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PRESIDENT Lonnie Merriman

Hello from the great State of South Dakota. As I sit down to write my first article as your President, I find myself reflecting on the past 5 years. From the time I was

approached to run for office of Sergeant at Arms to the present, it has been a very special time for Linda and myself. We have made so many new friends across the country and look forward to making many more in the coming years. I applaud those who have stepped up before me, and welcome those stepping into my shoes! I have already learned so much about what the ASOB does for its membership and how that membership works for the Ladder of Smiles and am grateful for this opportunity to learn so much more.

The goal I have set for the Ladder of Smiles is \$80,000. I know with hard work (not to mention all the fun we will have while helping those who need our assistance), we will have no problem reaching that goal. Think of it this way: By reaching our goals, we create smiles, and seeing those smiles on our kids only makes us want to work harder!

On a personal note, I would like to thank Richard (Big) Thompson and his Lady Tish for a wonderful time in Charlotte. The motel was very accommodating and the food service was wonderful. Of course, it goes without saying that the company was excellent!

I also want to thank Tom Crow and his Lady Katie from Moslah for taking on the Sergeant at Arms position and I am looking forward to working with Tom. He is going to be a great addition to our line on the ASOB! To all the ambassadors and committee chairmen, I would like to thank you for continuing on in your positions. We need your help now more than ever to keep the associations informed on what is going on in the ASOB. I know that it is difficult at times, but I will do my best to keep you informed so that you can pass new information to all the regions of the country. I think communication is the key to any organization. My door (and phone) is always open, and if I don't have the answer you need, I will do my best to find that answer. Again, thank you to all the past Presidents without your knowledge and willingness to help in all ways possible, the ASOB would not run as smoothly as it does. So - to all the line officers, ambassadors, committee chairmen and past Presidents (and all of their Ladies), I say THANK YOU!!!!

I have to mention my band and the El Riad Temple as a whole. Without their support I could not have made this journey. To our aides that made it to Charlotte (Brian and Penny, Jim "Moose" and Deb "Sunshine", and Todd), to John and Sharon Egan, our sons Jeremiah and Tommy, and our daughter Clara, you have all our love and thanks for your willingness to compete and show your support for what I consider to be the greatest philanthropy there is! And to Brittany (our first favorite daughter) who will join us in Indianapolis, thank you for all the phone calls and support.

Just a couple of things before signing off - my Midwinter meeting will be Thursday through Saturday, April 4 - 6, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I hope everybody can make it. We will try to show everyone a good time. And don't forget, Indianapolis in 2013! We will be staying at the downtown Hilton, which is located in the heart of the city where you can walk to wherever you want to go.

Membership is a big part of the Shrine and it needs to be a big part of the ASOB. Without new members, our organization cannot grow. We cannot let that happen! So talk to men you know about the Masons and the Shrine. You might be surprised at who might be interested. To men who are already Shriners, talk to them about the ASOB and what we do - not only for their own Shrine, but for the Ladder of Smiles. Use the new powerpoint presentation that your bands will be receiving in the near future. It is a great tool, and I believe it will help in our membership drive.

Until next time (and many more smiles) -

Yours in the Faith, Lonnie Merriman



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Vince Bobrosky

It seems I begin every August Na Khabar article with how hot the summer has been, but this year we've broken all records! First, I'd like to offer congratulations to Lonnie

Merriman and his lady Linda on becoming president of our great organization. Also, we congratulate all other officers who moved up the line, and especially the newest in our line Noble Tom Crow, Sgt. of Arms and his Lady Katie. We know they will enjoy the years to come with the camaraderie of a great bunch of Shriners!

The first week of May, Noble Nolan Stanley (SASOBA Ambassador) and I headed to Minneapolis to meet up with Noble Dave McCarthy and his Lady Sandy to check out the resources/hotels available for our Imperial Session of July, 2014. On the way to Minneapolis we stopped in Indianapolis, the site of the 2013 Imperial Session to take a look at our hotel for that event. The Hilton is located downtown very close to the convention center, which is convenient for everyone attending. President Lonnie, you did a great job! Hope you'll all be there.

In Minneapolis, our group visited a number of hotels and we were most impressed by the University Hotel, the same hotel used by Noble Mike Hartup and his Lady Maggie in 2003. Kudos to Dave and Sandy who were extremely helpful in this effort. These two wonderful people don't miss a beat! Lonnie Merriman stopped and visited with us while we were at the hotel, and we enjoyed seeing him.

Our next stop was Tyler, Texas during the first week of June, where we were shown a terrific time at the Texas Shrine Association! (Lady Maggie was happy to be back in her home state!) We met with old friends and new, and enjoyed all the activities and company. After admiring his written work for the last few years, I had the pleasure of actually meeting J.R. Batesole, a great Shriner and A.S.O.B. Ambassador representing T.A.S.O.B.

As expected, the competition was outstanding! All participating bands were excellent and put on a great show for the many attendees. Everyone expects this from the Texas Oriental Bands, and we are never disappointed!

Then it was on to Charlotte, NC, for the Imperial Session. Congratulations to Richard and Tish Thompson who made a good selection of hotel and put on a fabulous A.S.O.B. Imperial Session. The hospitality room was well-visited, and thanks go to Bland Wade from Acca Temple, and Past A.S.O.B.President Paul (Squeezebox) Gluck for providing much of the entertainment!

I am so proud of my Acca Oriental Bandsmen who participated in their first Imperial competition. What a great honor to come back to Richmond, VA, with two trophies. I know the bandsmen will relish this experience for years to come. We hope to make it to future Imperial Sessions.

Last, but certainly not least, congratulations to Richard "Big" Thompson for exceeding his Ladder of Smiles goal! Hopefully everyone is already working on this coming year to exceed President Lonnie's goal. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!!

Yours in the faith, Vince



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT David McCarthy

Nobles, your Association with its new slate of officers hits the ground running to provide you with a new year of activities. Congratulations to our new

president, Lonnie Merriman and his Lady Linda of El Raid Temple, SD, for taking the reins of A.S.O.B. Congratulations to the officers who moved up a notch and especially welcome aboard and congratulations to our newest line member, Sergeant at Arms, Tom Crow and his Lady Katie from Moslah Shrine Center of Fort Worth, TX. Imperial Sessions are always a busy time for your officers, but are always enjoyable for those who attend. A big special thanks to the Oriental Bands and Nobles who traveled to Charlotte and braved the "fierce" competitions, not to mention the extreme heat of the day. As it happened everyone went home with both first and second trophies in hand. A well "balanced" venue. It is always enjoyable to see and be with old friends and meet new ones. As this article readies to go to press, I and my Lady Sandy will attend Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) in Cedar Rapids, IA, which is always and enjoyable time and great fellowship with the 13 Oriental Bands located in the C.S.S.A. boundaries. I will provide more on this experience with my next article the 1st of the year and a few pictures to post on-line. Since we last visited, Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands/TSA came and went in Tyler, TX, the first week in June. Another awesome experience. Competitions, banquets, parade and a whole bunch of mixing it up with old friends and meeting and making new ones. I am of the belief that fraternal cable tow is integral and invaluable to our existence. Membership is our "war cry" of the day, and this is so necessary to maintain our existence. We must find a way to back fill our ranks; especially those that the black camel has taken from us. The old worn out expression, "Well this is the way we always have done it," is just that - WORN OUT. Self examination of our current day practices are needed and hopefully we can exchange and learn from each other as different bands and associations, hopefully identifying, then implementing those things that have worked, then move forward.

This year one of my primary duties as 2nd VP is to "solicit" articles for your magazine, the Na Khabar. As I travel from association to association I find there is a tremendous interest as what other bands are doing. How they maintain and enjoy their units and increase membership in Shrinedom. YOU can read some of these articles on line, right here in this publication. I request that for those of you who haven't participated yet, appoint a responsible individual and help spread the OB word and share with us what your Oriental Band activities are in the Na Khabar as what you are accomplishing. If I can help you in any way to get this going; just drop me an e-mail with your thoughts/requests. Another request I have of you, is have your bands purchase, even if it is but a small ad in the Ka Khabar, touting your band. This would accomplish a couple of things. First it displays your existence. Showing your meeting place, time and schedule shows your fellow bandsmen if they are traveling in your area, a chance to have fraternal intercourse. Lastly the funds for these ads help displace the heavy cost of providing this fine magazine to all Oriental Bands and to those reading it on-line.

Once again, as I close this article please go visit your Oriental Band activities at <u>www.asob.org</u> Click on the Facebook Tab for some great pictures of your many activities. Great times are being had and you can share these activities as well by just sending your pictures to share. (You don't have to be a face book member to view.) I encourage you to send your OB photos to JR Batesole (jrbatesole@ sbcglobal.net) and he will gladly upload your organizations photos to the asob web site for every one to share and enjoy. I believe this creates a tighter bond between ALL Oriental Bands just by sharing and new ideas emerge. Not too soon to start your plans to come to the 139th Imperial Session June 29 - July 3, 2013, in Indianapolis, IN. The Oriental Band festivities are being held in the Hilton Indianapolis downtown, just three short blocks from the Convention Center where we will be holding our competitions. You may also want to visit Imperial's web site at http://www.imperial2013.com for a broader view of all the complete shrine activities as they emerge. I encourage you to contact anyone of your A.S.O.B. officers with any questions or clarifications of matters related to Oriental Bands functions. We are here to serve you, and I'm sure the other officers feel the same way. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are published elsewhere in this publication; please use them. For those of you reading this article, I would highly encourage you engage your fellow nobles to participate in every Shrine event possible. Top of your list should be Nobles having fun, just maybe you may find a new band members. Visit your Blue Lodge. Ultimately this will help our Shrine Kids. Let me leave you with this thought - let's all put an extra effort for The Ladder of Smiles. You will see that vour efforts and contributions do make it all worthwhile. Go in Peace.

Yours in the faith, Dave McCarthy, 2nd VP A.S.O.B.



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT Scot Duncil

Greetings Fellow Sons of the Desert! Those of you not in Charlotte for Imperial missed a FUN time and a very well-attended and productive A.S.O.B.

Session! Jr. Past President Richard ("BIG") and Lady Tish had a very productive year and exceeded their goal for the Ladder of Smiles - CONGRATULATIONS! That would never have happened were it not for the many fund-raising events and donations from all of YOU! I know for a fact that most in our beloved Fraternity know little about the A.S.O.B. and even fewer are aware that we raise funds to transport children to and from our Shrine Hospitals. Thanks to everyone for your efforts in soliciting donations and having fund-raisers; many of those checks do make their way to the A.S.O.B. so we can present a BIG check to the Imperial Sir, but to those that make donations through your Temple, that money is needed as well and appreciated ever so much!

It was great seeing so many Oriental Bandsmen from across the country and competition was *down-right fierce*! I want to personally thank the many Past Presidents of ASOB for attending – your continued support and dedication is truly a testament to the camaraderie within this organization.

Please know that we missed you in Charlotte but make plans now to attend next year's session in Indianapolis; it's in the Heartland (kinda), and relatively easy to get to and I know President Lonnie and Lady Linda have been making plans for a great year, travel and FUN!

Welcome to the ASOB line our new Sergeant-at-Arms, Tom Crow and Lady Katie from MOSLAH Temple from a little town in Texas they call Fort Worth. Tom (literally) stands head-and-shoulders as an example of an Oriental Bandsman and I hear that there is also a waiting list of those desiring to be an ASOB officer; competition is good!

Please go to the ASOB website at <u>www.asob.org</u> to check-out the link to the PowerPointpresentation regarding the ASOB

which also explains about our philanthropy, the Ladder of Smiles. It took a lot of time and effort to come to fruition and says so much about us in a short 22-minutes.

That's enough for now so until next time, always remember to stand up-wind of the herd but to also occasionally look back to be sure it's there!

