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A new Shrine
Year in the
annals of
Oriental Bands
has been
launched from
Minneapolis,
Minnesota!
Although the

"crowd" was a bit thin on the attendance side, I believe a great time was had by all those who attended and participated. Well over 800 photos are on our ASOB face book web page for your viewing pleasure. Please do visit and "like" the various activities. It is my sincere hope that we can grow our Oriental Band community and show the folks just what our Bands are about and how our "Ladder of Smiles" philanthropy works and the good work that it does. Our immediate Past President Carl "Vince" Bobrosky met and exceeded his goal of \$75k for 2013-2014. My goal for 2014-2015, I have kicked up a notch and have set the goal for \$80,000 to go to the Ladder which all will go on to our hospitals! With your support and ALL of our Oriental Bands participating we can easily accomplish this goal. I am relying heavily especially on YOU and our Oriental Band Ambassadors to help reach this realistic goal.

At this point in my writings I must mention that our Black Camel has visited us this past year all too frequent. For those of you unaware most recently as 15 July 2014, First Lady, Theresa Brewton, Past President Lady of Joe Brewton (Khiva) (2007-2008) passed from a severe heart attack while on holiday. On 10 April 2014, our Past President (Scimitar) (1995-1996)Paul S. Shively was summoned by the Grand Architect of the Universe. On 9 March 2014, First Lady Glenda H. Moores of Past President, Don

Moores (Amara) (2009-2010) and son, Jeff Moores (Melha), current 1st VP of ASOB, passed after a fairly lengthy illness. Finally on 15 August 2013, Past President Charles Robinson (Gizeh) (1979 - 1980) passed over. Our condolences, prayers and most loving, precious thoughts go out to the spouses and families of these individuals.

Now to the business at hand. Just like the Marines, we in ASOB are looking for a few good men to fill two vacant positions. With the resignation of our 2nd vice president and the moving up of all officers created two slots in our officer line after our Imperial Session. Any takers? Just let myself or any of the officers know of your interest. Let me thank all our officers; Jeff Moores (Melha), 1st Vice President, Tom Crow (Moslah), 2nd Vice President and Chris Tsaros (Al Azhar) 3rd Vice President for stepping up to the plate and supporting the association. Much work lies ahead for us and the association. Plans are in the work for the executive group to line out the direction that we need to take to progress in the future. This executive meeting is planned for arrival October 30th, "work" 31 and 1 November 2014, with departure 2 November.

I also would like to thank the ambassadors for stepping up once again to the plate and welcome to our newest member Noble Jim Bota (Al Azhar who will shepherd the PNSOBA crew. I am also making James "Moose" Fitzgerald (El Raid) an ambassador at large. Moose will help with the inner actions required of the very important role of ambassadors. Thank you nobles for stepping up to the plate. We are looking forward to everyone keeping us apprized of associations activities and "motivating" our respective Oriental Band communities.

ASOB Mid-Winter is in the planning stages. At this point mark your calendar for March 26 thru 30, 2015. We will start on the front end

with ASOB work and then join and "blend" with (TASOB) Texas ASOB as Moslah Shrine Oriental Band is the host temple, in historic Granbury, Texas. I'm sure no one will be disappointed, as working with TASOB President Moe Rahmeh, we will show everyone "Good Ole Texas Hospitality"

In closing, I must mention Imperial Session in Houston, 4 thru 8 July 2015. Sounds like a long way off when you look at it but it will come faster than you think. We will be housed at the Marriott Hotel serviced by Hobby Airport. Less than a mile away with free hotel shuttle service to the doorstep. See more indepth information elsewhere in the magazine. Don't forget our Ladder of Smiles and our Shrine Children. Go In Peace.

Yours In The Faith, Dave McCarthy



FIRST
VICE
PRESIDENT
Jeff Moores

All of us that made it to Minneapolis had a great week. The weather touldn't have been better

and the friendship and fellowship that we all shared was outstanding. With recent events it makes me appreciate these interactions with all of my very good friends that I have met through the Oriental Bands, Regional Associations and the A.S.O.B. My heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to Joe Brewton, the entire Brewton family, and the Khiva Oriental Band for the unexpected loss of Theresa Brewton. She will be missed by all of us that had the pleasure of knowing her.

Congratulations to all of the officers that have moved up and progressed to a new office. A special congratulation sgoes out to our newly elected and installed President Dave McCarthy and his lovely Lady Sandy. I'm sure the "Pissy Texan" will be a great leader for the A.S.O.B. However at this point, we have two open positions on our line due to the recent resignation of an officer and no one ready to run for the line at this time. President Dave though will be calling for an Executive Committee of the Elected Officers and Past Presidents to formulate a plan and work on putting a five year plan for the association together. So if there are any Oriental Bandsmen out there that believe they would like to join us in the leadership of your association, please contact an officer.

As the Competition Chairman this past year, I would like to thank all that came out and participated this year. We only had two bands register and a last minute entrant that wanted to play. Thank you to the Acca Oriental Band and the El Riad Oriental Band for registering and putting on a great show. I would also like to thank Noble Bob Beffel from the El Zaribah Oriental Band from Phoenix for having the courage to put on a one man band show for us. We all saw that the El Zaribah Oriental Band is in great hands with members like Bob. The competition closed this year with all of the Oriental Bandsmen treating the crowd to a rendition of "When the Saints go Marching In." Photos should be found elsewhere in this issue.

Here in the Northeast, we are preparing for our upcoming Northeast Field Days. The Melha Shriners are hosting this year in Springfield, MA. We have our NESOBA business meeting on Friday afternoon and hopefully we will get a few bands come on down to join us and play that sweet music that we all love! Also this fall, I am planning to try and make it to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the Central States Shrine Association events on Labor Day weekend. I had a great time at

Central States last year in Branson and the Oriental Bands in this region really know how to have a good time. It is a full weekend of Oriental Band music with their "Ballyhoo" competition one day, a stage competition the next day and a parade on the last day. All of this is usually capped off with a banquet on saturday night. I am going to try and get out to some other associations this fall as well, so don't be surprised if you see me show up.

As for my own band, we just wrapped up our 26th Annual Golf Tournament. We ended up with a smaller tournament than we have had in the past few years, but were rewarded with a day for golf that couldn't have been better. We raised just a little under \$3500 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. I would like to thank all that supported with Hole Sponserships. The Hartup's have supported us for years and people have come to recognize "Maggies Hole" being out there every year. Also this fall we have our Annual Halloween Party coming up on the Saturday before Halloween. This band fundraiser is the first of several that we are planning as the band starts planning to come to Houston next year for the Imperial Session.



I will close with reminding everyone to remember the Ladder of Smiles. Every little bit that we fundraise helps the Children that we treat in our Hospitals.

Jeff Moores, 1st Vice President

Remember the Children!
Our Goal is \$80,000 for 2015



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Tom Crow

It is with a sad heart that I begin this article, and yet I cannot let this moment pass without remembering one of ASOB's

strongest supporters. It is always hard having to talk about the passing of a dear friend. Theresa Brewton was not only my personal friend, but she was a great friend of ASOB and will be greatly missed. She was the kind of person who could light up a room with just her smile. She never met a stranger and welcomed everyone with open arms. We will certainly miss her and that wonderful smile.

Moving on, we had a great Imperial Session in Minneapolis. I would like to say how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve the ASOB as 2nd Vice President for the current year. I will strive to help this organization thrive and prosper in the coming years.

I was glad to see so many Past Presidents in attendance to help support the Officers and the Association.

It was encouraging to be able to have some good discussions on the state of the Association. I came away from Imperial feeling like we had truly accomplished a lot in our meetings, sharing ideas and seeking to find new ways to improve the future of ASOB.

I look forward to our special conference in the fall where we continue along those lines with a special executive committee meeting to examine the future needs of the organization and what we must do to make this Association stronger. We hope to come up with a five-year plan to encourage growth and promote participation for the next five years and beyond. If we don't make changes for the future, as Shrine International is attempting, we risk becoming obsolete and may find ourselves left behind. This is definitely not what we want.

If someone is interested in trying

to make a difference, and would like to join the ASOB line of officers, please contact one the officers and express your interest. I know that there are nobles out there who are dedicated to this organization and would enjoy sharing the fun and fellowship that comes with ASOB. Please let us know if this is your desire and come join the fun and fellowship.

It is time to start thinking about Imperial in Houston for 2015. We would like to encourage everyone to bring your band to THE LONE STAR STATE and enjoy that great Texas Hospitality. I know that ASOB President David has been working hard to negotiate some great room rates for ASOB. He and his entertainment committee are planning a wonderful hospitality room for everyone who attends.

I will be asking for competition registration forms from the bands in the near future. Please start now promoting your band's participation at Imperial 2015. Encourage your band to go ahead and sign up now for the chance not only to compete, but also to enjoy the fun and fellowship deep in the heart of Texas.

I will be following up with the band directors and Presidents to see if there is anything I can do to help encourage their band's participation in our competitions now and in the future. Remember it is not the size of the band that matters. This year we had a band consisting of one lone person. He also won first place in the small band category. Everyone was so impressed with his dedication to the organization and his spirit of fun. The medium category was a three-member band, again proving that size does not matter and that all bands are welcome.

