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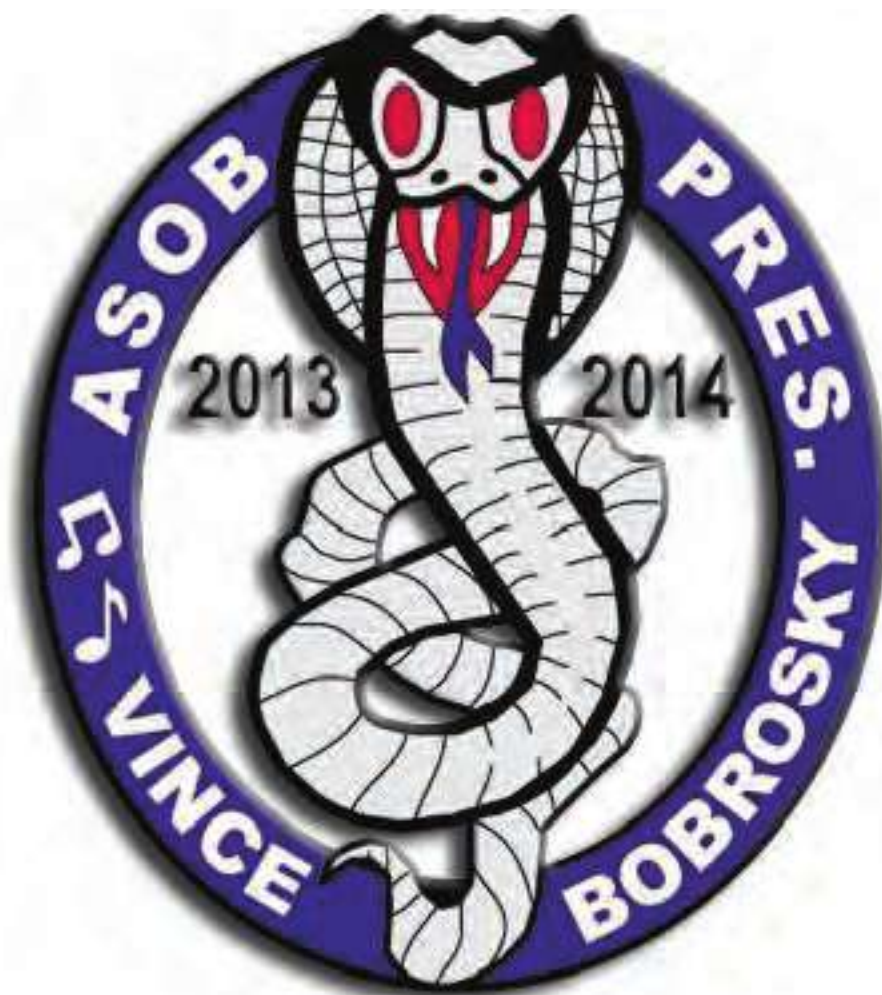
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How ironic, here I am writing my last Na Khabar officer report, and in terms of events, the year hasn't really begun! I'm

referring of course to the Midwinter meeting in Charlottesville and our "big bang" coming up in Minneapolis in July! Also, as this is being written, we are listening to the sound of sleet on the roof and looking at snow on the ground on the last day of March in the Commonwealth of Virginia (almost unheard of in this section of the South, at least in the spring!)

For the past 5 years, Maggie and I have enjoyed the company of our MASOBA friends in Reading and Lancaster, PA, and this year was no exception. We enjoyed a wonderful Ladies Night and Past Presidents' recognition celebration in Lancaster this February. This group is very generous to the Ladder of Smiles and epitomizes what our organization is all about. Also attending MASOBA were First VP David McCarthy and his Lady Sandy, Sec/Treas. Mahlon Hariu and his Lady Joanne, with us also was Bud Moore, Sec/Treas. Emeritus of A.S.O.B. (is there a better bartender and dancer in all of Shrinedom?)

Since our Midwinter Meeting coincides with the Dogwood Festival in Charlottesville, Va., it runs us later than most midwinters. Our articles for the May issue are due April 1 before the event takes place, consequently no report needs to be made. You will have been in Charlottesville April 24-27. We are happy you were there and we know you had a good time!

On March 29, I made a trip to Greensboro, NC, to honor a great Oriental Bandsman, Lone Saul. I'm sure some of you know Lone and his Lady Rebekah. He has meant so much to Oasis Temple and the South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association. He was a great President of SASOBA, and on March 29, Oriental Bandsmen from temples throughout the South Atlantic Region traveled to Greensboro to pay a surprise tribute to Lone. He has also been the Region's Ladder of Smiles Chairman for many years. The event at Oasis Temple was well attended by Shriners from throughout the South Atlantic, and Lone was surprised and touched. It was a pleasure to be a part of what was a "Lone Saul Day."

My future plans are to attend the Great Lakes Oriental Band get-together in Huntington, WV, June 5-7, 2014, and of course, we're looking forward to Imperial in Minneapolis this July! Hope all of you will be joining us for the festivities. Be sure to send your registration forms to Mahlon by June 1, 2014, (so you may get a room and your discount), and send your meal preferences to Tom Crow by June 1, 2014. Forms are included in this copy of the Na Khabar. Morrie Toretzky has promised that the snow/cold will be gone by Imperial, and that we will have summer weather - Minneapolis style! Our hotel, The Commons, has been renovated and looks great. Maggie and I can attest that the rooms are quite comfortable as we stayed there a few months ago.

My 5-year journey has been amazing. In some ways it seems shorter than 5 years, and in some ways it seems like 5 years! I know that all the Presidents talk about the friends made along the way, but that's because it's true. We have met so many wonderful folks throughout these years and had so many great times, and we hope to

build on all these friendships in years to come. I appreciate all the help from the officers and ambassadors as well as from past presidents, the appointed officers, and my aides. It takes lots of people to make and keep this organization viable. Thank God for the talent we have in A.S.O.B.!

You will notice on the front of this Na Khabar photos we have of some of the nobles who serve as ambassadors. We listed the other nobles whose pictures we did not have. We wanted to recognize all the ambassadors' importance in keeping the Oriental Bandsmen informed. Thanks to all the ambassadors who wrote articles and encouraged the Oriental Bands in their Regions to write articles during this year 2013-14.

I would like to wish my good friend David McCarthy all the best for the coming year. He's a hard worker and will do a great job on behalf of all Oriental Bands.

Fraternally yours,
Vince Bobrosky, President



**FIRST VICE
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Spring has sprung and Oriental Band activity is in full bloom! Mid-Winter events abound, parades are

parading, circuses are springing up all over, and the beat goes on! The new Divans are in place and eager to lead. What more could you want? ASOB has not been idle either. Preparations are being made for ASOB's Mid-Winter to be held in April in Charlottesville, VA, are in Jell-O, however when you read

this article it will be in the past. Your officers are anticipating YOUR Bands participation in July at Imperial Session in Minneapolis, MN. We will be at the Minneapolis Commons Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. SE., on the college campus. It is very disappointing to see you in the "Big Shrine" parade and yet you can't take the time to come and support your own Oriental Band Community. Come to the Oriental Band Competition, have fun and mix it up with fellow Oriental Bandmen! Hope to see and visit with you there. I'll even buy you a beer!

In an effort to strengthen the communication loop, as individuals, I invite each of you to e-mail me personally at caliphliv99@hotmail.com, and I will answer, or see you get a response, and address any suggestions or concerns that you may have. Communication is the central theme, that I espouse. If we aren't talking we aren't communicating. "You see, in life, lots of people know what to do, but few people actually do what they know. Knowing is not enough! You must take action." Just think, "if you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten." Let's all renew our commitments to our Shrine Kids and get more motivated and get engaged in 2014.

Another request that I have would be that you please inform me or one of the officers of ASOB when your spring and fall activities are planned and any particulars that would be needed for one or more of our folks can visit. Also many Nobles travel for business or pleasure and if they are in your respective areas, I'm sure many would love to participate or be part of your events. This information, we can place on ASOBs web site <http://www.asob.org> for all to see and perhaps make plans. One thing I have found in my travels is that when you are with a group of Shriners, you always feel welcome and at "home."

