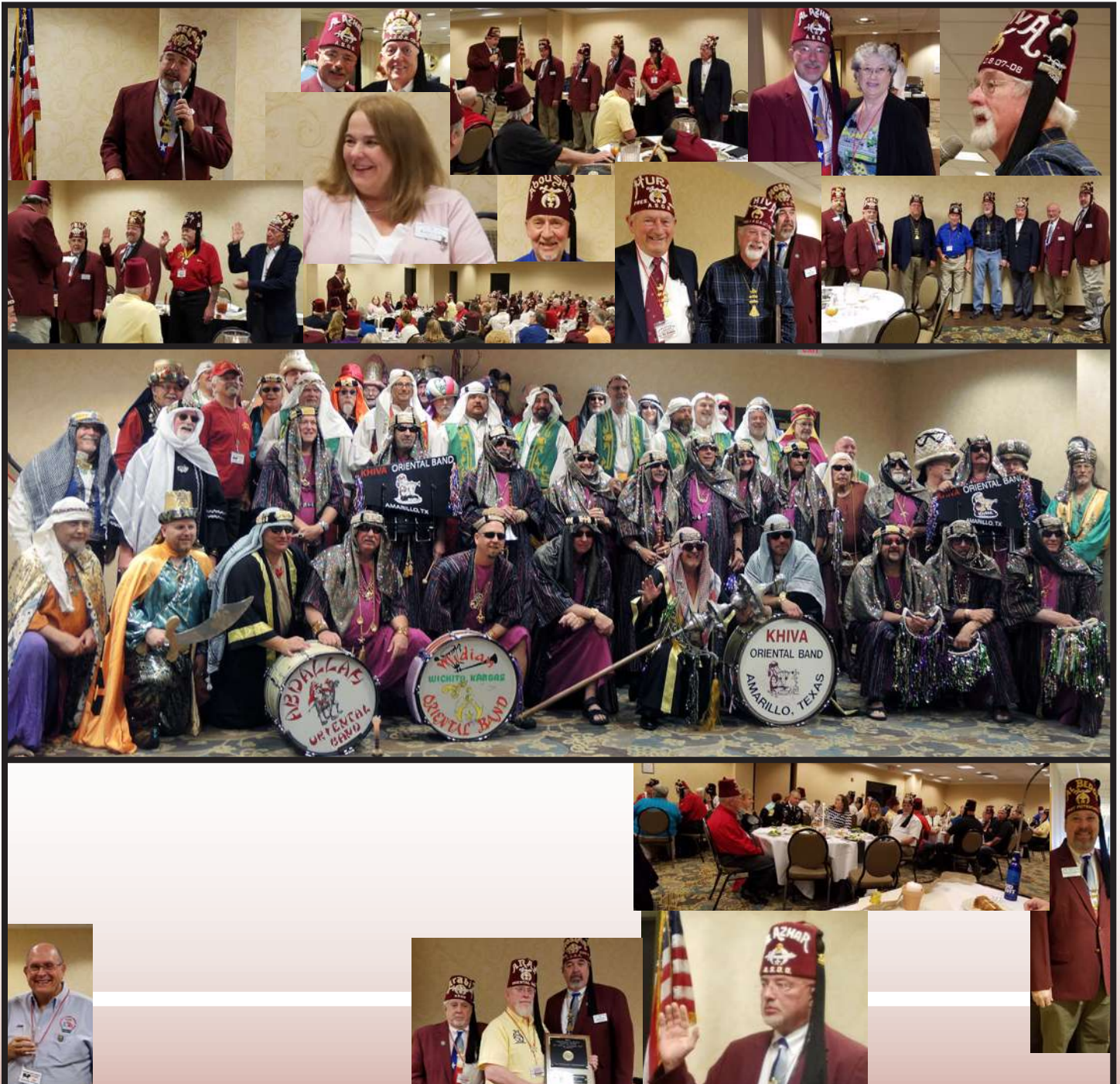


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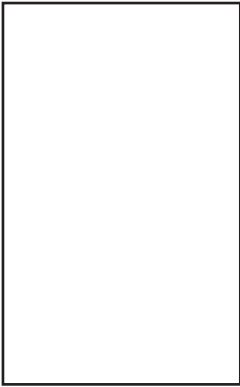
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What a great time we had in Kansas City! This being the first time we have held an event like this, we had no idea what to expect.

What did happen was that we had 140 registered and five bands competing. It turned into an exciting time to be had by all. We had our competition in the morning followed by lunch in the hospitality room. The band elected a full slate of officers. Our new Officers will be President Chris Tsaros, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Harry Pressman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Darren DeHass, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Larry Lippert, 4<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 5<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 6<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 7<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 8<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 9<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 10<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 11<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 12<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 13<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 14<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 15<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 16<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 17<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 18<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 19<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 20<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 21<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 22<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 23<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 24<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 25<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 26<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 27<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 28<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 29<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 30<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 31<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 32<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 33<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 34<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 35<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 36<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 37<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 38<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 39<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 40<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 41<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 42<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 43<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 44<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 45<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 46<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 47<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 48<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 49<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 50<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 51<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 52<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 53<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 54<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 55<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 56<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 57<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 58<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 59<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 60<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 61<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 62<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 63<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 64<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 65<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 66<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 67<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 68<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 69<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 70<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 71<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 72<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 73<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 74<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 75<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 76<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 77<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 78<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 79<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 80<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 81<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 82<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 83<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 84<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 85<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 86<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 87<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 88<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 89<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 90<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 91<sup>st</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 92<sup>nd</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 93<sup>rd</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 94<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 95<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 96<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 97<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 98<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt, 99<sup>th</sup> VP Fred K. DeWitt, 100<sup>th</sup> VP John H. DeWitt.

We had an entertaining time at the banquet giving out the awards to the bands as all were winners. We then gave away some prizes to make the evening complete. The hospitality room was then reopened to celebrate the winners and say our good-byes. The hospitality room could not have been more enjoyable. Luther and Lucretia Carmichael, Gerald and Marie Ledbetter, and I have work with these people on many events over the years and they are always there to help. Gerald is now in Amarillo, Texas. I want to give a big thank you to the ladies of Ararat Temple who were quick to offer their help and support. They provided the centerpieces for our

banquet. I would be remiss if I did not thank Chairman of the Ladder of 6 PLOHV 0LN DWXSRDOO KLV KDG work. He and his wife Maggie have devoted years to furthering the cause of collecting money to support our hospitals for the benefit of the children treated therein.

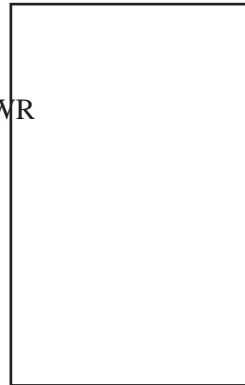
The next function for us will be June 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of the late Mrs. J. H. DeWitt. Their friends and families are invited to attend this ceremony. We will meet one and a half hours before our time at the tomb. There is a shuttle bus available but there is a charge and you need to buy tickets in advance. I hope that we can have a nice turn out.

We will be in Daytona for Imperial Place Daytona Beach. We will be sharing a hospitality with Al Kadar. The performance will be putting on an exhibition on the Market Place stage on Monday afternoon. There will be no judging of competition as that was done at Kansas City. Come and watch the bands as they perform for the enjoyment of the crowds.