FOURTH

VICE

PRESIDENT

Jeff Moores

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lot of fun was had by all. I was glad to see a couple more of my fellow bandsmen from Melha there this year. Both Mike and Smitty had a great time and I think they want to get back to attending a few more Imperials. Now, we need to just keep working on the rest of the members of our band, so we can have a band to compete. A fine tip of the hat to all of the bands that did compete. It is always a pleasure to see those bands we don't usually see when we are in a new region of the country. Next year in Indianapolis, maybe we can look forward to seeing those Great Lakes and Mid West bands. It was also great to see some attendees at our competition this year from some of our bands that were not there to compete. I had a couple of great conversations with Bob and Brian from the Mocha Oriental Band in London, Ontario, and the new Secretary of the Tunis Oriental Band, Noble Barry. I would like to also give my congratulations to Noble Tom Crow from Moslah Shriners and his Lady Katie for being elected as Sergeant at Arms. From my discussions with Tom, I can tell he is a fine Mason and Shriner and will be an excellent addition to the current line of officers.

The Melha Oriental Band just wrapped up our biggest fundraiser of the year in our Annual Golf Tournament. We have been holding this tournament for almost a quarter of a century and consistently have over 100 golfers every year. This year was another great success in that it raised over \$6,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The only bad thing of the day was, after experiencing a drought for almost 2 months, the skies opened up and rained on us, and not just rained, at some points we were getting 3 inches and hour. But we look at it as any day that raises that kind of money for our hospitals is a great day!

I would like to report that I had a great trip to Montreal and Ottawa in April. I went up to visit with the Tunis Oriental Band to deliver our traveling Northeast Ladder of Smiles Trophy. It was somewhat of a solemn evening as it was the first meeting since the passing of their longtime secretary, Noble Wally Webb. Even so we had a great visit, and I would like to thank Noble Dennis Moore for the great hospitality I was shown on my visit. The next day I returned to Montreal and toured our hospital there. For those of you that don't know, they have broken ground on a new hospital that they will be moving into in the summer of 2015. It was a very impressive tour and opened my eyes to a lot of the research that is going on within our hospitals.



Ill. Sir Dennis Saikaley & Noble George Kennedy receiving the Ladder of Smiles Trophy



Tunis Oriental Band

For the fall, we have our Northeast Field Days coming up in September on the 14th, 15th, and 16th in Bangor, Maine, hosted by

Anah Shriners. Times for the meetings and competition are still being worked out and Noble Jim Woodley will be sending that information out, or you can feel free to contact me as it gets closer. Tentatively our Sultans and NESOBA meeting will be Friday afternoon at the Shrine Center and the competition will be Saturday morning. If your band intends to compete, please let Jim know, so he can schedule the time as close to the parade start time, so we don't have to be in costume or make up any longer than we have to.

Also for the fall, our First Vice President, Noble Chris Parker, will be planning our Annual Halloween Party. Last year we got hit with a freak October Snowstorm on the night of the party. Let's hope for better weather this year. Well, that's all the news I have to report for now. My last parting thought is to always remember the Ladder of Smiles and the reason we do what we do! - Noble Jeff



SERGEANT AT ARMS Tom Crow

I would like to thank the members of ASOB for giving me the opportunity to serve such a great association

as Sergeant at Arms. I am pleased to serve with a corps of officers like we have in ASOB. I think that ASOB will only grow and prosper with President Lonnie and those who will follow. For any Association to have success, it takes members that are dedicated to its purpose. As members of ASOB we have two things to promote, one is our Ladder of Smiles. That is right-our Ladder Of Smiles. This belongs to the Oriental Band and no one else. It is our way to help raise money for the greatest philanthropy in the world, our Hospitals. We should take great pride in what is accomplished every day at these facilities. Just remember, the money that we raise for the Ladder of Smiles goes to these facilities. It takes all of us working together to be able to present the kind of checks to Imperial that we

have become accustom to. The second of our two prong attack is Oriental Bands. I feel that as officers we must get out and help promote the Oriental Bands. This is the most symbolic unit in Shrinedom. I know some feel that other units do more to show the shrine. but all I can say is - wrong. The heart and soul of the Shrine is the Oriental Band. The costume, the pageantry, the music is what the shrine was founded on. The name may change but the Arabic theme is what made the Shrine what it is. When the ceremonial starts everyone wants to see the costumes and to listen to the music of the Oriental band. This is never more obvious than at a Texas Shrine Association Oriental Band Competition. The biggest crowds of any competition are there to watch the Oriental Bands go on the floor. One of the best of these competitions is between two of the best bands in Shrinedom, Khiva from Amarillo and Moslah from Fort Worth. I can say that I have friends that I would never have without my involvement with the Oriental Bands. I feel like I have friends and family all across North America due to my association with ASOB.

I would like to take this time to say thank you to my Band. Moslah Oriental Band, both nobles and ladies, have always been there for Katie and I to help with whatever has been needed, whenever it was needed, without being asked. This was true while we progressed through the line of Moslah Oriental Band, as well as the TASOB line. We could never say thank you enough for your support and friendship.

I have to say a special thank you to my wife Katie, who has supported me through my entire Masonic career. She and our girls have been there for me always.

I will attempt to make as many visits to various associations and bands whenever possible. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and I will do my best to address them to the best of my ability. Again, Thank You for this honor and hope to see soon.



SECRETARY TREASURER Mahlon Hariu

The Dues Notices will be sent in September as usual. Please try to have your meetings to approve payment and send your r e m i t t a n c e before the end of January 2013.

The 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC is history. Some of us who drove had a "Snoopy Night." Friday night Virginia had a bad storm with high winds. This played havoc with the electric lines and some could not get gas because there was no power for the pumps until a couple of days later. All made it safely to Charlotte in time for competition so we were lucky. As it turned out the heat was very bad and many didn't venture far from air-conditioning for very long. As I write this missive, the weather forecast is for a heat index of over 110 degrees. Just another sunny day in downtown Emmaus, PA.

Elsewhere in this issue are all of the particulars of who won what in the competition. You will also find the minutes of the Annual Meeting, Financial Records for the past year of the Operating Account, Canadian Account, and Savings Account. If anyone has any questions concerning this information, please contact me and I will endeavor to give understanding and meaning to these figures for your questions.

Elsewhere in this issue is the information for the 2013 Imperial. I was at the last Imperial in Indianapolis and it is a very walkable city. We will be housed at a downtown hotel, within walking distance of the Convention Center and Headquarters Hotel. Join us for a great time wonderful competition.

Yours in the Faith, Mahlon



APPOINTMENTS



LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN Michael Hartup

Greetings from hot, hot, hot Kansas. Over three days of 111 in the shade, we are looking forward to welcoming ANY cooler season.

It was hot in

Charlotte too during Imperial Session but the heat did not keep the Oriental Bands and bandsmen (and their ladies) from having fun. It was great to see old friends and new ones. Congratulations to the bands that played in competition. You were all winners in my eyes.

Immediate Past President Richard "Big" Thompson set a goal of raising \$75,000.00 during his year and he did. We were pleased to present \$80,500.00 to our hospitals.

Well, it is a new year and a new slate of officers and President Lonnie has announced his goal of raising \$80,000.00 during his year. It is now up to all of us, regions, bands, bandsmen, our ladies, and even friends to make this happen. Get creative and keep those dollars coming in.

Our congratulations go out to our new officers including that little fellow, Tom Crow, sergeant at arms, otherwise know as "some feathers" by Maggie. I know he and Katie will be assets to the A.S.O.B. family.

I know Imperial Session was just over but it is not too early to think about attending in Indianapolis next year. I know Maggie and I will be there, why don't you join us?

I am proud to announce that the Ladder of Smiles has now reached the \$2,500,000.00 mark in donations to our kids and our hospitals. Let's keep that momentum working and dig deep because...The smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.





FIRST 100 CLUB CHAIRMAN Morrie Toretsky

Greetings from beautiful Minnesota! Our summer has been extra hot. and not very wet. We hope that everyone who attended the Imperial

Session at Charlotte, NC, had a good time and enjoyed themselves very much. Charlotte was great and the hotel was very accommodating. We had a beautiful First 100 Club Breakfast at 7:00 AM on Wednesday morning. Congratulations to Lonnie Merriman and his lady Linda, and all the Line Officers for the coming year. We welcome our new Sergeant at Arms Tom Crow from Moslah. The ASOB Ladder of Smiles gave the Imperial Sir \$80,000 which was great.

We gained two new members in Charlotte, Floyd LaDue (Sahib) and Tom Crow (Moslah), welcome to the club. We do need more new members. Please keep me informed of any changes in the First 100 Club roster so I can keep it up to date. We welcome and need new members, so we can keep going. Please mail your name, address, shrine center, phone number and a check for \$100.00 for each application, payable to ASOB First 100 Club. Mail to Morrie Toretsky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, NM 55426. Thank you for your contributions and support of the ASOB First 100 Club.

APPLICATION FOR THE A.S.O.B. FIRST 100 CLUB

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Shrine Center_____

Please make check payable to: A.S.O.B. First 100 Club in the amount of \$100.00

Mail to: Morrie Toretsky 2554 Pennsylvania Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55426

QUARTER-MASTER James "Moose" Fitzgerald

Greetings from the newly a p p o i n t e d Quartermaster. My name is James "Moose" Fitzgerald a member of El Riad Temple's Oriental Band

and their equipment manager. If the band is looking for something (uniforms, drums, ect.), I can find it or make it.

I know that mouth-pieces are at a premium, so over the winter I started casting a mouth piece (and ligature) and made them using a silicone mold casting with a two part resin. Our band has started using them and are very easy to play. I have sent several samples out and am ready to provide any ambassador or band the same. I had 15 mouth pieces in Charlotte to hand out, and received good reviews. If your band needs them the price is \$20 each, with \$15 going to the Ladder of Smiles. I can adjust my molds to adapt to various size musettes.

On the subject of musettes, there are many different styles and shapes out there - six hole, seven hole, wood, stainless steel, brass, the list goes on. If your band has an old musette that you will never play, how about making it available to another band that is short on horns and they might play that particular musette?

I have started to contact all the shrines that are not now dues paying members of the A.S.O.B., that might still have equipment to donate or sell. I talked to a group of guys on the street in Charlotte that said their O.B. had folded over 15 years ago and they had a locker full of band stuff. (I haven't heard back from them yet).

This is kind of a new appointment, so if I do something wrong it's all my fault! If I can help keep the music playing you can take all the credit.

I hope to hear from all that need assistance. Keep playing that sweet music and don't forget to recruit new Nobles.

Yours in the Faith, James "Moose" Fitzgerald



AMBASSADORS



CENTRAL STATES **Rick Moody**

Greetings from the bands of Central States. The bands of Central States have been very active playing in parades all over the Midwest. It is amazing how

well the Oriental Bands are received by spectators along the parade route in even the small communities that host a parade. What a great way to attract new Shriners to our fold. The Central States Shrine Association will be gathering August 8th thru 11th in beautiful Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this year. Our host band, El Kahir, has been busy getting the venue prepared for 4 days of outstanding competition. I will report the results in the next issue of Na Khabar. Keep playing beautiful music and always remember, it's for the kids. Contribute to the Ladder of Smiles.

Yours in Faith, Rick



FLORIDA Robert E. Stihler

Condolences to the family of Gayle Brown, President of the Bahia Oriental Band, as he was visited by the Black Camel on 4-3-12.

Congratulations to the 2012-2013

ASOB President Lonnie Merriman and his Officers - Nobles Vince Bobrosky, David McCarthy, Scott Duncil, Jeff Moores, Tom Crow, and Ill Sir Mahlon Hariu, P.P. Let's all do our parts to achieve the 2012 goal of \$85,000.00.

Thanks to 2011-2012 FSOBA President "Butch" Cox of Araba Oriental Band, Ft. Myers, for an enjoyable convention from 2-5 May 2012. At the Business Meeting, yours truly was elected/volunteered to again serve as 2012-2013 FSOBA President representing Egypt Oriental Band. The 2013 FSOBA Convention will be hosted by Egypt at Tampa, FL. 2012-2013 FSA President, Ill. Frank Mangiovi, PP, provided initial details concerning the convention, commenting that all units will be housed at the Mainsail.

Bahia Oriental Band reported that they had a successful Annual Fish Fry in April, and a Stated Meeting Dinner in June.