On a sad note, our condolences go to Past President (2009-10) Don Moores, his son ASOBs Third Vice

President Jeff Moores, and family, on their loss of his Lady Glenda and Jeff's mother.

Having just finished the month of March, Texas OBERs traveled to Amarillo, TX, for a Mid-Winter packed with fun and a little business thrown in. Kudos go to TASOB President John Meyer and the Khiva Oriental Bandmen! Pictures can be viewed on the ASOB site on Facebook. <http://www.asob.org> Give us a look. Our next visit will be at Imperial in Minneapolis, hope to see you and your bands there.

Don't forget our Ladder of Smiles and our Shrine Children. Go In Peace.

Yours in the Faith,
Dave Mc



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT Jeff Moores

Brothers, It is with great sadness that I have to let everyone know about the passing of my mother, Past ASOB First

Lady, Glenda Moores. Her commitment to raising money for our cause has been second to none. Over the last 10 years she has been instrumental in fundraising for the more \$26,000 that the Amara Oriental Band has raised for the Ladder of Smiles. Please keep my father, Past ASOB President Don Moores, and our family in your thoughts and prayers as we mourn the loss.

The Melha Oriental Band has already started our parade season with two St. Patricks Day Parades. We have paraded in both the Worcester and Holyoke parades, but unfortunately the temperature was only in the mid 30's. We are hoping that by our next parade at our circus on the first weekend in May it will have warmed up a bit.

I am just getting back from the Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (TASOB) Mid-Winter meeting. They had a very good turnout in

Amarillo and the Khiva Oriental Band were great hosts for the weekend. Carni Night, Shuffleboard with the guys, great barbeque... It was all well planned and a lot of fun. All of the bands of the association were well represented with the exception of one and it sounds like they are going to have a great weekend in early June for their competition. Congratulations to all of the new officers who will be sworn in at their annual TSA Meeting.

Next up for me will be the ASOB Mid-Winter in Charlottesville, VA. I'm sure Vince and Maggie and the ACCA Oriental Band will put on a great weekend. In early June I am planning to head to Huntington, WV, for the Great Lakes Shrine Oriental Band Associations (GLSOBA) jamboree hosted by the El Hasa Oriental Band. I'm sure that will be a great time as well. After that it is off to Minneapolis for the Imperial Session and our ASOB Annual Meeting and competition.

Speaking of the competition, I would like to make sure everyone knows that I will be the Competition Chairman this year. So far I have received only a registration form from one band. If your band intends to compete this year, please let me know. I would also like to let everyone know, if you did not read the minutes of our last annual meeting, that we are investigating the option of replacing the trophy's with plaques.



The thought is that they will be much easier for the bands to get home from the Imperial Sessions, as they will be able to fit in a suitcase.

We are looking at having 12" x 15" plaques and I have included a picture of the sample plaque that we have. We will be discussing the changeover from trophies to plaques at the ASOB Mid-Winter meeting, so if anyone has feedback one way or another as to how they feel about the plaques, please email me at spanmoon67@yahoo.com. I will make sure that any opinion is heard when we have our

meeting in April, or feel free to join us in Charlottesville to let your voice be heard.

Lastly, I would just like to remind everyone to remember the Ladder of Smiles. President Vince is getting close to his goal, but our Hospitals need as much money as we can afford to contribute. I'm looking forward to seeing many great friends as I travel over the next few months.

Jeff Moores, 3rd Vice President



**FOURTH
VICE
PRESIDENT**
Tom Crow

I hope this message finds all our O.B. brothers thawed out from the winter snows and the ridiculous temperatures. It even got down to the teens here in Fort Worth, Texas, this winter. Now that it has warmed up, it is time to look to Minneapolis for our Imperial Session. We need you talk to your band as it is not too late to register your band and come enjoy the fun and fellowship that is had by all who attend Imperial. We would love to increase the number of bands that compete every year and with your help this could be accomplished. As officers of the association we can make the facilities available, the parade site ready and the hospitality room hospitable, but it is up to you to attend and support your Association by bringing your band to compete. If you are not able to bring everyone then make a smaller band and come have a great time. This only happens once a year, so don't miss the chance to meet other Oriental Bandsmen and share the experience.

As ticket chairman this year I am asking everyone to please purchase your tickets for the Awards Banquet and the In-Coming President's Luncheon as soon as possible so that we may help

President Vince and 1st V.P. Dave make their arrangements for banquet space with hotel. We will be taking orders for tickets to both banquets in advance of Imperial and tickets may be picked up at the ASOB headquarters hotel. The order form for the tickets is available in this addition of the Na Khabar. Please fill out the form and send it along with your payment so that you will not miss these fun events.

Speaking of fun events, I was able to attend the Mid-Winter meeting for T.A.S.O.B and had a great time. It was good to have 1st VP Dave, 3rd VP Jeff, PP and Ladder of Smiles Chair Mike and PP Joe in attendance. Even though I need to learn how to play shuffle board it was a fun time. Some of the group went to Pala Dura Canyon and rode the zip line and had a great time according to the photos. The Carney Night dinner and games was a great time with hot dogs, corny dogs, cheese on a stick, and funnel cakes and unique games. Of course at Khiva OB the liquid refreshments never stopped. I would like to thank TASOB President John Meyer, and the Khiva OB for the wonderful weekend that was enjoyed by all. I would also like to congratulate the newly elected President for TASOB Moe Rahmeh from Moslah. I know that the association will be in good hands with Brother Moe.

We will be going to South Central in May, TSA in June, and Imperial in July. After Imperial we plan to make several of the association meetings this summer. Please let me know when your association will convene as I would like to share the fun with new brothers.

Yours in the faith,
Tom Crow, 4th V.P. A.S.O.B.



**SERGEANT
AT ARMS**
Chris Tsaros

Fellow purveyors of the sweetest music this side of Heaven. By the time you read this report I hope that spring

has finally sprung in your part of the continent, and that you are looking forward to the new season of move outs and musical frivolity.

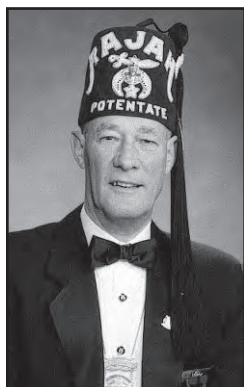
On February 21, 22, 2014, I had the opportunity to attend the Pacific North Shrine Association's mid-winter meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, and present our vision for the Band Academy, showcased in the Na Khabar



in 2013. All divan members present gave the vision for the Oriental Bands big thumbs up with lots kudos and offers for assistance. Most important was the good feedback received from Imperial Potentate John Cinotto, and Imperial Sir Jim Cain.

In addition to sharing the vision with all our jurisdictions, the time has come to start the work of defining the concept of an Oriental Band Academy and how it may come to be a reality. In the next few weeks I will be chartering a steering committee to work on concept definition and the development

of options that can be presented to the nobility. If you are interested, get in touch with me at chris.tsaros@shaw.ca. In the mean time keep those sweet sounds coming to one and all.



**SECRETARY
TREASURER**
Mahlon Hariu

Es Selamu Aleikum, As you can guess, I have been busy with dues and the 2014 Imperial reservations.

In the midst of this important work came the specter of trying to bring the mailing list of the First 100 Club up to date. As it turned out, this was a mess, and took me at least two weeks of full time work to bring it to some semblance of order. There are a number of problems associated with the First 100 Club, the main one being that a free Na Khabar is mailed to each members home. No one notifies me or the Chairman, when a First 100 Club member dies or drops Shrine. We stopped sending the Na Khabar three times a year because of cost, and this is just another example of waste associated with this publication. The original idea was great, but as so often happens, the follow-up was terrible. This matter will be discussed at the Mid-Winter ASOB Meeting in April and a conclusion will be recommended for the future handling of this matter. Keep tuned for the conclusion of this fascinating matter.

Speaking of paid bands, we have only forty-six bands that have paid dues this year. This number is down

from sixty-four bands that paid their dues in 2013. This is another indicator of why we have had to cut the number of times we publish the magazine.

As of this date, we have only eleven paid reservations for the Imperial Convention. If you are thinking of going, please send me your reservation form as soon as possible so I may put you on the list. We have booked fifty rooms but if we do not fill them by the end of May, we will have to turn in the overage of what we have reserved.

