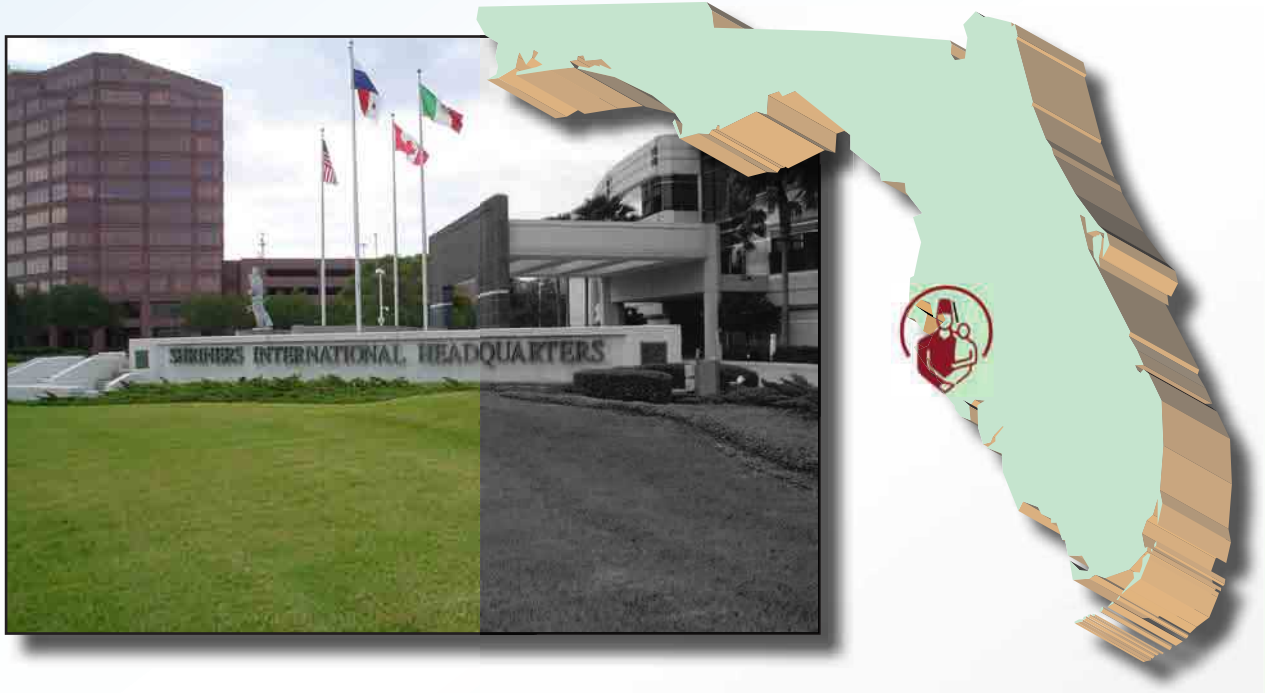


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PRESIDENT Jeff Moores

As I sit down to write my last article as an officer of this Association I reflect back on my service to the ASOB for the last 7 years. It started

as an Ambassador for the Northeast and then in Denver, I had a number of Past Presidents put the hard sell on me to run for the Sergeant at Arms. It has been a lot of fun traveling the U.S. and Canada to all of the various associations and making a lot of really good friends along the way. It has been a pleasure serving with the Officers that have come before me and the Officers following me through the line. We have made a lot of changes within the ASOB over those years, and I think we are putting things in place that will help the Association. However, there is still more work to be done.

Since my last article, Dad and I have traveled to Tampa for the East-West Shrine Game and to finalize everything with the Doubletree for our upcoming Imperial Session. The East-West weekend is a lot of fun if you have never attended. The weekend before the game, they hold a player visit to the hospital to meet our kids and to tour the hospital. Then on the night before the game there is a great player banquet that is held on the field. Before the game on Saturday they hold a great barbecue outside the stadium. This year, we were treated with a cold day in the 50s.

In February, we traveled up to Reading, Pennsylvania, for the MASOBA Mid-Winter Meeting and the Rajah/Lancaster County OB Ladies Night and Past President's Ball. It was a great trip up north to spend some

time with a lot of committed Oriental Bandsmen and their ladies. They had a very productive Mid-Winter Meeting and the weekend was capped off by a wonderful Ball on Saturday Night that collected over \$5000 in donations for the Ladder of Smiles and had them dancing late into the night.

As I write this, we are still preparing for the ASOB Mid-Winter Meeting that will be held in conjunction with the SESOBA Hoedown in Alexandria, Louisiana. The reservations for this event is already over 80 people, so it seems to be shaping up to be a great event. We should see some great Oriental Band Music and get some true southern hospitality. I am also looking forward to a few more Association meetings coming up this Spring.

In July we are heading back to Tampa for the Imperial Session this year. We already have tentative commitment from four bands to come and are still hoping for more. Please get your reservations in early as we already have 20 rooms of our 30 room block filled and our deadline is fast approaching. We reserved less rooms this year, because for several years we did not fill our 50 room block, so if we need to request more rooms, we need to do it as early as possible.

We are planning a welcome reception open to all for Sunday afternoon and then on Monday will be our competition. Our competition will start at 10AM and we will hold the parade portion across the street in front of the hotel in a school parking lot. Following that, we will move into the Ballroom for the Fantasy portion. This year there is no official Competition Tune. A band can play any tune that they want as their competition tune, but they will have to declare that song at the Music Directors Meeting. After the competition we will be serving a light lunch in the hospitality room. In the afternoon, we will hold our first music

Academy Workshops. Paul Gluck will be holding a Fundamentals of Reading Music Workshop and Chris Tsaros will be holding an Introduction and Drum Workshop on the Djembe Drum. Tuesday will be our Annual Meeting and then on Tuesday Night we will hold a combined Presidents Award and Installation Banquet for the first time.

I have been contacted by the Imperial Convention Committee as to the availability of the Oriental Bands to lead Deputy Imperial Potentate Chris Smith into the Pageant on Wednesday morning. I am trying to work on a few Oriental Bands to see if we can get the nucleus of one or two bands to get together and play to do this. If we are successful, I would like for everyone who comes to bring their costume and march in with us. This could be some more great exposure for our Oriental Bands if we can make this happen. More to come on this if we can pull it off.

I will close with a little about the Ladder of Smiles. I set a pretty big goal this year, because I knew that my father was going to make a large donation to the Tampa Hospital. Dad serves on the Board of Governors there and they were looking for a direct use donation for a specific piece of equipment for the operating room. Thirty thousand dollars of the monies collected so far is from a donation made in my mother's memory in support of that specific use. We treat the Ladder of Smiles as a bit of a competition, but the real winner in this competition is our Children in the Shriner's Hospitals. We still have a long way to go to reach the \$125,000 goal that I set. Please dig deep and support the Ladder of Smiles if you and your Oriental Band can. As I said, the real winners are the Kids!



**Our Goal of \$125,000
is for the children!**



**FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT**
Tom Crow

It is hard to believe we are already past Easter and headed to Memorial Day. That tells us that the Imperial

Session in Tampa is almost here. We need to make plans for the bands to come and enjoy the fellowship and fun you can only enjoy with fellow Shriners. You do not want to miss out on this annual event it is guaranteed to be fun filled.

As always, we need to remember our children in our hospitals. We must continue to help and support them through our donations to the Ladder of Smiles. For those who may not know, the Ladder of Smiles is the Oriental Bands own fund that is collected and managed by our own Mike Hartup. He sees that every penny received by this fund is sent to benefit our hospitals. Please help, if your band has a successful project to raise money for the Ladder of Smiles pass it one to other bands so they may try to use it to help our kids. It only takes few minutes to tell your story.

ASOB is exploring options for a Jamboree in the spring of 2017. This would be a chance for bands to come together for a weekend to compete against bands from different parts of the country. We are planning a schedule that would include gathering on Friday, competing on Saturday, and everyone traveling safely home on Sunday. This could be a dress rehearsal for regional association competitions. Please watch for coming e-mails about this event.

