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1929-30	Dr. Charles E. Wilson*.....	BDUDE	1978-79	Harding Campbell*.....	Al Bahr		(WK6W1.LFKLWD.6	
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1941-42	R.G. Wallower*.....	Zem Zem	1983-84	Gordon Brittain, P.P.*.....	Rameses		WK3/1(LUSDQ\$	
1942-43	Walter B. Drake*.....	Moslem		(GZDUG6DQHUV.....	Moslem		(425) 449-6834 / E-mail: asob200637@yahoo.com	
	U*(6LMUOLQ.....	Medinah	1985-86	Kurt L. Plaut.....	Hella	2006-07	Peter J. Lawn*.....	Gizeh
1944-46	George R. Hennig*.....	6ULD		/D6LHUUDUDOODV7;		2007-08	Joe D. Brewton.....	Khiva
1946-47	Harvy G. Kiefer*.....	Al Koran		(214) 484-3297			0DV6WUHHW\$PDULOOR7;	
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1950-51	Ray Arnold*.....	Tripoli		P.O. Box 363, Alexandria, LA 71301			%HOOD9LVWD6W.LFKLWD.6	
1951-52	R.L. Allen*.....	Al Chymia		(PDLO%26KULQ#DROFRP			(PDLOZZWEHDU#LQOLQQW	
	:LOOLDP19DVVHU.....	Murat	1988-89	Darrell Thompson*.....	Calam	2009-10	Don Moores.....	Amara
1953-54	Phil Glick*.....	Moslem		6WDOH6QHU.....	Zembo		47 Chestnut Trail, Tequesta, FL 33469-2129	
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	569HOWHQ.....	Jerusalem		SUFK/6PLWKVR6.....	Alcazar		1:L0ORZ*OHQODFH%HDMUWR6	
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1958-59	Ken McElroy, P.P.*.....	Zenobia		3DXO66KLMO\.....	6FLPLWU	2011-12	Richard "Big" Thompson, P.P. (Tish).....	El Hasa
	513DUKLOO.....	Al Kader	1996-97	Cliff Brown*.....	Gizeh		7KRPDV6WUHHW.URWRKLR	
1960-61	R.L. Price*.....	Khedive	1997-98	Paul L. Pante (Miriam).....	6DKLE		(606) 922-2702 / E-mail: bigrthompson@yahoo.com	
1961-62	Charles Cromwell, P.P.*.....	Luxor		6RXWKHUQLQ/DQ6DUDVRWD)/		2012-13	Lonnie Merriman (Linda).....	El Raid
1962-63	W.C. Chase*.....	Ben Ali		(941) 351-1356 / E-mail: mmice20@hotmail.com			1UG6WUHHW%HUHVIRUG6'	
1963-64	Dale Wampler, P.P.*.....	Zembo		KDUOHVXI@RXLVH.....	Al Azhar		(605) 310-0138 / E-mail: obsouth@gmail.com	
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	SREHUW6FKPLHGHQ.....	Zembo		(413) 244-0669 / E-mail: asob01@msn.com				
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and large size bands only. For this the Association takes full accountability for this untruth. We have done a poor job in the past communicating the openness to all bands and fun aspect of this annual event. Most saw little additional value in participating in the annual event.

Dealing with challenge #1 by choosing a more accessible location.

The current team of nobles managing the association on our behalf is passionate about bringing to you an annual event so you can enjoy and most important of all, is geographically more accessible. We had long sessions of head scratching, some navel gazing, but mostly used a business planning approach to come up with what we think is a good plan to move forward with.

Kansas City was chosen for its geographic location within its demographic study showed us that for most of our bands, Kansas City can be reached within a couple of days. We will have all the performance categories covered so that you can go back to your temple with appropriate recognition. We are asking you to join us no matter your perceived skill level. Come ready to entertain us and have a lot of fun. We will have all the performance categories covered so that you can go back to your temple with appropriate recognition.

Timing the Jamboree in early spring gives you an opportunity to tune up for the upcoming parade and regional competition season. In other words, a good opportunity to tune up before the busy season.

A Value Proposition to deal with Challenge #2

1. Build on your musical talents for free. The first annual Kansas City gathering of the bands takes on an educational aspect as well as Jamboree format. The foremost music virtuosos in the Oriental Band world will be available to offer workshops in further developing your skills in whether you are a horn player or a percussionist. We are asking you to join us no matter your perceived skill level. Come ready to entertain us and have a lot of fun. We will have all the performance categories covered so that you can go back to your temple with appropriate recognition.

Don't quite know how to bring them up to speed? Bring them to Kansas City. We are asking you to join us no matter your perceived skill level. Come ready to entertain us and have a lot of fun. We will have all the performance categories covered so that you can go back to your temple with appropriate recognition.

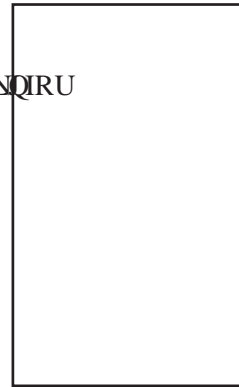
2. A Music Jamboree open to all skill levels and band size. The only qualification required to participate in the Kansas City Jamboree is a desire to have fun. We will have all the performance categories covered so that you can go back to your temple with appropriate recognition.

With the jamboree format, we are asking you to join us no matter your perceived skill level. Come ready to entertain us and have a lot of fun. We will have all the performance categories covered so that you can go back to your temple with appropriate recognition.

Most important of all, let us not forget one of the most important outcomes when we get together; and that is that we have mega fun together. At some level I think that we are all frustrated comedian wanna-be's. Kneeling over knee slapping laughter is a common occurrence in our social gatherings.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City as we join the hundreds who will be arriving. Come prepared to have a knee slapping, moon hollering, and eye tearing good old time together. Cheers

See you at the
ASOB JAMBOREE
March 31 - April 2, 2017
in Kansas City, MO!



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
Harry Pressman

6XPPHU LV over and I hope all the Oriental Bands are back to work. After taking a few weeks off in July, I

met some terrific people. The drive from Houston was beautiful and I really enjoyed the solitude. Got to see my grandkids in McKinney, Texas, on the way home. Really enjoyed seeing them.

me, it was like a homecoming as I am from that part of the country but it had Atlantic did a credible job raising

In October, went to Fort Worth, to say that President Tom Crow and his lovely Lady Katie put on a grand week-end at Hyatt. We made a lot of progress at our business meeting. The top of the agenda in Kansas City, March 31st, April 1st and April 2nd. We are looking for a rest.