While vacationing in Longboat Key, FL, I had the opportunity to visit and join the last rehearsal of The Great Sahib Band at Sarasota, FL, prior to their departure for the Imperial at Charleston, NC and take the attached pictures. It was a pleasure and honor to participate with a great Band and truly enjoyed the fellowship. Their hard work with weekly practices paid off as the Band won first in their class; first overall; and a second place award for the parade. AND ... President/Director Floyd LaDue was presented the caliph award as best director. Congratulations!!!





The Florida Bands usually "go dark" during July and August, so come September, I'm sure the Bandsmen will be ready to resume their fall schedules.

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals. God Bless You, God Bless Our Troops, God Bless America!





ATLANTIC Kieth Oviatt

Another Imperial in the books. Congratulations for a successful year for "Big" Thompson and crew. Welcome Tom aboard Crow. I was not able to be at the

meeting as we were out of the country.

The MASOBA mid-winter meeting will be held in Reading, PA, on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at the Inn at Reading and be hosted by the Rajah Oriental Band. This is the annual combined Lancaster/Rajah Oriental Bands Past Presidents/Ladies Night Banquet and dinner dance. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the Ladder of Smiles. For reservations contact John Grumbein at 7520 Trexler Circle. Trexlertown, PA. 18087 to jkgumbein@ aol.com.

The Annual MASOBA meeting will be (was) in Va. Beach on September 7, 2012. The election of officers will be the main business to be discussed. This is where we make Ted Werkheiser a "has been" and make Jim Miller (Jaffa) as our sultan in charge. The other officers will move up and a new Sgt. of Arms will hopefully be elected. There will not be any stage competition this year due to lack of bands competing. All competition will be on the street on Saturday morning September 8.

The first sign of character is what one does, the second is what one gives. We parade for the children and give to the Ladder of Smiles. Remember to do both.



MIDWEST James "Moose" Fitzgerald

Greetings fellow nobles, from the Mid-West Oriental bands. First of all I would like to congratulate Lonnie Merriman on his election A.S.O.B. to

President. What a time we had in Charlotte! Also I would like to congratulate Richard

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"Big" Thompson on a great job this past year of leading the A.S.O.B. and exceeding his goal for the Ladder of Smiles.

Imperial Session in Charlotte was HOT! Both the temperature and the fun. If you missed Imperial, you missed a good party. Thank you Paul "Squeezebox" Gluck, and others, for the entertainment in the hospitality room. Also in Charlotte, I brought along 15 new mouth pieces to handout as samples and let individuals take them back to their bands to try out.

I am still working on other bands in the Midwest to show some kind of life. I will be traveling with my band (El Riad) to Grand Forks, North Dakota, August 9-10-11 for the Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session. My plan is to meet with as many other Temples as possible to ascertain the status of their O.B.

It was excellent to see friends and bandsmen that I had met last year in Denver. It was also great to meet new ones that I won't soon forget.

Don't forget to recruit new Nobles - they are the only way the A.S.O.B. will survive.

Yours in the faith, Moose



NEW YORK/ ONTARIO Bob Jones

What a summer!!! It was hotter here in beautiful Ontario than it was in Florida, but not as hot as the Imperial Sessions in Charlotte, Noble

Doug Wanamaker, myself and our Ladies attended the President's Awards night and renewed our friendships with many ASOB Past Presidents and their Ladies. Unfortunately we were unable to attend the fantasy as Divan business took precedent.

Our three clubs in Rameses are gearing up for the parade season and will be flying the banners of Shrinedom in the near future.

Congratulations to Past President Richard 'Big' Thompson on a very successful year and congratulations to our new President Lonnie Merriman.

My Lady Tina and I attended a function at Rameses-Sudbury in July and spoke

to several of the Oriental Band members. They continue to have events which are supported by many members of the Sudbury Club.

All 3 bands attended our Annual Ceremonial, this year in the beautiful Town of Orillia. All were in the parade and Hamilton did the honours this year and played in the 2^{nd} section of the initiation.

Until we meet again, remember the Ladder of Smiles.



NORTHEAST Jim Woodley

Greetings Nobles from Sunny Scotia. Nova We are planning **NESOBA** a meeting room and hopefully a "competition site" for the upcoming Northeast.

Unfortunately of the four Oriental Bands that replied there is only one ready and willing to show their stuff!!

On a sad note, Philae Oriental Band lost their Musical Director Noble Ernie Brown to the Black Camel recently. Like most of you we have been losing members to the Black Camel and Father Time.

I recently learned that Tunis Oriental Band has lost their long time treasurer, Noble Wally Webb, to the Black Camel.

I wish I could be more positive but it appears that the Masonic Order and the Shrine are in serious decline. It would appear that young men, today, have too busy schedules to join our organizations.

Wishing all a very comfortable parade season.

Yours in the Faith, Jim



SOUTH CENTRAL Ronnie McCromick

Greetings from the Deep South! I hope this finds everyone cool and relaxed. The weather here in Louisiana has been HOT and WET. Thank goodness for the wet.. I know many areas are without rain.

The South Central Oriental Band Association is a very small group, but a very energetic group with big ideas.

Our annual meeting was in conjunction with the South Central in Lake Charles, La. The event was hosted by Habibi Temple, on May 24-26. The new slate of officers are: President - Carl Jackson - Habibi; 1st Vice President - Ronnie McCormick - El Karubah; 2nd Vice President - Ernie O'Neal - El Karubah; Sgt. At Arms -Ronald Slocum - El Karubah; Secretary - David Cravy - El Karubah; Treasurer - Lester Smith - Acacia; Chaplin - Ernie O'Neal - El Karubah.

The next meeting will be in Baton Rouge, La. Hosted by Acacia Temple. This meeting will be held in the spring of 2013.

On a sad note, this band association has lost one of its founders and leaders, Noble Ernie Finger passed away in late 2011 after a short illness. Ernie has served in many stations in Masonry and Shrinedom. His two greatest loves were the Shrine Hospitals, the ASOB Ladder of Smiles, and his El Karubah Oriental Band. Those who knew Ernie will agree that he was one of the kindest and most gentle man you ever knew. His favorite farewell either in person or on phone was, "Peace be with you brother."



TEXAS J.R. Batesole

Greetings and a Big Hot and Dry Texas Howdy to all of you OBers wherever you are. Down here in Texas we have once again lapsed into the days where the temperature meets or exceeds

100 degrees and there is little or no rain. So if you did not take my advice and visit during Mid-Winter or TSA you missed your chance at good weather.

I begin this quarter's article with congratulations to our outgoing ASOB President Richard "Big" Thompson. Not only did Big exceed his Ladder of Smiles goal by over \$5000.00 but managed to get married on his Mid-Winter cruise too. Best wishes and congratulations go to our new President Lonnie Merriman. Lonnie has already had to give second thoughts to his Ladder of Smiles goal and brought it up to \$85,000 for the year. Lonnie's supporting goals include that each member band to participate in the Ladder of Smiles donations and that 100% of bands have ASOB membership. Lonnie is also dedicated to having an improved on line Na Khabar and home page. Here's hoping that he and his officers have great success with his goals over the ensuing year. Congratulations also go out to Noble Tom Crow of Moslah, as the newly elected Sgt. at Arms for 2012-13. Tom has a short bio in the May Na Khabar and you can't miss him.

Once again the Texas Shrine Association to include the Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands met on the first full weekend in June for our annual meetings and competitions. This year's event was hosted by Sharon Shrine Center in Tyler, Texas, with the Oriental Band Competition held on the campus of the University of Texas at the Heritage Center. This was a great venue for our competition and even the students came in to watch and listen. Once again this year we had six bands competing in three classes. Our updated class size rules worked out well this time and we had two bands in each of three classes. This year's competitions pitted Hella against Arabia in the small class, Sharon against Alzafar in the medium class and Moslah against Khiva in the unlimited class. Hella took the trophies and flag in the small band classification and Sharon took the trophies and flag in the medium band classification and the unlimited band competition yielded a split in that Khiva took the concert trophy and flag but tied with Moslah for the showmanship trophy. Needless to say Joe's head has once again enlarged to the point that D. Turin, Fez maker, has had to come up with a new extra, extra large size mold for his fez. Of course, even though the size is large it is mostly hot air in the end.

The TASOB meeting and breakfast were held Friday morning before the competition and this year's officers, elected at Mid Winter, were installed. John Baron, Arabia, takes over as TASOB president, John Meyer, Khiva, assumes 1st VP and Moe Rahmeh, Moslah, became 2nd VP.

Aside from the installation of officers, introduction of dignitaries, general chit chat and munching of breakfast our ASOB Ladder of Smiles Chairman, Mike Hartup, slipped in and collected over \$1000 for the Ladder of Smiles. Thanks to all who contributed and not only give Mike something to do, but put a big smile on his face.

Congrats to not just the winners but to everyone who played this year? I had opportunity to listen to most of the bands from the audience perspective. It was great. Even the students drifting in and out were having a great time. Thanks go out to out going TASOB president, Danny Settle, for a great year and I want to extend my best wishes to our new TASOB line up for the ensuing year. I know that John has a lot of activities planned. Good luck to all.

On a down note, Jerry Wyatt Jr., who has been the Moslah Bedouin director for the last 10 years, let it be known that this was his last year as director. Jerry is a single dad and plans to spend more time with his youngest son. The plan is that Johnnie Wallace, our current Caliph, will take over as director.

As this magazine comes out you all should be receiving your dues notices for 2013 and with it a DVD labeled ASOB and the Ladder of Smiles 'A Primer.' This is a product produced by Joe Brewton and me initially designed to help Texas OB members better understand ASOB and the Ladder of Smiles. The disc is intended to be viewed by bandsmen to gain a basic understanding of ASOB and the Ladder of Smiles. The entire production is based on the Whitehouse Talked points that Jim had developed several years ago. I simply got them from Jim, dusted them off, brought them up to date and Joe and I went to work from there to translate them into something every Oriental Bandsman could relate to. Please show this DVD to each of your members at the earliest possible opportunity.

As usual I want to take a moment to remind you to visit the ASOB Facebook page to view the pictures that have been posted there from events over the last year to include this year's Imperial activity. I ask each of you, if you have pictures you would like to see posted from your band please send them to me at <u>jrbatesole@sbcglobal.net</u> with a short explanation and I will get them posted for you ASAP. I have two large batches from Imperial 2012 that I am working on right now but I should be done with them shortly and ready for more so send them on and I will get to them as fast as possible.

I am still working at keeping the Texas Bands email list current to stay in contact with all of the bands in Texas, I ask that you help keep that list current and if changes are made throughout the year please keep me posted. So if you have changes or additions please let me know at <u>jrbatesole@</u> <u>sbcglobal.net</u> or call me at 817-441-6588. Well that's all for now.

Yours in the Faith J. R. Batesole

2011-2012 FINAL TOP 10 BANDS		
EL KARUBAH OB	\$18,065.11	
MELHA OB	\$11,566.55	
NILE OB	\$6,447.10	
MIDIAN OB	\$4,329.80	
LANCASTER CO. OB		
ABDALLAH OB	\$2,872.50	
SABAAR OB		
ELF KHURAFEH OB	\$2,027.00	
CAIRO OB		
MOSLAH OB	\$1,888.00	

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ZEM ZEM OB	\$1,850.00
ACCA OB	\$1,766.87
LULU OB	\$1,500.00
MOCHA OB	\$1,500.00
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ARARAT OB		
IREM OB		
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SHARON OB	.\$400.00	
KOREIN OB	.\$250.00	
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JAFFA/CLEARFIELD OB	\$225.00	
KALURAH OB	.\$220.00	
ARABIA OB	.\$200.00	
EL KAHIR OB	.\$200.00	
HELLA OB	.\$180.00	
BEN ALI OB	.\$125.00	
EL BEKAL OB		
RAMESES/OSHAWA OB	.\$120.00	
INDIA OB	.\$100.00	
OASIS OB	.\$100.00	
GIZEH OB	\$75.00	
ZUHRAH OB	\$70.00	
KARNAK OB	\$50.00	
AZAN OB	\$25.00	
KHIVA OB	\$25.00	
RAMESES/HAMILTON OB	\$20.00	

NEW TOP 10 BANDS

EL RIAD OB	\$4,300.00
ISMAILIA OB	
MELHA OB	\$355.70
SAHIB OB	\$250.00
JAFFA OB	\$200.00
ZENOBIA OB	\$150.00
MIDIAN OB	\$139.00
KHIVA OB	\$100.00
LU LU OB	\$25.00
ZEM ZEM OB	\$25.00
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ZUHRAH OB		\$20.00

BAND NEWS

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Greetings. Since last issue ACCA Oriental Band has been busy. The first part of May I accompanied Noble Vince Bobrosky, ASOB First Vice President, to Indianapolis to check the facilities for next year's ASOB meetings and competition. After spending some time there and taking a tour of the Indianapolis Speedway we traveled on to Minneapolis. We were met by Noble Lonnie Merriman, newly elected ASOB President, and Noble Dave McCarthy, ASOB 2d Vice President, and his Lady Sandy. It was great spending time with them and checking out what facilities are available for ASOB 2014.

