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bands men
from the
great state of
South Dakota.
As I think
about writing
this article I
realized this

is my last one as a officer of the ASOB. It has been an exciting and fun-filled 5 years. I have met more new good friends in that time that I will have forever. I would suggest to anyone that if you have the interest of being an officer of the ASOB, grab it and enjoy it, you will not be disappointed. I will not be going anywhere as Linda and I plan on staying involved and visiting as many functions as we can in the future.

We have a very good man interested in becoming the Sergeant at Arms in Indy this year. His name is Chris Tsaros and he is currently the President of PNSOBA. Chris and his lovely lady made the trek to Sioux Falls, SD, for the ASOB Midwinter meeting and he has some wonderful ideas that I think we can incorporate into the ASOB and make it stronger and more visible throughout Shrinedom. You will learn more about this program in Indy but we are hoping to start it off with a horn and a drum workshop if I can find the space to hold them. More about that later but they will most likely be on Tuesday.

Speaking of Midwinter, I would like to thank everyone for attending. It was a very informative meeting and we had a impromptu meeting in the hospitality room that turned out

to be a great meeting involving the duties of our ambassadors and how we can communicate better between the ASOB officers, ambassadors, regions and bandsman. This will be talked about in Indy but I have a feeling that if we can improve our communication skills we can make this organization stronger and its members more in the loop of what is going on in their region as well as others.

Remember the Imperial Session to be held in Indy between June 29th and July 3rd. There is one change, the competition will be at 9:00 am instead of 10:00 am in the convention center. Send your room reservations to Mahlon as soon as possible as there is a limited number of rooms. Get your meal selections in to Jeff Moores before June 1st. Sunday night should be a fun-filled night with karaoke, so loosen up your vocal cords and get ready to sing the night away.

Our band has had a busy spring and we have a number of parades and events coming up, one being our Otis open golf outing on Thursday, May 23rd, 3:00 PM shotgun start. It is held at the Bridges of Beresford country club. All proceeds will go to the Ladder Of Smiles. We have a ways to go to reach my goal but I believe we can reach it and make shaving my head a little bit easier to take.

I have to get going but I want you all to know that being an officer of what I believe is the best Association in the Shrine has been a pleasure and something Linda and I will hold in our hearts for the rest of our lives. We will see you all in Indy.

Yours in the faith,
Lonnie Merriman, ASOB President



**FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT**
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As most of
you Nobles
throughout
Shrinedom
know, Punx-
s u t a w n e y
Phil was
wrong. We

are expecting some of the white stuff with the inevitable wind as this is being written. Last year at this time I was commenting on the wonderfully mild winter we experienced in Central Virginia, and boy have we paid the price with this winter that never seems to end. Next week we are headed to Sioux Falls, SD, and we hope the El Riad folks will offer up some decent spring weather – hope, hope, hope! And when you read this article we will know whether or not Lonnie came through! Last year at this time, I also reported that Amarillo was experiencing 93 degree weather, and we all know what our Khiva friends and Maggie's kinfolks have suffered in recent weeks in that Texas town!

As always, a trip to Reading, PA, in February proved to be one of the highlights of our year. Dave McCarthy, 2nd Vice President and his Lady Sandy, and our own Secretary/Treasurer Ill. Mahlon Hariu of Rajah Shrine Center and his Lady Joanne were there for the festivities. Also in attendance were Noble Bud Moore, former Secretary/Treasurer (A.S.O.B) and Keith Oviatt, A.S.O.B. Ambassador and his Lady Joanne. M.A.S.O.B.A President Jim Miller and his Lady

Debbie hosted the weekend along with the ever-hard-working John Grumbien and his able assistant, Ted Workheiser. These nobles headed up a great team to produce a terrific hospitality room, as they always do! Thanks to the ladies for all their hard work in bringing us some delicious dishes! The highlight of the weekend was the dinner/dance and the great contribution to the Ladder of Smiles; this year in the amount of \$4,615. I look forward to being with the MASA group at Virginia Beach in September.

As it happens, we did not miss the boat this year, simply because there were no cruises to miss. However, as previously mentioned, we expect to be in Sioux Falls for the upcoming Midwinter meeting. On the way to Sioux Falls, Dave and Sandy McCarthy, and Maggie and I will visit Minneapolis in order to tie up some loose ends for 2014, and then it's on to Sioux Falls to join our old friends, and maybe some new ones.

Hopefully, everyone is planning to attend the Imperial Session in Indianapolis. Extreme party people Lonnie and Linda have made fantastic plans for a ton of fun at the Hilton and other places. I have visited the Hilton Hotel and I can tell you the location is very convenient to the Convention Center and to all happenings for the Imperial Session.

Yours in the faith,
Vince



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

David
McCarthy

Pack, Un-
Pack, Pack
again. The
drum beat
goes on. At
this writing
spring has

sprung here in Texas. Having just returned from Mid-Winter Session of Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Band (TASOB) in Houston; President TASOB Noble John Barron and his Arabia "workers" provided all the attendees an outstanding weekend with a Cajun fest as the topper. Ladies got to shop and the guys got to do a little elbow bending with a business meeting thrown in. The guest speaker for the evening was Texas' Imperial Sir Jerry Gant who gave us some insight as what to expect for Imperial Session in 2015 which seems years away, but let me tell you, in my world it is coming mighty fast!

Plans are well underway and this year in Indianapolis it will be time to lock down our hotel for ASOB in the year 2015. TASOB pictures from the event are posted on facebook in the ASOB section. You can visit without being a facebook member by going to asob.org and tab for FB site. While you are there take a look at Midwinter pictures from Reading where MASOBA 5th annual combined Ladies Night/Past President's Ball of the Rajah and Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Bands held their Session in fine style. Both 1st Vice Bobrosky, with his Lady Maggie and me, along with my Lady Sandy ventured to the great state of Pennsylvania in February. A big thank you to Noble John K. Grumbein and the crew in

Reading/Lancaster. It is always very rewarding to visit other Oriental Band Associations. I would encourage all OBers to venture out from their respective areas. Not only will you enjoy great fellowship but "seeing" how others are doing their activities, new ideas may spring to life.

Now that the first three months have flown by the traveling bags are being readied for heading north for ASOB's Midwinter. Our ASOB President Lonnie Merriman has planned an outstanding time in Sioux Falls so we are off to the environs of South Dakota. (Brrrrrrr!)

Reservations are starting to trickle in for this year's session for Imperial. Secretary Treasurer Mahlon is anxious to get those hotel rooms locked down. Please if you are coming and staying with ASOB, and who wouldn't, time is moving fast. Also don't forget to get your meal requests into 4th VP Jeff Moores or you may go hungry. All the registration information can be found on the asob.org website and in the current issue of the Na Khabar.

Advertisement is still needed for the Na Khabar. Details on how to accomplish this resides in the magazine or just drop an e-mail to any officer and we will point you in the right direction. I request that for those of you who hanging back and yet to participate, appoint a responsible individual and help spread the OB word and share with us what your Oriental Band activities are in our great magazine, the Na Khabar. Another request I have of you is to have your bands purchase, even if it is but a small ad in the Na Khabar, touting your band. Contact our secretary treasurer or me and we will certainly expedite this process. Display your existence to the Oriental Band community.

Follow us to the
2013 Imperial Session
in Indianapolis, Indiana
June 29, 2013



Show your meeting place, time and schedule. Fellow bandmen that may be traveling in your area, a chance to visit.

