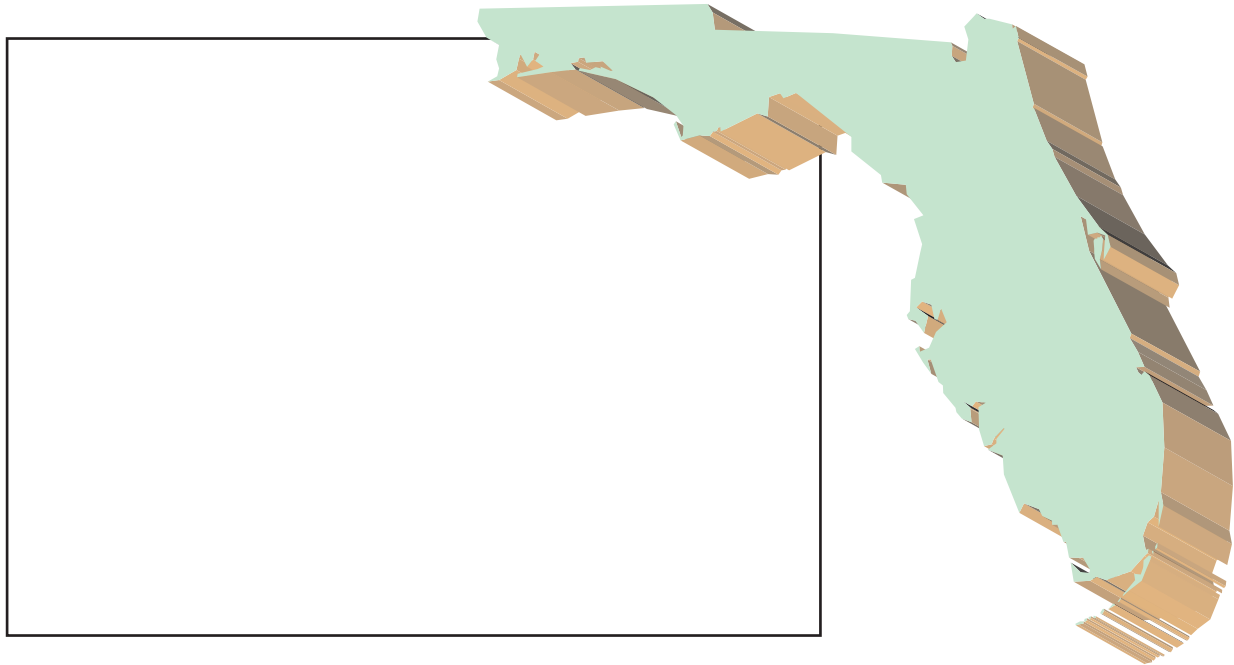


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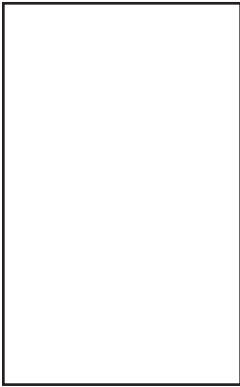
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PRESIDENT
Jeff Moores

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

and then in Denver, I had a number of Past Presidents put the hard sell on It has been a lot of fun traveling the 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 are putting things in place that will help the Association. However, there is still more work to be done.

6LQFH P\ODVW DUWLFOH DG DDP have traveled to Tampa for the East- everything with the Doubletree for 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. This year, we were treated with a cold day in the 50s.

In February, we traveled up to Reading, Pennsylvania, for the the Rajah/Lancaster County OB Ladies 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 collected over \$5000 in donations for dancing late into the night.