In July the ACCA Oriental Band traveled to Charlotte, NC, for ASOB and Imperial 2012. It was the first time our band has attended this annual event in a very long time. All the Band members had a really great time and enjoyed meeting everyone while there and participating in the parade and competition. If you didn't make it, you missed a really enjoyable time. I would like to take this opportunity to let Jeff Moores know what a great Sergeant of Arms breakfast he had and compliment Richard "Big" Thompson on hosting a great weekend. The food, camaraderie and facilities were top notch and gave us all great memories to look back on. Congratulations, Lonnie! We wish you the very best as ASOB President for the coming year and look forward to attending the festivities in Indianapolis next July.

The ACCA Oriental Band is getting ready for the watermelon festival held in Richmond in August. Slices of watermelon are sold during the celebration as a fund raiser. Last year we couldn't cut the watermelons fast enough to keep up with the demand.

In September we will be traveling to Myrtle Beach, SC, to participate in South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Associations (SASOBA) functions and South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) parade. Hope this finds everyone well and living everyday to their fullest. ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND

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Shalom,



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It is with sadness to report that President Gayle Brown was called by The Black Camel on 4/3/12. Our prayers are with Lady Faye and family.

Thanks to Fish Fry Chairman III. John Pierson, PP, the Band had another successful Annual Fish Fry on 4/6/12. The Band also hosted the Stated Meeting Dinner on 6/7/12. As per usual, the Band's "Head Cookie," Noble Millard Smith, (see photo), did an admirable job at both occasions. A BIG THANK YOU to the Band Ladies for their sale of desserts.

The Band assisted in selling novelties at the two days of performances at the May Circus.

God Bless the children in the hospitals. God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops -God Bless America



Noble Millard Smith

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A warm summer greeting from your Bengal Lancers of Ben Ali Temple located in California's capital city of Sacramento. We have been having hot summer-like weather but are in dire need of some of the Al Kader liquid sunshine. If we don't get some rain

Fraternally, Richard Stanley

soon we may even be using the "D" word. That's "D" as in Drought.

We got off to a really good start in 2012 with our annual BASCO meeting in January followed by our joint Potentates visit with the Ben Ali Patrol unit on the 18th of February. It was a great evening dining with our Potentate Gary Darrow, his lady Elaine, his Divan and members of another of the Temples great units.

We participated on the 25th of February in the annual Bok Kai parade in Marysville, California. This parade, I understand, is the oldest ongoing parade in the state.

On the 2nd of March many of us attended the memorial for our 2005 past Potentate John Hopkins Jr. There was standing room only as so many were there to honor this great man, mason and shriner. John was a captain of one of the areas fire houses and along with our Masonic and Shrine tributes he was honored by many from areas Fire Departments. "Rest in Peace John" you were one of a kind, you were very much loved and will always be missed.

For the month of April we had the annual Easter egg hunt and breakfast. Many attended and enjoyed the "Western" night at the Temple on the 21st of April. There was great food and wonderful entertainment.

In late April our temple had its Spring Ceremonial. This year it took place in the Corning, Red Bluff area which is just a few hours north of here.

We have participated in Parades in Sutter Creek, Elk Grove, and North Highlands. We are now looking forward to an upcoming ceremonial at our temple in August, the annual Ben-Masonic picnic, the upcoming fall and winter parades in Nevada City and Rio Vista.

Sultan Bob Mosely and his lady Betty have had some recent health issues but are now on the mend.

Like all Shrine Oriental bands we are really struggling to stay afloat. Hopefully we will gain some new members after the upcoming ceremonial.

For this time I will sign off leaving everyone with the words of The late and ever so great Red Skelton "God Bless."



Cairo Rutland, Vermont

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Greetings and salutations from the green mountains of Vermont to all nomads of the desert playing that sweet music.

Seems when things go wrong, it just gets worse. We have our lead musette player, after a fall earlier this year, gone under the surgeons scalpel, leaving Ed unable to play his musette. Our other musette player has a wedding on Sept. 15th, leaving one horn player. Sorry, this leaves us unable to perform at the Northeast Field Days in Bangor, Maine. Good luck to all competing bands and have fun for the rest, Bangor is a great place to visit.

Our Shrine football game and parade is Aug. 4th. We will perform as two horns will be available. Hopefully Vermont can finally win a game, will report in January's issue of the NA KHABAR.

El Karubah

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Greetings from Swamp People territory! This year has been exceptionally busy as usual. Pecan Festival parade, numerous Christmas parades, Mardi Gras parade, our annual food concession trailer at the local parish fair (7 days), our Yearly Gun and More raffle, our 2nd Shrine Fun Run for the Shrine kids and Shrine Circus.

All of the above activities have gathered over \$18,065.00 to the Ladder of Smiles. The most money given, by any Oriental Band in the ASOB this year. Not bad for a band from a city with a population of 50,000, and a band roster of 18-20 members. Our secret? We believe it's regular weekly practice, with a business meeting once a month. With planned activities for not only the men but, for the entire family. ACTIVE FUN!!

The band lost a major leader and dearest friend earlier this year, Noble Ernie Finger. Ernie never had a bad word about anyone. The most compassionate person you would ever meet. His love for this Oriental Band was felt by all that knew him. Ernie held all stations in Masonry, lectured most members of the band as well as many others. He served in all shrine positions both in the band and the local shrine club. His greatest love was the Shrine Hospital in Shreveport and the Ladder of Smiles; he was very instrumental in the raising of the \$18,065.00 given this year.

We dedicate the 2012 Ladder of Smiles contributions in the memory of Noble Ernie Finger. Until next time Laissez les bon temps rouler!

El Riad

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

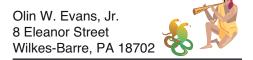
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It's been a busy summer in South Dakota for the Oriental Band. We have been marching in a lot of parades and have a few more to go before the snow flies. The more we are in front of the public the better chances of meeting possible new members of the Masonic bodys and the ASOB. Our band's big fall fund raiser is coming up on Oct. 27th. It's one of the biggest parties of the year at our Shrine Center. It's a Halloween costume party that brings in a packed house of around a 1000 people. The music is a great dance band called the Rumbles. We want to see everybody in Indy next July and are looking forward to having you all here in April for the Midwinter.

Yours in the faith: Lonnie

Irem Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania



Greetings music lovers wherever you may be as our band of bewiskered Bedouins prepare or the upcoming MASA convention. We are eagerly awaiting to mount our camels, pack our supply of camels milk and join the May caravans on their trek to Virginia Beach. Rehearsals have been on the upbeat by Director Fred Dietrich with musetters Steve Dreater and Jim Connors along with drummers Bob Rhoads, Olin Evans, Jim Hudock and Tony DeLeo. Rounding out the band with our oriental sounding percussionists are Jim Roberts, Jim Mason, Jack Powell, Joe Albert and Luke Schofield.

The MASOBA Annual Meeting and Elections will be held Friday, September 7, with the parade and competition the following day. Over the years we have noticed the many onlookers applauding us along the MASA parade route and taking pictures with our colorful uniforms.

As this epistle meets the Na Khabar August 1 deadline our denizens and their harem ladies will venture for a day of sun and fun at the waterhole of Jim and Paula Connors on August 5. Jim's Bar-B-Q'ing is famous for its rare, delicious, tender and succulent flavors and is his own guarded recipe.

The Irem OB and our wives will be selling food items at the Irem Country Club for the August fireworks display. In addition we will be there for the Annual Sportman's Raffle of 100 guns which is attended by thousands of hopeful winners.

After reading our newsletter one can only come to the conclusion that we have been busy, doing our part in furthering the image of Shrinedom and believe us, we enjoy every minute of it!!

Khartum

Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Khartum Oriental Band of Winnipeg, Canada, extends greetings and salutations to all the Nobles of the ASOB. We are happy to be able to wish all of you good tidings and trust that things are well with you and your organizations. We also hope that you are raising funds to help our kids.

Khartum Shrine has been selling raffle tickets on a new car as the major fundraiser for this year and our Band has been doing its bit to assist in the sales. We spent three days at one of the local malls selling tickets, which was a lot of fun. It always surprises me the questions we receive about the Shrine at these events. Some of the general public have no idea what we are about. But it does give us the opportunity to tell them what we really do and why. Perhaps this is the best type of public relations at work.

The Band also received some good publicity lately. One of our members, Noble Irv Jackson, was recently inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame for his participation in football. Apparently Irv was quite a football player in his younger days and he also coached junior football. In fact, the team that he played for was previously inducted into the Hall of Fame last year so he was fully recognized for his skill and ability and his contribution to the overall success of the team. Congratulations Noble Irv.

The Band is preparing to go to the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) summer session next month. This will take place in Grand Forks, North Dakota, about a couple of hours drive from Winnipeg so, no doubt, there will be a good representation from western Canada. It is a time to meet and greet old friends and gives you the opportunity to make new ones. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this year, but I wish all the attendees a really swell time and much comradeship. I know from experience that both will occur.

This brings to an end this article and I will close with the usual comment: May peace be upon you and yours.

Khiva Amarillo, Texas

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The Khiva Oriental Band is idle as the lazy, hot and dry days of late summer are here. Not much going on, time is available for most of us to get down to finishing things before the cooler months of fall which are about here, hopefully. There is much to recollect of our year so far.

On the first weekend in May, our Oriental Band Paper Drive Chairman, Don Schrowangen, made sure the Band manned all four corners of a busy intersection in the southwest side of Amarillo on a very warm Saturday. In four hours, we collected close to \$3,200 for the Hospitals before retiring to our other endeavor that we had started the same day, the KOB Vidalia Onion Fundraiser. This being our largest fundraiser of the year we hoped for good weather during our 3 week onion extravaganza. It held up on our Saturdays but the Sundays weren't so good, generally inclement with overcast skies and cool north winds and rain on the second Sunday making a total wash that day. All-in-all it was a successful effort as we sold most of our produce.

Practices for our state competition were abbreviated this year due to attendance problems on both days of the week so by acclamation, we cut them to Mondays only. As TSA (Texas Shrine Association) loomed closer, our practices grew more intense as always but there was a bit more urgency as we had rookies in the Band and they needed (or really didn't as it turned out) practice time. We also lost a bass drum player (Wayne Wheeler) as he digressed to tamb section due to back concerns. He adapted to his new role just fine. That left us shy a bass player. Upon hearing this, our Illustrious Sir, Mike Crafton, graciously volunteered to fill in at the mallets. He took his new role on like the Energizer Bunny. Then there are our rookies, Bryan Adcock, Matt Crafton and Shane Crafton (both are Potentate Progeny). A good crop for our rookie master, "Black Jack" Flake and his minion, Timmy Beecher.

Bryan started coming to practice soon after starting his proficiency work at Palo Duro Lodge (the third largest Masonic Lodge in Texas). Soon he became proficient at shaking and jumping around with a tamb. This, being the first all-state for he and his Lady Allison, I bet that there were a few ear and eye-opening moments for both, especially in our hospitality suite at TSA. It's easy to summarize the talented Crafton brothers: Like father Illustrious Sir, they knew more what to expect with the KOB. Matt jumped right in at practice and proved his weight on the quads. Shane came in at the last second for Aric Brewton (the Caliph's Progeny) who could not attend. He had one practice to hone his percussion skills with our competition music and took it all in stride like we were another gig (besides being a prime piece of the APD, Shane is a drummer in a band).