I look forward to meeting and greatly you at these events.

Yours in the Faith
Tom Crow

2017 A.S.O.B. JAMBOREE
Plan to join us!



**SECOND VICE
PRESIDENT**
Chris Tsaros

A New Meaning for the Sweetest Music this Side of Heaven. Fellow bandmen, in this issue let's dwell into the

subject of music as a form of therapy. It is no secret that we are known as the purveyors of the sweetest music this side of heaven. Did you know however that our music also has therapeutic benefits?

The University of Windsor defines music therapy as an established healthcare profession that uses music to: promote wellness, manage stress, alleviate pain, express feelings, enhance memory, improve communication, promote physical rehabilitation, improve socialization, and improve quality of life. Who knew that every time we hear the wail of the musettes, the beat of the drums, the jingle of the tambourines, we are providing therapy to those around us. Further exploration of the scientific literature on this subject reveals that music therapy benefits children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly with: stress-related symptoms, mental health needs and issues, developmental and learning disabilities; Alzheimer's disease and other and other aging related conditions. The literature goes on to identify music as therapy for many other debilitating medical conditions. Who among you then knew, that we were so closely associated to the medical field other than the fundraising we do for our children's hospitals?

The American Psychological Association's web page on the subject <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2013/11/music.aspx> provides some very interesting insights on this subject, I encourage you to read it.

It follows therefore that any noble who wishes to stay healthy and enjoy

a long and productive life, should join their local Oriental Band. The best part of all of this of course is that there is no therapy bill to pay at the end. Let us then spread the word. Yes, we provide a ton of health benefits and a good dose of FUN, come and join us.

Till the next edition then, Play Music, Stay Healthy.



**THIRD VICE
PRESIDENT**
Harry
Pressman

As we approach Imperial, I was reminded that several bands have not yet participated in "Ladder of Smiles" for

2016. Nobles, this our charity and your support is very much needed. A final tally will be given to us at Imperial by Mike Hartup and I sure would like to see 100% participation.

I, along with Tom Crow and Dave McCarthy, just came back from a rousing successful Texas Oriental Band Mid-Winter in Amarillo, Texas. I have to tell you that the Khiva Oriental Band knows how to throw a party. Kudo's to Mike Pinson, T.A.S.O.B. President and his Lady Carole for an out-standing weekend.

I am looking forward to going to Alexandria, LA, for the El Karubah "Hoe-Down" on April 21st. Also included will be the A.S.O.B. Mid-winter. Should be a fantastic weekend.

Now for the good stuff. As of this writing, I have only received four (4) reservations for "President's" dinner at Imperial. I personally hate to eat along so I'm asking that you go ahead and send me your check ASAP. That's all for now. Looking forward to seeing you in Tampa.

In the Faith

DON'T FORGET  **Send in your
Reservation Forms
for 2016 Imperial Session!**



**SECRETARY
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Greetings
Fellow
Bandsmen! As
we are looking
forward
to another
successful
Imperial
Convention

in Tampa this year from July 3 - 6, 2016, the hotel reservations have been coming in very slowly. As of this date, March 31st, we only have 11 rooms reserved, the date for turning rooms back to the hotel that are unused or above our commitment is June 1, 2016. Basically, if your room is not reserved by June 1, 2016, it will be at the hotel's normal rate, significantly higher than our contracted rate. If we get a large influx of room requests before the June 1, 2016, date we will try to get additional rooms at the contracted rate.

Dues Notices were mailed the middle of November. The total number of bands which have paid their dues as of this date is 45 Bands with 626 members. Please check with your Secretaries to make sure your band has paid Dues for 2016. A.S.O.B. Dues cards mailed to their Secretaries as shown on the information provided on the Dues Form.

We are looking forward to the A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Session in Alexandria, LA, on April 21-24, 2016, in conjunction with the S.E.S.O.B.A. Hoedown. There are 81 Bandsmen and ladies registered to attend. We expect Past President Billy O'Neal and his fellow bandsmen will have an excellent weekend planned for us. Our A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting will be held during this session, we are not trying to eat a dead horse, as the Hoedown and Mid-Winter will be over by the time this issue of the NA KHABAR is available on the website.

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Another spring,
another parade
season, oh the
fun of being
an Oriental
Bandsman.
Once again, it is
time to get the
costumes out

of mothballs, dust off the instruments,
and practice, practice, practice.

The South Eastern Shrine Oriental Band Association Hoedown in Alexandria LA, hosted by El Karubah Oriental Band, was also the location for the A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting. Anything El Karubah does they do with style, Cajun Style. Good food, good friends and good fun!

President Jeff announced his goal of raising \$125,000.00 for the Ladder of Smiles this year. Although this was a lofty goal, it can be reached. The total raised for the year to date is over \$70,000.00. Only your dedication and donations will make this goal a reality. Jeff also created an Oriental Band poster, "suitable for framing." The order form is in the Na Khabar and all proceeds benefit the Ladder of Smiles.

Imperial Session is in Tampa, FL, July 3 - 6, 2016. It is not too late to register you or your band. The information and a new schedule of events are in this issue of the Na Khabar. This is your association and I encourage every band and bandsmen to attend. It is a great way to meet new bandsmen and exchange ideas.

For those attending Imperial Session in Tampa, make it a point to visit your hospital and see how much your donations matter. Remember, the smiles of DO make it all worthwhile.

I bid you peace...
Mike

AMBASSADORS



**CENTRAL
STATES**
Rick Moody

Greetings from
the Bands
of Central
States. I hope
everyone has
had a wonderful
winter. Spring
is in the air
here in Middle

America and with that, parade season has already begun. Here in Topeka, KS, a St. Patrick's Day Parade was held several weeks ago that attracted well over 30,000 spectators. Arab Temple's Oriental Band participated in the parade serenading the crowd with our fine oriental tunes. St. Patrick's Parades are generally very well attended in many towns and cities in the Central States Region. What a great opportunity it is to showcase your band and let people know how great it is to be a Shriner! Try to be as active as you can and always remember a couple of things - have fun and be on your best behavior. How we act in the public can have a good but also bad impression of who we are and what we are all about.

Some bands have said they are having a tough time getting new members to join their Oriental Band. We have found out that playing at different functions such as parades, ceremonials, festivals and community events seems to draw new members into our fold. Play, Play, Play. You might be surprised how this will help get new members and have fun. Having fun seems to attract new membership.

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

Yours in the Faith,
Rick



FLORIDA
Robert E.
Stihler

The other day I ran across a May 2006 issue of the *Na Khabar* and pleasantly surprised to see it had articles from 12

Ambassadors and 35 Bands... whereas the January 2016 issue had articles from only 3 Ambassadors and 18 Bands. It's too bad that the ASOB has suffered such a loss in participation. Unfortunately Florida appears to be included in this loss as two of our Bands did not submit articles. Egypt, (at Tampa), and Bahia, (at Orlando), Shrine Centers have been sold and both Temples are searching for existing sites or contemplating building smaller facilities due to drop in memberships.

Congratulations to Shriner Don Moores of Amara, and (The Greek) Pante of Sahib for their continued efforts on submitting articles to the *Na Khabar* and their Band's faithful contributions to the Ladder of Smiles.

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

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



MID ATLANTIC
Keith Oviatt

Happy spring to all out there in various desert dwellings, may your camels have survived the cold winter! On Feb. 27, the Annual

Mid-Winter Meeting of MASOBA was held in Reading, PA, hosted by the Rajah Oriental Band. Promptly at 9 AM, President Robert Reed opened the meeting. All other officers were in their places and the meeting started

with a prayer and the pledge to the flag. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were given and approved. There were 7 MASOBA Past Presidents in attendance as well as ASOB officers - President Jeff Moores, Sec./Treas. Don Moores, Past Pres. David McCarthy, Sr. Sec./Treas. Emeritus Bud Moore, Jr. Sec./Treas. Emeritus Mahlon Hariu and Ambassador Keith Oviatt. A collection was taken for the Ladder of Smiles. It was on motion and approved that \$1,000.00 be taken from the Treasury for the Ladder of Smiles. Past MASOBA President John Seastead presented a short talk on the shoes that Emily Mellish wears. The shoes were what she was wearing and those that she now wears after starting her leg lengthening procedure.