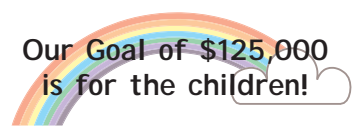
As I write this, we are still preparing that will be held in conjunction with Louisiana. The reservations for this event is already over 80 people, so it seems to be shaping up to be a great Oriental Band Music and get some true southern hospitality. I am also looking forward to a few more Association

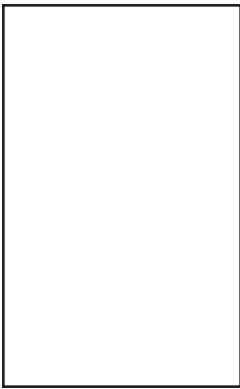
In July we are heading back this year. We already have tentative commitment from four bands to come and are still hoping for more. Please get your reservations in early as we already have 20 rooms of our 30 room block filled and our deadline is fast approaching. We reserved less rooms this year, because for several years we didn't 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 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 Tuesday will be our Annual Meeting 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 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 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 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 of the monies collected so far is from a donation made in my mother's memory in support of that specific use. of a competition, but the real winner in this competition is our Children in a long way to go to reach the \$125,000 goal that I set. Please dig deep and your Oriental Band can. As I said, the real winners are the Kids!





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

need to make plans for the bands to come and enjoy the fellowship and fun you can 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 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 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.

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, 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.

Tom Crow



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Chris Tsaros

ing for the 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 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 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 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 WKHQVSHDGWKHZRUGHVZHSRMGH a ton of health benefits and a good dose of RD81FRPHDQGMRLQXV Till the next edition then, Play 0XVLF6WDH DOWK\



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Harry Pressman

As we approach Imperial, I was reminded that several bands have not yet participated in "Ladder of 6PLOHVμ IRU

1REOHVWKLVRXUFKDULWDQGRXU 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 WR0LN3LQVRQ7\$62%3UHVLGHQW and his Lady Carole for an out-standing weekend.

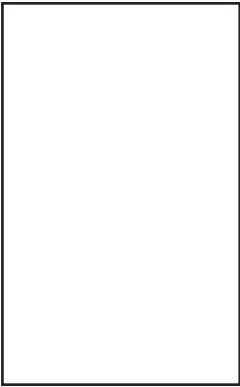
I am looking forward to going to Alexandria, LA, for the El Karubah "Hoe-Down" on April 21st. Also LQFOXGHG ZLOO EH WKH \$62% 0LG ZLQWHU6KRXOGEHDIDQWDVWVLFZHH

1RZIRUWKHJRRGVWXIISVRIWKLV 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 VHQPFRXUFKHFNS\$37KDWVDOO for now. Looking forward to seeing you in Tampa.

In the Faith

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

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



**SECRETARY
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Don Moores

Greetings
Fellow
Bandsmen! As
we are looking
forward
to another
successful
Imperial
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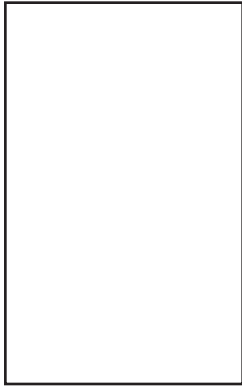
in Tampa this year from July 3 - 6, 2016, the hotel reservations have been coming in very slowly. As of this date, March 31st, we only have 11 rooms reserved, the date for turning rooms back to the hotel that are unused or above our commitment is June 1, 2016. Basically, if your room is not reserved 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.

XHV IRWLFHV ZHUH PDLOHG WRH PLGGOHRII RMPEHU7KHWRWDOQXPEHU of bands which have paid their dues as of this date is 45 Bands with 626 members. Please check with your 6HFUHWDLVWVRPDMVXUHRXUEDOGKDY DLG XHV IRU \$62% XHV FDUGV PDLOHG WR WKHLU 6HFUHWDLVWVRPDMVXUHRXUEDOGKDY shown on the information provided on the Dues Form.

We are looking forward to the \$62% OLG:LQWHU 6HVLRQ LQ Alexandria, LA, on April 21-24, 2016, LQ FRQMXQFWLRQ ZLWK WKH 62% Hoedown. There are 81 Bandsmen and ladies registered to attend. We expect 3DVW 3UHVVLGHQW %LOO\2C1HDO, DQG KLV fellow bandsmen will have an excellent ZHHNQGSDDQHGIRUXV2XU\$62% 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 WLPHWKLVVXHRWKH1\$.%\$5LV available on the website.

\$OHLXP(V6HODP
Don Moores

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**LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN**
Michael Hartup

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.