Once again, as I close this article please go visit your Oriental Band activities at www.asob.org Click on the facebook tab for some great pictures of your many activities. Great times are being had and you can share these activities as well, by just sending your pictures to share. (You don't have to be a facebook member to view.) If you desire to have your photos posted on the asob site, send a disc to me and I will certainly get them uploaded for all to see.

Remember the 139th Imperial Session June 29 to July 3, 2013, in Indianapolis, IN. The Oriental Band festivities are being held in the Hilton Indianapolis downtown, just three short blocks from the convention center where we will be holding our competitions. Visit Imperial's web site at <http://www.imperial2013.com> for a broader view of all the complete shrine activities as they emerge. We are here to serve you, and I'm sure the other officers feel the same as I. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are published elsewhere in this publication; please use them. For those of you reading this article, I would highly encourage you to engage your fellow nobles to participate in every Shrine event possible. Top of your list should be Nobles having fun; just maybe you may find a new band member. Visit your Blue Lodge. Ultimately this will help our Shrine Kids. Let me leave you with this thought – let's all put an extra effort for The Ladder of Smiles. You will see that your efforts and contributions do make it all worthwhile. Go in Peace.

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Greetings
Sons of the
Desert! Spring
has sprung,
parades and
picnics are
plentiful as are
opportunities
to wear the

Fez proudly so be ever mindful of your actions as “our funny red hat with lots of rhinestones” draws a LOT of attention.

Another unique 90-year old Shriner's creation to be proud of is our many hospitals and the fantastic work they do. I can personally attest to the great works our skilled surgeons perform to improve the quality of life for our special little (and not so little) patients and the appreciation shown by the patients, their families and caregivers is never-ending. I know of at least four circumstances where the father of a patient recognized not only the great health care Shriner's Hospitals for Children provide, but these men also recognized the quality and character of “the people behind the scenes” and they wanted to be a part of our great Fraternity and “give back” and are extremely active in their communities and fraternal organizations. At the Shriner's Hospitals I “work” at, we're blessed to have about 120 volunteers contribute their time and talents in all kinds of different ways and there's always room for more!

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands is a great medium to bring together fun-loving Nobles and major contributors to the “World's Greatest Philanthropy” in that at ASOB meetings at Imperial, we brain-storm ideas with which to grow our numbers, not only in Shriner OB membership, but also how we may

increase our efforts to raise funds for our specific travel fund, the Ladder of Smiles; the fund to underwrite transportation costs of patients to and from Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

A great tool to get the word out and share with others within the fraternity as well as with “civilians,” is the CD sponsored by ASOB last year all about Oriental Bands that every OB secretary received. It's said, “a picture is worth a thousand words,” well, this CD is produced in a professional quality and worth thousands of dollars in its content as well as being very enlightening regarding our nomadic theme, unique “music(?)” diverse costumes and floats, but especially about how we raise funds for the Ladder of Smiles. So ask your secretary to make copies, share and show this every opportunity you have to stimulate the juices of nobles searching for a fun-loving, productive and “*Fun with a purpose!*” unit.

I look forward to meeting as many Nobles as possible in Indianapolis Imperial where we'll have additional discussions surrounding our Association, exchange productive ideas to help raise more funds, tell about fun and misfortunes we've all experienced. Yes, there is so much the ASOB has in store for you and your Unit and we want to hear about your successes as well as learn from missed opportunities. We need each other and I know my fellow officers value your constructive input. Please plan to attend Imperial and if you can't make it, pray for safe travels and a productive Session and in the mean-time, keep making that beautiful(!) music Oriental Bands are famous for!

Es salaam alaikum,
Scot Duncil
ASOB 3rd VP
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**FOURTH
VICE
PRESIDENT**
Jeff Moores

Greetings my fellow nomads of the desert, Spring is starting to come around in the

Northeast finally. We have already started our parade season up here with two St. Patrick's Day Parades. Both were still very cold parades though, but with very enthusiastic crowds even if Worcester was lined with snow while we marched. Next up for us will be our circus in early May. We are all hoping it will be much warmer by then.

I am just getting back from our Mid-Winter meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We had several very productive meetings and a fun filled weekend. It was great to meet Chris Tsaros from Al Azhar Shrine in Calgary who is throwing his hat in the ring for Sgt. at Arms. I believe he has an ad elsewhere in this issue and will be in Indianapolis for everyone to meet. He has some great ideas for future programs for the association. Our Mid-Winter meeting had some great discussion about the future, relevancy and direction of our association and those discussions will continue in Indianapolis at our annual session. We also had a great breakout session in the hospitality room about the role of our Ambassadors. We hope to do more of these breakout sessions in Indianapolis as well as plan some clinics on musettes and drums as long as the hotel will be able to accommodate us with space. The weekend was not all work though, and was capped off by the El Riad Oriental Bands Spring Fling. There

were over 700 people at the event that they held and didn't wrap up until 2 in the morning. I personally would like to thank Linda and Lonnie and the entire band for the great hospitality shown the entire weekend to all of us that attended.

As for our upcoming Imperial Session in Indianapolis, I just want to remind everyone that I am the ticket chairman for the banquets and you will need to get your reservations in by June 1st. The registration form and my address can be found elsewhere in this issue. There has been a change in the banquet schedule this year compared to the last few years. Since the Imperial Parade is going to be a night parade on Monday night, the President's Award Banquet has been moved back to Tuesday evening this year. Please try and get your reservations in by the deadline, as the hotels are getting harder to deal with and are looking for numbers from us so they can decide on the rooms and space that we will need, so they can try and use the space if we do not have what we had planned for. Also don't forget to join us for our competition on Monday at 9 AM to be held at the convention center. We will have an ad in the Imperial Program this year announcing the event as well. A copy of that ad is also included in the Na Khabar.

Also to be found elsewhere in this issue is proposed by-law changes that we intend to review and ballot on at our Annual Meeting this year. Most of them are just housekeeping changes relating to the change that we are now an International organization. We printed them in the last issue and are publishing them again in this issue.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to remember the "Ladder of Smiles." We have a long way to

go to reach our goal for this year. I sometimes think that if each band in our association could run a single fundraiser to raise \$1000 we would be over \$100,000 every year. I am more than willing to share any of my bands fundraising ideas with you, so feel free to contact me if you want to discuss. See y'all in Indy, I'm sure we will have a great time. Jeff Moores, 4th Vice President



**SERGEANT
AT ARMS**
Tom Crow

What a start on the road to Imperial in Indianapolis. We were in Houston for the Texas Association of

Shrine Oriental Bands Mid-Winter. A great time was had by all who attended thanks to TASOB President John Barron, his officers and the Arabia Oriental Band. Imperial Sir Gant spoke at the banquet and gave a very informative update on our hospitals.

From there it was to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and ASOB Mid-Winter hosted by ASOB President Lonnie Merriman, his Lady Linda, and the El Riad Oriental Band. What a time it was!! The fun was non-stop and the hospitality was unbelievable. We even had time for some business sessions. I found these to be very productive with good dialog on topics from how to improve ASOB to how ASOB could better help individual bands.

Now is time to make your reservations for Imperial in Indianapolis. We need every band to consider performing in Indianapolis. If you cannot bring every member of your band, you might want to

think about bringing a small group and performing with the smaller bands. This would let some of your members who have not performed at Imperial have that opportunity. This might encourage them to want to come back next year. Again I will ask for our Ambassadors to please e-mail me and the other officers about any events, parades and/or competitions that you have on your calendar so we may attend. My e-mail is bedouin@charter.net. Hope to hear from you soon.