After the meeting the hospitality room opened and at noon the Ladies of Rajah OB provided a fabulous luncheon. That evening the Past Presidents and Ladies of the combined Rajah/Lancaster County Oriental Bands were honored at the banquet. A collection was given by various groups and individuals for the Ladder of Smiles amounting to \$5027. Following the banquet, music was provided for listening and dancing.

We lost one MASOBA Past President Issac "Ike" Bomberger to the Black Camel. His grin and chuckle will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He and Lois would have celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this May. Our condolences go out to his family and to the Lancaster Band.

Thought for the day - Blessed are those who expect to receive nothing, for they shall not be disappointed.

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children we help.



**It's for the
Ladder of Smiles!**



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Bob Jones

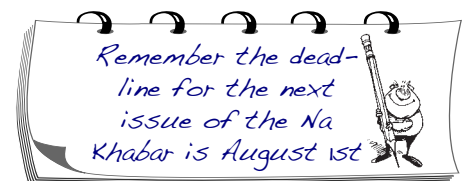
Greetings from the Great un-white North. This winter has seen the least amount of snow in decades.

Thank goodness the snow blower wasn't out once this winter. Spring has arrived and parade season is upon us. However only two (2) bands now exist in all of New York/Ontario. There are no bands in New York State.

This year was the last hurrah for the Rameses-Sudbury Shrine Club. Too bad, but age and apathy have taken over and the band has gone dark.

Rameses-Hamilton is having huge problems in parading as no one is coming along to play musettes. They thought Kazoos would be the answer but it hasn't panned out and who would want to listen to a bunch of Kazoos? They are still holding fund raisers and will be contributing to the Ladder of Smiles and are still members of NYONT.

Oshawa is also struggling with numbers and interest. They are down to two (2) musettes and if one happens to be sick we can't parade. Average number out for parades is down to 5 and it's difficult to get more than 5 out to a practice. Because there are now only two (2) bands in NYONT, it has been suggested joining either Great Lakes or North East Association, although travelling time to any of these Association meetings would be quite a distance. Neither O'band wishes to go dark, but the writing is on the wall. Any suggestions from ASOB would be helpful. That's all for now. Remember the Ladder of Smiles.



BAND NEWS

ABDALLAH

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Abdallah Oriental Band's first event for the year was the Shawnee, Kansas, St. Patrick's Day Parade. Great turn out guys!!



(L2R Front) Bill Murray - Chief Camel Herder; Chris Robertson - Probee, Abdallah Outer Guard; Richard Sobek - Quartermaster - Music Director - 1st VP ASOBCS; Roy Samuel - Secretary, 2nd VP ASOBCS; Don Marah - Probee; Bruce Fischbach - President; Mick Sheaffer - Sergeant at Arms; Tyler Boxberger - Newest Member.

(L2R Rear) Jody Hines - Longest continuous member; Ed Harvey - Vice President, Camel Wrangler; Gregg Loeser - Conga Player Extraordinaire; Gary Bennett PP - Abdallah Cigar Aficionado; Jamie Thornton - Musette Player Extraordinaire; Missing, Les Volentine - 80 year old track star (he caught the trailer 10 minutes into the parade).



President Bruce Fischbach on Seroyia the Abdallah Oriental Band Mascot and VP Ed Harvey, "See the presents

the horses left ya?"

There was a great turn out to meet Honorable Mandarin. For the festivities, the Mandarin was also visited by Midian Shrines and Akdar Shriners. A BIG thanx goes out to the 'Ladies of the Abdallah Oriental Band' for putting on a great feed afterwards. Especially since the Ladies also put on the 'Draggin' Ladies Degree' upstairs while the guys are getting busy downstairs. (You understand why there are no pictures.)

Finally, our Abdallah Oriental Band Texas Hold'em Tournament was the Band's first fund raiser for the year, tying the record for number of competitors. Again, a BIG thanx goes out to the 'Ladies of the Abdallah Oriental Band' for feeding the masses during intermission, always an anticipated feed.

Hoping everyone is having a great year so far and continued success.



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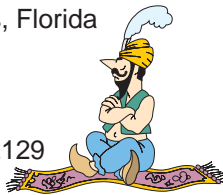
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Greetings to all Bandsmen: Amara Shriners is having a great beginning to the new year 2016. Amara has received a very good offer for the Shrine Center Building and Grounds in Palm Beach Gardens, which was accepted by the membership and the sale is under a ninety day Due Diligence period currently with the sale to be completed ninety days later. The Building is just too big and costly for the current membership and we are hoping to find a place acceptable to all and more appropriately sized.

The band has not increased membership in the last year, Amara Shriners held their first Ceremonial in three years at the end of March, the class consisted of 10 new members.

Unfortunately, we are not expecting to add new members from this class.

We hope all of the bandsmen and their families had a great winter and are now looking forward to a great time in Tampa at Imperial. We always renew old acquaintances and make new ones at Imperial.

Best wishes for a great spring and Imperial Session.

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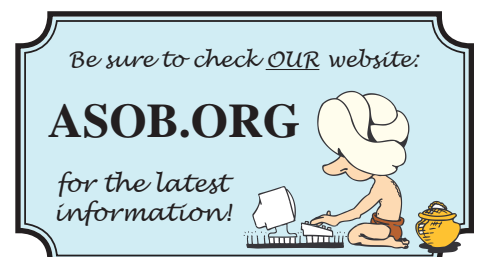
A New Year has begun and the Arabia Oriental Band is in full swing. We began with the induction of our new Divan by Imperial Potentate Jerry Gantt followed by the Potentate's Ball. A rousing time was had by all.

February started the parade season with the Conroe Rodeo Parade. Next came the College Classic Baseball Tournament sponsored by Shriners International. The games were shown on ESPN so the Shrine gained national attention.

March 8th is IHOP Day. Hope to raise a lot of money for the hospitals. On the 18th, we go to mid-winter in Amarillo, Texas. Looking forward to a great time.

We would like to invite everyone to the Texas Shrine Association Competition June 10-12 in Pasadena, Texas. The five active Oriental Bands in Texas will compete. If you have never heard the Khiva Band, then you are missing out. That's all for now.

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Due to the sale of the Bahia Shrine Center, it was necessary for all of the Units to pack up / pitch / or donate items for a "Temple Garage Sale" of unwanted or unused items.

President Millard Smith, Treasurer Robert Woodall and Yours Truly bore this chore and on Feb. 23rd and 26th, packed instruments, uniforms, etc., for Temple storage, marking these with red tape, blue tape for personal storage and black tape for trashing or the "Temple Garage Sale." The entire building had to be emptied by the early days of April.

Future Temple Stated Meetings will be held at various Shrine Clubs.

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

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Greetings from the green mountains of Vermont! Here it's almost April and the weather has been mild so far over the winter, know we are getting colder, hard to figure out what is coming next.

Our band hasn't started moving around yet and first parade is May 1st in Rutland called Loyalty Day. Then comes Springfield and Bellows Falls, Vermont, so far lined up for our parades.

Hoping all OBeers have a great year in competition and parades and remember our Ladder of Smiles and the kids.

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June 4th will be the next Ceremonial at Egypt, and as always, hopefully one or two and (wouldn't it be lovely) if three new Nobles would like to be affiliated with a fun group of Bandsmen and Ladies who enjoy the best music this side of Heaven!! The Band supplies instruments and uniforms ... so what could be better?

The Band is excited about the Imperial Session being held in Tampa, FL, 3 to 6 July 2016, and looking forward to meeting other Oriental Bandsmen and their Ladies.