Enough of my negativeness. It seems that I am always writing about problems with the Association. I don't mean to be so negative, but sometimes these things need to be reviewed with the membership.

Aleikum Es Selam,
Mahlon

APPOINTMENTS



**LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN**
Michael Hartup

Greetings from Kansas, land of Ahs. Ah, it's winter, ah, it's spring too! Parade season has begun.

We are tuning our horns, polishing the drums, and learning to play a tune and march at the same time.

Maggie and I just returned from Amarillo, TX, and the T.A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting. Once again, Khiva rolled out the red carpet (and the zip line) for all those attending. First VP David and I were among the few that had the "privilege of enjoying" a ride over Palo Duro Canyon. That first step takes your breath away!

In April, we will be in Charlottesville, VA, for the A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter meeting and in May we will be in Shreveport, LA, with the

South Central Shrine Association. June will find us back in Texas for Texas Shrine Association in Mesquite; and, of course, we will be in Minneapolis, MN, in July for Imperial Session. We will also attend the Central States Shrine Association competition in Tulsa, OK, in August. In addition to meeting new friends and renewing old friendships, these trips are a lot of fun. Please check out the A.S.O.B. page on Facebook for the latest pictures and updates of your officers and their travels. Bandsmen, as you travel, I encourage you to visit another Oriental Band or attend a meeting or practice of a band near you. Fun, fellowship, and fraternity are what holds us together.

Imperial Session is fast approaching but it is not too late to register yourself or your band. We hope to see more bands and bandsmen participating every year. It is your organization and your voice needs to be heard. The registration information is in this issue of the Na Khabar.

President Vince is nearing his goal of raising \$75,000.00 for the Ladder of Smiles but don't let that deter you from making donations. Our hospitals and kids depend on all of us. Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile

I bid you peace,
Mike



**FIRST
100 CLUB
CHAIRMAN**
Morrie Toretsky

Greetings from the land of sky blue waters! We had a long hard winter, over fifty days of below zero temperatures

and sixty inches of snow. We are hoping for warmer weather to melt the snow so we can start gardening.

The black camel visited two of our good members, Charles Robinson

(Gizeh), a charter member and Chester Althouse (Rajah), our sympathies and condolences go out to the families.

I have been asking for years for any changes in the roster, and I got very little response. The January Na Khabar was mailed and many of them were returned undeliverable due to members who had passed away or whose address had changed or who were not in Shriners International. If you know of changes in the roster please notify Morrie Toretzky or ASOB Secretary Mahlon Hariu. If we do not hear from you in 35 days names will be deleted from the roster and out of the ASOB. If you are no longer in Shriners International you are out of the ASOB. If you are reinstated you will be welcomed back. Your secretaries need to wake up and get on the ball. You should know about any changes. Thank you for your assistance.

We welcome and need members in the ASOB First 100 Club. Please mail your name, address, shrine center, and a check for \$100.00 with application to: Morrie Toretzky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Make checks payable to the First 100 Club A.S.O.B. You will find an application below.

The Imperial Session will be here in Minneapolis this July and we are hoping to see many of you here in

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

beautiful Minneapolis. On Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at 7:00 AM, we will have the First 100 Club Breakfast at the Commons Hotel in Minneapolis. The address is 615 Washington Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Thank you for your contributions and support.

AMBASSADORS



CENTRAL STATES

Rick Moody

Greetings from the bands of Central States. Wow. Boy am I glad winter is over. I like a change in the seasons as much as the next guy but it

seemed like we just had two seasons of winter. Let's get ready to rumble.

Parade season is upon us and I know the bands of Central States are getting geared up for it. Already I know of several bands that were in St. Patrick's Day parades and are involved in fundraising at their temples. Imperial Session is in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this year and if you have never been to one, it is quite the experience. Great competition and a lot of fun is to be had by all. The Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) competition is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this year August 28-30. Last year we had a tremendous turnout of bands and I am looking forward to this year.

Well, that's all for now. Remember why we play. It's for the Kids! Remember the Ladder Of Smiles.

Yours in the Faith,
Rick

Ladder of Smiles!



FLORIDA

Robert E.
Stihler

I'm afraid this issue of the Na Khabar will be somewhat disheartening. With the exception of the Great Sahib Oriental Band,

several of the other Florida Bands seem to have found themselves on shaky ground.

The Araba Oriental Band only participates in Ceremonials; Azan Oriental Band opted not to host the 2014 FSOBA Convention; and Bahia Oriental Band has gone "dim" with business meetings on an as-needed basis, including cancellation of their long standing Annual Fish Fry.

It is with heavy heart to report the passing on 1/12/2014 of Ilus. John Pierson, PP, of Bahia Shrine and a long term member of the Band; and the passing of Lady Glenda Moores of Amara Oriental Band on 3/9/2014. Our prayers and condolences go out to Lady Ruby Pierson, Noble Don Moores, and their families.

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

Spring is upon us. I can see the telltale signs that it has arrived. Robins hopping around in the mud, daffodils are poking their

heads through the ground looking for warmth and band members are dusting their instruments off.

I was not at the Annual MASOBA Mid-Winter Meeting in Lancaster but I

understand that ASOB Pres. Vince and 1st VP Dave were in attendance as well as Sec./Treas. Mahlon and Sec./Treas. Emeritus Bud. Following the meeting on Saturday morning a good time was held in the hospitality room. The evening festivities included a banquet with the recognition of dignitaries and awards to several of the band members from the Lancaster Co. OB and the Rajah OB. Donations to the Ladder of Smiles were received from various bands and individuals.

Next year the Mid-Winter meeting will be in Reading. The past several years Lancaster Co. and Rajah have taken turns hosting the event. There is always a good time no matter which band is hosting the event. If you have not attended a MASOBA Mid-Winter event you should put it on your calendar. It does not always snow in Southeast PA in February as it did this year.

We were saddened by the passing of Past President Don Moores Lady Glenda. Those of us who knew her always enjoyed her company. She will be missed.

In closing let me pass this on – How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you are on.



**NEW YORK/
ONTARIO**
Bob Jones

Greetings from the frozen north and our small number of Oriental Bands in Ontario Canada.

In my last submission I incorporated all the bands reports into my Ambassador's Report and this month have a couple of submissions from the bands in our area.

Rameses – Oshawa Oriental Band is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2014. Plans have not been made, but looking forward to some sort of celebration. Oshawa supported the LOS with \$2,200.00 this year. Well done Oshawa.

Rameses – Hamilton Oriental Band is having difficulty in finding musette players. Hopefully they will survive this year. The band unit continues to hold fund raising events, supporting the LOS.

Rameses-Sudbury celebrated their 50th Anniversary last year and are looking forward to Rameses Ceremonial in their fair city June 2-15, 2014. This is a busy unit and during the year sponsor several events.

Last year the Rameses – Ramoca band hailing from Owen Sound, Ontario, had to pack it in as other units seemed to be easier that practicing. The unit has now gone dark.

So, this leaves three bands in all of the New York-Ontario ASOB and we are hanging on by our fingernails. It would be nice to give you good news, but this is reality.

I thank the executive of ASOB International for all their expertise and support.



**PACIFIC
NORTH-
WEST**
Gillan Bradley

Greetings from the Great Northwest, we are all waiting the spring and all it offers in this part of the country. All our

Bands are waiting the parade season, as we all have a busy schedule.

We heard of a couple of fund raisers from the area. Nile OB put on a fun and well received crab feed dinner in February. They are also looking forward to their corn booth this summer. Our Band, Al Kader, also had a very successful crab feed in January and will use some of the funds to purchase and detail a small bus. This will help us tow our beautiful float and also carry bandsmen to our parades and events.

All the bands in the Northwest look forward to a great PNSOBA event in Bosie, Idaho. The dates for this years

convention are August 7th thru the 10th. Hope to see you there.

Bye for now and please let me know with any events your band has planned.

Gillan Bradley



**SOUTH
ATLANTIC**
Nolan Stanley

Greetings from South Atlantic. By the time you read this the long cold winter will only be a memory and spring arrived and

is in full swing. I know I for one was glad to see the flowers bloom and the weather warm up even though it meant I had to start doing yard work.