As tradition holds, our annual Picnic-Practice is right before we leave for competition. There we eat, drink, have fellowship and practice our routine. Our hosts were Kevin (the charming Charmer) & Lady Kira Coburn at their beautiful new home in North Canyon, Texas. We traipsed through their back acre during practice. The landscape was a bit rough and the "hole patrol" had their ever-vigilant eyes trained for any possible mishaps to which there was none. Afterward, we partook of hotdogs and hamburgers and a dizzying array of sides. It proved a great reprieve from the rigors of our usual venue, a venerable downtown Amarillo city park.

And the result of all our accomplish-



ments? The usual tired cliché about hard work became so true and Khiva Oriental Band demonstrated it so well at the June 2nd, TSA Competition in the woods of deep, East Texas at Tyler. The Band kept the traveling trophy, and the unlimited class flag. We won overall despite a tie with our Moslah Bedouin brethren in the category of showmanship. The scoring was, as usually the case, very close. Some of that is because we have some of the best competition in Shrinedom here in Texas that always has us on our toes. Part of it was due to the fact that some of the judges were impressed with a couple of in-bred, flea ridden, mangy cowtown camel props on the floor... but they were so good too. The Bedouins brought it on and the Band responded with another year as state champions under our belts.

After hearing our scores in the hospitality room, our Caliph so eloquently expressed why he thought this victory would go down as one of the best in history of the KOB. He waxed, "...suffice it to say the odds were stacked against us more than I can recall in a very long time... so what happens? The Band goes out and against all odds, turns in a very good performance and, given the circumstances, perhaps, a great performance with all variables considered." Joe had plenty of adversities in mind but they are too odious to list here.

At the TASOB breakfast, that weekend, John Meyer, our glockenspiel-er, was installed as second in command for ensuing year 2012-2013. He has one more year before the fun begins - Oriental Band Mid-Winter in Amarillo. Congratulations John!

It seems that we are losing our rookie master, Jack Flake to his grandchildren down-state. Hopefully he will continue to be a part of the KOB from the Austin area. We wish Jack and Lady Rhee good luck. Black Jack, you will be missed. His protege, Tim Beecher, has learned much from Jack as he led two of the three rookies cable-towed together at awards ceremony.

After such a victory, we party. Our "Victory Party" was hosted by our bassist, Aaron and Lady Kristie Brummer at their home. This was their second year as our hosts and they have it down good! The Lake Texoma Stripers and Cats were provided by adept Wheeler/Brummer fishing skills and there were abundant sides provided by those attending. The fish fry team was most efficient and it was entertaining to watch them in action. For those who didn't get to see, or enough of us, perform in Tyler, several viewings were available on the patio as you ate. It was a great time to celebrate our successful year and unwind a Saturday evening.

Concerned with the amount of Band contributions to the Ladder of Smiles. Sultan Rick Beecher started a donation basket that was and will continue to be passed around at each of our stated meetings this year. No totals yet, but hopefully by year's end, we will have a significant amount to send. It wasn't too long ago that during our Caliph's (Joe Brewton) reign as President of ASOB, the Band contributed some \$30,000 to the Ladder. That was a year of hard work and with some super fundraisers (bingo proceeds) that, as it turns out, for legal reasons, the Band is not privy to anymore. We may never be able to give like that again, but we still try.

As all Oriental Bands do every year, we have to cope with losses of our own. This year we lost another member to the Celestial Lodge, brother Al Hill. Al was our wise sage, parliamentarian and most important, a proud tambourine player. Al had a trademark essence of finely blended pipe tobacco and he was also (along with a still-existing few) a quintessential part of the KOB. His life was inseparably linked to ours and hopefully those of us who have survived Al will be drawn together closer in both friendship and fraternity.

We also lost, quite suddenly, our Lady Debbie Morris, wife of tambourine, Wayne Morris. Her absence is acutely felt by the Band. Debbie was dedicated to Khiva Shrine and the KOB, their needs were always in her mind. We embrace Wayne and strive to let him know that he has a family still with the Oriental Band.

In closing, here is wishing all friends and families, that have setbacks this year, a speedy recovery and a mending of all wounds (including our members, Dick Handley, Bill Doyle, Howard Turpin and Dave Brewton). May God continue to bless our hospitals, their staff and patients, as he has blessed my life with my Oriental Band brothers.

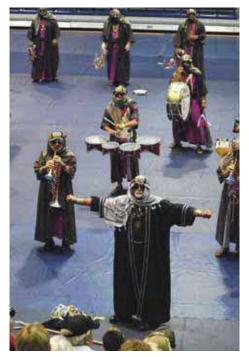
Until next year, God willing, The Scribe



KOB concert formation at TSA 2012



Illustrious Shiek Crafton and Sons



KOB at Concert Competition



Listen'n to a "big fish tale" from the fisherman.



Now those are some fine rookies!



One of three onion sales locations



Practice out back at the picnic/practice



TASOB VP John Meyer with Lady Luann



TSA officers and Khiva Divan share the picture with KOB at Awards



The spoils of TSA 2012

Kosair Louisville, Kentucky

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Es Selamu Aleikum from the winningest band in the SESOBA. The great Kosair Oriental Band. We have been around since 1919 and are back in the ASOB. A few years ago we dropped out of the ASOB, however we have rejoined. We have been up to a lot of good things for the kids and have enjoyed every minute of it.

We participate in most every parade coming down the pike. Like our kick off parade, the Pegasus Parade (Kentucky Derby Parade). We get a lot of PR as does all of our Kosair Shriners.

The parade is as it states, (Pegasus) a horse parade, with dozens of varieties of horses. The parade lasts for hours and draws in excess of 250,000 spectators. This parade concludes most all of the events leading up to the Kentucky Derby. The parade is held a couple of days before the Derby.

During the summer we collect lots of dollars from road stops and other places of interest, like chain stores. All of the many units in Kosair likewise participate in this activity. Naturally, the money goes straight to helping the kids.

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The Kosair Oriental Band is very active in the Southeastern Shrine Oriental Band Association. We only had (5) other bands competing this year in Nashville. However, we continue to draw the interest of other bands in the Southeast and visiting bands with hopes of increasing our numbers. If you are in the Southeast, contact me and we will fix you right up.

Next year we are hoping to put on the Mandarin Degree at the SESOBA Convention, providing we can get some help with the degree. Several of our band members have been through the degree and have knowledge of how the degree is put on but we need help. If anyone can help us, please contact me.

In talking with other members of the ASOB, I was alarmed about the number of bands at competition and appeared at this year's convention. What a drastic drop in bands that appeared. Why so few?

Well, add one more band to those attending the 2013 Imperial. We will be there and competing. It has been several years since we competed but that is about to change.

Change has been what we have done and are doing this year with the leadership of our President, Estill Jackson. He keeps us moving and changing, all for the good of the band.

See you next time and God Bless.



Pegasus Parade





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The Prophet Isaiah stated, "There is no peace (rest) for the wicked. (Isaiah 48:22). The pondering of that statement leads me to question the integrity of the Moslah Bedouins. Even though we are dark for the months of June (following TSA), July, and August we have been busy.

June 30th we traveled to Granbury, Texas, to participate in the annual July 4th parade (yes, it was a little odd, but that is when they held the parade). The route is only about a mile-and-ahalf long but it took us an hour to travel it. Our ladies traveled on a trailer following the band. After an hour in the hot Texas sun we were ready to get back to the staging area for some cool refreshments. This is always a great event and they all cheer when the Bedouins pass the main reviewing stand.

Our current project of circus ad sales is being headed-up by Sheik Kenny Mattoon. His goal for the project is \$45,000 in ad and ticket sales and is currently approaching the halfway point. You can keep track of his progress at www.moslahbedouins.com/AdSales2012. html.

In August we played for the Moslah Temple Ceremonial. As always the new novices were impressed with our flowing robes and music. Currently, we stand to gain at least 3 new members from the newly made Nobles.

The coming of September will place us back into full swing—as though we haven't been in full swing. The Moslah Shrine Circus will take place in October and the Bedouins work in circus novelties sales usually account for almost half of the novelties sold during the circus. Additionally, the Bedouins are in charge of manning the doors for the purpose of receiving the admission tickets. It's ten days of hard work but we never let our Temple down.

Finally, the Moslah Bedouins want to send out our congratulations to PC Tom Crow for his election to the ASOB position of Sergeant at Arms and to PC David McCarthy in his advancement to Second Vice-President. These two gentlemen were fantastic Caliphs for the Moslah Bedouins and we believe they will be equally as grand for the ASOB line.

Nile Seattle, Washington



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The Band has been quite busy this spring

and summer. We have participated in the La Conner, Bellingham, Squiem, China Town (Seattle), and Mt Lake Terrace parades. The last being this past Friday night. We have been able to have around 18-22 Nobles show for these events. Not too shabby! The last parade is this fall in Granite Falls with a cookout at Noble Jake Jacobson's place in Snohomish.

Last weekend in addition to the China Town Parade, the Band did its usual credible job at the Nile Shrine Center Picnic, the usual 15 of us showed up for this event and fund raiser. Despite being a last minute replacement to head this event up, Noble Mark Goldberg was shanghaied into running the soiree. Given the nature of communications, (the proverbial Oriental fire-drill!) he did a good job.

September holds the promise of raising funds at the Evergreen State Fair and our corn booth, which is our main fund raiser. Nobles Ed Broker and his Lady Liz, Norm (the worlds finest simple player) Parker Johnston et all will ably, just as in the past, do a great job!

Last week, we raised Noble Bert Tcruz to an Honorary Sultan, he was surprised and proud of the honor. He, for those of you who do not know, suffered some strokes over the past few years. However, this did not keep him down for long. He makes most of the parades playing bass drum and makes it to more practices than most folks who are able bodied!! A role model!

The rest of the quarter will be fairly quiet excepting playing at the Center's Ceremonial in early August, where I am sure we will kick butt! That's about it for now. So stay tuned!!



Rajah Reading, Pennsylvania

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Es Selamu Aleikum from the winningest Band in MASOBA. The World Famous Rajah Shrine Oriental Band is alive and well awaiting the annual MASOBA Meeting at Virginia Beach the weekend after Labor Day. We hope many of the MASOBA Bands will attend the Annual Meeting.

The Competition has been cancelled for this year, since there was not enough interest

from enough Bands to warrant all the work necessary to put on such an extravaganza. With that known, it appears that only about half the Band will be attending MASA this year. The economy appears to continues to play a roll in our daily lives.

Plans are underway for our annual picnic. We all enjoy getting together for a social time without having to rehearse, but only have a good meal and friendship. Our chef in residence, Brother John Grumbein, will undoubtedly provide us with another culinary delight. Although he is capable of handling the grill, he always has more help than he needs from his brothers telling him how it should be done.

Plans are already underway for our Ladies Night in February. More about this and other exciting activities in our next chat.

Until next time, Aleikum Es Selam, Mahlon

Sahib

Sarasota, Florida

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We thought Florida was hot in the summer, but looking at the weather channel we realize we've been one of the cooler places in the U.S. and certainly cooler than Charlotte, N.C., the 1st week of July. However, the heat wasn't a factor for any of us who stayed at the Airport Sheraton. The lobby and hospitality rooms were great and we were all welcomed and the camel's milk and entertainment were superb!! We were sorry not to see more bands show up, but it was an unprecedented stormy week that blew through just north of Charlotte that weekend, leaving several bands stranded and without electricity at home. Those of us who made it enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and we congratulate everyone who worked so hard to make it successful especially Pres. "Big" Thompson and Lady Tish. Thank you so much guys and congratulations on a successful Ladder of Smiles contribution above your goal!!!