It is always fun to talk about the Ladder Of Smiles. I know that Chairman Mike Hartup is willing to talk to anyone about this great philanthropy that belongs to the Oriental Bands. These are OUR KIDS that come to our hospitals and are treated by some of the finest physicians in the world. If you have not gone to visit one of these facilities, you are missing a great experience. When you do go to one of our hospitals, keep in mind that what you are seeing was, in good part, made possible by that donation you and other Oriental Band members made to the Ladder of Smiles. That money all goes to the hospitals and nowhere else. I have been asked how much of the Ladder of Smiles goes to pay for the travel of the ASOB officers. The only way that I can answer that is with a decided NONE. Each officer pays 100% of all their expenses and willingly do so to help promote Oriental Bands. Hope to see you in Indianapolis for competition.

Yours in the Faith,
Tom Crow



SECRETARY TREASURER

Mahlon Hariu

Here we are again. Just a few months until the 2013 Imperial Session and our Oriental Band Competition.

I know you have all been rehearsing the competition piece at all your meetings.

Please try to attend this year's business meeting. We do have some important business. One of the matters to vote on, is a change to our By-Laws. We need to bring them into line with Imperial By-Laws every once in a while and that requires a vote by the Nobles present at an Annual Meeting. One of the items for consideration is a change in our name from "North America" to "International".

What do you think about our new website? Please let us know at Imperial or by other communications medium. We are here to serve you, the Noble, and we want to make it easy to communicate with you.

At last count we had fourteen rooms assigned at Imperial. Please start to think about getting your reservations in to me shortly. We may have to turn some rooms back to the hotel before the session if we do not have all fifty (50) rooms accounted for prior to Imperial. We also need to know if we will need to reserve additional rooms. See you in Indianapolis.

Yours in the Faith,
Mahlon



See you in Indianapolis June 29th!

APPOINTMENTS



LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN

Michael Hartup

Greetings from the land of Ah's. Ah, it's time to spruce up my costume; Ah, it's time to polish the

musette; Ah, it's time to parade again!

Maggie and I just returned from T.A.S.O.B. Midwinter meeting in Houston and once again - good food, good fellowship, and good fun. The Arabia Oriental Band members, their ladies, and friends made sure everyone had a good time. One notable person, A.S.O.B. Past President Joe Brewton, was absent from the gathering. Health issues have semi-sidelined Joe but he states he will be in Indianapolis for Imperial Session.

This week Maggie and I are on our way to Sioux Falls, SD, for the A.S.O.B. Midwinter meeting. President Lonnie, Linda, the El Riad bandmen, their ladies, and friends have a full slate of activities planned for us, including a visit to the Falls.

The time for Imperial Session is getting closer. It is not too late to make your reservations and join other bandmen for some friendly competition and just plain fun. If your whole band cannot make the trip, that's okay. You can compete as a band of one, two, three, or more! The registration and reservation forms are in this issue of the Na Khabar along with the schedule of events.

Last July in Charlotte, President Lonnie announced his Ladder of Smiles goal of \$85,000.00. As of the end of March, he has reached almost two-thirds of his goal. With just a few months of his term left, we need to continue our efforts and make this goal a reality. Our hospitals and our kids depend on all of us. Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.



**FIRST
100 CLUB
CHAIRMAN**
Morrie Toretzky

Greetings from the land of sky blue waters! We had a long, long winter, lots of snow and subzero

days. We are hoping that we have a nice spring so we can do the yard and garden work. We are thankful that we have no knowledge of losing any members. I am not receiving any communications from band secretaries or members of family or friends so the roster can be kept up to date.

We welcome and need new members in the A.S.O.B. First 100 Club. Please mail your name, address, Shrine Center and check for \$100.00 with application to Morrie Toretzky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Make checks payable to First 100 Club A.S.O.B. You will find an application following this article.

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

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

Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone	_____
E-Mail	_____
Shrine Center	_____

Please make check payable to:
A.S.O.B. First 100 Club
in the amount of \$100.00

Mail to:
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2554 Pennsylvania Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55426

AMBASSADORS



FLORIDA
Robert E.
Stihler

The weather has been rather coolish in the "Land of the Mouse," however things will warm up, especially for

one of the Florida Bands, The Great Sahib Band of Sarasota, as they're gearing up for the Imperial Session in Indianapolis, IN.

The Bahia Oriental Band at Orlando again held a successful Annual Fish Fry on 29 March 13, serving 175+ hungry Nobles, Ladies and guests, plus 40 take-out dinners.

Unfortunately, the FSOBA Convention at Egypt Shrine Center, 1-4 May 13, had to be canceled due to lack of adequate Band participation. It is truly saddening that due to Father Time / the Black

Camel / difficulties in obtaining new members, some of the Bands are now of skeleton size compared to years ago.

A most important FSOBA Business Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 4 May 13 at the Egypt Oriental Band Room and hopefully each of the Florida Bands will have good representation. The results of the meeting will appear in the September issue.

On a more joyful note, Egypt's Oriental Band Tong #54 will be presenting the Mandarin Degree for neophytes and the enjoyment of those who have already met the Mandarin. Hey Hey Hey ... have you met the Mandarin????

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals. God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America!



**MID
ATLANTIC**
Kieth Oviatt

The Mid Winter meeting of M A S O B A met on February 23, 2013, at Reading, PA.

The meeting

was opened by President Jim Miller. All elected officers were present with the exception of 3rd VP Rob Reed who was unable to attend due to business. Nine Past Presidents were present and the following ASOB officers: 1st VP Vince Bobrosky, 2nd VP Dave McCarthy, Sec/Trea. Mahlon Hariu, Sec/Trea. Emeritus Bud Moore and myself. Ladder of Smiles Chairman Mike Hartup was unable to attend due to the storms that were hitting the Midwest. This is the first time that I can remember that Mike was not at our meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the stage competition to be held at Virginia Beach during the annual MASA convention. There seemed to be little interest so there will not be stage competition following our annual meeting and election of officers on Friday, September 6, at Virginia Beach. However there will be parade competition the following day on Saturday, Sept. 7. One hundred and twenty-five dollars was collected for the Ladder during the meeting.

That evening the combined banquet honoring the Past Presidents and Ladies of the Rajah Oriental Band the Lancaster County Shrine Oriental Band was held. In the absence of Mike, Vince filled in and collected contributions for the Ladder. I wrote down the total for the evening but mislaid my sheet and have not found it but if I remember correctly it was over \$4,000.00. The evening was closed with dancing and then back to the Hospitality Room for some final goodbyes.

Don't forget the Ladder of Smiles as that is what it is all about.



**NEW YORK/
ONTARIO**
Bob Jones

New York Ontario ASOB has three vibrant bands. At least activities and socializing seem to abound.

Oshawa continues to hold events and participating in parades. Attendance numbers are consistent and they continue with regular Sunday morning practices for full band and Wednesday morning for musettes. Oshawa supports the Ladder of

Smiles each year. Parades start with the Pickering Easter Parade and end in December with Santa Claus parades in various communities around the area. Oshawa Shrine Club website is www.oshawashrineclub.com

Hamilton Oriental Band is struggling with membership but what they lack in numbers is outweighed by enthusiasm. They have several events planned for 2013 and looking forward to a successful year. The band has attracted a few new members.

Sudbury is Rameses Northern Oriental Band and during each year continues to promote many events. They start with a steak fry on May 30th and follow with 7 parades during the summer. Also congratulations are in order as they are celebrating 50 years as a band on September 28. This is a very active club. They are to be commended on their activities. Go to the Sudbury Shrine Club web site to see their event schedule. www.sudburyshrineclub.com

In 2014 Sudbury Shrine Club will be the hosts to the Rameses Shrine Temple Ceremonial.