We continue to try to visit as many Associations and bands as possible. Please let your Ambassador or the officers know about any upcoming events so that we can try to attend and lend your Association our support.

Please let us know if there is anything we as your officers can do.

YITF Tom Crow, 2nd V. P



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT Chris Tsaros

Are we Slaves to our Past Successes? Traditional editors might frown upon a submission that starts with

a question. But I must ask you. Are we slaves to our past successes?

In my travels through the Oriental Band Kingdom I see us stuck, to playing the same old, same-old over and over again. The very definition of madness. Same tunes, interpreted the same way, except of course for the annual competition song. We are stuck deep in a groove, of the 13 minute performance. What say you?

I propose that it is time for us to look beyond the competition format. Throw away the chains of the 12-13 minute time frame. Let's eliminate the taboo we seem to have for only certain types of tunes. Why not have fun, playing music that is entertaining to our audience and fun for us to perform. Why not start getting together to have a great old Ballyhoo and raise the old barn roof?

Your thoughts? I love to hear from you. You can reach me at christsaros@gmail.com



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for the roof gutters. I was just thinking, "if I didn't live at the Masonic Village, I would be out there in the heat doing that hard work." It takes all my strength

to think of something to write each quarter in the Na Khabar.

I know you have all been waiting with baited breath to find out what we are going to do about the First 100 Dollar Club. The Officers and Past Presidents discussed this matter in some length during the past Imperial Session in Minneapolis, and came to the conclusion that we need to review at more length during our November meeting in Houston, TX. A number of things are possible, but we want to be sure we do what is correct and proper for all the Nobles and Ladies. We will keep you advised in the Na Khabar of our deliberations.

Now, some thoughts about Imperial. We only had 24 rooms rented this year and only 28 last year. We purchased and paid the Imperial fee of \$20.00 for 50 rooms each year. That means we lost \$520.00 this year and \$440.00 last year. This year we purchased only 30 rooms for 2016 in Tampa because we cannot continue to throw money away. We do have 50 rooms purchased for the 2015 Imperial in Houston so we need to fill these rooms in order to break even. I hope I'm wrong, but I foresee, in the not too distant future, no A.S.O.B. hotel and this would mean the end of Competition and all we have by having our own hotel.

Speaking of competition, we only had one large band and one small band compete this year. That makes it easy for the judges, but does not show others what we are capable of in our parades and stage appearances. I know we are able to do much better, and hope to see this happen soon.

The elections were held, and your new President is Dave McCarthy from Fort Worth, TX. Dave seems to be a plain talking Noble that wants the best for the A.S.O.B. He will be at many regional meetings this year, so don't be afraid to talk with him and let him know your thoughts about the A.S.O.B. and your band. We did not have a noble step forward to run for an office this year, so we have two openings on the A.S.O.B. line. Hopefully two Oriental

Band Nobles will step forward and take these offices so that we can continue to represent all of you in the Shrine. If we don't have continuation of the line, we are doomed to extinction.

Last but not least, you should know that we had to tap into savings in order to pay bills because we didn't have enough money in the Operating Account from dues. This was the first time in a couple of years that we had to do this. Dues notices will be going out in early September. Please try to pay your dues by the deadline so that we do not make borrowing a habit. Until we meet again,

Aleikum Es Selam, Mahlon

APPOINTMENTS



LADDER
OF SMILES
CHAIRMAN
Michael Hartup
Greetings from
sunny Calif...
oops Kansas!
It has been
a beautiful
summer so
far, not too hot
for a change!

This summer Maggie and I traveled to Amarillo, TX, for Texas Association of Shrine Oriental Bands mid-winter meeting, to Shreveport, LA, for South Central Shrine Association, to Mesquite, TX, for Texas Shrine Association, to Minneapolis, MN, for Imperial Session and we are getting ready for Central States Shrine Association in Tulsa, OK. It was great to see old friends and make some new ones in our travels. I encourage each of you to visit another band or association if you have the opportunity.

The ASOB family is saddened by the sudden death of Theresa Brewton. Please keep Joe and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Maggie and I just returned from Imperial Session in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, there were only two bands competing. Next year Imperial Session is in Houston, TX, and we hope to see more bands there to compete. At the annual meeting and election all officers advanced, and David McCarthy was unanimously elected president. Congratulations to all the officers. With the resignation of Scot Duncil there are two vacant elected positions on the executive board. If you are interested in making a difference and becoming a member of the executive board, please contact any officer or past president. The A.S.O.B. is your association and vour participation is needed for vour association to survive.

Your 2013-2014 President Vince Bobrosky had a goal of raising \$75,000.00 during his year and exceeded that goal raising \$77,466.62. This could not have been done without the donations from bands and bandsmen like you. The contributions of the Top Ten Bands totaled \$49,096.12 or 62% of the total donations. I am pleased to recognize the El Karubah Oriental **Band** for their dedication to the Ladder of Smiles, they were the top band this year, (as well as 2012 and 2013) contributing \$12,275.00! Imagine if all bands and bandsmen were that dedicated, what we could do for our kids and our hospitals.

President David has set a goal to raise \$80,000.00 for the Ladder of Smiles during his year. Once again, it is only through the generosity of each bandsman, the band and association that we can meet this goal. It is our responsibility to support our hospitals and our kids!

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

I bid you peace, Mike



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

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100 CLUB CHAIRMAN Morrie Toretsky Greetings

FIRST

from beautiful Minnesota!
Our spring wasn't very good, we had an abundance of rain and

flooding. We had beautiful weather for the Imperial Session in Minneapolis. We hope that everyone who attended had a good time, and enjoyed themselves.

We had a beautiful well attended First 100 Club Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on wednesday morning. Congratulations to David McCarthy and Lady Sandy and to all the line officers for the coming year, we do need someone for the bottom of the line. The ASOB Ladder of Smiles presented the Imperial Sir a check for \$76.000 which was great.

The black camel visited Paul S. Shively (Scimitar), our sympathies and condolences go out to the family. The band secretaries and members of the families do not communicate with me or Secretary Mahlon Hariu when there are any changes, or change of address.

The January issue of the NA KHABAR we had many, many returns from the post office, which were unable to be delivered. We tried to check them out, but that didn't work, so we deleted all of those names from the roster. If your name was deleted please let us know and we will reinstate you. We do need new members to keep going.

Please mail your name, address, shrine center, phone number and check for \$100.00 with each application, payable to ASOB First 100 Club. Mail to Morrie Toretsky, 2554 Pennsylvania Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Thank you for your contributions and support of ASOB First 100 Club.



QUARTER-MASTER James Fitzgerald

Greetings to all fellow musicians. I have been appointed to another year as A.S.O.B. Ouartermaster.

During the past year I have attempted to locate a source for new musettes. I went as far as trying to cast the body out of epoxy resin, to no avail. I believe the search is over. After searching the internet for alternative names for musette, I hit upon "Zurna." It is a horn made in Pakistan and is available from a distributer in Florida. The cost is under \$60.00 and with a little modification it could be the right cure as to new musettes. I have one on order and expect it before this article is published.

I apologize to those bands I have not yet completed mouthpieces for. My past e-mails were "wiped" from my computer. If you need single reed mouthpieces, contact me again with your shipping address and I will get them shipped! I currently have 20 on hand and ready to ship. As far as other instruments, please contact me and I can put you in the right direction. I am also working with one of my fellow

band-mates to provide a source for new (aluminum) scimitars for your band director.

The current music library on the A.S.O.B. website is experiencing a few "hick-ups" in relation to downloads. Be patient, the problem is being addressed.

Feel free to contact me if you are looking for some piece of equipment. I have developed a vast array of contacts that I will share.

Please Recruit-Recruit-Recruit. It will make us stronger. Also, compete in your regional Associations, it makes us all better.

Yours in the faith, James "Moose" Fitzgerald A.S.O.B. Quartermaster

AMBASSADORS



AMBASSADOR AT LARGE James

Fitzgerald
Greetings to all Nobles and congratulations to Noble Vince Bobrosky for a fantastic year. He and his Lady Maggie always made us all

welcome to every event they undertook. Vince had set a goal of \$75,000 for the Ladder of Smiles. This was exceeded as it totaled over \$77,000.

A new year of leadership has begun with Noble Dave McCarthy assuming the presidency. He has big plans for the A.S.O.B. during the coming year. Starting off with appointing me as A.S.O.B. Ambassador-At-Large. Some of my duties will be contacting regional Ambassadors to see if there is anything that we, as an organization can do to help. Whether it is helping you recruit new members or start a new band. I did get around to e-mailing a few Ambassadors to remind them to submit

articles for this publication.

I also am remaining the A.S.O.B. Quartermaster, so check that article for information on NEW Musettes!!!

Imperial Session in Minneapolis was great! What would be fantastic is if more bands would plan on attending and participating in the competition and parade.

My Temple, El Riad, marched in the Imperial parade. We had roughly 2 hours at the staging area prior to step-off. During this time I wandered around the parking lot and engaged in conversation with other Temples that do not have an Oriental Band. I received a very warm reception and am following up with contacting each from the business card I received.

I also talked with a Public Relation representative from Imperial Headquarters about an article for the new "Shriner Magazine – Pride and Tradition." They welcomed the idea, so look forward to putting the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands on every Temples "to-do" list.