It is with a certain amount of sadness that I write this, my last article, long while since I joined the Oriental Band at Moslah (1985). I had no idea what Oriental Band was. I was told that it would be fun and something that you would remember. Well they were right on both counts, it is fun. I encountered things that will be forever etched in my memory, from parades in the flats in Amarillo, to Mayfest in Fort Worth with hail the size of softballs and everything in between, tropical storms that rolled into Myrtle Beach at the same time we did and blew our loaded luggage cart across the parking

lot, miles long parades at both Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach, getting to know interesting new cities at Imperial and mostly friendships made. The friendships I have made and will cherish for as long as I will wear a Fez. In my humble opinion, they are what makes Oriental Bandsman and their friends. I cannot go away without thanking my friends and families for their support. Thank you. I will always remember my time on the line with the smile that comes from good friendships made and enjoyed along our journey. Thank you for allowing me this time.

RXVL (KH) DLWK  
Tom Crow



**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**  
Chris Tsaros

*Getting the Future Right*

Many of us throughout life's journey on this planet have contemplated of how to get the future right.

Many have tried to convince us they have the right tools to outsmart the market, read the stars to tell our future, for many it is the tea leaves, or the coffee grounds etched on the sides of a cup of Greek coffee.

Lacking any technology that can help us accurately predict the future, we locked a bunch of us in a room and used some good old school, sweat and some prognostication, to arrive at how we might get the future right for all the future. What we came up with:

Annual Jamboree in Kansas City in late spring after most of the regional associations have held their meetings.

Kansas City has proven to be a great destination for the bands as it is within an almost two day drive for most of the bands. The feedback from this year's Jamboree has proved this to be correct.

Continued emphasis for the Jamboree to be a great venue for competition, offering competitive stage venue, as well as providing experience for bands that wish to up their skills in a supportive and fun environment.

8VHWKH-DPERHHDVDGHVWLDWLRQ for learning. We will be offering workshops geared to novice bandsmen starting with the 2018 Jamboree in Kansas City.

8VHEHWWHWRROV WR HDFK 800.800.1111 members. The hit and miss approach of the past has been relegated to the dust bin of history.

We have deployed a new email utility which in the last 2 months, has helped us provide you with timely information (make sure we have your email). We will continue to use and leverage this technology for cutting edge communications with you our valuable stakeholder.

:HDHWDQLWLRQDIPWKH1D Khabar which reached some of you RQTXDWHOWEDVLVWRD1D.KDEDU which will live as a newly revamped website with timely updates from all WKHEDQVHVLQRPDWLRQQHZZV as they happen. We are aiming to make our new website, the Oriental Band Community's electronic village square. We will reach all our bands to ensure that they have a presence on this website. Live streams from videos you provide, pictures and news of parades, profiles of band members, and anything pertaining to oriental bands you wish to post will all be there. If you already have a web presence we will make sure that you will have the right links to your site.

One feature of the website will be the virtual market place, where instruments and uniforms can be sourced and or traded.

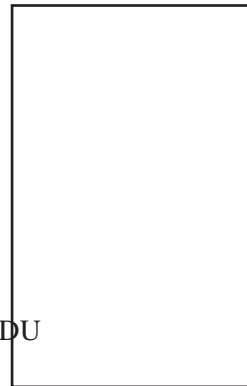
We are currently working on a

fundraising model for the association and all the bands that can help the entire community be better self-funding. More on this as the model takes better shape.

Amazing what can happen when we put some bandsmen in a room lock them up throw away the key and ask them to come up with things for a better future.

Did we get it right? I don't propose to throw away the key, but you can help us by giving us feedback. What can we do better, what have we left out? I would like to hear from you. Contact me at [christsaros@gmail.com](mailto:christsaros@gmail.com). Let's start building a better future together.

Chris Tsaros  
President Elect



**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**  
Harry Pressman

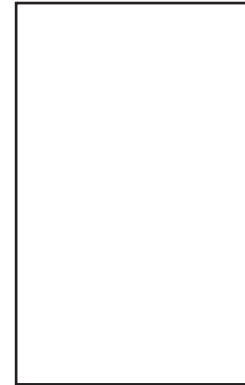
Things have been quite down my ZD\6LPHZH last met, the 1st Annual Jamboree was held in

Kansas City. We had 5 great bands that participated. Our President Tom Crow put on a fantastic weekend.

The end result was very favorable from everyone who attended. I sincerely hope that more bands will come to Kansas City next year. The date and place will be announced at a later date. Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the 2017-2018 season.

Here in Texas, we are getting HDGIRWKH7HPV6KUH\$VVRFLDWLRQ meeting that will take place the second ZHHNQ LQXQ.DHP6KLUV DH WKHKRVWWHPSDHWKLVHD&QVXQWHJE, they don't have an Oriental Band, but promised that the 6 bands in the Texas Association that attend will have a great time.

My summer will be filled with college graduations of my granddaughters that will keep me on the road and broke. I will also be trying to heal my broken body. Trust me when I say "getting old is not for sissies." Hope to see all of you in Kansas City in 2018.



**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**  
Darren DeHass

Can you say WOW!? What a tremendous time in Kansas City. If you did not go, you better believe you missed out on a great

OBE (Oriental Band Experience)! It was a great setting and the plans were well laid out. President Tom and Lady Katie did a great job getting this all set up and coordinated. A huge thanks to all of those bandsmen and their ladies who came out to support this new HQHDEKRIWKH\$62RXDHWKH reason that we do what we do, and why 2LHQDODQVDHWKHJHDWHVW6KLUQ unit going. I won't rehash the whole weekend here, I think you will get the idea from all of the officers' reports.

For my part of the weekend, I attempted to do a Facebook Live 6WHDPRIWKHFRPSWLWLRQZDVQW completely successful, but I learned a lot from the attempt and those lessons ZLOOPRMAXVIRZDGIQVHDEK I intend to try it again next year. I did get the whole competition recorded and LWFDQHIRXQRWKH\$62%DFHERRN page as well it has been uploaded to RX7XEHVHDEKIRUS\$62% Jamboree. If you did not make it this year, start planning now to attend next year. Encourage your band to come and attend even if they don't. I promise you will have a great time!

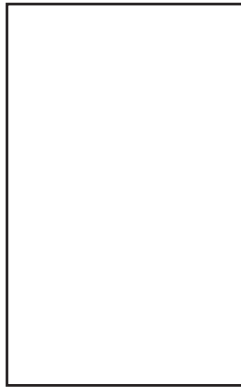
1HWHDWKH-DPERHHZLOOEHLQ Kansas City again, it is a great central

location that is easy to get to from just about anywhere. I always think you should take a few extra days, if you are able to, and really enjoy the area as well. I did just that, I had family in the area and had the opportunity to catch up with them after an extended absence. I also visited several of the local attractions. I visited the War I Museum and Memorial as well as Mike Wheeler who gave us a personal tour of the facility. Those are just a few of the highlights, there is so much more to see and explore in the area. As many of you know, I think quite a lot about food and K.C. has a lot of great restaurants to experience as well.

The Jamboree was not just about the fun, though there was a rather large emphasis on just that, but we also had our Annual Meeting. We walked away from that meeting with a full slate of officers for the ensuing year. That in and of itself is very encouraging. I want to extend my congratulations to each of those elected officers and say that I am looking forward to working with each of you over the next few years. The work that is being done is bright future for our organization and our bands. I am also seeing a lot of enthusiastic leadership coming from our bands. It was wonderful meeting many of you in person for the first time as well as seeing friends. I am keeping an eye on those people to help keep the Oriental Bands working and growing, continuing to further our influence both in our world. Just as a quick reminder, we are the very public face of Freemasonry and as such we have a rather large responsibility to show the best of ourselves and our fraternity when we are in the public view. Please keep that in mind when ever out representing our

I will leave you with one last thought that I have expressed before,

but believe it is worth repeating. We are here to help our bands, because this is our organization and we want the same things that you want. We truly like hearing from you and working with you that you wish to convey, please reach from us and we will work to implement your ideas that help strengthen the Es salaam alaikum, my brothers!