On December 6, I'm going to visit Panama. They are starting an Oriental Band and I'm looking forward to having Don Moores donated costumes to the new band and our 1st Vice President Chris Tsaros gathered instruments shipped them to Panama. The ramrod for this project was Dr. A.J. DiCaro

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Looking forward to spending the holidays with my family and friends here in Houston when I get back from Panama. My Lady Joni and I want to wish all a very happy and safe Holiday 6HDVRQRW EHLQROLWLFDOO(FRUUJHEW
that means Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukkah and a Very Merry Christmas.

are once again bleeding into the special GDV6\$62%\$ ZDV JUDWVHG DERXWILM
HDUVDJR 6\$62%\$ ZDV led by Randy Blake, Beni Kedem, it was a very successful year and Jeff Allen, Amran, was elected and installed 2016-2017 President. All of us in the \$62% ZLVKHDFKRIWKHRILFHUV PFKF
success in 2016-2017.



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Michael Hartup
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this year is one of many parades, great friends and fellowship, and the sweetest music this side

**SECRETARY/
TREASURER**
Don Moores

H o l i d a y
G r e e t i n g s
B a n d s m e n :
Another year came and is now about gone with only Chanukah and Christmas 6HDVRQ OHIV
in this year. I

hope each one of you and your families had the best celebration ever and that 2017 will be the happiest, healthiest and prosperous year ever. This is usually the continuing wish every year, always hoping the next will be better than the last.

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busy time. The day after Labor Day, Bambino, my four-legged buddy, and I left home to attend the Mid-Atlantic 6KULH \$VVRFLDWLROQLUJLQD %HDEK
DQLQWLFXODU 0LG\$WODWLF 6KULH
Oriental Band Association activities, ZKLFKDUHVFDHGGRZQ\$62%\$SKDG
a good year last year with President Robert Reid leading, Wayne Grumbein was elected and installed as President for 2016-2017 and is looking forward to another successful year. We wish him the best in his year of leadership and look forward to a great year for 0\$62%\$ 7KHLU 3DVW 3UHVVLGHV DQ
Ladies Banquet will be in late February in Reading, PA.

From Virginia Beach it was then WR 0UWOH %HDFK 6\$RU WKH 6RXW\$W\$ 6HFVUHDV

In October, the Executive Committee Meeting was held in the 2OG)RUW :RUWK 6WRFNUG LVVWRULFDO
area of Fort Worth, President Tom Crow had a very busy weekend of meetings and fun activities planned. It was a very successful work and fun ILOOHGWLPHLWKH6WRFNUGVDUHD7KH
PLQWHVRIWKH0LGHDUPHHWLQDQ
the Executive Committee meeting are elsewhere in this issue.

Dues notices were mailed in October, as of today we have had eight bands with their dues paid for 2017, one band is welcomed back into the fold of the Association, Medinah 6KULH 2ULHQDO %DQ ,IRXU EDQK
KDMRXU6HFUHW DURU7UHDVXUHZHVDLQ
me and I will mail another copy out, I only had good addresses for the bands that paid last year but the dues notices ZHQWRWKHODVW 6HFUHW DURUHQHFRUGLQ
our files. We need bands to pay their GXHV WR WKH \$62% DV VRRQV WKH
can because the cost of printing this single issue of the *Na Khabar* is rather significant. The January 2015 issue was \$4,185.59: Layout \$700.00, Printing \$1,625.13, Mailing \$1,860.46. The decision before us is: **Can we afford to continue to print even one issue?** Our Current Balance is \$1,873.47, as you can see we are operating frugally and need dues paid as soon as they can be paid. The balance of the cost for the current issue will have to be paid before this issue can be mailed.

RXUVLWKH)DLWK
Donald Moores
\$W\$ 6HFVUHDV

of heaven.

Maggie and I are looking forward to 2017 and the many activities scheduled. **Weather permitting**, we plan a trip to Pennsylvania in February for the Rajah/Lancaster County Oriental Band Ladies 1LJKWDQ3DVW3UHVVLGHV%DOORWK
1DWXUHG R HV QWDOZDVFRREIU DWHZL
us for this trip but we keep trying.

QDUFKZH ZLOOEHLQDWRQR
IRUWKH7\$62%0LG:LQHUHHWLQ
and the next weekend, in Kansas &W\IRU WKH)LUVW \$QDO \$62%
Jamboree. The following weekend ZHVDLQ
Association in Pensacola, Florida. In June we will be in Washington D.C. for DMUVSIFLDOHMO7KH\$62%KDV
the privilege of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington HDWLRQ &PHWHU\7KLV LV QWRQ
an honor but also a once in a lifetime opportunity.

July will find us in Daytona Beach,)ORULGD IRU ,PSULDO 6HVVLROQLQ
August we will be back in Kansas City IRU HQUDO 6WDWHV 6KULH \$VVRFLDW
meetings and competition. It looks like a busy six months for us. All of these meetings and activities are open to any bandsman and I encourage each of you to visit another band and/or regional association. More fun, friendship and fellowship, you won't find a nicer group RIIXVWKDQULHQDO%DQVPHQ
President Tom and his officers KDMHQGWKH)LUVW\$QDO\$62%

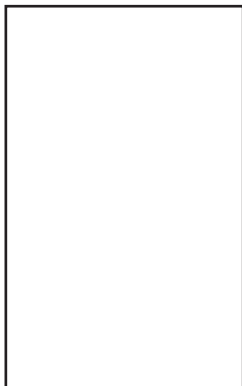
Jamboree for March 31 through April 2, 2017. The information and registration IRUPVDUHLQWKLVLVXHXRIWKHID.KIDEDU VR ILOO WKHPRXW DQ VHQ WKHP LQ am hoping we have a good number of bands participating so we can look forward to the second annual. Midian Oriental Band will be there with our rendition of "Caravan."

President Tom set his goal at raising \$80,000.00 for our kids and our KRVSWDOVWKURXJKWKH/DGGHURIGLOHV This is a reachable goal and with your help this will be a reality. I recently received a letter from an attorney regarding a bequest left to the Ladder RI6PLOHVIURPDQULHQDO%DQVPIQ who was visited by the Black Camel. What a thoughtful gift and I know our kids will benefit from this bandsman's generosity. This is just one way to make a gift a reality.

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

I bid you peace...
Mike

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CENTRAL STATES
Rick Moody

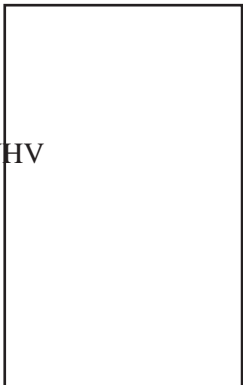
Greetings from the bands of HQUD06WDWHV Wow, is it me or what? The older I get, the faster the time JRHV7KHHDU 2016 flew by

and another great year was experienced EWKHEDQVRIHQUD06WDWHV,ZLVKWR WKDQWKHRILFHUVRIWKH\$62%\$66\$ DQ HVIFLDOO\ 5LFKDUG 6REHNR include Karen Anderson and Marty SEGDOODK6KULHIRUXWWLQWRJHWKEDQIDQDVWLFHQUD06WDWHVHSIULHQBRE all the bands that attended Little Rock, Arkansas, this past summer. Also, thank RXWR\$62%3UHVVLGHQ\7RPERZDQ

WKHRWKHU\$62%RIILFHUVWKDWZHUHQG congratulations and Best Wishes to WKHLUHQZ%DQ2IILFHUV1REOHVRQ Clements, President; VP Harold Eady; 6HFUHWDU\ 0DUW\ -RUGDQ7UHDVXUH Tom McGill and Music Director Floyd LaDue.