Congratulations also to Lonnie Merriman and Lady Linda and best wishes for a successful year ahead. We enjoyed spending time with our newly elected officers and ladies and getting to know our newly elected Sgt. At Arms Tom Crow and his Lady Katie. They'll be a big asset to our line.

The GREAT SAHIB O.B. is very proud of our music director, Floyd LaDue, for all his efforts and time he puts into leading our band to a 1st place stage fantasy trophy and leading us to the Best Overall Band. We're especially proud of him for being awarded the Calif's Trophy for Best Music Director, an honor well deserved. It was also great to see such an effort put forth by so many of our band members (14 strong) to make the convention. Kudos to all those band members that participated.

Yours in the Faith, Paul (Greek)

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Well greetings from the very warm Ottawa, Canada! Like a lot of North America we are having a very hot dry summer. The Tunis Oriental Band is in a re-building mode this summer. After losing our long time secretary, Wally Web, who passed away this spring, health and age has taken its toll on our roster. We did however step up and play and parade at our Temple Ceremonial in May, where 18 new Nobles "walked the hot sands"…we hope a few are musically inclined!

Yours truly attended the 138th Imperial Session in Charlotte (speaking of hot weather), and did join with the ASOB executives and other Nobles to take in the Oriental Band competition. Hats off to the organizers, the numbers were down as far as bands competing, but the venue was top notch and the bandsman really stepped up to entertain us!

The Tunis Oriental Band would like to take a minute to "tip the fez" to two of our own. First Noble Kyle Graham, long time director, and Past President on NESOBA, has had to step away from active duty, due to health reasons and we want to thank Kyle for his huge contribution to our band and the Shrine in general and wish him all the best. Our current Band President Noble George Kennedy was awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contribution to his community and local charities. Well done George, most deserved!!

Zem Zem Erie, Pennsylvania

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The wandering nomads of the Zem Zem oasis have been busy. After a successful Reverse Drawing in May we have participated in several parades. We are looking forward to several more parades this summer/fall before we put our instruments into storage for the winter. Several members of the band have not been to parade due to illness. One of our old time members, Harold Peterson, departed with the Black Camel.

Several of us will be at Virginia Beach for our annual MASOBA meeting and election of new officers. At this time we will put Ted Werkheiser out to pasture and make him a "Has Been." We will welcome Jim Miller of Jaffa as our new leader.

Remember that we parade for the Children in our Hospitals so please show your dedication by being active.

A bit of advice - Don't confuse a food processor with a word processor and you'll never mince your words.

Melha Oriental Bang Wishes the ASOB another

great year for the Ladder of Smiles



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

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

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Amara Oriental Band

Wishes the ASOB and President Richard "Big" Thompson a Successful Year



Band Rehearsals 1st and 4th Wednesday

Our Business Meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 Our Ladies, the Harem Belles, meet at the same time.

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

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

– May through July, 2012 –

IN MEMORY OF

Leonard J. Clark By: Doris M. Clark

Susan Stephenson By: Willis Bax Dave And Cherly O'aurora Dave And Rose Sample

John Bott By: Sahib Oriental Band

Harry D. Moore, PP By: Hella Oriental Band

Theodore Lyman, Jr, PP By: Hella Oriental Banad

Wally Webb By: Melha Oriental Band

Ismael & Anna Cadirov By: Peter And Alicia Sarna

Sue Stephenson By: Keith And Joanne Oviatt

Gail Cowan By: Keith And Joanne Oviatt

Ernie Brown By: Philae Oriental Band

Reid "Bud" Graybill By: J V "Bud" Moore

Donald Mcnitt, Jr By: Zem Zem Oriental Band

Mark Petrosky By: Zem Zem Oriental Band Sue Stephenson By: Zem Zem Oriental Band

Evert Reed By: Melha Oriental Band

Jeannette Geoffrion By: Melha Oriental Band

Knobby Walsh By: Paul And Miriam Pante

Terri Plaut By: Paul And Miriam Pante

Jerry Suttner By: Paul And Miriam Pante

Beverly Goins By: James And Barbara Longenbarger

A.C. Gibson By: James And Barbara Longenbarger

John Scandlin By: Lu Lu Oriental Band

Harold Peterson By: Zem Zem Oriental Band

Debbie Barnett By: Morrie And Corine Toretsky

IN HONOR OF

Roy Ono By: Ben Ali Oriental Band

2011/2012 PATRONS LIST

BRONZE: (\$10.00) SILVER: (\$25.00) GOLD: (\$75.00) **PLATINUM: (\$150.00)** LIFE: (\$1,000.00) **W. Michael Hartup (Midian) Joe Brewton (Khiva) Peter Lawn (Gizeh) Donald Moores (Amara) James W. McIlhattan **Richard Thompson** Khiva Oriental Band Maggie Hartup (Midian) Midian Oriental Band C. Vince Bobrosky Gerry & Joann Suttner

* Indicates second donation ** Indicates third donation

Midwinter Meeting

Thursday, April 4th through Saturday, April 6th, 2013 Country Inn & Suites

Sioux Falls, SD 57104 605-373-0153

Ask for ASOB room rate \$82.00 plus tax

Times of meetings and events will be made at a later date.





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Meets 1st Monday of every month. Zenobia Shrine 8048 Broadstone Blvd. Perrysburg, OH 43551

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	A.S.O.B. Headq Hilton Indianapoli 120 West Ma Indianapolis	s Hotel & Suites arket Street	
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*** Room Rate is	\$142.00/night (plus	s tax) AND \$20.00 In	perial Fee ***
Sunday Night SUNDAY NIGHT DANCE o for everybody (if it works out)	Monday Morning COMPETITION	Monday Night BANQUET	Wednesday Noon INCOMING PRESIDENT LUNCHEON
All times and	d meeting room info will be	printed in the Na Khabar in Ja	anuary.
To: Mahlon Hariu Re: 2012 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session 636 Ridge Street Emmaus, PA 18049-2223 (610) 965-5652	A.S.O.B. Reserv		ton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites 120 West Market Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 972-0600
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Please remit \$142.00 U.S. Funds plus \$20.00 Imperial Fee. Make cheque/check payable to: Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (cancelled cheque/check is your receipt.) A confirmation email will be sent to you, if you listed your email address.

Date:	Signature:

ANNUAL MEETING

July 4, 2012

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of North America was held at the Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel, Charlotte, NC on July 4, 2014. President Richard Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, EDT.

President Thompson called on A.S.O.B. Chaplain to give the invocation, followed by the Shrine pledge to the flags of all Shrine Countries, lead by Sergeant At Arms, Jeff Moores. President Thompson then asked the Sergeant At Arms, Noble Jeff Moores, to read the Roll Call of those present. A.S.O.B. Officers - 6, Past Presidents - 11, Voting Delegates - 24.

A.S.O.B. Audit Report:

The Auditors reported that all books of the Treasurer and Ladder Of Smiles Chairman where correct and proper. No discrepancies were found and the Ladder Of Smiles Chairman and Treasurer were commended on keeping good records.

A.S.O.B. Sec./Treasurers Report:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2011, and the Mid Winter Meeting, as they were published in the Na Khabar and sent by E-mail to all concerned. Motion Approved. The Secretary/Treasurer then gave the Financial Report for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for the three accounts operated by the A.S.O.B. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read since it had been audited prior to the meeting. Approved. (The full report will be published in the September 2012 issue of the Na Khabar.) The Secretary/Treasurer reported that he had attended the M.A.S.O.B.A. Midwinter Meeting in Reading, PA. President Thompson then asked the Secretary/Treasurer if the Association had any unpaid bills or communications. The Secretary/Treasurer reported no outstanding bills or previously uncommunicated communications.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President:

Noble Lonnie Merriman reported that all was set for the 2013 Imperial Session in Indianapolis, IN. The ASOB will be housed at the Downtown Hilton. We will be publishing the January 2013 Na Khabar in printed form. Mid-winter will be in March 2013 in SD.

Second Vice President:

2014 Imperial in Minneapolis, MN at the University Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. Mid-winter in VA in March or April 2014.

Third Vice President:

Noble Dave McCarthy's Imperial will be in Houston, TX and his Mid-winter Meeting will be March.

Fourth Vice President:

Noble Scot Duncil thanked all for their help this year, and advised that the Banquets where in order.

Sergeant At Arms:

Noble Jeff Moores advised that he had purchased two new telescoping flag poles and collapsible bases for the large U.S. and Canadian Flags. He has also purchased a full set of miniature flags for the countries of the recently added Shrine Centers per the recently revised Flag Protocol.

President:

Noble Richard Thompson thanked all for their great help and participation this past year.

Ladder Of Smiles:

Noble W. Michael Hartup reported that we collected, during the 2011/2012 year, \$80,500.00, which will be turned over to the Hospital at the President's Luncheon today. The "Kick Off" fund for incoming President Richard Thompson was run as usual. Donations are being cheerfully accepted by Noble Joe Brewton and will be turned over to Noble Hartup at the end of the Imperial. Goal for 2011 - 2012 is \$85,000.00 for Noble Lonnie.

First 100 Club:

Noble Morrie Toretski reported that the First 100 Club has 276 members out of 300 slots for the year 2011/2012 as of this Meeting. Noble Morrie will do more promotion of the First 100 Club this year. He added that during this Imperial Session he had gained 2 new members which will reflect in 2013. We gained 5 members this past year.

Music Librarian:

Noble Paul Gluck again reported that he has a great amount of music available for bands. Get it on the Web, it's all there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The By-Laws are being updated to reflect the name change of 2011. A motion to make the changes was made, seconded, and approved. A final vote will be made at next year's Annual Meeting.

ELECTIONS

President Thompson instructed Past President Jim Whitehouse to oversee the Nominations. Past President Whitehouse called for nominations for the office of President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Lonnie Merriman to the Office of President for the year 2012/2013. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/ Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Lonnie Merriman as President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Vince Bobrosky for the office of First Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Vince Bobrosky to the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year of 2012/2013.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble David McCarthy to the office of Second Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble David McCarthy as Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Scot Duncil for the office of Third Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/ Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Scot Duncil as Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Fourth Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Jeff Moores for the office of Fourth Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Jeff Moores as Fourth Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Tom Crow for the office of Sergeant At Arms. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Tom Crow as Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ill Sir Mahlon Hariu, P.P. for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Second Vice President was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Ill. Sir Mahlon Hariu, P.P. as Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2012/2013.

The President then asked all who had been elected whether or not they would accept the position. All answered positive.

President-Elect Noble Lonnie Merriman gave an acceptance speech which was short and sweet. All programs that Noble Thompson put in place will continue. The Ladder Of Smiles goal for the year 2012/2013 will be \$85.000.00.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Thompson relieved all Officers of their assignments and will need the President Elect to reappoint them to their new duties after he takes office at the luncheon today.

The 4th Vice President escorted the new Sergeant At Arms to the Ladies Luncheon for introductions.

It was suggested that the back of the Na Khabar be corrected to reflect the new hospital logo. Affirmed.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in harmony at 9:57 AM EDT.

The Benediction was given by the Chaplain.

Yours in the Faith,

Mahlon E. Hariu Sec/Treas.