**SECRETARY/  
TREASURER**  
Don Moores

Greetings  
Bandsmen!  
We have just returned from the 1st Annual Jamboree held in Kansas City, MO. I am pleased

to announce that we had a wonderful turnout of over 140 Bandsmen and Ladies. The other good news is there will be another Jamboree in 2018, again in Kansas City, MO. The final date will be finalized and announced in Chris Tsaros' article in early May 2017. The Holiday Inn Country Club Resort did a wonderful job of being our host hotel for this year's Jamboree and will likely be the same location next year.

Our 2017 Annual Meeting, normally held during the Imperial Minutes of the Annual will be in this issue of the *Na Khabar* as well as the financial reports. There will be no Annual Meeting held at the Imperial up the members to attend Imperial and activities. I am looking forward to being able to attend some of these

sessions I have missed in the past. In Daytona Beach we will be staying at the Atlantic Ave. The hotel will be shared The cost of the first nights room rate (excl. taxes) is \$159.00 plus the \$20.00 Imperial fee. Please get your room requests in as soon as possible because we have a limited number of rooms.

The results of the Election of Officers for the year 2017-2018 was held in Kansas City and are included in the Annual Meeting Minutes. Congratulations to Chris Tsaros, Al July 2017, for the ensuing year.

Congratulations to our outgoing President Tom Crow for a very successful event in Kansas City. The Fantasy went very well with five Bands, the results should reported in Harry Pressman's article elsewhere in this issue.

started two years ago, will be held in anyone wanting to attend is welcome to contact President-elect Chris Tsaros at the email or phone number in the

*Be sure to join us  
for the*  
**2018 JAMBOREE**  
*in Kansas City, MO*

**May 4th & 5th**



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**LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN**

Michael Hartup

The First Annual \$ 6 2 % Hoedown, held in Kansas City last month, was a big success and I

hope the start of a new tradition. The bandsmen and their ladies attending enjoyed the fun and fellowship. President Tom and Lady Katie hosted a terrific hospitality room. Keep watching for announcements about the 6HFRQ \$QDO RHGRZQ Q PDN plans to attend. Vice President Darren was responsible for the live feed of the competition.

President Tom has arranged for the \$62WRWDNDWLQWKHODLQRI DZHDWKDWWKH7RPERIWKH8RZQ in Arlington, VA on Monday, June 19 2017. Maggie and I plan to be there for this momentous event.

PSILDO 6HVVLRLV LQDWRQ WDFK)/XQDQWKH\$62% has a limited number of rooms on hold, so if you have not yet made your reservations please hurry! The deadline is fast approaching.

President Tom set his goal at raising \$80,000.00 for our kids and our KRVEWDOVWKRKXJKWKH/DGGHRI6PDLQV This is a reachable goal and with your help this will be a reality.

Remember, the smiles of kids DO make it all worthwhile.

I bid you peace...

Mike

**The Ladder of Smiles  
Makes it all Worthwhile**

**FLORIDA**

Robert E. Stihler

I can't believe that come next month, 2017 will be half gone.

In February 2017, Lady 1DQ DQ

I moved to Bradenton, FL, so I am no longer a member of the Bahia Oriental Band.

DKLD 6KUH RQVHWDW 2ODQR FL, has been sold with a new location in Apopka, FL, however has not yet RFFXSEHGWKHVLWH/KHLDWDWHGHHWLVQ KDMEHHRHOGDWBURXV6KUHQXEV

The Bahia Oriental Band has only two "active" members, President Millard 6PLWKDQ7HDVXHREHW:RRGDOO

On 25 March 2017, the Egypt Oriental Band at Tampa, FL, had a called meeting. Due to difficulty in gaining new members and declining health issues, the Band sadly agreed to fold its tent.

It is with heavy heart to report the DVVLQRIIREOH-RKSHWVLERHRQ March 2017. Brother John had been a Musette player of Egypt Oriental Band since 1975... 41 years of loyal, dedicated service. His music, joyful personality, and camaraderie will be sorely missed. Our sympathy and condolences go to Lady Georgia and family.

RPWR0DEK6DKLE2LHQDO DQ KLVH LHFWRU IREOH 3DXO (The "Greek") Pante and Lady Miriam; 1REOH )ORG /DXH DQ /DG\ -RDQ 1REOH 7RP 3HHJDQ /DG 3DW DQ RXV7XODQ /DG 1DQHRHG "oceans of fun" during a cruise to the western Carribean.

2QDEK WKH 6DKLE 2LHQDO Band played for a very appreciative audience at the Pleasant Lakes RV

Park in Bradenton, FL. As per usual, Band Director did an outstanding job including members of the assemblage to join in, playing a variety of percussion instruments. A GREAT time was had EDOO5HPHPEHWKH/DGGHRI6PLOHV and the children in the hospitals.

*God Bless You – God Bless Our Troops – God Bless America*

**MID ATLANTIC**  
Keith Oviatt

0 \$ 6 2 % Mid-Winter Meeting was held on February 25 in Reading, PA ZLWK 6SQ like weather instead of the

usual snow and low temperatures.

The officers having assumed their proper positions with but one HFHSLRQVDWSPV:DHQZLV was missing. He did show up even though being a bit late. This of course demanded a fine to go to the Ladder of 6PLOHV\$62% 6HF7HDV (PHLWXV Bud Moore and myself represented WKH\$62%VLQVVDVFRQXFHWGLQ short order and the attendees retreated to the Hospitality Room. The Ladies of the Rajah Oriental Band once again outdid themselves by providing a wonderful lunch of homemade soups, sandwiches, and deserts.

The Awards and Banquet was held WKDW HMQQ\$62% DVW 3HVLGHQV Paul Gluck and Vince Bobrosky were LQDWWHQDQ DV ZHOO DV 6HF7HDV Emeritus Bud Moore and P.P. Mahlon Hariu. A total of \$5,700.00 was FVHQHGIRWKH/DGGHRI6PLOHV 7KHQPHHWLQI0\$62%ZLOO EHKHOGLOLQDQDFKRCW

If it does not matter who gets the credit, much can be achieved!

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Here is one of those articles from Al Bedoo's past. This one written by probably the most famous director in all of the Oriental Bands in history, Arnold "Arnie" A. Berger P.P. He had quite WKHLQXHQHROKUH2%QW MXVW Al Bedoo. He was a very flamboyant leader and knew instinctively how to create drama and a show. His leadership as director of our band for almost 40 years solidified his name in the archives RISOHGRRDQWKH\$62RHMU

**Al Bedoo Oriental Band**  
by **Arnold A. Berger** (deceased)

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\$DELFGHUREOHV RI WKH OVWLF  
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In 1953, the heads of the Al Bedoo Oriental Band decided that we would endeavor to become as authentically Arabic as possible. At that time, we had a member of the band, one Bud Mollohan, who was an employee of the Interior Department, associated with water use and conservation.

His section was closed down and Bud was transferred to Jordan, the country, not a small town in Montana. Who could quarrel with the infinite wisdom of the government's decision to transfer a Montana irrigation expert to the near East to teach Arabs water conservation?

In any event, Bud was able to get pipe and plastic supplies to Jordan and became a favorite of (King) Hussein. Through his efforts, he obtained uniforms for us. Our local newspaper had our photographs on the front page when we first paraded in our new uniforms. Copies were sent to Bud, who showed them to the King. When Hussein became convinced that we were not portraying Arabs in a demeaning manner, he was delighted and presented all band members with the medallions worn by the Jordanian Legions. These were worn by all members of the band until recently.

