the President, for appointment, such members as are needed to assist him in the performance of his duties.

Section 5 - The President shall appoint such Ambassadors as deemed necessary upon geographical boundaries. The Ambassadors shall encourage and assist in the organization of Oriental Bands in the various Shrine Centers and shall promote the affiliation of such Oriental Bands with the Association. He shall report the names of all new Oriental Bands with their Officers to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association.

Section 6 – The President shall appoint a Historian. The Historian shall compile a record of the Association and assist the President as asked.

Section 7 – The President shall appoint a Chaplain. The Chaplain shall assist at all meetings and events as assigned by the President.

Section 8 – The President shall appoint a Photographer. The Photographer shall make a pericardial copy of all events he decides will be for the benefit of the Association.

Section 9 – The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall assist the President and all Officers as required on Parliamentary law. He will also be Chairman of any changes in the A.S.O.B. By-laws, and will work with all other committee as needed.

ARTICLE VII – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1 – Unless otherwise ordered, the order of business at meetings shall be as follows:

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Reading of Minutes
- (c) Reading of the Financial Reports
- (d) Bills and Communications
- (e) Reports of Officers

- (f) Report of Standing Committees
- (g) Report of Special Committees
- (h) Unfinished Business
- (i) New Business
- (j) Election of Officers
- (k) Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – These By-laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and qualified to vote, provided said amendments are submitted to the Secretary in time for publication in the edition of the Na Khabar preceding the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 – By-laws Revised and Amended

22 nd Annual Meeting – Chicago, Illinois	July 21, 1949
24 th Annual Meeting – New York, New York	July 11, 1951
25 th Annual Meeting – Miami, Florida	June 18, 1952
26 th Annual Meeting – New York, New York	July 15, 1953
32 nd Annual Meeting – Atlantic City, New Jersey	July 8, 1959
33 rd Annual Meeting – Denver, Colorado	July 13, 1960
38 th Annual Meeting – Washington, District of Columbia	July 14, 1965
43 rd Annual Meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana	July 15, 1970
44 th Annual Meeting – Miami, Florida	July 30, 1971
46 th Annual Meeting – Atlanta, Georgia	July 4, 1973
48 th Annual Meeting – Toronto, Ontario, Canada	July 2, 1975
49 th Annual Meeting – Kansas City, Missouri	July 7, 1976
50 th Annual Meeting – New York, New York	July 6, 1977
51 st Annual Meeting – Detroit, Michigan	July 12, 1978
52 nd Annual Meeting – Minneapolis, Minnesota	July 11, 1979
53 rd Annual Meeting – Cleveland, Ohio	July 9, 1980
54 th Annual Meeting – New Orleans, Louisiana	July 15, 1981
60 th Annual Meeting – Las Vegas, Nevada	June 24, 1987
75 th Annual Meeting – Vancouver, B.C. Canada	June 25, 2002
78 th Annual Meeting – Baltimore, Maryland	July 6, 2005
86 th Annual Meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana	July 3, 2013

Association of Shrine Oriental Bands Of Shriners International

BY-LAWS
As Amended 2013

Add:

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Mission To provide the tools for fun, music, recruitment and fundraising for the oriental band community

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ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

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Proposed Modification:

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Section 8 – Reinstatement:

- (a) All Oriental Bands that have been dropped from A.S.O.B. membership for any reason may apply for reinstatement.
- (b) They shall submit an application on a form furnished by the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer, listing its Officers and Members, ~~signed and approved by the Potentate of their Shrine Center~~, together with the dues for the current year plus the dues for the preceding year.
- (c) Upon approval of the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer and the A.S.O.B. President, the band and its members shall be reinstated as members.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The annual Meeting of this Association shall be held during the Annual Session of Shriners International, at such time and place as may be determined by the Convention Committee of the Imperial Council.

Section 2 – The annual Mid-winter Meeting of this Association shall be held at a time and place as directed by the President. The members of the Executive Committee will attend this meeting.

Proposed Modification: Add

~~Section 3 – The annual executive planning meeting of this Association shall be held at a time and place as directed by the president, prior to November 1. The members of the executive committee shall attend this meeting.~~

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

- (a) The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Fourth Vice President, a Sergeant At Arms, and a Secretary Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the Annual Meeting and who shall serve until their successors have been elected and installed.