Have a great summer and enjoy the 139th Imperial Session in Indianapolis.



**SOUTH
ATLANTIC**
Nolan Stanley

Greetings fellow Sons of the Desert. It has been a long, wet winter in Virginia. We had very little snow, mainly

rain, but we are looking forward to a warm spring and summer. The daffodils and trees are blooming

so we know the warm weather is not far behind. The officers for the ACCA Oriental Band this year are President - Noble Steve Meagher, Secretary - Noble Bland Wade, Treasurer - Noble Nolan Stanley, Music Director - Noble Vince Bobrosky. The ACCA Oriental Band recently had a successful fund raiser. We cooked hickory flavored pork Boston butts at Noble Bobrosky's house in Ladysmith. It took us all night, but the effort was well worth the time involved and enjoyed by all who bought one (or more) to support the Band. The temperature was in the 20's in the early morning hours which helped keep us awake to make sure they didn't burn. Plans are being made for additional activities to earn some money for the band and to support the Shrine Hospitals thru the Ladder of Smiles.

Has anyone else noticed how fast the months are flying by. It will soon be time to travel to Indianapolis. Plans are being made by several Band members to travel to Indianapolis this summer to experience activities planned by ASOB President Merriman. We are also looking forward to traveling with Noble Bobrosky and Lady Maggie and offering our support to them as Vince gets ready for his year as ASOB President. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Hope this finds all of you and your Ladies doing well. Until next time, enjoy, have fun and stay safe.

Fraternally, Nolan Stanley



BAND NEWS

Abdallah
Overland, Kansas

Ed Harvey, Jr.
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Greetings to all! President Bruce Fischbach and Musical Director Roy Samuels have the Band performing at an award winning level. With a great mix of old and new members, we look forward to once again being one of the largest Units at Abdallah.

The Band continues to work on different fundraisers that enhance our members fun and help our Temple grow. We have our Texas Hold 'Em parties that are great successes and allow other Units and Members to see how much fun the OB is! Our Mandarin Degrees and Camel Herder Degrees are getting ready to be held this month. And of course we work hard on collecting "fines" for the Ladder of Smiles!

Our Camel is being refurbished for the coming parade season... now to find someone crazy enough to ride it!!! I have several ideas on the victim, ahhhhh.....I mean the "volunteer" list. Our performance trailer received updates last year also. It doesn't take long for these things to fall into disrepair so thanks to all who help keep them up!

As a newcomer to the "Band Life", I am constantly amazed at how close OB guys are, even from other Temples. This is truly a close brotherhood within our fraternity. I am proud to be a small part of all of you. Until later, have fun playing that beautiful music!



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

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

Thank you for visiting the site. We hope your visit will be an enjoyable one and that you will return to the site frequently for updates.

Shalom,



THE ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND



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REHEARSALS on THURSDAYS at 6:30 P.M.
From the Second Thursday in January
To the Second Thursday in November

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I can't believe it's "Na Khabar time" again. Where does the time go?

The May 2013 FSOBA Convention, hosted by Egypt Shrine Oriental Band had to be canceled due to lack of adequate Band participation. An FSOBA Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, 4 May 13, as well as a presentation of the Mandarin Degree by Egypt's Tong #54. At the time of this writing, (1 April 13), President Bobby Williams, guest Noble Dick Schmidt, and Yours Truly, will be attending the Business Meeting. Noble Schmidt will be meeting the Mandarin ... Ah Sooo !

The Band held its annual Fish Fry on Friday, 29 March 13, and as usual, it was a success. Chef Noble Millard Smith did his magical touches on the fish and all was delicious. PP John Pierson orchestrated the event and a big thanks to all who helped.

Bahia held its circus on 27 and 28 April at the University of Central Florida Arena, and the Band assisted in the sale of novelties.

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

DON'T FORGET

Deadline for the next Na Khabar is August 1st.

Cairo
Rutland, Vermont

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Greetings Nobles from Vermont. We had a mild winter, but a snow laden March, spring will be here sometime. Our band did nothing over the winter, but starting to move around a little in April. First parade is May 5th in Rutland, Vt., which is known as Loyalty Day. We still have ten bodies when snowbirds arrive.

The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl game will be held August 3rd, parade as per newspaper will kick off at noon, same as always, change being the kickoff, which is scheduled for 5:30 PM. This is the 60th annual game which New Hampshire has won consistently.

We have two parades in June, both alumni parades in Springfield and Bellows Falls, Vermont, will start practicing beginning in April.

We are again in trouble going to the Northeast in Cornwall, Ontario, September 19th through the 22nd put on by Karnak, because of passport issues. A shame terrorist can change how we operate.

Have a spectacular season in parades and fantasies this coming year.

Khiva
Amarillo, Texas

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Winter is over and being that this part of the country is "middle earth," between the mountains and lower lands to the east, here comes

our "breezy season" and that means: tie everything down for Spring. Hopefully we will get some more moisture, as we need it like most of the southwest. We haven't had any since our little 19 inch snow day February, 25th.

At our December Stated Meeting, we elected our new 2013 Oriental Band officers. Our Sultan (President) is John Meyer, Emir (Vice-President) Mike Pinson and the re-ups are yours truly, Scribe John Wilson and Gold Minister (Treasurer) David Griffis. Here's to another fine year of leadership, another year of success for the Band. Our Sultan for 2012 was Rick Beecher and what a fine job he did.

At our meetings, Khiva Illustrious Sir, Rodney Weaver and Lady Kelli have been consistent, blessing us with their presence. His ramblings keeps us on the cusp of the latest news and events at our Shrine Temple. We are also blessed with the presence of our Chief Rabban, Scott Woolery and Lady Sharon. Scott joined the Band in January. He is now a tamb and seems to be ready for the show. Our High Priest and Prophet, Andy Wines of Lubbock, was involved in a horrific accident late last year that left him partially paralyzed. Andy with his wife Jill, spent three months in a rehab hospital in Denver. He has progressed phenomenally and is now back home in Lubbock. Our Shrine has provided him a new wheel chair with proceeds from our Benevolence Fund. This fund is used for exactly such an event, to assist nobles in need. His air transportation from Lubbock to Denver was provided by a medical transport pilot, a Mason, free of charge! Two months ago, this Brother became one of the newest members of our Shrine Center. All of this helps to illustrate why we

can be the greatest brotherhood on earth.

Our Caliph, Joe "roll along" Brewton has had us busy with the new competition music, *Streets of Cairo*, while laid up in the hospital for a week with complications- foot, knee and a getting around complication. In his absence, his just as talented if not more, brother David, became director pro-tem and did a fine job at it. He seemed not too concerned with the drum cadences and he got us to the heart of the matter. If anyone is good at directing while playing the horn, it's David- one, two, OK go! After two weeks, a somewhat mobile Joe reunited with the Band using a rolling knee walker. As of now, the Horns seem to be improving with each practice but don't know if the same can be said with the other sections. Our latest rendition of "Cairo" is sounding very harmonious. We have a few months before our All-State competition so there is time for getting as close to perfection as we get these days.

A delegation representing the KOB departed for the TASOB Midwinter Conference, March 22nd and 23rd, hosted by the Arabia Shrine Oriental Band in Houston. There, our Sultan was nominated for President of the TASOB for the 2013-2014 term. If he accepts the office, I have volunteered to be his Secretary/Treasurer this year- I better start making plans. John and Luann had a great time there as well as our Emir Mike and Carole Pinson, Stu and Linda Stuart and Don and Karen Ellison.