Continue to play that "sweet" music. Also, remember to recruit new members, it is our survival.

True to the cause...
James "Moose" Fitzgerald
A.S.O.B. Ambassador At Large



CENTRAL STATES Rick Moody

Greetings from the bands of Central States! Is it me or is time just flying by? This summer has been busy with Central

States Bands attending various events and parades. It seems that every small town has a parade and they all want the O.B. to be in it. I know most of the bands participate as they can and are encouraged to do so by their Potentate. The O.B.s are sure to get

positive comments and are a source of recruitment for future Shriners. It really does work. I have had several new Shriners come up to me and tell me that one of the reasons that they joined the Shriners was because they saw how much fun the Oriental Band was having plus of course, to help kids. We are all ambassadors.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl just took place and the parade before the game was well represented by Midian Oriental Band of Wichita, Kansas, and Abdallah Oriental Band of Overland Park, Kansas. From what I heard, it sounds like they are going to be tough competition at the Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) Convention. This year the convention is being hosted by Bedouin Temple in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 28th thru 30th. A great time will be had by all. We are usually blessed by ASOB officers to judge and the Oriental Band competition is the highlight of the weekend (in my opinion.)

Ahh, so much to say and so little time. Please remember why we are playing. It's for the kids. Remember The Ladder Of Smiles. Have a great fall season.

Yours in Faith, Rick



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C o n g r a t - ulations to ASOB President David McCarthy and his 2014-2015 line officers. The Florida Bands wish them well on

their goals. I extend my best wishes to Noble Paul (The Greek) Pante of the Great Sahib Oriental Band on his volunteering to be 2014-2015 FSOBA President. Noble Floyd LaDue will continue as Secretary/Treasurer. As

FSOBA Past President, I extend a grateful Thank You to those Nobles and Florida Bands who helped me have an enjoyable voyage for the past several years.

As Florida Ambassador, my duties as directed by 2013-2014 ASOB President Noble Vince Bobrosky, were to assist and encourage the Florida Bands to fully participate in submitting an article for the Na Khabar magazine, and contributions to the Ladder of Smiles. Unfortunately, due to declining Band membership in a number of the Bands, we probably have not done our "fair share."

Egypt Oriental Band participated in a June Ceremonial where approximately fifteen new Nobles were created. It was exceptionally interesting as the program included a scavenger hunt during which the new Nobles and their Ladies were encouraged to visit all of the Egypt Unit Rooms to sign their presence and receive a token kazoo from the Oriental Band.

Lady Nancy and I had a restful month stay at Longboat Key, (near Sarasota), and I was able to practice with the Great Sahib Oriental Band on June 25th. On July 10th, FSOBA President Paul Pante, Secretary/Treasurer Floyd LaDue, Yours Truly and our respective Ladies enjoyed a delightful dinner at the Primo Italian Restaurant.



In addition to discussing the 2014 FSA/FSOBA Convention to be held at Sahib Shrine Center, President Pante shared his thoughts on the formation of an "All Florida Band." He said that after jelling his thoughts, he would present them to our Florida Bands.

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



MID ATLANTIC Keith Oviatt

Hospital Day
was well
attended by
representatives
of those Shrine
Centers that
are served
by Shriners
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Unit. In attendance were: Past Imperial Potentate Douglas E. Maxwell, Past Imperial Sir George A. Mitchel, and Imperial Captain of the Guard Imperial Sir William S. Bailey. MASOBA was represented by myself and Past President John Seastead and several members of the Zem Zem Oriental Band. Our little Shrine Ambassador, Emily Melish, was there and charmed the entire audience with several jokes. She is becoming a stand up comedienne.

The Mid Atlantic Annual meeting and election of officers will take place in Virginia Beach on September 5th. The present officers will move up a spot and a new Sgt at Arms will take charge of the blender.

Joanne and I had a good time in Charlotteville (except for the rain). Thanks Vince and Maggie!

Congrats to Dave McCarthy for taking the top spot in ASOB. I know that he and Sandy will do us proud. Sorry I missed Imperial but I had other obligations on the home front. Wish I could have been there. Our sympathy goes out to Past President Joe Brewton on the passing of Theresa.





SOUTH ATLANTIC Nolan Stanley

Greetings from the South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association (SASOBA). First we would like to congratulate Noble Vince

Bobrosky on a very successful year as President of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (ASOB). In Minneapolis Vince's year ended during the Imperial Session on a high note when it was announced he had surpassed his goal of raising \$75,000 for the Ladder of Smiles by over \$2000. Ladder of Smiles are funds contributed to the Shrine Hospitals solely from Oriental Bands. Vince did an outstanding job of representing SASOBA and ACCA Shrine Center during his year as President and the ACCA Oriental Band was proud to be a part of his activities throughout his year.

On July 7th during the Imperial Session Vince and Lady Maggie hosted a banquet for Oriental Band members, their Ladies and special guests. Special Guests from ACCA in attendance were Vince's daughter, Brooke, and her friend Mike; PP Paul Lanier and Lady Martha Jo; and Noble Don Hogwood and Lady Noni. Noble Bland Wade and I spent an exciting 5 days behind the bar making sure everyone had the refreshment of their choice. We met a lot of great people, heard great stories and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Ever hear of a South Dakota Cloudy? I became an expert in making these for our South Dakota friends. If you want to try one let me know.

On July 17-20 the South Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association (SASOBA) summer meeting was held in Lexington, KY. President Sam Sansom presided over the meeting and festivities. On Saturday morning he had arranged a tour of Keeneland Horse Track and their facilities. We

started off with breakfast and then the tour. Not sure if it was a good or bad thing, but the horses were not running that day. Either way, no money was lost or gained, except when the ladies went shopping. Getting together with our SASOBA friends always means there will be good times.

For ACCA Oriental Band it is almost time for the Richmond Watermelon Festival. We can't wait to get started on cutting up all those watermelons and get the juice running down our arms. This is a great way for us to earn money to support the Shrine hospitals. The last 2 years we have earned more than \$3500 to contribute to the hospitals. That is a lot of watermelon.

The SASOBA Oriental Bands are busy getting ready for SASA in September to be held in Myrtle Beach. We will be holding our Oriental Band festivities on Thursday, 18 September. The business meeting and Ladies Luncheon are scheduled for 10:00, competition will be held at 2:00 and the banquet at 7:00. All events will be held at the Sea Mist Convention Center. All are invited. Please contact me if you would like additional information or would like to attend a function. We would love to have you there to share in our fun.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Myrtle Beach. The ACCA Oriental Band is staying at the Sea Mist, Driftwood Building. Come by and look us up as we will in turn be on the lookout for other Oriental Bands and their hospitality rooms. Always, remember the Ladder of Smiles!!!

In the Faith, Nolan Stanley



SASOBA members at Keeneland Race Track, Lexington, KY



ASOB PP Vince with Lady Maggie, daughter Brooke, and friend Mike

BAND NEWS

Abdallah Overland Park, Kansas

Roy Samuel
Abdallah Oriental Band
Secretary, Musical Director
2940 N 64th Terr.
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First off, we are proud to announce our own Bruce Fischbach, was installed as Kansas State VFW Commander, June 8, at the Kansas State Convention in Salina, KS. Bruce is our current OB Director and Past OB President. The Band is very proud to have Bruce with us.



The Abdallah Oriental Band had the best turn out for a parade in some time, a first for the trailer, 2014 Lenexa Community Fourth of July Parade had 15 parades, countem' 15. Roy Samuel, Sec; Jody Hines, Pres; Gary Bennett, PP; Richard Sobek, QM/SaA; Jamie

Thornton; Ed Harvey, Abdallah Chief Aide; Bill Murray, VP; Gregg Loeser, Treas; Doug Voss, First Ceremonial Master, OB Divan Rep; Jimmie Facklam; Les Volentine; Dan Ticer; Mike Cook; Frank Schveninger; Don Best, PP.



Our Divan Rep, First Ceremonial Master Doug Voss bringing up the rear aboard 'Seroyia' at 2014 Lenexa Community Fourth of July Parade



Abdallah Chief Rabban Tim Williams helping out at 2014 Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade and Ed "the Fez" Harvey pounding the bass drum.



Second Ceremonial Master Brian Wilson herding camels at 2014 Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade.



The Abdallah Oriental Band has made quite a few parades this year, making sure that the color, sound and spirit of the Abdallah OB is well represented, rain or shine. Even if it was just a few Bandsmen, like Bill Murray, Richard Sobek, Gregg Loeser and Ed Harvey at the 2014 Edwardsville Days Parade, KS.



The Band is practicing a lot for our competition at Central States Shrine Association Convention in Tulsa, OK, late August. We are working to bring something new to the competition this year. I will let you know how that worked for us. REMEMBER: We be THE Band....!

Yours in Faith, Roy Al Azhar Calgary, Alberta

Jim Bota jrbota@telus.net





Greetings from Calgary, Alberta! Our band is pictured here in front of our Fez mobile, complete with the tassle on the rooftop. We are using this vehicle to draw attention to our Shrine Hospital in Montreal that we are raising awareness with the public and of course generating funds. Any person, group or business can purchase advertising that will be afixed onto the vehicle with their name on it. The program is called the Odyssey Tour and attends all the parades that our band attends, creating an interest in our mandate for children. We have attended many parades this summer in the towns surrounding Calgary. The largest parade being the one in Banff, Alberta, in which several thousand people witness horses, bands and floats going down the main avenue.