Proposed Modification:

- (a) The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, ~~a Fourth Vice President~~, a Sergeant At Arms, and a Secretary Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the Annual Meeting and who shall serve until their successors have been elected and installed.

Section 3 – Meeting Responsibilities for Officers

- (a) The Board of Governors shall transact all the business of this Association at the Annual Meeting.
- (b) Active Members and Members-at-Large shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and may participate therein, but shall not have any vote and may not propose any motion unless he is a representative of his own Oriental Band.
- (c) The Elected Officers of this Association and the Past Presidents shall constitute the Executive Committee. Said Committee may transact the interim business of the Association.
- (d) The President of the A.S.O.B. shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee and said Committee shall have the authority to fill any vacancy until the next Annual Meeting, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Governors.

Proposed Modification: Add

- (e) ~~The A.S.O.B. Action Plan will be maintained by the President of the A.S.O.B. and will be used as the working tool for the Executive Committee Meeting as specified by the time frame ARTICLE III Section 1, (3).~~

Section 4 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and carry out all orders and resolutions of the Association. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall appoint all Committees and fill any vacancies occurring therein. He shall, at least one day prior to the Annual Meeting, appoint an Auditing Committee of not less than three (3) to audit the books and accounts of the Association and will audit the books and accounts of the Ladder of Smiles Fund and report their findings to the Association at said Annual Meeting.

Proposed Modification:

Section 4 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and carry out all orders and resolutions of the Association. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall appoint all Committees and fill any vacancies occurring therein. He shall, at least one day prior to the Annual

Meeting, appoint an Auditing Committee ~~of not less than three (3)~~ consisting of the Chairman (1st Vice President A.S.O.B.) and two other members to audit the books and accounts of the Association and will audit the books and accounts of the Ladder of Smiles Fund and report their findings to the Association at said Annual Meeting.

Section 7 – Secretary Treasurer

- (a) The Secretary Treasurer shall keep all records of this Association and record its minutes; he shall receive all dues and funds of the Association which shall be kept in separate accounts for accountability and deposit same in a reputable bank, covered by Federal Deposit Insurance, in the name of the "Association of Shrine Oriental Bands" and disburse the monies from these funds on the order of the Executive Committee; he shall, within three (3) months after the time of the Annual Meeting, cause to be published in the Association's Official Publication, Na Khabar, a summary of his annual report, together with a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting.

Proposed Modification:

- (a) The Secretary Treasurer shall keep all records of this Association and record its minutes; he shall receive all dues and funds of the Association which shall be kept in separate accounts for accountability and deposit same in a reputable bank, covered by Federal Deposit Insurance, in the name of the "Association of Shrine Oriental Bands, INTL" and disburse the monies from these funds on the order of the Executive Committee; he shall, within three (3) months after the time of the Annual Meeting, cause to be published in the Association's Official Publication, Na Khabar, a summary of his annual report, together with a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The Secretary Treasurer shall give good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such an amount as the Executive Committee shall require, and the cost of said bond shall be paid out of the Association's Treasury. This bond shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary/Treasurer and A.S.O.B. records.

Proposed Modification: Delete Section 8

~~Section 8 – The Editor of the Na Khabar shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee. He shall take care of all the duties pertaining to the publishing of the issues of the Bulletin. He shall transmit all of the monetary receipts of the Na Khabar to the Secretary-Treasurer of the A.S.O.B. at least once each month and shall be issued a receipt for the same. He shall approve and submit all bills incurred in the publication, to the Secretary Treasurer for payment. He shall submit an accounting of the receipts and expenses of the Na Khabar to the Auditing Committee.~~

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – The President shall appoint a Publicity Chairman, who shall publicize the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands at every opportunity and offer all possible assistance to the Convention Committee of the Annual Meeting of the A.S.O.B.

Proposed Modification:

Section 1 – The President shall appoint a **Publicity Communications** Chairman, who shall publicize the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands at every opportunity and offer all possible assistance to the Convention Committee of the Annual Meeting of the A.S.O.B.