Bud also became friends with General Glubb, who trained Hussein's legions. When General Glubb retired, he WRXHGWKH8QWHG6WDWHVROVSDNO tour. He visited Bud in Billings. Bud prevailed on the Band to perform for him. He believed we were Arabs. General Glubb then obtained the Red and White Kufiyahs, which were a part of the official uniforms of the Arab Legions.

We gradually learned the type of music, and learned phrases of Arabic, which we now use, from exchange students.

The Arabs use their drums not only with other music, but in war as well. Great groups of drummers were utilized to spook the horses of the crusaders. Our emphasis is on percussion. Therefore, in our various competitive situations, if the judges are turned on by the percussion, we score well. If they are melody oriented, not so good.

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Greetings to all Bandsmen! Amara 6KUH LV KDMQD JHDW EHJLQQ to the new year 2017. The sale of the Amara grounds and building are progressing after a few small issues were able to be resolved. We have received substantial earnest money against the sale price. 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, we are stagnant in our membership but hope to get back into the swing of things in the future. I am sure after the sale of the building is finalized and we know the future of our location things will begin to get better.

We are now looking forward to a great time in Daytona Beach at Imperial. We always renew old acquaintances and make new ones at Imperial. Best wishes for a great spring and Imperial 6HVVLRQ

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It is with heavy heart that I report the DVVLQRI 1REOH -RKQHWWLERQ RQ 31 March 2017 after declining health. Our sympathies and condolences go to Lady Georgia and family.

Brother John had been a member of Egypt Oriental Band since 1975... a

long 41 years of faithful service. His expertise with the musette, his ever cheerful smile, and his loyalty with the Band will be acutely missed. Over the years, John had held various positions of leadership with the Band, and had also served as the Outer Guard with Egypt's Tong #54 Mandarin Degree Team.

At a called meeting on 3/25/2017, the Band members decided that it was time to "retire" our musettes and drums, vacate its tent, and in due time, return its Charter to the Temple.

We fondly remember the "good ol" days, in the mid-late 1980's, when the Band had 32-35 Bandsmen marching in a parade, (we were much younger then), and more recently on our float, enjoying the crowds lining the route appreciative of the best kind of music this side of Heaven. But time has taken its toll and we need to leave the oasis.

As the Mighty Mandarin would VD\$KK6RRR5HPHPEHWKHNGVLQ the hospitals.

*God Bless You – God Bless Our Troops – God Bless America.*

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It's been awhile since I've done this and for that, I apologize. Our year ended in grand style with a great Christmas DW\WKDW RXUXQR3DVW 6XOWDQDQ his Lady "craftily" planned, organized and celebrated. Thank you Illustrious 0LNBIWRQDG6WDFHIRRXU dedication and effort leading the KOB WKK 6R IRUZ 0LN SHDVH hang your portrait on the wall of Past 6XOWDQLWVZDRMXXH

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Our new Emir, or second-in-command, LVDRWKHCOOXVWLRXV 6L3OHQBWVLGHQ%OO1DQV,PVXHWKDWWKH) DQKLV/DG3DWW6HHDDSWWHKHH" did a quite competent job organizing I guess it takes 5 years of training to ready oneself to lead this ragtag unit. Like Illustrious Mike said last year, he was more nervous taking command of the KOB than when he was leading the 6KLU\$SWWLPHVZHFDEHFKDOOHQLOD

Our big fundraiser of the year, Crab Fest 2017, was another outstanding success thanks to our members and the many non-members who chose to help the Band that night. We essentially were sold out with what had to be about around 350 people in the building January 14<sup>th</sup>. We had the ballroom full of fresh crab, the main level with the casino and the third floor hopping with dance and a live band. We had plenty of help this year from an ROTC unit IRPDQDELJK6FKRRO7KHRXQ

and brave assisted with serving the crab and sides at each table. With their help, and expert guidance from Karen Frymoyer, we had the room served in 15-20 minutes. Thanks to expert bar keep, the bars on each floor easily kept up with the demand. We would be remiss without a special shout-out to Ralph Jubb (and his grandson) from WKH \$O .DGH6KLU 2LHQDO DQ out of Portland. His recipes and crab expertise is always welcome in the building, especially on this night of the year. But most of the appreciation should go to our leaders who have so much experience at organizing this event (the 4<sup>th</sup> annual), and it shows as LWNQVRPXFKVPRRWKHHDFKHDUR

Without doubt, most of the committee heads are ready to have new people take on their jobs next year. Hopefully, others in our membership will step up.

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before we headed out to Kansas City. Our Director Joe Brewton and Past 6XOWDQDQ hear that our Alzafar Oriental Band counterparts did a really great job down on the Riverwalk. They paid a

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DQFRPFIWLWLRQWWKH\$OO6WDWH76  
competition in Waco this year.

7KH 3HVLGHQ RI \$62%DQ KLV lovely lady came to visit us at our stated meeting in December and extended an invitation to the first-ever \$62%\$QDO -DPERHH LQDQDV City. After he most eloquently told XV WKH \$62% LQHVLRLQ RQ RI creating a more central competition location as compared to the next few years of Imperial in Florida, we made the decision not to disappoint him (we knew we wouldn't be going to Daytona anytime soon too). Practices started again and we had a short time to get our business in order. We arrived in Kansas City at the Country Club Plaza Holiday Inn and thankfully found the well-appointed Hospitality Room waiting to relieve our dry throats and empty bellies. That evening, the band traveled as a group and imbibed in what KC is VRIDPRXVIRDW-RH6WDFR7KH next day, we joined four other bands and played to the crowd. We brought 21 members with us so that put us in our own category- we competed against ourselves and we won that rivalry. That night, despite its duration, the awards banquet went well. In fact, the entire weekend was first-rate considering this was its inaugural run. Big cigars should go to President Tom Crow and his \$62%IILFHVIRWKHLYLRLQHDWLQ this event. We hope this event will continue to be a success in the future and grow in size and popularity with Oriental Bands nationwide.

There is much to be grateful for so far this year. Our members (well, most) seem to have fully recovered from their ailments, and the various shoulder replacements and knee and back surgeries. Our prayers go to everyone out there not feeling or doing well at this time, including the children in our hospitals. But our hospital staff and doctors sure can provide quick recoveries.

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There is not much else to cover with the Khiva Oriental Band right now so until next time, here's to our leaders and decision makers and the important decisions they make that provides the best for our Oriental  
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DQ6KLUHQHV  
the scribe.

*Our Past Sultan receives his very deserved gift from the Emir (R)*

*Steamboat Arabia unearthed*

*The Bands of ASOB Jamboree 2017*

*Downtown Kansas City*

*Khiva OB having a good time*

*Best Director - Joe Brewton*

*KOB outside Jack Stack BBQ*

*New Crash Section T-Shirts*

*Joe Brewton - Director's Award*

*The KOB Christmas Party*

*KOB - Best Overall Band*

*Captain Jack at the helm*

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How time flies! The new year is full of activities sending us in all different directions. Moslah Bedouins are keeping quite busy with their activities. \$ZHHNQDW7HPVORWR6SIHGZD\ XQHUKH JXLGDDH RI 1REOH -HU Wyatt helping to put a few much QHGHG GROODV LQWKH 8QWV RSDWLO WLOO6WRHIRQFROOHFWLRQDQ7HPQH functions as well.