We have just worked a casino for the past two nights to generate revenue for our Shrine club, and our band will put on an Octoberfest this fall and Chinese New Year in February 2015. We also put on a Tong Degree which is very special and everyone in the band takes an active part. We have a parade in Nanton on Monday and will close the season with our annual appearance in Cochrane on Labor Day in September.

Our Oriental Band will be attending the PSNA in Boise, Idaho, next week, from the sixth to the tenth of August. We are very pleased to have our own Chris Tsaros going up the ladder in ASOBA, presently holding the position of third vice president. We wish you a safe and productive summer while you are making the sweetest music this side of heaven!



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

http://www.oband.mysite.com

Thank you for visiting the site. We hope your visit will be an enjoyable one and that you will return to the site frequently for updates.

Shalom,



THE ALEPPO ORIENTAL BAND



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REHEARSALS on THURSDAYS at 6:30 PM

From the Second Thursday in January
To the Second Thursday in November
Oriental Band Room
Second Floor
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Exit 39 off Interstare 93

AlzafarSan Antonio, Texas

William "Bill" Nanes 9606 Woodland Hills San Antonio, TX 78250 wnanes@sbcglobal.net

Greetings from the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band in San Antonio, Texas! It's good to send you news from our band once again. The band did go 'dark' in June after the TSA ceremonial as usual. However, our by-laws obligate us to hold our stated meetings every third Monday regardless. The band will return to our normal weekly sessions on September 8th.

Well, our band participated in the TSA band competition in Mesquite, Texas, this last June. We entered in the medium category in order to allow our newest members to take part in this extravaganza. At the end we left winless but the opportunity to compete with our fellow bandsmen statewide as well as our new members was a huge win for us. Congratulations to everyone, including all other units of the Texas Shrine.





As required by our band by-laws, the election of the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band Music Director must take place during the June stated meeting. I, Bill Nanes, have held this prestigious position for two years, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and after weighing other obligations on my plate, I decided not to accept a third term. But there is some good news! Noble Jim Whitehouse, Past ASOB president and a long-time band

member and Past Music Director of the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band is done with all of his world-wide travels and accepted his election as our returning Music Director for the year 2014-2015. This is going to be a good year! Noble Tom Kopcho was appointed as the Assistant Music Director by Noble Whitehouse. I continue to be the TASOB 2nd VP and Alzafar Oriental Band President.

As mentioned, we are 'dark' at this time. However our band did participate in the Seguin Texas Jubilee Festival parade this last 4th of July. Even if this parade was 'optional,' the Oriental Band was there in almost full force. We had a number of our long-time members return for this event and several of our newest members where among us. Our parade trailer was full of musicians and had three of them (all new members) walk along the trailer playing their instruments! What enthusiasm! Thanks to all of the band members who joined in











During the last stated meeting the Oriental Band had the pleasure of having our band ladies join us for a meal after a short but important meeting. Everyone brought in their favorite dish and desert while the band provided the main dish; Bar-B-Que. We all had our fill and fun. Unfortunately, no photos were taken even if I did make sure I took a camera. We were having so much fun no one thought of taking photos. Bummer!

We have some exciting events during August and September that I will report on in the next issue of the Na Khabar. August 23rd – Gillespie County Fair in Fredericksburg, Texas, August 30th – Kendall County Fair in Boerne, Texas. Then the grand Alzafar Shrine Circus on September 11th thru the 14th will keep our Shrine members busy. After the circus the band will see about performing at the Medina County Fair parade in Hondo, Texas. I'm not even going into the October parade schedule ... Whew!

So that's the Alzafar Shrine Oriental Band scoop. You can get instant updates in my band newsletter, 'The Musette'. It is semi-dark as this time (June and July) but I will resume updating this newsletter every 30 to 40 days starting during August. Find it at asob.org/alzafar-shrine-oriental-band. html or just Google it at asob.org.

Until the next time my fizzy friends, keep healthy and have fun!

Bill Nanes

Arab Topeka, Kansas

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Arab Oriental Band! Here we are in the height of the summer months and the Oriental Band is heating up much like the temperature. We will be ready for CSSA to give it our best in the competition, but as we continually remind ourselves, it is much more than winning a trophy. It is about the brotherhood, the camaraderie and the wonderful moments we share at this and other events. We are also proud to announce that our very own Potentate, Rick Moody, will be providing the thunderous back beat for the competition. He may not be able to jump all over the place like he used to, (actually none of us can) but he can still boom-boom with the best of them.

We are evaluating our schedules for participation in some of the local parades. The crowd always seems to enjoy the sweet music of the OB. One particularly fun parade is in the home town of one our Past Potentates, Paul Clarkson. On Monday, July 14, we will invade the town of Waverly, KS, for fun and frolic. After the parade, Illustrious Sir Clarkson will treat the Shrine parade participants to a good old BBQ.

As part of our fund raising efforts we recently sold Vidalia Onions. You wouldn't think onions would be so popular, but these onions are delicious. Every little bit of funds we can raise helps to keep our unit in operation and allows us to contribute to other worthy causes such as the Temple remodeling project or the Oriental Band, Ladder of Smiles and many other Shrine efforts.

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

Hope to see some of you at Central States in Tulsa, OK, later this month. Rock On!

Arab Shrine Oriental Band Meeting Information: The Oriental Band meets at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Shrine in our very own private Oasis located upstairs in the Temple. We welcome any Brother who would like to stop by and see what we are all about. We have a wonderful group of men who enjoy playing music even though the majority of the members have no real musical background. We have a great time performing and we are always competitive at Central States and Imperial.

Bahia

Orlando, Florida

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Bahia Oriental Band continues to be "dim," but we did host the June Stated Meeting Dinner. With a lot of help from members of the Director's Staff, recruited by Noble "Chief Chef" Millard Smith, a delicious dinner of tenders, potatoes, vegetable, rolls and salad, was enjoyed by the Nobility and their Ladies. A big **THANK YOU** to the Bahia Director's Staff for their assistance. God Bless the children in the hospitals. God Bless You - God Bless Our Troops - God Bless America

Beni Kedem

Charleston, WV

Hurford Bolyard, Sec. 100 Quarrier Street Charleston, WV 25329



Age is no obstacle to being a Beni Kedem Oriental Bandsman! At the age of 73 our band accepted the application of Noble James C. Hubbard, and he became a member May 5, 2004. He quickly became a dedicated bandsman until he completed his earthly labors April 2, 2010. He is remembered as a Noble with a warm handshake and friendly smile. His commitment to our band surpassed some bandsmen half his age.

Jim retired from Union Carbide Technical Center as a millwright and was a skilled craftsman in metal and woodworking. His skill was reflected in his building of a bright red miniature Model T Ford that he frequently drove in parades. His family gave this car on behalf of our band to be sold, and the proceeds go the "Ladder of Smiles."

Jim's miniature Model T Ford was sold and, as Jim's family requested, our band made a \$1,500.00 contribution to the "Ladder of Smiles." Jim's contribution to and love of the Beni Kedem Oriental Band will not be forgotten and will serve as an example for younger bandsmen to follow. We extend our thanks to his son James C. Hubbard, Jr. and daughter Mrs. Carol Nolte and families for sharing Noble Jim with us.

Sincerely, Hurford Bolyard, Sec. Beni Kedem Oriental Band

Cairo

Rutland, Vermont

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Greetings from New England, we have had a cold and long winter and now a rather cool summer so far. We keep going as time ages us all. Our 96+ old cow bell player has made the parade in Bellows Falls and afterglow by Greg and Brenda Washburn, super job by all, even Clyde Twitchel didn't miss a stroke on his bells. We also had breakfast at your scribes for a morning Parade in Springfield.

Getting ready for the Vermont -New Hampshire Sugar Maple parade held August 2 previous to the football game at Dartmouth College.

We welcomed a new musician to our ranks, Michael Fawcett, who is a drum-congo extraordinaire. Our lead musette player is having a hard time covering the holes of his musette due to arthritis, but Ed Fenton keeps going.

Egypt

Tampa, Florida

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After being "dark" for the summer, the Band is looking forward to our return to practices and the Fall activities. It would be a "beautiful tuneful note", (musically speaking), if a Noble or two from the June Class would find it in his "score" to affiliate with our Band. As I've said before, we may be small in number, but we're **BIG** in camaraderie. Remember the kids in the hospitals. God Bless You, God Bless Our Troops, God Bless America!

Irem

Wilkes-Barre, PA

Olin W. Evans, Jr. 8 Eleanor Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702



Greetings fellow travelers of the hot sands who enjoy the Oriental Sounds of the Desert Bedouins. At the recent June 14th Irem Outdoor Ceremonial the Oriental Band was in great spirits. The occasion was having the Ceremonial named in Honor of Noble Charles Wirth who was a former member of the Oriental Band having served as President in 1998 and 1999.