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

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The Khiva Oriental Band along with Mike Pinson, our Khiva Shrine Assistant Rabban and current President of the Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands, hosted the TASOB Mid-Winter Conference on the weekend of March 18th-20th in Amarillo. Our weather turned "cool" and we heard about it from a few travelers but the skies cleared and the sun burned strongly on a cool Saturday afternoon. March is a very hard to predict month for weather so, considering we had snowfall the next Easter weekend, we were lucky with what Mother Nature dealt us. We are appreciative to those 19 who traveled up to the Central Texas Panhandle from Alzarfar (San Antonio), Arabia (Houston), Ft. Worth (Moslah) and Sharon (Tyler) Oriental

Bands. Don Moores, ASOB Secretary/Treasurer, from Amara Shrine of Palm Beach Garden Florida, had made arrangements to attend but Mother Nature had other plans as she cancelled flights from Florida to Texas due to the weather throughout the South. But, the ASOB was well represented with 1st V.P., Tom Crow and Lady Katie from Ft. Worth and 3rd V.P. Harry Pressman from Houston. The in-state journey to our Shrine can easily be as long as most of our states are wide, the farthest from Arabia OB came some 600 miles.

Our guests were shuttled from the host hotel to the Khiva Center Friday and Saturday for breakfast, lunch, dinners, meetings and games. Friday night supper was pulled pork and sides prepared by our master porkologist, Tim Beecher and father Rick. Afterwards, we withdrew to our third level for drinks, poker and some corn toss board play (or for those initiated, corn hole boards) with which our East Texas guests from Sharon Temple seemed to be very familiar. The raucous noise from the 21 tables in the background added to the ambiance that night.

The Gentlemen, after the Saturday meetings that morning, were busy with lunch and a shuffleboard tournament. The competition started after lunch with 8, 2-man teams and seemed to go on forever but concluded at 4PM. It was delightful that the usual shuffle hustlers were eliminated early and some new faces popped up in the finals. Congrats go to the team of Mike Pinson/Laurence Maloney for 1st, with Dave McCarthy/Mike Crafton 2nd, and at the rear at 3rd, Terry Posey/John Meyer. Hey, everyone's a winner here especially the with the entry fees to the Ladder of Smiles. Meanwhile, the Ladies traveled to the nearby town of Canyon where they shopped and ate lunch. Afterward, they were locked in "escape rooms" where they were challenged with solving a series of clues and puzzles, using logic, in 60 minutes, that when unraveled, would allow their escape. Word is that no one made it out of the rooms in time and they had to be

clued in on where the keys were - no comment here.

Saturday evening we had beef brisket and sausage and trimming and were serenaded by the newly reformed Khiva Stage Band. Hopefully, we provided enough entertainment and distraction for our visiting OB friends that they will remember their weekend spent in Amarillo at least until TSA. And next year Mid-Winter will be in what has to be a Texan's favorite in-state destination getaway, San Antonio. Our TASOB 2nd V.P., Bill Nanes has some serious plans afoot.

Our practices are doing well at this time. Since we don't have any new competition music on the Imperial front, there is none from our Texas Association either. We are about ready to start marching practice soon - things will start moving faster in preparation for the Texas Shrine Association All-State Competition 2016 in Pasadena, June 9th-12th. Our Housing Chairman has us staying at the Airport (Hobby) La Quinta. We will be right down the road from the competition site at the Pasadena Memorial Fairgrounds. So, be prepared to read about it in the next edition.

We are proud that our tambourine player Don Ellison has finished his time serving on the Hospital Board in Houston. There he spent 6 years as an associate member and 9 years as a regular board member. Don has served the most time anyone can on the board and as a result, he received an Emeritus Certificate in December. Don has had some medical problems but has mended. So when we see Don this year, we should make sure to thank him for his time on the board and providing such a great hospital connection to Khiva Shrine.

We have several new members that are coming on-board now. One is from KOB distant past - Marshall Pennington. We are proud to have him back and feel safer in that he has mellowed (reformed?) from times past and doing great on the base drum. The Horn section is really excited to have

a new member, Steven Keel. He is a relatively new, corruptible Shriner and we think he can actually read music but he is not letting on. Another new member is a master cabinet maker, Mr. Bill Hotchkiss. Bill crafted our new walk-thru trophy case around our Band Room door. It turned out to be truly big, bold, and beautiful. He also built a wonderfully hand-crafted rolling ice chest for our live auction at our January Crab-Fest fundraiser. Our new case is a great vessel for our awards and we were glad it was in place in time for the TASOB Mid-Winter. We think all three are gonna have some fun with us.

It's time to move on to the next chapter but before ending, let's pray for our leaders and decision makers to help provide the best for our Oriental Bands, Hospitals, Shrine Associations and Shrine Centers.

Until the fall edition,
the scribe



1st VP Bill Names goes for the kill



ASOB 1st VP Tom Crow makes sure it's all there from 'Doc' DiCaro of Arabia OB



Big business during the always secretive TASOB Director's Meeting



Comments and pointers from the gallery tend to be ignored



Discussion around a congested board hole



Good use for the 2nd place award



KOB Sultan was at Mid-Winter '16 and got this stupid hat



Never believe what is said in the hospitality room



Some of the great raffle prizes



TASOB 2nd VP Les Crawley of Sharon OB hands out a check for the LOS



TASOB Pres Mike Pinson - proud of his 1st place cup



The 21 tables were quiet early on



The breakfast omelet dudes at work



The First Lady of TASOB, Carole Pinson - the one behind it all



The new KOB 'walk thru' trophy case



It's time to eat again Bill



Winding down at the hotel

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The Band has changed! Our group has been revitalized, reinvigorated and renewed. Oriental Band Director, Howard Giesen has selected Tim Wycislak to be our Musical Director. Tim was a college music instructor in the previous life. He has been an outstanding horn player in our Band for many years.

Our practice schedule has been changed. We now meet every 2nd and 4th Friday at 7:30 P.M. in the music suite at Medinah.

Last year's Christmas Party at the Oasis was phenomenal. The food was superb. Roger and Millie Zacharias provided poinsettias for every couple. Chuck Masney tickled his electronic ivories and we all had a bang. (That's "bang" not "bong.")

Our participation at the spring ceremonial was outstanding! Our Arabic motif numbers enhanced the program for the 9 and thirty Sons of the Desert who joined our Shrine. Have a safe summer.

Bruce M. Allman, Scribe

MELHA
Springfield, Mass.

Chris Parker



Greetings my fellow OB brothers from the Northeast. Since everyone starts out by talking about the weather, so, I will as well. This year's winter was very mild I don't know if it is because Jeff moved to Florida or because I took a plowing job but between both of our luck everyone owes us a thanks for the great warm winter we had. Only had one broken pipe and a little water in a basement, nothing an aide can't handle. OK had enough of that, Good!

The band had a fantastic pasta night. The food was great, the entertainment was good and the drinks were... up to OB standards. (Don't want to get anyone in trouble!) The house made money, the band made money, and the Ladder of Smiles made money too. I love it when a plan comes together. Food, fun and, as always, fellowship.

Up here we have a saying - in March we start marching. Our first parade was out in Worcester and what a great day it was for a parade. The sun was out, nice light breezes and we were joined by our brothers from Rhode Island shiners who brought up their trailer. What fun we all had together once again. Not to be a broken record, but we can do so much more if we all work together. Thanks again guys we would have only been half as good without your support. Our next parade was Holyoke which is

one of the largest in the country might I add. Despite a threat of a nor'easter snow storm, everyone came out and the snow stayed away. Great crowd, lots of fun and most of all everyone involved had a great time. My shoulders are killing me but it was well worth it.

In closing I just want to plug the Ladder of Smiles, because that's what it's about. It's for the kids in our hospitals. I hope to see and meet all you folks coming to Tampa. Before you know it another year will be gone so make the best of it while you can. Remember the men and women who fight for our freedom. If you can help a brother out in need, do it because he will help you if you need it. And just because I like this phrase, "If everyone carried a tooth pick no one would have to carry the log."

Aleikum Es Salaam,
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Well I suspect most of you have "sprung" forward with the time change in March. This year is advancing too fast.

My Lady Sandy and I made the trek to Reading, PA, for their 8th Annual bash and their fine hospitality. A special THANK YOU goes to John Grumbien for all his finesse setting up the event. There are many others, but the list would take up the article. Suffice to say a big thank you to all!