A fantastic event is coming to the Midwest and I hope all the bands of HQUD06WDWHVZLOODWVHQ\$62%ZLQCG EH KROGLQLWV)LUVW \$QDO \$62%Band cruise to the Caribbean in March Jamboree in Kansas City on March 31, April 1 and April 2, 2017. Please plan to attend. This is an opportunity RI6PLOHV of the best oriental bands perform in the nation, and you can be a part of it too. Information for this event LVORFDWHGLQWKH6HSHPEHULVYKHRI hopes that they might "snare" 1D.KDEDUDQPRVWOLN0WKLVLVYXHMatically" speaking), a new email is www.asob.org. I can also send you information by emailing me at rdmoody@sbcglobal.net.

A message to all the bands of HQUD06WDWHV30HDVHHPDLOPHZHWKPEHU WKH /DGGHURIGLOHV your new officer roster. I would really appreciate it. It would help me keep you better informed about different events, news, etc. that you may want to know. Please email me at rdmoody@sbcglobal.net. Together, we make a big difference in kids' lives. Remember, why we do what we do. God Bless Oriental Bands. RXUKXPEOHVHUMWQ Rick



FLORIDA
Robert E. Stihler

Well, 2017 is here and let's hope for a *22\$5 From what I hear, the Great 6DKLE2ULHQWDO Emeritus Bud Moore and myself. Band is well on its way to a good year with the roll call assured us that all elected officers were present as well as 7 Past 3UHVVLGHQ\ \$62% 2IILFHUV SHVHQ ZHUH3UHVVLGHQ\ 7RPERZ6HFUHWDU\ 7UHDVXUHU RQRRUHV 6HF7UHDV Before the business portion of the meeting, Keith Oviatt introduced 10 HDUROG(PLO)HOOLVKD6KULHQUNG 6KHJDMVKRUW VSHFKWKDQWKH 6KULHUV IRU DOO WKH\KDMGRQ IRU her. I might mention that Emily has several projects (bracelets, photos and ties) in which she donates the money EDFNR6KULHQRVSWDOV7RGDWHLQ little over 4 years, she has raised over

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The Greek has arranged a 5 night Band cruise to the Caribbean in March which should be "oceans" of fun.

The "Boys in the Band" at Egypt are hanging in there, but with health issues, their activities have been somewhat curtailed. Although their activity has been low, their camaraderie has been high. I hope that they might "snare" a new member or two to increase the ranks.

Unfortunately, I have had no input from some of the other Florida Bands, so I'm unable to relay their activities and the children in the hospitals. God %OHVVRX*RG%OHVV2XU7URRYS* God Bless America.

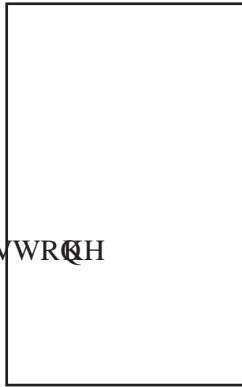


MID ATLANTIC
Keith Oviatt

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\$60,000. Pretty good for a girl whose parents were told when she was born that she would probably never be able to sit up. Tom Crow told of a young man that was injured playing football and the local hospital was going to write him off to a wheelchair. After is now playing college baseball. These are just two of the examples of why we



The election of officers was held and Wayne Grumbein was elected President with other line officers moving the blender position went to Warren Grumbein without any opposition. The election of Wayne Grumbein marks the third generation of Grumbeins to amounting to \$338 for the Ladder parade results were as follows - Jaffa 1st place with Rajah in second and Irem Director Fred Dietrich won best Drum Major.

Just a thought: The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close. Don't forget all about.

MASOBA Pres. Wayne Grumbein,
Emily Mellish & ASOB Pres. Tom Crow

MASOBA officers being sworn in.

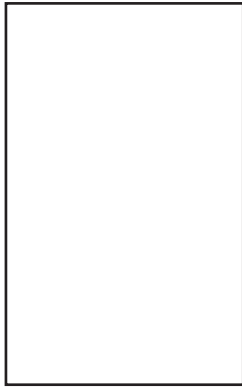
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and Canadian Dollar going to the states is expensive. We would dearly love to coming up and we will see how many I know Hamilton had an issue with couple of years ago and I trust it has been resolved.

Children.



**NEW YORK/
ONTARIO**

Bob Jones
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**SOUTH
ATLANTIC**

Nolan Stanley
Greetings
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consists of OB

bands from seven states. As we have moved through the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays we are ready to start a new year. Hard to believe we will be beginning the year 2017. These years are really flying by and members of

At our annual Convention we had a festivities were held on Thursday, 15 Center. The day started with breakfast and a business meeting for the men. entertaining the ladies at brunch with ladies reported it was lots of fun and everyone went home with a special Christmas gift.

The always impressive Beni Kedem Oriental Band took the honor of Overall band in the competition is complete without the world famous Ralph Cavalieri as the MC. He never disappoints with his timeless and sometimes funny jokes.

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President- Jeff Allen, 1st Vice President - Forest Demanes, 2nd Vice President - Dave Tucker, 3rd Vice President - Ralph Cavaleri. President Allen has already made plans for exciting get-aways for his mid-winter and summer meetings. Details to follow in next article. Wishing everyone a prosperous

26, 2017. The hotel is the El Tropicano and it is located on the north end of the River Walk. The hotel has hosted many look forward to a repeat visit by our Association.

in the Tyler Rose Parade on October 15

comes to Tyler.

Moslah Oriental Band has elected new officers for 2017. Caliph Gene

David Dodgen
Moslah Oriental Band

Fraternally,
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(picture of us getting in line and ready)

and we did indeed entertain the thousands of people lining the streets of Tyler. The crowd hoops and hollers when the band comes down the street and some even try to dance in the dancing they could do to our music. Had a fair amount of band members to participate and had a fun-filled day.

Ceremonial. The band participates in this also, which is always a fun time. The Illustrious Potentate, Mr. Wayne Osborne, from Hella, joined us for band to come and play for Hella's Fall great honor for our band. We will be their ceremonial. We are excited to be given this honor.