Proposed Modification: Delete Section 2 and Section 3

~~Section 2 – Each Regional Oriental Band Association and each Oriental Band shall appoint or elect one member who shall act as an Associate Editor and Correspondent to the A.S.O.B. publication, the Na Khabar.~~

~~Section 3 – The President shall appoint a Convention General Chairman, who shall appoint all committees to make and direct all arrangements for meetings and entertainment to be held by the Association. Any expenditure not covered by the Host Oriental Band must have the approval of the President of the A.S.O.B. and a report made at the Annual Meeting.~~

Proposed Modification: Change Section numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7 to Section numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5

~~Section 4~~ **2** – The President shall appoint a General Chairman of the Ladder-of-Smiles who shall direct and coordinate all Shrine Children's Hospital fund raising activities of the Association. The Chairman shall recommend to the President, for appointment, such members as are needed to assist him in the performance of his duties.

~~Section 5~~ **3** – The President shall appoint such Ambassadors as deemed necessary upon geographical boundaries. The Ambassadors shall encourage and assist in the organization of Oriental Bands in the various Shrine Centers and shall promote the affiliation of such Oriental Bands with the Association. He shall report the names of all new Oriental Bands with their Officers to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association.

~~Section 6~~ **4** – The President shall appoint a Historian. The Historian shall compile a record of the Association and assist the President as asked.

~~Section 7~~ **5** – The President shall appoint a Chaplain. The Chaplain shall assist at all meetings and events as assigned by the President.

~~Section 8~~ **6** – The President shall appoint a ~~Photographer~~ **Quartermaster**. The ~~Photographer~~ **Quartermaster** shall ~~make a pericardial copy of all assets~~ ~~will be~~ assist with requests from member bands regarding the sourcing of replacement instruments, uniforms etc. for the benefit of the Association.

Section 9 – The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall assist the President and all Officers as required on Parliamentary law. He will also be Chairman of any changes in the A.S.O.B. By-laws, and will work with all other committees as needed.

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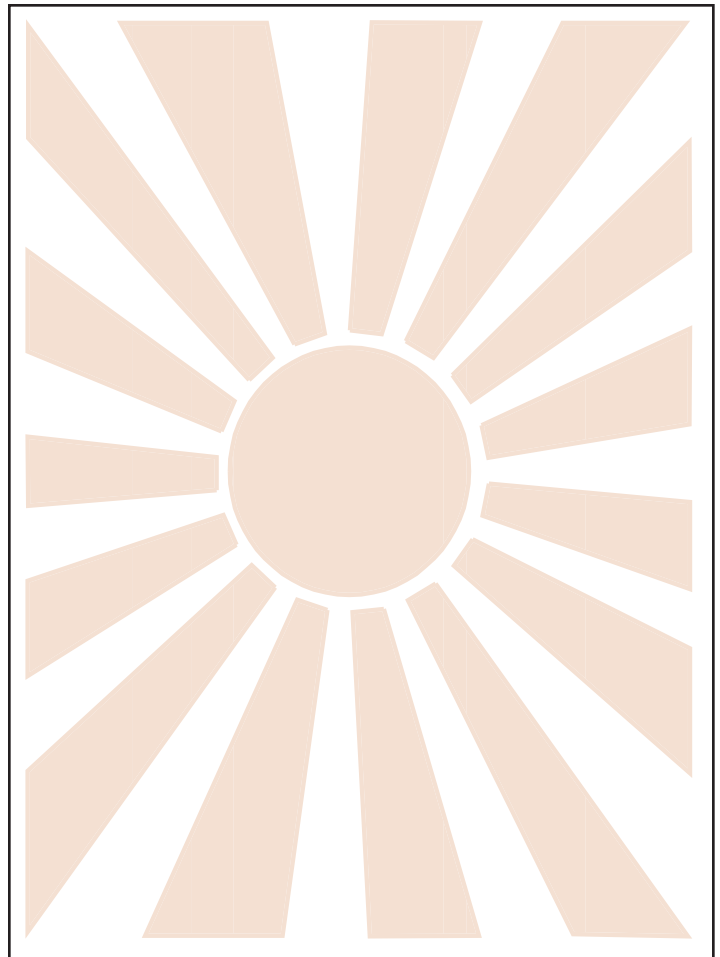
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We will attend the ASOB Fantasy Parade

We will % will not % compete for trophies. There will be approximately _____ performing members.

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Title _____

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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 their will be no identification worn such as name tag, fez or other types of Shrine Center identification at this briefing.

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

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