For the summer months our rehearsals will concentrate on the bands musical talents for the 2014 September MASA Virginia Beach Convention with 24 participating Shrine Temples. Director Fred Dietrich has high hopes as he prepares us to win another first place honor in the Oriental Band competition.

To all of our ASOB members, in this lush oasis at Irem a loyal tribe of oriental Bandsmen gather the second and forth Thursday of each month at the Irem Temple Country Club. If per chance you are passing through our area, we would certainly be honored with your presence ad participation for some oriental music appreciation and of course – some camels milk.

The band is making preparations for the upcoming Fireworks Display on August 14 and the Irem Sportsman's Raffle on September 13. All of our efforts make an oriental bandsman very proud when he thinks of his contributions and talents in helping a crippled or burned child return to a happy, healthy and normal life. Yes it's WONDERFUL TO BE A SHRINER.



Remember the Ladder of Smiles & our Hospitals!

Khiva Amarillo, Texas

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This edition is a more difficult one to compose than usual this time around so please forgive the messenger.

Howdy from the Texas Plains, which, praise God, is not so dry this year. We have had close to normal rainfall so far, which is still arid when compared to many parts of our country. Things have slowed with the KOB as they always do after the Texas All-State Competition during the first of June. But, things will start to pick up when our Shrine Center "reawakens" next month.

Our aforementioned Texas Shrine Association Conference was held in the Eastern Dallas County, city of Mesquite, this year. Our Band was well represented with 29 members traveling to the competition. We performed at the Mesquite Convention Center/Rodeo Complex with our brother bands from Alzafar, Arabia, Hella, Moslah and Sharon. After the last band performed (which was us), all bands joined in the center of the hall and manifested into what best is described as a blowout or if you will, a jamboree - something different for me at one of these. I would like to commend all the Bands and their fans that attended and participated this year. The Hella Shrine Center was also a gracious host to the visiting Shrine Centers of Texas.

Our Rookie Master Emeritus, "Black Jack" Flake, gave his old "chalk talk" to the green ones after our practice in the parking lot before we left to compete. The Rookies turned out to be most competent in their debuts, so they must have heeded his advice. We did bring home some hardware for our case so our bandsmen need to be commended for another great year of the Khiva Oriental Band. All said, there were the usual jokes, high jinxes, and antics that always seem to happen

during these times. Congratulations to the outgoing Texas Shrine Oriental BandAssociation, 2013-2014 President, John Meyer. What a great and efficient, Navy-like job you did! I was honored that I got to serve under your command as your Secretary/Treasurer. We left the association in the competent hands of 2014-2015 President Moe Rahmeh of the Moslah Bedouins. Congrats to our current Band President, Sultan Mike Pinson for his election as 1st Vice President of the TASOB at the breakfast that Friday morning.

Along with being a summer of fun, it has been a summer of heartbreak also... Our Caliph, Joe Brewton, lost his precious wife, Theresa Brewton. Theresa passed away July 15th while she and Joe were in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, on the Khiva Potentate's Trip. Those who were with them said that she was having a grand time as she seemingly did on any new adventure in life. She went like most of us would like to, no doubt, out like a flame, having a great time! Her memorial service and the wake that followed was a true celebration of her life and provided small, poignant and humorous glimpses of her time on earth from family and friends. The post-service gathering at the Shrine Center featured a full BBQ luncheon, fellowship and some semblance of needed order to the rest of the day. I am sure that Joe and the family were very honored and humbled by the numbers of friends and extended family present, some who traveled some great distances to be with him that day. There was a poem in the memorial program that had a few lines as follows... "do not stand by my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep... do not stand by my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die." How fitting that is in any homage to Theresa. Here's hope that all of us with old and new wounds will heal.

Our Sultan's Lady Carole needs our prayers. She and Mike are currently in Florida where she is recuperating from another medical procedure. Hopefully by the time this is read, she will be home and all will be just a bad memory. Our

Shriners Houston Hospital Outreach Clinic will be coming up October 9th - 10th here in Amarillo. We try to encourage all Shriners to attend and watch the small (and large) miracles our Hospital staff routinely preform. It is always such a refresher for any jaded Shriner to witness!

Until next time, the scribe



2014-2015 TASOB elected officers



Getting in some practice time!



Khiva Divan at the TASOB Breakfast



Khiva Oriental Band at TSA 2014



Khiva Oriental Band on the floor



Khiva Shrine Illustrious Sir Scott Woolery (R) makes some new friends



Parking lot practice at a not so accommodating Celebration Station



Rookie Master Emeritus Jack Flake with his Rookies

Let's keep looking for NEW
Oriental Bandsmen!



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Greetings Oriental Bandsmen: Melha just completed their annual golf tournament raising over \$3000.00 for the LADDER OF SMILES. I was stationed at the 10th hole to see if someone hit a hole in one for a car but no lucky golfers that day. Just a note - my relative starting golfing after she retired at age 65 years and had two holes in one and I consider myself lucky if I can hit it on the green in one shot. The winning team scored 5 under par and everyone enjoyed a beautiful day of golf. Sorry Maggie - I did not get to take a photo of your BIG hole this year.

Melha will be hosting the Northeast Field Days this September, if in the area stop by for some fun and fellowship. For more info call the Melha Shrine Center at 413-736-3647. Hope to see you there.

Melha Oriental Band is making plans to attend next year's Imperial Session in Houston and hopefully see our own Jeff Moores installed as ASOB president.

I wish to extend my deepest condolences to Joe Brewton and family for the loss of Theresa (the Yellow Rose of Texas). She will surely be missed in the ASOB family.

Please remember the LADDER OF SMILES and until next issue Happy Trails.

Nile Seattle, Washington

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First let me publicly thank the Draggin Ladies of Dungeon #8 here in Seattle for their kind donation to The Ladder of Smiles of - \$1000!!! They always support our Band and its efforts! Thanks! Marty, Henrietta, Butch et all!!! Great job!

The band hasn't done too much parading this summer due to out float getting painted. It got back last week for the parade in Sedro-Wooley. It's quite pretty! Thanks to Noble Darrick Hayman and his students at the High School he teaches for a wonderful job! Their names are painted on the side of the float for all to see!

The Band is getting ready to go to PNSOBA in Boise, Idaho! I look forward to seeing Nobles I've not seen in years as the Regional is being relaunched this year. Nile's own Dave Barney will be installed as President. He will do a credible job. It appears this will be a relative small turn out. But, good things start small. I hope past issues will be laid to rest and peace and frivolity will return to the tent. Noble Jim Hart is working hard to get us ready to perform. Last week we actually sounded pretty good and no elk were trying to get into the Temple for hubba hubba!!

The Black Camel visited us this month with the passing of Noble John DeCarteret, he was a good Mason, great Shriner and very good Bandsman. He will be missed!! Duane Pound's Lady Julie passed this week too. She will be missed.

We had a parade this past Friday in Mount Lake Terrace which is where the Temple is. About 20 Nobles showed and we filled the "Titanic" float!! We played pretty good and Darrick had a good time getting kids to hit our large gong. (I call it Gonga Din! I know lame!!).

We had the Nile Family Picnic a week ago. We had a decent time but, do not know what the future brings as the turnout was low. I think that about covers it till next time!! Stay Tuned!!

Bruce Garner Nile Oriental Band Secretary and PNSOBA Secretary/Treasurer

Sahib

Sarasota, Florida

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Greetings, I want to begin by saying that on behalf of Sahib O.B. and myself, we send our heart-felt sympathy to Joe Brewton and his family and all of the Khiva O.B., on the death of Theresa. It is a terrible shock to us all and hopefully we all stopped and told our wives we loved them. Theresa added a lot of fun to our get-togethers and she'll be sorely missed. Joe, you're in our prayers as you recover.

I volunteered to serve as FSOBA president for 2014-2015. Floyd Ladue agreed to serve as Sect./ Treas. Volunteering as our Goodwill Ambassador and my Chief Aide, Bob Stihler will be a great coordinator. Everyone put early May of 2015 on your calendars and plan to attend our FSOBA Bash in Sarasota. More later on this.

Congratulations to all the new ASOB officers as they move up the ladder. Thanks go out to Vince Bobrosky and Maggie for a great year of raising more than \$75,000 for the Ladder of Smiles. After reviewing the minutes of the ASOB Annual Meeting I want to add some thoughts. As the Shrine decreases in membership, so do the units and we need to think about some changes.

MANY **CHANGES** ARE NEEDED: Our Imperial Meetings are getting smaller and smaller, with only 2 bands competing this year and no one running for the bottom of the line of officers, so you see the need for something different to happen. It's my feeling in talking with individual bandsmenthat many of the smaller bands still want to take part and they enjoy getting together with other bandsman and playing their instruments, but just can't learn a new piece of music every year and can't travel as far as they used

to. So why not CHANGE and hold our annual meetings in different regions of the country in conjunction with Regional Assoc. Meetings? We could do a 3 day event with jam session, Fantasy (definitely no competition) and business meeting. We could add in some fun with a fishing trip, or boat ride, or sightseeing event, and of course the Mandarin Degree!!! We need to put more fun in our annual meeting and make it easier to travel to as well as cheaper. We could also add in duets and trios so that everyone, with or without their band, could participate. There are many bands around the country in this situation, but one I'd like to mention is Azan from Melbourne, FL, that are down to 5-7 active members with only 3 horns left. They used to be Sahib's biggest competition and are a great group of guys. We need to get these bands active again and maybe they would participate if annual meetings were closer and no competition was involved. Maybe we could start by trying out one in the middle of the country somewhere like the Mid-West Assoc. or the Texas Assoc. SOMETHING TO START THINKING ABOUT SOON!! WITHOUT CHANGE THERE IS NO FUTURE!!