Oriental Band Mid-Winter for 2018 in Tyler is taking shape. The dates will be March 23-25. We have made a lot of arrangements, contracts signed and are now trying to get our fundraisers in order. We have a lot already accomplished and are working on the small stuff. I am getting excited now that we have all the major deals done. I know that all will enjoy what we have planned and hope everyone

As the year comes to a close, the Abdallah Oriental Band has one more parade - Ottawa, Kansas, Christmas weather this parade is one of the most anticipated of the year. Maybe because the season brings hope and anticipation of peace, camaraderie and joy for all. With that in mind, we, The Band, wish that all our fellow Bandsmen and their families have the most joyful year.

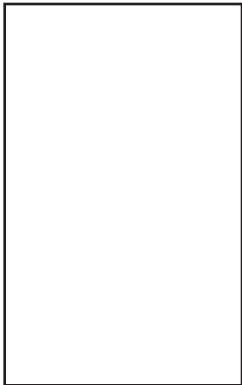
Abdallah OB must be doing something right as we gained five new members this past year: Don Marah, Chris Robertson, Tyler Boxberger, Ron Maybell and affiliate member, Tut McAfee. Congrats guys, welcome to the

Anticipation of the upcoming 1st Kansas City, MO, March 31 thru April 2, 2017, is working at the back of our minds since this event is taking place of the country makes this a much more available competition, no excuses left. We hope to see all of you here for this

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*Past ASOB President Jeff Moores,
SASOBA President Randy Blake,
ASOB President Tom Crow, &
SASOBA Ambassador Richard Stanley*

TEXAS
David Dodgen
Greetings All
from Texas
Ambassador
The dates
for the 2017
7 \$ 6 2 %
Mid-winter are
March 24 to



The Band is also making plans for Association Convention, Labor Day spectacular and well attended since Overland Park is centrally located within the region. The OB hopes all the being due on the first of December, happens to also be the same date as the installation of the 2017 incoming officers of the THE Band. ABDALLAH 25,(17\$/%\$12)),
President: Ed Harvey
Vice President: Don Marah
Treasurer: Gregg Loeser
Secretary: Roy Samuel
Quartermaster: Don Best PP
Sergeant At Arms: Richard Sobek
Director: Appointed By Potentate (2017)

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continuing to have membership problems. Failure to attract new members, the Executive Committee in October when Amara had their ceremonial. Therefore no one was there to play for the Ceremonial. We paraded once in the last eighteen months with three members.

We are hoping for a better year in 2017 but the only unit growing in which ride the parades in a boat; and Motorcycles, which a lot of members have joined. Counting the Widow's Prayer for the Oriental Band.

Don Moores

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 Houston, Texas

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meals and welcomed in several new get some new blood and even more excited when we have had numerous

I want to thank Bill and Barbara Oakley for volunteering to set up and work the Oriental Band table for the Fall Ceremonial. I would also like to give Barbara thanks for helping me with the meal for the stated meetings. years and was instrumental in helping us get our float refurbished.

At our called meeting in October we presented our 2017 slate of officers stated meeting: President - Cam Lipe, Vice President - Michael DeFrance, Music Director - Clarence Wittwer. As you can see we have plenty of newer faces stepping up to give us old band guys a break.

Another important discussion Missouri, starting on March 31st and running through April 2nd. The general thoughts are that we try to attend and compete as a small band. As Director Elect I am going to make it happen if at all possible.

One final note is that it was decided by the group to hold our holiday party in the band room. We will be doing a Mexican theme potluck so bring your favorite Mexican dish. As always we have a White Elephant gift exchange and we ask that each couple bring a gift a Lady and those flying solo just bring a single gift.

That is all for now my friends. I hope to as many of you as possible at

Fraternally yours,
 Clarence L. Wittwer

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Band has not held its 2017 nominations/ election of 2017 Band Officers, but I suspect, as in the recent past, the sitting officers will remain "in their chairs."

I trust all had a Very Merry Christmas/Hanukkah and a safe entry into 2017. Remember the kids in the

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Hi from the Hammer as the locals call it, or Hamilton, Ontario, as the rest of the globe knows it. It's a fresh day here north of the 49th snow and it's 32 degrees Fahrenheit, as achangin', change is the air everywhere and indeed it is the watchword these days. we see it literally everywhere we turn, some for better and otherwise. Indeed, change has affected our local blue or craft lodges, concordant bodies and our would seem that lodges, like churches and other groups, are all struggling and suffering from a downturn in membership and attendance. Certainly,

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unit is struggling. However, on the bright side, our Hamilton Oriental Band is blessed to have a loyal and determined executive and membership which embraces hope for a brighter future, embracing change and making the best of that future.

Our band executive has quite a **PEHU RI UHSDWHUV DQ UHWUHQGV** 2XU VHFUHWDU\IREOH -RKQF*UDJK continues to serve faithfully; our **WUHDVXUHU IREOH*DU\RLVMXVWDV** determined to help our cause; and our **MFH SHVLGHV IREOH .HQ*LEVRO** loves the band like family; our director, **IREOH6XEDVK5DLKDVWKHHQJ** optimism to move mountains; and the prez, that's this scribe, can't understand **GHIHDW**

On the plus side, in the spring, our band played the Rameses spring ceremonial. Moreover, we held a fabulous Mandarin Degree with **6XE 5DL WKH 0DQDULQKROGLQ** **FRXUW DQ RXU IDEXORXV IREOH** D.D.G.M., Bud Funnell excelling in his soothsayer's part. Well, we had fun and we made almost \$1,200.00 cdn. for the transportation fund.

Unfortunately, we did not parade this past year, once due to a lack of players for the Canada Day parade and later due to the lack of availability of a vehicle properly equipped to tow our float. However, we are hopeful that with the striking of a degree team this next **HDUDQSRPRWLOWKH6KULHLOUDEV** lodges, our fortunes will improve.

Currently, we are in the middle of selling tickets for our upcoming "Turkey Roll" which is really a club fundraiser with the support of many club members selling tickets. The draw will be held on December 10, 2016.

In closing, on behalf of all igloo dwellers above the 49th//, we wish those in the banana belt and wherever you are a Very Merry Christmas and Very, **9HU%HVW1HZHDU5HPHPEHU** **WRNRXUVWLFNWKHIFH1REOHVWKH0HGLQK6KULH**

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

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their heads high with regards to its Oriental Band. The occasion marks **DRWKHU VXFFHV VIXO 0\$6\$FRHVL** in which our Director Fred Dietrich was selected as "Best Director in Parade." A special rap on the gong as **/XN6FKRILHOGZDVHOHFWHGMR** **3UHVVLGHV RI0\$62%DQZLOOVHUM** his presidency starting in July 2018.

held its 105th Annual Meeting in which the following officers were chosen: Director - Fred Dietrich, President - Warren Lewis, Vice President - Paul **0F1DPDUD 6HFUHWDU\ 2OLQDQ** Treasurer - James Roberts, and **LDQD06HFUHWDU6WHKHQHDWHU**

With the winter solstice approaching we will take a few weeks of winter hibernation. Come March rehearsals will be in order for our **DDOSUWLFLDWLRQWKH6FUDWRQV** Patrick's Day Parade.