Although the band struggles with withering numbers, it is anticipated that the Bedouins will perform at state Texas 6KUH\$VVRFLDWLRQWKLVDHDDW:DFR LQXQ.HHSQ\$62RWWVμ healthy I made a trip to Pensacola, FL, ZLWKPV/DG6DQWR6(62% to participate in their 2017 Hoedown, hosted by Hadji Temple under the watchful eye of its president Tommy /HRA6HHDIHZSFWXHV DWWDFKHG Visiting other associations is such an eye opening experience that I recommend to all Oriental Bandsmen should do. Looking forward to next HDV6(62\$ZKHHLWZLOOEHLQ 1DVKMOOH71\$SOWKN

Changes are in the offering for \$62%WKHHQXLQHDZRXOG OLNWRWKDQV RQ 6DPERUXU 1D.KDEDNEOLVKHIRWKHSDVWHDV I understand that she is retiring. I wish her well, and again thank you for what you have done for the association. The 1D.KDEDLVRQWJRLQDZDKRZHMU you can expect to see some changes. Till the next time we meet, stay safe. 7.)

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UHHWLO/ IURP WKH UHDW 1RUWKV V I'm writing this from pool side in 6XQW\HVWDV,DPGRZQHHIRU P\DDO WLSRUDLQW 6SQ Training and to see players who have lived with us during their stint with the (MHW\$TXD6R\WVDERXWOXVFLRXV degrees and my carcass is pain free.

The Band continues in the throes of rebuilding the musette section. It is hoped that the section will be in VKDSIRBJ 62\$WKLVRPLQXOLQ 6HDWWOH, IDOJRHVZHOOZHVKRXOG bout seven musettes!

Our first event was being the Honor \*XDGIRWKHILW6WDWHGPHHWLQW year. The second, will be playing at the DXJKWHV RI WKH 1LOH, QWDOODWLR April 2nd at the temple.

The parade season starts in LaConner on April 8th. It will be good to see Lila Long. Parades following are: 6HTXLP 0D\MOOLQKDP 0D\ 6HGR:RROH\ -XO\316\$ Mount Lake Terrace - July 29, Lake City - August 5, and lastly, Granite

Falls - October 7th.

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Martinez (who was one of my Masonic Teachers when I went thru the 1st three degrees) is Pasha 1, and Pasha 2 is \*HRIH3HVO DQ1RE:ROGDQ,DH 7HDVXHDQ6HFHWDHVFIFWLMO), wish us all luck in our endeavors.

If you happen to be in town, we PHHWLQVKH ILOH7HPDHDVHPHVO\$Q% Monday nights at 6:30 pm.

That's about all my thumb can write on the I-Phone right now! 6WDVXHG

Bruce Garner  
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Greetings from the now melting tundra of the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania.

After performing for the first section of Rajah Ceremonial in December, the Band took a few weeks off for the holidays to re-group and rest the month of January.

The month of February brought with it an event almost every weekend. On February 11, the Band, along with the Rajah Motor Corps, hosted the DQDO 1LJKWDW WKH5DFHVDWRX6 Complex. The two units worked hard all evening selling tickets and serving food and beverages. The weather held out for us and we again had a sellout crowd. This is one of the larger unit sponsored events at Rajah. It takes the cooperation RI DW OHDVW 1REOHV DQ ODGLHV both units to make it happen. We hope all came away winners.

One week later the two units were together again for the annual Motor Corps / Oriental Band Member Appreciation 1LJKWKHFZGRIDRXQHMRHG a great meal and libation followed

by entertainment by the organist for Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Bob Trimble DQ 0\$62% 3HVLGHV :DQ Grumbein and his Lady Julie's children, Jarrett and Jayden playing selections on the piano. Wonderful talents!

The following week it was off to the Inn at Reading for our annual Ladies 1LJKW :H LQRSDWH RXU/DGLHV 1LJKW ZLWK WKH PLGZLQVPHHWLQR :HZZHKKRQHGWRKDM in attendance with us two past presidents RI \$62%REOHV 3DXO \*OXFNDQ Vince Bobrosky and their Ladies. The hospitality, as always, was great. The ladies did a fantastic job with the food DQ1REOH7HG:HNLHVHUGLGDILQ job with the liquid refreshment.

\$W 6DWXGD,HMQV HMV WKH ,OOXVWLRXV 6LURI 5DMDK 6KUE DM Evans, presented service awards to the IROORZLQ1REOHVREOHV -D\XKQ and Donald Heimbecker received HDVHMFH DZDGV 1REOHV 7HG :HNLHVH -UDQ 5LFKDG 6RVRN HFHLMGHVHMFHDZDGV 4XLWH an accomplishment. Congratulations to DOO \$OVR DW 6DWXGD,HMQV GLQV \$62%3DXO\*OXFNRROHFWHGRMU \$5,700.00 in donations for the Ladder of 6PLOHV

The month of March brought with it VRPHVQZDQWKH5DMDK6KUEXV The Oriental Band again did its share with supplying novelties to the stands for sale. After 8 shows we still don't

have those circus songs out of our heads. In closing, please remember the /DGGHURI 6PLOHV DQ RXWGV LQVKH hospitals.

8VLOQVWLPH  
John

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knjoviatt@verizon.net

1RW PFK WR HRW DV ZLQHZLQV down. We are working on our annual Reverse Draw Party on the last of QD\ 3DDGH 6FKHGXOH LV VHW IRW summer. Looks like it is going to be a busy summer. The camels are in the barn and will soon have to be stirring. Will have to wake up the musicians as well so they can get their instruments dusted off and tuned up.

Three of us went to Reading in HENDIRWKH0\$62%LG:LQHU PHHWLQ0\$62% 3DVW 3HVLGHV .HLWK 2MDWV -RKQHDVWHDG DQ RXU \$PEDVVDGRULFNXOOLQ DQ 8VXDOO\ it is snowing, blowing and really miserable, however this year the sun was out and 70 degrees.

6KRXOGKDMPRHQZVQVWLPH 5HPHEHWKH/DGGHURI6PLOHV

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

*Our Business Meeting is the 1st Friday of each month.*

*Melha Shriners  
133 Longhill Street  
Springfield, Mass*

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# MEMORIALS *and* DONATIONS

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December thru March 2017

## In Memory of:

### JOHN MARCIN, JR

BY: RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND

### HARRY HUHN, JR

BY: RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND  
FREDERICK AND SUSAN KOLICH  
JEANNE K. HUHN

### JACK QUILLEN

BY: NUR ORIENTAL BAND

### DAVE TROXELL

BY: JAFFA ORIENTAL BAND

### GEORGE FOUSE, SR.

BY: JAFFA ORIENTAL BAND

### OLLIE BRITTEN

BY: JAFFA ORIENTAL BAND

### ED DAVIS

BY: LANCASTER SHRINE CLUB O.B.  
DONALD FUHRMAN

### DALE MORGAN

BY: LOUISE MORGAN

### THEODORE E. WERKHEISER, SR.

BY: THEODORE E. WERKHEISER, JR

### DOLLY, MIKE, STEVE AND JANET MOORE

BY: J. V. "BUD" MOORE

### GEORGE AND LAVERNE GRUMBEIN

BY: JOHN AND SHARON GRUMBEIN

### GLADS VINSON

BY: DAVID AND SANDY McCARTHY

### VIRGINA JUBB

BY: VALERIE. WALLANDER  
HERBERT AND MAUREEN RICHARDSON  
KEVAN AND JANNETTA BAXTER  
RALPH AND JANELLE JUBB  
CONSTANCE DOHERTY  
WADE AND DONNA ROBLEY  
RORY AND JILL JOHNSON

### BILL HOTCHKISS

BY: KHIVA ORIENTAL BAND

### RODNEY WEAVER P.P.

BY: KHIVA ORIENTAL BAND

### WILIAM A. CARAKER

BY: SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND

### EDWARD THORNTON

BY: NILE ORIENTAL BAND

### ROBERT GEARY

BY: JOHN AND SHARON GRUMBEIN  
MAHLON AND JOANNE HARIU  
RAJAH ORIENTAL JEWELS  
RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND

### HELEN M. ALORIDGE

BY: HARRY AND JONI PRESSMAN

### HENRY "HANK" DION

BY: PETER JOHN AND PAT WENDT  
PAUL AND SHIRLEY VITUM

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## 2017 PATRON'S LIST

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**BRONZE: (\$10.00)**

**SILVER: (\$25.00)**

**GOLD: (\$75.00)**

**PLATINUM: (\$150.00)**

Rameses - Hamilton OB

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

\*\*W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

\*\*Joe Brewton (Khiva)

(Memory Theresa Brewton)

(Honor Aric Brewton)

Peter Lawn (Gizeh)

\*Donald Moores (Amara)

(Memory Glenda Moores)

James W. McIlhattan

Richard Thompson  
Khiva Oriental Band  
Maggie Hartup (Midian)  
Midian Oriental Band  
C. Vince Bobrosky  
\*HURDQXWWHU

\* Indicates second donation

\*\* Indicates third donation

**2017 EXECUTIVE**

**PRESIDENT**

BERT THOMPSON  
434-0612

**1<sup>st</sup>. V / PRESIDENT**

GLEN BAGNELL  
465-5606

**2<sup>nd</sup>. V / PRESIDENT**

FRANK ROODE  
462-1819

**SECRETARY**

JAMES WOODLEY  
461-2908

**TREASURER**

KED CONROD  
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HERM PARKER  
434-0099

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**SICK & VISITING**

JOHN CAMERON  
462-4555

**PHILAE HOSPITAL**

**COMMITTEE REP.**

JOHN PHILIPS  
435-3761

TED FOWLER

443-2017

MURRAY CRANSTON

457-7516

**ENTERTAINMENT**

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462-1819

**FEZEROO**

BERT THOMPSON  
434-0612

**SPEED WORLD**

TBA

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BRIAN CHURCHILL  
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**WIDOWS LIAISON**

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465-6737

# DARTMOUTH DISTRICT

## SHRINE

## CLUB

1859 SHORE ROAD, EASTERN PASSAGE, N.S., B3G 1G5

ILL SIR BERT THOMPSON REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DARTMOUTH DISTRICT SHRINE CLUB, AT THE PHILAE SHRINE CENTER, 3530 CONNOLLY ST., HALIFAX.

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017**

**7:00 FOR 7:30**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Ceremonial 8<sup>th</sup> April 10:00**

**Come out and support your Divan**

**Potentate's Dinner 1 May 6:30 for 7:00**

**Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu. Cost: \$20.00/person**

**A Noble who is top signer for 2 new Nobles within 2 yrs. Commencing 2016 will receive a Shrine watch.**

**A Noble who is top signer for 5 new Nobles/2yrs will receive an embroidered Shrine jacket**

**Fezeroo winners will soon be drawn. Please support your club.**

**If you know of a member who needs transportation to a meeting please contact him. Let's increase our attendance.**

If you have acquired internet or made any changes to your email address please inform the secretary.

PRESIDENT: ILL. Sir BERT THOMPSON

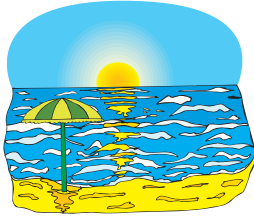
SECRETARY: NOBLE JIM WOODLEY

[jwoodley@eastlink.ca](mailto:jwoodley@eastlink.ca)



# 2017 IMPERIAL SESSION

*July 9 - 13, 2017*



## A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel

Hyatt Place Daytona Beach - Oceanfront  
3161 S. Atlantic Ave.  
Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32118

Contact Don Moores, A.S.O.B Secretary / Treasurer for all questions:  
**Phone: (561) 747-9698 / Email: shrinerdon@bellsouth.net**  
**Mail form to:** Don Moores, Re: 2017 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session  
47 Chestnut Trail, Tequesta, FL 33469-2129

**\*\*\* Room Rate is \$159.00/night (plus tax) AND \$20.00 Imperial Fee \*\*\***

To: Don Moores  
5H\$62985LUDO6HVVL RP  
47 Chestnut Trail  
Tequesta, FL 33469-2129  
Home: (561) 747-9698

### A.S.O.B. Reservation Request

Hyatt Place Dayton Beach  
6RXWK\$WODQ/LFSM  
DWRQWDFK6KRHV/

~~HSORIEESHOROHHEHHHRIRI~~  
Delta by Marriott, Daytona Beach, Florida

ASOB Headquarters Hotel,

~~\$UDCDWHBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBHDWXHDWHBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB6KUKQVHBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB~~

~~1REOHBBB/DGBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB~~

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_

#### Room Type Preferences

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

q King Bed    T Two Beds    T 1R3HIHHQH    T 1RQPRNQ    T 6PRNQ  
T H/C Accessible    T 6PDOOHILJHDWRIRPHGLFDOXRVHV

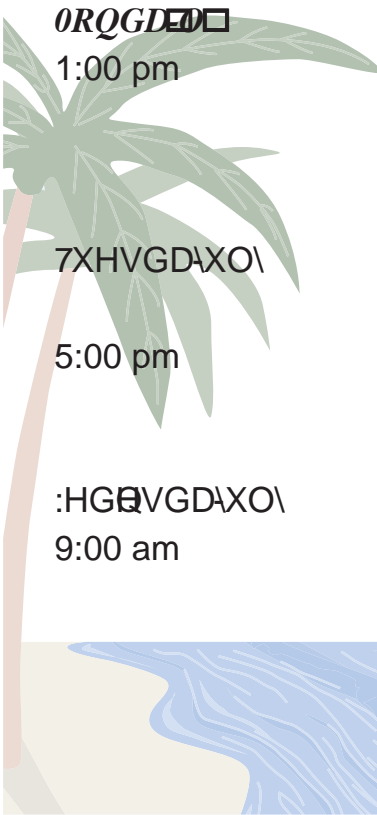
Hilton Honors Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit \$159.00 U.S. Funds plus \$20.00 Imperial Fee. Make cheque/check payable to: Association of Shrine Oriental Bands  
~~HOOHEITXHEHXHSHREHOEOEHERRIXIX~~  
listed your email address.

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# A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

*July 2017*



0RQGD 1:00 pm

1:00 pm

Stage Exhibition .....Market Place Stage  
 Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, Fez, Jewel, Name Tag  
 Hospitality Room Opens after Exhibition

7XHVGD 5:00 pm

5:00 pm

Hospitality Room Schedule to be Posted  
 Night Parade  
 Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, Fez, Jewel, Name Tag

:HG 9:00 am

9:00 am

Awards .....Hospitality Room  
 Dress: ASOB Shirt, Khaki Slacks, fez, Jewel, Name Tag  
 Hospitality Room Open until Noon

*Have a safe trip home!*

## TOP BANDS 2017

### Top Ten

5-25-17	\$13,645.00
1,/(25,(17\$/%	\$2,799.00
/1867(5281765,1(8%	\$2,450.00
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\$/25,(17\$/%	\$1,500.00
\$25,(17\$/%	\$1,400.00
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04,/(025,(17\$/%	\$1,000.00
,60\$/25,(17\$/%	\$1,000.00

### 11-15

0,,\$125,(17\$/%	\$740.00
(/5,\$25,(17\$/%	\$700.00

\$2804\$025,(17\$/%	\$500.00
\$55\$725,(17\$/%	\$500.00
/\$.525,(17\$/%	\$400.00

### Other Bands

(/.58\$25,(17\$/%	\$350.00
&5225,(17\$/%	\$340.00
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\$5\$25,(17\$/%	\$75.00
/\$225,(17\$/%	\$66.00
,9\$25,(17\$/%	\$60.00
6\$,25,(17\$/%	\$50.00

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International was held at the Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, MO on April 2, 2017. President Tom Crow called the meeting to order on 2:00 P.M. CDT.