I see that several ASOB officer's bands and several ambassador's didn't write articles for the May Na Khabar. It's so important that everyone fullfill their obligations to keep us all informed. Bob Stihler has never missed an issue and he usually writes more than one article as he's the scribe for both Egypt and Bahia O.B.s. as well as past-president of our FSOBA and THE MANDARIN. Oh well. As Bob would say "Ahh--- So-o-o-o---!"

Sahib is thinking of putting on a 3 day weekend bash and inviting all OBers across the country to come during the winter season. We are definitely trying to get all the Florida bands together to form one unit as we did a few years ago. Maybe we'll call ourselves the FSOBA Unit and go to one of the regionals this year.

Hope there are more of you who

think like me and are looking for some changes. I think Norm Wold and Ralph Jubb may agree. This is how one Greek sees it.

Yours in the faith, Paul Pante (Greek)

Zem Zem

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The Zem Zem Oriental Band has not been very active this parade season due to a number of reasons. We plan on a couple of parades in the near future. We hope to get a few more members to help bolster the troops for the future. We had a so-so Reverse Drawing as many regular attendees were absent. Ticket sales were slow but we did make a profit. That is about all I have to report at this time.

Our sweetheart, Emily and family attended an All Star game in Fargo, ND, and of course took her bracelets with her. She sold over \$3000.00 worth of them. The money raised was donated to the Minneapolis Hospital. She is an amazing ambassador for the hospital system. She also attended Hospital Day at the Erie Unit and charmed all that were there.





2014 A.S.O.B. COMPETITION

Minneapolis, Minnesota







ACCA Oriental Band, Richmond, VA









EL RIAD Oriental Band, Sioux Falls, SD





Noble Bob Beffel
EL ZARIBAH Oriental Band
Phoenix, AZ



President Vince Bobrosky













Final Jam with Everyone Playing "When The Saints Go Marching In"



1st Place Small Band



1st Place Large Band



1st Place Medium Band



Best Overall

Award Results

Parade

1st Place Medium Band—Acca Oriental Band, Richmond, VA 1st Place Large Band—El Riad Oriental Band, Sioux Falls, SD Stage

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Best Overall Band

El Riad Oriental Band, Sioux Falls, SD

Caliph's Award for Best Director

Tim Cadwell, El Riad Oriental Band, Sioux Falls, SD



"Thanks for Playin" We'll See You in Houston Next Year



The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International ANNUAL MEETING July 9, 2014



The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International was held at the Minneapolis Commons Hotel on July 9, 2014. President Vince Bobrosky called the meeting to order at 09:01 EDT.

President Bobrosky 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, Noble Chris Tsaros. President Bobrosky then asked the Sergeant At Arms, Noble Chris Tsaros, to read the Roll Call of those present. A.S.O.B. Officers - 5, Past Presidents - 12, Voting Delegates - 3.

A.S.O.B. AUDIT REPORT:

The Auditors, consisting of Bland Wade and Don Moores, reported that all books of the Treasurer and Ladder Of Smiles Chairman had been audited, and no discrepancies were found. 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 and the Mid Winter Meeting of 2013, 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, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for the three accounts operated by the A.S.O.B. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as read. Approved. (The full report will be published in the September 2014 issue of the Na Khabar.) The Secretary/Treasurer reported that he had attended the M.A.S.O.B.A. Mid-winter Meeting in Reading, PA. The Secretary/ Treasurer reported that there are five(5) outstanding Accounts Payable with not enough money to pay them. There were no previous communications.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President:

Noble David McCarthy reported that all was set for the 2015 Imperial Session in Houston, Texas. The ASOB will be housed at the Marriott at the Hobby Airport. Midwinter will be in Spring 2015 along with the TSOB. There will be a Fall work Session in

Houston at the Marriott for Officers and any Past President that wish to attend.

Second Vice President:

Noble Scot Duncil has tendered his resignation for personal reasons.

Third Vice President:

Noble Jeff Moores reported that the 2016 Imperial will be in Tampa, FL. He is looking at hotels now and will advise when all is firmed up.

Fourth Vice President:

Noble Tom Crow thanked all for their help this year, and thank all for getting their reservations in early. Tom's Imperial will be in Daytona Beach, FL

Sergeant At Arms:

Noble Chris Tsaros thanked all officers and Nobles for their help this past year. Chris's Imperial will also be in Daytona Beach, FL

President:

Noble Vince Bobrosky thanked all for their great help and participation this past year.

Ladder Of Smiles:

Noble W. Michael Hartup reported that we collected, during the 2013/2014 year, \$77,206.13, which will be turned over to the Hospital at the Presidents Luncheon today. The "Kick Off" fund for incoming President David McCarthy was run as usual. Donations are being cheerfully accepted by Past President Noble Joe Brewton and will be turned over to Noble Hartup at the end of the Imperial. Goal for 2014 - 2015 is \$80,000.00 for incoming President Dave.

First 100 Club:

Noble Morrie Toretski reported that the First 100 Club has about half the members out of 300 slots for the year 2013/2014 because of a concerted effort to bring the mailing list up to date. Noble Morrie will try to do more promotion of the First 100 Club in the 2014/2015 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made and seconded to keep the awards from trophies to plaques at the Parade and Fantasy Competition. Approved. Expected cost for next year is about \$310.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to allow the Sec/Treas. to transfer monies needed for paying of bills from the Savings Account to the Operating Account. It is understood that these monies will be repaid to the Savings Account when available.

ELECTIONS:

President Vince Bobrosky 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 Dave McCarthy to the Office of President for the year 2014/2015. Having noother nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble David McCarthy as President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Jeff Moores for the office of First Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasure was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Moores to the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year of 2014/2015.

Nominations were than opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Tom Crow to the office of Second Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Tom Crow as Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Chris

Tsaros for the office of Third Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Sec/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Chris Tsaros as Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Fourth Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015. There were no nominations for the office of Forth Vice president. The nominations were closed and the members will try to find a nominee by Fall 2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015. There were no nominations for the office of Sergeant At Arms. The nominations were closed and the members will try to find a nominee by Fall 2014.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2014/2015. 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 2014/2015.

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

President-Elect Noble David McCarthy gave an acceptance speech which was short and sweet. The Ladder Of Smiles goal for the year 2014/2015 will be \$80.000.00.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Bobrosky 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 3rd Vice President was dismissed to go to the Ladies Luncheon to advise them that there is no new Sergeant Arms.

It was reported that Noble James Fitzgerald did a fine job of talking with a local reporter about "who are Shriners and what do they do?"

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in harmony at 0956 EDT.

The Benediction was given by the Chaplain.

Yours in the Faith, Mahlon E. Hariu, P.P. A.S.O.B. Sec/Treas.

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International Summery of U.S. Operating Funds, July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014

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Total Revenue: July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014		\$13.544.00
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Expenses:		
1st 100 Club Badges		
Honorarium		
Bank Charge (New Checks)		
Imperial Binder Fee (2015)		
2014 Imperial Hotel Payment	\$3,336.00	
Na Khabar Mailing		
Na Khabar Printing		
Na Khabar Typesetting		
Postage Stationary		
Trophies	\$ 002.13 \$ 861.06	
Imperial Meals (Canada to US)	\$ 289.00	
Imperial Meals (Canada to US) Awards	\$ 376.66	
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LADDER OF SMILES 1961-2014

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	Overland Park, KS			
	Springfield, MO			
	Sioux City, IO			
	Baton Rouge, LA			
	Richmond, VA	The state of the s		
	Havre, MT			
Akdar	Tulsa, OK	\$225.00		\$225.00
Afifi	Tacoma, WA	\$920.00		\$920.00
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Al Amin	Corpus Christi, TX	\$401.00		\$401.00
Al Aska	Anchorage, Alaska	\$15.00		\$15.00
	Calgary, Alberta			
	San Diego, CA			
Al Bedoo	Billings, MT	\$3,564.00	\$1,100.00	\$4,664.00
Al Chymia	Memphis, TN	\$135.00		\$135.00
	Wilsonville, OR			
	Broadview Heights, OH			
	East Liverpool, OH			
	Nashville, TN			
	Edmonton, Alberta			
	Macon, Ga			
	Montgomery, AL			
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Crescent	Burlington, NJ	\$772.00		\$772.00

Cyprus	Albany, NY	\$663.00		\$663.00
Egypt	Tampa, FL	\$2,159.88		\$2,159.88
Egyptians	Tampa, FL	\$201.00		\$201.00
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iviedinah	Addison, IL	\$1,105.00		\$1,105.00