In April ASOB President Bobrosky hosted the mid-winter meeting in Charlottesville, VA. Vince and Maggie worked very hard to make sure visitors saw Virginia at its best and had a good time. Charlottesville is the home of President Thomas Jefferson. On Friday there was a delicious meal at Michie Tavern then a tour of Monticello, President Jefferson's home. The date was selected to coincide with the Charlottesville annual Dogwood Festival and Parade. All ASOB members were invited and encouraged to bring their instruments and uniforms and join the ACCA Oriental Band in the Dogwood Parade. It was a sight to behold and the greatest music ever. After the parade a cookout was held at the hotel for all participants. The weekend was topped off by dinner at the Boar's Head Inn. Vince and Maggie succeeded in providing a fun filled weekend with lots of good memories.

On March 29 a surprise party was held for Noble Lone Saul, Oasis Shrine Center, Greensboro, NC, Past SASOBA President. Hard to believe so many people could keep a secret, but Lone was truly surprised and there

was a tremendous turnout of friends, family and fellow Shriners. Among the attendees was current SASOBA President, Sam Sansom and 13 Past SASOBA Presidents. This is the first time this many SASOBA Past Presidents have been at one event. This was a testament to the person that Lone is and the impact he has had on the lives of so many people. This also gave everyone the opportunity to catch up with their SASOBA friends to find out what had been happening in their lives, their Oriental Band and their Shrine Center. I'd like to thank OASIS for the wonderful food and the hospitality they provided. SASOBA members never misses an opportunity to have a good time and make lifetime memories.

The next SASOBA event will be the summer meeting held in Lexington, KY, 17-20 July. President Sam Sansom has many activities planned and we're looking forward to experiencing Lexington. Everyone is invited to attend and Sam has guaranteed a great weekend. The South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association hopes you have a safe summer and look forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis.

Respectfully,
Nolan Stanley



WESTERN
Frank Kastl

Nothing new in the west except for our successful WASOB competition handled by Ben Ali Shrine Oriental Band, 4th thru 6th

October of 2013 in Sacramento, CA. They hosted the event at the Sacramento Hilton Hotel, and portions of the affair at the Ben Ali Shrine facility. Ben Ali's Oriental Band is under the direction of Director Bob Mosely (WASOB President) with Sultan Dave Glass (WASOB Secretary and PD),

who knows how to run the show. The first place "World Trophy" went to the Asiya Arabians and everyone had a great time. We even had a few belly dancers liven things up a little.

Our next WASOB Jamboree will be held in Sacramento once again in 2014. Contact Dave Glass at: dave@wasob.com for more info and registration.



ASIYA ARABIANS
1ST PLACE IN COMPETITION- 2013

The 2015 WASOB Jamboree is in the San Francisco Bay Area - site to be identified soon. Contact John Conlon for this one at jconland@pacbell.net

On a sadder note, one of our fellow bandsmen has passed away. Marty Richard, retired fire chief of Reno and 32-year veteran of the Reno Fire Department, and avid oriental band participant passed away at home on February 4th after a long battle with cancer. He was 73.

Marty became a Freemason in 1973, followed by memberships in Scottish Rites and Kerak Shrine Arabian Band, Jesters and Caravaners. As an Arabian, he was Sultan of his unit, as well as a Past President of the Western Association of Shrine Oriental Bands. He is missed by all.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Marty Richard was held February 9, 2014, at the Kerak Shrine Temple (4935 Energy Way, Reno). If interested, anyone can make a donation to Shriner's Hospitals for Children in his name.

Full obituary at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rgj/obituary.aspx?pid=169543032#sthash.eRACHk2M.dpuf>



BAND NEWS

Abdallah

Overland Park, Kansas

Roy Samuel
Abdallah Oriental Band
Secretary, Musical Director
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Finally, finally, finally, the weather is warming up! Parade season is around the corner and the OB is preparing for this parade season with the enthusiasm we need after digging our way out of the snow just so we could do the Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade. As the Sergeant at Arms Richard 'Bear' Sobek said, "The few, the proud, the FREEZING Band of Brothers." Brother Ed 'the Fez' Harvey had to shovel the snow off the trailer, so the Band had a place to stand.



Our Divan Rep Doug Voss drove so he could be warm and Abdallah's Chief Rabban Tim Williams rode the trailer playing the cymbals. Also on the trailer was President Jody Hines, Treasurer Gregg Loeser, Sergeant at Arms Richard 'Bear' Sobek, Ed 'the Fez' Harvey and myself, Secretary Roy Samuel. On average there is 10, but it was cold...!

The Abdallah OB should parade about nine times this season. Crossing our fingers, no more snow!



The Abdallah Oriental Band has been gaining members, slowly, and Nobles coming off the Divan has helped. Gary Bennett, PP, and Don Best, PP, have returned, and picking up two others this year, Kevin Hughes and Dan Ticer. The OB sound is starting to meld nicely.

In March we had one of our fund raisers - Texas Hold'em Tournament and one of our degrees, the Mandarin. Both had a great turn out and the Ladies of the Oriental Band always make sure we are not losing weight. THANK YOU Ladies!

Well off to practice the "Hospital Skit" for our Shrine Bowl East Team Red Zone BBQ.

Hope to see you all in August at Tulsa, OK, for 2014 ASOBCS ... stay well!

Acca

Richmond, Virginia

Steven Meagher
Acca O.B. President



Greetings to all Nobles,

We have had a long and exciting winter and it's time to get pumped up for the Spring. The Oriental band had taken a break for awhile to get through the long and tiring winter months but we are back again in full force.

We are currently getting ready for the upcoming events for the spring season. Starting off with the Dogwood Festival on April 24th - April 27th. Vince will be hard at work, as always, attending to the Mid-Winter Meeting for A.S.O.B. during the time we are there. Don't forget the parade on Saturday the 26th, one of the highlights for the children. We'll have a great time with all the planned events for that weekend. We also have to mention our 2014 Imperial Session on July 5th - July 10th in the fabulous Minneapolis, MN. The band will be there supporting our very own, Vince Bobrosky, who is the A.S.O.B. President this year. We hope to

see all of you there at both events. Also, don't forget about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Magic show coming this month on the 19th. Bring your children, grandchildren and even your neighbor's children so they can all see the Easter Bunny, get some treats and just have fun!!

The band will be practicing on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm to get ready for all these wonderful events we have lined up this spring. Come join us anytime. We love the company and always have room for more members if you are interested. We all do it to support our hospitals so that we can help the children. It's all for them, we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them and their happy faces. If you can't make it to any of our events, don't forget, you can always donate your money, if not your time.

What a way to start off the Spring! We're looking forward to the events that we have in store for the summer as well. We always try to keep the year full of wonderful events to make sure we keep the hospitals running at their best. Again, have a safe, happy, and wonderful spring! Hug a child today and thank God for helping us help them!!!

The Oriental Band President,
Steven Meagher and as always
his Lady Sandra

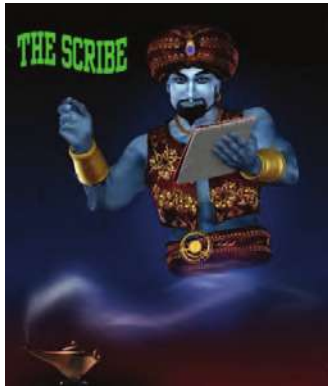


News (and various links to videos of our performances) from the Aleppo Oriental band may be found at our website which is located at:

<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 PM
From the Second Thursday in January
To the Second Thursday in November
Oriental Band Room
Second Floor
99 Fordham Road
Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887-0578
Exit 39 off Interstare 93

Alazhar Calgary, Alberta

Jim Bota



Greetings from Alazhar, the city of the new west, Calgary, Alberta. We are pleased to announce the return of Illustrious Sir Charles Duffin as our band director, and congratulate Wayne Capper as our Sultan for the year 2014. Our own Chris Tsaros, who is the Sergeant At Arms for the ASOBA, and will be rising through the ranks to become President in four years.

We kicked off this quarter by having a Chinese New Year celebration at our

Shrine Center. The food was excellent, the music was for our age range and it felt good to be there enjoying the fellowship of the members of Alazhar. Our Sultan has already booked the centre for Chinese New Year in February 2015.