Being one of the oldest Oriental **%DQVLQKULHGRPZHDUHKRSIXORXU** Bedouins will flourish again in 2017.

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Warm Chicagoland Greetings to all Oriental Bandsmen. After I stop **VKLMULQOO WHOO RX WKH QZV 2XU** Oriental Band had quite a pleasant Fall season. Our Ceremonial Performance was hailed by many as the best one in quite a few years. I believe this to be **WUXHEHFDXVHDBOLWLFLDQROGPH**

2XU ;0\$6%DQXHW ZDV KHOG DW **00**

who attended were quite joyous and satiated. The Band and its Director, Howard Giesen, wish everyone a **SRVSRXVDQKHDOWK\HZHDU**

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HUH ZH JR LQV R D 1HZ HDU QZ opportunities and a new government to **ERRW/HWVSDRQKLVREH**

Finishing out business of 2016, the last event that I was able to attend was **HQUD06WDWHV LQ WWOH5RFN5 \$** great time and with good attendance **IURPWKHQUD06WDWHV2%FRPPXQW** not to mention some great hospitality. I also was given the opportunity to judge the Oriental Band competitions and put a few photos on Face Book.

Locally here in Moslah land we had the annual Bedouin Men's outing in Perrin, Texas, which found the guys having a weekend of male bonding. Pictures are also on Face Book, check us out.

A cadre of Bedouins turned out for the fall street drive, which found the Bedouins in Weatherford just outside of Fort Worth to the west. We must keep the hospitals in our focus.

1RMPEHU EHLQXRXV IRXQ **WKHDQD06KULHUFXVWREHDWWHQ** to. Again a dedicated group of folks did the job. The Unit also had its **HOHFWLRQRFHVV WKLV DVW 1RMPE** **DQFRQJUDWXODWLRQJR WR IREOH HO** **5HFRUGHU 1LFNVLQIRU EHLQ** accepted to the position of recorder for 2017. By the time this article hits the "street" a new slate of officers will have taken the reins. The new year promises to offer many challenges and opportunities for the Bedouins.

The Unit is looking forward to the **00** Winter meeting, which will be

held in March on the beautiful River
:DONQDQWR 6WDWXHGIRU
more information on this great event.

players. I hope we switch to single reed
so as to encourage others to play or join
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The incoming Potentate has asked
the Band to play at his Installation and
Celebratory Ball. He must have hearing
LVVXH

The Officers were nominated for
next year and, most likely, will be
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Martinez for Pasha 1, George Pentland
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Garner. Trustees for 2016: Jim Hutchins
for the 1 year position, Ed Broker for
the 2 year position and Wayne Duke
for the 3 year position. All will do a
credible job I am sure.

It's colder than my first wife's
KHDUWRSZJHWDWKDZVRRQVQ
EHHQDLQRU VRZLQMXVW FROG
7KDWVDOOPLRURZ

6WDWXHG
Fraternally, Bruce Garner

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HV LWV WUXH 7KH 2ULHWDO DQ LV
still alive and kicking. After a few
“technical difficulties” we have an
DUWLFOHLQWKH1D.KDDHICZLOO
try my best to bring us up to speed for
the past few months. Bear with me.

The Black Camel visited two of
our most senior members over the
VXPPHU 1REOH -RKQDUFLQ WKH
most senior member of our Band, with
30 years of service, passed away in July.
John, along with my late father George,
HVFRUWHG PWRK ROG 5DMDK 6KULH
ROVK6WUHHWLOQPDGHVXUH,
well taken care of for the second
%URNUIRU DMRE MUZHOOGRH 1RWH
EDGIRUDUHWUHDGIURP%URRQ
of John. He will be sorely missed.

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Jr., father of our President Jay Huhn,
DVVHGDZDXHSHFWHGOEHOH DUU\
had 35 years with the Band. Another
XQUJHWWDHOHEHU 1REOH DUU\
with his “Harryisms” always put a
smile on your face. Our most sincere,
belated condolences go out to his Lady
Jeanne and family.

On a positive note, the
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the Goodwill Fire Company's 90th
Anniversary Fireman's Parade in
Trexletown. How long can a parade
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ORQDW DOOKH KRW WLUHG 1REOHV
in the parade retreated to John and
6KDURQ*UXPEHLQ DIWUHZDUG IRU
replenishment of vital fluids. It was
DJUHDWGD\
QSVHPEHUZHDPDGHWKHDQDO
SOJULPDJH WR WKH 0\$6\$ FRHQLRQ
in Virginia Beach. On Friday
PRUQQ 1REOH :DH *UXPEHLQ
and Donald Heimbecker were elected
to the offices of President and 3rd
Vice President of the Mid Atlantic
6KULH 2ULHWDO %DQ \$VVRFLDWL
UHVSHFWLMO\ ,OOXVWULRXDUULU
Bortz did the honor of installing all
of the officers of the Association. It
VKRXOG EH QWHG WKDW 1REOH :DH
is now the 3rd generation to become
President of the Association along
with his late grandfather George and
father John. The Band is very proud
to have Wayne and Don serving in
the Association. The Band entered
FRPSWLWLROQWKH 0\$6\$DUDGH RQ
6DWXUGDDQFDPHDZDZLWKDVXUSLVH
2nd place finish. I guess we weren't
that bad after all.

We have now just completed the
DOORZHHSDUDGH VHDVRO LWV
finally over. The Band did a good job of
UHSHVHVO10MDK6KULH QWKH/HKLJK
Valley. The “Camel” put on over 400
miles and is now resting comfortably in
its stall at the complex. Thank you to
all who unselfishly gave of themselves
WRDUWLFLSWHLQKHSUDGHV
It's not too early to advertise the

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Another Thanksgiving has passed and
my stomach is thoroughly stuffed, as if
RXFRXOGWHOO/2/

The Band has basically folded
its tent for the winter, as there are no
parades planned.

2QRHPEHU WK WKH UDJLLQ
Ladies will be decorating the Temple
foyer with the usual decorations. The
Band members show up to help out in
the effort. Erik Busby made seriously
JRRGJXPER

The Annual Ladies Appreciation
1LJKWZLOOEHKHOGREHPEHUWK30
the Temple. There will be a Prime Rib
dinner for all who attend.