7KH6RXWK(DVWHUQ6KULQH2ULHQWDO Band Association Hoedown in Alexandria LA, hosted by El Karubah Oriental Band, was also the location IRUWKH\$62%OLG:LQWHU0HHWLOJ Anything El Karubah does they do with VWOHBMXQ6WOH*RRGIRRGJRRG friends and good fun!

President Jeff announced his goal of raising \$125,000.00 for the Ladder RI6PLOHVWKLVDU\$OWKRXJKW6LVZDV 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 RUGHUIRUPVLVQWKH1D.KDEDUDQGDQO SRFHGGVEHQHILWVKH/DGGHURI6PLOHY ,PSULDO 6HVLRQ LV LQ 7DPD FL, July 3 - 6, 2016. It is not too late to register you or your band. The information and a new schedule RIHOWV DUH LQ WKLVLVXHXRIWKH1D 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 6HVVRQ LQ 7DPD PDNLWDRLQWVR visit your hospital and see how much your donations matter. Remember, the smiles of DO make it all worthwhile.

I bid you peace...
Mike

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**CENTRAL
STATES**
Rick Moody

Greetings from
the Bands
of Central
6WDWHV ,KR\$ everyone has
had a wonderful
ZLQWHU 6SLQJ is in the air
here in Middle

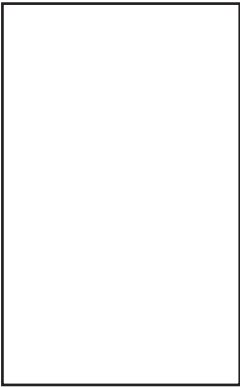
America and with that, parade season has already begun. Here in Topeka,

6D6W3DWULFM D\3DUDGH ZDV held several weeks ago that attracted well over 30,000 spectators. Arab Temple's Oriental Band participated in the parade serenading the crowd ZLWK RXU ILQH RULHQWDO WXQH Patrick's Parades are generally very well attended in many towns and cities LQWKHRIQWUDO6WDWHV5HJLRQ:KI great opportunity it is to showcase your 6LVZDV let people know how great it LVWREHD6KULQHU7UWREHDVDFWJ 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.

6RPH EDQGV KDM VDLG WKH\DUH having a tough time getting new members to join their Oriental Band. We have found out that playing at different functions such as parades, ceremonies, festivals and community events seems to draw new members LQWR RXU IROG 3OD\3OD\3OD\RX might be surprised how this will help get new members and have fun. Having 6RPH seems to attract new membership.

Well, that's all for now. Remember why we play. It's for the Kid's and 5HPHPEHUWKH/DGGHU2I6PLOHV

RXUVLQWKH)DLWK
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 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, sold and both Temples are searching for existing sites or contemplating building smaller facilities due to drop in memberships.

Moore's of Amara, and (The Greek) efforts on submitting articles to the *Na Khabar* and their Band's faithful and the children in the hospitals.

*RG%OHVVRX*RG%OHVV2XU
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

OLG:LQWHU 0HHWLQJ RI 0\$62%\$ 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

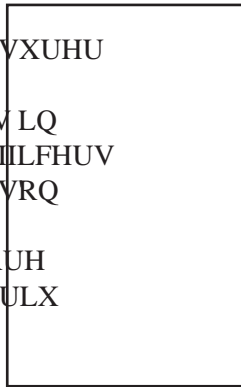
with a prayer and the pledge to the IODJ 7KH 6HFUHWDU\DQG 7UHDVXUHU reports were given and approved. There ZHUH 0\$62%\$ 3DVW 3UHVVLGHQWV LQ DWWHQGDQFHDVZHODV\$62%RIILFHUV 3UHVVLGHQW-HIIORRUHV6HF7UHDVVRQ Moores, Past Pres. David McCarthy, 6U 6HF7UHDV (PHULWXV %XG 0RRUH -U6HF7UHDV(PHULWXV0DKORQDULX and Ambassador Keith Oviatt. A collection was taken for the Ladder of 6PLOHV,WZDVRQPRWLRQDQGDSRMG that \$1,000.00 be taken from the 7UHDVXUIRUWKH/DGGHURI6PLOHV3DVW 0\$62%\$ 3UHVVLGHQW -RKQ 6HDVWHDDG 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 Counties Oriental Bands were honored at the banquet. A collection was given by 3DQWH RI 6DKLE IRU WKHLU FRQWUDXHO for the efforts on submitting articles to the *Na Khabar* and their Band's faithful /DGGHURI6PLOHVDPHXQLQJWR following the banquet, music was provided for listening and dancing.