A hardy congratulations goes to our member Tim Beecher. It was announced at a recent practice (at which Tim was absent) that he was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the receipt of the *Silver*

Beaver Award. As you can imagine, this out-of-nowhere announcement was met, undeservedly so, with much snicker and innuendo among the Bandsmen present. It was probably best Mr. Beecher, much less Mrs. Beecher, were absent. After the guffaws quieted, we were made to realize what an honor it is to receive such recognition. The “Beaver” is a council-level distinguished service award from the BSA, of the highest level. As described by the Scouts: “..... The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.” Tim is well on his way impacting the lives of many seniors in the Oriental Band. Maybe we need to think of awarding him a “Golden Beaver” in the next few years.

As mentioned earlier, our 2013 state competition at Wichita Falls, Texas, will be June 5-8. We hope to see all our fellow Bands and friends there. The Band voted at the last meeting, to attend Imperial 2013 in some shape, form or fashion. So far 22 members have said that they plan to travel to Indianapolis to compete, many plans are afoot. So it's Indy the first of July, with the 500 a few months past and the Brickyard in three weeks. Danica Patrick long gone but still remembered, there will still be plenty to see and experience. The Caliph rhetorically pointed out that our membership is not getting any younger, we still have some funds in the bank to help with travel expenses and those other Bands, in that part of the nation, have not been exposed to the Khiva Oriental Band yet so the time seems ripe this year. Watch for us Hoosier state, as we look forward to fun and fellowship

at the Crossroads of America.

The meal at the Khiva Shrine Center, March 13th stated meeting, was prepared and served by the Oriental Band. Our Sultan and his Lady Luann used their culinary catering acumen while orchestrating in the kitchen. Our kitchen duty men and ladies were also there helping to prepare the meatballs, marinara, pasta, salad, and garlic bread. The homemade desserts were provided by our ladies and they filled the two tables and more. The desserts were outstanding and they literally gave the night, “food for thought” to all who were trying to pick one. Our Divan and nobility seemed to enjoy our meal and profits from the proceeds provided an opportunity for the Band to raise funds for our planned 2013 Imperial sojourn.

One of our charter members, Larry “Potts” Price passed away January, 28th. Another KOB Charter Member, Grady Wilson went to Larry’s funeral. Grady said at the February stated meeting, that Larry was part of a group responsible for organizing the building of both floors of the infamous Oriental Band room at Khiva Shrine in 1981 (Grady was the Sultan that year). Other members of the “Building Committee” were, Dick Handley (co-foreman with “Potts”), Paul Redman and of course, David and Joe Brewton. According to a historic journal of the first 10 or so years of the KOB, every member helped build the Band room and it was mostly complete in three months, well under the deadline (‘82 Spring Ceremonial) set by what was described as a rather dubious Divan. That puts our room at over 30 years old. Here’s to another 30!

Any traveling Oriental Bandsman is entertained to attend any of our practices at 7:30 PM, see our

website for locations, dates and times (www.khivaorientalband.org). Our stated meetings are always on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM with a meal served at 6:30 or earlier (except the months of June, July and August). Come and we will make you welcome.

Have a great spring and summer everyone,
the scribe



Check out the wing span on this ole bird!



KOB Sultan John Meyer, Emir Mike Pinson, musette extraordinaire Stu Stuart with ASOB 2nd VP Dave McCarty at TASOB Midwinter 2013



KOB working hard in the kitchen



Lovely Khiva Shabas at MidWinter 2013



*MidWinter keynote speaker
Imperial Assistant Rabban Jerry Cantt
of Arabia Shrine*



Moe and his Bedouins and Ladies



*Oriental Band Ladies
and their creations*



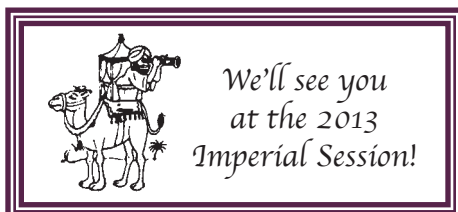
*Sultan Meyer with Stu and Mike
at Arabia Shrine Center*



*TASOB President John Barron
acknowledges the upcoming
2013-2014 TASOB Line of
John Meyer President,
Mike Penson 2nd VP and
Moe Rahmeh 1st VP*



*We loved the breaktime that came
with our new director*



Melha

Springfield, Massachusetts

Jeff Moores
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Greetings from Western Massachusetts, we hope all is well with you and yours as we get ready to start this busy year. We have lots going on and some things that we have already done as well.

We have had two St. Patrick's Day parades. One was a beautiful day, couldn't ask for better weather for an early spring parade. The other one made up for it. Holyoke's famous parade was very cold and windy. Makes a very long parade seem much longer, however both were well attended and fun was had by all.


Our president Chris Parker organized his second annual Pasta Night. Great food, great entertainment and a great time were had by all. Even better was that we raised an additional \$1500 for the Ladder of Smiles. Our very next event is the Melha Shrine Circus. This is always an amazing event that helps keep our Shrine Center operating throughout the year. We always get everyone coming out of the woodwork to come and help us raise donations with the program books. Once May hits and the weather warms up, Vincent Callahan already has us a spot booked for a paper drive. If you ever want to hear stories from total strangers how Shriners has changed their lives, I recommend that you volunteer for one of these. The donations and public response is always fantastic. Besides all of the parades and other activities, we have one of our biggest fundraisers coming up fast on us as well. The annual Melha Oriental Band Golf Tournament is already well in the works. This has been a

tremendous effort and in return we have raised tens of thousands of dollars, and it has become our most successful fundraiser to date.

Don't forget all; we meet every Friday night at the Shrine Center. The first Friday is our business meeting and the rest are for fun and practice. We love visitors, so if you're ever in the area we would love to show you a great time. Have

2002 Imperial World Champions
Vancouver, B.C.

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SEATTLE

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6601 244th St., SW
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Rajah Reading, Pennsylvania

Mahlon Hariu, P.P.
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Es Selamu Aleikum. The Rajah and Lancaster County Bands just held their combined Past Presidents and Ladies Night in Reading at the end of February. We had a very good attendance again this year. Hospitality was handled by the ladies of the two bands and they did a marvelous job.

We held our Midwinter M.A.S.O.B.A. meeting on Saturday morning. Minutes of this meeting are posted on our website for all to see and admire.

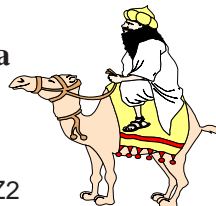
Some of the Band are actually going to Imperial but are staying with the Temple about a block away from out hotel. They promise to attend the A.S.O.B. Business Meeting and Competition, but we don't have enough coming to compete.

Very shortly, we will start rehearsal for the parade season in October. We hope to be able to have as many on the float this year as we did last year. We had a full float every parade, the best season in many years.

Until next time,
Aleikum Es Selam
Mahlon

Rameses-Oshawa Oshawa, Ontario

Bob Jones
99 Keewatin St., S.
Oshawa, ON L1H 6Z2



Greetings to all O'Bers from the Oasis of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. We have been having one of the worst winters in a long time, but today I saw the first robin, so spring is just around the corner.

Our Oriental Band has been busy over the past year with fund raising activities, parades and practices. Each Sunday morning the full band is out for practice. Average attendance 10-12 members. Musettes practice on Wednesday morning and continue to learn more tunes. We are down to 4 musettes. As in all units of Shrinedom our numbers are dwindling and if any member of ASOB knows the formula for attracting new members your expertise would be appreciated.

This past November we sponsored a Neil Diamond impersonator and over 150 attended for dinner and a show.