We have acquired a few new members from other units to our little group, as we are now the only band in Alazhar. The first thing a new member mentions to us is that he has no musical experience and cannot play anything, and our response is always the same stating that we can't play anything either. Our band acquired a hay wagon that we use as a float in the parades we participate in throughout southern Alberta. I would be remiss if I did not mention our amazing member of the band, Guy Cochrane, who is constantly working on the float to make sure that it is roadworthy. Noble Guy drives our truck and float to all the parades. Our band would not be playing anywhere if not for Guy. We come together for the joy of just being with each other and generally laughing throughout the whole practice. The laughter, the joking around and playing together as a team is why our band has been so successful in competitions in Alberta, Montana, and hopefully this year in Boise, Idaho.

Our band members ride the Shrine bus from here to Spokane with patients for the Shriners Hospital in Spokane, Washington. It is such a wonderful feeling to see the progress that these young people are making through their own courage and strength. I will be updating our adventures through the NA KHABAR throughout the year.



Alzafar

San Antonio, Texas

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Howdy from the members of the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band (AOB) in San Antonio, Texas. I did not want to miss out on the chance to communicate to all of the Oriental Band members and others where the Na Khabar is read. I hope you enjoy this article. And by-the-way... I'm no pro in writing newsletters.

The Oriental Band started the year 2014 with a bang by traveling with our Alzafar Shrine Brethren and Nobles to Laredo, Texas; right on the border with Mexico, to attend the very popular George Washington 'B' Day parade. Now... for those who may say - What? Yes my 'Fezzy' Nobles, the folks in Laredo, Texas, put on a parade for old Brother George. In fact it almost makes the San Antonio Fiesta Flambeau second among the all parades our Shrine participates in.





Due to the numbers who attended this event, the Alzafar members and their families were housed in several hotels. However, we had our usual hospitality room at the base hotel where all of the members and their family gathered for fun, food, music but most importantly... friendship. The parade route stretched for a mile or two. All along the way there were rows and rows of spectators all the way to the end; no space in between was seen anywhere along the parade route. The parade had tons of entries and we were lucky to be in the position of the parade line-up we were in since when the AOB returned to the staging area there were still many participants waiting to start. What a party!

As many years pass, the folks at IHOP restaurants declare a day during the month of March as IHOP Day in which some magical blessing happens for the Shriner's Children Hospitals. The IHOP organization brings together their entire staff in many restaurants throughout the United States in support of the Shriner's Children Hospitals. And as many years past, the Alzafar Shrine in San Antonio, Texas, has been a major participant and provides volunteers from within our units to work and support this endeavor. The Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band is no exception. The AOB's assigned restaurant 'ROCKED' and brought in an impressive dollar donation; one of the tops! Just look at all of those tags on the wall!



Then came 'THE EVENT'! Our Alzafar Shrine caused an amazing day at our Shrine auditorium. An Alzafar Shrine Ceremonial Gala was held on March 8, 2014. Our High Priest and Prophet, Noble Gary Radvansky, had this vision to bring a formal ceremony, in full regalia, for our new Shriners who joined our fraternity in 2013.



With the help from many Shriners as well as the Ladies of the Shrine and others, it all came to be a historical event. Noble Gordon and the entire Ritual Team worked long hours to prepare for this fantastic ceremony. From the Ritual, Hot Sands, Arch Degree, 'Fezzing' and into the dinner and dance, the entire day and night was amazing! The Director's Staff also had a big part in this event. They, of course, hosted the 'Hot Sands'. There are no photos of the sands but every Shriner knows what this is.





The Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band had a role in the ceremonial. Our band performed during the public ceremony to welcome our new 2013 Shrine members; to include those who came aboard thus far in 2014. It was a privilege to play our music for the beautiful Ladies of the Shrine dance team. It was a wonderful performance and our band hopes we can perform with the Ladies of the Shrine again soon. It was fun!



There are all sorts of events in the coming days; I will be travelling to Amarillo for our TASOB Mid-Winter. I will be sure to report on this event in the next issue of our band's newsletter. During the month of April 2014 we have the Floresville 'Strawberry' parade in Floresville, Texas, and the famous San Antonio Flambeau night parade (we welcome visiting Nobles to join us). A few weeks later we have the Cornyval parade in Helotes, Texas. Then the Alzafar Shrine Easter party for the kiddos. I go no further my fellow Nobles... because I'm already exhausted. Although our Oriental Band has many upcoming fun events, our

band needs to remember one thing... the real purpose of the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band is to have fun doing what we do best. Playing our instruments and having fun as Shriners. However, while we are thoroughly enjoying the activities, we are always mindful of our most important goal of perpetuating the programs of our Temple and the Children's Hospitals.

Meanwhile, our band is practicing for the TSA (Texas Shriner Association) competition in June. We have defined the music selections we will play and will eventually come up with a floor program. The band even has a few Alzafar Divans as new members of the band that will introduced in June. I will report on the results in the next quarter issue of the Na Khabar or get it first in the April issue of 'The Musette.'

And finally ... I invite you to check out my Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band Newsletter 'The Musette'. I update this newsletter every 30 to 45 days and load it with news and a whole bunch of pictures. Find the newsletter at www.asob.org/alzafar-shine-oriental-band.html. Or just log into or Google www.asob.org and read some good information the Association of Shrine Oriental Band International has to offer. Then run through the band list to find Alzafar Oriental Band and other Oriental Bands.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. I wish all the best of health and I believe all Shriners can and will make a difference for our Shriner's Children Hospitals wherever they exist.

Be safe and say healthy,
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Greetings from the great State of Kansas, where some of the most awesome Oriental Bands call home. I

begin this article with the distinct honor of noting that our very own Rick "Boom Boom" Moody is the 2014 Arab Shrine Potentate. He is a fine gentleman and a heck of a bass drum player for the Oriental Band. You couldn't ask for more out of the top man in our Temple. Congratulations, Illustrious Sir Rick Moody. We wish you all the best during your term as Potentate.

Spring is in the air. As I write this article I am a little hesitant to believe it as every time I start to believe it, it snows. Oh well, that's Kansas. However, the Oriental Band and fellow Shriners were lucky to have a beautiful day for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The OB float was near the front of the pack and the band strutted its stuff from beginning to end. It was also a special day in that the Shrine was open to continue the celebration with special drinks and a great BBQ luncheon. All in all, it was a great day and fun to play together again.

The OB performed at the Circus again this year exciting the crowds or scaring them... one or the other. The Spring Pancake Feed with the Patrol took place this weekend with lots of delicious pancakes. The next one will be October 18. Spring Ceremonial is May 3. We're looking for a few good men and I think we need them way more than the Marines. ☺

On a personal note, I have reached a milestone as a Shriner. I will celebrate 10 years with the Arab Shrine Oriental Band. I have enjoyed many events with my fellow OB Brothers and I hope to enjoy many more years to come. It's great to be a Shriner.

I end this article by encouraging all my OB Brothers from around the country to enjoy life to the fullest and do all you can to recruit new Shriners to help us continue to our cause of providing medical care for the children.

Arab Shrine Oriental Band Meeting Information: The Oriental Band meets at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Shrine in our very own private Oasis located upstairs in the Temple. We welcome any Brother

who would like to stop by and see what we are all about. We have a wonderful group of men who enjoy playing music even though the majority of the members have no real musical background. We have a great time performing and we are always competitive at Central States and Imperial. We look forward to another great year of fellowship and the continuation of our efforts to help the children.

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As mentioned in the January 2014 issue of the Na Khabar, the Bahia Oriental Band has gone “dim” due to an inadequate number of participating members. We will have business meetings and/or practices on an as needed basis.

After many years of sponsoring an Annual Fish Fry, it became necessary, regretfully, to break this long standing tradition. The Band however, is hoping to host the dinner prior to the June Stated Meeting.

President Bobby Williams stepped aside as Band President, and Noble Ron Vogt has volunteered to take the reins.

The Black Camel visited Ilus. John Pierson, PP, on 1/12/2014, and he will be sorely missed. Who can forget his jokes at meetings and practices, and stewardship of the Annual Fish Fry? Our prayers and condolences go to Lady Ruby and family.