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International Summery of U.S. Operating Funds July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012

Balance: July	2011 \$4,91	8.91
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Revenue:

Kevenue.		
2011 Patrons Fund	\$1,000.00	
ASOB Dues		
C&A Dues Transfer	\$2,040.00	
Caliphs Trophy	\$60.00	
Donation	\$90.00	
Fantasy Registration (2011)	\$200.00	
First 100 Club		
2011 Imperial Room Refund	\$1,859.00	
2012 Imperial Rooms	\$5,979.00	
Interest Încome	\$13.60	
Na Khabar Advertising	\$129.00	
Total Revenue: July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012		0
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2012		

Expenses:

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1st 100 Club Badges	\$133.63	
Education (DVD)	\$144.00	
Honorarium	\$3,000.00	
Bank Image Fee	\$2.00	
Imperial Binder Fee (2013)		
First 100 Club Transfer - Savings		
2011 Imperial Refund		
2012 Imperial Hotel Payment		
Na Khabar Mailing		
Na Khabar Printing		
Na Khabar Typesetting		
Postage		
Stationary		
Trophies		
Total Expenses: July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012		\$18.090.90
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2012		

U.S. Savings/First 100 Club Summery of Account July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012

Balance: July 1, 2011\$13	3,739.51
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Revenue:

Kevenue.	
5 new 1st 100 Club Members	\$500.00
Dividends & Interest	\$1,904.08
Total Revenue: July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012	\$2,404.08
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2012	
Expenses:	\$0
Total Expenses: July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012	\$0
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2012	

Canadian Checking/Savings Account Summery of Account July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012

Balance: July 1, 2011	\$4,871.83
Revenue:	
Dues\$1,700.0	
Ladder Of Smiles	00
Total Revenue: July1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012	\$3,370.00
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2012	\$8,241.83
Expenses:	
Monthly Bank Charge	25
LOS Transfer	0
Total Expenses: July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012	\$3,327.35
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2012	

Ladder of Smiles 1961-2012

BAND	LOCATION	1961-2011	2011-2012	TOTAL
Aad	Hermantown, MN	\$25.00		\$25.00
Aahmes	Livermore,CA	\$1,957.00		\$1,957.00
Abdallah	Overland Park, KS	\$32,610.71	\$2,872.50	\$35,483.21
Abou Ben Adhem	Springfield, MO	\$65,920.77	\$500.00	\$66,420.77
Abu Bekr	Sioux City, IO	\$121.00		\$121.00
Acacia	Baton Rouge, LA	\$1,031.75		\$1,031.75
Acca	Richmond, VA	\$5,078.34	\$1,766.87	\$6,845.21
	Havre, MT			
Akdar	Tulsa, OK	\$225.00		\$225.00
	Tacoma, WA			
	East St. Louis, IL			
	Corpus Christi, TX			
	Anchorage, Alaska			
	Calgary, Alberta			
	San Diego, CA	-		-
	Billings, MT			
	Memphis, TN			
	Wilsonville, OR			
	Broadview Heights, OH	-		
	East Liverpool, OH			
	Nashville, TN			
	Edmonton, Alberta			
	Montgomery, AL	-		
	Savannah, GA	-		
	Wilmington, MA			
	Helena, MT			
	Cumberland, MD			
	Washington, DC			
	San Antonio, TX			
	Palm Beach Gardens, FL			
	Raleigh, NC			
	Springfield, IL			
	Dayton, OH			
	Topeka, KS			
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	Sacramento, CA			
	Charleston, WV			
	Baltimore, MD			
	Rutland, VT	-		-
		930,/00.14		\$30,700.14

Crescent	Burlington, NJ	\$772.00	 \$772.00
Cyprus	Albany, NY	\$663.00	 \$663.00
	Tampa, FL		
Egyptians	Tampa, FL	\$201.00	 \$201.00
	Anaheim, CA		
	Ashland, KY		
	Denver, CO	-	
	Cedar Rapids, ID		
	Salt Lake City, UT		
	Shreveport, LA		
	Spokane, WA		
	El Paso, TX		
	Galveston, TX		
	Sioux Falls, SD		
	Fargo, North Dakota		
	Phoeniz, AZ		
	Saginaw, MI		
	Vancouver, BC		
	Evansville, IN		
	Pensacola, FL		
	Garland, TX		
	Medford, OR		
	Oklahoma City, OK		
	Fort Still, OK		
	Wilkes-Barre, PA		-
	Salina, KS	-	
	Buffalo, NY		
	Altoona, PA		-
	Clearfield, PA		
	Kingsport, TN		
	Destreham, LA		
	Biloxi, MS		
	Davenport, IO		
	Sheridan, WY		
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	Roanoke, VA		
	Fairfax,VA		
	Reno, NV		
	Winnipeg, Manitoba		
	Cheasapeake, VA		
	Amarillo, TX		
	New Hyde Park, NY		
	Lewiston, ME		
	Rawlings, WY		
	Louisville, KY		
	Plymouth Meeting, PA		
	St. John, New Brunswick		
	Miami, FL		
	St. Johns, Newfoundland		
Mecca	New York, NY	\$1,865.00	

	Addison, IL			
	Springfield, MA			
	Wichita, KS			
	London, ON			
	Sault St. Marie, ON			
	Windsor, ON			
	Peoria,IL			
	Jacksonville, FL			
	Ft. Worth, TX			
	Southfield, MI	, ,		, ,
	Indianapolis, IN			
	Mountlake Terrace, WA			
	Wilmington, DE			
	Charlotte, NC			
Oleika	Lexington, KY	\$705.00		\$/05.00
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	Cranston, RI			
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	Sarasota, FL			
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	Rogers, AR			
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	Omaha, NE			
	Rockford, IL			
	Hastings, NE			
	Syracuse, NY			
	Ottawa, ON			
	Atlanta, GA			
	Altoona, IO			
-	Irondale, AL			
	Las Vegas, NV			
	Erie, PA			
	Harrisburg, PA	-	-	
	Lancaster, PA			
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Zorah	Terre Haute, IN	\$4,580.45 .	 \$5,007.45
Zuhrah	Minneapolis, MN	\$2,190.00 .	
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REGIONALS

KICK OFF FUND		
ALL FLORIDA	\$4,697.84	
ASOB (Projects, Fines & Memorials)	\$56,210.57	
ASOB (Past Presidents)	\$3,807.00	
CALIPHS	\$900.00	
SGT AT ARMS BREAKFAST	\$306.00	
FANTSAY DONATION	\$1,813.00	
CENTRAL STATES		
GREAT LAKES	\$24,824.83	
MID-ATLANTIC		
MID-WEST		
NEW YORK - ONTARIO	\$2,194.75	
NORTHEAST	\$2,491.00	
PACIFIC NORTHWEST		
SOUTH ATLANTIC		
SOUTH CENTRAL	\$1,464.71	
SOUTHEASTERN		
TEXAS		
WESTERN		
INTEREST ACCUMULATE		
TOTAL TO DATE	\$2,428,616.08	\$80,500.00 \$2,509,116.08

LIFE MEMBERS OF ASOB FIRST 100 CLUB

<u>Club #</u>	<u>First Name</u>	Last Name	<u>Temple</u> <u>D</u>	ate Joined	043A	Clyde	W	Ransom, Jr.	Beni Kedem	11/1/84
001C	David	Ramsdell	Melha	7/4/99	047A	Billy	Е	O' Neal	El Karubah	10/31/84
002C+	Dr. Andrew	Smith	Sabbar	12/20/05	049B	Donald	Н	Winterton	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
003C+	David	Glass	Ben Ali	7/20/07	050A	Anthony		Dimov	Zembo	12/6/96
005B	Douglas E	Wanamaker	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/86	054A	Kurt	L	Plaut	Hella	10/31/84
006A	Blayne E	Hutzel	Alamas		055B	Leo	М	Halvorson	Al Azhar	7/4/99
007A	William G	Payne	Nur	10/31/86	057A	Paul	В	Leach	Araba	10/31/84
009A	012E	Cole	Rameses/Hamilton	10/31/84	058A	Sam	J	LaMonica	Moslem	10/31/84
010A+	Donald W	Moores	Amara	7/5/04	059A	Michael		Karczeuski	El Zagel	3/24/00
011C	George	Tarcea	Mocha/Windsor	3/21/01	060D+	Steven	R.	Hanson	El Zagel	5/21/07
012E	Robert W	Sanderson	Melha	11/12/96	061B	Dr G.	Ν	Casto, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
013A	Leonaed E	Reid	Rameses/Oshawa	10/31/84	064A	William	S	Pauly	Beni Kedem	
014A	David	Kerr	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	067B	Thomas	Е	Brown, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
015B	Raymond E	Webb	El Karubah	10/31/84	068A	Robert	Т	Bobst	El Bekal	4/19/01
016B	Bud	Wilhite	Syrian	7/4/99	070B	Hubert		Jacob	Moslem	
017A	William M	Baker	Zembo	7/10/85	071A+	James	Е	Weirich	Zembo	11/26/04
018A	David C	Martin	Saladin	10/3/84	072B	Leonard	Η	Taylor	Mocha/Windsor	
020A	Chris J	Demetropoul	Tripoli	10/31/84	073A	Robert	S	McBride	Cairo	
023C+	E. Keith	Oviatt	Zem Zem	6/15/05	074B	Edward	R	Sanderson	Melha	11/12/96
025B+	Ralph K	Jubb	Al Kader	3/20/10	077A	Charles	М	Schofield, Jr.	Bektash	
026A	Richard	Palsa, Jr.	Melha	7/6/00	078B	Rick		MacKee	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/2002
027B+	Wayne L	Wells	Midian	2/4/06	079B	Don		Sloman	Rameses/Oshawa	3/1/00
030B	John	Baxter	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	084A	Roy	Т	Hay	Hadji	5/1/87
031C	Raymond	Fosnot	Zembo		086C	William		Moldovan	el	3/27/00
032B	Roy T	Binns	Rameses/Hamilton	4/4/95	087A	Curtiss	L	Moen	Zuhrah	11/1/97
034A	Gerald D	Tarter	El Karubah		088A	Jess	W	Kitchen	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
35C+	Robert R	McGregor	Rameses/Hamilton	3/10/09	090A	William	А	Wood	Beni Kedem	5/1/86
037B	Ralph J	Hines	Abdallah	7/4/99	091B	Morris		Toretsky	Zuhrah	4/1/97
038A	Ronald N	Cole	Tunis	3/16/97	094A	Ted		Ross	Moslem	10/312/1984
039B	Albert	Moore	El Karubah	1/6/86	096A+	Edward		Carey	Mocha/Windsor	2/10/03
042C	Bland	Wade	Acca		097B+	Robert	Е	Hazen	Zembo	11/1/05