February we had our annual awards night, with Bandsman Doug Wanamaker as MC. Several members received long service awards. I note Noble Reg Sherren especially with over 30 years in the band. A pot luck supper supplied by the Ladies was very much enjoyed.

On St. Patrick's Day we

sponsored a St. Paddy's Day dinner and dance with a live band in attendance. Green beer and Guinness flowed.

The band is ready for the 2013 parade season and March 30 will see us on parade at the Pickering Easter Parade. Weather promises to be mild. Support the Ladder of Smiles.

Zem Zem

Erie, Pennsylvania

Keith Oviatt
366 Patti Lane
Pittsfield, PA 16340
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Greetings from the sunny southern shores of Lake Erie. As I write this, the last days of winter are here. The snow is mostly melted and some patches of grass are showing. Time to get out the golf clubs and dust off the golf balls. The band has been resting their instruments and for the time being we are meeting at noon on the second Thursday of the month at the Shrine Center for lunch and business meeting. We have been thinking about getting the instruments out but so far we have only been thinking. We will get serious about playing and getting ready for the upcoming parade season after our 16th annual Reverse Drawing on May 15th. This is our big money maker for the year and helps with our expenses.

I would be remiss if I did not report on 7 year old Emily whose picture and story were in the last issue. Emily had her 17th operation March 18th when the surgeons replaced the rod in her back. It was a 6 hour surgery which included a plastic surgeon to do internal grafts to help strengthen the skin covering her new rod. Mother says they must have used laughing gas as she has been having attacks of the giggles.

She is back to making bracelets during her recovery while she has to have limited physical activity. She has donated over \$13,000 dollars to the Erie Unit to help other kids. What an amazing person!

Until next time remember our kids that need our help and support the Ladder of Smiles! Mike is waiting to hear from you and your check for the Ladder.

Zenobia



Meets 1st Monday of every month.

Zenobia Shrine
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Perrysburg, OH 43551

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CHRIS TSAROS

Al Azhar Shrine Temple, Calgary, Alberta

*The 2013 Imperial Session (June 30 to July 4) is being held in Indianapolis, IN. At that time I will be seeking the position of **Sergeant at Arms for A.S.O.B.** line and along with my band's support, I would appreciate your support.*

The Grand Lodge of Alberta AF & AM

1993.....Raised, Master Mason, Star of the West Lodge #34, Leduc Alberta
2002.....Installed, Worshipful Master, Star of the West Lodge # 34, Leduc Alberta

Shriners International

1995.....Fezzed, Al Shamal Shrine Temple, Edmonton Alberta
2005.....Sultan, Al Azhar Oriental Band, Calgary, Alberta
2006.....President, Pacific Northwest Shrine Oriental Band Association
2006.....Membership Committee, Al Azhar Shrine Temple, Calgary Alberta
2011.....Oriental Band Competition Coordinator and Master of Ceremonies, PNSA 2011, Butte MO
2012 toRe-elected President, Pacific Northwest Shrine Oriental Band Association
Present
2013Competition Chairman, PNSA 2013, July in Lethbridge Alberta
2012-13Member, Organizing Committee, Al Azhar Shrine Temple, for PNSA 2013 in Lethbridge, Alberta

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

1995.....Exalted to the sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch, North Star Chapter #2, Edmonton Alberta
2005.....Appointed, Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons R.A.M. of Greece
2011.....Installed, First Principal, Otuskwaw Chapter #9, Calgary, Alberta

Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada

2005.....Honored, Royal Master, Zadok Council #3, Calgary, Alberta
2005.....Chosen, Select Master, Zadok Council #3, Calgary, Alberta
2006.....Greeted, Super Excellent Master, Zadok Council #3, Calgary, Alberta
2007.....Elevated, Royal Arc Mariner, Zadok Council #3, Calgary, Alberta
2012.....Installed, Thrice Illustrious Master, Zadok Council #3, Calgary, Alberta
2012.....Installed, Commander Noah, Zadok Council #3, Calgary, Alberta

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

1995.....Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Perceptory #46, Edmonton, Alberta
1995.....Knight of Malta, Preceptory #46, Edmonton, Alberta
1995.....Knight of the Order of the Temple, Preceptory #46, Edmonton, Alberta

2013.....Elected, Marshall, Cyprus Preceptory # 33, Calgary, Alberta

Southern Alberta Tabernacle

2007.....Admitted, Knight Templar Priest, Southern Alberta Tabernacle # 103, Calgary, Alberta

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

2002.....14th Degree, Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Calgary

2002.....18th Degree, Chapter of the Rose Croix, Valley of Calgary

2002.....32nd Degree, South Alberta Consistory, Valley of Calgary

2010.....Installed, Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Calgary

York Rite Sovereign College of North America

2005.....Elected Member, Pompilius College #79, Calgary, Alberta

2013.....Installed Preceptor, Pompilius College #79, Calgary, Alberta

Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Alberta

2001.....Initiated, Member, Friendship Chapter # 125, Calgary, Alberta

2008.....Installed, Associate Patron, Friendship Chapter # 125, Calgary, Alberta

2009.....Installed, Worthy Patron, Friendship Chapter # 125, Calgary, Alberta

2011 to.....Membership Committee, Consultant, Grand Chapter of Alberta

Present

2012.....Installed, Worthy Patron, North Star # 34, Calgary, Alberta

Career Highlights

1981Senior Manager, EXXON Affiliate, Imperial Oil Limited, various assignments throughout Canada,

1998

1998.....Organizational Consultant, Paleochori Chalkidiki, Greece

2000

2000Organizational Excellence and Project Manager, Bechtel affiliate, Bantrel Co, Calgary, Alberta

2008

2008.....Senior Consultant, Organizational Design and Development, Canadian Blood Services, National Operations

2011

2011Value Improvement and Risk Manager, AMEC Natural Resources Americas, Calgary Alberta

Present

2006.....Chairman of the Board, Quality Council of Alberta

2007.....Chairman of the Board, Credit Counseling Services of Alberta

Family

Married to Lady Carmella, three daughters, Christina, Cambria, Kassandra and Grand Daughter Liberty.

Avid Sailor and captain of the mighty Sun Dancer.

TOP BANDS

Top 10 Bands

El Karubah Oriental Band.....	\$11,035.00
Melha Oriental Band.....	\$6,751.70
Nile Oriental Band	\$4,487.80
El Riad Oriental Band	\$4,350.00
Lancaster County O.B.....	\$2,910.00
Moslah Oriental Band	\$2,513.00
Midian Oriental Band	\$1,855.25
Acca Oriental Band.....	\$1,600.00
Al Bedoo Oriental Band.....	\$1,504.00
Amara Oriental Band	\$1,429.46

11-15

Rajah Oriental Band.....	\$1,339.00
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Zem Zem Oriental Band	\$1,250.00
Abdallah Oriental Band	\$1,200.00
Rameses-Oshawa Oriental Band.....	\$1,200.00
Ismailia Oriental Band	\$1,000.00

Other Bands

KhivaOriental Band	\$800.00
Arabia Oriental Band	\$670.00
Beni Kedem Oriental Band	\$572.00
Sahib Oriental Band	\$540.00
Ararat Oriental Band.....	\$500.00
Araba Oriental Band	\$445.00
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Jaffa Oriental Band	\$375.00

Cairo Oriental Band	\$335.00
Abou Ben Adhem Oriental Band ..	\$250.00
Korean Oriental Band	\$250.00
Zenobia Oriental Band	\$250.00
El Kahir Oriental Band	\$200.00
Irem Oriental Band	\$200.00
El Bekal Oriental Band	\$170.00
Alzafar Oriental Band	\$125.00
Arab Oriental Band	\$100.00
Lu Lu Oriental Band	\$25.00
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STEVE MOORE

By: J.V."Bud" Moore

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CRAIG SEASTEAD

By: John & Debbie Seastead

ELLEN WILSON

By: Khiva Oriental Band
Joe & Theresa Brewton

RICHARD FREYERMOUTH, P.P.