At this time I would like to
FRUUDWXODWH RXU JRLQ 6XOWDQDQ
%URNUIRU DMRE MUZHOOGRH 1RWH
EDGIRUDUHWUHDGIURP%URRQ

We are in need of more horn

annual Rajah Oriental Band Ladies
1LJKWWREHKHOG6DWXUGD)
2017, at the Inn at Reading, Reading,
PA. This will be held in conjunction
with the Mid-Winter meeting of
0\$62%\$)RUPRUHLRUPDWLRQ
contact John Grumbein at 610-395-
6578 of jkgrumbein@aol.com

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in upon us. From the Rajah Oriental
Band and its officers, we wish you
a very Merry Christmas and a very
KDSYDIHDQSDIFHIXO1HZHDU

John

RAMESES-OSHAWA
Oshawa, Ontario

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UHHLWQ/ IURP 1RUWK RI WKH
Our parade season is about over at the
time of writing. Weather has been okay
for playing. Our numbers are dwindling
and we have a challenge each parade
hoping we have at least 5 members out.
We are down to 2 musettes and 3 drums
on parade but we keep on playing.

The band held two events during
2016 and both were well attended. The
most recent was a Legends of Rock and
Roll night with dinner.

The band attended the Rameses
)DOO MUHPRQDO LQRMPEHU DQ
performed quite well. At least the
members present thought so.

We are struggling as most bands
are and age is a factor. We have a float,
but now excuses of I can't step up or
afraid of falling. Age sucks. We are
looking forward to 2017 and hopefully
will survive.

The Oshawa Oriental Band and
PHPEHUVZLVKDOO\$62% PHPEHUVDO
their families the best of the season and
DSDQ 3URVSIURXV 1HZ HDU
5HPHPEHUWKH/DGGHURI6PLOHV



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3DVW3UHVLGHWRIS2% DVGHFLGHG
after many, many years to give his pen
a rest. He graciously anointed me to this
position of scribe and I hope that my
articles may be as interesting as his. He
is not going anywhere and is now the
OB'ers cruise director. Greek, thank you
for leaving me with the empty pen, your
insight and support. Most importantly
7\$1. 28URU RXU RMU WKLUW\
years as an OB'er and your service to

I could not be any more proud than I
am in assuming this position and that of
6HFUHWDUYRUWKH2% \$TXLFLWVWOFBSR
DERXWPVHOI, KDMEHHQ6KULQUIRU
over 36 years. After recently retiring as
a Fire Chief in Maine I moved to Florida
DQDILOLDWHGZLWK6DKLE

The holidays are behind us and all
WKRVI1HZHDUVUHVROXWLRQDUHUCKap
works....LOL. Our Potentate Carroll
6FULEQU HQRHG D MU\ VXFHVHVtkog
)WLDORI7UHHVZKLFKLVXRU6KUL62%
third largest fund raiser. The OB tree
was 7 ft. tall and decorated with all gold
ornaments. Bidding to purchase this tree
was blustery.

Where did 2016 go? Here we
are in 2017 and it is gearing up to be
even busier. After a great showing at
the Imperial Convention we started
back with our weekly rehearsals and
busy parade schedule. A new sense
of enthusiasm has taken place within
the OB with attendance at virtually
100% of our members. An active new
member recruitment is underway with
OB promotional materials, including
business cards, pens, and signs, given
to every member to share. All members
ZHUH DZDUGHG D HZ DWFK FROODU

pin for our uniforms signifying our 1st
Place Championship win at the July
Convention Competition.

With the new Imperial rule allowing
non-shriners to be part of the units, we
have now taken in our first such member,
/DG\DUHQVDHQZKRUQDHU6KH
is proving to be a great asset to the OB.

We certainly feel the relaxing of this
rule will certainly allow us to recruit
new members for the OB more easily
DQVXUPRUHJURZWKIRU\$62%

Here are some of the facts and
history about our band compiled by
*UHHLWQHRXU LQHSVLRQQ

to present, the band has been to 26
Imperials and won 12 First Place
WURKLVH DQ 6HFRQ 3ODFH WURKLVH
6RPHRIWKHSDDFHVZHKDMMLVWLGDU
(but not limited to) Denver (2), Boston
\$WODQD 1HZ 2UOHDDQ/DV 9HJDV
Birmingham, Minneapolis, Toronto,
0LDPL 6DQ\$WRQR ,QLDQROLV
%DOWLPRUH 6W/RXLV 9DERXMU %&
DOODV 6DQUDL VFRKLFDJRHWF,Q

In addition, we have been judged to be
the Best Band of show not once but 4
times.

We are so proud of this 34 year
history and it could not have been
accomplished without the past and
present OB members. We have so
much appreciation for the tireless
HIIRUWV RI \$62% DQDOOLWV OHDGHUV
work with all the past and current
\$62% PHPEHU EDQV \$V WKH(VD\
no one goes it alone. The friendships,
fellowship, competition along with the
joy of playing such unique music is
priceless. It goes without saying that
the 2016 award of Best Band Director
to our Director Floyd LaDue was well
deserved. Lastly, but most importantly,
to the wives and significant others who
grease the wheels to keep us going no
matter where we are, we must honor
with our coveted Gold Plated Musette
\$ZDUG\$VRXDOONZLWKRXXWKHLU
support there would be no OB'ers.

6DGOZHUHBUWVKHORVVRIRQRRI
our Bandsmen, William Caraker aka
Billy Bob. Our deepest sympathy is sent
to his family and wife, Dee. A contingent
of OB'ers attended his funeral dressed

in our Red Blazers.

We would like to say thank you
WR3DVW3RWHQDWH6FULEHDQKLV/DG\
6DQIRUVXFKJUHDWVXRUWRIWKH2%
during 2016 and we look forward to you
joining us again. We welcome our new
Potentate William Balkwill and his Lady
Gail and wish them a very successful
2017. He is so impressed with the OB
that he has requested we perform at his
Potentate's Ball this month.

Fundraising is always on our minds
and by the time you read this we will
have participated in our first fund raiser
of the year. Through the generous
LQWDWLRQIDORFDO6DUDVRWD)ORULGD
restaurateur, we were asked to be at his
establishment on a busy Tuesday night
of snow bird season. We were given a
donation of 20% from all patrons bills.
HVDVKHMXVWORMVWKH6KULQUVDQ
what we do.

We were invited to play at the East/
:HVW6KULQUV)RRWEDOO*DPH DW WKH
7UR5FDQ6WDGLXPEXWZHUXQDEOHGXH
to only 16 of us being on the field in such
a large venue that no one would hear us.
We are honored for the invitation.

In closing, a reminder that your
6KULQLVWKH2ULHQDO%DQDQWKH
2ULHQDO%DQLV RXU6KULQ,WLV
VQRXV3DUWLFLSWHLRXU6KULQ
your OB. Recruit, recruit, recruit as new
members means enthusiasm, growth
and, yes, change. Change is good.
:LWKRXWFKDQHZKDWKDSQIRWKLQ
Participate in and let us enjoy our great
organization. Get together, enjoy each
other. Our Cruise Director, The Greek,
has planned an OB cruise for March
which a majority of the OB'ers are going
on. This is TEAM building at it's best.