President called on the 3rd Vice-President Darren DeHass to lead the meeting. President Harry Pressman gave the invocation. It was determined from the sign-in sheets that we had a quorum. There were nine Past Presidents in attendance.

**A.S.O.B. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Auditors, consisting of Chris Tsaros, Chairman; Jim Whitehouse, Past President and Joe Brewton, Past President reported that all of the books had been audited and no discrepancies were found. The Ladder Chairman had been audited and commended on keeping good books.

**A.S.O.B. SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:**

The President called for the reading of any of the Minutes of previous meetings had been printed in previous issues of the minutes of previous meetings. The motion was seconded, the reading of the minutes be dispensed, the motion carried.

for the Financial Report for July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, for the three months ending March 31, 2017. The motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. The motion was approved. (The full report is attached.)

he had attended no regional meetings in the last quarter. It was reported all

ills had been paid with the exception of bills related to the Annual meeting, those being Honorariums, Plaques for Competition, printing cards letterheads and stationary of the newly elected officers, Past President's Jewel, Card and 1st Ladies necklace and 2 plaques.

7KH 6HFHWDVHDVXHURI WKH \$62% DDXHG ZH KDG HFHLMG a Letter of Termination from the Royal Bank of Canada of our account in their name. EDN 6LPH ZH KDM EHHQDMQ REOHPV JHWWLQ WKH 6LJQWRCHV changed since Donald Moores took over. RMD 6HFHWDVHDVXHURXVWRQ it has been decided for Chris Tsaros to pursue a different bank which will work with us much better than the RBC. 7KH 6HFHWDVHDVXHUPRMG DQ was seconded, to give Chris Tsaros the authority to interview other banks and come to a conclusion as to the bank giving us the best service to receive Canadian Bands Dues and Donations for children. WR WKH/DGGHRI6PLOHVIRWKHEHQW RQWKH DDGLDQKLUW RVSWDO for children. The motion carried unanimously. It was further moved, seconded and passed unanimously. WKDW WKH 6LJQWXH \$XWKRLWZRXOGEH Granted to Chris Tsaros and Donald Moores.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Ladder Of Smiles Chairman:**  
**Noble Mike Hartup announced at the end of March the total for the Ladder** that there would be other donations through the Annual Banquet and carrying through June 30, 2017 that he would receive for the year 2016-2017, before starting a new collection for the 2017-2018 year.

**1st Vice President:**  
**Noble Chris Tsaros reported that he was looking at a new website and Newsletter**

**communication tools. Donna Sambor** has informed because of ill health of her mother, her software she was using IRUWKH 1\$ .\$\$5 ODRXWV ZDV not up to date and costly to update, she would not be continuing to do the layouts. Chris has been discussing a new system which will have an initial FRVWRIDERXW\$ SPRWLRQ was made and seconded to give Chris the authority to move forward with the proposal he presented and the meeting. CHV also announced that the Music Academy was progressing slowly and announced that there could be some demonstrations of events to make fun of ourselves and laugh at each other, more information will follow.

**Second Vice President:**  
**Noble Harry Pressman reported we are**

having problems with the number of bands paying their dues for the current year. HDWKH 6HFHWDVKDG JLMQLP D showing on 52 bands had paid dues for 2017. He asked all of the members present to contact band in their regions which have not paid dues to please do so as soon as possible..

**Third Vice President:**  
Darren DeHass, PP, reported on the email blast system he had set up at the beginning of the year and reported he had received positive comments from several on the recipients of Kansas City Jamboree he had sent to the list..

**Sergeant At Arms:**  
**The Sergeant at Arms position has been vacant since July 1, 2016. No report.**

**President:**  
1REOH 7RP RZ HRWHG RQ DWWHQDEH DW WKH 6KUH 5HJLRQ Leadership Conference held in Chicago and the regional leaders and unit leaders present had all addressed many of the

same issues, attendance at Regional Meetings and declining membership. The President also announced that the \$622RXOGEHVWDLQDWWKHEDWW Place in Daytona at a cost of \$159.00 per night plus the \$20.00 Imperial fee. The location of the hotel is where AL.(56KUH V ZLOO EH VWDLQDQ we would be sharing the Hospitality facility .

The President also announced and invited the Membership to attend the laying on a wreath on the Tomb RI WKH 8NZQROGLHUQOLOWRQ Cemetery on June 19, 2017 at 1:15 30 7RPV 6RQQDZLV DVVLJHG to the Pentagon and has arranged for a tour of the Pentagon for 20 people to be included on the tour on June 20, 2017. All people must be properly vetted by 3HQDJRQHFXLW\

It was announced letters have been received from the Potentate, the Ambassador of the Region concerned DQDQIILFHRI WKH \$62RI WKH HFRPPHQHG DQVDPQI WKH HDU The motion was made, seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was unanimously agreed the Jamboree held in Kansas City was a great success and it was discussed that the Jamboree would be held in Kansas City again next year a little later in the year, approximately the first week in May. This was left with 1st Vice-president Tsaros to determine with the hotel the best week for this event.

**ELECTIONS:**

President Crow conducted the nominations and elections. President Crow called for nominations for the RIILFHRI BHVLGHQRI \$62SRWLRQ was made and seconded to nominate 1REOH KLV 7VDRV WR WKH 2IILFHRI \$62RIWKH HDU President for the year 2017/2018. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and

WKH 6HFHWDV HDVXH ZDVLQWKFVHG WR FDVW D XQQPRXV EDOORW IRUREOH KLV 7VDRV DV 3HVLGHQRI \$62% IRWKH HDUREOH 7VDRV acclaimed his willingness to serve.

1RPLQWLRQ ZHH WKHQRSIHG for the office of First Vice President RI \$62%IRWKH HDU

A motion was made and seconded WR RPLQWH 1REOH DUSHVVPDQ for the office of First Vice President.

There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were FORVHGDQWKH 6HFHWDV HDVXH ZDVLQWKFVHG no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were instructed to cast a unanimous ballot IRUREOH DUSHVVPDQ RWKHRILFH RI)LVW 9LFH 3HVLGHQRI \$62%RU WKH HDRII REOH 3HVVPDQ acclaimed his willingness to serve.

1RPLQWLRQ ZHHWKHQRSIHGIRU WKH RIILFH RI 6HFRQ 9LFH 3HVLGHQRI \$62%IRWKH HDU

A motion was made and seconded to RPLQWH, 006LDHHDVVWRWKH RIILFHRI 6HFRQ 9LFH 3HVLGHQ 7KHHD being no further nominations after three

calls, the nominations were closed and WKH 6HFHWDV HDVXH ZDVLQWKFVHG WR FDVW D XQQPRXV EDOORW IRUREOH HDVV DV 6HFRQ 9LFH 3HVLGHQRI \$62%IRWKH HDU, 006LU DeHass acclaimed his willingness to

serve.

1RPLQWLRQ ZHH WKHQRSIHG for the office of Third Vice President RI \$62%IRWKH HDU

A motion was made and seconded to RPLQWH 1RP7LNDPIRWKHRILFH of Third Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and WKH 6HFHWDV HDVXH ZDVLQWKFVHG WR FDVW D XQQPRXV EDOORW IRUREOH Tinkham as Third Vice President of

\$62%IRWKH HDUREOH Tinkham acclaimed his willingness to serve, through a text message.

