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Greetings  
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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**  
Vince  
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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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Grumbien 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](http://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 139<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YITF:** Dave McCarthy,  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, A.S.O.B.



### **THIRD VICE PRESIDENT Scot Duncil**

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:  
 Morrie Toretzky  
 2554 Pennsylvania Ave. S.  
 Minneapolis, MN 55426

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!

**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



**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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 139<sup>th</sup> 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



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# BAND NEWS

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## Abdallah Overland, Kansas

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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,

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

## Bahia Orlando, Florida

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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** A graphic with the text 'DON'T FORGET' in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. To the right is a cartoon hand holding a pair of scissors.

*Deadline for the next Na Khabar is August 1st.*

**Cairo**  
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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**  
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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, 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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*

## Melha

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spanmoon67@yahoo.com



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

*Lovely Khiva Shabas at MidWinter 2013*

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

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

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

*Moe and his Bedouins and Ladies*

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

*We'll see you  
at the 2013  
Imperial Session!*

*Oriental Band Ladies  
and their creations*

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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Meets at  
**Nile Shrine Center**  
Tuesdays, 6:30 PM  
6601 244th St., SW  
Mountlake Terrace  
Washington 98043  
Exit 177 (W) off I-5

**Rajah**  
Reading, Pennsylvania

Mahlon Hariu, P.P.  
636 Ridge Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049-2223  
meharui@ptd.net



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.

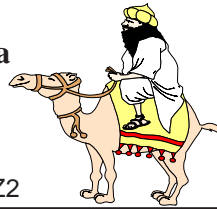
Some of the Band are actually going to Imperial but are staying with the Temple about a block away from out hotel. They promise to attend the A.S.O.B. Business Meeting and Competition, but we don't have enough coming to compete.

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  
3LWVV\AOG3\$  
(814) 563-4286 / knjoviatt@verizon.net



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  
8048 Broadstone Blvd.  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

*Visit our website*  
**www.asob.org**

*Get all the latest information!*



## **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.....3HVLGHQW3DFLE1RWKZHVW6KLUH2LHQWDOBZQGSVRFDLWLRQ
- 2006.....Membership Committee, Al Azhar Shrine Temple, Calgary Alberta
- 2011.....Oriental Band Competition Coordinator and Master of Ceremonies, PNSA 2011, Butte MO
- 2012 to .....5HHOHFWHG3HVLGHQW3DFLE1RWKZHVW6KLUH2LHQWDOBZQGSVRFDLWLRQ
- Present
- 2013 .....Competition Chairman, PNSA 2013, July in Lethbridge Alberta
- 2012-13 .....Member, 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.....,QVWDOOHGJLW3UQFLSDO2WXNZDQ&DSWHBBOJDSJEHW/D

### **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, Preceptory #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**

1981 .....6HQLRUDQDJHPIQOLDWH,PSHJDO2LOLPLWHGDLRXLXDVVLJQPHQVWVKRWBQDGD  
1998  
1998.....Organizational Consultant, Paleochori Chalkidiki, Greece  
2000  
2000 .....2UDQLDWLRQDOFHOOHQFHQDQG3EMHFW0DQDJHMFKWHODIQLDWHZQWHORRROJDDDEHWD  
2008  
2008.....Senior Consultant, Organizational Design and Development, Canadian Blood Services, National Operations  
2011  
2011.....Value 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.

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# TOP BANDS

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**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**

Khiva Oriental 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
Al Kader Oriental Band.....	\$430.00
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
Zuhrah Oriental Band.....	\$20.00

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**We do it for our hospitals!** 

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# DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

December 2012 - March 2013

## *In Memory Of*

### JERRY PACE

By: Moslah Oriental Band

### DENNY A. MATTOON

By: Moslah Oriental Band  
David & Sandy McCarthy

### DEPARTED MEMBERS OF LANCASTER SHRINE CLUB

By: Lancaster County Shrine  
Club

### DOLLY MOORE

By: J.V."Bud" Moore

### MICHAEL MOORE

By: J.V."Bud" Moore

### STEVE MOORE

By: J.V."Bud" Moore

### MICHAEL BOMBERGER

By: Ike & Lois Bomberger

### THEODORE WERKHEISER

By: Theodore Werkheiser, Jr

### GEORGE AND LAVERNE GRUMBEIN

By: John & Sharon Grumbein

### RAY AND ELIZABETH SEASTEAD

By: John & Debbie Seastead

### LOUIS LEVASSEUR

By: Cario Oriental Band

### DALE MORGAN

By: Louise E. Morgan

### LINDA CRAWLEY

By: Sharon Oriental Harem

### DAVE WENDT

By: Marilyn S. Wendt

### CRAIG SEASTEAD

By: John & Debbie Seastead

### ELLEN WILSON

By: Khiva Oriental Band  
Joe & Theresa Brewton

### RICHARD FREYERMOUTH, P.P.

By: Zem Zem Oriental Band  
John & Debbie Seastead

### HAROLD CAMBERT

By: Clearfield Shrine Club O.B.