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Greetings fellow nomads, hoping everybody got thru the winter, we still have plenty of snow and according to weather nation, it's not going to warm up here in Vermont till mid April. Our officials remain the same, when you only have nine members, our president, Greg Washburn has held the position for six years.

Our first parade is May 4th in Rutland, VT. It's called the Loyalty Day parade. We also have two alumni parades in Springfield and Bellows Falls, Vermont. August 2nd it's the Shrine football game between New Hampshire and Vermont at Dartmouth Collage in Hanover, NH. Parade starting at noon.

To all obers, have a great year in all your endeavors with our sweet music and dedication to the kids in our hospitals. Oh, it's just wonderful to be a shriner.

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Even though the Band has had no “performances “ or parades lately, we try to have regular practices. As the Boy Scout motto says... “Be Prepared.”

The Band was disappointed that the 2014 FSOBA Convention at Azan did not come to fruition. The Band is looking forward to the 2015 Convention hosted by Sahib Shrine Center and Sahib Oriental Band. Possibly our Tong #54 will present another Mandarin Degree and even “top” the Degree held at Egypt at the 2013 FSOBA Convention. Ah Sooo!

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

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The long awaited Spring has sprung and with our spirits soaring the Oriental Band looks forward to its 103rd Anniversary Year. Director Fred Dietrich has assembled our worthy sheiks from their winter hibernation with aspirations of another good year.

As this newsletter goes to the printers the Irem Shrine Circus will be just around the corner (Easter Monday). As always the band will have a fine turnout erecting and later dismantling the bleachers as well as selling novelties at our balcony location. Whenever there is a job to be done our band can be depended upon to do it. The smile on the children faces and their cheers while seeing the circus makes many hours of work worthwhile.

Since our last report the sands of the hourglass have brought sorrow to our band as we record the passing of our immediate past treasurer of 22 years – Robert Rhoads and a member of our band since 1986. Bob was one of those nobles who made a profound impression for the good of IREM. His personality, loyalty and dedication left a lasting influence upon those closely associated with him. He played an important role in all our activities – always doing his share and more, always willing to help someone else. His loss will be greatly felt in our band where he also served as captain of drums. In addition he was a valued member of the circus committee having served as publicity chairman since 2006. His gracious and outgoing personality drew friends to him. To the members of his family and his wife Susanne we extend our deepest sympathy. We have lost a valued friend.

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Just when our vast, dry part of the world seems like it is about to blow away, here comes a bit of moisture to tease. There has been so little moisture that such thoughts occupy many minds here, but I suspect, not our members, for we have been distracted with a very busy few months since the New Year.

The Khiva Oriental Band held our first ever Crab Festival fundraiser February 22nd at our Shrine Center. This was an idea “spawned” in an ASOB Hospitality Room at Imperial 2003 in Indianapolis. In this room, our friend, Ralph Jubb of the Al Kader Oriental Band parlayed on about the Oriental Band crab feed fund raisers that they have had for more than 10 years in Portland and also at the Nile Oriental Band in Seattle. Our director had been to many of these and I suspect he thought that we could do something similar but on a smaller scale (ha!). When the Band returned, we decided to take a crack at it. We started our ticket sales with both individual and corporate tables. We initially planned for a maximum capacity of 300 and most of us thought that was rather ambitious for the first stab at this. With publicity and word-of-mouth, we soon sold out of seats and there were many requests for additional seating.

The Texas Panhandle understandably, is a fresh seafood deprived region and there are very few opportunities to experience such a meal in these parts. We soon made the decision to add 50 additional seats that night and still, we could have sold more. With nervous confidence, the preparation went on as planned. That night, so many things were going on at once. There were people staffing the kitchen, plating the food, people outside serving warm loafs of bread, people serving warm butter and red sauce, people loading serving carts with plated crab, beans and slaw, people

taking requests for baked chicken in lieu of crab, people taking requests for more crab, and people manning the two bars on opposite sides of the room. The 350 plates were served in about 15 minutes. Then there were those in charge of the casino gaming and the silent auction tables. All of this was in our “lower level.” On our third floor was a dance floor with a D.J. and another bar for those who wanted to retreat to dance after their meal. All said, the evening turned out to be a success beyond our wildest expectations. Much has to be due to expert mentoring from our friends who traveled far from Portland and Seattle, specificity the Jubbs, the McDonalds and the Wolds. And of course, all of our chairmen and members that worked so hard to make this event a winner. This will a hard one to top, but we have had a few “lessons learned” that evening that will make things easier on us next year.

The Oriental Band has just finished hosting the Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (TASOB) Mid-Winter conference here at our venerable shrine facility in Amarillo. We had 21 Nobles and their Ladies from the various Oriental Band realms throughout Texas and the US. We especially were appreciative of the support of the ASOB officers in attendance: 1st V.P. David McCarthy of the Moslah Bedouins, our longest distance attendee, 3rd V.P. Jeff Moores of Melha Shrine of Springfield, Mass., 4th V.P. Tommy Crow also of the Moslah Bedouins of Ft. Worth and not least, the Ladder of Smiles Chairman, Mike Hartup of Midian Shrine of Wichita, Kansas. We also had Texas Oriental Bandsmen from Arabia, Alzafar, Moslah and Sharon Temples. The weekend consisted of the usual Director’s and Business Meetings and plenty of libation and consumption opportunities between the hotel hospitality room, the Friday night Carny-themed dinner and games, Saturday breakfast, luncheons and dinner. We kept our guests (and ourselves) occupied with casino games and beer pong, a shuffleboard tournament, and poker games while the ladies were offered a shopping excursion and an art activity

where they all painted the same subject and did it with such technique (whether there was true art talent behind each painting or not), that the end result was a piece of art ready to hang on the wall. At our business meeting, Noble Moores discussed the merits of going from trophies to engraved plaques for winners at competition in his Northeast Association and he asked for feedback from those present for taking this policy further. There seemed to be no apparent objections from anyone in the room. A new slate of officers was voted on for the ensuing year 2014-2015. Congrats to the new TASOB President Moe Rahmeh of Moslah, 2nd Vice President Mike Pinson of Khiva and 3rd Vice President Bill Nanes of Alzafar.

There was an outing to the rim of the Palo Duro Canyon, just south of town, where those who desired could zip-line to the other end of a side chasm. A good mix of those young of heart that went through with this ordeal was: David McCarthy, Mike Hartup, John Meyer (TASOB President and Past Sultan of the KOB), Caliph Kenneth Beck and Sheik Terry Posey of the Moslah Bedouins, a Rithmah Temple Daughters of the Nile Queen, Past First Lady Patty Pate and current First Lady of Khiva Shrine, Sharon Woolery (see photos). It was quite a sight to witness these and our other guests go swiftly down the cables into the canyon. Afterward, the Temple bus toured the Canyon and gave those who have never been, a sightseeing adventure. Palo Duro is the second largest canyon in the United States and the largest canyon that can be driven into (at least that’s what the billboards say). Before dinner was served a few trophies were awarded to the shuffleboard tournament winners. And the hustlers from Houston took them both home, Harry Pressman and John Barron of Arabia Oriental Band. We were then treated to some good-ole Texas style ribs and then later, a D.J. with karaoke. But, with the end of a two-day conference (at times a party), by the time our dinner was over, most either rested in their seats or retired for the evening. It was a very successful event and many

thanks go out to those who helped with the logistics and those guests who graced us with their attendance. Our practices have been ongoing since mid-January and they are shifting to our fairgrounds for marching practice as this is written. We have at least three new members this year and they are learning fast with our practice routine. Our Caliph (director), Joe Brewton, seems to be in good moods at such practices so that has to be an indicator of our progress.

There is not much more to report until our next adventure on the first weekend of June at our Texas Shrine Association All-State Competition in Dallas (Mesquite) hosted by the Hella Shrine Center. Until then, may God bless our hospitals, their staff and our benefactors.
the scribe



2014 TASOB officers at Breakfast



Amazing how these individual works of art all look alike!