This brings me to March for the T.A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter in Amarillo, TX, under the watchful eye of President Mike Pinson and his Lady Carole, Khiva Shrine and his trusty Sec./Treas. John Wilson. A weekend of events well planned. It never ceases to amaze me when Oriental Bandsmen come together. Poetry in motion! The

men had an awesome shuffle board tournament and the Ladies went off into the hinter lands to... you guessed it, shop! I managed to capture a few photos which you can view on face book on the ASOB site. As a point of interest, if you haven't discovered there are two different face book pages. If you use the search engine "plug" in ASOB for one then spell out association of shrine oriental bands for the other.

Next as March grinds down much is to be accomplished locally; then in April I will be going to S.E.S.O.B.A.s Hoedown which will be in Alexandria, Louisiana. An event which I don't plan to miss! I will report on events next article after Imperial. As I'm sure you realize Imperial will be in Tampa, FL, in July. We hope as many of you as possible can come on down to join President Jeff Moores and his officers in Tampa and enjoy the fun and hospitality with your fellow Oriental bandsmen. Until we meet again, go in peace.





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Greetings from the Great Northwest! I'm writing this from poolside in Sun City West as I am down here for my annual hijera for Mariners Spring Training and to see players who have lived with us during their stint with the Everett AquaSox. It's about 85 luscious degrees and my carcass is pain free.

The Band is in the throes of rebuilding the musette section. It is hoped that the section will be in shape for PNSOBA this coming August in Billings MT. I encourage all to put forth a good effort in this regard.

The parade season starts in LaConner on April 9th. It will be good to see Lila Long. Parades following are: Oak Harbor - April 23, Sequim - May 7, Bellingham - May 21, Port Orchard - June 25, Sedro-Woolley - July 4, Mount Lake Terrace - July 29, Lake City - August 6, PNSA - August 11-13, and lastly, Granite Falls - October 1.

I am saddened to report that Butch Hart, the Lady of our Director, Jim Hart, passed away this past end of December. She was a stalwart in the band, and was a better member than some of the Nobles. She is missed. Jim is working his usual magic for our routine at PNSOBA, it will be a delight I am sure.

I also congratulate Ed Broker for stepping up to be this year's Sultan again. He will do a commendable job. Darrick Hayman is Pasha 1,

Frank Martinez (who was one of my Masonic teachers when I went thru the 1st three degrees) is Pasha 2. Norm Wold and I are Treasurer and Secretary respectively. I wish us all luck in our endeavors.

That's about all my thumb can write on the I-Phone right now!

Stay Tuned!

Bruce Garner

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We have lost another valued member of the Oriental Band. Noble Ron Powell passed on 12th February 2016 in his 90th year. Noble Ron was a very active member of the Oriental Band for 42 years as Secretary & Treasurer. He relinquished these jobs to Noble Jim Woodley as Secretary and Noble Sean Hagan as Treasurer after serving the Band in these positions for 15 years. Ron was President of NESOBA (North East Shrine Oriental Bands Association) for 2005 & 2006. He was appointed as a "Life Member" of the unit after achieving the age of 80. As a unit, we will miss his advice and musical talent.



As an introduction to our "unit," the Oriental Band was usually the first formed in a Temple, the reason, to provide music?? for the Arab Patrol which was a "Marching Unit" in our early days. Premier Joey Smallwood requested our unit at the Confederation Ceremonies in St. John's.

In the mid nineties we had 3 Past Potentates in the unit: Illus. Sir Fred Jewer, Illus. Sir Viv Savage & Illus. Sir Frank Cordon.

Our numbers have been declined because of the "Black Camel" and "Father Time." If our numbers decline any further we will be unable to perform at ceremonies or installations. Oriental Music is not "rocket science" – if you can count to 7 we can teach you to play the musette, lovingly called the "Swinette" as it sounds like a cross between a clarinet and a squealing pig.

We meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, except August, at 1:30 at the Shrine Centre. All are welcome. Please help us to keep our tradition alive while there are still members who can do so.

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It's finally spring in the beautiful Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania. The Band has been busy the past few months. Noble Jay Huhn and his uncle, Don Heimbecker, were installed as our new President and Vice President respectively at Rajah's Mass Installation in mid January. We got blasted with a major snow storm the week after and everything came to a halt. I'm glad I was away and missed it.

In the beginning of February, the Band along with the Motor Corps of Rajah hosted the annual "Night at the Races" held at the Rajah Shrine Complex. The event was again sold out and all had a great time.

The following Friday found our groups together again at our Member Appreciation Dinner. This has become an annual event for our two units to show appreciation to our members for all the hard work put forth throughout the year. Noble 1st Vice President of M.A.S.O.B.A. Wayne Grumbein and wife Julie's son Jarrett entertained us with piano selections. What a great talent.

The last Saturday in February brought forth the annual Rajah/Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Band Ladies Night / Past President's Ball. This year we honored Rajah's most recent Past President Noble Doug Paulus. Thank you Noble Doug for all your help and guidance, especially with the horn section! Also this year, two of Rajah's members reached milestones with the Band. Illustrious Sir Larry Bortz presented Noble Don Hoffman Sr. with a 20 year service award and Noble John Marcin Jr. was the Band's first ever recipient of a 50 year service award. I am proud to say that I've know John for all of those 50 years and maybe a few more. My late father

George and John were right by my side the day I joined Shrine. Lucky me! I think. Noble Ted Werkheiser Jr. did a fantastic job with the hospitality room as always. We were honored to have in attendance A.S.O.B. President Jeff Moores and Secretary / Treasurer Past President Don Moores along with Past President Dave McCarthy and his Lady Sandy. President Moores accepted donations to the Ladder of Smiles that accounted for over \$5,000.00. I might add that one of those donations was from Wayne and Julie's son Jarrett as he unselfishly gave the money he earned by playing the piano at the Member Appreciation Dinner the week before. I may add also that Jarrett is only 13 years old. Not only a great talent but a great heart. Wayne and Julie can be very proud of this young man. He's had a fine upbringing.

We're now getting over the Rajah Shrine Circus for 2016. The Band took care of distribution of novelties under the leadership of Ted Werkheiser, Jr. He not only can tap camel's milk and mix drinks, he takes charge of all the novelties for the show. Now if we can only get that circus music out of our heads.

In closing, please remember the kids in our hospitals and remember the Ladder of Smiles.

John

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It has been a warmer than usual winter and now the spring flowers are starting to push through. Hopefully the golf courses will be open soon.

Parade season started March 26 with the Easter Parade in Pickering. We had 7 bandsmen on our float and hopefully will have these Nobles out for the rest of the season. Our O'Band is nearly depleted. Two musettes, 2 sidedrums, bass drum and cymbals.

Our Potentate Al Berry rode with us and was dressed out in his finest slave costume (can we say slave?) and played the tambourine. The parade weather was not too bad at this time of year and fingers were not too cold. We have 10-12 parades to attend starting the first weekend in June right through to the last in December. Quite a schedule.

Our annual St. Patrick's Dance was held on March 19 and a good time was had by all. Quite a few Nobles were still in the sunny south so numbers were down but still we had good time.

Our group is struggling to stay afloat and it is very hard due to age and just plain apathy to keep going.

We take part in the Spring and Fall Ceremonial of Rameses Temple each year and are looking forward to Niagara Falls in June. Don't know what Rameses will do if our band decides to go dark.

We are not sure if anyone will be at the Imperial Session in Tampa this year. Would like to, but with the exchange on the U.S. Dollar fewer Canadian Nobles will be travelling to the U.S this year. Plus because of age, health insurance to travel is exorbitant.

Until next time, keep smiling and remember the Ladder of Smiles.

SAHIB

Sarasota, Florida

Paul Pante
915 Southern Pine Lane
Sarasota, FL 34243
(941) 351-1356
mrnice20@hotmail.com



Happy spring to all you fellow OBers throughout the country. January and February have been very quiet months for us here OB land Sarasota. Hats off to EL KARUBAH Oriental Band for hosting the Southeastern Hoedown. Billy O'Neal will show you a good time in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Age is certainly creeping up on our bands across the country, this is very sad. I remember when the great Sahib OB use to get 25 to 30 hotel rooms everywhere they went. Unfortunately,

we are lucky to get 14 at our practice. We have three musette horns left in our band and one working himself up and doing very well.