### J.R. BATESOLE

By: Moslah Bedquins O.B.  
Lady Bedouins Of Fort Worth  
Jim Whitehouse  
David Dodgen  
David & Sandy Mccarthy  
Laurence J. Maloney  
William & Barbara Gwaltney  
Moslah Bedquins O.B.  
Joe & Theresa Brewton

### SAMUEL E. VERRAL

By: Zenobia Oriental Band

### JESSIE JUNE

By: Melha Oriental Band

### MILO SIEWERT

By: Joe & Theresa Brewton

### RAYMOND PAVETTI

By: Keith & Joane Oviatt

### JANET WHITEHOUSE

By: David & Sandy McCarthy  
Mike & Maggie Hartup

## *In Honor Of*

### EMILY MELLISH

By: John & Debbie Seastead

### JOHN AND SHARON GRUMBEIN

By: John & Debbie Seastead

### ELORINA JOHNSON 89TH BIRTHDAY

By: John & Debbie Seastead

### JERRY AND MARY HELEN MASTERS BIRTHDAY

By: Jim & Barb Longenbarger

### RALPH JUBB'S BIRTHDAY

By: Megan Johnson

### RON KLEE

By: John & Sharon Grumbein

### CETRONIA SMOKIES

By: John & Sharon Grumbein



## 2011/2012 PATRONS LIST

**BRONZE: (\$10.00)**

**SILVER: (\$25.00)**

**GOLD: (\$75.00)**

**PLATINUM: (\$150.00)**

**LIFE: (\$1,000.00)**

\*\*W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

Joe Brewton (Khiva)  
Peter Lawn (Gizeh)  
Donald Moores (Amara)  
James W. McIlhattan  
Richard Thompson  
Khiva Oriental Band

Maggie Hartup (Midian)  
Midian Oriental Band  
C. Vince Bobrosky  
Gerry & Joann Suttner  
\* Indicates second donation  
\*\* Indicates third donation

# Association of Shrine Oriental Bands

[www.asob.org](http://www.asob.org)

Proud Supporters of the Shriners Hospitals for Children  
Through the "Ladder of Smiles"

Since 1961, our member bands have contributed

Over 2 ½ Million Dollars to our Hospitals

Come visit with us

at the ASOB Headquarters:

Hilton Hotel

120 West Market Street

Join us for our Annual Competition

Monday, July 1 at 9AM

Indianapolis Convention Center

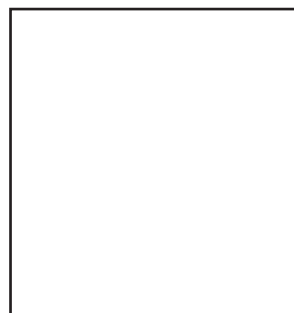
Parade Competition

Immediately followed by our

Fantasy Stage Competition

## Amara Oriental Band

*Wishes the ASOB a Successful Year*



**Band Rehearsals 1st and 4th Wednesday**

**Our Business Meeting is on the  
3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30**

**Our Ladies, the Harem Belles,  
meet at the same time.**

**Amara Shriners, 3650 RCA Blvd.  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL**

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

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

To: Mahlon Hariu  
Re: 2013 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session  
636 Ridge Street  
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.

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

HHonors Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ASOB IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

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## Saturday, June 29

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- 30**     ~~OHFWHG21AHUVDG3D~~~~VW3UHVLGHQV0HHWLD~~..... 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

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- 8 AM     Hospitality Room Opens ..... Location: TBA
- \$0     (~~OHFWHG21AHUVDG3D~~~~VW3UHVLGHQV0HHWLD~~)..... 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

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- 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**

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- 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**

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- 7 AM First 100 Club Breakfast ..... Location: Restaurant  
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or shorts, jewel, name tag, no fez  
Owner: Morrie Toretsky
- 8-9 AM Hospitality Room Opens
- 9 AM ASOB Annual 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



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

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2013**

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Herb Crusted Tilapia Filet**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roasted Sirloin of Beef**

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pan Seared Salmon**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roasted Pork Loin**

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

**Amount Enclosed**

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

**Jeff Moores**  
**129 Spruceland Ave.**  
**6SULQJMOG0\$**



# 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,



The Oriental Band as a franchise has enjoyed many years of success by being the cornerstone of our ceremonials, the Side of Heaven”.

7KHIDQFKLVHKRZHMUVQGHWUPHQGRXVWDLQWRKROGRQWRWKHJORGDVRIWKHHDVSEOWJDWLMRWFRPHV RIFKDQJLQJGHPRJDSKLFVDHFRPSRQGHGEWKHIROORZLQJFKDOOHQJHV

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

master an instrument. Lacking the skills to train and teach others, this approach produces mixed results. In the areas

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.

musette players.

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

are good at it from the beginning, some go through the motions, and some may become the source of negative energy.

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 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 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**

good entertainment for public consumption, and the goal of increased fund raising ability for our Philanthropy.

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

**The Curriculum**

The core of the curriculum to be offered by such an academy to focus on beginner, intermediate and advanced skill level

- % 1HZP that is currently missing.
- % RNVKRSVIRE development.
- % 3B throughout the year.
- % ,QW being produced.
- % Offer advanced music composition opportunities to those members seeking to reach a higher level. Oriental band
- % 3B
- % SOR
- % ,QW
- % In addition to the skill development opportunities offered the academy can also be a catalyst for a major fund

**The Faculty**

The faculty for the Academy can be chosen from the current pool of bandsmen though a selection process to be academy curricula

- A. A onetime training course that by a panel of professional educators, for a onetime fee.
- B. guidance and mentorship.

**Location Choices**

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

of a suitable venue for the graduation performance. Other choices may also be considered.

**Time Line to Fruition**

of a suitable venue for the graduation performance. Other choices may also be considered.

**Moving Forward – The Road Ahead**

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**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.

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In conclusion the data points discussed above make a compelling case for the establishment of a Music Academy for

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## ASOB Imperial Session

Please Print

## Band Information

This is Preliminary Information Only

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

## Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

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

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

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

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

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

### CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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