5HPHPEHU WKH /DGGHU RI 6PLOHVH ORVW RQH 0\$62%\$ 3DVW 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.

5HPHPEHU WKH /DGGHU RI 6PLOHVH and the children we help.



**NEW YORK/
ONTARIO**

Bob Jones

Greetings from the Great un-ZKLWH 1RUWK This winter has seen the least amount of snow in decades.

Tha nk goodness the snow blower wasn't out once this season is upon us. However only two EDQGVQRZHLVWLQDOORI1HZRUN 2QWDULR 7KHUH DUH QR EDQGV LQ 1H RUNDWH

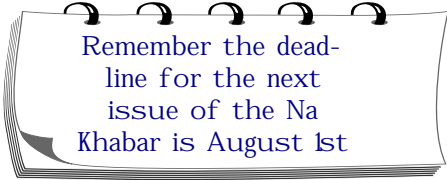
This year was the last hurrah for WKH 5DPHVHV6XGEXU\ 6KULQH 0XE Too bad, but age and apathy have taken over and the band has gone dark.

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 RI 6PLOHV DQG DUH VWLOO PHPEHUV 1217

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 QRZRQO\WZR EDQGV LQ 1217

it has been suggested joining either *UHDW/DNVRU1RUWK(DVW\$VVRFLDW although travelling time to any of these Association meetings would be quite DGLVWDQFH 1HLWKHU 2EDQG ZLVKH go dark, but the writing is on the wall. \$QVXJHVVWLRQVIURP\$62%ZRXOGEH helpful. That's all for now. Remember WKH/DGGHURI6PLOHV

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



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(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).

the horses left ya?"

There was a great turn out to
meet Honorable Mandarin. For the
festivities, the Mandarin was also
EVLWHG E\OLGLDQ 6KULQHV DQG \$NDU
6KULQHUV\$,*WKDQIRHVRXWWRWKH
'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
GRZQVWDLUVRXXQGHUVWDQGGZKWKHUH
\$OHLXP(V6HODP
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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Greetings to all Bandsmen: Amara
6KULQHUVLVKDEYQJDUHDWEHJLQEQJWR
the new year 2016. Amara has received
DMUJRRGRIIHUIRUWKH6KULQH6KWHU
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
6KULQHUVLVKDEYQJDUHDWEHJLQEQJWR
the Abdallah Oriental Band Mascot
DQG 93(GDUM6HHWKHSHVHQWV
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
,PSIULDO6HVVLRQ

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\$1HZHDUKDVEHJXQDQGWKH\$UDELD
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
ZLWK WKH & QURH 5RGHR 3DUDGH 1HM
came the College Classic Baseball
7RXUQDPHQW VRQVRUHG E\ 6KULQH
International. The games were shown
RQ(631VRWKH6KULQHJDLQHGQDWLRC
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
WRWKH 7HDV 6KULQH \$VVRFLDW
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.

In the Faith...

Be sure to check OUR website:
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Center, it was necessary for all of the Units to pack up / pitch / or donate unwanted or unused items.

3UHVLGHQW0LOODUG6PLWK7UHDVXUHU-5REHUW:RRGDOODQGRXUV7UXOERUH 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 building had to be emptied by the early days of April.

God Bless the children in the 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. Falls, Vermont, so far lined up for our parades.

Hoping all OBers have a great year in competition and parades and the kids.

June 4th will be the next Ceremonial at Egypt, and as always, hopefully one or two and (wouldn't it be lovely) if three 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 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 America!

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The Khiva Oriental Band along Assistant Rabban and current President 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 March is a very hard to predict month for weather so, considering we had snowfall the next Easter weekend, we dealt us. We are appreciative to those 19 who traveled up to the Central (Amarillo), Arabia (Houston), Ft. Worth

Beach Garden Florida, had made arrangements to attend but Mother flights from Florida to Texas due to the 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 dinners, meetings and games. Friday 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 (or for those initiated, corn hole boards) with which our East Texas to be very familiar. The raucous noise from the 21 tables in the background added to the ambiance that night.