By: Zem Zem Oriental Band
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By: Zenobia Oriental Band

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By: Jim & Barb Longenbarger

RALPH JUBB'S BIRTHDAY

By: Megan Johnson

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CETRONIA SMOKIES

By: John & Sharon Grumbein



2011/2012 PATRONS LIST

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SILVER: (\$25.00)

GOLD: (\$75.00)

PLATINUM: (\$150.00)

LIFE: (\$1,000.00)

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Richard Thompson
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Melha Oriental Band

*Wishes the ASOB another
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*We meet every Friday night for social
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*Melha Shriners, 133 Longhill Street,
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Amara Oriental Band

Wishes the ASOB a Successful Year



Band Rehearsals 1st and 4th Wednesday

Our Business Meeting is on the
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Our Ladies, the Harem Belles,
meet at the same time.

Amara Shriners, 3650 RCA Blvd.
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2013 IMPERIAL SESSION

June 29 thru July 3, 2013



A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel

Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites

120 West Market Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204



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

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

***** Room Rate is \$142.00/night (plus tax) AND \$20.00 Imperial Fee *****

Sunday Night *Monday Morning* *Monday Night* *Tuesday Night* *Wednesday Noon*
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for everybody (if it works out) **LUNCHEON**

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

To: Mahlon Hariu
Re: 2013 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session
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Emmaus, PA 18049-2223
(610) 965-5652

A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

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

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

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

Noble: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____

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

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Room Type Preferences

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

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

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Please remit \$142.00 U.S. Funds plus \$20.00 Imperial Fee. Make cheque/check payable to: Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (cancelled cheque/check is your receipt.) A confirmation email will be sent to you, if you listed your email address.

Date: _____ Signature: _____



ASOB IMPERIAL SCHEDULE



Saturday, June 29

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

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

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

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

Tuesday, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

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



2013 Imperial Session

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



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TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2013

Noble's Name _____

Lady's Name _____

Shrine Center _____

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BANQUET

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

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

_____ **Herb Crusted Tilapia Filet**

_____ **Roasted Sirloin of Beef**

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

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

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

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

_____ **Pan Seared Salmon**

_____ **Roasted Pork Loin**

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

Amount Enclosed

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

Jeff Moores

129 Spruceland Ave.

Springfield, MA 01108-2519

A Music Academy for Shrine Oriental Bands

The following article is an excerpt from a presentation made to the ASOB executive at the April 2013 mid-winter meeting at Sioux Falls, SD. The concept was endorsed by the ASOB executive and will be presented to the nobility for further development.

By Chris Tsaros,

Al Azhar Oriental Band, President Pacific North Shrine Oriental Band Association

The Oriental Band as a franchise has enjoyed many years of success by being the cornerstone of our ceremonies, the pride of our parades and of course the source of countless ribbings as the purveyor of "The Sweetest Sound of Music, this Side of Heaven".

The franchise however is under tremendous strain to hold on to the glory days of the years past. The negative outcomes of changing demographics are compounded by the following challenges:

1. Lack of Formal Training Programs and Venues for New Bandsmen

The traditional approach to training new band members has been to rely on the good will of fellow band members to master an instrument. Lacking the skills to train and teach others, this approach produces mixed results. In the areas of percussion the retention of new recruits enjoys a much higher success ratio than the wind instruments. Banging on a drum, crashing a pair of cymbals or shaking a tambourine may not be as daunting an effort in the quest to produce a note. The quality of the melody produced aside.

The musettes have always been a challenge to teach by their requirement for some rudimentary music reading ability as well as good finger dexterity. Teaching a new recruit to play the musette is not for the faint hearted. Due to the learning challenges presented by this instrument, the musette section has had a higher attrition rate for new recruits, than the other sections of the oriental bands. With the changing demographics we are experiencing some bands are critically short of musette players.

There is no bona-fide venue or teaching resources available, to support musical skill development for new band members. This lack of ability to having access to reliable training and development for new band recruits threatens the viability of a lot of bands.

2. Lack of development programs for band directors

The importance of the band director's position does not require a lengthy treatise on the subject. Repeating the obvious, a band director is expected to be the inspiring leader of the band. Structuring interesting band practices that keep the bandsmen coming back week after a week is a good skill to have. Helping these practices achieve success during competition is an added expectation we have of band directors.

Addressing the musical challenges of the band aside, the profiles of successful band directors reveal the need for such leadership attributes as: strong communication skills, strong organizational abilities, and a knack for handling conflict within the band when the occasion arises (interpersonal skills).

Despite the importance of the band director's position, there is no infrastructure in place for the development and growth of band directors in the realm of oriental bands. In most cases band directors inherit a position no one else wanted. Some are good at it from the beginning, some go through the motions, and some may become the source of negative energy.

The lack of support for the development of musical directing skills, as well as the interpersonal and leadership skills required in this position, is a constraint to the robust development of the Shrine Oriental Bands.

3. A repertory that has grown stale

The oriental band music repertory has been compromised over the years by the singular focus on competitions. The focus of what can be performed over a 12 minute span of performance has channeled the bands to develop a repertory of 8 minutes worth of musical numbers (the old stand-by's) supplanted by the competition song of the year. Occasionally the competition song supplants one of the numbers in the stand-by list. Most often it is relegated to the dust bin of history, if the band finds the musical number to be challenging.

The result for most bands is, the endless repetition of the same tunes year in and year out. Boredom is the rule of the day for most band practices in the realm.

4. Unrealized potential for higher fundraising revenues.

A limited repertory has limited entertainment value leading to limited fund raising potential beyond the portals of local Shrine Temples.

All Shrine Oriental Bands have the latent potential to become entertainment power houses by extending their repertory and showmanship skills, through the availability of appropriate training and development.

The realization of this potential can open the door for the bands to increase their contribution power to the Ladder of Smiles. A future of Oriental Band Shows/Show-Downs performed to a paying public is an exciting possibility worthy of pursuit.

A Music Academy for Shrine Oriental Bands

The time is right to open the narrow beam of competition focus by enabling the bands to perform a bigger repertory of good entertainment for public consumption, and the goal of increased fund raising ability for our Philanthropy.

The establishment of a Music Academy for Oriental Bands, taking place once a year for two and a half days, can serve as a renaissance to the realm of Shrine Oriental Bands. Capabilities imparted by such an education venue can ultimately enable the bands to increase their fund raising abilities through a broadened repertory of music supported by solid skills in music abilities and showmanship, and attract new members through their successful musical endeavors.

The Curriculum

The core of the curriculum to be offered by such an academy to focus on beginner, intermediate and advanced skill level instruction for wind and percussion instruments. The following elements can be additional parts of the curriculum without losing sight of the core music that distinguishes the Shrine Oriental Bands:

- New music to add to the repertory to help renew the current music offerings and provide the challenge and variety that is currently missing.
- Workshops for band directors focusing on music direction skills as well as leadership and inter-personal skills development.
- Provide appropriate teaching materials to band directors to help develop new band members' musical abilities throughout the year.
- Introduce new instruments to the bands (great possibilities for the percussion area) that can enhance the music being produced.
- Offer advanced music composition opportunities to those members seeking to reach a higher level. Oriental band music fusion with other types of music is a fertile field of opportunities for this type of learning.
- Provide the skills required for showmanship that leads to good entertainment.
- Explore new horizons by using music as a means to comedy.
- Introduce skills for the dancing genies (a great show potential that has all but disappeared).
- In addition to the skill development opportunities offered the academy can also be a catalyst for a major fund raising event featuring the bands. An exciting option would be to use the last half day of the Academy to host a Music Festival or a Show-Down of the Bands in front of an admission paid public audience. The audience can even be offered the chance to pick the winners in the various categories.