It is always nice to have our ladies go with us out to supper. We enjoy having a nice social hour before dinner and lots of laughs after dinner. I am the one they're laughing at - ha ha.

We are definitely getting ready for the Imperial Convention in Tampa. We are also bringing our float for the night parade. All are welcome to join with us. I hope we have some good competition and several bands.

Our first parade started off in Arcadia, Florida, some 55 miles east of Sarasota. This town is like the wild West. We had a good band turnout for the parade in Arcadia, lots of people lining the street also.

Floyd Ladue, our band director, says bring them on, we'll play any band at any time. Hope to see you all in Tampa for the Imperial Session.

Yours in the faith:
Greek

ZEM ZEM
Erie, Pennsylvania

Keith Oviatt
366 Patti Lane
Pittsfield, PA 16340
(814) 563-4286 / knjoviatt@verizon.net



Since my last article we have recruited a couple of new members. Dick Sullivan (the younger), transferred his membership from Aloha to Zem Zem. He joined Aloha while in the service. Shortly after, his dad Dick Sullivan (the elder) joined, Dick has taken to leading parades with his new swords while dad is driving the truck to pull our float.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Temple with nearly all band members and their Ladies in attendance, also present was Ill. Sir Ed Ferris, Chief Raban Bill Sopp, and Recorder Ill. Sir Jeff Stephenson. The Mellish family were our guests of honor with the Oriental Band Sweetheart, 10 year old Emily. She had recently undergone her first leg lengthening procedure. It was announced that her left leg is now one and a half inches longer. Since then she has had her second round of operations on the leg to lengthen some more.

We are in the process of getting ready for our 20th Annual Reverse Drawing which is our main fund raiser for the year. We are also starting to dust off our instruments for the upcoming parade season.

MASOBA Past Presidents John Seastead and myself along with Ambassador Dick Sullivan and ladies attended the MASOBA Mid Winter meeting in February.

Good, better, best - never let it rest until good is better and better is best!

Until next time

A.S.O.B. Music Academy Workshops

*This year at Imperial in Tampa
we will hold the first of our
Music Academy Workshops.*

- Fundamentals of reading music scores for musettes and other instruments hosted by Paul Gluck
Monday 7/4 2:00-3:30, Suite TBA

- Fundamentals of playing the Djembe (West African Drum) hosted by Chris Tsaros
**Monday 7/4 3:30-5:00,
Hospitality Room**



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Melha Oriental Band

*Wishes the ASOB another
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Ladder of Smiles*



**We meet every Friday night for social
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ACCA ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$2,222.00
RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,688.00
LANCASTER CO. ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,665.00
MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,410.00
AL KADER ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$1,115.00
ABOU BEN ADHAM ORIENTAL BAND ...	\$1,000.00

11-15

BENI KEDEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00
MOCHA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00
EL RIAD ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$925.00
ARABIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$843.00
ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$835.00

OTHER BANDS

EL KARUBAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$655.00
ARARAT ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$617.00
MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$555.00
ABDALLAH ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$500.00
SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND.....	\$300.00
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ASOB Communications Manager Wanted

The ASOB Communications Manager will conceptualize, plan and implement ASOB's internal and external communications. (See full discription in September 2015 issue.)

A letter of application along with a full CV should be sent to: Chris Tsaros 3rd Vice President, ASOB at :

christsaros@gmail.com

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@elmore.rr.com**. For those who need to submit a photo, please e-mail a high resolution photo for better quality. Articles written for the Na Khabar may be edited. Thank you!

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ASSOCIATION OF SHRINE ORIENTAL BANDS INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES OF MID-WINTER MEETING

Alexandria, Louisiana - April 21-24, 2016



The 2016 Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International, Mid-Winter Meeting was held in conjunction with the Southeast Shrine Oriental Association's Annual Hoedown in Alexandria, Louisiana.

The A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting was opened by President Jeff Moores on April 23, 2016 at 1:15 PM with welcoming remarks for all in attendance and a thank you to the El Karubah Oriental Band for allowing the A.S.O.B. to join in their Annual Hoedown.

A prayer was offered and the Shrine pledge was given to the U.S. and Canadian Flags.

A.S.O.B. Officers, Past Presidents and appointees in attendance were:

Jeff Moores	Paul Gluck
Tom Crow	Michael Hartup
Chris Tsaros	Norm Wold
Harry Pressman	Joe Brewton
Don Moores	David McCarthy
W.E. "Billy" O'Neal	Ronnie McCormick

Proceedings: The Officers in turn reviewed any previously unprinted activities after the last publication of the *Na Khabar*. Sergeant at Arms Darren DeHass, P.P. had been previously excused because of a previous commitment.

Secretary/Treasurer Don Moores mentioned that the Annual Meeting Minutes had omitted the presentation of By-Law changes. He moved the minutes be amended to include the discussion of the By-Law changes and the vote of the members acceptance. This motion passed at the Mid-Winter Meeting and the Annual Meeting Minutes were amended to include the referenced By-Law changes.

The Secretary/Treasurer then stated the By-Laws had been sent to the Jurisprudence Committee at Imperial for their approval. It was also stated a Letter of Acceptance of the By-Law change had been received from Imperial Sir Jack Jones and the By-Laws returned with all of the proper signatures.

A motion was made by the Secretary/Treasurer that a resolution to cover changes to the signature authorities for two accounts be drawn up and filed with the Royal Bank of Canada and the Edward Jones investment account. Chris Tsaros noted that a letter should go with this resolution to the Royal Bank of Canada stating that Peter Lawn had passed away on November 1, 2015 and he

held one of the signature authorities for the RBC. The new persons to hold Signature Authority over the RBC would be Chris Tsaros, Michael Hartup and Don Moores; the Edward Jones Investment account would be Mahlon Hariu, and Don Moores. By vote of the members present the motion carried.

Further discussion was held regarding the operation of the Association as a business. The By-Laws call for a Band that has not paid the current years dues by the time of the annual meeting to be suspended. Discussion followed to determine the method of reinstatement. It was moved and seconded a re-application to the Association for reinstatement along with the payment of dues for the year the band was suspended and the current year's dues. By vote of the members present the motion carried.

In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer will send a second notice card to member bands which had not paid their current year's dues in the April timeframe. Also, advertisers in the *Na Khabar* would also be sent an invoice for their ads. This did not required a motion.

The cost of printing the one issue of the *Na Khabar* was discussed; the costs for the January 2016 issue were:

Layout	\$ 700.00
Printing	\$1,625.13
Packaging, mailing & postage.....	<u>\$1,860.46</u>
Total	\$4,185.59

Discussion was held regard going to 100% Electronic Issues because of the cost of the printing and mailing services. The Layout costs continue for the electronic issues because of the formatting, etc, is required for the electronic issues. The final decision relating to the *Na Khabar* would be continued at our next meeting in Tampa.

The new award for Bandsman of the Year was discussed and a letter of recommendation was received from his Potentate and the Ambassador of his home region were read. It was moved and seconded that the nominee be the first Bandsman of the year. This plaque will be presented before the membership of his temple and/or his band at a convenient time.

Tom Crow brought up the issue of the Band Competition for the year 2017 at either Imperial Session or a Jamboree. The number of bands competing at Imperial has been

steadily dropping since 2007 and the issue was to have a Jamboree at a more central part of the country. Tom has been talking with a Kansas City, MO hotel and has determined that would be a better location than at Imperial. Another advantage was that all of the bands could stay together in one hotel and have the camaraderie of being together. The motion was made, by Tom Crow, seconded by Harry Pressman, to hold the 2017 Competition at a Hoedown in Kansas City, MO on March 31, April 1-2, 2017. By vote of the members present the motion carried.