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 Ladies traveled to the nearby town of Canyon where they shopped and ate lunch. Afterward, they were locked "escape rooms" where they were challenged with solving a series of clues and puzzles, using logic, in 60 minutes, 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.

6DWXUGD\HMQLQJ ZH KDG EHWI think he can actually read music brisket and sausage and trimming and were serenaded by the newly reformed .KLD 6WDJH %DQG RSIIXOO\ZH provided enough entertainment and distraction for our visiting OB friends that they will remember their weekend VSIQWLQ \$PDULOOR DW OHDVW XQWLQ 76\$ And next year Mid-Winter will be in what has to be a Texan's favorite in-VWDWHGHVWLQDWLRQJHWDZD6DQ\$QWRQLR for our awards and we 2XU7\$62% nd 93 %LOO 1DQHV KDV were glad it was in place in time for the some serious plans afoot.

Our practices are doing well at this WLPH 6LQFH ZH GRQW KDM DQ\QHZ It's time to move on to the next competition music on the Imperial chapter but before ending, let's pray front, there is none from our Texas for our leaders and decision makers to Association either. We are about ready to help provide the best for our Oriental start marching practice soon - things %DQGV RVEWDOV 6KULQH \$VVRFLDWLRQ will start moving faster in preparation DQG6KULQH \$QWHUV comments and pointers from the gallery tend to be ignored IRU WKH7HDV 6KULQH \$VVRFLDWLRQ \$OO until the fall edition, 6WDWH RPSWLWLRQ LQ 3DVDGHQD the scribe 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 3DVDGHQD 0HPRULDO)DLUJURXQGV 6R 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 KDVPHQGHG6RZKHQZHVHHRQWKLV year, we should make sure to thank him for his time on the board and providing such a great hospital connection to .KLD6KULQH

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

DQHZ PHPEHU 6WHMQ .HHO H LV D UHODWLMOQHZFRUUXSWLEOH6KULQH UDQG

EHWI 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 great 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

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

until the fall edition, the scribe

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

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

Good use for the 2nd place award

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

The new KOB 'walk thru' trophy case

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

The 21 tables were quiet early on

It's time to eat again Bill

*Never believe what is said
in the hospitality room*

The breakfast omelet dudes at woek

Winding down at the hotel

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Some of the great raffle prizes

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.

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

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

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 ceremony. It was a safe summer.

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MELHA
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Chris Parker



Greetings my fellow OB brothers from WKH 1RUWKHDVW 6LQFH HMURQH VWDUWV 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 /DGGHU RI 6PLOHV PDGH PRQH\WREK 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 ZHDOOKDGWRJHWKHURQFHJDLDQDQW 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 /DGGHURI6PLOHVEHFDXVHWKDW\WZKDW it's about. It's for the kids in our /DGGHURI6PLOHVEHFDXVHWKDW\WZKDW. I hope to see and meet all /DGGHURI6PLOHVEHFDXVHWKDW\WZKDW 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."

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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.

0\DG\6DQG\DQG , PDGH WKH WREK to Reading, PA, for their 8th Annual bash and their fine hospitality. A special T\$1.28JRHVWR-RKQ Grumbien for all his finesse setting up the event. There are many others, but the list would take up the article.

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This brings me to March for the 7\$62% 0LG:LQWHU LQ \$PDULOOR TX, under the watchful eye of /DGGHURI6PLOHVEHFDXVHWKDW\WZKDW Mike Pinson and his Lady DUROH .KLE 6KULQH DQG KLV WUXVW\ 6HF7UHDV-RKQ:LOVRQ \$ZHNNQG 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 ERRRQWKH\$62% VLWH\$VDRLQWRI interest, if you haven't discovered there are two different face book pages. If you know the search engine "plug" in \$62%IRURQHWKHQVHIOORXWDVVRFLD of shrine oriental bands for the other.

1HWVDV0DUFKJULQGVGRZQPXFK is to be accomplished locally; then in \$SLO,ZLOOEHJRLQJWR6(62%\$V 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.