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	St. Paul, MN			
Palestine	Cranston, RI	\$3,025.00		\$3,025.00
Rhode Island Shrine	rs, Cranston, RI	\$120.00		\$120.00
Philiae	Halifax, Nova Scotia	\$2,574.00	\$200.00	\$2,774.00
	Millford, CT			
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	Rogers, AR			
	Tyler, TX			
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	Pittsburgh, PA			
Syrian	Cincinnati, OH	\$50,532.65	\$1,000.00	\$51,532.65
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Tangier	Omaha, NE	\$636.60		\$636.60
Tebala	Rockford, IL	\$12,957.00		\$12,957.00
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ZenobiaToledo, OH			
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ASOB (Projects, Fines & Memorials)	\$57,305.47		\$57,305.47
ASOB (Past Presidents)	\$3,807.00		\$3,807.00
CALIPHS	\$900.00	\$200.00	\$1,100.00
SGT AT ARMS BREAKFAST	\$986.00		\$986.00
FANTSAY DONATION	\$2,178.00	\$506.00	\$2,684.00
CENTRAL STATES	\$1,490.00		\$1,490.00
GREAT LAKES	\$25,459.83	\$650.00	\$26,109.83
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Life Members of ASOB First 100 Club

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Club #	First Na	<u>me</u>	<u>Last Name</u>		Date Joined	067B	Thomas	E	Brown, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
001C	David		Ramsdell	Melha	7/4/99	068A	Robert	T	Bobst	El Bekal	4/19/01
003C+	David		Glass	Ben Ali	7/20/07	071A+	James	E	Weirich	Zembo	11/26/04
005B	Douglas	Е	Wanamaker	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/86	077A	Charles	M	Schofield, Jr.	Bektash	
010A+	Donald	W	Moores	Amara	7/5/04	078B	Rick		MacKee	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/2002
013A	Leonaed	Е	Reid	Rameses/Oshawa	10/31/84	079C	Randy B	rown		Midian	7/5/11
014A	David		Kerr	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	084A	Roy	T	Hay	Hadji	5/1/87
016B	Bud		Wilhite	Syrian	7/4/99	087A	Curtiss	L	Moen	Zuhrah	11/1/97
018A	David	C	Martin	Saladin	10/3/84	088A	Jess	W	Kitchen	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
020A	Chris	J	Demetropoul	Tripoli	10/31/84	090A	William	A	Wood	Beni Kedem	5/1/86
023C+	E. Keith		Oviatt	Zem Zem	6/15/05	091B	Morris		Toretsky	Zuhrah	4/1/97
025B+	Ralph	K	Jubb	Al Kader	3/20/10	094A	Ted		Ross	Moslem	10/312/1984
027B +	Wayne	L	Wells	Midian	2/4/06	099B	Darrell		Thompson	Calam	
030B	John		Baxter	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	100A	Harold		Holmes	Mocha/Windsor	10/30/01
032B	Roy	T	Binns	Rameses/Hamilton	4/4/95	101	Dr. James	S	Schwanebeck	Zuhrah	12/20/95
034A	Gerald	D	Tarter	El Karubah		102A+	Edward		Jakubowsky	Al Azhar	11/18/06
037B	Ralph	J	Hines	Abdallah	7/4/99	103B+	Scot	W	Duncil	Al Kader	7/5/11
038A	Ronald	N	Cole	Tunis	3/16/97	104A	Gordon	F	Kartenson	El Zagel	5/1/99
042C	Bland		Wade	Acca		105	C. Alvin		Stevens	Alcazar	5/1/87
043A	Clyde	W	Ransom, Jr.	Beni Kedem	11/1/84	106	Richard	T	Geisel	Jaffa	5/1/87
047A	Billy	E	O' Neal	El Karubah	10/31/84	107A+	James		Acri	Zembo	11/26/04
049B	Donald	Н	Winterton	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94	108	Kenneth	G	LaButte	Moslem	5/1/87
054A	Kurt	L	Plaut	Hella	10/31/84	109	Chester	V	Roberts, Jr.	Beni Kedem	5/1/87
055B	Leo	M	Halvorson	Al Azhar	7/4/99	111	Leo		Kottas	Algeria	
057A	Paul	В	Leach	Araba	10/31/84	112	Curtis	D	Iverson	Algeria	
058A	Sam	J	LaMonica	Moslem	10/31/84	113A	James	C	Porrett	Zembo	12/20/99
059A	Michael		Karczeuski	El Zagel	3/24/00	114	James	R	Austin	Sahib	10/20/87
060D+	Steven	R.	Hanson	El Zagel	5/21/07	115	J Vernon		Moore	Zembo	10/20/87
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116	Charles	Н	Stowers, Jr.	Beni Kedem	10/20/87	184	Alvin	S	Goodman	Zembo	11/3/90
117A	Norm	L	Wold	Nile	11/6/04	185	Paul		Pante	Sahib	1/26/91
118A+	Lonnie		Merriman	El Riad	2/5/09	186A	Isaac "Ike	e"D	Bomberger	Zembo	7/11/02
119	John		Hogg	Tunis	1/11/87	187	Leonard	J	Turner	Karnak	1/28/91
120	A	J	Scobie	Tunis	1/11/87	188	Robert		Knight	Melha	4/29/91
121A	James	F	Gadsbey	Sabbar	11/20/01	189	William	A	Kellar	Rameses/Oshawa	5/6/91
122	William		Cook	Tunis	1/11/87	190	George	M	Hilburn	El Maida	5/21/91
123	Owen	J	Osborne	Tunis	1/11/87	191	Donald	A	Fuhrman	Zembo	7/1/91
123	Kenneth		Vannon	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94	192		В	Blackburn	Zenobia	7/2/91
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125A+	Jeffrey		Moores	Melha	7/5/06	193A	Lawrence	2	Pray	Mocha/Windsor	3/23/01
126	John	G	Pell	Tunis	1/11/87	197A	Randy		MacNevin	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02
127	Alex		Czemerynski	Rameses/Hamilton	10/27/87	198A	Donald		Borck	Moslem	12/6/96
128A	Jamie	T	Wold	Abdallah	2/10/99	199	Allen	E	Smith	Zembo	11/22/91
129	James		Poston	Al Meneh	11/5/87	200	Clay		Otto	Gizeh	1/23/92
130	Stansell	В	Robinson	Alcazar	1/25/88	201A	Dr. Roger	r N	Sybrant	Korein	5/5/01
131B	Charles		Carroll	Zuhrah	11/15/00	202	James	R	Woodley	Philae	1/23/92
132	Robert	D	Daniel	Al Meneh	4/7/88	203A	Dean	R	Cowan	Al Azhar	7/4/99
133	Donald J		Warner	Mocha/Windsor	4/7/88	204	D	O	Hill	Khartum	4/24/92
134		L	Keller	Zembo	4/7/88	204	P	J		Gizeh	4/24/92
	Frank								Lawn		
135	Robert	D	Hoover	Acacia	1/26/88	206	John	J	Loftus, Jr.	Melha	7/1/92
136A+	Herb		Wizansky	Amara	7/5/04	207	William	C	Broom	Morocco	7/1/92
137	Merle	L	Martin	El Karubah	1/26/88	208	Е	J	Hare	Tunis	11/1/92
138	Thomas	N	Boyette	Morocco	3/1/88	209	Harold	M	Millman	Morocco	11/24/92
139A+	Ardey		Peterson	El Zagel	6/15/05	210A+	Alex		Airey	Mocha/Windsor	2/10/03
140	John	S	May, Jr.	Acacia	3/1/88	211A	George	Н	Wohlleben	Nile	7/10/98
141A	Thomas		Silk	Mocha/Windsor	3/27/00	212A	Arron	E	Budnitz	Aleppo	7/6/00
142	Ken		Gibson	Rameses/Hamilton	3/1/88	213A+	Tom		Perez	Sahib	7/6/05
143A	Wayne		McCarthy	Gizeh	7/6/00	214A	Douglas		Clark	Al Azhar	7/4/99
143A 144A+	Mike		-	Philae	12/1/09	214A 215	Ned		Griffith	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
		1	Kruger								
145A+	Raymond	1	Leese	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04	216	Norman		Hughson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
146	Roland		Nelson	Egypt	4/7/88	217	Robert		Sutherland	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
147	Harry	G	Wills, Jr.	Hadji	4/7/88	218B	Eric		Busby	Nile	6/12/02
148	Curtis		Gordy	El Karubah	4/7/88	219A	John		Douthwright	Melha	
149	Hagop		Hagopian	Tigris	5/28/88	220	R Irwin		Sinclair	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
150A	Vince		Pucci	Tunis	7/11/02	221+	Gordon	P	Berard	Al Azhar	11/18/06
151A	Burt	R	Panke	Tunis		222	James		Oliver	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
152	John		Grumbein	Rajah	7/20/88	223	Kevin		Wilson	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
153	R	С	Walsh	El Maida	7/20/88	224A	Mike	M	Avery	Melha	11/20/97
154	Bob	C			7/20/88	225A	W	M	•	Median	7/10/98
155		Α.	Appleton	Egypt					Hartup		
	Frank	A	Skaer	Hella	7/20/88	226A	Leonard	R	Gold	LuLu	7/18/96
156A+	Robert	E	Jones	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05	227	Marvin	J	Smith	Mocha/Windsor	1/2/93
157	John	S	Brown, Jr.	BenHur	7/20/88	228	Tom		Labrie	Melha	2/19/96
158	W Guy		Wiles, Jr.	Beni Kedem	7/20/88	229	Eugene	C	Smith, Sr.	Melha	5/11/93
159	Phillip		Sanderson	Karem	7/20/88	230	Eugene	C	Smith, Jr.	Melha	5/11/93
160B+	Richard		Thompson	El Hasa	7/5/06	231A	Thomas	A	McMillan	Gizeh	7/6/00
161A	Hal	G	Williamson	Korein	5/5/01	232	Ronald	L	Capps	Midian	7/4/93
162A	Thomas (Moslah	7/5/12	233	Ben		Yetter	El Bekal	7/5/93
163		C	Mabee	Sabbar	11/12/88	234	Charlie		Duffin	Al Azhar	7/21/93
164A	Richard	C	Smart Sr.	Melha	11/12/96	235	Arthur	F	Dukellis	El Bekal	11/4/93
165B			Lewis	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02						11/4/93
	Donald					236	Cornelius		Schwarz	Tigris	
166	Chuck		Wells	Egypt	12/28/88	238		I	Brodsky	Mocha/Windsor	
167A+	Joe		Brewton	Khiva	7/6/05	239B+	Vince		Bobrosky	ACCA	7/1/08
168	Claude	O	Fowler	Bahia		240A	Michael		Geier	Midian	7/18/96
169A	Richard		Smart Jr.	Melha	11/12/96	241	Gerry		England	Mocha/Windsor	
170	Gary		Moreau	Melha	11/12/96	242	Douglas		Falkingham	Mocha/Windsor	
171A	William	A	Franson	Jaffa/Clearfield		243	Ian		Hughes	Mocha/Windsor	
172	Ross	N	Yontz	Zembo	11/14/89	244	James	L.	Beauregard	Melha	4/9/96
174A	George	11	Masson	Asiya	7/5/11	245A	Albert	L.	Zumpe	Murat	7/18/96
174A 175	John	В	Smith	Tigris	2/5/90	243A 246	Harold	ப	Washbrook	Mocha/Windsor	1110170
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176	Robert	E	Marks	Tigris	3/26/90	247	E David		Hobbs	Sabbar	11/4/93
177A	Wally	_	Webb	Tunis	2/1/96	248	Ronald	A	Bowman	Zenobia	
178	Elmer	F	Wright	Salaam	6/19/90	250	Neal	M	Johnson	Korein	7/23/94
179A	Willie		Price	Ainad	3/26/02	251	Jerome		Wohlman	Sabbar	7/23/94
180B+	Barry		Williamson	Rameses/Oshawa	7/6/05	252C+	Leonard		Tashman	Amara	7/3/09
181	Roland		Redelings	Al Aska	7/20/90	253	George	P	Drake	El Maida	7/23/94
182	Paul	D	Gluck	Melha	10/1/90	254	Steven	G	Miller	El Maida	7/23/94
183A	Milton	A	Malcher	Sabbar	12/6/96	255	Ralph	A	Weston	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95
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256A+	David		McCarthy	Moslah	6/15/10	269	Charles	T	Forsyth	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
257	Norman		Funnell	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95	270	Walter	W	Fraser	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
258	Gordon		Procunier	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95	271	Arthur	W	Lorenz	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
259	M	M	Pascoe	Rameses/Hamilton	12/7/95	272	Allan	D	McLaughlin	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94
260A	Ray		Grant	Tunis	2/1/96	273A	Mahlon	E	Hariu	Rajah	6/1/02
261A	Alex		Mady	Mocha/Windsor	3/26/02	274A	Gerald	J	Bailey	Melha	3/7/96
262	James	В	Clifford Jr.	Zembo	2/12/96	275A+	Mel		Hervey	Al Kader	7/5/11
263A+	Gerry		McQuarrie	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04	276B+	Ronald		Perkins	Moslah	7/5/11
264	Norman	A.	Roper	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96	277+	John	L	Seastead	Zem Zem	
265A	William	R	Carey	Zembo	11/19/00	278+	Chris		Tsaros	Al Azhar	
266	Alex		Caird	Mocha/Windsor	12/22/94	279+	James		Fitzgerald	El Riad	
267	William		Moncur	Mocha/Windsor	3/1/96						
268A+	Norman		Hall	Mocha/Windsor	2/28/04						