Beer Pong match at TASOB Carny Night



Carny Dogs galore on Carny Night



Crab is plated and ready to go



Dance Party at Crab Fest



McCarthy and Nanes at the shuffleboard



Our Crab Pool is ready to catch coin on Crab Fest evening



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Serious crab cracking at Crab Fest



Some kitchen strategy at Crab Fest



The gaming at Crab Fest



The kitchen is humming along at Crab Fest



Dave McCarty on the zip-line



The First Lady of Khiva approaches the landing pad



Zip liners arrive at the launch tower on the rim of Palo Duro Canyon

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Sitting here looking out the window on another dreary day in rainy Washington. It has been the wettest March in 127 years! It has caused local havoc in the Town of Oso with, I think over a hundred deaths. Prayers to those in need are asked for. The area looks like a huge pile of debris and mud. I read that it would fill the Boeing plant, in Everett, the largest building in the world, half way up!

On a more pleasant note, the Band is readying itself for parade season, and long term PNSOBA. It is my hope that all Bands avail themselves of getting their acts together and showing up in Boise in August for a good time!!

The parade and summer season starts out as follows: **April 12** - LaConner Parade and Picnic; **April 9** - Kids Easter Egg Hunt at the Center; **May 3** - Sequim Parade; **May 17** - Bremerton Parade; **May 24** - Bellingham Parade; **July 4** - Sedro Wooley Parade; **July 20** - Nile Family Picnic; **August 6-10** - PNSOBA Boise, Idaho - show up!!!! **September 20** - Sunfair Parade, Yakima; **October 4** - Granite Falls parade. You will notice we are back to the usual parade routes as the I-5 Bridge in Mt. Vernon has been fixed and we can get to the parades this year.

Several Nobles and their Ladies have been infirm this year and we hope they get back to their usual selves. Marty Busby, Debbie Garner, Liz Broker, Joyce Syson, Margie Carlson, Doyle Carter, Tom Dahl, Butch Hart, Frank Martinez, and Norm Wold - I wish all a speedy recovery!

The Band is as usual trying to learn new songs. I have had to start wearing ear plugs as the noise is painful. I might add here that elk for a two mile radius of practice are horny during each and every practice! The Musettes

sound sorta like elk trumpeting during mating season! LOL! See you soon in Boise.

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Greetings from the still frozen tundra of the Lehigh Valley. Maybe, with a little luck, it will all be gone by the time you read this.

In January the Band, along with our friends from the Motor Corps of Rajah Shrine, hosted a member appreciation dinner. This was held for all of the Nobles and their Ladies of our respective units in appreciation for all the hard work they do throughout the year to help make Rajah Shrine a success. We enjoyed a great dinner followed by a short introduction program. The entertainment for the evening was provided by Wayne and Julie Grumbein's 10 year old son Jarrett. He played multiple selections on piano and was graciously received. Anyone thinking that listening to a 10 year old play piano may be akin to listening to a musette, think again.

We again teamed up with the Motor Corps for our annual "Night at the Races" a few weeks later in February. A few days earlier a major snow storm hit our area and we were in doubt if we would be able to have the event. We decided to go ahead with

it anyway hopefully to at least break even. Apparently the snow didn't stop the 200 some ticket holders that showed up. Another very successful night for our two units.

The week after the races we made the trek to Lancaster County for our annual combined Ladies Night / Past President's Ball with the Lancaster Oriental Band. It was great to see A.S.O.B. President Vince Bobrosky and his lady Maggie and also 1st Vice President Dave McCarthy and his lady Sandy in attendance. After the banquet dinner on Saturday evening President Vince asked for donations for the Ladder of Smiles. A total of over \$4,500.00 was donated. One of the most inspiring donations came when Wayne and Julie Grumbein's son Jarrett, (remember him from paragraph one), donated money he earned by playing the piano at the appreciation dinner to the Ladder of Smiles. This came as a total surprise to Wayne and Julie. I know Wayne and Julie are very proud. So are Grandma and Grandpa.

March brought forth the annual Rajah Shrine Circus. Again our novelty chairman and head bartender, Noble Ted Werkheiser, did a terrific job of inventorying and setting up the novelties, all to help make our Circus a success.

With all things winding down we are preparing for the Hospital Crusade to be held over the Memorial Day weekend.

That brings us to a close for this report. As always, remember the kids in our hospitals.

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Greetings from Oshawa, Ontario, and the Oshawa and District Shrine Club Oriental Band. Our O'Band was formed in 1964, by a group of Nobles headed

by Noble Orm Cole and his good friend Noble Tom Gowling from Hamilton. I'm sure some of you long time ASOB members will remember these Nobles. At the time, each individual Bandsman dressed in individual "Nomad" costumes. In 1983 the band decided to have all bandsmen dress in a "uniform costume", such as we wear today. In 1972 the Oshawa O'Band joined the New York-Ontario section of Oriental Band Association of America. The Oshawa band has competed in many ASOB competitions in the USA and CANADA over the last 50 years, winning many trophies, plaques and awards.

Our practices are held every other Monday at the Oshawa Shrine Club. The membership is slipping and presently we are working with 2 musettes, cymbals, bass drum and several drummers. We try to get 7-8 out on our float for parades. Our first parade is usually the Easter Parade in the City of Pickering followed by many summer parades, fall fair parades and finishing the year with many Santa Claus parades. All together the list for 2014 is for 15 parades.

Oshawa and District Oriental Band Officers for 2014 are listed below: Director/President – Noble Colin Blakelock; Musical Director and V.P. – Noble Doug Wanamaker; Conductor/Caliph – Noble Bob Jones; Secretary – Noble Blair Smythe; Treasurer – Noble John Deacon.

During the year our Band unit "hosts" fundraising events for our disadvantage children. In turn these proceeds are donated to ASOB and the Ladder of Smiles. Our last event was a St. Patrick's Dance at the ODSC. In November 2014 a Tom Jones and Bobby Darrin impersonator will entertain, hopefully to a full house.

That's all for now and remember the Ladder of Smiles.

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O'Band and Colour
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The Sudbury O'Band celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the unit in 2013. In 2014 they have taken on the challenge of the Rameses Ceremonial being held in our fair city of Sudbury, Ontario. They are warming up the spring with their Annual Steak Fry on May 29th. This was only one of several events the O'Band has taken on this past year. We had a 50th Anniversary dinner and dance in September 2013. Our annual Corn roast will take place July. The Rameses Spring Ceremonial June 12-15, 2015. After saying all the things we are doing, the main object of the O'Band is to play music on our float. This during local parades, etc. The area is lacking in parades and the band members are getting older and feel this may be the last year for the band unit in its present form.

I copy my report from the April "Sudbury Scimitar" our Shrine Club Bulletin, ORIENTAL BAND & COLOUR PARTY. Warm up your datebook and pen. Mark May 29th down for our Annual Steak Fry at the "Legion with the View"... with a wee bit o' luck the view won't be a frozen Ramsey Lake! With the snow so deep and the temps so cold, it's been an expensive winter to fatten up the herd toward our Steak Fry! But tickets this year are still a great buy at only \$17.50/person or \$35 a couple... get your tickets soon!

Only 5 Oriental Band practices before our Spring Ceremonial Parade right here in our own home town! It's high time for our out-of-town members planning to participate in our Ceremonial Parade to let us know of your plans and of any uniform or instrument needs... we can accommodate 20 "Heavenly Oriental Musicians" on our float, but of course some might choose to march beside our float should our numbers climb! An impressive Colour

Party would also send a message to our community that our Club and our Shrine Fraternity is something worth supporting and investigating toward joining and participating, a Colour Party dressed "curb-to-curb" would go a long way in sending that message! Let us know you are "with us" on our trailer or on the street, that our Sudbury Shrine Club can make the best impression for our city. Let's make sure we look our best on "The Evening News" and for all our Greater Sudbury families that join with us by attending our Ceremonial Parade.

We are supportive of the ASOB International and will continue to support the LOS. Hope to be back to the Na Khabar in the fall.

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Not much is happening with the band at this time. We are getting ready for our annual fund raiser the Reverse Raffle in which the last name drawn is the winner. The man in charge of keeping track of the sales and of the tickets, Willie Bax, just received his 50 year certificate from the Shrine. He also received a certificate from the band for also being in the Band for 50 years. Not many of us will be able to say that were in the Shrine for 50 years let alone in the Oriental band for that long. Congratulations to Willie for all of the years of service and he very seldom misses a parade even today. He is frequently the first member to show up at the line up spot. His lady, Esther, at the present time is in a rehab facility but hopes to be home soon. We certainly hope so.