Frank Martinez (who was one of my Masonic teachers when I went thru the VW WKUHH GHJUHHV LV 3DVKD 1RUP :ROGDQG,DUH7UHDVXUHUDQG6HFUHWDU\ respectively. I wish us all luck in our endeavors.

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

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*UHHWLQJV IURP WKH *UHDW IRU ,PZULWLQJ WKLVIURP RROVLGHL City West as I am down here for my DQQXDO KLMHUD IRU 0DULQHU Training and to see players who have lived with us during their stint with the (MUHWW\$TXD6R\WVDERXWOXVFL 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 IRU 3162%\$ WKLV FRPLQJ \$XJXVW 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: 2DNUERU\$SLO6HTXLPD\ Bellingham - May 21, Port Orchard -XQH 6HGUR:RROOH\ -XO\ Mount Lake Terrace - July 29, Lake &W\$XJXVW3162\$\$XJXVW 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 HFHPEHU 6KH ZDV D VWDOZDUW LO WKH band, and was a better member than VRPH RI WKH 1REOHV 6KH LV PLVVHG Jim is working his usual magic for our URXWLQHDW3162%\$LWZLOOEHDGHOLIRW I am sure.

I also congratulate Ed Broker for VWHSQJ XSWR EH WKLVIURP 6XOHVDO again. He will do a commendable job. Darrick Hayman is Pasha 1,

2002 Imperial World Champions
Vancouver, B.C.

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We have lost another valued member RI WKH 2ULHQWDO %DQG 1REOHV 5RQ monies or installations. Oriental Powell passed on 12th February 2016 in his 90th HDU1REOH5RQZDVMU\ active member of the Oriental Band IRU HDUVDV6HFUHWDU7UHDVXUHU6ZLQHWWHLDV LW VRXQGV OLN D FUI H UHOLQTXLVKHG WKHVH MREV WVR1REOH We meet on the second and -LP:RRGOHDV6HFUHWDU%DQG1REOHV 6HDQDJDQDV7UHDVXUHUDIWHUMRXUMOK 6DWXUGDRIHDFKPRQWKHFH the Band in these positions for 15 \$XJXVW DW DW WKH 6KULQH RQWUH HDUV5RQZDV3UHVLGHQWRI1(62%\$I are welcome. Please help us to keep our unit alive while there are still \$VVRFLDWLRQ IRU H members who can do so. was appointed as a "Life Member" of our 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 HDUO\GDV 3UHPLHU -RH\6PDOOZRRG requested our unit at the Confederation MUHPRQLHVLQ6W-RKQV

In the mid nineties we had 3 Past 3RWHQWDWHV LQ WKH XQLW ,OOXV 6 -HZHU,OOXV6LU9LADBJH,OOXV6LU 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 IRU HDUVDV6HFUHWDU7UHDVXUHU6ZLQHWWHLDV LW VRXQGV OLN D FUI H UHOLQTXLVKHG WKHVH MREV WVR1REOH We meet on the second and -LP:RRGOHDV6HFUHWDU%DQG1REOHV 6HDQDJDQDV7UHDVXUHUDIWHUMRXUMOK 6DWXUGDRIHDFKPRQWKHFH the Band in these positions for 15 \$XJXVW DW DW WKH 6KULQH RQWUH HDUV5RQZDV3UHVLGHQWRI1(62%\$I are welcome. Please help us to keep our unit alive while there are still \$VVRFLDWLRQ IRU H members who can do so.

7) Jim 6HFUHWDU\$KLODH2ULHQWDO%DQG

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 PLOHVHDVWRI6DUDVRWD7KLVWRZQLVOLNWKHZLOG:HVW:H 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 WKH,PSIULDO6HVVLRQ

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6LQFH P\ODVW DUWLFOH ZH KDM UHFUXLWHG D FRXOH RI QHZ PHPEHUV LFN\XOOLBQ WKH RXQJHU WUDQVIHUHG KLV membership from Aloha to Zem Zem. He joined Aloha ZKLOHLQWKHVHUMFH6KRUWODIWHUKLVGDGLF\XOOLBQWKH 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 SHVHQW ZDV ,OO 6LU (G)HUULV KLHI 5DEDQ %LOO 6R\$QG 5HFRUGHU,OO6LU-HII6WHKHQVRQ7KH0HOOLVKIDPLOZHUHRXU JXHVVVRIKRQRUZLWKWKH2ULHQWDO%DQG6ZHHWKHDUWHDUROG (PLO6KHKDG UHFHQWOXQGHUJRQHKHUILUVWOHJOHQJWKHQLQJ procedure. It was announced that her left leg is now one and a KDOILQFKHVORQJHU6LQFHVKHVKHKDVKDGKHAVHFRQGURXQGR 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.