But never forget what we are truly
all about, "Playing for the Kids" and our
6KULQRV5WDOV7KH/DGGHURI6PLOHV
is our philanthropy. Let's exceed the
\$62%3UHVLGHQVJRDO

Until next time, I wish all OB'ers,
WKH\$62%DQLWVRIILFHUV D WUXO\
blessed 2017, with the best health,
prosperity and year of growth.

RXUVLQDLWK
Marty

ZEM ZEM
Erie, Pennsylvania

Keith Oviatt
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3LWVVHOG3\$
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Parade season is over and the Holiday
6HDVRQV XROV, QWUXPHQV KDI
been put in mothballs for the winter
and bandsmen are at rest.

:HLQVKHGXLWKWKHRXQVLOOH
Corn Festival and the Conneautville
3XPBQHVWLDQ 1HZRILFHUVKDI
EHHQOHFWHGZLWKLFXKOOLOQVRSXU
new President and is also our Drum
Major. WE are working on obtaining
a couple of new members.


Our Christmas party was held at
the Temple on December 11th. This is
the first year that our sweetheart Emily
was not able to attend due to another
RSUDWLRQW6KULQVLOKLOORWKH
6th. We had a good attendance and an
enjoyable time.

Our Reverse Drawing was held and
were able to make a profit and make a
donation to the First Ladies Fund that
will be used for a new portable X-Ray
machine. The Ladies also had a raffle
and were able to send a donation to the
/DGGHURI6PLOHV

The Oriental Bandsmen of Zem
Zem hope you had a Merry Holiday
6HDVRQDVZHOODVDVDIHRQ

Thought for the day: There is no
JUHDWHU WUHDVXUH WKDQ JRKG IULHQ
RQIRUJHWK/H/DGGHURI6PLOHVWKL
ROLGD6HDVRQVZHOODVWKHUVWRI
the year.

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Oriental Bands**
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Shriners and Families
to be present as the
ASOB Officers
Lay a Wreath at
THE TOMB OF THE
UNKNOWN SOLDIERS
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia
Monday June 19, 2017
Ceremony Promptly at 1:15
Please arrive before 12:15

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Top Ten	11-15
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ACCA ORIENTAL BAND \$1,400.00	(/.\$58%\$25,(17\$/ \$350.00
RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND..... \$1,085.00	\$/.\$525,(17\$/%\$1' \$100.00
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BENI KEDEM ORIENTAL BAND \$1,000.00	&5225,(17\$/%\$1' \$100.00
ISMALIA ORIENTAL BAND \$1,000.00	
MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND..... \$805.00	
MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND..... \$620.00	
ABOU BAN ADEM ORIENTAL BAND \$500.00	
ARARAT ORIENTAL BAND..... \$500.00	
	Other Bands
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	\$5\$%,25,(17\$/%\$1' \$50.00

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BRONZE: (\$10.00)
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 Rameses - Hamilton OB
LIFE: (\$1,000.00)
 **W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

*Joe Brewton (Khiva)
 (Memory Theresa Brewton)
 Peter Lawn (Gizeh)
 *Donald Moores (Amara)
 (Memory Glenda Moores)
 James W. McIlhatten
 Richard Thompson

Khiva Oriental Band
 Maggie Hartup (Midian)
 Midian Oriental Band
 C. Vince Bobrosky
 *HUUARDQKWWHU
 * Indicates second donation
 ** Indicates third donation

A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

July 2017

~~0D40~~

6:00 pm

Hospitality Room Open for Drinks

0RQDAXO\

Time TBA

Stage ExhibitionMarket Place Stage
Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, Fez, Jewel, Name Tag
Hospitality Room Opens after Exhibition

7XHVGDXO\

5:00 pm

Hospitality Room Schedule to be Posted
Parade Competition Line Up
Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, Fez, Jewel, Name Tag

:HGEVGDAXO\

9:00 am

AwardsHospitality Room
Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, fez, Jewel, Name Tag
Hospitality Room Open until Noon

Have a safe trip home!

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The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

MINUTES OF MID-WINTER MEETING

Old Fort Worth Historical Area, Fort Worth, TX, October 22, 2016

7KH \$VVRFLDWLRQRI 6KULH 2ULHDO %DQV International, Mid-Winter Meeting was held in conjunction ZLWKWKH(HFXWLMPPLWWHH6WUDWHJLF0HHWLD

7KH\$62%0LG:LQHU0HHWLQZDVRSHGE\$UHVLGHQ Tom Crow on October 22, 2016 at 9:00 AM with welcoming remarks for all in attendance, the Pledge to the Flag by 3rd VP Darren DeHass, P.P.; prayer by 2nd VP Harry Pressman

\$62% 2IILFHUV DQ3DVW 3UHVLGHQ VLOWWHQDQHZHUH Tom Crow, Chris Tsaros, Harry Pressman, Darren DeHass, Don Moores, Ralph Jubb, Michael Hartup, Joe Brewton, David McCarthy and Jeff Moores.

The Officers in turn reviewed any previously unprinted DFWLKWLHVDIWHUWKHODVW\$EOLFDWLRQRIWKHID.KDEDU

6HFUHWDU\UHDVXUHU RORRUHV)XUWKHU GLVFXVVLRODV held regarding the operation of the Association as a business tabled from the last Mid-Winter Meeting. The By-Laws call for a Band that has not paid the current year's dues by the time of the annual meeting to be suspended. Discussion followed to determine the method of reinstatement. It was discussed to delay the re-application to the Association for reinstatement along with the payment of dues for the year the band was suspended and the current year's dues. This ZLOOEHGRHIRUWKHXHVHDU

.DGLLWLRQWKH6HFUHWDU\UHDVXUHUZLOOVHQDWLHROQWLH have Draggin' Ladies degrees and maybe card to member bands which had not paid their current year's other subordinate degrees. Discussion was had about the GXHVLQWKH\$SLO WLPHIUDPH \$OVR DGMUWLVHUVORQKHID. Ordinal Bands planning to come to Kansas City Jamboree. Khabar would also be sent an invoice for their ads. Plaques will be ordered by Harry Pressman and shipped to him in Houston because he will be driving. Kansas City will be stage competition only. The Annual Meeting will be called by the President to be held at the Jamboree, with the Election and Installation of Officers but, not taking in office until July after Imperial. In Daytona Beach there will be the Parade competition at the Main Imperial Parade and MXGJLQWKHILUVWFRXSHRUWKUHHEORFMIRIRUPDO for the Awards Banquet or Installation. These plans for the first Jamboree is a trial to see if it is a feasible alternative to having all of our activities at Imperial. The Music Academy will hold the seminars during the Jamboree to see if we have better attendance at the seminars than in Tampa. A fraternal IXQUDLVHU IRU WKH \$VVRFLDWLRQRI 6KULH 2ULHDO International, in the form of a drawing and you must be present to win, will be held in Kansas City.