The Divan was in attendance of our Christmas party held at the Shrine Center. The band's sweetheart, Emily Mellish, was also at our Christmas party with sister, Taylor and new baby sister Lauren. All of the Ladies got to fuss over Lauren and to hold her to

give mom a break. They all said it was a tough job but someone had to do it. Emily grabbed my hand and took me to the dance floor and she told me that we were doing a waltz. This is the little girl that several surgeons wanted to amputate her leg, fortunately the Shrine system has been able to save that leg and straighten it out so that she can not only walk but dance. She is also able to ride her bike now that the knee is flexible.

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In Honor Of

52nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BY: HARRY AND JONI
PRESSMAN

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.
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EDITOR



Articles for publication are due **December 1st** for the January issue, **April 1st** for the May issue, **August 1st** for the September issue. Please have your articles in by the due date. Be sure to include with your article the name of the association or band, your name and address. My e-mail address is **kpc@elmoresr.com**. For those

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Melha Oriental Band

*Wishes the ASOB another
great year for the
Ladder of Smiles*



**We meet every Friday night for social
hour and band practice at 6:30.**

**Our Business Meeting is the
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**Melha Shriners, 133 Longhill Street,
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**Khartum Oriental Band
in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada has a**

**48 INCH BIG DRUM
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see photo above

**We are asking \$500.00 for both.
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*Further details can be obtained
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**Noble: Bernie Gross, Secretary, Khartum Oriental Band
Phone: 204 237-4763
Email: berniegross@shaw.ca**

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/MEETINGS BY REGIONS

CENTRAL STATES

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

GREAT LAKES

Jamboree
Huntington, WV
June 5-7, 2014

MID ATLANTIC

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

MID WEST

Convention
Sioux Falls, SD
August 21-23, 2014

NEW YORK/ONTARIO

Reported no events/
meetings scheduled

NORTHEAST

Northeast Field Days
Springfield, MA
August 21-24, 2014
Business Meeting 8-22-2014
Competition 8-23-2014

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

PNSA Convention
Boise, Idaho
August 6-9, 2014

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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

SOUTH CENTRAL

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

SOUTHEAST

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

TEXAS

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

WESTERN

Reported no events/
meetings scheduled

TOP BANDS

TOP 10 BANDS

EL KARUBAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$11,925.00
MELHA ORIENTAL BAND	\$7,089.12
CAIRO ORIENTAL BAND	\$5,100.00
NILE ORIENTAL BAND	\$4,658.85
LANCASTER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB	\$3,262.00
AMARA ORIENTAL BAND	\$3,125.00
LULU ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,700.00
AL KADER ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,300.00
RAMESES-OSHAWA ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,200.00
ACCA ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,100.00

11-15

MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,550.00
AL AZHAR ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,350.00
KHIVA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,346.00
RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,250.00
MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,240.00

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BENI KEDEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$966.00
ABDALLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$750.00
ABOU BEN ADEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$500.00
ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$455.00
SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND	\$450.00
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EL KAHIR ORIENTAL BAND	\$150.00
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INDIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
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**W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

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Donald Moores (Amara)

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Richard Thompson

Khiva Oriental Band

Maggie Hartup (Midian)

Midian Oriental Band

C. Vince Bobrosky

Gerry & Joann Suttner

* Indicates second donation

** Indicates third donation

2014 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 5 - July 10, 2014

A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel



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

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

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

Please have A.S.O.B. Reservation Request in by June 1, 2014

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

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

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

A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

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

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

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

Noble: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____

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

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Room Type Preferences

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

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

STASH Card # _____

Please remit \$139.00 U.S. Funds plus \$20.00 Imperial Fee. Make cheque/check payable to: Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (cancelled cheque/check is your receipt.) A confirmation email will be sent to you, if you listed your email address.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

JULY 2014

Saturday July 5

(Set up Hospitality Room)

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

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

Owner: Vince Bobrosky

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

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

Owner: Tom Crow and Chris Tsaros

Sunday, July 6

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

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

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

Owner: Vince Bobrosky

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

Owner: Tom Crow and Chris Tsaros

2:00 pm - Hospitality Room Closes Location: TBA

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

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

Ladies Dress: Business casual attire with name tag

Owner: Vince Bobrosky

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

Dress same as Welcome Reception

Owner: Jeff Moores

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

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

Monday, July 7

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

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

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

Ladies Dress: tropical shirt or bright colors, name tag

Owner: Jeff Moores

Immediately After Parade - Fantasy Competition Location: Meridian Ballroom

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

Owner: Jeff Moores

After Fantasy - Delegate Registration Location: Lobby

Owner: Tom Crow and Chris Tsaros

After Fantasy - Hospitality Room Opens Location: TBA

5:00 pm - Cocktail Reception by Invitation Location: Hospitality Room

Dress: formal tux with white dinner jacket, white tux shirt, black tux pants, black shoes,
jewel and fez (no name tag)

Ladies Dress: Formal (Cocktail Attire)

Owner: Vince Bobrosky

6:00 pm - Social Hour Location: Pinnacle Ballroom/Foyer

7:00 pm - President's Award Banquet Pinnacle Ballroom

Dress: Same as reception

Owner: Vince Bobrosky

Tuesday, July 8

8:00 am - Sergeant At Arm's Breakfast Location: TBA

Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants or tan shorts, jewel, name tag and fez

Owner: Chris Tsaros

9:00 am - Hospitality Room Opens Location: TBA

11:30 am - First Lady's Luncheon Location: Think 4

Dress: Business casual

Owner: Maggie Lloyd

6:30 pm - Depart for No Host ASOB, Past ASOB, Restaurant Name: TBA
Ambassadors and Guest Dinner

Dress: Officers and Ladies - casual or ASOB shirt, tan pants, no jewel, name tag or fez

Wednesday, July 9

7:00 am - First 100 Club Breakfast Location: TBA

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

Owner: Morrie Toretsky

8:00 - 9:00 am - Hospitality Room Opens Location: TBA

9:00 am - ASOB Annual Meeting Location: Think 6

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

Owner: Vince Bobrosky

9:00 am - Ladies Gift Exchange Location: Think 4

Dress: To be determined by the Incoming President's Lady

Owner: Sandy McCarthy

11:30 am - Incoming President's Luncheon Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

Dress: Same as ASOB Annual Meeting

Owner: David McCarthy

2:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting Location: TBA

Dress: Travel clothes

Owner: David McCarthy

3:00 pm - Hospitality Room Opens Location: TBA

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



2014 Imperial Session

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



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

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2014

Noble's Name _____

Lady's Name _____

Shrine Center _____

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BANQUET

Monday, July 7, 2014 • Cocktails (no host) 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM

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

_____ **Cabernet Braised Beef Short Rib**

_____ **Lemon and Rosemary Chicken**

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

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

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

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

_____ **Maple Glazed Pork Loin**

_____ **Ancho Honey Glazed Salmon**

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

Amount Enclosed

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

Tom Crow
3805 Winifred Dr.
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

A.S.O.B. Fantasy Registration

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

(Name of Band and Temple)

We will attend the ASOB Fantasy ☐ Parade ☐

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

Signature_____

Title_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Send to:
Jeff Moores
129 Spruceland Ave.
Springfield, MA 01108-2519

ASOB Imperial Session

Please Print

Band Information

This is Preliminary Information Only

(Name of Band and Temple) _____

City/State_____

Member of Regional Associations_____

Year Organized_____ Number of Members_____ Number Performing_____

Officers: President_____

Vice President(s)_____

Secretary_____

Treasurer_____

Director_____

Current Shrine Honors_____

Past Shrine Honors_____

Additional Remarks_____

Submitted By:_____

Date:_____ Title:_____

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

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

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

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

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

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

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2014

Abdullah

1976 Fantasy

A handwritten musical score on ten staves. The notation is in treble clef with a common time signature 'C'. The music features a variety of note values including eighth, sixteenth, and thirty-second notes, as well as rests. There are several measures with a '4' written above them, possibly indicating a measure rest or a specific tempo. The score concludes with a double bar line and the initials 'A.S.O.B'.

Competition Selection

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

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