0\$62%\$ 3DVW 3UHVVLGHQWV -RKQ 6HDVWHDG DQG PVHOI DORQJZLWK \$PEDVVDGRULFN\XOOLBQDQG ODGLHV DWWHQGHG WKH0\$62%\$0LG:LQWHUPHHWLQJLQ)HEUXDU\

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

Until next time

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

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Monday 7/4 2:00-3:30, Suite TBA

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Marilyn "Butch" Hart

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Parker And Judith Johnston
Bob Bobst
Jan Withee

Patricia Dresner

By: J. D. Dresner

Randy Brown

By: Midian Oriental Band
Mike And Maggie Hartup

Jaxon L. Miller

By: Zem Zem Oriental Band

Barry S. Rosen

By: Harry And Joan Pressman

Bedell V. Binford

By: Hurford And Elizabeth Bolyard

Becky C. Dills

By: Hurford And Elizabeth Bolyard

Isaac "Ike" Bomberger

By: J. V. "Bud" Moore
Keith And Joanne Oviatt
John And Sharon Grumbein

Elenor Johnson

By: Keith And Joanne Oviatt
John And Debbie Seastead

Michael Barnes

By: Bill And Betty Argyle

George C. Jennings

By: Frank And Carol Setliff

Frank Rogers

By: Mid Atlantic Oriental Band Association

Clete Hirst

By: Mid Atlantic Oriental Band Association

Chuck Ahlstrum

By: Mid Atlantic Oriental Band Association

Dolly, Mike And Steve Moore

By: J. V. "Bud" Moore

Michael Bomberger

By: Isaac "Ike" And Lois Bomberger

Theodore Werkheiser, Sr

By: Thodore Werkheiser, Jr

Dale Morgan

By: Louise Morgan

George And Laverne Grumbein

By: John And Sharon Grumbein

Shirley Musick

By: Carol Batesole
Margaret Evans

ASSOCIATION OF SHRINE ORIENTAL BANDS INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES OF MID-WINTER MEETING

Alexandria, Louisiana - April 21-24, 2016



7KH \$VVRFLDWLRQ RI 6KULQH 2ULHQWDO one of the signature authorities for the Bands International, Mid-Winter Meeting 5% & KH QHZ SUVRQV WR KROG 6LJQDWXW 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.

7KH \$62% 0LG: LQWHU 0HHWLQJ ZDV 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 \$62% WRMRLQLQWKHLU \$QXDXORHGRZQ \$ SDHU ZDV RIIHUHG DQG WKH 6KULQH SHGHJHZDV JLMQ WR WKH 86DQG 8QDGLDQ Flags.

\$62% 2IILFHUV 3DVW 3UHVLGHQWV DQG appointees in attendance were:
 Jeff Moores Paul Gluck
 Tom Crow Michael Hartup
 Chris Tsaros IRUP:ROG
 Harry Pressman Joe Brewton
 Don Moores David McCarthy
 (% LOOQH HDO Ronnie McCormick

Proceedings: The Officers in turn reviewed any previously unprinted activities after the last publication of the *Na Khabar*. 6HUJHDW DW \$PV DUUHQBVV 33 had been previously excused because of a previous commitment.

6HFUHWDUU UHDXUHU RQ ORRUHU 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.

7KH 6HFUHWDUU UHDXUHU WKHQ VEDWHLG WKH 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 ,PSULDO 6LU -DFRQHV DQG WKH %\DZV returned with all of the proper signatures.

\$ PRWLQZDV PDGHEWKH 6HFUHWDUU 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 BVVHG DZDRQ IRMPEHUDQG KH

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 allowed to determine the method of reinstatement. It was moved and seconded DQG 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.