7KH 6HFUHWDU\UHRUWHG RQWKH)LQDO VWDWXMRIWKH Association. The dues forms were given to the officers for distribution during their travels. The balances in the three Accounts are:

Table with 2 columns: Account Name, Amount. Rows include %7\$62% HUDWLSFFRXQ \$ 1,227.75, 5% \$62% DQGLD\$FFRXQ& \$ 2,763.98, Edward Jones Investment Account \$ 21,281.54

7KH FRVWRISLQLOWKHRQLVVXHRIWKHID.KDEDUZDV discussed; the costs for the January 2016 issue were:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Cost. Rows include Layout \$ 700.00, Printing \$ 1,625.13, Packaging, mailing and postage \$ 1,860.46, TOTAL \$ 4,185.59

7KH-DQDU\LVVXH RI WKH ID .KDEDU VKRXOG UXQ similar cost, not significantly different. Discussion was held regarding going to 100% electronic issues because of the cost of the printing and mailing services. The Layout costs continue for the electronic issues because of the formatting, etc, is required for the electronic issues. It was decided that we would continue for January 2017 to print and distribute WKH ID .KDEDU DQ GLVFXVW WKLVIWUWKH UDW WKH meeting.

LVFXVVLRORIWKH %DQV DQRIWKH HDU ZDV GLVFXVW and it was noted that only one bandsman was nominated for the 2015-2016 year. It was recommended the members attending this Mid-Winter Meeting see if we can get some additional competition from the Associations for the next %DQV DQRIWKH HDU

Tom Crow summarized the Kansas City Jamboree schedule DQSRFHGXUHV 7KH KRWHO LV XQHU FRUUDFW DQW Khabar has the registration and hotel information printed in the latest issue. The number of bands competing at Imperial has been steadily dropping since 2007 and the issue was to have a Jamboree at a more central part of the country. Another advantage of our Jamboree is all of the bands could stay together in one hotel and have the camaraderie of being WRJHWKHU /DGLHVRI\$UDUDW 6KULHUVROXQWHHUHG VGHFRUDWLRQDQKRVEWDOLW\DGLHVRI\$EGDOODK6

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0LNDUWX&DLUPDR/DGGHURI6PLOHVUHRUWHGRQKH he is going to try to find a service that can provide the
VWDWXVRIWKH/DGGHURI6PLOHVDVRIWKHHQRICHSHHPSHA no or little cost.

This report only includes the months of July through
6HSWHPEHU

Discussion was held regarding the transfer of material from
Al Azhar consisting of instruments, horns, drums, etc. The

Tom Crow announced he had a letter granting the Association
RI 6KULH 2ULHQDO %DQV D GDWH WR SHVHQ D ZPHDWKSDW \$2,300.00 and we had several donations
WKH 7RPE RI WKH 8NZQROGLHULSUOLQWRQDWLRQ making the total committed to this shipment \$1,800.00.
Cemetery on June 19, 2017, at 1:15 PM. This is for the Chris Tsaros stated enough money has been raised to make
\$62%QW6KULHUV, QHUQWLRQOLVFXVVLROZHUHKHOG
DERXWFRQDFWZLWK6KULHUV, QHUQWLRQO

FRVWRIVKLSQWKLVPDWHULDOWR\$ERX6DDGLQDQPD&A
PHDWKSDW \$2,300.00 and we had several donations
making the total committed to this shipment \$1,800.00.
Chris Tsaros stated enough money has been raised to make
Gappen.

Roles of the Officers are designated in the Red Book as
recently updated. Darren DeHass is going to investigate the
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about 400 email addresses of members and officers. The 3rd
93LVJRLQVREHSREYGHGZLWKWKH6HFUHWDUVOLVWRHEDLQ

7RPVXPPDULJHGWKH2IILFHU/LQDFDLHVRQKH\$62%
Officer line. All of the officers should approach a number
of potential candidates. We have no potential candidate for
the coming year.

Meeting was closed at 11:30 AM.

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STRATEGIC MEETING

Old Fort Worth Historical Area, Fort Worth, TX, October 23, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

OFFICERS:

President Tom Crow, 1st VP Chris Tsaros, 2nd VP Harry
3UHVVPDQG 93 DUUHQDQVV 33 6HFUHDV RQ
Moore

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Michael Hartup, Joe Brewton, Don Moores, David McCarthy,
Jeff Moores

OUR VISION: A healthy Oriental Band Community for the
EHQILWRI6KULHUVRVSWDQVIRUFKLOGUHQ

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

The meeting was opened by President Tom Crow at 9:00 AM on
October 23, 2016 with this meeting being a continuation of the
meeting for yesterday no prayer of pledge was given. President
Crow reviewed the schedule and estimated time schedule for
the two day meeting and then turned the meeting over to the
facilitator Chris Tsaros for the remainder of the meeting. The
following items were discussed:

\$HMHZ XSDWH WKH \$62% 7DFWLFDO \$FWLRQVKERDUG
Eliminated completed items and added new items as agreed
XKQ2%7DFWLFDDQVKERDUGXSDWHGVDQSRSLDWH

QDNVXUHWKH%DQVPDRQWKHHDULVLDQULVVXHRIWKHROGORRUHV\$62%6HFUHDV

Na Khabar. The Bandsman of the year guidelines show up in
every issue.

LDQLH WKH \$JHQD-DPERUHH DQPSULDOGRQDW
the Mid-Winter Meeting. Discussed and update plans for 2017
Imperial; Discussed plans and locations for these years.

QXVLF\$FDGHP,VFXVVLROZHUHKHOGEWKHDWVWHQHIVD
to goals, plans, staff and faculty. Lack of participation in the
VHPLQUDW7DPSWKLVDUZZDVGLVDSLQLOQHPLQUZDV
cancelled.

JDWHUQOXQUDLVLDURNLWRWZRIURXSWRGLVFXVVJUDWHU
Fundraiser to benefit the Association and completely separate
IURPWKH/DGGHURI6PLOHV7KHJURXSUHRUWHGRQQUIDLVLQ
LGHDV 6RPH ZHUH DERN DQEHRO WKH XEURQ PRQWDU
required to purchase the item to be raffled. Other items were not
large enough to generate the funds to operate our Association.

JQRXWDERXW6KULVZLOOKHOSRPHRIXVREKWHVLQ
VHWWLQSQXVLQ

JVFXVVFRWLQDWLRQIWHOFRQDUHCHFDOOVLDQRU
teleconference calls; meetings will continue.

Meeting was closed at 11:30 AM.

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Registration

Registration

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Registration

12:00 PM

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6:00 PM

Registration

Registration

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