1RPLQWLRQ ZHH WKHQRSIHG IRWKHRILFHRI 6HHDQ \$W \$PVR IREOH DUSHVVPDQ \$62%IRWKH HDU

motion was made and seconded to RPLQWH: 5LFKDCMDFREHNRU WKHRILFHRI 6HHDQ \$W \$PVR 7KHHD 6HF7HDV

no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and WKH 6HFHWDV HDVXH ZDVLQWKFVHG WR FDVW D XQQPRXV EDOORW IRUREOH 6REHNV 6HIHDQDW \$PVR I \$62% IRWKH HDUREOH 6REHN acclaimed his willingness to serve.

1RPLQWLRQ ZHH WKHQRSIHG IRWKH RIILFH RI 6HFHWDV HDVXH RI \$62%IRWKH HDU

A motion was made and seconded to RPLQWH 1REOH RORRHV IRWKH RIILFH RI 6HFHWDV HDVXH 7KHH being no further nominations after

three calls, the nominations were closed DQ WKH 6HFRQ 9LFH 3HVLGHQ ZDV instructed to cast a unanimous ballot IRUREOH RORRHV DV 6HFHWDV 7HDVXHURI \$62%IRWKH HDU acclaimed his willingness to serve.

1REOH ORRHV DFFODLPHG 3HVLGHQ(OHFWIREOH KLV 7VDRV gave an acceptance speech which was

short and sweet.. The Fall Meeting will be in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:  
The Tom Crow relieved all appointed**

Officers of their assignments effective June 30, 2017 and will need the President Elect to reappoint them to their new duties after he takes office in July 2017

Dr. A. J. DiCaro, gave the members a short summary of the new Band in Panama City, Panama, About 6DDG 6KLUV H DQXQH WKH had received the donated instruments, uniforms and there would be a trip WR 3DQPD K\ LQIRMPHUWR present them with their charter as the WKH 6HFHWDV HDVXH ZDVLQWKFVHG WR FDVW D XQQPRXV EDOORW IRUREOH .QHQLRQ DQ LQKLUV Optional.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in peace and harmony at 3:10 P.M.

The benediction was given by the IRWKHRILFHRI 6HHDQ \$W \$PVR IREOH DUSHVVPDQ RXVLQKH)DLWK Donald W. Moores

**Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International**  
**Summery of U.S. Operating Funds, July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017**

<b>Balance:</b> July 1, 2015 .....	\$ 4,264.00
<b>Revenue:</b>	
\$62% <del>X</del> HV .....	\$ 45.00
\$62% <del>X</del> HV .....	\$5,450.00
DoubleTree Refund of Flood Cancelation Rooms.....	\$ 847.00
Fantasy and Caliph's Trophies .....	\$ -
Fantsy Registration .....	\$ 237.00
Patrons Fund .....	\$ -
2-16 Imperial Rooms .....	\$ -
Awards (RAJAH).....	\$ 79.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2016 thru March 31,2017.....	\$ 6,688.00
Revenue Balance: March 31, 2017 .....	\$10,952.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Honorarium 2016.....	\$2,000.00
Refunds - Ben Kedem - Flood Cancelations.....	\$ 987.00
1D.KDED <del>BL</del> WLD .....	\$1,584.67
1D.KDED <del>OD</del> LOLD .....	\$1,364.60
1D.KDED <del>DR</del> XW.....	\$1,400.00
6WDWLRQ <del>D</del> G <del>G</del> HRI6PLOHV <del>K</del> DLE <del>D</del> DQ.....	\$ 78.25
2017 Dues Cards .....	\$ 181.40
Plaques - Competition 2016.....	\$ 405.00
3ODTXHV <del>D</del> QVPD <del>R</del> H <del>D</del> EDVW3HV .....	\$ -
33-HZHON <del>GV</del> V/DGV3HQD <del>W</del> .....	\$ -
Awards .....	\$ 79.00
Website Maintenance .....	\$ 47.88
Total Expenses: July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017.....	\$ 8,127.80
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b> March 31, 2017 .....	\$ <u>2,824.20</u>

**Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International**  
**Summery of Canadian Checking Account, July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017**

	<b>CDN \$</b>
<b>Balance:</b> July 1, 2016.....	\$3,894.73
<b>Revenue:</b>	
A.S.O.B. 2017 Dues.....	\$1,060.00
/DGGHRI6PLOHV.....	\$2,000.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017.....	\$3,060.00
Revenue Balance:March 31, 2017 .....	\$6,954.73
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Monthly Bank and Service Charge.....	\$ 54.75
/267D <del>Q</del> IHU .....	\$3,100.00
Total Expenses: July 1, 2015 thru March 31, 2017.....	\$3,154.75
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b> March 31, 2017 .....	\$ <u>3,799.98</u>

**Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International**  
**Summery of Edward Jones Savings Account May 27, 2016 thru March 28, 2017**  
**Formerly 1st 100 Club Savings Account**

<b>Balance:</b> May 27, 2016 .....	\$ 20,367.25
<b>Revenue:</b>	
L <del>E</del> G <del>H</del> QV <del>Q</del> HHVWOD <del>W</del> K <del>X</del> ODEK .....	\$ 430.24
8 <del>Q</del> FRJQH <del>G</del> *DL <del>Q</del> VV .....	\$ 1,419.16
Total Revenue: May 27, 2016 thru March 31, 2017 .....	\$ 1,849.4
Revenue Balance: March 28, 2017 .....	\$ 22,216.6
<b>Expenses:</b>	
)HHV <del>K</del> DIHV .....	\$ -
/267D <del>Q</del> IHU .....	\$ -
Total Expenses: May 27, 2016 thru March 31, 2017 .....	\$ -
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b> March 28, 2017 .....	\$ <u>22,216.65</u>

Association of  
Shrine Oriental Bands  
International

*2018*  
**JMBRE**

*May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>*

HOLIDAY INN  
COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA  
ONE E 45TH ST,  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111  
PHONE: 1 866 753 7400

*Mark your calendars.*

*See you then!*

*Association of Shrine Oriental Bands  
invites  
Oriental Bandsman, Shriners and Families  
to be present as the  
2017 FHV  
Lay a Wreath at  
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, Virginia  
Monday, June 19, 2017  
Ceremony Promptly at 1:15  
Please arrive before 12:15*



2017 KANSAS CITY JAMBOREE

• • • • *Competition Results* • • • •

SMALL BANDS

1st Arab Shriners  
2nd Abdallah Shriners

MEDIUM BANDS

1st Midian Shriners  
2nd El Raid Shriners

LARGE BANDS

1st Khiva Shriners

*Join us for a  
TOUR OF THE PENTAGON  
Tuesday, June 20th*

*Please contact Tom Crow  
for information.*

from the

**PUBLISHER**



*I would like to thank you for allowing me to be a part of the A.S.O.B. as publisher of the Na Khabar newsletter. Twenty-one years ago Mr. Paul Shively (Scimitar) offered Knight Printing Company in Montgomery, Alabama, the opportunity to edit and print the Na Khabar, we gladly accepted. I have enjoyed getting to know you. The Shriners are a great group of people with big hearts! I hope the Association continues to grow and thrive. Best wishes to you all!*

# Jamboree Band Registration

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

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We will attend the Fantasy %o :HZLOO127DWWHQWKH)D000V\  
There will be approximately \_\_\_\_\_ performing members.

Send to:  
Darren A. DeHass  
2997 Daystar Drive  
Billings, MT 59102-6826

6LJQWXHBB

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

6WDWHBB

## Band Information

**Please Print** This is Preliminary Information Only

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