The request by Imperial Sir Chris Smith and Lady Ethel to be escorted into the Pageant by the Oriental Band to Mardi Gras type music, i.e., When the Saints Go Marching In. was discussed. We determined this could be done as a combined band of members from the bands remaining in Tampa on Wednesday morning.

A discussion was held regarding the duties of the Quartermaster. It was determine that there should be a common clearing house for all of the items donated for bands trying to get started. There was an issue in Houston last year because three boxes of uniforms were brought to Houston for the Temple in Panama , however, they never contacted anyone about the uniforms and they were taken back whence they came. They will be in Tampa this year, they promised to take possession of the uniforms and any instruments which may be available.

A discussion was held regarding a fraternal fundraiser for the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International. All funds collected for the Ladder of Smiles go directly to Imperial or the Hospitals. With the decline of membership in the association the dues do not cover the operating expenses. The final decision will be continued to a later date.

The meeting was closed by the President, Jeff Moores, Once again thanking the SESOBA for allowing the ASOB to be a part of their Hoedown. President Moores also thanked the El Karubah member for their hospitality and especially their Ladies who did such a wonderful job of decorating, providing food, and handling the raffles. The meeting was closed at 2:40PM.

1ST ANNUAL A.S.O.B. JAMBOREE



March 31, April 1 & 2

Kansas City, Missouri
Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza



*We are excited to invite all Oriental Bands to participate
in this exciting first for Oriental Bands.
Make plans to join us in performing at this one-of-a-kind band competition.*

REGISTRATION

\$125.00 per Noble (Includes Nobles Awards Dinner)

HOTEL

\$109.00 per night plus tax (Includes breakfast buffet each morning)

LADIES AWARD DINNER TICKETS

Available for \$30.00

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 31st

- Arrive at or after 1:00PM
- Hospitality Room Open 1:00PM till 5:00PM
- Dinner on your own at one of the great restaurants in Kansas City.
- Hospitality Room Opens 8:00PM until 11:00PM

Saturday April 1st

- Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet in the hotel dining room.
- Competition @ 9:00AM
- Hospitality Room Opens 1:00PM til 4:00PM
- Cocktails 6:00PM to 6:30PM
- Awards Dinner 6:30PM / Dress Band Shirts & Fez
- Hospitality Room Open After Awards.

Sunday April 2nd

- Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet in the hotel dining room before departing.
- Have a Safe Trip Home

August 4th, 5th and 6th

PNSOBA

Dear bandsmen,

We have finished making all the arrangements for your stay in Billings MT during the summer PNSOBA 2016 session! We are looking forward to seeing each of you again.

We will have all of the Bands in one hotel this year. We will be staying at one of the nicest hotels in Billings, The Crowne Plaza. It is right downtown with lots of dining and watering holes all around. We are not far from Al Bedoo Temple or anything else in Billings for that matter. I will caution you to make your reservations ASAP if you are planning on attending. That weekend starts a flurry of events in our city and hotel space will fill up very quickly. If we run out of our room block of 40 rooms early enough we can extend the block and get some extra rooms. You must get your rooms reserved by July 4th 2016. After that date I cannot guarantee that you can get a room or what kind of rates you will pay. I would suggest that you reserve a room even if you are not sure, you can always cancel if your plans change. Please use the code "PNS" when booking your room so they can make sure and get you into the PNSOBA block of rooms.

We will be putting together a small packet for the weekend letting you know where everything is at and how to get there. That info will be here for you on your arrival.

We will be having an executive meeting at the Hotel on Thursday afternoon @ 3pm. Followed by the PNSOBA/Directors meeting @ 4pm. The 4pm meeting is open to all members, but all band's Directors, Presidents and Sultans are required to attend, so please make your travel plans accordingly. The hotel reader boards will announce where in the hotel the meetings will be held.

One a final note, I have procured the Governor's Suite in the hotel as our hospitality room. Having one hospitality room gives all the bands and our significant others a better opportunity for camaraderie and fellowship. You can either bring your own oasis or have us get it for you. If you want us to purchase, please send me a list of what you would like us to purchase for your band members and along with a check to cover the cost. We will provide any mix needed and a few snacks/munchies.

If you have any questions please feel free to email or call me directly and I will do my best to answer all of your questions.

Fraternally yours,

Darren DeHass P.P.
President PNSOBA 2016
darren@blujazz.net
406-860-0222

Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza
27 North 27th Street, Billings Montana, 59101
\$135 USD per night
(406) 252-7400
Use Code "PNS" when making your reservation to get you into our block of rooms.

Great Lakes Shrine Oriental Band Association Jamboree 2016

June 2nd to June 5th

Nobles Only Event

Registration Fee this year will be \$100 per person

Please send checks to

Greg Camp at 8036 Lippincott Blvd., Davison, MI 48423

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: EKT FLINT SHRINE ORIENTAL BAND (A unit of Elf Khurafeh Temple)

The 2016 G.L.S.O.B.A Jamboree will be held at the Best Western Hotel in Flint, Michigan (Mundy Twp, NOT City of Flint water) at Hill Road, 6075 Hill 23 Drive off US 23 Expressway.

We have blocked 40 rooms until May 19, 2016. Hotel can only guarantee these rooms until that date. The hotel phone number is (810) 233-9000 please call and reserve your rooms and don't forget to mention the Oriental Band Jamboree for the best room location and cost. Rooms will be \$89.95 plus 11% tax = \$99.85 per night per room.

GOLF

The golf outing on Friday 9AM is at the Beautiful TYRONE GOLF COURSE, located just off US23 at exit #75 (Center Road). The cost will be \$30.00, 18 holes w/cart, meet back at the hotel for lunch. Please let us know how many golfers you will have when you send in your registration money, so we can prepare. If possible send your team names so we can get you in the carts together.

Please direct questions to Dan Schultz @ 810-820-2042 or Gary Philburn at 810-938-0444 or John Winters, Jr. at 989-295-8330

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 2, 2016

3:00PM – Check-in & Registration Open

3:00PM – Hospitality Room Open

Dinner on you own

Friday, June 3, 2016

7:00AM – 10:00AM - Hot Breakfast available in hotel lobby

8:00AM – Golf registration and transportation in hotel lobby

7:30AM – Hospitality Room Open

9:00AM – Golf Tee Off time at Tyrone Hills Golf course

5:00PM – Director's Meeting & Election of Officers in the Banquet Room – 2nd Floor

7:00PM – Jam Session– Banquet Room – 2nd Floor

Dinner on your own

Saturday, June 4, 2016

6:00AM – 9:00 AM – Breakfast in the Hotel Lobby

7:30AM – Hospitality Room Open

11:00AM – Band Competition – Banquet Room

1:00PM – Lunch – Banquet Room

6:30PM – Banquet & Awards Ceremony – Banquet Room

Sunday, June 5, 2016

6:00AM – 9:00AM - Hot Breakfast in Hotel Lobby

A.S.O.B. BANDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



I. Purpose:

The purpose of the A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award is to recognize an Oriental Band member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the A.S.O.B., to the Ladder of Smiles, to his Shrine Center, and to his Oriental Band.

II. Criteria

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- a. Member in good standing in his Shrine Center
- b. Letters of recommendation from the Potentate of his Shrine Center and the Area A.S.O.B. Ambassador.
- c. Demonstrated Leadership within his band, and the A.S.O.B.
 1. Willingness to assist and lead where possible
- d. Identifiable support for the Ladder of Smiles
 1. Responsible for coordinating and managing a fundraiser for his band and or Shrine Center.
- e. Attendance at either his Regional Association Meetings or Imperial Session.
- f. Must demonstrate goodwill towards all OB Members

III. Nomination

Nominations should be submitted to the A.S.O.B. Secretary/Treasurer prior to the A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting. All Nominations will be reviewed by the A.S.O.B. Executive Committee to ensure that the candidate meets all of the criteria. If more than one nomination has been submitted, they will vote on the candidates.