,QDGLWLRQWKH 6HFUHWDUU UHDXUHU 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
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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 7KH QHZ DZDUGIRU %DQGV PDQRWKH HDO 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.

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7KHUHTXHVWE,PSULDO 6LU & ULV 6PLWK and Lady Ethel to be escorted into the Pageant by the Oriental Band to Mardi Gras type PXVLLHKKHQWKH 6DLQWV *R0DUFKLQJ,Q was discussed. We determined this could be done as a combined band of members from ,PSULDO 6LU & ULV training 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 6KULQH 2ULHQWDO %DQGV ,QWHUQDWLRQ IXQGV FROOHFWHGIRUWKH /DGGHURI 6PLOH directly to Imperial or the Hospitals. With the decline of membership in the association 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 WKH 6(62% \$IRUDOORZLQJWKH 62% WREH 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 one-of-a-kind band competition.
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

8:00 AM Registration
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Registration
11:00 AM Registration
12:00 PM Registration

Saturday April 1st

8:00 AM Registration
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Registration
11:00 AM Registration
12:00 PM Registration
1:00 PM Registration
2:00 PM Registration

Sunday April 2nd

8:00 AM Registration
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Registration
11:00 AM Registration
12:00 PM Registration
1:00 PM Registration
2:00 PM Registration

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 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 – 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

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

3:00PM – Dinner – 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. 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

2. Willingness to assist and lead where possible and or Shrine Center.

3. Willingness to assist and lead where possible

f. Must demonstrate goodwill towards all OB Members

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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 Ely

2015-2016 Ladder of Smiles Fundraiser

**Original Oriental Band
Artwork
Made into a poster**

**All proceeds to the
Ladder of Smiles
to your bands credit in
support of 100%
participation.**



**Available in 2 sizes:
11 X17 for \$25 or 18 x 24 for \$50**

--- Address -----

Name: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone Number: _____
Oriental Band _____

Qty _____ 11" x 17" Poster (\$25 each)

Qty _____ 18" x 24" Poster (\$50 each)

_____ Total Makes Checks Payable to : **Ladder of Smiles**

Send to: Jeff Moores
47 Chestnut Trail
Tequesta, FL 33469
(561) 747-9698

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
5H\$62%,PSHULDO6HVVL RP
47 Chestnut Trail
Tequesta, FL 33469-2129
Home: (561) 747-9698

A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

DoubleTree by Hilton
:EHVV6W
Tampa, FL 33607
(813) 879-4800

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DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tampa Airport - Westshore

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Please remit \$121.00 U.S. Funds plus \$20.00 Imperial Fee. Make cheque/check payable to: Association of
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A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

July 2016

Saturday, July 2nd

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

Sunday, July 3rd

DP (OHFWHG2IAHUV 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

SP BPSHWLWLRQDHJDWH5HJLVWUDWLRQ 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
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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:)RURIAHUVWKDWDUHRQWFRPSHWLRQ\$62%VKLUWWDSDQVRU
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
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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
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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

“We Play For The Children”, Support YOUR Ladder of Smiles

THE LADDER OF SMILES GOAL

\$125,000

IN 2015 - 2016

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

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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
*OHQ~~HO~~UFOH
Houston, TX 77096

\$62%)DQWDV\$HJLVWUDWLRQ IMPORTANT - Please Print
Complete and Return as soon as possible.

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

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Title _____

Address _____

Send to:
Chris Tsaros
2DN#OGU6:
Calgary, AB, Canada T2V 1R7

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ASOB Imperial Session
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Band Information
This is Preliminary Information Only



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Member of Regional Associations _____

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Vice President(s) _____

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Treasurer _____

Director _____

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Additional Remarks _____

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Date: _____ Title: _____




2016 Competition Piece is a
“BANDS CHOICE”

*Your Band may play any song that is
approved in the ASOB Library.*



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



*Deputy Imperial Potentate Chris Smith and Lady Ethe
would like to be invited to the Pageant on Wednesday
Morning by The ~~Band~~ Bands Playing Mardi
Gras Music!*

*Please bring your costume/uniform and instrument.
We are going to play “When the Saints Go Marching In”
and hand out Mardi Gras Beads.*

*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.

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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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