099B	Darrell		Thompson	Calam		175	John	В	Smith	Tigris	2/5/90
100A	Harold		Holmes	Mocha/Windsor	10/30/01	176	Robert	Е	Marks	Tigris	3/26/90
101	Dr. James		Schwanebeck		12/20/95	177A	Wally		Webb	Tunis	2/1/96
101 102A+	Edward	,	Jakubowsky	Al Azhar	11/18/06	178	Elmer	F	Wright	Salaam	6/19/90
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103B+	Scot	W	Duncil	Al Kader	7/5/11	179A	Willie		Price	Ainad	3/26/02
104A	Gordon	F	Kartenson	El Zagel	5/1/99	180B+	Barry		Williamson	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05
105	C. Alvin		Stevens	Alcazar	5/1/87	181	Roland		Redelings	Al Aska	7/20/90
106	Richard	Т	Geisel	Jaffa	5/1/87	182	Paul	D	Gluck	Melha	10/1/90
107A+	James		Acri	Zembo	11/26/04	183A	Milton	А	Malcher	Sabbar	12/6/96
108	Kenneth	G	LaButte	Moslem	5/1/87	184	Alvin	S	Goodman	Zembo	11/3/90
			Roberts, Jr.					5			
109	Chester	V	,	Beni Kedem	5/1/87	185	Paul		Pante	Sahib	1/26/91
110	Paul	S	Shively	Scimitar	10/20/87	186A	Isaac "Ike		Bomberger	Zembo	7/11/02
111	Leo		Kottas	Algeria		187	Leonard	J	Turner	Karnak	1/28/91
112	Curtis	D	Iverson	Algeria		188	Robert		Knight	Melha	4/29/91
113A	James	С	Porrett	Zembo	12/20/99	189	William	Δ	Kellar	Rameses/Oshawa	5/6/91
114	James	R	Austin	Sahib	10/20/87	190	George	M	Hilburn	El Maida	5/21/91
115	J Vernon		Moore	Zembo	10/20/87	191	Donald	A	Fuhrman	Zembo	7/1/91
116	Charles	Η	Stowers, Jr.	Beni Kedem	10/20/87	192	William		Blackburn	Zenobia	7/2/91
117A	Norm	L	Wold	Nile	11/6/04	193A	Lawrence	e	Pray	Mocha/Windsor	3/23/01
118A+	Lonnie		Merriman	El Riad	2/5/09	194	Chester	Е	Althouse	Rajah	7/4/91
119	John		Hogg	Tunis	1/11/87	195	Ron		Hengst	Acacia	7/13/91
120	A	J	Scobie	Tunis	1/11/87	196A	John		Cantrell	Beni Kedem	1110/01
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121A	James	Г	Gadsbey	Sabbar	11/20/01	197A	Randy		MacNevin	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02
122	William		Cook	Tunis	1/11/87	198A	Donald		Borck	Moslem	12/6/96
123	Owen	J	Osborne	Tunis	1/11/87	199	Allen	E	Smith	Zembo	11/22/91
124	Kenneth	J	Vannon	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94	200	Clay		Otto	Gizeh	1/23/92
125A+	Jeffrey		Moores	Melha	7/5/06	201A	Dr. Roge	r N	Sybrant	Korein	5/5/01
126	John	G	Pell	Tunis	1/11/87	202	James	R	Woodley	Philae	1/23/92
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127	Alex	_		Rameses/Hamilton	10/27/87	203A	Dean	R	Cowan	Al Azhar	7/4/99
128A	Jamie	Т	Wold	Abdallah	2/10/99	204	D	0	Hill	Khartum	4/24/92
129	James		Poston	Al Meneh	11/5/87	205	Р	J	Lawn	Gizeh	4/24/92
130	Stansell	В	Robinson	Alcazar	1/25/88	206	John	J	Loftus, Jr.	Melha	7/1/92
131B	Charles		Carroll	Zuhrah	11/15/00	207	William	C	Broom	Morocco	7/1/92
131D	Robert	D	Daniel	Al Meneh	4/7/88	208	E	J	Hare	Tunis	11/1/92
133	Donald J		Warner	Mocha/Windsor	4/7/88	209	Harold	М	Millman	Morocco	11/24/92
134	Frank	L	Keller	Zembo	4/7/88	210A+	Alex		Airey	Mocha/Windsor	2/10/03
135	Robert	D	Hoover	Acacia	1/26/88	211A	George	Н	Wohlleben	Nile	7/10/98
136A+	Herb		Wizansky	Amara	7/5/04	212A	Arron	Е	Budnitz	Aleppo	7/6/00
137	Merle	L	Martin	El Karubah	1/26/88	213A+	Tom		Perez	Sahib	7/6/05
138	Thomas	N	Boyette	Morocco	3/1/88	214A	Douglas		Clark	Al Azhar	7/4/99
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139A+	Ardey	~	Peterson	El Zagel	6/15/05	215	Ned		Griffith	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
140	John	S	May, Jr.	Acacia	3/1/88	216	Norman		Hughson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
141A	Thomas		Silk	Mocha/Windsor	3/27/00	217	Robert		Sutherland	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
142	Ken		Gibson	Rameses/Hamilton	3/1/88	218B	Eric		Busby	Nile	6/12/02
143A	Wayne		McCarthy	Gizeh	7/6/00	219A	John		Douthwright	Melha	
144A+	Mike		Kruger	Philae	12/1/09	220	R Irwin		Sinclair	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
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145A+	Raymond		Leese	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04	221+	Gordon	Р	Berard	Al Azhar	11/18/06
146	Roland		Nelson	Egypt	4/7/88	222	James		Oliver	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
147	Harry	G	Wills, Jr.	Hadji	4/7/88	223	Kevin		Wilson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
148	Curtis		Gordy	El Karubah	4/7/88	224A	Mike	Μ	Avery	Melha	11/20/97
149	Hagop		Hagopian	Tigris	5/28/88	225A	W	Μ	Hartup	Median	7/10/98
150A	Vince		Pucci	Tunis	7/11/02	226A	Leonard	R	Gold	LuLu	7/18/96
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155	Frank	А	Skaer	Hella	7/20/88	231A	Thomas	А	McMillan	Gizeh	7/6/00
156A+	Robert	E	Jones	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05	232	Ronald	L	Capps	Midian	7/4/93
157	John	ŝ	Brown, Jr.	BenHur	7/20/88	233	Ben	Ц	Yetter	El Bekal	7/5/93
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159	Phillip		Sanderson	Karem	7/20/88	235	Arthur	F	Dukellis	El Bekal	11/4/93
160B+	Richard		Thompson	El Hasa	7/5/06	236	Cornelius	5 M	Schwarz	Tigris	
161A	Hal	G	Williamson	Korein	5/5/01	237A	Kenneth		Swift	Melha	7/4/99
162	Gerald	W	Suttner	Ismailia	10/23/88	238		Ι	Brodsky	Mocha/Windsor	
163	Charles	Ĉ	Mabee	Sabbar	11/12/88	239B+	Vince	-	Bobrosky	ACCA	7/1/08
164A	Richard	C	Smart Sr.	Melha	11/12/96	239D+ 240A	Michael		Geier	Midian	7/18/96
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165B	Donald		Lewis	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02	241	Gerry		England	Mocha/Windsor	
166	Chuck		Wells	Egypt	12/28/88	242	Douglas		Falkingham	Mocha/Windsor	
167A+	Joe		Brewton	Khiva	7/6/05	243	Ian		Hughes	Mocha/Windsor	
168	Claude	0	Fowler	Bahia		244	James	L.	Beauregard	Melha	4/9/96
169A	Richard	-	Smart Jr.	Melha	11/12/96	245A	Albert	L.	Zumpe	Murat	7/18/96
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171A	William		Franson	Jaffa/Clearfield		247	E David		Hobbs	Sabbar	11/4/93
172	Ross	Ν	Yontz	Zembo	11/14/89	248	Ronald	А	Bowman	Zenobia	
173A	Edward		Oczkus	Melha	11/12/96	249	Carroll		Rahm	Korein	7/23/94
174A	Norman	J	Fournier	Melha	12/10/97	250	Neal	М	Johnson	Korein	7/23/94
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<u>#</u> 1	Deceased	First Name	<u>Initial</u>	Last Name	<u>Temple</u>	51		Tisdale	Р	DeCoe	Ben Ali
1	*	Clarence		Compton	Midian	52	*	John	Ν	Zonich	Afifi
2	*	W Harry		Maddox	Morocco	53		Leland	Н	Turner	Cyprus
3	*	Dr. Ralph	А	Benson	Bektash	54	*	Reg		Pearson	Rameses/Hamilton
4		Harold	R	Makinster	Afifi	55	*	Benjamin	L	Worthen	Pyramid
5	*	Willard		Pfluge	Murat	56	*	Harold	L	Jones	Murat
6	*	Robert	С	Schmiedel	Zembo	57	*	Robert		St Pierre	Murat
7	*	June		Reaves	Sudan	58	*	Ken		McElroy	Zenobia
8		Robert	F	Wiles	Murat	59	*	Donat	J	Fournier	Melha
9	*	Harold	А	Kelley	Morocco	60	*	J	R	Webb	Elf Karubaah
10	*	George		Hewell	Morocco	61	*	C "Mutt"	G	Baker	Yaarab
11	*	William		Briece	Ararat	62		Ben		Anderson	Al Bahr
12	*	A Leon		Singer	Al Sihah	63		David		Fourier	Melha
13	*	Hoyd		Brock	Arabia	64	*	Russell		Babcock	Al Bahr
14	*	Fred		Funck	Tigris	65	*	С	Е	Jeffries, Jr	Arabia
15	*	Thomas		Gowling	Rameses/Hamilton	66		С	Е	Jeffries, Sr	India
16	*	Harding	С	Campbell	Al Bahr	67					
17	*	Н	В	Sprenger, Sr.	Kerak/Arabians	68	*	Arthur	Н	Skinner	Tunis
18	*	Charles	F	Roloff	Melha	69		Frank		Kellogg	Afifi
19		Arthur		Murphy	Arabia	70	*	Lawrence		Frye	Nile
20	*	Dr. Albert		Malick	Salaam	71	*	Gene		Porter	Midian
21		John	F	McCray	El Karubah	72	*	R	Е	Weigner	Midian
22		Gordon		Godair	El Karubah	73	*	Robert		Wagner	Midian
23	*	Leonard	W	Lewis	Bektash	74	*	Warren	V	Tarkenton	Acca
24		Marvin	W	Cartv	Zorah	75		Charles		Robinson	Gizeh
25	*	William		Brooks	Rameses/Hamilton	76		Charles	D	Brugess	Syrian
26	*	Amiel		Michael	Beni Kedem	77	*	Wally		Robinson	Gizeh
27	*	William	А	Briscoe	Beni Kedem	78	*	John	E	Weeks	Gizeh
28		Lenny		Ettinger	Mahi	79	*	Glen	А	Green	Arabia
29		Olin		Evans	Irem	80		Elmer		Chase, Jr.	Irem
30	*	Edgar		Morrison	El Karif	81		Arthur		Brock	Alzafar
31	*	Ralph	W	Stanley	Tigris	82		Carlton		Wertz, Jr.	Al Amin
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35	*	Dr. Porter		Dexter	Bektash	86	*	Morris	Μ	Stern	Ararat
36		Robert	E	Kerr	Rameses/Hamilton	87	*	Tom		Waymire	Midian
37	*	Robert		Parkhill	Al Kadar	88	*	Leon		Dalton	Tebala
38	*	Madison		New	Al Sihah	89		Kenneth	0	Lewis	Rameses/Hamilton
39	*	Ralph		Heinzeroth	Zenobia	90	*	John	W	Reynolds	Rameses/Hamilton
40	*	Norman	R	Moon	Korein	91	*	W	А	Stricker/Sch	Zembo
41		James	R	Harris	El Hasa	92	*	Walter		Masters	Irem
42	*	George		Ball	Ismailia	93	*	Morris		Cohen	Gizeh
43	*	W	J	Seawright	Rameses/Sudbury	94	*	John	J	Grenier	El Kalah
44		Reese		Jenkins	Zembo	95		William		Carmichael	Mocha
45		Henry	S	Herr	Morocco	96	*	Michael		Drakich	Mocha
46	*	Gordon	R	Brittan	Rameses/Oshawa	97	*	Hugh		Whitlock	Mocha
47	*	Jack	R	Riley	Murat	98		Roy	E	Taylor	Mocha
48	*	Ember	R	Weris, Jr.	Murat	99	*	Kenneth		MacInnes	El Bekal
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Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2008)

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

For those bands wishing to compete in the Fantasy (Stage Performance, Parade or both), there will be a registration fee of \$2.00 per member, payable either in advance or during the Music Director's Meeting. Registration for the Fantasy and Parade competition will be open through the Director's Meeting. To be eligible to perform all Bands must register prior to the conclusion of the Director's Meeting. All bandsmen appearing in the performance are counted as A.S.O.B. members in good standing. The number of performing bandsmen cannot be more than the number of current A.S.O.B. dues members for a band. The A.S.O.B. Secretary/Treasurer will confirm that the number of performing members, 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	Parade			
		(Marching)	(Float)			
Make-up/Costumes			0%			
Overall Sound			0%			
Showmanship						
Appearance			20%			
Musical Presentation (Warm-up Numbers)			60%			
Musical Presentation (Competition Number)			0%			
*Note: Showmanship for units riding on a float includes points for the float itself.						

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

There will be a Best Oriental Band trophy awarded to the Band who has the highest overall point accumulation for the Fantasy and Parade. First and Second Place trophies for Fantasy and Parade will be awarded based on the highest and next to highest score for a category.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

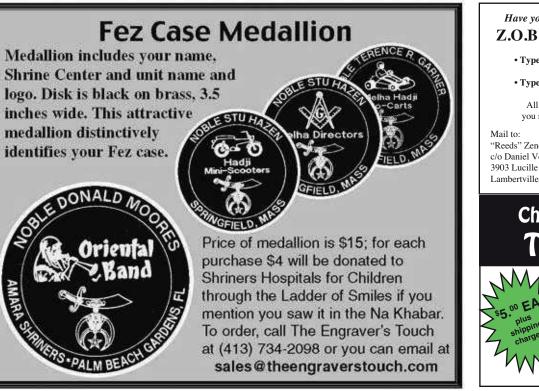
Overall Music Presentation: Playing ability, music of Oriental motif, and arrangement will be highly considered. Continued playing ability will be most important in Parade and concert.

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

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

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