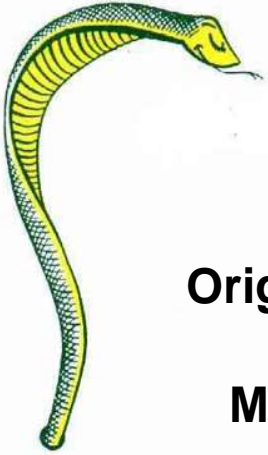
IV. Award Presentation

The A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award will be presented by the A.S.O.B. President. The presentation will take place during a Stated Meeting of the Bandsman of the Year's Home Shrine Center. In the event the A.S.O.B. President is not available to personally make the presentation, he may select another A.S.O.B. Line Officer to perform the presentation.

V. Award

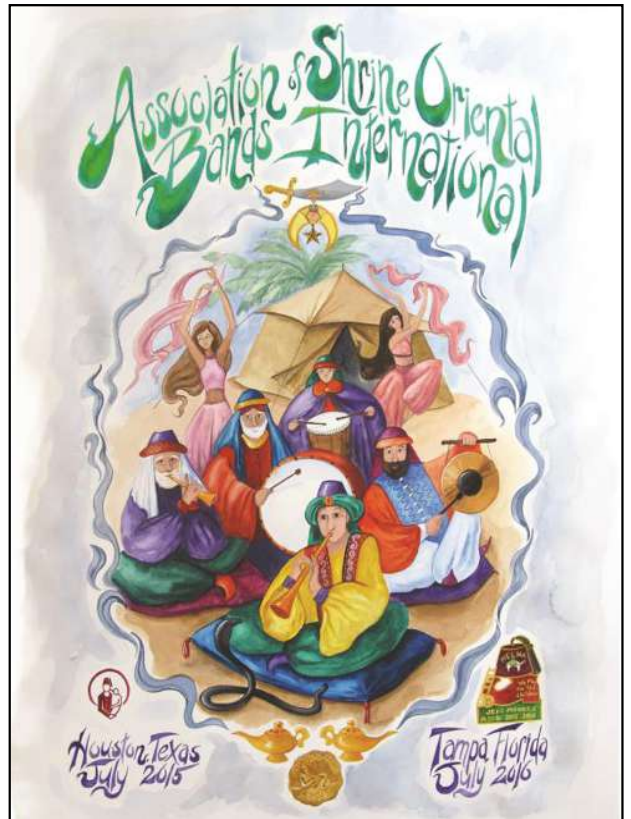
The A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award will be a plaque with the A.S.O.B. Logo, A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award, Year, Member's Shrine Center, and his Name in letters the same size as the title Line (A.S.O.B. Bandsman...)

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47 Chestnut Trail
Tequesta, FL 33469
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2016 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 3 - 6, 2016



A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Tampa Airport - Westshore

4500 W Cypress St, Tampa, FL 33607

Phone: (813) 879-4800



Contact Don Moores, A.S.O.B Secretary / Treasurer for all questions:

Phone: (561) 747-9898 / Email: shrinerdon@bellsouth.net

Mail form to: Don Moores, Re: 2016 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session
47 Chestnut Trail, Tequesta, FL 33469-2129

***** Room Rate is \$121.00/night (plus tax) AND \$20.00 Imperial Fee *****

To: Don Moores

Re: 2016 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session

47 Chestnut Trail

Tequesta, FL 33469-2129

Home: (561) 747-9698

A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

DoubleTree by Hilton

4500 W Cypress St.

Tampa, FL 33607

(813) 879-4800

I/We plan to attend the 2016 ASOB Imperial Session. Please reserve a room at the **ASOB Headquarters Hotel**, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tampa Airport - Westshore

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

Hilton Honors Card # _____

Please remit \$121.00 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 2016

Saturday, July 2nd

4:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Gardenia/Azalea

Sunday, July 3rd

9:00 am Elected Officers Location: Palm Court
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, no jewel and no nametag
Host: Jeff Moores

10:30 am Executive Committee Meeting Location: Palm Court
Dress: ASOB shirt, tan pants, no fez, no jewel and no nametag
Host: Jeff Moores

1:00–3:00 pm Competition & Delegate Registration .. Location: Hospitality Room
Banquet Tickets Pick-Up
Hosts: Harry Pressman and Darren DeHass

3:00–5:00 pm President's Reception, Open to All Location: Hospitality Room
Dress: Maroon jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie, jewel, nametag & fez
Ladies Dress: Business casual attire with nametag
Host: Jeff Moores

5:30 pm Music Director's Meeting Location: Palm Court
Dress: Casual
Host: Chris Tsarsos, 2nd VP

7:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Gardenia/Azalea

Monday, July 4th

9:00 am Make-up Room Opens Location: Jasmine

10:00 am Parade Competition Location: Parking Lot
Dress: For officers that are not competing: ASOB shirt, tan pants or
shorts, jewel, nametag, and fez
Ladies Dress: Red, White and Blue mix and nametag
Host: Chris Tsarsos, 2nd VP

After Parade Fantasy Competition Location: Cypress/Oakbrook

Competition times are subject to change based on number of bands registered.

After Fantasy Hospitality Room OpensLocation: Gardenia/Azalea
Light Lunch to be Served
Delegate Registration Location: Hospitality Room
Banquet Tickets Pick-Up
Hosts: Harry Pressman and Darren DeHass

2:00 pm Music Reading Workshop..... Location: Suite TBA

3:30 pm Djember Workshop Location: Hospitality Room
Hospitality Room Closes for Workshops, will re-open after
dinner, approximatly 7pm

Tuesday, July 5th

9:00 am ASOB Annual Meeting Location: Pinewood
Dress: Red Jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie jewel, name tag and fez
Host: Jeff Moores

9:00 am Ladies Brunch Location: Palm Court
Dress: Business Casual by invitation
Host: Katie Crow

6:00 pm Social Hour (no host) Location: Woodland Foyer
Dress: Formal Tux with White Dinner Jacket, white tux shirt, black
tux pants, black shoes, jewel & fez (No nametag)
Ladies Dress: Formal (Cocktail Attire)

7:00 pm Awards Banquet /Installation Location: Lake Forest Ballroom
Dress: Same as Reception
Host: Jeff Moores/Tom Crow
Hospitality Room Will Open Following Banquet

Wednesday, July 6th

9:00 am Pageant for New Imperial Potentate and Public Installation
Location: East Hall Convention Center
The Oriental Bands have been asked to lead in Deputy Imperial Potentate,
Chris Smith, for the Pageant, IF WE CAN GET A COMMITMENT FROM A
BAND TO PERFORM.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

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

Imperial Session 2016

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Tampa Airport - Westshore
4500 W Cypress St, Tampa, FL 33607

President's Award / Incoming President's

Banquet

JULY 5, 2016

COCKTAILS (*no host*) 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

Please mark your choice of Entree, \$50.00 per person, U.S. Funds.

_____ Pan Seared Black Grouper w/ Sauteed Baby Spinach, Rock Shrimp, Kalamata Olives, Tear Drop Tomatoes, Artichoke Hearts drizzled with a lemon Buerre Blanc

_____ Herb Roasted Airline Chicken Breast stuffed with Goat Cheese, Baby Spinach, Crisp Pancetta, Fresh Sage, with Sun-Dried Tomato Cream Sauce

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2016

NOBLE'S NAME: _____

LADY'S NAME: _____

SHRINE CENTER: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Please make your cheques/checks payable to Harry Pressman and remit to:

Harry Pressman
10606 Glenfield Circle
Houston, TX 77096

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:
Chris Tsaros
9803 Oakfield Dr. SW
Calgary, AB, Canada T2V 1R7

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: _____



It must be declared at the Music Directors Meeting and must be the Last Song Played.

Please feel free to contact Jeff Moores if you would like a copy of the music!

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2015)

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)
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

There will be 4 classifications consisting of Small, Medium, Large and Unlimited Bands. The band assignment and classification to a category will be made at the Music Director's Meeting based on each bands registration information.

- 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 selected from the A.S.O.B Library 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.

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.

Appearance: March capability, attention to Director, as well as movements both on stage and street.

Overall Music Presentation: Playing ability, music of Oriental or Mid East 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 a selected member of the Fantasy Committee.

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

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