Charter Members of ASOB First 100 Club

	eceased *	First Name	<u>Initial</u>	Last Name	<u>Temple</u>	51		Tisdale	P	DeCoe	Ben Ali
1	*	Clarence		Compton	Midian	52	*	John	N	Zonich	Afifi
2	*	W Harry		Maddox	Morocco	53	***	Leland	Н	Turner	Cyprus
3	ক	Dr. Ralph	A	Benson	Bektash	54	*	Reg		Pearson	Rameses/Hamilton
4	*	Harold	R	Makinster	Afifi	55	*	Benjamin	L	Worthen	Pyramid
5	*	Willard	C	Pfluge	Murat	56	*	Harold	L	Jones	Murat
6	*	Robert	C	Schmiedel	Zembo	57	*	Robert		St Pierre	Murat
7	*	June	Б	Reaves	Sudan	58	*	Ken		McElroy	Zenobia
8	*	Robert	F	Wiles	Murat	59	*	Donat	J	Fournier	Melha
9	*	Harold	A	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	Б	Babcock	Al Bahr
14		Fred		Funck	Tigris	65	*	C	E	Jeffries, Jr	Arabia
15	*	Thomas	a	Gowling	Rameses/Hamilton	66	<u>ጥ</u>	C	E	Jeffries, Sr	India
16	*	Harding	C	Campbell	Al Bahr	67	*	A .1		CI.	m :
17		H	В	Sprenger, Sr.		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	E	Weigner	Midian
22	*	Gordon		Godair	El Karubah	73	*	Robert		Wagner	Midian
23	*	Leonard	W	Lewis	Bektash	74	*	Warren	V	Tarkenton	Acca
24	*	Marvin	W	Carty	Zorah	75	*	Charles	ъ.	Robinson	Gizeh
25		William		Brooks	Rameses/Hamilton	76	***	Charles	D	Brugess	Syrian
26	*	Amiel		Michael	Beni Kedem	77	*	Wally	_	Robinson	Gizeh
27	*	William	A	Briscoe	Beni Kedem	78	*	John	E	Weeks	Gizeh
28	*	Lenny		Ettinger	Mahi	79	*	Glen	A	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
32	*	Robert	C	Stone	India	83	*	Kenneth	3.6	Hollingshea	El Bekal
33	*	John	R	Scott	Kerak/Arabians	84	*	Isaac	M	Eskanazi	Nile
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35	4	Dr. Porter	Б	Dexter	Bektash	86	*	Morris	M	Stern	Ararat
36	*	Robert	E	Kerr	Rameses/Hamilton	87	*	Tom		Waymire Dalton	Midian
37	*	Robert		Parkhill	Al Kadar	88	*	Leon	0		Tebala
38	*	Madison		New	Al Sihah	89 90	*	Kenneth	O	Lewis	Rameses/Hamilton Rameses/Hamilton
39	*	Ralph	D	Heinzeroth	Zenobia	90	*	John W	W	Reynolds	
40	*	Norman	R R	Moon	Korein	91	*		A	Stricker/Sch	Zembo
41	*	James	K	Harris	El Hasa	92	*	Walter		Masters	Irem
42	*	George	т	Ball	Ismailia		*	Morris	т	Cohen	Gizeh El Kalah
43		W	J	Seawright	Rameses/Sudbury	94	*	John	J	Grenier	
44		Reese	C	Jenkins	Zembo	95	*	William		Carmichael	Mocha
45	*	Henry	S	Herr	Morocco	96	*	Michael		Drakich	Mocha
46 47	*	Gordon	R	Brittan	Rameses/Oshawa	97	*	Hugh	E	Whitlock	Mocha
47	*	Jack	R	Riley	Murat	98 99	*	Roy	E	Taylor	Mocha El Palsal
48	*	Ember	R	Weris, Jr.	Murat		*	Kenneth	11	MacInnes	El Bekal
49 50	*	Dr. Dale	C	Wampler	Zembo	100	-1-	William	Н	Reibitz	Moslem
50	-1-	George	S	Vanderwend	Almas						

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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 is equal or less than a band's current A.S.O.B. membership total. Should a discrepancy occur regarding the number of performing members, a band can make payment for current dues to the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer at the Music Director's Meeting to correct this situation. Performance Class assignment will be made at the Director's Meeting based on the number of bands and the number of performing bandsmen in each band. After the class assignment is announced, a drawing to determine the order of appearance within each classification for the Stage Presentation and Parade will occur. One number will be drawn by lot for each band in their respective classification. Once the Music Director's Meeting is over, no changes to the classification or order of appearance will be allowed.

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

	Stage	Parade (Marching)	
Make-up/Costumes	10%	0%	0%
Overall Sound	10%	0%	0%
Showmanship	10%	20%	20%
Appearance	10%	20%	20%
Musical Presentation (Warm-up Numbers)	25%	60%	60%
Musical Presentation (Competition Number)	35%	0%	0%
*Note: Showmanship for units riding on a float includes points for the float itself.			

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

Small	
Medium	
Large	
Unlimited	

^{*}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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