The Faculty

The faculty for the Academy can be chosen from the current pool of bandmen though a selection process to be developed. There is a choice on how the faculty can obtain and enhance their skills to teach, as well as prepare the academy curricula

- A. A onetime training course that by a panel of professional educators, for a onetime fee.
- B. Initial training and on-going support provided by the faculty of a music institution of some renown, by the establishment of a partnership agreement with Shriners International. This partnership can be similar to the ones being fashioned between our Hospitals and various institutions of higher learning. The institution benefits from exposure as a contributor to the philanthropy, the faculty and bands benefit through access to high quality guidance and mentorship.

Either choice depends on qualified Oriental Band members having the opportunity to take on new challenges for the benefit of their own personal development in particular and our Philanthropy in general.

Location Choices

Choices exist on how the Academy can be brought to existence. The following options may be considered as part of its founding:

A brick and mortar venue anchored in one of the Shrine Temples. A further choice can be to have two such venues one being in the East and one in the West, with the same faculty serving both.

Have the Academy held in various Shrine Temples through a bidding process.

Establish the Academy in a resort location where the instruction can be had in a retreat environment, with the availability of a suitable venue for the graduation performance. Other choices may also be considered.

Time Line to Fruition

From the enrolment of all stakeholders, to the identification of faculty, and the achievement of all steps described herein may take up to three years. The interim period can see the launch of workshops that may be held during the annual Imperial sessions, and other regional meetings to work on workshop format and hone faculty skills.

Moving Forward – The Road Ahead

If this vision were to become reality, its success will depend on:

- A. A solid project plan for the official launch of the Academy with a defined date for the opening ceremonies.
- B. A comprehensive communication strategy engaging all stakeholders.

A solid plan aside, the extent to which all stakeholder feel they have participated in putting the virtual bricks of this project together, will dictate the extent of the success of this project.

The stakeholders to be engaged are:

- 1. ASOB member bands
- 2. ASOB executive
- 3. Regional Shrine Associations and through them the individual Temples of each jurisdiction.

The Shrine Temples in particular are the most important stakeholders. A healthy partnership with each temple for the road ahead will help cement the appreciation, of the fundraising and new member recruitment potential, of a vibrant band for their respective Temples.

In conclusion the data points discussed above make a compelling case for the establishment of a Music Academy for Shrine Oriental Bands. Fellow dreamers are invited to come aboard this exciting endeavor to put their own mark on this project, toward the dawn of a renaissance period for all the Shrine Oriental Bands and the benefit of our Philanthropy.

Summary of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

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

A.S.O.B. Fantasy Registration

IMPORTANT - Please Print
Complete and Return as soon as possible.

(Name of Band and Temple)

We will attend the ASOB Fantasy ☐ Parade ☐

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

Signature_____

Title_____

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Member of Regional Associations_____

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Officers: President_____

Vice President(s)_____

Secretary_____

Treasurer_____

Director_____

Current Shrine Honors_____

Past Shrine Honors_____

Additional Remarks_____

Submitted By:_____

Date:_____ Title:_____

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

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

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

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

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

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

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

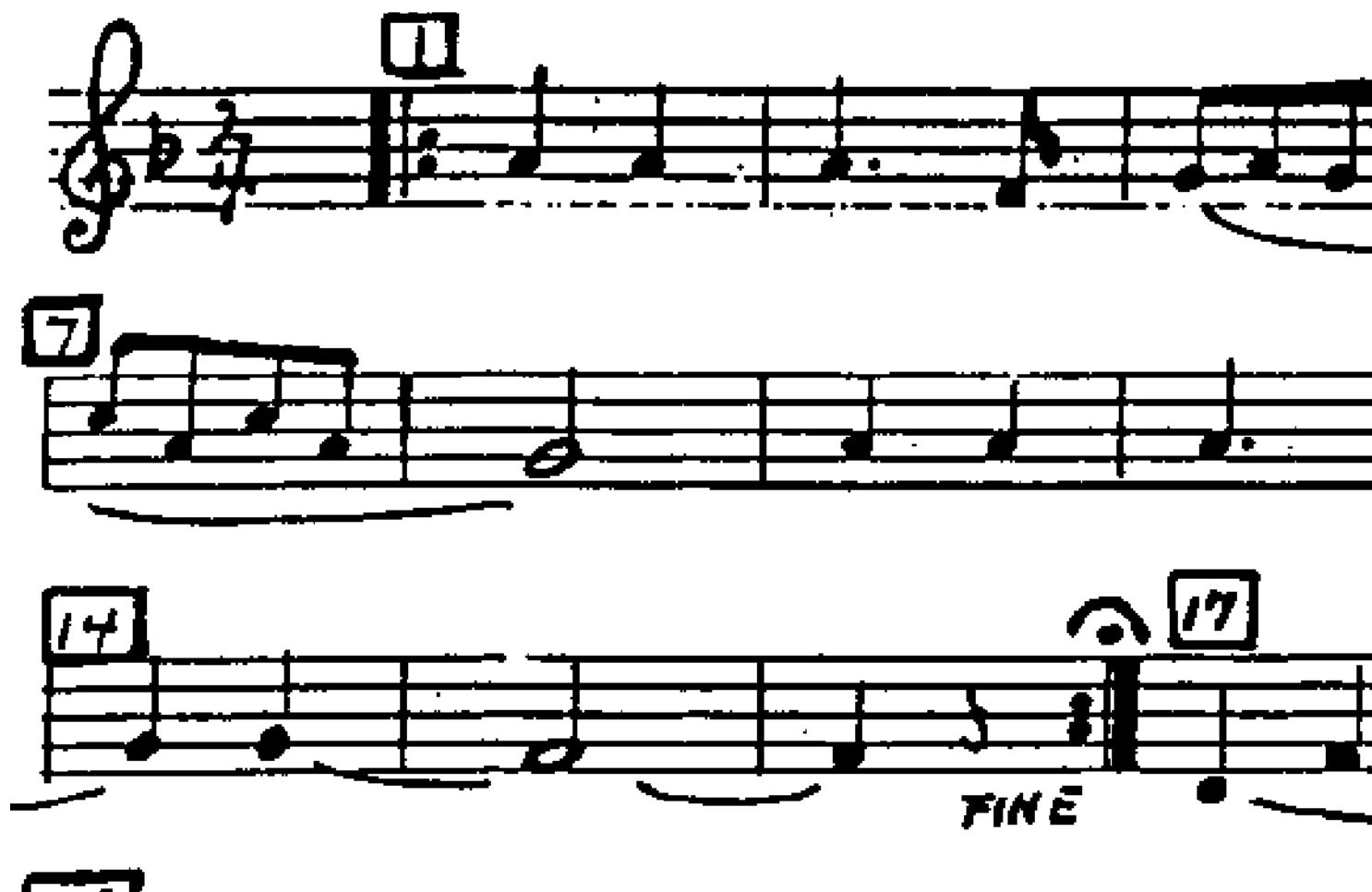
Showmanship: This is the flourish and enthusiasm shown by all members and the originality of performance and presentation.

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

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

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

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